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Genesis

Genesis 1

Genesis 1:1

ULT

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

UST

1 {Everything} began when God created the heavens and the earth.

What did God create in the beginning?
God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:2

ULT

2 Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness {was} over the surface of the deep {waters}, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

UST

2 {At first after that,} the earth did not have {its present} form, and there was nothing {living} on it. It was {totally} dark, there was deep water {everywhere}, and God's Spirit was moving above the water.

What was the Spirit of God doing in the beginning?
The Spirit of God was moving above the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:3

ULT

3 Then God said, "Let there be light." And there was light.

UST

3 Then God said, "I command light to start shining!" And {immediately} light started shining.

How did God create light?
God said, "Let there be light".

Genesis 1:4

ULT

4 And God saw the light, that {it was} good. Then God separated between the light and the darkness.

UST

4 God observed that the light {was} excellent. Then he divided the light from the darkness {so that each had its own time}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:5

ULT

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. Then there was evening, and there was morning, one day.

UST

5 He named the light Daytime, and the darkness he named Nighttime. Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the first day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:6

ULT

6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

UST

6 Then God said, “I command there to be a large space in the middle of the water, so that it divides the water into two separate places.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:7

ULT

[7] So God made the expanse and separated between the waters that {were} under the expanse and the waters that {were} above the expanse. And it was so.

UST

[7] That is how God made a large space and used it to divide the water that {was} below the space from the water that {was} above it. Everything happened {exactly} as he commanded,

What did God make on the second day? (vv7-8)

God made the sky between the expanses of water.

Genesis 1:8

ULT

[8] And God called the expanse Heavens. Then there was evening, and there was morning, the second day.

UST

[8] and he named the space Sky. Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the second day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:9

ULT

[9] Then God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered to one place, and let the dry ground appear.” And it was so.

UST

[9] Then God said, “I command the water {that is} below the sky to come together in one place so that there is dry ground.” And that is {exactly} what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:10

ULT

10 And God called the dry ground Land, and the gathered waters he called Seas. And God saw that {it was} good.

UST

10 Then God named the ground that had dried off Land, and he named the water which had gathered together Ocean. And he observed that {what he had made was} excellent.

What did God call the dry land and the gathered waters?

God called the dry land “earth,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.”

Genesis 1:11

ULT

11 Then God said, “Let the land sprout vegetation: {every} plant yielding seed, {every} fruit tree bearing fruit according to its kind, that {has} its seed inside it, on the earth.” And it was so:

UST

11 Then God said, “I command the land to produce {green} plants all over the earth, {including} {all types of} plants that produce seeds {and} {all types of} fruit trees that produce their own type of fruit with seeds inside.” And that is {exactly} what happened:

What living things did God make on the third day? (vv11-12)

God made plants, fruit trees, and vegetation on the third day.

Genesis 1:12

ULT

12 So the land brought out vegetation: {every} plant yielding seed according to its kind, and {every} tree bearing fruit that {has} its seed inside it, according to its kind. And God saw that {it was} good.

UST

12 The land started producing {green} plants, {including} {all types of} plants that produce their own type of seeds and {all types of} trees that produce their own type of fruit with seeds inside. God observed that {what he had made was} excellent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:13

ULT
13 Then there was evening, and there was morning, the third day.

UST
13 Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the third day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:14

ULT
14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.

UST
14 Then God said, “I command there to be sources of light in the sky that divide the day{time} from the night{time}. They must mark when important things happen, and {they must} show when seasons, days and years begin {and end},

What is the purpose of the lights in the sky?
They are to divide the day from the night, and as signs for seasons, for days and years.

Genesis 1:15

ULT
15 And let them be as lights in the expanse of the heavens to shine on the earth.” And it was so.

UST
15 and they must be lights in the sky that shine {light} on the earth.” And that is {exactly} what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:16

ULT

16 So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.

UST

16 That is how God made the two bright lights, the brighter light to shine during the day{time}, and the weaker light to shine during the night{time}. {That is} also {when he made} the stars.

What did God make on the fourth day?
God made the two great lights and the stars.

Genesis 1:17

ULT

17 And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to shine on the earth,

UST

17 He put those lights in the sky to shine light on the earth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:18

ULT

18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate between the light and the darkness. And God saw that {it was} good.

UST

18 to shine during the day{time} or during the night{time}, and to divide the light from the darkness. God observed that {what he had made was} excellent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:19

ULT

19 Then there was evening, and there was morning, the fourth day.

UST

19 Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the fourth day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:20

ULT

20 Then God said, “Let the waters swarm {with} swarm{s} of living creature{s}, and let bird{s} fly above the earth across the face of the expanse of the sky.”

UST

20 Then God said, “I command there to be large groups of {water} animals that live everywhere in the water. I also command there to be birds that fly in the sky above the earth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:21

ULT

21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves which the waters swarm with according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that {it was} good.

UST

21 That is how God made the huge sea animals and all {the other} {types of} animals that live all over the place in the water, {each} having its own type of young. {That is} also {how he made} all {the different types of} birds, {each} having its own type of young. God observed that {what he had made was} excellent.

What did God make on the fifth day?

God made the living creatures of the water, and birds.

Genesis 1:22

ULT

22 Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the bird{s} multiply on the earth.”

UST

22 Then he blessed them {all} by saying {to them}, “You {water animals} must have many young so that you increase {greatly} {in number} and live all over the place in the ocean. {You} birds must {also} increase {greatly} {in number} all over the earth.”

What command did God give the sea creatures and birds?

Be fruitful, and multiply.

Genesis 1:23

ULT

23 Then there was evening, and there was morning, the fifth day.

UST

23 Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the fifth day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:24

ULT

24 Then God said, “Let the land bring forth {every} living creature according to its kind: livestock and {every} crawling creature and {every} living thing of the earth, {each} according to its kind.” And it was so.

UST

24 Then God said, “I command the land to produce {all types of} animals, {each} having its own type of young, {including} domestic animals, {all types of} animals that crawl and {all} the {other types of} wild animals, {each} having its own type of young.” And that is {exactly} what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:25

ULT

25 So God made {every} creature of the earth according to its kind, and the livestock according to its kind, and every crawling creature of the ground according to its kind. And God saw that {it was} good.

UST

25 That is how God made {all the different types of} wild animals, {each} having its own type of young, and {all} the domestic animals, {each} having its own type of young, and all {different types of} animals that crawl on the ground, {each} having its own type of young. God observed that {what he had made was} excellent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:26

ULT

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the bird{s} of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every moving creature moving on the earth.”

UST

26 Then God said {to himself}, “Let us make human beings to be like us and act like us, and let us put them in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals, and the entire earth, including all the animals that live on the earth.”

What did God make in his image?

God made man in his image.

Over what things was man given dominion?

God gave man dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27

ULT

27 Then God created man in his own image. In the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

UST

27 So God created human beings to be like himself. {Yes,} he made them to be like himself. He {also} created them {to be} male or female.

What was different about how God made man?

God created man in his own image.

Genesis 1:28

ULT

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. And rule over the fish of the sea and over the bird{s} of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

UST

28 Then God blessed them by saying to them, “Have many children so that you {and your descendants} increase {greatly} {in number} and live all over the earth and take control of it. You are in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that live on the land.”

What command did God give man?

Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.

Genesis 1:29

ULT

29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given to you every plant {that} yields seed that {is} on the surface of the whole earth and every tree that {has} tree fruit {that} yields seed inside it. They will be yours for food.

UST

29 Then he {also} said {to them}, “Listen, I am {now} giving to you {for food} all {the different types of} plants that produce seeds and grow anywhere on the earth, as well as all the {different types of} trees that {produce} fruit with seeds inside it. {All of} them are yours to eat from.

What did God give man to eat?

God gave them every plant yielding seed and every tree with fruit.

Genesis 1:30

ULT

30 And to every living thing of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to every{thing} moving on the earth that {has} living breath in it, {I have given} every green plant for food.” And it was so.

UST

30 In the same way, {I give} every {type of} green plant for food to all the {wild} animals {that live} on the earth, and all the birds {that fly} in the sky, and all the {other} animals {that live} on the land and breathe {air}.” And that is how it was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 1:31

ULT

31 Then God saw all that he had made, and behold, {it was} very good. Then there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day.

UST

31 Then God looked at everything that he had made, and he observed that it was {all} very excellent. Then evening came and {later} morning came, {and that was} {the end of} the sixth day.

When God saw everything that he had made, what did he think about it?

God thought it was very good.

Genesis 2

Genesis 2:1

ULT

1 So the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

UST

1 That is how God finished {creating} the heavens and the earth, including all the many things that are in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:2

ULT

2 And by the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

UST

2 By the seventh day he had finished the work he had been doing, so he rested on that day from all that work.

What did God do on the seventh day? (vv2-3)
He rested from all his work, and he blessed and sanctified the day.

Genesis 2:3

ULT

3 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it he rested from all his work of creating that God had done.

Adam And Eve And The Garden Of Eden

UST

3 Then God established the seventh day {as a day} to bless {people}, by setting it apart as a special time {to rest and worship him}. {He did that} because on that day he no longer did the work that he had been doing, creating {everything}.

How Yahweh Created The First Man And First Woman

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:4

ULT

4 These {are} the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day when Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens,

UST

4 What follows tells {more details about} the history of what {God} did when he created the heavens and the earth: During the time when Yahweh {who is} God made the earth and the heavens,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:5

ULT

5 and every shrub of the field had not yet appeared on the earth, and every plant of the field had not yet sprung up, because Yahweh God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to work the ground.

UST

5 {for a while} there were not yet any bushes {growing} in the fields on the earth, and there were not any {other} plants that had sprouted yet. {That was} because God had not {yet} sent rain to water the earth, and human beings did not exist {yet} to cultivate the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:6

ULT

6 But mist came up from the earth and watered all of the surface of the ground.

UST

6 {During that time} mist kept seeping up from the earth and supplied water to the entire surface of the ground.

Before Yahweh caused it to rain, how was the earth watered?

A mist went up from the earth.

Genesis 2:7

ULT

7 Then Yahweh God formed the man {out of} dust from the ground, and he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

UST

7 Then Yahweh {who is} God {took} {some} dirt from the ground {and} formed a man {out of it}. Then he blew his breath into the man's nostrils to make him live, so that the man became alive.

How did Yahweh make man?

Yahweh formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into him.

Genesis 2:8

ULT

8 Now Yahweh God had planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

UST

8 Now Yahweh God had planted a {large} garden in {the land of} Eden, {which was} in the east, and that is where he put the man whom he had formed.

Where did Yahweh first put the man?

In the garden in Eden.

Genesis 2:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh God had made to grow from the ground every tree {that} is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the tree of life {was} in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

UST

9 {There} Yahweh had caused all {types of} trees to grow from the ground that are beautiful to look at and {that grow fruit that is} good to eat. In the middle of the garden was the tree whose fruit makes people live {forever}, as well as the tree whose fruit enables people to know {what is} good and {what is} evil.

What two trees were in the midst of the garden?

The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:10

ULT

10 And a river was going out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four headwaters.

UST

10 There was a river flowing through {the land of} Eden that provided water for the garden. From there the river divided into four {smaller} rivers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:11

ULT

11 The name of the first {is} Pishon. It winds through all of the land of Havilah, where gold {is}.

UST

11 The first {river} {was} the Pishon {River}, which flowed around through the entire region of Havilah, {a place} where {there was} {much} gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:12

ULT

12 And the gold of that land {is} good. Bdellium and onyx stones {are} there.

UST

12 In fact, the gold from that region was {very} pure. A {type of} fragrant resin and {valuable} onyx gemstones {were} {also} in that region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:13

ULT

13 And the name of the second river {is} Gihon. It winds through all of the land of Cush.

UST

13 The second river {was} the Gihon {River}, which flowed around through the entire region of Cush.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:14

ULT

14 And the name of the third river {is} Tigris. It goes east of Asshur. And the fourth river {is} Euphrates.

UST

14 The third river {was} the Tigris {River}, which flowed east of {the region of} Assyria, and the fourth river {was} the Euphrates {River}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and tend it.

UST

15 After Yahweh God put the man in Eden Garden to cultivate it and take care of it,

What was the man to do in the garden?

He was to work and maintain the garden.

Genesis 2:16

ULT

16 Then Yahweh God commanded the man, saying, “From every tree of the garden you may freely eat,

UST

16 he commanded him, “You may eat as much {fruit} as you want {to eat} from any tree in the garden.

What command did Yahweh give the man about what to eat? (vv16-17)

You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:17

ULT

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it you will surely die."

UST

17 Except I forbid you to eat {any fruit} from the tree whose fruit enables people to know {what is} good and {what is} evil, because on the day {that} you eat {fruit} from that tree you will definitely die."

What did Yahweh say would happen if the man violated this command?

In the day when the man violated the command, he would surely die.

Genesis 2:18

ULT

18 Then Yahweh God said, "It {is} not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable helper for him."

UST

18 Then Yahweh {who is} God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. {So} I will create a suitable companion to help him."

What did Yahweh say was not good?

He said it was not good that the man was alone.

Genesis 2:19

ULT

19 Now Yahweh God had formed from the ground every living thing of the field and every bird of the sky. So he brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called a living creature, that {was} its name.

UST

19 Now {previously,} Yahweh had used {dirt} from the ground to form all {the different types of} wild animals and all {the different types of} birds {that fly} in the sky. So he brought {them all} to the man to hear what he would name them. Whatever name the man gave to each {kind of} animal, that {became} the name for that kind of animal.

What did Yahweh have the man do with every living creature?

The man gave every living creature a name.

Genesis 2:20

ULT

20 And the man gave names to all the livestock and to the bird{s} of the sky and to every living thing of the field, but for the man a suitable helper was not found.

UST

20 The man gave names to all the {different kinds of} livestock and to {all} the {different kinds of} birds {that fly} in the sky, and to all the {different kinds of} wild animals, but none of them was a suitable companion to help him.

What was not found among all the living creatures?

A helper for the man corresponding to him.

Genesis 2:21

ULT

21 So Yahweh God caused a deep sleep to fall on the man. And {while} he was sleeping, then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place {with} flesh.

UST

21 So Yahweh God caused the man to sleep deeply. Then while the man was asleep, God took a rib {out of the man's body} and filled in the place where it had been with flesh {and healed it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 2:22

ULT

22 Then Yahweh God built the rib which he had taken from the man into a woman, and he brought her to the man.

UST

22 Next Yahweh God made a woman from the rib which he had taken out of the man{'s body}, and he took her to the man.

How did Yahweh make the woman?

Yahweh caused the man to sleep and took one of the man's ribs, and made the woman from the rib.

Genesis 2:23

ULT

23 And the man said, “This {one} now {is} bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because {it was} from a man that she was taken.”

UST

23 {When the man saw her,} he exclaimed, “Finally! Here is someone {like me} who has bones and flesh from me! I will call her ‘woman,’ because {it was} from {the body of} a man {that} {God} took her.”

Why did the man call her “woman”?

Because she was taken out of the man.

Genesis 2:24

ULT

24 For that {reason} a man will leave his father and his mother, and he will cling to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

UST

24 Because of that, {when a man gets married,} he must leave {the home of} his father and mother, and he must unite with his wife, so that they become completely united.

How do a man and woman become one flesh?

The man is united to the woman as his wife.

Genesis 2:25

ULT

25 And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed.

UST

25 {During that time} the man and his wife did not wear any clothes, but {yet} they were not ashamed {about it}.

Were the man and his wife ashamed of being naked?

No.

Genesis 3

Genesis 3:1

ULT

[1] Now the serpent was more crafty than every living thing of the field that Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree of the garden’?”

UST

[1] Now the snake was the craftiest of all the animals that Yahweh God had made. {One day} he asked the woman, “Did God really command you to not eat {fruit} from any of the trees in the garden?”

What was the first question that the serpent asked the woman?

The serpent asked the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You must not eat from any tree of the garden’”?

Genesis 3:2

ULT

[2] Then the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat from the fruit of the trees of the garden,

UST

[2] The woman answered him, “{No,} {God said that} we may eat fruit from {any of} the trees in the garden,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:3

ULT

[3] except from the fruit of the tree that {is} in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘You must not eat from it, and you must not touch it, or else you will die!’ ”

UST

[3] except fruit from the tree that is in the center of the garden. He commanded {us} to not eat that fruit or even touch it, because if we do, we will die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:4

ULT

4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

UST

4 But the snake said to the woman, “{That is not true.} You will not die.

When the woman said God told them they would die if they ate from the tree in the middle of the garden, what did the serpent say?

The serpent said, “You will surely not die”.

Genesis 3:5

ULT

5 For God knows that on the day you eat from it, then your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God in knowing good and evil.”

UST

5 Actually, God knows that on the day that you eat {fruit} from that tree, you will understand new things, so that you will be like him because you will know {what is} good and {what is} evil.”

What did the serpent say would happen to the man and woman if they ate of the fruit?

The serpent said they would be like God, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6

ULT

6 And the woman saw that the tree {was} good for food, and that it {was} pleasant to the eyes, and {that} the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate {it}. Then she also gave {some} to her husband with her, and he ate {it}.

UST

6 The woman saw that the tree{’s fruit} looked good to eat and that the tree {itself} was {very} beautiful. She also wanted {to eat} the fruit so that it would make her wise. So she picked some of the fruit {off the tree} and ate it. She also gave {some of the fruit} to her husband, {who was} {there} with her, and he ate {it} {too}.

What attracted the woman to the fruit of the tree?

She saw it was good for food, a delight to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise.

Who ate of the fruit?

The woman ate, and gave some to her husband who also ate.

Genesis 3:7

ULT

7 Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they {were} naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made aprons for themselves.

UST

7 Suddenly they both understood new things, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed {some} fig {tree} leaves together and made clothes for themselves {to cover their nakedness}.

What happened to them when they ate of the fruit?

When they ate, their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked.

Genesis 3:8

ULT

8 Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, but the man and his wife hid from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.

UST

8 {Late that afternoon,} during the cool time of the day, the man and his wife heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden, but they hid from him behind some trees in the garden.

What did the man and woman do when God came into the garden?

They hid themselves from God.

Genesis 3:9

ULT

9 So Yahweh God called to the man and said to him, “Where {are} you?”

UST

9 So Yahweh God called {out} to the man, “{Adam,} where are you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:10

ULT

10 And he said, “I heard your sound in the garden, but I was afraid because I {was} naked, so I hid.”

UST

10 The man replied, “I heard the sound of you {walking} in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid {from you}.”

Why did the man hide himself from God when he came into the garden?

The man hid himself from God because he was naked and therefor afraid.

Genesis 3:11

ULT

11 Then he said, “Who told you that you {were} naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

UST

11 Then Yahweh God asked, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you {disobey me and} eat {fruit} from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:12

ULT

12 Then the man said, “The woman whom you gave {to be} with me, she gave me {fruit} from the tree, and I ate {it}.”

UST

12 The man replied, “The woman whom you put here {to be} with me, she {is the one who} gave me some of that fruit, so I ate {it}.”

Who did the man say was responsible for giving him the fruit?

The man said the woman was responsible.

Genesis 3:13

ULT

13 Then Yahweh God said to the woman, “What {is} this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, so I ate {it}.”

UST

13 Then Yahweh God asked the woman, “What did you do?” The woman replied, “The snake tricked me, so I ate {some of the fruit}.”

Who did the woman say was responsible for giving her the fruit?

The woman said that the serpent was responsible.

Genesis 3:14

ULT

14 Then Yahweh God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed above all the livestock and above every living thing of the field. You will move on your belly, and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

UST

14 So Yahweh God said to the snake, “Because you did that, I am cursing you more {severely} than all the livestock and all the animals in the fields! {As a result,} you must crawl {along the ground} on your belly, and you will eat dust {with your food} for as long as you live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:15

ULT

15 I will also put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike you {on} the head, and you will strike him {on} the heel.”

UST

15 Besides that, I will cause you and your descendants to be enemies with the woman and her descendants. {In fact,} her Descendant will crush your head, and you will bite his heel.”

What kind of relationship did God say he would cause to exist between the serpent and the woman?

God said he would cause them to hate each other.

Genesis 3:16

ULT

16 To the woman he said, “I will greatly multiply your pain and your childbearing; in pain you will bear children. Yet your desire {will be} for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

UST

16 {Then} God said to the woman, “I will greatly increase how much you suffer when you bear children, {yes,} you will suffer {much pain} when you give birth. But you will {still} desire {to be with} your husband, and he will rule over you.”

What curse did God give the woman regarding childbirth?

God greatly multiplied the woman’s pain in childbirth.

Genesis 3:17

ULT

17 Then to the man he said, “Since you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree that I commanded you, saying, ‘You must not eat from it,’ the ground is cursed because of you. By painful toil you will eat {from} it all the days of your life.

UST

17 Then God said to Adam, “You did what your wife said and ate {fruit} from the tree that I commanded you not to eat {any fruit} from. Because of what you did, I have cursed the ground. {As a result,} for as long as you live, you will have to work {very} hard and suffer {to grow enough food} to eat.

What curse did God give the man regarding his work?

God cursed the ground so that only by painful toil would the man eat from it.

Genesis 3:18

ULT

18 And it will produce thorn{s} and thistle{s} for you, and you will eat the plant{s} of the field{s}.

UST

18 In fact, thorn plants and thistle plants {and other weeds} will grow from the ground {and make it difficult} for you to grow {enough} crops in your fields for food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:19

ULT

19 By the sweat of your nostrils you will eat bread, until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken. For you {are} dust, and to dust you will return."

UST

19 You will have to {work hard and} sweat a lot in order to produce {enough} food to eat, until you {die and} again become dirt, which I created you from. Yes, {I created} you out of dirt, so dirt is what you will become again {after you die}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:20

ULT

20 Then the man called the name of his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

UST

20 Then Adam named his wife Eve, {which means "living,"} because she would be the mother of everyone who would ever live.

What name did the man give the woman, and why?

The man called the woman Eve, because she was the mother of all living things.

Genesis 3:21

ULT

21 Then Yahweh God made garments of {animal} skins for Adam and his wife, and he clothed them.

UST

21 Then Yahweh God made {some} clothes out of {animal} skins for Adam and his wife, and he put the clothes on them.

What did God make for Adam and Eve, and why?

God made them garments of skins in order to clothe them.

Genesis 3:22

ULT

22 Then Yahweh God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. And now he must not be allowed to reach out his hand and also take {fruit} from the tree of life and eat it and live forever!”

UST

22 Then Yahweh God said {to himself}, “Look! The man {and his wife} have become like one of us, so that they know {what is} good and {what is} evil. So now we must do something so that they do not also eat fruit from the tree that gives people {eternal} life, which will make them live forever!”

Why did God say that now Adam must not eat of the tree of life?

God said that since Adam now knew good and evil he must not eat of the tree of life, because he would then live forever.

Genesis 3:23

ULT

23 So Yahweh God sent him out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground which he had been taken from.

UST

23 Then Yahweh God expelled the man {and his wife} from Eden Garden to work the ground which he had made them from.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 3:24

ULT

24 And after he drove the man out, then he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim {angels} and a flaming sword that was turning in every direction to guard the way of the tree of life.

UST

24 After he expelled them, he stationed to the east {side} of the garden {some} {powerful} cherubim {angels} and a flaming sword that was swinging around in all directions to keep everyone away from the path to the tree whose fruit makes people live {forever}.

What did God do to prevent Adam from eating from the tree of life?

God drove the man out of the garden and placed cherubim there to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 4

Genesis 4:1

ULT

[1] Then the man knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain. And she said, “I have obtained a man with Yahweh!”

UST

[1] Then Adam slept with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to {a son they named} Cain{, which means “obtained”}. {They named him that} because she said, “Yahweh has enabled me to obtain a son!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:2

ULT

[2] Then she continued on to bear his brother Abel. Now Abel became a keeper of flock{s}, and Cain became a worker of the ground.

UST

[2] Then Eve also gave birth to Cain’s brother {whom they named} Abel. {When they grew up,} Abel became a shepherd, and Cain became a {crop} farmer.

What work did Cain and Abel do?

Cain worked the soil, and Abel was a shepherd.

Genesis 4:3

ULT

[3] And it happened in the course of days that Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground {as} an offering to Yahweh.

UST

[3] As time went by, one day Cain gave some of the crops {that he had grown} in his fields to Yahweh as a gift {to honor him}.

What offering did Cain bring to Yahweh?

Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground.

Genesis 4:4

ULT

4 And Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock{s} and some of their fat. And Yahweh looked favorably on Abel and his offering.

UST

4 Abel also gave {a gift} {to Yahweh}, {but what he gave was} some of the firstborn animals from his flock{s}, including some of their best parts. Yahweh was pleased with Abel and his offering.

What offering did Abel bring to Yahweh?

Abel brought some of the firstborn of his flock and some of the fat.

How did Yahweh respond to the offerings of Cain and Abel? (vv4-5)

Yahweh accepted Abel's offering, but did not accept Cain's offering.

Genesis 4:5

ULT

5 But he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering. So Cain burned with intense anger, and his face fell.

UST

5 However, he was not pleased with Cain or his offering. So Cain became extremely angry, and he frowned.

How did Cain react?

Cain was very angry, and his face looked dejected.

Genesis 4:6

ULT

6 Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Why are you burning with anger? And why is your face fallen?

UST

6 Then Yahweh asked him, "Why are you so angry? And why are you frowning?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:7

ULT

7 If you do right, will {you} not {be} accepted? But if you do not do right, sin is crouching at the door, and its desire {is} for you, but you must rule over it."

UST

7 If you do {what is} right, I will accept you {and your offering}. But if you do not do {what is} right, then sin {is like a fierce animal that} is waiting outside your door {to attack you}. It wants {to control} you, but you must control it {so that you do not sin}."

What did Yahweh tell Cain he needed to do in order to be accepted?

Yahweh told Cain to do what is right and he would be accepted.

Genesis 4:8

ULT

8 Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it happened while they were in the field, then Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

UST

8 But {after that,} Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field {to work} {together}." So {they went out} to the field, and while they were there, Cain attacked his brother and killed him.

Later, what happened with Cain and Abel in the field?

Cain rose up and killed Abel.

Genesis 4:9

ULT

9 Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Where {is} Abel your brother?" And he replied, "I do not know. Am I my brother"s keeper?"

UST

9 Later Yahweh asked Cain, "Where {is} your brother Abel?" Cain responded, "I do not know. Is it my job to take care of my brother?"

When Yahweh asked Cain where his brother was, what did Cain say?

Cain said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper"?

Genesis 4:10

ULT

10 Then he said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground!

UST

10 Then Yahweh said {to him}, “You have done a terrible thing! I see your brother’s blood on the ground, and I must punish you {for killing him}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:11

ULT

11 So now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother“s blood from your hand.

UST

11 So now I am cursing you {so that you will not be able to grow food} from the ground, which is where your brother’s blood spilled out when you murdered him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:12

ULT

12 When you work the ground, it will not continue to yield its strength for you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

UST

12 Whenever you {try to} farm the ground, it will no longer produce good crops for you. {From now on,} you will be an outcast who wanders around on the earth {without a permanent home}.”

What was God’s curse on Cain?

Cain’s curse was that the earth would not yield its strength to him, and he would be a fugitive and wanderer.

Genesis 4:13

ULT

13 Then Cain said to Yahweh, “My punishment {is} greater than I can bear.

UST

13 Cain replied to Yahweh, “You are punishing me more {severely} than I can endure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:14

ULT

14 Behold, today you are driving me from the surface of the ground, and I will be hidden from your presence. And I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and it will be {that} everyone who finds me will kill me!”

UST

14 Look, you have now banished me from {farming} the ground, and I will be far away from you. I will be a homeless fugitive on the earth, so that whoever sees me will kill me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:15

ULT

15 Then Yahweh said to him, “For that {reason}, anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over!” Then Yahweh put a mark on Cain so that everyone who found him would not strike him.

UST

15 Yahweh replied to him, “So then, {I will warn everyone that} I will take vengeance on whoever kills you {and punish him} seven times more {severely} {than I am punishing you}!” Then he put a mark on Cain to warn everyone who met him not to kill him.

What did Yahweh do to make sure no one killed Cain?

Yahweh put a mark on Cain.

Genesis 4:16

ULT

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain’s Descendants

UST

16 Then Cain left Yahweh’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, {which means “wandering,”} {which was} east of {the land of} Eden.

Cain’s Descendants

Where did Cain go to live?
Cain lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 4:17

ULT

17 Then Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he was building a city, so he called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch.

UST

17 Then Cain slept with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to {a son they named} Enoch. {At that time} Cain was building a city, so he named the city after his son Enoch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:18

ULT

18 Then to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.

UST

18 When Enoch {grew up,} he had {a son named} Irad. Then Irad had {a son named} Mehujael. Then Mehujael had {a son named} Methushael. Then Methushael had {a son named} Lamech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:19

ULT

19 Then Lamech took two wives for himself. The name of the one {was} Adah, and the name of the second {was} Zillah.

UST

19 When Lamech {grew up,} he married two wives. His first wife's name was Adah, and his other wife's name was Zillah.

Cain's descendant Lamech had how many wives?
Lamech had two wives.

Genesis 4:20

ULT

20 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of {those} who live {in} tents and own livestock.

UST

20 Adah gave birth to {a son named} Jabal. He {grew up and} became the first of {all} those who live in tents and raise livestock {for a living}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:21

ULT

21 And the name of his brother {was} Jubal. He was the father of all who play harps and flutes.

UST

21 His brother's name was Jubal. He became the first of all {those} who play harps and flutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:22

ULT

22 And Zillah also bore Tubal Cain, who forged all {kinds} of tools out of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal Cain {was} Naamah.

UST

22 {Lamech's other wife} Zillah also gave birth to {a son named} Tubal Cain. He {was the first of all those who} make all {kinds of} tools {and other things} out of bronze and iron. Tubal Cain had a sister {whose name was} Naamah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:23

ULT

23 And Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice. Wives of Lamech, hear my words: For I killed a man for my wound, even a young man for my bruise.

UST

23 {One day,} Lamech bragged to his {two} wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to what I have to say. My wives, listen to this: I killed a man for wounding me! In fact, {I killed} the young man {just} because he bruised me.

What did Lamech tell his wives he had done?

Lamech told his wives that he had killed a man.

Genesis 4:24

ULT

24 If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech {is avenged} seventy-seven times!"

Seth And His Son Enosh

UST

24 God will avenge Cain seven times, but {I,} Lamech {avenge myself} 77 times!"

People Start To Worship God Using His Name Yahweh

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 4:25

ULT

25 Then Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and she called his name Seth, because {she had said}, “God has appointed for me another offspring in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.”

UST

25 Then Adam slept with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son, and she named him Seth, {which means “given,”} because {she said}, “God has given me another child to replace Abel, whom Cain killed.”

What was the name of another son born to Adam and Eve?

Another son of Adam and Eve was named Seth.

Genesis 4:26

ULT

26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. Then {people} began to call on the name of Yahweh.

UST

26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. During that time people began to worship {God} by using His name Yahweh.

What did people begin to do in the days of Seth’s son Enosh?

People began to call upon the name of Yahweh.

Genesis 5

Genesis 5:1

ULT

1 This {is} the written account of the generations of Adam: On the day God created man{kind}, he made him in the likeness of God.

UST

1 Here {is} the {family} record of Adam and his descendants: On the day when God created human beings, he made them to be like himself.

Of what is chapter five of Genesis a record?
Chapter five of Genesis is a record of the descendants of Adam.

In whose likeness was mankind made?
Mankind was made in God's likeness.

Genesis 5:2

ULT

2 He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called their name "mankind" on the day they were created.

UST

2 He {also} created them {to be} male and female, and on the {same} day that he created them, he blessed them and named them "mankind."

What genders of mankind did God create?
God created mankind male and female.

Genesis 5:3

ULT

3 And Adam lived 130 years, then he fathered {a son} in his own likeness, according to his image, and he called his name Seth.

UST

3 When Adam was 130 years old, he had {a son} who was like him in many ways, and he named him Seth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:4

ULT
4 And the days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
4 After Seth's birth, Adam lived {another} 800 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:5

ULT
5 So all the days of Adam that he lived were 930 years, and he died.

UST
5 So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and {then} he died.

How long did Adam live?
Adam lived 930 years.

Genesis 5:6

ULT
6 And Seth lived 105 years, then he fathered Enosh.

UST
6 When Seth was 105 years old, he had {a son named} Enosh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:7

ULT
7 Then after he fathered Enosh, Seth lived 807 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
7 After Enosh's birth, Seth lived {another} 807 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:8

ULT
8 So all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

UST
8 So Seth lived a total of 912 years, and {then} he died.

How long did Seth live?
Seth lived 912 years.

Genesis 5:9

ULT
9 And Enosh lived 90 years, then he fathered Kenan.

UST
9 When Enosh was 90 years old, he had {a son named} Kenan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:10

ULT
10 Then after he fathered Kenan, Enosh lived 807 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
10 After Kenan's birth, Enosh lived {another} 815 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:11

ULT
11 So all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

UST
11 So Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and {then} he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:12

ULT
12 And Kenan lived 70 years, then he fathered Mahalalel.

UST
12 When Kenan was 70 years old, he had {a son named} Mahalalel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:13

ULT
13 Then after he fathered Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
13 After Mahalalel's birth, Kenan lived {another} 840 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:14

ULT
14 So all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

UST
14 So Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and {then} he died.

How long did Kenan live?
Kenan lived 910 years.

Genesis 5:15

ULT
15 And Mahalalel lived 65 years, then he fathered Jared.

UST
15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he had {a son named} Jared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:16

ULT

16 Then after he fathered Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

16 After Jared's birth, Mahalalel lived {another} 830 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:17

ULT

17 So all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

UST

17 So Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and {then} he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:18

ULT

18 And Jared lived 162 years, then he fathered Enoch.

UST

18 When Jared was 162 years old, he had {a son named} Enoch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:19

ULT

19 Then after he fathered Enoch, Jared lived 800 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

19 After Enoch's birth, Jared lived {another} 800 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:20

ULT
20 So all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

UST
20 So Jared lived a total of 962 years, and {then} he died.

How long did Jared live?
Jared lived 962 years.

Genesis 5:21

ULT
21 And Enoch lived 65 years, then he fathered Methuselah.

UST
21 When Enoch was 65 years old, he had {a son named} Methuselah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:22

ULT
22 Then after he fathered Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
22 After Methuselah's birth, Enoch lived {in a close relationship} with God for {another} 300 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:23

ULT
23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

UST
23 So Enoch lived a total of 365 years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:24

ULT

24 And Enoch walked with God, and {then} he was not {there}, because God took him away.

UST

24 Then while he was {still} living {in a close relationship} with God, {suddenly} he was no longer {on earth}, because God had taken him away {to be with him}.

What was Enoch's relationship with God, and what happened to him?

Enoch walked with God, and God took him.

Genesis 5:25

ULT

25 And Methuselah lived 187 years, then he fathered Lamech.

UST

25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, he had {a son named} Lamech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:26

ULT

26 Then after he fathered Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

26 After Lamech's birth, Methuselah lived {another} 782 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:27

ULT

27 So all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

UST

27 So Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and {then} he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:28

ULT
28 And Lamech lived 182 years, then he fathered a son,

UST
28 When Lamech was 182 years old, he had a son,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:29

ULT
29 and he called his name Noah, saying, “This {one} will comfort us from our labors and from the toil of our hands because of the ground which Yahweh has cursed.”

UST
29 and he named him Noah {which means “rest,”} {because} he said, “This {son} will give us rest from the difficult work that we have to do because Yahweh has cursed the ground.”

What did Lamech say about his son Noah?
Lamech said that Noah would give mankind rest from the work and the toil caused by the ground that Yahweh had cursed.

Genesis 5:30

ULT
30 Then after he fathered Noah, Lamech lived 595 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
30 After Noah’s birth, Lamech lived {another} 595 years. He {also} had {other} sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:31

ULT
31 So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

UST
31 So Lamech lived a total of 777 years, {and} then he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 5:32

ULT

32 And Noah was a son of 500 years, then Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

UST

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he had {sons whose names were} Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Who were the sons of Noah?

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6

Genesis 6:1

ULT

1 And it happened when mankind began to multiply on the surface of the earth and daughters were born to them,

UST

1 Now it happened that people began to multiply {in number} all over the earth, and they were having daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:2

ULT

2 then the sons of God saw the daughters of mankind, that they {were} beautiful, so they took wives for themselves from any {of them} that they chose.

UST

2 {When those girls grew up,} the sons of God saw that they {were} beautiful, so they chose any {of them} that they wanted and married them.

When mankind multiplied on the earth, what did the sons of God do?

The sons of God took for themselves wives from the daughters of mankind.

Genesis 6:3

ULT

3 Then Yahweh said, “My Spirit will not strive with mankind forever, because they {are} indeed flesh. Therefore their days will be 120 years.”

UST

3 Then Yahweh said {to himself}, “My Spirit will not put up with human beings forever, because they {are} very corrupt. I will give them 120 years {to repent}.”

What did God now say about the length of life for mankind?

God said that mankind would live 120 years.

Genesis 6:4

ULT

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God went to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children for them. They {were} the mighty {ones} who {were} from long ago, the men of renown.

UST

4 The Nephilim lived on the earth during that time and also later on. {That happened} when the sons of God slept with the daughters of human beings, and those women gave birth to children for them. Their children were {the Nephilim who were} the famous mighty men who lived long ago.

Who were the mighty men of old, the men of renown?

The mighty men of old were giants born from the marriage of the sons of God with the daughters of men.

Genesis 6:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of mankind {was} great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts {was} only evil all day long.

UST

5 Yahweh saw that the people on the earth had become very evil, and that everything they thought about and desired {was} completely evil all the time.

What did Yahweh see in the hearts of mankind in those days?

Yahweh saw that the wickedness of mankind was great, and that their every thought was evil.

Genesis 6:6

ULT

6 So Yahweh was sorry that he had made mankind on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart.

UST

6 As a result, he regretted that he had made them {to live} on the earth, and he felt very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:7

ULT

7 Then Yahweh said, “I will wipe away mankind whom I created off the surface of the ground, both mankind and animals, and crawling creatures and the birds of the sky, because I am sorry that I made them.”

UST

7 So he said {to himself}, “I will completely destroy from the earth {all} the people whom I created. “{In fact}, {I will destroy} {not only} {all} the people, but also {all} the animals, including the creatures that crawl {on the ground} and the birds {that fly} in the sky, because I am sorry that I {ever} made them.”

What did Yahweh decide to do with mankind?

Yahweh decided to wipe away mankind from the earth.

Genesis 6:8

ULT

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.

Noah Prepares For The Flood

UST

8 But Yahweh was pleased with Noah.

Noah Prepares For The Flood

But who found favor with Yahweh?

Noah found favor with Yahweh.

Genesis 6:9

ULT

[9] These {are} the generations of Noah: Noah {was} a righteous man. He was without blemish in his generation. Noah walked with God.

UST

[9] Here is {more of} the history about Noah and his descendants: Noah was a man who did what was right. Out of all the people living at that time, he was the only one {whom God considered} blameless, {and} he lived in a close relationship with God.

What kind of person was Noah?

Noah was a righteous man, blameless, and a man who walked with God.

Genesis 6:10

ULT

[10] And Noah fathered three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

UST

[10] Eventually Noah had {his} three sons, {whose names were} Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:11

ULT

[11] Now the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled {with} violence.

UST

[11] Now {the people on} the earth had become wicked according to God's standards, and all over the earth they were doing violent things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:12

ULT

12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, because all flesh on the earth had corrupted their ways.

UST

12 God saw how wicked {everyone on} the earth had become, because all the people on the earth were {continually} behaving in evil ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:13

ULT

13 So God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before me, because the earth is filled {with} violence because of them, so behold, I am destroying them with the earth.

UST

13 So he said to Noah, “I am going to destroy all people, because all over the earth they are doing violent things. In fact, I am going to destroy them and {everything else on} the earth {too}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:14

ULT

14 Make an ark for yourself out of gopher wood. Make the ark {with} rooms, and cover it inside and outside with a covering.

UST

14 {Therefore} {you must} build a {very} large boat for yourself {and your family} out of the best wood {for building boats}. Build rooms inside the boat, and seal it inside and outside with tar {to keep water out}.

What did God tell Noah to do before God destroyed mankind?

God told Noah to build a boat.

Genesis 6:15

ULT

15 And this {is} how you must make it: the length of the ark {must be} 300 cubits, its width 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.

UST

15 You must make the boat like this: It {must be} 140 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 14 meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:16

ULT

16 Make a window for the ark and finish it to within one cubit from the top. And put the door of the ark in its side. Make a lower, a second, and a third deck.

UST

16 Make a half-meter high opening between the top of the walls of the ark and its roof {all the way around}, {to let light and air in}. Put a door in the side of the boat, and build three levels {on the inside}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:17

ULT

17 And behold, I am bringing floodwaters on the earth to destroy all flesh that {has} the breath of life in it from under the heavens. Everything that {is} on the earth will expire!

UST

17 Listen {carefully} to me, I am going to bring a flood over the {whole} earth, which will destroy all the creatures under the sky that breathe {air}. {As a result,} every {living} thing that {is} on land will die!

How did God say he was going to destroy all flesh that has the breath of life in it?

God said that he was going to bring the flood of waters upon the earth.

Genesis 6:18

ULT

18 But I will establish my covenant with you, so you must go into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and the wives of your sons with you.

UST

18 But I will make a {special} agreement between me and you, so you must get on board the boat, and {take} your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you.

But with whom did God establish his covenant?

God established his covenant with Noah.

Who did God tell Noah to bring on the boat?

God told Noah to bring his wife, his three sons, and his sons' wives.

Genesis 6:19

ULT

19 And from every living {creature}, from all flesh, you must bring two from each {kind} into the ark to keep alive with you. They must be male and female.

UST

19 You must also take into the boat two of every {kind of} living creature, including every {kind of} animal, so that they stay alive with you. Each pair must include {one} male and {one} female..

What animals were to be brought on the boat to be kept alive?

Two of every kind of living creature, male and female, were to be brought on the boat.

Genesis 6:20

ULT

20 From the birds according to their kinds, and from the animals according to their kinds, from every moving creature of the ground according to its kind, two from every {kind} will come to you to keep alive.

UST

20 Pairs of every kind of bird and every kind of animal, including every kind of creature that moves on the ground, will come to you so that you keep them alive {in the boat}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:21

ULT

21 And you must take with you some of every food that is eaten and store it with you, and it will be food for you and for them.”

UST

21 You must {also} gather all the different kinds of food that people and animals eat and store it {on the boat} with you, so that there will be {enough} food for you {and your family} and for {all} the animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 6:22

ULT

22 And Noah did {that}; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

UST

22 So, {that is what} Noah did; he did everything exactly as God had commanded him {to do}.

How did Noah respond to God’s commands?

Noah did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7

Genesis 7:1

ULT

[1] Then Yahweh said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you {are} righteous before me in this generation.

UST

[1] Then {after they had finished building the boat,} Yahweh commanded Noah, “You and your entire family must go into the boat, because I have seen that you {are} {the only one} among the people living today {who is} living rightly according to my standards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:2

ULT

[2] From every clean animal take with you seven pairs, a male and its female, and from {every} animal that {is} not clean {take} two, a male and its female,

UST

[2] Take with you seven male and female pairs of {every kind of} pure animal, and {one} male and female pair of {every kind of} impure animal.

Seven males and females of which kinds of animals were to go on the boat?
Seven males and females of every clean animal and the birds were to go on the boat.

Genesis 7:3

ULT

[3] also from {every} bird of the sky {take} seven pairs, male and female, to keep {their} offspring alive on the surface of the whole earth,

UST

[3] Also {take} seven male and female pairs of {every kind of} bird {that flies} in the sky, so that {later} their offspring will live all over the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:4

ULT

4 because in seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth {for} forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe away every living thing that I have made off the surface of the ground."

UST

4 {You must do that,} because seven days from today I will make it rain {continuously} {all} over the earth {for} forty days and forty nights. In that way, I will completely destroy from the earth every living creature that I have made."

How long did God say the rain would continue on the earth?

God said that the rain would continue for forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:5

ULT

5 Then Noah did all that Yahweh had commanded him.

UST

5 Then Noah did everything {exactly} as Yahweh had commanded him {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:6

ULT

6 Now Noah {was} a son of 600 years when the floodwaters came on the earth.

UST

6 Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters covered the earth.

How old was Noah when the flood came upon the earth?

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth.

Genesis 7:7

ULT

7 And Noah and his sons and his wife and the wives of his sons went with him into the ark from the presence of the waters of the flood.

UST

7 {That is when} he and his wife, and his sons and their wives went together into the boat so that they would not die in the flood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:8

ULT

8 {Pairs} from the clean animal{s} and from the animal{s} that are not clean and from the bird{s} and everything that moves on the ground

UST

8 {Also,} {every kind of} pure animal and {every kind of} impure animal and {every kind of} bird, {including} every {kind of creature} that lives on land,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:9

ULT

9 went two {by} two to Noah into the ark, male and female, just as God had commanded Noah.

UST

9 came in pairs to Noah {and went} into the boat. {They were} male and female {pairs}, which was exactly what God had commanded him {to take along}.

How did Noah bring the animals into the boat?

The animals came to Noah and went into the boat.

Genesis 7:10

ULT

10 And it happened, after the seven days, then the waters of the flood came on the earth.

UST

10 So it happened {that} when the seven days {that God had spoken about} had passed, water started to flood the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:11

ULT

11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the windows of the heavens were opened,

UST

11 When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month {of the year}, on that {very} day all the springs in the deep ocean started pouring out water. {God also caused} the water in the sky to start pouring down, as if he had opened {huge} floodgates {in the sky},

From which two sources did the waters of the flood come?

The waters came from deep underground, and from the sky.

Genesis 7:12

ULT

12 so that the rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

UST

12 so that it rained {continuously} {all} over the earth {for} forty days and forty nights.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:13

ULT

13 On that same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and the wife of Noah and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark,

UST

13 {So it was that} on the same day {that the flood started}, Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, along with his wife and his sons' three wives {all} went into the boat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:14

ULT

14 they and every living thing according to its kind, and every livestock according to its kind, and every moving creature moving on the earth according to its kind, and every bird according to its kind, every bird of every wing.

UST

14 They had with them every kind of living creature, including every kind of livestock and every {other} kind of creature that lives on the land, and every kind of bird {and} everything {else} that flies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:15

ULT

15 So they went to Noah into the ark, two {by} two from all flesh which {has} in it the breath of life.

UST

15 Pairs of every {kind of} living thing that breathes {air} came to Noah {and went} into the boat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:16

ULT

16 And those that went in {were} male and female from all flesh; they went in just as God had commanded him. Then Yahweh shut him in.

UST

16 The animals that went into {the boat} {were} male and female {pairs} from every {kind of} living thing, which was exactly what God had commanded Noah {to take along}. Then {after they were all inside,} Yahweh closed the door {of the boat} behind them.

Once all the people and animals were in the boat, who closed the door?

Yahweh shut the door after them.

Genesis 7:17

ULT

17 Then the flood came on the earth {for} forty days, and the waters increased and lifted the ark so that it rose up off the earth.

UST

17 {For} forty days {and forty nights} the flood kept getting deeper and deeper {all} over the earth, and as the water rose, it lifted up the boat so that it floated {on the water} above the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:18

ULT

18 And the waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark went on the surface of the waters.

UST

18 So the floodwaters continued to rise and get much deeper {all} over the earth, while the boat floated {safely} on the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:19

ULT

19 And the waters rose very greatly on the earth, so that all the high mountains that {were} under the entire heavens were covered.

UST

19 Eventually the water became so deep on the earth that {even} all the highest mountains everywhere under the sky were under water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:20

ULT

20 The waters rose fifteen cubits above {them}, so that the mountains were covered.

UST

20 {In fact,} the water rose {at least} seven meters above {the tops of} the {highest} mountains, so that they were {completely} under water.

How high did the water on the earth get?

The water rose fifteen cubits above the tops of the mountains.

Genesis 7:21

ULT

21 Then all flesh that moved on the earth expired, including the birds and the livestock and the living things and all the swarming things swarming on the earth, and all mankind.

UST

21 Then all the creatures that lived on land died. {That} included {all} the birds, the livestock, and the {other} living creatures, including every {kind of} creature that lived in large groups on the earth, as well as all the people.

Because of the flood, what died upon the earth?

All creatures that moved upon the earth, and all mankind, died.

Genesis 7:22

ULT

22 Everything that {had} the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils, everything that {lived} on dry land, died.

UST

22 Every living creature that breathed air and lived on dry land died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 7:23

ULT

23 So he wiped away every living thing that {was} on the surface of the ground, including mankind and livestock and crawling creatures and also the birds of the sky. They were wiped off the earth, and only Noah was left and those who {were} with him in the ark.

God Ends The Flood

UST

23 That is how Yahweh completely destroyed all the living creatures that {were} on the earth, including {all} people and livestock and {all the other} creatures that lived {on the land} and also the birds {that flew} in the sky. Yes, he completely destroyed everything {that lived} on the earth, so that the only ones who were still alive were Noah and his family and the animals that were with them in the boat.

God Causes The Flood To Go Away

Who were the only persons left alive on the earth?

Only Noah and those with him in the ark were left alive.

Genesis 7:24

ULT

24 And the waters prevailed over the earth {for} 150 days.

UST

24 {Deep} water continued to cover the {entire} world {for} 150 days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8

Genesis 8:1

ULT

1 But God remembered Noah and all the living thing{s} and all the livestock that {were} with him in the ark, and God caused a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.

UST

1 But God never forgot Noah {and his family} and all the animals, both wild and tame, that {were} with them in the boat. So he caused a wind to blow over {the water that was covering} the earth, so that the water {started to} go down.

How did God make the waters recede? (vv1-2)

God made a wind blow, the fountains of the deep were closed, and the rain stopped.

Genesis 8:2

ULT

2 And the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, and the rain from the heavens was stopped.

UST

2 {He also caused} the springs in the deep {ocean} to stop {gushing out water}, and {he caused} the water to stop pouring from the sky, so that it stopped raining.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:3

ULT

3 Then the waters receded steadily from the earth, and {at} the end of the 150 days the waters had decreased,

UST

3 Then the water steadily went down from {the surface of} the land. After the 150 days {had passed}, the water had gone down

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:4

ULT

[4] so that in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.

UST

[4] so {much} that on the seventeenth day of the seventh month {of the year}, the boat came to rest on {one of} the mountains in the Ararat mountain range.

Where did the ark come to rest on the ground?

The ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat.

Genesis 8:5

ULT

[5] And the waters continued to decrease until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains could be seen.

UST

[5] The floodwaters continued to go down until on the first {day} of the tenth month {of the year}, the peaks of the {surrounding} mountains became visible {above the water}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:6

ULT

[6] Then it happened {at} the end of forty days that Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made,

UST

[6] After forty {more} days {had passed}, Noah opened a window in the boat that he had made,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:7

ULT

[7] and he sent out the raven, and it kept flying out and returning until the waters dried up from the earth.

UST

[7] and he released a raven, which kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up {more} from the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:8

ULT

8 Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the surface of the ground.

UST

8 Meanwhile Noah {also} released a dove to find out if the water had gone down from the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:9

ULT

9 But the dove did not find a resting place for the sole of its feet, so it returned to him in the ark, because the waters {were} over the surface of the entire earth. And he reached out his hand and took it and brought it to him into the ark.

UST

9 But water was {still} covering the entire earth, so the dove did not find anywhere to land and rest. Then it returned to Noah in the boat, and Noah reached out, caught it, and brought it {back} into the boat.

What happened the first time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The first time, the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to Noah in the ark.

Genesis 8:10

ULT

10 Then he waited another seven days and again sent out the dove from the ark.

UST

10 Noah waited another seven days, then he released the dove from the boat again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:11

ULT

11 Then the dove returned to him in the evening, and behold, {there was} a freshly picked olive leaf in its mouth. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

UST

11 That evening the dove returned to him, and he saw that {it had} a fresh green olive {tree} leaf in its beak! That is how Noah realized that the water had gone down {further} from the land.

What happened the second time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The second time, the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf.

Genesis 8:12

ULT

12 Then he waited another seven days, and he sent out the dove, but it did not return to him again.

UST

12 Then he waited seven more days and he released the dove {again}, but {this time} it did not come back to him again.

What happened the third time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The third time, the dove did not return to Noah.

Genesis 8:13

ULT

13 So it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first {month}, on the first of the month, the waters were drying up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was drying.

UST

13 So it was, when {Noah was} 601 years old, on the first {day} of the first month {of the year}, the water had {almost} dried up from the land. Then Noah removed {part of} the roof of the boat and looked around, and he saw that {much of} the land's surface was {almost} dry.

What did Noah see when he removed the covering of the ark and looked out?

Noah saw that the surface of the ground was dry.

Genesis 8:14

ULT
14 Then in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

UST
14 Then by the twenty-seventh day of the second month {of the year}, the land had dried off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:15

ULT
15 Then God said to Noah, saying,

UST
15 Then God commanded Noah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:16

ULT
16 “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and the wives of your sons with you.

UST
16 “Come out of the boat, together with your wife, your sons, and your sons’ wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:17

ULT
17 Bring out with you every living thing that {is} with you, all flesh, including the birds and the livestock and every moving creature moving on the earth, so that they will abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply over the earth.”

UST
17 Bring out all the animals that {are} with you, all of them, including the birds, tame animals, and every {other} animal that moves on land. Then they can live all over the earth; {yes,} they will have many young and increase {in number} {all} over the earth.”

What did God want all the creatures on the ark to go and do as they left the ark?
God wanted all the living creatures to be fruitful and multiply on the earth.

Genesis 8:18

ULT
18 Then Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and the wives of his sons with him.

UST
18 So Noah came out {of the boat}, along with his wife and his sons and their wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:19

ULT
19 Every living thing, every crawling thing and every bird, everything moving on the earth, went out of the ark by their families.

Yahweh Establishes His Covenant With Noah And His Descendants

UST
19 All the animals, {including} all the animals that crawl and all the birds {and} everything {else} that lives on land, {also} came out of the boat in groups of their own kind.

Yahweh Makes A Covenant With Mankind And All Other Living Things

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 8:20

ULT
20 Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took from every clean animal and from every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

UST
20 Then Noah made an altar {out of large stones} {to offer sacrifices} to Yahweh. Next he chose {some} of every {kind of} animal and bird that is acceptable to sacrifice, and he {killed them and} burned {their bodies} on the altar as an offering {to Yahweh} {to worship him}.

What did Noah do when he left the ark?
Noah built an alter to Yahweh and offering burnt offerings on the altar.

Genesis 8:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh smelled the pleasant aroma, and Yahweh said in his heart, “Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind, though the inclination of mankind’s hearts {is} evil from their youth. And never again will I destroy every living {thing} as I have done.

UST

21 Yahweh smelled the aroma {of the offerings} and was pleased, and he thought to himself, “Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind{’s sins}, {even} though everything they desire and think about {is} evil from the time they are children. And never again will I destroy every living {creature} the way I {just} did.

What two promises did God make to mankind at this time?

God promised to not again curse the ground, and to not again destroy every living thing.

What did God say was man’s inclination from childhood?

God said that man’s inclination from childhood was evil.

Genesis 8:22

ULT

22 While all of the days of the earth continue, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night will not cease.”

UST

22 As long as the earth {still} exists, {each year} there will always be a season to plant seeds and a season to harvest {crops}, as well as cold weather and hot weather, summer and winter, and day and night.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9

Genesis 9:1

ULT

[1] Then God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

UST

[1] Then God blessed Noah and his sons by saying to them, “Have many children so that you {and your descendants} will become numerous and live all over the earth.

What did God tell Noah and his sons to do after they left the ark?

God told Noah and his sons to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.

Genesis 9:2

ULT

[2] And the fear of you and the dread of you will be on every living thing of the earth, including on every bird of the sky, on everything that moves on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

UST

[2] Every living creature on the earth will be afraid and terrified of you, including every bird {that flies} in the sky, {along} with every creature that moves on the ground, and all the fish in the sea. I have put them {all} under your authority.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:3

ULT

[3] Every moving creature that lives will be for you for food. Just as the green plants, I give you everything.

UST

[3] {From now on} every creature that is alive and moves is yours {to eat} as food. In the same way that {I provided you} green plants {for food}, {now} I provide you everything {for food}.

What did God give Noah and his sons now as food?

God gave Noah and his sons both the green plants and every moving thing that lived as food.

Genesis 9:4

ULT

4 But you must not eat flesh with its life, {that is,} its blood.

UST

4 However, you must never eat meat that still has its blood {in it}, which made it live.

How did God command that meat not be eaten?

God commanded that meat not be eaten with the blood in it.

What did God say was in the blood?

God said that the life was in the blood.

Genesis 9:5

ULT

5 And surely I will demand your blood for your lives. From the hand of every living thing I will demand it, and from the hand of mankind; from the hand of a man {who kills} his brother, I will demand the life of the man.

UST

5 Also, if {one of} you murders anyone, I definitely require that he must die. {In fact,} if any animal {kills a human being}, I require that it must die. {That is also true} for human beings: If anyone {murders} another person, I require that he must die.

What did God declare was the penalty for shedding a man's blood? (vv5-6)

God declared that the one who shed a man's blood must have his blood shed.

Genesis 9:6

ULT

6 The one shedding the blood of a man, by mankind his blood must be shed, because in the image of God he made mankind.

UST

6 {That's right,} you must put to death anyone who murders a human being, because God made human beings to be like himself.

In whose image did God make man?

God made man in God's image.

Genesis 9:7

ULT
7 “And you, be fruitful and multiply. Abound on the earth and multiply on it.”

UST
7 “Now {as for} you, have many children so that you {and your descendants} will become numerous. Spread out all over the earth and become numerous everywhere.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:8

ULT
8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,

UST
8 Then God said to Noah and his sons,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:9

ULT
9 “And I, behold I am establishing my covenant with you and with your offspring after you,

UST
9 “Listen {carefully} to me, I am establishing my agreement with you and your descendants.

What covenant promise did God make with everything that lives on the earth? (vv9-11)
God made a covenant promise that never again will all flesh be destroyed by a flood.

Genesis 9:10

ULT
10 and with every living creature that {is} with you: with the birds, with the livestock, and with every living thing of the earth with you, from all that came out of the ark to every living thing of the earth.

UST
10 {It is} also with all the living creatures that {are} with you, including the birds, the livestock, and all the {other} living creatures on the earth {that are} with you. {That includes} all {those} that came out of the ark and all the living creatures {that will ever live} on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:11

ULT

11 And I am establishing my covenant with you that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

UST

11 My agreement that I’m establishing with you is that never again will all living things die from a flood. “That’s right, never again will {I use} a flood to destroy {everything on} the earth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:12

ULT

12 Then God said, “This {is} the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature that {is} with you, for generations forever:

UST

12 Then God continued, “This {is} how I will show {everyone} that I have made this agreement with you and with all the living creatures that {are} with you, as well as with all the people and animals that will ever live:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:13

ULT

13 I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

UST

13 I will put my rainbow among the clouds {in the sky} to remind {everyone} that I have made this agreement with {every creature that lives on} the earth.

What sign did God give of the covenant that he made with the earth?

God placed the rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the covenant he made with the earth.

Genesis 9:14

ULT

14 And it will be when I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow is seen in the clouds,

UST

14 So whenever I cause clouds to form {in the sky} above the earth and a rainbow appears in the clouds,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:15

ULT

15 then I will remember my covenant that {is} between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, that never again will waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.

UST

15 then I will not forget {to keep} my agreement that I have established with you and all living creatures of every kind. {I promise} that I will never again use a flood to destroy all living creatures.

What covenant promise did God make with everything that lives on the earth?

God made a covenant promise that never again will all flesh be destroyed by a flood.

Genesis 9:16

ULT

16 So the rainbow will be in the clouds, and I will see it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature, with all flesh that {is} on the earth."

UST

16 Yes, whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and keep {my} permanent agreement which I have established with every living creature, {yes,} with all people and animals that {live} on the earth."

What sign did God give of the covenant that he made with the earth? (vv16-17)

God placed the rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the covenant he made with the earth.

Genesis 9:17

ULT

17 Then God said to Noah, “That {is} the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that {is} on the earth.”

Noah And His Three Sons After The Flood

UST

17 Then God {concluded} by saying to Noah, “That {is} what I will do to remind {everyone} that I have made this agreement with all the people and animals that {live} on the earth.”

Noah And His Three Sons After The Flood

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:18

ULT

18 And the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham, he {was} the father of Canaan.

UST

18 Noah’s sons who came out of the ark {after the flood} were Shem, Ham, and Japheth; it was Ham who {was} Canaan’s father.

What were the names of the three sons of Noah?

The names of the three sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 9:19

ULT

19 Those three {were} the sons of Noah, and from them the whole earth was overspread.

UST

19 It was the descendants of Noah’s three sons who populated the entire earth {again}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:20

ULT
20 Now Noah, a man of the soil, began and planted a vineyard.

UST
20 After a while, Noah, who was a farmer, planted {some} grape vines {and made wine from the grapes}.

What happened to Noah after he planted a vineyard? (vv20-21)
After he planted a vineyard, Noah drank some of the wine and became drunk.

Genesis 9:21

ULT
21 Then he drank some of the wine, and he became drunk, and he uncovered himself inside his tent.

UST
21 Then {one day} he drank {too much of} the wine, so that he became drunk and was {lying} naked inside his tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:22

ULT
22 Then Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and he told his two brothers outside.

UST
22 Ham, {who was} Canaan's father, saw that his father was naked, and he went outside and told his two brothers {about it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:23

ULT

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it across the shoulders of the two of them and walked backward and covered their father's nakedness. And their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

UST

23 However Shem and Japheth took a robe, and held it {between them} at shoulder level and walked backward {into the tent} and covered their father's naked body {with it}. {As they did that,} they kept their faces turned away so that they would not see him naked.

How did Shem and Japheth cover the nakedness of their father?

Shem and Japheth walked backwards with a garment, while turned the other way, in order to cover the nakedness of their father.

Genesis 9:24

ULT

24 Then Noah woke up from his wine, and he learned what his youngest son had done to him,

UST

24 Later Noah woke up from being drunk, and he found out that his youngest son {Ham} had dishonored him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:25

ULT

25 and he said, "Cursed be Canaan! He will be a slave of slaves for his brothers."

UST

25 So he exclaimed {about him}, "I {ask God to} curse {Ham's son} Canaan! Canaan will be the lowest servant for his relatives."

What was the curse Noah put on Ham?

Noah cursed Ham and said, "Cursed be Canaan. May he be a servant to his brothers' servants."

Genesis 9:26

ULT
26 Then he said, “Praised be Yahweh, the God of Shem! And may Canaan be a slave for him.

UST
26 Then Noah said, “Praise Yahweh, {who is} the God who takes care of Shem! May God cause Canaan to be Shem’s servant.

Who did Noah bless? (vv26-27)
Noah blessed both Shem and Japheth.

Genesis 9:27

ULT
27 May God enlarge Japheth, and may he live in Shem’s tents. And may Canaan be a slave for him.”

UST
27 I {also} ask God to give Japheth much land and enable him to live together {in peace} with Shem. May God {also} cause Canaan to be Japheth’s servant.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:28

ULT
28 And after the flood, Noah lived 350 years.

UST
28 From {the time that} the flood {began}, Noah lived {another} 350 years,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 9:29

ULT
29 So all the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

UST
29 so that he lived a total of 950 years before he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10

Genesis 10:1

ULT

[1] Now these {are} the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and sons were born to them after the flood.

Japheth's Descendants

UST

[1] This is the record of {the names of} Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and the descendants they had after the flood {was over}.

Japheth's Descendants

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:2

ULT

[2] The sons of Japheth {were} Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.

UST

[2] Japheth's sons {were} Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:3

ULT

[3] And the sons of Gomer {were} Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.

UST

[3] Gomer's sons {were} Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:4

ULT

4 And the sons of Javan {were} Elishah and Tarshish, the Kittim and the Dodanim.

UST

4 Javan's sons {were} Elishah and Tarshish, {and he was the ancestor of} the Kittites and the Dodanites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:5

ULT

5 From those the coastland peoples spread out into their lands, each with its own language, according to their clans, in their nations.

Ham's Descendants

UST

5 From Japheth's {descendants} came the people groups who lived {in regions} near the {Mediterranean} Sea. They moved to different places {and settled} in their {own} territories, and each {group} spoke its own language. They each had their {own} families, which {grew and} became their own people groups."

Ham's Descendants

After the flood, the descendants of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, each clan had its own what?
When the clans eventually spread out, each clan had its own language.

Genesis 10:6

ULT

6 And the sons of Ham {were} Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

UST

6 Ham's sons {were} Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:7

ULT

7 And the sons of Cush {were} Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah {were} Sheba and Dedan.

UST

7 Cush's sons {were} Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtecah. And Raamah's sons {were} Sheba and Dedan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:8

ULT

8 Cush also fathered Nimrod, who began to be mighty on the earth.

UST

8 Cush {also} had {a son named} Nimrod, who was the first {person} on earth to be a powerful {ruler}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:9

ULT

9 He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. For that reason it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Yahweh."

UST

9 He was {also} a great hunter whom Yahweh blessed. That is why people say {about other great men}, "{That man is} like Nimrod, a great hunter whom Yahweh blessed."

For what was Nimrod, descendant of Ham, known?

Nimrod was known as a mighty hunter before Yahweh.

Genesis 10:10

ULT
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Akkad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

UST
10 Nimrod started ruling as king {over} {the cities of} Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh, {which were} {all} {located} in the region of Shinar.

What was the first of Nimrod's primary cities in the land of Shinar?
The first of Nimrod's primary cities was Babel.

Genesis 10:11

ULT
11 From that land he went to Asshur, and he built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah

UST
11 From there he went to {the region of} Assyria, where he built {the cities of} Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,

In addition to the land of Shinar, what other area did Nimrod develop with cities?
Nimrod also built cities in Assyria.

Genesis 10:12

ULT
12 and Resen, between Nineveh and Calah, which {is} the great city.

UST
12 and Resen, {which is located} between {the cities of} Nineveh and the great city of Calah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:13

ULT
13 And Mizraim fathered the Ludim and the Anamim and the Lehabim and the Naphtuhim

UST
13 Mizraim was the ancestor of the Ludites, Anamites, Lehabites, Naphtuhites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:14

ULT
[14] and the Pathrusim and the Casluhim (whom the Philistim came from) and the Caphtorim.

UST
[14] Pathrusites, Casluhites, and Caphtorites. The Philistines descended from the Casluhites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:15

ULT
[15] And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, then Heth

UST
[15] Canaan had Sidon {who was} his firstborn {son}. {He was} also {the ancestor of} the Hittites,

Canaan was a descendant of which son of Noah?
Canaan was a descendant of Ham.

Genesis 10:16

ULT
[16] and the Jebusites and the Amorites and the Girgashites

UST
[16] Jebusites, Amorites, Girgashites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:17

ULT
[17] and the Hivites and the Arkites and the Sinites

UST
[17] Hivites, Arkites, Sinites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:18

ULT

18 and the Arvadites and the Zemarites and the Hamathites. And afterward the clans of the Canaanites scattered,

UST

18 Arvadites, Zemarites, and Hamathites. Later, those families {that descended} from Canaan spread out,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:19

ULT

19 so the border{s} of the Canaanites were from Sidon, {then} you go toward Gerar as far as Gaza, {then} you go to Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

UST

19 so that the territory where they lived reached from {the city of} Sidon {in the north}, all the way {south} toward {the city of} Gerar to {the city of} Gaza, {then} as far {east} as {the cities of} Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim, all the way to {the city of} Lasha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:20

ULT

20 Those {are} the sons of Ham according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.

Shem's Descendants

UST

20 Those {people} {were} Ham's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family {grew and} became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own territory.

Shem's Descendants

After the flood, the descendants of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, each clan had its own what?

When the clans eventually spread out, each clan had its own language.

Genesis 10:21

ULT

21 And sons were also born to Shem; he {was} the father of all the sons of Eber and the brother of Japheth the elder.

UST

21 Shem also had {some} sons. He {was} the ancestor of all the descendants of Eber, and his older brother was Japheth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:22

ULT

22 The sons of Shem {were} Elam and Asshur and Arpachshad and Lud and Aram.

UST

22 Shem's sons {were} Elam, Asshur, Arpachshad, Lud, and Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:23

ULT

23 And the sons of Aram {were} Uz and Hul and Gether and Mash.

UST

23 Aram's sons {were} Uz, Hul, Gether, and Mash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:24

ULT

24 And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, then Shelah fathered Eber.

UST

24 Arpachshad had {a son named} Shelah, then Shelah had {a son named} Eber.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:25

ULT
25 Then two sons were born to Eber. The name of the one {was} Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided. And the name of his brother {was} Joktan.

UST
25 Then Eber had two sons. The name of the first {one} {was} Peleg, {which means “division,”} because during his lifetime {the people on} the earth divided {into separate groups} {and spread out everywhere}. Peleg’s {younger} brother’s name {was} Joktan.

What happened in the days of Peleg, descendant of Shem?
In the days of Peleg, the earth was divided.

Genesis 10:26

ULT
26 And Joktan fathered Almodad and Sheleph and Hazarmaveth and Jerah

UST
26 Joktan had {sons named} Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:27

ULT
27 and Hadoram and Uzal and Diklah

UST
27 Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:28

ULT
28 and Obal and Abimael and Sheba

UST
28 Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:29

ULT

29 and Ophir and Havilah and Jobab. All those {were} the sons of Joktan.

UST

29 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. Those {were} all Joktan's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:30

ULT

30 And their dwelling was from Mesha, {then} you go to Sephar, the mountain{s} of the east.

UST

30 The region where they {and their descendants} lived reached from {the city of} Mesha {in the west} all the way to {the city of} Sephar, {which is in} the hill country in the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 10:31

ULT

31 Those {are} the sons of Shem according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.

UST

31 Those {people} {are} Shem's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family {grew and} became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own territory.

After the flood, the descendants of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, each clan had its own what?

When the clans eventually spread out, each clan had its own language.

Genesis 10:32

ULT

32 Those {are} the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations. And from those the nations spread out on the earth after the flood.

UST

32 {All} those family groups descended from Noah's sons. Each family group had its own descendants and became its own people group. In fact, after the flood {all} the people groups on the earth descended from them and spread out everywhere.

From where did the nations come that spread over the earth after the flood?

The nations came from the clans of the sons of Noah.

Genesis 11

Genesis 11:1

ULT

[1] Now the whole earth was one language and the same words.

UST

[1] Now {at first,} all {the people on} the earth spoke the same language, so that everyone understood each other's words.

Immediately after the flood, how many languages were there on the whole earth?
Immediately after the flood, there was one language on the whole earth.

Genesis 11:2

ULT

[2] And it happened as they migrated from the east, then they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

UST

[2] As time passed, they moved from the east, and came to a wide, flat valley in the land of Shinar and settled there.

Where did the people build their city and tower?
The people built their city and tower in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:3

ULT

[3] Then they said to each other, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them with fire." And they had bricks for stones, and they had tar for mortar.

UST

[3] Then they urged each other, "Come on, let's {work together and} make bricks {from clay} and harden them with fire." They used bricks {to build with} instead of stone, and they used tar {between the bricks} instead of mortar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:4

ULT

4 Then they said, “Come, let us build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, so that we are not scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

UST

4 Then they said {to each other}, “Come on, let’s build a city for ourselves that has a {high} tower that reaches up to heaven, so that we make ourselves famous, and so that we do not spread out all over the earth.”

What did the people decide to do instead of spreading across the whole earth as God had commanded?

Instead of spreading across the whole earth as God had commanded, the people decided to build a city and a tower.

What did the people want to make for themselves?

The people wanted to make a name for themselves.

Genesis 11:5

ULT

5 Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower that the sons of mankind had built,

UST

5 But {one day} Yahweh came down {from heaven} and looked at the city and the tower that the people were building.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:6

ULT

6 and Yahweh said, “Behold, {they are} one people and they all have one language, so this {is} what they have begun to do, and now everything that they plan to do will not be withheld from them.

UST

6 Then he said, “Look, they are one people {group} and they all speak the same language. This is {only} the beginning of what they can do {together}. Soon nothing that they plan {to do} will be impossible for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:7

ULT

7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand each other's language."

UST

7 {So} let's go down there {now} and mix up their language, so that they are not able to understand what they say to each other."

What did Yahweh come down and do to the people?

Yahweh came down and confused the people's languages.

Why did God do this?

God confused their languages so they would not understand each other.

Genesis 11:8

ULT

8 Then Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.

UST

8 That is how Yahweh caused the people to leave from there and spread out all over the earth, so that they stopped building the city {and the tower}.

What did God cause the people then to do?

God caused the people to scatter across the face of all the earth, as he had commanded.

Genesis 11:9

ULT

9 For that {reason} they called its name Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of the whole earth, and from there Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

UST

9 That is why the name of the city is Babel {which means "mixed up"}, because that is where Yahweh mixed up the language that everyone on the earth shared, and {in that way} he made them spread out from there all over the earth.

What was the name of the city the people tried to build?

The name of the city was Babel.

Genesis 11:10

ULT

10 These {are} the generations of Shem: Shem {was} the son of 100 years, then he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.

UST

10 This is the record of Shem's descendants: Two years after the flood {began}, when Shem was 100 years old, he had {a son named} Arpachshad.

The descendants of which son of Noah are given in this chapter?

The descendants of Shem, son of Noah, are given in this chapter.

Genesis 11:11

ULT

11 Then after he fathered Arpachshad, Shem lived 500 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

11 After Arpachshad was born, Shem lived {another} 500 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:12

ULT

12 And Arpachshad lived 35 years, then he fathered Shelah.

UST

12 When Arpachshad was 35 years old, he had {a son named} Shelah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:13

ULT

13 Then after he fathered Shelah, Arpachshad lived 403 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

13 After Shelah was born, Arpachshad lived {another} 403 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:14

ULT

14 And Shelah lived 30 years, then he fathered Eber.

UST

14 When Shelah was 30 years old, he had {a son named} Eber.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:15

ULT

15 Then after he fathered Eber, Shelah lived 403 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

15 After Eber was born, Shelah lived {another} 403 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:16

ULT

16 And Eber lived 34 years, then he fathered Peleg.

UST

16 When Eber was 34 years old, he had {a son named} Peleg.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:17

ULT

17 Then after he fathered Peleg, Eber lived 430 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

17 After Peleg was born, Eber lived {another} 430 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:18

ULT
18 And Peleg lived 30 years, then he fathered Reu.

UST
18 When Peleg was 30 years old, he had {a son named} Reu.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:19

ULT
19 Then after he fathered Reu, Peleg lived 209 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
19 After Reu was born, Peleg lived {another} 209 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:20

ULT
20 And Reu lived 32 years, then he fathered Serug.

UST
20 When Reu was 32 years old, he had {a son named} Serug.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:21

ULT
21 Then after he fathered Serug, Reu lived 207 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST
21 After Serug was born, Reu lived {another} 207 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:22

ULT

22 And Serug lived 30 years, then he fathered Nahor.

UST

22 When Serug was 30 years old, he had {a son named} Nahor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:23

ULT

23 Then after he fathered Nahor, Serug lived 200 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

23 After Nahor was born, Serug lived {another} 200 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:24

ULT

24 And Nahor lived 29 years, then he fathered Terah.

UST

24 When Nahor was 29 years old, he had {a son named} Terah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:25

ULT

25 Then after he fathered Terah, Nahor lived 119 years, and he fathered {other} sons and daughters.

UST

25 After Terah was born, Nahor lived {another} 119 years, and he had other sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 11:26

ULT
26 And Terah lived 70 years, then he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

UST
26 After Terah was 70 years old, he had {sons named} Abram, Nahor and Haran.

Who was the father of Abram?
The father of Abram was Terah.

Genesis 11:27

ULT
27 Now these {are} the generations of Terah: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

UST
27 Here is the history about Terah and his descendants: Terah's sons were Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran's son was named Lot.

Terah's son Haran had a son with what name?
Terah's son Haran had a son named Lot.

Genesis 11:28

ULT
28 Later Haran died in the presence of Terah his father, in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Kasdim.

UST
28 While his father was still alive, Haran died in the land where he was born, in {the city of} Ur where the Chaldeans lived.

Where did Terah live?
Terah lived in Ur of the Chaldeans.

Genesis 11:29

ULT

29 Then Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife {was} Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife {was} Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.

UST

29 Then Abram and Nahor each married a wife. Abram's wife was named Sarai, and Nahor's wife was Milcah. Milcah and {her sister} Iscah were the daughters of {Nahor's brother} Haran.

What was the name of Abram's wife?

Abram's wife's name was Sarai.

Genesis 11:30

ULT

30 But Sarai was barren; she did not have a child.

UST

30 But Sarai was not able to become pregnant, {so} she did not have any children.

What problem did Abram's wife have?

Abram's wife's Sarai was barren and had no children.

Genesis 11:31

ULT

31 Then Terah took his son Abram and Lot, Haran's son, his son's son, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and they went out together from Ur of the Kasdim to go to the land of Canaan. But they came to Haran, and they settled there.

UST

31 Then Terah took his son Abram, and his grandson Lot, who was Haran's son, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, who was Abram's wife, and they {all} left from {the city of} Ur where the Chaldeans lived to go to the land of Canaan. But when they arrived at {the city of} Haran, they decided to live there {instead}.

To where did Terah move with Abram, Sarai, and Lot?

Terah moved to the land of Canaan with Abram, Sarai, and Lot.

Genesis 11:32

ULT

32 And the days of Terah were 205 years, then Terah died in Haran.

UST

32 Then {many years later} when Terah was 205 years old, he died {there} in {the city of} Haran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12

Genesis 12:1

ULT

[1] Then Yahweh said to Abram, “You yourself must go from your country and from your relatives and from the house of your father, to the land that I will show you.

UST

[1] {One day} Yahweh commanded Abram, “You must leave behind your homeland and your relatives, including your father’s family, {and move} to the land that I will guide you to.

While Abram was living in Haran, what did Yahweh tell Abram to do?

Yahweh told Abram to leave his father’s household and go to the land that he would show Abram.

Genesis 12:2

ULT

[2] And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

UST

[2] I will make you {and your descendants} become an important people group, and I will bless you {all}. I will make you important {and well-known}, and you {and your descendants} will bless {many people}.

What promise did Yahweh make to Abram? (vv2-3)

Yahweh promised that he would bless Abram, make him a great nation, and bless all the families of the earth through him.

Genesis 12:3

ULT

[3] And I will bless those who bless you, but whoever curses you I will curse. And through you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

UST

[3] I will bless everyone who blesses you, but I will curse anyone who curses you. I will use you {and your descendants} to bless all the people on the earth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:4

ULT

4 Then Abram went, just as Yahweh had told him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was the son of 75 years when he set out from Haran.

UST

4 So Abram left {the city of Haran} just as Yahweh had commanded him {to do}, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left from there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:5

ULT

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother, and all their possessions that they had accumulated and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. And when they came to the land of Canaan,

UST

5 He took {with him} his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot and everything that they owned, including servants {and everything else} they had acquired in {the city of} Haran, and they {all} started traveling to the land of Canaan. When they arrived there,

Who traveled with Abram?

Abram traveled with Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his brother's son.

To which land did Abram travel?

Abram traveled to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 12:6

ULT

6 then Abram passed through the land as far as the place of Shechem, to the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites {were} in the land at that time.

UST

6 they traveled through the land as far as the city of Shechem, to Moreh's oak tree. At that time the Canaanites were {still living} in that land,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:7

ULT

7 Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your offspring.” So he built an altar there to Yahweh, who had appeared to him.

UST

7 but Yahweh appeared to Abram and said {to him}, “I will give this land to your descendants.” So Abram built an altar {out of stones} in that place {and burned sacrifices on it} to Yahweh, because Yahweh had appeared to him {there}.

When Yahweh appeared to Abram, what promise did he make to Abram?

Yahweh promised that Abram’s descendant’s would live in Canaan.

Genesis 12:8

ULT

8 Then from there he went on to the mountains to the east of Bethel and pitched his tents, {with} Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to Yahweh, and he called on the name of Yahweh.

UST

8 From {the city of} Shechem, Abram {and his family} moved {south} to the hill country that was east of {the town of} Bethel. They set up their tents between Bethel to the west and {the town of} Ai to the east. There Abram built another altar {and burned sacrifices on it} to Yahweh, and he addressed Yahweh by his name as he worshiped him.

How did Abram worship Yahweh?

Abram built an altar to Yahweh and called upon Yahweh’s name.

Genesis 12:9

ULT

9 Then Abram set out and continued to travel toward the Negev.

UST

9 Then Abram {and his family} moved from place to place {southward} until they reached the Negev {Desert}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:10

ULT

10 Then there was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there because the famine {was} severe in the land.

UST

10 Now there was a famine in the Negev {Desert}, so Abram {and his family} headed {further} south toward {the country of} Egypt to live there for a while, because the famine was {so} severe.

Leaving Canaan, to where did Abram travel?

Leaving Canaan, Abram traveled to Egypt.

Genesis 12:11

ULT

11 And it happened that as he was about to enter Egypt, then he said to Sarai his wife, “Behold now, I know that you {are} a woman beautiful in appearance.

UST

11 Just before they arrived in Egypt, Abram said to his wife Sarai, “Please listen {to me}, I know that you are a very beautiful woman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:12

ULT

12 So it will happen when the Egyptians see you, then they will say, ‘This {is} his wife!’ and they will kill me but let you live.

UST

12 When the people in Egypt see you {with me}, they will say that you are my wife. Then they will kill me and let you live {so that they can take you}.

What was Abram concerned about as he entered Egypt?

Abram was concerned the Egyptians would kill him and take his wife Sarai because she was beautiful.

Genesis 12:13

ULT

13 Please say {that} you {are} my sister, so that it will go well for me for your sake and my life will live because of you."

UST

13 {So} please tell people that you are my sister, so that they will treat me well because of you and let me live."

What did Abram ask Sarai to tell the Egyptians about herself?

Abram asked Sarai to tell the Egyptians that she was Abram's sister.

Genesis 12:14

ULT

14 Then it happened, when Abram came into Egypt, then the Egyptians saw the woman that she {was} very beautiful.

UST

14 That is {exactly} what happened: When Abram {and his family} arrived in {the country of} Egypt, the people there saw that Sarai was very beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:15

ULT

15 And when the officials of Pharaoh saw her, then they praised her to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

UST

15 When the {Egyptian} king's officials spotted her, they highly recommended her to the king. So he had them bring her to his palace {to be one of his wives}.

What happened to Sarai when they entered Egypt?

Pharaoh took Sarai into his household.

Genesis 12:16

ULT

16 Then he treated Abram well for her sake, so that he had sheep and cattle, and male donkeys, and male slaves and female slaves, and female donkeys and camels.

UST

16 The king thought that Abram was Sarai's brother, so he treated him well. He gave him {many} sheep and cattle, as well as men and women servants, male and female donkeys, and camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:17

ULT

17 But Yahweh struck Pharaoh and his house {with} great plagues on account of Sarai the wife of Abram.

UST

17 But since the king had taken Abram's wife Sarai, Yahweh afflicted the king and his family with severe illnesses.

What happened to Pharaoh at this time?

Yahweh afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues.

Genesis 12:18

ULT

18 So Pharaoh called for Abram and said, "What {is} this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she {was} your wife?

UST

18 So the king summoned Abram {before him} and said {to him}, "You have treated me very badly! You should have told me that Sarai is your wife!

What question did Pharaoh ask Abram? (vv18-19)

Pharaoh asked Abram why he had told him that Sarai was his sister instead of his wife.

Genesis 12:19

ULT

19 Why did you say, ‘She {is} my sister,’ so that I took her to me as a wife? Now then, behold your wife. Take her and go!”

UST

19 You should not have said that she is your sister, so that I ended up taking her to be my wife! So now, here is your wife. Take her and leave {my country}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 12:20

ULT

20 Then Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away and his wife and everything that {belonged} to him.

UST

20 Then the king ordered {some of} his soldiers to make sure that Abram left, so they forced him to leave {the country}, along with his wife and everything that he owned.

What did Pharaoh do with Abram and Sarai?

Pharaoh sent Abram and Sarai away.

Genesis 13

Genesis 13:1

ULT

1 Then Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, he and his wife and everything that {belonged} to him, and Lot with him.

UST

1 Then Abram left {the country of} Egypt {and traveled} {back} to the Negev {Desert}. {He took} with him his wife and everything that they owned, and also {his nephew} Lot.

To where did Abram travel after leaving Egypt?

Abram traveled to the Negev.

Genesis 13:2

ULT

2 And Abram {was} very wealthy in livestock, in silver and in gold.

UST

2 {By that time} Abram had become very rich so that he owned {many} livestock and {much} silver and gold.

What did Abram carry with him?

Abram carried with him many animals, and much silver and gold.

Genesis 13:3

ULT

3 Then from the Negev he went on his journey as far as Bethel, to the place where his tents had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

UST

3 From the Negev {Desert} he {and his family} traveled from place to place {northward} {until they came} to {the town of} Bethel, to the place where he had lived in tents before, between {the towns of} Bethel and Ai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:4

ULT

4 to the place of the altar that he had made there at first, and there Abram called on the name of Yahweh.

UST

4 That is the {same} place where he had previously built an altar. There {again} he {sacrificed animals on the altar and} worshiped Yahweh by name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:5

ULT

5 Now Lot, who was traveling with Abram, also had sheep and cattle and tents.

UST

5 Now Lot, who was traveling with {his uncle} Abram, also had {many} sheep and cattle and {many} tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:6

ULT

6 But the land could not support them while they stayed together, because their possessions were great so that they were not able to stay together.

UST

6 In fact, they {both} owned so many livestock that they could not live in the same area. There was not enough land to provide enough food and water for all their animals.

Why was there a dispute between Abram's and Lot's herdsmen? (vv6-7)

There was a dispute because the land could not support Abram and Lot living close together with all their possessions.

Genesis 13:7

ULT

7 Then there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And the Canaanites and the Perizzites were living in the land at that time.

UST

7 As a result, the men who took care of Abram's livestock and the men who took care of Lot's livestock started to argue with each other. Besides that, the Canaanites and the Perizzites were {also} living in that land at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:8

ULT

8 So Abram said to Lot, "Please do not let there be strife between me and you, or between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, because we {are} men, brothers.

UST

8 Finally {one day} Abram said to Lot, "Please, since we are close relatives, let's do something so that you and I, and your herdsmen and my herdsmen, do not need to argue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:9

ULT

9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If {you go to} the left, then I will go right, or if {you go to} the right, then I will go left."

UST

9 Look, the entire land is available to you {to choose from}. Please {choose where you want to live and} let's live in separate places. If you choose {the land to} the left {of here}, then I will take {the land to} the right, or if you choose {the land to} the right {of here}, then I will take {the land to} the left."

What offer did Abram make to Lot?

Abram offered that Lot choose where to live, and then Abram would find his place to live separated from Lot.

Genesis 13:10

ULT

10 Then Lot lifted his eyes and saw the entire Plain of the Jordan as you go to Zoar, that all of it {was} well watered, like the garden of Yahweh, like the land of Egypt, before Yahweh destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

UST

10 Lot looked {all} around and he noticed that the entire Jordan {River} Valley, all the way to {the town of} Zoar, had plenty of water. {It was lush and green} like the garden that Yahweh had planted or like the country of Egypt. {That is what it was like} before Yahweh destroyed {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah {which were also in that valley}.

Where did Lot choose to live and why? (vv10-11)

Lot chose to move east and to live in the plain of the Jordan because it was well watered.

Genesis 13:11

ULT

11 So Lot chose for himself the entire Plain of the Jordan, and Lot traveled to the east, and they separated from each other.

UST

11 So Lot chose for himself the entire Jordan {River} Valley. Then he {left Abram and} moved to the east {to live there}. That is how Abram and Lot went separate ways from each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:12

ULT

12 Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot settled in the cities of the plain and moved his tents as far as Sodom.

UST

12 Abram stayed {where he was} in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived {in another part of the land} among the cities in the {Jordan River} valley and {eventually} moved his tents to {the city of} Sodom.

Where did Abram then live?

Abram lived in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 13:13

ULT
13 Now the men of Sodom {were} exceedingly wicked and sinful against Yahweh.

UST
13 But the people {who lived} in {the city of} Sodom were {extremely} wicked and were {always} sinning terribly against Yahweh.

What kind of people lived in Sodom?
The people of Sodom were wicked sinners against Yahweh.

Genesis 13:14

ULT
14 Then Yahweh said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift your eyes now from the place where you {are} there, and look to the north, and to the south, and to the east and to the west,

UST
14 After Lot had left Abram, Yahweh said to Abram, “Look around from the place where you live: Look north, south, east and west.

At this time, what did Yahweh say he would give to Abram? (vv14-15)
Yahweh promised that all the land Abram could see from where he was standing would be given to him.

Genesis 13:15

ULT
15 because all the land that you see, I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

UST
15 All the land that you see I will give to you and your descendants {to own} forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:16

ULT

16 And I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, which if anyone were able to count the dust of the earth, your offspring could also be counted.

UST

16 In fact, I will give you so many descendants that they will be as {numerous as} the {specks of} dust on the earth. No one will be able to count how many descendants you have, just as no one can count how many {specks of} dust there are.

How many descendants did Yahweh say Abram would have?

Yahweh told Abram he would have more descendants than he could count, “abundant as the dust of the earth.”

Genesis 13:17

ULT

17 Get up and walk through the land, through its length and through its width, because I am giving it to you.”

UST

17 Now go walk through the land {in all directions}, including its length and its width, {and look it over,} because I am giving it {all} to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 13:18

ULT

18 So Abram moved his tents and went and settled near the terebinth trees of Mamre that {were} near Hebron, and there he built an altar to Yahweh.

UST

18 Then Abram {obeyed Yahweh and} moved his tents to the oak trees that were {on the land that was} owned by {a man named} Mamre, and he lived there near {the city of} Hebron. There he built an altar {out of stones} {and burned sacrifices on it} to {thank and} worship Yahweh.

Near what city did Abram then move?

Abram moved near the city of Hebron.

Genesis 14

Genesis 14:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of the Goiim,

UST

[1] During that time Amraphel was the king over {the land of} Shinar, Arioch was the king over {the city of} Ellasar, Chedorlaomer was the king over {the land of} Elam, and Tidal was the king over the Goyim {people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:2

ULT

[2] they made war against Bera king of Sodom, and against Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which {is} Zoar.

UST

[2] Those {four} kings {joined forces and} went to war against {five other kings, including} Bera {who was} the king over {the city of} Sodom, Birsha {who was} the king over {the city of} Gomorrah, Shinab {who was} the king over {the city of} Admah, Shemeber {who was} the king over {the city of} Zeboyim, and the king over {the town of} Bela, which is {also called} Zoar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:3

ULT

[3] All these joined together in the Siddim Valley, which {is} {now} the Salt Sea.

UST

[3] Those {five kings} all united their armies {as allies} {and fought against the four kings} in the Siddim Valley, which is now the Salt Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:4

ULT

4 {For} twelve years they had served Kedorlaomer, but the thirteenth year they rebelled.

UST

4 For twelve years the five kings had paid tribute to {King} Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they started to rebel {against him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:5

ULT

5 Then in the fourteenth year Kedorlaomer and the kings who {were} with him went and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth-Karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-Kiriathaim,

UST

5 Then in the fourteenth year {King} Chedorlaomer and the {three} kings who were his allies {united their armies and} went {to war} {against all their enemies}. {First} they defeated the Rephaites in {the city of} Ashteroth-Karnaim, then the Zuzites in {the city of} Ham, the Emites in {the city of} Shaveh-Kiriathaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:6

ULT

6 and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El Paran, which {is} by the wilderness.

UST

6 and the Horites {who lived} in the Seir Mountains {all the way} to {the city of} El Paran, which is near the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:7

ULT

7 Then they turned back and came to En Mishpat, which {is} Kadesh, and they struck the entire territory of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who were living in Hazezon Tamar.

UST

7 Next those {four} kings {and their armies} turned around and went to {the city of} En Mishpat, which is {also called} Kadesh. They conquered the entire territory where the Amalekites lived and also the Amorites who were living in {the city of} Hazezon Tamar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:8

ULT

8 Then the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which {is} Zoar, went out into the Siddim Valley and arranged themselves for battle

UST

8 Then the king over {the city of} Sodom, the king over {the city of} Gomorrah, the king over {the city of} Admah, the king over {the city of} Zeboyim, and the king over {the town of} Bela, which is {also called} Zoar, marched out {with their armies} into the Siddim Valley and got ready to fight

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:9

ULT

9 against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against the five.

UST

9 against Chedorlaomer {who was} the king over {the land of} Elam, Tidal {who was} the king over the Goyim, Amraphel {who was} the king over {the land of} Shinar, and Arioch {who was} the king over {the kingdom of} Ellasar. {Then} the four kings attacked the five {kings} {and started defeating them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:10

ULT

10 Now the Siddim Valley {had} many tar pits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and those who remained fled to the hill country.

UST

10 Now there were many tar pits in the Siddim Valley. As the kings over {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah {and their soldiers} were running away {from the battle}, some {of their soldiers} died there {in the tar pits}. Those who escaped ran away to the mountains {to hide}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:11

ULT

11 Then they took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and left.

UST

11 Then the four kings seized all the {people's} belongings in {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah, including all their food, and carried it away.

What happened at Sodom as a result of the battle of the kings in the valley of Siddim? (vv11-12)

All the goods of Sodom were taken away, and Lot and all his possessions were also taken.

Genesis 14:12

ULT

12 And they took Lot and his possessions, the son of Abram's brother, when they left, since he was living in Sodom.

UST

12 They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his belongings, since he was living in {the city of} Sodom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:13

ULT

13 Then someone who escaped came and reported to Abram the Hebrew. And he was living by the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother of Aner, and they {were} owners of a covenant with Abram.

UST

13 But someone {from Sodom} escaped {from the battle} and went to Abram the Hebrew and reported {to him} {what had happened}. {At that time} Abram was living near the oak trees that were owned by Mamre the Amorite, {who was} the brother of Eshcol and Aner. All {three} of them and Abram had promised to help each other against their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:14

ULT

14 And when Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, then he led out his 318 trained men who had been born in his house, and he pursued his enemies as far as Dan.

UST

14 When Abram heard that {the four kings} had captured his nephew {Lot}, he called together 318 of his servants who had been born in his household and were skilled warriors. Then {together with his allies} they chased after {the four kings and their armies} as far as {the town of} Dan.

What did Abram do when he was told Lot had been taken away?

Abram gathered his 318 trained men to pursue them.

Genesis 14:15

ULT

15 Then he divided against them during the night, he and his servants, and struck them and pursued them to Hobah, which {is} north of Damascus.

UST

15 There during the night, Abram and his men divided {into groups}, {surprise} attacked the {four} kings {and their soldiers}, and defeated them. Then they chased them as far as {the town of} Hobah, which is north of {the city of} Damascus.

Near what large city did Abram fight the kings, and what was the result of the battle? (vv15-16)

Abram fought the kings north of Damascus, and he brought back the possessions, Lot, and the other people.

Genesis 14:16

ULT

16 And he brought back all the possessions, and he also brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, and also the women and the {other} people.

UST

16 As a result, Abram recovered all the {people's} belongings {that the four kings had taken}. He also rescued his nephew Lot and his belongings, as well as the women and {all} the other people {whom the kings had captured}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 14:17

ULT

17 Then the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Shaveh Valley, which {is} the King's Valley, after he returned from striking Kedorlaomer and the kings who {were} with him.

UST

17 After Abram defeated {King} Chedorlaomer and the {other} {three} kings who were his allies, he started to return {home}. When he reached the Shaveh Valley, which is {also called} the King's Valley, the king over {the city of} Sodom came there and welcomed him.

Which two kings met Abram when he returned? (vv17-18)

The king of Sodom and Melchizedek, the king of Salem, met Abram when he returned.

Genesis 14:18

ULT

18 Then Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. And he {was} a priest to God Most High,

UST

18 Melchizedek who was the king over {the city of} Salem {also came there, and he} brought food and wine {for Abram and his men to eat and drink}. King Melchizedek was also a priest who served the greatest God,

What was Melchizedek's relationship to God?

Melchizedek was priest of God Most High.

What did Melchizedek bring with him when he met Abram?

Melchizedek brought bread and wine with him when he met Abram.

Genesis 14:19

ULT

19 and he blessed him and said, “May Abram be blessed by God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth!

UST

19 so he blessed Abram by saying {to him}, “May the greatest God, who owns heaven and earth, bless you.

What did Melchizedek say to Abram? (vv19-20)

Melchizedek blessed Abram, and blessed God Most High.

Genesis 14:20

ULT

20 And praised be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand!” Then he gave to him a tenth of everything.

UST

20 Praise the greatest God, because he enabled you to defeat your enemies!” Then Abram gave {King} Melchizedek ten percent of everything {that he had recovered in the battle}.

What did Abram do after Melchizedek spoke to him?

Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

Genesis 14:21

ULT

21 Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give to me the people, but the possessions take for yourself.”

UST

21 After that, the king over {the city of} Sodom said to Abram, “{Please} return to me the people {whom you rescued}, but keep for yourself {their} belongings {that you recovered}.”

What offer did the king of Sodom make to Abram?

The king of Sodom offered to let Abram keep all the goods, if Abram gave the people to the king.

Genesis 14:22

ULT

22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have raised my hand to Yahweh, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

UST

22 But Abram replied to him, “{I will not keep anything, because} I have raised my hand {and sworn} to Yahweh, {who is} the greatest God {and} the One who owns heaven and earth,

Why did Abram not want any of the possessions? (vv22-23)

Abram had lifted up his hand to Yahweh, God Most High, and did not want the king of Sodom to be able to say that he had made Abram rich.

Genesis 14:23

ULT

23 that I will not take from a thread even to the strap of a sandal, and I will not take from anything that {belongs} to you, so that you will not say, ‘I made Abram rich.’

UST

23 that I will not accept anything that is yours {or your people’s}, not even a string or the strap from a sandal. That way you can never say that you {were the one who} made me rich.

How did Abram respond to the king of Sodom’s offer? (vv23-24)

Abram said that he did not want any of the possessions, except what the young men had eaten and the share for the men that went with him.

Genesis 14:24

ULT

24 I {will take} nothing, except what the young men have eaten and the share of the other men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them take their share.”

UST

24 {So I will accept nothing,} except what my warriors ate and the part {of the plunder} that Aner, Eshcol and Mamre deserve for being my allies. {Please} let them have their part {of the plunder}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15

Genesis 15:1

ULT

[1] After those things, the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram! I {am} a shield for you, your reward will be very great.”

UST

[1] After that, Yahweh said to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I will protect you, {and} I will give you a very great reward.”

When Yahweh appeared to Abram, what encouragement did Yahweh give Abram?

Yahweh told Abram not to fear, and that he was Abram’s shield and very great reward.

Genesis 15:2

ULT

[2] But Abram said, “My Lord, Yahweh, what will you give to me, since I go childless, and the son of the inheritance of my house {is} Eliezer of Damascus?”

UST

[2] But Abram said {to him}, “Yahweh, my Master, even if you reward me greatly, {that will not benefit me, since} I still have no children. So {when I die,} the one who will inherit all that I have is {my servant} Eliezer {who is} {a foreigner} from {the city of} Damascus.”

About what was Abram worried? (vv2-3)

Abram was worried because he was still childless, and his steward was his heir.

Genesis 15:3

ULT

[3] Then Abram said, “Behold, you have not given a child to me, so that behold, a servant of my house will inherit what {is} mine!”

UST

[3] Then Abram continued, “That’s right, you have not given me any children, so that now {when I die}, {one of} my household servants will inherit everything I own!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:4

ULT

4 Then behold, the word of Yahweh {came} to him, saying, “That {man} will not be your heir, but rather a son who comes from your bowels, he will be your heir.”

UST

4 But immediately Yahweh said to Abram, “{No,} your servant {Eliezer} will not inherit your property, rather it will be your very own {biological} son who will inherit it.”

Who did Yahweh say would be Abram’s heir?

Yahweh said that one coming from Abram’s own body would be his heir.

Genesis 15:5

ULT

5 Then he brought him outside and said, “Look now at the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So will your offspring be.”

UST

5 Then Yahweh took Abram outside {his tent} and said {to him}, “Look {up} at the {night} sky and count how many stars there are, if {in fact} you are able to count them {all}.” {While Abram was looking at the stars,} Yahweh said to him, “That is how many descendants you will have.”

How many descendants did Yahweh say Abram would have?

Yahweh said that Abram would have descendants as numerous as the stars.

Genesis 15:6

ULT

6 And he trusted in Yahweh, and he counted it to him {as} righteousness.

UST

6 Abram trusted Yahweh, and because of that, Yahweh considered him to be righteous.

How did Abram respond to Yahweh’s promise, and what did Yahweh then do?

Abram believed Yahweh, and Yahweh counted it to Abram as righteousness.

Genesis 15:7

ULT

7 Then he said to him, “I {am} Yahweh who brought you out of Ur of the Kasdim to give to you this land to possess it.”

UST

7 Then Yahweh said to him, “I am Yahweh who brought you {here} from {the city of} Ur that the Chaldeans rule, to give this land to you to own.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:8

ULT

8 Then he said, “My Lord, Yahweh, how will I know that I will possess it?”

UST

8 But Abram asked {him}, “Yahweh, my Master, how can I be sure that this land will be mine?”

What question did Abram ask Yahweh about the land?

Abram asked Yahweh, “How will I know that I will inherit it”?

Genesis 15:9

ULT

9 Then he said to him, “Bring to me a three-year-old heifer and a three-year-old she-goat and a three-year-old ram and a turtledove and a young pigeon.”

UST

9 Yahweh replied, “Bring me a heifer, a female goat and a male sheep, each which is three years old, as well as a dove and a young pigeon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:10

ULT

10 So he brought all those to him. Then he cut them in two down the middle and laid the halves opposite to each other, but the birds he did not cut in two.

UST

10 So {the next day} Abram brought all those {animals} to Yahweh {and killed them}. Then he cut their bodies in half lengthwise and laid each half a short space across from the other half {in two rows}, except for the birds, which he did not cut in half.

What did Abram then do with the animals he was told to bring?

Abram cut the animals in two and placed each half opposite the other.

Genesis 15:11

ULT

11 Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

UST

11 Then {some} vultures flew down {and landed} on the {animal} bodies {to eat them}, but Abram chased them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:12

ULT

12 Then it happened, the sun was setting and a deep sleep fell on Abram, and behold, terror, great darkness fell on him.

UST

12 Later as the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly it became completely dark and he became terrified.

What happened to Abram when the sun was going down?

When the sun was going down Abram fell sound asleep and a deep and terrifying darkness overwhelmed him.

Genesis 15:13

ULT

13 Then he said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be strangers in a land {that} {does} not {belong} to them, and they will serve them, and they will afflict them 400 years.

UST

13 Then Yahweh said to him, “I want you to know that your descendants will live as foreigners in a country that is not their own. They will serve the people {of that country} {as slaves}, and those people will treat them cruelly for 400 years.

For how long did Yahweh say Abram’s descendants would be enslaved and oppressed?

Yahweh told Abram his descendants would be enslaved and oppressed for four hundred years.

Genesis 15:14

ULT

14 But also, the nation that they serve I will judge, and after that they will come out with great possessions.

UST

14 But I will punish those people whom they serve. After that, your descendants will leave {that country} and take many possessions with them.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the nation that enslaved Abram’s descendants?

Yahweh said that he would judge that nation.

Genesis 15:15

ULT

15 And you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.

UST

15 As for you, after you have lived a good long life, you will die peacefully and join your ancestors {who have died before you}.

How did Yahweh say Abram’s life would end?

Yahweh said that Abram would die in peace at a good old age.

Genesis 15:16

ULT

16 Then in the fourth generation they will come back here, because the sin of the Amorites {will} not {be} complete until then."

UST

16 Then four generations later your descendants will return here {to live}, because that's when the Amorites will have sinned as much as I will allow {before I take away their land and give it to your descendants}.

What would reach its limit before Abram's descendants returned to the land promised them?

The sin of the Amorites would reach its limit before Abram's descendants returned.

Genesis 15:17

ULT

17 Then it happened, the sun went down and darkness came, and behold, {there was} a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch that passed between those pieces.

UST

17 When the sun had set, it became {very} dark. Then suddenly a {clay} pot appeared {that was full} of burning coals and had smoke coming from it, and also a blazing torch, and they {both} went between the {animal} halves.

That night, what happened amongst the pieces of the animals Abram had prepared?

A smoking fire pot and flaming torch passed between the pieces of the animals.

Genesis 15:18

ULT

18 On that day Yahweh cut a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates River,

UST

18 At that time Yahweh made a covenant with Abram and said, "I am giving your descendants this land, {which extends} from Egypt's river {in the south} {up} to the great Euphrates River {in the north}.

What covenant did Yahweh make with Abram that day? (vv18-21)

Yahweh made a covenant with Abram that he would give this land to Abram's descendants.

Genesis 15:19

ULT

19 {the land of} the Kenites and the Kenizzites and the Kadmonites

UST

19 {That includes} the land which {presently} belongs to the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:20

ULT

20 and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Rephaim

UST

20 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 15:21

ULT

21 and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Girgashites and the Jebusites."

UST

21 the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16

Genesis 16:1

ULT

1 Now Sarai, the wife of Abram, had not born {children} for him, but she had an Egyptian maidservant, and her name {was} Hagar.

UST

1 Now Abram's wife Sarai had {still} not given birth to {any} children for him, but she owned an Egyptian servant woman whose name was Hagar.

What idea did Sarai have for giving Abram a descendant? (vv1-2)
Sarai told Abram to sleep with her servant, Hagar, in order to have children by her.

Genesis 16:2

ULT

2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Behold, Yahweh has prevented me from bearing {children}. Please go to my maidservant. Perhaps I can be built up from her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

UST

2 So she told Abram, "Please listen {to this}: Yahweh has not allowed me to have children. {So} please sleep with my servant {Hagar}. Maybe I can have a family through her {children}." Abram agreed to do what Sarai requested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:3

ULT

3 So Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar, her Egyptian maidservant, at the end of ten years that Abram had lived in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife for him.

UST

3 {This all happened} after Abram {and his family} had lived in the land of Canaan for ten years. {That is when} his wife Sarai gave her Egyptian servant Hagar to him to be his {second} wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:4

ULT

4 Then he went to Hagar and she conceived. And she saw that she had conceived, and her mistress was despised in her eyes.

UST

4 So Abram slept with Hagar and she became pregnant. But when she realized that she was pregnant, she started to disrespect her mistress {Sarai}.

What happened between Hagar and Sarai when Hagar conceived a child with Abram?

After Hagar conceived, Hagar looked with contempt on Sarai.

Genesis 16:5

ULT

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, “My wrong {is} on you! I myself put my maidservant into your arms, but she sees that she has conceived, and I am despised in her eyes! May Yahweh judge between me and you!”

UST

5 So Sarai complained to Abram, “It is your fault that I am suffering! I gave my servant to you {to sleep with}, but now that she realizes that she is pregnant, she disrespects me! I ask Yahweh to judge whether it is you or I who is responsible {for this}!”

What complaint did Sarai bring to Abram, and how did Abram respond? (vv5-6)

Sarai complained that it was Abram’s fault that Hagar despised her, and Abram told Sarai to do what she thought best with Hagar.

Genesis 16:6

ULT

6 Then Abram said to Sarai, “Behold, your maidservant {is} in your hand. Do to her what {is} good in your eyes.” Then Sarai afflicted her, and she fled from her presence.

UST

6 Abram replied to her, “Listen, you are in charge of your servant. Do with her what{ever} you think is best.” Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she ran away {from home to get away} from her.

How did Sarai treat Hagar after Hagar conceived, and what did Hagar do?

Sarai treated Hagar harshly, and Hagar fled.

Genesis 16:7

ULT

7 Then an angel of Yahweh found her at a spring of water in the wilderness, at the spring beside the road of Shur.

UST

7 Then one of Yahweh's angels came to Hagar by a spring of water in the desert. It was the spring beside the road to {the city of} Shur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:8

ULT

8 And he said, "Hagar, maidservant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" And she said, "I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sarai."

UST

8 And the angel asked {her}, "Hagar, Sarai's servant, where have you come from, and where are you headed?" She answered {him}, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:9

ULT

9 Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit under her hands."

UST

9 Then Yahweh's angel told her, "Go back {home} to your mistress and {humbly} obey her {as her servant}."

In the wilderness, what did the angel of Yahweh tell Hagar to do?

The angel of Yahweh told Hagar to return to Sarai and submit to her authority.

Genesis 16:10

ULT

10 Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, “I will greatly increase your offspring, so that they can not be counted because of their abundance.”

UST

10 Then the angel added, “I {Yahweh} will give you so many descendants that no one will be able to count them all.”

What promise did the angel of Yahweh make to Hagar?

The angel of Yahweh promised Hagar that her descendants would be too numerous to count.

Genesis 16:11

ULT

11 Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, “Behold, {you are} pregnant, and you will bear a son, and you must call his name Ishmael, because Yahweh has listened to your misery.

UST

11 Then the angel {also} told her, “Listen, {as you know,} you are pregnant. You will have a son, and you are to name him Ishmael, {which means “God listens,”} because Yahweh listened to you when you were suffering {and helped you}.

Why was Hagar told to name her son Ishmael?

Hagar was told to name her son Ishmael because Yahweh had heard her affliction.

Genesis 16:12

ULT

12 And he will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone, and everyone’s hand against him, and he will live in the face of all of his brothers.”

UST

12 {When Ishmael grows up,} he will be {proud and free} like a wild donkey. He will fight against everyone, and everyone will fight against him. In fact, he will {even} be hostile toward all his relatives.”

How will Ishmael treat other people?

Ishmael will be hostile against every man, and will live apart from all his brothers.

Genesis 16:13

ULT

13 Then she called the name of Yahweh who had spoken to her, “You {are} El Roi,” because she said, “Have I really seen here the back of {the One who} sees me?”

UST

13 Then Hagar gave the name El Roi to Yahweh who had spoken to her, because she exclaimed {to herself}, “I just now saw here the back of God who sees me!” {El Roi means, “the God who sees.”}

What name did Hagar give Yahweh?

Hagar gave Yahweh the name, “The God who sees me”.

Genesis 16:14

ULT

14 For that {reason} they call the well Beer Lahai Roi. Behold, {it is} between Kadesh and Bered.

UST

14 That is why the name of that well is Beer Lahai Roi {which means “Well of the Living One who sees me”}. It is {still} there between {the cities of} Kadesh and Bered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:15

ULT

15 Then Hagar bore a son for Abram, and Abram called the name of his son whom Hagar bore Ishmael.

UST

15 Then Hagar {returned home and} gave birth to a son for Abram, and Abram named his son Ishmael.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 16:16

ULT

16 And Abram {was} a son of 86 years when Hagar bore Ishmael for Abram.

UST

16 Abram was 86 years old when Hagar had Ishmael for him.

How old was Abram when Ishmael was born?

Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.

Genesis 17

Genesis 17:1

ULT

1 Then Abram was a son of 99 years, and Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, “I {am} El Shaddai.
Walk before me and be without blemish.

UST

1 {Years} later, when Abram was 99 years old, Yahweh appeared to him and said to him, “I am Almighty God.
Live in a way that pleases me so that you will be blameless.

How old was Abram when Yahweh appeared again to him to confirm his covenant with Abram?

Abram was ninety-nine years old when Yahweh again appeared to Abram.

What command did Yahweh give Abram concerning Abram’s way of life?

Yahweh commanded Abram to walk before him blamelessly.

Genesis 17:2

ULT

2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you very greatly.”

UST

2 I will establish my agreement with you, and I will increase {the number of} your descendants so that they are very numerous.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:3

ULT

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God spoke with him saying,

UST

3 Then Abram bowed with his face to the ground {before God} {to show respect}, and God continued speaking to him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:4

ULT

4 “I, behold, my covenant with you {is} that you will be the father of a multitude of nations.

UST

4 “Listen, this is what I will do to fulfill my agreement with you: I will make you the ancestor of many people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:5

ULT

5 So your name will not be called Abram any more, rather your name will be Abraham, because I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

UST

5 Your name will no longer be Abram, rather {from now on} it will be Abraham, because you will be the ancestor of many people groups.

To what did Yahweh change Abram’s name, and what does the name mean?

Yahweh changed Abram’s name to Abraham, which means “father of a multitude of nations”.

Genesis 17:6

ULT

6 So I will make you very, very fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings will come from you.

UST

6 Yes, I will give you many, many descendants, so that you will become {the ancestor of many} people groups. In fact, some of your descendants will be kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:7

ULT

7 And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations as an eternal covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

UST

7 I will establish my agreement with you and {all} your descendants {who live} after you for {all} generations to come. It will be an agreement that never ends, that I will be your God and {the God} of {all} your descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:8

ULT

8 And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, as an eternal possession, and I will be God to them."

UST

8 I will also give to you and your descendants this land where you have been living as a foreigner, {that is,} the entire land of Canaan. They will own it forever, and I will be their God."

What did Yahweh give to Abraham's descendants as part of the covenant?

Yahweh gave Abraham's descendants all the land of Canaan as part of the covenant.

What did Yahweh say would be the relationship between Abraham's descendants and Yahweh?

Yahweh said that he would be God to Abraham's descendants.

Genesis 17:9

ULT

9 Then God said to Abraham, "And you, you must keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

UST

9 Then God continued, "Now as for your part {in this agreement}, you must obey me. {That applies to} you as well as {all} your descendants for {all} generations to come.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:10

ULT

10 This {is} my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you which you must keep: Every male among you must be circumcised.

UST

10 This is {what I require in} my agreement with you and your descendants: You must circumcise all males {who live} among you.

What did Yahweh command be done as a sign of the covenant between Abraham and Yahweh? (vv10-11)

Yahweh commanded that every male be circumcised as a sign of the covenant between Abraham and Yahweh.

Genesis 17:11

ULT

11 Indeed you must be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

UST

11 You must circumcise yourselves, and that {custom} will remind {you all} that {I made} this agreement with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:12

ULT

12 So a son of eight days must be circumcised, every male among you throughout your generations, those born in {your} house and those bought with money from any sons of foreigners, who {are} not your offspring.

UST

12 For all {future} generations you must circumcise {every} baby boy among you who is eight days old, as well as all {other} males {in your household}. {That includes} those from your own family as well as those who are not your descendants, but are servants {whom you} bought from foreigners.

At what age was a baby to be circumcised?

A baby was to be circumcised after eight days.

What was to be done with foreigners who joined a household that was in covenant with Yahweh? (vv12-13)

Foreigners who joined a household in covenant with Yahweh were also to be circumcised.

Genesis 17:13

ULT

13 They must surely be circumcised, whether those born in your house or those bought with your money. So my covenant will be in your flesh as an eternal covenant.

UST

13 {That's right,} you must definitely circumcise {all of} them, {regardless of} whether they are sons from your own family or servants whom you have bought. That is how you must mark my agreement on your bodies to show that it is an agreement that never ends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:14

ULT

14 And {as for} an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, indeed that person must be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

UST

14 In fact, if any man refuses to let you circumcise him, you must {send him away and} not allow him to associate with my people, {because} he has disobeyed {what I require in} my agreement."

What happened to any male who was not circumcised?

Any male who was not circumcised was cut off from his people because he had broken the covenant.

Genesis 17:15

ULT

15 Then God said to Abraham, "Sarai your wife, do not call her name Sarai, rather her name {will be} Sarah.

UST

15 Then God {also} told Abraham, "{As for} your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai {any more}, rather {from now on} her name will be Sarah.

To what did Yahweh change Sarai's name?

Yahweh changed Sarai's name to Sarah.

Genesis 17:16

ULT

16 And I will bless her, and I will also give to you a son from her. Indeed I will bless her and she will become nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

UST

16 I will bless her, and I will definitely give you a son from her. In fact, I will bless her so that she will become {the ancestor of many} people groups, and some of her descendants will be kings over people groups.”

What did Yahweh promise would come by Sarah?

Yahweh promised that Abraham’s son would come by Sarah.

Genesis 17:17

ULT

17 Then Abraham fell on his face, and he laughed and said in his heart, “Will {a child} be born to a son of 100 years? And will Sarah who is a daughter of 90 years bear {a child}?”

UST

17 Then Abraham bowed with his face to the ground {before God} {to respect him}, but he laughed and thought to himself, “How can a hundred-year-old man {like me} father a child? And how can Sarah who is 90 years old {still} have a baby?”

How did Abraham respond to Yahweh’s promise concerning Sarah?

Abraham laughed and asked how a child could be born to a man and woman who were so old.

Genesis 17:18

ULT

18 Then Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live before you!”

UST

18 Then Abraham said to God, “Please let Ishmael be the one whom you bless {as my heir}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:19

ULT

19 Then God said, “No, Sarah your wife will bear a son for you, and you must call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him as an eternal covenant for his offspring after him.

UST

19 God replied, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will give birth to a son for you, and you must name him Isaac. I will establish my agreement with him as a permanent agreement {that will also stay in effect} with {all} his descendants {who live} after him.

What did God say Abraham must name the son that would come by Sarah?

God said that Abraham must name the son Isaac.

What did God say he would establish with Isaac?

God said that he would establish his covenant with Isaac.

Genesis 17:20

ULT

20 “And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I will bless him and I will make him fruitful and will multiply him very greatly. He will father twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.

UST

20 “I also heard what you asked me to do for Ishmael. {So} this is what I will do: I will bless him and give him many children and greatly increase {the number of} his descendants. {In fact,} he will be the father of twelve {sons who become} {powerful} leaders, and I will make him become {the ancestor of} a large people group.

What promise did God make concerning Ishmael?

God promised to bless Ishmael, to make him fruitful, and to make him a great nation.

Genesis 17:21

ULT

21 However, my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear for you by this time in the next year.”

UST

21 However I will establish my agreement with Isaac, whom Sarah will give birth to for you at this time next year.”

What did God say he would establish with Isaac?

God said that he would establish his covenant with Isaac.

Genesis 17:22

ULT

22 Then he finished speaking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

UST

22 After he had finished talking to Abraham, God left him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:23

ULT

23 Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born of his house and all those bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins on that very day, just as God had told him.

UST

23 Then Abraham gathered his son Ishmael and all the {other} males who were born in his household and all his male servants whom he had bought, {yes,} every male in his household. Then on that same day he circumcised them {all}, just as God had commanded him {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:24

ULT

24 And Abraham {was} a son of 99 years when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin,

UST

24 Abraham was 99 years old when they circumcised him,

After God left Abraham, what did Abraham do on that same day? (vv24-27)

On that same day, Abraham circumcised all the males of his household.

Genesis 17:25

ULT
25 and Ishmael his son {was} a son of thirteen years when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

UST
25 and his son Ishmael was thirteen years old when Abraham circumcised him.

How old was Ishmael when he was circumcised?
Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised.

Genesis 17:26

ULT
26 On that very day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

UST
26 {So it was,} on that same day they circumcised Abraham, and {he circumcised} his son Ishmael.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 17:27

ULT
27 And all the males of his house, those born of his house and those bought {with} money from sons of foreigners, were circumcised with him.

UST
27 And all the {other} males in Abraham's household, {including} those {who had been} born in his household and those {whom he had} bought {as slaves} from foreigners, were circumcised with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18

Genesis 18:1

ULT

[1] Then Yahweh appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, and he was sitting {at} the entrance of the tent in the heat of the day.

UST

[1] Then {one day} Yahweh appeared {again} to Abraham at the oak trees on Mamre's land, while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:2

ULT

[2] And he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing nearby him. And {when} he saw {them}, then he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them. Then he bowed to the ground,

UST

[2] Abraham looked up and saw that there were three men standing a short distance away. As soon as he saw them, he {jumped up and} hurried {to them} to greet them. Then he bowed {before them} {with his face} to the ground {to show respect},

As Abraham was sitting at his tent door, what did he see when he looked up?

Abraham saw three men standing across from him.

Genesis 18:3

ULT

[3] and he said, "My lords, if I have found favor in your eyes, please do not pass by your servant.

UST

[3] and he said {to them}, "Sirs, if you consider me worthy {to be your host}, please do not leave here without letting me serve you {as my guests}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:4

ULT

4 Please let a little water be brought, then you can wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

UST

4 Please let me bring {you} some water, so that you can wash {the dust off} your feet, and then rest under {the shade of} this tree.

What did Abraham offer the men? (vv4-5)

Abraham offered the men some water to wash, and some food.

Genesis 18:5

ULT

5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, then you can refresh your hearts before you go away, since you have come to your servant." And they said, "Very well, do as you have said."

UST

5 Since you are here with me, let me {also} bring some food {for you} {to eat}, so that you can regain your strength before you continue on your way." They replied {to him}, "That's good, do what you have proposed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:6

ULT

6 Then Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of fine flour, and make loaves."

UST

6 Then Abraham hurried into his tent to Sarah and told her, "Quickly use three batches of our best flour, and bake {some} bread."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:7

ULT

[7] Then Abraham ran to the herd and selected a tender and choice calf. Then he gave it to a servant and he hurried to prepare it.

UST

[7] Then he ran {outside} to his herd {of cattle} and chose one of his best calves that would be good to eat. Then he took it to one of his servants, and the servant quickly butchered it and cooked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:8

ULT

[8] Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and he set it before them. Then he stood by them under the tree and they ate.

UST

[8] Then Abraham brought {some} yogurt and milk and the meat that his servant had prepared, and he put it {all} before his {three} guests {to eat}. Then he stood nearby them {where they were sitting} under the tree {and served them} while they ate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:9

ULT

[9] Then they said to him, “Where {is} Sarah your wife?” And he said, “Behold, in the tent.”

UST

[9] Then {one of} the men asked Abraham, “Where is your wife Sarah?” Abraham answered, “{She is} there in the tent.”

Where was Sarah when the visitor gave his prediction?

Sarah was in the tent.

Genesis 18:10

ULT

10 Then he said, “I will surely return to you at the time of life, and behold, your wife Sarah will have a son.”
Now Sarah was listening {at} the entrance of the tent, and it {was} behind him.

UST

10 Then the man {who was actually Yahweh} said {to Abraham}, “I will definitely return {here} to visit you at this time next year, and when I do, your wife Sarah will have a {baby} son.” Now Sarah was listening inside the entrance of the tent which was behind the man.

What prediction did the one visitor give concerning Sarah?

The one visitor said that when he returned, Sarah would have a son.

Genesis 18:11

ULT

11 And Abraham and Sarah {were} old, advanced in days; the way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

UST

11 She and Abraham were {already} very old, so that Sarah was {far} past the age that she could have children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:12

ULT

12 So Sarah laughed within herself and said, “After I am worn out, will I have pleasure? And my lord {is} old!”

UST

12 So she laughed to herself {in disbelief} and said {to herself}, “It doesn’t seem possible that I could experience the pleasure {of having a child} now that I am too old {to conceive} and my husband is {also} old!”

How did Sarah respond to the visitor’s prediction?

Sarah laughed to herself when she heard the visitor’s prediction.

Genesis 18:13

ULT

13 But Yahweh said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Will I really bear {a child} when I am old?’

UST

13 But Yahweh asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh {to herself} and say that she is too old to have a child?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:14

ULT

14 Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the appointed time I will return to you, at the time of life, and Sarah will have a son.”

UST

14 Nothing is too difficult for Yahweh {to do}! At the time that I have set, I will return to you {here}. {Yes, I will come} at this time next year, and Sarah will {already} have a son.”

What did Yahweh, the visitor, say about Sarah’s response?

Yahweh asked why Sarah laughed, and said “Is anything too hard for Yahweh”?

Genesis 18:15

ULT

15 But Sarah denied it by saying, “I did not laugh,” because she was afraid. But he said, “No, but you did laugh.”

UST

15 {When Sarah heard what the man said,} she was afraid, so she lied {to him} and said, “I did not laugh.” But Yahweh replied, “That’s not true. You did laugh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:16

ULT

16 Then the men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them off.

UST

16 {When they had finished eating,} the {three} men got up {to leave} and started walking down toward {the city of} Sodom. Abraham escorted them {for a while} to see them on their way.

When the men left Abraham's home, toward where did they go?

The men left Abraham's home and went toward Sodom.

Genesis 18:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh said, "Should I hide from Abraham what I am doing?

UST

17 Then Yahweh thought {to himself}, "Should I keep secret from Abraham what I am about to do {to the city of Sodom}?

What question did Yahweh ask as they walked?

Yahweh said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do"?

Genesis 18:18

ULT

18 And Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed.

UST

18 After all, he {and his descendants} will definitely become a great and powerful people group, and through him I will bless all the people groups in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:19

ULT

19 For I have known him so that he will command his children and his house after him, and they will keep the way of Yahweh by doing righteousness and justice, so that Yahweh will bring about for Abraham what he said to him."

UST

19 In fact, I have chosen him so that he will train his children and his descendants, so that they will live the way I want them to live and do what is right and treat people justly. Therefore I will do for him everything I have promised him {that I will do}."

What did Yahweh say Abraham must do so that Yahweh might fulfill the promises given to Abraham?

Yahweh said that Abraham must instruct his children and his household to do righteousness and justice.

Genesis 18:20

ULT

20 Then Yahweh said, "Because the outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and because their sin is very grievous,

UST

20 Then Yahweh said {to Abraham}, "I have heard that {the people of} {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah have become very evil, and they are sinning very terribly.

Why were the men going toward Sodom? (vv20-21)

The men were going toward Sodom because the cries against Sodom and Gomorrah were great, and they wanted to see if the cities were as wicked as the outcry suggested.

Genesis 18:21

ULT

21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to its outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

UST

21 So I must go down {to those cities} now and determine whether or not they are guilty of everything that I have heard against them. If {they are} not {guilty}, {then} I will know {it} {and I will not punish them}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:22

ULT

22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, and Abraham was still standing before Yahweh.

UST

22 Then the {other two} men left Yahweh and Abraham behind and continued walking toward {the city of} Sodom, while Abraham remained {there} with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:23

ULT

23 Then Abraham approached {him} and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

UST

23 Then Abraham stepped closer {to Yahweh} and asked {him}, “Certainly you will not destroy righteous people {along} with wicked people, will you?

As Abraham stood with Yahweh, what question did he ask Yahweh?

Abraham asked, “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked”?

Genesis 18:24

ULT

24 Suppose there are 50 righteous in the city? Will you really sweep away and not spare the place for the sake of the 50 righteous who {are} in it?

UST

24 What {will you do} if there are 50 righteous people in the city {of Sodom}? Will you really {still} destroy {all the people in} the city rather than let them all live because of the 50 righteous people who live there?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:25

ULT

25 Far be it from you to do something like that, killing the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous are like the wicked! Far be it from you! Will not the One who judges all the earth do justice?”

UST

25 Certainly you would never do such a thing as kill righteous people together with evil people, so that you are treating them both the same way! Certainly you would never do such a thing! As the Judge over everyone on the earth, will you not treat people justly?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:26

ULT

26 Then Yahweh said, “If I find in Sodom 50 righteous in the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

UST

26 Yahweh replied {to him}, “If I find 50 righteous {people} in the city of Sodom, then I will spare the whole city {and everyone who lives there} because of them.”

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were fifty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:27

ULT

27 Then Abraham spoke up and said, “Behold please, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord, although I {am} dust and ashes.

UST

27 Then Abraham spoke up {again} and asked {Yahweh}, “My Lord, please excuse me for speaking to you so boldly, even though I am {as insignificant as} dirt and ashes {compared to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 18:28

ULT

28 Suppose the 50 righteous lack five? Will you destroy the whole city because of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it, if I find 45 there."

UST

28 {But} what {will you do} if there are only 45 righteous people {in the city} instead of 50? Will you destroy the whole city {and everyone in it} if there are five people too few {who are righteous}?" Yahweh answered, "I will not destroy the city, if I find 45 {righteous people living} there."

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were forty-five righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:29

ULT

29 Then he continued again to speak to him and said, "Suppose 40 are found there?" And he said, "I will not do it for the sake of the 40."

UST

29 Then Abraham spoke again to Yahweh and asked, "What {will you do} if you find {only} 40 {righteous people} in the city? {Will you destroy it then?}" Yahweh answered, "I will not destroy {the city}, in order to save the 40 {righteous people}."

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were forty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:30

ULT

30 Then he said, "Please do not let my Lord be angry, and let me speak: Suppose 30 are found there?" And he said, "I will not do it, if I find 30 there."

UST

30 Then Abraham pleaded {with him}, "My Lord, please do not be angry {with me}, but let me ask {you} {another question}: What {will you do} if you find {only} 30 {righteous people} {living} there?" He replied, "I will not destroy {the city}, if I find 30 {righteous people} there."

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were thirty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:31

ULT

31 Then he said, “Behold please, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord: Suppose 20 are found there?” And he said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the 20.”

UST

31 Then Abraham asked {him}, “My Lord, please excuse me for speaking to you so boldly, {but} what {will you do} if you find {only} 20 {righteous people} {living} in the city?” Yahweh replied, “I will not destroy the city, in order to save the 20 {righteous people}.”

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were twenty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:32

ULT

32 Then he said, “Please do not let my Lord be angry, and let me speak just once more: Suppose ten are found there?” And he said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”

UST

32 Then Abraham said, “My Lord, please do not be angry {with me}, but let me ask {you} just one more thing: What {will you do} if you find {only} ten {righteous people} in the city?” Yahweh answered {him}, “I will not destroy {the city}, in order to save the ten {righteous people}.”

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were ten righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:33

ULT

33 Then Yahweh left as soon as he finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

UST

33 When Yahweh had finished talking with Abraham, he left {him}, and Abraham returned home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19

Genesis 19:1

ULT

1 Then the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom. And Lot saw them, and he got up to meet them and bowed his face to the ground.

UST

1 That evening the two angels arrived at {the city of} Sodom, while Lot was sitting at the gate of the city. When Lot saw them, he stood up and greeted them and {then} bowed {before them} with his face to the ground {to show respect}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:2

ULT

2 Then he said, “Behold please, my lords. Please turn aside to the house of your servant and spend the night, and wash your feet, then you can get up early and go on your way.” But they said, “No, rather we will spend the night in the street.”

UST

2 Then he said {to them}, “Sirs, please listen. Please come to my house so that I can serve you and you can lodge for the night {there}. {That way} too {you can} wash {the dust off} your feet, then {tomorrow morning} you can get up early and continue traveling.” But the two angels replied, “Thank you, but we will {just} stay in the public square tonight.”

When Lot saw the two angels coming into Sodom, what did he offer them?

Lot offered that they stay at his home for the night, and then leave in the morning.

What was the angels’ response to Lot?

The angels said that they would spend the night in the town square.

Genesis 19:3

ULT

[3] But he urged them strongly, so that they turned aside with him and entered into his house. Then he prepared a feast for them, and he baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

UST

[3] However Lot continued to urgently invite them until they {finally agreed and} went with him to his house. Then Lot prepared a big meal for them, including {some} flat bread, and they {sat down and} ate {the meal}.

At Lot's urging, where did the angels finally decide to spend the night?

Finally, the angels went with Lot to his home for the night.

Genesis 19:4

ULT

[4] Before they lay down, then the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, from the young and to the old, all the people from the edges.

UST

[4] {But} {after supper,} before they could lie down {to sleep}, {all} the men in the city of Sodom surrounded Lot's house, including men of all ages. {In fact,} all the people from every part {of the city were there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:5

ULT

[5] Then they called to Lot and said to him, "Where {are} the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can know them!"

UST

[5] Then they shouted to Lot, "Where {are} the {two} men who came to lodge with you tonight? Bring them outside to us so that we can have relations with them!"

What did the men of the city who surrounded Lot's house want Lot to do?

The men wanted Lot to bring out the two men visiting him, so they could sleep with them.

Genesis 19:6

ULT
6 Then Lot went out to them at the entrance and shut the door behind him,

UST
6 But Lot went outside near the doorway {to talk} to them, and he shut the door {of the house} behind him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:7

ULT
7 and he said, “Please, my brothers, do not do evil!

UST
7 Then he pleaded {with them}, “I beg you, my friends, do not do such an evil thing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:8

ULT
8 Behold please, I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please let me bring them out to you, and you do to them as {is} good in your eyes. But do not do anything to these men, because for that {reason} they have come under the shadow of my rafters.”

UST
8 Listen please, I have two daughters who have never had marital relations with a man. Please let me bring them out to you, so that you can do with them whatever you want. But do not harm these men, because they are my guests and I am responsible for their safety.”

What did Lot offer the men of the city instead?
Lot offered the men of the city his two daughters instead of the two visitors.

Genesis 19:9

ULT

[9] But they said, “Get back!” Then they said, “This one came to sojourn, and now he is judging {us}! We will treat you worse than them!” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near to break down the door.

UST

[9] But the men of Sodom shouted {at him}, “Get out of our way!” Then they said {to each other}, “This guy came {here} as a foreigner, and now he wants to judge us!” {Then they shouted at Lot,} “{Now} we will treat you worse than {we will treat} your {two} guests!” Then they started shoving hard against Lot and surged forward to break down the door {of his house}.

How did the men respond to Lot’s offer?

The men told Lot to stand back and almost broke down the door.

Genesis 19:10

ULT

[10] But the men reached out {their} hands and brought Lot into the house to them and shut the door.

UST

[10] But Lot’s {two} guests {opened the door}, reached outside and {quickly} pulled him {back} into the house with them and closed the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:11

ULT

[11] Then they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness, from the small and to the great, so that they became weary {trying} to find the door.

UST

[11] Then they caused the men who were at the door of the house to be blind, every last one of them, so that they exhausted themselves {groping around} trying to find the door.

What did the angels then do?

The angels pulled Lot back into the house and struck the men outside with blindness.

Genesis 19:12

ULT

12 Then the men said to Lot, “Who else {is} here with you? Sons-in-law and your sons and your daughters and anyone who {is} with you in the city, take them out from this place,

UST

12 Then the {two} angels asked Lot, “Do you have any other relatives here in Sodom? If you have sons-in-law or sons or daughters or any other relatives here, {hurry up and} get them away from this city,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:13

ULT

13 because we are destroying this place. For their outcry before Yahweh {is} great, so Yahweh has sent us to destroy it.”

UST

13 because we are about to destroy it. Yahweh has heard that the people of this city are guilty of serious sins, so he has sent us to destroy the city.”

What did the angels say they had been sent to do by Yahweh?

The angels said they had been sent to destroy the city.

Genesis 19:14

ULT

14 Then Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law who were to take his daughters, and he said, “Get up, get out of this place, because Yahweh is destroying the city!” But it seemed like he was joking in the eyes of his sons-in-law.

UST

14 So Lot went to his {future} sons-in-law who were engaged to his daughters, and he warned them, “Hurry up {and} leave this city, because Yahweh is about to destroy it!” But his sons-in-law thought that he was joking, {so they ignored him}.

How did Lot’s sons-in-law respond when Lot told them to hurry and leave Sodom because it was about to be destroyed?

Lot’s sons-in-law thought Lot was joking.

Genesis 19:15

ULT

15 Then when the dawn came, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that you are not swept away in the punishment of the city.”

UST

15 Early the next morning, the {two} angels urged Lot by saying, “Hurry up {and} take your wife and your two daughters {out of the city}! If you don’t, you will die when {God} punishes {the people of} the city.”

When morning dawned, what did the angels tell Lot to do?

The angels told Lot to take his wife and daughters and get out of the city.

Genesis 19:16

ULT

16 But he lingered, so the men grabbed his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, because of Yahweh’s mercy for him, and brought him out and set him outside the city.

UST

16 Lot hesitated, but Yahweh was being merciful to him, so the {two} men grabbed his hand and the hands of his wife and his two daughters, and took them outside the city.

Why, despite Lot’s lingering, did the angels bring Lot and his family by their hands out of the city?

The angels set them outside the city because Yahweh was merciful to them.

Genesis 19:17

ULT

17 And it happened when they had brought them out to the outside, then he said, “Flee for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stop anywhere in the plain! Escape to the mountains, so that you are not swept away!”

UST

17 As {soon as} the angels had taken them outside {the city}, one of them said {to Lot}, “Run away from here as fast as you can! Do not look behind you, and do not stop anywhere in the valley! Hurry to the mountains, or else you will die!”

What instructions did the angels give Lot when they were outside the city?

The angels told Lot and his family to flee for their lives and to not look back.

Genesis 19:18

ULT

18 Then Lot said to them, “Please, no, my lords!

UST

18 But Lot replied to them, “I beg you, sirs, please don’t {make us do that}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:19

ULT

19 Behold please, your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have magnified your mercy that you have shown to me by saving my life. But I am not able to escape to the mountains because the disaster will overtake me and I will die.

UST

19 Listen please. You have treated me well even though I am unimportant, and you have been very kind to me and saved my life. But I am not able to run {all the way} to the mountains before the disaster occurs and kills me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:20

ULT

20 Behold please, that town there {is} near to flee to, and it {is} a little one. Please let me escape there. Isn’t it a little one? Then my life will live.”

UST

20 {So} listen {to this} please: that town {up ahead} is near {enough} to run to {in time}, and it is {just} a small {town}. Please let us run there {and do not destroy it}, especially since it is so small. Then we can stay alive.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:21

ULT

21 Then he said to him, “Behold, I have also lifted up your face concerning this thing, so I will not overthrow the town that you are talking about.

UST

21 The angel replied to Lot, “Alright, I will allow you to go to the {small} town that you’re talking about and I will not destroy it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:22

ULT

22 Hurry up, escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until you go there.” For that {reason} he called the name of the town Zoar.

UST

22 {But} hurry up {now and} run there, because I cannot destroy anything until you get there.” Since Lot said the town was small, the name of the town is Zoar {which means “small”}.

Where did the angel allow Lot and his family to flee?

Lot and his family were allowed to flee to a small city called Zoar.

Genesis 19:23

ULT

23 The sun rose over the land and Lot came to Zoar.

UST

23 The sun was rising over the land as Lot {and his family} reached {the town of} Zoar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:24

ULT
24 Then Yahweh rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of the heavens,

UST
24 Then Yahweh caused fire and burning rocks to fall like {heavy} rain from the sky on {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah.

What did Yahweh do when Lot reached Zoar?
Yahweh rained down sulfur and fire from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:25

ULT
25 and he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, including all the inhabitants of the cities and the vegetation of the ground.

UST
25 {In that way,} he {completely} destroyed those {two} cities and the entire valley, including everyone who lived in the cities and {all} the plants in the area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:26

ULT
26 But his wife from behind him looked back and she became a pillar of salt.

UST
26 But Lot's wife, {who was} {walking} behind him, looked back {at the city}, and she turned into a statue of {solid} salt {rock}.

What did Lot's wife do and what happened to her?
Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:27

ULT

27 Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he had stood before Yahweh,

UST

27 {Meanwhile} early that same morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood with Yahweh {the day before}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:28

ULT

28 and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the surface of the land of the plain, and he looked and behold, smoke was rising from the land like smoke from a furnace.

UST

28 He looked down at {the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah and all {the rest of} the valley, and there in front of him, he saw that {lots of thick} smoke was billowing up over the land like smoke from a {huge} fire.

What did Abraham see early in the morning as he looked down at all the land of the plain?

Abraham saw smoke rising from the land like the smoke of a furnace.

Genesis 19:29

ULT

29 So it was when God destroyed the cities of the plain that God remembered Abraham, and he sent Lot out of the middle of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities which Lot had lived in.

UST

29 So it was {that} when God destroyed the cities in the valley, he did not forget Abraham, and so he saved Lot from the catastrophe that {completely} destroyed the cities which Lot had lived in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:30

ULT

30 Then Lot went up from Zoar and settled in the mountains, and his two daughters {were} with him, because he was afraid to settle in Zoar. So he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.

UST

30 After that, Lot was afraid to stay in {the town of} Zoar, so he and his two daughters moved from there to the mountains and lived in a cave.

To where did Lot then move and why?

Lot then moved to the mountains because he was afraid to live in Zoar.

Genesis 19:31

ULT

31 Then the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father {is} old and there is not a man on the earth to come to us as {is} the way of all the earth.

UST

31 Then {one day} his oldest {daughter} said to the younger one, “Our father is old and there aren’t any men around here to marry us, which is the custom {that people have} everywhere else in the world.

What plan did Lot’s daughters make involving their father? (vv31-32)

Lot’s daughters planned to make their father drunk, then lie with him so that they could have children.

Genesis 19:32

ULT

32 Come on, let us get our father to drink wine, then let us lie with him, so that we will give life to offspring through our father.”

UST

32 {So} come on, let’s get our father drunk on wine, then let’s have relations with him, so that we can continue our family line with him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:33

ULT

33 So they got their father to drink wine on that night, and the firstborn went and lay with her father, but he did not know when she lay down or when she got up.

UST

33 So that night they got their father drunk on wine. Then the older {daughter} went {to him} and had relations with him. But {he was so drunk that} he was not {even} aware that she got in bed {with him} or that she left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:34

ULT

34 Then it happened on the next day that the firstborn said to the younger, “Behold, last night I lay with my father. Let us get him to drink wine again tonight, then you go lie with him, so that we will give life to offspring through our father.”

UST

34 The next day Lot’s older {daughter} said to the younger one, “Listen, last night I slept with our father. Let’s get him drunk on wine again tonight, then you {also} go {and} have relations with him, so that we can continue our family line with him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:35

ULT

35 So on that night also they got their father to drink wine. Then the younger went and lay with him, but he did not know when she lay down or when she got up.

UST

35 So that night Lot’s daughters got their father drunk on wine again. Then the younger {daughter} went and had relations with him. And {once again} {he was so drunk that} he was not aware that she got in bed {with him} or that she left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:36

ULT
36 So both of the daughters of Lot conceived from their father.

UST
36 In that way, both of Lot's daughters became pregnant from {having relations with} their father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 19:37

ULT
37 Then the firstborn bore a son, and she called his name Moab. He {is} the father of the Moabites to this day.

UST
37 Later his older {daughter} gave birth to a son, and she named him Moab {which means "from my father"}. He became the ancestor of the Moabite people {who are still living} today.

Which two people groups came from the daughters of Lot? (vv37-38)
The Moabite and Ammonite people groups came from the daughters of Lot.

Genesis 19:38

ULT
38 Then the younger, she also bore a son, and she called his name Ben-Ammi. He {is} the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

UST
38 Lot's younger {daughter} also gave birth to a son, and she named him Ben-Ammi {which means "son of my people"}. He became the ancestor of the Ammonite people {who are still living} today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20

Genesis 20:1

ULT

[1] Then Abraham traveled from there to the land of the Negev, and he settled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

UST

[1] Meanwhile Abraham {and his family} left the place where they were living {and moved south} to the Negev {Desert} area. There they lived between {the cities of} Kadesh and Shur, and they stayed for a while in {the city of} Gerar.

What did Abraham say about Sarah while he was living at Gerar? (vv1-2)

Abraham said that Sarah was his sister.

Genesis 20:2

ULT

[2] And Abraham said about Sarah his wife, “She {is} my sister.” So Abimelech the king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her.

UST

[2] {While they were there,} Abraham told {people} that his wife Sarah {was} his sister. So {one day} Abimelech, {who was} the king of Gerar, had {some of his servants} bring Sarah {to his home} {to be his wife}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:3

ULT

[3] But God came to Abimelech in a dream that night and said to him, “Behold, you are dead because of the woman whom you have taken, because she is married to a husband!”

UST

[3] But that night God appeared to {King} Abimelech in a dream and said to him, “Listen, you are about to die because the woman whom you have taken {to be your wife} is {already} married to someone else!”

What did God say to Abimelech after he took Sarah?

God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him that he was a dead man because he had taken a man’s wife.

Genesis 20:4

ULT

[4] Now Abimelech had not gone near to her, so he said, “My Lord, will you kill a nation even though {it is} righteous?

UST

[4] However Abimelech had not {yet} slept with Sarah, so he asked {God}, “My Lord, will you kill {me and} my people even if {we are} innocent?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:5

ULT

[5] Did not he himself say to me, ‘She {is} my sister’? And she herself also said, ‘He {is} my brother’. I did this in the integrity of my heart and in the innocence of my hands!”

UST

[5] Abraham himself told me that Sarah was his sister. And she herself also said that he was her brother. {So} I took her {to be my wife} with a pure conscience, and I did not know that I was doing anything wrong!”

What did Abimelech say to God he had been told by Abraham and Sarah?

Abimelech said to God that Abraham had told him Sarah was his sister, and Sarah had told him Abraham was his brother.

Genesis 20:6

ULT

[6] Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that in the integrity of your heart you did this, and indeed I kept you from sinning against me. For that {reason} I did not allow you to touch her.

UST

[6] God replied to him in the dream, “Yes, I know that it was with a pure conscience that you took Sarah {to be your wife}, and in fact I {am the one who} kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you sleep with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:7

ULT

7 So now you must return the wife of the man, because he {is} a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not return her, know that you will surely die, you and all who {belong} to you!”

UST

7 So now you must give Abraham’s wife back {to him}. He is a prophet {for me}, so he will ask me to be merciful to you, so that you will not die. However if you refuse to give Sarah back {to him}, you can be sure that you and all your people will definitely die!”

What did God tell Abimelech to do, and what did God say would happen if he did not do it?

God told Abimelech to return Sarah to Abraham; otherwise, he and all his people would die.

Genesis 20:8

ULT

8 So Abimelech got up early in the morning and called for all of his servants, and he told all those things in their ears, and the men were very afraid.

UST

8 Early the next morning {King} Abimelech got up and called together all of his officials. He told them everything that had happened, and they were very afraid {that God would punish them}.

How did Abimelech’s men respond when they heard what God had told Abimelech?

Abimelech’s men were very afraid when they heard what God had told him.

Genesis 20:9

ULT

9 Then Abimelech called for Abraham and said to him, “What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you so that you brought a great sin on me and on my kingdom? You have done deeds to me that should not be done!”

UST

9 Then the king called in Abraham and said to him, “You have treated us very badly! I never did anything wrong to you, and yet you have caused me and the people whom I rule to be guilty of sinning terribly! You have wronged me in ways that should never be done {to anyone}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:10

ULT

10 Then Abimelech said to Abraham, “What were you looking for when you did this thing?”

UST

10 Then {King} Abimelech asked him, “What motivated you to do what you did?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:11

ULT

11 And Abraham answered, “Because I said, ‘Surely there is no fear of God in this place, so they will kill me because of my wife.’

UST

11 Abraham answered {him}, “{I did it,} because I thought that surely no one in this place reveres God, so they will kill me to get my wife {for themselves}.

Why did Abraham say he had told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister?

Abraham said that he was afraid Abimelech would kill him because of Sarah.

Genesis 20:12

ULT

12 And also she truly {is} my sister, the daughter of my father but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.

UST

12 Besides that, Sarah actually {is} my half-sister. We had the same father, but different mothers, and {after we grew up,} we got married.

In what way was Sarah actually Abraham’s sister?

Sarah was the daughter of Abraham’s father, but not of his mother.

Genesis 20:13

ULT

13 And it happened when God caused me to wander from the house of my father, then I said to her, ‘This {is} your kindness that you can do for me: At every place where we go, say about me, “He {is} my brother.” ’ ”

UST

13 {Years} later when God told me to leave my father’s family, I asked her to do me a favor and tell people wherever we go that I {am} her brother.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:14

ULT

14 Then Abimelech brought flocks and herds and men slaves and women slaves and gave them to Abraham, and he returned Sarah his wife to him.

UST

14 Then {King} Abimelech brought {many} sheep and cattle and male and female servants {to Abraham} and gave {them all} to him. He {also} gave Abraham’s wife Sarah back to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:15

ULT

15 Then Abimelech said, “Behold, my land {is} before your face. Settle wherever {is} good in your eyes.”

UST

15 Then {King} Abimelech said {to him}, “Look, my land {is} available to you. Live {wherever} you decide {is} best.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 20:16

ULT

16 And to Sarah he said, “Behold, I am giving 1, 000 shekels of silver to your brother. Behold, that {is} for you a covering of the eyes before all who {are} with you, so that you are vindicated for everything.”

UST

16 Then he {turned} to Sarah {and} said, “Listen, I am giving 1, 000 pieces of silver to your brother. I’m doing this so that everyone knows you did nothing wrong, and to compensate you for everything {that has happened to you}.”

What animals and people did Abimelech give Abraham?

Abimelech gave Abraham sheep and oxen, male and female slaves.

What reason did Abimelech give Sarah as to why he gave her brother a thousand pieces of silver?

Abimelech told Sarah he had given a thousand pieces of silver to her brother to cover any offense against Sarah in the eyes of all that were with Sarah, and before everyone.

Genesis 20:17

ULT

17 Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his slave women, so that they bore children,

UST

17 Then Abraham prayed to God {for King Abimelech}, so God healed him and his wife and his female servants, so that they could have children {again}.

What happened when Abraham prayed to God for Abimelech and his people?

God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female slaves so they were able to have children.

Genesis 20:18

ULT

18 because Yahweh had completely closed up every womb in the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, the wife of Abraham.

UST

18 {Previously} Yahweh had kept all the women in Abimelech’s household from conceiving because he had taken Abraham’s wife Sarah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21

Genesis 21:1

ULT
[1] Then Yahweh visited Sarah just as he had said, and Yahweh did for Sarah just as he had said,

UST
[1] Then Yahweh blessed Sarah just as he had said {he would}. Yes, he did for her exactly what he had promised {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:2

ULT
[2] so that Sarah conceived and bore a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time which God had told him.

UST
[2] So Sarah became pregnant and at the time {God had} appointed, she gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, just as God had promised him {that she would}.

What did Yahweh do for Sarah?
Yahweh visited Sarah and she bore a son to Abraham at the promised time.

Genesis 21:3

ULT
[3] And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore for him, Isaac.

UST
[3] Then Abraham named his son Isaac, the son whom Sarah had given birth to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:4

ULT

4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, a son of eight days, just as God had commanded him.

UST

4 Also, when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, just as God had commanded him {to do}.

When Isaac was eight days old, what did Abraham do?

When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him.

Genesis 21:5

ULT

5 And Abraham {was} a son of 100 years when Isaac his son was born to him.

UST

5 Abraham {was} a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:6

ULT

6 And Sarah said, “God has brought laughter to me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me!”

UST

6 {When he was born,} Sarah exclaimed, “God has made me laugh {for joy}, {and} everyone who hears {about this} will laugh {for joy} with me!”

What did Sarah say God had made her do?

Sarah said that God had made her laugh.

Genesis 21:7

ULT

7 And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham {that} Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have born a son in his old age!”

UST

7 She also exclaimed, “No one would have {even thought of} telling Abraham {that} I would have children. Yet I have given birth to a son {for him} when he is old!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:8

ULT

8 Then the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day Isaac was weaned.

UST

8 Isaac grew as a child and reached the age when his mother stopped nursing him. When that happened, Abraham held a big feast {to celebrate}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:9

ULT

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born for Abraham, was mocking,

UST

9 But {during the feast} Sarah noticed that {Ishmael,} the son of {her} Egyptian {handmaid} Hagar and Abraham, was making fun of {Isaac}.

On the day Isaac was weaned, what did Sarah see?

Sarah saw the son of Hagar mocking.

Genesis 21:10

ULT

10 so she said to Abraham, “Drive away that slave woman and her son, because the son of that slave woman will not inherit with my son, with Isaac!”

UST

10 So she {was angry and} told Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son! Her son must never get anything that my son Isaac will inherit {from you}!”

What did Sarah tell Abraham to do with Hagar and her son, and why?

Sarah told Abraham to drive out Hagar and her son, because Hagar’s son would not be heir with Isaac.

Genesis 21:11

ULT

11 And the matter was very distressing in the eyes of Abraham on account of his son.

UST

11 Abraham was very upset about that, because {Ishmael} was {also} his son {and he cared about him too}.

What was Abraham’s reaction to Sarah’s demand?

Abraham was grieved by Sarah’s demand.

Genesis 21:12

ULT

12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed in your eyes because of the boy and because of your slave woman. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, because in Isaac offspring will be called yours.

UST

12 But God said to Abraham, “Do not be upset about the boy or your slave woman. {Rather} listen to everything Sarah tells you {to do}, {and do it,} because Isaac is the one who will be the ancestor of your descendants {whom I promised to you}.

What did God tell Abraham to do?

God told Abraham to listen to Sarah.

Genesis 21:13

ULT

13 And I will also make the son of the slave woman into a nation, because he {is} your offspring.”

UST

13 But I will also make your slave woman’s son become {the ancestor of} a {great} people group, because he is your son.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:14

ULT

14 Then Abraham got up early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder. Then with the child he sent her away, and she left and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

UST

14 Early the next morning Abraham got up, brought {some} food and a container of water to Hagar {and} put them on her back. Then he sent her off with the boy, and they left and wandered around in the desert near {the city of} Beersheba.

Where did Hagar and her son go after Abraham sent them out?

Hagar and her son went into the wilderness.

Genesis 21:15

ULT

15 And when the water from the skin was gone, then she threw the child under one of the bushes,

UST

15 When they had finished {all} the water in the container, she left her son under {the shade of} a bush.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:16

ULT

16 and she went and sat down by herself at a distance, as far away as they shoot a bow, because she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And {as} she sat at a distance, then she lifted her voice and sobbed.

UST

16 She thought {to herself}, “I cannot {bear to} watch my son die.” So she went {away from him} and sat down by herself, about as far away as someone can shoot an arrow. Then she started crying loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:17

ULT

17 And God heard the voice of the boy, so the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What {troubles} you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, because God has listened to the voice of the boy where he {is} there.

UST

17 God {also} heard the boy crying, so one of his angels called to Hagar from heaven and said, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid. God has heard the boy crying over there {and will take care of him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:18

ULT

18 Get up, lift the boy and hold on to him with your hand, because I will make him into a great nation.”

UST

18 {So} go help the boy get up and take care of him, because I {Yahweh} will make him become {the ancestor of} a great people group.”

What did God tell Hagar he would do for her son?

God said he would make the son of Hagar into a great nation.

Genesis 21:19

ULT

19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin {with} water, and gave the boy a drink.

UST

19 Then God enabled Hagar to see a well of water, so she went {to the well}, filled her {water} container {with} water and gave her son a drink.

How did Hagar and her son survive?

God opened Hagar's eyes and she saw a well of water.

Genesis 21:20

ULT

20 And God was with the boy. And he grew up, and he lived in the wilderness and he became a bow shooter.

UST

20 As the boy grew up, God was with him {and helped him}. He lived in the {Paran} Desert and became a {skilled} bowhunter.

What happened to Hagar's son as he grew up? (vv20-21)

Hagar's son became and archer and his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Genesis 21:21

ULT

21 And {while} he was living in the wilderness of Paran, then his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

UST

21 While he was there, his mother found a wife for him {who was} from the country of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:22

ULT

22 And it happened at that time that Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, said to Abraham, saying, “God {is} with you in all that you do.

UST

22 Meanwhile, one day {King} Abimelech {went} with his army captain Phicol {to Abraham} {and} said to him, “{I have noticed that} God {is} with you {and helps you} in everything that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:23

ULT

23 So now swear to me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me or with my children or with my descendants. According to the kindness that I have done to you, do to me and to the land which you are sojourning in.”

UST

23 So now {please} vow to me here in God’s presence that you will never deceive me or my children or my descendants, {but that} just as I have treated you kindly, you {also} will be kind to me and {my people in} this country where you are living.”

What did Abimelech want Abraham to swear to do for him?

Abimelech wanted Abraham to swear that he would not deal falsely with Abimelech, or with his children, or with his descendants. Abimelech asked Abraham to show to him the same covenant faithfulness that Abimelech had shown to Abraham.

Genesis 21:24

ULT

24 And Abraham said, “I swear.”

UST

24 Abraham replied {to him}, “I vow {that I will do those things}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:25

ULT

25 Then Abraham complained to Abimelech on account of the well of water that the servants of Abimelech had seized.

UST

25 Then Abraham complained to {King} Abimelech about a water well that Abimelech's servants had taken control of {from his servants}.

What did Abraham complain about to Abimelech?

Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized from him.

Genesis 21:26

ULT

26 Then Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing. And also you did not tell me, and also I have not heard about it until today."

UST

26 But Abimelech responded, "I do not know who did that. Besides that, you did not tell me {about it} {before} and so today is the first that I have heard about it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:27

ULT

27 Then Abraham took sheep and cattle, and he gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them cut a covenant.

UST

27 Then Abraham gave {some of his} sheep and cattle to Abimelech, and he and Abimelech made a {peace} treaty {with one another}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:28

ULT
28 Then Abraham set apart seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

UST
28 Abraham {also} separated seven female lambs from the flock by themselves.

Why did Abraham send seven female lambs to Abimelech? (vv28-30)
Abraham sent seven female lambs to Abimelech as a witness that he had dug the disputed well.

Genesis 21:29

ULT
29 So Abimelech said to Abraham, “What {are} they, these seven ewe lambs that you have set apart by themselves?”

UST
29 So Abimelech asked him, “Why did you separate those seven lambs {from the rest of the flock}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:30

ULT
30 And he said, “Because you must accept the seven ewe lambs from my hand, so that it can be a witness for me that I dug this well.”

UST
30 Abraham replied, “Because I want you to accept them from me, to show {everyone} that you agree with me that I dug this well {and it belongs to me}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:31

ULT
31 For that {reason} he called that place Beersheba, because there the two of them swore an oath.

UST
31 {Abimelech accepted the lambs,} so Abraham named that place Beersheba {which means “Well of the Seven” or “Well of the Vow”}, because that’s where the two of them vowed {to live at peace with one another}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 21:32

ULT

32 So they cut the covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, got up and returned to the land of the Philistines.

UST

32 After Abraham and {King} Abimelech made their {peace} treaty at Beersheba, Abimelech and his army captain Phicol left {from there} and returned {home} to {the capital city of} the Philistine territory {that he ruled as king}.

Into what land did Abimelech return?

Abimelech returned into the land of the Philistines.

Genesis 21:33

ULT

33 Then he planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of Yahweh, the Eternal God.

UST

33 Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he worshiped Yahweh by name, {who is} the God who lives forever.

What did Abraham do at the tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba?

Abraham worshiped Yahweh, the eternal God.

Genesis 21:34

ULT

34 Then Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

UST

34 After that, Abraham lived {there} in the land of the Philistines for many years.

Where did Abraham live for many days?

Abraham lived in the land of the Philistines for many days.

Genesis 22

Genesis 22:1

ULT

1 Then it happened after those things that God tested Abraham. And he said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Behold me.”

UST

1 Sometime later God {decided to} test Abraham. So he called to him, “Abraham!” Abraham replied, “Yes, {Lord}?”

What test did God give Abraham? (vv1-2)

God told Abraham to go the land of Moriah and offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Genesis 22:2

ULT

2 Then he said, “Please take your son, your only {son} whom you love, Isaac, and go yourself to the land of Moriah and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will tell to you.”

UST

2 Then God commanded {him}, “Take your son {with you}, {yes,} your only son Isaac whom you love, and travel {with him} to the region of Moriah. There you are to burn him up {on an altar} as a sacrifice {to me}, on one of the mountains that I will show to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:3

ULT

3 So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. And he took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son, and he cut wood for the burnt offering. Then he got up and left for the place that God had told to him.

UST

3 So the next morning Abraham got up early and put a {pack} saddle on his donkey {to get it ready} {for the trip}. Then he got his son Isaac and two of his servants, and they chopped {some} {fire}wood that they would use to burn the sacrifice {and loaded it on the donkey}. Then they started traveling to the place that God had told Abraham {to go to}.

How did Abraham respond to God’s command?

Abraham rose early in the morning and set out on his journey to the place God had told him about.

Genesis 22:4

ULT

4 On the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and he saw the place from a distance.

UST

4 Three days later Abraham looked {ahead} and in the distance he could see the mountain {where they were headed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:5

ULT

5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here by yourselves with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there and bow down, then we will come back to you.”

UST

5 Then he told his servants, “You {two} stay here with the donkey, while my son and I go {to the mountain} over there and worship {God}. Then we will come back to you.”

What did Abraham tell his two young men that he and Isaac were going to do?

Abraham told his two young men that he and Isaac were going to worship and then would return.

Genesis 22:6

ULT

6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put {it} on Isaac his son, and he took in his hand{s} the fire and the knife. Then the two of them went on together,

UST

6 Then Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering {off the donkey} and loaded {it} on his son Isaac{’s shoulder} {to carry}. He {himself} carried a fire pot {with hot coals in it} and a knife {to kill the sacrifice}. Then the two of them walked on together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:7

ULT

7 and Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father?” And he said, “Behold me, my son.” Then he said, “Behold the fire and the wood, but where {is} the lamb for the burnt offering?”

UST

7 {As they walked,} Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father?” Abraham replied, “Yes, my son?” Then Isaac asked {him}, “I see {that we have} the fire {coals} and the {fire}wood, but where {is} the lamb that {we} will burn as a sacrifice {to God}?”

What question did Isaac ask Abraham as they were walking together?

Isaac asked Abraham, “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering”?

Genesis 22:8

ULT

8 And Abraham said, “God will see for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them went on together.

UST

8 Abraham answered {him}, “My son, God himself will provide a lamb for us to burn as a sacrifice {to him}.” Then they continued walking together {toward the mountain}.

How did Abraham answer Isaac’s question?

Abraham said that God would himself provide the lamb for the burnt offering.

Genesis 22:9

ULT

9 Then they came to the place that God had told to him, and Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. Then he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

UST

9 When they reached the place that God had told him {to go to}, Abraham built an altar there and put the wood {on top of it}. Then he tied his son Isaac{’s arms and legs} {with rope} and laid him on top of the wood on the altar.

When they reached the place, what did Abraham prepare as the burnt offering and how did he do it?

Abraham prepared Isaac as the burnt offering by binding him and laying him on the altar.

Genesis 22:10

ULT
10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

UST
10 Then he picked up the knife in order to kill his son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:11

ULT
11 But an angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham! Abraham!” And he said, “Behold me.”

UST
11 But one of Yahweh’s angels called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” And he replied, “Yes, {Lord}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:12

ULT
12 Then he said, “Do not reach out your hand against the boy! And {do} not do anything to him, because now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only {son}, from me.”

UST
12 Then the angel told {him}, “Do not harm your son or do anything {else} to him. Now I know that you revere me, since you {have obeyed me and} have not held back your son from me, {yes,} your only son.”

When Abraham took the knife in his hand, what did the angel of Yahweh tell Abraham?
The angel of Yahweh told Abraham to not harm Isaac.

What did the angel say he now knew about Abraham?
The angel said that he now knew that Abraham feared God.

Genesis 22:13

ULT

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and behold a ram {was} behind {him}, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

UST

13 Then Abraham looked around and there behind {him} he saw a ram that had its horns stuck in a bush. So he {released Isaac,} went {over to the ram} and untangled it. {Then he killed it} and burned it {on the altar} as a sacrifice {to God} in place of his son.

How did God then provide the burnt offering for Abraham?

There was a ram caught in the bushes behind Abraham, which Abraham used as the burnt offering.

Genesis 22:14

ULT

14 So Abraham called the name of that place “Yahweh-Yireh,” as it is said {to} this day, “On the mountain of Yahweh it will be seen.”

UST

14 That is why Abraham named that place “Yahweh-Yireh,” {which means “Yahweh will provide”}. {Even} today people {still} say, “On Yahweh’s mountain he will provide what you need.”

What did Abraham call the place of the burnt offering?

Abraham called the place, “Yahweh will provide”.

Genesis 22:15

ULT

15 Then the angel of Yahweh called to Abraham a second {time} from heaven

UST

15 Then Yahweh’s angel called to Abraham from heaven again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:16

ULT

16 and said, “I swear by myself, a declaration of Yahweh, that it is because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only {son},

UST

16 He said, “This is what Yahweh declares {to you}: ‘With myself {as my own witness}, I promise {to you} that since you have obeyed me and did not hold back your son {from me}, {yes,} your only son,

What reason did the angel of Yahweh give for blessing Abraham? (vv16-17)

The angel of Yahweh said he would bless Abraham because Abraham had not withheld his only son.

Genesis 22:17

ULT

17 that I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your offspring as the stars of the heavens and as the sand that {is} on the shore of the sea, and your offspring will possess the gates of their enemies,

UST

17 I will abundantly bless you. I will greatly multiply your descendants {so that they will be as numerous} as the stars in the sky and {as numerous} as the {grains of} sand that are on the seashore. Your descendants will defeat their enemies and rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:18

ULT

18 and through your Offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you listened to my voice.”

UST

18 Through your Descendant I will bless all the people groups on the earth. {I will do that} because you obeyed me.’ ”

Through who and why were all nations of the earth to be blessed?

Through Abraham’s offspring all the nations of the earth were to be blessed, because Abraham had obeyed the angel of Yahweh’s voice.

Genesis 22:19

ULT

19 Then Abraham returned to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham stayed at Beersheba.

UST

19 After that, Abraham returned {with Isaac} to his {two} servants. Then together they {all} traveled {back} {home} to {the city of} Beersheba, and Abraham {and his family} stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:20

ULT

20 Then it happened after those things that it was told to Abraham, saying, “Behold, Milcah, she too, has born sons for Nahor your brother:

UST

20 Sometime later someone told Abraham, “I have news {for you}: Your brother Nahor and {his wife} Milcah also have {some} sons,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:21

ULT

21 Uz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram,

UST

21 {including} their oldest {son} Uz, then Buz, and Kemuel, {who is} the father of Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:22

ULT

22 and Kesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.”

UST

22 {They also have sons named} Kesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and Bethuel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:23

ULT

23 And Bethuel fathered Rebekah. Those {are} the eight {sons} Milcah bore for Nahor, the brother of Abraham.

UST

23 who has {a daughter named} Rebekah." Those {are} the eight {sons} {that} Milcah had for Abraham's brother Nahor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 22:24

ULT

24 And his concubine, and her name {was} Reumah, and she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash and Maacah.

UST

24 Besides that, Nahor and his slave woman Reumah also had {some} sons, {including} Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23

Genesis 23:1

ULT
1 Now the life of Sarah was 127 years; the years of the life of Sarah.

UST
1 Sarah lived to be 127 years old. That is how old she was

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:2

ULT
2 Then Sarah died in Kiriath Arba, that {is}, Hebron, in the land of Canaan, and Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

UST
2 when she died in {the city of} Kiriath Arba, which is {also called} Hebron, in the land of Canaan. Abraham went {to her} and cried and mourned for her.

What did Abraham first do when Sarah died?
When Sarah died, Abraham first mourned for her and wept for her.

Genesis 23:3

ULT
3 Then Abraham got up from beside his dead one and he spoke to the sons of Heth, saying,

UST
3 Later he stood up from {mourning} beside her and {went} to {the leaders of} the Hittites {at the city gates} and said to them,

What request did Abraham make to the sons of Heth? (vv3-4)
Abraham asked for a property to use as a burying-place.

Genesis 23:4

ULT

4 “I {am} a foreigner and a sojourner among you. Give to me property for a burial place among you, so that I can bury my dead from before me.”

UST

4 “{As you know,} I {am} a foreigner who is living among you {so I do not own any property here}. {Please} sell me some land so that I can bury {the body of} my wife who has died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:5

ULT

5 Then the sons of Heth replied to Abraham, saying to him,

UST

5 {The leaders of} the Hittites responded to Abraham,

How did the sons of Heth respond to Abraham’s request? (vv5-6)

The sons of Heth offered the choicest of their tombs to Abraham.

Genesis 23:6

ULT

6 “Listen to us, my lord. You {are} a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our burial places. Each of us will not refuse from you his burial place to bury your dead.”

UST

6 “Sir, {please} listen to what we propose: You are a powerful man among us. {So please choose} {any} one of our best burial sites and bury your deceased {wife} there. All of us are willing for you to use {any of} our burial sites to bury her.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:7

ULT

7 Then Abraham got up and bowed before the people of the land, before the sons of Heth,

UST

7 Then Abraham stood up and bowed {in respect} before {the leaders of} the Hittites, who owned the land {in the area},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:8

ULT

8 and he said to them, saying, “If it is your will to bury my dead from before me, listen to me and intercede for me with Ephron, the son of Zohar,

UST

8 and he said to them, “If you are willing {for me} to bury my deceased {wife} {here}, {please} help me by asking Ephron the son of Zohar

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:9

ULT

9 so that he will give to me the cave of Machpelah, which {belongs} to him, which {is} at the end of his field. For full price let him give it to me among you as property for a burial place.”

UST

9 to sell me his cave that is at the edge of his field in the Machpelah {area}. Ask him to sell it to me for its full price, with {all of} you {here} to witness {the sale}. That way I will have a place where I can bury {my wife who has died}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:10

ULT

10 Now Ephron was sitting among the sons of Heth, so Ephron the Hittite responded to Abraham in the ears of the sons of Heth, for everyone {who} had come to the gate of his city, by saying,

UST

10 Now Ephron the Hittite was sitting {there at the meeting} among the {other} Hittite leaders, so he replied to Abraham as the {other} leaders listened, including everyone {who} had gathered {there} at the city gate. He said,

When Abraham asked for Ephron the Hittite's cave as a tomb, how did Ephron respond? (vv10-11)

Ephron offered to give Abraham the cave and the field next to it.

Genesis 23:11

ULT

11 "No, my lord. Listen to me: I give to you the field, and I give to you the cave that {is} in it. I give it to you before the eyes of the sons of my people. Bury your dead."

UST

11 "That's not necessary, sir. {Please} accept this offer: I {hereby} give you the {entire} field, including the cave that {is} in it. I am giving it to you {now} as the leaders of my people watch. {You may} bury your deceased {wife} {there}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:12

ULT

12 Then Abraham bowed before the people of the land,

UST

12 Then Abraham bowed {again} before the leaders who owned the land {in the area}.

How did Abraham respond to Ephron's offer? (vv12-13)

Abraham offered to pay for the field and the cave.

Genesis 23:13

ULT

13 and he spoke to Ephron in the ears of the people of the land, saying, “Rather if you would, please listen to me. I will give the price of the field. Take it from me, then I will bury my dead there.”

UST

13 As they listened, he said to Ephron, “Rather {than that,} since you are willing {to let me have the field}, {please} accept my offer. I want to pay {you} the {full} price for the field. {Please} let me buy it from you, so that {it will be mine and} I can bury {my wife} there who has died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:14

ULT

14 Then Ephron answered Abraham, saying to him,

UST

14 Ephron responded to Abraham,

How did Ephron respond to Abraham’s offer? (vv14-15)

Ephron asked for four hundred shekels of silver for the field and the cave.

How did the conversation between Abraham and Ephron end? (vv14-16)

Abraham paid four hundred shekels of silver to Ephron for the piece of land.

Genesis 23:15

ULT

15 “My lord, listen to me. Land worth 400 shekels of silver-between me and you, what {is} that? So bury your dead.”

UST

15 “Sir, {please} listen to me. The land is worth 400 shekels of silver. {However} since you and I are friends, there is no need for that. {Go ahead and} bury your deceased {wife} {there}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:16

ULT

16 So Abraham listened to Ephron, and Abraham weighed out to Ephron the price that he had mentioned in the ears of the sons of Heth, 400 shekels of silver, the currency among the merchants.

UST

16 Abraham agreed with Ephron's price, and he paid Ephron the {amount of} silver that he had suggested while {the rest of} the Hittites listened. {Abraham weighed the} 400 shekels of silver using the standard weights that sellers used {at that time}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:17

ULT

17 So the field of Ephron that {was} in Machpelah which {was} before Mamre, the field and the cave that {was} in it, and every tree that {was} in the field that {was} within all of its surrounding borders, was deeded

UST

17 So Ephron's field that {was} in the Machpelah {area} east of {the city of} Mamre, {including both} the field and the cave that {was} in the field, as well as all the trees that {were} anywhere inside the boundaries of the field, was {officially} sold

What was included in the purchase of the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah? (vv17-18)

The field, the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field and all around its border were included in Abraham's purchase of the field of Ephron.

Genesis 23:18

ULT

18 to Abraham as his possession before the eyes of the sons of Heth, before everyone who had come to the gate of his city.

UST

18 to Abraham and became his property while the Hittites watched, including everyone who had gathered at the city gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 23:19

ULT

19 Then after that, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, that {is}, Hebron, in the land of Canaan.

UST

19 After that, Abraham put {the body of} his wife Sarah in the cave in that field in the Machpelah {area} east of {the city of} Mamre, which is {also called} Hebron, in the land of Canaan.

What did Abraham then do with the cave?

Abraham then buried Sarah in the cave.

Genesis 23:20

ULT

20 So the field and the cave that {was} in it were deeded to Abraham as property for a burial place from the sons of Heth.

UST

20 So {that is how} that field, including the cave that {was} in the field, was {officially} sold to Abraham by the Hittites, so that he had a place where he could bury {his wife who had died}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24

Genesis 24:1

ULT

[1] Now Abraham was old, advanced in days, and Yahweh had blessed Abraham in everything.

UST

[1] Abraham had lived a long time and was {now} {very} old, and Yahweh had blessed him in every way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:2

ULT

[2] Then Abraham said to his oldest servant of his house who was in charge of everything that {belonged} to him, “Please put your hand under my thigh,

UST

[2] {One day} Abraham said to his chief household servant who managed his entire estate for him, “Please put your hand under my thigh {to show that you will do what I ask}.

What did Abraham make his oldest servant swear to do? (vv2-4)

Abraham made his oldest servant swear that he would get a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s relatives.

Genesis 24:3

ULT

[3] and I will have you swear by Yahweh, the God of the heavens and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites whom I am living among,

UST

[3] I want you to vow to me, with Yahweh the God who rules the heavens and the earth as your witness, that you will not arrange for my son {Isaac} to marry {any of} the Canaanite women who live around us here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:4

ULT

[4] but you will go to my country and to my relatives, and take a wife for my son, for Isaac."

UST

[4] Rather you must go to the country where I grew up, to my relatives {who live there}, and find a wife for him {from there}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:5

ULT

[5] Then the servant said to him, "Suppose the woman is not willing to come with me to this land? Should I take your son back to the country that you came from?"

UST

[5] But {Abraham's} servant asked him, "What {should I do} if the {young} woman {I find} refuses to come {back} with me to this land {to live}? Do you want me to take your son back {there} to your home country {to marry her} {and live there}?"

What did Abraham insist that the servant not do with Isaac? (vv5-6)

Abraham insisted that the servant not take Isaac back to the land from which Abraham came.

Genesis 24:6

ULT

[6] Then Abraham said to him, "Be sure that you do not take my son back there.

UST

[6] Abraham answered him, "{No,} be sure that you never take my son back there {to live},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:7

ULT

7 Yahweh, the God of the heavens, who took me from the house of my father and from the land of my relatives and who spoke to me and who swore to me, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you will take a wife for my son from there.

UST

7 {because} Yahweh, the God who rules the heavens, brought me {here} from my father’s household and from the land where {the rest of} my relatives live, and he vowed to me that he will give this land to my descendants. He will send one of his angels ahead of you {to help you}, so that you will find a wife for my son from there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:8

ULT

8 But if the woman is not willing to come with you, then you are clear from this oath of mine. Only do not take my son back there!”

UST

8 But if the woman {you find} refuses to come back {here} with you, then you will be free from {keeping} this vow that you are making to me {now}. But {no matter what happens,} never take my son back to my home country!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:9

ULT

9 Then the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

UST

9 So {Abraham’s} servant put his hand under his master’s thigh and vowed to him that he would do what Abraham had requested him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:10

ULT

10 Then the servant took ten camels from the camels of his master and left, and all {kinds of} good {things} from his master {were} in his hand, and he got up and went to Aram Naharaim, to the city of Nahor.

UST

10 Then he got ten of his master's camels ready {for the trip}, and after he loaded them with all kinds of valuable things from his master {to use as gifts}, he left {with some other servants} and made the {long} trip to {the region of} Aram Naharaim, to the city where Nahor lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:11

ULT

11 Then he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, at the time the women who draw water come out.

UST

11 {When they arrived there,} Abraham's servant had the camels kneel down {to rest} outside the city near the well {that was there}. It was evening time, when the {young} women {of the city} were starting to come out {to the well} to draw water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:12

ULT

12 Then he said, "Yahweh, God of my master Abraham, please cause it to happen before me today that you show kindness toward my master Abraham.

UST

12 Then Abraham's servant prayed, "{Dear} Yahweh, {who is} the God who takes care of my master Abraham, please help me succeed today and {in that way} be kind to my master.

What did Abraham's servant ask God to do in order to show him which woman God had chosen for Isaac? (vv12-14)

The servant asked that the woman whom he asked to lower her pitcher to get a drink would do so and offer to water his camels also.

Genesis 24:13

ULT

13 Behold, I am standing by {this} spring of water, and the daughters of the people of the city are coming out to draw water.

UST

13 As you see, I am standing by this well, and young women from the city are coming {here} to draw water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:14

ULT

14 And let it be {that} the young woman whom I say to her, ‘Please let down your jar so that I may drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink and I will also water your camels,’ {let} her {be the one} you have appointed for your servant, for Isaac. And by her I will know that you have shown kindness toward my master.”

UST

14 {Please} make it happen that when I say to one of the young women, ‘Please lower your jug so that I can have a drink,’ she will say {to me}, ‘Have a drink and I will also draw water for your camels.’ Then I will know that she is the one you have chosen to be the wife of Isaac who serves you, and that you have been kind to my master.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:15

ULT

15 Then it happened before he had finished speaking, then behold, Rebekah was coming out, who was born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham. And her water jar {was} on her shoulder.

UST

15 Before Abraham’s servant had {even} finished praying, he saw {a young woman named} Rebekah coming out {of the city} carrying a water jug on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel, {who was} the son of Milcah and Abraham’s brother Nahor.

What relation was Rebekah to Abraham?

Rebekah was the granddaughter of Nahor, Abraham’s brother.

Genesis 24:16

ULT

16 And the young woman {was} a very beautiful-looking virgin, and a man had not known her. And she went down to the spring, and filled her jar and came up.

UST

16 She was a very beautiful unmarried young woman, whom no man had ever slept with. She walked down to the well, filled her jug {with water} and came {back} up {carrying it on her shoulder}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:17

ULT

17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar.”

UST

17 Then {Abraham’s} servant ran to meet her and said {to her}, “Please let me have a little water to drink from your jug.”

What did Rebekah do when Abraham’s servant asked for a drink of water? (vv17-18)

Rebekah gave the servant a drink.

Genesis 24:18

ULT

18 And she said, “Drink, my lord.” Then she hurried and lowered her jar to her hands and gave him a drink.

UST

18 She replied, “{Please} have a drink, sir.” Then she quickly lowered her jug {from her shoulder} to her hands and let him drink {some water} {from it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:19

ULT

19 And {after} she finished giving him a drink, then she said, “I will also draw water for your camels until they have finished drinking.”

UST

19 After that, she said {to him}, “I will also draw water for your camels until they have had enough to drink.”

What did Rebekah say after she had finished giving the servant a drink?

After Rebekah finished giving the servant a drink she said, “I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.”

Genesis 24:20

ULT

20 Then she hurried and emptied her jar into the trough, and ran back to the well to draw water, and she drew water for all his camels.

UST

20 Then she quickly emptied {the rest of the water from} her jug into the {animal drinking} trough {that was there}, and ran back {and forth} to the well to draw {more water}, until she had drawn {enough} for all of the camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:21

ULT

21 And the man watched her silently to know whether Yahweh had made his journey succeed or not.

UST

21 Meanwhile {Abraham’s} servant silently watched Rebekah {and waited} to find out whether or not Yahweh had made him successful on his journey {to find a wife for Isaac}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:22

ULT

22 Then it happened, when the camels had finished drinking, then the man took out a gold nose ring, its weight {was} a beka, and two gold bracelets for her arms, their weight {was} ten shekels.

UST

22 Finally, when the camels had finished drinking, the servant {gave Rebekah} a gold nose ring that weighed one beka, and two gold bracelets for her wrists that weighed ten shekels {each}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:23

ULT

23 And he said, “Whose daughter {are} you? Please tell me. Is there a place at the house of your father for us to lodge?”

UST

23 Then he asked {her}, “Please tell me who your father {is}. {Also,} is there room at his house for me and my men to spend the night {there}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:24

ULT

24 Then she said to him, “I {am} the daughter of Bethuel, the son of Milcah, whom she bore for Nahor.”

UST

24 Rebekah answered him, “My father {is} Bethuel, {and he is} one of Nahor and Milcah’s sons.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:25

ULT

25 Then she said to him, “Plenty of both straw and fodder {are} with us. {There is} also a place to lodge.”

UST

25 Then she added, “We have plenty of both straw and {other} feed {at our house} {for the camels to eat}, {and there is} also {enough} room {for you all} to stay {there} tonight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:26

ULT
26 Then the man bowed down and prostrated himself before Yahweh,

UST
26 Then the servant bowed to the ground and worshiped Yahweh,

What did the servant do when he heard that Rebekah was related to Abraham and that he could spend the night with her family? (vv26-27)
The servant worshipped Yahweh and blessed him.

Genesis 24:27

ULT
27 and said, “Praised be Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and his faithfulness toward my master. {As for} me, Yahweh has led me on the road {to} the home of the relatives of my master!”

UST
27 saying, “Praise Yahweh, the God {who takes care} of my master Abraham! He has never stopped being kind and faithful to my master, and he has guided me on {my} journey {here} {to} the home of my master’s relatives!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:28

ULT
28 Then the young woman ran and told the household of her mother about those things.

UST
28 Then Rebekah hurried {home} and told her mother’s family about what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:29

ULT

29 Now Rebekah had a brother and his name {was} Laban, and Laban ran to the man outside at the spring.

UST

29 Rebekah had a brother whose name {was} Laban, and he rushed out to the well where Abraham's servant was.

Who was Rebekah's brother?

Laban was Rebekah's brother.

Genesis 24:30

ULT

30 And it was when he had seen the nose ring, and the bracelets on the arms of his sister, and when he had heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, 'This {is} what the man said to me,' then he went to the man, and behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.

UST

30 As soon as Laban had seen the nose ring {that his sister was wearing} and the bracelets on her arms, and had heard her announce what the servant had said to her, he went {out} to meet him. He found him standing with {his} camels at the well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:31

ULT

31 Then he said, "Come, blessed of Yahweh. Why are you standing out here? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."

UST

31 Then Laban said {to him}, "Come {with me}, you whom Yahweh has blessed. There is no need for you to stand out here. I have gotten our house ready {for you and your men to stay with us} and {there is also} a place for {your} camels {to stay}."

What did Laban do when he met Abraham's servant?

Laban invited Abraham's servant to stay at his house.

Genesis 24:32

ULT

32 So the man went to the house. Then he unloaded the camels and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who {were} with him.

UST

32 So Abraham's servant went home {with Laban}. {When they arrived there,} Laban unloaded the camels, and he gave straw and {other} feed to them {to eat}. {He} also {gave} water {to the servant} and the men who {were} with him to wash their feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:33

ULT

33 Then food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have spoken my words." So he said, "Speak."

UST

33 Then {Laban's family} served them a meal to eat, but the servant said {to them}, "Before I can eat, I need to tell {you} why I am here." Laban responded {to him}, "{Please} tell {us} {what you have to say}."

What did Abraham's servant insist on doing before he ate?

Abraham's servant insisted on saying why he had come before he ate.

Genesis 24:34

ULT

34 Then he said, "I {am} a servant of Abraham.

UST

34 So the servant told {them}, "I am Abraham's servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:35

ULT

35 And Yahweh has greatly blessed my master so that he has become great. And he has given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men slaves and women slaves, and camels and donkeys.

UST

35 Yahweh has abundantly blessed my master, so that he has become wealthy. Yahweh has given him {many} sheep and cattle, {much} silver and gold, {many} male and female servants, and {many} camels and donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:36

ULT

36 And Sarah, the wife of my master, bore a son for my master after her old age, and he has given to him everything that {belongs} to him.

UST

36 Besides that, my master's wife Sarah gave birth to a son for him when she was old, and my master has given him everything that he owns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:37

ULT

37 And my master made me swear by saying, 'You must not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites whose land I am living in,

UST

37 {Before I came here,} my master made me vow {to do something for him}. He said, 'You must not arrange for my son {Isaac} to marry {any of} the Canaanite women whose land we have been living in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:38

ULT

38 but rather you must go to the house of my father, and to my clan, and take a wife for my son.'

UST

38 Rather go to my father's family, to my {own} relatives, and find a wife for my son {from among them}.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:39

ULT
39 Then I said to my master, ‘Suppose the woman will not come with me?’

UST
39 So I asked my master, ‘What {should I do} if the {young} woman {I find} refuses to come {back} {here} with me?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:40

ULT
40 And he said to me, ‘Yahweh, whom I walk before, will send his angel with you and make your journey succeed, so that you will take a wife for my son from my clan, and from the house of my father.

UST
40 He answered me, ‘Yahweh whom I serve will send one of his angels with you. He will make you succeed on your journey, so that you will find a wife for my son from {among} my relatives, {someone} from my father’s family.

How had Abraham said that Yahweh would prosper the servant’s way?
Abraham had said that Yahweh would send his angel with the servant to prosper his way.

Genesis 24:41

ULT
41 Then you will be clear from my oath when you go to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, then you will be clear from my oath.’

UST
41 At that time you will be free from {keeping} the vow {you are making} to me {if this happens}: If you find a wife for Isaac but my family refuses to let her go with you, then you will be free from {keeping} your vow to me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:42

ULT

42 “Then today I came to the spring, and I said, ‘Yahweh, God of my master Abraham, if it is your will, please make my journey succeed that I have come on.

UST

42 “Then today when I came to {your city’s} well, I prayed, ‘{Dear} Yahweh, {who is} the God {who takes care} of my master Abraham, if you are willing, please give me success on this journey that I have come on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:43

ULT

43 Behold, I am standing by {this} spring of water. And let it be {that} the young woman who comes out to draw water and I say to her, “Please give me a little water to drink from your jar,”

UST

43 As you see, I am standing by {this} well. {Please} make it happen {that} when a young woman comes out {of the city} to draw water and I ask her, “Please let me drink a little water from your jug,”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:44

ULT

44 and she says to me, “Both you drink and I will also draw water for your camels,” {let} her {be} the wife whom Yahweh has chosen for the son of my master.’

UST

44 if she replies, “{Yes,} have a drink and I will also draw water for your camels,” {then} {let} her {be} the woman whom {you} Yahweh have chosen to be the wife of my master’s son.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:45

ULT

45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, then behold Rebekah was coming out and her jar {was} on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. Then I said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’

UST

45 “Before I had {even} finished praying in my heart, I saw Rebekah coming out {of the city} carrying her {empty} {water} jug on her shoulder. After she walked down to the well and filled her jug with water, I said to her, ‘Please let me have a drink.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:46

ULT

46 And she hurried and lowered her jar from her and said, ‘Drink and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels.

UST

46 She quickly lowered her jug from her {shoulder} and said, ‘Have a drink, and I will also draw water for your camels.’ So I took a drink, and she also gave water to my camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:47

ULT

47 Then I asked her and said, ‘Whose daughter {are} you?’ And she said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, a son of Nahor whom Milcah bore for him.’ Then I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms,

UST

47 Then I asked her, ‘Who {is} your father?’ She answered, ‘My father is Bethuel, {who is} one of Nahor and Milcah’s sons.’ After that I gave her a nose ring and bracelets to wear.

What had the servant given Rebekah when he heard she was related to Abraham?

Abraham’s servant had given Rebekah a gold ring for her nose and bracelets for her arms.

Genesis 24:48

ULT

48 and I bowed down and prostrated myself before Yahweh and I praised Yahweh, the God of my master Abraham, who led me on the right way to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

UST

48 Then I bowed {to the ground} and worshiped and praised Yahweh, the God {who takes care} of my master Abraham, because he guided me right where I should go to find the granddaughter of my master's brother {to be the wife} for my master's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:49

ULT

49 And now if it is your will to show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me, and if not, tell me, so that I will turn to the right or to the left."

UST

49 So now, {please} tell me whether or not you are willing to be kind and faithful to my master {by letting her come with me}, so that I can decide what to do {next}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:50

ULT

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from Yahweh; we are not able to tell you bad or good.

UST

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered {Abraham's servant}, "{It is clear that} Yahweh has made {all} this happen, {so} it is not our place to tell you anything different.

How did Laban and Bethuel answer Abraham's servant when he asked them what they wanted to do regarding Rebekah? (vv50-51)

Laban and Bethuel answered that the servant should take Rebekah and go, so that Rebekah could be the wife of Abraham's son.

Genesis 24:51

ULT

51 Behold, Rebekah {is} before you. Take her and go, and let her be the wife of the son of your master, as Yahweh has spoken."

UST

51 Look, here {is} Rebekah. Take {her with you} and return {home} so that she can marry your master's son as Yahweh has guided."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:52

ULT

52 Then it happened, when the servant of Abraham heard their words, then he bowed down to the ground before Yahweh.

UST

52 When Abraham's servant heard what they said, he bowed to the ground {and thanked} Yahweh.

What did Abraham's servant do when he heard the answer from Laban and Bethuel? (vv52-53)

The servant bowed down to Yahweh and gave gifts to Rebekah and to her brother and mother.

Genesis 24:53

ULT

53 Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver and jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. And he gave valuable things to her brother and to her mother.

UST

53 Then he took out {expensive gifts, including} silver and gold jewelry, and {also} {beautiful} clothing, and gave {them} to Rebekah. He {also} gave {valuable} gifts to her brother and mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:54

ULT

54 Then he and the men who {were} with him ate and drank and lodged. Then in the morning they got up, and he said, “Send me to my master.”

UST

54 Then Abraham’s servant and his men ate {supper} and slept {there} that night. {Early} the next morning after everyone got up, Abraham’s servant said {to Rebekah’s family}, “{Please} let me return {home} {now} to my master.”

When they arose the next morning, what did Rebekah’s brother and mother want the servant to do? (vv54-55)

When they arose the next morning, they wanted Abraham’s servant to stay with them for at least ten more days.

Genesis 24:55

ULT

55 But her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten. After that she will go.”

UST

55 But Rebekah’s brother and her mother replied, “{Please} let the young woman stay {here} with us {for another} ten days or so. Then you can go and take her {with you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:56

ULT

56 But he said to them, “Do not detain me, since Yahweh has made my journey succeed. Send me off so that I will go to my master.”

UST

56 But the servant said to them, “{Please} do not delay me. Now that Yahweh has made my journey successful, let me go so that I can return to my master.”

When Abraham’s servant said that he wanted to go immediately, what did Rebekah say that she wanted to do? (vv56-58)

Rebekah said that she wanted to go with the servant.

Genesis 24:57

ULT

57 Then they said, “Let’s call for the young woman and ask her mouth.”

UST

57 So they replied, “Let’s call Rebekah and ask her what she wants to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:58

ULT

58 So they called for Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” And she said, “I will go.”

UST

58 So they called for her and asked her, “Do you want to go {now} with this man?” She answered {them}, “{Yes,} I will go {now}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:59

ULT

59 Then they sent off Rebekah their sister and her nurse and the servant of Abraham and his men.

UST

59 So they {agreed to} send their sister Rebekah and her {personal} servant {who had helped raise her}, with Abraham’s servant and his companions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:60

ULT

60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “Our sister, may you become thousands of myriads, and may your offspring possess the gates of {those who} hate them!”

UST

60 They blessed Rebekah by saying to her, “Sister, we pray that God will give you countless thousands {of descendants}, and that he will help them conquer {all} their enemies and rule over them!”

What blessing did Rebekah’s family give her as she left with Abraham’s servant?

Rebekah’s family blessed her that she might be the mother of thousands and ten thousands, and that her descendants might possess the gate of those who hate them.

Genesis 24:61

ULT

61 Then Rebekah got up and her maids, and they mounted the camels and went with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.

UST

61 After Rebekah and her servants {who were going with her} packed their things, they got up on the camels {they were going to ride} and went with Abraham’s servant. So {Abraham’s} servant took Rebekah {with him} and started the journey {back} {home}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:62

ULT

62 Meanwhile Isaac came from going to Beer Lahai Roi, and he was living in the land of the Negev.

UST

62 Meanwhile Isaac returned {home} from visiting {the place called} Beer Lahai Roi. {At that time} he was living in the Negev {Wilderness}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:63

ULT

63 And Isaac went to meditate in the field as it was turning toward evening, and he lifted his eyes and saw that behold, camels were coming.

UST

63 {One day} as it was becoming evening, he went to the field to pray. {As he was praying,} he looked up and suddenly he saw {in the distance} {some} camels coming {toward him}.

What was Isaac doing when Rebekah arrived at his home?

Isaac was out in the field meditating.

Genesis 24:64

ULT

64 And Rebekah lifted her eyes and saw Isaac. Then she dismounted from the camel,

UST

64 Rebekah {also} looked up and saw Isaac. Immediately she got down from the camel {that she was riding},

What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac? (vv64-65)

When she saw Isaac, Rebekah jumped down from the camel and covered herself with her veil.

Genesis 24:65

ULT

65 and she said to the servant, “Who {is} that man in the field who is coming to meet us?” And the servant said, “He {is} my master.” So she took the veil and covered herself.

UST

65 and asked {Abraham’s} servant, “Who is that man in the field who is walking {this way} to greet us?” The servant answered {her}, “He {is} my master {Isaac}.” So she covered her face with a veil {to show modesty}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:66

ULT

66 Then the servant reported to Isaac all the things that he had done.

UST

66 Then the servant told Isaac everything that he had done {on the journey}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 24:67

ULT

67 Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and he took Rebekah, and she became a wife to him. And Isaac loved her and he was comforted after his mother.

UST

67 Then Isaac took Rebekah into the tent where his mother Sarah had lived, and he married her, so that she became his wife. Isaac loved her and he was happy again after {mourning for} his mother {who had died}.

What did Isaac do after Abraham's servant recounted all the things that he had done?

Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent and took Rebekah as his wife.

Genesis 25

Genesis 25:1

ULT
1 Then Abraham added and took a wife, and her name {was} Keturah.

UST
1 Then Abraham married another wife, whose name was Keturah.

What did Abraham do after his wife Sarah died?
Abraham took another wife named Keturah.

Genesis 25:2

ULT
2 And she bore for him Zimran and Jokshan and Medan and Midian and Ishbak and Shuah.

UST
2 She had sons with him {whom they named} Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:3

ULT
3 And Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. And the descendants of Dedan were the Asshurim and the Letushim and the Leummim.

UST
3 {Her son} Jokshan had {sons named} Sheba and Dedan. Dedan’s descendants became {people groups named} the Asshurites, Letushites, and Leummites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:4

ULT

[4] And the sons of Midian {were} Ephah and Epher and Hanoch and Abida and Eldaah. All of those {were} the descendants of Keturah.

UST

[4] {Keturah's son} Midian had sons {named} Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All of those {were} Keturah's descendants {whom she had with Abraham}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:5

ULT

[5] And Abraham gave everything that {belonged} to him to Isaac.

UST

[5] Abraham gave everything that he owned to Isaac.

How did Abraham distribute his wealth? (vv5-6)

Abraham gave gifts to the sons of his concubines, and gave all that he owned to Isaac.

Genesis 25:6

ULT

[6] And to the sons of the concubines who {belonged} to Abraham, Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still alive he sent them eastward to the land of Kedem, away from Isaac his son.

UST

[6] He also gave {valuable} gifts to the sons that his concubines had {with him}, but after that he made them move away to the east country {so that they would live} far away from his son Isaac.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:7

ULT
7 And these {are} the days of the years of the life of Abraham that he lived: 175 years.

UST
7 Abraham lived to be 175 years old.

How many years did Abraham live?
Abraham lived one hundred seventy-five years.

Genesis 25:8

ULT
8 Then Abraham exhaled and died at a good old age, elderly and full, and he was gathered to his people.

UST
8 Then he took his last breath and died at a very old age. After he lived a long and satisfying life, he joined his ancestors {who had already died}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:9

ULT
9 Then Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which {was} before Mamre,

UST
9 His sons Isaac and Ishmael put his body in the cave of Machpelah {which was} in the field that had belonged to Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of {the city of} Mamre.

Who buried Abraham?
Both Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham.

Genesis 25:10

ULT

10 the field that Abraham had bought from the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

UST

10 {That is} the {same} field that Abraham had bought from the Hittites. That is {the cave} where his sons buried his body next to {the body of} his wife Sarah {whom he had buried there before}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:11

ULT

11 And it happened after the death of Abraham, then God blessed Isaac his son, and Isaac lived near Beer Lahai Roi.

UST

11 After Abraham died, God blessed his son Isaac, who lived near {the well} Beer Lahai Roi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:12

ULT

12 Now these {are} the generations of Ishmael the son of Abraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, the maidservant of Sarah, had born for Abraham.

UST

12 What follows {is} a record of the descendants of Abraham's son Ishmael, the son Abraham had with Sarah's Egyptian slave woman Hagar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:13

ULT

13 And these {are} the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names according to their births: the firstborn of Ishmael {was} Nebaioth, then Kedar and Adbeel and Mibsam

UST

13 Here is {a list of} the names of Ishmael's sons, {given} in the order that they were born: His oldest {son} was Nebaioth, followed by Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:14

ULT
14 and Mishma and Dumah and Massa,

UST
14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:15

ULT
15 Hadad and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedermah.

UST
15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedermah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:16

ULT
16 Those {were} the sons of Ishmael, and those {are} their names by their settlements and by their camps, twelve rulers according to their tribes.

UST
16 Those were Ishmael's {twelve} sons, who became the leaders of twelve tribes that were named after them, and each tribe lived in its {own} towns and villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:17

ULT
17 And these {are} the years of the life of Ishmael: 137 years. Then he exhaled and died, and was gathered to his people.

UST
17 Ishmael lived a total of 137 years. Then he took his last breath and died, and he joined his ancestors {who had died before him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:18

ULT

18 And they settled from Havilah to Shur that {is} near Egypt as you go toward Asshur. He fell in the face of all his brothers.

UST

18 His descendants lived {throughout the area that extended} from {the region of} Havilah to {the wilderness of} Shur that {is} east of {the country of} Egypt as you head {from there} to {the city of} Asshur. They lived as enemies against all their relatives.

How did the twelve sons of Ishmael live with each other?

The twelve sons of Ishmael lived with each other in hostility.

Genesis 25:19

ULT

19 And these {are} the generations of Isaac the son of Abraham: Abraham fathered Isaac,

UST

19 Here {is} {more of} the history about Abraham's son Isaac and his descendants: {After} Abraham had Isaac,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:20

ULT

20 then Isaac was a son of 40 years when he took Rebekah for himself as a wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean.

UST

20 Isaac {grew up and} married Rebekah when he was 40 years old. {She was} a daughter of Bethuel, {who was} an Aramean from {the region of} Paddan Aram, and her brother was Laban {who was also} an Aramean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:21

ULT

21 And Isaac entreated Yahweh on behalf of his wife because she {was} barren. So Yahweh was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

UST

21 However {for many years} Rebekah was not able to become pregnant, so Isaac prayed that Yahweh would give her children. Yahweh did what Isaac prayed for, so that she became pregnant {with twins}.

What did Isaac do because Rebekah was childless?

Isaac prayed to Yahweh for his wife, and Yahweh answered his prayer, and Rebekah conceived.

Genesis 25:22

ULT

22 And the children struggled against each other inside her, so she said, “Why {is this} so? Why {am} I {like} this?” And she went to inquire of Yahweh.

UST

22 But the {two} babies wrestled with each other inside her, so she asked, “Why is this happening to me?” Then she asked Yahweh about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:23

ULT

23 And Yahweh said to her, “Two nations {are} inside your womb, and two peoples will be divided from inside your womb. And one people will be stronger than the other people, and the older will serve the younger.”

UST

23 Yahweh answered her, “{The ancestors of} two {future} people groups {are} inside you. They will be enemies {starting now} even before they are born. One of them will be more powerful than the other, so that the older {son’s descendants} will serve the younger {son’s descendants}.”

What did Yahweh say concerning the two children struggling within Rebekah’s womb?

Yahweh said that there were two nations in her womb, one people stronger than the other, and that the older would serve the younger.

Genesis 25:24

ULT

24 Then her days were fulfilled to deliver, and behold, twins {were} inside her womb.

UST

24 Later when it was time {for Rebekah} to give birth, {sure enough} there were twin boys inside her!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:25

ULT

25 And the first came out red, all of him {was} like a garment of hair, so they called his name Esau.

UST

25 The first {one} who was born was completely covered with thick red hair. So his parents named him Esau {which means “hairy”}.

Who was born first, and what did he look like?

Esau was born first, and he was red all over like a hairy garment.

Genesis 25:26

ULT

26 Then after that, his brother came out and his hand was grabbing on to the heel of Esau, so he called his name Jacob. And Isaac {was} a son of 60 years when she bore them.

UST

26 Next his brother was born with his hand grabbing on {tightly} to Esau’s heel. So they named him Jacob {which means “heel-grabber”}. Isaac {was} 60 years old when Esau and Jacob were born.

Who was born second, and what was he doing as he was born?

Jacob was born second, and he was grasping Esau’s heel as he was born.

Genesis 25:27

ULT

27 Then the boys grew up, and Esau became a man who knew hunting, a man of the field, and Jacob {was} a quiet man who stayed among the tents.

UST

27 When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter and he enjoyed {being} in the open country, but Jacob had a quiet personality and {preferred} to work at home.

What kind of man was Esau?

Esau was a skillful hunter and a man of the field.

What kind of man was Jacob?

Jacob was a quiet man who spent his time in the tents.

Genesis 25:28

ULT

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because {he liked} game meat in his mouth, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

UST

28 Isaac's favorite son was Esau, because he liked to eat the meat of wild animals {that Esau hunted}, whereas Rebekah's favorite son was Jacob.

Who did Isaac love, and who did Rebekah love?

Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:29

ULT

29 Now Jacob was cooking stew, and Esau came in from the field and he {was} exhausted.

UST

29 {One day} when Jacob was making {some} soup, Esau came home from {hunting out in} the open country and he {felt} weak {and hungry}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:30

ULT

30 Then Esau said to Jacob, “Please let me devour some of that very red stuff because I {am} exhausted!” For that {reason} they called his name Edom.

UST

30 So Esau requested from Jacob, “Please let me have some of that very red soup because I {feel} weak {and hungry}!” That is why Esau’s nickname was Edom {which means “red”}.

What was another name for Esau?

Edom was another name for Esau.

Genesis 25:31

ULT

31 But Jacob said, “On this day sell your birthright to me.”

UST

31 But Jacob replied, “First trade your rights as the oldest son to me {for the soup,} {then I will give you some}.”

For what did Jacob ask in return for the red stew that Esau wanted to eat because he was starving?

Jacob asked for Esau’s birthright in return for the red stew.

Genesis 25:32

ULT

32 And Esau said, “Behold, I am about to die! So for what use {is} that to me, a birthright?”

UST

32 Esau responded, “Look, I am about to die {from hunger}! So my birthright is of no use to me {right now}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 25:33

ULT

33 But Jacob said, “Swear to me on this day!” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.

UST

33 Jacob insisted, “{First} make a vow to me today {before God} {that your rights are now mine}!” So Esau vowed to Jacob that he had traded his rights as the oldest son to him {for the soup}.

What was Esau’s response to Jacob’s offer?

Esau swore an oath and sold his birthright to Jacob.

Genesis 25:34

ULT

34 Then Jacob gave to Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

UST

34 Then Jacob gave Esau {some of} the lentil soup with {some} bread, and Esau {quickly} ate the meal and left. In that way, Esau treated his birthright {carelessly} as if it had no value.

How was Esau treating his birthright when he responded in this way to Jacob’s offer?

Esau was despising his birthright when he responded to Jacob’s offer in this way.

Genesis 26

Genesis 26:1

ULT

[1] Then there was a famine in the land, besides the earlier famine that was in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Abimelech the king of the Philistines in Gerar.

UST

[1] Now there was {another} severe food shortage in the region. {This was} a different shortage from the one that had happened {years} before, while Abraham was still alive. So Isaac {and his family} went {for help} to King Abimelech who ruled over the Philistines {and lived} in {their capital city of} Gerar.

Why did Isaac move to the city of Gerar where Abimelech was the king of the Philistines?
Isaac moved to Gerar because there was a famine in the land.

Genesis 26:2

ULT

[2] Then Yahweh appeared to him and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land that I tell you.

UST

[2] Then Yahweh appeared to Isaac and commanded {him}, “Do not go to {the country of} Egypt, {rather} stay in this land where I tell you {to live}.

What had Yahweh told Isaac before Isaac moved to Gerar?
Yahweh had told Isaac not to move to Egypt, and to stay in the land about which he would tell Isaac.

Genesis 26:3

ULT

[3] Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and I will bless you. For I will give to you and to your offspring all these lands, and I will confirm the oath that I swore to Abraham your father:

UST

[3] {Yes,} live {as a foreigner} in this land and I will stay with you and bless you. In fact, I will give you and your descendants all these lands, and I will continue {to keep} the promise I made to your father Abraham

What did Yahweh tell Isaac about the oath Yahweh had sworn to his father Abraham?
Yahweh told Isaac that he would fulfill the oath which Yahweh had sworn to Abraham.

Genesis 26:4

ULT

4 that I will multiply your offspring as the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your offspring all these lands, and through your Offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed,

UST

4 that I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. I will also give them all these lands, and through your Descendant I will bless all the people groups on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:5

ULT

5 because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws."

UST

5 {I will do all that} because Abraham obeyed me and did everything that I ever commanded {him} {to do}."

Why did Yahweh say he was going to do this?

Yahweh said he was going to do this because Abraham had obeyed his voice and kept his instructions, commandments, statutes, and laws.

Genesis 26:6

ULT

6 So Isaac stayed in Gerar.

UST

6 Then Isaac {did what God said and} settled in {the city of} Gerar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:7

ULT

7 Then the men of the place asked about his wife, and he said, “She {is} my sister,” because he was afraid to say, “{She is} my wife.” He thought, “The men of the place might kill me on account of Rebekah because she {is} beautiful in appearance.”

UST

7 Now Rebekah {was} very beautiful, so the men in that city started asking {Isaac} about her. Isaac was afraid they might kill him in order to have her, so he {lied and} told {them} she {was} his sister.

What did Isaac say to the men of Gerar about Rebekah, his wife?

Isaac told the men of Gerar that Rebekah was his sister.

Genesis 26:8

ULT

8 Then it happened when the days had been long for him there, then Abimelech the king of the Philistines looked down from a window and saw that behold, Isaac was laughing with Rebekah his wife.

UST

8 {One day} after Isaac had lived there a long time, the Philistines’ King Abimelech looked down from a window {of his palace} and saw to his surprise that Isaac was showing affection to his wife Rebekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:9

ULT

9 So Abimelech called for Isaac and said, “Behold, she {is} really your wife! So how could you say, ‘She {is} my sister’?” And Isaac said to him, “Because I said, ‘I might die because of her.’ ”

UST

9 So Abimelech summoned Isaac and scolded {him}, “It is obvious that Rebekah {is} actually your wife! So why did you tell us that she {is} your sister?” Isaac answered him, “{I said that} because I thought someone might kill me in order to have her {as a wife}.”

According to Abimelech, what could have brought guilt upon the people because of Isaac’s lie? (vv9-10)

Because of Isaac’s lie, someone could have had sexual relations with Rebekah and brought guilt upon the people.

Genesis 26:10

ULT

10 Then Abimelech said, “What {is} this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt on us!”

UST

10 Then Abimelech scolded {him} {further}, “You have treated us very badly! Sooner or later, one of my men could have slept with your wife, and you would have caused us to be guilty {of adultery}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:11

ULT

11 Then Abimelech ordered all the people by saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife will surely be killed!”

UST

11 Then {King} Abimelech warned all {his} people, “I will definitely execute anyone who harms Isaac or his wife!”

What command did Abimelech give regarding Rebekah?

Abimelech commanded that anyone who touched Rebekah would be put to death.

Genesis 26:12

ULT

12 Then Isaac sowed seeds in that land, and in that year he acquired a hundredfold, and Yahweh blessed him.

UST

12 Isaac planted crops in that area, and that year he gathered {a huge harvest that was} a hundred times {more than what he had planted}. Yahweh continued to bless him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:13

ULT
13 And the man became great, and he continued to become even greater until he was exceedingly great.

UST
13 so that he became richer and richer until he was extremely wealthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:14

ULT
14 And he had possession of flocks and possession of herds and many servants. So the Philistines envied him,

UST
14 He owned many sheep and cattle and {he also owned} many servants. As a result, the Philistines were jealous of Isaac.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:15

ULT
15 and the Philistines stopped up all the wells that the servants of his father had dug in the days of Abraham his father and filled them with dirt.

UST
15 So they filled up with dirt all the wells that the servants of his father Abraham had dug while he was {still} alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:16

ULT
16 Then Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, because you are more powerful than we {are}.”

UST
16 Then {King} Abimelech said to Isaac, “{Please} move away from us, because you are so powerful {that you are a threat} to us.”

What reason did Abimelech give for asking Isaac to move away from the Philistines?
Abimelech asked Isaac to move away from the Philistines because he said, “...for you are mightier than we.”

Genesis 26:17

ULT

17 So Isaac went from there and camped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there.

UST

17 So Isaac moved from {the city of} Gerar and pitched his tents in the Gerar Valley and stayed there {for a while}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:18

ULT

18 Then Isaac again dug out the water wells that they had dug in the days of Abraham his father and that the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham, and he called them names like the names that his father had called them.

UST

18 Then Isaac {had his servants} dig the dirt out of the wells that Abraham's servants had dug and that the Philistines had {just} filled {with dirt}. He gave the wells the same names that his father had given them.

Why did Isaac have to dig out the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham?

Isaac had to dig out the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham because the Philistines had stopped them up after Abraham's death.

Genesis 26:19

ULT

19 Then the servants of Isaac dug in the valley and found a well of living water there.

UST

19 Next Isaac's servants dug {at a new place} in the valley and discovered a source of fresh water there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:20

ULT

[20] But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with the herdsmen of Isaac by saying, “The water {belongs} to us!” So he called the name of the well Esek, because they disputed with him.

UST

[20] But the herdsmen from {the city of} Gerar argued with Isaac’s herdsmen and said, “That well is ours!” So Isaac named the well Esek {which means “argument”}, because they argued with him {about it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:21

ULT

[21] Then they dug another well, but they quarreled over it too, so he called its name Sitnah.

UST

[21] Then Isaac’s servants dug another well, but Gerar’s herdsmen argued {with them} about that one too, so Isaac named it Sitnah {which means “hostility”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:22

ULT

[22] Then he moved from there and he dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it, so he called its name Rehoboth and he said, “Because now Yahweh has made space for us and we will be fruitful in the land.”

UST

[22] Then Isaac {and his family} moved from there and he {had his servants} dig a third well. {This time} Gerar’s herdsmen did not argue about it, so he named it Rehoboth {which means “space”}, because he said, “Finally Yahweh has provided space for us so that we will prosper in the land.”

What did Isaac name the well over which the herdsmen of Gerar did not quarrel with him?

Isaac named the well, over which the herdsmen of Gerar did not quarrel with him, Rehoboth.

Genesis 26:23

ULT

23 Then from there he went up to Beersheba.

UST

23 From there Isaac {and his family} went south to {the city of} Beersheba.

What did Yahweh reaffirm to Isaac when he appeared to Isaac at Beersheba? (vv23-24)

Yahweh reaffirmed that he would bless Isaac and multiply his descendants.

Genesis 26:24

ULT

24 And Yahweh appeared to him during that night and said, “I {am} the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid, because I {am} with you. And I will bless you and I will multiply your offspring for the sake of Abraham my servant.”

UST

24 That night Yahweh appeared to him and said {to him}, “I {am} the God whom your father Abraham serves. Do not be afraid, because I {am} {always} with you. I will bless you and make your descendants numerous, just as {I promised} to Abraham who serves me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:25

ULT

25 Then he built an altar there and he called on the name of Yahweh. And he pitched his tents there, and the servants of Isaac dug a well there.

UST

25 So Isaac built an altar there {at Beersheba} and worshiped Yahweh by name. He also set up his tents there, and his servants started digging {another} well there {too}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:26

ULT

26 Then Abimelech came to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend and Phicol the commander of his army.

UST

26 Then {King} Abimelech went to Isaac from {the city of} Gerar with his adviser Ahuzzath and his army commander Phicol.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:27

ULT

27 And Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, since you hate me and you sent me away from you?”

UST

27 Isaac asked them, “Why have you come to me, {especially} since you have been hostile toward me and forced me to move away from you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:28

ULT

28 And they said, “We have clearly seen that Yahweh has been with you, so we said, ‘There should be an oath between us’ — between us and you. So let us cut a covenant with you,

UST

28 They answered {him}, “It is very obvious to us that Yahweh is with you {and blessing you}, and we decided that we should make a vow with you {to live in peace with one another}. So {please} let us make a {peace} treaty with you,

What covenant did Abimelech want to make with Isaac, and why? (vv28-29)

Abimelech wanted to make a covenant that neither side would harm the other, because he saw that Yahweh was with Isaac.

Genesis 26:29

ULT

29 that you will not do evil against us, just as we did not touch you, and just as we did only good to you and sent you away in peace. Now you are blessed by Yahweh."

UST

29 that you will never harm us, just as we never harmed you, but only treated you well and sent you away in peace. {As a result,} Yahweh has now blessed you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:30

ULT

30 Then he made a feast for them, and they ate and drank.

UST

30 Then Isaac prepared a feast, and they {all} ate and drank {together}.

How did Isaac respond to Abimelech's request for a covenant between them? (vv30-31)
Isaac made a feast, and they swore an oath with each other.

Genesis 26:31

ULT

31 Then they got up early in the morning and swore to each other. Then Isaac sent them on their way, and they left from him in peace.

UST

31 Early the next morning they got up and made vows to one another {that they would keep their treaty}. Then Isaac said goodbye to them, and they went home from him in peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:32

ULT

32 Then it happened on that day, the servants of Isaac came and told him about the matter of the well that they had been digging and said to him, “We have found water!”

UST

32 That {same} day Isaac’s servants came to inform him about the well that they were digging and announced, “We have struck water!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:33

ULT

33 So he called it Shebah. For that {reason} the name of the city {is} Beersheba to this day.

UST

33 So Isaac named the well Shibah {which means “vow”}. That is why {even} today the name of that city {is} still Beersheba {which means “well of the vow”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 26:34

ULT

34 And Esau was a son of 40 years, and he took a wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.

UST

34 When Esau was forty years old, he married {two} Hittite women: Judith whose father was Beeri, and Basemath whose father was Elon.

From what people group were the two wives of Esau?

The two wives of Esau were from the Hittites.

Genesis 26:35

ULT

35 And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.

UST

35 Isaac and Rebekah were very distressed that their son had married foreign women {rather than a woman from their own religion and people group}.

How was the relationship between Esau's wives and Isaac and Rebekah?

Esau's wives brought sorrow to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27

Genesis 27:1

ULT

[1] Then it happened, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, then he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.” And he said to him, “Behold me.”

UST

[1] One day when Isaac was an old man and he could no longer see, he sent for his older son Esau and said to him, “My son.” Esau answered him, “Yes, {sir}?”

As Isaac grew old, what was he no longer able to do?

As Isaac grew old, he was no longer able to see.

Genesis 27:2

ULT

[2] Then he said, “Behold please, I am old; I do not know the day of my death.

UST

[2] Then Isaac told {him}, “Please listen {closely}: I am an old man {now} {and} I do not know when I will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:3

ULT

[3] So now, please take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out {in} the field and hunt game for me.

UST

[3] So then, get your bow and arrows, go out in the open country and hunt {some} deer {meat} for me.

What did Isaac ask Esau to do, and why? (vv3-4)

Isaac asked Esau to go hunt and make the sort of food that he loved, so that he could eat it and bless Esau.

Genesis 27:4

ULT

4 Then prepare tasty food for me such as I love, and bring it to me so I can eat it, so that my soul can bless you before I die.”

UST

4 Next {use the meat to} cook a delicious meal for me the way that I like it, and bring it to me to eat, so that I can bless you before I die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:5

ULT

5 And Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to Esau his son, then Esau went {to} the field to hunt game to bring it back.

UST

5 Rebekah overheard what Isaac said to his son Esau. So after Esau had gone out to the open country to hunt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:6

ULT

6 Then Rebekah said to Jacob her son, saying, “Behold, I heard your father tell Esau your brother, saying,

UST

6 she said to her son Jacob, “Listen, I {just} overheard your father tell your brother Esau

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:7

ULT

7 ‘Bring game for me and prepare tasty food for me so that I can eat it and I can bless you in the presence of Yahweh, before my death.’

UST

7 to get him {some} deer {meat} and {use it to} cook a delicious meal for him to eat. Then he wants to bless him before he dies, with Yahweh as his witness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:8

ULT

8 So now, my son, listen to my voice, to what I command you.

UST

8 So then, my son, listen to me and do what I tell you {to do}.

What was Rebekah's plan for providing the food for Isaac, and why? (vv8-10)

Rebekah told Jacob to go get two goats and she would make the food that Isaac loved, so that Jacob could take it to Isaac and receive the blessing.

Genesis 27:9

ULT

9 Please go to the flock and bring to me from there two good kids of the goats so that I will prepare from them tasty food for your father such as he loves.

UST

9 Please go {out} to our flock {of goats} and get for me two of the best young goats. I will {use the meat from them to} cook a delicious meal for your father, {just} the way that he likes it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:10

ULT

10 Then you take it to your father and he will eat {it}, so that he will bless you before his death."

UST

10 Then you can take the meal to your father to eat, so that he will bless you before he dies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:11

ULT

11 Then Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, Esau my brother {is} a hairy man, but I {am} a smooth man.

UST

11 But Jacob responded to his mother, “As you know, my brother Esau has hairy skin, but I have smooth skin.

About what was Jacob concerned in bringing the food to Isaac? (vv11-12)

Jacob was concerned that Esau was a hairy man and he was a smooth man, and that Isaac would touch him and find out that Jacob was a deceiver and curse him.

Genesis 27:12

ULT

12 Suppose my father touches me? Then I will be in his eyes as a deceiver, and I will bring a curse on me and not a blessing.”

UST

12 What if my father feels my skin? He will {recognize me and} realize that I am trying to deceive him. Then he will curse me instead of bless me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:13

ULT

13 But his mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son. Just listen to my voice and go get {them} for me.”

UST

13 But his mother replied, “{If that happens,} may God curse me instead of you, my son. Just listen to me and go get {two goats} for me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:14

ULT

14 So he went and got {them} and brought {them} to his mother. Then his mother prepared tasty food such as his father loved.

UST

14 So Jacob went {to the flock} and selected {two goats} and took {them} to her. Then she cooked a delicious meal the way that his father liked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:15

ULT

15 Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son that {were} with her in the house and put them on Jacob her younger son.

UST

15 She also got her older son Esau's finest clothes that she had in the house and had her younger son Jacob put them on.

How did Rebekah solve the problem of Esau being a hairy man, and Jacob a smooth man? (vv15-16)

Rebekah put Esau's clothes on Jacob and put goatskins upon his hands and neck.

Genesis 27:16

ULT

16 And she put the skins of the kid goats over his hands and over the smooth part of his neck.

UST

16 And she used the goat skins to cover Jacob's arms and the part of his neck that had no hair {on it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:17

ULT
17 Then she gave the tasty food and the bread that she had made into her son Jacob's hands,

UST
17 Then she handed the delicious meal to Jacob, including some bread that she had baked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:18

ULT
18 and he went to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Behold me. Who {are} you, my son?"

UST
18 He took the meal to his father and said, "Father." His father answered, "Yes? Which of my sons {are} you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:19

ULT
19 Then Jacob said to his father, "I {am} Esau, your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please get up, sit and eat some of my game, so that your soul will bless me."

UST
19 Jacob replied to his father, "I am Esau, your oldest son. I have done what you requested me {to do}. {So now} please sit up and eat some of the deer {meat} that I have cooked {for you}, so that you can bless me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:20

ULT
20 Then Isaac said to his son, "How {is} this you were quick to find {it}, my son?" And he said, "Because Yahweh your God caused {it} to happen before me."

UST
20 But Isaac asked him, "How were you able to find {the deer} so quickly, my son?" Jacob answered, "Yahweh, {who is} the God who takes care of you, helped me to succeed."

When Isaac asked, how did Jacob say he had found the game so quickly?
Jacob said that Yahweh, Isaac's God, had brought the game to him.

Genesis 27:21

ULT

21 Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come close, so that I can touch you, my son, {and know} whether you are really my son Esau or not.”

UST

21 Then Isaac said to him, “My son, please come here so that I can feel you and make sure that you are really my son Esau.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:22

ULT

22 So Jacob went close to Isaac his father, and he touched him and said, “The voice {is} the voice of Jacob, but the hands {are} the hands of Esau.”

UST

22 So Jacob stepped closer to his father Isaac, and his father felt him and thought {to himself}, “{Hmm,} his voice {sounds like} Jacob’s voice, but {his} arms {feel like} Esau’s arms.”

Because he was not sure, how did Isaac try to determine who was giving him the food? (vv22-23)

Isaac touched Jacob on the hands and felt the hairy goatskins.

Genesis 27:23

ULT

23 So he did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like the hands of Esau his brother, and he was about to bless him.

UST

23 So Isaac was not able to identify who Jacob was because his arms felt hairy like his brother Esau’s. Isaac was about to bless Jacob,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:24

ULT
24 But he said, “{Are} you really my son Esau?” And he said, “I {am}.”

UST
24 but {first} {he wanted to be completely sure, so} he asked {him}, “Are you really my son Esau?” Jacob answered, “{Yes,} I am.”

What did Jacob say when Isaac asked, “Are you really my son Esau”?
Jacob said, “I am”.

Genesis 27:25

ULT
25 Then he said, “Bring {the food} to me, and I will eat some of my son’s game, so that my soul will bless you.” Then he brought {it} to him and he ate, and he brought wine to him and he drank.

UST
25 So Isaac said {to him}, “Serve me {the meal}, so that I can eat some of your deer meat and bless you.” Then Jacob served {the meal} to his father and he ate it. Jacob also served him wine and he drank it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:26

ULT
26 Then Isaac his father said to him, “Please come close and kiss me, my son.”

UST
26 Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come here and kiss me, my son.”

What finally convinced Isaac that the person bringing the food was Esau? (vv26-27)
When Jacob came near Isaac to kiss him, Isaac smelled Esau’s clothes.

Genesis 27:27

ULT

27 So he went close and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothes, so he blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son {is} like the smell of a field that Yahweh has blessed!

UST

27 So Jacob went over {to his father} and kissed him {on the cheeks}. {As he did that,} his father recognized the fragrance of Esau’s clothes, so he blessed him and said, “Ahh, my son, you smell {wonderful} like the fragrance of a field that Yahweh has caused to flourish!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:28

ULT

28 And may God give to you from the dew of the heavens and from the fatness of the earth, and an abundance of grain and wine.

UST

28 I ask God to provide you {and your descendants} {plenty of} rain from the sky {for your crops and animals} and riches from the earth, including abundant harvests and {much} wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:29

ULT

29 May peoples serve you, and may nations bow down to you. Be master over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed, and may those who bless you be blessed.”

UST

29 I also ask God to cause nations to serve and honor you {and your descendants}. You will rule over your brother’s descendants, and they will {submit to you and} bow down to you. Whoever curses you God will curse, but whoever blesses you he will bless.”

Who did Isaac say would bow down to Jacob?

Isaac said nations would bow down to Jacob and that Jacob’s mother’s sons would bow down to him.

Genesis 27:30

ULT

30 Then it happened just as Isaac finished blessing Jacob, and it happened scarcely had Jacob just left from the presence of Isaac his father when Esau his brother came in from his hunt.

UST

30 As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and right after Jacob had left his father's presence, Jacob's brother Esau returned {home} from hunting.

What did Esau do soon after Jacob left Isaac's tent? (vv30-31)

Esau came in from hunting, prepared the food, and brought it to Isaac.

Genesis 27:31

ULT

31 Then he too prepared tasty food, and he brought {it} to his father and said to his father, "Let my father get up and eat from his son's game, so that your soul can bless me."

UST

31 Then he too cooked a delicious meal, and he took {it} to his father {Isaac} and said to him, "Father, {please} sit up and eat some of your son's deer meat, so that you can bless me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:32

ULT

32 But Isaac his father said to him, "Who {are} you?" And he said, "I {am} your son, your firstborn Esau."

UST

32 But his father asked him, "Which son {are} you?" Esau answered, "I {am} your oldest son Esau."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:33

ULT

33 Then Isaac trembled a very great tremble and he said, “Then who {was} it that hunted game and brought {it} to me? And I ate from {it} all just before you came, and I blessed him. Indeed he will be blessed.”

UST

33 Then Isaac {became so upset that his body} shook very violently and he asked {Esau}, “Who {was} it then that hunted deer meat and brought a meal to me? I finished eating it just before you came, and I blessed him. So God will definitely bless him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:34

ULT

34 When Esau heard the words of his father, then he cried out a great and exceedingly bitter cry and said to his father, “Bless me, me too, my father!”

UST

34 When Esau heard what his father said, he shouted out with a very loud and distressed shout and begged his father, “{Please} bless me too, father!”

What did Isaac say when Esau asked for Isaac’s blessing? (vv34-35)

Isaac said that Jacob had deceitfully taken away Esau’s blessing.

Genesis 27:35

ULT

35 And he said, “Your brother came in deceit and took your blessing.”

UST

35 But his father responded, “Your brother came {to me} and tricked {me} and stole the blessing that I was planning to give you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:36

ULT

36 Then he said, “Is it because his name is called Jacob that he has defrauded me these two times? He took my birthright, and behold now he has taken my blessing!” Then he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

UST

36 Then Esau exclaimed, “The name Jacob fits him exactly, because he has tricked me like this two times {now}! {First} he stole my rights as the oldest son, and now look {what he has done}: he has stolen my blessing!” Then Esau begged {his father}, “Is there still a way you can {ask God to} bless me?”

In what two ways did Esau say Jacob had cheated him?

Esau said that Jacob had cheated him from his birthright and from his blessing.

Genesis 27:37

ULT

37 But Isaac responded and said to Esau, “Behold, I have made him master over you, and I have given all his brothers to him as servants. And I have sustained him with grain and wine. So then, what can I do for you, my son?”

UST

37 Isaac answered, “Listen, I have {already} appointed Jacob to be your master. In fact, I have asked {God to make it so} that you and all your descendants will serve him {and his descendants}. Besides that, I have {also} blessed him with {abundant} harvests and wine. So then, there is no way left for me to bless you, my son!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:38

ULT

38 But Esau said to his father, “Is there one blessing that you have, my father? Bless me, me too, my father!” Then Esau lifted his voice and sobbed.

UST

38 But Esau continued to beg his father {and say}, “Father, isn’t there {just} one more way that you can bless {me}? {Please} bless me too, father!” Then Esau started crying loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:39

ULT

39 Then Isaac his father responded and said to him, “Behold, your dwelling will be away from the fatness of the earth and away from the dew of heaven from above.

UST

39 Finally his father said to him, “Listen, you {and your descendants} will live in a place where the land is not good {for farming} and where there is not much rain.

What was the “blessing” that Isaac gave Esau? (vv39-40)

Isaac said that Esau would live away from the fatness of the earth, that he would serve his brother, but would eventually rebel against him and shake off Jacob’s yoke.

Genesis 27:40

ULT

40 And you will live by your sword, and you will serve your brother. But when you become restless, then you will break his yoke off of your neck.”

UST

40 You {and your descendants} will have to fight battles to stay alive, and you will serve your brother {and his descendants}. But when you rebel {against them}, you will get free from their control over you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:41

ULT

41 Then Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing that his father had blessed him with, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of the mourning of my father are near, then I will kill Jacob my brother.”

UST

41 After that Esau held a grudge against Jacob because their father had blessed him. So Esau thought to himself, “Soon my father will die; then after we {bury him and} mourn for him, I will kill my brother Jacob.”

What did Esau decide to do after Isaac’s death?

Esau decided to kill Jacob after Isaac’s death.

Genesis 27:42

ULT
42 But the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called for Jacob her younger son and said to him, “Behold, Esau your brother is consoling himself about you, planning to kill you.

UST
42 But Rebekah heard about what her oldest son Esau was planning, so she sent for her youngest son Jacob and told him, “Listen, your brother Esau is planning to take revenge on you and kill you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:43

ULT
43 So now, my son, listen to my voice and get up, flee for yourself to Laban my brother in Haran!

UST
43 So then, my son, listen to me: Hurry {and} escape to {the city of} Haran to my brother Laban!

What did Rebekah do after hearing Esau’s plans?
Rebekah sent Jacob to Laban, her brother, in Haran.

Genesis 27:44

ULT
44 And stay with him for a few days until the fury of your brother turns away,

UST
44 Live with him for a short time until your brother is no longer angry {with you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:45

ULT
45 until the anger of your brother turns away from you and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I also lose both of you {in} one day?”

UST
45 When he is not angry with you anymore and he forgets what you did to him, I will send word that it is safe for you to come {back home} from there. I do not want to lose both of you {on} the same day!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 27:46

ULT

46 Then Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am disgusted with my life because of the daughters of Heth! If Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth like these, from daughters of the land, what {would} life {be} to me?”

UST

46 Then Rebekah complained to Isaac, “My life is {very} miserable because of our Hittite daughters-in-law {whom Esau married}! If Jacob were to {also} marry a local Hittite woman like that, I would not want to keep on living!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28

Genesis 28:1

ULT

1 Then Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him, and commanded him and said to him, “Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

UST

1 So Isaac summoned Jacob, blessed him and told him, “You must not marry a Canaanite woman.

What command did Isaac give Jacob before he left?
Isaac commanded Jacob not to take a Canaanite wife.

Genesis 28:2

ULT

2 Get up, go to Paddan Aram, to the home of Bethuel the father of your mother, and take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother.

UST

2 {Instead} you must go right away to {the region of} Paddan Aram, to the home of your mother’s father, Bethuel, and marry one of your uncle Laban’s daughters.

Where did Isaac tell Jacob to get a wife?
Isaac told Jacob to get a wife from the daughters of Laban, Rebekah’s brother.

Genesis 28:3

ULT

3 And may God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you so that you become as a community of peoples.

UST

3 I pray that God who is all-powerful will bless you and give you many children and increase {the number of} your descendants, so that you become {the ancestor of} many people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:4

ULT

4 And may he give the blessing of Abraham to you, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

UST

4 I {also} pray that he will bless you and your descendants the same way that he blessed Abraham, so that you will own this land where you have been living as a foreigner, {the same land} which God gave to him."

Whose blessing did Isaac ask God to give Jacob?

Isaac asked God to give Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Genesis 28:5

ULT

5 Then Isaac sent Jacob, and he went to Paddan Aram, to Laban, the son of Bethuel the Aramean and the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

UST

5 Then Isaac sent Jacob {on his way}, so Jacob started traveling to Laban{'s house which was} in {the region of} Paddan Aram. {Laban was} the son of Bethuel the Aramean and {also} the brother of Rebekah, {who was} Jacob and Esau's mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:6

ULT

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and had sent him to Paddan Aram to take a wife for himself from there, {and that} when he blessed him, then he commanded him, saying, "Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan!"

UST

6 Now Esau had seen Isaac bless Jacob and send him to {the region of} Paddan Aram to marry a woman from there. As Isaac was blessing him, {Esau heard} him tell Jacob, "You must not marry a Canaanite woman!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:7

ULT

[7] and {that} Jacob listened to his father and to his mother and went to Paddan Aram.

UST

[7] {Esau also saw that} Jacob obeyed their father and mother and started traveling to Paddan Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:8

ULT

[8] Then Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan were displeasing in the eyes of Isaac his father.

UST

[8] That is when Esau realized that his father Isaac did not approve of {his sons marrying} Canaanite women.

From where did Esau get one of his wives when he saw that the women of Canaan did not please Isaac? (vv8-9)

Esau took a wife from the daughters of Ishmael, Abraham's son.

Genesis 28:9

ULT

[9] So Esau went to Ishmael and he took as a wife Mahalath, the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, in addition to his wives {who belonged} to him.

UST

[9] So in addition to the {two} wives he already had, Esau went to {the family of} Abraham's son Ishmael and married Ishmael's daughter Mahalath, whose brother was Nebaioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:10

ULT

10 And Jacob left from Beersheba and set out for Haran.

UST

10 {After} Jacob left from {his family's home} {in the city of} Beersheba, he started traveling to {the city of} Haran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:11

ULT

11 Then he reached a {certain} place, and he stopped there because the sun had gone. And he took {one} of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and he lay down in that place.

UST

11 {That evening} he reached a {good} place {to sleep}, so he stopped there {for the night} because the sun had set. He chose {one} of the stones that was there and used it as a pillow. Then he lay down and went to sleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:12

ULT

12 And he dreamed, and behold, a stairway was set up on the earth and its top reached to the heavens, and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

UST

12 While he was dreaming, he saw a stairway. The bottom of the stairway was on the ground and its top reached up to heaven, and he saw God's angels going up and coming down on the stairway.

What did Jacob see in his dream while on the way to Haran? (vv12-13)

Jacob saw a ladder from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it, and Yahweh standing above it.

Genesis 28:13

ULT

13 And behold, Yahweh was standing above it, and he said, “I {am} Yahweh, the God of Abraham your grandfather and the God of Isaac. The land that you are lying on I will give to you and to your offspring.

UST

13 And there standing at the top {of the stairway} was Yahweh, and he said {to Jacob}, “I {am} Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors Abraham and Isaac serve. I will give you and your descendants this land that you are lying on.

What did Yahweh say about the land Jacob was lying on?

Yahweh said that the land Jacob was lying on would be given to him and his descendants.

Whose blessing did Yahweh give to Jacob?

Yahweh gave Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Genesis 28:14

ULT

14 And your offspring will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south. And through you and through your offspring, all the families of the earth will be blessed.

UST

14 They will be {as numerous} as the dust {specks} on the ground, so that they live throughout this land in every direction. Because of you and your descendants, I will bless all the families in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:15

ULT

15 And behold, I {am} with you and I will watch over you in every {place} that you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you.”

UST

15 Remember that I will {always} be with you and I will protect you wherever you go, and I will lead you back to this land. In fact, I will never leave you and I will do everything that I have promised you {that I will do}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:16

ULT

16 Then Jacob woke up from his sleep and said, “Surely Yahweh is in this place, but I did not know {it}!”

UST

16 Suddenly Jacob woke up from his dream and exclaimed {to himself}, “Yahweh definitely lives in this place, but I did not know {it} {before now}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:17

ULT

17 So he was afraid and said, “How awesome this place is! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this {is} the gateway of heaven!”

UST

17 He was afraid, so he {also} exclaimed, “This is a terrifying place! This can only be God’s house! It {must be} the entrance to heaven!”

What did Jacob say about the place where he had the dream?

Jacob said the place was the house of God and the gate of heaven.

Genesis 28:18

ULT

18 Then in the morning Jacob got up early, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and stood it up {as} a pillar, and he poured oil on its top.

UST

18 Early the next morning Jacob got up, took the stone that he had used as a pillow and set it up {on its end} to mark the place {where God had appeared to him}. Then he poured {some} {olive} oil on top of the stone {to dedicate the place to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:19

ULT
19 And he called the name of that place Bethel, even though Luz {had been} the name of the town at first.

UST
19 He named that place Bethel {which means “house of God”}. Previously the name of that town had been Luz.

What name did Jacob give the place where he had the dream?
Jacob named the place Beth-el.

Genesis 28:20

ULT
20 Then Jacob vowed a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and watch over me on this road that I am walking on and he gives to me bread to eat and clothes to wear,

UST
20 Then Jacob made a vow {to God} and said, “God, if {you,} will stay with me and protect me as I travel on this journey and if you provide me food to eat and clothes to wear,

What did Jacob say Yahweh must do in order for Yahweh to be his God? (vv20-21)
Jacob said that Yahweh must be with him and protect him on his journey so that he returned safely to his father’s house.

Genesis 28:21

ULT
21 and I return in peace to the home of my father, then Yahweh will be God to me,

UST
21 so that I return safely to my father’s home, then Yahweh, {you} will be the God whom I serve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 28:22

ULT

22 and this stone that I have stood up {as} a pillar will be the house of God, and all that you give to me I will tithe a tenth to you.”

UST

22 This stone that I have set up will be your house and mark the place {that you appeared to me}, and I will give back to you a tenth of everything that you give to me.”

What did Jacob promise to give Yahweh if Yahweh did these things for him?

Jacob promised to give back to Yahweh a tenth of everything Yahweh gave Jacob.

Genesis 29

Genesis 29:1

ULT

1 Then Jacob lifted his feet and went to the land of the sons of the east.

UST

1 Then Jacob left {Bethel} and continued traveling {until he came} to the land in the east where various people groups lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:2

ULT

2 And he looked and behold, a well {was} in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep were lying there near it, because from that well the flocks were watered, and the stone over the mouth of the well {was} large.

UST

2 {When he arrived there,} he looked {around} and saw a well in an {open} field. There were three flocks of sheep lying near the well {waiting for water}. That was the well that flocks drank water from, but there was a large stone covering the top of the well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:3

ULT

3 And all the flocks would be gathered there, then they would roll the stone from over the mouth of the well and water the sheep. Then they would return the stone to its place over the mouth of the well.

UST

3 {Every day} shepherds would bring all the flocks {of sheep} there. They would {work together to} remove the stone from the top of the well and draw water for the sheep. Then they would put the stone back over the top of the well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:4

ULT

4 Then Jacob said to them, “My brothers, where {are} you from?” And they said, “We {are} from Haran.”

UST

4 Jacob asked the shepherds, “My friends, where do you live?” They replied, “We {are} from {the city of} Haran.”

From where were the men that Jacob talked to?

The men were from Haran.

Genesis 29:5

ULT

5 Then he said to them, “Do you know Laban the grandson of Nahor?” And they said, “We know him.”

UST

5 So Jacob asked them, “Do you know Laban, Nahor’s grandson?” They answered, “{Yes,} we do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:6

ULT

6 Then he said to them, “Are {things} well for him?” And they said, “{Things are} well. And behold, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep.”

UST

6 So Jacob asked, “Is he doing well?” They answered {him}, “{Yes,} {he is} well. In fact, here comes his daughter Rachel {now}, bringing {his} sheep.”

Who also came to the well with a flock of sheep?

Rachel, daughter of Laban, also came to the well with a flock of sheep.

Genesis 29:7

ULT

7 Then he said, “Behold, the day {is} still large. {It is} not time for the livestock to be gathered. Water the sheep, and go pasture {them}.”

UST

7 Then Jacob urged {them}, “Look, the sun is still bright, and {it is} too early to gather the flocks {for the night}. {You ought to} draw water for them and take {them} back out {to the fields} to graze {some more}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:8

ULT

8 But they said, “We can’t until all the flocks are gathered and they roll the stone from over the mouth of the well. Then we will water the sheep.”

UST

8 But they replied, “We can’t {do that} until all the shepherds are here with their flocks. Then {together} we will move the stone away from the top of the well and draw water for the sheep.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:9

ULT

9 He was still talking with them, then Rachel came with the sheep that {belonged} to her father, because she was tending them.

UST

9 While Jacob was still talking with the shepherds, Rachel arrived {at the well} with her father {Laban}’s sheep; it was her job to take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:10

ULT

10 Then it happened, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, then Jacob went over and rolled the stone from over the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep of Laban his mother's brother.

UST

10 As soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of his uncle Laban with her father's sheep, he walked over {to the well}, removed the stone that covered it, and drew water for his uncle's sheep.

What did Jacob do for Laban's sheep?

Jacob rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the sheep.

Genesis 29:11

ULT

11 Then Jacob kissed Rachel and lifted his voice and cried.

UST

11 Then he kissed Rachel {on her cheek} and {he was so happy that} he started crying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:12

ULT

12 Then Jacob told Rachel that he {was} a relative of her father and that he {was} a son of Rebekah. Then she ran and told her father.

UST

12 Then he told her that he {was} her father's nephew, the son of {her aunt} Rebekah. So she ran home and told her father {the news}.

What did Jacob tell Rachel, and then what did she do?

Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative, and then Rachel ran and told her father.

Genesis 29:13

ULT

13 And it happened, when Laban heard the news about Jacob the son of his sister, then he ran to meet him. Then he embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then he told Laban all these things,

UST

13 When Laban heard about his sister's son Jacob, he ran {out} to greet him. Then he hugged him and kissed him {on the cheeks} and took him to his house. Then Jacob told Laban {about himself and} everything that had happened,

How did Laban react when he heard about Jacob's arrival?

Laban ran to meet Jacob, embraced him, kissed him, and brought him to his house.

Genesis 29:14

ULT

14 and Laban said to him, "You {are} indeed my bone and my flesh!" Then he stayed with him a month of days.

UST

14 and Laban exclaimed to him, "There is no doubt that you {are} a close relative of my family!" After Jacob had stayed with Laban {and worked for him} {for} an entire month,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:15

ULT

15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you {are} my relative, should you then serve me for nothing? Tell me, what {are} your wages?"

UST

15 Laban said to him, "{Just} because you are my nephew, {that does not mean that} you should {have to} work for me for free! Tell me what you want me to pay you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:16

ULT
16 Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older {was} Leah, and the name of the younger {was} Rachel.

UST
16 Now Laban had two daughters: The name of the older {one} {was} Leah, and the younger {one} was Rachel.

Describe the two daughters of Laban. (vv16-17)
Leah was the older daughter and she had tender eyes, while Rachel was the younger and was beautiful in form and appearance.

Genesis 29:17

ULT
17 And the eyes of Leah {were} delicate, but Rachel was lovely of form and beautiful of appearance.

UST
17 Leah had pretty eyes, but Rachel was extremely beautiful in every way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:18

ULT
18 And Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.”

UST
18 Jacob was in love with Rachel, so he said {to Laban}, “I will work seven years for you if you will let me marry your younger daughter Rachel.”

What arrangement did Laban and Jacob make concerning Jacob’s labor?
They agreed that Jacob would serve Laban seven years in return for Rachel.

Genesis 29:19

ULT

19 And Laban said, “{It is} better for me to give her to you than for me to give her to another man. Stay with me.”

UST

19 Laban replied, “{I agree to your terms.} I would {much} rather give her to you {to marry} than give her to someone else. {So} stay here {and work for me}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:20

ULT

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, but in his eyes they were like a few days because of his love for her.

UST

20 So Jacob worked seven years {for Laban} so that he could marry Rachel, but he loved her so {much} that to him the time seemed {to pass quickly} like {only} a few days.

Why did the seven years of labor only seem like a few days to Jacob?

The seven years of labor seemed only like a few days because of the love Jacob had for Rachel.

Genesis 29:21

ULT

21 Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give {me} my wife, because my days are completed, then I will go to her.”

UST

21 {When the seven years were over,} Jacob said to Laban, “{Please} let me marry {your daughter} {Rachel} {now} so that I can live with her {as} my wife, because I have finished my {seven} years {of work} {for you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:22

ULT

22 Then Laban gathered all the people of the place and made a feast.

UST

22 So Laban invited all the local people and held a {wedding} feast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:23

ULT

23 But it happened in the evening that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to him, and he went to her.

UST

23 But that evening Laban {tricked Jacob and} brought his daughter Leah {to Jacob's tent} {instead of Rachel}, so that he had marital relations with her.

How did Laban trick Jacob? (vv23-25)

Laban gave Leah to Jacob, instead of Rachel, the night of the wedding.

Genesis 29:24

ULT

24 And Laban gave to her Zilpah his maidservant, to Leah his daughter, {to be} a maidservant.

UST

24 Laban also gave his female servant Zilpah to Leah {to be} {her} {personal} servant.

Who did Laban give to Leah, to be her servant?

Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah, to be her servant.

Genesis 29:25

ULT

25 Then it happened in the morning that behold she {was} Leah! So he said to Laban, "What {is} this you have done to me? Was {it} not for Rachel that I served with you? So for what {reason} have you deceived me?"

UST

25 But the next morning Jacob was shocked to see that it was Leah {he had married}! So he complained to Laban, "You have treated me very badly! {You know that} Rachel is the one I served you for! So why did you trick me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:26

ULT

26 But Laban said, “It is not done so in our place to give the younger before the firstborn.

UST

26 Laban replied, “It is not our custom here for the younger {daughter} to marry before the older {daughter} {marries}.

Why did Laban say he had tricked Jacob?

Laban said it was not their custom to give the younger daughter in marriage before the first-born.

Genesis 29:27

ULT

27 Fulfill the seven days of this {daughter}, then we will also give you this {one} for service that you will serve with me for another seven years.”

UST

27 {So then,} {keep Leah as your wife and} finish this week of celebrating your marriage to her. Then our family will also give you {my} younger daughter {to marry} if you will work for me for another seven years.”

What arrangement did Laban and Jacob then make concerning Jacob’s labor?

They agreed that Jacob would serve Laban seven more years in return for Rachel.

Genesis 29:28

ULT

28 So Jacob did so, and he fulfilled that daughter’s week. Then he gave to him Rachel his daughter as a wife for him.

UST

28 So Jacob {agreed with Laban and} did what he said: he finished celebrating his marriage to Leah that week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to marry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:29

ULT
29 And Laban gave Bilhah his maidservant to Rachel his daughter as a maidservant for her.

UST
29 Laban {also} gave his servant Bilhah to Rachel to be her servant.

Who did Laban give to Rachel, to be her servant?
Laban gave Bilhah to his daughter Rachel, to be her servant.

Genesis 29:30

ULT
30 Then he also went to Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah. And he served him for another seven years.

UST
30 Then Jacob had marital relations with Rachel, and he loved her more than {he loved} Leah. Then he {started} working for Laban for another seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:31

ULT
31 Now Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, so he opened her womb, but Rachel {was} barren.

UST
31 Now Yahweh knew that Jacob did not love Leah, so he made it possible for her to have children, but Rachel was not able to conceive.

What did Yahweh do when he saw that Jacob did not love Leah?
Yahweh caused Leah to become pregnant, but Rachel was childless.

Genesis 29:32

ULT

32 Then Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, because she said, “Because Yahweh has looked on my misery, surely now my husband will love me.”

UST

32 Then Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben {which means “See, a son!”}, because she exclaimed, “Now that Yahweh has seen that I am suffering {and helped me}, surely my husband will love me!”

What did Leah hope would happen if she bore sons for Jacob?

Leah hoped that Jacob would love her if she bore sons for him.

What was the name of Leah’s first son?

The name of Leah’s first son was Reuben.

Genesis 29:33

ULT

33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, “Because Yahweh heard that I am hated, then he gave to me this {son} also.” So she called his name Simeon.

UST

33 Then Leah became pregnant again and gave birth to {another} son. She exclaimed, “Since Yahweh heard that my husband does not love me, he has given me this child also.” So she named him Simeon {which means “he hears”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:34

ULT

34 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, “This time now my husband will be joined to me, because I have born three sons for him.” For that {reason} he called his name Levi.

UST

34 Then Leah became pregnant {yet} again and gave birth to another son, and she exclaimed, “Now finally my husband will want to be with me because I have given him three sons!” That is why his name was Levi {which means “be with”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 29:35

ULT

35 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, “This time I will praise Yahweh.” For that {reason} she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

UST

35 Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son, and she exclaimed, “This time I will praise Yahweh!” That is why she named him Judah {which means “praise”}. Then Leah stopped having children {for a while}.

What did Leah say after she bore Judah?

After she bore Judah Leah said, “This time I will praise Yahweh.”

Genesis 30

Genesis 30:1

ULT

[1] Now Rachel saw that she was not bearing {children} for Jacob, so Rachel envied her sister, and she said to Jacob, “Give me children, and if not, I will die!”

UST

[1] Meanwhile {when} Rachel realized that she was not able to bear {any} {children} for Jacob, she was jealous of her sister, and she demanded of Jacob, “Help me have children, or else I want to die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:2

ULT

[2] And Jacob’s anger burned against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has kept the fruit of the womb from you?”

UST

[2] Jacob became very angry with Rachel and responded, “I am not God! He is the one who has prevented you from having children!”

According to Jacob, why did Rachel have no children?

According to Jacob, God had kept Rachel from having children.

Genesis 30:3

ULT

[3] Then she said, “Behold my servant woman Bilhah. Go to her, so that she will bear {children} on my knees, and I also will be built up from her.”

UST

[3] Then Rachel told {him}, “You can have my servant Bilhah {as a wife}. Sleep with her, so that she will have children for me so that I too can have a family.”

What did Rachel do in order to have children?

Rachel gave Jacob Bilhah her servant so she could have children on Rachel’s behalf.

Genesis 30:4

ULT
4 And she gave to him Bilhah her maidservant as a wife, and Jacob went to her.

UST
4 So Rachel gave Jacob her servant Bilhah to be {another} wife {for him}, and Jacob slept with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:5

ULT
5 Then Bilhah conceived and bore a son for Jacob,

UST
5 Then Bilhah became pregnant and had a son for Jacob,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:6

ULT
6 and Rachel said, “God has vindicated me, and indeed, he has listened to my voice and given to me a son!”
For that {reason} she called his name Dan.

UST
6 and Rachel exclaimed, “God has judged in my favor! Yes indeed, he has answered my prayer and given me a son!” That is why she named the baby Dan {which means “he judged in my favor”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:7

ULT
7 Then Bilhah the maidservant of Rachel conceived again and bore a second son for Jacob.

UST
7 Then Rachel’s servant Bilhah became pregnant again and had a second son for Jacob.

Why did Rachel say that she had prevailed against her sister Leah? (vv7-8)
Rachel said that she had prevailed because Bilhah her servant bore two sons for Jacob.

Genesis 30:8

ULT

8 So Rachel said, “{With} mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister. Indeed I have prevailed!” And she called his name Naphtali.

UST

8 So Rachel said, “I have had a difficult contest with my sister, and {now} I have defeated her!” Then she named that son Naphtali {which means “my contest”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:9

ULT

9 Now Leah saw that she had ceased from bearing {children}, so she took Zilpah her maidservant and gave her to Jacob as a wife.

UST

9 Now when Leah realized that she had stopped having children, she brought her servant Zilpah {to Jacob} and gave her to him to be {another} wife {for him}.

What did Leah do when she saw that she had stopped bearing children?

Leah gave Jacob Zilpah her servant so she could have children on Leah’s behalf.

Genesis 30:10

ULT

10 Then Zilpah the maidservant of Leah bore a son for Jacob,

UST

10 Then Zilpah had a son for Jacob,

What caused Leah to say, “This is fortunate.”? (vv10-11)

Leah said, “This is fortunate.” because Zilpah her servant bore Jacob a son.

Genesis 30:11

ULT
11 and Leah said, “What good fortune!” So she called his name Gad.

UST
11 and Leah exclaimed, “I am so fortunate!” So she named him Gad {which means “fortunate”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:12

ULT
12 Then Zilpah the maidservant of Leah bore a second son for Jacob,

UST
12 Then Leah’s servant Zilpah had a second son for Jacob,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:13

ULT
13 and Leah said, “How blessed I am! For women will call me blessed.” So she called his name Asher.

UST
13 and Leah exclaimed, “{God} has truly blessed me! Now {other} women will know that {God} has blessed me.” So she named that son Asher {which means “blessed”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:14

ULT
14 Then in the days of the wheat harvest, Reuben went out and found mandrakes in the field, and he brought them to Leah his mother. Then Rachel said to Leah, “Please give to me some of your son’s mandrakes.”

UST
14 Then {one day} during the season when people were harvesting wheat, Leah’s son Reuben went out in a field and found {some} fertility plants, and he gave them to his mother. {When Rachel found out about the plants,} she begged Leah, “Please give me some of the fertility plants that your son found.”

What did Rachel offer Leah in exchange for her son’s mandrakes? (vv14-15)
In exchange for Reuben’s mandrakes, Rachel offered to let Leah sleep with Jacob that night

Genesis 30:15

ULT

15 But she said to her, “Is it a small matter you have taken my husband? And would you also take my son’s mandrakes?” Then Rachel said, “Therefore he may lie with you tonight for your son’s mandrakes.”

UST

15 But Leah replied to her, “{No!} It was {bad} enough that you stole my husband {from me}! And {now} you even want to take my son’s fertility plants!” Rachel replied, “Alright then, Jacob can sleep with you tonight if you will give me your son’s fertility plants.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:16

ULT

16 Then Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him and said, “You must come to me, because I have surely hired you with my son’s mandrakes.” So he lay with her during that night,

UST

16 That evening when Jacob came {home} from {working in} the field, Leah went out to greet him and told {him}, “You must sleep with me {tonight}, because I have traded my son’s fertility plants for time with you.” So Jacob spent that night with Leah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:17

ULT

17 and God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore a fifth son for Jacob.

UST

17 God answered {the prayers of} Leah, so that she became pregnant and had a fifth son for Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:18

ULT
18 Then Leah said, “God has given {me} my reward because I gave my maidservant to my husband.” So she called his name Issachar.

UST
18 Then she said, “God has rewarded me for giving my servant to my husband {as a wife}.” So she named that son Issachar {which means “reward”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:19

ULT
19 Then Leah conceived again and bore a sixth son for Jacob.

UST
19 Then Leah became pregnant again and had a sixth son for Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:20

ULT
20 And Leah said, “God has presented me a good present. This time my husband will honor me because I have born six sons for him.” So she called his name Zebulun.

UST
20 Then she said, “God has given me a valuable gift, {so that} now my husband will honor me because I have had six sons for him.” So she named their son Zebulun {which means “honor”}.

How many sons did Leah bear for Jacob?
Leah bore six sons for Jacob.

Genesis 30:21

ULT
21 Then later she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

UST
21 {Sometime} after that, Leah had a daughter and named her Dinah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:22

ULT
22 Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb.

UST
22 God had not forgotten Rachel, so he answered her {prayers} and made it possible for her to have children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:23

ULT
23 Then she conceived and bore a son, and she said, “God has taken away my disgrace!”

UST
23 Then she became pregnant and had a son, and she exclaimed, “God has made it so that I am no longer ashamed!”

What caused Rachel to say that her shame had been taken away?
When Rachel bore a son for Jacob, she said that her shame had been taken away.

Genesis 30:24

ULT
24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, “May Yahweh add another son to me.”

UST
24 She named her son Joseph {which means “may he give another”}, {because} she said, “I pray that Yahweh will give me another son.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:25

ULT

25 Then it happened, after Rachel bore Joseph, then Jacob said to Laban, “Send me off, so that I may go to my place and to my land.

UST

25 After Rachel had Joseph, Jacob requested of Laban, “{Please} allow me to leave {here}, so that I can return to my {own} home in my {own} country.

What request did Jacob make to Laban after Joseph was born? (vv25-26)

Jacob requested that Laban let Jacob go with his family back to his own home and country.

Genesis 30:26

ULT

26 Give me my wives and my children whom I have served you for, so that I may go. For you yourself know the service that I have served you.”

UST

26 Let me take my wives and my children whom I have finished serving you for, so that I can leave {with them}. You yourself know how {well} I have served you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:27

ULT

27 Then Laban said to him, “Please {stay}, if I have found favor in your eyes. I have learned by divination that Yahweh has blessed me because of you.”

UST

27 But Laban responded to him, “Please be kind to me {and stay}, {because} I have found out from observing signs that Yahweh has blessed me because you {are here with me}.”

Why did Laban not want to let Jacob go away?

Laban had divined that Yahweh had blessed him for Jacob’s sake.

Genesis 30:28

ULT

28 Then he said, “Name your wages to me, and I will give {them}.”

UST

28 Then he added, “Tell me what you want your pay to be, and that is what I will pay you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:29

ULT

29 And he said to him, “You yourself know how I have served you and how your livestock have been with me.

UST

29 Jacob replied to him, “You yourself know how {hard} I have worked for you and how {well} your animals have prospered under my care.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:30

ULT

30 For {there was} little that was yours before me, and it has prospered to abundance, and Yahweh has blessed you at my feet. But now, when will I also do something for my household?”

UST

30 The few that you owned before I came have multiplied dramatically. Yes, Yahweh has blessed you because of me. But now, I need to also provide for my {own} family!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:31

ULT

31 Then he said, “What should I give to you?” And Jacob said, “Do not give anything to me. If you will do this thing for me, I will continue tending your flock{s} watching over {them}:

UST

31 So Laban asked {him}, “What can I pay you {to persuade you} {to stay here}?” Jacob answered, “Do not pay me anything. Just do this {one} thing for me, and I will continue taking care of your flock{s}:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:32

ULT

32 I will pass through all your flock{s} today to remove from there every speckled and spotted lamb and every dark-colored lamb among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled {young} among the goats. And that will be my wages.

UST

32 Let me look through all your flock{s} today and separate out from them all the lambs that are speckled, spotted or dark-colored, and {all} the young goats that are spotted or speckled. They will be my pay.

What wages did Jacob receive for his work for Laban?

Jacob took the speckled, spotted, and black sheep, and the speckled and spotted goats from Laban's flock that he tended.

Genesis 30:33

ULT

33 So my righteousness will testify for me in future days when you go over my wages in front of you: any that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and dark-colored among the sheep, it was stolen {if it is} with me."

UST

33 That way {too}, in the future it will be easy {for you} to know whether {or not} I am being honest whenever you check the animals you have paid me. {If you see} that I have any {sheep or} goats that are not speckled or spotted, or any lambs {that are not} dark-colored, {you will know that} I stole them {from you}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:34

ULT

34 And Laban said, "Behold, let it be according to your word."

UST

34 Laban replied, "I agree. Yes, let's do exactly as you have suggested."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:35

ULT

35 Then on that day he removed the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the female goats that were speckled and spotted, any that {had} white on it, and all the dark-colored {ones} among the lambs. Then he gave {them} into the hand of his sons,

UST

35 But that {same} day, Laban separated {from his flocks} {all} the he-goats that had streaks or spots, and all the she-goats that had speckles or spots, all that {had any} white {marks} on them, together with all the dark-colored lambs. Then he told his sons to take care of {them},

How did Laban cheat Jacob concerning Jacob's wages? (vv35-36)

Laban first removed the animals that Jacob would have taken, before he gave the flock to Jacob to tend.

Genesis 30:36

ULT

36 and he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob was tending the rest of Laban's flock{s}.

UST

36 and he {and his sons} took {those animals} a three-day walking-distance away from Jacob. Meanwhile Jacob continued taking care of the rest of Laban's flock{s}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:37

ULT

37 Then Jacob took for himself fresh-cut branches of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white that {was} inside the branches.

UST

37 Then Jacob cut {some} branches from poplar {trees}, almond {trees} and chestnut {trees}, and made white streaks on them {by peeling off long strips of bark}, which exposed the white {wood} that was inside the branches.

What kind of sticks did Jacob peel white streaks into?

Jacob peeled white streaks into branches of fresh poplar, almond, and plane trees.

Genesis 30:38

ULT

38 Then he put the branches that he had peeled in the troughs, in the water troughs where the flocks came to drink, in front of the flocks. And they were in heat when they came to drink,

UST

38 Then he put those {streaked} branches in all the drinking troughs that the flock{s} would come to drink from, so that the flock{s} would see the branches. {That way, whenever} the animals that were ready to mate came {to the troughs} to drink,

What did Jacob do with the peeled sticks?

Jacob put the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks, in front of the watering troughs where they came to drink.

Genesis 30:39

ULT

39 and the flocks would mate by the branches, and the flocks would bear streaked, speckled and spotted {young}.

UST

39 they would see the branches as they were mating. As a result, they would have {young that were} streaked or speckled or spotted.

What happened when the flocks bred in front of the sticks?

When the flocks bred in front of the sticks they produced striped, speckled, and spotted young.

Genesis 30:40

ULT

40 Then Jacob set apart the lambs, and he made the faces of the flock{s} look at the streaked and all the dark-colored {animals} in the flock{s} of Laban. And he put flocks for himself by themselves, and he did not put them with the flock{s} of Laban.

UST

40 Then Jacob separated those young animals {from Laban's flocks} {to form new flocks for himself}, and he put {the rest of} the flock{s} with the streaked and dark-colored {animals} in Laban's flock{s} {so that they would mate and have young that were streaked or dark-colored}. In that way, {over time} he created separate flocks {of sheep and goats} for himself that he kept separate from Laban's flock{s}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:41

ULT

41 So it happened whenever the strong animals were in heat, then Jacob put the branches in the troughs before the eyes of the flocks so that they would mate by the branches.

UST

41 Whenever the stronger female animals were ready to mate, Jacob put the {streaked} branches in the {drinking} troughs in front of those animals so that they would see the branches as they were mating.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 30:42

ULT

42 But when the animals were weak, he did not put {them} {in}. So it was the weak ones {went} to Laban, and the strong ones to Jacob,

UST

42 But whenever the weaker female animals {were ready to mate}, Jacob did not put {the branches} {in the troughs}. In that way, {the young from} the weaker {animals} were Laban's and {the young from} the stronger {animals} were Jacob's.

What was the result of Jacob's breeding of the animals?

The result was that Laban's flock was feebler, and Jacob's flock was stronger.

Genesis 30:43

ULT

43 so that the man prospered very greatly, and he owned large flock{s}, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.

UST

43 So Jacob became extremely wealthy and owned large flock{s} {of sheep and goats}, and {many} male and female servants, and {many} camels and donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31

Genesis 31:1

ULT

[1] Then he heard the words of the sons of Laban {who} were saying, “Jacob has taken everything that {belonged} to our father, and from what {belonged} to our father he has gained all this wealth!”

UST

[1] Then Jacob heard that Laban’s sons were {complaining and} saying, “Jacob has taken {for himself} everything that our father owned. In fact, he has gotten all his riches from what belonged to our father!”

From where did Laban and his sons believe Jacob had gotten all his wealth? (vv1-2)

Laban and his sons believed that Jacob had gotten all his wealth from Laban’s possessions.

Genesis 31:2

ULT

[2] And Jacob saw the face of Laban and behold, he was not with him as yesterday and three days ago.

UST

[2] Jacob also noticed that Laban no longer acted friendly toward him the way he used to in the past.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:3

ULT

[3] Then Yahweh said to Jacob, “Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you.”

UST

[3] Then Yahweh told Jacob, “Return to your ancestors’ homeland, where your relatives live, and I will stay with you {and help you}.”

What instructions did Yahweh give Jacob?

Yahweh instructed Jacob to return to the land of his fathers and to his relatives.

Genesis 31:4

ULT

4 Then Jacob sent for Rachel and Leah and called them to the field to his flock{s}.

UST

4 So Jacob sent a message to Rachel and Leah that they should meet him at the field {where he was with} his flock{s} {of sheep and goats}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:5

ULT

5 Then he said to them, “I have seen the face of your father that he is not toward me as yesterday and three days ago, but the God of my father has been with me.

UST

5 {When they arrived,} he said to them, “I have noticed that your father no longer acts friendly toward me the way he used to in the past, but the God whom my father serves has stayed with me {and has helped me}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:6

ULT

6 And you know that with all my might I have served your father,

UST

6 You {both} know how I have worked for your father as hard as I could,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:7

ULT

7 but your father has cheated me and changed my wages ten times. However God has not allowed him to harm me.

UST

7 but he has cheated me by changing what he pays me ten times. However God has not permitted him to hurt me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:8

ULT

8 If he said, ‘The speckled {animals} will be your wages,’ then all the flock{s} bore speckled {young}. But if he said, ‘The streaked {ones} will be your wages,’ then all the flock{s} bore streaked {young}.

UST

8 {For example,} every time that he told {me} that the speckled animals would be my pay, all {the female animals in} the flocks gave birth to speckled young. But whenever he {changed his mind and} told {me} that the streaked animals would be my pay, then they all gave birth to streaked young.

How had God taken away the cattle of Laban and given them to Jacob? (vv8-9)

God had caused the animals to bear speckled, and striped young which were Jacob’s wages.

Genesis 31:9

ULT

9 So God took away the livestock of your father and gave {them} to me.

UST

9 In that way, God has taken your father’s animals {from him} and has given {them} to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:10

ULT

10 “And it happened in the season the flock{s} were in heat, and I lifted my eyes and saw in a dream that behold, the he-goats that were mounting the flock{s} {were} streaked, speckled and spotted.

UST

10 “One time during the season when the flock{s} {of sheep and goats} were mating, I had a dream. {In the dream} I looked around and was surprised to see that the {only} male goats {and sheep} that were mating with the female goats {and sheep} {were} streaked, speckled or blotched.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:11

ULT

11 Then an angel of God said to me in the dream, ‘Jacob!’ and I said, ‘Behold me.’

UST

11 Then an angel from God called to me in the dream, ‘Jacob!’ and I answered, ‘Yes, {Lord}?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:12

ULT

12 Then he said, ‘Please lift up your eyes and see all the he-goats that are mounting the flock{s} {are} streaked, speckled and spotted, because I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

UST

12 Then he said {to me}, ‘Look around and notice that all the male goats {and sheep} that are mating with the female goats {and sheep} are streaked, speckled or blotched. {I have caused that to happen,} because I have noticed all {the wrong things} that Laban has been doing to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:13

ULT

13 I {am} the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar, where you vowed a vow to me. Now get up, go out from this land and return to the land of your birth.’ ”

UST

13 I am the God {who appeared to you} at {the town of} Bethel, where you poured oil on top of a memorial stone {to dedicate the place to me}, {and} where you made an oath to me. {So} then, get ready {and} leave this land {immediately}, and go back to your home land.’ ”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:14

ULT

14 Then Rachel and Leah replied and said to him, “Is there still for us a portion or inheritance in our father’s house?

UST

14 Then Rachel and Leah responded to Jacob, “We will not inherit anything from our father {when he dies}!

What attitude did Rachel and Leah have toward their father Laban? (vv14-15)

Rachel and Leah said that Laban treated them as foreigners and had devoured their money.

Genesis 31:15

ULT

15 Aren’t we regarded by him {as} foreigners? For he sold us, and he has indeed completely eaten up our silver.

UST

15 It is obvious that he treats us like outsiders {not family}. For example, he sold us {to you} {and became wealthy from the work you did for him}, but he spent all the money that should have been ours.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:16

ULT

16 For all the wealth that God took from our father {belongs} to us and to our children. So now, do all that God has said to you.”

UST

16 In fact, all the wealth that God has taken from our father {rightfully} {belongs} to us and our children. So then, {you should} do everything that God has told you {to do}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:17

ULT

17 So Jacob got up and put his sons and his wives on the camels,

UST

17 So Jacob {quickly} got ready {for the journey} and helped his wives and his children {get up} onto some camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:18

ULT

18 and he drove all his livestock and all his possessions that he had acquired, the livestock in his possession that he had acquired in Paddan Aram, to go to Isaac his father, to the land of Canaan.

UST

18 Then he {started} herding {the camels and} all his {other} animals toward the region of Canaan where his father Isaac lived. {He took with him} all his possessions that he had accumulated, {including} all the livestock that he had acquired {while living} in {the region of} Paddan Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:19

ULT

19 Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, so Rachel stole the idols that {belonged} to her father,

UST

19 Now {before that,} Laban the Aramean had gone away {for several days} to shear his sheep. {While her father was gone,} Rachel {entered his tent and} stole his idols {that he worshiped}.

What did Rachel do before leaving with Jacob?

Rachel stole her father’s household gods.

Genesis 31:20

ULT
20 and Jacob stole the heart of Laban the Aramean by not informing him that he was fleeing.

UST
20 Then Jacob {also} deceived Laban by fleeing {secretly} without telling him that he was leaving.

How did Jacob deceive Laban at this time?
Jacob deceived Laban by not telling Laban that he was leaving.

Genesis 31:21

ULT
21 And he fled and all that {belonged} to him, and he got up and crossed the River and set his face {toward} the mountains of Gilead.

UST
21 So {in that way} Jacob ran away {with his family} and {took} everything that they owned. They quickly crossed the {Euphrates} River and headed toward the hill country of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:22

ULT
22 Then on the third day it was told to Laban that Jacob had fled.

UST
22 Three days later someone informed Laban that Jacob had run away.

What did Laban do when he was told that Jacob had fled? (vv22-23)
Laban took his relatives with him and pursued Jacob, overtaking him after seven days.

Genesis 31:23

ULT

23 So he took his relatives with him and pursued after him a seven-day journey and overtook him in the mountains of Gilead.

UST

23 So Laban took {some of} his relatives with him and chased after Jacob for seven days until they overtook him in the hill country of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:24

ULT

24 But that night God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream and said to him, “Watch yourself that you do not speak with Jacob either good or bad.”

UST

24 But that night God appeared to Laban in a dream and warned him, “Be sure that you do not threaten Jacob in any way.”

What did God tell Laban in a dream?

God told Laban to speak neither good or bad to Jacob.

Genesis 31:25

ULT

25 And Laban overtook Jacob, and Jacob had pitched his tents in the hill country, so Laban with his relatives pitched theirs in the mountains of Gilead.

UST

25 {By the time that} Laban caught up with Jacob, Jacob had {already} set up his tents in the hill country {of Gilead}, so Laban and his relatives {also} set up camp there {at a place nearby}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:26

ULT

26 Then Laban said to Jacob, “What have you done? And you have stolen my heart and carried away my daughters like captives of the sword!

UST

26 Then {the next day} Laban {met with Jacob and} complained to him, “Look what you have done! You have deceived me and dragged away my daughters like prisoners of war!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:27

ULT

27 For what {reason} did you secretly flee and deceive me, and not tell me, so that I could have sent you with joy and with songs, with tambourines and lyres?

UST

27 Why did you deceive me and secretly run away? Why didn’t you tell me {that you were leaving}? {If I had known,} we could have {held a feast and} sung joyful songs {and danced} together, with tambourines and lyres playing, before sending you {on your way}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:28

ULT

28 And you did not let me kiss my grandchildren and my daughters! Now you have acted foolishly by doing {that}!

UST

28 You did not {even} let me kiss my daughters and my grandchildren {before they left}! What you have done is foolish!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:29

ULT

29 The power is in my hand to do harm to you, but last night the God of your fathers said to me, saying, ‘Keep yourself from speaking with Jacob either good or bad.’

UST

29 I have the power to harm {all of} you, but last night {in a dream} the God whom your father serves warned me not to threaten you in any way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:30

ULT

30 So now, you have surely gone because you greatly long for the house of your father. For what {reason} did you steal my gods?”

UST

30 Now then, {I understand that} you left because you were so homesick to return to your father’s family, but why did you steal my gods?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:31

ULT

31 Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, “Because I was afraid, because I said that perhaps you would seize your daughters from me.

UST

31 Jacob answered Laban, “{We left secretly} because I was afraid. I thought that {if I told you we were leaving,} you might take your {two} daughters from me {by force}.

Why did Jacob say that he had fled from Laban secretly?

Jacob said that he fled secretly because he was afraid that Laban would take his daughters from him by force.

Genesis 31:32

ULT

32 Whomever you find your gods with will not live! In front of our relatives, observe for yourself what {is} with me, and take {what belongs} to you." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.

UST

32 {However we did not take your gods. In fact,} if you find your gods with anyone {here}, that person will die {for stealing them}! {So} while our relatives are watching, {go ahead and} search {all} my belongings for yourself. {If you find} anything that is yours, take it." {When Jacob said that,} he did not know that Rachel {was the one who} had stolen the idols.

What did Jacob say when Laban accused him of stealing his household gods?

Jacob said that whoever stole Laban's household gods would not continue to live.

Genesis 31:33

ULT

33 Then Laban went into the tent of Jacob and into the tent of Leah and into the tent of the two slave women, but he did not find {anything}. Then he came out of Leah's tent and went into Rachel's tent.

UST

33 So Laban started searching in Jacob's tent, then {he searched} through Leah's tent and through the two servant women's tent, but he did not find {anything} {that belonged to him}. Next after he left those tents, he went into Rachel's tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:34

ULT

34 Now Rachel had taken the idols and put them inside the camel saddle and was sitting on them. And Laban felt throughout the entire tent, but did not find {them}.

UST

34 But Rachel had hidden the idols inside {her} camel saddlebag, and she was sitting on them. So Laban searched through everything {else} in the tent, but could not find them.

Why did Laban not find his household gods among Jacob's possessions? (vv34-35)

Laban did not find his household gods because Rachel sat on them and then said that she could not stand up since she was having her period.

Genesis 31:35

ULT

35 And she said to her father, “Do not let it burn in the eyes of my lord that I am not able to stand up in your presence, because the way of women {is} on me.” So he searched, but he did not find the idols.

UST

35 {As he was searching,} Rachel said to him, “Sir, {please} do not be upset that I am not able to get up to greet you, because it’s that time of the month {when I feel weak}.” {That is also why} he could not find {his} idols when he searched {her tent}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:36

ULT

36 Then it burned within Jacob and he disputed with Laban, and Jacob responded and said to Laban, “What {is} my crime? What {is} my sin, that you have hotly pursued after me?

UST

36 Then Jacob became {very} angry {at Laban} and confronted him by saying to him, “Tell me my crime! Tell me what sin I have done {against you} that gives you the right to chase after me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:37

ULT

37 Since you have felt through all my things, what have you found from any of the things of your house? Put {it} here in front of my relatives and your relatives, and let them judge between the two of us!

UST

37 Now that you have searched through all my things, did you find anything {that anyone took} from your household? {If so,} put {it} here in front of our relatives, so that they can decide which one of us is right!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:38

ULT

38 “These twenty years I {have been} with you! Your ewes and your she-goats did not miscarry, and I have not eaten rams from your flocks.

UST

38 “For twenty years I {have worked} for you! {During all that time} your sheep and your goats had no trouble bearing young, and I have never {killed and} eaten {any} animals from your flocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:39

ULT

39 I did not bring torn animals to you; I bore the loss myself. You required from my hand those stolen in the day and those stolen in the night.

UST

39 Whenever wild animals killed {any of} your animals, I never brought {the dead animal} to you {to prove I was innocent}, {rather} I replaced them at my own expense. {Besides that,} you required me to pay for {any} animals {that anyone ever} stole {at any time of} day or night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:40

ULT

40 There I was: In the day, heat devoured me, and in the night the frost, so that my sleep fled from my eyes.

UST

40 That was my situation! During the days, I suffered from the hot sun, and during the nights it was so cold that I could not sleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:41

ULT

41 That {is how it was} for me twenty years in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock{s}, and you changed my wages ten times.

UST

41 {It was like} that for me {during the entire} twenty years that I was with you. I worked for you for fourteen years in order to marry your two daughters, and {I worked} {another} six years to earn flocks {of animals} from you, even though you changed my pay ten times.

How long had Jacob worked for Laban, and how many times had Laban changed his wages?

Jacob had worked for Laban twenty years, and Laban had changed his wages ten times.

Genesis 31:42

ULT

42 If the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had not been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the toil of my palms, and he judged {you} last night."

UST

42 If God whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac serve and revere had not been with me {taking care of me}, there is no doubt that I would now be leaving with {absolutely} nothing. {But} God knows how {much} you have mistreated me and how hard I have worked {for you}, so last night he rebuked {you}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:43

ULT

43 And Laban responded and said to Jacob, "The daughters {are} my daughters, and the children {are} my grandchildren, and the flock{s} {are} my flock{s}. And everything that you see {belongs} to me! But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children whom they have born?

UST

43 Then Laban responded to Jacob, "These women {are} my daughters and their children {are} my grandchildren, and these flock{s} {are} {also} mine. In fact, all that you see {here} is mine! But there is nothing I can do today to keep my daughters or their children near me {any longer}!

How did Laban show that he still thought of Jacob's possessions as his own?

Laban said that all that he saw of Jacob's possessions was his.

Genesis 31:44

ULT
44 So now, come, let us cut a covenant, I and you, and let it be a witness between me and you."

UST
44 So then, you and I should make a {peace} treaty {with each other}, and there should be something to remind us {to keep that treaty}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:45

ULT
45 So Jacob took a stone and set it up {as} a pillar.

UST
45 So Jacob picked out a {large} stone and set it up {on its end} {as} a monument {to mark the place where they made their treaty}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:46

ULT
46 Then Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap. Then they ate there by the heap.

UST
46 Then he told his relatives, "Gather {some more} stones." So they {all} gathered stones and put them in a {large} pile. Then everyone ate {a meal together} there next to the pile {of stones}.

How did Jacob and Laban mark the place of their covenant?
Jacob and Laban marked the place of their covenant by making a pile of stones there.

Genesis 31:47

ULT
47 And Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but Jacob called it Galeed.

UST
47 Laban gave the pile the {Aramaic} name Jegar Sahadutha {which means “pile that reminds”}, while Jacob gave it the {Hebrew} name Galeed {which has the same meaning}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:48

ULT
48 And Laban said, “This heap {is} a witness between me and you today.” For that {reason} he called its name Galeed.

UST
48 Laban said {to him}, “{Starting} today this pile {of stones} will remind you and me {about our peace treaty}.” That is why the name of that place is Galeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:49

ULT
49 {It is} also Mizpah, because he said, “May Yahweh watch between me and you when we are hidden one from the other.

UST
49 {Another name for the place is} Mizpah, {which means “watchtower,”} because Laban said {to Jacob}, “May Yahweh watch both of us {to make sure that we keep our treaty} while we are apart from each other.

Who was declared as witness between Jacob and Laban to ensure the covenant would be kept? (vv49-50)
God was declared as witness between Jacob and Laban to ensure the covenant would be kept.

Genesis 31:50

ULT

50 If you afflict my daughters, or if you take wives besides my daughters, {even though} there is not someone with us, behold, God {is} a witness between me and you."

UST

50 If you treat my daughters badly, or if you marry {other} wives besides them, remember {that} {even if} no one {else} is watching us, God is {always} watching both of us, {to hold us accountable}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:51

ULT

51 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Behold this heap, and behold the pillar which I set up between me and you.

UST

51 Then Laban {also} said to Jacob, "Here is this pile {of stones}, and here is this monument which we stood up between us {to remind us about our peace treaty}.

What were the pile and the pillar for? (vv51-52)

The pile and pillar were both witnesses to the covenant which said neither Laban nor Jacob would pass the pile or pillar to do one another harm.

Genesis 31:52

ULT

52 This heap {is} a witness and the pillar {is} a witness that I will not pass by this heap to you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm.

UST

52 This pile {of stones} and this monument {both} remind us that I must never go past this pile {to attack you}, and that you must never go past this pile and this monument to attack me.

What covenant did Jacob and Laban make?

Jacob and Laban each agreed to not pass beyond the pile of stones to do the other harm.

Genesis 31:53

ULT

53 May the God of Abraham and the gods of Nahor, the gods of their father, judge between us!” Then Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac,

UST

53 May {your grandfather} Abraham’s God and {my grandfather} Nahor’s gods, {which were also} their father {Terah}’s gods, judge between us {and punish us if we break this agreement}!” But Jacob swore by the God whom his father Isaac revered {that he would keep their treaty},

What did Jacob do to show that he agreed to the covenant?

To show that he agreed with Laban about the covenant Jacob swore by God, who his father Isaac feared.

Genesis 31:54

ULT

54 and Jacob sacrificed a sacrifice on the mountain. Then he called his relatives to eat bread. Then they ate bread and spent the night on the mountain.

UST

54 and he burned {the body of} an animal {on an altar} as a sacrifice {to God} on the mountain. Then he invited his relatives to eat a meal {together} {there}. So they {all} ate the meal {together} and spent the night there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 31:55

ULT

55 Then in the morning Laban got up early and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters, and he blessed them. Then Laban left and returned to his place.

UST

55 Early the next morning Laban got up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters {goodbye} {on the cheeks} and asked God to bless them. Then he {and his men} left {from there} and returned home.

What did Laban do the next morning?

Laban rose, kissed his grandsons and daughters, blessed them, and returned home.

Genesis 32

Genesis 32:1

ULT
1 Then Jacob went on his way, and angels of God met him.

UST
1 Meanwhile Jacob continued on his journey {toward home} {with his family}, and {some} angels from God met him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:2

ULT
2 And when he saw them, Jacob said, “This {is} God’s camp!” So he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

UST
2 When Jacob saw the angels, he exclaimed, “This is God’s army!” So he named that place Mahanaim {which means “two armies”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:3

ULT
3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

UST
3 Then Jacob sent {some} messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau {who was living} in the region of Seir, {which was also called} the country of Edom.

To whom did Jacob send a message on his way toward Canaan?
Jacob sent a message to his brother Esau on his way toward Canaan.

Genesis 32:4

ULT

4 And he commanded them, saying, “This is what you will say to my lord, to Esau: ‘This is what your servant Jacob says, “I have been sojourning with Laban and have remained there until now.

UST

4 {Before they left,} he ordered them, “This {is what} you must tell my master Esau: ‘I, your servant Jacob, want you to know that I have been staying with {our uncle} Laban all this time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:5

ULT

5 And I have cattle and donkey{s}, flock{s}, and menservant{s} and maidservant{s}. And I have sent {messengers} to speak with my lord, so that I will find favor in your eyes.” ’ ”

UST

5 I own {many} cattle, donkeys and flocks, as well as {many} male and female servants. I have sent this message to {you,} sir, hoping that you will be kind {to me} {when I arrive}.’ ”

For what purpose did Jacob send this message?

Jacob desired to find favor in Esau’s sight.

Genesis 32:6

ULT

6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, “We went to your brother, to Esau, and also he is coming to meet you, and 400 men with him!”

UST

6 {After the messengers delivered Jacob’s message,} they returned to Jacob and reported {to him}, “We went {and spoke} to your brother Esau. Now he is on his way {here} to meet you, but {there are} {also} 400 men {coming} with him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:7

ULT

7 And Jacob was exceedingly afraid and it was distressing for him, so he divided the people who {were} with him and the flock{s} and the herd{s} and the camels into two camps.

UST

7 {When Jacob heard that,} he was very frightened and worried. So he put {all} the people {and animals} that were with him into two {large} groups, including {his family, his servants and} {all} his flocks {of sheep and goats}, herds {of cattle} and camels.

What was Jacob's reaction when he heard Esau was coming with four hundred men, and what did he do? (vv7-8)

Jacob was afraid, so he divided his people into two groups so that if Esau attacked one group, the other could escape.

Genesis 32:8

ULT

8 And he said, "If Esau comes to one camp and strikes them, then the camp that is left will escape."

UST

8 {He did that} because he thought, "If Esau {and his men} come and attack one group, then the other group might {be able to} escape."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:9

ULT

9 Then Jacob said, "God of my grandfather Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, Yahweh, who said to me, 'Return to your land and to your relatives and I will cause things to prosper with you.'

UST

9 Then he prayed, "{Dear} Yahweh, the God whom my grandfather Abraham and my father Isaac serve, you told me to go back to my country where my relatives live, and that you would cause me to prosper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:10

ULT

10 I am unworthy of all the kindnesses and of all the faithfulness that you have shown your servant. For I crossed this Jordan with my staff, but now I have become two camps.

UST

10 I am not worthy of how kind and faithful you have always been to {me} as I have served you. When I {first} crossed this Jordan {River}, all that I owned was my walking stick, but now my family and belongings are enough to form two {large} groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:11

ULT

11 Please save me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, because I am afraid of him that he will come and strike me {and} the mothers with the children!

UST

11 Please rescue me from my brother Esau, because I am afraid that he {and his men} will come and attack me {as well as} {these} mothers and {our} children!

What was Jacob's request to Yahweh?

Jacob asked Yahweh to deliver him from the hand of Esau.

Genesis 32:12

ULT

12 But you said, 'I will surely cause things to prosper with you, and I will make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted from {their} abundance.' "

UST

12 But you promised me that you would greatly prosper me, and that you would make my descendants {as numerous} as {the grains of} sand on the seashore, which are so numerous that no one can count them all."

Of what promise did Jacob remind Yahweh?

Jacob reminded Yahweh that he had promised to prosper Jacob, and to make is descendants like the sand of the sea.

Genesis 32:13

ULT

13 Then he stayed there for that night, and he took gifts from what was in his hand for Esau his brother:

UST

13 Then Jacob spent the night there, and {during that time} he selected many of his animals to give to his brother Esau,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:14

ULT

14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

UST

14 {including} 200 female goats and twenty male goats, 200 female sheep and twenty male sheep,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:15

ULT

15 thirty nursing camels and their young, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

UST

15 thirty mother camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, {and} twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:16

ULT

16 And he gave them into the hand{s} of his servants, each herd by itself. And he said to his servants, “Go before me, and put space between each herd.”

UST

16 Jacob put his servants in charge of the animals, with each kind {of animal} in a separate group. Then he ordered his servants, “Go ahead of me, {one group at a time,} and keep {some} distance between each group {of animals}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:17

ULT

17 And he commanded the first {one}, saying, “When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, ‘Whom do you belong to, and where are you going? And whom do these {animals} belong to {that are} before you?’

UST

17 He {also} ordered the servant in charge of the first group {of animals}, “When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, ‘Who is your master, and where are you headed? And who do these {animals} belong to {that you are driving} ahead of you?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:18

ULT

18 then you say, ‘{They belong} to your servant, to Jacob. They {are} a gift sent to my lord, to Esau. And behold, he {is} even behind us.’ ”

UST

18 then you are to tell {him}, ‘Esau, sir, these {animals} belong to Jacob who {humbly} serves you. He has sent them to you as a gift. In fact, he is following us {here}.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:19

ULT

19 Then he also commanded the second {servant}, also the third, also all who followed behind the herds, saying, “Say the same thing to Esau when you meet him.

UST

19 In the same way, Jacob ordered the servants who were in charge of the second and third groups {of animals}, and all {the servants} who were in charge of the {other} groups, “When you meet Esau, tell him the same thing {that I told the first servant}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:20

ULT

[20] And also say, ‘Behold, your servant Jacob {is} behind us.’ ” For he said, “I will cover his face with the gift that is going before me, and after that, when I see his face, perhaps he will receive my face.”

UST

[20] Especially be sure to tell {him} that his servant Jacob is following you {there}.” {Jacob did all that,} because he thought that if he sent the gifts {of animals} ahead of himself {to Esau}, then Esau would stop being angry at him. He was hoping that when Esau saw the gifts, he would {forgive him and} welcome him when they met in person.”

What did Jacob think he could accomplish by sending gifts to his brother Esau?

Jacob thought that perhaps he could appease Esau with the gifts that he sent to Esau so that later, when Jacob saw him, Esau would receive him.

Genesis 32:21

ULT

[21] Then the gift went before him, and he himself stayed for that night in the camp.

UST

[21] So Jacob’s servants {went} ahead of Jacob with the {animal} gifts {for Esau}, while Jacob {and his family} stayed {behind} in the camp that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:22

ULT

[22] Then during that night he got up and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok.

UST

[22] {Later} that {same} night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two concubines and his eleven sons across a shallow place in the Jabbok {Stream}.

How did Jacob end up being alone that night?

He took his wives, servant women, and children across the ford of the Jabbok.

Genesis 32:23

ULT
23 So he took them and had them cross over the stream, then he sent {the things} that {belonged} to him across.

UST
23 {After} he had taken them across the stream, he {went back and} had his servants take {all} his {animals and other} belongings across {the stream} {too}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:24

ULT
24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the dawn came up.

UST
24 Then Jacob was {there} by himself {for a while}, and a man {came and} fought with him until daybreak.

What did Jacob do that night until daybreak?
Jacob wrestled with a man until daybreak.

Genesis 32:25

ULT
25 And he saw that he was not prevailing over him, so he touched {him} on the socket of his hip so that the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him.

UST
25 When the man realized that he was not able to defeat Jacob, he struck him on his hip, so that it went out of place as they fought with each other.

What did the man do when he could not defeat Jacob?
The man struck Jacob's hip and dislocated it.

Genesis 32:26

ULT

26 Then he said, “Release me, because the dawn has come up!” But he said, “I will not release you unless you bless me!”

UST

26 Then the man said {to him}, “Let go of me, because it is daybreak!” But Jacob replied, “{No!} I will not let go of you until you {first} bless me!”

What did Jacob demand before he would let the man go?

Jacob demanded that the man bless him.

Genesis 32:27

ULT

27 So he said to him, “What {is} your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

UST

27 So the man asked him, “What is your name?” He answered, “{My name is} Jacob.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:28

ULT

28 Then he said, “Your name will not be called Jacob any more, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed.”

UST

28 Then the man said, “Your name will no longer be Jacob, but {rather it will be} Israel {which means “he who wrestles with God”}, because you have wrestled with God and with people, and you have won.”

What did the man say Jacob would there after be called?

The man said that Jacob’s name would now be Israel.

Genesis 32:29

ULT

29 Then Jacob asked and said, “Please tell {me} your name.” But he said, “Why {is} this you are asking for my name?” Then he blessed him there.

UST

29 Then Jacob asked the man what his name was. But he replied, “There is no need for you to ask {me} what my name is!” Then the man blessed Jacob there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:30

ULT

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, because {he said}, “I saw God face-to-face, but my life was preserved!”

UST

30 So Jacob named the place Peniel {which means “God’s face”}, because {he exclaimed}, “I saw God’s face {here}, but {yet} he allowed me to live!”

Who did Jacob say he had seen face to face that night?

Jacob said he had seen God face to face that night.

Genesis 32:31

ULT

31 And the sun rose on him as he passed Penuel, and he was limping because of his hip.

UST

31 The sun was shining as Jacob left Penuel {and returned to his family}, and he was limping because of his hip {injury}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 32:32

ULT

32 For that {reason} to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the muscle of the tendon that {is} on the socket of the hip, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the muscle of the tendon.

UST

32 That is why even today the people of Israel do not eat meat that comes from an {animal's} hip joint, because that is the place on Jacob's hip that God struck {and injured}.

What physical problem did Jacob continue to have after that night?

Jacob limped because of his hip after that night.

Genesis 33

Genesis 33:1

ULT

[1] Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and with him 400 men. Then he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maidservants.

UST

[1] Then Jacob looked and saw {in the distance} that Esau was coming {toward him}, and with him {were} 400 men! So Jacob {quickly} divided up {his} children among Leah, Rachel and {his} two servant wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:2

ULT

[2] And he put the maidservants and their children first, and Leah and her children after them, and Rachel and Joseph after them.

UST

[2] He put his servant wives and their children first {in line}, then Leah with her children behind them, and Rachel with {her son} Joseph last.

As Esau was coming to Jacob, in what order did Jacob put his wives behind him? (vv2-3)

Jacob put his female servants first, then Leah, and then Rachel.

Genesis 33:3

ULT

[3] Then he himself went before them, and he bowed to the ground seven times as he came near to his brother.

UST

[3] Then Jacob himself went ahead of them {all} {toward his brother}. As he got closer to him, he bowed {with his face} to the ground seven times {to show respect}.

What did Jacob do as he came near his brother?

Jacob bowed toward the ground seven times as he came near his brother.

Genesis 33:4

ULT

4 But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and he fell on his neck and kissed him, and they cried.

UST

4 But Esau ran to greet Jacob and hugged him. He held him tightly and kissed him {on the cheeks}, as they {both} cried {for joy}.

What did Esau do when he came to his brother?
Esau ran to meet Jacob, embraced him, hugged his neck, and kissed him.

Genesis 33:5

ULT

5 Then he lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and he said, “Who {are} these with you?” And he said, “The children whom God has graciously given to your servant.”

UST

5 Then Esau looked ahead and noticed the women and children {who were there}, so he asked {Jacob}, “Who {are} these {people}? {Do they belong} to you?” Jacob answered {him}, “{They are} {the wives and} the children whom God has kindly given to me, sir.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:6

ULT

6 Then the maidservants came near, they and their children, and they bowed down.

UST

6 Then the {two} servant wives with their children came forward, and they {all} bowed {to the ground} {in front of Esau} {to show respect}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:7

ULT

7 Then Leah also came near, and her children, and they bowed down. Then after {that}, Joseph came near, and Rachel, and they bowed down.

UST

7 Next Leah and her children also came forward and bowed {to the ground}. Then last {of all}, Joseph and {his mother} Rachel came forward, and they {also} bowed {to the ground}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:8

ULT

8 Then he said, “What to you {are} all these groups that I met?” And he said, “To find favor in the eyes of my lord.”

UST

8 Then Esau asked {Jacob}, “Why did you send all those herds {of animals} that I encountered?” Jacob answered {him}, “{They are gifts for you} so that you will be kind to me, sir.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:9

ULT

9 Then Esau said, “I have plenty, my brother. Let what {belongs} to you be yours.”

UST

9 But Esau replied, “My brother, I {already} have enough {animals}, {so} keep them for yourself.”

What did Esau tell Jacob to do with the gifts he had sent ahead to Esau?

Esau told Jacob to keep them for himself, since he had enough.

Genesis 33:10

ULT

10 But Jacob said, “No, please. If, please, I have found favor in your eyes, then take my gift from my hand. For indeed I have seen your face, {which is} like seeing the face of God, and you have received me.

UST

10 But Jacob insisted, “No, please. {Rather} if you want to be kind to me, then {please} accept these gifts from me. After all, for me to see your face is like seeing God’s face, especially since you have welcomed me {so kindly}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:11

ULT

11 Please take my blessing that was brought to you, because God has been gracious to me, and because I have everything.” And he urged him, so he took {it}.

UST

11 {So} please accept my gift {of animals} that I sent to you, because God has been kind to me, so that I have all {that I need}.” Jacob kept insisting {that Esau accept the animals from him} until {finally} he accepted {them}.

What two reasons did Jacob give Esau to accept his gifts?

Jacob said that because God had dealt graciously with him, and because he had enough, Esau should accept his gifts.

Genesis 33:12

ULT

12 Then he said, “Let’s travel and go, and I will go in front of you.”

UST

12 Then Esau suggested {to Jacob}, “Let’s start traveling {home}, and I will accompany you.”

Why did Jacob say he wanted Esau to go ahead, while he traveled more slowly? (vv12-14)

Jacob said he wanted Esau to go ahead because the flocks would die if they were driven too fast.

Genesis 33:13

ULT

13 But he said to him, “My lord knows that the children {are} tender and the flock{s} and the herd{s} {that} are nursing {are} with me. And if they drive them one day, then all the flock{s} will die.

UST

13 But Jacob replied to him, “Sir, as you know, {my} children {are} fragile and I need {to be careful with} {all} the sheep and cattle that are nursing {their young}. If I force the animals to go too far {for} {even} one day, all of them will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:14

ULT

14 Please let my lord go on before his servant, and I will lead them on at my gentle pace, at the pace of the livestock that {are} ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir.”

UST

14 {So then,} sir, please go on {home} ahead of me, sir. I will travel along slowly at a safe pace for the animals and the children that are with me, until we reach you in {the land of} Seir.”

Where did Jacob say he was going to bring his family and his flocks?

Jacob said he was going to bring his family and flocks to Esau in Seir.

Genesis 33:15

ULT

15 And Esau said, “Please let me leave with you some of the people who {are} with me.” But he said, “Why {do} that? Let me find favor in the eyes of my lord.”

UST

15 So Esau responded, “{Okay, then} please let me leave with you some of my men {to escort you}.” But Jacob replied, “There is no need {for you} to do that. {Just} please {continue to} be kind to me, sir.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:16

ULT
16 So on that day Esau went on his way back to Seir.

UST
16 So that day Esau {and his men} started on their way back {home} to {the land of} Seir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:17

ULT
17 And Jacob traveled to Succoth, and he built a house for himself, and for his livestock he made shelters. For that {reason} he called the name of the place Succoth.

UST
17 Meanwhile, {instead of going to Seir,} Jacob {and his family} traveled to {the town of} Succoth. There he {and his men} built houses for himself {and his family}, and they built {some} shelters for his animals. That is why the name of that place is Succoth {which means “shelters”}.

To where did Jacob travel, where he built himself a house?
Jacob traveled to Succoth, where he built himself a house.

Genesis 33:18

ULT
18 Then Jacob came {in} peace {to} the city of Shechem, which {was} in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan Aram, and he camped before the city.

UST
18 {After that,} Jacob {and his family} continued their journey {home} from Paddan Aram, until they arrived safely at the city of Shechem in the land of Canaan. Then they set up their tents {in a field} near that city.

To where did Jacob travel, where he bought a piece of ground? (vv18-19)
Jacob traveled to Shechem, where he bought a piece of ground.

Genesis 33:19

ULT

19 And he bought the portion of the field where he pitched his tent{s} from the hand{s} of the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for a hundred kesitahs.

UST

19 {While he was there,} he bought the land where he had set up his tents for a hundred pieces {of silver} from the descendants of Hamor, {who was} the father of Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 33:20

ULT

20 And there he set up an altar, and he called it El Elohe Israel.

UST

20 Jacob {also} built an altar {out of stones} on that land, and he named it El Elohe Israel {which means “God is the God of Israel”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34

Genesis 34:1

ULT

[1] Then Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she had born for Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land.

UST

[1] Then {one day} Dinah, {who was} the daughter of Jacob and Leah, went out to visit with {some of} the local women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:2

ULT

[2] And Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her, and he took her and lay with her and violated her.

UST

[2] The chief of that region was a Hivite named Hamor. His son Shechem saw {how beautiful} Dinah was, so he grabbed {hold of} her and raped her.

What did Shechem, the son of Hamor, do when he saw Dinah, Leah's daughter?
Shechem grabbed Dinah, assaulted her, and forced himself on her.

Genesis 34:3

ULT

[3] And his soul was attached to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke to the heart of the young woman.

UST

[3] Shechem admired Jacob's daughter Dinah so much that he fell in love with her and spoke sweetly to her {to try to woo her}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:4

ULT

4 Then Shechem said to Hamor his father, saying, “Get this girl for me as a wife.”

UST

4 Then Shechem said to his father Hamor, “Negotiate {things} for me so that I can marry this girl.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:5

ULT

5 Then Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, and his sons were with his livestock in the fields, so Jacob kept quiet until they came.

UST

5 When Jacob found out that Shechem had dishonored his daughter Dinah, his sons were {still} {out} in the fields taking care of his animals, so he didn’t say anything {about it} until they returned {home}.

What did Jacob do at first when he heard about what happened to Dinah?

Jacob held his peace until his sons came in from the field.

Genesis 34:6

ULT

6 And Hamor the father of Shechem came out to Jacob to talk with him.

UST

6 Meanwhile, {Shechem and} his father Hamor went to talk to Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:7

ULT

7 Then the sons of Jacob came from the fields. When they heard, then the men were grieved and it burned within them greatly, because he had done something disgraceful to Israel by lying with the daughter of Jacob, and such a thing should not have been done!

UST

7 Soon Jacob's sons returned {home} from the fields. When they heard {what had happened}, they were shocked and extremely angry that Shechem had dishonored {the people of} Israel by raping Jacob's daughter. No one should ever do such a {horrible} thing!

What was the reaction of Jacob's sons when they heard what Shechem had done to Dinah?

Jacob's sons were very angry.

Genesis 34:8

ULT

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying, "Shechem my son, his soul is attached to your daughter. Please give her to him as a wife.

UST

8 But Hamor urged Jacob and his sons, "My son Shechem deeply loves your daughter {and sister}. {So} please allow him to marry her.

What did Hamor, the father of Shechem, want Jacob to do? (vv8-9)

Hamor wanted Jacob to give Dinah to Shechem as his wife, and to allow Jacob's family to intermarry with Hamor's family.

Genesis 34:9

ULT

9 And intermarry with us: give your daughters to us and take our daughters for yourselves

UST

9 {In fact,} let's allow marriage between our two people groups, {so that} your daughters can marry our {young men} and your {young men} can marry our daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:10

ULT

10 and settle with us. And the land is before you. Settle and trade in it, and acquire {property} in it.”

UST

10 You can live among us. The land is available for you {to choose what you want}; live {in it} {wherever you want}. You can {also} trade {freely} here, and you can buy {your own} {land}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:11

ULT

11 Then Shechem said to her father and to her brothers, “Let me find favor in your eyes, and what you say to me I will give.

UST

11 Then Shechem said to Dinah’s father and brothers, “{Please} be kind to me {and let me marry her}, then I will pay {you} whatever you request from me {for her}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:12

ULT

12 Increase greatly the dowry and gift for me, and I will give according to what you say to me. Then give the young woman to me as a wife.”

UST

12 Set the bride-price and {marriage} gifts {that I must pay} {for her} as high as you want, and I will pay {you} whatever you ask from me. {Just please} give the young woman to me to marry.”

What did Shechem say he was willing to do to have Dinah as his wife?

Shechem said he would pay as great a bride price as Jacob would name.

Genesis 34:13

ULT

13 Then the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit and they spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

UST

13 But since Shechem had dishonored their sister Dinah, Jacob's sons replied to him and his father Hamor in a deceitful way.

In what way did the sons of Jacob answer Shechem, and why?

The sons of Jacob answered Shechem deceitfully, because Shechem had defiled Dinah.

Genesis 34:14

ULT

14 And they said to them, "We are not able to do this thing, to give our sister to a man who has a foreskin, because that {is} a disgrace to us!

UST

14 They said to them, "We are not able to do such a thing as let our sister marry a man {like you} who is not circumcised, because that would dishonor our family!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:15

ULT

15 Only on this {condition} will we consent with you: if you become like us by every male among you being circumcised.

UST

15 The only way that we can agree with your proposal is if {first} you {and your people} become like us by circumcising all of your males.

What requirement did the sons of Jacob make to Hamor before they would agree to intermarry with Hamor's family?

The sons of Jacob required that all the males in Hamor's family be circumcised.

Genesis 34:16

ULT

16 Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters for us. And we will settle with you, and we will become one people.

UST

16 {If you do that,} then we will allow your {young} men to marry our daughters, and {we will allow} your daughters to marry our {young men}. We will {also} live among you {in this land} so that we become one people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:17

ULT

17 But if you will not listen to us to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and go."

UST

17 However if you refuse to agree with our requirement that you circumcise {your people}, then we will take our sister and move {somewhere else}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:18

ULT

18 And their words were good in the eyes of Hamor and in the eyes of Shechem, Hamor's son.

UST

18 What Jacob's sons said seemed good to Hamor and his son Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:19

ULT

19 So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with the daughter of Jacob and he was honored more than all of the house of his father.

UST

19 So right away Shechem, who was the most respected member in his family, started to do what they required, because he was thrilled with Jacob's daughter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:20

ULT

20 So Hamor and Shechem his son went to the gate of their city, and they spoke to the men of their city, saying,

UST

20 In fact, he and his father Hamor went {straight} to their city entrance {for a town meeting}, and they told the elders of their city {about Jacob and his sons},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:21

ULT

21 "These men {are} peaceful with us, so let them settle in the land and let them trade in it. And behold, the land {is} broad of hands before them. We can take their daughters for ourselves as wives, and we can give our daughters to them.

UST

21 "These people are friendly toward us, so {let's} allow them to live in {our} land and trade {freely} here. After all, there is more than enough space in the land for them {too}. {Besides that,} {then} our {young} men can marry their daughters, and their {young} men can marry our daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:22

ULT

22 Only on this {condition} will the men consent with us to settle with us, to become one people: when every male among us is circumcised just as they are circumcised.

UST

22 There is just one thing: They will only agree to live among us and become one people group {with us} if we circumcise all our males so that we are like them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:23

ULT

23 Their livestock and their property and all their animals, will they not {belong} to us? Only let us consent with them, and they will settle with us!”

UST

23 {But if we do that,} {all} their property, {including} their livestock and all their {other} animals will belong to us! {So} let’s just agree to do what they require so that they will live among us!”

When speaking to the men of their city, what did Hamor and Shechem say would be theirs if they intermarried with Jacob’s family?

They said that all of Jacob’s livestock, property, and animals would be theirs if they intermarried with Jacob’s family.

Genesis 34:24

ULT

24 And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

UST

24 All {the men} who were leaders of the city agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, so they circumcised every male in the city, including themselves.

How did the men of Hamor’s city respond when asked if they were willing to be circumcised?

The men of Hamor’s city listened to Hamor and Shechem and every male was circumcised.

Genesis 34:25

ULT

25 Then it happened on the third day, when they were in pain, then two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, each took his sword and went upon the city boldly and killed every male.

UST

25 Three days later, when the men of {the city of} Shechem were {all} {still} sore {from being circumcised}, two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, both took their swords and attacked the city, with no one opposing them. They killed all the men {there}

What did Simeon and Levi do on the third day after the males from Hamor’s family had been circumcised?

Simeon and Levi killed all the males in Hamor’s city.

Genesis 34:26

ULT

26 And they killed Hamor and Shechem his son with the mouth of the sword, and they took Dinah from the house of Shechem and left.

UST

26 with their swords, including Hamor and his son Shechem. Then they got Dinah from Shechem's house and left {the city}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:27

ULT

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister.

UST

27 {Next} {all} Jacob's sons went {into the city} and took everything valuable from the dead bodies and from {the rest of} the city. {They did that,} because {that was where} Shechem had dishonored their sister.

What then did all of the sons of Jacob do? (vv27-29)

All of the sons of Jacob looted the city, took all the wealth, and captured the children and wives.

Genesis 34:28

ULT

28 They took their flock{s} and their herd{s} and their donkeys, and what {was} in the city and what {was} in the field{s}.

UST

28 They plundered whatever was in the city and in the {surrounding} fields, including the people's flocks {of sheep and goats}, their herds {of cattle} and their donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:29

ULT

29 And all their wealth and all their little ones and their women they took captive, and they also plundered everything that {was} in the houses.

UST

29 They carried away all the valuable things the people of Shechem had owned, including everything that was in their houses. They also captured their women and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 34:30

ULT

30 Then Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink among {those} who live in the land, among the Canaanites and among the Perizzites! And I am few of number, and if they gather together against me and attack me, then I will be destroyed, I and my house!"

UST

30 Later Jacob scolded Simeon and Levi {by saying}, "You have brought me {serious} trouble by causing the Canaanites and Perizzites who live in this land to hate us!" I {only} have a few men {to defend us}, so if they {all} join {forces} against us and attack us, they will destroy us and {the rest of} our family!"

How did Jacob respond when he learned about what Simeon and Levi had done?

Jacob said that Simeon and Levi had brought trouble on him because the inhabitants of the land might now destroy him and his household.

Genesis 34:31

ULT

31 But they said, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"

UST

31 But Simeon and Levi responded, "Shechem should not have treated our sister like a whore!"

Why did Simeon and Levi say they had done it?

Simeon and Levi said they had done it because Shechem had treated their sister Dinah like a prostitute.

Genesis 35

Genesis 35:1

ULT

1 Then God said to Jacob, “Get up, go up to Bethel and settle there, and make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you were fleeing from the presence of Esau your brother.”

UST

1 Then God commanded Jacob, “Leave here and move to {the town of} Bethel. Build an altar there and worship {me as} the God who appeared to you {there} when you were running away from your brother Esau.”

What did God tell Jacob to go and do?

God told Jacob to go to Bethel and to build an altar to God.

Genesis 35:2

ULT

2 So Jacob said to his household and to all who {were} with him, “Remove the foreign gods that {are} among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.

UST

2 So Jacob told his family and everyone else who {was} with him, “Get rid of the idols you have that other people groups worship. Also wash and make yourselves clean and put on clean clothes.

What did Jacob then tell the people of his household to do?

Jacob told them to put away their foreign gods, to purify themselves, and to change their clothes.

Genesis 35:3

ULT

3 Then let us get up and go up to Bethel, and there I will make an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress. And he has been with me in the way that I have gone.”

UST

3 Then we will leave here and move to {the town of} Bethel. There we will build an altar and worship God because he helped me during the time when I was in trouble. He has {always} been with us {and taken care of us} everywhere that we have gone.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:4

ULT

4 So they gave to Jacob all the foreign gods that {were} in their hand and the rings that {were} in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree that {was} by Shechem.

UST

4 So they gave Jacob all their idols and {all} their earrings. Then Jacob buried all those things at the base of the oak tree that {was} near {the city of} Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:5

ULT

5 Then they set out, and the dread of God was on the cities that {were} around them, so that they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.

UST

5 Then Jacob and everyone with him left that place, and God caused {the people in} the surrounding towns to be terrified, so that they did not attack Jacob's family.

As they traveled, why did the people of the cities around Jacob and his household not pursue them?

The people of the cities around them did not pursue them because they were afraid of God.

Genesis 35:6

ULT

6 Then Jacob came to Luz, which {is} Bethel, which {is} in the land of Canaan, he and all the people who {were} with him.

UST

6 He and his family {continued traveling} in the region of Canaan, and they arrived at {the town of} Luz, which {also has the name} Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:7

ULT

7 And there he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from the presence of his brother.

UST

7 There Jacob built an altar, and he named the place El Bethel {which means “the God of Bethel”}, because that is where God had {first} appeared to him when he was running away from his brother.

Why did Jacob call the place they came to “Elbethel”?

Jacob called it “Elbethel” because it was the place God had revealed himself to Jacob when Jacob was fleeing from Esau.

Genesis 35:8

ULT

8 Then Deborah, Rebekah’s nurse, died and was buried below Bethel, under the oak tree. So he called its name Allon Bacuth.

UST

8 {While they were there,} Deborah died. She was the servant that had helped raise {Jacob’s mother} Rebekah {when she was young}. Jacob buried her body at the base of an oak tree, {in the valley} near {the town of} Bethel. So he named the place Allon Bacuth {which means “oak tree of mourning”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:9

ULT

9 Then God appeared to Jacob again when he had come from Paddan Aram, and he blessed him,

UST

9 Now that Jacob had returned from {the region of} Paddan Aram, God appeared to him {at Bethel} again. {There} God blessed him

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:10

ULT

10 and God said to him, “Your name {is} Jacob, your name will not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel will be your name!” So he called his name Israel.

UST

10 and said to him, “{Although} your name {has been} Jacob, that will no longer be your {only} name, but {rather} you will {also} have the name Israel!” So {once again} God gave Jacob the name Israel.

What new name did God give Jacob?

God gave Jacob the new name Israel.

Genesis 35:11

ULT

11 Then God said to him, “I {am} El Shaddai. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a community of nations will be from you, and kings will come from your loins.

UST

11 Then God {also} said to Jacob, “I am Almighty God. Have many children so that you {and your descendants} become {very} numerous. Your descendants will become many people groups, and some of your descendants will be kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:12

ULT

12 And the land that I gave to Abraham and to Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you.”

UST

12 {Besides that,} the land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I {also} give to you and your descendants {who live} after you.”

What promise did God reaffirm to Jacob?

God reaffirmed the promise that Jacob would become a company of nations with kings among his descendants, and that the land God had promised to Abraham and Isaac would be given to him and his descendants.

Genesis 35:13

ULT

13 Then God went up from him at the place where he spoke with him.

UST

13 After God finished talking to Jacob, he left him there and went up {to heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:14

ULT

14 Then Jacob set up a pillar at the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it.

UST

14 Then Jacob stood a {large} stone up {on its end} at the place where God had talked to him to mark the place {as special}. Then he poured some wine and some {olive} oil on it {to thank God and dedicate the place to him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:15

ULT

15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him Bethel.

UST

15 Since God had talked to Jacob at that place, Jacob named it Bethel {which means “God’s house”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:16

ULT

16 Then they set out from Bethel, and there was still a distance of land to come to Ephrath, then Rachel started giving birth but was having great difficulty while she was giving birth.

UST

16 Later Jacob and his family moved on from Bethel and headed for {the town of} Ephrath. While they were still some distance from there, {his wife} Rachel went into labor and was experiencing great difficulty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:17

ULT

17 And it happened when she was in hard labor, then the midwife said to her, “Do not be afraid, because this {is} also a son for you!”

UST

17 Then when her labor pain was at its worst, {the baby was born and} the woman who was helping her deliver exclaimed to her, “Do not despair! You {now} have another son!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:18

ULT

18 Then it happened as her soul was leaving {her} (for she was dying), then she called his name Ben-oni, but his father called him Benjamin.

UST

18 But Rachel was dying, and as her spirit was leaving her body, she named her baby Benoni {which means “son of my sorrow”}. But {later,} his father {Jacob} changed his name to Benjamin {which means “son of my right hand”}.

What happened to Rachel during her labor with Benjamin? (vv18-19)

Rachel died during her labor with Benjamin.

Genesis 35:19

ULT

19 So Rachel died and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which {is} Bethlehem.

UST

19 After Rachel died, they buried her body beside the road to {the town of} Ephrath, which {also has the name} Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:20

ULT
20 And Jacob set up a pillar over her grave; that {is} the pillar of Rachel's grave to this day.

UST
20 Jacob stood a stone up {on its end} on her grave {to mark where it was}. {In fact,} that {same} stone still marks Rachel's grave today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:21

ULT
21 Then Israel set out and pitched his tents beyond Migdal Eder.

UST
21 Then Israel {and his family} moved on {from there} and set up their tents on the south side of the tower of Eder.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:22

ULT
22 And it happened while Israel was living in that land, then Reuben went and slept with Bilhah, his father's concubine, and Israel heard. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve.

UST
22 While they were living in that area, {Israel's son} Reuben committed adultery with his father's servant wife Bilhah, and Israel found out {about it}. {With the birth of Benjamin,} Jacob {now} had {a total of} twelve sons.

Israel heard about what thing that Reuben had done?
Israel heard that Reuben had slept with Bilhah, Israel's concubine.

How many sons did Jacob have?
Jacob had twelve sons.

Genesis 35:23

ULT
23 The sons of Leah {were} Reuben the firstborn of Jacob, then Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Zebulun.

UST
23 The sons {he had} with Leah {were} Reuben, {who was} his oldest {child}, then Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:24

ULT
24 The sons of Rachel {were} Joseph and Benjamin.

UST
24 The sons {he had} with Rachel {were} Joseph and Benjamin.

Which sons of Jacob were born from Rachel?
Joseph and Benjamin were born from Rachel.

Genesis 35:25

ULT
25 and the sons of Bilhah, the maidservant of Rachel, {were} Dan and Naphtali.

UST
25 The sons {he had} with Rachel's servant Bilhah {were} Dan and Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:26

ULT
26 And the sons of Zilpah, the maidservant of Leah, {were} Gad and Asher. Those {are} the sons of Jacob who were born to him in Paddan Aram.

UST
26 And the sons {he had} with Leah's servant Zilpah were Gad and Asher. {All} those {are} the sons Jacob had {starting from the time that he lived} in {the region of} Paddan Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:27

ULT

27 Then Jacob came to Isaac his father in Mamre, Kiriath Arba, which {is} Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned.

UST

27 Then Jacob went {home} to his father Isaac {in the city of} Mamre, which {also has the name} Kiriath Arba or Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac {and their families} had lived for a while {as foreigners}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 35:28

ULT

28 And the days of Isaac were 180 years.

UST

28 Isaac lived to be 180 years old.

How many years did Isaac live?

Isaac lived one hundred eighty years.

Genesis 35:29

ULT

29 Then Isaac exhaled and died and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.

UST

29 Then, after living a long, full life, he took his {last} breath, died and joined his ancestors {who had died before him}. Then his sons Esau and Jacob buried his body.

Who buried Isaac?

Esau and Jacob buried Isaac.

Genesis 36

Genesis 36:1

ULT

1 And these {are} the generations of Esau, who {is} Edom.

UST

1 Here {is} a record about the descendants of Esau, whose {nickname} was Edom.

By what other name are the descendants of Esau called?
The descendants of Esau are also called Edom.

Genesis 36:2

ULT

2 Esau had taken his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah {and} the {grand}daughter of Zibeon the Hivite,

UST

2 Esau had married {two} Canaanite women, {including} Adah, {who was} the daughter of a Hittite named Elon, and Oholibamah, {who was} Anah's daughter and the granddaughter of a Hivite named Zibeon.

From where did Esau get his wives?
Esau took his wives from the Canaanites.

Genesis 36:3

ULT

3 and Basemath, the daughter of Ishmael {and} the sister of Nebaioth.

UST

3 {Esau also married} Basemath, {who was} Ishmael's daughter and Nebaioth's sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:4

ULT

4 And Adah bore Eliphaz for Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,

UST

4 Adah had {a son} with Esau {whom they named} Eliphaz, while Basemath had {a son named} Reuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:5

ULT

5 and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. Those {were} the sons of Esau who were born for him in the land of Canaan.

UST

5 Oholibamah had {sons named} Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. {All} those {were} Esau's sons whom he had {while he lived} in the region of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:6

ULT

6 Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all the people of his house, and his livestock and all his animal{s} and all his possession{s} that he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and he went to a land from the presence of Jacob his brother,

UST

6 Later Esau moved away from his brother Jacob. He took {with him} his wives, his sons, his daughters, and all the {other} members of his household, as well as his livestock and all {the rest of} his animals and all the {other} belongings that he had gotten in the region of Canaan.

Why did Esau move away from his brother Jacob? (vv6-7)

Esau moved away from his brother Jacob because the land could not support both of them as their possessions were too many.

Genesis 36:7

ULT

[7] because their possession{s} were {too} great for them to remain together, and the land of their sojournings was not able to support them because of their livestock.

UST

[7] The reason {he moved away} is that he and Jacob {both} owned so many animals that they could not live together {in the same area}. The land where they were staying was {just} not big enough to support them {both} because they had so many livestock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:8

ULT

[8] So Esau settled in the mountains of Seir. Esau, who {is} Edom.

UST

[8] That is how Esau {and his family} ended up living in the Seir Mountains. {That is the record about} Esau, that {is}, Edom.

Where did Esau settle?

Esau settled in the hill country of Seir.

Genesis 36:9

ULT

[9] Now these {are} the generations of Esau, the father of the Edomites, in the mountains of Seir.

UST

[9] Here {is} a {more detailed} record of the descendants of Esau, {who was} the ancestor of the Edomites {who live} in the Seir Mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:10

ULT

10 These are the names of the sons of Esau: Eliphaz, the son of Esau's wife Adah, and Reuel, the son of Esau's wife Basemath.

UST

10 {Two of} Esau's sons {were} Eliphaz, whom he had with his wife Adah, and Reuel, whom he had with his wife Basemath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:11

ULT

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho and Gatam and Kenaz.

UST

11 Eliphaz {and his wife} had sons {they named} Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:12

ULT

12 And Timna was a concubine for Esau's son Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek for Eliphaz. Those {were} the grandsons of Adah, the wife of Esau.

UST

12 Eliphaz and his servant wife Timna had {a son they named} Amalek. Eliphaz's sons {were} {all} grandsons of {Esau and} his wife Adah.

What was the name of the son born by Timna, a concubine of Esau's firstborn son Eliphaz?

The name of the son born by Timna was Amalek.

Genesis 36:13

ULT

13 And these {were} the sons of Reuel: Nahath and Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. Those were the grandsons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

UST

13 Reuel's sons {were} Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. They were the grandsons of {Esau and} his wife Basemath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:14

ULT

14 And these were the sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah, the granddaughter of Zibeon: and she bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah for Esau.

UST

14 Esau and his wife Oholibamah had sons {whom they named} Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. {Oholibamah was} the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:15

ULT

15 These {were} the chiefs of the sons of Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn of Esau, {were} Chief Teman, Chief Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz,

UST

15 Here {is} {a record of} the descendants of Esau who became chiefs: The sons of his firstborn {son} Eliphaz {who became} chiefs {were} Teman, Omar, Zepho, Kenaz,

What was the name of the son born by Timna, a concubine of Esau's firstborn son Eliphaz? (vv15-16)

The name of the son born by Timna was Amalek.

Genesis 36:16

ULT

16 Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, Chief Amalek. Those {were} the chiefs of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. Those {were} the grandsons of Adah.

UST

16 Korah, Gatam, and Amalek. They {were} the chiefs {who descended} from Eliphaz {and lived} in the land of Edom. They {were} {all} grandsons of Adah {and Esau}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:17

ULT

17 And these {were} the sons of Reuel, the son of Esau: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah, Chief Shammah, Chief Mizzah. Those {were} the chiefs of Reuel in the land of Edom. Those {were} the grandsons of Basemath, the wife of Esau.

UST

17 The sons of Esau's son Reuel {who became} chiefs {were} Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. They {were} the chiefs {who descended} from Reuel {and lived} in the land of Edom. They {were} {all} grandsons of {Esau and} his wife Basemath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:18

ULT

18 And these {were} the sons of Oholibamah, the wife of Esau: Chief Jeush, Chief Jalam, Chief Korah. Those {were} the chiefs of Esau's wife Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

UST

18 The sons of Esau's wife Oholibamah {who became} chiefs were Jeush, Jalam, and Korah. They {were} the chiefs {who descended} from {Esau and} his wife Oholibamah, {who was} Anah's daughter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:19

ULT
19 Those {were} the sons of Esau, and those {were} their chiefs. He {is} Edom.

UST
19 {All} those {chiefs} {were} the descendants of Esau, that {is}, Edom, and each one led his own family group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:20

ULT
20 These {were} the sons of Seir the Horite who were inhabiting the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah

UST
20 Here is {a record of} the descendants of Seir the Horite who were {also} living in that land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

Who was the father of the inhabitants of the land in which Edom lived?
Seir the Horite was the father of the inhabitants of the land in which Edom lived.

Genesis 36:21

ULT
21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. Those {were} the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of Seir, in the land of Edom.

UST
21 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. They were the descendants of Seir {who became} chiefs over the Horites in the land of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:22

ULT
22 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and Hemam, and the sister of Lotan {was} Timna.

UST
22 Lotan’s sons were Hori and Hemam, and his sister {was} Timna.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:23

ULT

23 And these {were} the sons of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

UST

23 Shobal's sons {were} Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:24

ULT

24 And these {were} the sons of Zibeon: both Aiah and Anah. He {is} Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was pasturing the donkeys for Zibeon his father.

UST

24 Zibeon's sons {were} Aiah and Anah. This {is} {the same} Anah who discovered some hot springs while he was {out} in the desert grazing his father's donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:25

ULT

25 And these {were} the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah.

UST

25 Anah's children {were} {his son} Dishon and his daughter Oholibamah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:26

ULT

26 And these {were} the sons of Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Keran.

UST

26 Dishon's sons {were} Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:27

ULT

[27] These {were} the sons of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan.

UST

[27] Ezer's sons {were} Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:28

ULT

[28] These {were} the sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

UST

[28] Dishan's sons {were} Uz and Aran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:29

ULT

[29] These {were} the chiefs of the Horites: Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon, Chief Anah,

UST

[29] The Horites who became chiefs {were} Chiefs Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:30

ULT

[30] Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, Chief Dishan. Those {were} the chiefs of the Horites, according to their clans in the land of Seir.

UST

[30] Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. Those {were} the Horite chiefs who led their own family groups {and lived} in the land of Seir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:31

ULT

31 And these {were} the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned for the sons of Israel.

UST

31 Here {is} {a record of} the kings who ruled over {the people of} the land of Edom before the Israelites had their own king.

What did the people of Edom have before Israel had them?

The people of Edom had kings before any king reigned over the Israelites.

Genesis 36:32

ULT

32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom, and the name of his city {was} Dinhabah.

UST

32 Bela, {who was} the son of Beor, was the {first} king to rule over {the people of} {the land of} Edom. The name of his hometown {that he ruled from} {was} Dinhabah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:33

ULT

33 Then Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah from Bozrah reigned in his place.

UST

33 When {King} Bela died, Jobab, {who was} the son of Zerah, replaced him as king {and ruled} from {his hometown of} Bozrah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:34

ULT

34 Then Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

UST

34 When {King} Jobab died, Husham replaced him as king {and ruled} from {his hometown which was in} the land where the Temanites lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:35

ULT

35 Then Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad reigned in his place, who struck the Midianites in the field of Moab. And the name of his city {was} Avith.

UST

35 When {King} Husham died, Hadad, {who was} the son of Bedad, replaced him as king. {King Hadad is the one} who defeated the Midianites {in battle} in the land of Moab. The name of his hometown {that he ruled from} {was} Avith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:36

ULT

36 Then Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

UST

36 When {King} Hadad died, Samlah replaced him as king {and ruled} from {his hometown of} Masrekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:37

ULT

37 Then Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehoboth {on} the river reigned in his place.

UST

37 When {King} Samlah died, Shaul replaced him as king {and ruled} from {his hometown of} Rehoboth beside the {Euphrates} River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:38

ULT

38 Then Shaul died, and Baal-Hanan the son of Acbor reigned in his place.

UST

38 When {King} Shaul died, Baal-Hanan, {who was} the son of Acbor, replaced him as king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:39

ULT

39 Then Baal-Hanan the son of Acbor died, and Hadar reigned in his place, and the name of his city {was} Pau. And the name of his wife {was} Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred {and} the granddaughter of Me-Zahab.

UST

39 When {King} Baal-Hanan died, Hadar replaced him as king, and the name of his hometown {that he ruled from} {was} Pau. His wife's name {was} Mehetabel, {who was} the daughter of Matred {and} the granddaughter of Me-Zahab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:40

ULT

40 And these {are} the names of the chiefs of Esau, according to their clans, according to their places, by their names: Chief Timna, Chief Alvan, Chief Jetheth,

UST

40 Here {are} the names of {more of} the chiefs {who descended} from Esau; each chief led his own family group and ruled his own region that was named after him: Timna, Alvan, Jetheth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:41

ULT

41 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

UST

41 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:42

ULT

42 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

UST

42 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 36:43

ULT

43 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. Those {were} the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings in the land of their possession. That {was} Esau, the father of the Edomites.

UST

43 Magdiel, {and} Iram. {All of} those {were} chiefs over the Edomites; they {all} led their own settlements in the land that they controlled. This {concludes the record about} Esau, {who was} the ancestor of {all} the Edomites.

Who was the father of the Edomites?

Esau was the father of the Edomites.

Genesis 37

Genesis 37:1

ULT

[1] And Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

UST

[1] Jacob continued to live in the region of Canaan, where his father {Isaac} had lived for a while {as a foreigner}.

Where did Jacob settle to live?
Jacob lived in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 37:2

ULT

[2] These {are} the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was shepherding the flock with his brothers, and he {was} an assistant with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father.

UST

[2] Here is {more of} the record about Jacob and his family: {One day} {his} seventeen-year-old son Joseph was taking care of the {family's} flocks {of sheep and goats}. Joseph was helping his brothers {who were} the sons of his father's {servant-}wives Bilhah and Zilpah, and he told their father about the bad things they were doing.

What did Joseph bring to his father Jacob while guarding the flock with his brothers?
Joseph brought to his father an unfavorable report about his brothers.

Genesis 37:3

ULT

[3] Now Israel loved Joseph more than all of his sons because he {was} a son of his old age. So he made a multicolored tunic for him.

UST

[3] Now {Jacob, whose other name was} Israel, loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born to him when he was old. So he made a {special} robe for him that had many colors.

How did Israel show that he loved Joseph more than his other sons?
Israel made Joseph a luxurious tunic.

Genesis 37:4

ULT

[4] And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all of his brothers, so they hated him and were not able to speak to him peaceably.

UST

[4] When Joseph's brothers realized that their father loved Joseph more than the rest of them, they hated him so much that they would not talk to him in a friendly manner.

What did Joseph's brothers think about Joseph?

Joseph's brothers hated him and would not speak to him cordially.

Genesis 37:5

ULT

[5] Then Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers, and they continued to hate him even more.

UST

[5] {One night} Joseph had a dream, and he told his brothers about it. That made them hate him even more {than before}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:6

ULT

[6] And he said to them, "Please hear this dream that I dreamed:

UST

[6] {This is what} he told them, "Please listen to this dream that I had:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:7

ULT

7 And behold, we were binding sheaves in the middle of a field, and behold, my sheaf got up and also stood upright, and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.”

UST

7 {In it} I saw us {working} out in a field {cutting and} tying bundles {of grain stalks}. Then suddenly the bundle that I had made stood up straight. Then I saw that the bundles you had made gathered around {my bundle} and bowed down to my bundle {to show respect}.”

What did Joseph see in his first dream?

Joseph saw his sheaf stand upright while his brothers’ sheaves bowed down to his sheaf.

Genesis 37:8

ULT

8 Then his brothers said to him, “Will you really reign over us? Will you really rule over us?” And they continued to hate him even more because of his dreams and because of his words.

UST

8 His brothers responded to him, “Do you really expect to be our king? You will never rule over us!” So they hated him even more {intensely} {than they did before} because of what he had said {to them} about his dreams.

What did Joseph’s brothers think about Joseph after he told them about his first dream?

Joseph’s brothers hated him even more.

Genesis 37:9

ULT

9 Then he dreamed yet another dream, and he related it to his brothers. And he said, “Behold, I dreamed another dream, and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”

UST

9 Then Joseph had another dream that he {also} told to his brothers. He said, “Listen, I {just} had another dream, and {in it} I saw that the sun, the moon and eleven stars bowed down {to the ground} before me {to show respect}.”

What did Joseph see in his second dream?

Joseph saw the sun, moon, and eleven stars bow down to him.

Genesis 37:10

ULT

10 And he related it to his father and to his brothers, but his father rebuked him and said to him, “What {is} this dream that you dreamed? Will your mother and I and your brothers really come to bow down to the ground to you?”

UST

10 Later Joseph told {the same dream} to {both} his father and his brothers, but his father scolded him by saying, “That {is} a strange dream that you had! Do you really expect your mother and me and your brothers to bow down before you?”

In Joseph’s second dream, what did the sun, moon, and stars represent?

The sun, moon, and stars represented Joseph’s father, mother, and brothers.

Genesis 37:11

ULT

11 And his brothers envied him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

UST

11 So Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him, but his father continued to think about what it all could mean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:12

ULT

12 Then his brothers went to shepherd their father’s flock near Shechem.

UST

12 Sometime after that, Joseph’s brothers took their father’s flocks to graze {in the fields} near {the city of} Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:13

ULT

13 And Israel said to Joseph, “Aren’t your brothers shepherding near Shechem? Come and I will send you to them.” And he said to him, “Behold me.”

UST

13 Then {one day} Israel said to Joseph, “As you know, your brothers are tending {our flocks} near {the city of} Shechem. Get ready so that I can send you to them.” Joseph responded, “I’m ready {to go}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:14

ULT

14 Then he said to him, “Please go and see the well-being of your brothers and the well-being of the flock, and bring me word.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.

UST

14 Then Israel told him, “Please go and check on how your brothers and the flocks are doing. Then report back to me {what you find out}.” So Israel sent him {on his way} from {their home in} the valley near {the city of} Hebron, and Joseph traveled to {the city of} Shechem.

What did Jacob send Joseph out of the valley of Hebron to do?

Jacob sent Joseph out of the valley of Hebron to see if it was well with his brothers, and to bring Jacob word.

Genesis 37:15

ULT

15 And a man found him, and behold, he was wandering around in the fields. So the man asked him, saying, “What are you looking for?”

UST

15 {When he arrived there,} a man saw him searching around in the {nearby} fields and asked him, “What are you looking for?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:16

ULT

16 And he said, “I am looking for my brothers. Please tell me where they are shepherding.”

UST

16 He replied, “I am looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are tending {their flocks}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:17

ULT

17 Then the man said, “They set out from here. For I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’ ” Then Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan.

UST

17 The man answered, “They were here and then left, but I overheard them say that they were going to {the town of} Dothan.” So Joseph followed his brothers and caught up with them near {the town of} Dothan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:18

ULT

18 And they saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, then they conspired against him to kill him.

UST

18 But they saw him while he was still some distance away, and before he reached them, they made plans to kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:19

ULT

19 And they said each to his brother, “Behold, that master of dreams is coming!

UST

19 They said to each other {about him}, “Look, here comes that expert dreamer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:20

ULT

[20] So now, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns. Then we will say an evil animal devoured him, and we will see what his dreams become!”

UST

[20] Come on, let’s kill him and throw his body into one of the pits {here}. Then we can tell {people} that a vicious animal ate him up, and we will see if his dreams come true!”

What did Joseph’s brothers plan to do when they saw Joseph coming?

Joseph’s brothers planned to kill Joseph and cast him into one of the pits.

Genesis 37:21

ULT

[21] But Reuben heard, and he rescued him from their hands and said, “Let us not strike his life.”

UST

[21] But Reuben heard {their plan}, so he {tried to} rescue Joseph from them by urging them, “We should not kill him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:22

ULT

[22] And Reuben said to them, “Do not shed blood. Throw him into this cistern which {is} in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him,” in order to rescue him from their hand{s}, to return him to his father.

UST

[22] Then he continued, “You must not take his life. {Instead} put him into this pit {here} in the desert, but you must not harm him.” Reuben was planning to rescue Joseph from them and take him back {home} to their father.

What suggestion did Reuben make to his brothers, and why?

Reuben suggested that the brothers only throw Joseph into a pit, so that he could rescue Joseph later.

Genesis 37:23

ULT

23 Then it happened when Joseph came to his brothers, then they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the multicolored tunic that {was} on him.

UST

23 When Joseph reached his brothers, they {took hold of him and} ripped off the colorful robe that he was wearing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:24

ULT

24 Then they took him and threw him into the cistern. And the cistern {was} empty; there was not water in it.

UST

24 Then they grabbed him and put him into the pit. The pit {was} empty and {completely} dry inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:25

ULT

25 Then they sat down to eat bread, and they lifted their eyes and looked, and behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead. And their camels were carrying spices and balm and myrrh {that} they were going to take down to Egypt.

UST

25 Then {some of} Joseph’s brothers sat down to eat a meal, and {while they were eating,} they looked around and noticed that {headed their way was} a {large} group of Ishmaelite {traders} {who were} traveling from {the region of} Gilead. Their camels were loaded with {expensive} spices, healing salve and incense that they were taking down to {the country of} Egypt {to sell there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:26

ULT
26 Then Judah said to his brothers, “What gain {is there} if we kill our brother and cover up his blood?

UST
26 So Judah said to his brothers, “We will not gain anything by killing our brother and trying to hide it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:27

ULT
27 Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites so that our hand{s} will not be on him. For he {is} our brother, our flesh.” And his brothers listened.

UST
27 {Instead,} come on, let’s sell him to those Ishmaelite {traders} {over there} so that we will not be guilty of harming him. After all, he {is} a member of our family, our own brother.” Judah’s brothers agreed {with him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:28

ULT
28 Then the Midianite men, traders, passed by, and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the cistern and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty {shekels of} silver. Then they brought Joseph to Egypt.

UST
28 So when the Midianite {(that is, Ishmaelite)} traders came by {them}, {some of} Joseph’s brothers pulled Joseph up out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty {pieces of} silver. Then the Ishmaelites took him to {the country of} Egypt.

Who did Joseph’s brothers sell Joseph to and for how much?
Joseph’s brothers sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

To where was Joseph taken?
Joseph was taken to Egypt.

Genesis 37:29

ULT
29 Then Reuben returned to the cistern, but behold, Joseph was not in the cistern, so he tore his clothes.

UST
29 Later Reuben returned to the pit, but he was shocked to see that Joseph was not there! So he tore his clothes {to show distress}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:30

ULT
30 Then he returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is not {there}! And I, where am I going?”

UST
30 Then he went to his brothers and exclaimed {to them}, “Joseph is gone! Now I do not know what to do!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:31

ULT
31 Then they took Joseph’s tunic, and slaughtered a kid of the goats and dipped the tunic in the blood.

UST
31 So Joseph’s brothers killed a young goat and dipped Joseph’s robe in the {goat’s} blood.

How did Joseph’s brothers make it appear that Joseph was dead? (vv31-32)
Joseph’s brothers killed a goat and dipped Joseph’s coat in the blood, then gave the coat to Jacob.

Genesis 37:32

ULT
32 Then they sent the multicolored tunic and had it brought to their father and said, “We found this. Please examine whether it {is} your son’s tunic or not.”

UST
32 Then they had someone take the colorful robe back to their father and say {to him} {for them}, “We found this {robe}. Please look at it {to see} whether or not it is your son’s.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:33

ULT

33 And he examined it and said, “{It is} my son’s tunic! An evil animal has devoured him! Surely Joseph was torn to pieces!”

UST

33 Jacob recognized the robe and exclaimed, “{This is} my son {Joseph}’s robe! Clearly a fierce animal has torn him to bits and eaten him up!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:34

ULT

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his loins, and he mourned for his son many days.

UST

34 Then Jacob tore his clothes {in grief}, put on mourning clothes, and for many days he mourned that his son had died.

What did Jacob do after he concluded Joseph was dead?

Jacob tore his garments, wore sackcloth, and mourned his son for many days.

Genesis 37:35

ULT

35 And all his sons and all his daughters got up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, “For I will go down to my son in Sheol mourning.” So his father wept for him.

UST

35 All Jacob’s sons and daughters came {to him} {and tried} to console him, but he did not let them comfort him. Instead he said {to them}, “{No,} I will continue to mourn {for my son} until I {die and} go down to be with him in the afterworld.” So Joseph’s father continued to mourn for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 37:36

ULT

36 And the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards.

UST

36 Meanwhile in {the country of} Egypt, the Midianite {traders} sold Joseph to Potiphar, {who was} an officer under Pharaoh {the King of Egypt}; {he was} the captain over the {palace} guards.

To whom was Joseph sold in Egypt?

Joseph was sold to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, in Egypt.

Genesis 38

Genesis 38:1

ULT

[1] And it happened at that time that Judah went down from with his brothers and settled near an Adullamite man, and his name {was} Hirah.

UST

[1] Meanwhile Judah left his brothers and went down to {the town of} Adullam and stayed near {the home of} a man from there whose name {was} Hirah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:2

ULT

[2] And there Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite man, and his name {was} Shua, and he took her. Then he went to her,

UST

[2] {While he was living} there, he met a Canaanite woman whose father {was} Shua, and he married her. Then he slept with her,

From whom did Judah take a wife?
Judah took a wife from a Canaanite man.

Genesis 38:3

ULT

[3] and she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Er.

UST

[3] and she became pregnant. When she gave birth, she had a son, whom Judah named Er.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:4

ULT
4 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she called his name Onan.

UST
4 Then Judah's wife became pregnant again and gave birth to {another} son, and she named him Onan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:5

ULT
5 Then she continued further and bore a son, and she called his name Shelah. And he was in Kezib when she bore him.

UST
5 Then she {became pregnant} yet again and gave birth to another son, and she named him Shelah. When she gave birth to Shelah, Judah was at {the town of} Kezib.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:6

ULT
6 Then Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name {was} Tamar.

UST
6 When Judah's oldest son Er {grew up}, Judah arranged for him to marry a woman whose name {was} Tamar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:7

ULT
7 But Er, Judah's firstborn, was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh killed him.

UST
7 But Er did things that Yahweh considered to be evil, so Yahweh caused him to die.

What did Yahweh do with Judah's first son Er, and why?
Yahweh killed Er because he was wicked.

Genesis 38:8

ULT

[8] Then Judah said to Onan, “Go to your brother’s wife and perform your duty to her and produce offspring for your brother.”

UST

[8] After that, Judah told {his son} Onan, “Marry your brother’s widow {Tamar} {according to our custom} so that you fulfill your obligation to her {as her brother-in-law} and have children {with her} for your {deceased} brother.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:9

ULT

[9] However Onan knew that the offspring would not be his, so it happened when he went to the wife of his brother, then he spilled {it} on the ground so that he would not give offspring to his brother.

UST

[9] However Onan knew that the children {they would have together} would not belong to him. So whenever he slept with Tamar, he wasted {his semen} on the ground to keep her from {getting pregnant and} having {any} children for his brother.

How did Judah’s second son Onan not fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to raise up a child for Er?

Onan would spill his semen on the ground when he made love to Tamar.

Genesis 38:10

ULT

[10] And what he did was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so he killed him also.

UST

[10] Yahweh considered what he did to be evil, so he caused him to die too.

What did Yahweh do with Judah’s second son Onan, and why?

Yahweh killed Onan because what he did was evil.

Genesis 38:11

ULT

11 Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, “Remain a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up.” For he said, “So that he does not also die like his brothers!” So Tamar went and lived in the house of her father.

UST

11 Then Judah told his daughter-in-law Tamar, “{Go and} live at your father’s house, and do not marry again until my son Shelah is old enough {to marry you}.” {Actually Judah did not want Shelah to marry Tamar} because he was afraid {that if he did,} he would also die like his brothers had. So Tamar went {home} to her father’s house and stayed there.

What promise did Judah then make to Tamar?

Judah promised Tamar his third son Shelah as a husband when Shelah grew up.

Genesis 38:12

ULT

12 Then the days were many, and the daughter of Shua, Judah’s wife, died. Then Judah was comforted, and he went up to Timnah to {the men} who were shearing his sheep, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.

UST

12 After a long time, Judah’s wife, the daughter of Shua, died. After Judah finished mourning {for her}, {one day} he {decided to} go to {the town of} Timnah {to work} with {the men} who were shearing his sheep {there}. He and his friend Hirah, {who was} from {the town of} Adullam, {started traveling there together}.

After a long time, why did Judah need to be comforted?

Judah was comforted because his wife died.

Genesis 38:13

ULT

13 And it was told to Tamar, saying, “Behold, your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep.”

UST

13 Meanwhile someone told Tamar, “Listen, your father-in-law {Judah} is on his way to {the town of} Timnah to shear his sheep.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:14

ULT

14 So she took off her widow's clothes from on her and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself. Then she sat at the entrance of Enaim, which {is} on the road to Timnah, because she saw that Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.

UST

14 So she changed from her clothes that showed she was a widow and covered her face with a {thin} headscarf and dressed herself {like a prostitute}. Then {she went} toward {the town of} Timnah and sat down near the gateway of {the town of} Enaim, which {was} along the way. {She did that} because she had noticed that Shelah was now old enough {to marry}, but Judah had not given her to him to marry {as he was supposed to do}.

What did Tamar do when she heard that Judah was going to Timnah?

Tamar took off her clothing of widowhood, put on a veil and wrapped herself, and sat by the road to Timnah.

Why did Tamar do this?

Tamar did this because Judah's third son Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.

Genesis 38:15

ULT

15 Then Judah saw her, and he thought she was a prostitute because she had covered her face.

UST

15 {As Judah was traveling to Timnah,} he saw Tamar {beside the road}, but since she had veiled her face {with a scarf}, {he could not see who she was and} he assumed that she was a prostitute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:16

ULT

16 So he turned to her beside the road and said, "Please come, let me come to you," because he did not know that she {was} his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give to me if you will come to me?"

UST

16 So he went over to where she was {sitting} beside the road and said {to her}, "Let me sleep with you." {He did that} because he did not recognize that she was his daughter-in-law {Tamar}. So she asked {him}, "What will you pay me so that you can sleep with me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:17

ULT

17 And he said, “I will send a kid goat from the flock.” And she said, “If you will give a pledge until you send {it}.”

UST

17 He answered {her}, “I will send {you} a young goat from my flock.” She replied, “{I will agree,} if you will give {me} something {valuable} {of yours} to keep until you deliver {the goat to me}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:18

ULT

18 Then he said, “What {is} the pledge that I should give to you?” And she said, “Your signet and your cord and your staff that {is} in your hand.” So he gave {them} to her and went to her, and she conceived by him.

UST

18 So Judah asked, “What do you want me to leave with you?” She answered {him}, “{Leave me} your name seal with its cord {that you have around your neck}, and your walking stick that you are holding.” So he gave {those things} to her. Then he slept with her, and she became pregnant from him.

What did Tamar obtain as a pledge for payment before Judah made love to her?

Judah gave Tamar his seal, cord, and staff as a pledge of payment.

Genesis 38:19

ULT

19 Then she got up and left, and she took off her veil from on her and put on her widow’s clothes.

UST

19 After that, Tamar left {Judah} and returned {home}. Then she took off her scarf and put {back} on her clothes that showed she was a widow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:20

ULT

20 Then Judah sent the kid goat by the hand of his friend the Adullamite to get back the pledge from the hand of the woman, but he did not find her.

UST

20 Meanwhile Judah sent a young goat with his friend {Hirah} {who was} from {the town of} Adullam to reclaim his things from the prostitute {whom he had given them to}. But Hirah was not able to find her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:21

ULT

21 So he asked the men of her place, saying, “Where {is} the temple prostitute who {was} at Enaim beside the road?” But they said, “There has not been a temple prostitute in this place.”

UST

21 So he asked {some} men {who lived} near the place where she had been, “Where {is} the temple prostitute who was {sitting} beside the road near {the town of} Enaim?” But they answered {him}, “There has never been a temple prostitute around here.”

When Judah tried to retrieve his pledge by paying the prostitute with a young goat, what did he learn?

Judah learned that there was no temple prostitute in that area.

Genesis 38:22

ULT

22 So he returned to Judah and said, “I did not find her. And also, the men of the place said, ‘There has not been a temple prostitute in this {place}.’ ”

UST

22 So Hirah returned to Judah and told {him}, “I was not able to find the prostitute. In fact, the men who live near that town claim {that} there has never been a temple prostitute around there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:23

ULT

23 And Judah said, “Let her take {the things} for herself, so that we do not become a laughingstock. Behold, I sent this kid, but you did not find her.”

UST

23 Then Judah said, “{Stop looking for her and} let her keep {my things} for herself. Otherwise everyone will make fun of us. Besides that, I {did try to} send this goat {to her}, but you were not able to find her.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 38:24

ULT

24 Then it happened about three months later that it was told to Judah, saying, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has prostituted herself, and also behold, {she is} pregnant by her prostitutions!” So Judah said, “Bring her out and let her be burned!”

UST

24 About three months later, someone told Judah, “Your daughter-in-law Tamar has acted like a prostitute. In fact, look, {she is} {now} pregnant from doing that!” Judah responded {angrily}, “Take her outside {the town} and burn her {to death}!”

What did Judah want to do when he learned that Tamar was pregnant?

Judah wanted to burn Tamar because she had become pregnant as a prostitute.

Genesis 38:25

ULT

25 She was being brought out, then she sent {a message} to her father-in-law, saying, “By the man whom these things belong to, I {am} pregnant.” Then she said, “Please identify whose signet and cords and staff these {are}.”

UST

25 {So they went to get her, but} as they were taking her out {of the town}, she sent {a messenger} to her father-in-law {along with his things} and told the messenger to say, “The man who owns these things is the one who got me pregnant. Please identify {the man} who owns this name seal with its cord and this walking stick.”

What did Tamar do when she was brought out to Judah?

She said that she was pregnant by the man who owned the seal, cord, and staff she had.

Genesis 38:26

ULT

26 And Judah identified {the things} and said, “She is more righteous than I {am}, because I did not give her to Shelah my son!” And he did not continue to know her more.

UST

26 Judah recognized {his things} and confessed, “Tamar is right and I am wrong, because I refused to have my son Shelah marry her {as I was supposed to}!” {So they released Tamar,} and {after that,} Judah never slept with her again.

How did Judah respond when he saw his seal, cord, and staff?

Judah said that Tamar was more right than he was, because he had not given Tamar to Shelah as a wife.

Genesis 38:27

ULT

27 Then it happened when {it was} time for her to give birth, then behold, twins {were} inside her womb!

UST

27 Months later, when Tamar was ready to give birth, they realized that {there were} twins inside her!

How many children did Tamar bear?

Tamar had twin sons.

Genesis 38:28

ULT

28 And it happened, as she was giving birth, then {one} put out a hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied {it} on his hand, saying, “This {one} came out first.”

UST

28 While she was in labor, {one of them} stuck out {his} hand. So the midwife {who was there} tied a {bright} red string around his wrist and said, “This {baby} was born first.”

What did the midwife do when one of Tamar’s twins put his hand out from Tamar’s womb?

When one of Tamar’s twins put his hand out from Tamar’s womb The midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand and said, “This one came out first.”

Genesis 38:29

ULT

29 But it happened, when he drew his hand back in, then behold, his brother came out. Then she said, “How have you breached for yourself a breach?” So he called his name Perez.

UST

29 But then the baby pulled his hand back inside, and suddenly his brother was born {first} {instead}. So the midwife exclaimed {to the baby}, “What a dramatic way for you to burst out!” That is why he was named Perez {which means “break out”}.

What were the names of the two brothers that Tamar birthed? (vv29-30)

The names of the two brothers that Tamar birthed were Perez and Zerah.

Genesis 38:30

ULT

30 And afterwards, his brother, who {had} the scarlet thread on his hand, came out, and he called his name Zerah.

UST

30 After that, his brother, who {had} the {bright} red string on his wrist, came out. So he was named Zerah {which means “brightness”}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39

Genesis 39:1

ULT

[1] Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an Egyptian man, an official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards, had bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.

UST

[1] Now {as you know,} {some} Ishmaelite traders had taken Joseph down to {the country of} Egypt, and an Egyptian {named} Potiphar had bought him {as a servant} from them. Potiphar {was} {one of} Pharaoh's officers, the captain over the king's {personal} guards.

Who bought Joseph in Egypt?

Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, bought Joseph in Egypt.

Genesis 39:2

ULT

[2] And Yahweh was with Joseph, and he was a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.

UST

[2] As Joseph worked in his Egyptian owner's house, Yahweh was with him {and helped him}, so that he succeeded in everything he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:3

ULT

[3] And his master saw that Yahweh {was} with him and {that} Yahweh made all that he was doing successful in his hand.

UST

[3] His owner realized that Yahweh {was} with him and was helping him to succeed in everything that he did.

Why was Joseph prosperous in Egypt? (vv3-4)

Joseph was prosperous because Yahweh was with him.

Genesis 39:4

ULT

[4] So Joseph found favor in his eyes, and he served him. And he put him in charge over his house and gave into his hand all {that} was his.

UST

[4] So he was pleased with Joseph and made him his personal servant. He also put him in charge of managing his household and taking care of everything {else} {that} he owned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:5

ULT

[5] And it happened from the time he put him in charge in his house and over all that was his, then Yahweh blessed the house of the Egyptian because of Joseph. So the blessing of Yahweh was on all that was his, in the house and in the fields.

UST

[5] From the time {that} Joseph's Egyptian owner did that, Yahweh blessed the household of that Egyptian {man} for Joseph's sake. He blessed everything that belonged to him, {including} {everything} in {his} home and in {his} fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:6

ULT

[6] And he left all that {belonged} to him in the hand of Joseph, and he did not think to himself {about} anything except for the bread that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance.

UST

[6] In fact, after Joseph's owner put him in charge of everything that he owned, he did not {need to} concern himself with anything {in his household}, except for {personal matters like} {deciding} what {kind of} food {he wanted} to eat. Joseph was well-built and good-looking.

What did Potiphar put under Joseph's care?

Potiphar put everything he had under Joseph's care.

Genesis 39:7

ULT

[7] And it happened after those things, then the wife of his master lifted her eyes toward Joseph and said, “Lie with me!”

UST

[7] So after a while, his owner’s wife started looking {with desire} at him and told {him}, “Come to bed with me!”

What did Potiphar’s wife ask Joseph to do?

Potiphar’s wife asked Joseph to make love to her.

Genesis 39:8

ULT

[8] But he refused and said to the wife of his master, “Behold, with me {here}, my master does not think {about} what {is} in the house, and all that is his he has given into my hand.

UST

[8] But Joseph refused and said to her, “Listen, because of me, my owner does not {have to} concern himself with anything that {is} in {his} house. In fact, he has put me in charge of everything that he owns,

How did Joseph respond to Potiphar’s wife’s request? (vv8-9)

Joseph refused and said he could not commit this great wickedness and sin against God.

Genesis 39:9

ULT

[9] He is not greater than me in this house, and he has not withheld anything from me except for you, because you {are} his wife. So how can I do this great evil, and sin against God?”

UST

[9] {so that} he has no one in his household who has more authority than I do. He has given me freedom with everything {in his household}, except you, {of course,} because you {are} his wife. So there is no way I would {ever} sin against God by doing such an evil thing!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:10

ULT

10 Then it happened even though she kept speaking to Joseph day {after} day, yet he did not listen to her to lie beside her, to be with her.

UST

10 Day after day Potiphar's wife kept pressuring Joseph {to go to bed with her}, but he refused her requests and stayed away from her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:11

ULT

11 Then it happened on such a day that he went into the house to do his work, and there were no other men of the house there in the house.

UST

11 Then one day Joseph went to {his owner's} house {as usual} to do his work, but no other menservants from the household were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:12

ULT

12 So she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hands and fled and went outside.

UST

12 So Potiphar's wife {saw her chance and} grabbed {hold of} Joseph by his robe {and} demanded, "Come to bed with me!" But {immediately} he fled and left his robe in her hands as he ran outdoors.

What did Joseph do when Potiphar's wife caught him by his clothes?

Joseph left his clothing in her hand and fled outside.

Genesis 39:13

ULT
13 Then it happened when she saw that he had left his garment in her hands and had fled outside,

UST
13 As soon as she saw that Joseph had run outdoors and left his robe {behind} in her hands,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:14

ULT
14 then she called for the men of her house and said to them, saying, “Look! He brought to us a Hebrew man to laugh at us! He came to me to lie with me, but I called out with a loud voice!

UST
14 she summoned the {other} menservants from her household. Then {when they arrived,} she exclaimed to them, “Look, my husband brought {this} Hebrew servant {here} among us to make fools of us! He came here to rape me, but I screamed loudly {for help}!

What accusation did Potiphar’s wife make against Joseph? (vv14-15)
She accused him of trying to make love to her against her will.

Genesis 39:15

ULT
15 Then it happened when he heard that I raised my voice and called out, then he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside!”

UST
15 Then as soon as he heard me scream like that, he left his robe with me and ran outdoors!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:16

ULT
16 Then she kept his garment beside her until his master came to his house.

UST
16 So Potiphar’s wife kept Joseph’s robe with her until {her husband,} Joseph’s owner returned home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:17

ULT

17 Then she spoke to him according to those words, saying, “The Hebrew slave whom you brought to us came to me to laugh at me!

UST

17 Then {when he arrived,} she told him the same story. She said, “The Hebrew servant whom you brought among us came here to make a fool of me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:18

ULT

18 Then it happened when I raised my voice and called out, then he left his garment beside me and fled outside!”

UST

18 But as soon as I screamed loudly, he left his robe with me and ran outdoors!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:19

ULT

19 And it happened when his master heard the words of his wife that she spoke to him, saying, “Such {are} the things your slave did to me!” then his nose burned.

UST

19 When Joseph’s owner heard what his wife said his servant had done to her, he became very angry.

What did Potiphar do when he heard the accusation against Joseph? (vv19-20)

Potiphar became very angry and put Joseph in prison.

Genesis 39:20

ULT

20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him in the round-house, the place where the prisoners of the king were bound. So he was there in the round-house,

UST

20 So he {had soldiers} arrest Joseph and put him in the prison where they kept people who had committed crimes against the king. Joseph remained there in prison,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 39:21

ULT

21 but Yahweh was with Joseph and showed kindness to him and gave him favor in the eyes of the chief of the round-house.

UST

21 but Yahweh was with him and was kind to him and caused the prison warden to be pleased with him {so that he treated him well}.

At this time, what did Yahweh show to Joseph?

Yahweh showed covenant faithfulness to Joseph at this time.

Genesis 39:22

ULT

22 And the chief of the round-house gave into the hand of Joseph all the prisoners who {were} in the round-house, and all that they were doing there, he was {the one} doing {it}.

UST

22 So {before long} the warden put Joseph in charge of all the {other} prisoners who {were} in the prison, so that he {was the one who} managed everything that they did there.

What did the prison warden put under Joseph's care?

The prison warden put all the prisoners under Joseph's care.

Genesis 39:23

ULT

23 The chief of the round-house did not look {at} anything in his hand, because Yahweh was with him and Yahweh made what he was doing successful.

UST

23 The warden did not {need to} pay attention to anything at all that Joseph was in charge of, because Yahweh was with Joseph and enabled him to succeed at everything he did.

What was the result of everything Joseph did, and why?

Everything Joseph did, Yahweh prospered.

Genesis 40

Genesis 40:1

ULT

[1] Then it happened after those things {that} the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the baker sinned against their lord, against the king of Egypt.

UST

[1] Sometime after that, the {head} wine-server and the {head| baker disobeyed their master, {who was} {Pharaoh,} the king of Egypt.

Why did the king of Egypt put his cupbearer and his baker in prison?
He put them in prison because they offended him.

Genesis 40:2

ULT

[2] And Pharaoh broke out in anger against his two officials, against the chief of the cupbearers and against the chief of the bakers,

UST

[2] As a result, Pharaoh was furious with those two officers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:3

ULT

[3] and he put them in custody in the house of the chief of the guards, in the round-house, the place where Joseph was bound.

UST

[3] So he {had his soldiers arrest them and} put them in prison at the captain over the guards' house, in the same prison where Joseph was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:4

ULT

4 And the chief of the guards assigned Joseph to them, so he attended them, and they were in custody {for} days.

UST

4 {There} the captain over the guards appointed Joseph to {take care of} them, so he served them, and they remained in prison {for} some time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:5

ULT

5 Then the two of them dreamed a dream. Each {had} his {own} dream in the same night, each {man's} dream had its own interpretation. {They were} the cupbearer and the baker who {belonged} to the king of Egypt, who were bound in the round-house.

UST

5 Then one night the king of Egypt's wine server and baker each had a dream while they were in prison. Each {one's} dream had its own meaning.

What happened to the cupbearer and the baker on the same night?

The cupbearer and the baker each dreamed a dream the same night.

Genesis 40:6

ULT

6 And Joseph came to them in the morning and saw them, and behold, they were upset.

UST

6 The next morning, when Joseph came to {serve} them, he noticed that they looked sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:7

ULT

7 So he asked Pharaoh's officials who {were} with him in custody {in} the house of his master, saying, "Why {are} your faces sad today?"

UST

7 So he asked them, "Why do you look {so} unhappy today?"

Why were the cupbearer and baker both sad the next morning? (vv7-8)

They were both sad because no one could interpret their dreams.

Genesis 40:8

ULT

8 And they said to him, "We dreamed a dream, but {there is} no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations {belong} to God? Please tell {them} to me."

UST

8 They answered him, "We {each} had a dream {last night}, but there is no one {here} who can tell {us} what our dreams mean." Joseph replied, "God is the {only} one who gives someone the ability to interpret {the meaning of dreams}. Please tell me {what you dreamed}."

Who did Joseph say could give the interpretation of the dreams?

Joseph said that God could give the interpretation of the dreams.

Genesis 40:9

ULT

9 Then the chief of the cupbearers told his dream to Joseph and said to him, "And behold, in my dream a grapevine {was} before me,

UST

9 Then the head wine-server told Joseph what was in his dream. He said, "While I was dreaming, I saw a vine in front of me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:10

ULT

10 and on the grapevine {were} three branches. Then while it was budding, its blossoms came out, {and} its clusters ripened {into} grapes.

UST

10 that had three branches. Soon buds started forming {on the branches}, {then} {the buds} became flowers, {and the flowers} became bunches of ripe grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:11

ULT

11 Then the cup of Pharaoh {was} in my hand and I took the grapes and squeezed them into the cup of Pharaoh. Then I put the cup into the hand of Pharaoh."

UST

11 Next I was holding Pharaoh's cup, and I picked grapes {from the vine} and squeezed juice from them into the cup. Then I handed the cup to Pharaoh {and he drank from it}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:12

ULT

12 Then Joseph said to him, "This {is} its interpretation: The three branches {are} three days.

UST

12 Joseph said to him, "This {is} what your dream means: The three branches {represent} three days.

What did Joseph say was the interpretation of the cupbearer's dream? (vv12-13)

Joseph said that the dream meant that within three days Pharaoh would restore the cupbearer to his office.

Genesis 40:13

ULT

13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former custom when you were his cupbearer.

UST

13 In three days Pharaoh will summon you and give you back your job, so that you will {again} serve wine to Pharaoh, as you used to do when you were his wine-server.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:14

ULT

14 But if you remember me with you, when it goes well for you, then please show kindness to me and mention me to Pharaoh and get me out from this house.

UST

14 When {you are out of prison and} everything is going well for you, please remember that I was {here} with you, and please be kind to me and mention my situation to Pharaoh so that he releases me from this prison.

What request did Joseph make to the cupbearer after giving the interpretation of his dream?

Joseph requested that the cupbearer remember him, mention him to Pharaoh, and bring him out of the prison.

Genesis 40:15

ULT

15 For indeed I was stolen from the land of the Hebrews. And also here I did not do anything that they should put me in the pit."

UST

15 People brought me {here} by force from the land where {my people} the Hebrews live. Even here {in Egypt} I have done nothing {wrong} to deserve being in a dungeon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:16

ULT

16 And the chief of the bakers saw that he interpreted favorably, so he said to Joseph, “I also {was} in my dream, and behold, {there were} three baskets of bread on my head.

UST

16 When the head baker heard the positive meaning that Joseph gave {for the first dream}, he told him, “I also {had a dream}, and while I was dreaming, I saw three bread baskets {stacked} on my head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:17

ULT

17 And in the top basket {were} all kinds of food for Pharaoh, baker’s goods, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.”

UST

17 In the top basket {there were} many kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh {to eat}, but {some} birds were gobbling them {up} from the basket.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:18

ULT

18 Then Joseph responded and said, “This {is} its interpretation: The three baskets {are} three days.

UST

18 Joseph said {to him}, “This {is} what your dream means: The three baskets {represent} three days.

What did Joseph say was the interpretation of the baker’s dream? (vv18-19)

Joseph said that the dream meant that within three days Pharoah would hang the baker on a tree.

Genesis 40:19

ULT

19 Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head from on you and hang you on a tree, and the birds will eat your flesh from on you.”

UST

19 In three days Pharaoh will {have his soldiers} chop off your head and impale your body on a {sharp} pole, where vultures will eat {all} your flesh off your bones.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:20

ULT

20 Then it happened on the third day, the day Pharaoh was born, that he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the presence of his servants.

UST

20 Then sure enough, three days later {it was} Pharaoh’s birthday, and he invited all his officers to attend a banquet. {During the banquet,} he {had soldiers} bring {his} head wine-server and head baker {to the banquet} in front of {all} his {other} officers.

What special event occurred three days later?

Pharaoh’s birthday was three days later.

Genesis 40:21

ULT

21 Then he restored the chief of the cupbearers to his position, and he put the cup into the hand of Pharaoh,

UST

21 Then he returned the head wine-server to his {former} work, so that he {again} served wine to him.

What did Pharaoh do with the cupbearer and the baker on that day? (vv21-22)

Pharaoh restored the cupbearer, but he hanged the baker, just as Joseph had interpreted to them.

Genesis 40:22

ULT

22 but the chief of the bakers he hanged, just as Joseph had interpreted for them.

UST

22 But he {had his soldiers execute} the head baker {and} impale {his body on a pole}. {Everything happened} exactly the way Joseph had explained {their dreams} to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 40:23

ULT

23 However the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

UST

23 However the head wine-server {completely} forgot about Joseph and did not remember {to tell Pharaoh about} him.

Did the cupbearer remember Joseph's request to him?

No, the cupbearer did not remember to help Joseph, but forgot about him.

Genesis 41

Genesis 41:1

ULT

[1] Then it happened {at} the end of two years of days, that Pharaoh was dreaming and behold, he was standing beside the River.

UST

[1] Two whole years later, Pharaoh had a dream. {In the dream} he saw himself standing beside the {Nile} River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:2

ULT

[2] Then behold, from the River came up seven cows, fine-looking and fat-fleshed, and they grazed among the reeds.

UST

[2] Suddenly, seven healthy-looking, fat cows walked up out of the river and started eating the tall grass {beside the river}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:3

ULT

[3] Then behold, seven other cows came up after them from the River, ugly-looking and thin-fleshed, and they stood beside the {other} cows on the bank of the River.

UST

[3] Next he saw that seven sickly-looking, scrawny cows walked up out of the river and stood next to the {first} cows on the river bank.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:4

ULT

[4] Then the ugly-looking and thin-fleshed cows ate the seven fine-looking and fat cows, and Pharaoh woke up.

UST

[4] Then the sickly-looking, scrawny cows devoured the seven healthy-looking, fat cows. {Just} then Pharaoh woke up.

In Pharaoh's first dream, what did the seven thin cows do to the seven fat cows?
The seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows.

Genesis 41:5

ULT

[5] Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second {time}. And behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, fat and good.

UST

[5] Then he went {back} to sleep and had a second {dream}. {This time} he saw seven plump, well-formed heads of grain growing on the same plant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:6

ULT

[6] Then behold, seven heads of grain, thin and scorched {by} the east wind, sprouted after them.

UST

[6] Then suddenly, seven small heads of grain that the {hot} desert wind had dried out started growing {on the same plant} beside the first heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:7

ULT

[7] Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven fat and full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up, and behold, {it was} a dream.

UST

[7] Next, the small heads of grain gobbled up the seven big, well-formed heads. At that point, Pharaoh woke up and realized that {he had been} dreaming.

In Pharaoh's second dream, what did the seven thin ears of grain do to the seven full ears?

The seven thin ears swallowed up the seven full ears.

Genesis 41:8

ULT

[8] Then it happened in the morning that his spirit was agitated, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Then Pharaoh told his dreams to them, but no one could interpret them for Pharaoh.

UST

[8] The next morning Pharaoh was upset {about the dreams}, so he had {servants} summon all the sorcerers and {other} scholars in {the country of} Egypt. {When they arrived,} he told them what he had dreamed, but no one was able to explain to him {what} the dreams {meant}.

How did the magicians and wise men of Pharaoh interpret his dreams?

The magicians and wise men of Pharaoh could not interpret Pharaoh's dreams.

Genesis 41:9

ULT

[9] Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Pharaoh, saying, "Today I remember my offenses.

UST

[9] Then the head wine-server said to Pharaoh, "{Sir,} today I remember how I offended {you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:10

ULT

10 Pharaoh broke out in anger against his servants, and he put me in custody {in} the house of the chief of the guards, me and the chief of the bakers.

UST

10 {Some time ago,} {King} Pharaoh, you were angry with your officials, {including} me and the head baker, and you put us in prison at the captain of the guards' house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:11

ULT

11 And we dreamed a dream in the same night, he and I; each of us dreamed according to the interpretation of his dream.

UST

11 {While we were there,} one night we {each} had a dream, {and} each of our dreams had a different meaning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:12

ULT

12 Now there with us {was} a young Hebrew man, a servant for the chief of the guards. And we told {our dreams} to him, and he interpreted our dreams for us; he interpreted {for} each according to his dream.

UST

12 There was a young Hebrew man with us {who was} a servant for the captain over the guards. After we told him our dreams, he explained them to us. He told us what each of our dreams meant.

What did the chief cupbearer tell Pharaoh about Joseph? (vv12-13)

The chief cupbearer told Pharaoh that a young Hebrew man had correctly interpreted his dream and the dream of another fellow when they were in custody.

Genesis 41:13

ULT

13 And it happened, just as he interpreted for us, so it happened: me he restored to my position, and him he hanged."

UST

13 And sure enough, everything happened exactly the way he had explained {the dreams} to us: you returned me to my {former} work {as your wine-server}, and you {had your soldiers} execute the baker."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:14

ULT

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph. So they quickly brought him from the pit. Then he shaved and changed his clothes and came to Pharaoh.

UST

14 {When Pharaoh heard that,} {immediately} he had {servants} summon Joseph. So they went right away and got him out of the prison. Then after he shaved {his head and face} and changed into appropriate clothing, he went before Pharaoh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:15

ULT

15 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I dreamed a dream, but no one could interpret it. But I heard about you, saying {that} you hear a dream {and are able} to interpret it."

UST

15 Then Pharaoh said to him, "I had a dream, but no one has been able to explain {to me} what it means. But someone told me about you, that when you hear a dream, {you are able} to explain what it means."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:16

ULT

16 And Joseph responded to Pharaoh, saying, “{It is} not in me; God will answer with Pharaoh’s peace.”

UST

16 Joseph replied to Pharaoh, “{Sir,} I do not have that ability {on my own}, {but} God will explain {your dream} so that {you,} {King} Pharaoh, will have peace {in your heart}.”

Who did Joseph say would interpret Pharaoh’s dream?

Joseph said that God would answer Pharaoh’s dream with favor.

Genesis 41:17

ULT

17 Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, “In my dream, behold, I was standing on the bank of the River.

UST

17 So Pharaoh told Joseph, “As I was dreaming, I saw myself standing beside the {Nile} River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:18

ULT

18 Then behold, seven cows came up from the River, fat-fleshed and of fine form, and they grazed among the reeds.

UST

18 Then suddenly, seven fat, healthy-looking cows walked up out of the river {onto the bank} and started eating the tall grass {that was there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:19

ULT

19 Then behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and very ugly of form and thin-fleshed. I have not seen {cows} as ugly as those in all the land of Egypt!

UST

19 Suddenly seven other cows walked up {out of the river} behind the first cows; {they were} in terrible condition, very sickly-looking and scrawny. {In fact,} I have never seen such awful-looking {cows} anywhere in the land of Egypt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:20

ULT

20 Then the thin and ugly cows ate the first seven fat cows.

UST

20 Then the scrawny, sickly cows devoured the seven fat ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:21

ULT

21 So they went into their bellies, but it could not be known that they had gone into their bellies, and their appearance {was} just as ugly as at the beginning. Then I woke up.

UST

21 But {even} after they had swallowed them, no one would {ever} know that they had devoured them, because they {still} looked just as terrible as before. That's when I woke up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:22

ULT

22 "Then I saw in my dream, and behold, seven heads of grain came up on one stalk, full and good.

UST

22 "Then I {went back to sleep and} had {another} dream. {This time} I saw that there were seven big, well-formed heads of grain growing on the same plant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:23

ULT
23 Then behold, seven heads of grain, withered, thin {and} scorched {by} the east wind sprouted after them.

UST
23 Then seven small heads of grain sprouted {on the same plant} next to the first heads. {These had} wilted because the {hot} desert wind had dried them out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:24

ULT
24 Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven good heads of grain. And I told {this} to the magicians, but no one {could} explain {it} to me."

UST
24 Then the small heads of grain gobbled up the seven well-formed ones. I told {my dreams} to {my} sorcerers, but none of them could explain to me {what the dreams meant}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:25

ULT
25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams {are} one. What God is doing he has shown to Pharaoh.

UST
25 Then Joseph told Pharaoh, "{Your Majesty,} {both of} your dreams mean the same thing. {Through them,} God is revealing to you what he is going to do.

What did Joseph say God was declaring to Pharaoh?
Joseph said that God was declaring to Pharaoh what God was about to do.

Genesis 41:26

ULT

26 The seven good cows {are} seven years, and the seven good heads of grain {are} seven years. The dreams {are} one.

UST

26 The seven healthy cows {represent} seven years, and the seven well-formed heads of grain {represent} {the same} seven years. {Both} dreams mean the same thing.

What did the seven good cows and the seven good heads in the dreams represent?

The seven good cows and heads represented seven years of abundance.

Genesis 41:27

ULT

27 And the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them {are} seven years, and {so are} the seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind. There will be seven years of famine.

UST

27 The seven thin ugly cows that came up behind them and the seven worthless heads of grain that were dried up by the hot east wind each represent seven years of famine.

What did the seven thin cows and the seven thin heads in the dreams represent?

The seven thin cows and heads represented seven years of famine.

Genesis 41:28

ULT

28 That {is} the word that I have spoken to Pharaoh: what God is doing he has shown to Pharaoh.

UST

28 It will happen just as I have told you, because God has revealed to you what he is about to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:29

ULT

29 Behold, seven years of great abundance are coming in all the land of Egypt.

UST

29 There will be seven years in which there will be plenty of food throughout the land of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:30

ULT

30 But seven years of famine will rise up after them, so that all the abundance in the land of Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will consume the land.

UST

30 Then there will be seven years of famine. Then people will forget all the years when there was plenty of food, because the famine that will come afterward will ruin the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:31

ULT

31 And the abundance in the land will not be remembered because of that famine after it, because it {will be} very heavy.

UST

31 The people will forget how plentiful food was previously, because the famine will be very terrible.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:32

ULT

32 And as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, {it is} because the matter has been established by God, and God will soon do it.

UST

32 The reason God gave to you two dreams is that he has firmly decided that this will happen, and he will cause it to happen very soon.

According to Joseph, why was Pharaoh given two dreams?

Pharaoh was given two dreams because the matter had been established by God, and God would soon do it.

Genesis 41:33

ULT

33 “And now let Pharaoh seek a man {who is} discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt.

UST

33 Now I suggest that you should choose a man who is wise and can make good decisions. I suggest that you appoint him to direct the affairs of the whole country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:34

ULT

34 Let Pharaoh do {this}: Let him set supervisors over the land, and let him take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

UST

34 You should also appoint supervisors over the country, in order that they can arrange to collect one-fifth of all the grain that is harvested during the seven years when food is plentiful.

What fraction of the crops of Egypt did Joseph advise Pharaoh to take in the seven abundant years

Joseph advised Pharaoh appoint a man to take a fifth of the crops in the seven abundant years.

Genesis 41:35

ULT

35 And they should gather all the food of the good years that are coming. And under Pharaoh's hand, they should store {that} grain {for} food in the cities and guard {it}.

UST

35 They should collect this amount of grain during those seven years that are coming, when there will be plenty of food. Each of the cities should supervise and protect the food that is stored up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:36

ULT

36 And the food should be in reserve for the land for the seven years of famine that will come on the land of Egypt, so that the land will not be cut off by the famine."

UST

36 This grain should be kept so that it can be eaten during the seven years when there will be a famine here in Egypt, so that the people in this country will not die from hunger."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:37

ULT

37 And the word was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.

UST

37 The king and his officials thought that this would be a good plan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:38

ULT

38 Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, who {has} God's Spirit in him?"

UST

38 So the king said to them, "Can we find any other man like Joseph, a man to whom God has given his spirit?

What did Pharaoh say was in Joseph?

Pharaoh said that the Spirit of God was in Joseph.

Genesis 41:39

ULT

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Since God has shown all this to you, {there is} no one {as} discerning and wise as you.

UST

39 Then the king said to Joseph, “Because God has revealed all this to you, it seems to me that there is no one who is as wise as you and who can decide wisely about things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:40

ULT

40 You will be over my house, and all my people will kiss on your mouth. Only I {on} the throne will be greater than you.”

UST

40 So I will put you in charge of everything in my palace. All the people here in Egypt must obey what you command. Only because I am king will I have more authority than you.”

What position of authority did Pharaoh give Joseph? (vv40-41)

Pharaoh gave Joseph authority over Pharaoh’s house and over all the land of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:41

ULT

41 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have put you over all the land of Egypt.”

UST

41 Then the king said to Joseph, “I am now putting you in charge of the whole country of Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:42

ULT

42 Then Pharaoh removed his signet ring from his hand and put it on Joseph's hand. And he dressed him {in} garments of fine linen and put a gold chain on his neck.

UST

42 The king took from his finger the ring that had his seal on it, and he put it on Joseph's finger. He put robes made of fine linen on him, and he put a gold chain around his neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:43

ULT

43 Then he had him ride in the second chariot that {belonged} to him, and they shouted before him, "Bow down!" So he put him over all the land of Egypt.

UST

43 Then he arranged for Joseph to ride around in the chariot that showed that he was the second most important man in the country. When Joseph rode in the chariot, men shouted to the people who were on the road in front of him, "Bow down!" So Joseph went out to supervise this work all over Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:44

ULT

44 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I {am} Pharaoh, and without you a person will not lift his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt!"

UST

44 The king said to Joseph, "I am the king, but no one in the whole land of Egypt will do anything if you do not permit them to do it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:45

ULT

45 Then Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-Paneah, and he gave to him Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On, as a wife. Then Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

UST

45 The king gave Joseph a new name, Zaphenath-Paneah. He also gave him Asenath to be his wife. She was the daughter of Potiphera, who was a priest in a temple in the city of On. In this way Joseph became known through all the land of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:46

ULT

46 Now Joseph {was} a son of thirty years when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh and passed through all the land of Egypt.

UST

46 Joseph was thirty years old when he started to work for the king of Egypt. To do his work, he left the king's palace and traveled throughout Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:47

ULT

47 And in the seven years of abundance, the land produced {grain} by the handfuls.

UST

47 During the next seven years, the land produced abundant crops, so there was plenty of food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:48

ULT

48 So he gathered all the food of the seven years that were in the land of Egypt, and he put the food in the cities. The food of the fields that surrounded {each} city he put inside it.

UST

48 As Joseph supervised them, his helpers collected one-fifth of all the grain that was produced during those years, and stored it in the cities. In each city, he had his helpers store up the grain that was grown in the fields that surrounded that city.

How much grain did Joseph store up in the seven years of abundance? (vv48-49)

Joseph stored up grain like the sand of the sea, an amount beyond counting.

Genesis 41:49

ULT

49 So Joseph stored up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he stopped measuring {it} because it was without number.

UST

49 Joseph had them store up a huge amount of grain. It looked as plentiful as the sand on the seashore. There was so much grain that after a while they stopped keeping records of how much grain was stored, because there was more grain than they could measure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:50

ULT

50 And before the years of the famine came, two sons were born to Joseph, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On, bore for him.

UST

50 And to Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bore to him.

What were the names of Joseph's two sons born before the famine? (vv50-52)

Joseph's sons were named Manasseh and Ephraim.

Genesis 41:51

ULT

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn {son} Manasseh, because {he said}, “God has made me forget all my toil and all of my father’s house.”

UST

51 Joseph named the first one Manasseh, which sounds like the Hebrew word that means “forget,” because he said, “God has caused me to forget all my troubles and all my father’s family.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:52

ULT

52 And the name of the second {son} he called Ephraim, because {he said}, “God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.”

UST

52 He named his second son Ephraim, which means “to have children,” because he said, “God has given me children here in this land where I have suffered.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:53

ULT

53 Then the seven years of abundance that was in the land of Egypt ended,

UST

53 Finally the seven years in which there was plenty of food ended.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:54

ULT

54 and the seven years of famine started to come, just as Joseph had said. And there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.

UST

54 Then the seven years of famine started, just as Joseph had predicted. There was also a famine in all the other nearby lands, but although the crops did not grow, there was food everywhere in Egypt, because of the grain they had stored up in the cities.

How widespread was the seven years of famine?

The seven years of famine was in all lands.

Genesis 41:55

ULT

55 Then all the land of Egypt became famished, and the people cried to Pharaoh for the bread. So Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph. Whatever he says to you, do {it}.”

UST

55 When all the people of Egypt had eaten all of their own food and were still hungry, they begged the king for food. So the king told all the people of Egypt, “Go to Joseph and do what he tells you to do.”

What did Joseph do when the people of Egypt cried to Pharaoh for food? (vv55-56)

Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold food to the Egyptians.

Genesis 41:56

ULT

56 And the famine was over all the face of the land, so Joseph opened all {the buildings} that {had grain} in them and sold {grain} to the Egyptians. And the famine was severe in the land of Egypt.

UST

56 When the famine was very bad over the whole country, Joseph ordered his helpers to open the storehouses. Then they sold the grain in the storehouses to the people of Egypt, because the famine was very severe all over Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 41:57

ULT

57 Then all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy {grain}, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

UST

57 People from many nearby countries came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was very severe everywhere.

Who came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph?

All the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Genesis 42

Genesis 42:1

ULT

1 Then Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, so Jacob said to his sons, “Why are you looking at each other?”

UST

1 Meanwhile {back in the region of Canaan}, {when} Jacob heard that there was grain {for sale} in {the country of} Egypt, he told his sons, “Do not just {stand around} doing nothing!

Who did Jacob send down to Egypt to buy grain? (vv1-4)

Joseph’s ten brothers, without Benjamin, went down to Egypt to buy grain.

Genesis 42:2

ULT

2 And he said, “Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy {some} for us from there so that we will live and not die.”

UST

2 Listen {to this}! I have heard that there is grain {for sale} in {the country of} Egypt. {So} go down there and buy {some} for us {and our families} {to eat}, so that we can stay alive and not starve to death.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:3

ULT

3 Then ten of Joseph’s brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt.

UST

3 So Joseph’s ten {older} brothers {left home and} traveled down to Egypt to buy {some} grain {there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:4

ULT

4 But Jacob did not send Benjamin, the brother of Joseph, with his brothers, because he said, “So that harm does not come to him!”

UST

4 But Jacob did not allow Joseph’s {younger} brother Benjamin to go {to Egypt} with {the rest of} his brothers, because Jacob was afraid that something bad might happen to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:5

ULT

5 And the sons of Israel came among {those} who came to buy {grain}, because the famine was in the land of Canaan.

UST

5 Israel’s sons arrived {in Egypt} along with {many} other people who were coming {there} to buy {grain}, because the famine was {also} {affecting everyone} in the region of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:6

ULT

6 Now Joseph {was} the governor over the land. {It was} he who was selling {grain} to all the people of the land. So the brothers of Joseph came and bowed down to him {with} {their} faces to the ground.

UST

6 {Since} Joseph {was} the administrator over the country {of Egypt}, he {was} the one selling {grain} to people {who came to him} from all over the country. So Joseph’s brothers {also} went before him {like everyone else} and bowed down to the ground {to show him respect}.

What did Joseph’s brothers do when they came to Joseph to buy grain?

Joseph’s brothers bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.

Genesis 42:7

ULT

7 And Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted like a stranger to them and spoke with them harshly and said to them, “Where did you come from?” And they said, “From the land of Canaan to buy food.”

UST

7 When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended like he did not {know} {them}. In fact, he spoke to them sternly and asked them, “What country are you from?” They answered {him}, “{Sir,} {we are} from the region of Canaan to buy {some} grain.”

What did Joseph do when he recognized his brothers?

Joseph disguised himself and spoke harshly with his brothers.

Genesis 42:8

ULT

8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

UST

8 {Even though} Joseph recognized his brothers, they did not realize who he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:9

ULT

9 Then Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them, and he said to them, “You {are} spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!”

UST

9 Then Joseph remembered what he had dreamed about his brothers {long ago}, so he accused them, “You are secretly gathering information {about our country}! You came {here} to find out where {our} country is weak!”

What accusation did Joseph make against his brothers?

Joseph accused his brothers of being spies.

Genesis 42:10

ULT

10 But they said to him, “No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

UST

10 But his brothers replied to him, “Sir, we are not {spies}, rather {we are} humble men {who} have come {here} {only} to buy {some} grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:11

ULT

11 All of us {are} sons of one man. We {are} honest. Your servants are not spies.”

UST

11 We {are} all brothers who have the same father. We {are} humble, trustworthy men, not spies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:12

ULT

12 But he said to them, “No, indeed you have come to see the nakedness of the land!”

UST

12 But Joseph accused them, “{That is} not {true}! You have definitely come {here} to find out where {our} country is weak!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:13

ULT

13 But they said, “Your servants {are} twelve brothers. We {are} sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And behold, the youngest {is} with our father today, and the one is not {alive}.”

UST

13 But they replied {to him}, “Sir, {there were} twelve of us brothers. We {are} sons of the same father {who lives} in the region of Canaan. {Our} youngest {brother} {is} with our father right now, but {our other} brother has died.”

Where did Joseph’s brothers say their youngest brother was?

Joseph’s brothers said their youngest brother was with his father in the land of Canaan.

Where did Joseph’s brothers say their other missing brother was?

Joseph’s brothers said their other missing brother was no longer alive.

Genesis 42:14

ULT

14 Then Joseph said to them, “It {is} just as I told you, saying, ‘You {are} spies!’

UST

14 But Joseph accused them, “What I told you is true! You are spying {on our country}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:15

ULT

15 In this {way} you will be tested: {By} the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave from this {place} unless your youngest brother comes here.

UST

15 {So now,} this is how I will verify whether you {told me the truth}: As certain as Pharaoh lives, {I swear that} you will {definitely} never leave Egypt until your youngest brother is here.

What test did Joseph give his brothers to demonstrate they were not spies?

Joseph said the brothers would not leave Egypt, unless their youngest brother came to Egypt.

Genesis 42:16

ULT

16 Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, and you will be bound. Then your words will be tested {as to whether} the truth {is} in you. And if not, {by} the life of Pharaoh surely you {are} spies!”

UST

16 {So} one of you must go {back home} and bring back your brother. {The rest of} you must stay here in prison. That way I can verify {whether} you told me the truth. But if you are lying, as certain as Pharaoh lives, {that means} you really are spying {on our country}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:17

ULT

17 Then he put them together in custody {for} three days.

UST

17 Then Joseph {had his soldiers} lock up his brothers in prison {for} three days.

Where did Joseph put the brothers and for how long?

Joseph put the brothers in custody for three days.

Genesis 42:18

ULT

18 Then Joseph said to them on the third day, “Do this and live, {because} I fear God:

UST

18 Three days later, Joseph said to them, “I am a man who reveres God. So if you do what I say, I will let you live.

What did Joseph tell the brothers to do in order to live? (vv18-20)

Joseph told them to let one of the brothers be confined in prison, while the others carried grain to Canaan and brought back the youngest brother.

Genesis 42:19

ULT

19 If you {are} honest, let one of your brothers be bound in your prison house, and you go take grain back {for} the famine of your households.

UST

19 Since you {claim to be} trustworthy men, I will make {just} one of you brothers stay where you have been in prison. {The rest of} you {may} go {and} carry food back {home} {for} your hungry families.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:20

ULT

20 Then you bring your youngest brother to me so that your words will be verified and you will not die." And they did so.

UST

20 But you {must} bring your youngest brother {back} {here} to me. That way I will know that you are telling the truth, and I will let you live." So Joseph's brothers {agreed to} do what he said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:21

ULT

21 Then each {man} said to his brother, "We {are} truly guilty concerning our brother, because we saw the distress of his soul when he pleaded with us, but we did not listen. For that {reason} this distress has come upon us."

UST

21 {While they were still standing there,} they said to each other, "Surely what we did to our brother {Joseph} {long ago} was {very} wrong. We saw how he was suffering when he begged us {not to harm him}, but we refused to listen {to him}. That is why we are suffering now."

Why did Joseph's brothers believe this trouble had come upon them? (vv21-22)

They believed that the blood of Joseph was being required of them for what they had done to Joseph.

Genesis 42:22

ULT

22 Then Reuben responded to them, saying, “Did I not tell you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the lad’? But you did not listen, so now behold, his blood is being accounted for!”

UST

22 Reuben scolded them by saying, “I told you {that} you should not do anything bad to him! But you refused to listen {to me}, and now look, God is holding us responsible for causing him to die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:23

ULT

23 And they did not know that Joseph understood {them}, because the interpreter {was} between them.

UST

23 Joseph’s brothers did not realize that he {could} understand {what they were saying to each other}, because he had been speaking to them using a translator {as if he did not know their language}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:24

ULT

24 And he turned away from them and cried. Then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

UST

24 {When Joseph heard what they were saying,} he turned his back to them and cried. Then {after he recovered,} he turned around and spoke to them {again}. Then he chose Simeon from {among} them and {had his soldiers} bind him {with chains} while they watched.

What did Joseph do when he heard his brothers talk about what they had done to him?

When Joseph heard his brothers talking about what they had done to him, Joseph turned from them and wept.

Genesis 42:25

ULT

25 Then Joseph ordered {his servants} and they filled their bags {with} grain. And {he ordered them} to return {each} man's silver to his sack, and to give provisions to them for the road. And he did that for them.

UST

25 Then Joseph told {his servants} to fill his brothers' sacks {with} grain. {He} also {told them} to {secretly} put in each brother's sack the money {they had paid for the grain} and to provide them {with} food to eat on their trip {home}. Then {after} Joseph did that,

What did Joseph have put back in each brother's sack?

Joseph had each brother's money put back in his sack.

Genesis 42:26

ULT

26 Then they loaded their grain onto their donkeys and went from there.

UST

26 his brothers loaded their {sacks of} grain onto their donkeys' {backs} and started traveling {home}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:27

ULT

27 Then one {of them} opened his sack to give fodder to his donkey at the lodging place, and he saw his silver, and behold, it {was} in the mouth of his pack!

UST

27 Later, {when they stopped} at a place to stay for the night, one {of them} opened his sack to get {some} grain to feed his donkey. There in the top of his sack he saw the money that he had used {to buy grain}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:28

ULT

28 So he said to his brothers, “My silver has been returned! And indeed behold, {it is} in my pack!” Then their hearts went out, and each {man} trembled to his brother, saying, “What {is} this God has done to us?”

UST

28 So he exclaimed to the others, “Somebody has returned my money {to me}! Here it is in my sack!” {When they saw it,} they were {completely} shocked, and they shook {with fear}. They asked each other, “Why is God doing this to us?”

How did the brothers react when they learned that one brother’s sack had his money in it?

Their hearts sank and they spoke trembling to one another.

Who did the brothers blame for their current problems?

The brothers blamed God, asking why God had done this to them.

Genesis 42:29

ULT

29 Then they came to Jacob their father in the land of Canaan, and they reported to him all that had happened to them, saying,

UST

29 {When} they reached {their home in} the region of Canaan where their father Jacob was, they told him everything they had experienced. They said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:30

ULT

30 “The man, the lord of the land, spoke to us harshly and treated us as {if we were} spying out the land!

UST

30 “The man who governs the country {of Egypt} spoke to us sternly and accused us of spying {on} {their} country!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:31

ULT

31 But we said to him, ‘We {are} honest. We are not spies.

UST

31 But we told him, ‘We {are} trustworthy {men}; not spies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:32

ULT

32 We {are} twelve brothers, the sons of our father. The one is not {alive}, and the youngest {is} with our father today in the land of Canaan.’

UST

32 {There were} twelve of us brothers, {and} {we are} the sons of the same father. One {of our brothers} has died, and the youngest {brother} {is} {at home} with our father right now in the region of Canaan.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:33

ULT

33 “Then the man, the lord of the country, said to us, ‘By this I will know that you {are} honest: Leave one of your brothers with me, and take {grain} {for} the famine of your households and go.

UST

33 “But the man who governs the country told us, ‘This is how I will know if you {are} trustworthy {men}: Leave one of your brothers {here} with me, and {the rest of you} go {home} with {food for} your starving families.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:34

ULT

34 Then bring your youngest brother to me, so that I will know that you {are} not spies, that you {are} honest. {Then} I will give your brother to you, and you {can} trade {in} the land.' "

UST

34 But bring your youngest brother {back} {here} to me, so that I will know that you {are} trustworthy {men} and not spies. {Then} I will return your brother to you {from prison}, and you can travel around my country {and trade} {freely}.' "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 42:35

ULT

35 Then it happened they were emptying their sacks, and behold, each {man's} pouch of his silver {was} inside his sack! And they and their father saw the pouches of their silver, and they were afraid.

UST

35 Then Joseph's brothers started emptying their sacks {of grain}, and there inside each man's sack was his bag of money {that he had paid for the grain}! {When} they and their father {Jacob} saw the {money} bags, they were terrified.

What did the brothers and Jacob learn when they emptied all the sacks?

They learned that every man's money was in his sack.

Genesis 42:36

ULT

36 Then Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me! Joseph is not {here}! And Simeon is not {here}! And you will take Benjamin! All {these} things are against me!"

UST

36 Then their father exclaimed to them, "You have caused me {terrible} loss! Joseph is gone! Simeon is gone! And {now} you {want to} take Benjamin {away} {from me} {too}! Everything is going terribly for me!"

What was Jacob afraid would happen because of their situation?

Jacob was afraid that Simeon and Benjamin would be taken away from him.

Genesis 42:37

ULT

37 Then Reuben said to his father, saying, “You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Put him in my hand, and I will return him to you.”

UST

37 Reuben replied, “{Father,} let me be responsible for {taking} Benjamin {down to Egypt}. If I fail to bring him {back} to you {safely}, you can {punish me by} killing my two sons.”

What oath did Reuben make to Jacob?

Reuben swore to bring Benjamin back to Jacob from Egypt; otherwise, Reuben’s two sons could be killed.

Genesis 42:38

ULT

38 But he said, “My son will not go down with you, because his brother is dead and he alone is left. And {if} harm were to come to him on the road that you are going on, then you would bring my gray head down in sorrow to Sheol!”

UST

38 But his father replied, “{No,} I will not let my son {Benjamin} go down {to Egypt} with you. His brother is dead, so he is the only son {I have} left {from his mother}. So if anything bad happened to him on {your} journey, you would cause me, your elderly father, to grieve so badly that I would {die and} go down to the afterworld!”

Did Jacob allow Reuben to take Benjamin to Egypt?

No, Jacob did not allow Reuben to take Benjamin to Egypt.

What did Jacob say would happen to him if Benjamin died?

Jacob said he would go down with sorrow to Sheol if Benjamin died.

Genesis 43

Genesis 43:1

ULT

[1] Now the famine {was} heavy in the land.

UST

[1] The famine {continued to be} severe in the region {of Canaan}.

Why did Israel tell his sons to go again and buy some food in Egypt? (vv1-2)

The famine was severe and they had eaten the grain they had brought from Egypt on the first journey.

Genesis 43:2

ULT

[2] So it happened when they finished eating the grain that they had brought from Egypt, then their father said to them, “Return, buy a little food for us.”

UST

[2] So when Jacob and his family finished eating {all} the grain that his sons had brought from {the country of} Egypt, he said to them, “Go back {to Egypt} {and} buy some {more} grain for us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:3

ULT

[3] But Judah said to him, saying, “The man strongly warned us, saying, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother {is} with you!’

UST

[3] But {his son} Judah replied to him, “The governor {there} sternly warned us that we cannot go to him {again} {to buy grain} if our {youngest} brother {is} not with us.

What did Judah say they must have in order to go down to Egypt again? (vv3-5)

Judah said they must have their brother Benjamin in order to go down to Egypt.

Genesis 43:4

ULT

4 If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy food for you.

UST

4 {So} if you will allow our {youngest} brother to go with us, {then} we can go {to Egypt} and buy {more} grain for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:5

ULT

5 But if you will not send {him}, we will not go down, because the man said to us, ‘You will not see my face unless your brother {is} with you!’ ”

UST

5 However if you refuse to let him go {with us}, we cannot go {there}, because the governor warned us that we cannot go to him {again} if our {youngest} brother {is} not with us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:6

ULT

6 Then Israel said, “Why did you treat me badly by telling the man you have yet {another} brother?”

UST

6 Then {their father} Israel asked {them}, “Why did you cause trouble for me by telling the governor that you have a younger brother?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:7

ULT

7 And they said, “The man asked persistently about us and our relatives, saying, ‘Is your father still alive? Do you have {another} brother?’ And we answered him according to those words. How could we possibly know that he would say, ‘Bring your brother down’?”

UST

7 They answered {him}, “The governor asked {us} many questions about ourselves and about our family. He asked {us} if our father was still alive and if we had {another} brother. We {just} answered his questions honestly. There is no way we could have known that he would require us to take our brother down {there} {to him}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:8

ULT

8 Then Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the young man with me, and we will get up and go so that both we and you and our little ones will live and not die.

UST

8 Then Judah urged his father Israel {about Benjamin}, “Entrust the young man to me {to take care of} so that we can go immediately {to Egypt} {to buy grain}. Then all of us, including our children, can survive and not starve to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:9

ULT

9 I myself will guarantee him. From my hand you can require him. If I do not bring him {back} to you and set him before you, then I will have sinned against you all the days.

UST

9 I personally promise to keep him safe. You can hold me responsible for him, {so that} if I do not bring him {back} to you safely, I will be guilty of this sin against you for the rest of my life.

What oath did Judah make to Israel his father?

Judah said that if he did not bring Benjamin back, he would bear the blame forever.

Genesis 43:10

ULT

10 Surely if we had not delayed, surely we could have returned here twice by now.”

UST

10 {In any case,} if we had not waited {this long}, we could have made two {round} trips {there and back} by now.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:11

ULT

11 Then Israel their father said to them, “If {it must be} so, then do this: Take {some} of the choice produce of the land in your bags, and take {it} down to the man {as} a gift: a little balm, and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

UST

11 Then their father Israel said to them, “Since that is how it must be, then do this: Put {some} of the best things from {our} land in your sacks, and take {them} to the governor {as} gifts. {Include} some healing salve, honey, spices and incense, pistachio nuts and almonds.

What did Israel tell the brothers to take with them to Egypt? (vv11-12)

Israel told the brothers to take some of the best products of the land, and to take double the money.

Genesis 43:12

ULT

12 And take double the silver in your hands, because you must return in your hands the silver that was returned in the mouth of your sacks. Perhaps it {was} a mistake.

UST

12 {Also} take with you twice {as much} money {as you took the first time}, because you must take back the money that someone gave back {to you} in your sacks. Maybe they did that by mistake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:13

ULT
13 So take your brother and get up, return to the man.

UST
13 So {now,} take your {youngest} brother and immediately go back to the governor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:14

ULT
14 And may El Shaddai give you mercies before the man, and may he send your other brother and Benjamin with you. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved."

UST
14 I pray that God Almighty will cause him to treat you kindly so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come {back} {home} with you. But {if not, and} if I {must} lose them and grieve {for them}, {then} I {will} grieve."

For what did Israel ask God regarding the journey?
Israel asked God to give the brothers mercy in Egypt, so that all the brothers would be released.

Genesis 43:15

ULT
15 Then the men took that gift, and they took double the silver in their hands, and Benjamin. Then they got up and went down {to} Egypt and stood before Joseph.

UST
15 Then the brothers packed those gifts {in their sacks} along with twice as much money {that the grain would cost}. Then they {took} Benjamin {with them} and quickly traveled down to {the country of} Egypt and went directly to Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:16

ULT

16 And Joseph saw Benjamin with them. Then he said to {the one} who {was} over his house, “Take the men to the house, and slaughter an animal and prepare {a meal}, because the men will eat with me at noon.”

UST

16 When Joseph saw Benjamin with his {other} brothers, he commanded his head house-servant, “Escort these men to {my} house. Then butcher a calf and prepare {a feast}, because {I want} them to eat with me {today} at noon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:17

ULT

17 So the man did just as Joseph told {him}, and the man brought the men to Joseph’s house.

UST

17 The servant did exactly what Joseph {had} told {him to do} and escorted the brothers to Joseph’s house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:18

ULT

18 And the men were afraid when they were brought {to} Joseph’s house, and they said, “Because of the matter of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time, we have been brought. {He wants} to roll himself over us and throw himself on us and take us as slaves, and our donkeys!”

UST

18 But when the brothers {saw} that he had taken them to Joseph’s house, they were afraid, and they said {to each other}, “He has taken us here because of {our} money that someone gave back to us in our sacks {on} {our} first trip {here}. {He intends} to {have his soldiers} attack us and overpower us and make us {his} servants, along with our donkeys!”

How did the brothers respond when they were brought to Joseph’s house, and why?

The brothers were afraid they would be arrested and taken as slaves because of the money left in their bags on the first journey.

Genesis 43:19

ULT
19 Then they went near to the man who {was} over Joseph's house and spoke to him {at} the entrance of the house.

UST
19 Then they approached Joseph's head house-servant {outside} the door to {his} house to speak to him

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:20

ULT
20 And they said, "Please, my lord, we surely came down {here} the first time to buy food.

UST
20 and said, "Excuse us, sir, one time before this, we traveled all the way down {here} {to Egypt} to buy {some} grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:21

ULT
21 But it happened when we came to the lodging place, we opened our sacks and behold, {each} man's silver {was} in the mouth of his sack; our silver {was there} in its {full} weight! So we have brought it back in our hands.

UST
21 But {on our way home} when we arrived at the place where we lodged for the night, we opened our sacks. There in the top of each of our sacks {was} the money {we had paid to you} {for the grain}! The money was all there! So we brought it {all} back with us {to give to you}.

What did the brothers tell the steward of Joseph's house? (vv21-22)
The brothers told the steward they had brought back the money left in their sacks, and money to buy food.

Genesis 43:22

ULT

22 And we have brought down other silver in our hands to buy food. We do not know who put our silver in our sacks.”

UST

22 We have {also} brought more money with us so that we can buy {some more} grain {now}. We do not know who put the money in our sacks.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:23

ULT

23 But he said, “Peace {be} to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks; your silver came to me.” Then he brought Simeon out to them.

UST

23 But Joseph’s servant replied {to them}, “It is all right, do not worry {about it}. The God whom you and your father serve must have put the money in your sacks, {because} I {definitely} received your money {that you paid for the grain}.” Then Joseph’s servant brought Simeon out {of prison} to his brothers.

From where did the steward say the money left in their sacks had come?

The steward said the money left in their sacks had come from their God.

Genesis 43:24

ULT

24 Then the man took the men into Joseph’s house and gave {them} water, and they washed their feet, and he gave fodder to their donkeys.

UST

24 Then Joseph’s servant brought the brothers into Joseph’s house and provided {them} with water to wash {the road dust off} their feet. He also fed their donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:25

ULT

25 And they prepared the gift for Joseph's arrival at noon, because they had heard that they would eat bread there.

UST

25 {Meanwhile,} Joseph's brothers got {their} gifts ready to give to Joseph when he came home at noon, because they had heard that they were going to eat a meal {with him} there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:26

ULT

26 Then Joseph came to the house, and they brought to him the gift that {was} in their hands into the house, and they bowed down to him to the ground.

UST

26 When Joseph came home, his brothers {gave} to him the gifts that they had brought with them into the house, and they bowed down before him {with their faces} to the ground {to show respect}.

What did the brothers do when Joseph came home?

The brothers brought the gifts into the house, and bowed down before Joseph to the ground.

Genesis 43:27

ULT

27 Then he asked them about {their} wellbeing, and he said, "{Are things} well {for} your aged father whom you spoke about? Is he still alive?"

UST

27 Then Joseph asked them how they were doing, and he asked {them}, "Is your elderly father well whom you mentioned {to me}? Is he still living?"

About whom did Joseph ask the brothers?

Joseph asked the brothers about the welfare of their father.

Genesis 43:28

ULT

28 And they said, “{Things are} well for your servant our father. He {is} still alive.” Then they bowed and bowed down.

UST

28 They answered {him}, “{Yes sir,} our father, who highly respects you, is still alive and well.” Then they bowed {their heads} and bowed down {to the ground} {again}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:29

ULT

29 Then he lifted his eyes and saw Benjamin his brother, the son of his mother, and he said, “Is this your youngest brother whom you spoke to me {about}?” Then he said, “May God be gracious to you, my son.”

UST

29 Then Joseph looked around and saw his brother Benjamin, who had the same mother that he had, and he said {to them}, “So this must be your youngest brother whom you told me about.” Then he said {to Benjamin}, “I pray that God will be kind to you, young man.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:30

ULT

30 Then Joseph hurried out, because his emotions boiled over for his brother, and he sought to cry, and he went to the inner room and cried there.

UST

30 Suddenly Joseph rushed out {of the room} because he felt overwhelmed with emotions about his brother and was about to cry. So he went to his bedroom, where he cried {privately}.

Why did Joseph hurry to go out of the room, and what did he do after he left?

Joseph hurried out of the room because he was deeply moved about Benjamin, and he went to his room and wept.

Genesis 43:31

ULT

31 Then he washed his face and came out. Then he controlled himself and said, “Serve the bread.”

UST

31 After he had gotten control of his emotions {and stopped crying}, he washed {the tears off} his face and came back out {of his room}. Then he commanded {his servants}, “Serve the food {to us}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 43:32

ULT

32 So they served to him by himself, and to them by themselves, and to the Egyptians who were eating with him by themselves, because Egyptians cannot eat bread with Hebrews because that {is} an abomination to Egyptians.

UST

32 So they served {food} to Joseph at his own table, and his brothers at their own table, and the Egyptians who were eating with him at their own table. Egyptians do not eat at the same table as Hebrew people because Egyptians consider it unacceptable {to do that}.

Why did the Egyptians and the Hebrews eat separately?

It was detestable to the Egyptians to eat with the Hebrews.

Genesis 43:33

ULT

33 And they were sitting before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men were astonished each to his neighbor.

UST

33 Joseph’s brothers were sitting {at a table} facing his table in the order of their ages, from the oldest to the youngest. {When they noticed that,} they were amazed {and stared} at one another.

How were the brothers arranged at the table?

The brothers were arranged at the table according to their birthright and age.

Genesis 43:34

ULT

34 Then he served to them servings from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times larger than any of their servings. And they drank and became drunk with him.

UST

34 Then Joseph {had his servants} serve food to his brothers from his table, but he {had them} serve Benjamin five times more {food} than {they} served to any of the rest {of his brothers}. Then his brothers feasted and drank {wine} freely with him.

What was unusual about the portions of food the brothers received?

Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of his brothers.

Genesis 44

Genesis 44:1

ULT

1 Then he commanded {the one} who {was} over his house, saying, “Fill the men’s sacks {with} food, as much as they are able to carry, and put the silver of each in the mouth of his sack.

UST

1 Later Joseph ordered his head house-servant, “Fill the men’s {grain} bags with as much grain as they can take {with them}, and in the top of their bags, put the money that each {of them} paid {for the grain}.

What did Joseph tell his steward to do with the brothers’ sacks before they left? (vv1-2)

Joseph told his steward to fill the brothers’ sacks with food, to put their money in the sacks, and to put his silver cup in the youngest’s sack.

Genesis 44:2

ULT

2 And put my cup, the silver cup, in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and his grain’s silver.” So he did according to Joseph’s word that he spoke.

UST

2 Also put my silver cup in the top of the youngest {one}’s bag, along with the money that he paid for the grain.” So the servant did exactly what Joseph had ordered {him to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:3

ULT

3 The morning became light, then the men were sent off, they and their donkeys.

UST

3 Early the next morning, {Joseph} sent the brothers {on their way}, along with their donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:4

ULT

4 They had left the city, they had not gone far, and Joseph said to {the one} who {was} over his house, “Get up, follow after the men, and {when} you overtake them, then say to them, ‘Why have you repaid evil for good?

UST

4 {But} they had not gone very far out of the city when he ordered his head servant, “Hurry and pursue those men. When you catch up with them, ask them, ‘Why have you treated {my master} so badly {after he was} so good {to you}?

Basically what did Joseph tell the steward say to the brothers when he overtook them outside the city? (vv4-5)

Joseph told the steward to ask them why they had returned evil for good and accused them of stealing Joseph’s cup.

Genesis 44:5

ULT

5 Is this not what my lord drinks from and what he indeed divines with? You have done evil {in} what you have done!’ ”

UST

5 The cup {you stole} is {the cup} that my master drinks from. He {also} uses it to find out secret things! What you have done is {very} wrong!’ ”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:6

ULT

6 Then he overtook them and spoke those words to them.

UST

6 Then the servant {left, and when he} caught up with the men, he repeated to them what Joseph had told him {to say}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:7

ULT

7 But they said to him, “Why does my lord speak words like those? Far be it from your servants to do something like that!

UST

7 But they replied, “Sir, why do you say such things? {We assure you,} sir, {that} we would never do anything like that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:8

ULT

8 Behold, the silver that we found in the mouth of our sacks we brought back to you from the land of Canaan. So how would we steal silver or gold from the house of your lord?

UST

8 Remember that we returned to you the money that we discovered in our {grain} bags {last time}. {We brought it} {all the way} from {our home in} the region of Canaan! So we would never steal silver or gold from your master’s house!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:9

ULT

9 Whoever of your servants is found with it, then he will die, and we also will be slaves for my lord.”

UST

9 {In fact,} sir, if you find that one of us does have the cup, then {you may} execute that person, and {the rest of} us, sir, will become your slaves.”

What did the brothers swear they would do if any one of them had stolen Joseph’s cup?

The brothers said the one found with the cup would die, and the others would become slaves.

Genesis 44:10

ULT

10 And he said, “Indeed now, according to your words, so {be} it: Whoever is found with it will be a slave for me, but you {others} will be blameless.”

UST

10 Joseph’s servant replied {to them}, “Okay then, I will do as you suggest, {but only} the one whom I find with my master’s cup will become my slave. {The rest of} you will be innocent {and free to go}.”

What punishment did the steward say he would require if the cup was stolen?

The steward said that the one with whom the cup was found would be his slave, and the others would be innocent.

Genesis 44:11

ULT

11 Then they each hurried and lowered his sack to the ground, and they each opened his sack.

UST

11 So each of the brothers quickly took his {grain} bag {off his donkey} and put it on the ground, and each of them opened his {own} bag.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:12

ULT

12 Then he searched, beginning with the oldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack!

UST

12 Then Joseph’s servant searched {their bags}. He started with the oldest {brother} and continued until he came to the youngest {brother}, and {there} he found the cup in Benjamin’s bag!

What did the steward find, and how did the brothers react? (vv12-13)

The steward found the cup in Benjamin’s sack, and the brothers tore their clothes.

Genesis 44:13

ULT

13 Then they tore their clothes, then each {one} loaded up his donkey, and they returned to the city.

UST

13 In response {to that}, the brothers tore their clothes {in distress}. Then each {of them} put his bag {back} on his {own} donkey, and they {all} {turned around and} went back to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:14

ULT

14 Then Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there, so they fell to the ground before him.

UST

14 When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, Joseph was there {waiting for them}. So they prostrated themselves on the ground before him {to show respect}.

What did the brothers do when they came back to Joseph in his house?

The brothers bowed before Joseph to the ground.

Genesis 44:15

ULT

15 Then Joseph said to them, "What {is} this deed that you have done? Did you not know that a man who {is} like me indeed divines?"

UST

15 Then Joseph exclaimed to them, "What you have done is terrible! You should have known that someone in my position knows how to discover the secret things {that people do}!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:16

ULT

16 And Judah said, “What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the sin of your servants. Behold us, slaves for my lord, both we and {the one} in whose hand the cup was found.”

UST

16 Judah replied {to him}, “Sir, there is nothing {convincing} that we can say {to you}. There is no way that we can explain {this}. There is no way we can prove {to you} that we are innocent! God is punishing us for our {past} sin. {So now,} sir, we are {all} here to be your slaves, including {the one} whom {your house-servant} found with your cup {in his bag}.”

Who did Judah say had found out the iniquity of the brothers?

Judah said that God had found out their iniquity.

What did Judah say all the brothers would now become?

Judah said all the brothers would now become Joseph’s slaves.

Genesis 44:17

ULT

17 But he said, “Far be it from me to do that! The man in whose hand the cup was found, he will be a slave for me. But you, go up in peace to your father.”

UST

17 But Joseph told {them}, “{No,} I would never {even} consider doing such a thing! {Rather} {only} the man whom {my servant} found with my cup {in his bag} will be my slave. {The rest of} you are free to go {back} home to your father.”

What punishment did Joseph say he would require of the brothers?

Joseph said that the man in whose hand the cup was found would be his slave, and the rest could go in peace.

Genesis 44:18

ULT

18 Then Judah came near to him and said, “Please, my lord, please let your servant speak a word in my lord’s ears, and do not let your nose burn against your servant, since you {are} like Pharaoh.

UST

18 Then Judah approached Joseph and said {to him}, “Please, sir, I humbly ask you to let me speak freely to you. Please do not be angry with me, {especially} since you {are} as {powerful as} Pharaoh {himself}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:19

ULT

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, ‘Do you have a father or {another} brother?’

UST

19 Sir, {previously} you asked us if our father was {still} alive and if we had {any other} brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:20

ULT

20 And we said to my lord, ‘We have an aged father and the youngest son of {his} old age. But his brother is dead, so he is left by himself from his mother, and his father loves him.’

UST

20 And we told you that we have an elderly father and also a younger brother who was born when our father was {already} old. That brother’s mother only had one other son, who is now dead. So our father {especially} loves our youngest brother.

What reasons did Judah give for why his father loved the youngest brother?

Judah said that the youngest brother was the child of his father’s old age, and the only child left of his mother.

Genesis 44:21

ULT

21 “Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me, and I will set my eyes on him.’

UST

21 “Then you told us to bring our youngest brother {here} to you, so that you could see him for yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:22

ULT

22 And we said to my lord, ‘The young man is not able to leave his father, because {if} he leaves his father, then he will die.’

UST

22 But we told you, sir, that the young man should not leave his father {and come here}, because if he did, his father would die {from anxiety}.

What did the brothers worry would happen to their father if the youngest left him?

The brothers worried their father would die if the youngest left him.

Genesis 44:23

ULT

23 But you said to your servants, ‘If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will not see my face again.’

UST

23 But then, sir, you told us that unless our youngest brother came with us, we could never see you again.

Why did Judah say the brothers were forced to bring Benjamin with them to Egypt?

Judah said they were forced to bring Benjamin because Joseph had said that unless the youngest brother comes, they would not see Joseph’s face.

Genesis 44:24

ULT

24 “Then it happened when we went up to your servant my father, then we related to him the words of my lord.

UST

24 “When we returned {home} to our father who highly respects you, we reported to him what you told {us}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:25

ULT

25 Then our father said, ‘Return, buy a little food for us.’

UST

25 {Months} later our father told {us}, ‘Go back {to Egypt} {and} buy some {more} grain for us.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:26

ULT

26 But we said, ‘We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go. For we are not able to see the man’s face and our youngest brother not {be} with us.’

UST

26 But we replied {to him}, ‘We cannot go {there} unless our youngest brother is with us. Then we can go. The governor {who sells grain there} will not allow us to see him {again} if our youngest brother is not with us.’

Why did Judah say the brothers were forced to bring Benjamin with them to Egypt?

Judah said they were forced to bring Benjamin because Joseph had said that unless the youngest brother comes, they would not see Joseph’s face.

Genesis 44:27

ULT

27 Then your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore two {sons} for me.

UST

27 Then our father said to us, ‘As you know, my wife {Rachel} and I {only} had two {sons} together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:28

ULT

28 And the one went away from me, and I have said, “He was surely torn to pieces,” and I have not seen him until now.

UST

28 One {of her sons} left here {one day}, and I have not seen him since then. I am sure that {a wild animal} must have {killed him and} torn him apart.

What did Israel think had happened to Joseph?

Israel thought that surely Joseph had been torn in pieces.

Genesis 44:29

ULT

29 So {if} you also take this {one} from my presence, and harm were to happen to him, then you would bring my gray head down in misery to Sheol.’

UST

29 So if you also take her other son {away} from me, and anything harms him, you would cause me, your gray-haired father, so much grief that I would {die and} go to the afterworld.

What did Israel say would happen to him if Benjamin were taken from him?

Israel said that the brothers would bring his gray hair with sorrow to Sheol.

Genesis 44:30

ULT

30 “And now, when I go to your servant my father and the young man is not with us, since his soul is bound to his soul,

UST

30 “So now, {sir,} if we go {home} to our father without his youngest son, since our father’s life depends on his son’s life,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 44:31

ULT

31 then it will happen when he sees that the young man is not {there}, then he will die! And your servants will bring the gray head of your servant our father down in sorrow to Sheol!

UST

31 if he sees that his son is gone, he will die! {Yes,} we will cause our gray-haired father so much grief that he will {die and} go to the afterworld!

What did Judah say would happen to his father if they returned without Benjamin?

Judah said that his father would die.

Genesis 44:32

ULT

32 For your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him {back} to you, then I will have sinned against my father all the days.'

UST

32 Besides that, sir, I promised my father that I would return his son to him safely. I told {him} that if I did not bring his son {back} to him, I would be guilty of sinning against him forever.

What guarantee for Benjamin did Judah say he had become?

Judah said that if he did not return Benjamin to his father, he would bear the guilt forever.

Genesis 44:33

ULT

33 "And now, please let your servant stay {as} a slave for my lord instead of the young man, and let the young man go up with his brothers.

UST

33 "So then, sir, I beg you to let me stay {here} and be your slave in place of our youngest {brother}, and let him go back {home} with his {other} brothers.

What did Judah ask Joseph to do so that Benjamin could return to his father?

Judah asked Joseph to make him Joseph's slave, so that Benjamin could return to his father.

Genesis 44:34

ULT

34 For how will I go up to my father if the young man is not with me? I fear to see the misery that would find my father!”

UST

34 There is no way I can go back to my father if his youngest {son} is not with me! I could not bear to see how terribly my father would suffer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45

Genesis 45:1

ULT

1 Then Joseph was not able to control himself before all who were standing by him, and he called out, “Have every man leave from beside me!” So no man stood with him when Joseph revealed himself to his brothers.

UST

1 {When Joseph heard that,} he could no {longer} keep himself from crying in front of all his servants, so he shouted {to them}, “All of you leave my presence!” {Immediately the servants left the room,} so that no one else was with Joseph when he told his brothers who he was.

What did Joseph do as he made himself known to his brothers, which the Egyptians heard? (vv1-2)

Joseph wept loudly as he made himself known to his brothers.

Genesis 45:2

ULT

2 And he gave his voice in crying, and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard.

UST

2 But he started crying so loudly that {many} Egyptians heard {him}, including Pharaoh’s family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:3

ULT

3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “I {am} Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

UST

3 Then he exclaimed to his brothers {in their language}, “I {am} {your brother} Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But Joseph’s brothers could not reply to him, because they felt very afraid to be standing in front of him.

How did the brothers react when Joseph revealed himself to them?

The brothers could not answer Joseph for they were shocked.

Genesis 45:4

ULT

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come close to me.” So they came close, and he said, “I {am} Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

UST

4 So Joseph said to them, “Please come here next to me.” After they went closer {to him}, he said {to them}, “I {really am} your brother Joseph, whom you sold {to be a slave} in {the country of} Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:5

ULT

5 And now, do not be grieved and do not let it burn in your eyes that you sold me here, because God sent me ahead of you to save lives.

UST

5 But now, do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me, because {it was actually} God {who} sent me {here} before you came, to save {many people’s} lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:6

ULT

6 Because these two years the famine {has been} in the midst of the land, and {there are} still five years {in} which {there will} not be plowing and harvesting.

UST

6 For two years {now} {there has been} a famine throughout this region, and for another five years {it will be so severe that} no one will {be able to} plant {seeds} or harvest {crops}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:7

ULT

7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve a remnant for you on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

UST

7 That is why God sent me {here} before you came, to save your lives in this amazing way so that you will survive and have descendants on the earth.

According to Joseph, why did God sent Joseph to Egypt?

God sent Joseph to Egypt to preserve life, and to preserve his family as a remnant in the earth.

Genesis 45:8

ULT

8 So now, {it was} not you {who} sent me here, but God. And he has made me father to Pharaoh, and lord over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Egypt.

UST

8 So then, {it was} not you {who} caused me to come here, rather {it was} God {who sent me}. He has {also} made me {like a} father to Pharaoh, so that I am the one in charge of his entire household and {also} the governor over the entire country of Egypt.

What had God made Joseph in the land of Egypt?

God had made Joseph father to Pharaoh, lord of all Pharaoh's house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:9

ULT

9 "Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'This {is what} your son Joseph says, "God has made me lord over all Egypt. Come down to me, do not delay.

UST

9 "Hurry back to our father and tell him that his son Joseph has sent him this message: 'God has appointed me governor over the entire {country of} Egypt. {So} {please} come down {here} {to live} near me, {and} do not delay.

How did Joseph plan to take care of his family? (vv9-11)

Joseph told his family to come and live in the land of Goshen where he would provide for them.

Genesis 45:10

ULT

10 And you will live in the land of Goshen so that you will be near to me — you, and your children and your children's children, and your flocks and your herds and all that {belongs} to you.

UST

10 You can live in Goshen Province. That way you will live close to me with your children and your grandchildren, along with your flocks {of sheep and goats}, your herds {of cattle} and everything {else} that you own.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:11

ULT

11 And I will provide for you there, because {there are} still five years of famine, so that you will not become impoverished, you and your household and all that {belongs} to you.' "

UST

11 I will take care of you there, since the famine will last five {more} years. {Please come} so that {the famine} will not cause you and your family to lose everything you own {and die}.' "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:12

ULT

12 "And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that {it is} my mouth that is speaking to you.

UST

12 {Then Joseph said to his brothers,} "Look! {All of} you, including my brother Benjamin, {can} see that {it really is} me {Joseph} who is talking to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:13

ULT

13 So report to my father all my glory in Egypt and all that you have seen, then hurry and bring my father down here.”

UST

13 So {go and} tell our father all {about} how powerful I am in Egypt and {about} everything {else} that you have seen {here}, then quickly bring him down here {to me}.”

What did Joseph tell his brothers to hurry and do?

Joseph told his brothers to hurry and bring his father to Egypt.

Genesis 45:14

ULT

14 Then he fell on the neck of Benjamin his brother and cried, and Benjamin cried on his neck.

UST

14 Then Joseph hugged his brother Benjamin {tightly} and cried {for joy}, and Benjamin {also} cried as he hugged Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:15

ULT

15 Then he kissed all his brothers and cried over them. And after that his brothers talked with him.

UST

15 Then Joseph kissed all his brothers {on their cheeks} as he continued to cry {for joy}. After {he did} that, his brothers started talking with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:16

ULT

16 And the report was heard {in} the house of Pharaoh, saying, “The brothers of Joseph have come.” And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants.

UST

16 When Pharaoh’s household heard the news that Joseph’s brothers had come {there}, Pharaoh and {all} his servants were happy.

How did Pharaoh react when he heard that Joseph’s brothers had come to Egypt? (vv16-18)

Pharaoh was very pleased, and he told Joseph to tell his brothers to bring their father and their households to live in the good of the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:17

ULT

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Say to your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and leave, go to the land of Canaan.

UST

17 So Pharaoh told Joseph, “Give your brothers this message {from me}: ‘Load your donkeys {with grain} and go quickly {back} to Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:18

ULT

18 Then get your father and your households and come to me, and I will give to you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.’

UST

18 Then bring your father and your families {back} {here} to me. I will give you the best {area} in the country of Egypt {to live in}, so that you will live well with the best of everything in the country.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:19

ULT

19 “And you are commanded, ‘Do this: Take carts with you from the land of Egypt for your little ones and for your wives, and get your father and come.

UST

19 {Then Pharaoh said to Joseph,} “I also want you {to tell them} to take {some of} {my} wagons with them from the country of Egypt for their wives and {young} children {to travel in}. Then {tell them} to bring their father {back} {here to live}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:20

ULT

20 And do not let your eyes grieve over your belongings, because the best of all the land of Egypt {belongs} to you.’ ”

UST

20 They should not worry about {leaving some of} their belongings {behind}, because the best {things} in all the country of Egypt {will be} theirs.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:21

ULT

21 Then the sons of Israel did so. And Joseph gave to them carts according to the mouth of Pharaoh, and he gave provisions to them for the road.

UST

21 So Israel’s sons {agreed to} do what Pharaoh had said. Then Joseph gave them wagons {to use} as Pharaoh had commanded, and he supplied them with food to eat as they traveled {home}.

Who received extra gifts and provisions for the trip? (vv21-23)

Benjamin received three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing, and Israel received twenty loaded donkeys.

Genesis 45:22

ULT

22 To all of them he gave to each changes of clothes, but to Benjamin he gave 300 {shekels} of silver and five changes of clothes.

UST

22 He {also} gave a {new} set of clothes to each one of his brothers, but to Benjamin he gave five {new} sets of clothes and 300 {pieces} of silver {money}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:23

ULT

23 And to his father he sent this: ten he-donkeys loaded with the best of Egypt, and ten she-donkeys loaded {with} grain, and bread and provisions for his father for the road.

UST

23 He also gave {them} the following gifts to give to his father: ten male donkeys that were carrying {some of} the best {things} from Egypt, and ten female donkeys that were carrying grain, bread and {other} food for him {and his family} {to eat} as they traveled {to Egypt}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:24

ULT

24 Then he sent his brothers, and {as} they left, then he said to them, “Do not quarrel on the road.”

UST

24 Then Joseph sent his brothers off {on their way home}. As they were leaving, he told them, “Do not argue {with each other} on the way.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:25

ULT

25 Then they went up from Egypt and came {to} the land of Canaan, to Jacob their father.

UST

25 Then Joseph’s brothers left Egypt and traveled {home} to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:26

ULT

26 And they reported to him, saying, “Joseph {is} still alive! And in fact, he {is} the ruler over all the land of Egypt!” But his heart went numb, because he did not believe them.

UST

26 {When they arrived,} they announced to him, “Joseph {is} still alive! In fact, he {is} the governor over the entire country of Egypt!” {When their father heard that news,} he was stunned {and silent}, because he could not believe them.

How did Israel react when he heard that Joseph was alive and ruler over all the land of Egypt?

Israel’s heart was astonished, for he did not believe the brothers when they told him.

Genesis 45:27

ULT

27 Then they told him all the words of Joseph that he had spoken to them, and he saw the carts that Joseph had sent to carry him, then the spirit of Jacob their father revived.

UST

27 But after they told him everything that Joseph had said to them, and he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to carry him {and his family} {to Egypt}, he recovered {from the shock}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 45:28

ULT

28 And Israel said, “Enough! Joseph my son {is} still alive! I will go and see him before I die.”

UST

28 Then he exclaimed {to them}, “{That’s} enough! {It must be true!} My son Joseph really is alive! I must go {now} and see him {again} before I die.”

What did Israel say he wanted to do before he died?

Israel said he wanted to see Joseph before he died.

Genesis 46

Genesis 46:1

ULT

1 Then Israel set out and all that {belonged} to him. Then he came to Beersheba, and he sacrificed sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

UST

1 So Israel {and his family} started traveling {toward Egypt} with all their belongings. When they reached {the city of} Beersheba, he offered some of his animals {on an altar} {there} as sacrifices to God, whom his father Isaac worshiped

What did Israel do in Beersheba?

Israel offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Genesis 46:2

ULT

2 And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob! Jacob!” And he said, “Behold me.”

UST

2 During the night God called to Israel in a vision, “Jacob! Jacob!” Jacob replied, “Yes, {Lord}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:3

ULT

3 And he said, “I {am} God, the God of your father. Do not be afraid of going down to Egypt, because I will make you into a great nation there.

UST

3 Then God said {to him}, “I {am} God, the God whom your father worships. Do not be afraid of moving down to {the country of} Egypt, because I will make your descendants {multiply and} become a large people group {while they live} there.

What promises did God make to Israel in Beersheba? (vv3-4)

God promised to make Israel a great nation, to go with Israel to Egypt, to bring Israel up again from Egypt, and to have Joseph close his eyes.

Genesis 46:4

ULT

4 I myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I myself will also surely bring you up. And Joseph will put his hand over your eyes.”

UST

4 I will personally go with you down to Egypt {and take care of you there}. Later I will definitely bring your descendants {back} {here to Canaan}. When you die, Joseph will be with you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:5

ULT

5 So Jacob got up from Beersheba, and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father and their little {ones} and their wives in the carts that Pharaoh had sent to carry him.

UST

5 After that, Jacob left {the city of} Beersheba, and his sons took him and their wives and children in the wagons that {King} Pharaoh had sent for them to ride in {to Egypt}.

Who went to Egypt with Israel? (vv5-7)

Israel and all his descendants with him went to Egypt.

Genesis 46:6

ULT

6 And they took their livestock and their possessions that they had acquired in the land of Canaan. Then they came to Egypt, Jacob and all of his offspring with him.

UST

6 They {also} brought {with them} their livestock and their {other} belongings that they had gotten in the region of Canaan. Then Jacob and all of his descendants arrived in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:7

ULT

7 He brought all his offspring with him to Egypt, his sons and his sons' sons with him, his daughters and his sons' daughters.

UST

7 He brought his entire {extended} family with him to Egypt, {including} his sons and daughters, {and} his grandsons and granddaughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:8

ULT

8 Now these {are} the names of the sons of Israel who went to Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the firstborn of Jacob {was} Reuben.

UST

8 Here is a list of the names of Israel's descendants who came {with him} to Egypt, {that is, the names of} Jacob's descendants: Reuben {who was} his oldest {son},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Reuben {were} Hanoch and Pallu and Hezron and Carmi.

UST

9 and Reuben's sons, {who were} Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:10

ULT

10 And the sons of Simeon {were} Jemuel and Jamin and Ohad and Jakin and Zohar and Shaul, the son of a Canaanite woman.

UST

10 {Simeon and} Simeon's sons, {who were} Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar, and Shaul, who had a Canaanite mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:11

ULT
11 And the sons of Levi {were} Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

UST
11 {Levi and} Levi's sons, {who were} Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:12

ULT
12 And the sons of Judah {were} Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.

UST
12 {Judah and} Judah's sons, {who were} Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; actually, Er and Onan had {already} died in the region of Canaan. Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.

Which two sons of Judah died in the land of Canaan?
Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 46:13

ULT
13 And the sons of Issachar {were} Tola and Puvah and Job and Shimron.

UST
13 {Issachar and} Issachar's sons, {who were} Tola, Puvah, Job, and Shimron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:14

ULT
14 And the sons of Zebulun {were} Sered and Elon and Jahleel.

UST
14 {Zebulun and} Zebulun's sons, {who were} Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:15

ULT

15 Those {were} the sons of Leah, whom she bore for Jacob in Paddan Aram, and Dinah his daughter. All the souls of his sons and his daughters {were} thirty-three.

UST

15 Those {were} the sons {and grandsons} whom Jacob and {his wife} Leah had together in {the region of} Paddan Aram. {They} also {had} a daughter {named} Dinah. The total number of those descendants {was} thirty-three.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:16

ULT

16 And the sons of Gad {were} Ziphion and Haggi, Shuni and Ezbon, Eri and Arodi and Areli.

UST

16 {Jacob's other descendants who came with him included:} {his son Gad and} Gad's sons, {who were} Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri, Arodi, and Areli.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:17

ULT

17 And the sons of Asher {were} Imnah and Ishvah and Ishvi and Beriah and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah {were} Heber and Malkiel.

UST

17 {Asher and} Asher's sons, {who were} Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah, and their sister Serah; Beriah's sons {were} Heber and Malkiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:18

ULT

18 Those {were} the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban had given to Leah his daughter. And she bore those sixteen souls for Jacob.

UST

18 Those {were} the children {and grandchildren} {that Jacob had} with Zilpah, {the servant woman} whom Laban had given to his daughter Leah. {Those descendants that} Zilpah and Jacob had together {totaled} sixteen persons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:19

ULT

19 The sons of Rachel, the wife of Jacob, {were} Joseph and Benjamin.

UST

19 The sons that Jacob had with his wife Rachel {were} Joseph and Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:20

ULT

20 And Manasseh and Ephraim were born to Joseph in the land of Egypt, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera the priest of On, bore for him.

UST

20 Joseph's {sons} who were born in {the country of} Egypt {were} Manasseh and Ephraim. Their mother was {Joseph's wife} Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera, {who was} the priest at {the city of} On.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:21

ULT

21 And the sons of Benjamin {were} Bela and Beker and Ashbel, Gera and Naaman, Ehi and Rosh, Muppim and Huppim and Ard.

UST

21 Benjamin's sons {were} Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:22

ULT

22 Those {were} the sons of Rachel, whom she bore for Jacob; all the souls {were} fourteen.

UST

22 Those {were} the sons {and grandsons} whom Jacob and {his wife} Rachel had together, a total of fourteen descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:23

ULT

23 And the sons of Dan {were} Hushim.

UST

23 {Other descendants who came with Jacob included:} {his son Dan and} Dan's son Hushim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:24

ULT

24 And the sons of Naphtali {were} Jahziel and Guni and Jezer and Shillem.

UST

24 {Naphtali and} Naphtali's sons, {who were} Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:25

ULT

25 Those {were} the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban had given to Rachel his daughter. And she bore those for Jacob; all the souls {were} seven.

UST

25 Those {were all} the sons {and grandsons} that Jacob had with Bilhah, {the servant woman} whom Laban had given to his daughter Rachel. The total number of those descendants {was} seven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:26

ULT

26 All the souls who went with Jacob to Egypt, who came out of his thigh, apart from the wives of Jacob's sons; all the souls {were} sixty-six.

UST

26 Altogether Jacob had sixty-six blood relatives who went with him to Egypt. That {number} does not include {his wives or} his sons' wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:27

ULT

27 And the sons of Joseph who were born for him in Egypt {were} two souls. All the souls {belonging} to the house of Jacob who went to Egypt {were} seventy.

UST

27 {If you include} {Jacob, Joseph, and} Joseph's two sons, who were born in Egypt, {then} there was a total of seventy members of Jacob's family in Egypt.

How many persons of the house of Jacob came to Egypt?

Seventy persons of the house of Jacob came to Egypt.

Genesis 46:28

ULT

28 And he sent Judah before him to Joseph to show {the way} before him to Goshen. And they came to the land of Goshen.

UST

28 {When they reached Egypt,} Jacob had Judah go to Joseph ahead of them to get directions {from him} to Goshen Province. After that, Jacob's family traveled to Goshen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:29

ULT

29 Then Joseph harnessed his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. And he appeared to him, then he fell on his neck and cried on his neck a long time.

UST

29 Then Joseph got his chariot ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. {There} Joseph greeted his father and hugged him {tightly} and cried {for joy} on his shoulder {for} a long time.

What did Joseph do to meet his father?

Joseph went up with his chariot and met his father Israel in Goshen.

What did Joseph do when he saw his father?

Joseph hugged his father's neck and wept a long time.

Genesis 46:30

ULT

30 Then Israel said to Joseph, "Now I can die, since I have seen your face that you {are} still alive!"

UST

30 Then Israel exclaimed to Joseph, "Now when I die {I will be at peace}, because I have seen you in person {and know} that you are still alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:31

ULT

31 Then Joseph said to his brothers and to the household of his father, "I will go up and report to Pharaoh, and I will say to him, 'My brothers and the household of my father who {were living} in the land of Canaan have come to me.

UST

31 Then Joseph announced to his brothers and {the rest of} his father's family, "I will go to {King} Pharaoh and inform him, 'My brothers and {the rest of} my father's family have traveled {here} from the region of Canaan to live near me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:32

ULT

32 And the men {are} herders of sheep, for they are livestock men, and they have brought their flocks and their herds and everything that {belongs} to them.’

UST

32 The men {of my family} raise sheep {and goats}. In fact, they raise {all kinds of} livestock {for a living}, and they have brought {with them} {all} their sheep {and goats} and cattle, and everything {else} that they own.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:33

ULT

33 Then it will be, when Pharaoh calls for you and says, ‘What {is} your work?’

UST

33 So then, when the king summons you and asks {you} what your occupation is,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 46:34

ULT

34 then you should say, ‘Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we {and} also our fathers,’ so that you can settle in the land of Goshen, because every herder of sheep {is} an abomination {to} Egyptians.”

UST

34 you should tell {him}, ‘Sir, ever since the time we were young until now, we have been raising livestock, {which is} the same occupation that our ancestors had.’ That way {he will allow} you to live {separately} in Goshen Province, {especially} since Egyptians despise everyone who raises sheep.”

What did Joseph tell the brothers to say to Pharaoh concerning their occupation?

The brothers were to tell Pharaoh that they were keepers of cattle from their youth.

Genesis 47

Genesis 47:1

ULT

[1] Then Joseph went and reported to Pharaoh and said, “My father and my brothers and their flock{s} and their herd{s} and all that {belongs} to them have come from the land of Canaan, and behold, they {are} in the land of Goshen.”

UST

[1] So Joseph went to {King} Pharaoh and informed {him}, “My father and my brothers {and their families} have come {to Egypt} from the region of Canaan and {are} now in Goshen Province. {They brought with them} their sheep, {goats,} cattle, and everything {else} that they own.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:2

ULT

[2] Then he took five men from among his brothers, and he presented them before Pharaoh.

UST

[2] Then Joseph brought five of his brothers before Pharaoh and introduced them {to him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:3

ULT

[3] Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, “What {is} your work?” And they said to Pharaoh, “Your servants {are} herders of sheep, both we and our fathers.”

UST

[3] Then Pharaoh asked them, “What {is} your occupation?” They answered him, “Your Majesty, we raise sheep {for a living}, just like our ancestors did.”

What did the five brothers of Joseph tell Pharaoh their occupation was?

The five brothers told Pharaoh their occupation was shepherding.

Genesis 47:4

ULT

4 Then they said to Pharaoh, “We have come to sojourn in the land, because there is not pasture for the flock{s} that {belong} to your servants, because the famine {is} heavy in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants settle in the land of Goshen.”

UST

4 They {also} said to him, “We have come {here} to live for a while in {your} country. The famine is so severe In the region of Canaan {where we come from} that there is not enough grass {in the fields} for our flocks. So then, sir, please let us live in Goshen Province.”

What kind of residents did the brothers say they were in the land of Egypt?

The brothers said they were temporary residents in the land of Egypt.

Genesis 47:5

ULT

5 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, saying, “Your father and your brothers have come to you.

UST

5 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “{Now that} your father and brothers have come {to live} near you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:6

ULT

6 The land of Egypt {is} before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land; let them settle in the land of Goshen. And if you know that there are men of ability among them, then appoint them overseers of livestock over {those} that {belong} to me.”

UST

6 you may choose any part of the land of Egypt {for them to live in}. {In fact,} they may live in the best land {in the country}, in Goshen Province. And if you know that some of them are especially talented {at raising livestock}, then put them in charge of raising my livestock {also}.”

What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do with Joseph’s family?

Pharaoh told Joseph to settle Joseph’s family in the best region, the land of Goshen.

Genesis 47:7

ULT

[7] Then Joseph brought Jacob his father and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

UST

[7] Then Joseph brought his father Jacob before Pharaoh and introduced him {to him}, and Jacob {asked God to} bless Pharaoh.

What did Jacob do for Pharaoh when he met him and when he went out from his presence?

Jacob blessed Pharaoh when he met him and when he went out from his presence.

Genesis 47:8

ULT

[8] Then Pharaoh said to Jacob, “How many {are} the days of the years of your life?”

UST

[8] Then Pharaoh asked Jacob, “{Sir,} how old are you now?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:9

ULT

[9] And Jacob said to Pharaoh, “The days of the years of my sojournings {are} 130 years. The days of the years of my life have been few and difficult, and they have not reached the days of the years of my fathers’ lives in the days of their sojournings.”

UST

[9] Jacob answered him, “I have been living {in this world} for 130 years. My life has been short, with many hardships. In fact, I have not lived {nearly} as long as my ancestors did during their time on earth.”

How long had Jacob lived when he met Pharaoh?

Jacob had lived one hundred and thirty years.

How long did Jacob say his life was compared to his ancestors?

Jacob said his life was not as long as his ancestors’ lives.

Genesis 47:10

ULT

[10] Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and left from the presence of Pharaoh.

UST

[10] Then Jacob {again} {asked God to} bless Pharaoh and left him.

What did Jacob do for Pharaoh when he met him and when he went out from his presence?

Jacob blessed Pharaoh when he met him and when he went out from his presence.

Genesis 47:11

ULT

[11] Then Joseph settled his father and his brothers, and he gave them property in the land of Egypt, in the best land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded.

UST

[11] After that, Joseph did what Pharaoh had told him {to do}: He helped his father and brothers settle in the country of Egypt. He gave them the choicest property {in Egypt}, which was in {Goshen Province, also known as} Rameses Province.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:12

ULT

[12] And Joseph provided his father and his brothers and all the household of his father {with} bread, according to the mouth{s} of the little ones.

UST

[12] Joseph {also} provided his father and brothers and all {the rest of} his father's family {with} as much food as {each family} needed to feed {all} the people in their family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:13

ULT

13 Now there was no bread in all the land, because the famine {was} very heavy, and the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan were languishing because of the famine.

UST

13 Now {after a while,} the famine became so severe in the entire world that there was very little food {available} {anywhere}. {The people of} the country of Egypt and the region of Canaan were suffering badly because they did not have enough to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:14

ULT

14 And Joseph collected all the silver that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they were buying, and Joseph brought the silver to the house of Pharaoh.

UST

14 So they bought grain from Joseph until there was no more money left in the country of Egypt or the region of Canaan. Joseph {had his servants} take the money to Pharaoh's palace.

What was Joseph able to do by selling grain?

Joseph was able to gather up all the money in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 47:15

ULT

15 So the silver was consumed from the land of Egypt and from the land of Canaan, and all Egypt came to Joseph, saying, "Give us bread! And why should we die before you? For the silver is gone!"

UST

15 When {the people in} Egypt and Canaan had spent all their money, {people from} all over Egypt went to Joseph and begged {him}, "{Sir,} we have no more money! Please give us food so that we do not starve to death!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:16

ULT

16 And Joseph said, “Bring your livestock and I will give {grain} to you {in exchange} for your livestock, since the silver is gone.”

UST

16 Joseph responded, “Since your money is gone, bring {me} your livestock to pay for the food that I will give you.”

What was Joseph then able to do by exchanging food with the Egyptians? (vv16-17)

Joseph was able to exchange food for all the livestock of the Egyptians.

Genesis 47:17

ULT

17 So they brought their livestock to Joseph, and Joseph gave bread to them {in exchange} for the horses, and for the herd{s} of sheep, and for the herd{s} of cattle and for the donkeys. So he provided them with bread in that year {in exchange} for all their livestock.

UST

17 So the people brought their livestock to Joseph. They gave him {their} horses, sheep, goats, cattle, and donkeys to pay for food. In that way Joseph supplied the people with food that year, {and they gave him} all their livestock {to pay} for it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:18

ULT

18 And {when} that year had ended, then they came to him in the second year and said to him, “We cannot hide {it} from my lord that since the silver is consumed and the herd{s} of livestock {belong} to my lord, there is nothing left before my lord except our bodies and our lands.

UST

18 After that year was over, the people went to Joseph {again} in the following year and pleaded with him, “Sir, as you know, {our} money is gone and {all} {our} livestock {belong} to you. The only way we can pay you {for food} is to give you our farmland and work for you, sir.

After the money and livestock were all given to Pharaoh in exchange for food what did the people of Egypt offer Pharaoh in exchange for more food? (vv18-19)

The people of Egypt offered their land and themselves as servants of Pharaoh in exchange for more food.

Genesis 47:19

ULT

19 Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land {in exchange} for the bread, and we and our land will be slaves to Pharaoh. Give {us} seed so that we will live and not die, and the land will not be desolate!”

UST

19 Please do not {just} watch us die or let our land {become wasteland}. {Instead,} {please} take us and our land {in exchange} for food. Then we will be {King} Pharaoh’s slaves, and our land {will also be his}. {Please} give {us} seeds {to plant} so that we can stay alive and not starve to death, and {so that} the land will not become a desert!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:20

ULT

20 Then Joseph bought all the {farm}land of Egypt for Pharaoh, because every Egyptian sold his field, because the famine was heavy for them. So the land became Pharaoh’s.

UST

20 So Joseph {agreed and} acquired all the land in {the country of} Egypt for Pharaoh. All the Egyptians sold their fields {to him} {in exchange for food}, because the food shortage was {so} severe. In that way, {all} the land became Pharaoh’s {property}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:21

ULT

21 And {as for} the people, he moved them to the cities from {one} end of the border of Egypt to its {other} end.

UST

21 Joseph {also} relocated the people to the cities throughout the entire {country of} Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:22

ULT

22 Only the land of the priests he did not buy, because {there was} an allotment for the priests from Pharaoh, and they ate {from} their allotment that Pharaoh gave to them. For that {reason} they did not sell their land.

UST

22 The only land that he did not buy was the priests' {land}, because they regularly received a certain amount {of food} from Pharaoh, and they had enough to eat from what he gave to them. That is why they did not {need to} sell their land {to buy food}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:23

ULT

23 Then Joseph said to the people, "Behold, today I have bought you and your land for Pharaoh. Here {is} seed for you so that you can sow the land.

UST

23 Next Joseph announced to the {Egyptian} people, "Listen, now that you and your farmland belong to Pharaoh, here {are} {some} seeds for you so that you can plant {them in} the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:24

ULT

24 And it will happen in the harvests that you must give a fifth to Pharaoh, and the four parts will be for you as seed of the field and as your food and for those in your houses, and for your little ones to eat."

UST

24 Then every harvest season, you must give {King} Pharaoh one-fifth {of the crops you harvest}. The rest {of what you harvest} will be yours {to use} to plant {in} the fields and as food for you and your families, including your children."

What part of the whole harvest did Joseph require to be given to Pharaoh?

Joseph required one fifth of the harvest to be given to Pharaoh.

Genesis 47:25

ULT

25 And they said, “You have kept us alive! Let us find favor in the eyes of my lord, and we will be slaves for Pharaoh.”

UST

25 The people replied {to him}, “You have saved our lives! Please {continue to} be kind to us, sir, and we will {agree to} be Pharaoh’s servants.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:26

ULT

26 And Joseph established it as a law to this day concerning the {farm}land of Egypt, {that} the fifth {belongs} to Pharaoh. Only the land of the priests by itself did not become Pharaoh’s.

UST

26 So Joseph made a law {that required} {people to give} to Pharaoh one-fifth {of all the crops they harvested} from the fields in Egypt. {That law} is still {in effect} today. The priests’ land was the only {land} {in Egypt} that did not belong to Pharaoh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:27

ULT

27 And Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they acquired {possessions} in it. And they were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

UST

27 Now {Jacob, whose other name was} Israel, was living {with his family} in Goshen Province in the country of Egypt, and they acquired {many possessions} there. They had many children and became very numerous.

In what ways did the people of Israel prosper in the land of Egypt?

The people of Israel gained possessions in the land of Egypt, and they were fruitful and multiplied rapidly.

Genesis 47:28

ULT

28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, and the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years,

UST

28 {After} Jacob had lived in the country of Egypt {for} seventeen years, he was 147 years old.

At what age did Jacob die?

Jacob died at the age of one hundred forty-seven.

Genesis 47:29

ULT

29 and the days of Israel drew near {for him} to die. So he called for his son, for Joseph, and said to him, “If, please, I have found favor in your eyes, please put your hand under my thigh, and deal with me {in} kindness and faithfulness. Please do not bury me in Egypt.

UST

29 {When} it was almost time for him to die, he summoned his son Joseph and urged him, “Please do this favor for me: put your hand under my leg, and {promise me that} {after I die,} you will be kind and faithful to me. Please {promise that} you will not bury my body {here} in {the country of} Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 47:30

ULT

30 And {when} I lie down with my fathers, then carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their tomb.” And he said, “I will do according to your word.”

UST

30 Rather, after I die and join my ancestors {who have died}, take my body out of Egypt {to the region of Canaan} and bury it in the same burial place where their bodies are.” Joseph promised {him}, “I will do what you requested.”

What did Israel ask Joseph to swear he would do?

Israel asked Joseph to swear he would bury Israel in his forefathers’ burial place.

Genesis 47:31

ULT

31 Then he said, “Swear to me.” And he swore to him. Then Israel bowed at the head of the bed.

UST

31 But his father insisted, “Vow to me {before God} {that you will do it}.” So Joseph vowed {that he would do it}. Then {his father} Israel bowed {down} {to worship God} beside {his} bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48

Genesis 48:1

ULT

[1] It came about after these things, that one said to Joseph, “Look, your father is sick.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim.

UST

[1] Some time after this, someone told Joseph, “Your father is ill.” When Joseph heard that, he took his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, to see his father.

What message did Joseph hear about his father, and what did he then do?
Joseph heard that his father was sick, so he took with him his two sons.

Genesis 48:2

ULT

[2] When Jacob was told, “Look, your son Joseph has arrived to see you,” Israel gathered strength and sat up in bed.

UST

[2] When someone told Jacob, “Look, your son Joseph has come to see you!” Jacob, also called Israel, made an effort and sat up on the bed, even though it was difficult for him to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:3

ULT

[3] Jacob said to Joseph, “God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan. He blessed me

UST

[3] He said to Joseph, “When I was at Luz in the land of Canaan, God Almighty appeared to me. He blessed me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:4

ULT

4 and said to me, ‘Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you. I will make of you an assembly of nations. I will give this land to your descendants as an everlasting possession.’

UST

4 and said to me, ‘I am going to enable you to become the father of many children. You will have many descendants, and they will become many people groups. And I will give this land to your descendants to possess forever.’

What promises from God did Jacob recall to Joseph?

Jacob recalled that God promised him he would be fruitful and multiply, he would be made an assembly of nations, and the land of Canaan would be an everlasting possession of his descendants.

Genesis 48:5

ULT

5 Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, they are mine. Ephraim and Manasseh will be mine, just as Reuben and Simeon are mine.

UST

5 And now I will consider that your two sons, who were born to you here in Egypt before I came here, belong to me. Ephraim and Manasseh will be my sons, and they will inherit my possessions, just like my sons Reuben and Simeon and the others will.

How did Jacob say he would consider the two sons of Joseph in the inheritance? (vv5-6)

Jacob said he would consider the two sons of Joseph as his own.

Genesis 48:6

ULT

6 The children you have after them will be yours; they will be listed under the names of their brothers in their inheritance.

UST

6 If you later become the father of any more children, they will not be considered to be my children, but instead as my grandchildren. They will receive as part of what they inherit some of the same land that is in the territory that their brothers will inherit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:7

ULT

[7] But as for me, when I came from Paddan, to my sorrow Rachel died in the land of Canaan on the way, while there was still some distance to go to Ephrath. I buried her there on the way to Ephrath" (that is, Bethlehem).

UST

[7] Many years ago, as I was returning from Paddan Aram, your mother Rachel sadly died in the land of Canaan, while we were still traveling, not far from the town of Ephrath. So I buried her body there alongside the road to Ephrath" (which is now called Bethlehem).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:8

ULT

[8] When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, "Whose are these?"

UST

[8] When Jacob saw Joseph's sons, he asked, "Who are these boys?"

Why did Israel not recognize Joseph's two sons? (vv8-10)

Israel did not recognize Joseph's two sons because his eyes were failing because of his age.

Genesis 48:9

ULT

[9] Joseph said to his father, "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." Israel said, "Bring them to me, that I may bless them."

UST

[9] Joseph replied to his father, "They are the sons that God has given to me here in Egypt." Jacob said, "Bring them close to me so that I can bless them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:10

ULT

10 Now Israel's eyes were failing because of his age, so he could not see. So Joseph brought them near to him, and he kissed them and embraced them.

UST

10 Jacob was almost blind because he was very old. He could not see well. So Joseph brought his sons close to his father, and Jacob kissed them and hugged them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:11

ULT

11 Israel said to Joseph, "I never expected to see your face again, but God has even allowed me to see your children."

UST

11 Jacob said to Joseph, "I did not expect to see your face again, but look at this! God has allowed me to see you, and he has allowed me to see your children, too!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:12

ULT

12 Joseph brought them out from between Israel's knees, and then he bowed with his face to the earth.

UST

12 Joseph took the boys from Jacob's knees. Then he bowed down with his face to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:13

ULT

13 Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them close to him.

UST

13 Then Joseph took both of the boys, putting Ephraim on his right side toward Jacob's left hand, and putting Manasseh on his left side toward Jacob's right hand, and brought them close to Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:14

ULT

14 Israel reached out with his right hand and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head. He crossed his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

UST

14 But Jacob did not do what Joseph wanted him to do. Instead, he reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, even though he was the younger son. He crossed his arms and put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the older son.

Who was the first-born of Joseph's sons?

Manasseh was the first-born of Joseph's sons.

Upon whom did Israel put his right hand, and upon whom his left hand?

Israel put his right hand on Ephraim, and his left hand on Manasseh.

Genesis 48:15

ULT

15 Israel blessed Joseph, saying, "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has cared for me to this day,

UST

15 Then he blessed Joseph and his sons, saying, "My grandfather Abraham and my father Isaac conducted their lives as God desired, and to this very day God has led me and taken care of me as a shepherd leads and cares for his sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:16

ULT

16 the angel who has protected me from all harm, may he bless these boys. May my name be named in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac. May they grow into a multitude on the earth."

UST

16 The angel whom he sent has kept me from being harmed in any way. I pray that God will bless these boys. I pray that people will think about me and my ancestors, Abraham and Isaac, because of what God does for them. I pray that they will have many descendants who will live all over the earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:17

ULT

17 When Joseph saw his father place his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. He took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

UST

17 When Joseph saw that his father had placed his right hand on Ephraim's head and not on Manasseh's head, he was distressed. So he took his father's hand to move it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head.

Why did Joseph try to exchange the position of Israel's hands? (vv17-18)

Joseph expected Israel's right hand to be on Manasseh because he was the first-born.

Genesis 48:18

ULT

18 Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head."

UST

18 Joseph said to him, "My father, that is not right! The one on whom you put your left hand is my older son. Put your right hand on his head."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 48:19

ULT

19 His father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also will become a people, and he also will be great. Yet his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a multitude of nations."

UST

19 But his father refused, saying, "I know that, my son; I know what I am doing. Manasseh's descendants will also become a people group, and they will become important. But his younger brother's descendants will become greater than his will. His descendants will become many nations."

Why did Israel refuse to exchange the position of his hands on the two sons of Joseph?

Israel refused because the younger brother would be greater than the first-born.

Genesis 48:20

ULT

20 Israel blessed them that day with these words, “The people of Israel will pronounce blessings by your names saying, ‘May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh’.” In this way, Israel put Ephraim before Manasseh.

UST

20 So he blessed them both on that day, saying, “The people in Israel will use your names when they bless people. They will say, ‘We pray that God will help you as he helped Ephraim and Manasseh.’” In that way, Jacob said that Ephraim would become more important than Manasseh.

What blessing did Israel say the people of Israel would pronounce?

Israel said the people of Israel would pronounce the blessing, “May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh”.

Genesis 48:21

ULT

21 Israel said to Joseph, “See, I am about to die, but God will be with you, and will bring you back to the land of your fathers.

UST

21 Then Jacob said to Joseph, “I am about to die. But I know that God will help you. Some day he will take your descendants back to the land of their ancestors.

What did Israel say would happen to Joseph?

Israel said that Joseph would be brought back to the land of his fathers.

Genesis 48:22

ULT

22 To you, as one who is above your brothers, I give to you the mountain slope that I took from the Amorites with my sword and my bow.”

UST

22 It is to you, who stands above your brothers that I will give the fertile hill in the area of Shechem. I captured that land from the Amor people group, fighting them with my sword and my bow and arrows.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49

Genesis 49:1

ULT

[1] Then Jacob called for his sons, and said: “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what will happen to you in the future.

UST

[1] Jacob summoned all his sons and said to them,

For what reason did Jacob gather his sons together?

Jacob gathered his sons together to tell them what would happen to them and their descendants in the future.

Genesis 49:2

ULT

[2] Assemble yourselves and listen, you sons of Jacob. Listen to Israel, your father.

UST

[2] “Gather around close to me in order that I can tell you what will happen in the future. My sons, come and listen to me. I am your father, Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:3

ULT

[3] Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, outstanding in dignity, and outstanding in power.

UST

[3] Reuben, you are my oldest son. You were born when I was young and energetic. When I became a grown man, you were my first child. You are prouder and stronger than all the rest of my sons.

What positive attributes did Reuben have?

Reuben was outstanding in dignity and power.

Genesis 49:4

ULT

[4] Uncontrollable as rushing water, you will not have the preeminence, because you went up to your father's bed. Then you defiled it; you went up to my couch.

UST

[4] But you were as unstable as ocean waves. So now you will not be my most important son, because you climbed up onto my bed and slept with my concubine. That caused me, your father, to have great shame.

Why would Reuben not have the pre-eminence even though he was the firstborn?
Reuben would not have the pre-eminence because he defiled his father's bed.

Genesis 49:5

ULT

[5] Simeon and Levi are brothers. Weapons of violence are their swords.

UST

[5] Simeon and Levi, you two brothers have both acted like criminals. You use your swords to act violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:6

ULT

[6] O my soul, do not come into their council; do not join in their meetings, for my heart has too much honor for that. For in their anger they killed men. It was for pleasure that they hamstrung oxen.

UST

[6] I do not want to be with you when you make evil plans. I am too honorable to join you in your meetings, because you killed people when you became very angry, and you hamstrung oxen just to have fun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:7

ULT

[7] May their anger be cursed, for it was fierce—and their fury, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

UST

[7] God says, ‘I will curse them for being very angry, for acting very cruelly when they were very furious. I will scatter their descendants throughout Israel land.’

What did Jacob curse about Simeon and Levi?

Jacob cursed the fierce and cruel anger of Simeon and Levi.

Genesis 49:8

ULT

[8] Judah, your brothers will praise you. Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies. Your father’s sons will bow down before you.

UST

[8] Judah, your older and younger brothers will praise you. They will bow down before you, because you will thoroughly defeat your enemies.

What did Jacob say his other sons would do before Judah?

Jacob said his others sons would bow down before Judah.

Genesis 49:9

ULT

[9] Judah is a lion’s cub. My son, you have gone up from your victims. He stooped down, he crouched like a lion, like a lioness. Who would dare to awaken him?

UST

[9] Judah is like a young lion that has returned to its den satisfied after eating the animals that it has killed. He is like a lion that lies down and stretches out after eating; no one would dare to disturb it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:10

ULT

10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes. The nations will obey him.

UST

10 There will always be a ruler from the descendants of Judah. Each one will hold a scepter to show that he has authority as a king. He will do that until nations bring tribute to him and show that they will obey him.

What promises about the future were made to Judah?

Judah was promised that the sceptre would not depart from him until Shiloh came, and that the nations would obey him.

Genesis 49:11

ULT

11 Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine, and his robe in the blood of grapes.

UST

11 The grapevines of his descendants will produce grapes very abundantly. As a result, they will not object to tying their young donkeys to the grapevines in order that they can eat the leaves of the grapevines. Wine will be very plentiful, with the result that they will wash their clothes in wine; they will wash their cloaks in wine that is as red as blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:12

ULT

12 His eyes will be as dark as wine, and his teeth as white as milk.

UST

12 Their eyes will be red because of drinking too much wine, but their teeth will be very white because of drinking much milk from the cows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:13

ULT

[13] Zebulun will live by the shore of the sea. He will be a harbor for ships, and his border will extend to Sidon.

UST

[13] Zebulun, your descendants will live by the seashore where there will be a safe harbor for ships. Their land will extend north as far as the city of Sidon.

Where did Jacob say the descendants of Zebulun would live?

Jacob said the descendants of Zebulun would live by the shore of the sea.

Genesis 49:14

ULT

[14] Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds.

UST

[14] Issachar, your descendants will be like strong donkeys that are lying down between two groups of sheep. so tired that they cannot get up!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:15

ULT

[15] He sees a good resting place and the pleasant land. He will bend his shoulder to the burden and become a servant for the task.

UST

[15] They will see that their resting place is good and that the land pleases them very much. But they will bend their backs to carry heavy loads and be forced to work for others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:16

ULT
16 Dan will judge his people as one of the tribes of Israel.

UST
16 Dan, although your tribe will be small, your leaders will rule their people just as the leaders of other tribes of Israel will rule their people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:17

ULT
17 Dan will be a snake beside the road, a poisonous snake in the path that bites the horse's heels, so that his rider falls backward.

UST
17 Your descendants will be like snakes at the side of a road, like poisonous snakes lying beside a path. They will strike the heels of horses that pass by, causing the riders to fall backwards as the horses rear up on their hind legs."

What animal did Jacob say Dan would be like?
Jacob said Dan would be like a poisonous snake.

Genesis 49:18

ULT
18 I wait for your salvation, Yahweh.

UST
18 Then Jacob prayed, "Yahweh, I am waiting for you to rescue me from my enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:19

ULT
19 Gad—raiders will attack him, but he will attack them at their heels.

UST
19 Then Jacob continued telling his sons what would happen in the future. He said, “Gad, your tribe will be attacked by a group of bandits, but your tribe will pursue and attack them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:20

ULT
20 Asher’s food will be rich, and he will provide royal delicacies.

UST
20 Asher, your descendants will eat good tasting food; they will produce food that is delicious enough for kings to eat.

For what did Jacob say Asher would be known?
Jacob said Asher would be known for providing royal delicacies.

Genesis 49:21

ULT
21 Naphtali is a doe let loose; he will have beautiful fawns.

UST
21 Naphtali, your descendants will be like deer that run free, deer that have beautiful fawns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:22

ULT
22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough near a spring, whose branches climb over the wall.

UST
22 Joseph, you will have many descendants. Their children will be as many as the fruit on a vine near a spring of water, whose branches extend over a wall.

What kind of plant did Jacob say Joseph would be like?
Jacob said Joseph would be like a fruitful bough whose branches climb over a wall.

Genesis 49:23

ULT
23 The archers will attack him and shoot at him and harass him.

UST
23 Their enemies will attack them fiercely, and shoot at them with bows and arrows and pursue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:24

ULT
24 But his bow will remain steady, and his hands will be skillful because of the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, because of the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel.

UST
24 But they will hold their bows steady and their arms will remain strong, because of the power of my mighty God, because of Yahweh, who guides and provides for me, as a shepherd guides and provides for his sheep. The people of Israel will ask Yahweh to protect them, as people take refuge on top of a high rock.

Who did Jacob say would keep Joseph's bow steady and his hands skillful?
Jacob said the hands of the mighty one of Jacob, the Rock of Israel would keep Joseph's bow steady and his hands skillful.

Genesis 49:25

ULT

25 The God of your father will help you and the Almighty God will bless you with blessings of the sky above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, and blessings of the breasts and womb.

UST

25 God, the one whom I worship, will help your descendants. God Almighty will bless them by sending them rain from the sky and by giving them water from deep below the ground. He will give them many children and will nourish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:26

ULT

26 The blessings of your father are greater than the blessings of the ancient mountains or the desirable things of the ancient hills. May they be on the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the prince of his brothers.

UST

26 The blessings that I want God to give you are great ones. They are greater than the blessings that come from the eternal mountains, than the ones that come from the everlasting hills. Joseph, I pray that these blessings will be given to you, because you are the leader of your brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:27

ULT

27 Benjamin is a hungry wolf. In the morning he will devour the prey, and in the evening he will divide the plunder.”

UST

27 Benjamin, your descendants will be like vicious wolves. In the morning they will kill their enemies like a wolf devours its prey, and in the evening they will divide among their warriors the spoils that they seized from their enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:28

ULT

28 These are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them when he blessed them. Each one he blessed with an appropriate blessing.

UST

28 Those twelve sons are the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel. That is what their father said to them as he blessed them, telling to each one words that were right for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:29

ULT

29 Then he instructed them and said to them, “I am about to go to my people. Bury me with my forefathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

UST

29 Then Jacob said to his sons, “I will soon die and join my ancestors who have already died. Bury my body where some of my ancestors are buried, in the cave that is in the field that was bought from Ephron, who belonged to the Heth people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:30

ULT

30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is near Mamre in the land of Canaan, the field that Abraham bought for a burial place from Ephron the Hittite.

UST

30 The field of Machpelah, was east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan. Abraham bought it from Ephron to use as a burial place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:31

ULT

31 There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

UST

31 That is where they buried him and his wife Sarah. That is where they buried my father Isaac and his wife Rebekah. And that is where I buried my wife Leah.

Who was already buried in the place where Jacob wished to be buried?
Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, and Leah were already buried there.

Genesis 49:32

ULT

32 The field and the cave that is in it were purchased from the people of Heth."

UST

32 That field and the cave in it were bought from the Heth people group; so that is where I want you to bury me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 49:33

ULT

33 When Jacob finished these instructions to his sons, he pulled his feet into the bed, breathed his last, and went to his people.

UST

33 When Jacob finished giving those instructions to his sons, he lay down on his bed again. Then he stopped breathing and died.

What did Jacob do after he gave his blessings and instructions to his sons?
Jacob breathed his last and went to his people.

Genesis 50

Genesis 50:1

ULT
[1] Then Joseph was so distressed that he collapsed on the face of his father, and he wept over him, and he kissed him.

UST
[1] Joseph fell on his father's face and he cried over him and kissed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:2

ULT
[2] Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. So the physicians embalmed Israel.

UST
[2] Joseph commanded his servants who prepared the dead for burial to embalm his father's body.

What did Joseph do with Israel's body after Israel died? (vv2-3)
Joseph had Israel's body embalmed.

Genesis 50:3

ULT
[3] They took forty days, for that was the full time for embalming. The Egyptians wept for him seventy days.

UST
[3] It took forty days to embalm Jacob's body, because that is the amount of time that was always required for them to embalm a body. The people of Egypt cried for seventy days because of Jacob's death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:4

ULT

[4] When the days of weeping were over, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, please speak to Pharaoh, saying,

UST

[4] When the time of mourning was finished, Joseph said to the king’s officials, “If you are pleased with me, please take this message to the king:

What request did Joseph make to Pharaoh about the burial of his father, and why did he make this request? (vv4-6)
Joseph requested to be able to go to the land of Canaan to bury his father, as his father had made him swear.

Genesis 50:5

ULT

[5] ‘My father made me swear, saying, “See, I am about to die. Bury me in my tomb that I dug for myself in the land of Canaan. There you will bury me.” Now let me go up and bury my father, and then I will return.’”

UST

[5] ‘When my father was about to die, he told me to solemnly promise that I would bury his body in Canaan land, in the tomb that he himself had prepared. So please let me go up to Canaan and bury my father’s body. Then I will return.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:6

ULT

[6] Pharaoh answered, “Go and bury your father, as he made you swear.”

UST

[6] After they gave the king the message, he replied, “Tell Joseph, ‘Go up and bury your father’s body, as you swore that you would do.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:7

ULT

[7] Joseph went up to bury his father. All the officials of Pharaoh went with him—the elders of his household, all the senior officials of the land of Egypt,

UST

[7] So Joseph went up to Canaan to bury his father's body. All of the king's officials, all the king's advisors, and all the elders in Egypt went with him.

Who went with Joseph to bury Israel? (vv7-9)

All the officials of Pharaoh, the courtiers of his household, the senior officials of Egypt, Joseph's household, Joseph's brothers, his father's household, and chariots and horsemen all went with Joseph.

Genesis 50:8

ULT

[8] with all Joseph's household and his brothers, and his father's household. But their children, their flocks, and their herds were left in the land of Goshen.

UST

[8] His family's small children and their sheep and goats and their cattle stayed in the region of Goshen. But all the rest of Joseph's family and his brothers and his father's family went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:9

ULT

[9] Chariots and horsemen also went with him. It was a very large group of people.

UST

[9] Men riding in chariots and on horses also went along. It was a huge group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:10

ULT

10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad on the other side of the Jordan, they mourned with very great and grievous sorrow. There Joseph made a seven-day mourning for his father.

UST

10 They went to the east side of the Jordan River and arrived at Atad. There was a place there where people threshed the grain to separate the wheat from the chaff. There they mourned loudly for Jacob for a long time. Joseph performed mourning ceremonies for his father for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:11

ULT

11 When the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, “This is a very sad occasion for the Egyptians.” That is why the place was called Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

UST

11 When the Canaan people group who lived there saw them mourning like that, they said, “This is a sad mourning place for the people of Egypt!” So they named the place Abel Mizraim, which sounds like the Hebrew words that mean “mourning of the Egyptians.”

What did the Canaanites say when they saw Joseph and those with him?

The Canaanites said that this was a very sad occasion for the Egyptians.

Genesis 50:12

ULT

12 So his sons did for Jacob just as he had instructed them.

UST

12 Then Jacob’s sons did for him what their father had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:13

ULT

13 His sons carried him to the land of Canaan and buried him in the cave in the field of Machpelah, near Mamre. Abraham had bought the cave with the field for a burial place. He had bought it from Ephron the Hittite.

UST

13 They crossed the Jordan River and carried Jacob's body into Canaan land. They buried it in the cave in the field at Machpelah, east of Mamre town. That was the field that Abraham had bought from Ephron, who was one of the Heth people group, to use as a burial place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:14

ULT

14 After he had buried his father, Joseph returned into Egypt, he, along with his brothers, and all who had accompanied him to bury his father.

UST

14 After he had buried his father, Joseph and his brothers and all the others who had gone up to Canaan with him for the funeral returned to Egypt.

Where did Joseph and his brothers go after burying their father?

Joseph and his brothers returned into Egypt.

Genesis 50:15

ULT

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds on to anger against us and wants to repay us in full for all the evil we did to him?"

UST

15 After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers became worried. They realized what might happen. They said, "What will happen if Joseph is carrying hatred for us and wants to take revenge on us, because of all the evil things we did to him many years ago?"

About what were Joseph's brothers worried after Israel died?

Joseph's brothers were worried that Joseph would repay them for all the evil the brothers had done to Joseph.

Genesis 50:16

ULT

16 So they commanded the presence of Joseph, saying, “Your father gave instructions before he died, saying,

UST

16 So they sent someone to tell this to Joseph for them: “Before our father died, he told us this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:17

ULT

17 ‘Tell Joseph this, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin when they did evil to you.”’ Now please forgive the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

UST

17 ‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive your older brothers for the evil thing that they did to you, for their terrible sin against you, because what they did to you was very wrong.’ So now we, who are servants of your father’s God, ask you, please forgive us for what we did to you.” Joseph cried when he received their message.

What did the brothers ask Joseph to do regarding the wrongs they had committed against Joseph?

The brothers asked Joseph to forgive them for the wrongs they had committed against Joseph.

Genesis 50:18

ULT

18 His brothers also went and lay facedown before him. They said, “See, we are your servants.”

UST

18 Then his older brothers themselves came and threw themselves on the ground in front of Joseph, and one of them said, “Please listen. We will be your servants.”

What did Joseph’s brothers do when they came to Joseph?

When they came to Joseph, Joseph’s brothers fell down before him.

Genesis 50:19

ULT

19 But Joseph answered them, “Do not be afraid. Am I in the place of God?

UST

19 But Joseph replied to them, “Do not be afraid! God is the one who punishes people; am I God?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:20

ULT

20 As for you, you meant to harm me, but God meant it for good, to preserve the lives of many people, as you see today.

UST

20 As for you, yes, you wanted to do something very evil to me. But God caused something good to come from it! He wanted to save many people from dying of hunger, and that is what happened! Today they are alive!

What good did Joseph say God had worked through the evil deeds of his brothers?

Joseph said God had worked the good of preserving the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:21

ULT

21 So now do not be afraid. I will provide for you and your little children.” He comforted them in this way and spoke kindly to their hearts.

UST

21 So I say again, do not be afraid! I will make sure that you and your children have enough to eat.” In this way he reassured them as he spoke to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:22

ULT
22 Joseph lived in Egypt, together with his father's family. He lived one hundred ten years.

UST
22 Joseph lived with his father's family in Egypt until he was 110 years old.

How long did Joseph live?
Joseph lived one hundred and ten years.

Genesis 50:23

ULT
23 Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the third generation. He also saw the children of Machir son of Manasseh, who were placed on the knees of Joseph.

UST
23 He lived long enough to see Ephraim's children and grandchildren. The children of Joseph's grandson Machir, who was Manasseh's son, were born before Joseph died, and they were recognized as being his descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Genesis 50:24

ULT
24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die; but God will surely come to you and lead you up out of this land to the land which he swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

UST
24 One day Joseph said to his older brothers, "I am about to die. But God will certainly help you. Some day he will lead your descendants up out of this land and take them to Canaan, the land that he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

What did Joseph say was about to happen to him?
Joseph said that he was about to die.

What promise did Joseph say God would fulfill for Israel's descendants?
Joseph said God would come to the people and lead them up to the land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Genesis 50:25

ULT

25 Then Joseph made the people of Israel swear an oath. He said, “God will surely come to you. At that time you must carry up my bones from here.”

UST

25 Then Joseph said, “When God enables you to do that, you must take my body up from here to Canaan.” He made his older brothers solemnly promise to do that.

What did Joseph make the people of Israel swear they would do?

Joseph made them swear they would carry Joseph’s bones from Egypt when they left Egypt.

Genesis 50:26

ULT

26 So Joseph died, 110 years old. They embalmed him and he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

UST

26 So Joseph died in Egypt when he was 110 years old. His body was embalmed and put in a coffin there.

What happened to Joseph’s body after he died?

Joseph’s body was embalmed and put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

Exodus 1

Exodus 1:1

ULT
1 And these are the names of the sons of Israel, the ones who came to Egypt. They came in with Jacob, a man and his house:

UST
1 These are the names of Israel's sons who went into Egypt with Jacob and their families:

Into what country did the sons of Israel come with Jacob?
The sons of Israel came into Egypt with Jacob.

Exodus 1:2

ULT
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah,

UST
2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:3

ULT
3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin,

UST
3 Issachar, Zebulun, Benjamin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:4

ULT
4 Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

UST
4 Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:5

ULT
5 And all the lives going out of the loins of Jacob, were 70 lives. And Joseph was in Egypt.

UST
5 {At that time}, Jacob had 70 total descendants (including Joseph {and his sons} who were already in Egypt.)

How many descendants of Jacob were there?
All of the descendants of Jacob were 70 in number.

Exodus 1:6

ULT
6 And Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died.

UST
6 {After some time,} Joseph and his brothers and everyone else in their family who lived at that time died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:7

ULT
7 And the sons of Israel were fruitful and propagated and multiplied and were mighty, with great greatness, and the land was filled with them.

UST
7 {Jacob's} descendants gave birth to many children. The number of his descendants grew, and they became extremely strong. {As a result, there were so many of them that} they were everywhere in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:8

ULT

8 And a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

UST

8 {However, sometime later,} a new king began to rule in Egypt. He did not know about {all the good things} Joseph {had done for the people of Egypt}.

Who did not care for the memory of Joseph?

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not care for the memory of Joseph.

What did the king of the Egyptians think would happen if they did not deal wisely with the Israelites?

The king of the Egyptians was afraid that the Israelites would continue to multiply, and if war would break out, they would join the Egyptians' enemies, fight against them, and leave the land.

Exodus 1:9

ULT

9 And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are many and mighty compared to us.

UST

9 He said to his people, "Look {at what has happened}! There are so many Israelites that they outnumber us Egyptians!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:10

ULT

10 Come, let us act wisely toward him, lest he multiplies, and it happens that a battle occurs, and he even adds himself onto the ones hating us, and he fights with us, and he leaves from the land."

UST

10 We must find a way to control them! If we do not do that, there will be more of them. Then, if enemies attack us, the Israelites will join with our enemies and fight against us, and they will escape from our land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:11

ULT

11 And they set over him overseers of labor gangs in order to afflict him by their burdens. And he built Pithom and Rameses, cities of storage for Pharaoh.

UST

11 So the king and his officials put masters over groups of Israelite workers to cause them to suffer very much by making them work very hard. So the Israelites built the cities Pithom and Rameses to store goods for the king.

How did the taskmasters oppress the Israelites?

The taskmasters oppressed the Israelites with hard labor.

Exodus 1:12

ULT

12 And insofar as they afflicted him, thus he multiplied and thus he spread out. And they felt a sickening dread from the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

12 But the more the Egyptians treated the Israelites badly, the more the Israelites had children, and the more they spread throughout Egypt. Therefore, the Egyptians were distressed because of the Israelites.

What happened the more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites?

The more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites, the more the Israelites increased in number and spread.

Exodus 1:13

ULT

13 And the Egyptians enslaved the sons of Israel with rigor.

UST

13 The Egyptians ruthlessly made the Israelites work

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:14

ULT

14 And they embittered their lives by hard slavery, by mortar and by bricks, and by all kinds of slave labor in the fields; all their work with which they worked for them was with rigor.

UST

14 and made their lives miserable by forcing them to work hard. The Israelites built with bricks and mortar and did all sorts of agricultural work. The Egyptians ruthlessly gave them all sorts of work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:15

ULT

15 And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the second was Puah.

UST

15 Now there were two Hebrew midwives named Shiphrah and Puah. The king of Egypt said to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:16

ULT

16 And he said, “When you assist the Hebrew women as midwives and you see on the birth stool, if he is a son, then you shall cause him to die, but if she is a daughter, then she shall live.”

UST

16 “When you help a Hebrew woman have a baby, pay attention right as the baby is born. If the baby is a boy, you must kill him. If the baby is a girl, you may let her live.”

What did the king of Egypt tell the midwives to do if the baby was a male?

The king of Egypt told them that if the baby was male, then they must kill him.

Exodus 1:17

ULT

17 But the midwives feared God and did not do according to what the king of Egypt spoke to them, and they let the sons live.

UST

17 But the midwives were afraid {to disobey} God. So they did not obey what the king told them to do. They allowed the baby boys to live.

Why did the midwives not do as the king of Egypt ordered them?

The midwives feared God and so they did not do as the king of Egypt ordered them.

Exodus 1:18

ULT

18 And the king of Egypt called out to the midwives, and he said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and let the sons live?”

UST

18 So the king summoned the two midwives and asked them, “Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the baby boys live?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:19

ULT

19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and, before the midwife comes to them, they have given birth.”

UST

19 One of the midwives replied to the king, “{We have not been able to obey you} because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. Because they are energetic, the Hebrew women have their babies before we arrive to help them.”

How did the midwives say the Hebrew women were not like the Egyptian women?

They said Hebrew women were vigorous and finished giving birth before a midwife came to them.

Exodus 1:20

ULT
20 And God caused good to the midwives. And the people multiplied and became very mighty.

UST
20 (Therefore, the {Hebrew} people became numerous and very strong.) God acted kindly to the midwives

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:21

ULT
21 And it came about, since the midwives feared God, that he made houses for them.

UST
21 because they were afraid {to disobey} him. He gave them each a husband and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 1:22

ULT
22 And Pharaoh commanded to all of his people, saying, “You shall throw every newborn son into the river, but every daughter you shall let live.”

UST
22 Then the king ordered all the Egyptian people, “Throw every {Hebrew} baby boy that is born into the Nile River! However, you can allow the baby girls to live.”

What did Pharaoh order all his people to do to the male babies?
Pharaoh ordered all his people, “You must throw every male that is born into the river”.

Exodus 2

Exodus 2:1

ULT
1 And a man from the house of Levi went and took a daughter of Levi.

UST
1 Now there was a man who was a descendant of Jacob's son Levi. He married a woman who was also a descendant of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:2

ULT
2 And the woman conceived, and she birthed a son. And she saw him, that he was good, and she hid him three months.

UST
2 She became pregnant and had a baby boy. When she saw that he was a healthy baby, she {wanted to keep him alive, so she} hid him for three months.

For how long did the woman of Levi hide her son?
The woman of Levi hid her son for three months.

Exodus 2:3

ULT
3 And she was not able to hide him still, and she took for him an ark of papyrus reeds and she daubed it with bitumen and with pitch. And she placed the child in it, and she placed it in the reeds along the shore of the river.

UST
3 When she was unable to hide him any longer, she got a basket made from tall reeds. She covered the basket with tar {so it would float in water}. Then she put the baby in the basket and put the basket in the water. It was at the edge of the Nile River, in the middle of the tall reeds.

With what did the woman of Levi seal the papyrus basket?
She sealed the papyrus basket with bitumen and pitch.

Exodus 2:4

ULT

4 And his sister stationed herself at a distance to know what would be done to him.

UST

4 His {older} sister hid nearby so she could find out what would happen to him.

Why did the baby's sister stand at a distance?

The baby's sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:5

ULT

5 And a daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river, and her young women were walking along the hand of the river. And she saw the ark in the middle of the reeds, and she sent her slave woman, and she took it

UST

5 Soon the king's daughter went down to the river to take a bath. Her female servants walked along the riverbank. She saw the basket in the tall reeds in the river, so she sent one of her servants to get it. {When the servant brought it back,} the king's daughter took it from her

What did Pharaoh's daughter come to do while her attendants walked along by the riverside?

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river while her attendants walked along by the riverside.

Exodus 2:6

ULT

6 and opened, and she saw him, the child—and behold, a crying boy. And she had compassion on him, and she said, "This one is from the children of the Hebrews."

UST

6 and she opened it and was surprised to see a baby inside that was crying. She pitied him and said, "This must be a Hebrew baby."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:7

ULT

7 And his sister said to the daughter of Pharaoh, “Should I go and call for you a nursing woman from the Hebrews? And she could cause the child to nurse for you.”

UST

7 Then the baby’s {older} sister {walked up} to the king’s daughter and said, “Do you want me to go and find a Hebrew woman who will be able to nurse the baby for you?”

Who did the young girl find to nurse the child for Pharaoh’s daughter? (vv7-8)

The young girl went and got the child’s mother to nurse the child for Pharaoh’s daughter.

Exodus 2:8

ULT

8 And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, “Go.” And the girl went and called the mother of the child.

UST

8 The king’s daughter said to her, “Yes, go and find one.” So the girl went and found the baby’s mother {and brought her to the king’s daughter}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:9

ULT

9 And the daughter of Pharaoh said to her, “Take this child and cause him to nurse for me, and I shall give your wages.” And the woman took the child and caused him to nurse.

UST

9 The king’s daughter said to the mother, “Please take this baby and nurse him for me. I will pay you for doing that.” So the baby’s mother {agreed,} took him, and nursed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:10

ULT

10 And the child grew older, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became as a son to her. And she called his name Moses, and she said, “For out of the water I drew him.”

UST

10 When he had gotten bigger, his mother brought the boy to the king’s daughter. She adopted him and said, “I pulled him out of the water, so I will call him Moses.”

Who named the child Moses?

Pharaoh’s daughter named the child Moses.

Exodus 2:11

ULT

11 And it happened in those days that Moses had grown up. And he went out to his brothers and saw their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian man striking a Hebrew man from his brothers.

UST

11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out {of the palace area} to see the hard work his people had to do. He also saw an Egyptian beating one of his people, the Hebrews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:12

ULT

12 And he turned this way and that way, and he saw that there was no man, and he struck the Egyptian, and he hid him in the sand.

UST

12 He looked around {to see if anyone was watching}. Seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian man and buried his body in the sand.

Where did Moses hide the body of the Egyptian whom he killed?

Moses killed the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.

Exodus 2:13

ULT

13 And he went out the second day, and behold, two Hebrew men were fighting. And he said to the guilty one, “Why are you striking your companion?”

UST

13 The next day he was out again. He was surprised to see two Hebrew men fighting each other. He said to the man who started the fight, “Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?”

When two Hebrew men were fighting, whom did Moses ask, “Why are you hitting your companion?”

When two Hebrew men were fighting, Moses said to the one who was in the wrong, “Why are you hitting your companion?”

Exodus 2:14

ULT

14 And he said, “Who set you as the ruler man and judge over us? Are you saying to kill me like you killed the Egyptian?” And Moses feared and said, “Certainly the thing is known.”

UST

14 The man replied, “No one put you in charge of judging us! Do not think you {will get away with} killing me like you killed that Egyptian yesterday!” Then Moses was afraid, because he thought, “Everyone knows what I did.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:15

ULT

15 And Pharaoh heard this thing, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh. And he dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.

UST

15 When the king heard that Moses killed an Egyptian, he ordered {his soldiers} to kill Moses. But Moses ran away from the king {and left Egypt. He traveled east} to the region of Midian and started to live there. {One day as} Moses was sitting beside a well,

Why did Pharaoh not kill Moses?

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian.

Exodus 2:16

ULT

16 And the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew and filled up the troughs to cause the flock of their father to drink water.

UST

16 seven women came to the well. They were all the daughters of the man who was the priest for the Midianites. They got water and filled the troughs in order to give water to their father's sheep and goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:17

ULT

17 And the men who were shepherding came and drove them away, but Moses arose and saved them and caused their flock to drink water.

UST

17 Some shepherds came and {started to} chase them away. But Moses got up and rescued them and helped their sheep and goats to drink.

Who tried to drive away the daughters of the priest of Midian?

Some shepherds came and tried to drive away the daughters of the priest of Midian.

Exodus 2:18

ULT

18 And they came to Reuel their father, and he said, "Why have you hurried coming today?"

UST

18 When his daughters returned {home}, their father {Jethro (who people also called} Reuel) asked them, "How did you get back {from taking care of the sheep} so quickly today?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:19

ULT

19 And they said, “An Egyptian man rescued us from the hand of the men who were shepherding. And he even drew especially for us and caused the flock to drink water.”

UST

19 They replied, “A man from Egypt kept the other shepherds from chasing us away. He also got water for us from the well and gave water to the sheep.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:20

ULT

20 And he said to his daughters, “And where is he? What is this? You left the man? Call him and he shall eat bread!”

UST

20 He said to his daughters, “By leaving him at the well, you did not show this man that we welcome strangers or even repay his kind act. Invite him in so that he can have something to eat!” {So they did, and Moses ate with them.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:21

ULT

21 And Moses was willing to dwell with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.

UST

21 Jethro {invited Moses} to stay with his family and Moses accepted {his offer}. Jethro gave Moses his daughter Zipporah {to be his wife}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:22

ULT

22 And she birthed a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.”

UST

22 When she gave birth to {their first} son, Moses said, “I am a foreigner living in a place foreign to me, so I will name him Gershom.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:23

ULT

23 And it happened in these many days that the king of Egypt died. And the sons of Israel groaned from the slavery. And they cried out, and their plea ascended to God from their slavery.

UST

23 Many years went by. During that time, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites in Egypt were still groaning because of the hard work they had to do as slaves. They cried to God in heaven because of the work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 2:24

ULT

24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

UST

24 When he heard them groaning, he thought about his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

When did God call to mind his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob?

When God heard the Israelites groaning, God called to mind his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 2:25

ULT

25 And God saw the sons of Israel, and God knew.

UST

25 God saw {how the} Israelites {were being badly treated}, and he comprehended.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3

Exodus 3:1

ULT

[1] And Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock beyond the wilderness, and he came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.

UST

[1] Moses, on the other hand, was taking care of the sheep that belonged to Jethro (his father-in-law who was a priest to the Midianite people.) One day, he took the flock to the far side of the wildland. He came to a mountain where God {would reveal himself to Moses and later to the Israelites} called Horeb.

Who was Moses' father-in-law?

Jethro, the priest of Midian, was Moses' father-in-law

Exodus 3:2

ULT

[2] And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a bush. And he looked, and behold, the bush was burning in the fire, but the bush was not being consumed.

UST

[2] While he was there, Yahweh's messenger appeared to Moses as a fire inside a bush. Moses stared at the burning bush, amazed that the fire was not burning it completely to ashes.

How did the angel of the Lord appear to Moses?

The angel of Yahweh appeared to Moses in a flame of fire in a bush.

Exodus 3:3

ULT

[3] And Moses said, "Let me turn aside and see this great sight! Why does the bush not burn up?"

UST

[3] He thought, "I will go closer to see this strange thing! Why is the bush not burning up?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh saw that he had turned aside in order to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, and he said, “Moses, Moses.” And he said, “Behold me!”

UST

4 When Yahweh saw Moses coming for a closer look, he called out from the bush, “Moses, Moses!” “Yes!” Moses replied.

Who called to Moses out of the bush?

God called to Moses out of the bush

Exodus 3:5

ULT

5 And he said, “You must not come close to here. Take your sandals off from on your feet, for the place on which you are standing, it is holy ground.”

UST

5 Yahweh said, “Take off your sandals {to honor me} before you come any closer, because you are standing on ground that is sacred {because it is near me.}

Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes from his feet?

God said, “Do not come any closer! Take off your shoes from your feet, for the place where you are standing is ground consecrated for my own purpose.”

Exodus 3:6

ULT

6 And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid from staring toward God.

UST

6 I am God, the one that your father, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob all worshiped.” Moses was afraid {that God would kill him if he} looked at him, so he covered his face.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:7

ULT

7 And Yahweh said, “I have certainly seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt. And I have heard their cries from the faces of those who oppress him. I surely know his anguish.

UST

7 Then Yahweh said, “I have watched closely how badly the Egyptians are treating my people in Egypt. I have heard my people shouting despairingly because of what the slave drivers are making them do. I am most certainly informed about how my people are suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:8

ULT

8 And I have come down to deliver him from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring him up from that land to a good and wide land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

UST

8 I am coming down from heaven to rescue them from being slaves to the Egyptians. I will lead them from Egypt to a fertile land with plenty of room. It will be very good for raising livestock and growing crops. The peoples called the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live there now.

Why did Yahweh come down?

Yahweh came down to free the Israelites from the Egyptians’ power and to bring them up from that land to a good, large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:9

ULT

9 And now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to me. And moreover, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

UST

9 Truly, I have now heard the Israelites crying. I have also seen how badly the Egyptians treat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:10

ULT

[10] And now go, and I shall send you to Pharaoh, and bring out my people, the sons of Israel, from Egypt.”

UST

[10] So now I will send you to do this: Go to the king of Egypt and lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

Why did Yahweh send Moses to Pharaoh?

Yahweh sent Moses to Pharaoh so that Moses would bring Yahweh’s people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

Exodus 3:11

ULT

[11] And Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt?”

UST

[11] But Moses said to God, “I am not important enough to go to the king in order to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:12

ULT

[12] And he said, “I shall certainly be with you, and this will be the sign for you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out from Egypt, you all will serve God on this mountain.”

UST

[12] God said, “Even so, you can trust that I will be with you. When you bring my people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me right here on this mountain. That will prove to you that I am the one who sent you to them.”

What would be a sign to Moses that Yahweh was sending him?

The sign to Moses that Yahweh was sending him would be that when Moses had brought the people out of Egypt, he would worship Yahweh on this mountain.

Exodus 3:13

ULT

13 And Moses said to God, “Behold, I am about to go to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ And they will say to me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

UST

13 Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God whom your ancestors worshiped has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I say to them?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:14

ULT

14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “You shall speak this way to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM sent me to you.’”

UST

14 God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. Tell the Israelites that the God whose name means ‘I AM’ sent you to them.”

When the Israelites would ask Moses what God’s name is, what should he say to them?

When the Israelites would ask Moses what God’s name is, he should say, “I AM THAT I AM.”

Exodus 3:15

ULT

15 And God also said to Moses, “You shall speak this way to the sons of Israel: ‘Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial from generation to generation.’

UST

15 God also said to Moses, “You must say this to the Israelites, ‘Yahweh has sent me to you. He is the God Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and your other ancestors worshiped. Yahweh is my eternal name, and this is the name by which people living at any time must remember me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:16

ULT

16 Go and gather the elders of Israel, and say to them, ‘Yahweh, the God of your fathers, appeared to me, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to say, “I have certainly attended to you and what is being done to you in Egypt,

UST

16 Go call a meeting with all the Israelite leaders. Tell them, ‘Yahweh appeared to me. He is the God Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and your other ancestors worshiped. He said: “I have come down to carefully watch {and do something about} what the Egyptians are doing to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:17

ULT

17 and I said, ‘I will bring you up from affliction in Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.”’

UST

17 I promise that I will rescue you from the Egyptians who treat you badly. I will take you to the land where the peoples called the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live now. The land is excellent for raising livestock and growing crops.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:18

ULT

18 And they will listen to your voice. And you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt, and you all will say to him, ‘Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. And now please let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh, our God.’

UST

18 The leaders will do what you say. Then you and the leaders will go to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, ‘Yahweh, the God whom we Hebrews worship, has made a special visit to us. Please allow us to travel for a few days to a place in the wilderness in order that there we may offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God we worship.’

How long will the Israelites go into the wilderness in order that they may sacrifice to Yahweh, their God?

The Israelites will go three days’ journey into the wilderness in order that they might sacrifice to Yahweh, their God.

Exodus 3:19

ULT

19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, and not with a strong hand.

UST

19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go; not even by force.

The king of Egypt would not let the Israelites go unless what happens?

The king of Egypt would not let the Israelites go unless his hand would be forced.

Exodus 3:20

ULT

20 And I shall send out my hand, and I shall strike Egypt with all my wonders, which I shall do within him. And after that, he will send you out.

UST

20 So I will act very powerfully, and I will hurt the Egyptians with very bad things that only I can do. Then he will chase you away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:21

ULT

21 And I shall give this people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians, and it will be that when you go, you will not go emptily.

UST

21 When this happens, I will cause the Egyptians to be willing to help you Hebrews so that, when you leave Egypt, you will not go out like poor slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 3:22

ULT

22 And a woman will ask from her neighbor and from one sojourning in her house for items of silver and items of gold and clothing. And you will put them on your sons and on your daughters, and you will plunder the Egyptians.”

UST

22 At that time, each Hebrew woman will ask the women living or visiting nearby for things made from silver and gold and for clothing. You will be able to have your children wear the things they give you. That is how you will take everything from the Egyptians.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4

Exodus 4:1

ULT

[1] And Moses answered and said, “But look, they will not believe me, and they will not listen to my voice; for they will say, ‘Yahweh has not appeared to you.’”

UST

[1] Moses replied to God, “They will completely disbelieve me and ignore me because they will think, ‘Yahweh did not appear to you.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:2

ULT

[2] And Yahweh said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A staff.”

UST

[2] Yahweh said to him, “What is that in your hand?” Moses answered, “A staff.”

What was in Moses’ hand?

A staff was in Moses’ hand.

Exodus 4:3

ULT

[3] And he said, “Throw it to the ground.” And he threw it to the ground, and it became a snake. And Moses fled from its face.

UST

[3] Yahweh said, “Throw it down on the ground!” So Moses threw the staff on the ground. It became a snake and Moses ran away from it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by its tail”—and he reached out his hand and he caught it to him, and it became a staff in his palm—

UST

4 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Pick up the snake by its tail.” So Moses picked up the snake by the tail, and it became a staff in his hand again.

What did Moses’ staff become when he threw it on the ground?

Moses’ staff became a snake when he threw it on the ground.

By what should Moses take hold of the snake?

Moses should take the snake by the tail.

Exodus 4:5

ULT

5 “in order to cause them to believe that Yahweh appeared to you, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

UST

5 {Yahweh said, “Do the same thing in front of the} Israelite elders in order that they may believe that I, Yahweh, the God that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and your other ancestors worshiped, truly appeared to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh also said to him, “Put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom. And he brought it out, and behold, his hand was being struck with a skin disease like snow.

UST

6 Yahweh gave Moses another instruction: “Put your hand on your chest inside your robe.” Moses put his hand into his robe. When he brought his hand out, it had a disease that made the skin look as white as snow.

When Moses first brought his hand out from inside his robe, what happened?

When Moses first brought his hand out from inside his robe, it was leprous.

Exodus 4:7

ULT

[7] And he said, “Return your hand into your bosom.” And he returned his hand into his bosom, and he brought it out from his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his flesh.

UST

[7] Then Yahweh said, “Put your hand in your robe again.” Moses put his hand back inside his robe. This time when he brought it out, amazingly, the skin on his hand looked like the rest of his skin again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:8

ULT

[8] “And it will be, if they do not believe you, and they do not listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will believe the voice of the following sign.

UST

[8] {Yahweh said, “You can do that in front of the Israelite people, too.} And if they do not believe you or listen to you after seeing the first miracle, they will believe you when you perform the second miracle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:9

ULT

[9] And it will be, if they do not believe even these two signs, and they do not listen to your voice, then you shall take from the water of the river and you shall pour it on the dry land. And it will happen, the water which you take from the river, that it will become blood on the dry land.”

UST

[9] But if they do not believe you or listen to what you say even after you show them these two miracles, get some water from the Nile River, and pour it on the dry ground. When you do that, the water that you pour on the dry ground will become blood.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:10

ULT
10 And Moses said to Yahweh, “Oh my Lord, I am not a man of words; not since yesterday, nor since three days ago, nor since you spoke to your servant. For I am heavy of mouth and heavy of tongue.”

UST
10 Then Moses said to Yahweh, “But Lord, I am not good at speaking to people. I have never been and you talking to me has not made me better. I speak slowly and never know what to say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:11

ULT
11 And Yahweh said to him, “Who put a mouth in mankind, or who makes a mute or a deaf or a seeing or a blind? Is it not I, Yahweh?

UST
11 Then Yahweh said to him, “Do not forget that I, Yahweh, make people’s mouths! I make people unable to speak, or unable to hear, or able to see or not to see!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:12

ULT
12 And now go! And I shall be with your mouth, and I shall teach you what you will speak.”

UST
12 So go now, and I will help you speak, and I will tell you what to say.”

Who will be Moses’ mouth and teach him what to say?
Yahweh will be Moses’ mouth and teach him what to say.

Exodus 4:13

ULT
13 And he said, “Oh my Lord, please send by a hand you send.”

UST
13 But Moses replied, “Oh Lord, I ask you, please choose anyone else to send!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:14

ULT

14 And the nose of Yahweh burned at Moses, and he said, “Is not Aaron, the Levite, your brother? I know that he can speak well. And even more, behold, he is coming to meet you, and he will see you and he will be glad in his heart.

UST

14 Then Yahweh became angry with Moses and said to him, “What about your brother Aaron, the descendant of Levi? I know he is a good speaker. He is on his way here right now. When he sees you, he will be very happy.

When Aaron sees Moses, how will he feel?

When Aaron sees Moses, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:15

ULT

15 And you shall speak to him, and you shall put the words in his mouth. And I am with your mouth and with his mouth, and I will teach you both what you should do.

UST

15 You will tell him what to say. I will help you both to speak and will tell you both what to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:16

ULT

16 And he will speak to the people for you. So it will be, he will be like a mouth for you, and you will be like God to him.

UST

16 He will speak for you to the Israelite people. He will be your spokesman, and he will think of you as if you were me.

Like whom will Moses be to Aaron?

Moses will be like God to Aaron.

Exodus 4:17

ULT
17 And you shall take in your hand this staff, with which you will do the signs.”

UST
17 Be sure to take your staff with you, because you will perform miracles with it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:18

ULT
18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and he said to him, “Please let me go, and let me return to my brothers who are in Egypt and see whether they are still alive.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.”

UST
18 Moses went back to his father-in-law, Jethro, and said to him, “Please let me go back to my relatives in Egypt to see if they are well.” Jethro said to Moses, “You may go. Be safe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:19

ULT
19 And Yahweh said to Moses in Midian, “Go! Return to Egypt! For all the men who were seeking your life are dead.”

UST
19 {While he was still} in Midian, Yahweh told Moses {again}, “Go back to Egypt now, for everyone trying to kill you is now dead.”

Why can Moses return to Egypt?
Moses can return to Egypt, for all the men who were trying to take his life are dead.

Exodus 4:20

ULT
[20] And Moses took his wife and his sons and caused them to ride on a donkey, and he returned toward the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

UST
[20] So Moses put his wife and sons on a donkey and started going toward Egypt. He took the staff with him {as} God {had told him to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:21

ULT
[21] And Yahweh said to Moses, “While you are going to return to Egypt, see all the miracles that I put in your hand, and do them before the face of Pharaoh. But as for me, I shall strengthen his heart, and he will not let the people go.

UST
[21] Yahweh spoke to Moses again, “When you get to Egypt, be sure to do all the miracles that I have given you power to do in front of the king. But I will make him reject you so that he will not let the Israelites leave Egypt.

Why will Yahweh harden Pharaoh’s heart?
Yahweh will harden Pharaoh’s heart so that Pharaoh will not let the people go.

Exodus 4:22

ULT
[22] And say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “Israel is my son, my firstborn,

UST
[22] Then say to him, ‘This is what Yahweh says: “Israel is like my firstborn son,

Since Pharaoh has refused to let Yahweh’s firstborn son go, what will Yahweh do to Pharaoh’s firstborn son? (vv22-23)
Since Pharaoh has refused to let Yahweh’s firstborn son go, Yahweh will certainly kill Pharaoh’s firstborn son.

Exodus 4:23

ULT

23 and I said to you, ‘Let my son go that he may serve me.’ But you have refused to let him go. Behold, I shall kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

UST

23 and when I told you, ‘Let my son go, so that he may worship me,’ you refused. Therefore, I will kill your firstborn son!”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:24

ULT

24 And it happened on the road, in the lodging-place, that he encountered Yahweh, and he sought to kill him.

UST

24 One night, as they were camping on the way to Egypt, Yahweh confronted {Moses} in order to kill him.

When they stopped for the night, what did Yahweh try to do to Moses?

When they stopped for the night, Yahweh met Moses and tried to kill him.

Exodus 4:25

ULT

25 And Zipporah took a flint, and she cut off the foreskin of her son, and she touched it to his feet, and she said, “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me.”

UST

25 Then {Moses’ wife,} Zipporah, took a sharp stone knife and cut off the foreskin of their firstborn son. Then she touched the foreskin to {Moses’} feet and said, “You are really my husband by blood.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:26

ULT
26 And he relented from him. That was when she said, “bridegroom of blood” because of the circumcision.

UST
26 She said, “a husband by blood,” because she had cut off their son’s foreskin. So Yahweh did not harm anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:27

ULT
27 And Yahweh said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” And he went, and he met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.

UST
27 Meanwhile, Yahweh said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to meet Moses.” So Aaron went and met Moses at the mountain where God met Moses and greeted him by kissing him.

Where did Aaron meet Moses?
Aaron met Moses at the mountain of God.

Exodus 4:28

ULT
28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of Yahweh that he had sent him and all the signs that he commanded him.

UST
28 Moses told Aaron everything that Yahweh had sent him {to Egypt to say to the king and the Israelites} and all the miracles that Yahweh had instructed him {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:29

ULT
29 And Moses and Aaron went, and they gathered all of the elders of the sons of Israel.

UST
29 When Moses and Aaron arrived in Egypt, they called a meeting with all the Israelite leaders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 4:30

ULT
30 And Aaron spoke all of the words that Yahweh had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the eyes of the people,

UST
30 Aaron told them everything that Yahweh had told Moses and performed the miracles as the leaders watched.

Who displayed the signs of Yahweh's power in the sight of the people?
Aaron displayed the signs of Yahweh's power in the sight of the people.

Exodus 4:31

ULT
31 and the people believed. And they heard that Yahweh had attended to the sons of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, and they bowed and prostrated themselves.

UST
31 The leaders believed Aaron and Moses. Because they heard that Yahweh had seen how miserable the Israelites were and had come down to help them, the leaders bowed down to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5

Exodus 5:1

ULT

[1] And afterward, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘Let my people go, and they shall celebrate me in the wilderness.’”

UST

[1] Then Moses and Aaron went to the king. They said to him, “The God {named} Yahweh, whom we Israelites worship, says this to you: ‘Let my people go to the desert so that they may have a feast to honor me!’”

Why should Pharaoh let Yahweh’s people go?

They should let Yahweh’s people go so they can have a festival for him in the wilderness.

Exodus 5:2

ULT

[2] And Pharaoh said, “Who is Yahweh, that I should listen to his voice to let Israel go? I do not know Yahweh, and moreover, I shall not let Israel go.”

UST

[2] But the king said, “Who is Yahweh? I have never heard of him, so why should I obey what he demands? I will certainly not let the Israelites go!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:3

ULT

[3] And they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh our God, lest he come upon us with the plague or with the sword.”

UST

[3] Moses and Aaron replied, “The God we Hebrews worship has made a special visit to us. Please allow us to travel for a few days to a place in the wilderness in order that there we may offer sacrifices to Yahweh, our God. If we do not do that, he will cause us to die from diseases or from attacks by our enemies.”

Why should the Israelites go on a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh their God?

The Israelites should go on a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh their God so that he does not attack them with plague or with the sword.

Exodus 5:4

ULT

4 And the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, why are you causing the people to leave off from their tasks? Go to your burdens.”

UST

4 But the king of Egypt said to them, “Moses and Aaron, it is pointless for you to distract the Israelites from their work. Get back to work, all of you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:5

ULT

5 And Pharaoh said, “Behold, the people of the land are now many, and you have caused them to rest from their burdens.”

UST

5 Then the king said, “Look, there are too many Israelites in Egypt for you to encourage them to just stop working.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:6

ULT

6 And on that day, Pharaoh ordered the taskmasters among the people and officers, saying,

UST

6 That same day the king commanded the Egyptian slave drivers and the Israelite bosses who directed the slaves,

To whom did Pharaoh give a command to no longer give the Israelites straw to make bricks? (vv6-7)

Pharaoh gave a command to the people’s taskmasters and foremen to no longer give the Israelites straw to make bricks.

Exodus 5:7

ULT

7 “Do not continue to give straw to the people to make bricks as yesterday and the day before yesterday. They shall go and gather straw for themselves.

UST

7 “Stop giving the Israelites straw for making bricks. From now on, they will have to go get it themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:8

ULT

8 But you shall put on them the quota of the bricks which they were making yesterday and the day before yesterday; do not diminish from it. For they are idle. Therefore they are crying, saying, ‘Let us go, let us sacrifice to our God.’

UST

8 However, still force them to make the same number of bricks that they did before. Do not lower the number at all. They do not want to work. That is why they are asking me to let them go {into the wilderness} to worship their god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:9

ULT

9 Let the slavery be heavy on the men so they shall do it and shall not gaze at words of lies.”

UST

9 Make the men work harder so that they will be too busy to listen to lies {from their leaders}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:10

ULT

10 And the taskmasters of the people and officers went out and said to the people, saying, “Thus says Pharaoh: ‘I am not giving straw to you.

UST

10 So the slave drivers and Israelite bosses went to where the Israelites were and said to them, “The king has said that he will no longer give you any straw.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:11

ULT

11 You go and get your own straw from wherever you might find it, for there will be no reducing of things from your slavery.’”

UST

11 So you must go yourselves and get straw where you can find it. But you must keep working to make the same number of bricks.”

Although the Israelites must go and get straw wherever they can find it, what will not be reduced?

Although the Israelites must go and get straw wherever they can find it, their workload will not be reduced.

Exodus 5:12

ULT

12 So the people dispersed throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.

UST

12 So the Israelites scattered all over Egypt to collect leftover grain stalks to use for straw.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:13

ULT

13 Now the taskmasters were hastening them, saying, “Finish your work, the task of day by day, as when there was straw.”

UST

13 As for the slave bosses, they kept harassing them by saying, “Do all the work we assign to you each day. Make the same number of bricks as you did before, when we gave you straw!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:14

ULT

14 And the officers of the sons of Israel, whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had put over them, were beaten, saying, “Why have you not finished your required brick making like yesterday and the day before yesterday, neither yesterday nor today?”

UST

14 {When they were not able to make enough bricks,} the king’s slave drivers beat the bosses they had put in charge of the Israelites. They told them, “This is because your work teams have not been able to make the same number of bricks in the last couple of days as they did before.”

Whom did Pharaoh’s taskmasters beat?

Pharaoh’s taskmasters beat the Israelite foremen, those same men whom they had put in charge of the workers.

Exodus 5:15

ULT

15 And the officers of the sons of Israel came in and cried to Pharaoh, saying, “Why are you doing this to your servants?

UST

15 Then the Israelite bosses went in {to the palace} and complained to the king, “Why are you treating us this way?

Whose fault was it that the Israelite foremen were beaten? (vv15-16)

It was the fault of Pharaoh’s own people that the Israelite foremen were beaten.

Exodus 5:16

ULT

16 No straw is being given to your servants. And they are saying to us, ‘Make bricks!’ And behold, your servants are beaten, but it is the sin of your people.”

UST

16 Your slave drivers are not giving us any straw for making bricks, but they keep telling us, ‘Make the same number of bricks!’ They are even beating us. But {our reduced brick making is their} fault and your fault.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:17

ULT

17 And he said, “You are lazy! Lazy! That is why you are saying, ‘Let us go sacrifice to Yahweh.’

UST

17 But the king said, “You are lazy and do not want to work! That is why you keep saying, ‘Allow us to go {to the desert} to worship Yahweh.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:18

ULT

18 And now go! Work! And straw will not be given to you, but you will give the set quantity of bricks.”

UST

18 Get back to work right now! We are not going to give you any straw, but you must keep making the same number of bricks!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:19

ULT

19 And the officers of the sons of Israel saw themselves in distress regarding the saying, “You shall not reduce the day-by-day task from your bricks.”

UST

19 When {the king} said, “You must not make fewer bricks each day,” the Israelite bosses understood how bad their life was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:20

ULT
[20] And they met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting to meet them when they came out from Pharaoh.

UST
[20] As they left their meeting with the king, they met Aaron and Moses, who were waiting for them.

Where were Moses and Aaron as they went away from Pharaoh?
Moses and Aaron were standing outside the palace as they went away from Pharaoh.

Exodus 5:21

ULT
[21] And they said to them, “May Yahweh look on you and judge; for you have caused our scent to stink in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants, to give a sword into their hand to kill us.”

UST
[21] They said to Aaron and Moses, “We hope Yahweh notices that you have made the king and his officials hate us. We hope he punishes you two! You have made them think they should kill us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 5:22

ULT
[22] And Moses went back to Yahweh and said, “My Lord, why have you afflicted this people? Was this why you sent me?

UST
[22] Moses left them and prayed to Yahweh again, “My Lord, why have you caused all these evil things to happen to your people? You sent me to help them, not hurt them.

Who did Moses say caused trouble for the people of Israel?
Moses said the Lord caused trouble for the people of Israel.

Exodus 5:23

ULT

23 And since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has afflicted this people. And you have certainly not rescued your people.”

UST

23 Ever since I went to the king and told him what you told me to say, he has treated your people very badly, and you have not done anything to help them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6

Exodus 6:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand he will let them go; and by a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Now you will see what I will do to the king when I make him let my people go. I will powerfully force him to chase them from his land!”

Why will Pharaoh let the people of Israel go?

Pharoah will let the people of Israel go because of Yahweh’s strong hand.

Exodus 6:2

ULT

[2] And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, “I am Yahweh

UST

[2] God spoke to Moses again, “I am Yahweh.

How did Yahweh appear to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob?

Yahweh appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty.

Exodus 6:3

ULT

[3] and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as El Shaddai; but by my name Yahweh I was not known to them.

UST

[3] I showed myself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but they did not fully comprehend {the meaning of} my name Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:4

ULT

4 And moreover, I established my covenant with them, to give to them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojourning, in which they sojourned.

UST

4 I also agreed to bless them. I promised to give them, as their own, the land where the descendants of Canaan live. That was the land in which they lived as foreigners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:5

ULT

5 And moreover, I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

UST

5 Furthermore, I have heard the Israelites complaining because the Egyptians have made them slaves. I always remember what I promised.

What has Yahweh heard, and what has he called to mind?

Yahweh has heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and he has called to mind his covenant.

Exodus 6:6

ULT

6 Therefore, say to the sons of Israel, ‘I am Yahweh. And I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rescue you from their slavery. And I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

UST

6 Therefore tell the Israelite people that I said this: ‘I am Yahweh. I will take the Egyptian’s heavy loads off your back. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will very powerfully save you by punishing them very harshly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:7

ULT

[7] And I will take you to myself as a people, and I will be to you as God. And you will know that I am Yahweh your God, the one bringing you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

UST

[7] I will claim you as my own people, and I will be the God {you worship}. You will truly know that I am Yahweh, your God who frees you from the heavy loads that the Egyptians make you carry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:8

ULT

[8] And I will bring you to the land that I raised my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you as a possession. I am Yahweh.'"

UST

[8] I will bring you to the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you, and it will be yours. I, Yahweh, am {promising this}.'"

What will Yahweh give to the Israelites as a possession?

Yahweh will give the land that he swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob to the Israelites as a possession.

Exodus 6:9

ULT

[9] And Moses spoke in this way to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of shortness of spirit and because of hard slavery.

UST

[9] Moses told that to the Israelites, but they did not believe what he said, because they were discouraged and overworked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:10

ULT
10 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
10 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:11

ULT
11 “Go speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, that he should let the sons of Israel go from his land.”

UST
11 “Go tell the king of Egypt that he must allow the Israelites to leave his land!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:12

ULT
12 And Moses spoke before the face of Yahweh, saying, “Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me? And I have uncircumcised lips.”

UST
12 But Moses said to Yahweh, “Certainly, if the Israelites have not paid attention to what I told them, the king will not pay attention to what I tell him, since I am a poor speaker.”

Why does Moses think Pharaoh will not listen to him?
Moses thinks Pharaoh will not listen to him because he is not good at speaking.

Exodus 6:13

ULT
13 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and he gave them a command to the sons of Israel and to Pharaoh, king of Egypt: to bring the sons of Israel out from the land of Egypt.

UST
13 But Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron and commanded them to go to the Israelites and to the king of Egypt in order to free the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:14

ULT

14 These were the heads of the houses of their fathers: The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch and Pallu, Hezron and Karmi. These were the clans of Reuben.

UST

14 These are the original clan leaders: Jacob's oldest son Reuben had these sons: Hanok, Pallu, Hezron, and Karmi. The clans of Reuben are descended from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:15

ULT

15 And the sons of Simeon were Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jakin, and Zohar, and Shaul—the son of a Canaanite woman. These were the clans of Simeon.

UST

15 The sons of Simeon were: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar, and Shaul. Shaul's mother was a woman from the land of Canaan. They were ancestors of clans that have those same names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:16

ULT

16 And these are the names of the sons of Levi, from their genealogy: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were 137 years.

UST

16 These are the names of the descendants of Levi in each generation: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Levi was 137 years old when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:17

ULT

17 The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei, according to their clans.

UST

17 The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei. They were ancestors of clans that have those names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:18

ULT

18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were 133 years.

UST

18 The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. Kohath was 133 years old when he died.

How long did Kohath live?

Kohath lived until he was 133 years old

Exodus 6:19

ULT

19 And the sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These were the clans of the Levites, according to their genealogy.

UST

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi. These were ancestors of clans that descended from Levi by each generation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:20

ULT

20 And Amram took Jochebed, his aunt, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were 137 years.

UST

20 Amram married his father's sister, Jochebed. She was the mother of Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.

Whom did Amram marry?

Amram married Jochebed, his father's sister.

Exodus 6:21

ULT
[21] And the sons of Izhar were Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

UST
[21] The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:22

ULT
[22] And the sons of Uzziel were Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sithri.

UST
[22] The sons of Uzziel were Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:23

ULT
[23] And Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

UST
[23] Aaron married Elisheba. She was the daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon. Elisheba gave birth to Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Who bore Nadab and Abihu?
Elisheba bore Nadab and Abihu.

Exodus 6:24

ULT
[24] And the sons of Korah were Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These were the clans of the Korahites.

UST
[24] The sons of Korah were Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. They were the ancestors of the Korahite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:25

ULT
25 And Eleazar, son of Aaron took a wife for himself from the daughters of Putiel. And she bore him Phinehas. These were the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their clans.

UST
25 Aaron's son Eleazar married one of the daughters of Putiel, and she gave birth to Phinehas. These were the clan leaders descended from Levi in each generation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:26

ULT
26 It was Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts."

UST
26 Aaron and Moses were the ones to whom Yahweh said, "Lead all the Israelites out of Egypt organized as army units."

How should Aaron and Moses bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt?
Aaron and Moses should bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt by their groups of fighting men.

Exodus 6:27

ULT
27 They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron.

UST
27 They were the ones who spoke to the king of Egypt in order to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:28

ULT

28 And it happened on a day that Yahweh spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,

UST

28 On the day that Yahweh spoke to Moses in Egypt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:29

ULT

29 and Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, “I am Yahweh. Speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, everything that I speak to you.”

UST

29 he said, “I am Yahweh. Tell the king everything that I say to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 6:30

ULT

30 But Moses said to the face of Yahweh, “Behold, I have uncircumcised lips, so how will Pharaoh listen to me?”

UST

30 But Moses said to Yahweh, “Please listen to me. I am not a good speaker. So why should the king listen to what I tell him?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7

Exodus 7:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Look, I have made you God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

UST

[1] Yahweh answered, “See, I am putting you in front of the king {like} a god, and your brother Aaron will {speak for you like} a prophet.

What has Yahweh made Moses like to Pharaoh?

Yahweh has made Moses like a god to Pharaoh.

Exodus 7:2

ULT

[2] You shall say everything that I will command you. And your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he should let the sons of Israel go from his land.

UST

[2] You must tell everything I instruct you to your {older} brother Aaron, and he will tell it all to the king. He must tell the king to let the Israelites leave his land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:3

ULT

[3] But I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and I will multiply my signs and my miracles in the land of Egypt.

UST

[3] But I will make the king stubborn. Because of this, even though I will do many kinds of miracles here in Egypt,

What will Yahweh do to Pharaoh’s heart?

Yahweh will harden Pharaoh’s heart.

Exodus 7:4

ULT

4 And Pharaoh will not listen to you, so I will put my hand on Egypt and will bring out my armies, my people, the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt with great judgments.

UST

4 the king will not obey you. Then I will punish the Egyptians very severely and will lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt as an army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:5

ULT

5 And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh when I stretch out my hand over Egypt to bring the sons of Israel out from their midst."

UST

5 Once I have proven how powerful I am to the Egyptians by rescuing the Israelites from being their slaves, they will know that I am Yahweh."

When will the Egyptians know who Yahweh is?

The Egyptians will know who Yahweh is when he reaches out with his hand on Egypt and brings out the Israelites from among them.

Exodus 7:6

ULT

6 And Moses and Aaron did; they did just as Yahweh commanded them.

UST

6 Moses and Aaron did everything that Yahweh told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:7

ULT
[7] And Moses was a son of 80 years and Aaron was a son of 83 years when they were speaking to Pharaoh.

UST
[7] When {God sent} them to talk to the king of Egypt, Moses was 80 years old and Aaron was 83 years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:8

ULT
[8] And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron saying,

UST
[8] Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:9

ULT
[9] "For Pharaoh will speak to you, saying, 'Create a miracle yourself,' and you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before the face of Pharaoh; let it become a serpent.'"

UST
[9] "If the king says to you, 'Show me that God sent you by performing a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Throw your staff down in front of the king in order that it may become a snake.'"

What will Moses' staff become?
Moses' staff will become a snake.

Exodus 7:10

ULT
[10] And Moses and Aaron entered in to Pharaoh, and they did just as Yahweh commanded. And Aaron threw down his staff before the face of Pharaoh and before the faces of his servants, and it became a serpent.

UST
[10] So Aaron and Moses went to the king and did what Yahweh told them to do. Aaron threw his staff down in front of the king and his officials, and it became a snake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:11

ULT
[11] And Pharaoh also called for wise men and sorcerers. And the magicians of Egypt also did so by their magic.

UST
[11] Then the king called his wise men and men who did magic. They did the same thing, using their magic.

How did the staffs of Pharaoh's wise men and sorcerers become snakes?
The staffs of Pharaoh's wise men and sorcerers became snakes by their magic.

Exodus 7:12

ULT
[12] And each man threw down his staff, and they became serpents. And the staff of Aaron swallowed up their staffs.

UST
[12] They all threw down their staffs, and the staffs became snakes. Then Aaron's snake ate their snakes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:13

ULT
[13] And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had spoken.

UST
[13] But, just as Yahweh had said, the king continued to be stubborn and would not obey what Aaron and Moses said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:14

ULT
[14] And Yahweh said to Moses, "The heart of Pharaoh is heavy; he has refused to let the people go.

UST
[14] Then Yahweh said to Moses, "The king is very stubborn. He refuses to allow my people to go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:15

ULT

15 Go to Pharaoh. Behold, in the morning he goes out to the water, so station yourself to meet him on the edge of the river. And take in your hand the staff that turned into a snake.

UST

15 So go meet him as he is going down to the Nile River in the morning. Wait for him on the riverbank. Take with you the staff that became a snake.

Where should Moses stand to meet Pharaoh?

Moses should stand on the riverbank to meet Pharaoh.

Exodus 7:16

ULT

16 And say to him, ‘Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you to say, “Let my people go, and they will serve me in the wilderness. And behold, until now, you have not listened.”

UST

16 Say to him, ‘The God {named} Yahweh, the one we Hebrews worship, sent me to you to tell you to let his people go in order that they may worship him in the desert. But you still have not obeyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:17

ULT

17 Thus says Yahweh: “By this you will know that I am Yahweh. Behold, I am about to strike against the waters that are in the river with the staff that is in my hand, and they will turn to blood.

UST

17 So Yahweh says this: “This is the way you will know that I am Yahweh. Look out! I am going to hit the water that is in the Nile River with the staff that is in my hand. {When I do that,} the water will become blood.

To what will the river be turned?

The river will be turned to blood.

Exodus 7:18

ULT

18 And the fish that are in the river will die, and the river will stink. And the Egyptians will exhaust themselves to drink water from the river.""

UST

18 Then the fish in the Nile River will die, and the water in the river will smell bad. The Egyptians will wear themselves out trying to find water to drink from the river.""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:19

ULT

19 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt; over their streams, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every reservoir of their water, and it will become blood.' And there will be blood in all the land of Egypt, both in containers of wood and in containers of stone."

UST

19 Yahweh continued, "Then tell Aaron, 'Hold your staff out {as though you were holding it} over all the water in Egypt—over the rivers, the canals, the ponds, and over all the stored water, in order that all of it may become blood.' {When Aaron does that,} there will be blood throughout Egypt, even in wooden and stone jars."

What water will turn to blood?

The Egyptians' rivers, streams, pools and all their ponds and even the water in containers of wood and stone will be turned to blood.

Exodus 7:20

ULT

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, just as Yahweh commanded. And he raised the staff, and he struck the water that was in the river, in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of his servants. And all the water that was in the river turned to blood.

UST

20 So Aaron and Moses did what Yahweh told them to do. As the king and his officials were watching, Aaron lifted up his staff and then struck the water in the Nile River with it. All the water in the river turned to blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:21

ULT

21 And the fish that were in the river died, and the river stank, so the Egyptians were not able to drink water from the river. And the blood was in all the land of Egypt.

UST

21 Then all the fish in the river died. The water smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink the water from the river. All the water in Egypt was blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:22

ULT

22 And the magicians of Egypt did the same with their magic. And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had spoken.

UST

22 But the Egyptian men who did magic did the same thing using their magic. So, just as Yahweh had said, the king continued to be stubborn and would not obey what Aaron and Moses said.

What happened to Pharaoh's heart?

Pharaoh's heart was hardened.

Exodus 7:23

ULT

23 And Pharaoh turned around and went into his house. And he did not set his heart even to this.

UST

23 Then the king turned and went back to his palace, and he did not think any more about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 7:24

ULT

24 And all the Egyptians dug water to drink around the river, for they were not able to drink from the waters of the river.

UST

24 All the Egyptians dug into the ground near the Nile River to get water to drink, because they could not drink the water from the river.

How did the Egyptians try to get water to drink?

The Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink.

Exodus 7:25

ULT

25 And seven days were filled after Yahweh struck the river.

UST

25 One week passed after Yahweh struck the Nile River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8

Exodus 8:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, and you shall say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “Let my people go, and they shall serve me.

UST

1 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Go back to the king and tell him, ‘Yahweh says that you must let my people go in order that they can worship me {in the desert.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:2

ULT

2 And if you refuse to let go, behold! I am about to strike all your territory with frogs.

UST

2 But if you do not let them go, watch out! I will punish you by sending frogs to cover your country.

What would Yahweh do if Pharaoh refused to let Yahweh’s people go?

If Pharaoh refused to let Yahweh’s people go, Yahweh would afflict all Pharaoh’s country with frogs.

Exodus 8:3

ULT

3 And frogs will swarm the river, and they will climb, and they will go into your house and in the room of your bed and on your bed and into the house of your servants and among your people and in your ovens and in your kneading bowls,

UST

3 Not only will the Nile River be full of frogs, but the frogs will also come up out of the river into your house. They will come into your bedroom and onto your bed. They will be in the houses of your slaves and all the rest of your people. They will even get into your ovens and your pans for mixing the materials for baking bread.

Where will the frogs from the river go?

The frogs will come up and go into Egyptians’ houses, bedrooms, and beds. They will go into their servants’ houses. They will go onto the people, into their ovens, and into their kneading bowls.

Exodus 8:4

ULT
4 and the frogs will climb on you and on your people and on all your servants.""'

UST
4 The frogs will jump up on you, on the Egyptian people, and on all your slaves.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:5

ULT
5 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Reach out your hand with your staff over the canals, over the streams, and over the pools, and cause the frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.'"

UST
5 Yahweh also said to Moses, "Say this to Aaron: 'Hold your staff in your hand and stretch it out {as though you were stretching it} over the river, the canals, and the ponds, and cause frogs to come up {from all this water} and to cover the land of Egypt.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:6

ULT
6 And Aaron reached out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frog came up and covered the land of Egypt.

UST
6 {After Moses told that to him,} Aaron stretched out his hand {as though he were stretching it} over all the water in Egypt. Then the frogs came up {from the water} and covered Egypt.

Where did Aaron reach out with his hand?
Aaron reached out with his hand over Egypt's waters.

Exodus 8:7

ULT
7 And the magicians did likewise with their magic, and they brought up frogs over the land of Egypt.

UST
7 But the men who did magic did the same thing by magic, and they caused more frogs to come up from the water onto the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:8

ULT
8 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and he said, “Pray to Yahweh that he may take away the frogs from me and from my people. And I will let the people go, and they may sacrifice to Yahweh.”

UST
8 Then the king called Moses and Aaron and said, “Ask Yahweh to take these frogs away from me and my people. After that happens, I will allow your people to go to worship Yahweh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:9

ULT
9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, “Glorify yourself over me: when shall I pray for you and for your servants and for your people, to cause to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses? They will be left in the river only.”

UST
9 Moses said to the king, “Show how you are more glorious than me by telling me when to pray for you and your officials and the rest of your peoples. I will pray that the frogs stop coming to your houses and stay in the Nile River.”

What privilege did Moses give Pharaoh?
Moses gave Pharaoh the privilege of telling him when he should pray for Pharaoh, his servants, and his people so that the frogs may be removed from them and their houses and stay only in the river.

Exodus 8:10

ULT

10 And he said, “Tomorrow.” And he said, “Just as you say, so that you will know that there is no one like Yahweh, our God.

UST

10 The king replied, “{Pray for us} tomorrow.” So Moses said, “I will do what you say. You will know that the God {named} Yahweh, {the one we worship, is the only true God, and that} there is no other God like him when

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:11

ULT

11 And the frogs will withdraw from you and from your houses and from your servants and from your people. They will be left in the river only.”

UST

11 the frogs leave you, your officials, all the rest of your people and all your houses; when the only ones left are in the Nile River.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:12

ULT

12 And Moses and Aaron went out from being with Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to Yahweh concerning the matter of the frogs that he had set on Pharaoh.

UST

12 Then Moses and Aaron left the king. Moses pleaded with Yahweh about the frogs he had used to punish the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:13

ULT

13 And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses: and the frogs died off from the houses, from the courts, and from the fields.

UST

13 Yahweh did just what Moses asked him to do. As a result, all the frogs in the houses, in their courtyards, and in their fields died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:14

ULT

14 And they gathered them into many piles, and the land stank.

UST

14 The people gathered together all the dead frogs into big piles, and the land smelled very bad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:15

ULT

15 And Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, and he caused his heart to be heavy, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had said.

UST

15 But when the king noticed that the frogs were gone, he made himself stubborn again. Just as Yahweh had said would happen, the king did not do what Aaron and Moses told him.

What did Pharoah do after he saw that there was relief from the frogs?

When Pharaoh saw that there was relief from the frogs, he hardened his heart and did not listen to Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 8:16

ULT

16 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground, and it will become lice in all the land of Egypt.’”

UST

16 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Tell Aaron to strike the dusty ground with his staff so that all the dust all over Egypt will become gnats.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:17

ULT

17 And they did so, and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and he struck the dust of the ground, and it became lice on man and on beast. All the dust of the ground was lice in all the land of Egypt.

UST

17 Moses and Aaron obeyed Yahweh. Aaron hit the dusty ground with his staff, and all over Egypt the dust became gnats. The gnats covered the people and the animals.

What did the dust on the ground become?

All the dust on the ground became gnats throughout the whole land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:18

ULT

18 And the magicians did so with their magic to bring out lice, but they were not able. And there were lice on man and beast.

UST

18 The men who worked magic tried to cause gnats to appear, but they could not do it. Gnats were on the people and animals.

What happened when the magicians tried with their magic to produce lice?

The magicians were not able to produce lice.

Exodus 8:19

ULT

19 And the magicians said to Pharaoh, “It is the finger of God.” And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh said.

UST

19 The magicians said to the king, “A god did this!” But just like Yahweh had said, the king continued to be stubborn and would not obey Aaron and Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and station yourself before the face of Pharaoh. Behold, he goes out to the waters. And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “Let my people go, and they will serve me.

UST

20 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Get up early tomorrow morning. Wait to meet the king as he comes to the river and tell him, ‘This is what Yahweh says to you: “Let my people go in order that they may worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:21

ULT

21 Surely if you do not immediately send my people out, behold me! I am about to send the swarm at you and at your servants and at your people and into your houses. And the houses of Egypt will be full of the swarm, and even the ground which they are on.

UST

21 If you do not let my people go immediately, watch out! Be sure that I will shortly send swarms of flies which will cover you, your slaves, the rest of your people, and your houses. All the Egyptian’s houses will be full of flies. They will even cover the ground.

What will be full of flies?

The Egyptians’ houses will be full of swarms of flies, and even the ground on which they stand will be full of flies.

Exodus 8:22

ULT

22 And in that day, I will distinguish the land of Goshen, on which my people dwell, so that the swarm will not be there, in order that you may know that I am Yahweh in the middle of the land.

UST

22 But when that happens, I will treat the region of Goshen differently, because my people live there. There will be no swarms of flies there. In that way, you will know that I, Yahweh, am here in this land.

Why will there be no flies in Goshen?

Yahweh would treat the land of Goshen differently, so that no swarms of flies would be there. This would happen so that Pharaoh would know that Yahweh is in the midst of this land.

Exodus 8:23

ULT

23 And I will put redemption between my people and between your people. This sign will happen tomorrow.’”’”

UST

23 I will treat my people and your people differently. I will prove how powerful I am tomorrow!’”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:24

ULT

24 And Yahweh did so, and a heavy swarm came to the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and all the land of Egypt. The land was ruined from the face of the swarm.

UST

24 {In the morning, Moses warned the king, but he did not listen.} So Yahweh did what he said he would do. He sent great swarms of flies into the king’s palace and into his officials’ houses. They were everywhere in Egypt. The flies ruined the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:25

ULT
25 And Pharaoh called to Moses and to Aaron and said, “Go, sacrifice to your God in the land.”

UST
25 Then the king summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Just go worship your god here in Egypt!”

Why do the Israelites not sacrifice in Egypt? (vv25-26)
The sacrifices the Israelites make to Yahweh their God are something disgusting to the Egyptians.

Exodus 8:26

ULT
26 And Moses said, “It would not be right to do so, because we will sacrifice an abomination of the Egyptians to Yahweh our God. Look, we would sacrifice an abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and would they not stone us?

UST
26 But Moses replied, “It would not be right for us to do that, because we will offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God we worship, that are very offensive to the Egyptians. Look, it is certain that if we offer sacrifices right in front of them that the Egyptians hate passionately, they will kill us by throwing stones at us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:27

ULT
27 We must travel a journey of three days into the wilderness, and we will sacrifice to Yahweh our God, just as he is saying to us.”

UST
27 We need to travel for three days into the wilderness. There we will offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God we worship, just as he commands us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:28

ULT

28 And Pharaoh said, “I will let you go and sacrifice to Yahweh your God in the wilderness; only you may certainly not go very far. Pray for me.”

UST

28 So the king said, “I will let your people go to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the god you worship, in the desert. But you must not go very far. Now pray for me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:29

ULT

29 And Moses said, “Behold, I am about to go out from with you. And I shall pray to Yahweh, and he will withdraw the swarm from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow. Only may Pharaoh not continue to deceive in order to fail to let the people go to sacrifice to Yahweh.”

UST

29 Moses said {to the king}, “Listen to me! After I leave you, I will pray to Yahweh, asking that he would cause the swarms of flies to leave you, your slaves, and the rest of your people tomorrow. But do not lie to us again by refusing to let our people go to offer sacrifices to Yahweh!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:30

ULT

30 And Moses went out from with Pharaoh and prayed to Yahweh.

UST

30 Then Moses left the king and prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:31

ULT

31 And Yahweh did according to the word of Moses, and he withdrew the swarm from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. Not one remained.

UST

31 Yahweh did what Moses asked. He got rid of the swarms of flies from around the king, his slaves, and the rest of his people. No flies remained.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 8:32

ULT

32 And Pharaoh caused his heart to be heavy at this time also, and he did not let the people go.

UST

32 But the king was stubborn this time also, and he did not allow the Israelites to go.

Who hardened Pharaoh's heart after the flies left?

Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also.

Exodus 9

Exodus 9:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh and speak to him: ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews: “Let my people go, and they shall serve me.

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to the king and say to him, ‘This is what Yahweh, the God we Hebrews worship, says: “Let my people go in order that they may worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:2

ULT

[2] Surely if you are unwilling to let go, but are still holding on to them,

UST

[2] Otherwise, if you refuse to free them but continue to keep them {as your slaves},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:3

ULT

[3] behold! The hand of Yahweh is about to be on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle, and on the flock—an exceedingly heavy plague.

UST

[3] I warn you that I will soon powerfully punish you by sending a terrible disease on all your domesticated animals to make them sick and die—on your horses, on your donkeys, on your camels, on your cattle, and on your flocks of sheep and goats.

On what will Yahweh’s hand be?

Yahweh’s hand will be on the Egyptians’ cattle in the fields and on the horses, donkeys, camels, herds, and flocks.

Exodus 9:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh will distinguish between the livestock of Israel and between the livestock of Egypt. And no thing will die from any of the sons of Israel.""

UST

4 But I, Yahweh, will treat the Israelites' domesticated animals differently than the Egyptians'. None of the Israelites' domesticated animals will die.""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh set an appointment, saying, "Tomorrow Yahweh will do this thing in the land."

UST

5 Yahweh specified when he would do this. He said, "Tomorrow I will do to Egypt what I threatened."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh did this thing the next day, and all of the livestock of Egypt died. But from the livestock of the sons of Israel not one died.

UST

6 The next day Yahweh sent a disease as he had said he would and all of the Egyptians' domesticated animals died, but none of the Israelites' domesticated animals died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:7

ULT

[7] And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, not even one of the livestock of Israel had died. But the heart of Pharaoh was heavy, and he did not let the people go.

UST

[7] The king sent {men to look at what happened}, and they were surprised to see that none of the Israelites' animals had died. {But after they told that to the king,} he continued to be stubborn, and he did not let the Israelites go.

Even after the cattle died, why did Pharaoh not let the people of Israel go?

Pharaoh's heart was stubborn, so he did not let the people go.

Exodus 9:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, "Take to you a fullness of both your hands of ash of a furnace. And Moses shall sprinkle it toward heaven before the eyes of Pharaoh.

UST

[8] Then Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses, "Take a few handfuls of ashes from an oven. Moses should throw them up into the air in front of the king.

What will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt? (vv8-9)

Ashes from a furnace will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:9

ULT

[9] And it will become powder over all the land of Egypt. And it will become boils, bursting blisters, on man and on beast in all the land of Egypt."

UST

[9] The ashes will spread all over the country of Egypt, because they are fine dust. Everywhere in the land, the ashes will cause sores on the skin which turn red and burst open on both people and animals."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:10

ULT

10 And they took ash of a furnace, and they stood before the face of Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it toward the heavens, and it became boils, bursting blisters, on man and on beast.

UST

10 So they took some ashes from an oven and stood in front of the king. Moses threw the ashes up into the air. As the ashes landed on both the Egyptian people and their animals, they caused sores on the skin that turned red and burst open.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:11

ULT

11 And the magicians were not able to stand before the face of Moses, because of the face of the boils, because boils were on the magicians and on all of Egypt.

UST

11 Because skin sores covered the men who worked magic (along with all the rest of the Egyptians), they could not challenge Moses.

Why could the magicians not resist Moses?

The magicians could not resist Moses because of the blisters.

Exodus 9:12

ULT

12 But Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had said to Moses.

UST

12 But Yahweh caused the king to continue to be stubborn. He did not obey Moses and Aaron, just as Yahweh had told Moses would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:13

ULT

13 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning, and stand before the face of Pharaoh, and say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews: “Let my people go, and they shall serve me.

UST

13 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Get up early tomorrow morning. Go and stand in front of the king and tell him that Yahweh God, the one whom the Hebrew people worship, says this: ‘Let my people go in order that they may worship me {in the wilderness}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:14

ULT

14 For this time I am about to send all my plagues to your heart, and on your servants, and on your people, in order that you may know that there is nothing like me in all the earth.

UST

14 If you do not, then this time I am planning terrible disasters that will not only make your officials and the rest of your people very sad but also you yourself, in order that you might know that there is no god like me anywhere in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:15

ULT

15 For now I could have stretched out my hand and struck you and your people with a plague, and you would have been destroyed from the land.

UST

15 By this time I could have powerfully struck you and your people with terrible diseases that would have destroyed your nation.

Why did Yahweh not reach out with his hand and attack Pharaoh and his people with disease and eradicate them from the land? (vv15-16)

Yahweh did not attack Pharaoh and his people in order to show them His power, so that His name may be spread throughout all the earth.

Exodus 9:16

ULT

16 However, for this reason I appointed you: in order to show you my power and in order to proclaim my name in all the earth.

UST

16 But I have let you live. The reason I have let you live is to show you how strong I am and so that I will be famous all over the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:17

ULT

17 You are still exalting yourself against my people by failing to let them go.

UST

17 You are still acting proudly and refusing to let my people go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:18

ULT

18 Behold me! I am about to cause extremely heavy hail to rain tomorrow at this time, which there has never been anything like in Egypt from the day it was founded until now.

UST

18 So listen to this: About this time tomorrow I will cause large balls of ice to fall in Egypt. Between the time Egypt first became a nation and today, there has never been an ice storm as bad as this one will be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:19

ULT

19 And now send and bring to safety your livestock and all that is yours in the field, and the hail will come down on every man and beast that is found in the field and was not gathered to the house, and they will die.""

UST

19 So you should send {a message to all people} to put under shelter {their} domesticated animals and everything else that {they} own that is out in the fields. The ice will fall on every person and every animal that is out in the fields and that is not brought under a shelter. They will all die."'

What warning did Yahweh give about the hail?

Yahweh said that every man and animal that is in the field and is not brought home—the hail will come down on them, and they will die.

Exodus 9:20

ULT

20 The fearers of the word of Yahweh from the servants of Pharaoh made their slaves and their livestock run to the houses,

UST

20 {Moses did what Yahweh said.} Some of the king's officials believed and were afraid of what Yahweh had said. So they quickly brought all their slaves and their animals under shelters.

Who brought their slaves and cattle into their houses?

Those of Pharaoh's servants who believed in Yahweh's message hurried to bring their slaves and cattle into the houses.

Exodus 9:21

ULT

21 but whoever did not set his heart to the word of Yahweh left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

UST

21 But those who did not believe what Yahweh had said left their slaves and their animals in the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Reach out your hand toward the heavens, and there will be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field in the land of Egypt.”

UST

22 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Raise your hand up toward the sky in order that balls of ice {may fall} all over the land of Egypt—on the people, on the animals, and on all the crops in the fields.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:23

ULT

23 And Moses stretched his staff to the heavens, and Yahweh gave thunder and hail, and fire darted to the land. And Yahweh rained hail on the land of Egypt.

UST

23 So Moses lifted his staff up toward the sky, and Yahweh brought a storm with thunder, balls of ice, and lightning. Yahweh caused the balls of ice to fall all over the land of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:24

ULT

24 And there was hail and fire coming in the middle of the hail; {it was} very heavy, such as it had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

UST

24 While balls of ice were falling, lightning was flashing. There had never been such a huge ice storm like that in Egypt since it first became a country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:25

ULT

25 And the hail hit everything in the land of Egypt, everything which was in the field, from man to beast. And the hail struck every plant of the field, and it broke every tree of the field.

UST

25 The ice struck everywhere in Egypt, hitting everything that was outside, animals as well as people. The ice destroyed the crops in the fields and broke limbs off the fruit trees.

Throughout all the land of Egypt, what did the hail strike?

Throughout all the land of Egypt, the hail struck everything in the fields, both people and animals. It struck every plant in the fields and broke every tree.

Exodus 9:26

ULT

26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

UST

26 Only in the region of Goshen, where the Israelites were living, was there no ice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:27

ULT

27 And Pharaoh sent, and he called for Moses and for Aaron. And he said to them, “I have sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and I and my people are guilty.

UST

27 Then the king sent {someone} to summon Moses and Aaron. He said to them, “This time {I admit that} I have sinned. {What} Yahweh {has done} is right, and {what} I and my people {have done} is wrong.

During the hail, what did Pharaoh admit?

He said he has sinned this time. He said that Yahweh is righteous, and that he and his people are wicked.

Exodus 9:28

ULT

28 Pray to Yahweh, for the thunder of God and hail are too much. And I will let you go, and you will not continue to stay."

UST

28 Pray to Yahweh because his thunder and ice are terrible! I will let you and your people go; you do not have to stay in Egypt any longer."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:29

ULT

29 And Moses said to him, "As I leave the city, I will spread my palms to Yahweh. The thunder will cease, and the hail will not continue, so that you may know that the earth belongs to Yahweh.

UST

29 Moses replied, "As soon as I go out of this city, I will lift up my hands and pray to Yahweh. Then the thunder will stop, and no more ice will fall. This will happen in order that you will know that Yahweh, {not your gods, controls everything that happens on} the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:30

ULT

30 But you and your servants, I know that you are not yet afraid of the face of Yahweh God."

UST

30 But I know that you and your officials still do not tremble when Yahweh God comes near."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:31

ULT

31 (And the flax and the barley were struck down, for the barley was in ear, and the flax was in bloom.

UST

31 ({When the ice fell} it ruined the flax because the blossoms were forming. It also ruined the barley because its grain was ripe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:32

ULT
32 But the wheat and the spelt were not struck down, for they are late.)

UST
32 But it did not ruin any of the wheat varieties, because they grow later in the year.)

What plants were not harmed by the hail? Why?
The wheat and the spelt were not harmed, because they were later crops.

Exodus 9:33

ULT
33 And Moses left the city from being with Pharaoh, and he spread his palms to Yahweh, and the thunder and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth.

UST
33 So Moses left the king and went outside the city. He raised his hands toward Yahweh and prayed. Then the thunder and the ice storm stopped. The rain also stopped falling on the land of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:34

ULT
34 And Pharaoh saw that the rain and hail and thunder ceased, and he added to his sin, and he caused his heart to be heavy, he and his servants.

UST
34 But when the king saw that the rain, the ice storm, and the thunder had stopped, he sinned again. He and his officials made themselves stubborn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 9:35

ULT

35 And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not let the sons of Israel go, just as Yahweh had said by the hand of Moses.

UST

35 So, just as Yahweh had predicted to Moses, the king was stubborn and did not allow the Israelites to leave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10

Exodus 10:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh, for I have made his heart and the heart of his servants heavy, in order to perform these my signs in his midst,

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to the king again. I have made him and his officials stubborn. I have done so in order that I may have a good reason to do all these miracles among them.

Why did Yahweh harden the hearts of Pharaoh and his servants? (vv1-2)

Yahweh hardened the hearts of Pharaoh and his servants to show these signs of his power among them. He also did this so that the Israelites might tell their children and grandchildren the things he has done.

Exodus 10:2

ULT

[2] and so that you may proclaim in the ears of your son and the son of your son that I toyed with Egypt, and my signs which I performed among them—and you will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

[2] I have also done so in order that you would be able to tell your children and your grandchildren how I caused the Egyptians to act very foolishly when I performed all these miracles among them. Then all of you will know that I am Yahweh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:3

ULT

[3] And Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, God of the Hebrews: ‘Until when will you refuse to be humble from my face? Let my people go, and they will serve me.

UST

[3] So Moses and Aaron went to the king and said to him, “Yahweh God, {the one whom we} Hebrews {worship}, says this, ‘How long will you {stubbornly} refuse to bow to me? Let my people go in order that they may worship me {in the wilderness}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:4

ULT

4 For if you refuse to let my people go, behold me, I am about to bring locust within your borders tomorrow.

UST

4 If you do not let them go, I warn you that tomorrow I will bring locusts into your country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:5

ULT

5 And it will cover the sight of the land, and none will be able to see the land. And it will devour the remnant of whatever escaped, of whatever is left to you from the hail. And it will devour every tree growing for you from the field.

UST

5 They will completely cover the ground so that you will not even be able to see it. They will eat everything that the ice storm did not destroy. They will eat everything that is growing on your fruit trees.

What insect will cover the surface of the ground so that no one will be able to see the earth?

Locusts will cover the surface of the ground so that no one will be able to see the earth.

Exodus 10:6

ULT

6 And they will fill your houses and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, which your fathers had never seen, nor the fathers of your fathers, from the day they came to be on the earth until this day.'" And he turned around and left from being with Pharaoh.

UST

6 They will fill your houses and the houses of all your officials and of all the rest of the Egyptians. There will be more locusts than your parents or your grandparents have ever seen from the time your ancestors first came to this land until now!'" Then Moses {and Aaron} turned and left the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:7

ULT

7 And the servants of Pharaoh said to him, “Until when will this be a trap to us? Let the men go and they will serve Yahweh their God. Do you not understand yet that Egypt has perished?”

UST

7 The king’s officials said to him, “This is another trap for us! Let the Israelites go in order that they may worship Yahweh, their god. You must know that our country is already ruined.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:8

ULT

8 And Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go serve Yahweh your God. Who and who shall go?”

UST

8 {The king ordered someone} to bring Moses and Aaron back to him. He said to them, “Go worship Yahweh, your god. But who will go?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:9

ULT

9 And Moses said, “We shall go with our young and with our old. We shall go with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and our herds, because the festival of Yahweh is for us.”

UST

9 Moses replied, “We all need to go, everyone, including those who are young and those who are old. We need to take our sons, our daughters, and our flocks of sheep and goats and herds of livestock because a celebration to honor Yahweh is for all of us.”

What did Pharaoh say when Moses told him the Israelites will go with their young and with their old, with their sons and their daughters? (vv9-11)

Pharaoh said, “No! Go, just the men among you.”

Exodus 10:10

ULT

10 And he said to them, “May Yahweh be with you in the same way as I will let you and your children go. See, for evil is before your faces!

UST

10 The king replied, “I am not about to let you go with your women and children because I do not think Yahweh is about to help you. Watch out so that something bad does not happen to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:11

ULT

11 Not so! You may go, the men, and serve Yahweh, because this is what you are seeking.” And he drove them from the face of Pharaoh.

UST

11 Since you keep asking, go worship Yahweh with just your men. But no one else may go!” Then the king drove Moses and Aaron away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt with the locust, and let it rise up over the land of Egypt, and let it devour all of the plants of the land, everything which the hail had spared.”

UST

12 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over Egypt and locusts will come up and cover the country. They will eat every green thing in the whole country, anything that the hail left behind.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:13

ULT

13 And Moses reached out his staff over the land of Egypt, and Yahweh drove an east wind over the land all that day and all night. The morning was, and the east wind had brought the locust.

UST

13 So Moses held out his staff as though he were stretching it over the country of Egypt. Then Yahweh caused a wind to blow from the east, and it blew over the land all that day and all that night. By the next morning, it had brought the locusts.

What brought the locusts?

The east wind brought the locusts.

Exodus 10:14

ULT

14 And the locust rose up over all the land of Egypt and came to rest everywhere within the borders of Egypt. They were extremely numerous. Never before was there such locust like it, and nothing will be like it after.

UST

14 The locusts came up all over Egypt. They landed everywhere in the whole country. There had never been anything like this huge number of locusts, and there will never be anything like it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:15

ULT

15 And it covered the sight of all of the land, and the land was dark. And it devoured all of the plants of the land and all of the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. And not any of the greenery remained in a tree or in a plant of the field in all of the land of Egypt.

UST

15 They covered the surface of the ground and made it appear black. They ate all the plants in the land and everything on the trees that the ice storm had not destroyed. They left nothing that was green on any tree or on any plant anywhere in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:16

ULT

16 And Pharaoh hurried to call for Moses and for Aaron and said, “I have sinned against Yahweh your God and against you.

UST

16 The king quickly called Aaron and Moses and said, “I have sinned against Yahweh, your god, and against you.

What did Pharaoh say he has done against Yahweh?

Pharaoh said he has sinned against Yahweh, Moses’ God.

Exodus 10:17

ULT

17 And now, please bear my sin, just this once, and pray to Yahweh your God and let him take this death only away from me.”

UST

17 Can you forgive me right now for having sinned this one time? Please pray to Yahweh, your god. Just ask him to take away the locusts that will cause us all to die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:18

ULT

18 And he went out from being with Pharaoh, and he prayed to Yahweh.

UST

18 So Moses and Aaron left the king, and Moses prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:19

ULT

[19] And Yahweh turned a very strong sea wind, and it carried away the locust, and it drove it into the Sea of Reeds; not one locust remained in all of the territory of Egypt.

UST

[19] Then Yahweh changed the wind so that it blew strongly from the west, and it picked up and forced all the locusts into the Red Sea. There were no locusts left anywhere in the country of Egypt.

How many locusts remained in all the territory of Egypt after Yahweh brought a very strong west wind?

Not a single locust remained in all the territory of Egypt after Yahweh brought a very strong west wind.

Exodus 10:20

ULT

[20] And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

UST

[20] But Yahweh made the king stubborn again, and the king did not let the Israelites go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:21

ULT

[21] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, and let it become dark over the land of Egypt, and darkness will feel.”

UST

[21] Yahweh said to Moses, “Reach your hand up toward the sky so that it may be dark over all the land of Egypt, so dark that it will seem like people can feel it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:22

ULT
22 And Moses stretched out his hand above the heavens, and dark darkness was in all of the land of Egypt for three days.

UST
22 So Moses reached his hand toward the sky, and it became extremely dark all over Egypt for three days and nights.

What happened to the Egyptians during the three days of darkness?
During the three days of darkness, no one could see anyone else; no one left his home for three days.

Exodus 10:23

ULT
23 No man could see his brother, and no man rose from his place for three days. But for all the sons of Israel, there was light in their dwelling-places.

UST
23 No one could see anyone else. No one went anywhere for three days. But there was light in the area where the Israelites lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:24

ULT
24 And Pharaoh called to Moses, and he said, “Go serve Yahweh. Only your flocks and your herds must remain behind; however, your children will go with you.”

UST
24 The king called Moses and said, “{All right,} you may go and worship Yahweh. Your women and your children may go with you. But your flocks {of sheep and goats} and your herds {of cattle} must remain here.”

After the darkness, what did Pharaoh say must remain behind when the Israelites go to worship Yahweh?
Pharaoh said the flocks and herds must remain behind when the Israelites go to worship Yahweh.

Exodus 10:25

ULT

25 And Moses said, “Also you, you must give in our hands sacrifices and burnt offerings, and we will do to Yahweh our God.

UST

25 But Moses replied, “No, you must also let us take our sacrifices and burnt offerings to offer to Yahweh, our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:26

ULT

26 And even our livestock shall go with us. Not a hoof shall be left behind, for we shall take from them to serve Yahweh our God. And as for us, we will not know with what we must serve Yahweh until we arrive there.”

UST

26 Our domesticated animals must also go with us. We are not going to leave one animal behind because we must take them to worship Yahweh, the God we worship. We will not know what we will need for worshiping Yahweh until we get to where we are going.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:27

ULT

27 And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he would not agree to let them go.

UST

27 But Yahweh made the king continue to be stubborn. The king would not allow the Israelites to go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 10:28

ULT

28 And Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me! Watch yourself; you shall not again see my face; because in the day of your seeing my face, you shall die.”

UST

28 The king said to Moses and Aaron, “Get out of here! Make sure that you never {come to} see me again! The day you see me again, I will have someone kill you!”

What did Pharaoh say would happen to Moses if Moses would see Pharaoh's face again?

Pharaoh said that on the day Moses would see his face, Moses would die.

Exodus 10:29

ULT

29 And Moses said, “Just as you say, I will not ever see your face again.”

UST

29 Moses replied, “You are correct! I will never see you again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11

Exodus 11:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Moses, “One more plague I will bring on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that he will let you go from here. As soon as he lets go, he will certainly drive you completely away from here.

UST

1 Yahweh said to Moses, “I will bring one more disaster on the king of Egypt and on all his people. After that, he will let you leave. When he does, he will absolutely chase you out of Egypt.

For what should every Israelite man and woman ask of his or her neighbor after the final plague? (vv1-2)

Every Israelite man and woman should ask of his or her neighbor for jewels of silver and jewels of gold after the final plague.

Exodus 11:2

ULT

2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask, a man from his neighbor and a woman from her neighbor, items of silver and items of gold.”

UST

2 Speak quickly to all the Israelites. Tell them to ask all their Egyptian neighbors, both men and women, to give them things made from silver and gold.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11:3

ULT

3 And Yahweh gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. Furthermore, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of the servants of Pharaoh and in the eyes of the people.

UST

3 Yahweh made the Egyptians willing to help the Israelites. Also, the king’s officials and all the rest of the people thought that Moses was one of the most important men in Egypt.

In the sight of whom was Moses very impressive?

Moses was very impressive in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants and the people of Egypt.

Exodus 11:4

ULT
4 And Moses said, “Thus says Yahweh: ‘About the middle of the night I will go out in the midst of Egypt,

UST
4 Then Moses said {to the king}, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘About midnight I will go through Egypt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11:5

ULT
5 and every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the mill, and every firstborn of a beast.

UST
5 and I will kill every oldest son in Egypt. I will kill without exception: the rich king’s oldest son, the poor mill slave’s oldest son, and even every oldest male born among the animals.

Which of the firstborn would die?
All the firstborn in the land of Egypt would die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the mill, and to all the firstborn of the animals.

Exodus 11:6

ULT
6 And there will be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, which nothing like it has ever happened, and nothing like it will happen again.

UST
6 When that happens, people all over Egypt will lament more terribly than anyone ever has lamented before and more than anyone ever will again.

When has there been such a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt like the one caused by the last plague?
There has never been such a great cry, nor ever will there be again.

Exodus 11:7

ULT

[7] But to each of the sons of Israel, a dog will not sharpen his tongue, from man to beast, so that you will know that Yahweh distinguishes between Egypt and between Israel.’

UST

[7] But dogs will not even bark at the Israelites or at their animals. Then you will know for sure that I, Yahweh, am treating the Egyptians differently from the Israelites.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11:8

ULT

[8] And all your servants, these will come down to me, and they will bow to me, saying, ‘Go, you and all the people who are at your feet!’ And after that I will go out.” And he went out from Pharaoh with burning of the nose.

UST

[8] Then all these officials of yours will come and bow down before me and will say, ‘Please get out of Egypt, you and everyone who is with you!’ After that, we will leave Egypt!” When Moses had said that, he left the king very angrily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Pharaoh will not listen to you, in order to multiply my miracles in the land of Egypt.”

UST

[9] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “The king will not obey you. This is so I can cause many disastrous miracles in his country.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 11:10

ULT

10 And Moses and Aaron did all these miracles before the face of Pharaoh. But Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not let the sons of Israel go from his land.

UST

10 Moses and Aaron did all these miracles in front of the king, but Yahweh made the king stubborn. The king did not let the Israelites leave his land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12

Exodus 12:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses in Egypt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:2

ULT
2 “This month is to you the head of the months. It is the first to you of the months of the year.

UST
2 “Start counting your months at this new moon. It will be the Israelites’ first month of the year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:3

ULT
3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, ‘On the tenth of this month they shall take to themselves, each man, a lamb to the house of the fathers: a lamb to a house.

UST
3 Tell the whole Israelite community, ‘On the tenth day of this month every man who leads a family must take a young sheep or a young goat for his household.

What must each Israelite family do on the tenth day of this first month?
On the tenth day of this month each family must take a lamb or young goat for themselves.

Exodus 12:4

ULT

4 And if the household is too few for having a lamb, then he and his neighbor near to his house by the number of people shall take the lamb; according to the eating of the mouth of each man you shall calculate it.

UST

4 If there are not enough people in his family to eat a whole cooked lamb, then his family and a family that lives nearby may kill one animal. Plan to share the lamb according to the number of people in each family and according to how much each person can eat.

If the household is too small for a lamb, what should they do?

If the household is too small for a lamb, the man and his next door neighbor are to share a lamb or young goat so that the meat will be enough for the number of the people.

Exodus 12:5

ULT

5 Your lamb shall be complete, male, the son of a year. You may take from the sheep or from the goats.

UST

5 You may choose a sheep or a goat; but it must be a one-year-old male, and it must be perfect, without any defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:6

ULT

6 And it shall be to you to reserve until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall slaughter it between the evenings.

UST

6 You must take special care of these animals until the fourteenth day of this month. On that day, all the Israelites must kill the young sheep or young goats in the evening.

When must the whole assembly of Israel kill these animals?

The whole assembly of Israel must kill these animals at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month.

Exodus 12:7

ULT

[7] And they shall take from the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

UST

[7] Then they must take some of the blood from the young sheep or young goats, and they must smear it on the two doorposts and on the tops of the doorframes of the houses in which they will eat the meat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:8

ULT

[8] And they shall eat the flesh that night, roast of fire, and they shall eat unleavened bread over bitter herbs.

UST

[8] They must roast the animals over a fire and eat the meat that same night. They must eat it with bitter herbs and with bread that does not have yeast in it.

With what must the Israelites eat the lamb or goat?

They must eat it with bread made without yeast, along with bitter herbs.

Exodus 12:9

ULT

[9] You shall not eat from it raw or boiled from boiling in water. But instead, roasted of fire, its head with its legs and with its internal organs.

UST

[9] You must not eat any of the meat uncooked, and you must not cook the meat in water. You must do this: cook the whole animal over a fire. Do not remove the head, legs, or inside parts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:10

ULT

[10] And you shall not cause to remain anything from it until morning; and you shall burn in the fire what remains from it until morning.

UST

[10] Do not save any of the meat until the next morning. Any meat that you have not eaten by morning, you must burn to ash.

What must the Israelites do if any of the lamb is left over?

They must not let any of it be left over until morning. They must burn whatever is left over in the morning.

Exodus 12:11

ULT

[11] And this is how you shall eat it: belts fastened on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it with haste. It is the Passover to Yahweh.

UST

[11] When you eat it, you must be dressed ready to travel. You must have your sandals on your feet and your walking staff in your hands. You must eat it hurriedly. It will be a festival called Passover to honor me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:12

ULT

[12] And I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from man to beast. And I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am Yahweh.

UST

[12] On that night I will go throughout Egypt, and I will kill all the oldest males in Egypt, both humans and animals. I am punishing all the Egyptians' gods. I am Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:13

ULT

13 And the blood will be a sign for you on the houses which you are in. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over above you, and the plague will not be on you for destruction as my striking on the land of Egypt.

UST

13 The blood on your houses will show that you are obeying me. When I see the blood, I will go past those houses. I will not harm the people who are in those houses when I come to punish the Egyptians.

What will happen when Yahweh sees the blood on the houses?

When Yahweh sees the blood, he will pass over them, and the plague will not be on them.

Exodus 12:14

ULT

14 And this day shall become a memorial for you, and you shall celebrate it as a festival to Yahweh for your generations—a statute you shall celebrate forever.

UST

14 You will make this day a feast to remember and celebrate what I, Yahweh, will have done for you. This is a rule for you: every generation of Israelites must celebrate this annual feast for all of time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:15

ULT

15 You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. Yes—on the first day you shall remove yeast from your houses, because anyone who eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

UST

15 For seven days you must eat bread that has no yeast in it. On the first day of that week, you must remove all the yeast that is in your houses. During those seven days, if anyone eats bread that has yeast in it, you must drive that person out from your people.

What must happen to whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day?

Whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person must be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 12:16

ULT

16 And on the first day an assembly of holiness, and on the seventh day an assembly of holiness shall be for you. All work shall not be done in these, except what each person eats, that alone may be done by you.

UST

16 On the first day of that week, you must have a holy meeting. You must do the same thing on the seventh day. People must not work at all on those two days. The only work you may do is to prepare food to eat.

What is the only work the Israelites can do during the seven days of unleavened bread?

No work will be done on these days except the cooking for everyone to eat.

Exodus 12:17

ULT

17 And you shall keep the Unleavened Bread, because on this very day I will have brought out your hosts from the land of Egypt. And you shall keep this day throughout your generations, a statute forever.

UST

17 You must celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread on this day because this day is exactly when I am rescuing all your tribes from slavery in Egypt. This is a law for you: every generation of Israelites for all of time must celebrate to remember that I rescued you on this day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:18

ULT

18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day in the evening you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.

UST

18 On the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month of the year, you must stop eating bread that has yeast in it. You may not eat bread with yeast in it again until the evening of the twenty-first day of that month.

When must the Israelites eat unleavened bread?

The Israelites must eat unleavened bread from twilight of the fourteenth day in the first month of the year until twilight of the twenty-first day of the month.

Exodus 12:19

ULT

[19] For seven days no yeast shall be found in your houses. Because anyone who eats yeasted bread, that person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel—among the sojourner or among the native of the land.

UST

[19] For those seven days you must not have any yeast in your house. During that time, if anyone—either a foreigner or an Israelite—eats bread that has yeast in it, you must drive that person out from your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:20

ULT

[20] You shall not eat any yeast; in all of your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread.'"

UST

[20] Do not eat any yeast. Wherever you are living, you must eat bread that does not have yeast in it.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:21

ULT

[21] And Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and he said to them, "Proceed and take a lamb for yourself, according to your families, and slaughter the Passover.

UST

[21] Then Moses summoned all the Israelite leaders. He said to them, "Each family should select a young sheep or young goat and kill it to eat it to celebrate the festival that you will call 'Passover.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:22

ULT

22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin and apply to the lintel and to both the doorposts from the blood that is in the basin. And you, not a man shall go out from the door of his house until morning.

UST

22 {Let the lamb's blood drain} into a bowl. Get a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood. Then wipe some of the blood on the top of the doorframe and on the doorposts of your houses. The people in each house must stay inside the house until the next morning.

Where should the Israelites apply the blood in the basin?

The Israelites should apply the blood in the basin to the top of the door frame and the two doorposts.

Exodus 12:23

ULT

23 And Yahweh will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And he will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and Yahweh will pass over the door and will not permit the causer of destruction to enter into your houses to strike.

UST

23 When Yahweh goes through Egypt to kill every oldest male, he will see the blood on your doorframes. Because of that, he will pass over those houses and will not allow the killing-destroyer to enter your houses to kill your oldest sons.

When will Yahweh pass over someone's door?

Yahweh will pass over someone's door when he sees the blood on the top of the doorframe and on the two doorposts.

Exodus 12:24

ULT

24 And you shall keep this thing as a statute for you and for your sons until eternity.

UST

24 You and your descendants must celebrate this ritual forever; this is a law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:25

ULT
25 And so it will happen, as you enter into the land that Yahweh will give to you, just as he said, then you shall keep this service.

UST
25 When you arrive in the land that Yahweh will give to you as he promised, you must keep celebrating this ritual every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:26

ULT
26 And it will happen, when your sons are saying to you, ‘What is this service to you?’

UST
26 When your children ask you, ‘What does this ritual mean?’

What were the Israelites to say to their children when their children asked them why they were doing that serice? (vv26-27)
The Israelites were tell their children that their service was a sacrifice of Yahweh’s Passover, because Yahweh passed over the Israelites’ houses in Egypt when he attacked the Egyptians and rescued their households.

Exodus 12:27

ULT
27 then you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of Passover to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt in striking the Egyptians. And he rescued our households.’” And the people bowed their heads and prostrated themselves.

UST
27 you must tell them, ‘This ritual is to remember how your ancestors sacrificed lambs on the night that Yahweh’s angel passed over the houses of the Israelites when they were in Egypt. He killed the oldest males in all the Egyptian houses, but he did not kill the sons in our houses.” After Moses told them this, the elders all bowed their heads and worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:28

ULT
28 And the sons of Israel went and did; as Yahweh had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

UST
28 Then the Israelites did exactly what Yahweh told Moses and Aaron to tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:29

ULT
29 And so it happened, in the middle of the night, and Yahweh struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh sitting on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the house of the pit, and all the firstborn of beasts.

UST
29 At midnight Yahweh killed all the Egyptians' oldest sons, all over Egypt. This included the rich king's oldest son, the oldest sons of the prisoners in the dungeons, and the oldest males of all the {Egyptians'} livestock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:30

ULT
30 And Pharaoh got up in the night—he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

UST
30 That night the king, all his officials, and all the rest of the Egyptians awoke and discovered what had happened. They wailed loudly all over Egypt, because in every house someone's son had died.

Why was there was a great outcry in Egypt?
There was a great outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

Exodus 12:31

ULT

31 And he called for Moses and for Aaron in the night and said, “Get up, get out from among my people, both you and also the sons of Israel. And go, serve Yahweh, as you have said.

UST

31 That night the king summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Get up, you and all the other Israelites, and get away from my people and country now! Go and worship Yahweh, as you requested!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:32

ULT

32 Also take your flocks, also your herds as you have said, and go, and also bless me.”

UST

32 You may even take your flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle just as you requested. Just leave! Ask Yahweh to bless me also!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:33

ULT

33 And the Egyptians strengthened the people, hurrying to let them go from the land, for they said, “We are all dying.”

UST

33 The Egyptians helped the Israelites to leave their country quickly. They said, “Otherwise, we will all die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:34

ULT

34 And the people carried his dough before it developed leaven. Their kneading bowls were wrapped in their clothes on their shoulders.

UST

34 So the Israelites prepared to leave at once. They took the bowls in which they mixed the dough to make bread and the dough that was in the bowls without any yeast in it, and they wrapped the bowls in their cloaks. They put the bowls on their shoulders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:35

ULT

35 And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians items of silver and items of gold and clothing.

UST

35 Then the Israelites did as Moses told them. They went to their Egyptian neighbors and asked them for silver, gold, and clothing.

For what did the Israelites ask the Egyptians?

The Israelites asked the Egyptians for jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and clothing.

Exodus 12:36

ULT

36 And Yahweh gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. And they made the request, and they plundered the Egyptians.

UST

36 Yahweh caused the Egyptians to greatly respect the Israelites, so they gave them what they asked for. In that way, the Israelites carried away the wealth of the Egyptians.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:37

ULT

37 And the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses toward Succoth, about 600,000 strong men on foot, apart from children.

UST

37 The Israelites walked from the city of Rameses to the town of Succoth. There were about 600, 000 men who went, in addition to the women and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:38

ULT

38 And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flock and herd—a very great number of livestock.

UST

38 Many other people who were not Israelites went along with them. There was also a large amount of livestock, including flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:39

ULT

39 And they baked the dough that they brought from Egypt into unleavened bread, for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt, and they could not delay. And furthermore, they had not made provisions for themselves.

UST

39 Pharaoh forced the Israelites to leave Egypt so quickly that they did not have time to prepare food to take with them or to allow the bread dough to form yeast. When they made bread with the dough they brought from Egypt, they made flatbread because it did not have yeast.

Why was the bread without yeast?

The bread was without yeast because the Israelites had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay to prepare food.

Exodus 12:40

ULT
40 And the residence of the sons of Israel, during which they resided in Egypt, was 430 years.

UST
40 The Israelites had lived in Egypt for 430 years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:41

ULT
41 And so it was, at the end of 430 years, it was on that very day all of the hosts of Yahweh went out from the land of Egypt.

UST
41 On the day that those 430 years ended, on that very day, all the tribes of Yahweh's people left Egypt.

How long had the Israelites been in Egypt?
They had been in Egypt 430 years.

Exodus 12:42

ULT
42 It was a night of observing for Yahweh to bring them out from the land of Egypt. This night, it is for all the sons of Israel to observe for Yahweh throughout their generations.

UST
42 It was a night when the Israelites stayed awake as Yahweh brought them out of Egypt. So this same night every year is a night that they dedicate to Yahweh, a night when the Israelites and their descendants in every generation remember how Yahweh kept their ancestors safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:43

ULT

43 And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: Any son of foreignness shall not eat it.

UST

43 Then Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the law about the Passover ritual: Do not let foreigners eat the Passover meal.

Who may not share in eating the Passover?

No foreigner may share in eating the Passover.

Exodus 12:44

ULT

44 But any slave of a man, a purchase of silver, if you circumcised him, then he may eat it.

UST

44 But if anyone buys a slave and circumcises him, that slave may eat the Passover meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:45

ULT

45 An outsider or a hireling shall not eat it.

UST

45 Do not let people who are living temporarily among you who are not Israelites or servants to whom you pay money eat the Passover meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:46

ULT

46 It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not bring from the house from the flesh to the outside, and you shall not break its bone.

UST

46 You must eat the Passover meal inside one house. Do not take any of the meat outside the house. Do not break the lamb's bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:47

ULT

47 All the congregation of Israel shall do it.

UST

47 The whole Israelite community must celebrate this festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:48

ULT

48 And if a sojourner is sojourning with you, and keeps the Passover to Yahweh, all his males shall be circumcised. And then he may draw near to keep it, and he will become like a native of the land. And any uncircumcised person shall not eat it.

UST

48 When someone from another country comes to live with you and wants to celebrate Yahweh's Passover festival, circumcise all the males in his household. Then he can eat the Passover meal, and you should treat that man as though he had been born an Israelite. But do not allow men who are not circumcised to eat the Passover meal.

If a foreigner lives with the Israelites and wants to observe the Passover for Yahweh, what must all his male relatives do?

If a foreigner lives with the Israelites and wants to observe the Passover for Yahweh, all his male relatives must be circumcised.

Exodus 12:49

ULT

49 One law shall be for the native and for the sojourner sojourning among you.”

UST

49 These rules apply to people who were born as Israelites and to foreigners who come and live among you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:50

ULT

50 And all of the sons of Israel did—just as Yahweh commanded Moses and Aaron—so they did.

UST

50 All the Israelites obeyed Moses and Aaron and did what Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 12:51

ULT

51 And so it was, in that very day, Yahweh brought the sons of Israel out from the land of Egypt by their hosts.

UST

51 On that very day, Yahweh brought all the Israelite tribes out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13

Exodus 13:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

To whom were the firstborn to be set apart? (vv1-2)
The firstborn were to be set apart to Yahweh.

Exodus 13:2

ULT
2 “Set apart to me all the firstborn, openers of every womb among the sons of Israel, among man and among beast; he is mine.”

UST
2 “Consecrate all the firstborn {males} in order that they may belong to me. The firstborn {males} of {the Israelite} people and of {their} animals will be mine.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:3

ULT
3 And Moses said to the people, “Remember this day, that you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery, because by a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from here. And no yeast may be eaten.

UST
3 Moses said to the people, “Always remember today! This is the day that you left Egypt. This is the day I freed you from being the Egyptians’ slaves. Yahweh has powerfully brought you out of Egypt. Do not eat any bread that has yeast in it {whenever you celebrate this day}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:4

ULT

4 Today you are going out, in the month of Aviv.

UST

4 You are leaving Egypt on this day, which is the first day of the month of Aviv.

In what month did the Israelites go out of Egypt?

The Israelites went out of Egypt in the month of Aviv.

Exodus 13:5

ULT

5 And it will be that Yahweh will bring you to the land of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, which he swore to your fathers to give to you, a land flowing with milk and honey —and you shall serve this service in this month.

UST

5 Later, when Yahweh brings you into the land where the descendants of Canaan, Heth, Amor, Hiv, and Jebus now live, the land that he promised your ancestors that he would give to you, a land that will be very good for raising livestock and growing crops, you must celebrate this festival in this month every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:6

ULT

6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day {there shall be} a festival to Yahweh.

UST

6 For seven days the bread you eat must not have any yeast in it. On the seventh day, you must have a celebration to honor Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:7

ULT

7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and leavened bread may not be seen among you. And yeast may not be seen among you within any of your borders.

UST

7 Do not eat bread that has yeast in it for seven days. You should not have any yeast or bread made with yeast anywhere in your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:8

ULT

8 And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, ‘This is because of what Yahweh did for me when I came out from Egypt.’

UST

8 On the day that you celebrate the festival, you must tell your children, ‘We are doing this to remember what Yahweh did for us when we left Egypt.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:9

ULT

9 And it shall be a sign for you on your hand and a memorial between your eyes, so that the law of Yahweh may be in your mouth, for with a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from Egypt.

UST

9 The celebration will be like something you tie on your forehead or on your wrist. It will remind you to recite to others what Yahweh has instructed you, because you are grateful to him for powerfully bringing you out of Egypt.

Why will this rescue become reminders for the Israelites on their hands and reminders on their forehead?

This rescue will become reminders for the Israelites on their hands and reminders on their forehead so that Yahweh’s law may be in their speech.

Exodus 13:10

ULT

10 And you shall keep this statute at its appointed time from days to days.

UST

10 So you must celebrate this festival every year, forever, at the time Yahweh has appointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:11

ULT

11 And it will be, when Yahweh brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and to your fathers, and he gives it to you,

UST

11 Yahweh will bring you into the land where the descendants of Canaan live, as he promised to you and your ancestors that he would do. When he gives that land to you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:12

ULT

12 then cause to pass over to Yahweh all the openers of the womb, and all the openers of the litter of beasts that are yours. The males are for Yahweh.

UST

12 you must give all the firstborn males of both people and animals to Yahweh. These all will belong to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:13

ULT

13 And every opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. And all the firstborn of men among your sons, you shall ransom.

UST

13 In the case of a firstborn donkey, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you do not buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You must buy back every one of your firstborn sons.

With what must the Israelites buy back every firstborn donkey?

Every firstborn donkey the Israelites must buy back with a lamb.

Exodus 13:14

ULT

14 And so it will be, when your son asks you later, saying, ‘What is this?’ then you shall say to him, ‘With a strong hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt, from the house of slaves.’

UST

14 In the future, when one of your children asks, ‘What does this mean?’ you must say to him, ‘Yahweh powerfully brought us out of Egypt and freed us from being slaves there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:15

ULT

15 And so it was, that when Pharaoh was hard to let us go, then Yahweh struck all of the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of man and to the firstborn of beast. That is why I sacrifice to Yahweh all the openers of the womb—the males—and I ransom all of the firstborn of my sons.’

UST

15 What happened was: The king of Egypt did not let us leave his land, so Yahweh killed all the firstborn males in Egypt, both the boys and the firstborn of their livestock. That is why we now sacrifice to Yahweh all the firstborn of our livestock, but we buy back our own firstborn sons.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:16

ULT

16 And it shall be a sign on your hand and a headband between your eyes, for with a strong hand Yahweh brought us out from Egypt.”

UST

16 This celebration will be like something you tie on your wrist or on your forehead to remind you that Yahweh powerfully brought you out of Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:17

ULT

17 And so it was, when Pharaoh let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearby. For God said, “Lest the people repent when they see war and return to Egypt.”

UST

17 When the king of Egypt let the Israelites go, God did not guide them along the road toward the Philistines’ land. Even though it was shorter, God thought, “If enemies attack them, they may change their minds and go back to Egypt.”

Why did God not lead the Israelites by way of the land of the Philistines?

God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, for God said, “Perhaps the people will change their minds when they experience war and will then return to Egypt.”

Exodus 13:18

ULT

18 And God caused the people to turn to the way of the wilderness, to the Sea of Reeds. And the sons of Israel went up from the land of Egypt by fives.

UST

18 Instead, God led them to go around through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. The Israelites left Egypt in an orderly formation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:19

ULT

[19] And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had certainly caused the sons of Israel to vow, saying, “God will certainly attend to you, and you shall bring my bones up with you from here.”

UST

[19] Moses had them take the bones of Joseph along with them, because Joseph long ago had made the Israelites promise that they would do that. He had said to them, “God will always care for you. {When he brings you to the promised land,} you must carry my bones with you.”

What had Joseph made the Israelites solemnly swear?

Joseph had made the Israelites solemnly swear, “You must carry away my bones with you”.

Exodus 13:20

ULT

[20] And they journeyed from Succoth, and they camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

UST

[20] The Israelites went from Succoth to Etham (which was at the edge of the wilderness). They set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 13:21

ULT

[21] And Yahweh went before their faces by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to be light to them, to go by day or by night.

UST

[21] When they walked during the daytime, Yahweh went in front of them in a tall cloud to show them the way. During the night, he went in front of them in a tall flame so they had light and could travel in the daytime and also at nighttime.

How did Yahweh go before the Israelites by night? Why?

By night he went in a pillar of fire to give them light. In this way they could travel by day and by night.

Exodus 13:22

ULT

22 He did not withdraw the daytime pillar of cloud or the nighttime pillar of fire from the face of the people.

UST

22 Yahweh never left them. He was there in the tall cloud during the day and in the tall flame during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14

Exodus 14:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

1 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:2

ULT

2 “Say to the sons of Israel that they should turn and camp before the face of Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before the face of Baal Zephon. You are to camp by the sea opposite it.

UST

2 “Tell the Israelites to turn toward Pi Hahiroth and camp near it. That place is between Migdol and the {Red} Sea, near Baal Zephon. Set up your tents there, close to the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:3

ULT

3 And Pharaoh will say about the sons of Israel, ‘They are confused in the land. The wilderness has closed in on them.’

UST

3 When the king knows you have done that, he will think, ‘The Israelites are lost. They are wandering around, and the desert blocks their path.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:4

ULT

4 And I will strengthen the heart of Pharaoh, and he will pursue after them. And I will be glorified because of Pharaoh and because of all his army. And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh." And they did so.

UST

4 I will make the king stubborn again and he will chase you {with his army}. Then people will revere me more than the king and his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh." {So Moses told the Israelites that,} and they did what he told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:5

ULT

5 And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned to the people. And they said, "What is this we did that we released Israel from our slavery?"

UST

5 When someone told the king of Egypt that the Israelites had escaped, he and his officials changed how they were thinking about them and said, "What have we done? The Israelites will no longer be our slaves because we let them go!"

When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelites had fled, what happened to the minds of Pharaoh and his servants?

When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelites had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his servants turned against the Israelites.

Exodus 14:6

ULT

6 And he hitched his chariot and took his people with him.

UST

6 So the king had {someone} fasten his horses to his chariot and he rode out with his army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:7

ULT

[7] And he took 600 chosen chariots, and all of the chariots of Egypt, and third men were on all of them.

UST

[7] {When he left} he took all Egypt's chariots, including the best 600 chariots. In each chariot {he placed a driver, a soldier, and} a commander.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he pursued after the sons of Israel, and the sons of Israel were going out with a high hand.

UST

[8] Yahweh made the king of Egypt stubborn, so he {and his army} chased the Israelites. The Israelites marched out confidently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:9

ULT

[9] And the Egyptians pursued after them. And all of the horses of the chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army overtook them camping above the sea, above Pi Hahiroth before the face of Baal Zephon.

UST

[9] The Egyptian army, with all the king's horses and chariots and horsemen, chased after the Israelites. They caught up with them as they were camped near the sea, close to Pi Hahiroth, in front of Baal Zephon.

Where did the Egyptians overtake the Israelites?

The Egyptians overtook the Israelites camping by the sea above Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

Exodus 14:10

ULT

10 And Pharaoh approached, and the sons of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians started after them, and they were extremely afraid. And the sons of Israel cried to Yahweh.

UST

10 When the king's army got near, the Israelite people were surprised to see that the Egyptians were marching toward them. They were terrified, so they cried out to Yahweh to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:11

ULT

11 And they said to Moses, "Is it because there were not any graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What is this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt?

UST

11 Then they said to Moses, "You have not helped us by bringing us out of Egypt. {Pharaoh's army is going to} kill us here in the wilderness. {If we had stayed in Egypt,} someone would have buried us in graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:12

ULT

12 Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Cease from us and let us serve the Egyptians'? Because serving the Egyptians is better to us than dying in the wilderness."

UST

12 That is what we told you when we were in Egypt. We said, 'Leave us alone, and let us work for the Egyptians.' It would have been better for us to be slaves for the Egyptians than to die here in the desert!"

What did the Israelites say would have been better than to die in the wilderness?

They said it would have been better for them to work for the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

Exodus 14:13

ULT

13 And Moses said to the people, “You must not fear! Stand still and see the salvation of Yahweh, that he will do for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today you will not repeat seeing again until eternity.

UST

13 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid! Stand strong and see how Yahweh will rescue you. He will save you today, and you will never see the Egyptians that you are looking at today again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:14

ULT

14 Yahweh himself will fight for you. As for you, you will be silent.”

UST

14 Yahweh will fight for you! Just stay calm. There is nothing else that you will have to do.”

Because Yahweh will fight for the Israelites, what will they have to do?

Yahweh will fight for the Israelites, and they will only have to be quiet.

Exodus 14:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Speak to the sons of Israel and let them start moving.

UST

15 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Instead of asking me to help you, tell the people to pack their tents and prepare to march.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:16

ULT

16 As for you, raise your staff and reach out your hand over the sea and split it. And the sons of Israel will enter into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

UST

16 You must lift up your staff and stretch out the hand holding it over the sea to cause it to divide. Then the Israelites will go in the middle of the sea, walking on dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:17

ULT

17 And behold me! I will strengthen the heart of the Egyptians, and they will enter after them. And I will be glorified because of Pharaoh and because of all his army, because of his chariots and because of his horsemen.

UST

17 Watch me! I will make the Egyptians stubborn so that they will chase the Israelites. Then, because of what I will do to the king, his army, his chariots, and his horsemen, people will revere me.

Why will the Egyptians go after the Israelites into the sea?

Yahweh will harden the Egyptians' hearts so they will go after the Israelites.

Exodus 14:18

ULT

18 And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh when I am glorified because of Pharaoh, because of his chariots and because of his horsemen."

UST

18 When I have won a glorious victory over the king, his chariots, and his horsemen, the {other} Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh, {the God who can do anything}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:19

ULT

19 And the angel of God moved, who traveled before the face of the camp of Israel and went behind them. And the pillar of cloud moved from before their face and stood behind them.

UST

19 Then the angel of God, who had been in front of the Israelites, moved and went behind them. The tall, bright cloud that had been in front of them also moved to be behind them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:20

ULT

20 And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And it became a cloud, and darkness, and it lit up the night, and one did not come near to the other all night.

UST

20 The cloud was between the Egyptian army and the Israelites. The cloud caused the Egyptian army to be in the darkness, but it gave light to the Israelites. As a result, neither group could come near the other group during the whole night.

How did the cloud hinder the Egyptians but help the Israelites?

The cloud was a dark cloud to the Egyptians, but it lit the night for the Israelites, so one side did not come near the other all night.

Exodus 14:21

ULT

21 And Moses reached out his hand over the sea. And Yahweh drove the sea by a strong east wind all night and made the sea into dry land. And the waters were divided.

UST

21 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. Then Yahweh sent a strong wind from the east. It blew all night and pushed the water apart, and it caused the land between the water to dry up.

For how long did Yahweh drive the sea back by a strong east wind?

Yahweh drove the sea back by a strong east wind all that night.

Exodus 14:22

ULT

22 And the sons of Israel entered the middle of the sea on dry ground. And the waters were a wall for them on their right and on their left.

UST

22 Then the Israelites went on the dry land in the middle of the sea. The water was like a wall on each side of them, on the right side and on the left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:23

ULT

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and entered after them—every horse of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen—into the middle of the sea.

UST

23 Then the Egyptian army went after them into the middle of the sea with their horses, chariots, and horsemen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:24

ULT

24 And so it was, in the watch of the morning, Yahweh looked down on the camp of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud. And he confused the camp of the Egyptians.

UST

24 Just before dawn, Yahweh looked down from the fiery cloud, and then he caused the Egyptian army to panic.

When did Yahweh look down on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and cloud?

In the early morning hours, Yahweh looked down on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and cloud.

Exodus 14:25

ULT

25 And he caused the wheels of their chariots to turn aside and caused them to drive heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us run from the face of Israel, for Yahweh is fighting for them against Egypt.”

UST

25 He caused the wheels of the chariots to get stuck in the ground so that they could hardly move. So the Egyptians said, “Yahweh is fighting for the Israelites against us; we must escape from them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:26

ULT

26 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Reach out your hand over the sea, and the waters will return on the Egyptians, on his chariots, and on his horsemen.”

UST

26 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Stretch out your arm over the sea. Then the water will come back on the Egyptians, on their chariots, and their horsemen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:27

ULT

27 And Moses reached out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned before the face of the morning to its normal place, and the Egyptians fled before its impact. And Yahweh shook off the Egyptians in the middle of the sea.

UST

27 So Moses stretched out his arm above the sea, and the water returned to its normal level just before dawn. The Egyptians tried to escape, but Yahweh hurled them back into the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:28

ULT

[28] And the waters returned, and they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even the entire army of Pharaoh that entered after them into the sea. Not even one of them remained.

UST

[28] The water returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and the whole Egyptian army that had tried to follow the Israelites into the sea. Every one of the Egyptians died.

How many soldiers of Pharaoh’s army survived crossing the sea?
Not one of Pharaoh's soldiers survived crossing the sea.

Exodus 14:29

ULT

[29] And the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea. And the waters were a wall for them on their right and on their left.

UST

[29] But the Israelites had already crossed through the sea by walking on dry ground. The water was like two walls, one on the right side and one on the left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:30

ULT

[30] And Yahweh saved Israel that day from the hand of Egypt, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the shore of the sea.

UST

[30] That is the way Yahweh saved the Israelites from the Egyptian army on that day. The Israelites saw the Egyptians lying dead. Their bodies washed up on the shore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 14:31

ULT

31 And Israel saw the great hand that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, and the people feared Yahweh, and they believed in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.

UST

31 The Israelites saw what Yahweh powerfully did to the Egyptians, and they revered Yahweh. They trusted Yahweh and his servant Moses.

What did Israel do when they saw the great power that Yahweh used against the Egyptians?

When Israel saw the great power that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, the people honored Yahweh, and they trusted in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 15

Exodus 15:1

ULT

1 Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to Yahweh. And they said, saying, “Let me sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphantly triumphed; the horse and the one riding it he threw into the sea.

UST

1 Then Moses and all the Israelites sang this song to Yahweh. They each sang, “I will sing to Yahweh because he has won a great victory; He has thrown the horses and the charioteers into the sea!

Whom has Yahweh thrown into the sea?

Yahweh has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea.

Exodus 15:2

ULT

2 Yah is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. This is my God, and I will glorify him, the God of my father, and I will exalt him.

UST

2 Yahweh makes me strong, and I will sing about him. He has saved me. He is my God, and I will celebrate {because of what he did for me}. He was my father’s God, and I will tell others how great he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:3

ULT

3 Yahweh is a man of war; Yahweh is his name.

UST

3 Yahweh is a warrior; Yahweh is his name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:4

ULT
4 He threw the chariots of Pharaoh and his army into the sea. And his chosen officers sank in the Sea of Reeds.

UST
4 He has thrown the king's chariots and his army into the sea; The king's best officers all drowned in the Red Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:5

ULT
5 The deeps cover them; they descended into the depths like a stone.

UST
5 The deep water covered them; they sank to the bottom like a rock.

How did the Egyptians go down into the depths?
They went down into the depths like a stone.

Exodus 15:6

ULT
6 Your right hand, Yahweh, is majestic in power; your right hand, Yahweh, shatters the enemy.

UST
6 O Yahweh, your power is immense; with that power, O Yahweh, you have crushed the enemy into pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:7

ULT
7 And in the abundance of your majesty you overthrow those who rise up against you. You send out your heat; it devours them like stubble.

UST
7 You use your great strength to defeat your enemies. When you are angry, you destroy them like a fire burns up straw.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:8

ULT

8 And by the breath of your nostrils the waters were piled up; the flowing waters were stood upright like a heap; the deeps thickened in the heart of the sea.

UST

8 You blew on the sea, and the water piled up high; the water became like mounds of dirt. In the deepest part of the sea, the water became thick, as though it were frozen.

How were the waters piled up?

By the breath of Yahweh's nostrils the waters were piled up.

Exodus 15:9

ULT

9 The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake; I will share out the plunder; my soul will be satisfied in them; I will empty my sword; my hand will dispossess them.'

UST

9 Our enemies said, 'We will go after them and catch up to them. We will do whatever we want to them! We will draw our swords and defeat them; then we will divide up everything we take from them.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:10

ULT

10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the majestic waters.

UST

10 Your wind blew, and then the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the big waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:11

ULT
11 Who is like you among the gods Yahweh? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, feared in praises, doing miracles?

UST
11 Yahweh, there is no other god like you! There is no one like you! You are wonderfully different from everything else. Everyone fears and praises you for all the miracles you do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:12

ULT
12 You reached out your right hand, and the earth swallows them.

UST
12 You used your power to make the earth open and our enemies go down into it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:13

ULT
13 In your covenant faithfulness, you led this people you redeemed. In your strength, you guided them to the home of your holiness.

UST
13 You are leading the people you bought because you always love us; Because {you use} your strength {for our good}, you are guiding us to the home that you set apart.

In what has Yahweh led the people he rescued?
In his covenant faithfulness, Yahweh has led the people he has rescued. In his strength he has led them to the holy place where he lives.

Exodus 15:14

ULT

[14] The peoples heard; they shake; anguish seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

UST

[14] The people of other nations will hear what you have done, and they will tremble. The people in Philistia will be terrified.

What will the people do when they hear of Yahweh rescuing the Israelites?

The peoples will hear, and they will tremble.

Exodus 15:15

ULT

[15] Then the chiefs of Edom panicked; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan melted away.

UST

[15] The chiefs in Edom will be dismayed. The leaders in Moab will be so afraid that they will shake. All those who live in Canaan will faint.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:16

ULT

[16] Terror and dread fall on them. By the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone until your people pass by, Yahweh, until this people you acquired pass by.

UST

[16] They will be terrified and fearful because of your great strength. But they will be as silent as stones until we, your people, march past them, the people you freed {from being slaves in Egypt.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:17

ULT

[17] You will bring them, and you will plant them on the mountain of your possession, the place, Yahweh, that you made for your dwelling, the holy place, my Lord, that your hands built.

UST

[17] You will bring us {into the promised land of Canaan.} You will enable us to live on your hill, in the place that you, Yahweh, have chosen to be your home, in the holy place, our Lord, that you yourself will build.

Where will Yahweh bring the Israelites?

Yahweh will bring the Israelites and plant them on the mountain of his inheritance, the place Yahweh has made to live in.

Exodus 15:18

ULT

[18] Yahweh will reign forever and ever.”

UST

[18] O Yahweh, you will rule forever!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:19

ULT

[19] For the horse of Pharaoh went with his chariots and horsemen into the sea. And Yahweh returned upon them the waters of the sea. And the sons of Israel walked on dry land in the middle of the sea.

UST

[19] When the king’s horses and chariots and horsemen tried to go through the sea, Yahweh caused the water to come back and cover them. But the Israelite people walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:20

ULT

[20] And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.

UST

[20] Then Miriam, who was Aaron's older sister and a prophetess, picked up her tambourine and led all the other women who had tambourines out to dance.

Who played tambourines?
Miriam the prophetess and all the women played tambourines.

Exodus 15:21

ULT

[21] And Miriam responded to them: "Sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphed triumphantly; the horse and the one riding it he threw into the sea."

UST

[21] Miriam sang to Yahweh this song: "Sing to Yahweh because he has triumphed gloriously over his enemies. He has thrown the horses and their riders into the sea."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:22

ULT

[22] And Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. And they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they traveled for three days into the wilderness, and they found no water.

UST

[22] Then Moses led the Israelite people away from the Red Sea. They went to the wilderness of Shur. They walked for three days, but they could not find any water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:23

ULT

23 And they came to Marah, and they were not able to drink the waters of Marah, because they were bitter. So he called its name Marah.

UST

23 So they went on and came to a place named Marah. There was water there, but they could not drink it, because it was bitter. That is why they named the place Marah, which is the Hebrew word that means ‘bitter.’

Why could the Israelites not drink the water at Marah?

The Israelites could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter.

Exodus 15:24

ULT

24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, “What can we drink?”

UST

24 The people complained to Moses, saying, “What are we going to drink?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:25

ULT

25 And he cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. And he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There he gave him a statute and an ordinance, and there he tested him.

UST

25 So Moses prayed to Yahweh. Then Yahweh showed him a branch. He took the branch and threw it into the water, and the water became good to drink. There at Marah, Yahweh gave them a fixed rule by which to live. He also tested them there {to determine if they would obey him.}

How did the bitter water at Marah become sweet?

Yahweh showed Moses a tree. Moses threw it into the water, and the water became sweet to drink.

Exodus 15:26

ULT

26 And he said, “If you carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, and you do what is right in his eyes, and you give ear to his commands and you keep all of his laws, all of the diseases that I put on the Egyptians I shall not put on you, for I am Yahweh your healer.”

UST

26 He said, “I am Yahweh, your God. If you will obey me when I speak to you and do those things that I say are right and listen to all the things that I tell you, I will keep you from all the diseases that I brought on the Egyptians. Do not forget that I am Yahweh, the one who heals you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 15:27

ULT

27 And they came to Elim, and there there was 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees. And they camped there by the water.

UST

27 After they left Marah, they came to a place named Elim. There were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees there. So they camped there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16

Exodus 16:1

ULT
1 And they journeyed on from Elim, and all of the congregation of the sons of Israel entered into the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.

UST
1 They left Elim, and all the Israelite people came to the wilderness of Sin between Elim and Sinai Mountain. That was on the fifteenth day of the second month after they left Egypt.

Where is the Wilderness of Sin?
The Wilderness of Sin is between Elim and Sinai.

Exodus 16:2

ULT
2 And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness.

UST
2 There in the wilderness, the Israelite people complained against Moses and Aaron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:3

ULT
3 And the sons of Israel said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, sitting by a pot of meat, eating bread to the full. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

UST
3 They said to them, “We wish that Yahweh had killed us in Egypt! There we had meat to cook and all the bread that we wanted to eat. But you have brought us into this desert in order that we will all starve until we die!”

According to the Israelites, why did Moses bring them out into the wilderness?
They said Moses brought them out into this wilderness to kill their whole community with hunger.

Exodus 16:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Behold me make bread rain down from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather the portion of a day each day, so that I may test them: Will they walk in my law or not?

UST

4 Yahweh said to Moses, “Watch what I am going to do. I am going to send bread from the sky for you. When I do that, the people must go out of their tents every day and gather enough to eat on that day. When I do that, I will find out whether they will obey me or not.

Why will the people go out and gather a day’s portion every day?

The people will go out and gather a day’s portion every day so that Yahweh may test them to see whether or not they will walk in his law.

Exodus 16:5

ULT

5 And so it will be, on the sixth day, that they shall prepare what they bring in, and that will be twice as much as what they gather daily.”

UST

5 On the sixth day {of each week}, they should gather and prepare twice as much as on the other days {so they do not have to gather any on the seventh day}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:6

ULT

6 And Moses and Aaron said to all of the sons of Israel, “At evening you will know that Yahweh brought you out from the land of Egypt.

UST

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelite people, “This evening you will know that it was Yahweh{, not us,} who brought you out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:7

ULT

7 In the morning you will see the glory of Yahweh in his hearing your murmurings against Yahweh. And who are we that you murmur against us?”

UST

7 In the morning you will see how great Yahweh is, because he has heard how you have complained against him. We are not important enough for your complaints.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:8

ULT

8 And Moses said, “So Yahweh gives you meat to eat in the evening and bread in the morning to satiation; Yahweh is hearing your murmurings that you murmur against him. And what are we? Not against us is your murmuring, but against Yahweh.”

UST

8 Then Moses also said, “Each evening Yahweh will give you meat to eat, and each morning he will give you enough bread to make you full. He has heard how you have complained about him. We are unimportant; when you complain, it is really about Yahweh, not us.”

How will the Israelites know Yahweh has brought them out from the land of Egypt?

The Israelites will know Yahweh has brought them out from the land of Egypt when Yahweh gives them meat in the evening and bread in the morning to the full.

Exodus 16:9

ULT

9 And Moses said to Aaron, “Say to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, ‘Approach the face of Yahweh, for he has heard your murmurings.’”

UST

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Tell all the Israelite people, ‘Come and stand here in the presence of Yahweh, because he has heard what you have been complaining about.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:10

ULT

10 And so it was, as Aaron spoke to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, that they turned toward the wilderness, and behold! the glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud!

UST

10 So as Aaron told the Israelites that, they turned to look toward the desert and were surprised to see the dazzling light of Yahweh in the cloud {that had been leading them}.

What appeared in the cloud?

Yahweh's glory appeared in the cloud.

Exodus 16:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

11 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:12

ULT

12 "I have heard the murmurings of the sons of Israel. Speak to them saying, 'Between the evenings you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be satisfied with bread. And you will know that I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

12 "I have heard what the Israelites have been complaining about. So say to them, 'At twilight, you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have bread. You will have all you want of it to eat. Then you will know that I am Yahweh, your God.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:13

ULT

13 And so it was, in the evening quail came up and covered the camp. And in the morning the dew was lying round about the camp.

UST

13 That evening quails appeared, and there were so many that they covered the campsite. The next morning there were small drops of water all around the campsite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:14

ULT

14 And the lying dew went up; and behold! on the face of the wilderness were thin flakes, thin like frost on the ground.

UST

14 When the water on the ground dried up, they saw a thin layer of something that looked like {small white} flakes on the desert ground. It looked like a thin layer of ice on the ground.

What size was the bread that Yahweh has given the Israelites to eat? (vv14-15)

The bread that Yahweh has given the Israelites to eat was small flakes as thin as frost.

Exodus 16:15

ULT

15 And the sons of Israel saw it, and they said each man to his brother, “What is it?” Because they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that Yahweh has given you to eat.

UST

15 When the Israelites saw it, they did not know what it was, so they said to each other, “What is it?” Moses replied to them, “It is the food Yahweh has given you to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:16

ULT

16 This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded: ‘Gather from it each according to the mouths of his eating; an omer for each person up to the number of your people, each shall take for those in his tent.’”

UST

16 This is what Yahweh has commanded: Each of you should gather as much as you need to eat. Gather two liters for each person who lives in your tents.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:17

ULT

17 And the sons of Israel did so. And they gathered much, or little,

UST

17 So that is what the Israelite people did. Some gathered more and some gathered less.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:18

ULT

18 and they measured it by omer. And there was no extra for those with much, and no lack for those with little. Each man gathered according to what he needed to eat.

UST

18 Because they gathered two liters per person, when they measured what they had gathered, those who had gathered a lot did not have anything left over. Those who had gathered less still had enough to eat. Each person gathered just enough.

When the Israelites measured the bread from Yahweh, how much did each person have?

When they measured it with an omer measure, those who had gathered much had nothing over, and those who had gathered little had no lack. Each person gathered enough to meet their need.

Exodus 16:19

ULT
19 And Moses said to them, “A man shall not save any of it until morning.”

UST
19 Moses said to them, “Do not leave any of it to eat tomorrow morning!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:20

ULT
20 But they did not listen to Moses. And men reserved some of it until morning, and it bred worms, and it stank. And Moses became angry with them.

UST
20 Some of them did not obey what Moses said. They kept some of it until the next morning. However, it was full of maggots and smelled rotten. That made Moses angry.

What happened to the bread from Yahweh that some of the Israelites left until morning?
The bread from Yahweh that some of the Israelites left until morning bred worms and became foul.

Exodus 16:21

ULT
21 And they gathered it morning by morning, each man according to the mouths of his eating. And the sun became hot, and it melted.

UST
21 Each morning they gathered as much as they needed. Later, when the sun got hot, what was left on the ground melted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:22

ULT
22 And so it was, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person. And all the leaders of the community came and told Moses.

UST
22 On the sixth day, each person was able to gather four liters of bread, which was twice as much as they gathered on the other days. When the leaders of the people came to Moses and told him about that,

How much bread did the Israelites gather on the sixth day?
On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person.

Exodus 16:23

ULT
23 And he said to them, “This is what Yahweh spoke: ‘Tomorrow is a rest, a Sabbath of holiness to Yahweh. What you are baking-bake! and what you are cooking-cook! And all of the leftovers cause to rest, for preservation for yourselves until morning.’”

UST
23 Moses said to them, “This is what Yahweh has told you: Tomorrow will be a day for you to rest. It will be a day set apart for Yahweh. So today, bake or boil what you will need for today and for tomorrow. Whatever is left this evening, you should put aside and keep it to eat tomorrow.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:24

ULT
24 And they left it until morning, as Moses had instructed. And it did not become foul, and no worms were in it.

UST
24 So they did what Moses told them. What was left over, they kept until the next day. It did not spoil and did not get maggots in it!

What happened to the bread of Yahweh that was set aside until the seventh day?
The bread of Yahweh that was set aside until the seventh day did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.

Exodus 16:25

ULT
25 And Moses said, “Eat it today, for it is Sabbath, a day for Yahweh, a day you will not find it in the fields.

UST
25 On that day, Moses said, “Eat today what you have saved from yesterday because today is a day of rest to Yahweh. Today you will not find any of that food outside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:26

ULT
26 You shall gather it for six days, and on the seventh day, Sabbath, there will be none of it.”

UST
26 Every week, you must gather it for six days; but on the seventh day, which will be a day of rest for you, there will not be any to gather.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:27

ULT
27 And so it was, on the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

UST
27 On the seventh day, some of the people went outside their tents to gather some of that food, but could not find any.

How much manna did the Israelites find on the seventh day?
When some of the people went out to gather manna on the seventh day, they found none.

Exodus 16:28

ULT
28 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Until what time will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?

UST
28 Then Yahweh told Moses to say this to the people: “Yahweh is angry because for a long time you people have refused to do all the things that he has told you to do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:29

ULT

29 Look! For Yahweh has given you the Sabbath. So on the sixth day he is giving you bread for two days. Each one stay where he is; a man shall not be going out from his place on the seventh day.”

UST

29 Listen! Since Yahweh has given you a day of rest, on the sixth day of each week, he will therefore be giving you enough of this food for two days. Each of you should stay in his tent, not going anywhere on the seventh day!”

What must each of the Israelites do on the seventh day?

Each of them must stay in his own place; no one must go out from his place on the seventh day.

Exodus 16:30

ULT

30 And the people rested on the seventh day.

UST

30 So the people rested on the seventh day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:31

ULT

31 And the house of Israel called its name “manna.” And it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.

UST

31 The Israelites called this food ‘manna.’ It looked white, like the color of coriander seeds, and it tasted like thin wafers made with honey.

What was manna?

Manna was food that was white like coriander seed, and its taste was like wafers with honey.

Exodus 16:32

ULT

32 And Moses said, “This is the procedure that Yahweh has commanded: ‘A full omer of it for preservation for your descendants so that they can see the bread which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.’”

UST

32 Moses said, “This is what Yahweh has told you: ‘You must keep two liters of it for all future generations so that they can see the food that I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.’”

Why will an omer of manna be kept?

An omer of manna will be kept throughout the people’s generations so that their descendants might see the bread with which Yahweh fed them in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:33

ULT

33 And Moses said to Aaron, “Take one pot and put there a full omer of manna. Put it before the face of Yahweh, for preservation for your descendants.”

UST

33 And he said to Aaron, “Take a jar, and put two liters of manna in it. Then put it in a place where Yahweh can see it. You must keep it like that for all future generations.”

Where will an omer of manna be kept? (vv33-34)

An omer of manna will be kept in a pot and stored beside the covenant decrees inside the ark.

Exodus 16:34

ULT

34 Just as Yahweh commanded to Moses, so Aaron put it before the face of the Covenant, for preservation.

UST

34 {Later} Aaron {would} put the jar in front of the record of the agreement between Yahweh and Israel in order to keep the manna as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 16:35

ULT

35 And the sons of Israel ate manna 40 years, until they came to inhabited land. They ate manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.

UST

35 The Israelites ate manna every day for forty years until they came to where there were people, at the border of the land of Canaan.

For how long did the people of Israel eat manna?

The people of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to inhabited land.

Exodus 16:36

ULT

36 (And an omer, it is a tenth of an ephah.)

UST

36 {Now two liters is called} an omer, which is a tenth of an ephah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17

Exodus 17:1

ULT

[1] And all the community of the sons of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, journeying at the mouth of Yahweh. And they camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

UST

[1] Then Yahweh commanded all the Israelites to travel from the wilderness of Sin and camp at a place called Rephidim, and they did. However, there was no water there for the people to drink.

Why did the people blame Moses for their situation? (vv1-3)
There was no water for the people to drink, so the people blamed Moses for their situation and murmured against him.

Exodus 17:2

ULT

[2] And the people quarreled with Moses, and they said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why do you test Yahweh?”

UST

[2] So the people complained to Moses again, saying, “Give us water to drink!” Moses replied to them, “You should not quarrel with me! You should not test Yahweh!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:3

ULT

[3] And the people were thirsty for water there, and the people murmured against Moses. And he said, “Is this why you brought us up from Egypt? To kill me and my sons and my cattle, with thirst?”

UST

[3] But the people were very thirsty, and they continued to complain to Moses. They were saying, “You only brought us out here to kill us and our children and cattle by not letting us have any water to drink!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:4

ULT

4 And Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, “What should I do for this people? A little longer and they will stone me.”

UST

4 So Moses prayed to Yahweh. He said, “How shall I deal with these people? They are almost ready {to kill me} by throwing stones {at me}!”

What was Moses afraid the people would do to him?

Moses was afraid that the Israelites were ready to stone him.

Exodus 17:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Pass before the face of the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel, and your staff, the one with which you struck the river, take in your hand; and go.

UST

5 Yahweh said to Moses, “Lead the people and walk in front of them. Take some of the elders of the Israelite people with you. Carry in your hand the staff you used to strike the Nile River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:6

ULT

6 Behold me! I will stand before your face there on the rock at Horeb. And you will strike on the rock, and water will come from it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.

UST

6 Watch me! I will stand in front of you on top of a large rock at the foot of Mount Sinai. Strike the rock with your stick. When you do that, water for the people to drink will flow out of the rock.” Moses did what God had said, and the elders saw it happen.

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do to provide water for the people to drink?

Yahweh told Moses to strike the rock with his staff. Water would come out of the rock for the people to drink.

Exodus 17:7

ULT

7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, for the conflict of the sons of Israel and for their testing of Yahweh by saying, “Is Yahweh among us or not?”

UST

7 Moses named that place both Masseh (because the Israelites tested Yahweh by questioning if he was really able to help them or not) and Meribah (because they were complaining all the time to him).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:8

ULT

8 And Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim.

UST

8 Then the people of Amalek came and fought against the Israelite people at Rephidim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:9

ULT

9 And Moses said to Joshua, “Choose men for us and go out. Fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will be stationed on top of the hill, and the staff of God will be in my hand.”

UST

9 Moses said to Joshua, “Choose some men to go out and fight against the people of Amalek tomorrow. I will stand on the top of the hill, holding the staff that God told me to carry.”

Where did Moses stand when the Amalek people attacked Israel?

Moses stood on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand.

Exodus 17:10

ULT

10 And Joshua did as Moses said to him, to fight Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed up to the top of the hill.

UST

10 So Joshua obeyed Moses. He {took some men} to fight against the people of Amalek. {While they were fighting,} Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill {so that they could see the whole battle area}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:11

ULT

11 And so it was, when Moses raised his hand, then Israel would be winning, and when he set his hand down, then Amalek would be winning.

UST

11 Then this happened: Whenever Moses lifted up his arms, the Israelite men started to win the battle; whenever he lowered his arms, the Amalekite army started to win.

What happened while Moses was holding his hands up and when he let his hands rest?

While Moses was holding his hands up, Israel was winning. When he let his hands rest, Amalek would begin to win.

Exodus 17:12

ULT

12 And the hands of Moses became heavy. And they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, and Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one from this, and one from that. And so his hands were steady until the sun went down.

UST

12 But Moses' arms became tired. So Aaron and Hur brought a large stone for him to sit on. While he was sitting on it, those two held up his arms, one man on either side of him. In that way, they kept his arms lifted up until the sun went down.

How did Aaron and Hur help Moses hold his hands up?

Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under him for him to sit on. At the same time, Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one person on one side of him and the other person on the other side.

Exodus 17:13

ULT
13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

UST
13 In this way Joshua and the men with him defeated the Amalekite king and his army in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:14

ULT
14 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Write this memory in the book and put it in the ears of Joshua, because I will certainly blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies.”

UST
14 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Write an account of this battle and then read it to Joshua. Also write that I will so completely destroy the people of Amalek that no one in the world will remember who they were.”

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to write about the battle against the Amalek?
Yahweh told Moses to write about the battle in a book, because Yahweh will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies.

Exodus 17:15

ULT
15 And Moses built an altar, and he called its name “Yahweh is my banner.”

UST
15 Then Moses built a stone altar there and named it “Yahweh is my flag.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 17:16

ULT
16 And he said, “Because a hand was against the throne of Yah, war is to Yahweh against Amalek from generation to generation.”

UST
16 He said, “Because they fought against him, Yahweh will fight against the people of Amalek forever!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18

Exodus 18:1

ULT
1 And Jethro, the priest of Midian, father-in-law of Moses, heard all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people; that Yahweh brought Israel out from Egypt.

UST
1 Jethro, who was the priest for the people of Midian, and who was also Moses' father-in-law, heard about all that God had done for Moses and for God's people, the Israelites. He heard about how Yahweh had brought them out of Egypt.

Who was Jethro?
Jethro was the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law.

Exodus 18:2

ULT
2 And Jethro, father-in-law of Moses, took Zipporah, wife of Moses, after he had sent her back,

UST
2 Moses had sent his wife Zipporah {and his two sons} back home {when he was returning to Egypt}. So when Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came to him, he brought her

What were the names of the two sons of Moses? (vv2-4)
The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

Exodus 18:3

ULT
3 and her two sons; one of whose names was Gershom, for he had said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land."

UST
3 and her sons. One son's name was Gershom, which sounds like the Hebrew word that means "foreigner," because Moses had said, "I have been a foreigner living in another land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:4

ULT

4 And the name of the other was Eliezer, for “The God of my father was my helper. And he rescued me from the sword of Pharaoh.”

UST

4 Her other son’s name was Eliezer, which sounds like the Hebrew word that means “God helps me,” because Moses had said, “God, whom my father worshiped, has helped me and saved me from the king of Egypt killing me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:5

ULT

5 And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, came, and his sons and his wife, to Moses, to the wilderness where he was camping, at the mountain of God.

UST

5 While Moses {and the Israelites} camped in the wilderness near {Sinai}, God’s {holy} mountain, Jethro (Moses’s father-in-law) came to him, bringing along Moses’ wife and two sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:6

ULT

6 And he said to Moses, “I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her.”

UST

6 Jethro had sent a message to Moses, “I, your father-in-law, Jethro, am coming to see you. I am bringing your wife and her two sons!”

Where was Moses when Jethro brought his wife and sons?

Moses was camped in the wilderness at the mountain of God when Jethro brought Moses’ sons and his wife to him.

Exodus 18:7

ULT

7 And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. And they asked, each man his friend, of their welfare, and they went into the tent.

UST

7 So Moses went out {of the campsite} to meet his father-in-law. He bowed before him and kissed him {on the cheek}. They both asked each other, “Have you been well?” Then they went into {Moses’} tent.

How did Moses greet his father-in-law?

He bowed down and kissed him.

Exodus 18:8

ULT

8 And Moses related to his father-in-law all that Yahweh had done to Pharaoh and to Egypt on account of Israel, all the hardship that found them along the way, and of Yahweh rescuing them.

UST

8 Moses told Jethro everything that Yahweh had done to the king {and all the other people in Egypt} in order to help the Israelite people. He also told him about the troubles they had experienced on the way, and about how Yahweh had helped them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:9

ULT

9 And Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yahweh had done for Israel, whom he rescued from the hand of Egypt.

UST

9 Jethro praised Yahweh when he heard that Yahweh had rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and had been very good to them.

Over what did Jethro rejoice?

Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yahweh had done for Israel in that he had rescued them from the Egyptians’ power.

Exodus 18:10

ULT

10 And Jethro said, “Bless Yahweh, who rescued you out of the hand of Egypt and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who rescued the people from under the hand of Egypt.

UST

10 He said, “Praise Yahweh, who has rescued you from the powerful Egyptian {army} and from the powerful Egyptian king and has set the Israelites free from the control of the Egyptians!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:11

ULT

11 Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all the gods, because of the affair {in} which they acted proudly against them.”

UST

11 Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all other gods, because he rescued the Israelites from their proud enemies.”

How did Jethro know that Yahweh was greater than all the gods?

Jethro knew that Yahweh was greater than all the gods because when the Egyptians treated the Israelites arrogantly, God rescued his people.

Exodus 18:12

ULT

12 And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron came, and all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread before the face of God with the father-in-law of Moses.

UST

12 Then Jethro (who was Moses’ father-in-law) brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices for God. Aaron and the Israelite elders came and ate a meal with Moses’ father-in-law to honor God.

Who ate the meal before God?

Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat a meal before God with Moses’ father-in-law.

Exodus 18:13

ULT
13 And so it happened the next day that Moses sat down to judge the people. And the people stood around Moses from morning until evening.

UST
13 The next day, Moses sat down at the place where he settled disputes among the people. The people asked Moses to judge their disputes from the morning until the evening.

How long did the people stand around Moses as he sat down to judge the people?
The people stood around Moses from morning until evening.

Exodus 18:14

ULT
14 And the father-in-law of Moses was watching all that he did for the people, and he said, “What is this thing that you are doing with the people? For what purpose do you sit alone, and all the people position themselves next to you from morning until evening?”

UST
14 When Jethro saw everything that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “Do not lead the people this way. You should not sit here alone letting everyone demand that you judge for them all day!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:15

ULT
15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God.

UST
15 Moses replied to his father-in-law, “I am doing this because the people keep coming to me to find out what God desires.

Why did the people come to Moses? (vv15-16)
When they had a dispute, the people came to Moses to ask for God’s direction.

Exodus 18:16

ULT

16 When a situation comes up among them, someone comes to me. And I judge between a man and his associate, and I help them understand the statutes of God and his laws.”

UST

16 When they cannot agree about something, they come to me, and they ask me to decide which of them is right. When I decide, I also explain to them how God’s laws and instructions apply in that situation.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:17

ULT

17 And the father-in-law of Moses said to him, “The thing which you are doing is not good.

UST

17 Jethro said to him, “What you are doing is not beneficial.

Why did Jethro say that what Moses was doing was not good? (vv17-18)

Jethro said that what Moses was doing was not very good because he would certainly wear himself out; the many people who came to him were a burden too heavy for him to carry alone.

Exodus 18:18

ULT

18 You will certainly wear yourself out, both you and also these people who are with you, because the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone.

UST

18 You and these people will wear yourselves out! This work is too much for you. You are not able to do it by yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:19

ULT

[19] Now, listen to my voice. I will advise you, and God will be with you. You be before God for the people, and you should bring their disputes to God yourself.

UST

[19] Now listen to what I will tell you to do. If you do what I suggest, God will help you. You should continue to represent the people to God and tell him about the people's disputes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:20

ULT

[20] And you should teach them the statutes and the laws. And you should cause them to know the way they should walk in and the work that they should do.

UST

[20] You should also teach them God's law and instructions. You should also explain to them how they should act and the things that they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:21

ULT

[21] And you yourself should search out from all of the people men of ability, fearers of God, men of faithfulness, haters of dishonest profit. And you should appoint over them: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.

UST

[21] In addition, you should find some capable Israelite men to help you. Choose men who respect God, who are trustworthy, and who will not accept bribes. Appoint some of them to make decisions for groups of ten people, some for groups of fifty people, some for groups of a hundred people, and some for groups of a thousand people.

What kind of men did Jethro tell Moses to choose to put over the people?

Jethro told Moses to choose capable men from all the people, men who honor God, men of truth who hate unjust gain.

Exodus 18:22

ULT

22 And they will judge the people at all times. And so it will be, every great situation they will bring to you, and every small situation they will judge themselves. And you must lighten {this thing} from on you! And they will carry alongside you.

UST

22 Allow them to settle disputes for the people usually. It should work like this: The difficult matters they can bring to you, but the matters that are simple, they can decide themselves. Do this to make the work easier for you as they help you do that work.

What cases would the capable men judge?

The capable men would judge the people in all routine cases, but the difficult cases they would bring to Moses. As for all the small cases, they could judge those themselves.

Exodus 18:23

ULT

23 If you do this thing, and God instructs you, then you will be able to endure, and furthermore, all of this people will go to its place in peace."

UST

23 If you do that, you will be able to continue doing what God commands, and all the people will be able to live peacefully with each other."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:24

ULT

24 And Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did everything that he had said.

UST

24 Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that Jethro told him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:25

ULT

25 And Moses chose men of ability from all Israel, and he appointed them heads over the people, leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.

UST

25 Then Moses chose capable men from among the Israelite people and made them chiefs over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:26

ULT

26 And they judged the people at all times. They brought the difficult situations to Moses, and they judged each small situation themselves.

UST

26 They usually settled disputes for the people. They brought the difficult cases to Moses, but they decided the simple cases by themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 18:27

ULT

27 And Moses let his father-in-law go, and he went into his own land.

UST

27 Then Moses said goodbye to his father-in-law, and Jethro returned home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19

Exodus 19:1

ULT

[1] In the third month from the people of Israel exiting the land of Egypt, on the same day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai.

UST

[1] On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived at the wilderness of Sinai.

When did the people of Israel come to the wilderness of Sinai?

In the third month after the people of Israel had gone out from the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the wilderness of Sinai.

Exodus 19:2

ULT

[2] And they departed from Rephidim, and they entered the wilderness of Sinai, and they camped in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

UST

[2] After they left Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai, and they set up their tents at the base of the mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:3

ULT

[3] And Moses went up to God, and Yahweh called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall speak to the house of Jacob, and you shall tell the sons of Israel:

UST

[3] Moses climbed up {the mountain to talk} with God. Yahweh called to him from {the top} of the mountain and said, “This is what I want you to say to the Israelite people, the descendants of Jacob,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:4

ULT

4 ‘You yourselves saw what I did to the Egyptians, how I carried you on the wings of eagles and brought you to myself.

UST

4 ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You have seen what I did for you and how I brought you here to me as if I had carried you on top of eagles’ wings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:5

ULT

5 And now, if you listen intently to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my possession from among all peoples. For all the earth is mine,

UST

5 Therefore, if you very carefully do what I tell you to do and obey all that I require in what we agreed by swearing to, you will be my own people. You will be my personal property from among all of the nations. Although all the earth is mine,

What must the Israelites do if they want to be Yahweh’s special possesssion?

The Israelites must obediently listen to Yahweh’s voice and keep his covenant, then they would be his special possession from among all peoples.

Exodus 19:6

ULT

6 and you yourselves will be my kingdom of priests and holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.”

UST

6 you will be my priestly kingdom and a nation dedicated to me.’ That is what you must tell the Israelites.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:7

ULT

[7] And Moses came and summoned the elders of the people. And he set before their faces all these words that Yahweh had commanded him.

UST

[7] So Moses went down the mountain and called the elders of the people. He told them everything that Yahweh had told him to tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:8

ULT

[8] And all the people responded together, and they said, “We will do everything that Yahweh has said.” And Moses brought the words of the people back to Yahweh.

UST

[8] The people all said, “We will do everything that Yahweh has told us to do.” Then Moses climbed back up the mountain and reported to Yahweh what the people had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Look, I will come to you in a thick cloud so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever.” And Moses told the words of the people to Yahweh.

UST

[9] Then Yahweh said to Moses “Listen carefully. I will come to you from inside a thick cloud. When I am speaking to you, the people will hear it, and they will always believe that you are their leader.” Then Moses told Yahweh what the people said.

Why did Yahweh come to the people in a thick cloud?

Yahweh came to them in a thick cloud so that the people might hear when he spoke with them and might also believe Moses forever.

Exodus 19:10

ULT
10 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go to the people and make them holy today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing,

UST
10 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Go back down to the people again. {Tell them to get ready for my coming.} They must purify themselves today and tomorrow. They must also wash their clothes

How were the people to consecrate themselves?
They were to consecrate themselves by preparing for Yahweh’s coming and by washing their garments.

Exodus 19:11

ULT
11 and they will be prepared for the third day; for on the third day Yahweh will come down to Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

UST
11 so they will be ready on the third day. On that day I will come down to Mount Sinai to where all the people can see me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:12

ULT
12 And you shall set boundaries for the people all around, saying, ‘Watch yourselves climbing on the mountain or touching on its edge. Every mountain toucher shall certainly be killed.

UST
12 You must make a boundary around the base of the mountain to protect the people. Tell them, ‘Be sure that you do not climb the mountain or even touch it. You must kill anyone who touches the base of the mountain.

What would happen to anyone who touched the mountain?
Whoever touched the mountain would surely be put to death.

Exodus 19:13

ULT

13 No hand shall touch that one. Instead, he shall be stoned or he shall be shot. Whether animal or human, he shall not live.’ At the prolonged sound of the horn, they shall ascend on the mountain.”

UST

13 Do not let anyone touch any person or any animal that touches the mountain. Therefore, you must kill any person or animal that touches the mountain by throwing stones at it or shooting it with arrows.’ But when you hear a long, loud trumpet sound, the people can come close to the base of the mountain.”

How were the people to put to death anyone who touched the mountain?

They were to stone or shoot the person who touched the mountain.

Exodus 19:14

ULT

14 And Moses went down from the mountain to the people. And he made the people holy, and they washed their clothing.

UST

14 So Moses went down the mountain again and told the people to purify {themselves and to get ready for Yahweh’s coming. They did what Moses told them to do,} and they also washed their clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:15

ULT

15 And he said to the people, “Be prepared by the third day; you shall not come near to a woman.”

UST

15 Then Moses said to the people, “Be ready on the third day, and you men must not have sexual relations with any women {until after then}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:16

ULT

16 And it happened on the third day, when it was the morning, there were thunder and lightning and a heavy cloud on the mountain, and an extremely strong horn sound. And all the people who were in the camp were trembling.

UST

16 On the third day, during the morning, there was thunder, lightning, a very dark cloud on the mountain, and a very loud horn sound. The people in the camp shook because they were very afraid.

Why did the people tremble?

There were thunder and lightning bolts and a thick cloud on the mountain and the sound of a very loud trumpet, so all the people in the camp trembled.

Exodus 19:17

ULT

17 And Moses brought the people out from the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the bottom of the mountain.

UST

17 Then Moses led the people outside the camp to meet with God. They stood around the base of the mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:18

ULT

18 And Mount Sinai smoked—all of it—because Yahweh descended on it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled mightily.

UST

18 Then Yahweh descended on Mount Sinai, surrounded by fire. That caused the entire mountain to smoke. The smoke rose up like the smoke from the chimney of a furnace, and the whole mountain shook violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:19

ULT

19 And it happened, the sound of the horn went very strong. Moses was speaking, and God was answering him in a voice.

UST

19 As the sound of the horn continued to become louder, Moses spoke to God, and God answered him in a thunderous voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh descended on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, and Yahweh called Moses to the top of the mountain. And Moses ascended.

UST

20 Then Yahweh came down again onto the top of Mount Sinai, and he summoned Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people lest they break through to Yahweh to see and many from them fall.

UST

21 Yahweh said to Moses, “Go down again and warn the people not to cross the boundary in order to look at me. If they do that, many of them will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:22

ULT
22 And furthermore, the priests, the ones who come near to Yahweh, they shall make themselves holy lest Yahweh bursts out against them.”

UST
22 Also, the priests who come near me must purify themselves. If they do not do that, I will punish them.”

What should the priests do so Yahweh would not attack them?
The priests who come near to Yahweh should set themselves apart—prepare themselves for Yahweh’s coming—so that Yahweh would not attack them.

Exodus 19:23

ULT
23 And Moses said to Yahweh, “The people are not able to come up on Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying: ‘Set boundaries on the mountain and set it apart.’”

UST
23 Then Moses said to Yahweh, “The people will not climb the mountain because you commanded them, saying, ‘Set a boundary around the mountain, to consecrate it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 19:24

ULT
24 And Yahweh said to him, “Go, climb down. And you shall come back up, you and Aaron with you; and the priests and the people shall not break through to come up to Yahweh, lest he burst out against them.”

UST
24 Yahweh said to Moses, “Go down the mountain and bring Aaron back up with you. But do not allow the priests or other people to cross the boundary to come up to me. If they cross it, I will punish them.”

Who could come up the mountain with Moses?
Only Aaron could come up the mountain with Moses.

Exodus 19:25

ULT

25 And Moses went down to the people, and he spoke to them.

UST

25 So Moses went down the mountain again and told the people what Yahweh had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20

Exodus 20:1

ULT
1 God spoke all these words, saying:

UST
1 Then God spoke these words to the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:2

ULT
2 “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

UST
2 “I am Yahweh your God, the one you worship. I am the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt. I am the one who freed you from being slaves there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:3

ULT
3 There shall not be to you other gods above my face.

UST
3 Do not worship any god other than me.

What must the Israelites not have before Yahweh?
They must have no other gods before him.

Exodus 20:4

ULT

4 You shall not make for yourself a carved figure or the likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth.

UST

4 Do not carve yourself a figure that looks like anything in the sky or that is on the ground or that is in the water under the ground.

Why must the Israelites not make carved figures or bow down to them? (vv4-5)

The Israelties must not make carved figures or bow down to them because Yahweh is a jealous God.

Exodus 20:5

ULT

5 You shall not bow down to them and you shall not serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God. I visit the iniquity of the fathers on the sons on the third and on the fourth of the haters of me.

UST

5 Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am Yahweh your God. I demand that you worship me only! I will punish the descendants of those who hate me. I will punish their descendants for three, even four generations.

For how long does Yahweh punish the ancestors' wickedness?

Yahweh punishes the ancestors' wickedness by bringing punishment on their descendants to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate him.

Exodus 20:6

ULT

6 But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands, to lovers of me and to keepers of my commandments.

UST

6 However, I will faithfully love thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:7

ULT

[7] You shall not lift up the name of Yahweh your God with emptiness, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished anyone who lifts up my name with emptiness.

UST

[7] Do not use my name carelessly, because I am Yahweh your God, and I will certainly punish those who use my name for wrong purposes.

Whose name must the Isralites not take in vain?

They must not take the name of Yahweh their God in vain.

Exodus 20:8

ULT

[8] Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart to me.

UST

[8] Remember that the seventh day of every week belongs to me.

Why must the Israelites keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it because Yahweh told them to set it apart for him.

Exodus 20:9

ULT

[9] Six days you may labor and do all your work,

UST

[9] There are six days each week for you to do all your work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:10

ULT

10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath for Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male servant or your female servant or your cattle or the foreigner who is within your gates.

UST

10 But the seventh day is a day of rest, a day dedicated to me, Yahweh your God. On that day you must not do any work. Neither you nor your sons, your daughters, your male or female slaves, your livestock, and not even foreigners who are living in your country may work.

Who should keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must not do any work, they, nor their son, nor their daughter, nor their male servant, nor their female servant, nor their cattle, nor the foreigner who is within their gates.

Exodus 20:11

ULT

11 For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

UST

11 Do this because I, Yahweh, created the sky, the earth, the ocean, and everything that is in them in six days. Then I stopped my work of creating everything and rested on the seventh day. That is the reason that I, Yahweh, have blessed the rest day and set it apart to be a sacred day.

Why must the Israelites keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it, for in six days Yahweh made the heavens, earth, and sea, and everything that is in them, and then rested on the seventh day.

Exodus 20:12

ULT

12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.

UST

12 Honor your father and your mother, in order that you may live a long time in the land that I, Yahweh your God, will give you.

What is the result of the Israelites' honoring their father and mother?

The Israelites must honor their father and your mother so that they might live a long time in the land which Yahweh their God was giving them.

Exodus 20:13

ULT
[13] You shall not murder.

UST
[13] Do not murder anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:14

ULT
[14] You shall not commit adultery.

UST
[14] Do not commit adultery with anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:15

ULT
[15] You shall not steal.

UST
[15] Do not steal anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:16

ULT
[16] You shall not testify false testimony against your neighbor.

UST
[16] Do not falsely accuse anyone of committing a crime.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:17

ULT
17 You shall not covet the house of your neighbor; you shall not covet the wife of your neighbor or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

UST
17 Do not covet someone else’s house, someone else’s wife, someone else’s male or female slave, someone else’s livestock, someone else’s donkeys, or anything else that another person owns.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:18

ULT
18 All the people were seeing the thundering and the lightning and the sound of the horn and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance.

UST
18 When the people heard the thunder and saw the lightning, and when they heard the sound of the horn and saw the smoke on the mountain, they were afraid and trembled. They stood a safe distance away

Why did the people tremble?
All the people saw the thundering and the lightning and heard the voice of the trumpet and saw the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.

Exodus 20:19

ULT
19 They said to Moses, “You speak to us and let us listen! But do not let God speak to us, lest we die.”

UST
19 and said to Moses, “You talk to us! We will listen! But do not let God speak to us anymore. We are afraid that if he speaks anymore to us, we will die.”

What did the Israelites think would happen if God spoke to them?
They thought that if God spoke to them, they would die.

Exodus 20:20

ULT

20 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid, for God has come to test you so that the fear of him may be above your faces and so that you do not sin.”

UST

20 Moses replied to the people, “Do not be afraid! God has come to observe how you will behave. He wants you to honor him and to not sin.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:21

ULT

21 So the people stood far off, and Moses approached toward the thick darkness where God was.

UST

21 Then, as the people watched from a distance, Moses went close to the black cloud where God was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh said to Moses, “You shall speak thus to the sons of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

UST

22 Yahweh said to Moses, “Say this to the Israelite people, ‘You have heard how I, Yahweh, have spoken to you from heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:23

ULT

23 You shall not make alongside me—you shall not make gods of silver or gods of gold for yourselves.

UST

23 Therefore, do not make any gods of silver or gold that you will worship instead of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:24

ULT

24 You shall make an altar of earth for me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and peace offerings, sheep, and oxen. In every place where I cause my name to be remembered, I will come to you and bless you.

UST

24 Make an altar out of earth for me. Sacrifice your burnt offerings on it, your offerings to promise friendship with me, and also your sheep and oxen. Worship me in any place that I choose for you to honor me; if you do that, I will come to you and bless you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 20:25

ULT

25 And if you make me an altar of stones, you shall not build them of cut stones, for causing your tool to move over it will defile it.

UST

25 If you build an altar for me out of stone, do not cut the stones because the cutting tool will profane the altar.

What would have happened if the Israelites used their tools on the stone altar?

If they used their tools on the stone altar, they would defile it.

Exodus 20:26

ULT

26 And you shall not go up to my altar on steps, so that your nakedness is not exposed over it.’

UST

26 Do not climb steps to my altar so that no one may see your genitals.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21

Exodus 21:1

ULT
[1] And these are the ordinances that you shall set before their faces:

UST
[1] These are the laws that you must establish for the Israelite nation:

Who must set the decrees before the Israelites?
Moses must set the decrees before the Israelites.

Exodus 21:2

ULT
[2] ‘If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve for six years, and in the seventh year he shall go free without paying anything.

UST
[2] When you buy a Hebrew slave, he is to serve you for only six years. In the seventh year you must free him from being your slave, and he does not have to pay you anything for setting him free.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:3

ULT
[3] If he came by himself, he shall go free by himself; if he is the husband of a wife, then his wife shall go free with him.

UST
[3] If he became your slave alone, you will free him alone. But if he had a wife, you must free both him and his wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:4

ULT

4 If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master's, and he must go out by himself.

UST

4 If the master of a slave gives him a wife, and she gives birth to sons or daughters while her husband is a slave, you only have to free the man. His wife and children will continue to be slaves of their master.

If a master gave a servant a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, what would happen to them if the servant went free?

If a master gave a servant a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children would belong to her master, and he must go free by himself

Exodus 21:5

ULT

5 But if the servant plainly says, "I love my master, my wife, and my children; I shall not go out free,"

UST

5 But when it is time for you to free the slave if he clearly states: 'I love my master and my wife and my children, and I do not want to go free,'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:6

ULT

6 then his master shall bring him to God. He shall bring him to a door or to a doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl. Then he shall serve him forever.

UST

6 then his master must take him to the place where they worship God. There he must make the slave stand against the door or the doorpost. Then the master will use an awl to make a hole in the slave's ear and he will own that slave for the rest of his life.

If the servant would not go free, what would happen?

If the servant would not go free, the master must bring him to a door or doorpost, and his master must bore his ear through with an awl. Then the servant would serve him for the rest of his life.

Exodus 21:7

ULT

[7] And if a man sells his daughter as a female servant, she shall not go out as the male servants go out.

UST

[7] If a man sells his daughter to become a slave, she should not go free like the male slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:8

ULT

[8] If she is bad in the eyes of her master, who has appointed her for himself, then he shall cause her to be ransomed. He has no authority to sell her to a foreign people, since he has acted treacherously with her.

UST

[8] If the man who bought her wanted her to be his concubine, but later he is not pleased with her, he must sell her back to her father. He must not sell her to a foreigner, because that was not what he and the girl's father agreed to.

To whom can a master not sell a female servant?

A master has no right to sell a female servant to a foreign people.

Exodus 21:9

ULT

[9] And if he appoints her for his son, he shall act toward her according to the custom of daughters.

UST

[9] If the man who buys her wants her to be a wife for his son, he must then treat her as though she were his own daughter.

When can a female servant go free without paying money? (vv9-11)

If a master's son marries a female servant and then takes another wife for himself, he can not diminish her food, clothing, or her marital rights. But if he does not provide these three things for her, then she can go free without paying any money.

Exodus 21:10

ULT

10 If he takes another to himself, he shall not diminish her food, her clothing, or her marital rights.

UST

10 If the master marries another woman, he must continue to give the first woman the same amount of food, clothing, and sexual attention that he gave to her before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:11

ULT

11 But if he does not provide these three things to her, then she can go free without silver.

UST

11 If he does not do these three things for her, he must free her from being a slave, and she is not required to pay anything to go free.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:12

ULT

12 Whoever strikes a man and he dies, he shall surely be put to death.

UST

12 If someone hits a man in order to kill him and the man dies, then you absolutely must execute the murderer;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:13

ULT

13 But if he did not lie in wait, but God let it happen by his hand, then I will appoint a place for you where he can flee.

UST

13 but if he did not plan the murder—if God allowed the accident—the one who hit him can escape to a place that I will choose for you, and he will be safe there.

What did Yahweh provide for a man who killed someone by accident?

If the man killed someone by accident, Yahweh would appoint a place where he could flee.

Exodus 21:14

ULT

14 If a man willfully acts against his neighbor to kill him with cunning, then you shall take him from my altar for execution.

UST

14 But if someone gets angry with another person and kills him on purpose, you must kill the murderer even if he runs to God's altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:15

ULT

15 Whoever hits his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

UST

15 You must kill anyone who strikes his father or mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:16

ULT
16 Whoever steals a man—whether he sells him, or he is found in his hand—he shall surely be put to death.

UST
16 You must kill anyone who kidnaps another person, whether he sold the person or you found him still with the kidnapper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:17

ULT
17 Whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

UST
17 You must kill anyone who curses or insults his father or his mother.

What must happen to whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother?
Whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother must surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:18

ULT
18 If men fight and a man hits his neighbor with a stone or with his fist, and he does not die but falls to bed,

UST
18 Suppose two people fight, and one hits the other with a stone or his fist. Suppose the person he strikes does not die but is injured and has to stay in bed for a while,

If men fight and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and the other is confined to his bed, what must the man who struck him do? (vv18-19)
If men fight and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and the other is confined to his bed, the man who struck him must pay for the loss of his time.

Exodus 21:19

ULT

19 if he rises and walks about in the outdoors on his staff, then the striker is free. He only shall pay for his sitting and for his complete healing.

UST

19 but later he is able to walk outside using a cane. Then they must not punish the person who hit him, except that they must make him pay the injured person the money he could not earn while he was recovering as well as the costs for healing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:20

ULT

20 And if a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff and he dies under his hand, he shall certainly be avenged.

UST

20 If someone hits his male or female slave with a stick, and if the slave dies from the blow, then you must avenge the slave's death.

If a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff, and if the servant lives for a day or two, how will the master be punished? (vv20-21)

If a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff, and if the servant lives for a day or two, the master must not be punished, for he will have suffered the loss of the servant..

Exodus 21:21

ULT

21 However, if he stands a day or two, he shall not be avenged, for he is his silver.

UST

21 But if the slave recovers after a few days, you must not punish the one who hit him, because the slave was his property.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:22

ULT

22 And if men fight together and strike a pregnant woman and her children come out, but there is no serious injury, then he shall surely be fined as the husband of the woman puts on him, and he shall give according to the judges.

UST

22 If some men are fighting, and they hit a pregnant woman so that she gives birth, but she and the baby are unharmed, whoever hit her must pay a fine. He must pay whatever the woman's husband asks after a judge approves of the fine.

If men fight together and hurt a pregnant woman so that she miscarries, but there is no other injury to her, what must happen to the guilty man?

If men fight together and hurt a pregnant woman so that she miscarries, but there is no other injury to her, then the guilty man must surely be fined if the woman's husband demands it from him, and he must pay as the judges determine.

Exodus 21:23

ULT

23 But if there is serious injury, then you shall give a life for a life,

UST

23 But if he harmed anyone {you must punish him by causing the same harm to him}. If he killed someone, you must kill him.

What must the guilty man give if there is serious injury? (vv23-25)

If there is serious injury, then the guilty man must give a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, or a bruise for a bruise.

Exodus 21:24

ULT

24 an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot,

UST

24 {In the same way, if he harmed} an eye, a tooth, a hand, or a foot,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:25

ULT
25 a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, or a bruise for a bruise.

UST
25 or caused a burn, a wound, or a bruise—{you must cause the same harm to him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:26

ULT
26 And if a man hits the eye of his male servant or the eye of his female servant and destroys it, he shall let him go free in compensation for his eye.

UST
26 If the owner of a slave strikes the eye of his male or female slave and that eye becomes blind, then he must free that slave because of what he did to the slave's eye.

If a man hits the eye of his male servant or of his female servant and destroys it or if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or female servant, what is the compensation? (vv26-27)
If a man hits the eye of his male servant or of his female servant and destroys it or if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or female servant, he must let the servant go free as compensation for the tooth.

Exodus 21:27

ULT
27 And if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or a tooth of his female servant, he shall let him go free as compensation for the tooth.

UST
27 If someone knocks out one of his slave's teeth, he must free the slave because of what he did to the slave's tooth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:28

ULT

28 And if an ox gores a man or a woman and he dies, the ox shall surely be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox is innocent.

UST

28 If a bull gores a man or woman with the result that the person dies, you must kill the bull by throwing stones at it, but do not eat it. The owner of the bull is not guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:29

ULT

29 But if the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.

UST

29 But if the bull had attacked people several times before and if people had told its owner about that, but he did not keep the bull inside a fence, and it kills a man or woman by goring, then you must kill the bull by throwing stones at it, and you must also kill its owner.

If an ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and the ox kills a man or a woman, what must happen to the ox and its owner?

If an ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and the ox kills a man or a woman, that ox must be stoned, and its owner also must be put to death.

Exodus 21:30

ULT

30 If a ransom is imposed on him, he shall give the ransom of his life, according to all that is imposed on him.

UST

30 However, if {the family of the dead} chooses to demand compensation instead, to save his life he must pay the full amount they demand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:31

ULT
31 If it gores a son or it gores a daughter, it shall be done to him according to this ordinance.

UST
31 If someone's bull attacks and gores someone's son or daughter, you must treat the bull's owner according to that same rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:32

ULT
32 If the ox gores a male servant or a female servant, he shall give thirty silver shekels to the master, and the ox shall be stoned.

UST
32 If a bull attacks and gores a male or female slave, its owner must pay to the slave's owner thirty pieces of silver, and you must kill the bull by throwing stones at it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:33

ULT
33 And if a man opens a cistern or if a man digs a cistern and does not cover it and an ox or a donkey falls there,

UST
33 Suppose someone uncovers a hole for storing water or digs one and does not cover it. If someone's bull or donkey falls into it {and dies},

If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, what must the owner of the pit do? (vv33-34)
If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, the owner of the pit must repay the loss.

Exodus 21:34

ULT
34 the owner of the pit shall compensate. He shall cause silver to return to its owner, and the dead animal shall become his.

UST
34 the owner of the pit must give the animal's owner as much money as the animal was worth, but then he will own the dead animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 21:35

ULT
35 And if the ox of a man strikes the ox of another and it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its silver, and they shall also divide the dead {ox}.

UST
35 If someone's bull hurts another person's bull, so that it dies, the owners of both bulls must sell the bull that is living, and they must divide between them the money that they get for it. They must also divide between them the meat of the animal that died.

If one man's ox hurts another man's ox so that it dies, what must happen to the oxen?
If one man's ox hurts another man's ox so that it dies, then they must sell the live ox and divide its price, and they must also divide the dead ox.

Exodus 21:36

ULT
36 If it was known that the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner has not kept it in, he shall surely compensate ox for ox, and the dead animal shall become his own.

UST
36 However, if the owner knew that the bull often attacked other animals before, and he did not secure it, then the owner of that bull must give the owner of the bull that died a living bull, but then he will own the dead animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22

Exodus 22:1

ULT

1 If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall compensate five cattle for the ox, and four sheep for the sheep.

UST

1 If someone steals a bull or a sheep and then kills it or sells it, he must give the owner five bulls or cows for the bull that he stole, and he must give the owner four sheep or goats for the sheep that he stole.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:2

ULT

2 If a thief is found while breaking in, and he is struck and he dies, there is no bloodguilt for him.

UST

2 If someone finds a thief breaking into his house {at night} and hits him and the thief dies, he is not guilty of murder.

If someone kills a thief after the sun has risen, who is guilty? (vv2-3)

If the sun has risen before a thief breaks in, guilt for murder will attach to the person who kills him.

Exodus 22:3

ULT

3 But if the sun has risen on him, there is bloodguilt for him. He shall surely make restitution. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

UST

3 But if that happens during the daytime, the one who killed the thief is guilty of murdering him. A thief must pay for what he stole. If he has nothing with which to pay for what he stole, the judges must sell him to become a slave, and the money from his sale will pay for what he stole.

If a thief has nothing, what is his restitution?

If a thief has nothing, then he must be sold for his theft.

Exodus 22:4

ULT

[4] If the stolen thing is actually found alive in his hand, from an ox to a donkey to a sheep, he shall compensate double.

UST

[4] In a case where you catch a thief and he still has the stolen goods, if it is a bull or a donkey or a sheep, and it is still alive, the thief must pay back the stolen animal as well as another one of the same kind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:5

ULT

[5] If a man causes his livestock to graze a field or vineyard and lets it go, and it grazes in the field of another, he shall compensate from the best of his field and from the best of his vineyard.

UST

[5] If someone puts his animals in his field or in his vineyard to eat, and he allows the to animals stray away and eat the plants in another person's field, the owner of the animals must pay the owner of that field by giving him the best from his own field or vineyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:6

ULT

[6] If a fire breaks out and spreads in thorns and stacked grain or the standing grain or a field is consumed, the fire starter shall surely compensate.

UST

[6] If someone starts a fire, and it spreads through the grass and starts burning in someone else's field, and the fire burns grain that is growing or grain that is already cut and stacked, then the person who started the fire must pay for the grain that the fire destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:7

ULT

[7] If a man gives silver or goods to his neighbor for safekeeping, and if it is stolen from the house of the man, if the thief is found, he shall compensate double.

UST

[7] Suppose that someone gives another person some money or other items and asks him to keep it in his house for a while. And suppose that a thief steals it from that person's house. If you catch the thief, the thief must pay back twice as much as he stole.

If a man gives money or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen out of the man's house, but the thief is not found, what will happen? (vv7-8)

If a man gives money or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, that thief must pay double. But if the thief is not found, then the owner of the house must come before the judges to see whether he has put his own hand on his neighbor's property.

Exodus 22:8

ULT

[8] If the thief is not found, then the owner of the house shall be brought to God, whether or not he has stretched out his hand against the property of his neighbor.

UST

[8] But if no one catches the thief, you must bring the owner of the house to God so he {can swear} that he did not take his neighbor's property.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:9

ULT

[9] Concerning every matter of transgression, concerning an ox, concerning a donkey, concerning a sheep, concerning clothing, concerning every lost property about which someone says, "Surely this is it," the matter of both parties shall come to God. Whomever God declares guilty shall compensate his neighbor double.

UST

[9] Whenever someone claims his neighbor wronged him and says, 'This is actually mine,' about a bull, a donkey, a sheep, clothing, or something else he lost, they must both come and stand before God. The one whom God says is wrong must pay back the owner twice as much as he took.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:10

ULT

10 If a man gives to his neighbor a donkey or an ox or a sheep or any animal to keep, and it dies or is hurt or is carried away without a witness,

UST

10 Suppose someone gives his donkey or bull or sheep or some other animal to someone else and asks him to take care of it for a while. However, the animal dies, or something injures it or takes it away while no one is watching.

If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and if it dies or is hurt or is carried away without anyone seeing it, what is the restitution? (vv10-11)
If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and if it dies or is hurt or is carried away without anyone seeing it, the other will make no restitution.

Exodus 22:11

ULT

11 there shall be an oath of Yahweh between both of them, whether or not he stretched out his hand against the property of his neighbor. Its owner must accept, and he shall not compensate.

UST

11 Then the person who was taking care of the animal must swear, knowing that Yahweh is listening, that he did not steal the item. The owner of the animal must accept that the other person is telling the truth, and the other person will not have to pay anything back to the owner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:12

ULT

12 But if it was truly stolen from him, he shall compensate its owner.

UST

12 But if someone stole the animal while he was supposed to be taking care of it, the man who promised to take care of it must pay back the owner for the animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:13

ULT

13 If it was truly torn, he shall bring it as evidence. He shall not compensate for what was torn.

UST

13 If wild animals mauled the animal, he must bring back its remains to prove that what he says is true. If he does that, he will not have to pay anything for the mauled animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:14

ULT

14 If a man borrows from his neighbor and it is injured or dies without the owner with it, he shall surely compensate.

UST

14 If someone borrows an animal from his neighbor, and if something hurts or kills that animal when its owner is not there, the one who borrowed it must pay the owner for the animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:15

ULT

15 If its owner was with it, he shall not compensate; if it was for hire, it came for its hiring fee.

UST

15 But if that happens when the owner of the animal is there, the one who borrowed it will not have to pay back anything. If someone rented it, the money that he paid to rent it will be enough to pay for the animal dying or for an injury.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:16

ULT

16 If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he lies with her, he shall surely pay her bride price to make her his wife.

UST

16 If a man tricks a virgin girl whose {father} has not yet promised her to be anyone's bride into having sexual intercourse with him, he must pay the bride price for her and marry her.

If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he sleeps with her, how must he make her his wife?

If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he sleeps with her, he must surely make her his wife by paying the bride wealth required for this.

Exodus 22:17

ULT

17 If her father completely refuses to give her to him, he shall weigh out silver equal to the bride price of virgins.

UST

17 But if her father does not allow her to marry him, he must still pay the girl's father as much money as men pay to marry a virgin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:18

ULT

18 You shall not allow a sorceress to live.

UST

18 You must kill any woman who practices sorcery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:19

ULT
19 Any lier with an animal shall surely be put to death.

UST
19 You must kill any person who has sexual intercourse with an animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:20

ULT
20 A sacrificer to the gods except to Yahweh alone shall be completely destroyed.

UST
20 You must kill anyone who offers a sacrifice to any god other than Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:21

ULT
21 You shall not wrong a sojourner and you shall not oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

UST
21 You must not abuse or subjugate foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.

Why must the Israelites not wrong a foreigner?
The Israelites must not wrong a foreigner or oppress him, for they were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22:22

ULT

22 You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

UST

22 You must not mistreat any widow or any orphan.

What would happen if the Israelites mistreated any widow or fatherless child? (vv22-24)

If the Israelites mistreats them at all, and if they cry out to Yahweh, he will surely hear their cry. His anger will burn, and he will kill them with the sword; their wives will become widows, and their children will become fatherless.

Exodus 22:23

ULT

23 If you actually afflict them, and if they actually cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry,

UST

23 If you mistreat them and they ask me to help them, I will help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:24

ULT

24 and my nose will burn, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows, and your sons will become fatherless.

UST

24 Because I will be angry with you, I will cause you to die in war. Your wives will become widows, and your children will become orphans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:25

ULT

25 If you lend silver to my people, the poor with you, you shall not be like a creditor to him—you shall not put interest on him.

UST

25 If you lend money to any of my people who are poor, do not act like a moneylender by requiring him to pay interest on the money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:26

ULT

26 If you actually take the clothing of your neighbor in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down,

UST

26 If you make him give you his cloak to guarantee that he will pay the money back, you must give the cloak back to him before the sun goes down,

If someone takes his neighbor’s garment in pledge, when must he return it to the owner?
If someone takes his neighbor’s garment in pledge, he must return it to him before the sun goes down.

Exodus 22:27

ULT

27 for it is his only covering; it is his clothing for his skin. In what will he lie down? And it will be when he cries to me, that I will hear him, for I am gracious.

UST

27 because his cloak is the only thing he has to cover his body when he sleeps. When he complains about you to me, I will help him because I am merciful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:28

ULT

28 You shall not act contemptuously toward God, and you shall not curse a ruler of your people.

UST

28 Do not insult God, and do not call on God to do harmful things to any ruler of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:29

ULT

29 You shall not hold back from your full harvest or your presses. You shall give the firstborn of your sons to me.

UST

29 Do not withhold from me the best parts of the grain that you harvest or of the olive oil or the wine that you produce. You will give your firstborn sons to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:30

ULT

30 You shall do the same to your ox and to your sheep. Seven days it will be with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to me.

UST

30 Similarly, your firstborn male cattle and sheep belong to me. After those animals are born, allow them to stay with their mothers for seven days. On the eighth day you will give them to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 22:31

ULT

31 And you shall be men of holiness to me. And you shall not eat animal-torn-in-the-field meat. You shall throw it to the dogs.

UST

31 You are my set apart people, so do not eat any meat from any animal that a wild animal killed. Instead, throw it where the dogs can eat it.

What meat must the Israelites not eat? What should they do with it?

The Israelites must not eat any meat that was torn by animals in the field. Instead, they must throw it to the dogs.

Exodus 23

Exodus 23:1

ULT

[1] You shall not take up a report of emptiness. You shall not put your hand with the wicked to be a witness of violence.

UST

[1] Do not speak falsely in court. Do not help an evil man by testifying maliciously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:2

ULT

[2] You shall not follow a crowd into evil, nor shall you testify on legal matters to turn aside behind the crowd that turns aside.

UST

[2] Do not join a group of people who are planning to do something evil. Do not tell the same lies they do and so keep the judge from deciding the case justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:3

ULT

[3] And you shall not favor the poor in his lawsuit.

UST

[3] Do not prefer someone in court just because he is poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:4

ULT

4 If you meet the ox of your enemy or his donkey going astray, you shall certainly bring it back to him.

UST

4 If you see someone's bull or donkey when it is wandering away loose, take it back to its owner even if the owner is your enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:5

ULT

5 If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen to the ground under its load, you shall refrain from leaving him. You shall surely release it with him.

UST

5 If you see someone's donkey that has fallen down because of its heavy load, help the owner to get the donkey up again even if he is someone who hates you. Do not just walk away without helping him.

If the Israelites see the donkey of someone who hates them fallen to the ground under its load, what must they do?

If the Israelites see the donkey of someone who hates them fallen to the ground under its load, they must not leave that person. They must surely help him with his donkey.

Exodus 23:6

ULT

6 You shall not turn aside justice for your poor in his lawsuit.

UST

6 Decide the cases of poor people who are on trial as fairly as you judge the cases of other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:7

ULT

[7] You shall be far from a word of deception, and you shall not kill the innocent or righteous, for I will not justify the wicked.

UST

[7] Do not deceive others. Do not kill guiltless or upright people, because I will not say that evil people are good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:8

ULT

[8] And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds the clear-sighted, and it perverts the words of the righteous.

UST

[8] Do not accept a bribe, because good judges who take bribes do not judge wisely, and they unfairly judge against the person who is right.

Why should the Israelites not take a bribe?

They should not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see, and perverts honest people's words.

Exodus 23:9

ULT

[9] And you shall not oppress a foreigner, since you yourself know the soul of the foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

UST

[9] Do not mistreat foreigners who live among you. You know how foreigners often feel, because you lived as foreigners in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:10

ULT
10 And six years you shall sow your land and gather its produce.

UST
10 For six years, plant seeds in your ground and gather the harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:11

ULT
11 But the seventh you shall let it drop and leave it alone, and the poor of your people shall eat. And the living things of the field shall eat the reminder. You shall do thus to your vineyard and to your olive orchard.

UST
11 But in the seventh year you must leave the ground fallow. Allow your poor countrymen to eat {what grows on its own}. Whatever is left over is for the wild animals to eat. Do the same thing with your grapevine and your olive trees.

Why should the Israelites leave their fields unplowed in the seventh year?
In the seventh year the Isralites should leave the fields unplowed and fallow so that the poor among their people may eat.

Exodus 23:12

ULT
12 Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave and the sojourner may be refreshed.

UST
12 You may work for six days each week, but on the seventh day you must rest and not work. Do this so that your ox and donkey may rest. The rest day will also let your slaves and the foreigners who live among you recuperate.

Why must the Israelites rest on the seventh day?
On the seventh day they must rest so that their ox and their donkey may have rest, and so that their female slave's son and any foreigner may rest and be refreshed.

Exodus 23:13

ULT
13 You shall take heed to everything that I have said to you. You shall not mention the names of other gods, nor let them be heard on your mouth.

UST
13 Make certain that you obey everything that I have commanded you to do. Do not pray to other gods. Do not even mention their names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:14

ULT
14 You shall celebrate me three times every year.

UST
14 Every year you must travel to three celebrations to honor me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:15

ULT
15 You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in it you came out from Egypt. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.

UST
15 Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread the way that I commanded you: eat unleavened bread for seven days in the month called Aviv. I set this time because it is the month when you left Egypt. Do not come to worship me without bringing an offering.

In what month was the Festival of Unleavened Bread to be observed?
The Festival of Unleavened Bread was to be observed in the month of Aviv.

In what month did the Israelites come out of Egypt?
They came out of Egypt in the month of Aviv.

Exodus 23:16

ULT

16 And {you shall keep} the Festival of the Harvest, {bringing} the first fruits of your labors which you sowed in the field. And {you shall keep} the Festival of the Gathering in the exiting of the year, {bringing} in your gathering of your labors from the field.

UST

16 {The second celebration is the Spring} Harvest Celebration. {During that celebration you must offer to me} the first parts of your crops that grow from the seeds that you planted. {The third celebration is} the Finished Harvest Celebration. That will be at the end of the year, after you finish harvesting everything you planted.

When were the Festival of Harvest and the Festival of Ingathering to be observed?

You must observe the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of your labors when you sowed seed in the fields. Also you must observe the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in your produce from the fields.

Exodus 23:17

ULT

17 Three times in a year, all your males shall appear to the face of the Lord Yahweh.

UST

17 These three times every year, all the men must gather together to worship me, the Lord Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:18

ULT

18 You shall not sacrifice the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the fat of my festival shall not remain all night until morning.

UST

18 Do not sacrifice bread you made with yeast along with blood from an animal sacrifice. Do not keep the fat from the animals you sacrificed at my celebration until the next morning. {Burn it completely.}

For how long can the fat from the sacrifices at Yahweh's festivals remain?

The fat from the sacrifices at Yahweh's festivals must not remain all night until the morning.

Exodus 23:19

ULT

19 You shall bring the first of the firstfruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God. You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

UST

19 {Each year, when you harvest your crops,} take the best of what you harvest first, go to the place where you worship me, and give it to me, Yahweh your God. {When you kill} a young animal, do not cook it by boiling it in its mother's milk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:20

ULT

20 Behold, I am about to send an angel before your face to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

UST

20 Look! I am going to send an angel ahead of you to guard you as you travel and to lead you to the place that I have made ready for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:21

ULT

21 Be guarded from his face and listen to his voice. Do not cause bitterness in him, for he will not bear with your transgressions, for my name is within him.

UST

21 Respect and obey him. Do not make him angry, because he will not forgive your sin, because my authority and presence is in him.

What would happen if the Israelites provoke Yahweh's angel?

If they provoke him, he will not pardon their transgressions.

Exodus 23:22

ULT

22 For if you indeed heed his voice and do everything that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies
and I will be an adversary to your adversaries.

UST

22 But if you obey his commands well and if you do all that I tell you to do, I will fight against all of your
enemies and adversaries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:23

ULT

23 For my angel will go before your face and bring you to the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and
the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites. I will annihilate them.

UST

23 Then my angel will go ahead of you and will take you to where the Amor, Heth, Periz, Canaan, Hiv, and
Jebus people groups live, and I will completely get rid of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:24

ULT

24 You shall not bow down to their gods, and you shall not serve them, and you shall not do as they do. For
you shall completely overthrow them and completely smash their stone pillars.

UST

24 Do not bow down before their gods or worship them. Do not do the things that they {think that their gods
want them to} do. Instead, destroy {their gods} and smash to pieces their sacred stones.

What must the Israelites do to foreign gods?

They must completely overthrow them and smash their sacred stone pillars in pieces.

Exodus 23:25

ULT

25 And you shall serve Yahweh your God, and he will bless your bread and your water. And I will remove sickness from among you.

UST

25 You must worship me, Yahweh your God. If you do that, I will bless your food and water, and I will protect you from becoming sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:26

ULT

26 There will not be a miscarriage or a barren woman in your land. I will fulfill the number of your days.

UST

26 No women in your land will have miscarriages, and no women will be unable to become pregnant. I will enable you to live a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:27

ULT

27 I will send my terror before your face, and I will confuse all of the people into whom you will go, and I will give the back of the neck of all of your enemies to you.

UST

27 {I will go} ahead of you and terrify and confuse all the people into whose {lands} you are going. {When you fight} your enemies, I will make them run away from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:28

ULT

28 And I will send the hornet before your face, and it will drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and the Hittites from before your face.

UST

28 I will send wasps ahead of you who will drive the Hiv, Canaan, and Heth people groups from your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:29

ULT

29 I will not drive them out from before your face in one year, lest the land become desolate and the animals of the field become too many for you.

UST

29 I will not remove all of them in less than one year. If I did that, your land would become deserted, and there would be very many wild animals that would attack you.

Why wouldn't Yahweh drive out the foreign nations before the Israelites in one year?

Yahweh would not drive them out in one year or the land would become abandoned, and the wild animals would become too many for them.

Exodus 23:30

ULT

30 I will drive them out little by little from before your face until you become fruitful and possess the land.

UST

30 I will remove those people groups slowly, a few at a time, until the number of your people increases and you are able to live everywhere in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:31

ULT

31 And I will set your borders from the Sea of Reeds to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the river. For I will give the inhabitants of the land into your hand. And you will drive them out from before your faces.

UST

31 I will make your country's borders be from the Red Sea {in the southeast} to the {Mediterranean} Sea by the Philistines {in the northwest}, and from the wilderness {of Sinai in the southwest} to the {Euphrates} River {in the northeast of the country}. I will give you the power to remove the people who live there, so that you will remove them as you occupy more of the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:32

ULT

32 You shall not make a covenant with them or with their gods.

UST

32 You must not make any agreement with those people or with their gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 23:33

ULT

33 They shall not live in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me; for you will serve their gods. Surely it will become a snare for you.”

UST

33 Do not allow those people to live in your land, so they do not cause you to sin against me by enticing you to worship their gods.”

Why must foreign nations not live in the Israelites’ land?

They must not live in the Israelites’ land, or they would make the Israelites sin against Yahweh.

Exodus 24

Exodus 24:1

ULT

[1] And he said to Moses, “Come up to Yahweh—you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy from the elders of Israel, and you shall bow down from a distance.

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses. “Come up to me {on top of this mountain}, you and Aaron and {his sons} Nadab and Abihu. Also take along seventy of the Israelite elders. You will all worship me at an {appropriate} distance.

How many elders should come up to worship Yahweh at a distance?

Seventy elders should come up to worship Yahweh at a distance.

Exodus 24:2

ULT

[2] And Moses alone shall come near to Yahweh, and they shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

UST

[2] Moses, you will come near to me alone. The others must not come near, and the rest of the people must not come up the mountain with you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:3

ULT

[3] And Moses went and recounted to the people all of the words of Yahweh and all of the ordinances. And all of the people answered with one voice and said, “We will do all the things that Yahweh has spoken.”

UST

[3] Moses went and told the people everything that Yahweh had said and all that he had commanded. The people all replied together, saying, “We will do everything that Yahweh has told us to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:4

ULT

4 And Moses wrote all of the words of Yahweh. And he rose early in the morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain and twelve stone pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

UST

4 Then Moses wrote down everything that Yahweh had commanded. Moses woke early the next morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain. He also set up twelve stones, one for each of the Israelite tribes.

What would the 12 stones represent?

The 12 stones would represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

Exodus 24:5

ULT

5 He sent the young men of the sons of Israel, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of bulls to Yahweh.

UST

5 Then he sent some young Israelite men to burn sacrifices to Yahweh and to sacrifice some bulls as offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh.

Where did Moses put the blood of the oxen from the fellowship offerings to Yahweh? (vv5-6)

Moses took half of the blood of the oxen from the fellowship offerings to Yahweh and put it into basins; he splashed the other half onto the altar.

Exodus 24:6

ULT

6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it into basins and sprinkled half of the blood onto the altar.

UST

6 Moses took half of the blood of the animals that they slaughtered and put it in bowls. The other half of the blood he threw against the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:7

ULT

[7] And he took the Book of the Covenant and read it aloud in the ears of the people. And they said, “We will do and hear all that Yahweh has spoken.”

UST

[7] Then he loudly read the scroll on which he had written everything that Yahweh and the people were promising each other so all the people could hear it. Then all the people said, “We will do everything that Yahweh has told us to do. We will obey everything.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:8

ULT

[8] And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it onto the people. And he said, “Behold! the blood of the covenant that Yahweh has cut with you according to all of these words.”

UST

[8] Then Moses took the blood {that was in the bowls} and threw it on the people. He said, “This is the blood that confirms what Yahweh is agreeing with you—what you just heard and agreed to.”

How did Yahweh make a covenant with the Israelites?

Yahweh made the covenant with the Israelites by sprinkling them with blood and giving them the promise with all the words.

Exodus 24:9

ULT

[9] And Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy from the elders of Israel went up.

UST

[9] Then Moses and Aaron along with Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy Israelite elders went up {the mountain},

Who saw Yahweh? (vv9-10)

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel’s elders saw Yahweh.

Exodus 24:10

ULT

10 And they saw the God of Israel. And under his feet was like tile made of sapphire, and its substance was as the sky in purity.

UST

10 and they saw God, the one whom the Israelites worship. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of blue stones called sapphires. They were as clear as the sky is when there are no clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:11

ULT

11 And he did not send out his hand to the leaders of the sons of Israel. And they saw God, and they ate and drank.

UST

11 God did not harm those Israelite elders {even though they saw him}. They saw God, and they ate and drank together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Come up to me to the mountain and be there. And I will give you the tablets of stone and the law and the commandments that I have written to teach them.”

UST

12 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Come up to me on top of this mountain and wait there. I will give you stone slabs, my law, and my commandments, all of which I have written so that you may teach them to the people.”

Why did Yahweh give Moses the tablets of stone and the law and commandments?

Yahweh gave Moses the tablets of stone and the law and commandments that he had written so that Moses might teach them.

Exodus 24:13

ULT
13 And Moses and his servant Joshua got up, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

UST
13 Then Moses started out with his assistant Joshua. He went {part of the way} up the mountain where God was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:14

ULT
14 And he had said to the elders, “Wait for us in this place until we return to you. And behold! Aaron and Hur are with you; Whoever is a master of words may come near to them.”

UST
14 Moses told the elders, “Stay here until we return. Do not forget that Aaron and Hur will be with you, so if anyone disputes {with his neighbor while I am gone}, he can go to them {and they will judge it}.”

If anyone had a dispute, to whom should he go?
If anyone had a dispute, he should go to Aaron and Hur.

Exodus 24:15

ULT
15 And Moses went up to the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

UST
15 Then Moses went {the rest of the way} up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:16

ULT

16 And the glory of Yahweh settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses from within the cloud.

UST

16 Yahweh's glory came down onto the mountain and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day, Yahweh called to Moses from the middle of the cloud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 24:17

ULT

17 And the appearance of the glory of Yahweh was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the sons of Israel.

UST

17 To the Israelites, Yahweh's glory looked like a fire consuming the top of the mountain.

What was the appearance of Yahweh's glory like?

The appearance of Yahweh's glory was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the Israelites.

Exodus 24:18

ULT

18 And Moses entered the middle of the cloud and went up to the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights.

UST

18 Moses went into the cloud on top of the mountain and was there for 40 days and nights.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25

Exodus 25:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and they shall take a contribution for me. You shall take my contribution from every man whose heart incites him.

UST
2 “Tell the Israelites that everyone who wants to may give a gift to me. You will receive their gifts for me.

From whom should the Israelites take an offering?
The Israelites should take an offering from every person who is motivated by a willing heart.

Exodus 25:3

ULT
3 And these are the contributions that you shall receive from them: gold and silver and bronze

UST
3 These are the types of gifts that you should collect from them: gold, silver, bronze,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:4

ULT
4 and blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine linen and goats' hair

UST
4 {cloth dyed} blue, {cloth dyed} purple, {cloth dyed} bright red, fine linen, {cloth made from} goats' hair,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:5

ULT
5 and reddened hides of rams and hides of sea cows and wood of acacias,

UST
5 red ram skins, fine leather hides, the hard wood from acacia trees,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:6

ULT
6 oil for the light; spices for the oil of anointing and for the incense of fragrance;

UST
6 {olive} oil to burn in the lamps, spices to mix with the {olive} oil for anointing {the priests}, and spices to mix into the sweet-smelling incense,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:7

ULT
7 stones of onyx and precious stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

UST
7 onyx stones and other expensive stones for fastening to the priest's sacred apron and for putting on the chest pouch that attaches to the apron.

For what were the onyx stones and other precious stones to be set?
The onyx stones and other precious stones were to be set for the ephod and breastpiece.

Exodus 25:8

ULT

[8] And they shall make a sanctuary for me, and I shall live in their midst,

UST

[8] The people should make a holy place for me so that I can live in it among them.

Why would the Israelites make Yahweh a sanctuary?

The Israelites would make Yahweh a sanctuary so that he might live among them.

Exodus 25:9

ULT

[9] according to all that I am about to show you—the pattern of the Dwelling and the pattern of all of its utensils—and thus you shall make it.

UST

[9] They must make my pavilion and all the things that they will use inside it precisely according to the plan that I will show you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:10

ULT

[10] And they shall make a box of wood of acacias—its length: two cubits and a half; and its width: one cubit and a half; and its height: one cubit and a half.

UST

[10] Have the people make a sacred chest from acacia wood. They should make it 125 centimeters long, 75 centimeters wide and 75 centimeters high.

With what must Moses cover the acacia wood? (vv10-11)

He must cover it inside and out with pure gold.

Exodus 25:11

ULT
11 And you shall overlay it {with} pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall make on it a border of gold around {it}.

UST
11 Cover the chest with pure gold inside and outside and put a gold molding all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:12

ULT
12 And you shall cast four rings of gold for it and put {them} on its four feet: two rings on its one side and two rings on its second side.

UST
12 Make four rings from gold, and fasten them to the four legs of the chest. Put two of the rings on each side of the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:13

ULT
13 And you shall make poles of wood of acacias and overlay them {with} gold.

UST
13 Make two poles from acacia wood, and cover them with gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:14

ULT
14 And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box, to carry the box with them.

UST
14 Put the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest so that {the Levites} can carry the chest by the poles.

Into what must Moses put the poles? Why?
He must put the poles into the rings on the box'es sides in order to carry the box.

Exodus 25:15

ULT
15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it.

UST
15 Always leave the poles in the chest's rings; do not take the poles out of the rings.

Where must the poles remain?
The poles must remain in the rings of the box. They must not be taken from it.

Exodus 25:16

ULT
16 And you shall put into the box the Testimony that I give to you.

UST
16 Put the stone slabs, which I am giving you and on which I wrote my commands, inside the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:17

ULT
17 And you shall make an atonement lid of pure gold—its length: two cubits and a half; and its width: a cubit and a half.

UST
17 You must make a lid for the chest from pure gold. It will be 125 centimeters long and 75 centimeters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:18

ULT
18 And you shall make two gold cherubim. You shall make them of hammered work from the two ends of the atonement lid.

UST
18 Hammer the gold at both ends of the lid into the form of two creatures that have wings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:19

ULT
19 And make one cherub from this end and one cherub from this end. You shall make the cherubim from the atonement lid on its two ends.

UST
19 Make the winged creatures {from the gold} at each end of the sacred chest's lid, one at one end and the other at the other end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:20

ULT
20 And the cherubim shall be spreading out their wings upward, covering over the atonement lid with their wings and their faces {shall} each {be} toward his brother. The faces of the cherubim shall be toward the atonement lid.

UST
20 The creature's wings should spread out and reach up to cover the lid. They should face each other, facing the chest's lid that is between them.

Which direction must the cherubim face?
The cherubim must face one another and look toward the center of the atonement lid.

Exodus 25:21

ULT
21 And you shall put the atonement lid on the box from above, and you shall put into the box the Testimony that I give to you.

UST
21 Put the stone slabs that I am giving you inside the sacred chest. Then place the lid onto the top of the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:22

ULT
22 And I will meet with you there and I will speak with you all that I will command you for the sons of Israel from above the atonement lid, from between the two cherubim which are above the Box of the Testimony.

UST
22 I will set times to talk with you there. I will tell to you all my commands that you must command the Israelites from above the sacred chest's lid, between the two winged creatures which are above the sacred chest that contains my law tablets.

From where would Yahweh speak to Moses?
Yahweh would speak with him from above the atonement lid, from between the two cherubim over the Box of the Testimony.

Exodus 25:23

ULT
23 And you shall make a table from wood of acacias. Its length: two cubits, and its width: a cubit, and its height: a cubit and a half.

UST
23 Make a table from acacia wood. It is to be one meter long, one-half of a meter wide, and three-quarters of a meter high.

What border must Moses put around the top of the table of acacia wood? (vv23-24)
He must put a border of gold around the top of the table of acacia wood.

Exodus 25:24

ULT
24 And you shall overlay it {with} pure gold, and you shall make for it a border of gold around {it}.

UST
24 Cover the table with pure gold and put a gold molding all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:25

ULT
25 And you shall make a rim for it, a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a border of gold around its rim.

UST
25 Make a rim all around it, eight centimeters wide, and make a gold molding around the rim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:26

ULT
26 And you shall make four rings of gold for it and put the rings on the four corners, where its four legs are.

UST
26 Make four rings from gold. Fasten them to the four corners of the table. Each ring should be close to each table leg

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:27

ULT
27 The rings shall be close to the rim to house the poles to carry the table.

UST
27 near the rim. They are to hold poles for carrying the table.

Why must the rings be attached to the frame?
The rings must be attached to the frame to provide places for the poles in order to carry the table.

Exodus 25:28

ULT
28 And you shall make the poles {out of} wood of acacias and cover them {with} gold, and the table shall be carried with them.

UST
28 Make two poles from acacia wood and cover them with gold. Use them to carry the table.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:29

ULT

[29] And you shall make its plates and its pans and its pitchers and its bowls with which it will be poured out. You shall make them {from} pure gold.

UST

[29] Also make dishes, cups, jars, and bowls for the priests to use to pour out {wine to offer to me}. Make them all from pure gold.

What was to be used to pour out drink offerings?

The dishes, spoons, pitchers, and bowls were to be used to pour out drink offerings.

Exodus 25:30

ULT

[30] And you shall continually put the bread of faces on the table before my face.

UST

[30] Present the sacred bread to me on the table at all times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:31

ULT

[31] And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand—its base and its shaft—shall be made of hammered work. Its cups, its buds, and its blossoms shall be from it.

UST

[31] Make a lampstand from pure gold. Hammer {one large lump of gold} to make its base and its shaft. Make the cups, with the flower buds and petals {that decorate them}, from that same lump.

How many branches must extend out from the sides of the lampstand of pure hammered gold? (vv31-32)

Six branches must extend out from its sides—three branches must extend from one side, and three branches of the lampstand must extend from the other side.

Exodus 25:32

ULT

32 And six branches go out from its sides—three branches of the lampstand from the one side and three branches of the lampstand from the second side.

UST

32 There are to be six branches on the lampstand, three on each side of the shaft.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:33

ULT

33 Three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, shall be on the one branch, a bulb, and a blossom. And three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, shall be on the one branch, a bulb, and a blossom—thus for the six branches going out from the lampstand.

UST

33 Each branch will have three gold cups that look like almond flowers on it. The flowers will have buds and petals. Do this for all six branches of the lampstand.

On which part of the lampstand must there be four cups made like almond blossoms? (vv33-34)

On the lampstand itself, the central shaft, there must be four cups made like almond blossoms.

Exodus 25:34

ULT

34 And on the lampstand there shall be four cups shaped like almond blossoms {with} its bulbs and its blossoms,

UST

34 On {the shaft of} the lampstand there are to be four cups that also look like almond blossoms, each one with flower buds and petals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:35

ULT
35 And a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it—for all six branches extending out from the lampstand.

UST
35 Make one flower bud beneath every two branches. Attach it to each pair of branches {as if they are growing} from it. Make all six lampstand branches like this.

What must be under each pair of branches?
There must be a bulb under each pair of branches.

Exodus 25:36

ULT
36 Their bulbs and their branches from it shall all be one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

UST
36 Hammer all these buds and branches{, along with the shaft,} from one {large lump} of pure gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:37

ULT
37 And you shall make its seven lamps, and it will hold up its lamps, and it will make light on the side of its face.

UST
37 Make seven lamps and place them on the lampstand so that its light shines all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:38

ULT
38 And {make} its tongs and its trays of pure gold.

UST
38 {Make} tongs from pure gold, {to remove the burned wicks} and trays {in which to put the burned wicks}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 25:39

ULT

39 He shall make it, all these items, from a talent of pure gold.

UST

39 Use 33 kilograms of pure gold to make the lampstand, the tongs, and the trays.

How much gold should Moses use to make the lampstand and its accessories?

He must use one talent of pure gold to make the lampstand and its accessories.

Exodus 25:40

ULT

40 See and make by the pattern that you are being shown on the mountain.

UST

40 Make sure to make {these things} according to the instructions that I am giving you here on this mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26

Exodus 26:1

ULT

[1] And the Dwelling you shall make with ten curtains: twisted fine linen and blue and purple and worm of scarlet; cherubim—the work of a skilled craftsman you shall make them.

UST

[1] As for the sacred tent, make it using ten long hangings of finely twisted linen. A skilled craftsman must take blue, purple, and red thread, and embroider these hangings with designs that represent the winged creatures that are above the chest.

Who would Moses have to make the Dwelling with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubim?
Moses must have a very skilled craftsman make the Dwelling with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubim.

Exodus 26:2

ULT

[2] The length of each curtain shall be 28 cubits and the width of each curtain shall be 4 cubits. All of the curtains shall be one size.

UST

[2] Make each hanging 14. 5 meters long and two meters wide. Make them all the same size.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:3

ULT

[3] Five of the curtains shall be joined each to another and five of the curtains joined each to another.

UST

[3] Sew five hangings together {as one set}, and sew the other five hangings together {as another set}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:4

ULT

[4] And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain from the edge in the set. And you shall do thus along the edge of the end curtain in the second set.

UST

[4] For each set, make loops of blue cloth and fasten them along the outer edge of the hanging, at the end of each set.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:5

ULT

[5] You shall make 50 loops on the first curtain, and you shall make 50 loops on the end of the curtain which is in the second set. The loops should be opposite woman to her sister.

UST

[5] Put 50 loops on the edge of the first set, and 50 loops at the edge of the second set so that the loops are opposite to each other.

How should Moses position the fifty loops on the first curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain in the second set?

He must make fifty loops on the first curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain in the second set so that the loops will be opposite to each other.

Exodus 26:6

ULT

[6] And you shall make 50 clasps of gold and join the curtains woman to her sister with the clasps, and the Dwelling will be one.

UST

[6] Make 50 gold fasteners and fasten both of the sets together with them to make the sacred tent one unit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:7

ULT

[7] And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the Dwelling. You shall make 11 of these curtains.

UST

[7] Make a cover for the sacred tent from 11 pieces of cloth made from goats' hair.

Of what must Moses make curtains for a tentlike covering over the Dwelling?

He must make curtains of goats' hair for a tentlike covering over the Dwelling.

Exodus 26:8

ULT

[8] The length of each curtain {shall be} 30 cubits, and the width of each curtain {shall be} 4 cubits. The 11 curtains {shall be} the same size.

UST

[8] Each of the 11 pieces of cloth will be the same dimensions: 15 meters long and two meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:9

ULT

[9] And you shall join five curtains to each other and six curtains to each other. And you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the face of the tent.

UST

[9] Sew five of these pieces of cloth together {to make one set}, and sew the other six pieces of cloth together {to make another set}. Fold the sixth piece of cloth in half to make it double over the front of the cover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:10

ULT

10 And you shall make 50 loops on the edge of the one end curtain in the joined set and 50 loops on the edge of the curtain in the second joined set.

UST

10 Make {100 loops of blue cloth,} and fasten 50 of them to the outer edge of the one set and fasten 50 to the outer edge of the other set.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:11

ULT

11 And you shall make 50 clasps of bronze and put the clasps in the loops and join them and the tent will be one.

UST

11 Make 50 bronze hooks and fasten the hooks to the loops to connect them, so the cover will be one unit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:12

ULT

12 And the remaining excess curtain of the tent, the half curtain remaining, shall hang over the back of the Dwelling.

UST

12 Let the extra part of the tent cover, the half piece that extends beyond the linen cloth, hang over the back side of the sacred tent.

Where must the overhanging part remaining from the tent's curtains hang?

The overhanging part remaining from the tent's curtains must hang at the back of the Dwelling.

Exodus 26:13

ULT

13 And a cubit from this side and a cubit from that side, the excess of the length of the curtains of the tent shall hang over the sides of the Dwelling from this side and from that side, to cover it.

UST

13 The extra half-meter of cover on each side, the part that extends beyond the linen cloth, must hang over the two sides of the sacred tent to protect the sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:14

ULT

14 And you shall make a covering for the tent of reddened hides of rams, and a covering of hides of sea-cows above that.

UST

14 Make another cover to go over the tent from red rams' skins, and a top cover from fine leather hides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:15

ULT

15 And you shall make upright frames for the Dwelling from wood of acacias.

UST

15 Make a standing framework from acacia wood for the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:16

ULT

16 The length of a frame shall be ten cubits, and the width of one frame shall be a cubit and a half of a cubit.

UST

16 Each frame is to be five meters long and three-quarters of a meter wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:17

ULT
17 There shall be two tenons in each frame for joining a woman to her sister. Thus you shall make all of the frames of the Dwelling.

UST
17 Make two pegs {at the bottom of} each frame to fasten them together. Make each frame for the tabernacle this way.

What must be in each board for joining them to each other?
There must be two projections called tenons in each board for joining the boards to each other.

Exodus 26:18

ULT
18 And you shall make the frames for the Dwelling: 20 frames for the south side.

UST
18 Make 20 frames for the south side of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:19

ULT
19 And you shall make 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons.

UST
19 Make 40 silver bases to go underneath the 20 frames. Put two bases under each frame and fit their two pegs into the bases.

Why must there be two bases under each board?
There must be two bases under each board to be for its two tenons.

Exodus 26:20

ULT
20 And for the second side of the Dwelling, on the north side: 20 frames

UST
20 For the other side—{that is,} the north side—of the sacred tent {make} 20 frames

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:21

ULT
21 and their 40 silver bases: two bases under one frame and two bases under one frame.

UST
21 and 40 silver bases for them. {Put} two bases under each frame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:22

ULT
22 And you shall make six frames for the back side of the Dwelling, toward the west.

UST
22 For the rear of the sacred tent, on the west side, make six frames.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:23

ULT
23 And you shall make two frames for the back corners of the Dwelling.

UST
23 Make two frames for the rear corners of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:24

ULT

24 And they shall be a pair at the bottom, and they shall be completely together at the top to one ring. Thus it shall be for both; the two shall be the corners.

UST

24 Match them to each other at the bottom and top. Secure the tops together with a ring. Do this for both, making them the corner pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:25

ULT

25 And there shall be eight frames and their silver bases, sixteen bases: two bases under one frame and two bases under one frame.

UST

25 Make eight frames and 16 silver bases, two bases under each frame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:26

ULT

26 And you shall make crossbars of wood of acacias—five for the frames of the one side of the Dwelling,

UST

26 Make crossbars from acacia wood. Make five crossbars for the frames on the {north} side of the sacred tent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:27

ULT

27 and five crossbars for the frames of the second side of the Dwelling, and five crossbars for the frames for the back side of the Dwelling to the west.

UST

27 five crossbars for the frames on the {south} side of the sacred tent, and five crossbars for the frames at the rear of the sacred tent, the west side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:28

ULT
28 And the middle crossbar in the center of the frames shall pass through from end to end.

UST
28 The center crossbar, right in the middle of the frames, will reach all the way from edge to edge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:29

ULT
29 And you shall cover the frames with gold. And you shall make their rings of gold, the holders for the crossbars. And you shall cover the bars with gold.

UST
29 Cover the frames and crossbars with gold. Make the rings for fastening the crossbars to the frames from gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:30

ULT
30 And you shall set up the Dwelling according to its plan that you were shown on the mountain.

UST
30 Build the sacred tent in the way that I have shown you here on this mountain.

How must Moses set up the Dwelling?
He must set up the Dwelling by following the plan God showed him on the mountain.

Exodus 26:31

ULT
31 And you shall make a curtain of blue, and purple and worm of scarlet and of twisted fine linen; the work of a skillful workman, he shall make cherubim.

UST
31 Make a curtain from fine linen. A skilled craftsman must embroider it with blue, purple, and red yarn, making designs to represent the winged creatures that are above the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:32

ULT
32 And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia wood covered with gold and their hooks of gold on four bases of silver.

UST
32 Suspend the curtain from gold hooks on four gold-covered posts made from acacia wood. Set each post in a silver base.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:33

ULT
33 And you shall hang the curtain under the clasps, and you shall bring the Box of the Testimony there inside the curtain. And the curtain shall separate for you between the Holy and the Holy of Holies.

UST
33 Suspend the curtain from fasteners {attached to the roof of the sacred tent}. Put the sacred chest behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.

What is the purpose of the curtain?
The curtain is to separate the Holy from the Holy of Holies.

Exodus 26:34

ULT
34 And you shall put the atonement lid on the Box of the Testimony in the Holy of Holies.

UST
34 Put the lid on top of the sacred chest in the Most Holy Place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:35

ULT

35 And you shall put the table outside the curtain and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the Dwelling. And put the table on the north side.

UST

35 Put the table and the lampstand on the other side of the curtain on opposite sides from each other. Put the lampstand on the south side of the sacred tent, and put the table for the sacred bread on the north side.

On what side of the Dwelling is the lampstand?

The lampstand is opposite the table on the south side of the Dwelling.

Exodus 26:36

ULT

36 And you shall make a curtain for the entrance of the tent of blue and purple and worm of scarlet and of twisted fine linen, the work of an embroiderer.

UST

36 Make a curtain as the tent entrance. A skilled weaver must make it from fine linen with blue, purple, and red yarn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 26:37

ULT

37 And you shall make five pillars of acacia wood for the curtain, and you shall overlay them with gold, and their hooks {shall be} gold, and you shall cast five bases of bronze for them.

UST

37 To hold up this curtain, make five posts from acacia wood. Cover them with gold and fasten gold clasps to them. Also make a bronze base for each of these posts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27

Exodus 27:1

ULT

[1] And you shall make the altar of wood of acacias, five cubits long and five cubits wide. The altar shall be square and three cubits high.

UST

[1] Make an altar from acacia wood. Make it square: two and a half meters long on each side and one and a half meters tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:2

ULT

[2] And you shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns will be part of it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

UST

[2] Make a {projection that looks like a} horn on each of the top corners. Make them from the same block of wood as the altar. Cover the whole altar with bronze.

How must Moses make extensions of the altar's four corners?

He must make extensions of its four corners shaped like ox horns.

Exodus 27:3

ULT

[3] And you shall make its pots for fatty ashes and its shovels and its basins and its meat forks and its trays. You shall make all its utensils with bronze.

UST

[3] Make all its implements from bronze. Make pans to collect the ashes from burning the fat, shovels {for cleaning out the ashes}, basins, forks {for turning the meat as it cooks}, and buckets {for carrying hot coals}.

With what must Moses make all the utensils for the altar?

He must make all the utensils with bronze.

Exodus 27:4

ULT

[4] And you shall make a grate for it, a work of a network of bronze. And you shall make four rings of bronze on the network, on its four corners.

UST

[4] Make a bronze lattice grating {to hold the wood and burning coals}. Fasten a bronze ring to each of the four corners of the grate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:5

ULT

[5] And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar below, and the network shall be up to the middle of the altar.

UST

[5] Put the grating under the rim that is around the altar. Make it so that it is inside the altar, halfway down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:6

ULT

[6] And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of wood of acacias, and you shall overlay them with bronze.

UST

[6] Make poles for {carrying} the altar from acacia wood and cover them with bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:7

ULT

[7] And its poles shall be put into the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when carrying it.

UST

[7] Put the poles through the rings on each side of the altar to carry it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:8

ULT
8 You shall make it hollow, of planks. Just as he showed you on the mountain, so they shall do.

UST
8 Make the altar from boards and make it hollow in the middle. They must make it according to these instructions that I am giving you here on this mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:9

ULT
9 And you shall make the courtyard of the Dwelling. There shall be curtains of fine twisted linen on the south side of the courtyard; one side shall be 100 cubits long,

UST
9 Also make a courtyard around the sacred tent with more curtains of fine linen. For the south side, hang 50 meters of curtain

What kind of hangings must be on the south side of the courtyard?
There must be hangings of fine twisted linen 100 cubits long on the south side of the courtyard.

Exodus 27:10

ULT
10 with its 20 pillars and their 20 bronze bases, the hooks of the pillars and their rings of silver.

UST
10 from 20 {bronze} posts. {Make} 20 bronze bases for the posts and hooks on them and silver connectors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:11

ULT

11 And thus for the north side, the length of the curtains: 100 long, and its 20 pillars, 20 bases of bronze, hooks of the pillars, and rings of silver.

UST

11 And likewise for the north side {of the courtyard: hang} 50 meters of curtains from 20 posts, with their 20 bronze bases, hooks, and silver connectors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:12

ULT

12 And the width of the courtyard, on the west side, shall have a curtain 50 cubits long with its ten pillars and ten bases.

UST

12 {Make} a curtain 25 meters long along the west side of the courtyard. {Support them} with ten posts, with a base under each post.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:13

ULT

13 And the width of the courtyard, on the east side, shall be 50 cubits.

UST

13 On the east side the courtyard must also be 25 meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:14

ULT

14 The curtains for the side {shall be} fifteen cubits {with} their three pillars and their three bases.

UST

14 {Make} a curtain seven and a half meters long for one side {of the entrance}, with three posts and bases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:15

ULT

15 The curtains for the second side shall be fifteen with their three pillars and their three bases.

UST

15 {Make} another curtain seven and a half meters long for the other side {of the entrance}, also with three posts and bases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:16

ULT

16 And the gate of the courtyard shall be a curtain 20 cubits wide of blue and purple and worm of scarlet and of twisted fine linen—the work of an embroiderer—with its four pillars and its four bases.

UST

16 {Make} a curtain from finely twined linen ten meters wide for the courtyard entrance. A skilled weaver must embroider it with blue, purple, and red yarn. {Hang it} from four posts, each one with a base under it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:17

ULT

17 All the pillars of the courtyard shall be filleted around with silver, and their silver hooks, and their bases of bronze.

UST

17 Make all the ends of posts around the courtyard have rounded silver ends. Make the clasps from silver, and the bases from bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:18

ULT

18 The length of the courtyard shall be 100 cubits, and the width 50, and the height five cubits with fine twined linen, and bases of bronze.

UST

18 Make the whole courtyard, {from the east entrance to the west end}, 50 meters long and 25 meters wide, and {the curtains that enclose it} two and a half meters high. Make all the curtains from fine linen, and all the bases {under the posts} from bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:19

ULT

19 All of the equipment of the Dwelling for all of its service, and all of its tent pegs and all of the pegs of the courtyard shall be bronze.

UST

19 Make all the things {that are not made of gold} that are for use inside the sacred tent {and in the courtyard}, and all the tent pegs to support the sacred tent and the curtains that form the courtyard from bronze.

Of what material must all the equipment to be used in the Dwelliing and all the tent pegs for the Dwelling and courtyard be made?

All the equipment to be used in the Dwelling and all the tent pegs for the Dwelling and courtyard must be made of bronze.

Exodus 27:20

ULT

20 And you shall command the sons of Israel and they shall bring pure pressed oil of olive to you for the lamp, to cause the lamp to burn continually.

UST

20 Command the Israelites to bring you purified oil squeezed from olives, so that the lamp is always burning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 27:21

ULT

21 In the tent of meeting, outside the curtain inside of which is the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall arrange it before the face of Yahweh, from evening to morning. This is an eternal statute throughout the generations of the sons of Israel.

UST

21 In the outer part of the sacred tent, outside the curtain where the sacred chest is, Aaron and his sons must take care to keep the lamps burning every night from evening to morning for Yahweh. The Israelites must obey this regulation throughout all future generations.

What would be a lasting ordinance forever throughout the generations of the Israelite nation?

Aaron and his sons must maintain the lamps from evening to morning before Yahweh. This requirement would be a lasting ordinance forever throughout the generations of the Israelite nation.

Exodus 28

Exodus 28:1

ULT

[1] And you, bring Aaron your brother, and his sons with him near to you from among the sons of Israel to be priests for me—Aaron and Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron!

UST

[1] Have your older brother Aaron and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, come close to you and away from the Israelites, so they can be my priests.

Who would serve Yahweh as priests?

Aaron and his sons—Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar—would serve Yahweh as priests.

Exodus 28:2

ULT

[2] And you shall make for Aaron your brother clothes of holiness for glory and for splendor.

UST

[2] Make holy vestments for your brother Aaron, so {he reflects my} honor and beauty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:3

ULT

[3] And you, you shall speak to all of the wise of heart, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, and they shall make the clothes of Aaron to set him apart to be a priest for me.

UST

[3] Talk to all the skilled artisans, those whom I have made excellent at crafting things. Tell them to make vestments for Aaron to wear when you dedicate him to become a priest to serve me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:4

ULT

4 And these are the clothes that they shall make: a breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of woven work, a turban and a sash. And they shall make clothes of holiness for your brother Aaron and for his sons to be priests for me.

UST

4 They should make these vestments: a sacred pouch {for Aaron to wear over his breast}, a sacred apron, a robe, an embroidered tunic, a turban, and a waistband. They must make these holy vestments so that your older brother Aaron and his sons can {wear them as they} serve me by doing the work that priests do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:5

ULT

5 And they shall take gold and blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine linen.

UST

5 The skilled workmen should receive fine linen and gold, blue, purple, and red thread {to make the vestments}.

What material must craftsmen use for the priests' clothing?

Craftsmen must use fine linen that is gold, blue, purple, and scarlet.

Exodus 28:6

ULT

6 And they shall make the ephod from gold, blue, and purple, worm of scarlet, and twisted fine linen—the work of a skillful craftsman.

UST

6 The skilled workmen must make the sacred apron from finely twisted linen. They must skillfully embroider it with blue, purple, and red thread, and with {fine} gold {thread}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:7

ULT
7 It shall have two shoulder pieces joining to its two ends; so it shall be joined.

UST
7 It must have two shoulder straps attached on both edges to connect it together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:8

ULT
8 And the skillfully-crafted sash of the ephod which is on it shall be of like workmanship, from it: of gold, blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine twined linen.

UST
8 Make a carefully woven belt that matches the sacred apron. Make it from the same piece of cloth as the apron. (That cloth was finely twisted linen with {skillfully embroidered} blue, purple, red thread, and {fine} gold {thread}.) Sew it onto the apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:9

ULT
9 And you shall take two stones of onyx and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,

UST
9 Take two onyx stones and carve Jacob's {12} sons' names on them.

What must be engraved on two onyx stones?
The names of Israel's 12 sons must be engraved on two onyx stones.

Exodus 28:10

ULT

10 six of their names on one stone and the six remaining names on the second stone, according to their genealogies.

UST

10 {Carve the names} in the order in which Jacob's sons were born. {Carve} six names on one stone and the other six names on the other stone.

In what order must the names of Israel's twelve sons be on the two onyx stones?

The names of Israel's twelve sons must be on the two onyx stones in the order of the sons' births.

Exodus 28:11

ULT

11 You shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel—the work of a craftsman of stone, the engravings of a signet. You shall make them surrounded with ornamental settings of gold.

UST

11 A gem cutter should carve these names in the two stones like he is making a signet ring. Then he should mount the stones in decorative gold settings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:12

ULT

12 And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as stones of reminder for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall carry their names before the face of Yahweh on his two shoulders for a reminder.

UST

12 Fasten the memorial stones onto the shoulder straps of the sacred apron. Then Aaron will memorialize the names of the 12 tribes of Israel by carrying them on his shoulders whenever he serves Yahweh.

Why would Aaron carry the names of the Israel's 12 sons on his two shoulders?

Aaron would carry their names on his two shoulders as a reminder to Yahweh.

Exodus 28:13

ULT
13 And you shall make ornamental settings of gold

UST
13 Make the decorative settings for the stones from gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:14

ULT
14 and two twisted chains of pure gold: you shall make them as a work of rope, and you shall attach the chains of the rope to the ornamental settings.

UST
14 Make two chains of purified gold by braiding gold like cords and fasten the cord chains to the decorative settings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:15

ULT
15 And you shall make a breastpiece of judgment—the work of a skillful craftsman—you shall make it like the work of the ephod; you shall make it from gold, blue, and purple, and worm of scarlet, and twisted fine linen.

UST
15 Make a sacred pouch for decision-making. Make it of the same materials as the sacred apron, and skillfully embroider it in the same way with gold, blue, purple, and red finely twisted linen.

What shape must the breastpiece for decision making be? (vv15-16)
The breastpiece for decision making must be square.

Exodus 28:16

ULT
16 It shall be square, folded double; its length: a span; and its width: a span.

UST
16 Fold the material double so that it is a square 23 centimeters long and 23 centimeters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:17

ULT

17 And you shall set in it settings of precious stone—four stone rows. The first row shall be a row with a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet.

UST

17 Fasten four rows of valuable stones onto the pouch. In the first row, put a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a green emerald.

How must the precious stones be mounted?

They must be mounted four rows of three each

Exodus 28:18

ULT

18 And the second row: an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

UST

18 Put a green turquoise, a blue sapphire, and a clear diamond in the second row.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:19

ULT

19 And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.

UST

19 Put a red jacinth, a white agate, and a purple amethyst in the third row.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:20

ULT
20 And the fourth row: a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold—in their ornamental settings.

UST
20 Put a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper in the fourth row. Mount all these stones in decorative gold settings.

How must the precious stones be mounted?
They must be mounted in gold settings.

Exodus 28:21

ULT
21 And the precious stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel—according to their 12 names. Each shall be like the engraving of a signet according to its name—for the 12 tribes.

UST
21 {A gem cutter should carve} the name of one of the 12 sons of Jacob into each of these stones like he is making signet rings. These name-stones will represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:22

ULT
22 And you shall make twisted chains on the breastpiece, as a work of rope—pure gold.

UST
22 Attach two chains that they made from purified gold and braided like cords to the sacred pouch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:23

ULT
23 And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastpiece, and you shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

UST
23 Make two gold rings for the sacred pouch and attach them to the pouch's {upper} corners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:24

ULT
24 And you shall attach the two chains of gold to the rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

UST
24 Fasten one end of each gold cord to one of the rings on the top corner of the pouch.

Where must Moses attach the two golden chains?
He must attach the two golden chains to the two corners of the breastpiece.

Exodus 28:25

ULT
25 And you shall attach two of the ends of the two chains to the two ornamental settings, and you shall attach those to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of its face.

UST
25 Fasten the other end of each cord to the two decorative settings that enclose the stones. Then put those on the front side of the shoulder straps of the sacred apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:26

ULT

26 And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

UST

26 Make two more gold rings and attach them to the lower corners of the sacred pouch on the inside edges next to the sacred apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:27

ULT

27 And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod on the bottom of the front of its face, close to its joining above the skillfully crafted waistband of the ephod.

UST

27 Make two more gold rings and attach them to the lower part of the front of the shoulder straps near where the shoulder straps join the sacred apron just above the sash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:28

ULT

28 And they shall tie the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue to be on the finely crafted waistband of the ephod, so the breastpiece shall not become detached from on the ephod.

UST

28 Tie the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord so that the sacred pouch is above the sash and does not come loose from the sacred apron.

Why must Moses tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings?

He must tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings so that the breastplate might not separate from the ephod.

Exodus 28:29

ULT
29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he goes into the Holy Place as a reminder before the face of Yahweh continually.

UST
29 Therefore, whenever he enters the Holy Place where Yahweh is, Aaron will continually memorialize the names of the 12 tribes of Israel by carrying them close to his chest, in the sacred pouch for making decisions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:30

ULT
30 And you shall put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece of judgment, and they shall be over the heart of Aaron when he goes in before the face of Yahweh. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the face of Yahweh continually.

UST
30 Put the {things called} Urim and Thummim into the sacred pouch that he uses to know how I judged. In that way, they will be close to his chest when Aaron comes to talk to me. Aaron must always wear the items that reveal how I judge the Israelites on his chest when he meets with me.

What must Moses put in the breastpiece for decision-making?
He must put in the breastpiece for decision-making the Urim and the Thummim.

Exodus 28:31

ULT
31 And you shall make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue.

UST
31 Make the robe {that Aaron will wear underneath his} sacred apron from only blue material.

Of what must the robe of the ephod be made? (vv31-32)
The robe of the ephod must be made entirely of blue.

Exodus 28:32

ULT

32 And there shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it. There shall be an edge for its opening all around, so it can not tear—the work of a weaver, it shall be like an opening of a garment.

UST

32 Make an opening in the middle through which the priest can put his head. Weave a reinforced border around this opening to keep the collar from tearing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:33

ULT

33 And on its bottom hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and worm of scarlet all around on its hem with bells of gold between them all around:

UST

33 All around the lower edge on the robe, fasten {decorations that look like} pomegranate fruit. Make them from blue, purple, and red yarn. Also {hang} gold bells in between the pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:34

ULT

34 a bell of gold and a pomegranate, a bell of gold and a pomegranate all around the hem of the robe.

UST

34 {So the pattern will be} one gold bell and then one pomegranate {and then repeat} all the way around the bottom of the robe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:35

ULT

35 And it shall be on Aaron while serving, and its sound shall be heard at his going into the Holy Place before the face of Yahweh and at his leaving. And he shall not die.

UST

35 Whenever Aaron enters or leaves my presence in the Holy Place in the sacred tent for his priestly ministry, he must wear the robe. I will hear the bells, and he will not die.

Why is the robe to be on Aaron when he serves?

The robe is to be on Aaron when he serves so that the sound of its bells can be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before Yahweh and when he leaves. This is so that he does not die.

Exodus 28:36

ULT

36 And you shall make a rosette of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving on a signet, ‘Holy to Yahweh.’

UST

36 Make a decoration from purified gold and carve into it the words, ‘Dedicated to Yahweh,’ just like carving a signet ring.

How would Aaron bear any guilt that might attach to the offering of the holy gifts that the Israelites consecrated? (vv36-38)

He would bear any guilt that might attach to the offering of the holy gifts that the Israelites consecrated by wearing the engraved plate on his turban.

Exodus 28:37

ULT

37 And you shall attach it by a cord of blue, and it shall be on the turban. It shall be toward the front of the face of the turban.

UST

37 Fasten this ornament to the front of the turban by a blue cord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:38

ULT

38 And it shall be on the forehead of Aaron, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel shall cause to be holy, for all of the gifts of their holy things, and it shall be on his forehead continually for their acceptance before the face of Yahweh.

UST

38 Aaron must always wear the turban on his forehead so that I will accept the things that the Israelites dedicate to me. If there is anything wrong with anything they dedicate to me, Aaron will be guilty instead of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:39

ULT

39 And you shall weave the tunic with fine linen, and you shall make a turban of fine linen. And you shall make a sash, the work of an embroiderer.

UST

39 Weave the long-sleeved tunic from fine linen. Also make the turban from fine linen. A skilled weaver must make the waistband.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:40

ULT

40 And for the sons of Aaron you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them, and you shall make headbands for them for glory and for splendor.

UST

40 Make long-sleeved tunics, waistbands, and caps for Aaron's sons so {they reflect my} honor and beauty.

What must Moses make for the honor and splendor of Aaron's sons?

He must make tunics, sashes, and headbands for the honor and splendor of Aaron's sons.

Exodus 28:41

ULT

41 And you shall clothe them, your brother Aaron and his sons with him. And you shall anoint them, and you shall fill their hand, and you shall set them apart to be priests to me.

UST

41 Put these clothes on your older brother Aaron and on his sons. Then consecrate them and authorize them to be my priests by anointing them {with olive oil}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 28:42

ULT

42 And make for them undergarments of linen to cover the flesh of nakedness—they shall be from the waist to the thighs.

UST

42 Make linen undershorts for them. The undershorts should extend from their waists to their thighs in order that no one can see their genitalia.

How much would the undergarments cover?

The undergarments would cover from the waist to the thighs.

Exodus 28:43

ULT

43 And they shall be on Aaron and on his sons at their entering into the tent of meeting or at their drawing near to the altar to serve in the Holy Place. And they shall not bear iniquity and die. This is a statute forever for him and for his offspring after him.

UST

43 Aaron and his sons must always wear those undershorts when they enter the sacred tent or when they come near to the altar to offer sacrifices in the Holy Place. In this way, they will not be guilty, and they will not die. Aaron and all his male descendants must obey this rule forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29

Exodus 29:1

ULT

[1] And this {is} the thing that you shall do to them to set them apart to be priests to me. Take one bull, a son of the herd, and two unblemished rams

UST

[1] Do the following things to dedicate Aaron and his sons to serve me by being priests. Select one young bull and two rams that do not have any defects.

What must be brought to dedicate Aaron and his sons? (vv1-2)

The following were to be brought to dedicate Aaron and his sons: one young bull and two rams without blemish, bread without yeast, and cakes without yeast mixed with oil, and wafers made with fine wheat flour without yeast rubbed with oil.

Exodus 29:2

ULT

[2] and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil and unleavened wafers rubbed with oil. Make them with fine flour of wheat.

UST

[2] Also, using finely ground wheat flour, bake these all without yeast: {plain} bread, soft bread with olive oil in it, and thin wafers with oil on the outside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:3

ULT

[3] And you shall put them into one basket, and you shall bring them near in the basket, and the bull and the two rams.

UST

[3] Put them in a basket. Bring the basket with the bread in it, the young bull, and the two rams {to me}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:4

ULT

[4] And you shall bring Aaron and his sons near to the entrance of the tent of meeting. And you shall wash them with water.

UST

[4] Take Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water.

In what must Moses wash Aaron and his sons?

Moses must wash Aaron and his sons in water.

Exodus 29:5

ULT

[5] And you shall take the garments, and you shall clothe Aaron with the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastpiece, and you shall fasten the ephod to him with the finely woven waistband of the ephod.

UST

[5] Then put the vestments on Aaron—the long-sleeved tunic, the robe under the sacred apron, the sacred apron, and the sacred pouch. Tie the sacred apron onto him with its sash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:6

ULT

[6] And you shall set the turban on his head and put the crown of holiness on the turban.

UST

[6] Put the turban on his head, and fasten to the turban the sacred ornament {that has the words ‘Dedicated to Yahweh’ engraved on it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:7

ULT
[7] And you shall take the oil of anointing and pour it on his head and anoint him.

UST
[7] Then take the anointing oil and pour some on his head to dedicate him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:8

ULT
[8] And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics.

UST
[8] Then bring his sons and put the long-sleeved tunics on them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:9

ULT
[9] And you shall wrap them—Aaron and his sons—with the sash and bind headbands to them. And the priesthood will be to them as a statute forever. And you shall fill the hand of Aaron and the hand of his sons.

UST
[9] Tie the sashes around Aaron and his sons' waists and secure the caps on their heads. This is an eternal law: they are the priests. You will authorize them for this.

To whom would the work of the priesthood belong?
The work of the priesthood would belong to Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 29:10

ULT
[10] And you shall bring the bull to the face of the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull.

UST
[10] Then bring the young bull to the front of the sacred tent. While Aaron and his sons put their hands on the head of the young bull,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:11

ULT
11 And you shall slaughter the bull before the face of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST
11 sacrifice the young bull {by slitting its throat} before Yahweh {outside} the entrance to the sacred tent {and catch the blood in a bowl}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:12

ULT
12 And you shall take from the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and you shall pour out all of the blood on the base of the altar.

UST
12 Take some of that blood with your finger and smear it on the projections of the altar. Pour the rest of the blood at the bottom of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:13

ULT
13 And you shall take all of the fat covering the entrails and the lobe above the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and cause them to become smoke on the altar.

UST
13 Take all the fat that covers the inner organs of the young bull, the fatty covering of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat on them. Burn all these on the altar until they are completely gone.

What must Moses do with the fat and the covering of the liver and the two kidneys?
He must burn the fat that covers the inner parts and the covering of the liver and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, on the altar.

Exodus 29:14

ULT

14 But you shall burn the flesh of the bull and its skin and its dung in the fire outside of the camp. It is a purification offering.

UST

14 But you must burn the meat of the young bull and its hide and intestines on a fire outside the camp. {Sacrificing} the bull purifies {the altar}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:15

ULT

15 And you shall take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram,

UST

15 Select one of the rams. While Aaron and his sons put their hands on its head,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:16

ULT

16 and you shall slaughter the ram. And you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the altar.

UST

16 kill the ram {by slitting its throat}. Catch the blood and sprinkle it all over the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:17

ULT

17 And you shall cut the ram into pieces and wash its entrails and its legs and put them on its pieces and on its head,

UST

17 Then cut the ram into pieces. Wash its inner organs and its legs, and put those with the head and the rest of the body parts

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:18

ULT
18 and cause all of the ram to become smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering to Yahweh. It is a scent of appeasement, a fire offering to Yahweh.

UST
18 on the altar. Then completely burn it all. That will be a burnt offering to me, Yahweh, and the fire's smell will please me.

What would a burning ram produce for Yahweh?
It would produce smoke with a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Exodus 29:19

ULT
19 And you shall take the second ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram,

UST
19 Take the other ram. While Aaron and his sons put their hands on its head,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:20

ULT
20 and you shall slaughter the ram and take some of its blood. And you shall put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons and on the thumb of their right hand and on the great toe of their right foot. And you shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.

UST
20 kill the ram {by slitting its throat}. Catch the blood. Smear some of the blood on the bottom portion of Aaron's and his sons' right ears, on their right thumbs, and on the big toes on their right feet. Throw the rest of the blood against the four sides of the altar.

What must Moses do with blood from the second ram?
He must put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the tip of his sons' right ears, on the thumb of their right hands, and on the great toe of their right feet. Then he must sprinkle blood against the altar on every side.

Exodus 29:21

ULT

21 And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the oil of anointing and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments and on his sons and on the garments of his sons along with him. And he will be set apart and his garments and his sons and the garments of his sons along with him.

UST

21 Wipe up some of the blood that is on the altar, mix it with some of the oil for anointing, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his clothes, and on his sons and their clothes. By doing this, you will dedicate them and their clothes to me.

What was Moses to sprinkle on Aaron, his garments, Aaron's sons and their garments?

Moses was to sprinkle some of the blood from the altar and some of the anointing oil on Aaron, his sons and their garments.

Exodus 29:22

ULT

22 And you shall take the fat from the ram and the fat tail and the fat covering the entrails and the lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh—for this is a ram of consecration—

UST

22 Also, cut off the ram's fat: its fat tail, and the fat that covers the inner organs, the fatty covering of the liver, the two kidneys with the fat on them, and the right thigh. (This ram is for making holy {Aaron and his sons, who will be my priests}.)

What was the ram for?

The ram was for the priest's consecration to Yahweh.

Exodus 29:23

ULT

23 and one round loaf of bread, and one cake of bread of oil, and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread that is before the face of Yahweh.

UST

23 Finally, from the basket of bread that they baked without yeast (the one that you brought to me), take a {plain} round loaf, a piece of soft bread with oil in it, and a thin wafer {with oil on the outside}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:24

ULT

24 And you shall put all these on the palms of Aaron and on the palms of his sons, and you shall raise them as a raised offering before the face of Yahweh.

UST

24 Put all these things into the hands of Aaron and his sons. Then tell them to lift them up high to dedicate them to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:25

ULT

25 And you shall take them from their hands, and cause them to become smoke on the altar above the burnt offering to be an aroma of appeasing before the face of Yahweh, it is a fire offering to Yahweh.

UST

25 Then take them from their hands and completely burn them on the altar, on top of the burnt offering. That also will be a fire offering to me, and its smell will please me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:26

ULT

26 And you shall take the breast from the ram of consecration that is for Aaron and raise it for a raised offering before the face of Yahweh, and it will be your share.

UST

26 Then take the breast of the ram for making Aaron holy and lift it up high to dedicate it to me. But then this part of the animal will be for you to eat.

What must forever belong to Aaron and his descendants? (vv26-28)

The breast of the offering that is raised high and the thigh of the offering that is presented must forever belong to Aaron and his descendants.

Exodus 29:27

ULT

27 And from the ram of consecration which is for Aaron and which is for his sons, you shall set apart the breast of the raised offering that was raised and the thigh of the contribution that was contributed.

UST

27 Set these apart from the ram for making holy {Aaron and his sons as my priests}: the breast that you lifted high to dedicate to me and the thigh that you presented to me. These are for Aaron and his sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:28

ULT

28 And it shall belong to Aaron and to his sons—as an eternal requirement—for it is an offering from the sons of Israel. And it shall be an offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, their offerings to Yahweh.

UST

28 This custom will continue forever. Whenever the Israelites bring offerings to show they are friends with me, the breast and the thigh of animals that they present to me will be for Aaron and his male descendants to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:29

ULT

29 And the garments of holiness that are for Aaron shall be for his sons after him, for anointing in them and to fill their hand in them.

UST

29 After Aaron {dies}, the sacred vestments that he wore will belong to his male descendants. They will wear them when {a leader} anoints them to authorize them to be priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:30

ULT

30 The priest who succeeds him from among his sons, who comes into the tent of meeting to serve in the Holy Place, shall wear them for seven days.

UST

30 Aaron's descendant who becomes high priest after him and enters the sacred tent and performs rituals in the Holy Place must wear these vestments for seven days.

From among whom would the next priest come?

The next priest would come from among Aaron's sons.

Exodus 29:31

ULT

31 And you shall take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a holy place.

UST

31 Take the breast and thigh of the ram that they sacrificed to make Aaron and his sons holy, and boil it in a location set aside for that.

How must the ram for the consecration be cooked?

The ram for the consecration must be boiled in a holy place.

Exodus 29:32

ULT

32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the meat of the ram and the bread that is in the basket at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

UST

32 {After it is cooked,} Aaron and his sons must eat the meat, along with the bread that is left in the basket, at the entrance to the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:33

ULT

33 And they shall eat these that were for their atoning to fill their hand, to set them apart. But a stranger shall not eat them, because they are set apart.

UST

33 They will eat these things from the offering that made them holy by covering their sins when they became priests. But no one else can eat these things, because they are reserved for the priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:34

ULT

34 And if any meat of the consecration or any of the bread remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is set apart.

UST

34 If any of the holy meat or bread is left over in the morning, you must completely burn it. Do not eat any of it, because it is sacred.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:35

ULT

35 And thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons according to all that I have commanded you: you shall fill their hand seven days.

UST

35 Do all this to Aaron and his sons just as I have told you. You will prepare them for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:36

ULT

36 And you shall offer a bull of purification for atonement daily, and you shall purify the altar by making atonement for it. And you shall anoint it to set it apart.

UST

36 Sacrifice a {young} bull to purify {the altar} each of those days. That will ceremonially cleanse the altar by covering the altar's imperfections. You must also pour {olive oil} over the altar to dedicate it {to Yahweh}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:37

ULT

37 You shall make atonement for the altar seven days, and set it apart. And the altar will be a holiest holy thing. Whatever touches the altar will be set apart.

UST

37 After you cover the altar for seven days you will have made it holy. It will be so very holy that it will make anything that touches it holy too.

After the altar is consecrated, what happens to anything that touches it?

Whatever touches the altar will be the holy, the same as the altar.

Exodus 29:38

ULT

38 And this is what you shall offer on the altar every day continually: two lambs, sons of a year.

UST

38 You must also perpetually sacrifice two one-year-old lambs per day on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:39

ULT
39 The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between the evenings.

UST
39 You must sacrifice one lamb in the morning and the other around twilight.

When must Moses offer each of the lambs?
He must offer one lamb in the morning and the other lamb at about sundown.

Exodus 29:40

ULT
40 For the first lamb: a tenth of fine flour mixed with pressed oil (the fourth part of a hin) and a drink offering: the fourth part of a hin of wine.

UST
40 With the first lamb, also {offer} two liters of finely ground wheat flour mixed with a liter of the best kind of olive oil, and one liter of wine as a drink-offering.

What must be offered with the first lamb?
With the first lamb, a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of oil from pressed olives, and the fourth part of a hin of wine as a drink offering, must be offered.

Exodus 29:41

ULT
41 And you shall offer the second lamb between the evenings. You shall offer the same grain offering as in the morning and the same drink offering with it for a scent of appeasement, a fire offering to Yahweh.

UST
41 In the evening, when you sacrifice the other lamb, offer the same amounts of flour, olive oil, and wine as you did in the morning. This will be an offering to me, Yahweh, that they will burn, and its smell will please me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:42

ULT

42 It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations, at the entrance to the tent of meeting before the face of Yahweh, there where I will meet with you to speak to you there.

UST

42 You and your descendants must continue making these offerings to me, Yahweh, throughout all future generations. You must offer them at the entrance to the sacred tent. That is where I will meet with you and speak to you.

Where were the lambs to be offered?

The lambs had to be offered at the entrance to the Dwelling before Yahweh.

Exodus 29:43

ULT

43 And I will meet with the sons of Israel there, and it will be set apart by my glory.

UST

43 That is where I will meet with the Israelites, and the brilliant light of my presence will cause that place to be holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:44

ULT

44 And I will set apart the tent of meeting and the altar. And I will set apart Aaron and his sons to be priests to me.

UST

44 I will dedicate the sacred tent and the altar. I will also dedicate Aaron and his sons to be my priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 29:45

ULT

45 And I will live among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

UST

45 I will live with the Israelites, and I will be their God.

Where would Yahweh live?

Yahweh would live among the Israelites and be their God.

Exodus 29:46

ULT

46 And they will know that I am Yahweh their God, who brought them out from the land of Egypt to live among them. I am Yahweh their God.

UST

46 They will know that I, Yahweh their God, am the one who brought them out of Egypt in order that I might live among them. I am Yahweh, the God whom they worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30

Exodus 30:1

ULT

[1] And you shall make an altar, a place of burning of incense. You shall make it with wood of acacias,

UST

[1] Make an altar from acacia wood for burning incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:2

ULT

[2] Its length shall be one cubit and its width shall be one cubit. It shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits. Its horns {shall be} part of it.

UST

[2] It is to be square, one-half meter on each side. It is to be one meter high. Make {projections that look like} horns on the same block of wood as the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:3

ULT

[3] And you shall overlay it with pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its horns—and you shall make for it a border of gold around it.

UST

[3] Cover the top and the four sides, including the projections, with pure gold. Put a gold molding all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:4

ULT

4 And you shall make two rings of gold for it under its border on its two sides. You shall make them on its two sides. They will be housings for the poles for carrying it with.

UST

4 Make two gold rings and attach them to the altar below the molding, one on each side of the altar. These rings are to hold the poles for carrying the altar.

What is the purpose of the rings?

The rings must be holders for poles to carry the altar.

Exodus 30:5

ULT

5 And you shall make the poles of wood of acacias, and you shall overlay them with gold.

UST

5 Make these two poles from acacia wood and cover them with gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:6

ULT

6 And you shall place it before the face of the curtain that is over the Box of the Testimony. It shall be before the face of the atonement lid that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

UST

6 Put this incense altar outside the curtain that hangs in front of the sacred chest. (The chest that has a lid covering the stone slabs, where I will talk with you.)

Where must Moses put the incense altar?

Moses must put the incense altar before the curtain that is by the Box of the Testimony.

Exodus 30:7

ULT

[7] And Aaron shall cause smoke on it, incense of fragrance. Morning by morning, when he makes the lamps good, he shall cause it to smoke,

UST

[7] Aaron must burn sweet-smelling incense on this altar. He must burn some every morning when he takes care of the lamps,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:8

ULT

[8] and when Aaron lifts up the lamps between the evenings, he will make it smoke. Incense will be continually before the face of Yahweh throughout your generations.

UST

[8] and he must burn some in the evening when he lights the lamps. Always keep incense burning for me throughout all future generations.

What is the only incense that can be burned on the incense altar? (vv8-9)

When Aaron lights the lamps again in the evening, he must burn incense on the incense altar. But no other incense must be offered on the incense altar.

Exodus 30:9

ULT

[9] You shall not offer up strange incense or a burnt offering or a grain offering on it. And you shall not pour a drink offering on it.

UST

[9] Do not burn on the altar any incense that I have not told you to burn, or burn any animal on it, or any flour offering for me, nor pour any wine on it as an offering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:10

ULT

10 And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. From the blood of the purification of the atonement once a year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations. It is a holiest holy thing to Yahweh.”

UST

10 Once a year, Aaron must take the purifying blood from the annual sacrifice that covers up the bad things people do and put it on the projections on the altar to cover the altar’s flaws. {Each high priest} will cover the altar’s flaws{this way} throughout all future generations. The altar will be very holy, dedicated to me, Yahweh.”

How often must Aaron make atonement on the horns of the incense altar?

Aaron must make atonement on the horns of the incense altar once a year.

Exodus 30:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

11 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:12

ULT

12 “When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel to count them, then each man shall give the ransom of his life to Yahweh when counting them. And there will not be a plague among them when counting them.

UST

12 “Whenever {your leaders} count to find out how many Israelites there are, each man who {they} count must pay a price to me to save his life. This is so I do not cause the people to become sick and die when {the leaders} count them.

Why must each person give a ransom for his life to Yahweh?

Each person must give a ransom for his life to Yahweh so that there would be no plague among them when Moses counted them.

Exodus 30:13

ULT

13 Every passer over to the counted ones shall give this: half of a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is 20 gerahs). The half shekel is an offering to Yahweh.

UST

13 When a man walks by a leader so he can count him he must pay {silver} that weighs half of a standard weight. (Use the official tabernacle weight standard, which is about 11 grams.) This half-weight {of silver} is an offering to me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:14

ULT

14 Every passer over to the counted ones, from a son of 20 years and up, shall give the contribution of Yahweh.

UST

14 Every man who is at least 20 years old must pay this amount to me, Yahweh, when he walks by a leader so the leader can count him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:15

ULT

15 The rich shall not increase, and the poor shall not decrease from the half-shekel for giving the contribution of Yahweh to cover over your lives.

UST

15 Rich men must not pay more than this amount, and poor men must not pay less than this amount when they pay this money to me, Yahweh, to save their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:16

ULT

16 And you shall take the silver of ransoms from the sons of Israel, and you shall give it to the work of the tent of meeting. And it shall be as a reminder for the sons of Israel before the face of Yahweh to cover over your lives.”

UST

16 Take the life-saving money from the Israelites and use it for work on the sacred tent. It will remind me, Yahweh, that the Israelites have paid money to save their lives.”

After Moses received the atonement money from the Israelites, how was he required to allocate it?

After Moses received the atonement money from the Israelites, he had to allocate it to the work of the Dwelling.

Exodus 30:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

17 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:18

ULT

18 “And you shall make a basin of bronze and its base of bronze for washing. And you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.

UST

18 “Make a bronze washbasin and a bronze base for it. Put it between the sacred tent and the altar and fill it with water.

Where must Moses put the large bronze basin?

Moses must put it between the Dwelling and the altar.

Exodus 30:19

ULT
19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in it.

UST
19 Aaron and his sons must wash their hands and their feet in the basin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:20

ULT
20 When they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, and they will not die. Also when they go near to the altar to serve by causing a fire offering to Yahweh to smoke,

UST
20 They must wash with water before they enter the sacred tent so they will not die. Before they come to the altar to burn offerings as sacrifices to me, Yahweh,

What must Aaron and his sons do when they go into the Dwelling or when they go near to the altar to serve Yahweh by burning an offering?
When they go into the Dwelling or when they go near to the altar to serve Yahweh by burning an offering, they must wash with water.

Exodus 30:21

ULT
21 then they shall wash their hands and their feet, and they will not die. And this shall be a statute forever for them, for him and his offspring throughout their generations."

UST
21 they must wash their hands and their feet so that they will not die. This will be a ritual for them and every generation of men descended from Aaron for all time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:22

ULT
22 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
22 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:23

ULT
23 “As for you, take the best spices: myrrh of flowing, 500, and cinnamon of fragrance, its half, 250, and cane of fragrance, 250,

UST
23 “Collect to yourself some of the finest spices—six kilograms of liquid myrrh, and then half that much: three kilograms of sweet-smelling cinnamon, three kilograms of a sweet-smelling cane,

What are the ingredients in holy anointing oil? (vv23-25)
The ingredients in holy anointing oil are 500 shekels of flowing myrrh, 250 shekels of sweet-smelling cinnamon, 250 shekels of sweet-smelling cane, 500 shekels of cassia, measured by the weight of the shekel of the sanctuary, and one hin of olive oil.

Exodus 30:24

ULT
24 and cassia, 500, —according to the shekel of the sanctuary—and oil of olive, a hin.

UST
24 and six kilograms of cassia. {Weigh everything} according to the tabernacle standard. Also, {collect} four liters of olive oil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:25

ULT
25 And you shall make it {into} an oil of anointment of holiness, an ointment from an ointment mixture, the work of an ointment mixer. It shall be an oil of anointment of holiness.

UST
25 Make a sacred oil for anointing with these ingredients. A perfume mixer must mix this mixed perfume. It will be a sacred oil for anointing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:26

ULT
26 And you shall anoint with it the tent of meeting and the Box of the Testimony

UST
26 Use this oil to anoint the sacred tent, the sacred chest,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:27

ULT
27 and the table and all of its utensils and the lampstand and its equipment and the altar of incense

UST
27 the table and all the things that the priests use with it, the lampstand and all the things that the priests use to take care of it, the altar for burning incense,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:28

ULT
28 and the altar of burnt offerings and all of its equipment and the basin and its stand.

UST
28 and the altar for burning sacrifices, and all the things that the priests use with it, and the washbasin and its base.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:29

ULT

29 And you shall set them apart, and they will be holiest holy things. Anything that touches them will be set apart.

UST

29 {In that way,} you will dedicate those items to me. They will be so very holy that they will make anything that touches them holy too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:30

ULT

30 And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and set them apart to be priests to me.

UST

30 Dedicate Aaron and his sons to be my priests by anointing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:31

ULT

31 And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘This will be my oil of anointment of holiness throughout your generations.

UST

31 Tell the Israelites, ‘This oil will be my sacred oil for anointing throughout all future generations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:32

ULT

32 It shall not be poured on the body of a man, and you shall not make anything like it with its formula. It is holy; it shall be holy to you.

UST

32 You must not pour it on the bodies of people {who are not priests}, and you must not make other oil to be like it by mixing those same things. This oil is reserved for me, and you must consider it sacred.

What must not be done with the holy anointing oil?

It must not be applied to people's skin, nor must any oil like it with the same formula be made, because it is consecrated.

Exodus 30:33

ULT

33 A man that mixes its like or that puts any of it on a stranger shall be cut off from his people.'"

UST

33 You must drive out from Israel anyone who makes a perfume like this or who puts it on anyone who is not a priest.'"

What must happen to the person who makes anything like the incense or holy anointing oil to use as a perfume?

Whoever makes anything like it to use as a perfume must be cut off from his people.

Exodus 30:34

ULT

34 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take to yourself spices—stacte, and onycha, and galbanum—spices and pure frankincense. They shall each be in equal amounts.

UST

34 Yahweh also said to Moses, "Collect equal parts of several sweet spices: stacte, onycha, galbanum, and pure frankincense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:35

ULT

35 And you shall make it {into} incense, an ointment, the work of an ointment mixer: salted, pure, holy.

UST

35 A perfume mixer must mix these, along with salt, into a perfumed incense. It will be clean and sacred.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:36

ULT

36 And you shall pulverize some of it until pulverized. And you shall put some of it before the face of the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with you. It will be a holiest holy thing to you.

UST

36 Beat some of it into a fine powder. Then take some of it into the sacred tent and set it in front of the sacred chest where I meet you. You all must consider this incense to be very sacred.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:37

ULT

37 And the incense that you will make, you shall not make {any} with its formula for yourselves. It must be holy to Yahweh for you.

UST

37 The people must not mix the same spices to make this incense for themselves. They must consider this incense sacred, only for me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 30:38

ULT

38 A man that makes its like to smell it shall be cut off from his people.”

UST

38 You must drive out from Israel anyone who makes a perfume like this.”

What must happen to the person who makes anything like the incense or holy anointing oil to smell it?

Whoever makes anything like it to smell it must be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31

Exodus 31:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:2

ULT
2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.

UST
2 “Pay attention. I have chosen a man named Bezalel, son of Uri and grandson of Hur, from the tribe descended from Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:3

ULT
3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill and with understanding and with knowledge and with all kinds of craftsmanship

UST
3 I will cause my spirit to teach him to know how to make all kinds of fine goods wisely and intelligently.

What abilities would Bezabel have because Yahweh filled him with his spirit? (vv3-5)
Yahweh filled Bezalel with his spirit to give him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge for all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs and to work in gold, silver, and bronze; also to cut and set stones and to carve wood—to do all kinds of craftsmanship.

Exodus 31:4

ULT
4 to design designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze

UST
4 He can engrave skillful designs in gold, silver, and bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:5

ULT
5 and in carving of precious stones for setting and in carving of wood, to do all kinds of craftsmanship.

UST
5 He can cut jewels and enclose them in tiny gold settings. He can carve things from wood and do other skilled work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:6

ULT
6 And behold, I have given with him Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan. And I have put skill into the hearts of all of the skilled of heart, and they shall make all that I have commanded you:

UST
6 Pay attention! I have also appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, from the tribe of Dan, to work with him. I have also given special ability to other skilled men in order that they can make all the things that I have commanded you to make.

Why did Yahweh put skill into the hearts of all who were wise?
Yahweh put skill into the hearts of all who were wise so that they may make all that he commanded them.

Exodus 31:7

ULT

[7] the tent of meeting and the Box of the Testimony, and the atonement lid that is on it and all of the furniture of the tent,

UST

[7] Those things include: The sacred tent; the sacred chest with its lid on top of it; all the other things that will be inside the sacred tent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:8

ULT

[8] the table and its utensils and the pure lampstand and all its equipment and the altar of incense

UST

[8] the table and all the things that the priests use with it, the pure {gold} lampstand and all the things that the priests use to take care of it, the altar for burning incense,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:9

ULT

[9] and the altar of burnt offerings and all its equipment and the basin and its base

UST

[9] the altar for burning sacrifices and all the things the priests use with it, and the washbasin with its base;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:10

ULT

[10] and the finely woven clothing and the clothing of holiness for Aaron the priest and the clothing of his sons to {be} priests

UST

[10] the beautiful, sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons to wear when they work as priests;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:11

ULT

11 and the oil of anointing and the incense of fragrance for the sanctuary. They shall make according to all that I have commanded you.”

UST

11 the oil for anointing, and the sweet-smelling incense for the Holy Place. The craftsmen must make all these things exactly as I have told you that they should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to Moses, saying,

UST

12 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:13

ULT

13 “And you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying: ‘Surely you shall keep my Sabbaths, for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations so that you may know that I am Yahweh, who sets you apart.

UST

13 “Tell the Israelites, ‘Constantly obey {my instructions regarding} the Sabbath days {for rest}. Those days will remind me and you and your descendants, throughout all future generations, that I, Yahweh, have dedicated you {to be my people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:14

ULT

14 And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you.’ The profaner of it shall surely be put to death, for every worker of work on it, that person shall be cut off from his people.

UST

14 You must obey my rules about the Sabbath days for rest, because you must regard them as dedicated to me. You must kill people who disrespect these days by working on them. You must remove them from Israel.

What would happen to anyone who defiled or worked on the Sabbath?

Everyone who defiled the Sabbath must surely be put to death. Anyone who worked on the Sabbath must surely be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31:15

ULT

15 Work shall be done six days, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of Sabbath, holy to Yahweh. Every worker of work on the Sabbath day shall surely be put to death.

UST

15 You may work for six days {each week}, but the seventh day {of each week} is a solemn Sabbath-rest day, dedicated to me, Yahweh. You must execute anyone who does any work on a Sabbath day {of rest}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:16

ULT

16 And the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations. A covenant of eternity

UST

16 The Israelites must respect the Sabbath {days of rest}, and rest on them throughout all future generations. This agreement never ends

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 31:17

ULT

17 is between me and the sons of Israel. It is a sign forever, for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.”

UST

17 between me and the Israelites. It will remind you forever that I, Yahweh, created the heavens and the earth in six days, and on the seventh day I stopped doing that work and recuperated.’”

Why would the Sabbath always be a sign between Yahweh and the Israelites?

The Sabbath would always be a sign between Yahweh and the Israelites, for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.

Exodus 31:18

ULT

18 And as he finished speaking with him on the mountain of Sinai, he gave to Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

UST

18 When Yahweh finished talking with Moses on the top of Mount Sinai, he gave him the two stone slabs on which he had engraved his commandments with his own fingers.

Who wrote the two tablets of covenant decrees?

Yahweh gave Moses two tablets of covenant decrees written on by Yahweh’s own hand.

Exodus 32

Exodus 32:1

ULT

1 And the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain, and the people gathered themselves around Aaron and said to him, “Arise, make gods for us that shall go before our faces, for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.”

UST

1 Moses stayed on top of the mountain for a long time. When the people saw that he was not returning, they went to Aaron and said to him, “Get up and make us gods who will lead us on our journey. We do not know what happened to that man Moses, who brought us here out of Egypt.”

When did the people gather around Aaron and ask him to make an idol?

When the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and asked him to make an idol.

Exodus 32:2

ULT

2 And Aaron said to them, “Tear off the rings of gold that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.”

UST

2 Aaron replied, “Take your wives’ and your children’s gold earrings from them, and bring them to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:3

ULT

3 And all the people tore the rings of gold off themselves that were on their ears and brought them to Aaron.

UST

3 So the people took off all their own gold earrings and brought them to Aaron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:4

ULT

[4] And he took it from their hand, and fashioned it with a tool, and he made a calf of molten metal. And they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

UST

[4] After he received the gold, he {melted it in a fire.} He molded the softened gold and made {a statue that looked like} a young bull. The people {saw it and} said, “This is the Israelite god who rescued us from Egypt!”

Who received the gold from the people, fashioned it in a mold, and made it into a molded calf?

Aaron received the gold from them, fashioned it in a mold, and made it into a molded calf.

Exodus 32:5

ULT

[5] And Aaron saw, and he built an altar before the face of it, and Aaron proclaimed and said, “Tomorrow will be a festival to Yahweh.”

UST

[5] When Aaron saw {how the people reacted}, he built an altar in front of the bull. Then he announced, “Tomorrow we will have a celebration to {honor} Yahweh!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:6

ULT

[6] And they arose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink and got up to play.

UST

[6] So early the next morning the people {killed animals} and burnt them as sacrifices on the altar. They also brought sacrifices to restore fellowship with others. Then they sat down to eat and to drink {wine}. Then they got up and partied.

After the people offered burnt offerings and brought fellowship offerings, what did they do?

After the people offered burnt offerings and brought fellowship offerings, they sat down to eat and to drink, and then got up to carouse in wild celebration.

Exodus 32:7

ULT

[7] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, “Go! Descend! For your people, whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.

UST

[7] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Go down from the mountain, because your people, the ones that you brought up here from Egypt, are acting perversely!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:8

ULT

[8] They have quickly turned from the way that I commanded them. They have made a calf of molten metal for themselves and have bowed before it and sacrificed to it. And they have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.’”

UST

[8] They have already stopped obeying my commands about how to live. From melted gold, they have made a statue {that looks like} a young bull. They have worshiped it and offered sacrifices to it. They are saying, ‘This is the Israelite god who rescued us from Egypt!’”

What did the people say was the god who brought them up out of the land of Egypt?

The people said the golden calf was the god who brought them up out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 32:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a people hard of neck.

UST

[9] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “I have been observing these people. Look at how obstinate they are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:10

ULT

10 So now, leave me alone! And let my nose burn against them, and I will destroy them. And I will make you into a great nation."

UST

10 Because of this, I am very angry with them, so I am going to destroy them. Do not try to stop me! Then I will cause you {and your descendants} to become a great nation."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:11

ULT

11 But Moses entreated the face of Yahweh his God. And he said, "Yahweh, why does your nose burn against your people whom you have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand?

UST

11 But Moses pleaded with his God, Yahweh, and said, "Yahweh, please do not be angry with your people. These are the people whom you saved from Egypt with great power and mighty works!

After Yahweh became angry, what did Moses do?

Moses tried to calm down Yahweh his God.

Exodus 32:12

ULT

12 Why should the Egyptians say, saying, 'He brought them out with evil intent, to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from on the face of the ground'? Turn from your burning nose and repent from the evil to your people.

UST

12 {If you destroy them} the Egyptians will say that you had a wicked plan. {They will say} you led the Israelites out to the mountains to kill them and to remove them entirely from the earth. Stop being angry and relent from punishing your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:13

ULT

13 Remember Abraham and Isaac and Israel, your servants that you swore to them by yourself and spoke to them, ‘I will cause your descendants to increase as the stars of the heavens, and I will give to your descendants all this land of which I have spoken. And they will inherit it forever.’”

UST

13 Recall your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You solemnly promised them, ‘I will enable you to have as many descendants as the stars that are in the sky. I will give those descendants all this land that I am talking about. It will be their land forever.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:14

ULT

14 Then Yahweh repented from the evil that he had spoken to do to his people.

UST

14 So Yahweh relented. He did not punish his people as he had said he would do.

From what did Yahweh relent?

Yahweh relented from the punishment that he had said he would inflict on his people.

Exodus 32:15

ULT

15 And Moses turned and went down from the mountain and the two tablets of the testimony {were} in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides, on this {side} and on that {side} they were written.

UST

15 Then Moses turned around and went down the mountain. He was carrying in his hands the two stone slabs on which Yahweh had inscribed his commandments. He had inscribed on both sides of the slabs, both front and back.

On which parts of the tablets did Yahweh write?

The tablets were written on both their sides, on both the front and the back.

Exodus 32:16

ULT

16 And the tablets, they {were} the work of God. And the writing, it {was} the writing of God, {it} was engraved on the tablets.

UST

16 As for the slabs, God had made them. As for the inscription, God had inscribed it. He had engraved on the slabs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:17

ULT

17 And Joshua heard the noise of the people in its shouting, and he said to Moses, “{There is} the noise of war in the camp.”

UST

17 Joshua heard the sound of the people shouting. So he said to Moses, “There is a noise in the camp that sounds like the noise of a battle!”

When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, what did he think was the problem?

When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he thought there was the noise of combat in the camp.

Exodus 32:18

ULT

18 But Moses said, “There is not the sound of singing of strength, and there is not the sound of singing of weakness, the sound of singing I am hearing.”

UST

18 But Moses said, “That is not a victory shout; or a defeated cry. I hear singing!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:19

ULT

19 And it happened, as he approached to the camp, that he saw the calf and dancing, and the nose of Moses burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them under the mountain.

UST

19 As soon as Moses came close to the camp and saw the statue of the bull and the people dancing, he became very angry. He flung the stone slabs down {onto the ground} at the base of the mountain, and they broke completely.

After Moses saw the calf, what did he do to the tablets?

He threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the bottom of the mountain.

Exodus 32:20

ULT

20 And he took the calf that they had made and burned {it} in the fire and ground {it} until it was fine and scattered {it} on the face of the water and caused the sons of Israel to drink {it}.

UST

20 Then he took the statue of the bull that they had made and melted it in the fire. {When it cooled,} he ground it into fine powder. Then he threw the powder on top of the water and forced the Israelites to drink it.

What did Moses do to the calf?

Moses took the calf that the people had made, burned it, ground it to powder, and poured it into the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

Exodus 32:21

ULT

21 And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you, that you have brought a great sin on them?”

UST

21 Then Moses said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you that you caused them to sin so much?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:22

ULT
22 And Aaron said, “Do not let {your} nose burn, my lord. You know the people, that it {is/was} in evil.

UST
22 Aaron replied, “Please do not be angry with me, my lord. You know how likely these people are to do wicked things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:23

ULT
23 And they said to me, ‘Make for us a god that will go before our faces. As for this Moses, the man that brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.’

UST
23 They said to me, ‘Make us a god to lead us because we do not know what has happened to that Moses guy who brought us out of Egypt!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:24

ULT
24 And I said to them, ‘Whoever has gold, take it off yourself.’ And they gave {it} to me, and I threw it in the fire, and this calf came out.”

UST
24 So I said to them, ‘Everyone who is wearing {pieces of} gold {jewelry} should take them off.’ So they {took them off and} gave them to me. I threw them into the fire, and out came this statue of a young bull!”

According to Aaron, how was the calf made?
According to Aaron, the people gave him gold and he threw it into the fire, and out came the calf.

Exodus 32:25

ULT
25 And Moses saw the people, that it was let loose, for Aaron had let it loose, to mockery by the risers-up against them.

UST
25 Moses saw that Aaron had allowed the people to act wildly, so that their enemies would laugh at them.

Who had let the people get out of control?
Aaron had let them get out of control.

Exodus 32:26

ULT
26 And Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who {is} for Yahweh, to me!” And all of the sons of Levi gathered themselves to him.

UST
26 So he stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, “Everyone who is loyal to Yahweh, come close to me!” All the men in the tribe of Levi gathered around him.

Who gathered around Moses when he commanded everyone on Yahweh’s side to come to him?
When Moses commanded everyone on Yahweh’s side to come to him, all the Levites gathered around him.

Exodus 32:27

ULT
27 And he said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘Each man put his sword on his side. Pass through and return from gate to gate in the camp and kill each his brother and each his companion and each his neighbor.’”

UST
27 Then he said to them, “Yahweh, the God of the Israelites, commands that every one of you should fasten your sword to your side, and then go through the camp from this entrance to the other one and back again. Each one of you must kill the {unfaithful} men, {even if} they are your brother, your friend, or your neighbor.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:28

ULT

28 And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And on that day about 3,000 men from the people fell.

UST

28 The men in the tribe of Levi did what Moses told them to do. They killed 3, 000 Israelite men that day.

What did the Levites do?

The Levites did what Moses ordered, and about 3,000 men out of the people died.

Exodus 32:29

ULT

29 And Moses said, “Fill your hand for Yahweh today! For a man {was} against his son and against his brother and for putting a blessing on yourselves today.”

UST

29 Moses said {to the men in the tribe of Levi}, “Because each of you {killed} even your own son and brother, Yahweh has consecrated and blessed you today.”

Why were the Levites placed into Yahweh’s service?

They were placed into Yahweh’s service, for each of them acted against his brother.

Exodus 32:30

ULT

30 And it happened the next day that Moses said to the people, “You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to Yahweh. Perhaps I can atone for your sin.”

UST

30 The next day, Moses said to the people, “You have sinned very greatly. But I will now climb up the mountain {again} to {talk with} Yahweh. Perhaps I can {persuade him to} forgive you for sinning {like this}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:31

ULT

31 And Moses returned to Yahweh and said, “Oh, this people has sinned a great sin and made themselves gods of gold.

UST

31 So Moses went back up {the mountain} and said to Yahweh, “These people sinned very greatly when they made for themselves a gold idol {and worshiped it}! Please,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:32

ULT

32 But now, if you forgive their sin; but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written.”

UST

32 if you would, forgive them for their sin now. But if you will not forgive them, please erase my name from the book in which you have written {your people’s names}.”

What did Moses want Yahweh to do if Yahweh would not forgive the people’s sin?

Moses wanted Yahweh to blot him out of the book Yahweh had written if Yahweh would not forgive the people’s sin.

Exodus 32:33

ULT

33 But Yahweh said to Moses, “Whoever that sinned against me, I will blot him out from my book.

UST

33 But Yahweh said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me, I will erase their names from that book.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:34

ULT

34 So now go, lead the people to where I have spoken to you! Behold, my angel will go before your face. But on the day I visit them, then I will visit their sin on them.”

UST

34 Now, go lead the Israelites to the place I told you about! Watch for my angel going in front of you. However, sometime I will come and I will punish them for how they sinned.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 32:35

ULT

35 And Yahweh plagued the people because they had made the calf (that Aaron made).

UST

35 Later Yahweh caused the people to become sick because they had made Aaron make the bull idol.

How did Yahweh punish the people because they had made the calf?

Yahweh sent a plague on the people because they had made the calf.

Exodus 33

Exodus 33:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, “Go, arise from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your seed.’

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Get up and go from here with the people whom you led out of Egypt. Go to the land that I promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that I would give to their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:2

ULT

[2] And I will send an angel before your face, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites, Hivites and the Jebusites.

UST

[2] I will send my angel ahead of you, and I will remove the people descended from Canaan, Amor, Heth, Periz, Hiv, and Jebus from that land.

What did Yahweh say he would send before Moses?

Yahweh would send an angel before Moses.

Exodus 33:3

ULT

[3] {Go} to a land flowing {with} milk and honey, but I will not go up in your midst, because you {are} a people hard of neck, lest I destroy you on the way.”

UST

[3] You will go to a land that will be very good for raising livestock and growing crops. But I will not go with you myself, because if I did that, I might annihilate you while you are traveling, because you are very obstinate people.”

Why would Yahweh not go up with Moses?

Yahweh would not go up with him, because they were a stubborn people. Yahweh might destroy them on the way.

Exodus 33:4

ULT

4 And the people heard this evil word, and they mourned, and each one did not put his ornaments on him.

UST

4-5 Yahweh told Moses to tell the Israelites, “You are very stubborn. If I were to go with you for even a moment, I would kill you. Now take off your fine things {to show that you are sorry for sinning}. Then I will decide if I will punish you.” When the people heard that Yahweh spoke harshly, they were sorry, and no one wore fancy things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh {had} said to Moses, “Say to the sons of Israel, ‘You are a people hard of neck. {If} I went up among you {for} one moment, then I {would} destroy you. And now, take your ornaments down from on you, and I will know what I will do to you.’”

UST

4-5 Yahweh told Moses to tell the Israelites, “You are very stubborn. If I were to go with you for even a moment, I would kill you. Now take off your fine things {to show that you are sorry for sinning}. Then I will decide if I will punish you.” When the people heard that Yahweh spoke harshly, they were sorry, and no one wore fancy things.

What did Yahweh command the Israelites to take off?

They must take off their jewelry.

Exodus 33:6

ULT

6 And the sons of Israel stripped themselves {of} their ornaments from Mount Horeb.

UST

6 From Mount Sinai on, the Israelites took off and left off all their fine things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:7

ULT

7 And Moses would take a tent and would pitch it on the outside of the camp, at a distance from the camp. And he called it the tent of meeting. And it happened, every seeker of Yahweh would go out to the tent of meeting that {was} on the outside of the camp.

UST

7 {Until they built the sacred tent,} Moses set up a tent outside the camp, far away. He called it “the tent of meeting.” Everyone who wanted Yahweh to decide something for them would go out of the camp to the tent of meeting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:8

ULT

8 And it happened as Moses went out to the tent, all the people would stand up and each would be stationed {at} the entrance of his tent, and they stared behind Moses until he went into the tent.

UST

8 Whenever Moses went out to the tent of meeting, all the people would stand at their own tent entrances and watch him until he had walked into the tent of meeting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:9

ULT

9 And it happened, as Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand {at} the entrance of the tent, and he would speak with Moses.

UST

9 Whenever Moses went into the tent of meeting, the tall cloud would come down and stay at the tent entrance, and then {Yahweh} would talk with Moses.

What would happen whenever Moses entered the Dwelling?

Whenever Moses entered the Dwelling, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the entrance, and Yahweh would speak with Moses.

Exodus 33:10

ULT

10 And all of the people saw the pillar of cloud standing {at} the entrance of the tent, and all of the people would get up and bow down, each {at} the entrance of his tent.

UST

10 When the people saw the tall cloud standing at the entrance to the tent of meeting, they would all bow to worship Yahweh at their own tent entrances.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua son of Nun, a young man, would not withdraw from the midst of the tent.

UST

11 Yahweh would speak directly to Moses like someone speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp. But his young helper, Joshua son of Nun, would stay in the tent of meeting.

How would Yahweh speak to Moses?

Yahweh would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Exodus 33:12

ULT

12 And Moses said to Yahweh, “See, you {have been} saying to me, ‘Take this people up,’ but you have not caused me to know whom you will send with me. And you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my eyes.’

UST

12 Moses said to Yahweh, “Please pay attention. You told me to lead the Israelites {to the land that you will show me}. But you have not told me whom you will send {to help} me! You also said that you know me well and that you are pleased with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:13

ULT

13 And now please, if I have found favor in your eyes, please cause me to know your ways, and I will know you so that I can find favor in your eyes. And see that this nation is your people.”

UST

13 So now, if you are truly pleased with me, I ask you, please tell me the things that you are going to do in order that I may know you better and continue to please you. Please remember that the Israelites are the people whom you chose to belong to you.”

What did Moses want Yahweh to show him? Why?

Moses wanted Yahweh to show him his ways so that Moses might know him and continue to find favor in his sight.

Exodus 33:14

ULT

14 And he said, “My face will go, and I will cause rest for you.”

UST

14 Yahweh replied, “I will go with you and relieve you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:15

ULT

15 And he said to him, “If your face {is} not going, do not take us up from here.

UST

15 Moses replied to Yahweh, “If you do not go {with me}, do not make us leave this place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:16

ULT

16 And in what then will it be known that I have found favor in your eyes, I and your people? {Is it} not in your going with us? And I and your people shall be distinct from all of the people that {are} on the face of the earth."

UST

16 The only way that others will know that you are pleased with me and with your people is if you go with us! If you go with us, it will show that we are different from all the other nations on the earth."

How would it be known that Moses found favor in Yahweh's sight?

It would be known that Moses found favor in Yahweh's sight if Yahweh went with them so that they were different from all the other peoples that were on the surface of the earth.

Exodus 33:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken, for you have found favor in my eyes, and I know you by name."

UST

17 Yahweh replied to Moses, "I will do what you have asked, because I know you well and I am pleased with you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:18

ULT

18 And he said, "Please show me your glory."

UST

18 Then Moses said, "Please let me see how glorious you are."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:19

ULT

19 And he said, “I myself will cause all my goodness to pass over above your face, and I will proclaim in the name of Yahweh before your face: and I will favor whom I will favor, and I will be compassionate to whom I will be compassionate.”

UST

19 Yahweh replied, “I will display to you how good I am and tell you {what} my name Yahweh {means}. I will act kindly to anyone I choose, and I will act mercifully to anyone I choose.

To whom did Yahweh say he would be gracious and merciful?

Yahweh said he would be gracious to whom he would be gracious and that he would show mercy on whom he would show mercy.

Exodus 33:20

ULT

20 But he said, “You are not able to see my face, for mankind can not see me and live.”

UST

20 But you cannot see my face, because anyone who sees my face will die.

Why could Moses not see Yahweh’s face?

Moses could not see Yahweh’s face, for no one could see him and live.

Exodus 33:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh said, “Behold, a place with me, and you shall station yourself on the rock.

UST

21 But look! Here is a place close to me where you can stand on a large rock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:22

ULT

22 And it will happen, while my glory passes over, that I will put you in a crevice of the rock, and my hand will cover over you until I have passed over.

UST

22 When my glorious {light} goes by you, I will put you in a large hole in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have gone by you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 33:23

ULT

23 Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face will not be seen.”

UST

23 Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back, but you will not see my face.”

When Yahweh would take away his hand, what would Moses see?

When Yahweh would take away his hand, Moses would see his back, but Yahweh’s face would not be seen.

Exodus 34

Exodus 34:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke.

UST

[1] Yahweh kept talking to Moses, “Cut two slabs of stone like the first slabs, the ones that you smashed. Then I will write the same thing on them as was on the first slabs.

What would Yahweh write on the new tablets?

Yahweh would write on the new tablets the words that were on the first tablets, the tablets that Moses broke.

Exodus 34:2

ULT

[2] And be ready by morning, and in the morning come up to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain.

UST

[2] Get ready tomorrow morning, and come up and stand before me at the top of Mount Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:3

ULT

[3] And a man shall not come up with you and also let a man not be seen on all of the mountain. Also let not the flocks and the herds graze to the front of that mountain.”

UST

[3] Do not allow anyone to come up with you. I do not want anyone else to be anywhere on the mountain. Do not even allow any sheep or cattle to eat grass near the mountain.”

Who was allowed anywhere on the mountain?

No one besides Moses was allowed anywhere on the mountain.

Exodus 34:4

ULT

[4] And he carved two tablets of stone like the first, and Moses got up early in the morning and went up to Mount Sinai as Yahweh had commanded him. And he took the two tablets of stone in his hand.

UST

[4] So Moses cut two slabs of stone like the first ones. He rose early the next morning, picked up the slabs, and carried them in his hands up to the top of Mount Sinai, as Yahweh had told him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:5

ULT

[5] And Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and he pronounced in the name of Yahweh.

UST

[5] Then Yahweh came down in the tall cloud and stood there with Moses. Then Yahweh called out his name, “Yahweh.”

When Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with Moses, what did he pronounce?

When Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with Moses, he pronounced the name “Yahweh”.

Exodus 34:6

ULT

[6] And Yahweh passed over above his face and proclaimed, “Yahweh, Yahweh, a God compassionate and gracious, long of nostril and abounding in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness,

UST

[6] Yahweh passed in front of him and called out, “I am Yahweh God. I always act mercifully and kindly toward people, and I do not get angry quickly. I abundantly love and faithfully do what I promise for my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:7

ULT

7 keeping covenant faithfulness to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. But he will surely not acquit, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the sons and on the sons of the sons, on the third and on the fourth."

UST

7 I abundantly love people for thousands of generations. I forgive people for doing wrong, transgressing, and sinning. But I will certainly punish the guilty. If people do wrong, I cause that to affect their descendants, down to the third and fourth generation."

Would Yahweh clear the guilty?

Yahweh would by no means clear the guilty.

Exodus 34:8

ULT

8 And Moses hurried and bowed to the ground and prostrated himself.

UST

8 Quickly Moses bowed low down on the ground and worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:9

ULT

9 And he said, "Please, if I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, may my Lord please go among us, for this {is} a people hard of neck. And forgive our iniquity and our sin and inherit us."

UST

9 He said, "My Lord, if you are now pleased with me, I ask that you go with us. These people are very stubborn, but forgive us for all our sins, and accept us as the people who belong to you forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:10

ULT

10 And he said, “Behold, I am about to cut a covenant: before all of your people, I will do wonders that have not been created in all of the earth and in all of the nations. And all of the people that you are in the midst of will see the work of Yahweh, for it {is} fear-filling, what I {am} doing with you.

UST

10 Yahweh replied, “Pay attention! I am going to remind you of what I agreed with the Israelites. {As for me,} I will perform great miracles. These will be miracles that no one has ever done on the earth in any people group. Every nation around them will see the great things that I, Yahweh, will do. I will do things for you all that will make everyone revere me.

What was Yahweh about to make?

Yahweh was about to make a covenant.

Exodus 34:11

ULT

11 Keep for yourself what I am commanding today. Behold I am about to drive out from before your face the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

UST

11 Obey what I am about to command you today. I will surely force the Amor, Canaan, Heth, Periz, Hiv, and Jebus people groups to leave the land for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:12

ULT

12 Guard yourself, lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitant of the land where you are about to go into, lest he become as a trap in your midst.

UST

12 Be careful that you do not agree to live peacefully with any of the people who live in the land into which you are going. If you do that, {you will begin to do the evil things that they do.} It will be like falling into a trap.

What would happen if the Israelites made a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where they were going?

If they made a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where they were going, the inhabitants would become a trap among the Israelites.

Exodus 34:13

ULT
13 Instead, their altars you shall break down, and their pillars you shall smash, and his Asherah poles you shall cut down.

UST
13 Rather, you must tear down their altars, destroy their idols, and cut down the poles that they use to worship Asherah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:14

ULT
14 For you shall not bow to another god, for Yahweh—Jealous {is} his name—he {is} a jealous God.

UST
14 {Do that} because you must not worship any other god, because I, Yahweh, am passionate for people to recognize that I am the only true God, like a husband is passionate for his wife to love only him.

Why must the Israelites worship no other god?
They must worship no other god, for Yahweh, whose name is 'Jealous,' is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:15

ULT
15 Lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitant of the land, and they prostitute after their gods and sacrifice to their gods, and he invite you, and you eat from his sacrifice

UST
15 {Again,} do not agree to live peacefully with any of the people who live in the land, because when they worship their gods and offer sacrifices to them, they will invite you to join them. Then you will {be unfaithful to me and sin by} eating the food that they sacrifice to their gods.

What would happen if the Israelites ate some of the sacrifices of the inhabitants of the land? (vv15-16)
If the Israelites ate some of the sacrifices of the inhabitants of the land, they would even take some of their daughters for their sons, and their daughters would commit adultery and go after their own gods, and they would make their sons commit adultery and go after their gods.

Exodus 34:16

ULT
16 and take from his daughters for your sons, and his daughters prostitute after their gods and cause your sons to prostitute after their gods.

UST
16 Then you will {sin by} having some of their women to be wives for your sons. These women will worship their own gods. They will also make your sons be unfaithful to me by worshiping those gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:17

ULT
17 Do not make for yourselves gods of molten metal.

UST
17 Do not make your own gods by pouring melted metal into statue molds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:18

ULT
18 You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, which I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in the month of Aviv you came out from Egypt.

UST
18 Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread the way that I commanded you: eat unleavened bread for seven days in the month called Aviv. I set this time because Aviv is the month when you left Egypt.

Why must the Israelites eat bread without yeast for seven days at the fixed time in the month of Aviv?
The Israelites must eat bread without yeast for seven days at the fixed time in the month of Aviv, for it was in the month of Aviv that the Israelites came out from Egypt.

Exodus 34:19

ULT

19 All of the openers of the womb are mine {even from} all of your male livestock, the openers of cattle and of sheep.

UST

19 All your firstborn sons belong to me. All the firstborn males of your domesticated animals, cows, sheep, and goats, belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:20

ULT

20 And the opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. You shall ransom all the firstborn of your sons. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.

UST

20 In the case of a firstborn donkey, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you do not buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You must buy back every one of your firstborn sons. Do not come to worship me without bringing an offering.

What had to happen if the Israelites did not buy back the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb?

If the Israelites did not buy back the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb, then they had to break its neck.

Exodus 34:21

ULT

21 Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest time, you shall rest.

UST

21 Work six days {each week}, but on the seventh day you must rest. Even during the times when you are plowing the ground or harvesting your crops, you must rest on the seventh day.

What must the Israelites do on the seventh day, even at plowing time and in harvest?

On the seventh day, the Israelites must rest. Even at plowing time and in harvest, they must rest.

Exodus 34:22

ULT

22 And you shall keep for yourself the Festival of Weeks {with} the first-fruits of the harvest of the wheat, and the Festival of the Gathering at the turning of the year.

UST

22 {In the spring,} when you begin to harvest the first wheat crop, have the Celebration of Weeks, and at the end of the year have the Finished Harvest Celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:23

ULT

23 Three times in a year, all your males shall appear before the face of the Lord Yahweh, God of Israel.

UST

23 Three times every year, all the men must gather together to worship me, the Lord Yahweh, the Israelite's God.

How often must all the men appear before Yahweh?

All the men must appear before Yahweh three times every year.

Exodus 34:24

ULT

24 For I will drive out nations before your face and expand your borders. And a man will not desire your land when you go up to appear before the face of Yahweh your God three times in a year.

UST

24 Surely, I will force the people groups to leave the land you are going to, and I will make your territory larger. No one will want {to try to conquer} your country while the men come to worship Yahweh your God for these three festivals each year.

Who would desire to invade the land and take it when the Israelites went up to appear before Yahweh three times every year?

No one would desire to invade the land and take it when the Israelites went up to appear before Yahweh three times every year.

Exodus 34:25

ULT

25 You shall not slaughter the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the sacrifice of the Festival of the Passover shall not remain all night to the morning.

UST

25 Do not sacrifice bread you made with yeast along with blood from an animal sacrifice. Do not keep until the next morning any part of the animals you sacrificed at the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:26

ULT

26 You shall bring the first of the first fruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God. You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother."

UST

26 {Each year, when you harvest your crops,} take the best of what you harvest first, go to the place where you worship me, and give it to me, Yahweh your God. {When you kill} a young animal, do not cook it by boiling it in its mother's milk."

What must the Israelites bring to Yahweh's house?

They must bring the best of the first fruits from their fields to Yahweh's house.

Exodus 34:27

ULT

27 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Write these words for yourself, for over the mouth of these words I have cut a covenant with you and with Israel."

UST

27 Yahweh said to Moses, "Write down the words that I have told you. By giving you these commands, I have made an agreement with you and with the Israelites."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:28

ULT

28 And he was there with Yahweh 40 days and 40 nights; bread he did not eat and water he did not drink. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten words.

UST

28 Moses was there {on the top of the mountain} with Yahweh for 40 days and nights. During that time he did not eat or drink anything. He engraved on the stone slabs the words of the Ten Commandments which were part of Yahweh's solemn agreement.

What did Moses not do when he was with Yahweh for 40 days and nights?

When Moses was with Yahweh for 40 days and nights, he did not eat any food nor drink any water.

Exodus 34:29

ULT

29 And it happened, as Moses {was} descending from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in the hand of Moses as he {was} descending from the mountain, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while speaking with him.

UST

29 When Moses came back down from Mount Sinai he was carrying the two stone slabs on which he had written the Ten Commandments. His face was very bright from talking to Yahweh, but he did not know it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:30

ULT

30 And Aaron and all of the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone! And they were afraid to come near to him.

UST

30 When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, they were amazed that his face was bright, and were afraid to approach him.

When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, why were they afraid to come near him?

When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exodus 34:31

ULT
31 And Moses called to them, and Aaron and all of the leaders among the congregation returned to him. And Moses spoke to them.

UST
31 But Moses summoned them, and Aaron and the other Israelite leaders came back to him, and he talked with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:32

ULT
32 And after this, all of the sons of Israel approached, and he commanded them all that Yahweh had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

UST
32 Afterwards, all the Israelites came near, and Moses told them all that Yahweh had commanded him on Mount Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 34:33

ULT
33 And Moses finished from speaking with them, and he put a veil over his face.

UST
33 When Moses finished talking to the people, he covered his face with a thin cloth.

When Moses finished speaking with them, what did he put over his face?
When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exodus 34:34

ULT

34 And whenever Moses went before the face of Yahweh to speak with him, he would remove the veil until he came out. And he would come out, and he would speak to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded.

UST

34 Whenever Moses entered the tent of meeting to talk with Yahweh, he would remove the cloth. When he came back out, he would always tell the Israelite people everything that Yahweh had commanded him to tell them.

When did Moses remove the veil?

Whenever Moses went before Yahweh to speak with him, he would remove the veil.

Exodus 34:35

ULT

35 And the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of the face of Moses shone. And Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with him.

UST

35 The Israelites would see that Moses' face was still bright. Then he would put the cloth on his face again until the next time that he went to talk with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35

Exodus 35:1

ULT
[1] And Moses assembled all the congregation of the sons of Israel and said to them, “These are the things that Yahweh has commanded you to do.

UST
[1] Moses gathered all the Israelites together and said to them, “This is what Yahweh has commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:2

ULT
[2] Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day {there} shall be for you a holy Sabbath of rest to Yahweh. Every doer of work on it shall be put to death.

UST
[2] {Each week} you may work for six days, but on the seventh day, you must rest. It is a sacred day for you, dedicated to Yahweh. You must execute anyone who does any work on the seventh day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:3

ULT
[3] You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the days of the Sabbath.”

UST
[3] Do not light a fire in your homes on the rest days.”

When must the Israelites not light a fire?
They must not light a fire in any of their homes on the Sabbath day.

Exodus 35:4

ULT
4 And Moses said to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, “This {is} the thing that Yahweh commanded, saying,

UST
4 Moses also said to all the gathered Israelites, “This is what Yahweh has commanded:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:5

ULT
5 Take from with you a contribution for Yahweh, every{one} willing of his heart. Let him bring the contribution of Yahweh: gold and silver and bronze

UST
5 Everyone who wants to should bring Yahweh a gift. They should bring these sorts of gifts to Yahweh: gold, silver, or bronze,

Who should take an offering for Yahweh?
All who have a willing heart should take an offering for Yahweh.

Exodus 35:6

ULT
6 and blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine linen and goats’ hair

UST
6 {cloth dyed} blue, {cloth dyed} purple, {cloth dyed} bright red, fine linen, {cloth made from} goats’ hair,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:7

ULT
7 and reddened hides of rams and hides of sea-cows and wood of acacias

UST
7 red ram skins, fine leather hides, hard wood from acacia trees,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:8

ULT
8 and oil for the light and spices for the oil of anointing and for the incense of fragrance

UST
8 {olive} oil to burn in the lamps, spices to put in the {olive} oil for anointing {the priests}, and spices to put in the sweet-smelling incense,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:9

ULT
9 and stones of onyx and precious stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastpiece.

UST
9 onyx stones and other expensive stones to fasten to the priest’s sacred apron and to put on the chest pouch that is on the apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:10

ULT
10 And all of the wise of heart among you shall come and make all that Yahweh has commanded—

UST
10 All the skilled workmen among you should come and make all the things that Yahweh has commanded {you to make}:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:11

ULT
11 the Dwelling, its tent and its covering, its clasps and its frames, its bars, its pillars and its bases,

UST
11 the sacred tent with the inner tent; its covering, fasteners, frames, crossbars, posts, and bases;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:12

ULT
12 the box and its poles, the atonement lid and the curtain of covering,

UST
12 the sacred chest with its poles and its lid, the curtain that will separate the Holy Place from the Very Holy Place,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:13

ULT
13 the table and its poles and all of its equipment and the bread of the faces

UST
13 the table with the poles for carrying it and all its utensils, the sacred bread to present before God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:14

ULT
14 and the lampstand of the light and its utensils and its lamps and the oil of the light

UST
14 the lampstand for making light with its implements and lamps, the oil {to burn} for light,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:15

ULT
15 and the altar of incense and its poles and the oil of anointing and the incense of fragrance and the curtain of the entrance for the entrance of the Dwelling,

UST
15 the altar for {burning} incense and the poles {for carrying the altar}, the oil for anointing and the sweet-smelling incense, the curtain for the entrance of the sacred tent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:16

ULT

16 the altar of the burnt offering and the grate of bronze that {is} for it, its poles and all of its utensils, the basin and its base,

UST

16 the altar for burning sacrifices and its bronze grating, the poles {for carrying the altar}, and all its implements, the washbasin and its base,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:17

ULT

17 the curtains of the courtyard, its pillars and bases and the curtain of the gate of the courtyard,

UST

17 the curtains to surround the courtyard and the posts and bases {for the posts to support the curtains}; the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:18

ULT

18 the tent pegs of the Dwelling and the pegs of the courtyard and their ropes,

UST

18 the pegs and ropes for the sacred tent and its courtyard,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:19

ULT

19 finely-woven clothing for serving in the Holy Place, the clothing of holiness for Aaron the priest and the clothing of his sons, to {be} priests.”

UST

19 the beautiful, sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons to wear when they work as priests in the Holy Place.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:20

ULT

[20] And all of the congregation of the sons of Israel went away from before the face of Moses.

UST

[20] Then all the Israelites left from where they had gathered {to listen} to Moses.

Where did all the tribes of Israel go?

All the tribes of Israel left and went away from Moses' presence.

Exodus 35:21

ULT

[21] And every man whose heart lifted him came. And all whose spirit impelled him brought the contribution of Yahweh for the work of the tent of meeting and for all of its service and for the clothing of holiness.

UST

[21] Everyone who wished to bring a gift to Yahweh did so. They brought things to make the sacred tent, all the other items for rituals, and the sacred vestments for the priests.

Who came and brought an offering to Yahweh for the construction of the Dwelling?

Everyone whose heart stirred him up and whom his spirit made willing came and brought an offering to Yahweh for the construction of the Dwelling.

Exodus 35:22

ULT

[22] And men along with women came, all impelled of heart. They brought brooches and earrings and rings and ornaments, all of the things of gold. And every man that raised {did} as a raised offering of gold to Yahweh.

UST

[22] All the men and women who wished to brought necklaces, earrings, rings, gold ornaments—all sorts of things made from gold. Then they lifted them up high to dedicate them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:23

ULT
23 And every man with whom was found blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine linen and goats' hair and reddened ram skins and hides of sea-cows brought {them}.

UST
23 Many people who had blue, purple, or bright red {cloth}, or fine linen, or {cloth made from} goats' hair, or red rams' skins, or fine leather hides brought some of these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:24

ULT
24 All of the presenters {of} a contribution of silver and of bronze brought the contribution of Yahweh, and all with whom wood of acacias was found for all the work of the service brought {it}.

UST
24 Everyone who {desired to} offer silver or bronze gifts brought them to Yahweh. Anyone owning wood from acacia trees brought it for any part of the building work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:25

ULT
25 And every woman skilled of heart spun with her hands, and they brought the spun items, the blue and the purple the worm of scarlet and the fine linen.

UST
25 All the women who were skilled {at making cloth} brought blue, purple, or red woolen yarn and fine linen thread that they had made by hand-spinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:26

ULT
26 All the women with skill whose hearts lifted them spun goats' hair.

UST
26 All the skilled women who wanted to made {thread} from goats' hair by spinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:27

ULT

27 And the leaders brought the onyx stones and precious stones of setting for the ephod and for the breastpiece

UST

27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other fine stones for fastening to {Aaron's} sacred apron and sacred pouch,

What were to be set into the ephod and the breastpiece?

Onyx stones and other gems were to be set into the ephod and the breastpiece.

Exodus 35:28

ULT

28 and spice and the oil for light and for the oil of anointing and for the incense of fragrance.

UST

28 and spices and oil to use for the lamps, anointing oil, and sweet-smelling incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:29

ULT

29 The sons of Israel brought a freewill offering to Yahweh, every man and woman whose heart impelled them to bring {something} for all of the work which Yahweh had commanded {them} to do by the hand of Moses.

UST

29 All the Israelite men and women who wanted to bring these things freely offered them to Yahweh for doing the work that he had commanded Moses tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:30

ULT
30 And Moses said to the sons of Israel, “See, Yahweh has called by name on Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.

UST
30 Moses said to the Israelites, “Listen carefully. Yahweh has chosen a man named Bezalel, son of Uri and grandson of Hur, from the tribe descended from Judah.

On whom did Yahweh call by name?
Yahweh called by name on Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.

Exodus 35:31

ULT
31 And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill and with understanding and with knowledge and with all kinds of craftsmanship

UST
31 Yahweh has caused his Spirit to teach him to know how to make all kinds of fine goods wisely and intelligently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:32

ULT
32 and to design designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze

UST
32 He can engrave skillful designs in gold, silver, and bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:33

ULT

33 and in carving of precious stones for setting and in carving of wood, to do all kinds of craftsmanship of invention.

UST

33 He can cut jewels and enclose them in tiny gold settings. He can carve things from wood and do other inventive, skilled work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:34

ULT

34 And he has put {it} in his heart to teach, he and Oholiab the son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan.

UST

34 Yahweh has also made Bezalel and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan, able to teach {others what they do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 35:35

ULT

35 He has filled them {with} skill of heart to do all of the work of a craftsman and of a skillful workman and of an embroiderer in the blue and in the purple and in the worm of scarlet and in the fine linen and of a weaver. {They are} doers of all work and designers of design.

UST

35 He has enabled them to skillfully do all kinds of crafts-work—those who create artistic things, those who embroider designs using blue, purple, or red woolen yarn with linen cloth, and those who make the cloth. They are able to plan and do many kinds of artistic work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36

Exodus 36:1

ULT

1 And Bezalel and Oholiab and every man skilled of heart to whom Yahweh has given skill and understanding to know {how} to do all of the work of the service of the Holy Place shall do according to all that Yahweh has commanded.”

UST

1 Bezalel and Oholiab will do this work along with all the other skillful people. Yahweh has made them skillful and able to know how to follow his instructions to build the sacred place.”

Who would do the work of building the sanctuary?

Bezalel and Oholiab would work, as well as every wise-hearted person in whom Yahweh put skill and understanding to know how to build the sanctuary.

Exodus 36:2

ULT

2 And Moses called to Bezalel and to Oholiab and to every man skilled of heart in whose heart Yahweh had put skill, all whose heart lifted him to come near to the work to do it,

UST

2 So Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and all the other people that Yahweh had made skillful who wished to come do some of the work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:3

ULT

3 and they took from before the face of Moses all of the contributions that the sons of Israel had brought for doing the work of the service of the Holy Place. And they continually brought a freewill offering to him in the morning in the morning.

UST

3 They took all the gifts for building the sacred tent from Moses that the Israelites had brought to him. But the Israelites continued gladly bringing more gifts every morning.

What were the people still doing?

The people were still bringing freewill offerings every morning to Moses.

Exodus 36:4

ULT

[4] So all the skilled doing all the work of the Holy Place came, every single man from the work that they were doing,

UST

[4] As a result, each and every skillful craftsman who was working to make the sacred tent left their work and came to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:5

ULT

[5] and they said to Moses, saying, “The people {are} bringing much more than enough for the service of the work that Yahweh has commanded {us} to do.”

UST

[5] The craftsmen told him, “The Israelites are bringing many times more than we need to build as Yahweh has commanded us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:6

ULT

[6] And Moses commanded, and they caused a sound to pass through in the camp, saying, “A man and a woman shall not make any more work for the contribution of the Holy Place.” And the people were restrained from bringing.

UST

[6] So Moses told them to proclaim a message throughout the camp, “Everyone should stop making and bringing material gifts for the sacred tent!” So the people stopped bringing gifts.

What did Moses instruct the people to do?

Moses instructed that no one in the camp should bring any more offerings for the construction of the sanctuary.

Exodus 36:7

ULT

[7] And the work was sufficient for doing all their work, and there was excess.

UST

[7] They had more than enough materials for all the work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:8

ULT

[8] And every skilled of heart among the doers of the work made the Dwelling with ten curtains: twisted fine linen and blue and purple and worm of scarlet; cherubim—the work of a skilled craftsman he made them.

UST

[8] All the most skilled men among the workmen made the sacred tent, using ten long strips of finely twisted linen. A skilled craftsman took blue, purple, and red thread, and embroidered these strips with designs that represent the winged creatures that are above the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:9

ULT

[9] The length of each curtain {was} 28 cubits and the width of each curtain {was} four cubits. All of the curtains {were} one size.

UST

[9] Each strip was 14. 5 meters long and two meters wide. They were all the same size.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:10

ULT

[10] And five of the curtains were joined each to another, and five of the curtains were joined each to another.

UST

[10] He sewed five strips together {as one set}, and sewed the other five strips together {as another set}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:11

ULT
11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain from the edge in the set. And he did thus along the edge of the end curtain in the second set.

UST
11 For each set, he made loops of blue cloth and fastened them along the outer edge of the strip, at the end of each set.

Where did Bezalel make loops?
He made loops of blue along the outer edge of the end curtain of one set, and he did the same along the outer edge of the end curtain in the second set.

Exodus 36:12

ULT
12 He made 50 loops on the first curtain, and he made 50 loops on the end of the curtain which is in the second set. The loops were opposite one to one.

UST
12 He put 50 loops on the edge of the first set, and 50 loops at the edge of the second set so that the loops were opposite each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:13

ULT
13 And he made 50 clasps of gold and joined the curtains one to one with the clasps, and the Dwelling was one.

UST
13 He made 50 gold fasteners and fastened both of the sets together with them to make the sacred tent one unit.

How did Bezalel join the curtains together?
He made fifty gold clasps and joined the curtains together with them.

Exodus 36:14

ULT

14 And he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the Dwelling. He made 11 of these curtains.

UST

14 He made a cover for the sacred tent from 11 pieces of cloth made from goats' hair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:15

ULT

15 The length of each curtain {was} 30 cubits, and the width of each curtain {was} four cubits. The 11 curtains {were} the same size.

UST

15 Each of the 11 pieces of cloth was the same dimensions: 15 meters long and two meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:16

ULT

16 And he joined five curtains to each other and six curtains to each other.

UST

16 He sewed five of these pieces of cloth together {to make one set}, and he sewed the other six pieces of cloth together {to make another set}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:17

ULT

17 And he made 50 loops on the edge of the end curtain in the joined set, and he made 50 loops on the edge of the curtain in the second joined set.

UST

17 He made {100 loops of blue cloth,} and fastened 50 of them to the outer edge of a set and fastened 50 to the outer edge of the other set.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:18

ULT
18 And he made 50 clasps of bronze to join the tent to be one.

UST
18 He made 50 bronze clasps for connecting the tent into one big piece.

Why did Bezalel make fifty bronze clasps?
Bezalel made fifty bronze clasps to join the tentlike covering together so that it might be one.

Exodus 36:19

ULT
19 And he made a covering for the tent of reddened hides of rams and a covering of hides of sea-cows above that.

UST
19 He made another cover from red rams' skins to go over the tent, and a top cover from fine leather hides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:20

ULT
20 And he made upright frames for the Dwelling from wood of acacias.

UST
20 He made a standing framework from acacia wood for the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:21

ULT
21 The length of a frame {was} ten cubits, and the width of one frame {was} a cubit and a half of a cubit.

UST
21 Each frame was five meters long and three-quarters of a meter wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:22

ULT
22 {There were} two tenons in each frame for joining one to one. Thus he made all of the frames of the Dwelling.

UST
22 He made two pegs {at the bottom of} each frame to fasten them together. He made each frame for the tabernacle this way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:23

ULT
23 And he made the frames for the Dwelling: 20 frames for the south side.

UST
23 He made 20 frames for the south side of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:24

ULT
24 And he made 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons.

UST
24 He made 40 silver bases to go underneath the 20 frames. He put two bases under each frame and fit their two pegs into the bases.

How many bases were under each of the boards?
There were two bases under each of the boards.

Exodus 36:25

ULT
25 And for the second side of the Dwelling, on the north side, he made 20 frames

UST
25 For the other side—{that is,} the north side—of the sacred tent he made 20 frames

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:26

ULT
26 and their 40 silver bases: two bases under one frame, and two bases under one frame.

UST
26 and 40 silver bases for them. {They put} two bases under each frame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:27

ULT
27 And he made six frames for the back side of the Dwelling, toward the west.

UST
27 For the rear of the sacred tent, on the west side, he made six frames.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:28

ULT
28 And he made two frames for the back corners of the Dwelling.

UST
28 They made two frames for the rear corners of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:29

ULT
29 And they were a pair at the bottom, and they were completely together at the top to one ring. Thus he did for both as the two corners.

UST
29 He matched them to each other at the bottom and top. He secured the tops together with a ring. He did this for both, making them the corner pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:30

ULT
30 And there were eight frames and their silver bases, sixteen bases: two bases, two bases under one frame.

UST
30 He made eight frames and 16 silver bases, two bases under each frame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:31

ULT
31 And he made crossbars of wood of acacias—five for the frames of the one side of the Dwelling,

UST
31 He made crossbars from acacia wood. He made five crossbars for the frames on the {north} side of the sacred tent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:32

ULT
32 and five crossbars for the frames of the second side of the Dwelling, and five crossbars for the frames for the back of the Dwelling to the west.

UST
32 five crossbars for the frames on the {south} side of the sacred tent, and five crossbars for the frames at the rear of the sacred tent, on the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:33

ULT
33 And he made the middle crossbar in the center of the frames to pass through from end to end.

UST
33 He made the center crossbar, right in the middle of the frames, reach all the way from edge to edge.

Where did Bezalel make the crossbar?
He made the crossbar in the center of the boards, that is, halfway up, to reach from end to end.

Exodus 36:34

ULT

34 And he covered the frames with gold. And he made their rings of gold, the holders for the crossbars. And he covered the bars with gold.

UST

34 He covered the frames and crossbars with gold. He made the rings for fastening the crossbars to the frames from gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:35

ULT

35 And he made a curtain of blue and purple and worm of scarlet and of twisted fine linen. He made cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.

UST

35 He made a curtain from fine linen. A skilled craftsman embroidered it with blue, purple, and red yarn, making designs to represent the winged creatures that are above the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:36

ULT

36 And he made for it four pillars of acacia wood, and he covered them {with} gold and their hooks with gold. And he cast for them four bases of silver.

UST

36 He made four posts from acacia wood for the curtain. He covered them and their hooks with gold. He formed four silver bases for the posts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:37

ULT

37 And he made a curtain for the entrance of the tent: of blue and purple and worm of scarlet and of twisted fine linen, the work of an embroiderer,

UST

37 He made a curtain as the tent entrance. A skilled weaver made it from fine linen with blue, purple, and red yarn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 36:38

ULT

38 and its five pillars and their hooks. And he covered their tops and their rings {with} gold. And their five bases {were} bronze.

UST

38 {He also made} five posts with hooks on them. He covered the tops of the posts and their connectors with gold and {made} a bronze base for each of those posts.

With what did Bezalel cover the five pillars?

Bezalel covered the five pillars with gold.

Exodus 37

Exodus 37:1

ULT

[1] And Bezalel made the box of wood of acacias—its length {was} two cubits and a half, and its width {was} one cubit and a half, and its height {was} one cubit and a half.

UST

[1] Then Bezalel made the sacred chest from acacia wood. He made it 125 centimeters long, 75 centimeters wide, and 75 centimeters high.

Of what material did Bezalel make the box?
Bezalel made the box of acacia wood.

Exodus 37:2

ULT

[2] And he overlaid it {with} pure gold, inside and outside, and for it he made a border of gold around {it}.

UST

[2] He covered the chest with pure gold inside and outside and made a gold molding for all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:3

ULT

[3] And he cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet: two rings on its one side and two rings on its second side.

UST

[3] He made four rings from gold and fastened them to the four legs of the chest. He put two of the rings on each side of the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:4

ULT
[4] And he made poles of wood of acacias and overlaid them {with} gold.

UST
[4] He made two poles from acacia wood, and covered them with gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:5

ULT
[5] And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box, to carry the box.

UST
[5] He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest so that {the Levites} could carry it.

Why did Bezalel put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box?
He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box in order to carry the ark.

Exodus 37:6

ULT
[6] And he made an atonement lid of pure gold. Its length {was} two cubits and a half, and its width {was} a cubit and a half.

UST
[6] He made a lid for the chest from pure gold. It was 125 centimeters long and 75 centimeters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:7

ULT
[7] And he made two gold cherubim; he made them of hammered work from the two ends of the atonement lid.

UST
[7] He hammered {a large lump of} gold into the form of two creatures that have wings for the two ends of the lid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:8

ULT

[8] One cherub {was} from this end and one cherub from this end. He made the cherubim from the atonement lid from its two ends.

UST

[8] He made the winged creatures {from the gold} from each end of the sacred chest's lid, one at one end and the other at the other end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:9

ULT

[9] And the cherubim were spreading out their wings upward, covering over the atonement lid with their wings, and their faces {were} each toward his brother. The faces of the cherubim were toward the atonement lid.

UST

[9] The creature's wings spread out and reached up to cover the lid. They faced each other, facing the chest's lid that was between them.

Which direction did the cherubim face?

The cherubim faced each another and looked toward the center of the atonement lid.

Exodus 37:10

ULT

[10] And he made the table from wood of acacias. Its length {was} two cubits, and its width {was} a cubit, and its height {was} a cubit and a half.

UST

[10] He made a table from acacia wood. It was one meter long, one-half of a meter wide, and three-quarters of a meter high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:11

ULT
11 And he overlaid it {with} pure gold and made for it a border of gold around {it}.

UST
11 He covered the table with pure gold and put a gold molding all around it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:12

ULT
12 And he made a rim for it, a handbreadth all around, and he made a border of gold around its rim.

UST
12 He made a rim all around it, eight centimeters wide, and made a gold molding around the rim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:13

ULT
13 And he cast four rings of gold for it and put the rings on the four corners, where its four legs are.

UST
13 He molded four rings from gold. He fastened them to the four corners of the table. Each ring was close to each table leg

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:14

ULT
14 The rings were close to the rim to house the poles to carry the table.

UST
14 near the rim. They held poles for carrying the table.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:15

ULT
15 And he made the poles {out of} wood of acacias and covered them {with} gold to carry the table.

UST
15 He made two poles from acacia wood and covered them with gold. They were for carrying the table.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:16

ULT
16 And he made the objects that {would be} on the table—its plates, and its pans, and its bowls, and its pitchers with which it will be poured out—{from} pure gold.

UST
16 He made all the utensils for the table from pure gold—dishes, cups, bowls, and jars {for the priests to use} to pour out {wine to offer to Yahweh}.

What objects would be on the table?
The dishes, spoons, the bowls, and pitchers to be used to pour out the offerings would be on the table.

Exodus 37:17

ULT
17 And he made the lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand—its base and its shaft—were made of hammered work. Its cups, its buds, and its blossoms were from it.

UST
17 He made the lampstand from pure gold. He hammered {one large lump of gold} to make its base and its shaft. He made the cups, with the flower buds and petals {that decorate them}, from that same lump.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:18

ULT
18 And six branches were going out from its sides, three branches of the lampstand from the one side and three branches of the lampstand from the second side.

UST
18 There were six branches on the lampstand, three on each side of the shaft.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:19

ULT
19 Three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, {were} on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom, and three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, were on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom; thus for the six branches going out from the lampstand.

UST
19 Each branch had three gold cups that looked like almond flowers on it. The flowers had buds and petals. It was the same for all six branches of the lampstand.

What was located on each branch extending out from the lampstand?
Each branch had three cups made like almond blossoms, with a leafy base and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, with a leafy base and a flower.

Exodus 37:20

ULT
20 And on the lampstand {there were} four cups shaped like almond blossoms {with} its bulbs and its blossoms,

UST
20 On {the shaft of} the lampstand there were four cups that also looked like almond blossoms, each one with flower buds and petals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:21

ULT
21 And a bulb {was} under two of the branches from it, and a bulb {was} under two of the branches from it, and a bulb {was} under two of the branches from it—for all six branches extending out from it.

UST
21 He made one flower bud beneath every two branches. He attached it to each pair of branches {as if they were growing} from it. He made all six lampstand branches like this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:22

ULT
22 Their bulbs and their branches from it were all one piece of hammered work of pure gold.

UST
22 He hammered all these buds and branches{, along with the shaft,} from one {large lump} of pure gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:23

ULT
23 And he made its seven lamps and its tongs and its trays of pure gold.

UST
23 He made from pure gold: seven lamps, tongs {to remove the burned wicks}, and trays {in which to put the burned wicks}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:24

ULT
24 He made it and all its items from a talent of pure gold.

UST
24 He used 33 kilograms of pure gold to make the lampstand, the tongs, and the trays.

How much gold did Bezalel use to make the lampstand and its accessories?
He made the lampstand and its accessories with one talent of pure gold.

Exodus 37:25

ULT

25 And he made the altar of incense of wood of acacias. Its length {was} one cubit, and its width one cubit. It {was} square, and its height {was} two cubits. Its horns were part of it.

UST

25 He made the altar for burning incense from acacia wood. It was square, one-half meter on each side and one meter high. There were {projections that looked like} horns on the same block of wood as the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:26

ULT

26 And he overlaid it {with} pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its horns—and he made for it a border of gold around {it}.

UST

26 He covered the top and the four sides, including the projections, with pure gold. He put a gold molding all around it.

What surrounded the incense altar?

A border of gold surrounded the incense altar.

Exodus 37:27

ULT

27 And he made two rings of gold for it under its border on its two sides, on its two sides; for housings for the poles for carrying it with them.

UST

27 He made two gold rings and attached them to the altar below the molding, one on each side of the altar. These rings were to hold the poles for carrying the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:28

ULT

28 And he made the poles of wood of acacias, and he overlaid them {with} gold.

UST

28 He made those two poles from acacia wood and covered them with gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 37:29

ULT

29 And he made the oil of anointment of holiness and the pure incense of fragrance, the work of an ointment maker.

UST

29 He made the sacred oil for anointing and the pure sweet-smelling incense. A perfumer mixed the incense together.

Who made the holy anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense?

Bezalel made the holy anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense.

Exodus 38

Exodus 38:1

ULT

[1] And he made the altar of the burnt offering of wood of acacias. Its length {was} five cubits and its breadth {was} five cubits—a square—and its height {was} three cubits.

UST

[1] Bezalel made the altar for burning sacrifices from acacia wood. It was square, two and a half meters long on each side, and one and a half meters tall.

How long and wide was the altar for burnt offerings?
The altar for burnt offerings was five cubits long and five cubits wide.

Exodus 38:2

ULT

[2] And he made its horns on its four corners; its horns were part of it. And he overlaid it {with} bronze.

UST

[2] He made a {projection that looks like a} horn on each of the top corners from the same block of wood as the altar. He covered the whole altar with bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:3

ULT

[3] And he made all of the equipment of the altar: the pots and the shovels and the basins, the meat forks and the firepans. He made all of its equipment {of} bronze.

UST

[3] He made all the implements for the altar: the pans, shovels, basins, forks for working with cooking meat, and buckets for carrying hot coals. He made all of these implements from bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:4

ULT
4 And he made a grate for the altar, a work of a network of bronze under its ledge, from below to its middle.

UST
4 He made a bronze lattice grating {to hold the wood and burning coals}. He put the grating under the rim {that was around the altar}. He made it so that it was inside the altar, halfway down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:5

ULT
5 And he cast four rings on the four ends for the grate of bronze, as holders for the poles.

UST
5 He molded four bronze rings in which to put the poles for the lattice and fastened them to its four corners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:6

ULT
6 And he made the poles of wood of acacias, and overlaid them {with} bronze.

UST
6 He made the poles from acacia wood and covered them with bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:7

ULT
7 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it with them. He made it hollow, of planks.

UST
7 He put the poles for carrying the altar through the rings on each side of the altar. He made the altar from boards; it was hollow in the middle.

How did Bezalel make the altar?
He made the altar hollow, out of planks.

Exodus 38:8

ULT

[8] And he made a basin of bronze and its base of bronze with the mirrors of the serving {women} who served at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

[8] He made the bronze washbasin and the bronze base for it. The bronze was from the mirrors that belonged to the women who worked at the entrance of the sacred tent.

To whom did the mirrors belong?

The mirrors belonged to the women who served at the entrance to the Dwelling.

Exodus 38:9

ULT

[9] And he made the courtyard. For the south side, the curtains of the courtyard {were} 100 cubits of fine twisted linen,

UST

[9] He made a courtyard {around the sacred tent}. On the south side, he hung a fine linen curtain 50 meters long

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:10

ULT

[10] {with} their 20 pillars and their 20 bronze bases, the hooks of the pillars and their rings of silver.

UST

[10] from 20 {bronze} posts that had 20 bronze bases for the posts and hooks on them and silver connectors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:11

ULT

11 And for the north side, 100 cubits {with} their 20 pillars and their 20 bases of bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their rings {were} of silver.

UST

11 For the north side {of the courtyard}, he hung 50 meters of curtains from 20 posts, each with their bronze bases, hooks, and silver connectors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:12

ULT

12 And the curtains for the side of the west {were} 50 cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten bases. The hooks of the pillars and rings {were} of silver.

UST

12 For the west side {of the courtyard}, he hung 25 meters of curtains from ten posts, each with their bases, hooks, and silver connectors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:13

ULT

13 And for the east side 50 cubits.

UST

13 The east side also was 25 meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:14

ULT

14 The curtains to the side {were} fifteen cubits {with} their three pillars and their three bases.

UST

14 {He made} a curtain seven and a half meters long for one side {of the entrance}, with three posts and bases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:15

ULT
15 And for the second side from this, and from this to the gate of the courtyard, the curtains {were} fifteen cubits {with} their three pillars and their three bases.

UST
15 On the other side, opposite from the entrance to the courtyard, {he made} a curtain seven and a half meters long, also with three posts and bases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:16

ULT
16 All of the curtains of the courtyard all around {were} fine twisted linen.

UST
16 There were fine linen curtains all around the courtyard.

Of what were all the hangings around the courtyard made?
All the hangings around the courtyard were made of fine linen.

Exodus 38:17

ULT
17 And the bases for the pillars {were} bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their rings {were} silver, and the plating of their tops {was} silver. And all of the pillars of the courtyard {were} filleted {with} silver.

UST
17 All the posts' bases were bronze. They covered the tops with silver. The pillars' hooks and loops were silver. The ends of the courtyard's pillars had a rounded silver finish.

How many courtyard posts were covered with silver?
All the courtyard posts were covered with silver.

Exodus 38:18

ULT

18 And the curtain of the gate of the courtyard {was the} work of an embroiderer, blue and purple and worm of scarlet and twisted fine linen. And the length {was} twenty cubits and the height in width {was} five cubits, just as the curtains of the courtyard,

UST

18 For the entrance of the courtyard, {they made} a curtain from finely twined linen, and a skilled weaver embroidered it with blue, purple, and red yarn. The curtain was ten meters long and two and a half meters high, just like the other curtains around the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:19

ULT

19 with their four pillars and their four bases {which were} bronze, and their hooks {which were} silver, and the plating of their tops and its rings {which were} silver.

UST

19 It had four posts, each with a bronze base. They covered the tops of the posts and their hooks with silver. The loops were silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:20

ULT

20 And all the tent pegs for the Dwelling and for the courtyard all around {were} bronze.

UST

20 They made all the tent pegs to hold the sacred tent and the curtains around the courtyard of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:21

ULT

21 These {are} the records of the Dwelling, the Dwelling of the Testimony which was recorded according to the mouth of Moses, the work of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

UST

21 This is a list of all the materials that the craftsmen used to make the sacred tent where the Ten Commandments were. Moses instructed some men from the tribe of Levi to write the list. Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest, supervised the men who wrote it.

Who directed the Levites?

Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest, directed the Levites.

Exodus 38:22

ULT

22 And Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah, made everything that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

22 Bezalel of the tribe of Judah, son of Uri and grandson of Hur made all the things that Yahweh had commanded Moses to make.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:23

ULT

23 And Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a designer and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in scarlet and in fine linen, {was} with him.

UST

23 Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan worked with Bezealel. Oholiab was a skilled engraver who made artistic things. He embroidered designs using blue, purple, and red woolen yarn, and linen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:24

ULT
24 All the gold used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary—it was the gold from the raised offering—{was} 29 talents and 730 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.

UST
24 All the gold that they used to make the sacred tent weighed 965 kilograms. They used the official standard when they weighed the gold that the people dedicated to Yahweh.

How much gold was used for the project?
All the gold that was used for the project was 29 talents and 730 shekels, measured by the standard of the sanctuary shekel.

Exodus 38:25

ULT
25 And the silver of the counted of the congregation {was} 100 talents and 1, 775 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary,

UST
25 All the silver that the people {contributed when the leaders took the} census weighed 3, 420 kilograms. They also used the official standard when they weighed the silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:26

ULT
26 a beka for a head (half a shekel), by the shekel of the sanctuary, from every passer over to the counted ones from a son of 20 years and older—from 603, 550.

UST
26 They had counted all the men who were at least twenty years old, and each man had paid a silver coin that weighed about five grams, according to the official standard. That was a total of 603, 550 men.

How many men 20 years old and older were counted in the census?
There were 603,550 men 20 years old and older counted in the census.

Exodus 38:27

ULT

27 And 100 talents of silver were cast for the bases of the sanctuary and the bases of the curtain—100 bases for the 100 talents, a talent for a base.

UST

27 It took 3, 400 kilograms of silver to make the bases under the posts that supported the sacred tent's curtains. They used 34 kilograms for each of the 100 bases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:28

ULT

28 And he made hooks for the pillars with the 1, 775. And he overlaid their tops and filleted them.

UST

28 With the remaining the 20 kilograms of silver, they made the hooks for the posts, covered the tops of the posts, and made rounded corners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:29

ULT

29 And the bronze of the raised offering {was} 70 talents and 2, 400 shekels.

UST

29 The people had contributed about 2, 400 kilograms of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:30

ULT

30 And with it he made the bases of the entrance of the tent of meeting and the altar of bronze and its grate of bronze and all the equipment of the altar

UST

30 With the bronze he made the bases to support the posts at the entrance of the sacred tent, the altar {for burning sacrifices} with its grate and its tools,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 38:31

ULT

31 and the bases of the surrounding courtyard and the bases of the entrance of the courtyard and all of the tent pegs of the Dwelling and all of the tent pegs of the surrounding courtyard.

UST

31 the bases {for the posts that supported the curtains} that surrounded the courtyard, the bases for the entrance to the courtyard, and the pegs for the sacred tent and for the curtains around the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39

Exodus 39:1

ULT

1 And from the blue and the purple and the worm of scarlet they made finely-woven clothes for service in the Holy Place. And they made the clothes of holiness which {were} for Aaron, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

1 Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled workmen made the beautiful holy vestments for Aaron to wear while he served Yahweh as a priest in the Holy Place. They made them from blue, purple, and red woolen cloth, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:2

ULT

2 And he made the ephod from gold, blue, and purple, worm of scarlet, and twisted fine linen.

UST

2 He made the sacred apron from finely twisted linen, blue, purple, and red thread, and with {fine} gold {wire}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:3

ULT

3 And they hammered the thin plates of gold, and he cut {them} into threads to work among the blue and among the purple and among the worm of scarlet and among the fine linen, the work of a skillful craftsman.

UST

3 They hammered some thin sheets of gold and cut them into thin strips that they embroidered into the fine linen and into the blue, purple, and red cloth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:4

ULT

[4] They made joined shoulder pieces for it. It was joined on its two corners.

UST

[4] They made shoulder straps to attach the two sides of the ephod together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:5

ULT

[5] And the skillfully crafted sash of the ephod which is on it was from it, of like workmanship, of gold, blue, and purple and worm of scarlet and twined fine linen, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

[5] {They made} a carefully woven belt that matched the sacred apron. They made it from the same piece of cloth as the apron. (That cloth was finely twisted linen with {skillfully embroidered} blue, purple, red thread, and {fine} gold {thread}.) {They sewed it} onto the apron, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

What was made of one piece with the ephod?

The waistband was from it, meaning made of one piece with the ephod.

Exodus 39:6

ULT

[6] And they made the stones of onyx {with} ornamental settings of gold surrounding {them}. The names of the sons of Israel {were} engraved on {them like} the engravings of a signet.

UST

[6] They cut two onyx stones and mounted them in decorative gold settings. They engraved the names of the twelve sons of Jacob on the stones like someone engraves a signet ring.

What was engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons?

Onyx stones were engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons.

Exodus 39:7

ULT

[7] And he put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as stones of reminder for the sons of Israel, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

[7] They fastened the stones onto the shoulder straps of the sacred apron to memorialize the names of the 12 tribes of Israel, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:8

ULT

[8] And he made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful craftsman, like the work of the ephod, from gold, blue, and purple and worm of scarlet and twisted fine linen.

UST

[8] He made the sacred pouch of the same materials as the sacred apron and skillfully embroidered it in the same way with gold, blue, purple, and red finely twisted linen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:9

ULT

[9] It was square, folded double. They made the breastpiece, its length: a span; and its width: a span folded double.

UST

[9] They folded the material double so that they made the pouch a double-folded square 23 centimeters long and 23 centimeters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:10

ULT
10 And they set in it four rows of precious stones. The first row {was} a row of a ruby, of a topaz, and of a garnet.

UST
10 They fastened four rows of valuable stones onto the pouch. In the first row, they put a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a red garnet.

How many rows of precious stones were on the breastpiece?
There were four rows of precious stones on the breastpiece.

Exodus 39:11

ULT
11 And the second row: an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

UST
11 They put a green emerald, a blue sapphire, and a white diamond in the second row.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:12

ULT
12 And the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst.

UST
12 They put a red jacinth, a white agate, and a purple amethyst in the third row.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:13

ULT
13 And the fourth row: a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. {The stones were} surrounded by ornamental gold settings.

UST
13 They put a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper in the fourth row. They put tiny gold frames around each of the stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:14

ULT

14 And the precious stones {were} according to the names of the sons of Israel—they {were} according to their 12 names. Each {was like} the engraving of a signet according to its name—for the 12 tribes.

UST

14 {They carved} the name of one of the 12 sons of Jacob into each of these stones like they were making signet rings. These name-stones represented the 12 tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:15

ULT

15 And they made twisted chains on the breastpiece, as a work of rope—pure gold.

UST

15 They attached two chains that they made from purified gold and braided like cords to the sacred pouch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:16

ULT

16 And they made two ornamental settings of gold and two rings of gold and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

UST

16 They made two decorative gold settings and two gold rings and attached them to the upper corners of the sacred pouch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:17

ULT

[17] And they attached the two chains of gold to the rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.

UST

[17] They fastened one end of each gold cord to one of the rings on the top corner of the pouch.

What did the braided chains connect? (vv17-18)

The braided chains connected the corners of the breastpiece to the two rings that were attached to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front.

Exodus 39:18

ULT

[18] And they attached two of the ends of the two chains to the two ornamental settings. And they attached those to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of its face.

UST

[18] They fastened the other end of each cord to the two decorative settings that enclose the stones. Then they put those on the front side of the shoulder straps of the sacred apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:19

ULT

[19] And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge which is toward the inner side of the ephod.

UST

[19] Then they made two more gold rings and attached them to the lower corners of the sacred pouch on the inside edges next to the sacred apron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:20

ULT

[20] And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder pieces of the ephod on the bottom of the front of its face, close to its joining above the skillfully crafted waistband of the ephod.

UST

[20] They made two more gold rings and attached them to the lower part of the front of the shoulder straps near where the shoulder straps join with the sacred apron just above the sash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:21

ULT

[21] And they tied the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue to be on the finely crafted waistband of the ephod, so the breastpiece could not become detached from {being} with the ephod just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

[21] They tied the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord, so that the sacred pouch was above the sash and would not come loose from the sacred apron. They did these things exactly as Yahweh had instructed Moses to do.

Why did they tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord?

They tied the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord so that it might be attached just above the ephod's finely woven waistband. This was so that the breastpiece might not become detached from the ephod.

Exodus 39:22

ULT

[22] And he made the robe of the ephod entirely of blue, the work of a weaver.

UST

[22] Bezalel had a weaver make the robe {that Aaron would wear underneath his} sacred apron from only blue material.

What was in the middle of the robe of the ephod? (vv22-23)

The robe of the ephod had an opening for the head in the middle.

Exodus 39:23

ULT
23 The opening of the robe {was} in the middle of it like an opening of a garment. The edge for its opening was all around so that it could not tear.

UST
23 It had an opening in the middle like other clothing. They made a border around this opening to prevent the material from tearing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:24

ULT
24 On the bottom hem of the robe they made pomegranates of twisted blue, purple, and scarlet yarn.

UST
24 At the lower edge of the robe they fastened decorations that resembled pomegranate fruit. They wove the decorations from blue, purple, and red woolen yarn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:25

ULT
25 And they made bells of pure gold, and they put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge of the robe, between the pomegranates—

UST
25 They made bells from purified gold and fastened them between each of the decorative pomegranates all around the bottom of the robe.

What did they put between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge the robe?
They put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge the robe.

Exodus 39:26

ULT
26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate—all around on the hem of the robe for serving, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
26 So the pattern was bell, pomegranate, bell, pomegranate, and so on all around the bottom of the robe. {The robe was} for {Aaron to wear while he} worked as a priest, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:27

ULT
27 And they made the tunics of fine linen for Aaron and for his sons, the work of a weaver,

UST
27 For Aaron and his sons, a skilled weaver made long-sleeved tunics from fine linen,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:28

ULT
28 and the fine linen turban and the fine linen ornate headbands and the linen undergarments of fine twisted linen

UST
28 the turban and the caps from fine linen, the undershorts from very finely twined linen,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:29

ULT
29 and the sash of fine linen and of blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, the work of an embroiderer, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
29 and the sash from fine linen with blue, purple, and red woolen embroidery, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:30

ULT

30 And they made the rosette of the crown of holiness of pure gold and inscribed an inscription on it, like the engraving on a signet, “Holy to Yahweh.”

UST

30 They made a sacred ornamental decoration from purified gold and etched into it the words, ‘Dedicated to Yahweh,’ just like carving a signet ring.

What did they engrave on the plate of the holy crown of pure gold?

They engraved “HOLY TO YAHWEH” on the plate of the holy crown of pure gold.

Exodus 39:31

ULT

31 And they put a cord of blue on it to attach it on the top of the turban, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

31 They attached a blue cord to this for fastening it to the top of the turban, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:32

ULT

32 And all the service of the Dwelling, the tent of meeting, was finished. And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses; thus they did.

UST

32 {After this,} they had finished all the work on the sacred tent where they would meet with Yahweh. The Israelites had done everything in exactly the way that Yahweh had commanded Moses to have it done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:33

ULT
33 And they brought the Dwelling to Moses: the tent and all its equipment and its clasps and its frames and its bars and its pillars and its bases;

UST
33 The craftsmen brought Moses the whole sacred tent structure: the tent and all its equipment, the fasteners, frames, crossbars, posts, bases,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:34

ULT
34 and the covering of reddened hides of rams and the covering of hides of sea-cows and the curtain of covering;

UST
34 the red rams' skin and fine leather hide coverings {for the sacred tent}, the curtain for hiding {the holiest place},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:35

ULT
35 the Box of the Testimony and the poles and the atonement lid;

UST
35 the sacred chest, the poles, the chests' lid,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:36

ULT
36 the table with all of its equipment and the bread of the faces;

UST
36 the table and all its utensils, the sacred bread to present before God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:37

ULT
37 the pure lampstand with its lamps, lamps of the row, and all its accessories and the oil of the light;

UST
37 the pure {gold} lampstand with all its lamps in a line, and its utensils, and the oil to burn for light,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:38

ULT
38 and the altar of gold and the oil of anointing and the incense of fragrance and the curtain of the entrance of the tent;

UST
38 the golden altar {for burning incense}, the oil for anointing, the sweet-smelling incense, the curtain for the entrance to the sacred tent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:39

ULT
39 the altar of bronze and the grate of bronze that {is} for it, its poles and all of its utensils, the basin and its base;

UST
39 the bronze altar and its bronze grating, the poles, and all its implements, the washbasin and its base,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:40

ULT
40 the curtains of the courtyard, its pillars and bases and the curtain of the gate of the courtyard, its ropes and its tent pegs and all the items of the service of the Dwelling for the tent of meeting;

UST
40 the curtains to surround the courtyard and the posts and bases, the curtain for the entrance to the courtyard, the ropes and pegs and all the things for serving in the sacred tent where they would meet Yahweh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:41

ULT
41 finely-woven clothing for serving in the Holy Place, the clothing of holiness for Aaron the priest, and the clothing of his sons, to {be} priests.

UST
41 and the beautiful, sacred vestments for Aaron and his sons to wear when they work as priests in the Holy Place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:42

ULT
42 Thus the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
42 The Israelites had done all the work in exactly the way that Yahweh had commanded Moses to have it done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 39:43

ULT
43 And Moses saw all of the work, and behold, they had done it. Just as Yahweh had commanded, thus they had done. And Moses blessed them.

UST
43 Then Moses examined everything they had made. Truly, they had done everything exactly as Yahweh had commanded them to do it. Then Moses blessed the workmen.

What did Moses find when he examined all the work?
Moses examined all the work, and, behold, they had done it just as Yahweh had commanded.

Exodus 40

Exodus 40:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:2

ULT
2 “On the first day of the month, in the first month, you shall raise up the Dwelling of the tent of meeting.

UST
2 “Set up the sacred tent where you will meet with me on the first day of the first month of the year.

When must Moses set up the Dwelling?
On the first day of the first month of the new year, Moses must set up the Dwelling.

Exodus 40:3

ULT
3 And you shall place the Box of the Testimony there, and you shall cover over the box with the curtain.

UST
3 Put inside it the sacred chest containing the stone slabs with the Ten Commandments. Hide it by hanging its curtain in front of it.

How must Moses shield the box?
Moses must shield the box with the curtain.

Exodus 40:4

ULT

4 And you shall bring in the table and arrange its arrangement. And you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.

UST

4 Bring the table into the sacred tent and neatly organize on it all the things that they made for it. Then bring in the lampstand and put the lamps up into it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:5

ULT

5 And you shall put the altar of gold for incense before the face of the Box of the Testimony, and you shall place the curtain of the gate to the Dwelling.

UST

5 Put the gold altar for burning incense in front of the sacred chest, and set up the curtain at the entrance of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:6

ULT

6 And you shall put the altar of the burnt offering before the face of the gate of the Dwelling, the tent of meeting.

UST

6 Put the altar for burning sacrifices in front of the entrance to the sacred tent where you will meet with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:7

ULT

[7] And you shall put the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water there.

UST

[7] Put the washbasin between the sacred tent and the altar, and fill it with water.

Where must Moses put the large basin?

Moses must put the large basin between the Dwelling and the altar.

Exodus 40:8

ULT

[8] And you shall set up the courtyard around it, and set up the curtain of the gate of the courtyard.

UST

[8] Hang the curtains around the outside to make the courtyard, and also hang up the courtyard's entrance curtain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:9

ULT

[9] And you shall take the oil of anointing and anoint the Dwelling and everything that is in it. And you shall set apart it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.

UST

[9] Then take the oil for anointing and put it on the sacred tent and everything that is in it, to consecrate it all to me. Then it will be dedicated to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:10

ULT
10 And you shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its utensils. And you shall set apart the altar, and the altar will be a holiest holy thing.

UST
10 Also put some of the oil on the altar on which the priests will burn the sacrifices and on all the things that they will use at the altar. This will consecrate the altar to me. Then it will be scared, dedicated to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:11

ULT
11 And you shall anoint the basin and its base and set it apart.

UST
11 Also put some of the oil on the washbasin and its base, to consecrate them to me.

Why must Moses anoint the bronze basin and its base?
Moses must anoint the bronze basin and its base to prepare it for service to Yahweh.

Exodus 40:12

ULT
12 And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the gate of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

UST
12 Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:13

ULT
13 And you shall clothe Aaron with the garments of holiness and anoint him and set him apart, and he will serve as a priest to me.

UST
13 Then set Aaron apart for serving me as a priest by putting his sacred vestments on him and by pouring oil on him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:14

ULT
14 And you shall bring his sons and clothe them {with} tunics.

UST
14 Also bring Aaron's sons and put their special tunics on them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:15

ULT
15 And you shall anoint them just as you anointed their father, and they will serve as priests to me. And their anointing will cause them to be a priesthood forever throughout their generations."

UST
15 then pour oil on them just as you did on their father. This will consecrate them to serve me as priests. By pouring oil on them, you will cause them and their descendants to be priests throughout all their future generations."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:16

ULT
16 And Moses did according to all that Yahweh had commanded him. Thus he did.

UST
16 Moses did all these things exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:17

ULT
17 And it was in the first month, the second year, on the first of the month {that} the Dwelling was raised up.

UST
17 On the first day of the first month of Israel's second year, the people set up the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:18

ULT
18 And Moses raised up the Dwelling and placed its bases and set up its frames and placed its bars and set up its pillars.

UST
18 Moses set up the sacred tent, and its bases, frames, crossbars, and posts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:19

ULT
19 And he spread the tent over the Dwelling and put the covering of the tent over it on the top, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
19 He spread out the two layers of coverings over the sacred tent, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:20

ULT
20 And he took the testimony and put {it} into the box. And he put the poles on the box and put the atonement lid on the top of the box.

UST
20 Then Moses took the two stone slabs on which Yahweh had written his commandments and put them into the sacred chest. He put the carrying poles into the rings on the chest and put the lid on top of it.

Where did Moses put the testimony?
Moses put the testimony into the box.

Exodus 40:21

ULT

21 And he brought the box into the Dwelling. And he set up the curtain of covering, and he covered over the Box of the Testimony, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

21 Then Moses took the chest into {the Holy Place inside} the sacred tent. He hung the thick curtain to conceal the chest containing the commandments, exactly as Yahweh had commanded him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:22

ULT

22 And he put the table into the tent of meeting, on the north side of the Dwelling, outside of the curtain.

UST

22 He set the table inside the sacred tent, on its north side, outside the curtain {that hid the sacred chest}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:23

ULT

23 And he arranged on it the arrangement of bread before the face of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

23 He laid out the bread neatly on the table to display it before Yahweh, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:24

ULT

24 And he put the lampstand into the tent of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the Dwelling.

UST

24 He set the lampstand inside the sacred tent, on the south side, on the opposite side from the table.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:25

ULT
25 And he lifted up the lamps before the face of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
25 Then he set the lamps on the lampstand in Yahweh's presence, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:26

ULT
26 And he put the altar of gold into the tent of meeting in front of the face of the curtain.

UST
26 He set the gold altar {for burning incense} inside the sacred tent, in front of the curtain {that hid the Most Holy Place}.

Where did Moses put the golden incense altar?
Moses put the golden incense altar into the Dwelling in front of the curtain.

Exodus 40:27

ULT
27 And he caused smoke on it, incense of fragrance, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
27 He burned some sweet-smelling incense on it, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:28

ULT
28 And he set up the curtain of the gate of the Dwelling.

UST
28 He hung the curtain at the entrance to the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:29

ULT
29 And he put the altar of the burnt offering at the gate of the Dwelling, the tent of meeting, and offered up on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
29 At the entrance to the sacred tent where they would meet with Yahweh, he placed the altar for burning sacrifices. Then he sacrificed meat and flour by burning them on it, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:30

ULT
30 And he placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and he put water for washing there.

UST
30 He set the washbasin between the sacred tent and the bronze altar, and filled the washbasin with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:31

ULT
31 And Moses, and Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and their feet from it.

UST
31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons would wash their hands and feet in the washbasin.

How often did Moses, Aaron, and his sons wash their hands and their feet from the basin? (vv31-32)
Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet from the basin whenever they would go into the Dwelling and whenever they would go up to the altar.

Exodus 40:32

ULT

32 Whenever they went into the tent of meeting and whenever they went close to the altar, they washed themselves, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

32 Whenever they went into the sacred tent and whenever they came close to the altar, they would wash themselves, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:33

ULT

33 And he raised up the courtyard around the Dwelling and the altar. And he set up the curtain of the gate of the courtyard. And Moses finished the work.

UST

33 He hung up {the curtains that} surrounded the sacred tent and the altar and the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. Then Moses was finished building the sacred tent complex.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:34

ULT

34 And the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yahweh filled the Dwelling.

UST

34 Then the tall cloud covered the sacred tent, and Yahweh’s power and brilliant light filled the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:35

ULT

35 And Moses was not able to go into the tent of meeting, because the cloud had settled on it and the glory of Yahweh had filled the Dwelling.

UST

35 Because the cloud covered it and Yahweh's light was very bright, Moses was not able to enter the sacred tent.

Why was Moses not able to enter the Dwelling?

Moses was not able to enter the Dwelling because the cloud had settled on it and because Yahweh's glory filled the Dwelling.

Exodus 40:36

ULT

36 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Dwelling, the sons of Israel would set out on all their travels,

UST

36 {From that day,} whenever Yahweh's cloud moved off of the sacred, tent the Israelites would {pack their camp} and start traveling.

When would the people of Israel set out on their journey?

Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Dwelling, the people of Israel would set out on their journey.

Exodus 40:37

ULT

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they would not set out until the day it was taken up.

UST

37 But if the cloud did not move, they stayed where they were and waited for a day that the cloud moved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Exodus 40:38

ULT

38 For the cloud of Yahweh {was} over the Dwelling by day, and fire was on it by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel in all their travels.

UST

38 Wherever the Israelites traveled, Yahweh's cloud was above the sacred tent during the day, and his fire was over it at night. The Israelites could always see {that Yahweh was with them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus

Leviticus 1

Leviticus 1:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh called to Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

UST

1 While Moses was standing near the entrance to the sacred tent, Yahweh called to him from inside the tent. He said to Moses

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:2

ULT

2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When a man among you offers an offering to Yahweh, from the livestock, either from the herd or from the flock you must offer your offering.

UST

2 to say this to the Israelite people: “When any of you brings an offering to Yahweh, bring one of your sheep or goats or cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:3

ULT

3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he must offer a male without blemish. At the entrance of the tent of meeting he must offer it, so that it may be accepted before the face of Yahweh.

UST

3 If what you are offering is a bull to be completely burned on the altar, it must be without any defect. You must take it to the entrance to the sacred tent, in order that it may be acceptable to Yahweh.

What kind of animal did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the people to bring as a burnt offering from the herd?

Yahweh told Moses to tell the people to bring as a burnt offering from the herd a male that was without blemish.

Leviticus 1:4

ULT

[4] And he is to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering. And it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.

UST

[4] You must lay your hands on the head of the bull. When you do that, Yahweh will accept its death in your place to forgive you for the sins that you have committed.

What did Yahweh tell the person to do to make the offering accepted on his behalf to make atonement for himself?

Yahweh told the person to put his hand on the head of the burnt offering to make it accepted on his behalf.

Leviticus 1:5

ULT

[5] And he must slaughter the son of the herd before the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, will offer the blood and sprinkle the blood on every side of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

[5] You must slaughter the young bull in front of Yahweh. Then Aaron's sons, who are priests, will bring the blood and throw it against all sides of the altar near the entrance to the sacred tent.

What were the priests to do with the blood of the bull?

The priests were to present the blood and splash it upon the altar at the front of the temple.

Leviticus 1:6

ULT

[6] And he must skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces.

UST

[6] You must remove the skin of the animal and cut the animal into pieces. You must wash the inner parts and the legs of the bull.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:7

ULT
7 And the sons of Aaron the priest will put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.

UST
7 Then Aaron's sons will put wood fire on the altar and arrange the wood on the fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:8

ULT
8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, must place the pieces, the head and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire that is on the altar.

UST
8 Then they will arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood.

Who were the priests?
The priests were the sons of Aaron.

Leviticus 1:9

ULT
9 And he must wash with water its inner parts and its legs. And the priest will burn everything on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST
9 Then one of the priests will completely burn all of it on the altar. And the good odor will be pleasing to Yahweh.

What was to be done with the inward parts and legs before placing them on the altar to be burned?
The inward parts and the legs were to be washed with water before being placed on the altar to be burned.

What would the burnt offering produce that would be pleasing to Yahweh?
The burnt offering would produce a sweet aroma that would be pleasing to Yahweh.

Leviticus 1:10

ULT

10 And if his offering is from the flock, from the sheep or from the goats, as a burnt offering, he must offer a male without blemish.

UST

10 If you are offering a sheep or a goat, it must be a male without any defect.

What animal did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the people to bring from the flock for a burnt offering?

Yahweh told the people to bring from the flock a male sheep or goat without blemish.

Leviticus 1:11

ULT

11 And he must slaughter it on the side of the altar northward before the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, will sprinkle its blood on every side of the altar.

UST

11 You must slaughter it in front of Yahweh, on the north side of the altar and drain all the blood into a bowl. Then Aaron's sons will sprinkle the blood against all sides of the altar.

Which side of the altar must the male sheep or goat be killed?

The sheep or goat must be killed on the north side of the altar.

Where must Aaron's sons splash the blood of the sheep or goat?

Aaron's sons must splash the blood of the sheep or goat on all sides of the altar.

Leviticus 1:12

ULT

12 And he is to cut it into its pieces with its head and its fat. And the priest must place them on the wood that is on the fire that is on the altar.

UST

12 You must cut the animal into pieces. You must wash the inner parts and the legs of the animal. Then the priests will arrange the pieces, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:13

ULT

13 And he must wash with water the inner parts and the legs. And the priest will offer everything, and burn it on the altar. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST

13 Then one of the priests will take all of it and completely burn all of it on the altar. And the good odor as the sacrifice burns will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:14

ULT

14 And if his offering to Yahweh is to be a burnt offering of birds, then he must offer his offering from the turtledoves or from the sons of the pigeon.

UST

14 If what you are offering to Yahweh is birds, you must offer a dove or a young pigeon.

What kinds of birds did Yahweh say could be brought as a burnt offering?

Yahweh said that a dove or young pigeon could be brought as a burnt offering.

Leviticus 1:15

ULT

15 And the priest must bring it to the altar and wring off its head, and burn it on the altar. And its blood must be drained out on the side of the altar.

UST

15 The priest will take it to the altar and wring off its head. Then he will burn the head on the altar. He will drain out the bird's blood onto the side of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:16

ULT

16 And he must remove its crop with its plumage, and throw it beside the altar on the east side, in the place for the ashes.

UST

16 Then he will remove the bird's craw and what is inside it, and throw it on the east side of the altar, where they also throw the ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 1:17

ULT

17 And he must tear it open by its wings; he must not divide it into two parts. And the priest will burn it on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST

17 Then he will grasp the bird's wings and tear the bird open partially, but never all the way. Then he will burn it completely in the fire on the altar. And the good odor will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2

Leviticus 2:1

ULT

[1] And when a person brings a grain offering to Yahweh, his offering must be fine flour. And he will pour oil on it and put incense on it.

UST

[1] If you bring to Yahweh an offering of flour, it must consist of finely ground flour. You must pour olive oil on it, as well as some incense,

What kind of grain offering could be brought as an offering to Yahweh?
Fine flour could be brought as an offering to Yahweh.

What had to be done to prepare the fine flour before it was offered to Yahweh?
Oil and incense had to be added to the flour before it was offered to Yahweh.

Leviticus 2:2

ULT

[2] And he will bring it to the sons of Aaron, the priests, and take out from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all its incense. And the priest will burn its memorial portion on the altar as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST

[2] and take it to one of the priests. The priest will take a handful of it with the oil and the incense on it and burn it on the altar. That part will symbolize that all of the offering truly belongs to Yahweh. And the aroma will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:3

ULT

3 And what is left of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and to his sons. It is the holiest holy thing from the offerings made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

3 The part of that flour offering that is not burned will belong to Aaron and his sons. It is something set apart for the priests out of the offerings that you will give to Yahweh.

To whom would the grain offering left belong?

Grain offering left after the burnt offering would belong to Aaron and his sons.

Leviticus 2:4

ULT

4 And when you offer a grain offering that is baked in an oven, it must be cakes of fine flour without yeast mixed with oil or wafers without yeast spread with oil.

UST

4 If you bring an offering that is made from flour, something that is baked in an oven, it must be made from finely ground flour. You may bring loaves made from flour mixed with olive oil but without yeast, or you may bring wafers with olive oil smeared on them, but also made without yeast.

If the grain offering was baked with a flat iron pan, what must it be?

If the grain offering was baked with a flat iron pan, it must be of fine flour without yeast mixed with oil.

Leviticus 2:5

ULT

5 And if your offering is a grain offering made on the griddle, it must be of fine flour without yeast that is mixed with oil.

UST

5 If your flour offering is cooked on a griddle, it must be made from finely ground flour mixed with olive oil and without yeast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:6

ULT

[6] You are to divide it into pieces and pour oil on it. This is a grain offering.

UST

[6] You must crumble it and pour olive oil on it. That will be your offering made from flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:7

ULT

[7] And if your offering is a grain offering cooked in a pan, it must be made of fine flour with oil.

UST

[7] If your offering that is made from flour is cooked in a pan, it must be made of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:8

ULT

[8] And you must bring the grain offering that is made from these things to Yahweh. And it will be presented to the priest, and he will bring it to the altar.

UST

[8] Bring to Yahweh your flour offering. Give it to the priest, and he will take it to the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:9

ULT

[9] And the priest will take from the grain offering its memorial portion, and he will burn it on the altar. It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST

[9] He will take a part of it that will symbolize that all the flour offering belongs to Yahweh. He will burn that part on the altar, and the good odor as it burns will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:10

ULT

[10] And what is left of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and to his sons. It is the holiest holy thing from the offerings made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

[10] The part of the flour offering that is not burned will belong to Aaron and his sons. It is something set apart for God from the offerings given to Yahweh by burning them in a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:11

ULT

[11] Every grain offering that you offer to Yahweh must not be made with yeast. For you must not burn any leaven or any honey with it as an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

[11] Every flour offering that is made from grain and that you bring to Yahweh must be made without yeast, because you must not put any yeast or honey in any offering to Yahweh that a priest burns on the altar.

What substances were not to be in the grain offering?

Yeast and honey were not to be in the grain offering.

Leviticus 2:12

ULT

[12] You will offer them to Yahweh as an offering of firstfruits, but on the altar they will not ascend as a sweet aroma.

UST

[12] You may bring to Yahweh an offering of the first part of your harvest, but that offering is not to be burned on the altar to produce a good odor that will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:13

ULT

13 And every offering of your grain offerings you must season with salt. And you must never allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be missing from your grain offering. With all your offerings you must offer salt.

UST

13 Put salt on all your offerings that are made from flour. The salt represents the covenant that your God made with you, so be sure that you do not forget to put salt on those flour offerings.

What substance must always be in the grain offering?

Salt must always be in the grain offering.

Leviticus 2:14

ULT

14 And if you offer a grain offering of firstfruits to Yahweh, you must offer a grain offering of your firstfruits that is fresh grain roasted with fire, crushed new grain.

UST

14 If you bring to Yahweh a flour offering from the first part of your harvest of grain, offer some new grain that has been crushed and roasted in a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:15

ULT

15 And you must put oil on it and you must put incense on it. This is a grain offering.

UST

15 Put olive oil and incense on it, and that will be your offering made from flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 2:16

ULT

16 And the priest will burn as its memorial portion some of its crushed grain and some of its oil with all its incense. This is an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

16 The priest will take a part of it that will symbolize that all the offering truly belongs to Yahweh. He will burn that part on the altar, to be an offering given to Yahweh by burning it in a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3

Leviticus 3:1

ULT

[1] And if a sacrifice of peace offering is his offering, if he is offering from the herd, whether male or female, he must offer it without blemish before the face of Yahweh.

UST

[1] When you offer to Yahweh an animal to promise friendship with him, you may bring a bull or a cow from your herd of cattle, but what you present to Yahweh must be an animal that has no defects.

What fellowship offering could be offered from the herd?

A fellowship offering could be either male or female without blemish offered from the herd.

Leviticus 3:2

ULT

[2] And he will lay his hand on the head of his offering and he will slaughter it at the door of the tent of meeting. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, will sprinkle the blood on every side of the altar.

UST

[2] You must bring the animal to the entrance to the sacred tent. You must lay your hands on its head. Then you must slaughter it and catch some of its blood in a bowl. Then one of Aaron's sons, one of the priests, will sprinkle the blood against all sides of the altar.

Where was the fellowship offering to be killed?

The fellowship offering was to be killed at the door of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 3:3

ULT

[3] And he will offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to Yahweh: the fat covering the inner parts and all the fat that is on the inner parts,

UST

[3] From that offering you must bring to Yahweh a sacrifice that a priest will burn in the fire. That will consist of all the fat that covers the inner parts of the animal, or which is attached to them—

What parts of the fellowship offering must be removed and placed on the altar? (vv3-4)

The fat that connects to the inner parts, the lobe of the liver and the kidneys must be removed and placed on the altar.

Leviticus 3:4

ULT

[4] and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them which is by the loins, and the lobe on the liver which he will remove with the kidneys.

UST

[4] the kidneys and the fat that is attached to them near the lower back muscle, and the fat that covers the liver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:5

ULT

[5] And the sons of Aaron will burn it on the altar with the burnt offering that is on the wood that is on the fire. It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST

[5] Then one of the priests will burn those things on the altar, along with the other parts of the animal that he will completely burn as an offering to Yahweh. And the good odor will be pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:6

ULT

[6] And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to Yahweh is from the flock; male or female, he must offer it without blemish.

UST

[6] If that offering to promise friendship with Yahweh is a sheep or a goat, it must also be an animal that has no defects.

Was there any difference in a fellowship offering that was taken from the flock instead of the herd? (vv6-8)

No, there was no difference.

Leviticus 3:7

ULT

[7] If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he must offer it before the face of Yahweh.

UST

[7] If you offer a lamb, you must present it to Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent. You must lay your hands on the lamb's head and then slaughter it. You must catch some of its blood in a bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:8

ULT

[8] And he will lay his hand on the head of his sacrifice and slaughter it before the tent of meeting. And the sons of Aaron will sprinkle its blood on every side of the altar.

UST

[8] Then one of the priests will sprinkle that blood against all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:9

ULT

[9] And he will offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to Yahweh: its fat, the entire fat tail which he will remove near the backbone, and the fat covering the inner parts and all the fat that is on the inner parts,

UST

[9] From that offering you must separate these things to be a sacrifice to Yahweh that is burned: Its fat, the fat tail that you must cut off close to the backbone, and all the fat that covers the inner parts of the lamb or which is attached to them—

What different thing must be removed from the fellowship offering that comes from the flock?

The entire fat tail cut away close to the back bone must be removed if the fellowship offering comes from the flock.

Leviticus 3:10

ULT

10 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe on the liver which he will remove with the kidneys.

UST

10 the kidneys with the fat that is on them near the lower back muscle, and the fat that covers the liver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:11

ULT

11 And the priest will burn it on the altar as food, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

11 One of the priests will burn those things on the altar to be an offering to Yahweh. Those things will come from your food supplies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:12

ULT

12 And if a goat is his offering, then he will offer it before the face of Yahweh.

UST

12 If your offering is a goat, you must take it to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:13

ULT

13 And he must lay his hand on its head and slaughter it before the face of the tent of meeting. And the sons of Aaron will sprinkle its blood on every side of the altar.

UST

13 You must lay your hands on its head. Then you must slaughter it in front of the sacred tent. Then one of Aaron's sons will sprinkle the blood against all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:14

ULT

14 And he will offer from it his offering as an offering made by fire to Yahweh: the fat covering the inner parts and all the fat that is on the inner parts,

UST

14 From that offering you must separate these things to be a sacrifice to Yahweh that is burned: All the fat that covers the inner parts of the animal or which is attached to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:15

ULT

15 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe on the liver which he will remove with the kidneys.

UST

15 Also separate the kidneys with the fat that is on them near the lower back muscle, and the fat that covers the liver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 3:16

ULT

16 And the priest will burn them on the altar as food, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma. All the fat belongs to Yahweh.

UST

16 The priest will burn those things on the altar to be an offering to Yahweh. Those things will come from your food supplies. And the good odor will be pleasing to Yahweh. All the fat of the animals that are sacrificed belongs to Yahweh.

To whom only did the fat belong?

The fat only belonged to Yahweh.

Leviticus 3:17

ULT

17 It will be a permanent statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you must not eat any fat or any blood.'"

UST

17 This is a command that must be obeyed by you and your descendants forever, wherever you live. You must not eat the fat or the blood of any animal."

What did Yahweh tell the people not to eat in any place they would ever live?

Yahweh told the people not to eat fat or blood any place they would ever live.

Leviticus 4

Leviticus 4:1

ULT
[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
[1] Then Yahweh told Moses

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:2

ULT
[2] “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘When a person sins by mistake in any of the commands of Yahweh, about what must not be done, and does any of one them,

UST
[2] to say this to the Israelite people, “This is what anyone must do if he sins without intending to sin, that is, if he does something that breaks any of Yahweh’s commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:3

ULT
[3] if the annointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then he will offer for his sin which he has sinned a bull, a son of the herd, without blemish to Yahweh as a sin offering.

UST
[3] If the high priest sins and that causes all the people to be guilty, he must bring to Yahweh a young bull that has no defects. That will be an offering for the sin that he has committed.

About what kind of offering does the fourth chapter of Leviticus talk?
The fourth chapter of Leviticus talks about the sin offering.

Leviticus 4:4

ULT

4 And he must bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the face of Yahweh. And he must lay his hand on the head of the bull and slaughter the bull before the face of Yahweh.

UST

4 He must bring the bull to the entrance to the sacred tent. He must lay his hands on its head. Then he must slaughter it in front of Yahweh and catch some of the blood in a bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:5

ULT

5 And the anointed priest will take some of the blood of the bull and bring it to the tent of meeting.

UST

5 Then the priest must take some of that blood into the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:6

ULT

6 And the priest will dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the face of Yahweh, at the face of the curtain of the holy place.

UST

6 He must dip one of his fingers into the blood and sprinkle it seven times in the presence of Yahweh, in front of the curtain that separates the holy place from the very holy place.

How many times must the priest sprinkle blood from the sin offering before Yahweh, before the curtain of the most holy place?

The priest must sprinkle some blood from the sin offering seven times before Yahweh, before the curtain of the most holy place.

Leviticus 4:7

ULT

7 And the priest will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before the face of Yahweh, which is in the tent of meeting. And he will pour out all the blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

7 Then he must put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the altar where fragrant incense is burned in the sacred tent in the presence of Yahweh. The remaining part of the bull's blood that is still in the bowl, he must pour out at the base of the altar, where sacrifices are burned, at the entrance to the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:8

ULT

8 And all the fat of the bull of the sin offering he will remove from it: the fat covering over the inner parts and all the fat that is on the inner parts,

UST

8 From that offering the high priest must separate these things from the bull that is to be burned: The fat that covers the inner parts of the bull or which is attached to them—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:9

ULT

9 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe on the liver which he will remove with the kidneys—

UST

9 the kidneys and the fat that is attached to them near the lower back muscle, and the fat that covers the liver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:10

ULT

10 just as it is removed from the ox of the sacrifice of the peace offering. And the priest will burn them on the altar of the burnt offering.

UST

10 Then the high priest must completely burn those things on the altar. That will be just like when the fat is removed from an animal that is sacrificed to promised friendship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:11

ULT

11 And the skin of the bull and all its flesh, with its head and with its legs and its inner parts and its dung—

UST

11 But all the other parts of the animal—its skin and all its other meat, its head and its legs, its inner parts and the intestines,

What parts of the bull were to be carried out to the place cleansed for Yahweh and poured on the ashes?

The skin of the bull and any remaining meat, with its head, legs, and inner parts, and its dung were to be carried out to the ashes.

Leviticus 4:12

ULT

12 all of the bull—he will bring out to the outside of the camp to a clean place, to the heap of the ash, and he will burn it on wood with fire. It will be burned on the heap of the ash.

UST

12 he must take outside the camp and throw them in a place that is made acceptable to Yahweh, where the ashes are thrown, and he must burn them in a fire on the pile of ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:13

ULT

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel strays unintentionally and the matter is concealed from the eyes of the assembly and they do one thing from all the commands of Yahweh which are not to be done and they become guilty,

UST

13 If all the Israelite people sin without intending to sin, doing something that is forbidden in any of Yahweh's commands, they will be guilty, even if they do not realize that they have sinned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:14

ULT

14 and the sin which they have sinned against it becomes known, then the assembly must offer a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering. And they must bring it before the face of the tent of meeting.

UST

14 When they realize that they have committed a sin, together they must bring a young bull to be an offering for their sin, to the front of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:15

ULT

15 And the elders of the congregation will lay their hands on the head of the bull before the face of Yahweh. And the bull will be slaughtered before the face of Yahweh.

UST

15 The elders must lay their hands on the bull's head in the presence of Yahweh and slaughter it and catch some of the blood in a bowl.

If the whole assembly of Israel sinned without wanting to sin, who was to lay their hands on the sin offering?

The elders were to lay their hands on the sin offering if the whole assembly of Israel sinned without wanting to sin.

Leviticus 4:16

ULT

16 And the anointed priest will bring some of the blood of the bull to the tent of meeting.

UST

16 Then the high priest must take some of that blood into the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:17

ULT

17 And the priest will dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the face of Yahweh, at the face of the curtain.

UST

17 He must dip one of his fingers into the blood and sprinkle it seven times in the presence of Yahweh, in front of the curtain that separates the holy place from the very holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:18

ULT

18 And he will put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before the face of Yahweh, which is in the tent of meeting. And he will pour out all the blood at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

18 Then he must put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the altar that is in the presence of Yahweh in the sacred tent. The remaining part of the bull's blood he must pour out at the base of the altar where sacrifices are burned, at the entrance of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:19

ULT

19 And all its fat he will remove from it and burn on the altar.

UST

19 He must remove all the animal's fat and burn it on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:20

ULT

[20] And he must do with the bull just as he did with the bull of the sin offering, thus he will do with it. And the priest will make atonement for them, and it will be forgiven them.

UST

[20] He must do with this bull the same things that he did with the bull that was an offering for his own sins, and they will be forgiven.

What would happen to the assembly of Israel if they followed the directions for the sin offering?

If the assembly if Israel followed the directions of the sin offering, they would be forgiven.

Leviticus 4:21

ULT

[21] And he will bring out the bull to the outside of the camp and he will burn it just as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering of the assembly.

UST

[21] Then the priest must take the other parts of the bull outside the camp and burn them, like he does when he himself has sinned. That will be the offering for the sin that all the people have committed, and they will be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:22

ULT

[22] When a ruler sins and does by mistake one thing from all the commands of Yahweh his God that should not be done, and he becomes guilty,

UST

[22] When one of the leaders sins without intending to sin, doing something that is forbidden in any of the commands of Yahweh his God, he will be guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:23

ULT

23 or his sin by which he has sinned is made known to him, then he must bring as his offering a buck of the goats, a male without blemish.

UST

23 When he realizes that he has committed a sin, he must bring as his offering a male goat that has no defects.

What was the animal to be offered if a ruler sinned?

If a ruler sinned, he was to offer a male goat without blemish.

Leviticus 4:24

ULT

24 And he will lay his hand on the head of the goat and slaughter it in the place where he slaughters the burnt offering before the face of Yahweh. This is a sin offering.

UST

24 He must lay his hands on the goat's head in the presence of Yahweh and slaughter it at the place where they slaughter the animals that will be completely burned on the altar. That will be an offering for his sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:25

ULT

25 And the priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of the burnt offering. And he will pour out its blood at the base of the altar of the burnt offering.

UST

25 Then the priest must put some of the animal's blood into a bowl and dip one of his fingers in it and put some of the blood on the corners of the projections of the altar. Then he must pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:26

ULT

26 And he will burn all the fat on the altar, just like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin, and it will be forgiven him.

UST

26 Then he must burn all the fat on the altar, like was done with the fat of the offering to promise friendship with Yahweh. As a result of the priest's doing that, the leader will no longer be guilty for his sin and he will be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:27

ULT

27 And if any person from the people of the land sins by mistake, doing one thing from the commands of Yahweh that must not be done, and he becomes guilty,

UST

27 If one of the Israelite people who is not a priest sins without intending to sin, and does something that is forbidden in any of the commands of Yahweh his God, he will be guilty.

What were the common people to bring as a sacrifice if they sinned?

Common persons were to bring a female goat without blemish to be a sin offering if they sinned.

Leviticus 4:28

ULT

28 or his sin which he sinned is made known to him, then he will bring for his offering a doe of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin that he has sinned.

UST

28 When he realizes that he has committed a sin, he must bring as his offering a female goat that has no defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:29

ULT

29 And he will lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

UST

29 He must lay his hands on the goat's head and slaughter it at the place where they slaughter the animals that they will burn completely on the altar, and catch some of the blood in a bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:30

ULT

30 And the priest will take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of the burnt offering. And he will pour out all its blood at the base of the altar.

UST

30 Then the priest must dip one of his fingers in it, and put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the altar. Then he must pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:31

ULT

31 And he will remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from on the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest will burn it on the altar as a sweet aroma to Yahweh. And the priest will make atonement for him, and it will be forgiven him.

UST

31 Then he must remove all the goat's fat, and burn all the fat on the altar, like was done with the fat of the offering to maintain fellowship with Yahweh. And the good odor will be pleasing to Yahweh. As a result of the priest doing that, the person will no longer be guilty for his sin, and he will be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:32

ULT

32 And if he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he will bring a female without blemish.

UST

32 If that person brings a lamb to be his offering for sin, he must bring a female lamb that has no defects.

Could a man bring a female lamb without blemish as a sacrifice for a sin offering?

Yes, a man could bring a female lamb without blemish as a sacrifice for a sin offering.

Leviticus 4:33

ULT

33 And he will lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it for a sin offering at the place where he slaughters the burnt offering.

UST

33 He must lay his hands on the lamb's head and slaughter it at the place where they slaughter the animals that will be completely burned on the altar, and catch some of the blood in a bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:34

ULT

34 And the priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of the burnt offering. And he will pour out all its blood at the base of the altar.

UST

34 Then the priest must dip one of his fingers in it and put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the altar. Then he must pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 4:35

ULT

35 And he will remove all the fat, just as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest will burn them on the altar on top of the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. And the priest will make atonement for him for his sin that he has sinned, and it will be forgiven him.

UST

35 Then he must remove all the lamb's fat, and burn all the fat on the altar, like was done with the fat of the offering to promise friendship with Yahweh. He must burn it on top of the other offerings to Yahweh that are being burned. As a result, the priest will request God to forgive that person for his sin, and he will be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5

Leviticus 5:1

ULT

1 And when a person sins in that he hears the utterance of a curse and he is a witness, whether he has seen or known of it, if he does not tell, then he will bear his iniquity.

UST

1 If a judge orders any of you to tell in court something that you have seen or something that you heard someone say, but if you refuse to say what you know to be true, you must pay a penalty for refusing to tell what you know.

What is one sin of omission for which one would be held responsible?

If anyone sinned by not testifying about something he saw or heard, when he was required to testify, he would be held responsible.

Leviticus 5:2

ULT

2 Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether it be the carcass of an unclean wild animal or the carcass of unclean livestock or the carcass of an unclean creeping animal, and it is concealed from him, then he is unclean and guilty.

UST

2 If you accidentally touch something which God considers impure such as the carcass of a wild animal or the carcass of your animals that has died, or of an animal that crawls along the ground, you must pay a penalty.

What would one be declared who touched anything God had designated as unclean?

If anyone touched anything God had declared unclean, that person would be declared unclean and guilty.

Leviticus 5:3

ULT

3 Or if he touches the uncleanness of a human, of all his uncleanness that one becomes unclean by, and it is concealed from him but he comes to know of it, then he will be guilty.

UST

3 If you touch anything that has made anyone else unacceptable to God, even if you did not intend to touch it, when you realize what you have done, you must pay a penalty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:4

ULT

4 Or if a person swears rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, anything that a man swears rashly, and it is concealed from him but he comes to know of it, then he will be guilty, in any of these things.

UST

4 If you carelessly make a solemn promise to do something that is either good or that is bad, when you realize that you cannot do it, you must pay a penalty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:5

ULT

5 And it will be that when someone is guilty in one of these things, he must confess that in which he has sinned.

UST

5 If you are guilty of committing any of those sins, you must confess what you have done.

What two things must the one who was guilty of a sin do? (vv5-6)

The one who was guilty of a sin must confess whatever sin he commited and bring his guilt offering to Yahweh.

Leviticus 5:6

ULT

6 And he must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh for his sin that he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb, or a doe of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest will make atonement for him concerning his sin.

UST

6 And as a penalty, you must bring to Yahweh a female lamb or female goat as an offering for the sin that you have committed, and the priest will sacrifice it, and then you will no longer be guilty for your sin.

What was the animal that should be brought to Yahweh for a guilt offering?

A female goat or sheep should be brought to Yahweh for a guilt offering.

Leviticus 5:7

ULT

7 And if his hand does not touch enough small livestock, then he can bring as his guilt offering because he sinned two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon to Yahweh, one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering.

UST

7 If you are poor and cannot afford to bring a lamb, you must bring to Yahweh two doves or two pigeons. One will be an offering for your sin, and the other will be an offering that will be completely burned on the altar.

If he could not afford to buy a lamb, what could he bring to Yahweh for a sin offering?

If he could not afford a lamb, he could bring to Yahweh for a sin offering two doves or two young pigeons.

Leviticus 5:8

ULT

8 And he must bring them to the priest, and he will offer that which is for the sin offering first. And he will wring off its head from the front of its neck, but he will not sever it.

UST

8 You must bring them to the priest. First he will offer one of them to be an offering for your sin. He will wring its neck to kill it, but he must not pull off its head completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:9

ULT

9 And he will sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar. And the rest of the blood he will drain out at the base of the altar. This is the sin offering.

UST

9 Then he must sprinkle some of the blood against the side of the altar. The remaining blood must be drained out at the base of the altar. That will be an offering for your sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:10

ULT

10 And he must make a burnt offering of the second one, according to the regulation. And the priest will make atonement for him for his sin that he sinned, and it will be forgiven for him.

UST

10 The priest will then do what I have commanded and offer the other bird to be completely burned on the altar. Then you will no longer be guilty for the sin you have committed, and Yahweh will forgive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:11

ULT

11 And if his hand cannot touch two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon, then he must bring as his sacrifice because he sinned a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He must not put oil on it nor put incense on it, for it is a sin offering.

UST

11 However, if you are very poor and cannot afford two doves or two pigeons, you must bring to be an offering for your sin two liters of fine flour. You must not put olive oil or incense on it, because it is an offering for sin.

If he could not afford two doves or two young pigeons, what could he bring for his sin offering?

If he could not afford two doves or two young pigeons, he could bring a tenth of an ephah of fine flour without any oil or incense on it.

Leviticus 5:12

ULT

12 And he must bring it to the priest, and the priest will take from it his handful as its memorial portion. And he will burn it on the altar, on top of the offerings made by fire to Yahweh. This is the sin offering.

UST

12 You must take it to the priest. He will take a handful of it to symbolize that the whole offering truly belongs to Yahweh, and burn it on the altar, on top of the other offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:13

ULT

13 And the priest will make atonement for him, for his sin that he sinned from one of these, and it will be forgiven for him. And it will belong to the priest, as with the grain offering.'"

UST

13 When he does that, the priest will enable you to no longer be guilty for any of the sins that you have committed, and God will forgive you. The part of the offering that is not burned will belong to the priest, just as in the case of the offerings made from flour."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

14 Yahweh also said to Moses to tell the people:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:15

ULT

15 "If a person acts unfaithfully and sins by mistake with the holy things of Yahweh, then he must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh, a ram without blemish from the flock with your valuation of silver shekels, in the shekel of the holy place, as a guilt offering.

UST

15 "When you sin, without intending to, by not giving to me, Yahweh, the things that you are required to give to him, you must pay a penalty by bringing to me a ram that has no defects. You must determine how much silver it is worth, by using the official standard in the sacred tent. It will be an offering to cause you to no longer be guilty.

What offering must be brought if anyone violated a command and sinned by failing to pay anything that was required by Yahweh?

This offering must be a ram without blemish from the flock valued in silver shekels.

Leviticus 5:16

ULT

16 And for what he sinned in connection with the holy thing he must make restitution, and one-fifth of it he must add to it and give it to the priest. And the priest will make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and it will be forgiven for him.

UST

16 But you must also make restitution for failing to pay him what has been set apart as only for him. Also, you must add one-fifth of its value. You must give that to the priest. He will offer the ram as a sacrifice for the sin that you have committed and cause you to no longer be guilty, and I will forgive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:17

ULT

17 And if a person sins and does one thing from all the commands of Yahweh that must not be done, and he does not know, then he is guilty and must bear his iniquity.

UST

17 If you sin by doing something that is forbidden in any of my commands, even if you do not know that you have disobeyed one of my commands, you are still guilty; you must pay a penalty to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:18

ULT

18 And he must bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a guilt offering. And the priest will make atonement for him concerning his mistake which he made unintentionally and did not know it, and it will be forgiven for him.

UST

18 When you realize what you have done, you must bring a ram to the priest as an offering in order that you will no longer be guilty. You must bring one that has no defects. The priest will offer the ram to be a sacrifice to me, and as a result you will no longer be guilty for the sin that you have committed, and I will forgive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 5:19

ULT

19 It is a guilt offering. He is certainly guilty to Yahweh.”

UST

19 It is an offering to cause you to no longer be guilty for sinning against me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6

Leviticus 6:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

What did one have to do if he sinned against his neighbor? (vv1-4)
If a person sinned against his neighbor he had to restore whatever he took or the lost thing that he had found.

Leviticus 6:2

ULT
2 "If a person sins and acts unfaithfully against Yahweh and deceives his fellow citizen, in a deposit or in a pledge of hand or by theft, or if he has oppressed his fellow citizen,

UST
2 "If you sin against me by deceiving someone—if you refuse to return what someone has lent you, or if you steal something of his,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:3

ULT
3 or he has found something lost and lies about it, or he swears falsely, according to one of all the things which mankind does to sin thereby,

UST
3 or if you find something and swear that you do not have it, you are guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:4

ULT

4 and it happened that he has sinned and is guilty, then he must give back the robbed thing that he stole or the extorted thing that he extorted, or the deposit which was entrusted to him, or the lost thing that he had found;

UST

4 You must return to its owner what you have stolen or what someone has lent to you and you have not returned, or what you found that someone else had lost, or whatever you lied about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:5

ULT

5 or from all that he has sworn about falsely, he must restore it in full and he must add one-fifth its value to it. He must give it to whom it belongs on the day of his guilt offering.

UST

5 You must not only return anything like that to its owner, but you must also pay to the owner an additional one-fifth of its value.

What did one have to do who lied about any matter?

If one lied about any matter, he had to restore it in full and add one-fifth more.

Leviticus 6:6

ULT

6 And he must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh, a ram without blemish from the flock with your estimate of its value, as a guilt offering to the priest.

UST

6 You must also bring to the priest a ram to be an offering to me, in order that you will no longer be guilty. The ram that you bring must be one that has no defects, one that has the value that has been officially determined.

What did someome have to bring to the priest for a guilt offering if he was guilty of the sins above?

If one was guilty of the sins above, he had to bring a ram without blemish from the flock.

Leviticus 6:7

ULT

7 And the priest will make atonement for him before the face of Yahweh, and it will be forgiven for him, concerning one thing from all that one does by which to become guilty.”

UST

7 Then the priest will offer that ram to be a sacrifice that will cause you to no longer be guilty, and I will forgive you for the wrong things that you did.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

8 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:9

ULT

9 “Command Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the burnt offering: The burnt offering itself must be on the hearth on the altar all the night until the morning. And the fire of the altar will be kept burning on it.

UST

9 “Tell this to Aaron and his sons: These are the regulations concerning the offerings that will be completely burned on the altar: The offering must remain on the altar all during the night, and the fire on the altar must always be kept burning.

How long did the burnt offering remain on the altar?

The burnt offering remained on the altar all night until morning.

Leviticus 6:10

ULT

10 And the priest will put on his linen robe and he will put on his linen underclothes over his body. And he will pick up the ashes, which is the burnt offering the fire has consumed on the altar. And he will put it beside the altar.

UST

10 The next morning the priest must put on his linen underclothes and linen outer clothes. Then he must remove the ashes of the offering from the fire and put them beside the altar.

What did the priest have to put on in order to remove the ashes from the altar?

The priest had to put on linen clothes and linen underclothes to take the ashes from the altar.

Leviticus 6:11

ULT

11 And he will take off his garments and put on other garments. And he will bring out the ash to the outside of the camp, to a clean place.

UST

11 Then he must take off those clothes and put on other clothes, and take the ashes outside the camp, to a place that has been made acceptable to me.

What did the priest have to do before carrying the ashes outside the camp?

The priest had to take off his linen clothes and put on other clothes before carrying the ashes away from the camp.

Leviticus 6:12

ULT

12 And the fire on the altar will be kept burning on it. It must not go out, and the priest will kindle wood on it in the morning by the morning. And he will arrange the burnt offering on it, and he will burn on it the fat of the peace offerings.

UST

12 The fire on the altar must always be kept burning. The priest must not allow it to go out. Each morning the priest must put more firewood on the fire. Then he must arrange more offerings on the fire, and burn on the altar the fat of the offerings to be burned to promise friendship with Yahweh.

What had to be kept going at all times? (vv12-13)

The fire on the altar had to be kept going at all times.

Leviticus 6:13

ULT

13 Fire must be kept burning on the altar continually. It must not go out.

UST

13 The fire on the altar must be kept burning continually. The priest must not allow it to go out.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:14

ULT

14 And this is the law of the grain offering. The sons of Aaron will offer it before the face of Yahweh at the face of the altar.

UST

14 “These are the regulations concerning the offerings made from flour. Aaron’s sons must bring them to Yahweh in front of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:15

ULT

15 And he will take up from it his handful of the fine flour of the grain offering and of the oil and all the incense which is on the grain offering. And he will burn it on the altar as a sweet aroma, its memorial portion to Yahweh.

UST

15 The priest must take a handful of fine flour mixed with olive oil and incense and burn that on the altar. That handful will signify that the whole offering truly belongs to me. And the good odor, while the offering burns, will be pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:16

ULT

16 And Aaron and his sons will eat what is left from it. It must be eaten without yeast in a holy place. They will eat it in the courtyard of the tent of meeting.

UST

16 Aaron and his sons may eat the remaining part of the grain offering. But they must eat it in a place that is set apart for God, in the courtyard of the sacred tent.

What were the priests to do with the leftover grain offering?

The priests could eat the grain offering leftover without yeast.

Leviticus 6:17

ULT

17 It must not be baked with yeast. I have given it as their part from my offerings made by fire. It is the holiest holy thing, like the sin offering and like the guilt offering.

UST

17 It must not have yeast mixed with it. Like the offerings for sin and the offerings to cause people to no longer be guilty of sin, that offering is very special, reserved for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:18

ULT

18 Every male from the sons of Aaron may eat it as a permanent statute throughout your generations, from the offerings of Yahweh made by fire. All that touches them will become holy.'"

UST

18 Any male descendants of Aaron are permitted to eat it, because it is their permanent regular share of the offerings given to me and burned in the fire on the altar. Whoever touches them will be considered to be set apart for the honor of Yahweh."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:19

ULT
19 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
19 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:20

ULT
20 “This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they will offer to Yahweh on the day when he is anointed: a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour as a continual grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

UST
20 “Tell Aaron and his sons that this is the offering that they must bring to me on the day that any of them is ordained: That person must bring two liters of fine flour as an offering made from grain flour. He must bring half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.

What did the sons of Aaron have to do when their sons were anointed?
The sons of Aaron had to present a grain offering of a tenth part of an epaph of fine flour, half in the morning and half in the evening.

Leviticus 6:21

ULT
21 It will be made with oil on a griddle. When it is well-mixed, you will bring it. In baked pieces you will offer the grain offering as a sweet aroma to Yahweh.

UST
21 He must mix it well with olive oil and bake it in a shallow pan. He must then break it into small pieces to be burned on the altar. And the good odor, while it burns, will be pleasing to me.

How did this grain offering have to be prepared?
This grain offering had to be made with oil in a baking pan, soaked, then baked in pieces.

Leviticus 6:22

ULT

22 And the annointed priest that comes after him from among his sons will offer it. As a permanent statute it shall be completely burned up to Yahweh.

UST

22 I have commanded that the descendants of Aaron who are appointed to become the high priests after Aaron dies are the ones who must prepare those things. They must be completely burned on the altar to be sacrifices to me.

Who would offer this grain offering?

The son of Aaron who was to become the new high priest would offer this grain offering.

Leviticus 6:23

ULT

23 And all of the grain offering of the priest will be completely burned up. It must not be eaten.”

UST

23 Every offering that a priest gives that is made from flour must be completely burned. No one is to eat any of it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:24

ULT

24 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

24 Yahweh also told Moses to

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:25

ULT

25 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is slaughtered the sin offering must be slaughtered before the face of Yahweh. It is the holiest holy thing.

UST

25 tell Aaron and his sons, “These are the regulations concerning the offerings for the sins of the people. The priest will kill the sacrifice at the place where the offerings are burned; it is killed before Yahweh and the offering is dedicated to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:26

ULT

26 The priest who offers it as a sin offering will eat it. It must be eaten in a holy place, in the courtyard of the tent of meeting.

UST

26 The priest who makes the offering for sin, may eat the offering given to Yahweh. The priest can only eat it in the place in the courtyard that has been set apart for eating sacrifices.

According to the law of the sin offering, what did the priest have to do to the offering?
The priest had to eat the sin offering.

Leviticus 6:27

ULT

27 All that touches its meat will become holy. And if some of the blood is sprinkled on the garment, you must clean where it was sprinkled on it in a holy place.

UST

27 Any other person who touches any of its meat will belong to me. And if its blood is splattered on your clothes, you must wash the clothes in a holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:28

ULT

28 And the pot of clay in which it is boiled must be broken. And if it is boiled in a pot of bronze, then it must be scrubbed and rinsed in water.

UST

28 If the meat is cooked in a clay pot, the pot must be broken afterwards. But if it is cooked in a bronze pot, the pot must be scoured afterwards and rinsed with water.

What had to be done with the clay pot in which a bloody garment was boiled?

The clay pot in which the bloody garment was boiled had to be broken.

Leviticus 6:29

ULT

29 Every male among the priests may eat it. It is the holiest holy thing.

UST

29 Any male in a priest's family may eat some of the cooked meat. That meat is very special.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 6:30

ULT

30 And any sin offering from which some of its blood was brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place must not be eaten. It must be burned in the fire.

UST

30 But if the blood of those offerings is brought into the sacred tent to enable the people to be forgiven for having sinned, the meat of those animals must not be eaten. The priest must burn that meat completely."

What part of the sin offering was not to be eaten?

No part of the sin offering was to be eaten from which blood was brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place.

Leviticus 7

Leviticus 7:1

ULT

1 And this is the law of the guilt offering. It is the holiest holy thing.

UST

1 “These are the regulations concerning the offerings for when people are guilty of not giving to Yahweh the things that are required to be given to him. Those are very sacred offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:2

ULT

2 In the place where they slaughter the burnt offering they must slaughter the guilt offering. And they must sprinkle its blood on every side of the altar.

UST

2 A priest must slaughter each animal that people offer for this purpose in the same place where they slaughter the animals that they will completely burn. The priest must sprinkle the animal’s blood on all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:3

ULT

3 And all its fat will be offered from it: the fat tail and the fat covering the inner parts,

UST

3 All their fat, the fat tails that are cut close to the backbone, and all the fat that covers the inner parts of the animals or which is attached to them, must be burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:4

ULT

4 and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe on the liver which he will remove with the kidneys.

UST

4 This includes the kidneys with their fat near the lower back muscle, and the fat that covers the liver. The priest must remove all these fatty pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:5

ULT

5 And the priest must burn them on the altar as an offering made by fire to Yahweh. It is a guilt offering.

UST

5 The priest must burn these pieces on the altar to be offerings to me, Yahweh. They are an offering for the people, for me to forgive them when they have not done what I required them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:6

ULT

6 Every male among the priests may eat it. It must be eaten in a holy place. It is the holiest holy thing.

UST

6 All the males in the priest's family are permitted to eat its meat, but it must be eaten in a place set apart for me, because it is very special to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:7

ULT

[7] The sin offering is like the guilt offering. The law is the same for them. The priest who makes atonement with it; it will belong to him.

UST

[7] The regulation is the same for the offerings to cause people to become acceptable to me again and the offerings for when they are guilty of not giving to me the things that I required from them. The meat of those offerings belongs to the priest who offers them.

What offering was like the guilt offering?

The sin offering was like the guilt offering.

Leviticus 7:8

ULT

[8] As for the priest who offers a burnt offering of a man, the hide of the burnt offering that he offered will belong to the priest. It will belong to him.

UST

[8] When a priest slaughters an animal that he will completely burn on the altar, he may keep the animal's hide for himself.

What could the priest keep from anyone's burnt offering?

The priest could keep the hide of that offering.

Leviticus 7:9

ULT

[9] And every grain offering that is baked in an oven, and everything cooked in a frying pan or on a griddle will belong to the priest who offers it. It will belong to him.

UST

[9] Offerings of things made from flour that are baked in an oven or cooked in a pan or in a shallow pan belong to the priest who sacrifices those things for another person.

Which offering belonged to the priest? (vv9-10)

The grain offering belonged to the priest.

Leviticus 7:10

ULT

10 And every grain offering, mixed with oil or dry, will be for all the sons of Aaron, to each as to his brother.

UST

10 And offerings of things made from flour, whether they were mixed with olive oil or not, also belong to the Aaron's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:11

ULT

11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of the peace offerings which they will offer to Yahweh.

UST

11 These are the regulations concerning the offerings that people make to promise friendship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:12

ULT

12 If one offers it for thanksgiving, then he must offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving cakes without yeast mixed with oil and wafers without yeast smeared with oil and well-mixed cakes of fine flour mixed with oil.

UST

12 If you bring an offering to thank Yahweh, along with the animal that you slaughter you must offer loaves of bread made with olive oil mixed with the flour but without yeast, and wafers that are made without yeast but with olive oil smeared on them, and loaves made from fine flour with olive oil mixed well with the flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:13

ULT

13 With the cakes he must offer bread with yeast as his offering, in addition to the thanksgiving sacrifice of his peace offerings.

UST

13 Along with that offering to thank Yahweh, you must bring an offering of loaves made with yeast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:14

ULT

14 And he will offer from it one from each offering as a gift to Yahweh. It will belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. It will belong to him.

UST

14 You must bring one of each kind for an offering to Yahweh, but they belong to the priest who sprinkles against the altar the blood of the animal that is slaughtered as an offering to promise friendship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:15

ULT

15 And the meat of the thanksgiving sacrifice of the peace offerings must be eaten on the day of his offering. He must not leave any of it until morning.

UST

15 The meat of that offering must be eaten on the day that it is offered. None of it may be left to be eaten on the next day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:16

ULT

16 And if the sacrifice of his offering is for a vow or for a freewill offering, it may be eaten on the day he offers his sacrifice. And the next day whatever remains of it may be eaten.

UST

16 However, if your offering is the result of a vow that you made to Yahweh, or if it is an offering that you make voluntarily, you may eat some of the meat on the day it is offered, and anything that is left may be eaten on the next day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:17

ULT

[17] And what is left from the meat of the sacrifice must be burned in the fire on the third day.

UST

[17] But any meat that is left until the third day must be completely burned.

What had to be done with the meat of the sacrifice that had not been eaten by the third day?

The meat of the sacrifice that had not been eaten by the third day had to be burnt.

Leviticus 7:18

ULT

[18] And if any of the meat of the sacrifice of his peace offerings to be eaten is eaten on the third day, it will not be accepted. It will not be credited to the one who offered it. It will be a disgusting thing, and the person who eats some of it will carry his iniquity.

UST

[18] If any meat from the offering to promise friendship with Yahweh is eaten on the third day, Yahweh will not accept that offering. It will be useless to offer it because Yahweh will consider that it is worthless. Anyone who eats some of it will have to pay a penalty to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:19

ULT

[19] And the meat that touches any unclean thing must not be eaten. It must be burned in the fire. But the meat, anyone who is clean may eat meat.

UST

[19] Meat that touches something that God considers to be impure must not be eaten. It must be completely burned. But as for other meat, anyone who has performed the rituals to become acceptable to God is allowed to eat it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:20

ULT

20 And a person who eats meat from the sacrifice of the peace offerings that belong to Yahweh while his uncleanness is on him, that person must be cut off from his people.

UST

20 If anyone who has not performed those rituals eats some of the meat of the offering to promise friendship with Yahweh, meat that belongs to Yahweh, he must no longer be allowed to associate with God's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:21

ULT

21 And a person who touches any unclean thing, the uncleanness of a human, or an unclean animal, or any unclean detestable thing, and eats some of the meat of a sacrifice of the peace offerings that belong to Yahweh, that person must be cut off from his people.'"

UST

21 If anyone touches something that God considers to be impure and very displeasing to him, whether it is from a human or from an animal, and then he eats any of the meat of the offering to promise friendship with Yahweh, meat that belongs to Yahweh, he must no longer be allowed to associate with God's people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

22 Yahweh also said to Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:23

ULT

23 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You must not eat any of the fat of an ox or a sheep or a goat.

UST

23 "Say this to the Israelite people: 'Do not eat any of the fat of cattle or sheep or goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:24

ULT

24 And the fat of a carcass or the fat of an animal torn by wild animals may be used for any other use, but you must certainly not eat it.

UST

24 The fat of an animal that is found dead or that has been killed by a wild animal may be used for other purposes, but you must not eat it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:25

ULT

25 If anyone eats fat from the animal which he has offered part of it as a sacrifice made by fire to Yahweh, then the person who ate it must be cut off from his people.

UST

25 Anyone who eats the fat of an animal from which an offering has been made to Yahweh must no longer be allowed to associate with God's people.

What had to be done to anyone who ate fat from an animal or blood from a bird or an animal? (vv25-26)

Anyone who ate fat from an animal or blood from a bird or animal had to be cut off from his people.

Leviticus 7:26

ULT

26 And you must not eat any blood in any of your dwellings, whether of a bird or of a land animal.

UST

26 And wherever you live, you must not eat the blood of any bird or animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:27

ULT

27 Any person who eats any blood, that person must be cut off from his people.'"

UST

27 If anyone eats blood, he must no longer be allowed to associate with God's people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:28

ULT

28 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

28 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:29

ULT

29 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings to Yahweh must bring his offering to Yahweh from the sacrifice of his peace offerings.

UST

29 "Tell the Israelite people this: 'Anyone who brings an offering to promise friendship with Yahweh must bring part of it to be a sacrifice to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:30

ULT

30 His hands must bring an offering made by fire to Yahweh: the fat with the breast. He must bring the breast to wave it as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh.

UST

30 He himself must bring the offering that will be burned in the fire. He must bring the fat along with the breast of the animal and lift it high in front of Yahweh to present it as an offering to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:31

ULT

31 And the priest must burn the fat on the altar, and the breast will be for Aaron and for his sons.

UST

31 The priest must burn the fat on the altar, but the breast belongs to Aaron and all his descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:32

ULT

32 And the right thigh you must give as a gift to the priest from the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

UST

32 You must give to the priest the right thigh of the animal that you presented to promise friendship with Yahweh.

What had to be given to the priest after the fat had been burned on the altar?

After the fat was burned on the altar, the right thigh would be given to the priest.

Leviticus 7:33

ULT

33 The one from the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings and the fat will have for him the right thigh as a share.

UST

33 The son of Aaron who offers the blood and the fat of that sacrifice will receive the right thigh of the animal as his share.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:34

ULT

34 For I have taken from the sons of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, the breast of the wave offering, and the thigh that is the gift. And I have given them to Aaron the priest and his sons as a permanent statute among the sons of Israel.

UST

34 From the offerings that the Israelite people give to promise friendship with Yahweh, he has declared that he has given to Aaron and his descendants the breast that is lifted high and the right thigh that is offered. Those portions will always be their regular share from the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:35

ULT

35 This is the share of Aaron and the share of his sons from the offerings made by fire to Yahweh, on the day when he offered them as priests to Yahweh,

UST

35 Those are the portions of the offerings brought to Yahweh and burned in fire that are allotted to Aaron and his descendants on the day that you, Moses, will set apart to serve Yahweh as priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:36

ULT

36 which Yahweh commanded to give them on the day of his anointing them from the people of Israel. It will be a permanent statute throughout their generations.

UST

36 Yahweh commands that on the day that the priests are appointed, that the Israelite people must always give those portions to the priests.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:37

ULT

37 This is the law of the burnt offering, of the grain offering, and of the sin offering, and of the guilt offering, and of the consecration offering, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings,

UST

37 So those are the regulations for the offerings that are to be completely burned on the altar, the offerings made from flour, the offerings to cause people to become acceptable to God again, the offerings for when people are guilty of not giving to Yahweh the things that are required to be given to him, the offerings given when the priests are appointed, and the offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 7:38

ULT

38 which Yahweh commanded Moses on Mount Sinai on the day he commanded the sons of Israel to offer their offerings to Yahweh in the wilderness of Sinai.”’

UST

38 They are regulations that Yahweh gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, on the day that he commanded the Israelite people to start bringing their offerings to him, in the wilderness around Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8

Leviticus 8:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh also said to Moses,

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do with Aaron and his sons?

Yahweh told Moses to take Aaron and his sons, the garments and the anointing oil, the bull, two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread to the entrance to the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 8:2

ULT

[2] "Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the oil of anointing, and the bull of the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread.

UST

[2] "Bring Aaron and his sons, and bring their special clothes, the oil for anointing them, the bull to be offered to cause them to become acceptable to God, the two rams to be slaughtered, and the basket containing bread made without yeast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:3

ULT

[3] And bring together all the assembly at the entrance of the tent of meeting."

UST

[3] Then gather all the people at the entrance to the sacred tent."

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to call to the entrance of the tent of meeting?

Yahweh told Moses to call all the assembly at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 8:4

ULT

4 And Moses did as Yahweh commanded him, and the assembly came together at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

4 Moses did what Yahweh told him to do, and all the people gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:5

ULT

5 And Moses said to the assembly, “This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded to be done.”

UST

5 Then Moses said to the people, “This is what Yahweh has commanded us to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:6

ULT

6 Moses brought near Aaron and his sons and washed them with water.

UST

6 Then he brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:7

ULT

7 And he put the tunic on him, and girded him with the sash, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod on him. And he girded him with the finely-woven waistband of the ephod and bound it on him.

UST

7 He put the special tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, put on him the special robe, and put on him the sacred vest. He fastened the sacred vest around him, using the finely woven waistband.

What clothing did Moses put on Aaron?

Moses clothed Aaron with a tunic, sash, and robe.

Leviticus 8:8

ULT

8 And he placed the breastpiece on him, and in the breastpiece he put the Urim and the Thummim.

UST

8 He put the sacred pouch on his chest and put into it the two stones for him to use to determine what God wants.

What did Moses place in the breastpiece?

Moses placed the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece.

Leviticus 8:9

ULT

9 And he set the turban on his head and he set on the turban—on the front of its face—the golden rosette, the holy crown, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

9 Then he wrapped the turban around Aaron's head and fastened on the front of it the gold ornament the object that showed that he was dedicated to God, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

What was the holy crown?

The holy crown was the golden plate.

Leviticus 8:10

ULT

10 And Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it. And he set them apart.

UST

10 Then Moses took the olive oil and anointed the sacred tent and everything in it, and dedicated it all to Yahweh.

What did Moses anoint with the anointing oil?

Moses anointed the tabernacle and everything in it with the anointing oil.

Leviticus 8:11

ULT

11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils, and the washbasin and its base, to set them apart.

UST

11 He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times. He anointed the altar and all the things used with it, and its huge washbasin and its stand, to dedicate them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:12

ULT

12 And he poured some of the anointing oil on the head of Aaron and anointed him to set him apart.

UST

12 He poured some of the oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to dedicate him to Yahweh.

How did Moses consecrate Aaron?

Moses consecrated Aaron by anointing him with anointing oil.

Leviticus 8:13

ULT

13 And Moses brought near the sons of Aaron and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with sashes, and bound headbands on them, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

13 Then he brought forward Aaron's sons. He put tunics on them, tied sashes around them, and wrapped turbans around their heads, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:14

ULT

14 And Moses brought the bull of the sin offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull of the sin offering.

UST

14 Then he brought the bull for the offering to cause people to become acceptable to God. Then Aaron and his sons put their hands on the bull's head.

What did Moses do with the blood of the bull that was brought for the sin offering? (vv14-15)

Moses took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar with his finger. He then poured out the blood at the base of the altar.

Leviticus 8:15

ULT

15 And Moses slaughtered it, and he took the blood and put it all around on the horns of the altar with his finger. And he purified the altar and poured out the blood at the base of the altar. And he set it apart to make atonement upon it.

UST

15 Then Moses slaughtered the bull, caught some of its blood in a bowl, and with his finger put some of it on the projections at the corners of the altar, to purify the altar. He poured the rest of the blood at the base of the altar. By doing that, he caused it to be a suitable place for burning sacrifices for sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:16

ULT

16 And he took all the fat that was on the inner parts, the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it on the altar.

UST

16 Moses took all the fat that covers the inner parts of the animal, including the liver and kidneys, and burned them on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:17

ULT

17 And the bull and its hide and its flesh and its dung he burned in the fire outside the camp, as Yahweh had commanded him.

UST

17 He took the rest of the bull, including the hide and intestines, and burned them outside the camp, like Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:18

ULT

18 And he brought near the ram of the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

UST

18 Then he brought the ram for the offering that would be completely burned on the altar, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head.

What did Moses do with the blood from the ram used for the burnt offering? (vv18-19)

Moses killed the ram and splashed its blood against every side of the altar.

Leviticus 8:19

ULT

19 And Moses slaughtered it and sprinkled the blood against every side of the altar.

UST

19 Then Moses slaughtered the ram and sprinkled its blood on all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:20

ULT

20 And Moses cut the ram into its pieces and burned the head and the pieces and the suet.

UST

20-21 He cut the ram into pieces and washed the inner parts and hind legs. Then he put the head, the fat, and the other parts of the ram on the altar. As it burned, the aroma of the smoke was pleasing to Yahweh. It was an offering to Yahweh that was burned, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:21

ULT

21 And the inner parts and the legs he washed with water. And Moses burned all of the ram on the altar. It was a burnt offering, a sweet aroma. It was an offering made by fire to Yahweh as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

20-21 He cut the ram into pieces and washed the inner parts and hind legs. Then he put the head, the fat, and the other parts of the ram on the altar. As it burned, the aroma of the smoke was pleasing to Yahweh. It was an offering to Yahweh that was burned, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:22

ULT

22 And he brought near the second ram, the ram of consecration. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the ram.

UST

22 Then he brought the other ram, the one for consecrating the priests, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:23

ULT

23 And Moses slaughtered it and took some of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

UST

23-24 Moses slaughtered that ram, caught some of its blood in a bowl, and put some of that blood on the lobes of the right ears, the thumbs of the right hands, and the big toes of the right feet of Aaron and his sons to indicate that what they listened to and what they did and where they went should be directed by Yahweh.

What did Moses do with some of the blood from the second ram, the ram of consecraton?
Moses took some of the blood from the ram of consecration and placed it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and the big toe on his right foot.

Leviticus 8:24

ULT

24 And he brought near the sons of Aaron. And Moses put some of the blood on the tip of their right ear, and on the thumb of their right hand, and on the big toe of their right foot. And Moses sprinkled the blood against every side of the altar.

UST

23-24 Moses slaughtered that ram, caught some of its blood in a bowl, and put some of that blood on the lobes of the right ears, the thumbs of the right hands, and the big toes of the right feet of Aaron and his sons to indicate that what they listened to and what they did and where they went should be directed by Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:25

ULT

25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was on the inner parts, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh.

UST

25 He picked up all the fat of the ram, its fat tail, the fat that covered the inner parts, including the fat that covered the liver and kidneys, and the right thigh of the ram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:26

ULT

26 And from the basket of bread without yeast that was before the face of Yahweh he took one cake without yeast, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat and on the right thigh.

UST

26-27 Then from the basket containing the bread that was made without yeast, the bread which had been dedicated to Yahweh, he picked up one loaf of bread made without olive oil, and one loaf that was made by mixing the flour with olive oil, and one wafer. He put those on top of the portions of fat, and put them into the hands of Aaron and his sons. Then they lifted them up in the presence of Yahweh to show that it was an offering that belonged to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:27

ULT

27 And he put it all in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons and waved them before the face of Yahweh as a wave offering.

UST

26-27 Then from the basket containing the bread that was made without yeast, the bread which had been dedicated to Yahweh, he picked up one loaf of bread made without olive oil, and one loaf that was made by mixing the flour with olive oil, and one wafer. He put those on top of the portions of fat, and put them into the hands of Aaron and his sons. Then they lifted them up in the presence of Yahweh to show that it was an offering that belonged to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:28

ULT

28 And Moses took them from off their hands and burned them on the altar for the burnt offering. They were a consecration offering, a sweet aroma. It was an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

28 Then Moses took those things from their hands and burned them on the altar. That was the offering that was burned to appoint Aaron and his sons as priests. And the aroma while it burned was pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:29

ULT

29 And Moses took the breast and waved it as a wave offering to the face of Yahweh. It was the share for Moses from the ram of consecration, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

29 Moses also took the breast of the second ram and lifted it high before Yahweh to offer it to him, as Yahweh had commanded. The breast was Moses' share of the ram that was sacrificed to dedicate the priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:30

ULT

30 And Moses took some of the oil of anointing and some of the blood that was on the altar and he sprinkled these on Aaron, on his clothes,and on his sons, and on the clothes of his sons with him. And he set apart Aaron, his clothes, and his sons and the clothes of his sons with him.

UST

30 Then Moses took some of the olive oil for anointing Aaron and his sons, and some of the blood that was on the altar and sprinkled it on Aaron and his sons and on their clothes. By doing that, he set apart Aaron to be priest, together with his sons and their clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:31

ULT

31 And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, "Boil the meat at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and there you will eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, as I commanded, saying, 'Aaron and his sons will eat it.'

UST

31 Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons, "Boil the meat of the second ram at the entrance of the sacred tent, and eat it there with the bread that is in the basket, as I told you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:32

ULT

32 And what is left of the meat and of the bread you must burn in the fire.

UST

32 Burn up any of the meat and bread that remains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:33

ULT

33 And you must not go out from the entrance of the tent of meeting for seven days, until the day of the fulfillment of the days of your consecration, because for seven days he will fill your hands.

UST

33 The time for you to be set apart as priests will be seven days, so do not leave the entrance of the sacred tent for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:34

ULT

34 As has been done this day, Yahweh has commanded to be done to make atonement for you.

UST

34 What we have done today is what Yahweh commanded to cause you to be forgiven for your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 8:35

ULT

35 And at the entrance of the tent of meeting you will stay day and night for seven days. And you will keep the command of Yahweh, and you will not die, because this is what I have been commanded.”

UST

35 You must stay at the entrance to the sacred tent for seven days and seven nights and do what Yahweh requires, in order that you will not die because of disobeying him. I am telling you that because that is what Yahweh has commanded me to tell you.”

How long were the priests to remain at the entrance to the tent of meeting?

The priests were to remain at the entrance to the tent of meeting for seven days and seven nights.

Leviticus 8:36

ULT

36 And Aaron and his sons did all the things which Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.

UST

36 So Aaron and his sons did everything that Yahweh told Moses to tell them.

What was Aaron and his sons’ response to what Yahweh had ask them to do?

They did all the things God had commanded them through Moses.

Leviticus 9

Leviticus 9:1

ULT

[1] Now it was that on the eighth day Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel.

UST

[1] Eight days later Moses summoned the elders of Israel.

On what day did Moses call Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel?

Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel on the eighth day.

Leviticus 9:2

ULT

[2] And he said to Aaron, “Take for yourself a calf, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram without blemish for a burnt offering, and offer them before the face of Yahweh.

UST

[2] Then he said to Aaron, “Take a young bull so you can offer it for your sins, and a ram so that you can burn it whole on the altar, both of them without any defects, and offer them to Yahweh.

What two animals did Moses ask Aaron and his sons to bring to offer to Yahweh?

Moses ask Aaron to bring a calf from the herd and a ram without blemish.

Leviticus 9:3

ULT

[3] And to the sons of Israel you must speak, saying, ‘Take a buck of the goats for a sin offering and a calf and a lamb, sons of the year without blemish, for a burnt offering,

UST

[3] Then say to the Israelite people, ‘Take a male goat to offer it for your sins. Also take a calf and a lamb that have no defects, so that you can burn them whole on the altar.

What animals did Moses ask Aaron to tell the people of Israel to bring to offer to Yahweh? (vv3-4)

Moses asked Aaron to tell the people to bring a male goat, a calf, a lamb, an ox, and a ram to offer to Yahweh.

Leviticus 9:4

ULT

[4] and an ox and a ram for peace offerings to sacrifice before the face of Yahweh, and a grain offering mixed with oil, because today Yahweh will appear to you.'"

UST

[4] Also take an ox and a ram to offer them, so you may promise friendship with Yahweh, along with an offering of flour mixed with olive oil. Do this because today Yahweh is going to appear to you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:5

ULT

[5] And they brought what Moses commanded to the entrance of the tent of meeting. And all the assembly came near and stood before the face of Yahweh.

UST

[5] After Moses gave these instructions to the Israelites, some of them brought these things and went to the courtyard in front of the sacred tent. Then all the people came near and stood in front of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:6

ULT

[6] And Moses said, "This is the thing that Yahweh commanded you to do, so the glory of Yahweh may appear to you."

UST

[6] Then Moses said, "This is what Yahweh has commanded you to do, in order that his glory will appear to you."

Why had Yahweh commanded them to do this?

Yahweh commanded them to do this that his glory might appear to them.

Leviticus 9:7

ULT

7 And Moses said to Aaron, “Come near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering, and make atonement for yourself and for the people. And offer the sacrifice of the people and make atonement for them, as Yahweh has commanded.”

UST

7 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Come to the altar and sacrifice the animal that is your offering to enable you to be forgiven for the sins you have committed. Also bring the animal that you will burn whole on the altar. Because of those offerings, God will forgive you and the people for the sins that you have committed. Do these things that Yahweh has commanded you to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:8

ULT

8 And Aaron went near to the altar and slaughtered the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself.

UST

8 So Aaron came up to the altar and slaughtered the calf as an offering for his sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him, and he dipped his finger in the blood and put it on the horns of the altar. And he poured out the blood at the base of the altar.

UST

9 His sons brought its blood to him in a bowl. He dipped his finger into the blood and put some of it on the projections at the corners of the altar. He poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:10

ULT

10 And the fat and the kidneys and the lobe of the liver from the sin offering he burned on the altar, as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

10 He burned the fat, including that which covered the kidneys and the liver, as Yahweh had commanded him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:11

ULT

11 And the flesh and the hide he burned in the fire outside the camp.

UST

11 Then Aaron went outside the camp and there burned the rest of the meat and the hide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:12

ULT

12 And he slaughtered the burnt offering. And the sons of Aaron brought to him the blood, and he sprinkled it against every side of the altar.

UST

12 Then Aaron slaughtered the animal that he was going to burn whole on the altar. His sons handed him the bowl containing its blood, and he sprinkled the blood on all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:13

ULT

13 And they brought to him the burnt offering in its pieces, with the head, and he burned them on the altar.

UST

13 Then they handed him the head and the pieces of the animal that would be burned, and he burned them on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:14

ULT

14 And he washed the inner parts and the legs and burned them on top of the burnt offering on the altar.

UST

14 He washed the inner parts and the legs of the animal, and he burned them on the altar, on top of the other pieces of the animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:15

ULT

15 And he offered the offering of the people. And he took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people and he slaughtered it and offered it for sin, like the first one.

UST

15 Then Aaron brought the animals that would be sacrifices for the Israelite people. He took a goat and slaughtered it for the people's sins, as he had done with the goat for his own offering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:16

ULT

16 And he offered the burnt offering and did it according to the ordinance.

UST

16 Then he brought the animal for the offering in order to burn it whole. He slaughtered it and offered it in the way that Yahweh had commanded him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:17

ULT

17 And he presented the grain offering. And he filled his hand with it and burned it on the altar, along with the burnt offering of the morning.

UST

17 He also brought the offering made from flour. He took a handful of it and burned it on the altar, as he had done with the animal that he had sacrificed earlier that morning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:18

ULT

18 And he slaughtered the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of the peace offerings, which was for the people. And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him and he sprinkled it against every side of the altar.

UST

18 Then he slaughtered the ox and the ram to be an offering for the Israelite people to promise friendship with Yahweh. His sons handed him the bowl containing the blood, and he sprinkled the blood against all sides of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:19

ULT

19 As for the fat portions from the bull and from the ram, the fat tail, and the fat covering the inner parts, and the kidneys, and the lobe of the liver,

UST

19 But he took the fat from the ox and the ram, including their fat tails that were cut close to the backbone, and all the fat that covered the livers and the kidneys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:20

ULT

20 they then put the fat portions on the breasts, and he burned the fat portions on the altar.

UST

20 He put these parts on top of the breasts of those animals and carried them to the altar to burn them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:21

ULT

[21] And the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh, as Moses had commanded.

UST

[21] Then, doing what Moses had commanded, he lifted up in front of Yahweh the breast and the right thigh of those animals to show that those two animals completely belonged to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:22

ULT

[22] And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them. And he came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.

UST

[22] Then Aaron lifted his arms toward the people and asked Yahweh to bless them. Then having finished making all those offerings, he stepped down from the place where the altar was.

After Aaron made the offerings as Moses had said, what did Aaron do for the people?
After Aaron made the offerings, he lifted up his hands and blessed the people.

Leviticus 9:23

ULT

[23] And Moses and Aaron came into the tent of meeting, and they went out and blessed the people. And the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the people.

UST

[23] Then Aaron and Moses entered the sacred tent. When they came out later, they asked Yahweh to bless the people. And suddenly the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 9:24

ULT

24 And fire came out from before the face of Yahweh and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And all the people saw and shouted and fell upon their faces.

UST

24 A fire from Yahweh appeared and burned up the entire offering, together with the fat that was on the altar. When all the people saw this happen, they shouted joyfully and prostrated themselves on the ground to worship Yahweh.

What happened when the glory of Yahweh appeared to the people?

When the glory of Yahweh appeared to the people, fire came out and consumed the burnt offering and fat on the altar.

What did the people do when the fire came from Yahweh?

When the fire came out from Yahweh, the people shouted and lay facedown.

Leviticus 10

Leviticus 10:1

ULT

[1] And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, a man took his censer, and they put fire in it and they put incense on it. And they offered before the face of Yahweh unfamiliar fire that he had not commanded them.

UST

[1] Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, took the pans in which they burned incense. They put some burning coals in them and put incense on top of the coals, but this fire was not acceptable to Yahweh because it was not the kind that he had commanded them to burn.

Who offered unapproved fire to Yahweh?

Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, offered unapproved fire to Yahweh.

Leviticus 10:2

ULT

[2] And fire went out from before the face of Yahweh and it devoured them. And they died before the face of Yahweh.

UST

[2] So suddenly a fire from Yahweh appeared and burned them up in his own presence.

What happened to these two men as a result of this act?

Fire came out from Yahweh and devoured them.

Leviticus 10:3

ULT

[3] And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what Yahweh spoke, saying, 'Among those who come near me I will show myself as set apart. And on the faces of all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron was silent.

UST

[3] Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what Yahweh was talking about when he said, 'Those priests who come near to me— I will show them that they must honor me; in the presence of all the people I am the one whom they must honor.'" But Aaron said nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:4

ULT

4 And Moses called to Mishael and to Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron. And he said to them, “Come near and carry your brothers from the face of the holy place to the outside of the camp.”

UST

4 Then Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, who were the sons of Aaron’s uncle Uzziel, and said to them, “Take the corpses of your cousins outside the camp, away from being in front of the sacred tent.”

Who was called upon by Moses to carry the bodies out of the tabernacle?

Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel, the uncle of Aaron, were called by Moses to carry the bodies away.

Leviticus 10:5

ULT

5 And they came near and carried them by their tunics to the outside of the camp, as Moses had instructed.

UST

5 So they carried the corpses, on which were still the special tunics, outside the camp, and buried them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:6

ULT

6 And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his sons, “Do not let your heads be unbound, and do not tear your clothes, and you will not die, and he does not become angry against all the assembly. But your brothers, all of the house of Israel, may weep for the burning that Yahweh burned.

UST

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and his other two sons Eleazar and Ithamar, “You are sad because Nadab and Abihu died, but you must act like you always do. Do not allow the hair on your heads to remain uncombed, and do not tear your clothes. If you do, Yahweh will be angry with all the people. But you must let your relatives and all your fellow Israelites engage in mourning ceremonies for those whom Yahweh has destroyed by fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:7

ULT

7 And you must not go out from the entrance of the tent of meeting, or else you will die, for the oil of anointing of Yahweh is on you." And they acted according to the instructions of Moses.

UST

7 But you must not leave the entrance of the sacred tent to join those who are mourning, because if you do that, you also will die. Do not forget that Yahweh has set you apart to work for him here, and he does not want you to become defiled by touching a corpse." So they obeyed Moses; they did not join the rest of the people in mourning for their cousins' death.

What did Moses say to Aaron and his sons?

Moses said to them that they should not go out of the tent of meeting or they would die.

Leviticus 10:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh spoke to Aaron, saying,

UST

8 Then Yahweh said to Aaron,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:9

ULT

9 "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, and you will not die. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations,

UST

9 "You and your two sons who are still alive must not drink wine or other fermented drinks before you enter the sacred tent. If you do that, you will die. That is a command that you and your descendants must obey forever.

What did Yahweh say to Aaron and his sons about what they should not drink?

Yahweh said to Aaron and his sons they should not drink wine or strong drink before entering the house of meeting.

Leviticus 10:10

ULT

10 so to distinguish between the set apart and the common, and between the unclean and the clean,

UST

10 You must do that in order to learn what things are holy and what things are not holy; you must also learn what things I will accept what I will not accept.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:11

ULT

11 so that you may teach the sons of Israel all the statutes that Yahweh has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."

UST

11 And you must teach the Israelite people all the laws that I gave to them by telling them to Moses."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:12

ULT

12 And Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar and to Ithamar, his remaining sons, "Take the grain offering, the remains from the offerings made by fire to Yahweh, and eat it without yeast beside the altar, for it is the holiest holy thing.

UST

12 Moses said to Aaron and his two sons who were still alive, Eleazar and Ithamar, "Take the offering made from flour that is left after a portion of it has been offered to Yahweh to be burned, and eat it alongside the altar. It should not be eaten elsewhere because it is very holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:13

ULT

13 And you must eat it in a holy place, because it is your share and the share of your sons from the offerings made by fire to Yahweh, for thus I have been commanded.

UST

13 Eat it in a holy place. It is the share for you and your sons from the meat that you have burned as offerings. Yahweh has commanded me to tell you this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:14

ULT

14 And the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the gift, you must eat in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, for they are given as your share and the share of your sons from the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the sons of Israel.

UST

14 But you and your sons and daughters are permitted to eat the breast and the thigh that were lifted up in front of Yahweh. Eat them in any place that is holy. They have been given to you and your descendants as your share of the offerings when the Israelites promise friendship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:15

ULT

15 The thigh of the gift and the breast of the wave offering, in addition to the fat portions of the offerings made by fire, they must bring to wave as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh. And it will belong to you and to your sons with you as a share forever, as Yahweh has commanded.”

UST

15 The thigh and the breast that were lifted up in front of Yahweh must be brought with the portions of fat to be burned, to be lifted up and offered in his presence. They will be the regular share for you and your descendants, as Yahweh has commanded.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:16

ULT

16 And the goat of the sin offering Moses searched carefully for, but behold, it had burned up! And he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron; saying,

UST

16 When Moses inquired about the goat that the priests had sacrificed for the people's sins, he found out that the priests had burned it all. So he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar and asked them,

Why was Moses angry with Eleazer and Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron?

Moses was angry with Eleazer and Ithamar because they had let the goat for the sin offering burn up.

Leviticus 10:17

ULT

17 "Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, since it is the holiest holy thing, and it he has given to you to take away the iniquity of the assembly, to make atonement for them before the face of Yahweh?

UST

17 "Why did you not eat near the sacred tent the meat of the sin offering? It was very special for Yahweh; he gave it to you so he could forgive the sins of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:18

ULT

18 Look, its blood was not brought to the inner holy place. You should certainly have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded!"

UST

18 Since its blood was not taken into the holy place inside the sacred tent, you should have eaten the meat of the goat outside the sacred tent, as I commanded."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:19

ULT

19 And Aaron spoke to Moses, “Look, today they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the face of Yahweh, and such things as these have happened to me. If I had eaten the sin offering today, would it have been pleasing in the eyes of Yahweh?”

UST

19 Aaron replied to Moses, “Today the people brought to Yahweh their offering for him to forgive their sins, and also the offering we burned completely to please Yahweh. But think about the terrible thing that happened to my other two sons! Would Yahweh have been pleased if I had eaten some of the people’s sin offering today?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 10:20

ULT

20 And Moses heard and it was good in his eyes.

UST

20 When Moses heard that, he was satisfied and said nothing more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11

Leviticus 11:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘These are the living things which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth.

UST
2 “Tell the people that this is what I say: ‘Of all the animals that live on the land, these are the ones that you are permitted to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:3

ULT
3 Any one that divides the hoof, and splits the cleft hoof, one that chews the cud among the animals—it you may eat.

UST
3 The ones that have hooves that are completely split and that chew their cuds—you may eat these animals.

What living things that live on the earth did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron the people of Israel could eat?
Yahweh told Moses and Aaron to tell the people of Israel they could eat any living thing that has a split hoof and that chews cud.

Leviticus 11:4

ULT

4 However, these you must not eat among those that chew the cud or among those that divide the hoof: the camel because it is one that chews the cud but is not one that divides the hoof—it is unclean to you.

UST

4 There are some animals that chew their cuds but do not have split hooves, and some animals that have split hooves but do not chew their cuds. You must not eat any of those animals. For example, camels chew their cuds but do not have split hooves, so they are unacceptable for you to eat.

Were the people allowed to eat an animal if they only had a split hoof or if they only chewed the cud?

If an animal possessed only one of the two traits they were not allowed to eat it.

Leviticus 11:5

ULT

5 And the rock badger, because it is one that chews the cud but the hoof is not divided—it is unclean to you.

UST

5 Rock badgers chew their cuds but do not have split hooves, so they are unacceptable for you to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:6

ULT

6 And the rabbit, because it is one that chews the cud, but the hoof is not divided—it is unclean to you.

UST

6 Rabbits chew their cuds but do not have split hooves, so they are unacceptable for you to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:7

ULT

7 And the pig, because it is one that divides the hoof and one that splits the cleft hoof, but it does not chew the cud—it is unclean to you.

UST

7 Pigs have completely split hooves but they do not chew their cuds, so they are not acceptable for you to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:8

ULT

8 You must not eat of their meat, and you must not touch their carcasses. They are unclean to you.

UST

8 All of those animals are unacceptable for you, so you must not eat their meat or even touch their carcasses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:9

ULT

9 This you may eat from all that are in the water: all that have fins and scales in the water, in the seas and in the rivers, them you may eat.

UST

9 Of all the creatures that live in the oceans and the streams, you are permitted to eat any that have fins and scales.

What animals living in the water could be eaten by the people of Israel?

Animals that live in the water which have fins and scales may be eaten by the people of Israel.

Leviticus 11:10

ULT

10 But all that do not have fins and scales in the seas and in the rivers, among every swarm of the water and among all the living creatures that are in the water, they are detestable to you.

UST

10 But you must detest and not eat those that do not have fins and scales. That include creatures that are very small.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:11

ULT

11 And they must be detestable to you. You must not eat of their meat, and you must detest their carcasses.

UST

11 You must despise them, and you must not eat their meat, and you must detest their carcasses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:12

ULT

12 All that does not have fins and scales in the water—it is detestable to you.

UST

12 You must detest everything that lives in the water that does not have fins and scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:13

ULT
13 And these you must detest among the birds and must not eat—they are detestable: the eagle, and the vulture, and the black vulture,

UST
13 There are some birds that you must detest and not eat. They include eagles, vultures,

What kind of falcons, hawks, and ravens did Yahweh say must be detested and could not be eaten? (vv13-16)
Yahweh said that no falcons, hawks or ravens could be eaten. They all must be detested.

Leviticus 11:14

ULT
14 and the kite, and the falcon of any kind,

UST
14 kites, any kind of falcon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:15

ULT
15 every raven of any kind,

UST
15 any kind of raven,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:16

ULT
16 and the ostrich, and the owl, and the seagull, and the hawk of any kind,

UST
16 horned owls, screech owls, seagulls, and any kind of hawk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:17

ULT
17 and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,

UST
17 Also small owls, large owls, cormorants,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:18

ULT
18 and the white owl, and the pelican, and the osprey,

UST
18 white owls, barn owls, ospreys,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:19

ULT
19 and the stork, the heron of any kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

UST
19 storks, any kind of heron, hoopoes, and bats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:20

ULT
20 Every flying insect that walks on all fours—it is detestable to you.

UST
20 You must detest and not eat flying insects that also walk on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:21

ULT

21 Only this you may eat from all the flying insects that walk on all fours: what has jointed legs above its feet with which to hop on the ground.

UST

21 But you are permitted to eat creatures with wings that sometimes walk on the ground if they have jointed legs for hopping around.

What kinds of insects could be eaten by the people?

Insects that walk on legs above their feet, which they use to leap on the ground, may be eaten by the people.

Leviticus 11:22

ULT

22 These among them you may eat: the locust of any kind, and the bald locust of any kind, and the cricket of any kind, and the grasshopper of any kind.

UST

22 They include locusts, katydids, crickets, and grasshoppers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:23

ULT

23 But every flying insect that has four legs—it is detestable to you,

UST

23 But you must detest and not eat other insects with wings that have four legs.

What should the people do to four-legged insects that fly?

The people should detest any four-legged insect that flies.

Leviticus 11:24

ULT

24 and by these you will make yourself unclean. Any one who touches their carcasses will be unclean until the evening.

UST

24 There are certain creatures that will make you unacceptable to me if you touch their carcasses. Anyone who touches their carcasses must not touch other people until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:25

ULT

25 And any one who lifts up their carcasses must wash his clothes and will be unclean until the evening.

UST

25 Anyone who picks up one of their carcasses must wash his clothes and not touch other people until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:26

ULT

26 As for every animal which is one that divides the hoof but is not one that splits the cleft hoof, or is not one that chews the cud, they are unclean to you. Any one who touches them will be unclean.

UST

26 The animals whose carcasses you must not touch are those that have hooves that are not completely divided or animals that do not chew their cud. Anyone who touches the carcasses of any of those animals becomes defiled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:27

ULT

27 As for any one that walks on its paws among all the animals that walk on all fours, they are unclean to you. Any one who touches their carcasses will be unclean until the evening.

UST

27 From all the animals that walk on the ground, you must not touch the carcasses of those that have paws to walk on. Anyone who touches one of their carcasses must not touch other people until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:28

ULT

28 And the one who lifts up their carcasses must wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. These are unclean to you.

UST

28 Anyone who picks up one of their carcasses must wash his clothes and not touch other people until that evening, because touching their carcasses makes you unacceptable to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:29

ULT

29 And these are unclean to you among the swarming things that swarm on the ground: the weasel, and the mouse, and the large lizard of any kind,

UST

29 Of all the animals that walk on the ground, these are the ones that make you unacceptable if you touch them: Weasels, rats, any kind of big lizard,

What animals that creep on the ground are considered unclean? (vv29-30)

The weasel, the rat, every kind of large lizard, the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the skink, and the chameleon are considered unclean.

Leviticus 11:30

ULT

30 and the gecko, and the monitor lizard, and the lizard, and the skink, and the chameleon.

UST

30 geckos, monitor lizards and other lizards, skinks, and chameleons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:31

ULT

31 These are unclean to you among all the swarming things. Any one who touches them when they are dead will be unclean until the evening.

UST

31 The creatures that crawl along the ground make you unacceptable to me. Anyone who touches one of their carcasses must not touch other people until the evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:32

ULT

32 And anything which upon one of them falls when they are dead will be unclean, whether any wood vessel, or a garment, or leather, or sackcloth—any object with which work is done must be put in water and be unclean until the evening. Then it will be clean.

UST

32 When one of those creatures dies and falls on something, the thing that it falls on, whatever it is used for, will become defiled, whether it is made of wood, cloth, the hide of some animal or from rough cloth. You must put the object into water. Then you must not use it until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:33

ULT

33 As for any vessel of clay that one of them falls into, all that is inside it will become unclean, and you must destroy it.

UST

33 If one of those unclean creatures falls into a clay pot, everything in it becomes defiled, and you must break that pot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:34

ULT

34 Any food that may be eaten which such water comes on is unclean. And any liquid that may be drunk from any such vessel is unclean.

UST

34 If you pour water from that pot onto any food, you must not eat that food. And you must not drink any water from that pot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:35

ULT

35 And all that something from one of their carcasses falls on becomes unclean; an oven or stove must be broken to pieces. They are unclean and they must remain unclean to you.

UST

35 Anything that one of the carcasses of those creatures falls on becomes defiled, even if the creature falls into an oven or a cooking pot. Anything that it falls on must be broken. It becomes unacceptable to me, and you must not use it again.

What happens to anything that an unclean animal touches?

Anything that an unclean animal touches becomes unclean.

Leviticus 11:36

ULT

[36] However, a spring or cistern for collecting water will be clean; but one who touches their carcass is unclean.

UST

[36] If one of their carcasses falls into a spring or a pit for storing water, the water may still be drunk, but anyone who touches one of those carcasses becomes unacceptable to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:37

ULT

[37] And if something from their carcass falls upon any seed for planting which will be planted, it is clean.

UST

[37] If one of those carcasses falls on seeds that are to be planted, those seeds are still acceptable to be planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:38

ULT

[38] And if water is put on seed and something from their carcass falls on it, it is unclean to you.

UST

[38] But if water has been put on the seeds and then a carcass falls on it, the seeds must be thrown away; you must regard them as unacceptable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:39

ULT

[39] And if one from the animals that are for you to eat dies, the one who touches the carcass will be unclean until the evening.

UST

[39] If an animal whose meat you are permitted to eat dies, anyone who touches its carcass must not touch other people until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:40

ULT

40 And the one who eats from its carcass must wash his clothes and he will be unclean until the evening. And the one who lifts up its carcass will wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening.

UST

40 Anyone who eats some meat from that carcass must wash his clothes, and then he must not touch anyone until that evening. Anyone who picks up such a carcass will wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:41

ULT

41 And every swarming thing that swarms on the ground, it is detestable and must not be eaten.

UST

41-42 All creatures that crawl along the ground, including those that move on their bellies and those that crawl along, are detestable, and they must not be eaten.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:42

ULT

42 All that crawls on a belly, and all that walks on all fours, as well as all that has many feet—any swarming thing that swarms on the ground—you must not eat them for they are detestable.

UST

41-42 All creatures that crawl along the ground, including those that move on their bellies and those that crawl along, are detestable, and they must not be eaten.

What does Yahweh say about things that crawl on the ground?

All the animals that crawl upon the ground are to be detested and are unclean.

Leviticus 11:43

ULT

43 You must not make yourselves detestable with any swarming thing that swarms. And you must not make yourselves unclean with them, and become unclean by them.

UST

43 Do not defile yourselves by eating any of those creatures. Be very careful about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:44

ULT

44 For I am Yahweh your God. And you must keep yourselves holy, and be holy ones, because I am holy. You must not make yourselves unclean with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.

UST

44 I am Yahweh your God, and I am holy, so you must set yourselves apart for my honor, and you must be holy. You must avoid eating things that cause you to be unacceptable to me. Do not cause yourselves to become unacceptable to me by eating creatures that crawl along on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:45

ULT

45 For I am Yahweh, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to be your God. So you must be holy ones, for I am holy.

UST

45 I am Yahweh, the one who freed you from being slaves in Egypt, in order that you might worship me. Therefore, because I am holy, you must be holy.

Why did Yahweh say that the people of Israel must be holy?

Yahweh said that the people must be holy because he is holy.

Leviticus 11:46

ULT

46 This is the law of the animals, and the birds, and every living creature that swarms in the water, and of every creature that crawls on the ground,

UST

46 Those are the regulations concerning animals and birds, all the living creatures that live in water or creep along on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 11:47

ULT

47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.”’

UST

47 You must learn what things I say are acceptable to me and what things are not, and learn what things you are permitted to eat and what things you are not permitted to eat.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 12

Leviticus 12:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 12:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If a woman bears seed and gives birth to a male child, then she will be unclean for seven days, as at the time of the bleeding of her menstruation she is unclean.

UST
2 “Tell this to the Israelite people. If a woman gives birth to a boy, she must be avoided for seven days, as she must be avoided when she is menstruating each month.

What did Yahweh say to Moses about women who gave birth to a male child? (vv2-3)
Yahweh said to Moses that a woman who gave birth to a male child would be unclean for seven days and on the eighth the child would be circumcised.

Leviticus 12:3

ULT
3 And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin must be circumcised.

UST
3 The baby boy must be circumcised eight days after he is born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 12:4

ULT

4 And 30 days and 3 days she will stay in the blood of her purification. Any holy thing she must not touch and into the holy place she must not go until the days of her purification are completed.

UST

4 Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified from her bleeding during childbirth. She must not touch anything that is sacred, that belongs to me only, or enter the area of the sacred tent, until that time is ended.

What was a woman required to do following her being unclean?

She was required to go through purification for thirty-three days and not enter the tabenacle or touch anything holy during this time.

Leviticus 12:5

ULT

5 And if she gives birth to a female child, then she will be unclean for two weeks, as with her menstruation. And 60 days and 6 days she will stay in the blood of her purification.

UST

5 If a woman gives birth to a baby girl, she must be avoided for two weeks, as she must be avoided when she is menstruating each month. Then she must wait sixty-six days to be purified from her bleeding when the baby was born.

What was a woman required to do diferently if she gave birth to a female child?

If a woman gave birth to female child, she was to be unclean for two weeks and go through purification for sixty-six days.

Leviticus 12:6

ULT

6 And when the days of her purification are completed, for a son or for a daughter, she must bring a lamb, a son of its year, as a burnt offering, and a son of a pigeon or turtledove as a sin offering, to the entrance of the tent of meeting, to the priest.

UST

6 When that time for her to be purified is ended, that woman must bring to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent a one year old lamb. The priest will burn it whole on the altar. The woman must also bring a dove or a young pigeon for the priest to sacrifice it, so that Yahweh will accept her again.

What was a woman required to do at the end of her purification?

At the end of her purification, a woman was required to bring to the priest a one year old lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or dove for a sin offering.

Leviticus 12:7

ULT

7 And he will offer it before the face of Yahweh and make atonement for her. And she will be cleansed from the flow of her blood. This is the law for a woman who gives birth to a male or a female child.

UST

7 The priest will offer these animals to Yahweh in order that she may be made acceptable to him again. Then she will be purified from her flow of blood when the baby was born. Those are the regulations for women who give birth to a baby boy or girl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 12:8

ULT

8 And if her hand does not find enough for a lamb, then she must take two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon, one as a burnt offering and one as a sin offering. And the priest will make atonement for her. Then she will be clean.'"

UST

8 If a woman who gives birth to a child cannot afford a lamb, she must bring two doves or two pigeons. One will be burned completely on the altar, and one will be an offering to enable her to become acceptable to God again. By doing that, the priest will cause her to be forgiven for any sins she has committed, and she no longer will need to be avoided."

What if the woman who gave birth to a child could not afford a lamb?

If the woman could not afford a lamb, she was required to bring two young pigeons or two doves for the burnt and sin offerings.

What would happen to the woman after she did these things?

The woman would be clean after the priest offered the offerings for her atonement.

Leviticus 13

Leviticus 13:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh said this to Aaron and Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:2

ULT

[2] “When a human has on the skin of his body a swelling or scab or a bright spot, and it becomes an infection of skin disease on the skin of his body, then he must be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons, the priests.

UST

[2] “When someone has on his skin a swelling, a scab, or a shiny spot that seems to be infected, then someone must bring him to Aaron or to one of his sons who are also priests.

What did Yahweh say a person must do if one has on his skin a swelling, scab, or bright spot that becomes infected?

Yahweh said that anyone who has a skin infection must come to Aaron or to one of his sons, the priests.

Leviticus 13:3

ULT

[3] And the priest will look at the infection on the skin of the body. If the hair in the infection has turned white, and if the disease appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is an infection of skin disease. And the priest will look at him and will pronounce him unclean.

UST

[3] The priest must examine that part of the person’s skin. If the hair in that area has become white and it appears that the sore is deeper than just on the skin, then it is a skin disease that other people are in danger of receiving from him. If that is what the priest sees, he must declare that this sick person is not fit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:4

ULT

4 And if the bright spot is white, it is on the skin of his body, and the appearance of it is not deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest must isolate the infected person for seven days.

UST

4 If the spot on the person's skin is white but it does not appear that the sore is deeper than the surface of the skin, the priest must keep him away from all other people for seven days.

What must be done if the priest determines that the swelling, scab, or bright spot may not be infectious?

If the priest cannot determine that the swelling, scab, or bright spot is infectious, the person must be isolated for one week to be examined again.

Leviticus 13:5

ULT

5 And the priest must look at him on the seventh day, and if the skin disease has stayed unchanged in his eyes and the skin disease has not spread on the skin, then the priest must isolate him for seven days again.

UST

5 After seven days, the priest must examine the person again. If the priest sees that the sore has not changed and has not spread, he must keep the person away from people for yet another seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:6

ULT

6 And the priest will look at him again on the seventh day, and if the infection has faded and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest will pronounce him clean. It is a rash, and he must wash his clothes, and then he will be clean.

UST

6 Again, after those seven more days have passed, the priest must examine the person once more. If the sore has faded and has not spread, the priest will declare that the person is fit to be with other people again. His skin condition is only a rash; it is not contagious. After the person washes his clothes, the priest will allow him to be with other people again.

What if the swelling, scab, or bright spot proves not to be infectious?

If the swelling, scab, or bright spot is not infectious, the priest will pronounce him clean after he washes his clothes.

Leviticus 13:7

ULT

[7] And if the rash has spread further on the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, then he must show himself again to the priest.

UST

[7] But if the sore spreads after the priest has examined him, the person must go to the priest again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:8

ULT

[8] And the priest will look, and if the rash has spread on the skin, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is a skin disease.

UST

[8] The priest will examine him; if the sore has spread to more of the skin, it is a contagious skin disease, and the priest will declare that the person is not fit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:9

ULT

[9] When an infection of skin disease is on a person, then he must be brought to the priest.

UST

[9] When anyone has a contagious skin disease, someone must bring him to the priest.

What are the three conditions that the swelling, scab, or bright spot may show if it is to be declared infectious? (vv9-10)

The three conditions which the swelling, scab, or bright spot may show to be pronounced infectious are white swelling in the skin, the hair has turned white, and there is raw flesh in the swelling.

Leviticus 13:10

ULT

10 And the priest will look and if a white swelling is on the skin and it has turned the hair white, and there is new raw flesh in the swelling,

UST

10 The priest must examine him. If there is a white swelling in the skin that has caused the hair there to become white, and if the flesh in that area is painful,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:11

ULT

11 it is a chronic skin disease on the skin of his body, and the priest must pronounce him unclean. He will not isolate him, because he is unclean.

UST

11 then it is a permanent skin disease; the priest will declare that the person is not fit to be with other people. The priest does not need to keep that person away from others for seven days in order to examine him again, because he already knows that the person is unfit to be with others.

If the priest determines that this is a chronic skin disease, what must the priest do?

If the priest determines that this is a chronic skin disease, he must pronounce the person unclean, but the priest does not isolate him.

Leviticus 13:12

ULT

12 And if the skin disease breaks out further on the skin and the skin disease covers all the skin of the infected person from his head to his feet, as far as the appearance in the eyes of the priest,

UST

12 If the disease spreads all over someone’s body, and the priest examines that person and sees that it is covering his skin from his head to his feet,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:13

ULT

13 then the priest must look, and if the skin disease has covered all his body, then he must pronounce the infected person clean. All of it has turned white. He is clean.

UST

13 and it has caused all his skin to become white which will indicate that the disease has ended, the priest will declare that the person does not have to stay away from other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:14

ULT

14 And when raw flesh appears on him, he will be unclean.

UST

14 But if the person has open sores, he has a contagious skin disease.

If the skin disease covers the person's entire body and raw flesh can be seen, what is the person declared to be?

If the skin disease covers the person's entire body and raw flesh can be seen, the person is declared to be unclean.

Leviticus 13:15

ULT

15 And the priest must look at the raw flesh and pronounce him unclean. The raw flesh—it is unclean. It is a skin disease.

UST

15 When the priest sees that, he must declare that the person has a contagious skin disease and is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:16

ULT
16 Or if the raw flesh returns and changes to white, then he must go to the priest.

UST
16 But if the person's flesh changes and becomes white, he must go to the priest again.

How may the unclean person become clean again? (vv16-17)
The unclean person may become clean again if the raw flesh turns white and he is pronounced clean by the priest.

Leviticus 13:17

ULT
17 And the priest will look at him and if the infection has turned white, then the priest will pronounce the infected person clean. He is clean.

UST
17 The priest must examine him again, and if the sores have become white, the priest will declare that this person is now fit to be with other people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:18

ULT
18 When a body has a boil on it, on its skin, and it has healed,

UST
18 When someone had a boil on his skin and it has now healed,

What must a priest do if he examines a person who had a boil but now has a swelling or bright spot that appears deeper under the skin where the boil was and the hair there has turned white? (vv18-19)
The priest must declare that person unclean.

Leviticus 13:19

ULT

19 and in place of the boil there is white swelling or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it must be shown to the priest.

UST

19 but in the place where the boil was, there is now a white swelling or a bright spot, he must go to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:20

ULT

20 And the priest will look and if it appears deeper under the skin, and its hair has turned white, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infection of skin disease. It has broken out in the boil.

UST

20 The priest must examine it. If it seems to be deeper than the surface of the skin, and if the hair in that spot has become white, it is a contagious skin disease that has appeared where the boil had been. And the priest must declare that the person is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:21

ULT

21 And if the priest looks at it, and behold, there is no white hair on it, and it is not deeper than the skin, and it has faded, then the priest must isolate him for seven days.

UST

21 But when the priest examines it, if he finds no white hair in that spot, and if he finds that it is only on the surface of the skin and has become less bright, then the priest must keep him away from other people for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:22

ULT

22 And if it spreads further on the skin, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infection.

UST

22 But if it is spreading, it is contagious, and the priest must declare that the person is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:23

ULT

23 And if the bright spot stays in its place and has not spread, then it is the scar of the boil. And the priest must pronounce him clean.

UST

23 But if that spot is unchanged and has not spread, it is only a scar from the boil, and the priest will declare that the person is fit to be with other people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:24

ULT

24 Or when the body has a burn from fire on its skin and the raw flesh of the burn has become a reddish-white or white spot,

UST

24 When someone has a burn on his skin and a bright or white spot appears, and the flesh in that area is painful,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:25

ULT

25 then the priest will look at it. And if the hair has turned white in that spot, and it appears to be deeper than the skin, then it is a skin disease that has broken out in the burn. And the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infection of skin disease.

UST

25 the priest must examine the spot. If the hair in that spot has turned white and it seems to be deeper than just the surface of the skin, it is a contagious skin disease that has appeared where the burn was, and the priest must declare that the person is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:26

ULT

26 And if the priest looks at it and if there is no white hair in the spot, and it is not deeper than the skin but it has faded, then the priest must isolate him for seven days.

UST

26 But if the priest examines it and sees that there is no white hair in that spot and it is only on the surface of the skin, and that the spot has faded, the priest must keep the person away from other people for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:27

ULT

27 And the priest must look at him on the seventh day. If it has spread further in the skin, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an infection of skin disease.

UST

27 After seven days, the priest will examine him again. If the sore is spreading, it is a contagious skin disease, and the priest will declare that the person is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:28

ULT
28 And if the bright spot stays in its place and has not spread in the skin but it has faded, then it is the swelling of the burn. And the priest must pronounce him clean, for it is the scar of the burn.

UST
28 However, if the spot is not changed and has not spread but has faded, then it is only a scar from the burn; the priest must declare that the person is fit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:29

ULT
29 And if a man or woman has an infection on him, on the head or in the beard,

UST
29 If a man or a woman has a sore on the head or chin,

What kind of infectious disease may cause one to be unclean if it is found on the head or chin?
If a man or woman has an itching disease on the head or chin it may be infectious and make the person unclean.

Leviticus 13:30

ULT
30 then the priest must look at the infected person. And if it appears to be deeper than the skin, and on it is yellow, thin hair, then the priest must pronounce him unclean. It is an itch. It is a skin disease of the head or the beard.

UST
30 the priest must examine that person. If the sore seems to be deeper than just on the surface of the skin, and if the hair in that spot has thinned out and has become yellowish, then it is a contagious skin disease that causes itching. In that case, the priest must declare that the person is unfit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:31

ULT

31 And if the priest looks at the itching infection and if it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest will isolate the person with the itching infection for seven days.

UST

31 But when the priest examines that kind of sore, if it seems to be only on the surface of the skin and there is no healthy hair in it, the priest will keep the person away from other people for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:32

ULT

32 And the priest will look at the infection on the seventh day. And if the itch has not spread and there is no yellow hair on it, and there is no apperance of the itch deeper than the skin,

UST

32 On the seventh day, the priest must examine the sore again. If it has not spread and if there is no yellow hair in that spot, and if it appears to be only on the surface of the skin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:33

ULT

33 then he shave himself, but the itchy area must not be shaved. And the priest must isolate the itching person for seven days again.

UST

33 the person must shave the hair near the sore but not the hair on the sore. And the priest will keep the person away from other people for seven more days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:34

ULT

34 And the priest will look at the itch on the seventh day. And if the itch has not spread on the skin and it appears to not be deeper than the skin, then the priest must pronounce him clean. And he must wash his clothes, and he will be clean.

UST

34 On the seventh day, the priest must examine that spot again. If it has not spread and it appears to be only on the surface of the skin, the priest will declare that the person is fit to be with people again. The person must wash his clothes, and then he can join with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:35

ULT

35 And if the itch has spread further in the skin after he pronounced him clean,

UST

35 But if the sore later spreads,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:36

ULT

36 then the priest must look at him. And if the itch has spread on the skin, the priest does not need to seek for yellow hair. He is unclean.

UST

36 the priest must examine him again. If the itch has spread, the priest does not need to look for yellow hair, because it is clear that the person has a contagious skin disease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:37

ULT
37 And if in his eyes the itch has stayed unchanged and black hair has grown in it, the itch has healed. He is clean, and the priest will pronounce him clean.

UST
37 However, if the priest thinks that the spot has not changed, and if healthy hair is growing in that area, it is clear that the itch has healed, and the priest will declare that the person is fit to be with other people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:38

ULT
38 And if a man or a woman has on the skin of their body bright spots, white bright spots,

UST
38 When a man or a woman has white spots on the skin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:39

ULT
39 then the priest must look. And if the bright spots on the skin of their body are a dull white, it is a rash that has broken out on the skin. He is clean.

UST
39 the priest should examine them. But if the spots are dull white, it is only a rash, and the priest will declare that the person is fit to be with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:40

ULT
40 And if a man loses the hair of his head, he is bald. He is clean.

UST
40 If a man loses all his hair and becomes bald, he does not need to stay away from other people.

What would a man who lost his hair be pronounced?
A man who lost his hair would be pronounced clean.

Leviticus 13:41

ULT

41 And if his head becomes bald from the front part of his face, he is bald. He is clean.

UST

41 The same is true if he has lost his hair at the front of his scalp and his forehead has become bald.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:42

ULT

42 And if there is on the bald spot or on the bald forehead a reddish-white infection, it is a skin disease that has broken out on his bald spot or on his bald forehead.

UST

42 But if he gets a bright sore on his bald head or on his forehead, then he has a contagious skin disease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:43

ULT

43 And the priest must look at him. And if the swelling of the infection on his bald spot or on his forehead is reddish-white, like the appearance of the disease of the skin of the body,

UST

43 The priest must examine him. If the swollen sore is a bright spot like a spot on someone who has a contagious skin disease,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:44

ULT

44 then he is a man who has a skin disease. He is unclean. The priest must surely pronounce him unclean because of his infection of his head.

UST

44 the priest will declare that the man has a contagious skin disease and is not fit to be with other people.

What one condition on a man's bald head would result in the man being pronounced unclean?

If the bald man's head had reddish-white sores that the priest decided was an infectious disease, he would be pronounced unclean.

Leviticus 13:45

ULT

45 As for the one with a skin disease who has the infection on him, his garments must be torn and his head must be unbound, and he must cover over the moustache, and he must call out, 'Unclean, unclean.'

UST

45 Anyone who has a contagious skin disease must wear torn clothes and not comb his hair. When he is near other people, he must cover the lower part of his face and call out, 'Do not come near me! I have a contagious skin disease!'

What must the unclean person do to let others know that he is unclean? (vv45-46)

The unclean person must wear torn clothes, loosely hung hair, cover his face up to his nose, and shout "unclean, unclean" when in the presence of others. He must also live alone away from the camp.

Leviticus 13:46

ULT

46 All the days that the infection is on him he will be unclean. He is unclean. He must live alone, his dwelling must be outside the camp.

UST

46 He is not allowed to be with other people as long as he has the disease. He must live alone, outside the camp."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:47

ULT

47 As for the garment, when it has in it the infection of skin disease, in a garment of wool or in a garment of linen,

UST

47-48 “Sometimes a person’s clothing gets mildew on it. It may be clothing that is woven from wool or made from linen or from leather, or it may be another item that has leather in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:48

ULT

48 or in warp or in woof of linen or wool, or in leather or in anything made with leather—

UST

47-48 “Sometimes a person’s clothing gets mildew on it. It may be clothing that is woven from wool or made from linen or from leather, or it may be another item that has leather in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:49

ULT

49 if the infection is greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the leather, or in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, then it is an infection of skin disease. And it must be shown to the priest.

UST

49 If the contaminated part is greenish or reddish, there is spreading mildew, and the owner must show it to a priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:50

ULT

50 And the priest must look at the infection and he must isolate the infected thing for seven days.

UST

50 The priest must examine it and then put it in a separate place by itself for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:51

ULT

51 And he must look at the infection on the seventh day. If the infection has spread in the garment or in the warp or in the woof, or in the leather (whatever the work for which the leather is used), then the infection is a malignant skin disease. It is unclean.

UST

51 On the seventh day he must examine it again. If the mildew has spread, it is clear that it is mildew that destroys what it is on, and the clothing or item must not be used again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:52

ULT

52 And he must burn the garment, or the warp or the woof, in wool or in linen, or any article of leather, whatever has in it the infection, for it is a malignant skin disease. In the fire it must be burned up.

UST

52 The owner must completely burn the item that has the mildew in it, whatever kind of item it is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:53

ULT

53 And if the priest looks, and behold, the infection has not spread in the garment or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any article of leather,

UST

53 But when the priest examines it, if the mildew has not spread,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:54

ULT

54 then the priest will command and they will wash that in which was the infection. And he must isolate it for seven days again.

UST

54 he must tell the person who owns it to wash it. Then he must put it in a separate place for another seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:55

ULT

55 And the priest will look at the infection after being washed. And if the infection has not changed its appearance, and the infection has not spread, it is unclean. In the fire you must burn it. It is an eaten away hole in its back or in its front.

UST

55 After seven days, the priest must examine it after the mildewed item was washed. If the color of the mildew has not changed, even though it has not spread, that item must not be used again. It does not matter if the mildew is on the inside of the item or on the outside. It must be burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:56

ULT

56 And if the priest looks, and behold, the infection has faded after it was washed, then he must tear it out from the garment or from the leather, or from the warp or from the woof.

UST

56 But when the priest examines it after it has been washed, if the mildew has faded, he must tear out the part that had the mildew in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:57

ULT

57 And if it still appears in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, it is spreading. In the fire you must burn it, the thing in which is the infection.

UST

57 If the mildew reappears on that item, it is clear that it is spreading, and the owner must burn the entire item.

What must the priest do with any garment of wool or linen or leather or anything made for leather which was found to be infected with mildew?

If any garment of wool or leather or anything made from leather was found to be infected with mildew, the priest must burn it.

Leviticus 13:58

ULT

58 As for the garment or the warp or the woof, or any article of leather that you washed and the infection was removed from them, it must be washed a second time, and it will be clean.

UST

58 But after the clothing is washed and the mildew disappears, the owner must wash it again, and then he may use it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 13:59

ULT

59 This is the law of the infection of skin disease of the garment of wool or linen, or the warp or the woof, or any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or for pronouncing it unclean.”

UST

59 These are the regulations concerning mildew on things made of wool or linen or leather, for deciding whether the owner may continue to use those things or not.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14

Leviticus 14:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:2

ULT
2 “This will be the law for the one with skin disease on the day of his cleansing. And he must be brought to the priest.

UST
2 “These are the regulations for anyone who has been healed of a contagious skin disease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:3

ULT
3 And the priest will go out to the outside of the camp and the priest will look. And if the infection of skin disease has healed in the one with skin disease,

UST
3 Other people must tell the priest about that person. The priest will go outside the camp and examine him. If the skin disease has been healed,

Where must the priest examine the diseased person on the day of his cleansing?
The priest must examine the diseased person outside of the camp to see if the infection is healed.

Leviticus 14:4

ULT

[4] then the priest will command and he must take for the one who is being cleansed two live, clean birds, and cedar wood, and crimson yarn, and hyssop.

UST

[4] the priest will say that someone must bring two live birds that are acceptable to Yahweh, along with some cedar wood, some scarlet yarn, and some hyssop.

What did the priest command the diseased person to bring for the pronouncement of his cleansing?

The priest commanded the diseased person bring two live clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop.

Leviticus 14:5

ULT

[5] And the priest will command and he will slaughter one bird in a vessel of clay over fresh water.

UST

[5] Then the priest will command that one of the birds be killed while it is being held over a clay pot containing water from a spring, that is, fresh water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:6

ULT

[6] As for the live bird, he will take it and the cedar wood, and the crimson yarn and the hyssop, and he will dip them, and the live bird, in the blood of the bird that was slaughtered over the fresh water.

UST

[6] Then the priest will dip the other bird, along with the cedar wood, the scarlet yarn and the hyssop, into that water, which now has blood from the bird that was killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:7

ULT

7 And he will sprinkle on the one who is to be cleansed from the skin disease seven times, and he will pronounce him clean. And he will release the living bird toward the face of the field.

UST

7 Then he must sprinkle some of the water and blood on the person who was healed. He must sprinkle it on him seven times. Then he will declare that the person is permitted to be with other people again. And the priest will release the other bird and allow it to fly away.

After the priest sprinkled the mixture of blood, water, cedar wood and hyssop over the diseased person seven times, what did he do with the remaining bird?

After the priest sprinkled the mixture over the diseased person seven times, he released the remaining bird to fly into the fields.

Leviticus 14:8

ULT

8 And the one who is being cleansed will wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe in the water, and then he will be clean. And afterward he will come into the camp, and he will dwell outside his tent seven days.

UST

8 Then the person who was healed must wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and bathe. After he does those things, he is allowed to return to the camp, but he must stay outside his tent for seven days.

What must the person being cleansed do after the priest has pronounced him clean? (vv8-9)

The person being cleansed must wash his clothes, shave off all of his hair, bathe himself in water, and live outside his tent for seven days.

Leviticus 14:9

ULT

9 And it will be that on the seventh day he must shave off all his hair: his head, and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he must shave off. And he must wash his clothes and bathe his body in the water. And he will be clean.

UST

9 On the seventh day, he must again shave off all his hair, including his beard and his eyebrows. Then he must again wash his clothes and bathe. After he does those things, he will be allowed to be with other people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:10

ULT

10 And on the eighth day he must take two male lambs without blemish, and one female lamb a year old without blemish, and three-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with oil, and one log of oil.

UST

10 The next day that person must bring two male lambs and one female lamb; the female lamb must be one year old, and the animals must have no defects. He must also bring about six and one-half liters of a fine flour offering, mixed with olive oil, to be an offering, and about one-third liter of olive oil.

On the eighth day, what animals should the person being cleansed bring to the priest if he can afford them?

On the eighth day, the person being cleansed should bring to the priest, if he can afford them, two male lambs without blemish, one female lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil and a log of oil.

Leviticus 14:11

ULT

11 And the priest who pronounces one clean will set the person who is to be cleansed, and those things, before the face of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

11 The priest who declared that the person’s skin disease has ended must bring that person and his offerings to Yahweh at the entrance to the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:12

ULT

12 And the priest will take one male lamb and offer it as a guilt offering, with the log of oil. And he will wave them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh.

UST

12 Then the priest must take one of the male lambs and lift it high, along with the olive oil, to show that he is giving this to Yahweh as a guilt offering—because the sick person was not able to give to Yahweh the things that he was required to give him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:13

ULT

13 And he must slaughter the male lamb in the place where he slaughters the sin offering and the burnt offerings, in the holy place. For like the sin offering, so the guilt offering, it belongs to the priest. It is the holiest holy thing.

UST

13 Then the priest must slaughter the lamb in the special place where the priests kill the other sacrifices as well. Like the offering to enable people to be forgiven, God considers this guilt offering to be very special, and so the meat from it belongs to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:14

ULT

14 And the priest will take some of the blood of the guilt offering and the priest will put it on the tip of the right ear of the one who is being cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

UST

14 The priest must take some of that animal’s blood and put it on person’s right earlobe, on his right thumb, and on his right big toe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:15

ULT

15 And the priest will take some of the log of oil and pour it on the left palm of the priest.

UST

15 Then the priest must take some of the olive oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:16

ULT

16 And the priest will dip his right finger in the oil that is on his left palm, and sprinkle some of the oil with his finger seven times before the face of Yahweh.

UST

16 Then he must dip his right forefinger into that oil and sprinkle it in front of Yahweh seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:17

ULT

17 And the priest will put some of the rest of the oil that is on his palm on the tip of the right ear of the person being cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot—on top of the blood of the guilt offering.

UST

17 Next, the priest must put some of that oil in his hand on the person's right earlobe, on his right thumb, and on his right big toe. He must put the oil in those three places, exactly where he has already put the blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:18

ULT

18 As for the rest of the oil that is on the palm of the priest, he will put it on the head of the person being cleansed. And the priest will make atonement for him before the face of Yahweh.

UST

18 The priest must put what is left of the oil in his hand onto the person's head; this will show that Yahweh has forgiven that person's sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:19

ULT

[19] And the priest will offer the sin offering and make atonement for the one being cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterward he will slaughter the burnt offering.

UST

[19] Then the priest must slaughter the female lamb that the person brought; this will be the offering for the person's sins, so that Yahweh will forgive him. After that, the priest will slaughter the second male lamb and burn it whole on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:20

ULT

[20] And the priest will offer up the burnt offering and the grain offering on the altar. And the priest will make atonement for him, and he will be clean.

UST

[20] He will also burn on the altar the offering made from flour, along with the whole burnt offering. Then the person will be acceptable in the camp; he will be allowed to be with the other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:21

ULT

[21] And if he is poor and his hand is not reaching, then he may take one male lamb as a guilt offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and a log of oil,

UST

[21] But if the person has gotten well is poor and cannot afford to bring all those animals, he must bring to the priest one male lamb for the priest to lift it up and offer it to Yahweh. This will be a sacrifice because the sick person was not able to give to Yahweh the things that he was required to give him. He must also bring about two liters of flour offering mixed with about one-third liter of olive oil; this will be an offering made from flour. He must also bring about one-third liter of olive oil.

If the person being cleansed is poor and cannot afford these sacrifices, what may he bring instead?

If the person being cleansed is poor and cannot afford the lambs, he may bring one male lamb, one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a log of oil, and two doves or young pigeons.

Leviticus 14:22

ULT

22 and two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon, which his hand can reach. And one will be a sin offering and one a burnt offering.

UST

22 He must also bring two doves or two pigeons, one for Yahweh to forgive him for the sins he has committed, and one for the priest to burn completely on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:23

ULT

23 And on the eighth day he must bring them for his cleansing to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting, before the face of Yahweh.

UST

23 On that same day, the eighth day, that person must take those things to the priest at the entrance to the sacred tent, to offer them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:24

ULT

24 And the priest will take the male lamb for the guilt offering and the log of oil. And the priest will wave them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh.

UST

24 Then the priest will take the lamb for the guilt offering and the olive oil, and he will raise them up as an offering to Yahweh and present them to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:25

ULT

25 And he must slaughter the male lamb for the guilt offering. And the priest will take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the tip of the right ear of the one being cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

UST

25 Then the priest will slaughter that lamb and catch some of the blood in a bowl. He will take some of the blood and put it onto the person's right earlobe, his right thumb, and his right big toe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:26

ULT

26 And the priest will pour some of the oil on the left palm of the priest.

UST

26 Then the priest must take some of the olive oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:27

ULT

27 And the priest will sprinkle with his right finger some of the oil that is on his left palm seven times before the face of Yahweh.

UST

27 Then he must dip his right forefinger into that oil that is in his left hand and sprinkle it in front of Yahweh seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:28

ULT

28 And the priest will put some of the oil that is on his palm on the tip of the right ear of the one being cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot—on the place of the blood of the guilt offering.

UST

28 He must put some of the oil in his palm on exactly the same places where he put the blood.

Where does the priest place the oil that is used in the cleansing? (vv28-29)

The priest places the oil on the right ear, the right thumb, the right big toe, and the remainder on the head of the one being cleansed.

Leviticus 14:29

ULT

29 And the rest of the oil that is on the palm of the priest, he will put it on the head of the one being cleansed, to make atonement for him before the face of Yahweh.

UST

29 He must put the rest of the oil that is in his hand on the head of the person who has gotten well. This will show that Yahweh has forgiven that person's sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:30

ULT

30 And he must offer one from the turtledoves or from the sons of the pigeon, from what his hand could reach—

UST

30 Then the priest must sacrifice the doves or young pigeons, whichever kind that person has brought.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:31

ULT

31 whatever his hand could reach, one as a sin offering and one as a burnt offering, with the grain offering. And the priest will make atonement for the one being cleansed before the face of Yahweh.

UST

31 One will be a sin offering and the other will be completely burned on the altar, along with the offering made from flour. By doing that, the priest will atone for that person's sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:32

ULT

32 This is the law for someone in whom is an infection of skin disease, whose hand is not able to reach for his cleansing."

UST

32 These are the regulations for anyone who has a contagious skin disease and who is poor and cannot afford the usual offerings, in order that he can be with people again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:33

ULT

33 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

33 Yahweh also said to Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:34

ULT

34 "When you have come into the land of Canaan which I gave to you as a possession, and I put an infection of skin disease in a house in the land of your possession,

UST

34 "I am about to give you the land of Canaan to belong to your people permanently. When you enter that land, there will be times when I cause mildew to appear inside one of your houses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:35

ULT

35 then he to whom the house belongs must come and tell the priest, saying, ‘There seems to me to be something like an infection in the house.’

UST

35 If that happens, the owner of that house must go to the priest and tell him, ‘There is something in my house that looks like mildew.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:36

ULT

36 And the priest will command and they will empty the house before the priest comes to see the infection, so that all that is in the house will not be made unclean. And afterward the priest must come to see the house.

UST

36 Then the priest will say to him, ‘Take everything out of the house before I enter it to examine the mildew. If you do not do that, I will declare that everything in the house is contaminated.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:37

ULT

37 And he must look at the infection and if the infection in the walls of the house is greenish or reddish depressions and it appears to be deeper than the wall,

UST

37 After the owner takes everything outside of his house, the priest will go in and inspect the house. If the mildew has caused greenish or reddish spots on the walls that seem to be deeper than only on the surface of the walls,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:38

ULT

38 then the priest will go out of the house to the entrance of the house and close the house seven days.

UST

38 the priest will go outside of the house and lock it up for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:39

ULT

39 And the priest will return on the seventh day and he will look and if the infection has spread in the walls of the house.

UST

39 On the seventh day, he must go into the house and inspect it again. If the mildew on the walls has spread,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:40

ULT

40 And the priest will command and they will take out the stones which have the infection on them and throw them to the outside of the city, to an unclean place.

UST

40 the priest will tell someone to tear out all the stones in the walls that have mildew on them and throw in the dump outside the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:41

ULT

41 And he will have the house scraped from around the house. And they must pour out the dirt that they scraped off at the outside of the city, at an unclean place.

UST

41 Then the owner must scrape all the walls inside the house, and everything that is scraped off must be thrown into a dump outside the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:42

ULT

42 And they must take other stones and put them in the place of the stones, and take other dirt and plaster the house.

UST

42 Then the owner must get new stones to replace the ones that had mildew on them, and take new clay and plaster to cover the stones in the walls of the house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:43

ULT

43 And if the infection returns and breaks out in the house after the stones have been pulled out and after the house has been scraped off and after the plastering,

UST

43 If the mildew appears again in the house after that is done,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:44

ULT

44 then the priest must come and look. And if the infection has spread in the house, then it is a malignant infection in the house. It is unclean.

UST

44 the priest must go and examine the house again. If the mildew has spread inside the house, it will be clear that the mildew is the kind that destroys houses, and no one will be allowed to live in it.

What may cause a house to be pronounced unclean by a priest?

A house may be pronounced unclean by a priest if it has mildew that cannot be stopped.

Leviticus 14:45

ULT

45 And the house must be torn down: its stones and its timber and all the plaster of the house. And he must take it away to the outside of the city, to an unclean place.

UST

45 It must be completely torn down—the stones, the timber and the plaster—and all those things must be thrown into a dump outside the town.

What could happen to the house if the mildew spreads and cannot be stopped?

The house could be destroyed if the mildew spreads and cannot be stopped.

Leviticus 14:46

ULT

46 And the one who goes into the house during any of the days he has closed it will be unclean until the evening.

UST

46 Anyone who goes into that house while it is locked up will not be allowed to be with other people until sunset of that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:47

ULT

47 And the one who slept in the house must wash his clothes. And the one who ate in the house must wash his clothes.

UST

47 Anyone who sleeps in that house or eats in that house during that time must wash his clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:48

ULT

48 And if the priest comes again and looks, and behold, the infection has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest will pronounce the house clean, because the infection has healed.

UST

48 But when the priest comes to examine the house after it has been plastered, if the mildew has not spread, he will declare that people may live in it, because the mildew is gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:49

ULT

49 And he must take two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet yarn, and hyssop to cleanse the house.

UST

49 But before people are allowed to live in it, the priest must take two birds, some cedar wood, some red yarn, and some hyssop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:50

ULT

50 And he will slaughter one bird in a vessel of clay over fresh water.

UST

50 He must kill one of the birds while holding it over a clay pot containing water taken from a spring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:51

ULT

51 And he will take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet yarn, and the live bird, and dip them in the blood of the bird that was slaughtered, and in the fresh water, and sprinkle on the house seven times.

UST

51 Then he must take the cedar wood, the hyssop, the red bird, and dip them into the blood of the dead bird, and sprinkle some of that blood and water on the house seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:52

ULT
52 And he will cleanse the house with the blood of the bird and with the fresh water, and with the live bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet yarn.

UST
52 By doing all those things he will enable the house to be fit for the owner to live in again.

How can the house be pronounced clean if the mildew is stopped?
The house may be pronounced clean by a priest by sprinkling a mixture of blood of a bird and water, cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet yarn.

Leviticus 14:53

ULT
53 And he will release the live bird to the outside of the city, to the face of the field. And he will make atonement for the house, and it will be clean.

UST
53 Then he must release the other bird and allow it to fly away. By doing that, he will finish the ritual for causing the house to be acceptable for people to live in it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:54

ULT
54 This is the law for every infection of skin disease and for an itch,

UST
54 Those are the regulations for contagious diseases, for itching sores,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:55

ULT
55 and for the skin disease of clothing and for the house,

UST
55 for mildew on clothes or in a house,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:56

ULT

56 and for swelling, and for a rash, and for a bright spot,

UST

56 and for swellings, rashes, or bright spots on sores;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 14:57

ULT

57 to teach when it is unclean or when it is clean. This is the law for skin disease.”

UST

57 these regulations will determine whether people will still be permitted to touch those things or not.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15

Leviticus 15:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses and Aaron,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ‘When any man has a fluid discharge from his body, his fluid discharge makes him unclean.

UST
2 “Tell this to the Israelites: When an unusual, infected fluid comes out of a man’s private parts, no one should touch that man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:3

ULT
3 And this is his uncleanness in his fluid discharge: whether his body lets his fluid discharge flow or his body obstructs the fluid discharge, it is his uncleanness.

UST
3 Whether that fluid is blocked or continues to drip, no one should touch him.

What did Yahweh say to Moses and Aaron was the condition of a man who has a flow of infected fluid?
Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron that any man who has a flow of infected fluid coming out of his body is unclean.

Leviticus 15:4

ULT

[4] Any bed on which the one with a fluid discharge lies will be unclean, and any thing on which he sits will be unclean.

UST

[4] No one should touch any bed that such a man lies on, nor anything he sits on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:5

ULT

[5] And a man who touches his bed must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening;

UST

[5] Anyone who touches that person's bed must wash his clothes and bathe, and allow no one to touch him until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:6

ULT

[6] And the one who sits on the thing on which the one with a fluid discharge sat must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

[6] Anyone who sits on something that man has sat on must wash his clothes and bathe, and allow no one to touch him until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:7

ULT

7 And the one who touches the body of the one with a fluid discharge must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

7 Anyone who touches such a man must wash his clothes and bathe, and allow no one to touch him until that evening.

What happens to the person who touches the person who is unclean because of a flow of infected fluid?

Anyone who touches the unclean person will be unclean himself and will need to bathe in water, wash his clothes, and will be unclean until evening.

Leviticus 15:8

ULT

8 And if the one with a fluid discharge spits on someone who is clean, then he must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

8 If such a man spits on someone else, that person must allow no one to touch him. He must wash his clothes, and he must allow no one to touch him until evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:9

ULT

9 And any saddle which the one with a fluid discharge rides upon will be unclean.

UST

9 Everything that a man who has such a flow of fluid sits on while he is riding a horse or a donkey should not be touched.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:10

ULT

10 And any one who touches anything that was under him will be unclean until the evening. And the one who carries them must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

10 Anyone who touches a seat or saddle that he was sitting on also should allow no one to touch him until that evening. And anyone who picks up those things must wash his clothes and bathe, and no one should touch him until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:11

ULT

11 And anyone whom the one with a fluid discharge touches without having rinsed his hands in water, he must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

11 If the person with the flow of fluid wishes to touch someone else, he must first rinse his hands in water; if he touches anyone without doing that first, the one he touched must wash his clothes and bathe, and allow no one to touch him until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:12

ULT

12 And a vessel of clay that the one with a fluid discharge touches must be broken, and every vessel of wood must be rinsed in water.

UST

12 If such a man touches a clay pot, someone must break it. Anything made from wood that he touches—someone must rinse it in water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:13

ULT

13 And when the one with a fluid discharge becomes cleansed from his fluid discharge, then he must count for himself seven days for his cleansing. And he must wash his clothes and bathe his body in living water. And he will be clean.

UST

13 If such a man gets well from his flow of fluid, he must wait for seven days. Then he must wash his clothes and bathe in water from a spring or stream. Then he will be able to be with others.

In what kind of water must the person being cleansed from an infected flow of fluid bathe?

The person being cleansed from an infected flow of fluid must bathe in running water.

Leviticus 15:14

ULT

14 And on the eighth day he must take for himself two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon and come before the face of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And he must give them to the priest.

UST

14 On the eighth day, he must take two doves or two pigeons and come in front of Yahweh at the entrance of the sacred tent, and give them to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:15

ULT

15 And the priest must offer them, one as a sin offering and one as a burnt offering. And the priest will make atonement for him before the face of Yahweh because of his fluid discharge.

UST

15 The priest will sacrifice them. One bird will be an offering for the man’s sin, and the priest will completely burn the other one on the altar. Then the man will be pure again and acceptable to Yahweh.

What must the unclean man present to the priest for a sin offering and a burnt offering?

The unclean man must present to the priest two doves or two young pigeons for a sin offering and a burnt offering.

Leviticus 15:16

ULT

16 And if a man has an emission of seed go out from him, then he must bathe his whole body in water. And he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

16 When semen accidentally flows from a man's private parts, he must bathe his whole body, and no one may touch him until that evening.

What is the condition of anything or any person that has contact with a man's semen? (vv16-18)

They must be washed with water and will be unclean until evening.

Leviticus 15:17

ULT

17 And any garment and any leather on which there is an emission of seed must be washed in water. And it will be unclean until the evening.

UST

17 Any clothing or leather that has semen on it must be washed, and no one may touch it until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:18

ULT

18 And if a man lies with a woman and there is an emission of seed, then they must bathe in water and be unclean until the evening.

UST

18 When a man has slept with a woman and gives her semen, both of them must bathe, and no one may touch them until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:19

ULT

[19] And when a woman has a fluid discharge, and blood is her fluid discharge in her body, for seven days she will be in her menstruation. And any one who touches her will be unclean until the evening.

UST

[19] When a woman has her menstrual period, no one may touch her for seven days. If anyone touches her during that time, no one may touch the person who touched her until that evening.

How long will woman be impure after she menstruates?

She will be impure for seven days.

Leviticus 15:20

ULT

[20] And anything that she lies on during her menstruation will be unclean. And anything that she sits on will be unclean.

UST

[20] No one may touch anything that she lies on or sits on during that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:21

ULT

[21] And any one who touches her bed must wash his clothes and bathe in water. And he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

[21] Anyone who touches her bed must wash his clothes and bathe, and no one may touch that person until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:22

ULT

22 And any one who touches any thing that she sits on must wash his clothes and bathe in water. And he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

22-23 Anyone who touches something that she has been sitting on, a bed or anything else, must wash his clothes, and no one may touch that person until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:23

ULT

23 And if it is on the bed or on a thing which she sits on, when he touches it, he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

22-23 Anyone who touches something that she has been sitting on, a bed or anything else, must wash his clothes, and no one may touch that person until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:24

ULT

24 And if a man actually lies with her so that her menstrual impurity is on him, then he will be unclean for seven days; and every bed on which he lies will be unclean.

UST

24 If a man sleeps with a woman during that time and some of her menstrual blood touches him, no one may touch him for seven days, and no one may touch the bed that he has lain on.

How long will a man be unclean if he sleeps with a woman who is menstruating and her flow touches him?

He will be unclean for seven days.

Leviticus 15:25

ULT

25 And if a woman has a discharge of her blood that flows for many days when it is not the time of her menstruation, or if she discharges beyond her menstruation, all the days of the discharge of her uncleanness will be as the days of her menstruation. She is unclean.

UST

25 If a woman has a flow of blood for many days, a flow that is not her normal menstrual flow of blood, or if her flow of blood continues after her menstrual flow ends, no one may touch her until it stops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:26

ULT

26 Every bed on which she lies all the days of her discharge will be to her just like the bed of her menstruation. And any thing which she sits on will be unclean, just like the uncleanness of her menstruation.

UST

26 And no one may touch the bed that she lies on or anything that she sits on while that flow of blood continues, just as during her normal menstrual period.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:27

ULT

27 And any one who touches them will be unclean; so he must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

27 Anyone who touches those things must not touch anyone else. He must wash his clothes and bathe, and he may not touch anyone else until that evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:28

ULT

28 And if she is cleansed from her discharge, then she will count for herself seven days, and after that she will be clean.

UST

28 If the woman is healed of her flow of blood, she must wait seven days before she touches anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:29

ULT

29 And on the eighth day she will take for herself two turtledoves or two sons of the pigeon and bring them to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

29 On the eighth day, she must take two doves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance to the sacred tent.

What is a woman to bring as a sacrifice on the eight day after her flow of blood stops?

She is to bring two doves or two young pigeons.

Leviticus 15:30

ULT

30 And the priest will offer one as a sin offering and one as a burnt offering. And the priest will make atonement for her before the face of Yahweh because of her unclean fluid discharge.

UST

30 The priest must sacrifice one of them as an offering for her sins, and he must completely burn the other one on the altar. Then she will be pure again and acceptable to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:31

ULT

31 And you must separate the sons of Israel from their uncleanness, and they will not die by their uncleanness, by their defiling my dwelling place that is in their midst.

UST

31 You must do these things in order that the people, at the times when they are unacceptable to me, do not defile my sacred tent, where I live among them. For it they do defile it, they will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:32

ULT

32 This is the law for the one who has a fluid discharge, and for whoever has an emission of seed go out from him by which to become unclean,

UST

32 Those are the regulations for a man who has a discharge from his body, or who has an emission of semen, when that happens he is unclean;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 15:33

ULT

33 and for the one who is sick in her menstruation, and for the one who discharges his bodily fluid, whether male or female, and for a man who lies with an unclean woman.'"

UST

33 and for any woman during her menstrual period, and for any man who sleeps with a woman during her menstrual period.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16

Leviticus 16:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had come near to the face of Yahweh and died.

UST

1 After the two sons of Aaron died because they burned incense to Yahweh in a manner that was contrary to what he had commanded, Yahweh spoke to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:2

ULT

2 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Speak to Aaron your brother that he must not come at any time into the holy place inside the curtain, to the face of the atonement lid that is on the Box, so he does not die. For I appear in the cloud over the atonement lid.

UST

2 He said to him, “Tell your brother Aaron not to go into the very holy place, which is inside the inmost curtain, where the sacred chest and its lid are, and where I am present in the cloud that is over it. If Aaron goes in that room when it is not the proper time, he will die!

What did Yahweh tell Moses to warn Aaron not to do when coming into the most holy place inside the curtain?

Yahweh told Moses to warn Aaron not to come into the most holy place inside the curtain at just any time.

Leviticus 16:3

ULT

3 In this manner Aaron must come into the holy place: with a bull, a son of the herd, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

UST

3 When Aaron enters the very holy place in the sacred tent, he must bring a bull that will be killed to become an offering for sins, and a ram to be killed to be an offering that the priests will burn whole on the altar.

What must Aaron bring with him when he enters the most holy place?

Aaron must bring with him a young bull for a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offfering.

Leviticus 16:4

ULT

4 He must put on the holy linen tunic, and the linen undergarments must be on his body, and he must tie the linen sash and wrap the linen turban—they are the holy garments. And he must bathe his body in water and then dress himself with them.

UST

4 Then Aaron must bathe his whole body and put on the linen underwear and the linen tunic. He must tie the linen sash around his waist and wrap the turban around his head. These are his sacred garments.

What must Aaron do before he puts on the priestly garments?

Aaron must bathe himself in water before putting on the priestly garments.

Leviticus 16:5

ULT

5 And from the assembly of the sons of Israel he must take two bucks of the goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering.

UST

5 The Israelite people must then bring to him two male goats to be killed as an offering for sin, and a ram to be killed and burned whole on the altar.

Who must provide Aaron two male goats and one ram?

The assembly of Israel must give Aaron two male goats and one ram.

Leviticus 16:6

ULT

6 And Aaron must offer the bull as the sin offering, which will be for himself. And he will make atonement for himself and for his house.

UST

6 Aaron must offer the bull to me to be a sacrifice in order that I will forgive his sins and his family's sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:7

ULT

[7] And he must take the two goats and set them before the face of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

UST

[7] Then he must bring the two male goats to me at the entrance to the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:8

ULT

[8] And Aaron must cast lots on the two goats, one lot for Yahweh, and one lot for the goat that departs.

UST

[8] He must cast lots to determine which goat will be sacrificed to me and which will be the goat that he will set free.

Why did Aaron cast lots for the goats?

Aaron cast lots for the goats to choose which one to offer to Yahweh and which one to be the scapegoat.

Leviticus 16:9

ULT

[9] And Aaron must present the goat on which the lot fell for Yahweh, and he must offer it as a sin offering.

UST

[9] Aaron must bring to me the goat that was chosen to be sacrificed. It will be an offering for the people's sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:10

ULT

10 And the goat on which the lot fell for the goat that departs must be placed alive before the face of Yahweh, to make atonement on it by sending it away as a goat that departs into the wilderness.

UST

10 Aaron must also bring to me the other goat. But it is not to be killed. It will be freed while it is still alive. When Aaron sends it into the wilderness, I will forgive the people's sins.

What happens to the goat that the lot fell to be the scapegoat?

The goat that the lot fell to be the scapegoat is presented before Yahweh for atonement and then is sent away into the wilderness.

Leviticus 16:11

ULT

11 And Aaron must offer the bull of the sin offering, which will be for himself. And he will make atonement for himself and for his house. And he must slaughter the bull of the sin offering which is for himself.

UST

11 Then Aaron must bring the young bull to me, for it to be an offering for himself and for his family. He must slaughter that bull to be an offering for their sins, and he must drain the blood into a basin.

For whom does Aaron present the bull?

Aaron presents the bull as a sin offering for himself and his family.

Leviticus 16:12

ULT

12 And he must take a full censer of coals of fire from on the altar from before the face of Yahweh, and his two hands full of finely ground fragrant incense, and bring them inside the curtain.

UST

12 Then he must take some burning coals from the bronze altar and put them into the incense burner. Then he must fill his hands with fragrant, finely ground incense. Then he must take the incense and the incense burner inside the curtain into the very holy place, in the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:13

ULT

13 And he must put the incense on the fire before the face of Yahweh. And the cloud of the incense will cover the atonement lid which is over the Testimony, and he will not die.

UST

13 In the presence of Yahweh, he must put the incense on the burning coals. And a cloud of burning incense will rise up over the lid of the sacred chest. If he obeys these instructions, he will not die when he presents these offerings to Yahweh.

What must cover the atonement lid which is over the covenant decrees so that Aaron will not die?

A cloud of sweet incense must cover the atonement lid so that Aaron will not die.

Leviticus 16:14

ULT

14 And he must take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the face of the atonement lid, on the east side. And before the face of the atonement lid he must sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.

UST

14 Then Aaron must dip his finger into the basin and sprinkle some blood on the lid of the sacred chest, and also sprinkle some blood seven times against the front of the chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:15

ULT

15 And he must slaughter the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood to inside the curtain. And he must do with the blood just as he did with the blood of the bull. And he must sprinkle it on the atonement lid and before the face of the atonement lid.

UST

15 Aaron must then go outside the sacred tent and slaughter the goat, for it to be an offering for the sins of the people. Then he must bring its blood into the very holy place behind the curtain. There he must sprinkle some of that blood on the lid of the sacred chest and against the front of the chest, as he did with the bull's blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:16

ULT

16 And he must make atonement for the holy place because of the uncleanness of the sons of Israel, and because of their rebellion, for all their sins. And thus he must do this for the tent of meeting that dwells with them in the midst of their uncleanness.

UST

16 By doing that, he will purify the very holy place. And he must sprinkle more of the blood on the sacred tent, because I am present where the tent is, in the midst of the camp of the Israelite people, who have become unacceptable to me because of their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:17

ULT

17 And any human must not be in the tent of meeting when he enters to make atonement in the holy place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house, and for all the assembly of Israel.

UST

17 When Aaron goes into the very holy place in the sacred tent to purify it, no one else is permitted to enter the other part of the sacred tent. Only after Aaron has performed rituals to enable me to forgive him and his family, and all the Israelite people, is any priest permitted to enter the sacred tent.

Who else must be in the tent with Aaron when he makes atonement in the most holy place?

No one else must be in the tent when Aaron makes atonement in the most holy place.

Leviticus 16:18

ULT

18 And he must go out to the altar that is before the face of Yahweh and make atonement for it. And he must take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat and put it all around on the horns of the altar.

UST

18 Then Aaron must go outside the tent to purify my altar. He must do this by smearing some of the blood from the bull and some of the blood from the goat on each of the projections at the corners of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:19

ULT

19 And he must sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times. And he will cleanse it and set it apart from the uncleanness of the sons of Israel.

UST

19 Then Aaron must dip his finger into the basin of blood and sprinkle some of the blood over the altar seven times. By doing that, he will separate the altar from the Israelites' deeds that are unacceptable to me. The altar will be set apart for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:20

ULT

20 And when he has finished atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, then he must present the live goat.

UST

20 When Aaron has finished purifying the very holy place inside the sacred tent and all of the sacred tent and the altar, he must bring the goat that was chosen to be set free.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:21

ULT

21 And Aaron must lay his two hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness of the sons of Israel, and all their rebellion, for all their sins. And he must put them on the head of the goat and send it away by the hand of a man who is ready into the wilderness.

UST

21 He must put both of his hands on the goat's head and confess all the sins of the Israelite people. By doing that, he will put the guilt of their sins on the goat's head. Then he must give the goat to a man who is chosen, and that man will send the goat out into the wilderness.

What must Aaron do when he places his hands on the head of the scapegoat?

Aaron must confess over the scapegoat all the wickedness of the people of Israel, all their rebellion, and all their sins.

Leviticus 16:22

ULT

22 And the goat must carry on itself all their wickedness to a solitary land. And he will send the goat away in the wilderness.

UST

22 I will view the goat as carrying away into the wilderness the guilt for all the sins that the people have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:23

ULT

23 And Aaron must go into the tent of meeting and take off the linen garments that he had put on when he came to the holy place, and he must leave them there.

UST

23 When Aaron leaves the very holy place and goes into the other part of the sacred tent, he must take off the linen clothes that he had put on; he must leave those special clothes there.

What is Aaron to do with the priestly garments?

Aaron is to take off the priestly garments and leave them in the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 16:24

ULT

24 And he must bathe his body in water in a holy place, and put on his garments. And he must go out and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people. And he will make atonement for himself and for the people.

UST

24 Then he must bathe in a sacred place, put on his regular clothes, and sacrifice the animals that he will burn whole on the altar, for his own sins and for the sins of the Israelite people. Then Yahweh will forgive their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:25

ULT

25 And the fat of the sin offering he must burn on the altar.

UST

25 He must also burn on the altar all the fat of the two animals that were sacrificed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:26

ULT

26 And the one who sent away the goat as a goat that departs must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; and after that he may come into the camp.

UST

26 After the man who was to lead the goat into the wilderness has done that and set it free, then he must return, wash his clothes, and bathe himself. Then he may enter the camp again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:27

ULT

27 And the bull of the sin offering and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, must be brought out to the outside of the camp. Then they must burn in the fire their hides, and their flesh, and their dung.

UST

27 The carcasses of the bull and the goat that were slaughtered as an offering for the people's sins, to make atonement for them, must be carried outside the camp and burned. The hides of these animals, their inner organs, and their dung must be burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:28

ULT

28 And the one who burns them must wash his clothes and bathe his body in water; and after that he may come into the camp.

UST

28 The man who burns those things must then wash his clothes and bathe before he comes back into the camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:29

ULT

29 And it will be a permanent statute for you, in the seventh month on the tenth day of the month, you must humble yourselves and must not do any work, the native born and the sojourner who sojourns among you;

UST

29 On the tenth day of the seventh month, on the day that I have appointed, you all must fast and not do any work. This is a rule that you must always obey—all you native born Israelites and all the foreigners living among you.

When did Yahweh say the day of atonement should take place?

On the tenth day of the seventh month, the atonement would be made each year.

Leviticus 16:30

ULT

30 for on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you from all your sins. Before the face of Yahweh you will be clean.

UST

30 On that day, Aaron will perform rituals to enable me to forgive you all, and then I will free you all from the guilt of all your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:31

ULT

31 It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you must humble yourselves. It is a permanent statute.

UST

31 That will be a day for you to rest and not do any work, like the Sabbath days, and you must fast all that day. That is a permanent command for you all to obey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:32

ULT

32 And the priest must make atonement, he who anoints him and who fills his hand to be priest in place of his father, and he must put on the linen garments, the holy garments.

UST

32 The priest who is anointed with olive oil and set apart from others to serve Yahweh, he will offer a sacrifice, put on linen clothes that are set apart for the honor of God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:33

ULT

33 And he must make atonement for the holiest holy place. And he must make atonement for the tent of meeting and the altar. And he must make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly.

UST

33 and offer sacrifices. He will do this to purify the very holy place, all of the sacred tent, the altar, the priests, and all the Israelites, as Aaron did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 16:34

ULT

34 This will be for you a permanent statute, to make atonement for the sons of Israel because of all their sins, once in the year.” And he did just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

34 This will be a permanent command for you to obey once every year, to enable me to forgive you Israelite people for the sins that you have committed.” Moses obeyed all the instructions that Yahweh had given to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17

Leviticus 17:1

ULT
[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
[1] Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:2

ULT
[2] "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel; and say to them this thing that Yahweh has commanded, saying,

UST
[2] "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the other Israelites. Tell them that I am giving them the following commands:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:3

ULT
[3] 'Any man from the house of Israel who slaughters an ox, or a lamb, or a goat in the camp, or who slaughters it outside of the camp,

UST
[3] If you sacrifice an ox, a lamb, or a goat, you must bring it to the priest at the entrance to the area of the sacred tent, so that he may present it to me there.

If a man kills an ox, lamb, or goat without bringing it to the entrance of the tent of the assembly to offer it as a sacrifice to Yahweh, of what sin is he guilty? (vv3-4)
The man who kills an ox, lamb, or goat without bringing it to the entrance of the tent of the assembly to offer it as a sacrifice to Yahweh is guilty of bloodshed and must be cut off from among his people.

Leviticus 17:4

ULT

4 but he does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting to offer as an offering to Yahweh before the face of the dwelling of Yahweh—blood is reckoned to that man. He has shed blood, and that man must be cut off from among his people.

UST

4 If you slaughter it anywhere else as a sacrifice, whether in the camp or outside of it, you will be guilty of shedding its blood in an unacceptable place. If you do that, you will no longer be allowed to be with Yahweh's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:5

ULT

5 This is so that the sons of Israel will bring their sacrifices that they are sacrificing on the face of the field and bring them to Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice the sacrifices of peace offerings to Yahweh with them.

UST

5 Yahweh is telling you to do this so that you will no longer offer sacrifices in the open fields; instead, you must offer them to him in the proper manner: By taking them to the priest at the entrance to the area of the sacred tent, to be offerings to promise friendship with him.

What was the purpose of this command?

The purpose of this command was to get the people to offer their sacrifices to Yahweh at the entrance to the tent of meeting instead of in the open field.

Leviticus 17:6

ULT

6 And the priest will sprinkle the blood on the altar of Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And he will burn the fat for a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

UST

6 After the priest slaughters the animal, he must sprinkle some of its blood against the altar at the entrance to the sacred tent, and burn its fat for an aroma that is pleasing to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:7

ULT

[7] And they must no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to goat idols, whom they prostitute themselves after. This will be a permanent statute for them throughout their generations.’

UST

[7] You people must no longer give sacrifices to the images that resemble goats. You people must obey this command for all time.”

What would this statute end?

This statute would stop the people from offering sacrifices to the goat idols.

Leviticus 17:8

ULT

[8] And you must say to them, ‘Any man from the house of Israel, or from the sojourners who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice

UST

[8] Yahweh also said this to Moses: “Tell Aaron and his sons to tell the people that if any Israelite or any foreigner living among them brings an offering for a priest to burn whole on the altar, or if he brings any other sacrifice,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:9

ULT

[9] and does not bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting in order to offer it to Yahweh, that man must be cut off from his people.

UST

[9] but if he does not bring it to the entrance of the sacred tent area as be a sacrifice to me, that person will no longer be allowed to be with my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:10

ULT

10 And any man from the house of Israel, or from the sojourners sojourning among them, who eats any blood, I will set my face against that person who eats the blood and I will cut him off from among his people.

UST

10 I will reject any Israelite or any foreigner who is living among you who consumes the blood of any animal, and he will no longer be allowed to associate with my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:11

ULT

11 For the life of the flesh is in its blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives. For it is the blood with the life that atones.

UST

11 That is because the life of every animal is in its blood. I have declared that it is blood that is to be offered on the altar, so that I will forgive people their sins.

What does Yahweh say makes atonement?

Yahweh says that the blood makes atonement.

Leviticus 17:12

ULT

12 Therefore I said to the sons of Israel every person among you must not eat blood. And the sojourner who sojourns among you must not eat blood.

UST

12 That is why I say that neither you Israelites, nor any foreigner living among you, may consume any blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:13

ULT

13 And any man from the sons of Israel, or from the sojourners sojourning among them, who hunts a wild game animal or bird that may be eaten, must pour out its blood and cover it with dirt.

UST

13 If any of you Israelites or any foreigner who is living among you goes hunting and kills an animal or bird that I allow you to eat, you must drain out its blood onto the ground and cover it with earth.

What does Yahweh say must be done to any animal or bird that is killed to eat by any of the people of Israel or any foreigner who lives among them?

Yahweh says that any of the people of Israel or a foreigner living among them who kills an animal or bird to eat must pour the blood from it and cover the blood with earth.

Leviticus 17:14

ULT

14 For the life of all flesh is its blood, it is with its life. And I have said to the sons of Israel, “You must not eat the blood of any flesh. For the life of all flesh—it is its blood. All who eat it must be cut off.”

UST

14 This is because the life of every creature is in its blood. That is why I have said to you Israelites that anyone who consumes blood from an animal must no longer be allowed to associate with my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 17:15

ULT

15 And any person who eats an animal that has died or that has been torn by wild animals, among the native born or among the sojourners, he must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will be unclean until the evening. And he will be clean.

UST

15 If any of you Israelites or any foreigner who is living among you eats any meat from an animal that died or that was killed by wild animals, you must wash your clothes and bathe. Then you must not touch anyone else until that evening.

What must a person do who has eaten an animal that has died or been torn apart by animals?

A person who has eaten an anmal that has died or has been torn apart by animals must wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and remain unclean until evening.

What must he do if he does not wash his clothes and bathe himself in water?

If he does not wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, then he must bear his own guilt.

Leviticus 17:16

ULT

16 And if he does not wash or his body he does not bathe, then he must carry his iniquity.'"

UST

16 If you do not obey this rule, I will certainly punish you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18

Leviticus 18:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘I am Yahweh your God.

UST
2 “Speak to the Israelite people and tell them that I, Yahweh, say this, ‘I am Yahweh, your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:3

ULT
3 Like the doings of the land of Egypt, in which you dwelled, you must not do. And like the doings of the land of Canaan which I am bringing you to, you must not do. You must not walk in their statutes.

UST
3 After seeing how the Egyptians behaved, among whom you also lived, you must not do what they did. And you must not behave as the Canaanites live, into whose land I am taking you. You must avoid their practices.

What two places did Yahweh tell the people they could not do like the people there?
Yahweh told the people they could not do like the people of Egypt or Canaan.

Leviticus 18:4

ULT

4 My laws you must do, and my statutes you must keep, so that you walk in them. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

4 You must obey all of my laws; you must do everything that I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:5

ULT

5 And you must keep my statutes and my laws. The person who does them will live because of them. I am Yahweh.

UST

5 If you obey all my decrees and laws, you will continue to remain alive for a long time. I, Yahweh, am promising you this. Here are some of my laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:6

ULT

6 Any man must not come near to any relative of his body to uncover nakedness. I am Yahweh.

UST

6 Do not sleep with any of your close relatives. It is I, Yahweh, who am commanding that.

What is one group of people that God forbid having sexual relations with?

Yahweh told the people they could not have sexual relations with any close relative.

Leviticus 18:7

ULT

7 The nakedness of your father and the nakedness of your mother you must not uncover. She is your mother, you must not uncover her nakedness.

UST

7 Do not disgrace your father by sleeping with your mother. Do not disgrace your mother in this manner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:8

ULT

8 The nakedness of the wife of your father you must not uncover. It is the nakedness of your father.

UST

8 Do not sleep with any of your father's other wives, because that would disgrace your father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:9

ULT

9 The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, born at home or born outside, you must not uncover their nakedness.

UST

9 Do not sleep with either your full sister or half-sister. It does not matter whether she was born and raised in your house or somewhere else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:10

ULT

10 The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, you must not uncover their nakedness, for they are your nakedness.

UST

10 Do not sleep with your granddaughter, because that would disgrace you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:11

ULT

11 The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, the offspring of your father, she is your sister. You must not uncover her nakedness.

UST

11 Do not sleep with your half-sister, one whose father is also your father; she is your sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:12

ULT

12 The nakedness of your father’s sister you must not uncover. She is your father’s relative.

UST

12 Do not sleep with your father’s sister, because she is your father’s close relative.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:13

ULT

13 The nakedness of your mother’s sister you must not uncover, because she is your mother’s relative.

UST

13 Do not sleep with your mother’s sister, because she is your mother’s close relative.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:14

ULT

14 The nakedness of your father’s brother you must not uncover, to his wife you must not come near. She is your aunt.

UST

14 Do not disgrace your father’s brother by sleeping with his wife, because she is your aunt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:15

ULT

15 The nakedness of your daughter-in-law you must not uncover. She is your son’s wife. You must not uncover her nakedness.

UST

15 Do not sleep with your daughter-in-law, because she is your son’s wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:16

ULT
16 The nakedness of your brother's wife you must not uncover. That is your brother's nakedness.

UST
16 Do not sleep with your brother's wife, because that would disgrace your brother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:17

ULT
17 The nakedness of a woman and her daughter you must not uncover. Her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter you must not take to uncover her nakedness. They are relatives. It is wickedness.

UST
17 Do not sleep with the daughter or granddaughter of any woman with whom you have previously slept. They are her close relatives. Sleeping with any of them would be an evil thing to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:18

ULT
18 And a woman with her sister you must not take as a rival to uncover her nakedness in addition to her while she is alive.

UST
18 While your wife is still living, do not marry your wife's sister and sleep with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:19

ULT
19 And you must not come near to a woman in the impurity of her uncleanness, to uncover her nakedness.

UST
19 Do not sleep with any woman while she is having her menstrual period.

Why is a man not to have sexual relations with a woman during her menstruation?
A man may not have sexual relations with a woman during her menstruation because during that time she is unclean.

Leviticus 18:20

ULT
[20] And you must not give your emission of seed to your neighbor’s wife, to become unclean with her.

UST
[20] Do not defile yourself by sleeping with someone else’s wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:21

ULT
[21] And you must not give any of your children to cause to pass over to Molech. And you must not profane the name of your God. I am Yahweh.

UST
[21] Do not give any of your children to be burned to be as a sacrifice to the god Molech, because that would dishonor me, Yahweh, your God.

What may the people not sacrifice to Molech?
The people may not sacrifice their children to Molech.

Leviticus 18:22

ULT
[22] And you must not lie with a male as one lies with a woman. That is detestable.

UST
[22] No man should sleep with another man. That is detestable.

What two sexual relations do verses 22 and 23 not allow? (vv22-23)
Verses 22 and 23 do not allow sexual relations with other men or animals.

Leviticus 18:23

ULT

23 And with any animal you must not lie to become unclean by it. And a woman must not stand before the face of an animal to lie down with it. That is perversion.

UST

23 No one, man or woman, should defile himself by sleeping with an animal. That is a perverse action.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:24

ULT

24 Do not make yourselves unclean in any of these ways, for in all these ways the nations that I will drive out from before your face have become unclean.

UST

24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because doing these things is how the people of the nations became unacceptable to me, the people groups that I will drive out as you advance into the land that I am giving you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:25

ULT

25 And the land became unclean, so I punished its sin upon it. And the land vomited out its inhabitants.

UST

25 They even caused the land to become defiled, so I punished them for their sins, and it was as though the land had vomited out the people who lived there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:26

ULT

26 And you yourselves must keep my statutes and my laws. And you must not do any of these detestable things, neither the native-born nor the sojourner who sojourns among you

UST

26 But you must all obey my laws and decrees. This includes both you people who were born here and the foreigners who live among you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:27

ULT

27 (for all these detestable things the men of the land have done, those who were before you, and the land has become unclean),

UST

27 As for all those detestable things, before you came, the people who lived in this land did them, and they defiled the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 18:28

ULT

28 so the land does not vomit you out after you have made it unclean, just as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

UST

28 So if you also defile the land, I will get rid of you as I got rid of the people of those nations that were here before you came.

What happened to the people who lived there before the people of Israel?

The people who lived there before the people of Israel defiled the land and the land vomited them out.

Leviticus 18:29

ULT

29 Indeed, anyone who does any of these detestable things, the people who do such things will be cut off from among their people.

UST

29 You must not allow people who do any of those detestable things to associate with you, who are my people.

What will happen to any of the people or the foreigners who live among them who do any of these detestable things?

Any of the people who do any of these detestable things will be cut off from among their people.

Leviticus 18:30

ULT

30 And you must keep my obligation not to do any of the detestable customs which were done before you, and not make yourselves unclean by them. I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

30 Obey all that I command you to do, and do not defile yourselves by following any of the disgusting habits of the people who were there before you came. I, Yahweh your God, am the one who is commanding these things.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19

Leviticus 19:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:2

ULT
2 “Speak to all the assembly of the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You must be set apart ones, for I, Yahweh your God, am set apart.

UST
2 “Speak to all the people of Israel and tell them this: ‘You must be holy, because Yahweh your God is holy, and he wants you to be like him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:3

ULT
3 A man must revere his mother and his father, and you must keep my sabbaths. I am Yahweh your God.

UST
3 Each of you must respect your father and your mother. And you must honor the Sabbath days. It is Yahweh, your God, who is commanding you to do these things.

What two things did Yahweh tell the people they must do? (vv3-4)
Yahweh told the people that they must respect their father and mother and keep his Sabbaths.

Leviticus 19:4

ULT

[4] Do not turn to worthless idols, and do not make for yourselves gods out of metal. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

[4] Do not worship idols, which are worth nothing, or make metal statues of gods for yourselves. Yahweh is your God; it is he who is telling you this. He is the only one you must worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:5

ULT

[5] And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh, you must sacrifice it for your acceptance.

UST

[5] Yahweh also says this: ‘When you bring an offering to promise friendship with me, offer it in a way that I will accept.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:6

ULT

[6] On the day of your sacrifice it must be eaten, or on the next day, and what is left until the third day must be burned up in the fire.

UST

[6] The meat should be eaten on the day that you sacrifice it, but you may eat some of it on the next day. However, you must burn anything that remains until the third day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:7

ULT

[7] And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is unclean meat. It will not be accepted.

UST

[7] For any of it to be eaten on the third day is very displeasing to me, and I will not accept that offering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:8

ULT

8 And the one who eats it must carry his iniquity because he has profaned the holy thing of Yahweh, and that person must be cut off from his people.

UST

8 I will punish anyone who eats it after the second day, because he will have not respected what I say is holy. And that person must no longer be allowed to associate with my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:9

ULT

9 And when you harvest the harvest of your land, you must not completely harvest the edge of your field, and you must not gather the gleaning of your harvest.

UST

9 When you harvest your grain, leave the grain standing at the edges of the field and in the corners. Do not pick up the sheaves that have fallen to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:10

ULT

10 And you must not glean your vineyard, and you must not gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You must leave them for the poor and for the sojourner. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

10 And when you harvest your grapes, do not go back a second time to try to harvest some more, and do not pick up the grapes that have fallen on the ground. Leave those things for the poor people and for foreigners who are living among you. I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you those things.

Why did Yahweh tell the people to leave the corners of their fields unharvested and to leave some of the grapes on the vine or that fell on the ground?

The unharvested grain and grapes must be left for the poor and the foreigner.

Leviticus 19:11

ULT

[11] You must not steal and you must not deceive and you must not lie, a man with his fellow citizen.

UST

[11] Do not steal anything. Do not tell lies. Do not deceive each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:12

ULT

[12] And you must not swear by my name falsely and profane the name of your God. I am Yahweh.

UST

[12] Do not call upon me to punish you if you say something that you know is false. If you do this, you will dishonor me. Do not forget that I am Yahweh, your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:13

ULT

[13] You must not oppress your neighbor and you must not rob. The wages of a hired worker must not stay all night with you until morning.

UST

[13] Do not cheat anyone or steal from anyone. If you have agreed to pay your workers at the end of the day, do what you have promised. Do not keep those wages until the next day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:14

ULT

[14] You must not curse the deaf and you must not put a stumbling block before the face of the blind. And you must fear your God. I am Yahweh.

UST

[14] Do not curse deaf people, and do not put things in the path of blind people to cause them to stumble. I, Yahweh, am commanding this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:15

ULT

15 You must not do injustice in judgment. You must not lift up the face of the poor, and you must not give preference to the face of the great. In justice you must judge your neighbor.

UST

15 Always judge people fairly. Do not do special favors for either poor people or rich people.

To whom should the people not show favoritism?

The people should not show favoritism to someone because he is poor or rich, but instead judge the neighbor righteously.

Leviticus 19:16

ULT

16 You must not walk around as a slanderer among your people. You must not stand against the blood of your neighbor. I am Yahweh.

UST

16 Do not spread false rumors about other people. Do not remain silent in court if your testimony would keep an innocent person being executed. I, Yahweh, am commanding this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:17

ULT

17 You must not hate your brother in your heart. You must surely rebuke your fellow citizen and not incur sin because of him.

UST

17 Do not hate anyone. Instead, honestly rebuke others who ought to be rebuked, in order that you also will not be guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:18

ULT

18 You must not take vengeance and you must not hold a grudge against the sons of your people, and you must love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh.

UST

18 Do not try to get revenge against someone or be angry with someone for a long time. Instead, love other people like you love yourself. I, Yahweh your God, am commanding this.

What are the people to do instead of taking vengeance or holding a grudge?

Instead of taking vengeance or holding a grude, the people are to love their neighbor as themselves.

Leviticus 19:19

ULT

19 You must keep my statutes. You must not breed together your livestock of two different kinds. Your field you must not sow with two different kinds of seed, and a garment of two different kinds of material you must not put on you.

UST

19 Obey my laws. Do not allow two different kinds of animals to mate with each other. Do not plant two different kinds of seed in the same field. Do not wear clothing made from two different kinds of material.

What must the people do when planting seeds in the field?

When planting in the field, the people must not plant two kinds of seed in the same field.

Leviticus 19:20

ULT

20 And if a man lies with a woman so there is emission of seed and she is a slave who is promised to a man, and she has not been ransomed at all or freedom has not been given to her, there must be punishment. They must not be put to death because she was not free.

UST

20 If a man sleeps with a slave woman who has been promised to marry some other man, but if she has not been bought by that man and is still a slave, these two people must be punished. But because she was still a slave, she and the man who slept with her must not be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:21

ULT

21 And he must bring his guilt offering to Yahweh to the entrance of the tent of meeting—a ram as a guilt offering.

UST

21 However, that man must bring a ram to be slaughtered at the entrance of the sacred tent area, to be an offering in order that he no longer be guilty for his sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:22

ULT

22 And the priest will make atonement for him with the ram for the guilt offering before the face of Yahweh, for the sin that he has sinned. And it will be forgiven him for his sin which he has sinned.

UST

22 The priest will offer that ram to me. Then I will forgive that man for the sin which he committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:23

ULT

23 And when you come into the land and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you must regard its fruit as being uncircumcised in its foreskin. Three years it will be uncircumcised for you. It must not be eaten.

UST

23 When you enter the land that I have promised to give to you, and when you plant various kinds of fruit trees, you must not eat any of their fruit for three years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:24

ULT

24 And in the fourth year all of its fruit will be holy, offerings of praise to Yahweh.

UST

24 In the fourth year you must set aside all of their fruit to belong to me; you must set it apart as holy, an offering to give me praise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:25

ULT
25 And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, to increase its yield for you. I am Yahweh your God.

UST
25 But in the fifth year, you will be permitted to eat their fruit. If you do that, your trees will produce much fruit. I, Yahweh your God, am promising that.

How long must a planter of a fruit tree wait before he can eat the fruit himself?
A planter of a fruit tree must wait until the fifth year before he can eat the fruit of the tree himself.

Leviticus 19:26

ULT
26 You must not eat anything with the blood. You must not practice divination, and you must not interpret signs.

UST
26 Do not eat any meat that still has the animal's blood in it. Do not consult spirits to find out what will happen in the future, and do not practice sorcery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:27

ULT
27 You must not round off the corners of your heads and you must not shave off the edge of your beard.

UST
27 Do not shave the hair at the sides of your heads as pagan people do.

What pagan habits were the people told not to follow?
The pagan habits the people were told not to follow are shaving the sides of the head and cutting off the edges of the beard.

Leviticus 19:28

ULT

28 And you must not make a cut on your body for the dead and you must not make on yourselves a mark of a tattoo. I am Yahweh.

UST

28 Do not cut your bodies when you are mourning for people who have died, and do not put tattoos on your bodies. I, Yahweh your God, am commanding this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:29

ULT

29 Do not profane your daughter by causing her to be a prostitute, and the land will not fall to prostitution and the land become full of wickedness.

UST

29 Do not disgrace your daughters by forcing them to become prostitutes. If you cause them to become prostitutes, soon the land will be filled with prostitutes and all other kinds of people's wicked behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:30

ULT

30 My sabbaths you must keep and my holy place you must fear. I am Yahweh.

UST

30 Honor my Sabbath days and revere my sacred tent, because I am Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:31

ULT

31 Do not turn to the necromancers or to the soothsayers. Do not seek to become unclean by them. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

31 Do not seek advice from those who try to get the spirits of dead people give them advice. If you do that, I will no longer accept you. I am Yahweh your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:32

ULT

32 From the face of the gray-haired person you must rise and you must show respect in the face of an old person. You must fear your God. I am Yahweh.

UST

32 Stand up when old people enter the room, and show that you respect them. You must also honor me, your God; that is who I am.

Who did Yahweh tell the people to arise before and honor?

Yahweh told the people to rise before the gray-headed person and honor the old man.

Leviticus 19:33

ULT

33 And if a sojourner sojourns among you in your land, you must not oppress him.

UST

33 When foreigners live among you in your land, do not mistreat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:34

ULT

34 Like the native-born among you must be to you the sojourner who sojourns with you. And you must love him as yourself, because you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

34 You must treat them like you treat your fellow citizens. Love them as you love yourselves, and do not forget that once when you were foreigners in Egypt you were badly mistreated by the people of Egypt. I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you to do this.

Why did Yahweh say that the people of Israel should love the foreigner as they love themsleves?

Yahweh told the people to love the foreigner because the people of Israel were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 19:35

ULT

35 You must not do injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, in weight, or in quantity.

UST

35 When you are measuring things, to see how long they are or how much they weigh or how many there are,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:36

ULT

36 Just scales, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin you must have. I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt.

UST

36 use correct measuring sticks and scales and weights on the scales and measuring baskets and other measuring containers. I am Yahweh, your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 19:37

ULT

37 And you must keep all my statutes and all my laws, and you must do them. I am Yahweh.'"

UST

37 Obey carefully all my laws and decrees. It is I, Yahweh, who am commanding you these things.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20

Leviticus 20:1

ULT
[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
[1] Yahweh also said this to Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:2

ULT
[2] “And say to the sons of Israel, ‘Any man among the sons of Israel, or among the sojourners who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his offspring to Molech, must certainly be put to death. The people of the land must stone him with stones.

UST
[2] “Tell the Israelite people, ‘Any Israelite or any foreigner who is living in Israel who sacrifices any of his children as an offering to the idol Molech must die. The people of the town must kill him by throwing stones at him.

What would happen to anyone among the people of Israel who gave their child to Molech?
Anyone who gave their child to Molech would be put to death.

Leviticus 20:3

ULT
[3] And I also will set my face against that man and I will cut him off from among his people. For he has given his offspring to Molech, so as to make my holy place unclean and to profane my holy name.

UST
[3] I will reject such people and cause them to no longer be with my people because he has given his child to Molech, so as to defile my holy place and profane my holy name.

What would Yahweh do to the man if the people did not put him to death?
If the people did not put him to death, Yahweh says he would cut him off from his people.

Leviticus 20:4

ULT

[4] And if the people of the land cause their eyes to be hidden at all from that man when he gives his offspring to Molech, so as to not put him to death,

UST

[4] If the people of that man's town ignore it when he kills any of his children to offer him to Molech, and if they do not execute that person,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:5

ULT

[5] then I myself will set my face against that man and his clan. And I will cut him off and all the ones who prostitute themselves after him, by prostituting themselves after Molech, from the midst of their people.

UST

[5] I myself will punish that person and his clan. I will command that he must no longer be with my people. And I will do the same thing to any others who are unfaithful to me and who worship Molech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:6

ULT

[6] And the person who turns to the necromancers or to the soothsayers so as to prostitute themselves after them, I will set my face against that person. And I will cut him off from among his people.

UST

[6] I will reject those who go to those who consult the spirits of dead people, or who go to fortune tellers who ask spirits to advise them. I will reject such people; they will no longer be with my own people.

To whom did Yahweh tell the people not to turn?

Yahweh told the people not to talk with those who talk to the dead or to the spirits.

Leviticus 20:7

ULT

7 So make yourselves holy and be holy ones, because I am Yahweh your God. [1]

UST

7 Set yourselves apart for my honor, so that you may belong to me, because I am Yahweh your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:8

ULT

8 And you must keep my statutes and do them. I am Yahweh who makes you holy.

UST

8 Carefully obey everything that I have commanded you. I am Yahweh, the one who sets you apart from the other peoples so that I am honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:9

ULT

9 If there is any man who curses his father or his mother, he must surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother, his blood is on him.

UST

9 If anyone curses his father or his mother, you must execute him. He himself will be responsible for his own death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:10

ULT

10 And if a man commits adultery with a man's wife, that is, he commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress must certainly be put to death.

UST

10 If a man commits adultery with some other man's wife, then you must execute both of them, the man and the woman. They have committed adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:11

ULT

11 And if a man lies with his father’s wife, he uncovers his father’s nakedness. Both of them must certainly be put to death. Their blood is on them.

UST

11 If a man sleeps with one of his father’s wives, he has dishonored his father. So you must execute both that man and woman; they will be responsible for their own deaths.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:12

ULT

12 And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them must certainly be put to death. They have committed perversion; their blood is on them.

UST

12 If a man sleeps with his daughter-in-law, you must execute them both. They have exchanged good for evil; they both deserve to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:13

ULT

13 And if a man lies with a male as one lies with a woman, both of them have done a detestable thing. They must surely be put to death; their blood is on them.

UST

13 If two men have slept together, they have done something detestable. You must execute them both; they will be responsible for their own deaths.

What was the result of a man having sexual relations with another man?

A man who had sexual relations with another man had done something detestable and both would be put to death.

Leviticus 20:14

ULT

14 And if a man takes a wife and her mother, this is wickedness. In the fire they must be burned, he and they, and there will not be wickedness among you.

UST

14 If a man marries both a woman and her mother, that is a wicked thing. You must burn all three of them to death, in order that no one among you continues to commit such an evil deed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:15

ULT

15 And if a man lies with an animal, he must surely be put to death, and you must kill the animal.

UST

15 If a man sleeps with an animal, you must execute both him and that animal.

If a man or woman had sexual relations with an animal, what would be done with them? (vv15-16)

The man, the woman, and the animal would all be put to death.

Leviticus 20:16

ULT

16 And if a woman comes near to any animal to lie with it, then you must kill the woman and the animal. They must certainly be put to death; their blood is on them.

UST

16 Similarly, if a woman sleeps with an animal, you must execute both her and that animal. They will be responsible for their own deaths.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:17

ULT

17 And if a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and he sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a shameful thing, and they must be cut off in the eyes of the sons of their people. He has uncovered the nakedness of his sister. He must bear his iniquity.

UST

17 If a man sleeps with his sister, the daughter of either his mother or his father—if they have slept together, that is disgraceful. They will no longer be with my people. Because he has slept with his sister, he is guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:18

ULT

18 And if a man lies with a menstruating woman and has uncovered her nakedness, he has exposed her flow and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. And both of them must be cut off from among their people.

UST

18 If a man sleeps with a woman during her menstrual period, they have both revealed her flowing blood, so neither of them must be with my people anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:19

ULT

19 And the nakedness of your mother’s sister, or your father’s sister, you must not uncover because he would expose his relative. They must bear their iniquity.

UST

19 No man must sleep with the sister of either his father or his mother, because he would be disgracing someone who is a close relative. You must punish such a man, as well as the woman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:20

ULT

20 And if a man lies with his aunt, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They will bear their sin; they will die childless.

UST

20 If a man sleeps with his uncle's wife, he has dishonored his uncle. What for they have done, they must be responsible for their actions. And when they die, their children would be stripped of the rights to any inheritance they would have received from their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:21

ULT

21 And if a man takes his brother's wife, that is disgraceful. He has uncovered the nakedness of his brother; they will be childless.

UST

21 If a man marries his brother's wife, it is a sin because he has dishonored his brother's marriage. The rights of inheritance would be stripped away from any children they would have received from from their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:22

ULT

22 And you must keep all my statutes and all my judgments, and you must do them, and the land which I am bringing you there to dwell in will not vomit you out.

UST

22 Obey all my decrees and laws carefully, in order that you will not have to leave the land to which I am bringing you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:23

ULT

23 And you must not walk in the statutes of the nations that I will drive out from before your face. For they have done all these things, and I detest them.

UST

23 Do not imitate the customs of the people of the land from which I am going to drive them out, as you advance into it. I hate them because they have done all those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:24

ULT

24 And I said to you, “You will possess their land and I will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey. I am Yahweh your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

UST

24 But I said to you, “You will take their land from them. I will give it to you to be yours, a land that is very fertile. I am Yahweh your God, who has set you apart from the people of other nations.”

How did Yahweh describe the land that he had given the people of Israel?

Yahweh called the land “a land of milk and honey.”

Leviticus 20:25

ULT

25 And you must distinguish between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean. And you must not make yourselves detestable by an animal or by a bird or by anything that crawls on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

UST

25 So you must distinguish between birds and animals that are unacceptable to me and those that are acceptable to me. Do not defile yourselves by eating birds or animals, or anything that crawls along on the ground, things that I have said are unacceptable for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:26

ULT

26 And you must be holy ones for me, because I, Yahweh, am holy, and I have separated you from the peoples to be mine.

UST

26 You must live as a people who are set apart for my honor, because I, Yahweh, am also set apart and I do everything for my honor. I have taken you out of the other nations, because you are mine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 20:27

ULT

27 And if there is among them a man or woman necromancer or soothsayer, they must certainly be put to death. They must stone them with stones. Their blood is on them.'"
20:7 [1] .

UST

27 You must execute any man or woman among you who consults the spirits of dead people or other spirits. Kill them by throwing stones at them; they will be responsible for their own deaths.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21

Leviticus 21:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Moses: “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them, ‘For a dead person he must not make himself unclean among his people.

UST

1 Yahweh also said to Moses, “Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:2

ULT

2 But if for his relative close to him—for his mother, or for his father, or for his son, or for his daughter, or for his brother,

UST

2 ‘You priests must not cause yourselves to become unfit to do my work by touching any dead body. You are permitted to touch only the corpses of close relatives, such as your mother, father, son, daughter or your brother.

For the death of which person was a priest allowed to make himself unclean? (vv2-3)

Priests were only allowed to make themselves unclean for very close relatives.

Leviticus 21:3

ULT

3 or for his virgin sister who is close to him since she has no husband, for her he may make himself unclean.

UST

3 You may also touch the corpse of a sister if she is not married and has been living in your house, because she has no husband to bury her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:4

ULT

4 He must not make himself unclean as a husband among his people, to profane himself.

UST

4 You priests must not cause yourselves to become unfit to do my work by touching the dead bodies of other relatives of yours.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:5

ULT

5 They must not shave a bald patch on their heads and they must not shave off the corner of their beard, and they must not cut a cut in their flesh.

UST

5 You priests must not shave your heads or the edges of your beards; you must not cut your bodies to show that you are mourning for someone who has died.

What restrictions were places on the priests concerning their hair and beards?

Priests were not allowed to shave their heads or the corners of their beards.

Leviticus 21:6

ULT

6 They must be holy ones to their God and they must not profane the name of their God. For they are offering Yahweh's offerings made by fire, the bread of their God, so they must be holy.

UST

6 You must act in ways that I, your God, consider to be suitable for you, my priests; you must not disgrace me. You are the ones who will present to me the offerings that you will burn. These offerings will be made to me from your food supplies. So you must act in ways that are suitable, because you honor me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:7

ULT

7 He must not take a woman who is a prostitute or profaned. And he must not take a woman divorced from her husband. For he is holy to his God.

UST

7 You priests must not marry women who have been prostitutes or who have been divorced from their husbands, because you priests are set apart for God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:8

ULT

8 And you will make him holy, for he is the one who offers the bread of your God. He must be holy for you, because I, Yahweh who makes you holy, am holy.

UST

8 You must remember that I have set you apart to worship me. It is as though you were offering food to me, your God. Regard yourselves as belonging to me, because I, Yahweh, am the one who made you to be priests, and I have nothing to do with any evil—I am holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:9

ULT

9 And a daughter of any priest who profanes herself by becoming a prostitute, she is profaning her father. In the fire she must be burned.

UST

9 If a priest's daughter becomes a prostitute, she disgraces her father, and you must burn her in a fire.

What would happen to a priest's daughter who defiled herself by becoming a prostitute?

A priest's daughter who defiled herself by becoming a prostitute would be burned.

Leviticus 21:10

ULT

10 And the great priest among his brothers, who has had the oil of anointing poured upon his head and has had his hand filled to wear the garments, he must not let his head be unbound and he must not tear his clothes.

UST

10 The high priest is the one among his relatives who has been appointed for that work by having his head anointed with olive oil. He is also the one who has been appointed to wear the garments that are made and set apart for the honor of Yahweh. He must not allow the hair on his head to remain uncombed, and he must not tear his clothes when he is mourning for someone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:11

ULT

11 And he must not go near any dead person, for his father or for his mother. He must not make himself unclean.

UST

11 He must not enter any place where there is a corpse. He must not do that and cause himself to become unfit for his work, even if it is his father or his mother who has died.

What must a high priest avoid even if it is his father or mother?

A high priest must not go anywhere there is a dead body present, even if it is his father or mother.

Leviticus 21:12

ULT

12 And he must not leave from the holy place and he must not profane the holy place of his God. For the dedication of the oil of the anointing of his God is upon him. I am Yahweh.

UST

12 He must not leave the sacred tent to join those who are mourning, because he would cause himself to become unfit for his work and would also defile the sacred tent. He must not leave the sacred tent at that time, because by being anointed with olive oil he has been appointed to serve his God in the sacred tent. I, Yahweh, am the one who am commanding this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:13

ULT
13 And he must take a wife in her virginity.

UST
13 Women whom you priests marry must be virgins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:14

ULT
14 A widow, or a divorced woman, or a profaned prostitute—these he must not take. But rather, a virgin from his people he must take as a wife.

UST
14-15 You priests must not marry widows or prostitutes or divorced women, because if you do that, and if you later have sons, they will not be acceptable to be priests among your people. You must marry only virgins from among your own people. I am Yahweh, who sets priests apart for my honor and for those who worship me.'"

What kind of woman must the priest not marry?
The priest must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman who is a prostitute.

Leviticus 21:15

ULT
15 And he will not profane his offspring among his people. For I am Yahweh who makes him holy.'"

UST
14-15 You priests must not marry widows or prostitutes or divorced women, because if you do that, and if you later have sons, they will not be acceptable to be priests among your people. You must marry only virgins from among your own people. I am Yahweh, who sets priests apart for my honor and for those who worship me.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:16

ULT
16 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
16 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:17

ULT
17 “Speak to Aaron, saying, ‘A man from your offspring throughout their generations who has a defect in him must not come near to offer food to his God.

UST
17 “Say this to Aaron: ‘For all future time, none of your descendants who has any defects on his body will be allowed to come near the altar to offer sacrifices to me which will be like my food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:18

ULT
18 For any man who has in him a defect must not come near: a man blind or lame or who has a slit nose or who is deformed,

UST
18 No one who is blind or lame or deformed, or whose face is disfigured,

What kind of man did Yahweh not want to approach him to perform the offerings?
Yahweh did not want any man with a bodily defect to approach him.

Leviticus 21:19

ULT
19 or a man who has a broken foot or a broken hand,

UST
19 no man with a crippled foot or a crippled hand,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:20

ULT

20 or a hunchback, or a dwarf, or one with a defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or a crushed testicle.

UST

20 no man who has a hunchback or an abnormally short person, no man whose eyes are defective, no man who has a skin disease or whose private parts have been damaged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:21

ULT

21 Any man who has in him a defect among the offspring of Aaron the priest must not approach to offer Yahweh's offerings made by fire. A defect is in him. He must not approach to offer the bread of his God.

UST

21 No descendant of Aaron, the first high priest, who has any defect is allowed to come to the altar to offer to me, his God, sacrifices that will be burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:22

ULT

22 The food of his God, some of the holiest holy things and some of the holy things, he may eat.

UST

22 Priests who have defects are permitted to eat the various kinds of holy food offered to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:23

ULT

23 However, he must not go into the curtain and he must not approach to the altar. For a defect is in him and he must not profane my holy place. For I am Yahweh who makes them holy.'"

UST

23 But because of their defects, they must not go near the curtain in the sacred tent or near the altar, because if they did that, they would desecrate my sacred tent. I am Yahweh, the one who sets those places apart for myself and for my honor.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 21:24

ULT

24 And Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

UST

24 So Moses told this to Aaron and to his sons and to all the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22

Leviticus 22:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:2

ULT
2 “Say to Aaron and to his sons that they must deal respectfully with the holy things of the sons of Israel, which they dedicate to me. And they must not profane my holy name. I am Yahweh.

UST
2 “Explain to Aaron and his sons about when they should not touch or eat any food that the people have dedicated to me by giving it as a sacrifice. They must not dishonor me or my name. I am Yahweh.

What does Yahweh say will profane his holy name? (vv2-3)
Yahweh says that any one who is unclean for any reason and approaches the holy things will profane his holy name.

Leviticus 22:3

ULT
3 Say to them, ‘Throughout your generations any man from all your seed who comes near to the holy things that the sons of Israel have made holy to Yahweh and his uncleanness is upon him, that person must be cut off from before my face. I am Yahweh.

UST
3 Tell them that for all future time, if they or any of their descendants become unfit for any reason to do the work that priests must do, they must not go near anything the people of Israel have dedicated to me as an offering. Anyone who violates this rule will no longer be part of my people. I am Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:4

ULT

4 Any man from the seed of Aaron who is one with a skin disease or a fluid discharge, he must not eat of the holy things until he becomes clean. And the one who touches anything unclean of a corpse, or a man who has go out from him an emission of seed,

UST

4 If any descendant of Aaron has a contagious skin disease or a discharge from his private parts, he is not allowed to eat any of the sacred offerings until he is cured. He will also be unfit for his work if he touches anything that has touched a corpse, or if he touches anyone who has an emission of semen,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:5

ULT

5 or a man who touches any swarming thing that makes him unclean, or a person who makes him unclean, whatever his uncleanness—

UST

5 or if he touches anything that crawls on the ground, or if he touches any person who causes him to be unfit for his work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:6

ULT

6 the person who touches it will be unclean until the evening. And he must not eat from the holy things, unless he has bathed his body in water.

UST

6 Any priest who touches anything unclean will be unclean until evening. He must not eat any of the holy things, unless he first washes his body with water.

What must a priest do when he touches anything that makes him unclean?

He must bathe in water and remain unclean until evening.

Leviticus 22:7

ULT

[7] And when the sun has set, then he will be clean. And afterward he may eat from the holy things, because it is his food.

UST

[7] After the sun sets, he may eat food from the sacred offerings, because they are now his food that is to be eaten.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:8

ULT

[8] He must not eat an animal found dead or killed by wild animals, to become unclean by it. I am Yahweh.

UST

[8] But he must not eat anything that has died a natural death or that has been killed by wild animals, because if he did that, he would be unfit to work for me. I, Yahweh, am commanding those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:9

ULT

[9] And they must keep my obligations, and they will not bear sin because of it and die by it, because they profaned it. I am Yahweh who makes them holy.

UST

[9] The priests must obey my commandments; they must not despise them, or they will become guilty and die. I am Yahweh, the one who sets them apart for my honor.

What might happen to priests who do not follow Yahweh's instructions?

They would be guilty of sin and could die for profaning Yahweh.

Leviticus 22:10

ULT

[10] And any stranger may not eat the holy thing. A foreign guest of the priest or a hired worker may not eat the holy thing.

UST

[10] No one who does not belong to a priest's family is permitted to eat from the sacred offering. No one who is visiting the priest, or one that has been hired by the priest, none of them is permitted to eat it.

Who are the only people who can eat anything that is holy? (vv10-11)

The only persons who can eat anything that is holy are the priest and his family, and slaves he may have bought.

Leviticus 22:11

ULT

[11] And if a priest buys a person as property with his silver—he may eat it, and a descendant of his house, they may eat his food.

UST

[11] But if a priest buys a slave, or if a slave is born in his house, that slave is permitted to eat such food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:12

ULT

[12] And if a priest's daughter becomes the wife of a stranger, she may not eat the contributions of the holy things.

UST

[12] If a priest's daughter marries a man who is not a priest, she is no longer permitted to eat the sacred foods that were given to Yahweh as gifts or offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:13

ULT

13 And if the daughter of a priest becomes a widow, or divorced, and there is no offspring for her, and she returns to her father's house as in her youth, she may eat from the food of her father. And any stranger may not eat it.

UST

13 But suppose that a priest's daughter who has no children becomes a widow or becomes divorced, and suppose also that she returns to her father's house to live there as she did when she was young. In that case, she may eat the same food that her father eats. But no other person is permitted to eat any of it.

Can a priest's daughter who has married someone who is not a priest eat the holy food?

No, unless she is divorced or widowed and returns to live in her father's house.

Leviticus 22:14

ULT

14 And if a man eats a holy thing by mistake, then he must add its fifth on it and give the holy thing to the priest.

UST

14 If anyone who is not permitted to eat a sacred offering eats it without realizing that it is sacred, he must pay the priest for the food and add an extra one-fifth to it.

What must a man do who eats holy food without knowing it?

If a man eats holy food without knowing it, he must repay the priest and add one-fifth to it.

Leviticus 22:15

ULT

15 And they must not profane the holy things of the sons of Israel that they lifted up to Yahweh,

UST

15 When the priests bring offerings to me, the sacred offerings that the Israelite people bring to them, they must not treat those offerings as though they were not special to me;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:16

ULT

16 and cause themselves to bear the guilt of the guilt offering by their eating their holy things. For I am Yahweh who makes them holy.'"

UST

16 the people must not allow anyone who is not a priest to eat any of those offerings. If they did that, they would become guilty. I am Yahweh, the one who sets the Israelite people apart from other people and makes them holy for my honor."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

17 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:18

ULT

18 "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and say to them, 'Any man from the house of Israel, or from the sojourners in Israel, who offers his offering, for any of their vows or for any of their freewill offerings,which they present to Yahweh as a burnt offering,

UST

18 "Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the Israelite people and tell them that I say this to them, 'If any of you Israelites or foreigners who live in Israel brings to me an animal that will be completely burned on the altar, either as a result of a solemn promise that you made to me or to be an offering that is given voluntarily,

What kind of animal would be accepted as a sacrifice?

It must be a male animal without blemish from the cattle, sheep, or goats.

Leviticus 22:19

ULT
19 for your acceptance, it must be a male without blemish from the cattle, from the sheep, or from the goats.

UST
19 you must bring from your cattle or sheep or goats an animal that has no defects, in order that I may accept it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:20

ULT
20 Anything that has a blemish on it you must not offer, because it will not be acceptable for you.

UST
20 Do not bring any animals that have defects, because I will not accept them for you.

What is the most important requirement for any animal that is to be sacrificed to Yahweh?
Any animal sacrificed to Yahweh must be unblemished.

Leviticus 22:21

ULT
21 And when a man offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, it must be unblemished to be accepted. There must not be any defect in it.

UST
21 Similarly, when someone brings from his cattle or sheep or goats an offering to promise friendship with me, either to fulfill a promise that he made to me or to be a voluntary offering—for me to accept it, it must have no defects or blemishes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:22

ULT

22 The blind, or disabled, or maimed, or that have warts, or eczema, or scabs—these you must not offer to Yahweh. And you must not give from them an offering made by fire on the altar to Yahweh.

UST

22 Do not offer to me animals that are blind or injured or maimed, or any animal that has warts or a festering sore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:23

ULT

23 An ox or a lamb that is deformed or stunted—it you may offer as a freewill offering, but for a vow it will not be accepted.

UST

23 You may present to me to be a voluntary offering an ox or a sheep that is injured or stunted, but it will not be accepted to fulfill a promise made to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:24

ULT

24 One that is bruised, or crushed, or torn, or has cut testicles you must not offer to Yahweh, and in your land you must not do so.

UST

24 You must not offer to me animals whose testicles are bruised, crushed, torn or cut. You must not present these kind of damaged animals as offerings to Yahweh anywhere in the land where you live,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:25

ULT
25 And from the hand of the son of a foreigner you must not offer the food of your God from any of these because their deformity is in them and a defect is in them. They will not be accepted for you.'"

UST
25 and you must not accept such animals that are sold to you by a foreigner. You must not offer them to me as food for me. Such animals will not be accepted by me, because they are deformed or have defects.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:26

ULT
26 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
26 Yahweh also said to Moses,

How old must a calf, sheep, or goat be to be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh?
A calf, sheep, or goat must be at least eight days old to be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh.

Leviticus 22:27

ULT
27 "When an ox or a sheep or a goat is born, it must remain seven days with its mother. And from the eighth day and beyond, it may be accepted as an offering, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST
27 "When a calf or lamb or goat is born, it must remain with its mother for seven days. After that, it can be accepted to be an offering to me that will be burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:28

ULT
28 And an ox or a sheep, it and its young you must not slaughter on the same day.

UST
28 Do not slaughter a cow or a sheep and its newborn young on the same day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:29

ULT
29 And when you sacrifice a sacrifice of thanks to Yahweh, you must sacrifice it for your acceptance.

UST
29 When you sacrifice an animal to thank me for what I have done, sacrifice it in a way that I will accept.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:30

ULT
30 On that day it must be eaten, you must not leave part of it until morning. I am Yahweh.

UST
30 The meat must be eaten on that day. Do not leave any of it until the next morning. I, Yahweh, am the one who is commanding this.

When must a thank offering be eaten?
It must be eaten on the same day that it is sacrificed.

Leviticus 22:31

ULT
31 And you must keep my commandments and you must do them. I am Yahweh.

UST
31 Obey all my commands. I, Yahweh, am commanding them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:32

ULT
32 And you must not profane my holy name. I must be treated as holy in the midst of the sons of Israel. I am Yahweh who sets you apart,

UST
32 Do not dishonor me by disobeying them. You Israelite people must acknowledge that I, Yahweh, am holy, and I am the one who causes you to be holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 22:33

ULT

33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Yahweh.”

UST

33 And I am the one who brought you out of Egypt in order that I, Yahweh, will be your God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23

Leviticus 23:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, and say to them, ‘These are the appointed times of Yahweh, which you must proclaim as holy assemblies. They are my appointed times.

UST
2 “Tell the Israelites about the festivals for Yahweh, the days when you all must gather together in holy assemblies on set times each year, as festivals in which you worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:3

ULT
3 Six days work will be done, and on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy assembly. You must not do any work. It is a sabbath for Yahweh in all your dwellings.

UST
3 You may work for six days each week, but on the seventh day you must not do any work. You must rest. It is a sacred day when you must gather together to worship me. Wherever you live, you must rest on that day.

What does Yahweh say about work and the Sabbath?
Yahweh says that people may work for six days, but the seventh day, the Sabbath, is to be a day of rest.

Leviticus 23:4

ULT

[4] These are the appointed times of Yahweh, the holy assemblies, them which you must announce at their appointed times:

UST

[4] There are festivals that I am establishing for you. These will be sacred days when you must gather together to worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:5

ULT

[5] In the first month, on day 14 of the month, between the evenings, is Yahweh's Passover.

UST

[5] The first festival is the Passover. That festival will begin at twilight on the appointed day each spring and end the following day.

What festival is to be celebrated in the first month on the fourteenth day?

Yahweh's Passover is to be celebrated in the first month on the fourteenth day.

Leviticus 23:6

ULT

[6] And on day 15 of this month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread for Yahweh. Seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

UST

[6] The next day will begin the Festival of Bread with no Yeast. That festival will continue for seven days. During that time, the bread that you eat must be made without yeast.

What festival follows Passover on the fifteenth day of the first month?

The Festival of Unleavened Bread follows Passover on the fifteenth day of the first month.

Leviticus 23:7

ULT

[7] On the first day there will be a holy assembly for you. You must not do any work of labor.

UST

[7] On the first day of that festival, all of you must stop your regular work and gather together to worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:8

ULT

[8] And you will offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh for seven days. On day seven is a holy assembly. You must not do any work of labor.'"

UST

[8] On each of the seven days, you must present to me several animals as an offering to be completely burned on the altar. On the seventh day, all of you must again stop your regular work and gather to worship me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

[9] Yahweh also told Moses

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:10

ULT

10 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you have come into the land that I am giving to you, and you harvest its harvest, then you must bring a sheaf of the first of your harvest to the priest.

UST

10 to tell the Israelite people about other festivals. He said, “After you arrive in the land which I am giving to you, and when you harvest your crops for the first time there, bring to the priest some of the first grain that you harvest.

What must the people bring to the priest after the first harvest in the land that Yahweh is going to give them?

The people must bring to the priest a sheaf of firstfruits after the first harvest in the land that Yahweh is going to give them.

Leviticus 23:11

ULT

11 And he will wave the sheaf before the face of Yahweh to be accepted for you. On the day after the sabbath the priest must wave it.

UST

11 On the day after the next Sabbath day, the priest will lift it up high to dedicate it to me, in order that I may accept it as your gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:12

ULT

12 And you must offer, on the day when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb, one year old, without blemish as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

UST

12 On that same day you must sacrifice to me a one year old male lamb that has no defects. You must burn it on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:13

ULT

13 And its grain offering must be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as an offering made by fire to Yahweh, a sweet aroma, and its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine.

UST

13 You must also burn a flour offering. That offering must consist of four and one-half liters of good flour, ground grain, mixed with olive oil. The smell of those things burning will be very pleasing to me. Along with that, you must also offer one liter of wine, which will be a liquid offering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:14

ULT

14 And bread, and roasted grain and fresh grain you must not eat until this very day, until your offering of the offering of your God. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations, in all your dwellings.

UST

14 Do not eat any bread or any roasted or unroasted grain on that day until after you have brought those offerings to me, your God. You and all your descendants must always obey these commands, wherever you live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:15

ULT

15 And you will count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath—from the day of your bringing the sheaf of the wave offering—there will be seven full sabbaths.

UST

15 Count seven weeks and one day after the priest offers that bundle of grain to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:16

ULT

16 Until the day after the seventh sabbath you must count 50 days. And you must offer an offering of new grain to Yahweh.

UST

16 Then on the day after the seventh Sabbath, each family must bring to me an offering from the new crop of grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:17

ULT

17 From your dwellings you must bring bread for a wave offering. They must be two loaves of two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour. They must be baked with yeast as firstfruits to Yahweh.

UST

17 From your homes, bring two loaves of bread to the priest. He will lift them up high to dedicate them as an offering to me. Those loaves must be baked from four and one-half liters of good flour that has yeast mixed with it. That bread will be an offering to me from the first wheat that you harvest each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:18

ULT

18 And you must offer with the bread seven male lambs without defects, sons of the year, and one bull, a son of the herd, and two rams. They must be a burnt offering to Yahweh, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

UST

18 Along with this bread, you must present to me seven one year old lambs with no defects, one young bull, and two rams. They must all be completely burned on the altar. All those offerings, with the flour offering and the wine offering, will be burned, and the smell of all those things burning will be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:19

ULT

[19] And you must offer one buck of the goats for a sin offering, and two male lambs, sons of the year, for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

UST

[19] Then you must also kill one male goat as an offering for your sins, and two one year old male lambs to be an offering for you to promise friendship with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:20

ULT

[20] And the priest must wave them with the bread of the firstfruits wave offering before the face of Yahweh with the two lambs. They will be set apart to Yahweh for the priest.

UST

[20] The priest will lift up these offerings high to dedicate them to me. He will also offer the loaves of bread that were baked from the first wheat that you harvest. Those offerings are special to me; but they are for the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:21

ULT

[21] And you must make a proclamation on that very day. There will be a holy assembly for you. You must not do any work of labor. It is a permanent statute in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

UST

[21] On that day, you must stop your regular work and gather to worship me. You and all your descendants must always obey these commands, wherever you live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:22

ULT

22 And when you harvest the harvest of your land, you must not finish the edge of your field as you harvest, and you must not gather the gleaning of your harvest. You must leave them for the poor and for the sojourner. I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

22 When you harvest the grain in your fields, do not harvest what is along the edges of the fields, and do not pick up the grain that the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor people and for the foreigners who are living among you. Do not forget that it is I, Yahweh your God, who am commanding those things!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:23

ULT

23 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

23 Yahweh also told Moses

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:24

ULT

24 "Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'In the seventh month, on day one of the month there will be for you a solemn rest, a memorial by trumpet blast, a holy assembly.

UST

24 to give these instructions to the Israelite people: "Each year in the seventh month, on the first day of that month, all of you must celebrate that day, on which you will completely rest. You must not do any work on that day. When the priests blow their trumpets loudly, you all must gather together as a holy assembly, to worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:25

ULT
25 You must not do any work of labor, and you must offer a sacrifice made by fire to Yahweh.'"

UST
25 All of you must not do any regular work on that day. Instead, you must present offerings to me that will be burned on the altar."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:26

ULT
26 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
26 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:27

ULT
27 "Surely on day 10 of this seventh month it is the Day of Atonement. It will be a holy assembly for you, and you must humble yourselves and offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST
27 "You must celebrate a day on which you request that I forgive you for the sins that you have committed. That day will be nine days after the festival when the priests blow the trumpets. On that day you must not eat. You must gather together to worship me and present offerings to me that will be burned on the altar.

What date did Yahweh set for the Day of Atonement?
Yahweh set the tenth day of the seventh month as the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:28

ULT
28 And you must not do any work on that very day because it is the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for yourselves before the face of Yahweh your God.

UST
28 You must not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when the priests will offer sacrifices to me to atone for your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:29

ULT
29 If there is any person who does not humble himself on that very day, then he must be cut off from his people.

UST
29 You must drive out from the people anyone who does not go without eating on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:30

ULT
30 And any person who does any work on that very day, I will destroy that person from among his people.

UST
30 I will get rid of anyone who does any kind of work on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:31

ULT
31 You must not do any work. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

UST
31 You must not work at all! You and all your descendants must always obey these commands, wherever you live.

What must the people not do on the Day of Atonement?
The people must not do any work on the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:32

ULT

32 It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you, and you must humble yourselves on day nine of the month in the evening. From evening until evening you are to observe your sabbath.”

UST

32 That day will be a day of complete rest for all of you, and on that day you must fast to show that you are sorry for having sinned. That day of rest and going without food will begin on the evening before the day in which you ask me to forgive you for your sins, and it will end on the evening of the following day.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:33

ULT

33 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

33 Yahweh also said to Moses,

What festival did Yahweh say would take place on the fifteenth day of the seventh month?

Yahweh said that the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh would take place on the fifteenth day of the seventh month.

Leviticus 23:34

ULT

34 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘On day 15 of the seventh month this is the Festival of Huts for seven days to Yahweh.

UST

34 “Tell the Israelite people that each year they must also celebrate the Festival of Shelters. That festival will begin five days after the Day of Atonement. This festival will last for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:35

ULT

35 On the first day there must be a holy assembly. You must not do any work of labor.

UST

35 On the first day of that festival, the people must gather together to worship me, and they must not do any regular work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:36

ULT

36 Seven days you must offer a sacrifice made by fire to Yahweh. On the eighth day there must be a holy assembly for you, and you must offer an offering made by fire to Yahweh. It is a solemn assembly. You must not do any work of labor.

UST

36 On each of the seven days of this festival, they must present to me an offering of animals that will be burned on the altar. On the eighth day, they must gather again as a holy assembly to worship me and present to me another animal that will be burned on the altar. That also will be a sacred gathering, and they must not work on that day, either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:37

ULT

37 These are the appointed times of Yahweh, which you must proclaim as holy assemblies to offer a sacrifice made by fire to Yahweh, a burnt offering and a grain offering, sacrifices and drink offerings, each day's matter on its day,

UST

37 To summarize, those are the festivals that I have appointed. Celebrate these festivals by gathering together to present to me all the various offerings that will be burned on the altar—animals that will be burned completely, and offerings of flour, offerings to promise friendship with me, and offerings of wine. Each offering must be brought on the day that I have indicated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:38

ULT

38 apart from the sabbaths of Yahweh, and apart from your gifts, and apart from all your vows, and apart from all your freewill offerings that you give to Yahweh.

UST

38 You must celebrate these festivals in addition to worshiping me on the Sabbath days. And you must give me all those offerings in addition to the offerings that people personally decide to give, and in addition to the offerings that people make to accompany the solemn promises that they have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:39

ULT

39 Surely on day 15 of the seventh month when you have gathered the produce of the land, you must celebrate a festival of Yahweh for seven days, on the first day a solemn rest, and on the eighth day a solemn rest.

UST

39 Returning to my instructions about the Festival of Shelters, you must celebrate this festival after you have harvested all the crops. On the first day and on the last day of that festival, you must rest completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:40

ULT

40 And you must take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of the majestic trees, branches of palm trees, and branches of leafy trees, and willows of the stream. And you will rejoice before the face of Yahweh your God seven days.

UST

40 But on the first day, you are permitted to pick the best fruit from trees. You will also take branches from the palm trees, leafy branches from other trees, and willow trees near the stream, and make shelters to live in for that week. Then rejoice in my presence for those seven days.

What must the people use to rejoice during the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh?

The people must use the best fruit from the trees, branches of palm trees, and leafy branches of thick trees, and willows from streams to rejoice before Yahweh.

Leviticus 23:41

ULT

41 And you must celebrate it as a festival for Yahweh seven days in the year. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations in the seventh month you must celebrate it.

UST

41 You must celebrate this festival for seven days every year. You and all your descendants must always obey these commands, wherever you live. You must celebrate this festival in the seventh month.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:42

ULT

42 In the huts you must live for seven days. All the native-born in Israel must live in the huts,

UST

42 During the seven days of that festival, all of you people who have been Israelites all of your lives must live in shelters.

Where were the people of Israel to live during the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh?

The people of Israel were to live in small shelters for seven days during the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh.

Leviticus 23:43

ULT

43 so that your generations may know that I made the sons of Israel live in the huts when I brought them from the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

43 This festival will always remind your descendants that their ancestors lived in shelters for many years after I rescued them from Egypt. Do not forget that I, Yahweh your God, am the one who is commanding this."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 23:44

ULT

44 And Moses announced the appointed times of Yahweh to the sons of Israel.

UST

44 So Moses gave to the Israelite people all these instructions concerning the festivals that Yahweh wanted them to celebrate each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24

Leviticus 24:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:2

ULT

[2] “Command the sons of Israel and they will bring to you pure beaten oil of the olive for the light, so the lamp may burn continually.

UST

[2] “Command the Israelite people to constantly bring you clear oil made from pressed olives to burn in the lamps in the sacred tent, in order that those lamps will burn all the time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:3

ULT

[3] Outside the curtain of the testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron must keep it in order, from evening until morning, before the face of Yahweh continually. It is a permanent statute throughout your generations.

UST

[3] Outside the curtain of the very holy place, Aaron must take care of the lamps in my presence continually, in order that they will burn all during the night. That regulation must be obeyed forever.

What must Aaron do with the pure oil the people are to bring him?

Aaron must keep a lamp burning before the covenant decrees in the tent of the assembly from evening until morning every day.

Leviticus 24:4

ULT
4 On the pure gold lampstand he must keep the lamps in order before the face of Yahweh continually.

UST
4 The priests must constantly take care of the lamps that burn in my presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:5

ULT
5 And you must take fine flour and bake 12 cakes with it. There must be two-tenths of an ephah in one cake.

UST
5 Also, each week you must take some fine flour and bake twelve very big loaves of bread, using four and one-half liters of flour for each loaf.

What must the priest put in two rows of six each Sabbath? (vv5-6)
The priest must put twelve loaves in two rows of six each Sabbath.

Leviticus 24:6

ULT
6 And you must set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the face of Yahweh.

UST
6 Put the loaves in two rows, with six loaves in each row, on the table covered with pure gold, in my presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:7

ULT
7 And you must put on the row pure incense and it will be a memorial portion for the bread, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST
7 Along each row, place on the gold table some pure incense to be burned as an offering to me instead of the bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:8

ULT

8 On the day of the sabbath, every sabbath, he must keep it in order before the face of Yahweh continually. It is from the sons of Israel as an eternal covenant.

UST

8 The priests must put new loaves of bread on the table each Sabbath day, to signify the covenant that will never end, which I have made with you Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:9

ULT

9 And it will be for Aaron and for his sons, and they must eat it in a holy place. For it is a holiest holy thing for him, from Yahweh's offerings made by fire, a perpetual portion."

UST

9 When the loaves are removed from the table, they will belong to Aaron and his sons. They must eat them in a place set aside for this purpose, because they are part of the offerings—the offerings that belong only to me—that are given to me by being burned."

Who is allowed to eat the offering of the twelve loaves?

Aaron and his sons will be eat it in the holy place.

Leviticus 24:10

ULT

10 Now the son of an Israelite woman, who was also the son of an Egyptian man, went out in the midst of the sons of Israel. And the son of the Israelite woman and an Israelite man fought in the camp.

UST

10-11 There was a man whose mother's name was Shelomith. She was an Israelite whose father was Dibri from the tribe of Dan. Her son's father was from Egypt. One day this man and another Israelite man started to fight inside the camp. And while they were fighting, that man cursed Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:11

ULT

11 And the son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name and cursed, and they brought him to Moses. (Now his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.)

UST

10-11 There was a man whose mother's name was Shelomith. She was an Israelite whose father was Dibri from the tribe of Dan. Her son's father was from Egypt. One day this man and another Israelite man started to fight inside the camp. And while they were fighting, that man cursed Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:12

ULT

12 And they caused him to remain in the guard-post until it would be made clear to them what was in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

12 So the Israelite people seized him and guarded him until they could find out what Yahweh would reveal to them what they should do to that man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:13

ULT

13 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

13 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:14

ULT

14 “Bring out the one who has cursed to the outside of the camp. And all the hearers must lay their hands on his head, and all the assembly must stone him.

UST

14 “Tie up and take outside the camp the man who has cursed me. There all those who heard what he said must put their hands on his head to indicate that he is guilty, and then all the people must kill him by throwing stones at him.

What were the people of Israel told to do to the man who blasphemed Yahweh?

Yahweh told the people of Israel to take the man outside the camp, place their hands on him, and stone him to death.

Leviticus 24:15

ULT

15 And speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If any man curses his God, then he must bear his sin.

UST

15 Tell the Israelites, ‘If anyone curses me, he must endure the consequences.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:16

ULT

16 And he who blasphemes the name of Yahweh must surely be put to death. All the assembly must certainly stone him, as the sojouner so the native-born. When he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

UST

16 So anyone who curses me must be executed. All the people must throw stones at him. It does not matter if he is a foreigner or an Israelite from birth. Anyone who curses me must be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:17

ULT
17 And if a man strikes dead any human being, he must certainly be put to death.

UST
17 Also, if anyone murders another person, the people must execute him.

What must happen to a man who kills another man?
He must certainly be put to death.

Leviticus 24:18

ULT
18 And he who strikes dead the life of an animal must repay it, life in place of life.

UST
18 And anyone who kills another person's animal must give that person a live animal to replace the one that he killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:19

ULT
19 And if a man gives an injury to his fellow citizen, as he has done so it will be done to him:

UST
19 And if one person injures another person, the injured person is allowed to injure the person who injured him in the same way.

What did Yahweh say must be done to anyone who causes death or injury to another person? (vv19-20)
Yahweh said to the people that what they have done to another should be done to them; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

Leviticus 24:20

ULT

20 fracture in place of fracture, eye in place of eye, tooth in place of tooth. As he gave an injury to a human, so it must be given to him.

UST

20 If someone breaks one of another person's bones, that person is allowed to break one of the bones of the person who injured him. If someone gouges out an eye of another person, that person is allowed to gouge out the eye of the person who injured him. If someone knocks out the tooth of another person, that person is allowed to knock out one of his teeth. What is done to the offender must be the same as what he did to the other person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:21

ULT

21 And he who strikes dead an animal must repay it. And he who strikes dead a human must be put to death.

UST

21 Whoever kills another person's animal must give that person a live animal to replace the one that he killed, but the people must execute anyone who murders another person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:22

ULT

22 There must be one law for you, as the sojourner so will be the native-born. For I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

22 You Israelites and foreigners who live among you must all have that same law. I, Yahweh your God, am the one who has commanded it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 24:23

ULT

23 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and they brought the one who had cursed to the outside of the camp. And they stoned him with stones, and the sons of Israel did as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

23 Then Moses told the Israelites what they must do to the man who cursed Yahweh, so they took the man outside the camp and killed him by throwing stones at him. They did what Yahweh commanded Moses to tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25

Leviticus 25:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh said to Moses on Mount Sinai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:2

ULT

[2] “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you come to the land that I am giving to you, then the land must keep a sabbath, a sabbath for Yahweh.

UST

[2] “Tell the Israelites that Yahweh is giving these commands to them: When you enter the land that he is about to give you, every seventh year you must honor him by not planting any crops. You must allow the ground to rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:3

ULT

[3] Six years you must plant your field, and six years you must prune your vineyard and gather its produce.

UST

[3] During six years, you are to plant crops in your fields, prune your grapevines, and harvest your crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:4

ULT

4 And in the seventh year, there must be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath for Yahweh. You must not plant your field and you must not prune your vineyard.

UST

4 But during the seventh year you must allow your fields to rest, in order to honor Yahweh. Do not plant seeds in your fields or prune your grapevines during the seventh year.

What did Yahweh say should be done after the fields and vineyards are planted, pruned, and harvested for six years?

Yahweh said that after six years of planting, pruning, and harvesting the fields and vineyards, the seventh year should be a Sabbath of rest for the fields and vineyards.

Leviticus 25:5

ULT

5 You must not harvest the second growth of your harvest and you must not gather the grapes of your unpruned vines. It will be a year of solemn rest for the land.

UST

5 In the seventh year, you must not bring workers together to harvest whatever grain has grown in your fields; you must not bring workers together to harvest whatever grapes have grown on the vines that you did not cut back. You must allow the land to rest for that one year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:6

ULT

6 And the sabbath of the land will be for you, as food for you, and for your male slave, and for your female slave, and for your hired servant, and for the foriegn resident who is sojourning with you,

UST

6 But you are permitted to eat whatever crops have grown by themselves during that year. You and your male and female servants, and workers whom you have hired, and any foreigners who are living among you—you may all eat those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:7

ULT

[7] and for your livestock and for the wild animal that is in your land, all its yield will be for eating.

UST

[7] And your livestock and the wild animals in your land are permitted to eat them during that year as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:8

ULT

[8] And you must count for yourself seven sabbaths of years, seven times seven years, and there will be for you a period of seven sabbaths of years, 49 years.

UST

[8-9] After every forty-nine years has ended, you must do this for the celebration of Jubilee. On the tenth day of the seventh month of the next year, blow trumpets throughout the country, to announce the Day of Atonement.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:9

ULT

[9] And you must cause the horn blast to be heard on the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month. On the Day of Atonement you must cause the horn to be heard throughout all your land.

UST

[8-9] After every forty-nine years has ended, you must do this for the celebration of Jubilee. On the tenth day of the seventh month of the next year, blow trumpets throughout the country, to announce the Day of Atonement.

What must be done on the forty-ninth year, the tenth day of the seventh month?

A loud trumpet must be blown everywhere during the forty-ninth year, the tenth day of the seventh month.

Leviticus 25:10

ULT

10 And you must set apart the year, year 50, and proclaim freedom in the land to all its inhabitants. It will be a jubilee for you and you must return a man to his property and you must return a man to his family.

UST

10 Set apart that year in order to honor Yahweh. You must proclaim everywhere, to all the people, that this year will be the time for giving the land back to the families that first owned it when Yahweh brought you into your land. It will also be the time for setting free any of Yahweh's people who are slaves.

What will the fiftieth year be called?

The fiftieth year will be called the year of jubilee.

What significant event will take place during the jubilee year?

During the jubilee year, property and slaves will be returned to their families.

Leviticus 25:11

ULT

11 That year, year 50, will be a jubilee for you. You must not plant and not harvest its second growth and not harvest its unpruned vines.

UST

11 This year of Jubilee, the fiftieth year, will be a year in which you must rejoice and obey Yahweh's special instructions. During that year do not plant anything, and do not harvest in your usual manner the crops or grapes that have grown by themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:12

ULT

12 For it is a jubilee, it will be holy for you. You must eat its yield from the field.

UST

12 It will be a year for you to rejoice in, the year of Jubilee. You will treat it as special, and eat only what has grown by itself.

What should be eaten during the jubilee year?

Only the food that grows by itself should be eaten during the jubilee year.

Leviticus 25:13

ULT
13 In this Year of Jubilee you must return a man to his property.

UST
13 In that year of celebration, the year of Jubilee, and everyone must return to their property to the original owner of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:14

ULT
14 And if you sell something sold to your fellow citizen or buy from the hand of your fellow citizen, a man must not oppress his brother.

UST
14 If you sell some of your land to a fellow Israelite or if you buy some land from one of them, you must treat that person fairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:15

ULT
15 According to the number of years after the jubilee you must buy from your fellow citizen. According to the number of years of yield he must sell to you.

UST
15 If you buy land, the price that you will pay will depend on the number of years until the next celebration of Jubilee. If someone sells land to you, he will charge a price that reflects the number of years remaining until the next year of celebration of Jubilee, when all property will be returned to their original owners.

What must the people consider when buying or selling land? (vv15-17)
People should consider how many years there are to the next jubilee year. The more years there are, the more valuable is the land.

Leviticus 25:16

ULT

16 According to the multitude of the years you must increase its purchase price, but according to the fewness of the years you must decrease its purchase price, because of the number of yields he is selling to you.

UST

16 If there will be many years before the next time for the celebration of Jubilee, the price will be higher. If there will be only a few years until the next year of celebration, the price will be lower. You could say that what he is really selling you is the number of crops you could harvest before the next year of the celebration of Jubilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:17

ULT

17 And you must not oppress, a man his fellow citizen. And you must fear your God, for I am Yahweh your God.

UST

17 Do not cheat each other. Instead, honor Yahweh. It is Yahweh, whom we Israelites worship, who is commanding us to do these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:18

ULT

18 And you must do my statutes, and my laws you must keep and do them. And you will dwell on the land securely.

UST

18 Obey all my laws carefully. If you do that, you will continue to live safely in your country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:19

ULT

[19] And the land will give its fruit, and you will eat to satisfaction and dwell securely on it.

UST

[19] The crops will grow well on the land, and you will have plenty to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:20

ULT

[20] And if you say, “What will we eat in the seventh year? Look, we cannot plant and we cannot gather our yield.”

UST

[20] But you may ask, “If we do not plant or harvest our crops during the seventh year, what will we have to eat?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:21

ULT

[21] Then I will command my blessing for you in the sixth year, and it will produce yield for three years.

UST

[21] Yahweh answers you that he will bless you very much during the sixth year, with the result that during that year there will be enough crops to provide food for you for three years.

How will Yahweh take care of his people during the seventh year, the Sabbath year, when crops are not to be grown?

Yahweh told the people that the harvest the sixth year would exceed the normal harvest by three times, so there would be food for the seventh year.

Leviticus 25:22

ULT

22 And you will plant in the eighth year and you will eat from the old yield until the ninth year, until its yield comes in you will eat the old.

UST

22 Then, after you plant seed during the eighth year and wait for the crops to grow, you will eat the food grown in the sixth year; you will continue to eat it until you harvest your crops in the ninth year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:23

ULT

23 And the land must not be sold for perpetuity, for the land belongs to me. For you are sojourners and temporary residents with me.

UST

23 You must not sell any of your land to belong to someone else permanently, because the land is not yours. It is really mine, and you are only living on it temporarily and farming it for me.

What did Yahweh say to the people about permanent ownership of land?

Yahweh said to not sell the land permanently to a new owner because the land belonged to him.

Leviticus 25:24

ULT

24 And in all the land of your possession you must give redemption for the land.

UST

24 Throughout the country that you will possess, you must remember that if someone sells some of his land to you, he is permitted to buy it back from you at any time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:25

ULT

25 If your brother becomes poor and sells some of his property, then his redeemer nearest to him may come and redeem the things sold of his brother.

UST

25 So if one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and sells some of his property to you for money, the person who is most closely related to him is permitted to come and buy back that land for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:26

ULT

26 And if a man does not have a redeemer for it, but his hand produces and he finds enough for its redemption,

UST

26 However, if a man has no one to buy the land for him, but if he himself prospers again and has saved enough money to buy that land back,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:27

ULT

27 then he may calculate the years of its sale and return the balance to the man whom he sold it to. And he may return to his property.

UST

27 he must calculate how many years there will be until the next year of celebration. Then he must pay to the man who bought the land the money that the other man would have earned by growing crops on that land for those years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:28

ULT

28 And if his hand does not find enough to get it back for himself, then his sold things will remain in the hand of he who bought it until the Year of Jubilee. And it will go out in the Jubilee and he will return to his property.

UST

28 But if the original owner does not have enough money to buy back the land that he sold, it will continue to belong to the man who bought it until the next year of the celebration of Jubilee. In that year he will take possession of it again, and he will be able to farm it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:29

ULT

29 And if a man sells a residential house of a walled city, then his right of redemption will be until the completion of the year of its sale. It will be the days of his right of redemption.

UST

29 If someone sells a house in a city that has a wall around it, during the next year he will be permitted to buy it back from the man who bought it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:30

ULT

30 And if it is not redeemed for him up to the fulfilling of an entire year, then the house which is in the city which has its wall will belong in perpetuity to him who bought it and to his descendants. It will not go out in the Jubilee.

UST

30 If he does not buy it during that year, it will belong permanently to the man who bought it, and to that man's descendants. He does not need to return it to the original owner in the year of celebration of Jubilee.

What property is not to be returned during the jubilee year?

A house bought in a walled city will become permanent property of the man who bought it after a year.

Leviticus 25:31

ULT

31 And the houses of the villages that have no wall around them will be considered as the field of the land. There will be redemption for it, and in the Jubilee it will go out.

UST

31 But houses that are in villages without walls are considered to be as though they were in a field. So if someone sells one of those houses, he is permitted to buy it back at any time. And even if he does not buy it, he will take possession of it again at the year of the celebration of Jubilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:32

ULT

32 As for the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, the right of redemption is permanent for the Levites.

UST

32 The descendants of Levi are a special case, however. If they sell their houses in the cities that belong to them, they are permitted to buy them back at any time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:33

ULT

33 And whatever is from the Levites he may redeem, and a sold house or a city of his posession will go out in the Jubilee. For the houses of the cities of the Levites—it is their possession among the sons of Israel.

UST

33 But even if they do not buy back those houses, they will become theirs again in the year of the celebration of Jubilee, because those houses are in their cities, on land that the other Israelites had given to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:34

ULT
34 And the field of the pastureland of their cities must not be sold because it is their permanent possession.

UST
34 But the pastureland near their towns must not be sold. It must belong to the original owners permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:35

ULT
35 And if your brother becomes poor and his hand is shaky with you, then you must support him as a sojourner or temporary resident and he will live with you.

UST
35 If one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and is unable to buy what he needs, others of you must help him as you would help a foreigner who is living among you temporarily.

How are the people to treat a fellow countryman who becomes poor and can no longer provide for himself? (vv35-36)
The people are to help him, not charge him interest or try to profit from him in any way.

Leviticus 25:36

ULT
36 Do not take from him interest or usury, and you must fear your God and your brother may live with you.

UST
36 If you lend money to him, do not charge any kind of interest. Instead, show by what you do that you honor your God; you must help that man, in order that he will be able to continue to live among you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:37

ULT

37 Your silver you must not give to him with interest and for profit you must not give your food.

UST

37 If you lend him money, do not charge interest; and if you sell food to him, charge him only what you paid for it. Do not try to make a profit from it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:38

ULT

38 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt to give to you the land of Canaan, to be your God.

UST

38 Do not forget that it is Yahweh your God who is giving you these commands; it is, after all, Yahweh who brought you out of Egypt to be your God and to give you the land of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:39

ULT

39 And if your brother with you becomes poor and is sold to you, you must not make him work the work of a slave.

UST

39 If one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and sells himself to you, do not force him to work like a slave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:40

ULT

40 Like a hired worker, like a temporary resident, he must be with you. Until the Year of Jubilee he will serve with you.

UST

40 Treat him as you treat workers whom you hire or like someone who is living on your land temporarily. He must work for you only until the year of the celebration of Jubilee.

How should the people treat a fellow countryman who has sold himself as a slave?

The people should treat a fellow countryman who has sold himself as a slave as a hired-servant, not made to work like a slave.

Leviticus 25:41

ULT

41 And he will go away from you, he and his sons with him, and he will return to his clan. And he will return to the possession of his fathers.

UST

41 During that year, you must free him, and he may go back to his family and to the property that his ancestors owned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:42

ULT

42 For they are my servants, them which I brought out of the land of Egypt. They will not be sold in a slave sale.

UST

42 It is as though we Israelites are all Yahweh's slaves, whom he freed from being slaves in Egypt. So none of you should buy each other and make each other into slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:43

ULT

43 You must not rule over him with ruthlessness, and you must fear your God.

UST

43 And do not treat the Israelites whom you buy cruelly. Instead, honor Yahweh, our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:44

ULT

44 As for your male slave and your female slave who you have for yourself, from the nations that surround you, from them you may acquire a male slave or a female slave.

UST

44 If you want to have slaves, you are permitted to buy them from nearby people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:45

ULT

45 And also from the sons of the sojourners who are dwelling with you, from them you may acquire, and from their clans who are with you, who have given birth in your land—they may become your property.

UST

45 You are also permitted to buy some of the foreigners who are living among you, and members of their clans that were born in your country. You may own them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:46

ULT

46 And you may bequeath them to your sons after you, to inherit as a possession, you may let them work permanently. But as for your brothers, the sons of Israel, a man with his brother, you must not rule over him with ruthlessness.

UST

46 They will be your slaves for the remaining years of your life, and after you die, it is permitted for your children to own them. But you must not act in brutal ways toward your fellow Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:47

ULT

47 And if the hand of a sojourner or a temporary resident with you has produced, and your brother with you becomes poor and is sold to a sojourner, a temporary resident with you, or to a descendant of a clan of a sojourner,

UST

47 Suppose a foreigner who is living among you becomes rich, and if a fellow Israelite becomes poor and sells himself to that foreigner or to a member of his clan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:48

ULT

48 after he has been sold, there will be redemption for him. One of his brothers may redeem him,

UST

48 it is permitted for someone to pay for him to be freed. It is permitted for one of his relatives to pay for him to be released.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:49

ULT

49 or his uncle, or the son of his uncle may redeem him; or a relative of his flesh from his clan may redeem him. Or, if his hand has produced, then he may redeem himself.

UST

49 An uncle or a cousin or another relative in his clan may pay for him to be released. Or, if he prospers and gets enough money, he is permitted to pay for his own release.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:50

ULT

50 And he will calculate with his buyer from the year he was sold to him until the Year of Jubilee, and the silver of his sale must be according to the number of years; like the days of a hired worker it will be with him.

UST

50 The man who wants to pay for his own release must count the number of years until the next year of the celebration of Jubilee. The price he pays to the man who bought him will depend on the pay that would be given to a hired worker for that number of remaining years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:51

ULT

51 If there are still many of the years, according to them he must pay back his redemption from the silver of his purchase.

UST

51 If there are a lot of years that remain until the year of celebration, he must pay for his release a larger amount of the money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:52

ULT

52 And if a few of the years until the Year of Jubilee are left, then he must calculate for him according to his years. He must pay back his redemption.

UST

52 If there are only a few years that remain until the year of the celebration of Jubilee, he must pay a smaller amount to be released.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:53

ULT

53 Like a hired worker year by year he will be with him. He must not rule over him with ruthlessness in your eyes.

UST

53 During those years that he is working for the man who bought him, the man who bought him must treat him like he would treat a hired worker, and all of you must make sure that his owner does not treat him cruelly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:54

ULT

54 And if he is not redeemed by these, then he must go out in the Year of Jubilee, he and his sons with him.

UST

54 And even if a fellow Israelite who has sold himself to a rich man is not able to pay for himself to be freed by any of these ways, he and his children must be freed in the year of the celebration of Jubilee,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 25:55

ULT

55 For to me the sons of Israel are servants. They are my servants, them which I brought out of the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.'"

UST

55 because it is as though you Israelites are my slaves, whom I, Yahweh your God, freed from being slaves in Egypt.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26

Leviticus 26:1

ULT

1 “You must not make for yourselves idols. And a carved figure or a stone pillar you must not lift up for yourselves, and a stone sculpture you must not put in your land to bow down in front of it. For I am Yahweh your God.

UST

1 Yahweh also said this to Moses on Mount Sinai, “Do not make idols or set up carved figures or sacred stones to worship as if they were God. And do not put on your property a stone that you have carved so you can bow down to it. You must worship only me, Yahweh, your God.

What does Yahweh say to the people they should not make?

Yahweh says to the people they should not make idols.

Leviticus 26:2

ULT

2 My sabbaths you must keep and my holy place you must fear. I am Yahweh.

UST

2 Honor the Sabbath days and revere my sacred tent, because I, Yahweh, live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:3

ULT

3 If you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and do them,

UST

3 If you carefully obey all my commands,

What must the people do to make sure Yahweh sends rain and harvest?

Yahweh says the people must walk with his laws and keep his commandments, and obey them to receive his rain and harvest.

Leviticus 26:4

ULT

4 then I will give your rain in its season. And the land will give its yield, and the tree of the field will give its fruit.

UST

4 I will send rain for you at the proper times in order that crops will grow on your land and there will be plenty of fruit on your trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:5

ULT

5 And your threshing season will reach the grape harvest, and the grape harvest will reach the planting season. And you will eat your bread to satisfaction and dwell securely in your land.

UST

5 You will continue harvesting and threshing grain until it is time to harvest grapes, and you will continue to harvest grapes until it is time to start planting things in the following year. You will have all the food that you want to eat, and you will live safely in your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:6

ULT

6 And I will give peace in the land. And you will lie down and there will be nothing that makes one afraid. And I will remove the harmful animals from the land, and the sword will not pass through your land.

UST

6 If you obey all my laws, there will be peace in your country, and when you lie down to sleep. Nothing will cause you to be afraid. I will get rid of the dangerous animals in your country, and there will be no wars in your country.

What will Yahweh do to make the people safe?

Yahweh will remove the dangerous animals and cause the sword to not pass through the land.

Leviticus 26:7

ULT

[7] And you will pursue those who are hostile to you, and they will fall before your face by the sword.

UST

[7] You will pursue your enemies and kill them with your swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:8

ULT

[8] And five from you will pursue a hundred, and a hundred from you will pursue ten thousand. And those who are hostile to you will fall before your face by the sword.

UST

[8] Five of you will pursue a hundred of them, and a hundred of you will pursue ten thousand of them and kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:9

ULT

[9] And I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you. And I will establish my covenant with you.

UST

[9] If you obey all my laws, I will bless you and cause you to have many children. And I will do what I said that I would do in the covenant that I made with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:10

ULT

[10] And you will eat the old that has grown old and the old you will bring out from the face of the new.

UST

[10] When you are still eating food from the harvest from the previous year, it will be necessary for you to throw away some of it to make space to store the new harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:11

ULT

11 And I will put my holy place in the midst of you, and my spirit will not detest you.

UST

11 I will live among you in my sacred tent, and I will never reject you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:12

ULT

12 And I will walk in the midst of you and I will be your God, and you will be my people.

UST

12 I will live among you and continue to be your God, and you will continue to be my people.

If the people do what Yahweh tells them to do, what does he promise to do for them?

If the people do what Yahweh tells them to do, he promises to walk among them, be their God, and they will be his people.

Leviticus 26:13

ULT

13 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from being their slaves. And I broke the bars of your yoke and made you to walk upright.

UST

13 I am Yahweh your God, the one who brought you out of Egypt in order that you would no longer be slaves of the people of Egypt. When you were there, it was as though you were animals that were pulling plows for the people of Egypt, but I broke the bars of the yokes that they had put around your necks; I made you able to walk with your heads up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:14

ULT

14 And if you will not listen to me, and will not do all these commandments,

UST

14 But suppose you pay no attention to me; suppose you refuse to obey what I have told you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:15

ULT

15 and if you reject my statutes and if your spirit detests my laws, so as to not do all my commandments, so that you break my covenant—

UST

15 Suppose that you reject my decrees and laws, and do not obey me, but that instead you reject the covenant that I made with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:16

ULT

16 then surely I will do this to you: I will inflict terror on you, consumption and fever that destroys the eyes and drains away life. And you will sow your seed for nothing, because those who are hostile to you will eat it.

UST

16 In that case, these are the things that I will do to you. I will suddenly send disasters that will ruin you. You will have diseases that cannot be cured, and fevers that will cause you to become blind and will slowly kill you. It will be useless for you to plant your fields, because your enemies will eat the crops that grow.

What kind of disease and fever did Yahweh say he would send on Israel if they did not obey his commandments?

Yahweh says he would send disease and fever that would destroy their eyes and drain away their lives if they did not obey his commandments.

Leviticus 26:17

ULT

17 And I will set my face against you, and you will be defeated in the face of those who are hostile to you. And those who hate you will rule over you; and you will flee, though there is not one who chases you.

UST

17 I will reject you, so your enemies will conquer you. Then they will rule over you, and you will be so terrified that you will run away even if they do not pursue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:18

ULT

18 And if up to these you do not listen to me, then I will continue to discipline you seven times for your sins.

UST

18 But after all these things happen to you, if you still refuse to obey me, I will continue to punish you again and again for the sins that you have committed.

What does Yahweh say he will do if the people do not obey his commandments and decrees?

Yahweh says if the people do not obey his commandments, they will be punished seven times as severely for their sins.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the weather if Israel did not obey his commandments? (vv18-19)

Yahweh said he would make the sky over them like iron (drought).

Leviticus 26:19

ULT

19 And I will break the pride of your power. And I will make your sky like iron and your land like bronze.

UST

19 I will punish you so much that you will no longer be stubborn or proud. I will not let any rain fall in your land. It will be as though the sky were made of iron, and the ground were as hard as bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:20

ULT

[20] And your strength will be used up for nothing, because your land will not give its yield. And the tree of the land will not give its fruit.

UST

[20] You will uselessly work very hard to plant seeds, because crops will not grow in the hard soil in your fields, and fruit will not grow on your trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:21

ULT

[21] And if you walk against me in opposition and are not willing to listen to me, then I will add upon you a plague seven times, according to your sins.

UST

[21] If you continue to act against me and refuse to obey me, I will cause you to experience disasters again and again, as you deserve to experience because of your sins.

Yahweh said if Israel wouldn't listen to him, he would send dangerous animals against them. What did Yahweh say those animals would do? (vv21-22)

Yahweh said those animals would steal their children, destroy their cattle and make them few in number.

Leviticus 26:22

ULT

[22] And I will send forth among you animals of the field, and they will make you childless, and destroy your livestock, and make you few in number. And your roads will become deserted.

UST

[22] I will send wild animals to attack you, and they will kill your little children and destroy your cattle. There will be very few of you who will remain alive, with the result that there will be very few people traveling about on the roads in your country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:23

ULT

23 And if in spite of these things you do not accept my discpline and you walk against me in opposition,

UST

23 When you experience those things that I do to punish you, if you still do not pay attention to me, and if you continue to act against me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:24

ULT

24 then I will also walk, I myself, against you in opposition. And I will strike you, even I myself, seven times because of your sins.

UST

24 I myself will act against you, and I will punish you for your sins again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:25

ULT

25 And I will bring a sword upon you that will avenge with the vengeance of the covenant, and you will be gathered into your cities. And I will send a plague in the midst of you, and you will be given into the hand of the one who is hostile.

UST

25 I will send armies to you to punish you for not doing the things that I commanded you to do in the covenant that I made with you. If you try to escape from your enemies by hiding behind your city walls, I will send plagues to you, and I will allow your enemies to capture you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:26

ULT

26 When I break the staff of your bread, then ten women will bake your bread in one oven. And they will distribute your bread by weight, and you will eat but not be satisfied.

UST

26 When I destroy your supplies of food, there will be very little flour with which to make bread. As a result, ten women will be able to bake all their bread in only one oven. When the bread is baked, each woman will divide it among the members of her family, but there will be very little for each one, and when they have eaten all of it, they will still be hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:27

ULT

27 And if in spite of this you do not listen to me, and you walk against me in opposition,

UST

27 After all those things happen, if you still do not obey me, if you still act against me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:28

ULT

28 then I will walk against you in the wrath of opposition. And I will discipline you, even I, seven times for your sins.

UST

28 I will be very angry with you, and I will act against you; I myself will punish you for your sins again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:29

ULT

29 And you will eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters you will eat.

UST

29 You will be so hungry that you will kill your sons and daughters and eat their flesh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:30

ULT

30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and put your corpses on the corpses of your idols, and I myself will abhor you.

UST

30 I will make sure that other people destroy the hills where you have worshiped idols. I will smash the altars where you burn incense to worship your gods, and I will cause your corpses to be piled on the lifeless figures of your idols. And I will hate you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:31

ULT

31 And I will lay your cities in ruins and make your holy places desolate. And I will not smell your sweet aromas.

UST

31 I will cause your cities to become heaps of ruins, and I will cause the buildings that you built for your idols to collapse. And I will not be pleased at all with the aroma of your offerings that are burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:32

ULT

32 And I myself will make the land desolate, and those who are hostile to you who dwell in it will be shocked at it.

UST

32 I will completely ruin your country, with the result that even your enemies who capture it will be shocked when they see this happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:33

ULT

33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe a sword behind you. And your land will be desolate, and your cities will be ruined.

UST

33 I will enable your enemies to kill you with their swords, and I will cause them to scatter the rest of you among other people groups. I will make sure that they ruin your country and destroy your cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:34

ULT

34 Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of its desolation while you are in the land of those who are hostile to you. Then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

UST

34 After that happens, as long as you are living in your enemies' countries, I will allow your land to rest, as you should have done every seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:35

ULT

35 All the days of its desolation it will rest what it did not rest on your sabbaths when you lived on it.

UST

35 During all the time that no one is in your land, it will be able to rest. This will be unlike you, who never allowed it to rest while you were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:36

ULT

36 As for the ones who are remaining among you, I will bring despair into their hearts in the land of those who are hostile to them, and the sound of a windblown leaf will chase them. And they will flee as one fleeing from a sword, and you will fall though there is not one who chases.

UST

36 As for you people who will remain alive in the countries to which your enemies will have taken you, I will make you very afraid, so when you hear the wind blowing leaves, you will run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:37

ULT

37 And you will stumble, each over his brother, as from the face of a sword, though there is not one who chases. And you will have no power to stand to the face of those who are hostile to you.

UST

37 You will run as if a man with a sword were chasing you, and you will fall down, even though no one is coming behind you. You will stumble over each other trying to flee. You will not be able to stand and fight your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:38

ULT

38 And you will perish among the nations, and the land of those who are hostile to you will devour you.

UST

38 Many of you will die in your enemies' countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:39

ULT

39 And the ones who are remaining among you will rot in their iniquity, in the lands of those who are hostile to you. And also in the iniquities of their fathers they will rot with them.

UST

39 And those of you who remain alive will slowly die and rot there because of your sins and the sins of your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:40

ULT

40 And if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, in their unfaithfulness which they acted unfaithfully against me, and also that they walked against me in opposition—

UST

40-41 But your descendants must confess their sins and the sins that their ancestors committed. Their ancestors acted unfaithfully toward me and were hostile to me, so I forced them to go to their enemies' countries. But when your descendants humble themselves and stop being very stubborn and accept being punished for their sins,

If the people do not obey Yahweh, have they lost all hope? (vv40-42)

Yahweh says that if the people will confess their sins, the sins of their fathers, their treason against Yahweh, and humbly accept the punishment for their sin, he will call to mind the covenant he made with Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham.

Leviticus 26:41

ULT

41 also I myself went against them in opposition and I brought them into the land of those who are hostile to them—if then their uncircumcised hearts become humbled, and then they pay for their iniquity,

UST

40-41 But your descendants must confess their sins and the sins that their ancestors committed. Their ancestors acted unfaithfully toward me and were hostile to me, so I forced them to go to their enemies' countries. But when your descendants humble themselves and stop being very stubborn and accept being punished for their sins,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:42

ULT

42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob. And also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham I will remember. And I will remember the land.

UST

42 I will keep in mind the covenant that I made with your ancestors Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and what I promised to them about the land of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:43

ULT

43 And the land was abandoned by them, and it will rejoice with its sabbaths while being desolate without them. And they themselves will pay for their iniquity because they rejected my judgments and their spirit detested my statutes.

UST

43 But before that happens, my people will be forced to leave their land, with the result that the land will be able to rest while no one is in it, and while I am punishing the people for rejecting my laws and hating my decrees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:44

ULT

44 And despite even this, when they are in the land of those who are hostile to them, I will not reject them, and I will not detest them so as to destroy them, to break my covenant with them. For I am Yahweh their God.

UST

44 But I will still not reject them or hate them and destroy them completely. I will not cancel the covenant that I made with them. I will still be Yahweh, the God whom they should worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 26:45

ULT

45 And I will remember for their sake the covenant with their ancestors, them whom I brought out from the land of Egypt in the eyes of the nations, to be their God. I am Yahweh.”

UST

45 I will keep in mind the covenant that I made with your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, something that the people of all nations heard about. I did this so that I, Yahweh, would be your God.”

In spite of their sin, what does Yahweh promise to do?

Yahweh promises not to reject them or detest them so as to completely destroy them and do away with the covenant he made with them, so that he may be their God.

Leviticus 26:46

ULT

46 These are the statutes, and the judgments, and the instructions that Yahweh made between himself and between the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

UST

46 Those are the commandments, the decrees, and the laws that Yahweh established on Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelite people by giving them to Moses to tell to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27

Leviticus 27:1

ULT
[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
[1] Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:2

ULT
[2] “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘If a man vows a vow according to your valuation of persons to Yahweh,

UST
[2] “Tell the Israelite people these things for me: ‘If a man solemnly promises to set apart another person to belong only to Yahweh, Yahweh will be willing to set that person free from having to do that if the responsible man pays the priest an amount of money. The priest must calculate the amount of money in terms of the silver pieces that they use in Yahweh’s sacred tent.

What is the purpose of the standard value?
When a person is dedicated to Yahweh, he may make a special vow that requires him to use the standard value.

Leviticus 27:3

ULT
[3] then your valuation will be for a male from a son of 20 years and up to a son of 60 years and your valuation must be 50 shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the holy place.

UST
[3] These are the amounts that Yahweh has set for this kind of transaction: fifty pieces of silver for men who are between twenty and sixty years old;

What is the standard value of a man between the ages of twenty and sixty?
A man between the ages of twenty and sixty has a standard value of fifty shekels of silver.

Leviticus 27:4

ULT

[4] And if she is a female, then your valuation must be 30 shekels.

UST

[4] thirty pieces of silver for adult women who are between twenty and sixty years old.

What is the standard value of a woman between the ages of twenty and sixty?

A woman between the ages of twenty and sixty has the standard value of thirty shekels.

Leviticus 27:5

ULT

[5] And if from a son of five years and up to a son of 20 years, then your valuation for the male must be 20 shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

UST

[5] Twenty pieces of silver would be paid for young men who are between five and twenty years old; ten pieces of silver for young women who are between five and twenty years old;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:6

ULT

[6] And if from a son of a month and up to a son of five years, then your valuation for the male must be five shekels of silver, and for the female your valuation of three shekels of silver.

UST

[6] five pieces of silver for boys who are between one month and five years old; three pieces of silver for girls who are between one month and five years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:7

ULT

[7] And if from a son of 60 years and up, if a male, then your valuation must be 15 shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

UST

[7] Fifteen pieces of silver would be paid for men who are more than sixty years old; ten pieces of silver for women who are more than sixty years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:8

ULT

[8] And if he is poorer than your valuation, then he must present himself to the face of the priest, and the priest will value him. According to what the hand of the one making the vow produces the priest will value him.

UST

[8] If anyone who has made such a solemn promise is very poor and unable to pay to set free the person whom he has given to Yahweh, he must take that person to the priest. The priest will set the price for freeing him to an amount that the person can pay.

What if the one making the vow is unable to afford the standard value of the person he is dedicating?

If the one making the vow is not able to afford the standard value, he may be presented to the priest and the priest will value that person by the amount the one making the vow is able to afford.

Leviticus 27:9

ULT

[9] And if it is an animal from which they offer an offering to Yahweh, all that he gives from them to Yahweh will be set apart.

UST

[9] If someone solemnly promises Yahweh to give him an animal that is acceptable to him, that animal becomes very special to Yahweh; it belongs to him alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:10

ULT

10 He must not replace it and he must not exchange it, a good one for a bad one or a bad for a good. And if he exchanges at all an animal for an animal, then it will be and the exchanged one will be set apart.

UST

10 The person who promised to give it must not give another animal instead of the one that he promised. He must not substitute a bad one for a good one or even a better one than the one offered. If he tries to do that, both animals will become dedicated to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:11

ULT

11 And if any animal is unclean from which an offering must not be offered to Yahweh, then he must present the animal to the face of the priest.

UST

11 If the animal that he wishes to give to Yahweh is a kind that is unacceptable to be an offering, he must take the animal to the priest.

What other things may the priest value that are to be presented to Yahweh?

The priest may also value an animal to be presented for sacrifice, a man's house, or some of his land.

Leviticus 27:12

ULT

12 And the priest will set its value as either good or bad. According to the valuation of you, the priest, thus will it be.

UST

12 The priest then will decide what its value is, according to the animal's quality. Whatever value the priests sets will be the value, and that is the price of the animal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:13

ULT

13 And if he ever redeems it, then he must add its fifth in addition to your valuation.

UST

13 If the man who gave the animal later decides that he wants to buy it back, he must pay to the priest that price plus an added one-fifth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:14

ULT

14 And when a man sets apart his house as a holy thing to Yahweh, then the priest will set its value as either good or bad. As the priest values it, so it will stand.

UST

14 Similarly, if someone dedicates his house, and to set it apart for the honor of Yahweh, the priest will decide how much it is worth, which will depend on the house's condition. Whatever the priest says that it is worth, that will be its value.

What other things may the priest value that are to be presented to Yahweh?

The priest may also value an animal to be presented for sacrifice, a man's house, or some of his land.

Leviticus 27:15

ULT

15 And if the one who set it apart redeems his house, then he must add a fifth of the silver of your valuation to it, and it will belong to him.

UST

15 If a man set apart his house for the honor of Yahweh, but later he wants to buy it back, he must pay that price plus an added one-fifth, and then the house will belong to him again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:16

ULT

16 And if a man sets apart part of the field of his property to Yahweh, then your valuation will be in proportion to its seed—a homer of barley seed for 50 shekels of silver.

UST

16 If someone sets apart for the honor of Yahweh some of the property that belongs to him and his family, its value will be determined by the quantity of seed that would be needed to sow that entire tract of land. It will be ten pieces of silver for each 220 liters of seed.

What other things may the priest value that are to be presented to Yahweh?

The priest may also value an animal to be presented for sacrifice, a man's house, or some of his land.

Leviticus 27:17

ULT

17 If he sets apart his field during the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it will stand.

UST

17 If the man sets apart for the honor of Yahweh the land during the year of the celebration of Jubilee, its value will be the full amount.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:18

ULT

18 And if he sets apart his field after the Jubilee, then the priest must calculate for it the silver according to the years remaining until the Year of Jubilee, and it must be reduced from your valuation.

UST

18 But if he sets apart his field to Yahweh after the year of the celebration of Jubilee, the priest will count the number of years until the next year of the celebration of Jubilee, and if there are not many years that remain, the price will be much lower than the full price.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:19

ULT

19 And if he who set it apart ever redeems the field, then he must add a fifth of the silver of your valuation to it, and it will belong to him.

UST

19 If the person who set apart the field for Yahweh later wants to buy it back, he must pay to the priest the price that the priest says it is worth, plus an added one-fifth, and then the field will belong to that man again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:20

ULT

20 And if he does not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it cannot be redeemed again.

UST

20 However, if he does not buy it back, or if it has been sold to someone else, he will never be permitted to buy it back again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:21

ULT

21 And the field will be, when it goes out in the Jubilee, a holy thing to Yahweh, like the field that has been dedicated by ban. It will belong to the priest as his property.

UST

21 In the year of the celebration of Jubilee, it will be permanently set apart as a holy gift for Yahweh, and it will be given to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:22

ULT

22 And if he sets apart to Yahweh a field of his acquisition that is not part of the field of his property,

UST

22 If someone sets apart for the honor of Yahweh some land that he has bought, land which is not part of the land that his family has always owned,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:23

ULT

23 then the priest will calculate for him the amount of your valuation up to the Year of Jubilee, and the man must give your valuation on that day as a holy thing to Yahweh.

UST

23 the priest must count the number of years until the next year of the celebration of Jubilee to determine how much it is worth, and the man must pay that amount to the priest on that day, and then that land will belong to him again, and his payment becomes a holy gift to Yahweh.

What must a man do with a field he has sanctified to Yahweh in the year of the jubilee?

When a man has sanctified a field to Yahweh and the year of the jubilee comes, the priest will figure the estimated value of the field up to the year of the jubilee and the man must pay its value on that day as a holy gift to Yahweh.

Leviticus 27:24

ULT

24 In the Year of Jubilee, the field will return to whom he bought it from, to whom belongs the posession of the land.

UST

24 However, in the year of the celebration of Jubilee, the land will again come into the possession of the person from whom he bought it, the person whose family had always owned that land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:25

ULT
25 And all your valuations must be by the shekel of the holy place; 20 gerahs must be the shekel.

UST
25 All the silver that is paid must be calculated in terms of the official pieces of silver in the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:26

ULT
26 Surely the firstborn which belongs as firstborn to Yahweh among animals, a man must not set it apart. Whether ox or sheep, it belongs to Yahweh.

UST
26 No one is permitted to dedicate the firstborn of any cow or sheep for any purpose, because the firstborn already belongs to Yahweh.

Which of the animals belongs only to Yahweh?
The firstborn of all the animals belongs only to Yahweh.

Leviticus 27:27

ULT
27 And if it is among the unclean animals, then he may buy it back according to your valuation, and he must add its fifth to it. And if it is not redeemed, then it will be sold at your valuation.

UST
27 If someone gives to him an animal that is not acceptable to him, that person may later buy it back by paying what it is worth plus an added one-fifth of its value. If he does not buy it back, it must be sold for its standard price.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:28

ULT

28 Surely any dedicated thing that a man dedicates to Yahweh, from all that belongs to him, from human or animal, or from the field of his property, must not be sold and must not be redeemed. Every dedicated thing, it is the holiest holy thing to Yahweh.

UST

28 However, no slave or animal or family land that someone owns can be sold or bought back after it has been dedicated to Yahweh. It becomes holy to Yahweh.

What part of the things dedicated to Yahweh may be sold or redeemed?

Nothing dedicated to Yahweh may be sold or redeemed.

Leviticus 27:29

ULT

29 Every dedicated one who is dedicated from mankind must not be ransomed. He must surely be put to death.

UST

29 No person who has done something that Yahweh considers to be very wicked is permitted to go free. The people must certainly execute such a person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:30

ULT

30 And all the tithe of the land, from the seed of the land and from the fruit of the tree, belongs to Yahweh. It is holy to Yahweh.

UST

30 One tenth of all the crops and grain or fruit that is produced on anyone’s land is sacred and belongs to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:31

ULT

31 And if a man ever redeems some of his tenth, he must add its fifth in addition to it.

UST

31 If anyone wants to buy back any of that tenth, he must pay to the priest what it is worth plus an added one-fifth.

If a man redeems any of his tithe, what must he add to it?

If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth to its value.

Leviticus 27:32

ULT

32 As for every tenth of the herd or the flock, anything that passes under the rod, the tenth must be set apart to Yahweh.

UST

32 And every ten domestic animals belongs to Yahweh. When a shepherd counts them as they pass under his walking stick, to decide which ones he will give to me, he must mark every tenth one as belonging to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:33

ULT

33 He must not seek to distinguish between good and bad, and he must not exchange it. And if he exchanges it at all, then it will be and its substitute will be set apart. It must not be redeemed.'"

UST

33 When he does that, he must not pick out the good ones or leave the bad ones, or substitute bad ones for good ones. If he substitutes one animal for another, both animals will belong to Yahweh, and the shepherd will not be permitted to buy them back."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Leviticus 27:34

ULT

34 These are the commandments that Yahweh commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

UST

34 Those are the commands that Yahweh gave to Moses on Mount Sinai to tell to the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers

Numbers 1

Numbers 1:1

ULT

1 Then Yahweh spoke to Moses in the tent of meeting in the wilderness of Sinai on 1 of the second month in the second year of their going out from the land of Egypt, saying,

UST

1 In the second month of the year after the Israelite people had left Egypt, Yahweh spoke to Moses while he was in the sacred tent, in the wilderness of Sinai. Yahweh said to him,

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to count in the census? (vv1-3)
He told Moses to count all the men of Israel, every male who was twenty years old or older.

Numbers 1:2

ULT

2 “Lift up the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of names, every male according to their skulls,

UST

2 “Count how many Israelite men, from each family in Israel, and count them by name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:3

ULT

3 from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war in Israel. You and Aaron must count them according to their armies.

UST

3 You and Aaron must count the men who are at least twenty years old, those who can serve as soldiers in the army. Write down the number of the men, along with the names of their clans and families.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:4

ULT
4 And with you will be a man, a man of the tribe. He will be the head man of the house of his fathers.

UST
4 I have chosen one man from each of the tribes to help you to do this. Each one must be a leader of his clan.

Who would serve Moses as tribe leaders?
A man from every tribe, a clan head, would serve as his tribe's leader.

Numbers 1:5

ULT
5 And these are the names of the men who will stand with you: Of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur,

UST
5-6 Their names are: Elizur son of Shedeur, from the tribe of Reuben; Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, from the tribe of Simeon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:6

ULT
6 of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai;

UST
5-6 Their names are: Elizur son of Shedeur, from the tribe of Reuben; Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, from the tribe of Simeon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:7

ULT
7 of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab;

UST
7-9 Nahshon son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah; Nethanel son of Zuar, from the tribe of Issachar; Eliab son of Helon, from the tribe of Zebulun;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:8

ULT
8 of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:9

ULT
9 of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

UST
7-9 Nahshon son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah; Nethanel son of Zuar, from the tribe of Issachar; Eliab son of Helon, from the tribe of Zebulun;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:10

ULT
10 of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur;

UST
10-11 Elishama son of Ammihud, from the tribe of Joseph's son Ephraim; Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, from the tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh; Abidan son of Gideoni, from the tribe of Benjamin;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:11

ULT
11 of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

UST
10-11 Elishama son of Ammihud, from the tribe of Joseph's son Ephraim; Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, from the tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh; Abidan son of Gideoni, from the tribe of Benjamin;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:12

ULT
12 of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

UST
12-15 Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, from the tribe of Dan; Pagiel son of Ocran, from the tribe of Asher; Eliasaph son of Deuel, from the tribe of Gad; Ahira son of Enan, from the tribe of Naphtali.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:13

ULT
13 of Asher, Pagiel the son of Okran;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:14

ULT
14 of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:15

ULT
15 of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.”

UST
12-15 Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, from the tribe of Dan; Pagiel son of Ocran, from the tribe of Asher; Eliasaph son of Deuel, from the tribe of Gad; Ahira son of Enan, from the tribe of Naphtali.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:16

ULT

16 These were the called ones of the congregation, the leaders of the tribes of their fathers. They were the heads of the thousands of Israel.

UST

16 These were the men whom Yahweh chose from the people. They were leaders of their tribes. They were the chief men of the clans of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:17

ULT

17 And Moses and Aaron took these men, who were designated by names.

UST

17 Aaron and Moses summoned all these leaders,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:18

ULT

18 And they assembled all the congregation on 1 of the second month. And they declared their ancestry in accordance with their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, according to their skulls.

UST

18 and they gathered all of the people on that same day. They listed the names of all the men who were at least 20 years old, and with their names they wrote the names of their clans and their family groups

How did each man identify his ancestry?

He had to name the clans and families descended from his ancestors.

Numbers 1:19

ULT

19 And he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

19 just as Moses had commanded. They wrote the names while the Israelites were there in the wilderness of Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:20

ULT

20 And the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, according to their skulls, every male from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

20-21 There were 46,500 men from the tribe of Reuben (who was Jacob's oldest son) who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:21

ULT

21 their counted ones of the tribe of Reuben were 46,500.

UST

20-21 There were 46,500 men from the tribe of Reuben (who was Jacob's oldest son) who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:22

ULT

22 Of the sons of Simeon, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, his counted ones by the number of the names, according to their skulls, every male from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

22-23 There were 59,300 men from the tribe of Simeon who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:23

ULT

23 their counted ones of the tribe of Simeon were 59,300.

UST

22-23 There were 59,300 men from the tribe of Simeon who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:24

ULT

24 Of the sons of Gad, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

24-25 There were 45,650 men from the tribe of Gad who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:25

ULT
25 their counted ones of the tribe of Gad were 45,650.

UST
24-25 There were 45,650 men from the tribe of Gad who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:26

ULT
26 Of the sons of Judah, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
26-27 There were 74,600 men from the tribe of Judah who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:27

ULT
27 their counted ones of the tribe of Judah were 74,600.

UST
26-27 There were 74,600 men from the tribe of Judah who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:28

ULT
28 Of the sons of Issachar, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
28-29 There were 54,400 men from the tribe of Issachar who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:29

ULT

29 their counted ones of the tribe of Issachar were 54,400.

UST

28-29 There were 54,400 men from the tribe of Issachar who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:30

ULT

30 Of the sons of Zebulun, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

30-31 There were 57,400 men from the tribe of Zebulun who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:31

ULT

31 their counted ones of the tribe of Zebulun were 57,400.

UST

30-31 There were 57,400 men from the tribe of Zebulun who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:32

ULT

32 Of the sons of Joseph: of the sons of Ephraim, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

32-33 There were 40,500 men from the tribe of Ephraim who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:33

ULT

33 their counted ones of the tribe of Ephraim were 40,500.

UST

32-33 There were 40,500 men from the tribe of Ephraim who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:34

ULT

34 Of the sons of Manasseh, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST

34-35 There were 32,200 men from the tribe of Manasseh who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:35

ULT
35 their counted ones of the tribe of Manasseh were 32,200.

UST
34-35 There were 32,200 men from the tribe of Manasseh who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:36

ULT
36 Of the sons of Benjamin, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
36-37 There were 35,400 men from the tribe of Benjamin who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:37

ULT
37 their counted ones of the tribe of Benjamin were 35,400.

UST
36-37 There were 35,400 men from the tribe of Benjamin who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:38

ULT
38 Of the sons of Dan, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
38-39 There were 62,700 men from the tribe of Dan who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:39

ULT
39 their counted ones of the tribe of Dan were 62,700.

UST
38-39 There were 62,700 men from the tribe of Dan who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:40

ULT
40 Of the sons of Asher, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
40-41 There were 41,500 men from the tribe of Asher who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:41

ULT
41 their counted ones of the tribe of Asher were 41,500.

UST
40-41 There were 41,500 men from the tribe of Asher who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:42

ULT
42 Of the sons of Naphtali, their generations according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war,

UST
42-43 There were 53,400 men from the tribe of Naphtali who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:43

ULT

43 their counted ones of the tribe of Naphtali were 53,400.

UST

42-43 There were 53,400 men from the tribe of Naphtali who were at least twenty years old and were able to fight in battles. They were listed by their names, their clans, and their family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:44

ULT

44 These were the counted ones, whom Moses and Aaron had counted, and the leaders of Israel, 12 men, they were one man for the house of his fathers.

UST

44-45 That was the number of men from each tribe that Aaron and Moses and the twelve leaders of the tribes of Israel listed, along with the names of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:45

ULT

45 And they were all the counted ones of the sons of Israel according to the house of their fathers, from a son of 20 years and upward, every one who goes out to war in Israel.

UST

44-45 That was the number of men from each tribe that Aaron and Moses and the twelve leaders of the tribes of Israel listed, along with the names of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:46

ULT
46 And all the counted ones were 603,550.

UST
46 The total was 603,550 men.

How many men from the tribes twenty years old or older who could fight in a war were recorded?
There were 603,550 men from the tribes.

Numbers 1:47

ULT
47 And the Levites according to the tribe of their father were not counted in the midst of them.

UST
47 But this number did not include the names of the men of the tribe of Levi,

The men from what tribe were not to be counted?
The men from the tribe of Levi were not counted.

Numbers 1:48

ULT
48 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
48 because Yahweh had said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:49

ULT

49 “Only the tribe of Levi you must not count. And you must not lift up their heads in the midst of the sons of Israel.

UST

49 “When you count the men of the tribes of Israel, do not count the men in the tribe of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 1:50

ULT

50 And you, appoint the Levites over the dwelling of the testimony and over all its vessels and over all that belongs to it. They themselves must carry the dwelling and all its vessels, and they themselves must serve it. And they must camp around the dwelling.

UST

50 Appoint the male descendants of Levi to take care of the sacred tent and the chest inside it that contains the tablets on which are written the Ten Commandments. They must also take care of the other things that are inside the tent. When you travel, they are the ones who must carry the sacred tent and all the things that are inside it, and they must take care of it and set up their tents around it.

For what were the Levites assigned to care?

They were assigned to care for the tabernacle, for all the furnishings in the tabernacle, and for everything in it.

Numbers 1:51

ULT

51 And when the dwelling sets out, the Levites must take it down. And when the dwelling camps, the Levites must raise it up. And the stranger who comes near must be put to death.

UST

51 Whenever it is time for all of you to move to another location, the descendants of Levi are the ones who must dismantle the sacred tent. And when it is time to stop traveling, they are the ones who must set it up again. Any other person who goes near the sacred tent to do this work must be executed.

What were the Levites to do to any stranger who came near the tabernacle?

The Levites were to kill strangers that came near the tabernacle.

Numbers 1:52

ULT
52 And the sons of Israel will camp, a man at his camp, and a man at his banner, according to their armies.

UST
52 The people of each Israelite tribe must set up their tents in their own area, and they must set up a flag that represents their tribe.

Where were the people of Israel to set up their tents?
Each man was to set up his tent near the banner that belonged to his armed group.

Numbers 1:53

ULT
53 And the Levites must camp around the dwelling of the testimony and wrath will not be upon the congregation of the sons of Israel. And the Levites must keep the keeping of the dwelling of the testimony."

UST
53 But the male descendants of Levi must set up their tents around the sacred tent in order to protect the other Israelite people from being punished by Yahweh for coming close to the sacred tent. The descendants of Levi are the ones who must stand around the sacred tent to guard it."

Where were the Levities to set up their tents?
They were to set up their tents around the tabernacle of the covenant decrees.

Numbers 1:54

ULT
54 And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so they did.

UST
54 So the Israelite people did everything just like Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Did the people do what Yahweh commanded?
Yes, they did everything commanded by Yahweh through Moses.

Numbers 2

Numbers 2:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST
1 Then Yahweh said this to Aaron and Moses,

Where did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron for the tribes to put their tents? (vv1-2)
Yahweh told the tribes to put their tents around the banner of their armed group and around a smaller flag indicating their tribe. Their camps were to face the tent of meeting.

Numbers 2:2

ULT
2 "The sons of Israel will camp, a man at his banner, with the sign of the house of their fathers. They will camp away from the front, around the tent of meeting.

UST
2 "When the Israelites set up their tents, they are to set them up in areas that surround the sacred tent, but not close to it. The people of each tribe must set up their tents in a different area. Each tribe must put up a flag in that area that identifies their tribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:3

ULT
3 And the ones camping to the east, to the sunrise, will be the banner of the camp of Judah according to their armies. And the leader of the sons of Judah is Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

UST
3-4 The people of the tribe of Judah must set up their tents on the east side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Nahshon son of Amminadab, will be the leader of the 74,600 men of the tribe of Judah.

Where did Moses say the 74,600 men of the army of the tribe of Judah must camp, and who must lead their army? (vv3-4)
They must camp around Judah's banner to the east of the tent of meeting where the sun rises, and that Nahshon must lead their army.

Numbers 2:4

ULT
4 And his army and their counted ones are 74,600.

UST
3-4 The people of the tribe of Judah must set up their tents on the east side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Nahshon son of Amminadab, will be the leader of the 74,600 men of the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:5

ULT
5 And the ones camping beside him are the tribe of Issachar. And the leader of the sons of Issachar is Nethanel the son of Zuar.

UST
5-6 The people of the tribe of Issachar will set up their tents beside Judah. Nethanel son of Zuar will be the leader of the 54,400 men of the tribe of Issachar.

Where must the 54,400 men of the tribe of Issachar camp, and who must lead their army? (vv5-6)
They must camp next to Judah, and Nethanel must lead the army.

Numbers 2:6

ULT
6 And his army and his counted ones are 54,400.

UST
5-6 The people of the tribe of Issachar will set up their tents beside Judah. Nethanel son of Zuar will be the leader of the 54,400 men of the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:7

ULT

[7] The tribe of Zebulun: and the leader of the sons of Zebulun is Eliab the son of Helon.

UST

[7-8] The people of the tribe of Zebulun will set up their tents beside Issachar. Eliab son of Helon, will be the leader of the 57,400 men of the tribe of Zebulun.

Where must the 57,400 men of the tribe of Zebulun camp and who must lead their army? (vv7-8)

They must camp next to Issachar, and Eliab must lead the army.

Numbers 2:8

ULT

[8] And his army and his counted ones are 57,400.

UST

[7-8] The people of the tribe of Zebulun will set up their tents beside Issachar. Eliab son of Helon, will be the leader of the 57,400 men of the tribe of Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:9

ULT

[9] All the counted ones of the camp of Judah are 186,400 according to their armies. They will set out first.

UST

[9] So there will be 186,400 troops on the east side of the sacred tent. Whenever the Israelites move to a new location, those three tribes must go in front of the others.

Who is to go first out of the camp?

All the armies that camp with Judah would go first out of the camp.

Numbers 2:10

ULT

10 The banner of the camp of Reuben will be to the south of their armies. And the leader of the sons of Reuben is Elizur the son of Shedeur.

UST

10-11 The tribe of Reuben must set up their tents on the south side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Elizur son of Shedeur, will be the leader of the 46,500 men of the tribe of Reuben.

Where must the 46,500 men of the tribe of Reuben camp, and who must lead their army? (vv10-11)

They must camp around the banner of Rueben on the south side, and Elizur must lead the army.

Numbers 2:11

ULT

11 And his army and his counted ones are 46,500.

UST

10-11 The tribe of Reuben must set up their tents on the south side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Elizur son of Shedeur, will be the leader of the 46,500 men of the tribe of Reuben.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:12

ULT

12 And the ones camping beside him will be the tribe of Simeon. And the leader of the sons of Simeon is Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

UST

12-13 The people of the tribe of Simeon will set up their tents beside Reuben. Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, will be the leader of the 59,300 men of the tribe of Simeon.

Where must the 59,300 men of the tribe of Simeon camp, and who must lead their army? (vv12-13)

They must camp next to Rueben, and Shelumiel must lead their army.

Numbers 2:13

ULT
13 And his army and their counted ones are 59,300.

UST
12-13 The people of the tribe of Simeon will set up their tents beside Reuben. Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, will be the leader of the 59,300 men of the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:14

ULT
14 And the tribe of Gad: and the leader of the sons of Gad is Eliasaph the son of Reuel.

UST
14-15 The people of the tribe of Gad will set up their tents beside Simeon. Eliasaph son of Deuel, will be the leader of the 45,650 men of the tribe of Gad.

Where must the 45,650 men of the tribe of Gad camp, and who must lead their army? (vv14-15)
They must camp next, and Eliasaph must lead their army.

Numbers 2:15

ULT
15 And his army and their counted ones are 45,650.

UST
14-15 The people of the tribe of Gad will set up their tents beside Simeon. Eliasaph son of Deuel, will be the leader of the 45,650 men of the tribe of Gad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:16

ULT

16 All the counted ones of the camp of Reuben are 151,450 according to their armies. And they will set out second.

UST

16 So there will be 151,450 troops on the south side of the sacred tent. Those three tribes will follow the first group when the Israelites travel.

Who is to go second out of the camp?

All the armies that camp together with Reuben must go out second.

Numbers 2:17

ULT

17 And the tent of meeting will set out from the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps. As they came so will they set out, a man on his hand, according to their banners.

UST

17 Behind that group will walk the descendants of Levi, who will carry the sacred tent. The Israelites will march in the same order that they always set up their tents. Each tribe will carry its own flag.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:18

ULT

18 The banner of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies will be to the west. And the leader of the sons of Ephraim is Elishama the son of Ammihud.

UST

18-19 The tribe of Ephraim must set up their tents on the west side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Elishama son of Ammihud, will be the leader of the 40,500 men of the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:19

ULT
19 And his army and their counted ones are 40,500.

UST
18-19 The tribe of Ephraim must set up their tents on the west side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Elishama son of Ammihud, will be the leader of the 40,500 men of the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:20

ULT
20 And beside him is the tribe of Manasseh. And the leader of the sons of Manasseh is Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

UST
20-21 The people of the tribe of Manasseh will set up their tents beside Ephraim. Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, will be the leader of the 32,200 men of the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:21

ULT
21 And his army and their counted ones are 32,200.

UST
20-21 The people of the tribe of Manasseh will set up their tents beside Ephraim. Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, will be the leader of the 32,200 men of the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:22

ULT
22 And the tribe of Benjamin: and the leader of the sons of Benjamin is Abidan the son of Gideoni.

UST
22-23 The people of the tribe of Benjamin will set up their tents beside Manasseh. Abidan son of Gideoni, will be the leader of the 35,400 men of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:23

ULT
23 And his army and their counted ones are 35,400.

UST
22-23 The people of the tribe of Benjamin will set up their tents beside Manasseh. Abidan son of Gideoni, will be the leader of the 35,400 men of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:24

ULT
24 All the counted ones of the camp of Ephraim are 108,100 according to their armies. And they will set out third.

UST
24 So there will be 108,100 troops on the west side of the sacred tent. Those three tribes will follow the second group, behind the descendants of Levi.

How many people were numbered in the camp of Ephraim?
There were 108,100 people numbered in the camp of Ephraim.

When was the camp of Ephraim supposed to set out in relation to the other camps?
The camp of Ephraim was supposed to set out third.

Numbers 2:25

ULT
25 The banner of the camp of Dan will be to the north according to their armies. And the leader of the sons of Dan is Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

UST
25-26 The tribe of Dan must set up their tents on the north side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, will be the leader of the 62,700 men of the tribe of Dan.

Who was the leader of the people of Dan?
The leader of the people of Dan was Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

Numbers 2:26

ULT

26 And his army and their counted ones are 62,700.

UST

25-26 The tribe of Dan must set up their tents on the north side of the sacred tent, close to their tribal flag. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, will be the leader of the 62,700 men of the tribe of Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:27

ULT

27 And the ones camping beside him will be the tribe of Asher. And the leader of the sons of Asher is Pagiel the son of Okran.

UST

27-28 The people of the tribe of Asher will set up their tents beside Dan. Pagiel son of Ocran, will be the leader of the 41,500 men of the tribe of Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:28

ULT

28 And his army and their counted ones are 41,500.

UST

27-28 The people of the tribe of Asher will set up their tents beside Dan. Pagiel son of Ocran, will be the leader of the 41,500 men of the tribe of Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:29

ULT

29 And the tribe of Naphtali: and the leader of the sons of Naphtali is Ahira the son of Enan.

UST

29-30 The people of the tribe of Napthali will set up their tents beside Asher. Ahira son of Enan, will be the leader of the 53,400 men of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:30

ULT

30 And his army and their counted ones are 53,400.

UST

29-30 The people of the tribe of Napthali will set up their tents beside Asher. Ahira son of Enan, will be the leader of the 53,400 men of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:31

ULT

31 All the counted ones of the camp of Dan are 157,600. They will set out last, according to their banners."

UST

31 So there will be 157,600 troops on the north side of the sacred tent. Those three tribes will be last. They must carry their own flags when the Israelites travel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:32

ULT

32 These are the counted ones of the sons of Israel according to the houses of their fathers. All the counted ones of the camps according to their armies are 603,550.

UST

32 So there were 603,550 Israelite men who were able to fight who were listed according to their families' ancestors.

Whom did Moses and Aaron not count among the people of Israel and why? (vv32-33)

Moses did not count the Levites among the people of Israel because this was as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Numbers 2:33

ULT

33 And they did not count the Levites in the midst of the sons of Israel, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

33 But just as Yahweh had commanded, Moses and Aaron did not count the Levites among the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 2:34

ULT

34 And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses. So they camped according to their banners and so they set out, a man according to his clans, in accordance with the house of his fathers.

UST

34 The Israelites did everything that Yahweh had told Moses. They set up their tents close to their tribal flags, and when they traveled to a new location, they walked with their own clans and family groups.

What did the people of Israel do?

The people of Israel did everything that Yahweh commanded Moses—camped by their banners and went out from camp by their clans in the order of their ancestor's families.

Numbers 3

Numbers 3:1

ULT

[1] And these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day Yahweh spoke with Moses on the mountain of Sinai.

UST

[1] These are some of the things that happened to Aaron and Moses when Yahweh spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Of what was this the history?

This was the history of the descendants of Aaron and Moses.

Numbers 3:2

ULT

[2] And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

UST

[2] Aaron had four sons. They were Nadab the oldest, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

What were the names of Aaron's sons?

The names of Aaron's sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Numbers 3:3

ULT

[3] These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests, the ones who were anointed, whose hand he filled to serve as priest.

UST

[3] These are the names of Aaron's sons who were anointed priests and set apart as priests and whom he ordained to serve as priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:4

ULT

4 And Nadab died and Abihu before the face of Yahweh when they offered unfamiliar fire before the face of Yahweh in the wilderness of Sinai. And sons were not belonging to them. And Eleazar served as priest and Ithamar with the face of Aaron their father.

UST

4 But, while Yahweh was watching, Nadab and Abihu died in the wilderness of Sinai because they burned incense in a manner that was disobedient to what Yahweh had commanded. They had no sons, so Eleazar and Ithamar were the only sons of Aaron who were left to be priests, along with their father Aaron.

Why did Nadab and Abihu fall dead before Yahweh?

Nadab and Abihu fell dead before Yahweh when they offered unacceptable fire to him.

Which of Aaron's sons served as priests with Aaron?

Eleazar and Ithamar served with their father Aaron as priests.

Numbers 3:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

5 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:6

ULT

6 "Bring near the tribe of Levi and stand it before the face of Aaron the priest. And they shall serve him.

UST

6 "Bring the men of the tribe of Levi and present them to Aaron, in order that they may assist him.

Which tribe did Yahweh say was to help Aaron serve as priest?

The tribe of Levi was to help Aaron.

Numbers 3:7

ULT

7 And they shall keep his keeping and the keeping of all the congregation before the face of the tent of meeting, to serve the service of the dwelling.

UST

7 They will serve Aaron and all the other Israelite people, while they do their work inside the sacred tent and outside it.

What were the duties of the tribe of Levi? (vv7-8)

They were to perform the duties on behalf of Aaron and the whole community, care for all furnishings, and help the tribes with the tabernacle service.

Numbers 3:8

ULT

8 And they shall keep all the vessels of the tent of meeting and the keeping of the sons of Israel, to serve the service of the dwelling.

UST

8 They must serve all the Israelite people by taking care of all the things that are inside the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:9

ULT

9 And you shall give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons. They are given, given to him from with the sons of Israel.

UST

9 Appoint them to help Aaron and his two sons. I have chosen them from all the Israelite people to do that.

Whom did Yahweh give to help Aaron and his sons? (vv9-10)

Yahweh gave the Levites to Aaron and his sons to serve as priests for the people of Israel.

Numbers 3:10

ULT

10 And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.”

UST

10 Appoint Aaron and his two sons to do the work that priests do. But anyone else who comes close to the sacred tent to do that work must be executed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

11 Yahweh also told Moses,

Whom did Yahweh set apart for himself? (vv11-13)

Yahweh set apart for himself the Levites and all the firstborn in Israel, both people and animals.

Numbers 3:12

ULT

12 “And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the opener of the womb from the sons of Israel. And the Levites are for me.

UST

12 “Note that from all the Israelites I have chosen the men of the tribe of Levi to take the places of all the firstborn sons of the Israelite people. The male descendants of Levi belong to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:13

ULT
13 For every firstborn belongs to me. In the day of my striking down every firstborn in the land of Egypt I set apart for me every firstborn in Israel, from human up to livestock. They are for me. I am Yahweh.”

UST
13 because truly all the firstborn males belong to me. That is because on the day that I killed all the firstborn sons of the people of Egypt, I spared all the firstborn sons of the Israelites and set them apart for myself. I also set apart the firstborn males of your domestic animals. They belong to me, Yahweh.”

When did God set apart all the firstborn of Israel?
He set apart for himself all the firstborn in Israel on the day that he attacked all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.

Numbers 3:14

ULT
14 And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,

UST
14 Yahweh spoke to Moses again in the wilderness of Sinai. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:15

ULT
15 “Count the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, according to their clans. You shall count them, every male from a son of a month and upward.”

UST
15 “Count the male members of the tribe of Levi. Write down their names and the names of their clans and family groups. Count all the males who are at least one month old.”

Whom did Yahweh command Moses to count in the tribe of Levi? (vv15-16)
Yahweh commanded Moses to count every male in Levi who was one month old and older.

Numbers 3:16

ULT
16 And Moses counted them in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, just as he was commanded.

UST
16 So Moses counted them, just as Yahweh commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:17

ULT
17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

UST
17 Levi had three sons, whose names were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Who were the sons of Levi?
The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Numbers 3:18

ULT
18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon according to their clans: Libni and Shimei.

UST
18 Gershon had two sons, Libni and Shimei. The clans who were descended from them had the same names as those two sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:19

ULT
19 And the sons of Kohath according to their clans were Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

UST
19 Kohath had four sons, Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. The clans who were descended from them had the same names as those four sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:20

ULT
20 And the sons of Merari according to their clans were Mahli and Mushi. These are they, the clans of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

UST
20 Merari had two sons, Mahli and Mushi. The clans who were descended from them had the same names as those two sons. Those are the clans who were descended from Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:21

ULT
21 Of Gershon were the clan of the Libnite and the clan of the Shimeite. These are they, the clans of the Gershonite.

UST
21 The two clans descended from Gershon are those that were descended from his sons Libni and Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:22

ULT
22 Their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, their counted ones were 7,500.

UST
22 In those two clans there were 7,500 males who were at least one month old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:23

ULT
23 The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the dwelling, to the west.

UST
23 They were told to set up their tents on the west side of the sacred tent.

Where were the clans of the Gershonites to camp?
The clans of the Gershonites were to camp on the west side of the tabernacle.

Numbers 3:24

ULT
24 And the leader of the house of the father of the Gershonite was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

UST
24 The leader of those two clans was Eliasaph son of Lael.

Who was to lead the clans of the descendants of the Gershonites?
Eliasaph the son of Lael was to lead the clans of the descendants of the Gershonites.

Numbers 3:25

ULT
25 And the keeping of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting was the dwelling and the tent, its covering, and the curtain of the opening of the tent of meeting,

UST
25 Their work was to take care of the sacred tent, including its curtains and coverings and the curtain at its entrance,

Who was to care for the tabernacle curtains, the tent, the tent covering, the entrance curtain, the courtyard hangings, the courtyard entrance curtain, and the courtyard, ropes, and all that was in the tent of meeting? (vv25-26)
The clans of the Gershonites who camped on the west side of the tabernacle were to care for the tabernacle coverings, curtain, and ropes.

Numbers 3:26

ULT
26 and the hangings of the courtyard, and the curtains of the opening of the courtyard that is upon the dwelling and upon the altar all around, and its ropes for all its service.

UST
26 the curtains that formed the walls around the courtyard that is around the tent and around the altar, the curtains that were at the entrance of the courtyard, and the ropes for fastening the tent. They also did all the work of taking care of the things outside the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:27

ULT

27 And of Kohath were the clan of the Amramite, and the clan of the Izharite, and the clan of the Hebronite, and the clan of the Uzzielite. These are they, the clans of the Kohathite.

UST

27 The clans that were descended from Kohath were those descended from his sons Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:28

ULT

28 By the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, 8,600 were the keepers of the keeping of the holy place.

UST

28 In those four clans there were 8,600 males who were at least one month old. The work of the men of the clans was to take care of the things that are inside the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:29

ULT

29 The clans of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the side of the dwelling, to the south.

UST

29 They set up their tents on the south side of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:30

ULT

30 And the leader of the house of the father of the clans of the Kohathite was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

UST

30 The leader of those four clans was Elizaphan son of Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:31

ULT

31 And their duty was the box, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altar, and the vessels of the holy place with which they serve, and the covering, and all its service.

UST

31 The work of the men of those clans was to take care of the sacred chest, the table on which the priest put the sacred bread, the lampstand, the altars, all the items that the priest used in the sacred tent, and the curtain that is inside the tent. Their work was also to take care of the things inside the tent.

What were the clans from Kohath who camped on the south side of the tabernacle do?
They were to take care of the sanctuary, the sanctuary curtain, and everything in the sanctuary.

Numbers 3:32

ULT

32 And the leader of the leaders of the Levites was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, the oversight of the keepers of the keeping of the holy place.

UST

32 Aaron's son Eleazar was the leader of all the male descendants of Levi. He supervised all the work that was done at the sacred tent.

Who was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to supervise?
He was to supervise the men who led the Levites and the men who cared for the sanctuary.

Numbers 3:33

ULT

33 Of Merari were the clan of the Mahlite and the clan of the Mushite. These are they, the clans of Merari.

UST

33 The clans that were descended from Merari were those descended from his sons Mahli and Mushi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:34

ULT

34 And their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward were 6,200.

UST

34 In those two clans there were 6,200 males who were at least one month old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:35

ULT

35 And the leader of the house of the father of the clans of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the side of the dwelling, to the north.

UST

35 They were told to set up their tents on the north side of the sacred tent. The leader of those two clans was Zuriel son of Abihail.

Who was to lead the clans of Merari who camped on the north side of the tabernacle?

Zuriel son of Abihail was to lead the clans of Merari.

Numbers 3:36

ULT

36 And the oversight of the duty of the sons of Merari was the boards of the dwelling, and its bars, and its pillars, and its bases, and all its vessels, and all its service,

UST

36 The work of the men of those two clans was to take care of the frames that held up the tent, the crossbars, the pillars, and the bases. They also did all the work that was connected with those items.

What were the clans from Merari who camped on the north side of the tabernacle do? (vv36-37)

They were to care for the boards of the tabernacle, the crossbars, posts, bases, all of the hardware, and everything that went with them.

Numbers 3:37

ULT
37 and the pillars of the courtyard all around, and their bases, and their pegs, and their ropes.

UST
37 Their work was also to take care of the posts that held up the curtains that formed the walls of the courtyard, and all the bases, tent pegs, and ropes that fastened those curtains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:38

ULT
38 And the ones camping before the face of the dwelling to the east, before the face of the tent of meeting toward the sunrise were to be Moses and Aaron and his sons, the keepers of the keeping of the holy place, according to the keeping of the sons of Israel. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

UST
38 Aaron and Moses and Aaron's sons were told to set up their tents in the area in front of the sacred tent, on the east side. Their work was to supervise the work that would be done in and around the sacred tent, for the benefit of the Israelite people. Only the priests were permitted to do that. Yahweh declared that anyone else who went near the tent to do the work that the priests do must be executed.

What were Moses and Aaron and sons who were camped on the east of the tabernacle do?
They were to do the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the people of Israel.

What was to happen to any foreigner who approached the sanctuary?
Any foreigner who approached the sanctuary was to be put to death.

Numbers 3:39

ULT
39 All the counted ones of the Levites whom Moses and Aaron counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, according to their clans, every male from a son of a month and upward, were 22,000.

UST
39 When Aaron and Moses counted all the males who were at least one month old, who belonged to the clans descended from Levi, the total was twenty-two thousand.

Whom did Moses and Aaron count?
Moses and Aaron counted all the males in the clans of Levi who were one month old and older.

Numbers 3:40

ULT

40 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a son of a month and upward. And lift up the number of their names.

UST

40 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Now count all the other firstborn males in Israel who are at least one month old, and write down their names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:41

ULT

41 And you shall take the Levites for me—I am Yahweh—instead of all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the livestock of the sons of Israel.”

UST

41 Also, set apart for me the descendants of Levi to be substitutes for the firstborn males of the other Israelites. And set apart for me the livestock of the descendants of Levi to be substitutes for the firstborn livestock of the other Israelite people.”

Whom did Moses take for Yahweh instead of the firstborn of Israel and instead of their livestock?

Moses took the Levites and their livestock instead of Israel’s firstborn men and livestock.

Numbers 3:42

ULT

42 And Moses counted all the firstborn of the sons of Israel, just as Yahweh had commanded him.

UST

42 So Moses did that. He counted the firstborn males of all the Israelite people, as Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:43

ULT
43 And it happened that every firstborn male by the number of the names from a son of a month and upward, according to their counted ones, was 22,273.

UST
43 The total of those who were at least one month old was 22,273.

Then whom did Moses count?
Moses counted all the firstborn males of Israel by name, aged one month old and older.

Numbers 3:44

ULT
44 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
44 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:45

ULT
45 “Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock (and the Levites shall belong to me—I am Yahweh),

UST
45 “Set apart the descendants of Levi to be substitutes for the firstborn males of the other Israelite people. The descendants of Levi belong to me, Yahweh.

To whom did all the Levites belong?
The Levites belonged to Yahweh.

Numbers 3:46

ULT

46 and the ransoms of the 273, the ones in excess over the Levites from the firstborn of the sons of Israel.

UST

46 There are 273 more firstborn males of the other Israelite people than of the descendants of Levi.

How many sanctuary shekels did Moses collect per firstborn to buy back each of the 273 firstborn people of Israel who exceeded the number of the Levites?

Moses collected 5 shekels each to buy back each of the 273 firstborn people of Israel who exceeded the number of the Levites.

Numbers 3:47

ULT

47 And you shall take five, five shekels for the skull. You shall take by the shekel of the holy place, 20 gerahs is the shekel.

UST

47-48 To pay for these 273 males, collect five pieces of silver for each of them. Each of those pieces of silver must weigh the same as each of the silver pieces that are stored in the sacred tent. Give this silver to Aaron and his sons.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:48

ULT

48 And you shall give the silver to Aaron and to his sons, the ransom of the ones in excess among them.

UST

47-48 To pay for these 273 males, collect five pieces of silver for each of them. Each of those pieces of silver must weigh the same as each of the silver pieces that are stored in the sacred tent. Give this silver to Aaron and his sons.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:49

ULT
49 And Moses took the silver of the ransom from with the ones in excess over the ransomed ones of the Levites.

UST
49 So Moses did that. He collected the silver from those 273 males.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:50

ULT
50 From with the firstborn of the sons of Israel he took the silver: 1,365 by the shekel of the holy place.

UST
50 The total was 1,365 pieces of silver. Each silver piece weighed the same as each of the silver pieces stored in the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 3:51

ULT
51 And Moses gave the silver of the ransom to Aaron and to his sons in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
51 Moses gave these silver pieces to Aaron and his sons, as Yahweh had commanded.

To whom did Moses give the money to buy back the first born of the people of Israel?
He gave the money to Aaron and his sons as Yahweh had commanded him.

How much did Moses do of what he was told to do by Yahweh's word?
Moses did everything he was told to do by Yahweh's word.

Numbers 4

Numbers 4:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

1 Then Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron,

What were Moses and Aaron to conduct? (vv1-3)

Moses and Aaron were to conduct a census of the male descendants of Kohath from among the Levites who were 30 to 50 years old.

Numbers 4:2

ULT

2 “Lift up the head of the sons of Kohath from the midst of the sons of Levi, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers,

UST

2 “Write down the names of the men who belong to the clans descended from Kohath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:3

ULT

3 from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, all who come to the company to do work in the tent of meeting.

UST

3 Write the names of the men who are between 30 and 50 years old. These will be men who will do work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:4

ULT

4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, the holy thing of the holy things.

UST

4 The work of these descendants of Kohath will be to take care of the sacred items that are used when the people worship at the sacred tent.

What were the descendants of Kohath to do to serve in the tent of meeting?

They were to care for the most holy things reserved for Yahweh in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:5

ULT

5 And Aaron and his sons shall come when the camp sets out. And they shall take down the curtain of the covering and with it they shall cover the box of the testimony.

UST

5 When you Israelites move to another location, Aaron and his sons must enter the tent to take down the curtain that separates the very holy place from the holy place in the sacred tent. They must cover the sacred chest with that curtain.

What were Aaron and his sons to take down when the camp moved forward? (vv5-6)

They were to go into the tent to take down the curtain that separated the most holy place from the holy place, cover the ark of the covenant with sea cow skins and a blue cloth, and then insert poles to carry it.

Numbers 4:6

ULT

6 And they shall put upon it a cover of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall spread a cloth entirely of blue above. And they shall place its poles.

UST

6 Then they must cover that with a covering made from fine leather skins. Over that they must spread a blue cloth. Then they must insert into the rings on the chest the poles for carrying it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:7

ULT

[7] And over the table of the face they shall spread a cloth of blue. And they shall put on it the dishes and the pans and the sacrificial bowls and the jars of the drink offering. And the bread of continuity shall be on it.

UST

[7] Then they must put a blue cloth over the table on which the priests will put the bread to display before God. On top of the cloth they must put the bowls for incense, the pans, the other dishes, the jars for the wine that will be offered as a sacrifice, and the sacred bread.

On what were Aaron and his sons to spread a blue cloth and then put on that the dishes, spoons, bowls, and jars for pouring?

They were to spread a blue cloth on the bread of presence and then put on that the dishes, spoons, bowls, and jars for pouring.

What was always to be on the table?

Bread was always to be on the table of the bread of the presence.

Numbers 4:8

ULT

[8] And they shall spread on them a cloth of the worms of scarlet. And they shall cover it with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles.

UST

[8] Over all of this they must spread a scarlet cloth. Finally, they must put on top a covering made from fine leather skins. Then they must insert into the rings at the corners of the tables the poles for carrying it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:9

ULT

[9] And they shall take a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand of the light source, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its trays, and all the vessels of its oil with which they serve it.

UST

[9] Then with another blue cloth they must cover the lampstand, the lamps, the lamp snuffers, the trays, and the special jars of olive oil to burn in the lamps.

How were the lampstands and all its accessories to be prepared for moving? (vv9-10)

They put a blue cloth cover over the lampstand with all its accessories, covered it with sea cow skins, and put it on a carrying frame.

Numbers 4:10

ULT

10 And they shall put it and all its vessels into the covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall put it on the carrying bar.

UST

10 They must cover the lampstand and all the other items with a covering made from fine leather skins. They must place all these things on a frame for carrying them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:11

ULT

11 And upon the altar of gold they shall spread a cloth of blue. And they shall cover it with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles.

UST

11 Then they must spread another blue cloth over the gold altar which is used for burning incense. Over this they must spread a covering made from fine leather skins. Then they must insert into the rings of that altar the poles for carrying it.

Then what were they to use after that to cover the bread of presence and what were they to insert in it to carry the table?

They were cover the bread of presence then with a scarlet cloth and again with sea cow skins, and then they were to insert poles with which to carry it.

How was the gold altar and its equipment prepared for moving?

The gold altar and all of its equipment were to be wrapped in blue cloth, covered with sea cow skins, and then insert the carrying poles.

Numbers 4:12

ULT

12 And they shall take all the implements of the service with which they serve in the holy place and they shall put them into a cloth of blue. And they shall cover them with a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall put it on the carrying bar.

UST

12 They must take all the other items that are inside the sacred tent and wrap them in a blue cloth, cover that with a covering made from fine leather skins, and place all that on a frame for carrying it.

How was all the equipment for the work in the sanctuary to be prepared?

All the equipment for the work in the sanctuary was to be wrapped in a blue cloth, covered with sea cow skins, and then put on the carrying frame.

Numbers 4:13

ULT

13 And they shall remove the fatty ashes from the altar and they shall spread on it a cloth of purple.

UST

13 Then they must remove the ashes from the altar on which they have burned sacrifices. Then they must cover the altar with a purple cloth.

What did they remove from the altar, and what must they spread on the altar?

They removed the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth on it.

Numbers 4:14

ULT

14 And they shall put on it all its implements with which they serve on it: the trays, the meat forks, and the shovels, and the bowls—all the implements of the altar. And they shall spread on it a covering of the skin of the porpoise. And they shall place its poles.

UST

14 Then they must spread on top of the cloth all the items used at the altar—the pans for carrying the hot coals, the meat forks, the shovels, the bowls that hold the blood to sprinkle on the people, and all the other containers. Then they must spread over all those things a covering made from fine leather skins. Then they must insert into the rings at the sides of the altar the poles for carrying it.

Where was all the equipment that they used in the work of the altar placed?

All the equipment that they used in the work of the altar was placed on the carrying frame.

With what would was the altar covered before they inserted the carrying poles?

The altar was covered with sea cow skins before they inserted the carrying poles.

Numbers 4:15

ULT

15 And Aaron and his sons shall finish to cover the holy place and all the implements of the holy place when the camp sets out. And afterward the sons of Kohath shall come to carry them, and they shall not touch the holy thing and die. These are the load of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting.

UST

15 When Aaron and his sons have finished covering all these sacred things, the Israelite people will be ready to move to a new location. The descendants of Kohath must come and carry all the sacred things to the next place where the Israelites will set up their tents. But the descendants of Kohath must not touch any of these sacred items, because they will immediately die if they touch them. They are the ones who will carry these things, but they must not touch them.

Who came to carry the sanctuary after Aaron and his sons completed covering the sanctuary and all its equipment when the camp was ready to move forward?

The descendants of Kohath came to carry the sanctuary after Aaron and his sons completed covering it and the camp was ready to move forward.

Numbers 4:16

ULT

16 And the oversight of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest is the oil of the light source, and the incense of the spices, and the grain offering of the continuity, and the oil of the anointment, the oversight of all the dwelling and all that is in it, with the holy place and with its implements."

UST

16 Aaron's son Eleazar will have the work of taking care of the olive oil for the lamps, the sweet smelling incense, the flour that will be burned on the altar each day, and the olive oil for anointing the priests. Eleazar is the one who will supervise the work that is done at the sacred tent and the men who take care of everything that is in it."

For what did Eleazar son of Aaron have to care and supervise?

He had to care for the oil and the light as well as supervise the care of the sweet incense, the regular grain offering, the anointing oil, the entire tabernacle and all that was in it.

Numbers 4:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

17 Then Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:18

ULT

18 "Do not let the tribe of the clans of the Kohathite be cut off from the midst of the Levites.

UST

18-20 "When the descendants of Kohath approach the sacred items in the sacred tent to take them to another location, Aaron and his sons must always go in with them and show each of them what work to do and what things to carry. But the descendants of Kohath must not enter the sacred tent at any other time and look at the things that are in it. If they do that, I will get rid of all the descendants of Kohath."

From among whom could the Kohathite clans not be removed that they would live and not die? (vv18-19)

The Kohathite clans could not be removed from among the Levites that they would live and not die.

Numbers 4:19

ULT

19 And do this for them and they will live and not die when they approach the holiest holy thing. Aaron and his sons shall come and place them man by man in accordance with his service and according to his load.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:20

ULT

20 And they shall not enter to look at the holy place like a gulp and die."

UST

18-20 "When the descendants of Kohath approach the sacred items in the sacred tent to take them to another location, Aaron and his sons must always go in with them and show each of them what work to do and what things to carry. But the descendants of Kohath must not enter the sacred tent at any other time and look at the things that are in it. If they do that, I will get rid of all the descendants of Kohath."

About what did Yahweh warn Moses and Aaron that the Kohathite tribal clans could not go in to see or they would die?

The Kohathites tribal clans could not go in to see the sanctuary or they would die.

Who only was allowed to go into the sanctuary?

Only Aaron and his sons were allowed to go into the sanctuary.

Numbers 4:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

21 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:22

ULT
22 “Lift up the head of the sons of Gershon, even them, according to the house of their fathers, according to their clans.

UST
22 “Write down the names of all the men who belong to the clans descended from Gershon.

What does Yahweh tell Moses to do concerning counting of those who served in the tent of meeting from the Gershon clans? (vv22-23)
Moses was to conduct a census counting those who are thirty years old to fifty years old.

Numbers 4:23

ULT
23 You shall count them from a son of 30 years and upward, up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to serve service, to work work in the tent of meeting.

UST
23 Write the names of the men who are between thirty and fifty years old. They will be men who will also do work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:24

ULT
24 This is the work of the clans of the Gershonite, for working and for a load.

UST
24 This is the work that they must do and the things that they must carry when you move to a new location:

What was the work of the Gershonites? (vv24-26)
The work of the Gershonites was to carry all the curtains and coverings of the tabernacle and the tent of meeting and its covering of sea cow skin as well as the curtains of the court and its doorway and their ropes and all the instruments for their service.

Numbers 4:25

ULT

25 And they shall carry the curtains of the dwelling and the tent of meeting, its covering, the covering of porpoise which is on it above, and the covering of the opening of the tent of meeting,

UST

25 They must carry the curtains of the sacred tent. They must carry the sacred tent and all the things that cover it, including the outer covering made from fine leather skins, and the curtain which is at the entrance of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:26

ULT

26 and the hangings of the courtyard, and the covering of the opening of the gate of the courtyard that is beside the dwelling and beside the altar all around, and their ropes, and all the implements of their work, and all that is to be done for them. And they shall work.

UST

26 They must also carry the curtains that form the wall that surrounds the courtyard that surrounds the sacred tent and the altar, the curtain that is at the entrance to the courtyard, and the ropes that fasten the curtains. They must also do the packing and loading of these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:27

ULT

27 In accordance with the mouth of Aaron and his sons will be all the work of the sons of the Gershonite, according to all their load, and according to all their work. And you shall appoint for them by duty all their load.

UST

27 Aaron and his sons will supervise the work of all the descendants of Gershom. That work includes carrying those things and doing other work that is necessary for moving them. They must tell each of the descendants of Gershom what things they must carry.

Who was to direct all service of the descendants of the Gershonites who were being led by Ithamar the priest? (vv27-28)

Aaron and his sons must direct all the service of the descendants of the Gershonites.

Numbers 4:28

ULT

28 This is the work of the clans of the sons of the Gershonite in the tent of meeting and their duty in the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

UST

28 Those are the tasks that you must give to the men who belong to the clans descended from Gershom. Aaron's son Ithamar is the one who will supervise their work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:29

ULT

29 You shall count them, the sons of Merari according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers.

UST

29 Count also the men who belong to the clans descended from Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:30

ULT

30 You shall count them from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company, to serve the service of the tent of meeting.

UST

30 Write the names of the men who are between thirty and fifty years old. They will be men who will also work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:31

ULT

31 And this is the duty of their load according to all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the dwelling, and its bars, and its pillars, and its bases,

UST

31 Their work will be to carry the frames that hold up the sacred tent, the crossbars, the posts that hold up the curtains, and the bases.

What was the Merari clan to do in their service for the tent of meeting? (vv31-32)

They were to care for the framing of the tabernacle, along with the posts, their hardware, and their ropes plus make a list of what they must carry.

Numbers 4:32

ULT

32 and the pillars of the courtyard all around, and their bases, and their pegs, and their ropes, for all their implements and for all their work. And by names you shall appoint the implements of the duty of their load.

UST

32 They must also carry the posts for the curtains that form the walls of the courtyard and the bases for the posts, the tent pegs, and the ropes to fasten the curtains. Tell each man what things he must carry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:33

ULT

33 This is the service of the clans of the sons of Merari for all their service in the tent of meeting, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

UST

33 Those are the tasks that the descendants of Merari must do at the sacred tent. Aaron’s son Ithamar is the one who will supervise them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:34

ULT

34 And Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation counted the sons of the Kohathite according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers,

UST

34 So Aaron and Moses and the Israelite leaders counted the descendants of Kohath, writing also the names of their clans and family groups.

What did Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel do to obey Yahweh? (vv34-35)

They counted all the men of the Kohathites who were thirty to fifty years old by the type of work he was assigned to do in the tabernacle, and they counted who would carry and care for the items in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:35

ULT

35 from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting.

UST

35 They counted all the men who were between thirty and fifty years old who were able to work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:36

ULT

36 And their counted ones according to their clans were 2,750.

UST

36 The total was 2,750 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:37

ULT

37 These were the counted ones of the clans of the Kohathite, every one who serves in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

UST

37 They were the descendants of Kohath who were able to work at the sacred tent. Aaron and Moses counted them just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:38

ULT

38 And the counted ones of the sons of Gershon, according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers,

UST

38 They also counted the descendants of Gershon, writing also the names of their clans and family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:39

ULT

39 from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting.

UST

39 They counted all the men who were between thirty and fifty years old who were able to work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:40

ULT

40 And their counted ones according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers were 2,630.

UST

40 The total was 2,630 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:41

ULT

41 These were the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Gershon, every one who serves in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

41 They were the descendants of Gershon who were able to work at the sacred tent. Aaron and Moses counted them as Yahweh had commanded.

Who else was counted in their clans from 30-50 years old?

The descendants of Gershon were counted in their clans.

Numbers 4:42

ULT

42 And the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, according to their clans, according to the house of their fathers,

UST

42 They also counted the descendants of Merari, writing also the names of their clans and family groups.

Who else did Moses and Aaron count in their clans from 30-50 years old? (vv42-44)

The descendants of Merari were counted in their clans.

Numbers 4:43

ULT

43 from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to the company for service in the tent of meeting.

UST

43 They counted all the men who were between thirty and fifty years old who were able to work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:44

ULT

44 And their counted ones according to their clans were 3,200.

UST

44 The total was 3,200 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:45

ULT

45 These are the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron had counted in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses,

UST

45 They were the descendants of Merari who were able to work. Aaron and Moses counted them as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:46

ULT

46 all the counted ones whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel had counted, the Levites according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers,

UST

46 So Aaron and Moses and the Israelite leaders counted all the descendants of Levi, writing also the names of their clans and family groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:47

ULT

47 from a son of 30 years and upward, and up to a son of 50 years, every one who comes to serve the service of service and the service of load in the tent of meeting.

UST

47 They counted all the men who were between thirty and fifty years old. They were ones who were able to work at the sacred tent and who carried the tent and everything that was connected with it.

When Moses counted each Levite by clans from 30-50 years old, of what did he keep count?

Moses kept count of each man who would work in the tabernacle and who would carry and care for the items in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:48

ULT

48 And their counted ones were 8,580.

UST

48 The total was 8,580 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 4:49

ULT

49 In accordance with the mouth of Yahweh he counted them by the hand of Moses, man by man in accordance with his work and in accordance with his load, and his numbered ones that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

49 They completed the counting of all the descendants of Levi, as Yahweh had commanded Moses. And they told each man what work he was to do and what things he must carry when they moved to a new location.

When Moses counted each man and kept count of each man's type of work and responsibility, who did he obey?

When Moses counted each man and kept count of each man's type of work and responsibility, he obeyed Yahweh.

Numbers 5

Numbers 5:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:2

ULT

2 “Command the sons of Israel and they shall send away from the camp every one with an infectious skin disease, and every one who flows, and every one unclean by a dead person.

UST

2 “Tell this to the Israelite people: ‘You must send away from your camp where you have your tents any man or woman who has leprosy and anyone who has a discharge of some fluid from his body, and anyone who has become unacceptable to God because of having touched a corpse.

For what problems did Yahweh say that Moses should send both men and women away from the camp? (vv2-3)

Yahweh said that Moses should send away everyone who had infectious skin diseases or oozing sores and everyone who had touched a dead body and therefore were unclean.

Numbers 5:3

ULT

3 From male up to female you shall send, to the outside of the camp you shall send them. And they shall not defile their camp, because I am dwelling in the midst of them.”

UST

3 Send them away in order that they will not touch people in the camp area where I live among you and cause them to become unacceptable to me.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:4

ULT

4 And the sons of Israel did so. And they sent them to the outside of the camp. Thus the sons of Israel did just as Yahweh had spoken to Moses.

UST

4 So the Israelite people obeyed what Yahweh commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

5 Yahweh also told Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:6

ULT

6 “Speak to the sons of Israel: ‘When a man or woman does from any of the sins of the human to act unfaithfully in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, then that person has done wrong.

UST

6 “Tell this to the Israelite people: ‘If someone commits a crime against another person, I consider that that person has done wrong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:7

ULT

[7] And they shall confess their sin that they did. And he shall return his price of wrongdoing by its head and he shall add its fifth in addition to it. And he shall give to whom he has done wrong to.

UST

[7] That person must confess that he or she is guilty, and he or she must pay to the person to whom wrong was done what others consider to be a suitable payment for what he has done, and he must pay an extra 20 percent.

What did Yahweh say to Moses that men and women who commit sins to another person should do?

Everyone who had committed sins to another person was to confess the sin, pay back the price of his guilt to the one he had wronged, and add one fifth more.

Numbers 5:8

ULT

[8] And if there is not a redeemer for the man to return the price of wrongdoing to him, the price of wrongdoing will be returned to Yahweh, to the priest, apart from the ram of the atonement with which he shall make atonement for him.

UST

[8] If the person against whom the wrong was done has died and there is no relative to whom the money can be paid, then the money belongs to me, and it must be paid to the priest. In addition, the one who did the wrong must give a male sheep to the priest to sacrifice in order that that person's sin may be forgiven.

What was the payment and what did he do with the payment if the wronged person had no relative to receive the payment? (vv8-10)

He had to present the price along with a ram to a priest who would then own it.

Numbers 5:9

ULT

[9] And every contribution of all the holy things of the sons of Israel that they offer to the priest, it shall belong to him.

UST

[9] All the sacred offerings that the Israelites present to me by bringing them to the priest will belong to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:10

ULT
10 And a man, his holy things shall belong to him; what a man gives to the priest shall belong to him.'"

UST
10 The priest can keep those gifts.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:11

ULT
11 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
11 Yahweh also said this to Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:12

ULT
12 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'Man by man, if his wife turns aside and acts unfaithfully against him in unfaithfulness,

UST
12 "Tell this to the Israelite people: 'Suppose a man thinks that his wife has not always slept faithfully only with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:13

ULT
13 and a man lies the lying of seed with her and it is concealed from the eyes of her husband, and it is hidden, and she herself is defiled, and there is no witness against her, and she herself has not been caught,

UST
13 Suppose he thinks that she has slept with another man, but he does not know if this is true or not, because he did not see her do it. She was not caught in the act and the fact that she broke her vow to her husband could not be proved because no one saw her doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:14

ULT

14 and a spirit of jealousy passes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife and she herself is defiled, or a spirit of jealousy comes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife but she herself is not defiled;

UST

14 But if the woman's husband is jealous, and if he suspects that she has committed adultery, and he would want to know whether that is true or not, and so there is a test whether she had been impure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:15

ULT

15 then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth of the ephah of the flour of barley. He shall not pour oil upon it and he shall not put frankincense upon it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of remembrance, one that causes iniquity to be remembered.

UST

15 To test whether she had committed adultery he should take his wife to the priest. He must take along as an offering two liters of barley flour. The priest must not pour olive oil or incense on it, because this is an offering that the man has brought because he is jealous. It is an offering to find out if she is guilty or not.

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do with a wife whose husband thought she had sinned against him?

The man brought his wife to the priest with a drink offering for her and a grain offering of barley flour as a possible indicator of sin.

Numbers 5:16

ULT

16 And the priest shall bring her near. And he shall stand her before the face of Yahweh.

UST

16 The priest must tell the woman to stand in front of the altar in my presence.

What did the priest do first? (vv16-17)

He had to place the woman before Yahweh, then take a jar of holy water and mix dust from the floor of the tabernacle into the water.

Numbers 5:17

ULT

17 And the priest shall take the holy water in the vessel of clay. And the priest shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the dwelling. And he shall put it into the water.

UST

17 He must put some sacred water in a clay jar, and then he must put some dirt from the floor of the sacred tent into the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:18

ULT

18 And the priest shall stand the woman before the face of Yahweh. And he shall unbind the head of the woman. And he shall put upon her palm the grain offering of remembrance. It is the grain offering of jealousy. And in the hand of the priest shall be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.

UST

18 He must untie the woman's hair. Then he must put in her hands the flour offering that her jealous husband is offering to determine whether she has committed adultery or not. The priest must hold the bowl that contains bitter water that will cause the woman to be cursed if she is guilty.

Then what did the priest do? (vv18-19)

The priest uncovered and untied her hair and put the grain offering of jealousy in her hands. The priest, holding the bitter water, caused her to swear an oath that brought down a curse on her if she had been unfaithful.

Numbers 5:19

ULT

19 And the priest shall make her swear and he shall say to the woman, "If a man has not lain with you, and if you have not turned aside to uncleanness under your husband, you will be free from this water of bitterness that brings a curse.

UST

19 The priest must require her to solemnly declare that she will tell the truth. He must say to her, "Has another man slept with you? Have you faithfully slept only with your husband or not? If you have not slept with another man, nothing bad will happen to you if you drink the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:20

ULT

20 But if you have turned aside under your husband, and if you are defiled and a man apart from your husband has given his lying with you,”

UST

20 But if you have slept with another man, Yahweh will curse you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:21

ULT

21 (and the priest shall make the woman swear with an oath of the curse). And the priest shall say to the woman, “Yahweh will make you into a curse and into an oath in the midst of your people when Yahweh makes your thigh fall away and your abdomen swell.

UST

21-22 Your womb will shrivel up and your stomach will swell up. You will never be able to give birth to children, and as a result, everyone will curse you and avoid you. If you have committed adultery, when you drink this water, that is what will happen to you.” Then the woman must answer, “If I am guilty, I will not object if that happens.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:22

ULT

22 And this water that brings a curse will enter in your inward parts to cause swelling of the abdomen and to cause falling away of your thigh.” And the woman shall say, “Truly, truly.”

UST

21-22 Your womb will shrivel up and your stomach will swell up. You will never be able to give birth to children, and as a result, everyone will curse you and avoid you. If you have committed adultery, when you drink this water, that is what will happen to you.” Then the woman must answer, “If I am guilty, I will not object if that happens.”

What did the curse cause if she were guilty?

The curse caused her thigh to waste away and her abdomen to swell.

Numbers 5:23

ULT
23 And the priest shall write these curses in the book and he shall wipe it off into the water of bitterness.

UST
23 Then the priest must write with ink on a small scroll these curses and then wash the ink off into the bitter water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:24

ULT
24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse. And the water that brings a curse of bitterness will enter in her.

UST
24-25 The priest must take from her the offering of barley flour that she is holding; he must lift it up to dedicate it to me. Then he must put it on the altar

What was the priest to do with the bitter water that had the curses in it?
The priest was to make the woman drink the bitter water.

Numbers 5:25

ULT
25 And the priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the hand of the woman. And he shall wave the grain offering before the face of Yahweh and he shall bring it near to the altar.

UST
24-25 The priest must take from her the offering of barley flour that she is holding; he must lift it up to dedicate it to me. Then he must put it on the altar

What did the priest do with the grain offering? (vv25-26)
The priest took the grain offering from the woman's hand, held it up to Yahweh, gave a portion of it to Yahweh, and burned it on the altar.

Numbers 5:26

ULT

26 And the priest shall grasp from the grain offering its memorial portion and he shall burn it up at the altar. And after he shall make the woman drink the water.

UST

26 and burn part of it as a sacrifice. Then the woman must drink the bitter water.

What did the priest do with the bitter water?

He gave the bitter water to the woman to drink.

Numbers 5:27

ULT

27 And he shall make her drink the water. And it will be that if she is defiled and has acted unfaithfully in unfaithfulness with her husband, then the water that brings a curse of bitterness will enter in her and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will fall away. And the woman will become a curse in the midst of her people.

UST

27 If the woman has committed adultery instead of faithfully sleeping only with her husband, the water will cause her to suffer greatly. Her stomach will swell up and her womb will shrink, and she will be unable to give birth to children. And then her relatives will curse her.

What happened to the woman if she had committed a sin against her husband?

The woman's abdomen swelled, her thigh wasted away, and she was cursed among her people.

Numbers 5:28

ULT

28 And if the woman is not defiled then she herself is clean. And she will be free and she will be sown with seed.

UST

28 But if she is innocent, her body will not be harmed, and she will still be able to give birth to children.

What will happen to the woman if she had not been defiled?

She was free and was able to conceive children.

Numbers 5:29

ULT

29 This is the law of jealousy, when a woman turns aside under her husband and is defiled.

UST

29 That is the ritual that must be performed when a woman who is married has sinned by committing adultery,

What is the law of jealousy? (vv29-30)

It is a law for a woman who strays away from her husband and is defiled. It is also a law for a man with a spirit of jealousy when he is jealous of his wife.

Numbers 5:30

ULT

30 or a man, when a spirit of jealousy passes over upon him and he is jealous of his wife. And he shall stand the woman before the face of Yahweh. And the priest shall do all this law to her.

UST

30 or when a man is jealous and suspects that his wife has slept with another man. The priest must tell that woman to stand at the altar in my presence and obey these instructions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 5:31

ULT

31 And the man will be free from iniquity. And this woman will carry her iniquity.'"

UST

31 Even if the woman has not done what the husband suspected, he will not be punished for doing something wrong by bringing his wife to the priest. But if his wife is guilty, she will suffer as a result.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6

Numbers 6:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also said this to Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When a man or a woman does something extraordinary by vowing the vow of a separate one to separate to Yahweh,

UST
2 “Tell this to the Israelite people: If any of you wants to make a solemn promise to dedicate himself to belong to me in a special way, after you obey these instructions, you will be called a Nazir, which means ‘a dedicated person.’

Who separated himself with the vow of a Nazirite to Yaweh?
A man or woman gave a vow of a Nazirite to separate himself to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:3

ULT
3 he shall separate from wine and intoxicating drink. He shall not drink the vinegar of wine and the vinegar of intoxicating drink. And he shall not drink any of the juice of grapes. And he shall not eat moist and dried grapes.

UST
3 You must not drink any wine or other alcoholic drink. You must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins.

What did a person who had made the vow of the Nazirite not eat during the days of his separation to Yahweh? (vv3-4)
He did not eat wine, strong drink, vinegar, grape juice, grapes, and raisins—any thing that had grapes in it.

Numbers 6:4

ULT

4 All the days of his separation he shall not eat from all that is made from the vine of the wine, from seeds and up to skin.

UST

4 You must not eat anything that comes from grapevines, not even the skins or seeds of grapes, during the time that you are a Nazir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:5

ULT

5 All the days of the vow of his separation a razor shall not pass over his head. Until the fulfilling of the days that he has separated to Yahweh he shall be holy, the locks of the hair of his head shall grow long.

UST

5 Even your hair will be dedicated to me during the time that you are a Nazir, so you must never allow anyone to cut your hair. Until the time that your solemn promise to dedicate yourself to me is ended, you must allow your hair to grow long.

What did he not use during the days of his separation?

During the days of his separation he did not use a razor on his head.

Numbers 6:6

ULT

6 All the days of his separation to Yahweh he shall not go near a person who is dead.

UST

6 And you must not go near a corpse during the time that you are a Nazir.

During the days of his separation to Yahweh what must the one who takes a Nazirite vow not come near to?

One who takes a Nazirite vow must not come near a dead body.

Numbers 6:7

ULT

7 For his father and for his mother, for his brother and for his sister, he shall not defile himself for them with their death, because the separation of his God is on his head.

UST

7 Even if the person who died is your father or your mother or your brother or your sister, you must not cause yourself to become unacceptable to me by coming close to the corpse. Your long hair shows that you belong to me in a special way, so you must do what you have solemnly promised and not cut your hair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:8

ULT

8 All the days of his separation he shall be holy to Yahweh.

UST

8 You are required to keep doing this all the time that you are dedicated to me in this special way.

To whom was he reserved during the days he was separated and holy.

During the time of his separation he was holy, reserved for Yahweh.

Numbers 6:9

ULT

9 And if one who is dead dies near him in suddenness suddenly and he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it

UST

9 If anyone dies very suddenly when he is near you, then your hair that you have dedicated to me is no longer sacred. So you must wait seven days and then shave it all off. Then you must perform a special ritual to cause yourself to become acceptable to me again.

What did a Nazirite do seven days after he was defiled by a dead body?

After seven days a Nazirite shaved his head.

Numbers 6:10

ULT

10 And on the eighth day he shall bring two of the turtedoves or two of the sons of the dove to the priest, to the opening of the tent of meeting.

UST

10 The next day you must bring two doves or two pigeons to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent.

What did a defiled Nazirite first need to bring for an atonement on the eighth to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting on the day he consecrated himself? (vv10-11)

On the eighth day he needed to bring for an atonement two doves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting. Then he had to consecrate himself on that same day.

Numbers 6:11

ULT

11 And the priest shall make one for a sin offering and one for a burnt up offering. And he shall make atonement for him because he sinned on account of the person. And he shall make his head holy on that day.

UST

11 The priest must kill the birds and offer them as sacrifices. One of them will be an offering to take away the guilt of your sin, and the other will be an offering that is burned completely to please me. After the priests burns them on the altar, I will forgive you for having come close to a corpse, and when your hair grows again it will be dedicated to me again.

For what were the two offerings?

The two offering were as a sin offering and a burnt offering for atonement.

Numbers 6:12

ULT

12 And he shall separate to Yahweh the days of his separation. And he shall bring a male lamb, a son of his year, for a guilt offering. And the first days shall fall because his separation was defiled.

UST

12 The amount of time that you were set apart for me the previous time does not count, because you had become unacceptable to me by coming close to a corpse during the time that you were a Nazir. So you must again make a solemn promise to dedicate yourself to me for the entire amount of time that you indicated the previous time. And you must also sacrifice a one year old lamb to take away your guilt.

What guilt offering did he have bring to rededicate himself to Yahweh for the time of his separation?

To rededicate himself to Yahweh for the time of his separation, he had to bring a male lamb one year old as a guilt offering.

Numbers 6:13

ULT

13 And this is the law of the separate one. On a day fulfilling the days of his separation he shall bring him to the opening of the tent of meeting.

UST

13 When the time that you promised to dedicate yourself to me is ended, go to the entrance of the sacred tent

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:14

ULT

14 And he shall offer his offering to Yahweh, one male lamb without defect, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering, and one female lamb without defect, a daughter of her year, for a sin offering, and one ram without defect for peace offerings,

UST

14 and offer as sacrifices to me three animals that have no defects. Offer a one year old ram that will be burned completely, a one year old female lamb as a sacrifice to take away the guilt of your sin, and one full-grown ram as a sacrifice to restore fellowship with me.

What sin offering did the defiled Nazirite need to bring to the entrance of the tent of meeting with his male lamb for a guilt offering? (vv14-15)

He needed to bring a sin offering of a female one year old lamb without blemish, a ram without blemish as a fellowship offering, a basket of bread without leaven, a grain offering, and a drink offering to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:15

ULT

15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with the oil, and wafers of unleavened bread smeared with the oil and their grain offering and their drink offerings.

UST

15 When you bring those animals, you must also bring some wine to offer as a sacrifice. And you must also bring a basket of bread that you have made with very good flour and olive oil. But you must not put any yeast in the bread. Also brush some olive oil on some thin wafers and bring them to the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:16

ULT

16 And the priest shall offer before the face of Yahweh and he shall make his sin offering and his burnt up offering.

UST

16 The priest will put the young lamb and the young ram on the altar and completely burn them, in order that I will be pleased and will forgive you.

Who had to present the offerings to Yahweh for the Nazirite? (vv16-17)

The priest had to present them before Yahweh.

Numbers 6:17

ULT

17 And he shall make the ram a sacrifice of peace offerings to Yahweh with the basket of the unleavened bread. And the priest shall make his grain offering and his drink offering.

UST

17 Then he will kill the full-grown ram as an offering to restore fellowship with me, and he will also burn on the altar some of the bread and the flour and wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:18

ULT

18 And the separate one shall shave the head of his separation at the opening of the tent of meeting. And he shall take the hair of the head of his separation. And he shall put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

UST

18 After that, you must stand at the entrance of the sacred tent and shave off your hair. Then you must put that hair in the fire that is under the animal that has been sacrificed on the altar to restore fellowship with me.

What did the Nazirite have to do with the hair that he shaved from his head?

He had to take the hair and put it on the fire under the fellowship offerings.

Numbers 6:19

ULT

19 And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder from the ram and one cake of unleavened bread from the basket and one wafer of unleavened bread. And he shall put them on the palms of the separate one after his shaving his separation.

UST

19 The meat from the ram's shoulder must be boiled. After it is cooked, the priest will take it along with one of the loaves of bread and one wafer which has been brushed with olive oil, and he will put them in your hands.

What did the priest put in the Nazirite's hands to lift high as an offering before Yahweh to present to Yahweh? (vv19-20)

In the Nazirite's hands, the priest put the boiled shoulder of the ram, one loaf of bread without yeast out of the basket, and one wafer without yeast to present to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:20

ULT

20 And the priest shall wave them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh. It is a holy thing to the priest with the breast of the wave offering and with the thigh of the contribution. And after the separate one may drink wine.

UST

20 Then the priest will take them back and lift them up high to dedicate them to me. They now belong to the priest, and he is permitted to eat some of the meat from the ram's shoulder and from its ribs and from one of its thighs, because that meat is his share of the sacrifice. After that, you will no longer be a Nazir, and you will again be permitted to drink wine.

To whom was this offering, plus the breast and thigh that was raised, reserved afterwards?

This offering, plus the breast and thigh that were raised, were reserved for the priest.

What could the Nazirite drink after that?

The Nazirite could drink wine.

Numbers 6:21

ULT

21 This is the law of the separate one who vows his offering to Yahweh for his separation, apart from what his hand reaches. According to the mouth of his vow that he vowed, so he shall do in accordance with the law of his separation.'"

UST

21 Those are the regulations about the offerings that Nazir solemnly promise to bring to me to end their time of being dedicated to me. They must bring these offerings, but if they want to, they may bring additional offerings. And they must do everything that they solemnly promised to do when they dedicated themselves to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

22 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:23

ULT
23 “Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, ‘Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel, saying to them,

UST
23 “Tell Aaron and his sons that when they ask me to bless the people, they must say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:24

ULT
24 “May Yahweh bless you and keep you.

UST
24 ‘Yahweh bless you and protect you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:25

ULT
25 May Yahweh cause his face to shine to you and may he be gracious to you.

UST
25 May he smile on you and act kindly toward you.

What blessings were Aaron and his sons to give the people from Yahweh? (vv25-26)
Aaron and his sons were to give the people a blessing of Yahweh’s light and peace.

Numbers 6:26

ULT
26 May Yahweh lift up his face to you and may he set peace for you.’”

UST
26 May he be good to you and cause things to go well for you.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 6:27

ULT

27 And they shall set my name upon the sons of Israel and I shall bless them.”

UST

27 Then Yahweh said, “If Aaron and his sons ask me to bless the Israelite people, truly I will bless them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7

Numbers 7:1

ULT

1 And it happened on the day Moses finished erecting the dwelling that he anointed it and made it holy, and all its vessels and the altar and all its vessels. And he anointed them and made them holy.

UST

1 When Moses had finished setting up the sacred tent, he poured oil on it, and set it apart for the honor of Yahweh. He also dedicated the things that are inside the sacred tent, and the altar for burning sacrifices, and all the things that would be used at the altar.

What did Moses anoint and sanctify for Yahweh on the day that the tabernacle and altar were completed?

He anointed and sanctified the tabernacle, all its furnishings, the altar and all it's utensils for Yahweh.

Numbers 7:2

ULT

2 And the leaders of Israel, the heads of the house of their faithers, made an offering. They were the leaders of the tribes. They were the ones standing over the counted ones.

UST

2 Then the leaders of the twelve Israelite tribes, the same men who had helped Aaron and Moses to count the men who could fight in battles,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:3

ULT

3 And they brought their offering before the face of Yahweh, six covered carts and 12 cattle, a cart for two of the leaders and an ox for one. And they offered them before the face of the dwelling.

UST

3 came to the sacred tent, bringing gifts to Yahweh. They brought six sturdy carts and twelve oxen, one ox from each of the leaders and a cart from each of the two leaders.

What did the leaders of Israel bring as sacrifices in front of the tabernacle?

They brought six covered carts and twelve oxen as sacrifices in front of the tabernacle.

Numbers 7:4

ULT
4 And Yahweh said to Moses, saying,

UST
4 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:5

ULT
5 “Take from with them and they shall be for serving the service of the tent of meeting. And you shall give them to the Levites, a man according to the mouth of his service.”

UST
5 “Accept these gifts, in order that the descendants of Levi can use them for carrying the sacred items that are here at the sacred tent.”

To whom did Moses give the offerings?
Moses gave the offerings to the Levites, to each one as his work needed them.

Numbers 7:6

ULT
6 And Moses took the carts and the cattle. And he gave them to the Levites.

UST
6 So Moses took the carts and oxen and gave them to the descendants of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:7

ULT

7 He gave two of the carts and four of the cattle to the sons of Gershon, according to the mouth of their service.

UST

7 He gave two carts and four oxen to the descendants of Gershon for their work,

What did Gershon and his descendants receive because of what their work needed?

Gershon and his descendants received two carts and four oxen.

Numbers 7:8

ULT

8 And he gave four of the carts and eight of the cattle to the sons of Merari, according to the mouth of their service, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

UST

8 and he gave four carts and eight oxen to the descendants of Merari for their work. Aaron's son Ithamar was the supervisor of all their work.

What did Merari and his descendants receive because of what their work needed?

Merari and his descendants received four carts and eight oxen.

Numbers 7:9

ULT

9 But he did not give to the sons of Kohath, for the service of the holy place was on them, they carried on the shoulder.

UST

9 But he did not give any carts or oxen to the descendants of Kohath, because they took care of the sacred items that were to be carried on their shoulders, not on carts.

Why didn't the descendants of Kohath receive any of the carts and oxen given as offerings?

The descendants of Kohath didn't receive any of the carts and oxen given as offering because they carried the equipment and objects reserved for the tabernacle on their shoulders.

Numbers 7:10

ULT

10 And the leaders offered the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed. And the leaders offered their offering before the face of the altar.

UST

10 On the day that the altar was dedicated, the twelve leaders brought other gifts to be dedicated and put them in front of the altar.

When was each leader to offer their goods for the dedication of the altar?

On their own day each leader offered their sacrifices in front of the altar.

Numbers 7:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh said to Moses, “One leader for the day, one leader for the day, shall they offer their offering for the dedication of the altar.”

UST

11 Yahweh said to Moses, “On each of the next twelve days one leader should bring his gifts for the dedication of the altar.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:12

ULT

12 And it happened that the one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab of the tribe of Judah.

UST

12-13 On the first day, Nahshon son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,

Who was the first of the 12 tribes of Israel that offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

Judah was the first of the 12 tribes of Israel that offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:13

ULT

13 And his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

UST

12-13 On the first day, Nahshon son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:14

ULT

14 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

14 and a small gold dish that weighed 113 grams and was filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:15

ULT

15 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

15-17 They also brought the gifts of a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:16

ULT

16 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:17

ULT

17 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

UST

15-17 They also brought the gifts of a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:18

ULT

18 On the second day, Nethanel the son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar made an offering.

UST

18-19 On the second day, Nethanel son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram. Both of these were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They were both weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 2nd day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 2nd day, Issachar of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:19

ULT

19 He offered his offering: one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

UST

18-19 On the second day, Nethanel son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram. Both of these were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They were both weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:20

ULT

20 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

20-23 Nethanel also brought the gifts of a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:21

ULT

21 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:22

ULT
22 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:23

ULT
23 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar.

UST
20-23 Nethanel also brought the gifts of a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:24

ULT
24 On the third day, the leader of the sons of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon,

UST
24-26 On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, leader of the tribe of Zebulun brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offering. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 3rd day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?
On the 3rd day, Zebulun of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:25

ULT

25 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:26

ULT

26 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

24-26 On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, leader of the tribe of Zebulun brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offering. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:27

ULT

27 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

27-29 Eliab also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people’s guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people’s fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:28

ULT

28 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:29

ULT

29 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

UST

27-29 Eliab also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:30

ULT

30 On the fourth day, the leader of the sons of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur,

UST

30-32 On the fourth day, Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the tribe of Reuben brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 4th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 4th day, Reuben of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:31

ULT

31 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:32

ULT

32 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

30-32 On the fourth day, Elizur son of Shedeur, leader of the tribe of Reuben brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:33

ULT

33 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

33-35 Elizur also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:34

ULT

34 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:35

ULT

35 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

UST

33-35 Elizur also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:36

ULT

36 On the fifth day, the leader of the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai,

UST

36-38 On the fifth day, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the tribe of Simeon brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings; they both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 5th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 5th day, Simeon of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:37

ULT

37 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:38

ULT

38 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

36-38 On the fifth day, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, leader of the tribe of Simeon brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings; they both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:39

ULT

39 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

39-41 Shelumiel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:40

ULT
40 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:41

ULT
41 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

UST
39-41 Shelumiel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:42

ULT
42 On the sixth day, the leader of the sons of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel,

UST
42-44 On the sixth day, Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of the tribe of Gad brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed about 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 6th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?
On the 6th day, Gad of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:43

ULT

43 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:44

ULT

44 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

42-44 On the sixth day, Eliasaph son of Deuel, leader of the tribe of Gad brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed about 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:45

ULT

45 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

45-47 Eliasaph also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:46

ULT

46 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:47

ULT

47 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

UST

45-47 Eliasaph also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:48

ULT

48 On the seventh day, the leader of the sons of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud,

UST

48-50 On the seventh day, Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the tribe of Ephraim brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:49

ULT

49 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:50

ULT

50 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

48-50 On the seventh day, Elishama son of Ammihud, leader of the tribe of Ephraim brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:51

ULT

51 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

51-53 Elishama also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:52

ULT
52 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:53

ULT
53 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

UST
51-53 Elishama also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:54

ULT
54 On the eighth day, the leader of the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur,

UST
54-56 On the eighth day, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the tribe of Manasseh brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 8th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?
On the 8th day, Manasseh of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:55

ULT

55 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:56

ULT

56 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

54-56 On the eighth day, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, leader of the tribe of Manasseh brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:57

ULT

57 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

57-59 Gamaliel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:58

ULT

58 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:59

ULT

59 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

UST

57-59 Gamaliel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:60

ULT

60 On the ninth day, the leader of the sons of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni,

UST

60-62 On the ninth day, Abidan son of Gideoni, leader of the tribe of Benjamin brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 9th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 9th day, Benjamin of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

On the 11th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 11th day, Asher of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

On the 12th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 12th day, Naphtali of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:61

ULT

61 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:62

ULT

62 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

60-62 On the ninth day, Abidan son of Gideoni, leader of the tribe of Benjamin brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:63

ULT

63 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

63-65 Adiban also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:64

ULT

64 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:65

ULT

65 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

UST

63-65 Adiban also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:66

ULT

66 On the tenth day, the leader of the sons of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai,

UST

66-68 On the tenth day, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the tribe of Dan brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

On the 10th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 10th day, Dan of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:67

ULT

67 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:68

ULT

68 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

66-68 On the tenth day, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, leader of the tribe of Dan brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:69

ULT

69 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

69-71 Ahiezer also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:70

ULT

70 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:71

ULT

71 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

UST

69-71 Ahiezer also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:72

ULT

72 On the day of the eleventh day, the leader of the sons of Asher, Pagiel the son of Okran,

UST

72-74 On the eleventh day, Pagiel son of Okran, leader of the tribe of Asher brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:73

ULT

73 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:74

ULT

74 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

72-74 On the eleventh day, Pagiel son of Okran, leader of the tribe of Asher brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:75

ULT

75 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

75-77 Pagiel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:76

ULT

76 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:77

ULT

77 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Pagiel the son of Okran.

UST

75-77 Pagiel also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:78

ULT

78 On the day of the twelfth day, the leader of the sons of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan,

UST

78-80 On the twelveth day, Ahira son of Enan, leader of the tribe of Naphtali brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:79

ULT

79 his offering was one silver dish, its weight was 130, one silver bowl of 70 shekels by the shekel of the holy place, the two of them were full of fine flour mixed with the oil for a grain offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:80

ULT

80 one pan of ten gold full of incense,

UST

78-80 On the twelveth day, Ahira son of Enan, leader of the tribe of Naphtali brought his gifts:

> a silver dish that weighed one and one-half kilograms and a silver bowl that weighed four-fifths of a kilogram, both of which were full of good flour and mixed with olive oil to be flour offerings. They both were weighed using the standard scales,
>
> a small gold dish that weighed 110 grams, filled with incense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:81

ULT

81 one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, one male lamb, a son of his year, for a burnt up offering,

UST

81-83 Ahira also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:82

ULT

82 one buck of the goats for a sin offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:83

ULT

83 and for the sacrifice of the peace offerings: two cattle, five rams, five male goats, five male lambs, sons of a year. This was the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

UST

81-83 Ahira also brought a young bull, a ram, and a one-year-old male lamb, to be sacrificed completely by being burned on the altar,

> a goat to be sacrificed to remove people's guilt for their sins,
>
> and two bulls, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:84

ULT

84 This is the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed from with the leaders of Israel: 12 dishes of silver, 12 bowls of silver, 12 pans of gold.

UST

84-86 When the altar was dedicated to Yahweh, those twelve leaders brought these gifts:

> twelve silver plates and twelve silver bowls, weighing a total of twenty-six and one-half kilograms, each of them weighed on the scales kept in the sacred tent,
>
> and twelve gold dishes filled with incense, weighing a total of one and two-fifths kilograms, each weighed on those same scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:85

ULT

85 One silver bowl was 130 and one bowl was 70. All the silver of the vessels was 2,400 by the shekel of the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:86

ULT

86 The pans of gold were 12, full of incense. The pan was ten by ten by the shekel of the holy place. All the gold of the pans was 120.

UST

84-86 When the altar was dedicated to Yahweh, those twelve leaders brought these gifts:

> twelve silver plates and twelve silver bowls, weighing a total of twenty-six and one-half kilograms, each of them weighed on the scales kept in the sacred tent,
>
> and twelve gold dishes filled with incense, weighing a total of one and two-fifths kilograms, each weighed on those same scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:87

ULT

87 All the cattle for the burnt up offering were 12 bulls, 12 rams, 12 male lambs, sons of a year, and their grain offering. And 12 bucks of the goats were for a sin offering.

UST

87-88 The twelve leaders also brought twelve bulls, twelve rams, and twelve one-year-old male lambs to be sacrificed completely by being burned along with the flour offerings,

> twelve goats to be sacrificed to take away the guilt of the people's sins,
>
> and twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty goats, and sixty male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:88

ULT

88 And all the cattle of the sacrifice of the peace offerings were 24 bulls, 60 rams, 60 male goats, 60 male lambs, sons of a year. This is the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

UST

87-88 The twelve leaders also brought twelve bulls, twelve rams, and twelve one-year-old male lambs to be sacrificed completely by being burned along with the flour offerings,

> twelve goats to be sacrificed to take away the guilt of the people's sins,
>
> and twenty-four bulls, sixty rams, sixty goats, and sixty male lambs that were one year old, to be sacrifices to restore the people's fellowship with Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 7:89

ULT

89 And when Moses entered into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the voice speaking to him from above the atonement lid that is on the box of the testimony, from between the two cherubim. And he spoke to him.

UST

89 Whenever Moses entered the sacred tent to talk with Yahweh, he heard Yahweh's voice speaking between the two images of creatures with wings that were above the lid of the sacred chest.

From what place did Yahweh speak to Moses when he was in the tent of meeting?

Yahweh spoke to Moses from above the atonement lid on the ark of the covenant decrees, between the two cherubims.

Numbers 8

Numbers 8:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:2

ULT
2 “Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you lift up the lamps to the front of the face of the lampstand, the seven lamps shall give light.’”

UST
2 “Tell Aaron to put the seven lamps on the lampstand and place them in such a way that they shine toward the front of the lampstand.”

What was Yahweh’s command to Aaron about the seven lamps?
Yahweh commanded that the lamps must give light in front of the lampstand.

Numbers 8:3

ULT
3 And Aaron did so. To the front of the face of the lampstand he lifted up its lamps, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
3 So Moses told him what Yahweh said, and he did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:4

ULT

4 And this is the work of the lampstand, a hammered gold work. It was a hammered work up to its base, up to its blossom. According to the appearance that Yahweh showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

UST

4 The lampstand had been made from gold that had been hammered from one large lump of gold, from its base to the decorations at the top that resembled flowers. The lampstand was made exactly as Yahweh had told Moses that it should be made.

Who showed Moses the pattern for the lamp?

Yahweh showed Moses the pattern for the lamp.

Numbers 8:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

5 Yahweh also said to Moses,

What did Yahweh ask Moses do to the Levites?

Yahweh told Moses to take the Levites from among the people of Israel and purify them.

Numbers 8:6

ULT

6 “Take the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel and make them clean.

UST

6 “You must cause the descendants of Levi to be acceptable to me by setting them apart from the other Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:7

ULT

7 And thus you shall do to them to make them clean: Sprinkle on them the water of the sin offering. And they shall pass a razor over all their body, and they shall wash their garments, and they shall make themselves clean.

UST

7 Do that by sprinkling them with water which will symbolize their being freed from the guilt of their sins. Then they must shave off all the hair of their bodies and wash their clothes.

What did Moses do to the Levites to purify them?

Moses sprinkled them with water of atonement, shaved their entire bodies, and washed their clothes.

Numbers 8:8

ULT

8 And they shall take a bull, a son of cattle, and its grain offering of fine flour mixed with the oil. And you shall take a second bull, a son of cattle, for a sin offering.

UST

8 Then they must bring one bull and some flour mixed with olive oil. Those things will be burned as sacrifices. They must also bring another bull that will be sacrificed to take away the guilt of their sins.

What was the offering that the Levites brought?

The Levites brought two young bulls and a grain offering with fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 8:9

ULT

9 And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of the tent of meeting. And you shall assemble all the congregation of the sons of Israel.

UST

9 Then you must summon all the Israelite people to come together in front of the sacred tent, to gather around the descendants of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:10

ULT

10 And you shall bring the Levites near before the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.

UST

10 Then the Israelite people must lay their hands on the descendants of Levi.

What did Yahweh tell Moses to ask the people of Israel to do to the Levites to purify them?

Yahweh told the people of Israel to lay their hands on the Levites.

Numbers 8:11

ULT

11 And Aaron shall wave the Levites as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh from with the sons of Israel. And they shall be for serving the service of Yahweh.

UST

11 Aaron must then present them to me to be a gift from the Israelite people, as if he had lifted them up to me, in order that they can work for me at the sacred tent.

Why did they present the Levites as though they were raised high before Yaweh?

They presented the Levites on behalf of the people so that the Levites might serve Yahweh.

Numbers 8:12

ULT

12 And the Levites shall lay their hands on the head of the bulls. And make the one as a sin offering and the one as a burnt offering to Yahweh, to make atonement for the Levites.

UST

12 After that, the descendants of Levi must place their hands on the heads of the two bulls. Then the bulls will be killed and burned on the altar. One will be an offering to take away the guilt of their sins, and the other will be completely burned to please me.

What kinds of offerings were the bulls for the Levites?

The bulls were a sin offering and a burnt offering to atone for the Levites.

Where did the Levites place their hands?

The Levites placed their hands on the heads of the bulls.

Numbers 8:13

ULT

13 And you shall stand the Levites before the face of Aaron and before the face of his sons. And you shall wave them as a wave offering to Yahweh.

UST

13 The descendants of Levi must stand at the altar in front of Aaron and his sons, and you must then dedicate them to me, as if you had lifted them up to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:14

ULT

14 And you shall separate the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall be for me.

UST

14 This ritual will show that the descendants of Levi are set apart from the other Israelites and that they belong to me.

What tribe was separated, purified, and lifted up as an offering to Yahweh so they could serve in the tent of meeting? (vv14-15)

The Levite tribe was separated, purified, and lifted up as an offering to Yahweh so they could serve in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 8:15

ULT

15 And afterwards the Levites shall enter to serve the tent of meeting. And you shall make them clean and you shall wave them as a wave offering.

UST

15 After the descendants of Levi have been made acceptable to me, and presented to me like a special offering as if they had been lifted up to me, they may start to work at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:16

ULT

16 For they are given, given to me from the midst of the sons of Israel. Instead of the opener of every womb, the firstborn of all from the sons of Israel, I have taken them for myself.

UST

16 They will belong to me. They will work for me as substitutes for the firstborn males of all the Israelites, who also belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:17

ULT

17 For every firstborn among the sons of Israel, among the human and among the livestock, belongs to me. On the day of my striking every firstborn in the land of Egypt I set them apart for me.

UST

17 All the firstborn males in Israel, both the people and the animals, are mine. When I caused all the firstborn sons of the people of Egypt to die, I set them apart for myself. But I spared the firstborn of all males of the Israelites, of people and animals, because they are mine.

When did Yahweh set apart all the firstborn people and animals for himself?

Yahweh set apart all the firstborn of people and animals for himself since the day he took the lives of all the firstborn of the Egyptians in the land of Egypt.

Numbers 8:18

ULT

18 And I have taken the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel.

UST

18 But now I have chosen the descendants of Levi to take the places of the firsborn male sons of the other Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:19

ULT

19 And I have given the Levites as given ones to Aaron and to his sons, from the midst of the sons of Israel, to serve the service of the sons of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the sons of Israel. And there shall be no plague among the sons of Israel at the coming of the sons of Israel to the holy place."

UST

19 I have appointed the descendants of Levi to help Aaron and his sons at the sacred tent, as Aaron and his sons offer the sacrifices to take away the guilt of the Israelite people's sins, and to prevent the Israelites from coming close to the tent with the result that a plague would cause many of them to become sick and die."

Whom did Yahweh give to the people of Israel to atone for the people so that no plague would harm them when they came near the sanctuary?

He gave the Levites, instead of the firstborn, to Aaron and his sons to do the work and to atone for the people in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 8:20

ULT

20 And Moses and Aaron and all the assembly of the sons of Israel did to the Levites, according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses for the Levites, so the sons of Israel did to them.

UST

20 Aaron and Moses and the other Israelites helped the descendants of Levi to do everything that Yahweh had commanded.

Did Moses, Aaron, and the whole community do everything that Yahweh had commanded concerning Levites?

Yes, they did everything that Yahweh had commanded Moses concerning the Levites.

Numbers 8:21

ULT

21 And the Levites purified themselves of sin and they washed their garments and Aaron waved them as a wave offering before the face of Yahweh. And Aaron made atonement for them to make them clean.

UST

21 The descendants of Levi sprinkled themselves with water to symbolize that they had been freed from the guilt of their sins, and they washed their clothes. Then Aaron brought them to the altar to present them to Yahweh, just as if he had lifted them up to him, and he offered sacrifices to take away the guilt of their sins and cause them to become acceptable to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:22

ULT
22 And afterward the Levites entered to serve their service in the tent of meeting before the face of Aaron and before the face of his sons, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so he did to them.

UST
22 After that, the descendants of Levi started to work at the sacred tent to assist Aaron and his sons. They did that just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:23

ULT
23 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
23 Yahweh also said this to Moses:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:24

ULT
24 “This is what is for the Levites. From a son of 25 years and above he shall enter to serve service in the work of the tent of meeting.

UST
24 “The descendants of Levi who are between twenty-five years and fifty years old will work at the sacred tent.

What did Yahweh say to Moses about the age limits of serving in the tent meeting?
Levites who were twenty-five years old could serve until they were fifty years.

Numbers 8:25

ULT
25 And from a son of 50 years he shall return from the service of the work and he shall not work more.

UST
25 But after they become fifty years old, they must retire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 8:26

ULT

26 And he shall serve his brothers in the tent of meeting to keep duty but work he shall not work. Thus you shall do for the Levites in their duties.”

UST

26 They may help their fellow descendants of Levi do their work at the sacred tent, but they must not do the work themselves. That is what you must tell them about the work they will do.”

What could they do when they could not serve in the tabernacle after 50?

Levites after 50 years old could help their brothers.

Numbers 9

Numbers 9:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the second year of their going out from the land of Egypt, in the first month, saying,

UST
1 One year after the Israelites left Egypt, on the first month of the second year, while they were in the wilderness of Sinai, Yahweh said to Moses,

Who spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai?
Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.

When did Yahweh spoke to Moses?
Yahweh spoke to Moses in the first month of the second year after they came out from the land of Egypt.

Numbers 9:2

ULT
2 “And let the sons of Israel do the Passover at its appointed time.

UST
2 “Tell the Israelite people that they must celebrate the Passover festival again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:3

ULT
3 On day 14 in this month, between the evenings, you shall do it at its appointed time. According to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances you shall do it.”

UST
3 They must do it on the fourteenth day of this month, early in the evening, and they must obey all the instructions about it that I gave you previously.”

When were the people of Israel to observe the Passover while they were in the wilderness of Sinai?
Every year they were to observe the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Numbers 9:4

ULT

4 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel to do the Passover.

UST

4 So Moses told the people what Yahweh had said about celebrating the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:5

ULT

5 And they did the Passover in the first, on day 14 of the month, between the evenings, in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses, so did the sons of Israel.

UST

5 The people celebrated it there in the wilderness of Sinai, in the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:6

ULT

6 And there were men who were unclean by the body of a man and they were not able to do the Passover on that day. And they came near before the face of Moses and before the face of Aaron on that day.

UST

6 But some of the Israelite people had touched a corpse, and as a result they had become unfit to celebrate the Passover. So they asked Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:7

ULT

7 And those men said to him, “We are unclean by the body of a man. Why are we restrained to not offer an offering of Yahweh at its appointed time in the midst of the sons of Israel?”

UST

7 “It is true that we have touched a corpse. But why should that prevent us from celebrating the Passover festival and offering sacrifices to Yahweh like everyone else?”

With what question did Moses go to Yahweh?

Moses went to Yahweh with a question because there were men who were unclean but wanted to keep the Passover.

Numbers 9:8

ULT

8 And Moses said to them, “Stand and I shall hear what Yahweh commands for you.”

UST

8 Moses replied, “Wait here until I go into the sacred tent and find out what Yahweh says about it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

9 So Moses went into the tent and asked Yahweh what he should tell the people, and this is what Yahweh said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:10

ULT

10 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If a man, a man is unclean by a body or is on a distant road, for you or for your generations, then he may do the Passover to Yahweh,

UST

10 “Tell this to the Israelite people: ‘If any of you or your descendants touch a corpse and as a result become unacceptable to me, or if you are away from home on a long trip at the time to celebrate the Passover, you will still be permitted to celebrate it.

What was the answer to Moses’ question to Yahweh?

Yahweh told Moses that if a man was unclean because of a dead body or because he was on a long journey, he could still keep the Passover.

Numbers 9:11

ULT

11 in the second month on day 14 between the evenings, they shall do it. With unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

UST

11 But you must celebrate it exactly one month later, early in the evening of the fourteenth day of that month. Eat the meat of the lamb for the Passover festival with bread that is baked without yeast, and eat bitter herbs.

When were those men to keep the Passover rather than on the 14th day of the 1st month?

Those men who were unclean or on a long journey kept the Passover on the 14th day of the 2nd month.

What were some rules for keeping the Passover? (vv11-12)

They ate the Passover with bread without yeast and bitter herbs and left none of it until morning while not breaking a bone of the animal.

Numbers 9:12

ULT

12 They shall not leave some of it until morning. And a bone, they shall not break it. According to every statute of the Passover they shall do it.

UST

12 Do not leave any of it until the next morning. And do not break any of the lamb’s bones. Obey all the regulations about celebrating the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:13

ULT

13 And the man, he who is clean and is not on a road but ceases to do the Passover, and that person shall be cut off from his people because he did not offer the offering of Yahweh at its appointed time. That man shall carry his sin.

UST

13 But if any of you has not done anything that would make you unfit to celebrate the Passover festival, and you are not away from home on a long trip, and you do not sacrifice to me at the proper time, you will no longer belong to my people. You will be punished.

What caused a man to be cut off from his people?

A person who was clean and not on a journey but failed to keep the Passover that Yahweh required would be cut off from his people.

Numbers 9:14

ULT

14 And if a sojourner sojourns with you and does the Passover to Yahweh, according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do. One statute shall be for you and for the sojourner and for the native of the land.'"

UST

14 Settled foreigners who live among you must also celebrate the Passover festival and obey all my commands concerning it.'"

What was the Passover law for a stranger in the land of Israel?

He had to keep the Passover, do all the commands, and obey the laws required.

Numbers 9:15

ULT

15 And on the day of raising up the dwelling the cloud covered the dwelling of the tent of the testimony and in the evening it was above the dwelling like the appearance of fire until morning.

UST

15-16 On the day that the sacred tent was set up, a cloud covered it. But from the time that the sun set until the time that the sun rose the next day, the cloud resembled a huge fire. And that is what happened every day that the Israelites were in the wilderness.

What happened to the cloud over the tabernacle at night? (vv15-16)

The cloud appeared as a fire at night.

Numbers 9:16

ULT

16 So it was continually. The cloud covered it and the appearance of fire at night.

UST

15-16 On the day that the sacred tent was set up, a cloud covered it. But from the time that the sun set until the time that the sun rose the next day, the cloud resembled a huge fire. And that is what happened every day that the Israelites were in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:17

ULT

17 And according to the mouth the cloud was lifted from above the tent, then afterward the sons of Israel set out. And in the place there where the cloud dwelled, there the sons of Israel camped.

UST

17 When the cloud rose up and started to move to a new location, the Israelites followed it. When the cloud stopped, the Israelites stopped there and set up their tents.

How did the people know to go or to stop traveling?

When the cloud was taken up from over the tent, the people would travel; when the cloud stopped, the people stayed in their camp.

Numbers 9:18

ULT

18 In accordance with the mouth of Yahweh the sons of Israel set out, and in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh they camped. They camped all the days that the cloud dwelled above the dwelling.

UST

18 The Israelites moved when Yahweh told them to move and stopped when Yahweh told them to stop by causing the cloud to move or stop. When the cloud stayed over the sacred tent, the Israelites stayed at that place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:19

ULT

19 And when the cloud prolonged above the dwelling many days, then the sons of Israel kept the keeping of Yahweh and did not set out.

UST

19 Sometimes the cloud stayed over the sacred tent for a long time, so when that happened, the Israelites did not move.

What would the people do when the cloud remained on the tabernacle for many days?

The people would obey Yahweh's instructions and not travel.

Numbers 9:20

ULT

20 And it was when the cloud was days of number above the dwelling, they camped in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and they set out in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

20 Sometimes the cloud remained over the sacred tent for only a few days. The people stopped and set up their tents as Yahweh commanded them, and they moved to a new location when Yahweh commanded them to do that.

When was the only time the people could journey? (vv20-21)

The people could only journey when the cloud lifted at Yahweh's command.

Numbers 9:21

ULT

21 And it was when the cloud was from evening until morning and the cloud was taken up in the morning then they set out, or in the daytime and night, and the cloud was taken up then they set out.

UST

21 Sometimes the cloud stayed in one place for only one day. When that happened, when the cloud rose up into the sky the next morning, then the people moved. Whenever the cloud moved, during the day or during the night, the people moved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 9:22

ULT

22 Whether two days or a month or days, when the cloud prolonged above the dweling to dwell above it, the sons of Israel camped and did not set out. And when it was taken up they set out.

UST

22 If the cloud stayed over the sacred tent for two days, or for a month, or for a year, during that time the people stayed where they were. But when the cloud rose up into the sky, they started to move.

When did the people of Israel stay in their camp and not travel?

When the cloud stayed on the tabernacle, the people of Israel stayed in their camp and did not travel.

Numbers 9:23

ULT

23 They camped in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and they set out in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. They kept the keeping of Yahweh in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

UST

23 When Yahweh commanded them to stop and set up their tents, they did that. When he told them to move, they moved. They did whatever Yahweh told Moses they should do.

How did the people of Israel find out Yahweh's commands?

The people of Israel found out Yahweh's commands through Moses.

Numbers 10

Numbers 10:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh also told Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:2

ULT
2 “Make for you two trumpets of silver. You shall make them hammered work. And they shall be for you for the calling of the congregation and for pulling up the camps.

UST
2 “Tell someone to make two trumpets by hammering each one from one lump of silver. Blow the trumpets to summon the people to come together and also to signal that they must move their tents to a new location.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to make two silver trumpets?
Yahweh told Moses to make two silver trumpets to call the community together or to move their camps.

Numbers 10:3

ULT
3 And they shall blow them and they shall congregate themselves to you, all the congregation, to the opening of the tent of meeting.

UST
3 If both trumpets are blown, it means that everyone must gather together at the entrance of the sacred tent.

Who was to blow the trumpets?
The priests were to blow the trumpets.

Numbers 10:4

ULT

4 And if they blow one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall congregate themselves to you.

UST

4 If only one trumpet is blown, it means that only the twelve leaders of the tribes must gather together.

What was the signal for only the leaders to gather to Moses?

When the priests blew only one trumpet, that was the signal for only the leaders to gather to Moses.

Numbers 10:5

ULT

5 And you shall blow a blast and the camps camping to the east shall set out.

UST

5 If the trumpets are blown loudly, the tribes that are to the east of the sacred tent should start to move.

What was the signal for people on the east side to begin their journey?

The signal for people on the east side to begin their journey was a loud trumpet blow.

Numbers 10:6

ULT

6 And you shall blow a second blast and the camps camping to the south shall set out. They shall blow a blast for their setting out.

UST

6 When the trumpets are blown loudly the second time, the tribes that are to the south should start to move. The loud blasts on the trumpet will signal that they should start to move.

What was the signal for the camps on the south side to begin their journey?

The signal for the camps on the south side to begin their journey was a second loud signal.

Numbers 10:7

ULT

7 And when assembling the assembly you shall blow but you shall not blast.

UST

7 When you want only to gather the people together, blow the trumpets, but do not blow them as loudly.

What did a soft blow of the trumpet signal?

The community was to gather together.

Numbers 10:8

ULT

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets And it shall be for you for a statute forever, for your generations.

UST

8 The priests who are descended from Aaron are the ones who should blow the trumpets. That is a regulation that will never be changed.

Who was always to blow the trumpets?

The sons of Aaron, the priests, were the only ones to blow the trumpets.

Numbers 10:9

ULT

9 And when you enter battle in your land against the opponents who oppose you, then you shall blast the trumpets. And you shall be remembered before the face of Yahweh your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.

UST

9 When you fight against enemies who attack you in your own land, tell the priests to blow the trumpets loudly. I, Yahweh, your God, will hear that, and I will rescue you from your enemies.

When they went to war and sounded an alarm with the trumpets, what would Yahweh do?

When they went to war and sounded an alarm with the trumpet, Yahweh would remember them and save them from their enemies.

Numbers 10:10

ULT

10 And on a day of your joy and at your appointed times and at the heads of your months, then you shall blow the trumpets with your burnt up offerings and with the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And it will be for you for a memorial before the face of your God. I am Yahweh your God.

UST

10 Also tell the priests to blow the trumpets when the people are happy, and at the festivals each year, and at the times when they celebrate the new moon each month. Tell them to blow the trumpets when the people bring offerings that will be completely burned, and when they bring offerings to restore fellowship with me. If they do that, it will help you to think about me. You must do that, because I am Yahweh your God."

What was a reminder to God, at the times of celebration, that Yahweh was their God?

They would blow the trumpets in honor of their burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.

Numbers 10:11

ULT

11 And it happened that in the second year, in the second month, on 20 in the month, the cloud was taken up from above the dwelling of the testimony.

UST

11 In the second year after the Israelites left Egypt, on the twentieth day of the second month, the cloud rose up from above the sacred tent.

What happened in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month?

In the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, the cloud lifted from the tabernacle.

Numbers 10:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Israel set out from the wilderness of Sinai according to their tribes. And the cloud dwelled in the wilderness of Paran.

UST

12 So the Israelites moved from the wilderness of Sinai, and they continued traveling north until the cloud stopped in the wilderness of Paran.

Where did the people of Israel go after leaving the wilderness of Sinai?

The people went from the wilderness of Sinai to the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 10:13

ULT
13 And they set out at the first in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

UST
13 That was the first time they moved, obeying the instructions that Yahweh had given to Moses to tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:14

ULT
14 And the banner of the camp of the sons of Judah set out at the first according to their armies. And over his army was Nahson the son of Amminadab.

UST
14 The group that went first, carrying their flag, was the group from the tribe of Judah. Nahshon son of Amminadab, was their leader.

What camp moved first?
The camp of Judah moved out first.

Numbers 10:15

ULT
15 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar.

UST
15 The group from the tribe of Issachar followed them. Nethanel son of Zuar, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:16

ULT
16 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon.

UST
16 The group from the tribe of Zebulun went next. Eliab son of Helon, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:17

ULT
17 And the dwelling was taken down. And the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, the lifters of the dwelling, set out.

UST
17 Then they dismantled the sacred tent, and the descendants of Gershon and Merari carried it, and they went next.

Who cared for the tabernacle?
The descendants of Gershon and of Merari.

Numbers 10:18

ULT
18 And the banner of the tribe of Reuben set out according to their armies. And over his company was Elizur the son of Shedeur.

UST
18 The group from the tribe of Reuben went next, carrying their flag. Elizur son of Shedeur was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:19

ULT
19 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

UST
19 The group from the tribe of Simeon was next. Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:20

ULT
20 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

UST
20 The group from the tribe of Gad was next. Eliasaph son of Deuel was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:21

ULT
21 And the Kohathites, lifters of the holy place, set out. And they raised up the dwelling until their coming.

UST
21 The group descended from Kohath was next. They carried the sacred items from the sacred tent. The sacred tent was set up at the new location before they arrived there.

Who carried the sanctuary's holy equipment?
The Kohathites carried the holy equipment.

Numbers 10:22

ULT
22 And the banner of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set out according to their armies. And over his army was Elishama the son of Ammihud.

UST
22 The group from the tribe of Ephraim was next, carrying their flag. Elishama son of Ammihud, was their leader.

Under what banner were the next armies to set out?
The armies under the banner of Ephraim were the next to set out.

Numbers 10:23

ULT
23 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

UST
23 The group from the tribe of Manasseh went next. Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:24

ULT
24 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

UST
24 The group from the tribe of Benjamin was next. Abidan son of Gideoni, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:25

ULT
25 And the banner of the camp of the sons of Dan, gatherer for all the camps according to their armies, set out. And over his army was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

UST
25 The ones who went last were the groups from the tribe of Dan, carrying their flag. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, was their leader.

Under what banner was the last army that set out?
The armies that camped under the banner of Dan's descendants were the last that set out.

Numbers 10:26

ULT
26 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Asher was Pagiel the son of Okran.

UST
26 The group from the tribe of Asher went next. Pagiel son of Ocran, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:27

ULT
27 And over the army of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan.

UST
27 The group from the tribe of Naphtali went last. Ahira son of Enan, was their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:28

ULT
28 These were the tribes of the sons of Israel according to their armies. And they set out.

UST
28 That was the order in which the groups of Israelite tribes traveled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:29

ULT
29 And Moses said to Hobab the son of Reuel the Midianite, the father-in-law of Moses, “We are about to set out to the place that Yahweh said, ‘I shall give it to you.’ Go with us and we will do good to you. For Yahweh has spoken good for Israel.”

UST
29 One day Moses said to his brother-in-law Hobab son of Reuel from the Midian people group, “We are on the way to the place that Yahweh promised to give to us. Come with us, and we will take good care of you, because Yahweh has promised to do good things for us Israelite people.”

Who was Reuel?
Reuel was the father of Moses’ wife.

Who did Moses invite to come with the people of Israel?
Moses invited Hobab his wife’s father’s son.

Numbers 10:30

ULT
30 And he said to him, “I will not go, but I will go to my land and to my family.”

UST
30 But Hobab replied, “No, I will not go with you. I want to return to my own land and to my own family.”

Where did Hobab want to go instead?
Hobab wanted to go to his own land and to his own people.

Numbers 10:31

ULT

31 And he said, “Please do not leave us! Because you know our camping in the wilderness and you could be for eyes for us.”

UST

31 But Moses said, “Please do not leave us. You know the places where we can set up our tents in this desert, and you can guide us.

Why did Moses want Hobab to go with them?

Moses wanted Hobab to go with them because he knew how to camp in the wilderness.

Numbers 10:32

ULT

32 And it will happen that if you go with us, then it will happen that that good which Yahweh shall do good with us even we will do good to you.”

UST

32 Come with us. We will share with you all the good things that Yahweh gives to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:33

ULT

33 And they set out from the mountain of Yahweh a road of three days. And the box of the covenant of Yahweh was setting out before the face of them a road of three days, to seek out for them a resting place.

UST

33 So Hobab agreed to go with them. The Israelites left Mount Sinai, which they called the Mountain of Yahweh, and they walked for three days. The men carrying the sacred chest went in front of the other people for those three days, and they kept looking for a place to set up their tents.

What was over them as they journeyed in the daylight with the ark of the covenant? (vv33-34)

Yahweh’s cloud was over as they journeyed in the daylight with the ark of the covenant.

Numbers 10:34

ULT
34 And the cloud of Yahweh was over them by day when they set out from the camp.

UST
34 The cloud sent by Yahweh was over them every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 10:35

ULT
35 And it happened when the box set out that Moses said, “Rise up, Yahweh, and your enemies will be scattered, and those who hate you will flee from your face.”

UST
35 Each morning when the men who were carrying the sacred chest started to walk, Moses said, “Yahweh, arise! Scatter your enemies! Cause those who hate you to run away from you!”

What did Moses ask Yahweh to do as they set out on their journey?
He asked Yahweh to scatter his enemies and make those who hated him run from him.

Numbers 10:36

ULT
36 And when it rested, he said, “Return, Yahweh, to the multitudes of the thousands of Israel.”

UST
36 And each time the men stopped to set down the sacred chest, Moses said, “Yahweh, stay close to the multiplied thousands of us Israelites!”

What did Moses say to Yahweh when they stopped?
He asked Yahweh to return to Israel’s many tens of thousands.

Numbers 11

Numbers 11:1

ULT

[1] And when the people were complaining it was evil in the ears of Yahweh. And Yahweh heard and his nose burned. And the fire of Yahweh burned among them and it ate at the end of the camp.

UST

[1] One day the people complained to Yahweh about their troubles. When Yahweh heard what they were saying, he became angry. So he sent a fire which burned among the people at the edge of their camp.

To what words of the people was Yahweh listening?
The people complained about their troubles as Yahweh listened.

Numbers 11:2

ULT

[2] And the people cried out to Moses. And Moses prayed to Yahweh and the fire sank.

UST

[2] Then the people cried out to Moses, and he prayed to Yahweh. Then the fire stopped burning.

What did Moses do when the people called out to him about the fire?
When they called out to Moses, he prayed to Yahweh, and the fire stopped.

Numbers 11:3

ULT

[3] And the name of that place was called Taberah, for the fire of Yahweh burned among them.

UST

[3] So they called that place Taberah, which means ‘Burning,’ because the fire from Yahweh had burned among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:4

ULT

4 And the gathered rabble that was in its inner part desired a desire. And they turned back and they wept, also the sons of Israel. And they said, “Who will let us eat meat?

UST

4 Then some troublemakers from other people groups who were traveling with the Israelites began to want better food. And when they started complaining the Israelite people also started to complain. They said, “We wish we had some meat to eat!

What were the people of Israel asking for when they began to weep?

The people of Israel wept and said, “Who will give us meat to eat?”

Numbers 11:5

ULT

5 We remember the fish that we ate in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic.

UST

5 We remember the fish that we ate while we were in Egypt, fish that was given to us without cost. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we could eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:6

ULT

6 And now our life is dried up, there is not anything except for the manna in our eyes.”

UST

6 But now we have lost our appetite, because all we have to eat is this manna!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:7

ULT

[7] And the manna, it was like the seed of coriander. And its eye was like the eye of bdellium.

UST

[7] The manna resembled small white seeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:8

ULT

[8] The people went around and picked up and ground with the handmill or crushed with the mortar and boiled in the pot and made it cakes. And its taste was like the taste of the delicacy of the oil.

UST

[8] Each morning the people would go out and gather some from the surface of the ground. Then they made flour by grinding it or pounding it with stones. Then they added water and boiled it in a pot, or they made flat cakes with it and baked them. The cakes tasted like bread that was baked with olive oil.

Where did the people find manna?

The people walked through the camp ground and gathered manna.

Numbers 11:9

ULT

[9] And when the dew came down on the camp at night, the manna came down on it.

UST

[9] Each night the manna came down on the ground where their tents were, like dew from the sky.

When would the manna fall on the camp?

When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna also fell.

Numbers 11:10

ULT

10 And Moses heard the people weeping according to its clans, a man to the opening of his tent. And the nose of Yahweh burned exceedingly and it was evil in the eyes of Moses.

UST

10 Moses heard all the Israelite people complaining as they were standing in the entrances of their tents. Yahweh became very angry, and Moses was also very perturbed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:11

ULT

11 And Moses said to Yahweh, “Why do you do evil to your servant? And why have I not found favor in your eyes, by putting the burden of all this people on me?

UST

11 He went into the sacred tent and asked Yahweh, “Why have you brought this trouble on me, your servant? Act mercifully to me! What wrong have I done, with the result that you have appointed me to take care of all of these people?

How did Moses say Yahweh had treated him?

Moses said Yahweh had treated his servant so badly.

Numbers 11:12

ULT

12 Did I conceive all of this people? Did I give birth to him so that you could say to me, ‘Carry him in your bosom just as the one who nourishes carries the one who sucks over the ground that you have sworn to his fathers?’

UST

12 I am not their father. Why have you told me to take care of them like a woman carries around her baby and nurses it? How can I take them to the land that you promised to give to our ancestors?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:13

ULT

13 From where is meat for me to give to all of this people? For they weep beside me, saying, ‘Give to us meat and let us eat.’

UST

13 Where can I get meat to feed to all these people? They keep complaining to me, saying, ‘Give us some meat to eat!’

For what were the people asking when they wept in front of Moses?

They wept in front of Moses and asked for meat to eat.

Numbers 11:14

ULT

14 I am not able by myself to carry all of this people, for they are heavier than me.

UST

14 I cannot carry all these people’s burdens by myself! They are like a heavy load to me, and I cannot carry this very heavy load anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:15

ULT

15 And if you are going to do thus to me, please slay me quickly, if I have found favor in your eyes. And do not let me look on my evil.”

UST

15 If you intend to act like this toward me, kill me now. If you are really concerned about me, be kind to me and kill me to end my misery of trying to take care of them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:16

ULT

16 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Gather for me 70 men from the elders of Israel whom you know, so that they will be elders of the people and its officers. And take them to the tent of meeting and they shall station themselves there with you.

UST

16 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Summon seventy men whom you know are leaders among the Israelite people. Tell them to stand with you in front of the sacred tent.

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to bring to him?

Yahweh told Moses to bring to him seventy of Israel’s elders.

Numbers 11:17

ULT

17 And I will come down and speak with you there. And I will withdraw some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them. And they will carry with you the burden of the people. And you will not carry by yourself.

UST

17 I will come down and talk with you there. Then I will take some of the power of my Spirit that you have, and I will put that power on them also. They will help you to take care of some of the things that the people are concerned about, in order that you will not need to do it alone.

What did Yahweh say the leaders would do after he put some of the Spirit on them?

Yahweh said that the leaders would bear the burden of the people with Moses.

Numbers 11:18

ULT

18 And to the people you shall say, ‘Make yourselves holy for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat. For you have wept in the ears of Yahweh, saying, “Who will let us eat meat? For it was good for us in Egypt.” And Yahweh will give to you meat, and you will eat.

UST

18 Furthermore, say to the people, ‘Make yourselves acceptable to me, and tomorrow you will have meat to eat. You were complaining, and Yahweh heard you when you were saying, “We want some meat to eat. We had better food in Egypt!” Now Yahweh will give you some meat, and you will eat it.

Who would supply the meat for the people to eat?

Yahweh would give them meat, and they would eat it.

Numbers 11:19

ULT

19 You will eat not one day, and not two days, and not five days, and not ten days, and not twenty days,

UST

19 You will eat meat not only for one or two days, or only for five or ten or twenty days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:20

ULT

20 until a month of days, until when it goes out from your nose. And it shall be for disgust for you, because that you rejected Yahweh who is in the midst of you. And you wept before his face, saying, “Why this—we went out from Egypt?””

UST

20 You will eat meat every day for one month, and then you will loathe it, and it will cause you to want to vomit. This will happen because you have rejected Yahweh who is here among you, and you have wailed in his presence, saying “We would have had better food to eat if we had not left Egypt.””

For how long did Yahweh say the people would eat meat?

The people would eat meat for a whole month.

Numbers 11:21

ULT

21 And Moses said, “The people are 600,000 on foot who I am in the midst of, and you have said, ‘I shall give to them meat and they shall eat a month of days.’

UST

21 But Moses replied to Yahweh, “There are six hundred thousand men plus women and children here with me, so why do you say ‘I will give them plenty of meat every day for a month!’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:22

ULT

22 Shall flock and herd be slaughtered for them then one find for them? If all the fish of the sea were gathered for them then one will find for them.”

UST

22 Even if we killed all the sheep and cattle, that would not be enough to provide meat for all of them! Even if we caught all the fish in the sea and gave it to them, that would not be enough!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:23

ULT

23 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Is the hand of Yahweh short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not.”

UST

23 But Yahweh said to Moses, “Do you think that I have no power? You will now see if I can do what I say I will do.”

What did Yahweh say Moses would see about Yahweh’s word?

Yahweh said Moses would see whether or not Yahweh’s word was true.

Numbers 11:24

ULT

24 And Moses went out and he spoke to the people the words of Yahweh. And he gathered 70 men from the elders of the people. And he had them stand round about the tent.

UST

24 So Moses went out from the sacred tent and told the people what Yahweh had said. Then he gathered together the seventy leaders and told them to stand around the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:25

ULT

25 And Yahweh came down in the cloud and he spoke to him. And he withdrew some of the spirit that was on him and he put it on 70 men, the elders. And it happened when the spirit rested on them that they prophesied but did not again.

UST

25 Then Yahweh came down in the cloud that was above the tent and spoke to Moses. He took some of the power of the Spirit that he had given to Moses and gave it to the seventy leaders. By means of the power of the Spirit within them, they prophesied, but they did that only once.

What did the seventy elders do when the Spirit rested on them?

When the Spirit rested on the seventy elders, they prophesied.

Numbers 11:26

ULT

26 And two of the men were left in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad and the name of the second was Medad. And the spirit rested on them and they were among the written down ones but they had not gone out to the tent. And they prophesied in the camp.

UST

26 Two of the leaders whom Moses appointed, Eldad and Medad, were not there when the rest of them gathered together. They had not left their tents to go and stand around the sacred tent. But Yahweh's Spirit came on them also, and they started to prophesy.

What happened to the two men who remained in the camp?

The Spirit also rested on the men who had remained in the camp.

Numbers 11:27

ULT

27 And the young man ran and reported to Moses, and he said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

UST

27 So a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying where all their tents are!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:28

ULT

28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the server of Moses from his youth, responded and said, “My master Moses, restrain them.”

UST

28 Joshua, who had helped Moses since he was a young man, said, “Sir, tell them to stop doing that!”

What did Joshua ask Moses to do about the two men who were prophesying in the camp?
Joshua asked Moses to stop them from prophesying.

Numbers 11:29

ULT

29 And Moses said to him, “Are you being jealous for me? And if only he would make all the people of Yahweh prophets, that Yahweh would put his Spirit on them!”

UST

29 But Moses replied, “Are you worried that they might injure my reputation? I wish that all Yahweh’s people could prophesy. I wish that Yahweh would give the power of his Spirit to all of them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:30

ULT

30 And Moses withdrew to the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

UST

30 Then Moses and all the leaders went back to their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:31

ULT

31 And a wind set out from with Yahweh and it brought over quail from the sea and it left on the camp like a road of a day here and like a road of a day here, round about the camp, and like two cubits upon the face of the land.

UST

31 Then Yahweh sent a strong wind from the sea. It blew quail into the area all around the camp, and caused the quail to fall onto the ground. They were piled up on the ground a meter high!

How far from the camp did the quail fall?

The quail fell near the camp, about a day's journey on one side and a day's journey on the other side.

Numbers 11:32

ULT

32 And the people rose all that day and all the night and all the day of the next day, and they gathered the quail. The one who did little gathered ten homers. And they spread out for them, spreading out round about the camp.

UST

32 So the people went out and gathered up the quail all that day, and all that night, and all of the following day. It seemed as though each person gathered two cubic meters! They spread the quail out on the ground all around the camp, so that the quail would lose their moisture.

How long were the people busy gathering the quail?

The people were busy gathering quails all that day, all the night, and all the next day.

Numbers 11:33

ULT

33 The meat was still between their teeth before it was chewed, and the nose of Yahweh burned against the people. And Yahweh struck the people an exceedingly great blow.

UST

33 Then they cooked them and started to eat them. But while they were still eating the meat, Yahweh showed that he was very angry with them. He sent a severe plague on them, and many people died.

How did Yahweh act in anger, while the people were still chewing the meat?

While the people were chewing, Yahweh became angry at them and attacked them with a very great disease.

Numbers 11:34

ULT

34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had desired.

UST

34 The people who died and were buried were the ones who had said they wanted to eat meat like they had formerly eaten in Egypt. So they called that place Kibroth Hattaavah, which means ‘graves of those who craved.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 11:35

ULT

35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people set out to Hazeroth. Then they were in Hazeroth.

UST

35 From there, the Israelites continued walking east until they arrived at Hazeroth, where they stopped and stayed for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 12

Numbers 12:1

ULT

1 And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses on account of the Cushite wife that he had taken because he had taken a Cushite wife.

UST

1-2 Moses' older sister Miriam and his older brother Aaron were jealous of Moses and said, "Is Moses the only one to whom Yahweh has spoken messages to tell to us? Does Yahweh not speak messages through us two also?" They also criticized Moses because he had married a woman who was a descendant of the Cush people group. And Yahweh heard Miriam and Aaron complaining about Moses.

Why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses?

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married.

Numbers 12:2

ULT

2 And they said, "Has Yahweh really only spoken with Moses? Has he not spoken also with us?" And Yahweh heard.

UST

1-2 Moses' older sister Miriam and his older brother Aaron were jealous of Moses and said, "Is Moses the only one to whom Yahweh has spoken messages to tell to us? Does Yahweh not speak messages through us two also?" They also criticized Moses because he had married a woman who was a descendant of the Cush people group. And Yahweh heard Miriam and Aaron complaining about Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 12:3

ULT

3 (And the man Moses was exceedingly humble, more than every human who was on the face of the ground.)

UST

3 The truth was that Moses was a very humble person. He was more humble than anyone else on the earth.

What is said to emphasize that Moses was humble?

The man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on earth.

Numbers 12:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh said immediately to Moses and to Aaron and to Miriam, “The three of you go out to the tent of meeting.” And the three of them went out.

UST

4 So immediately Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam. He said, “All three of you must go and stand at the sacred tent.” So they did that.

To where did Yahweh call Moses, Aaron, and Miriam?

Yahweh called Moses, Aaron, and Miriam out to the tent of meeting.

Numbers 12:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh came down in a column of cloud. And he stood at the opening of the tent. And he called Aaron and Miriam and the two of them went out.

UST

5 Then Yahweh descended to the entrance of the tent in a cloud that resembled a huge white pillar. He told Aaron and Miriam to step forward, so they did.

In what and where did Yahweh appear to talk with them?

Yahweh came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent.

Numbers 12:6

ULT

6 And he said, “Hear now my words! If one is your prophet, I, Yahweh will make myself known to him in the vision. I will speak with him in the dream.

UST

6 Then he said to them, “Listen to me! When a prophet is among you, I usually reveal myself to him by allowing him to see visions, and I speak to him in dreams.

How did Yahweh reveal himself to his prophets among the people?

When a prophet of Yahweh was with the people, Yahweh revealed himself to the prophet in visions and dreams.

Numbers 12:7

ULT

[7] Not so my servant Moses. He is trustworthy in all my house.

UST

[7] But that is not the way I speak to my servant Moses. I trust that he will lead my people well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 12:8

ULT

[8] I speak with him mouth to mouth and with appearance and not with riddles. And he looks at the form of Yahweh. And why are you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?”

UST

[8] So I talk to him face to face. I speak to him clearly, not using parables. He has even seen what I look like. So you should be afraid to criticize my servant Moses!”

How did Yahweh speak differently to Moses than to other prophets?

Yahweh spoke to Moses directly, not with visions or riddles.

Numbers 12:9

ULT

[9] And the nose of Yahweh burned against them and he went.

UST

[9] Yahweh was very angry with Miriam and Aaron, and he left.

How did God react to Aaron and Miriam?

His anger burned against them.

Numbers 12:10

ULT

10 And the cloud departed from over the tent. And behold, Miriam was with a skin disease, like the snow. And Aaron turned to Miriam, and behold, she was with a skin disease.

UST

10 When the cloud rose up from the sacred tent, Aaron looked at Miriam, and he saw that her skin was as white as snow, because she now had leprosy.

What did Aaron notice about Miriam when Yahweh left and the cloud rose from over the tent?

When the cloud rose from over the tent, Miriam was suddenly leprous—she was as white as snow.

Numbers 12:11

ULT

11 And Aaron said to Moses, “Please, my master, please do not put upon us sin which we did foolishly and which we sinned.

UST

11 Aaron said to Moses, “My master, please do not punish us for this sin that we have foolishly committed.

What did Aaron say about what they had said to Moses?

Aaron said that they had spoken foolishly and sinned.

Numbers 12:12

ULT

12 Please do not let her be like the dead one who when he comes out from the womb of his mother and half of his flesh is eaten.”

UST

12 Do not allow Miriam to be like a baby that is already dead when it is born, whose flesh is already half decayed!”

How did Aaron describe what Miriam’s leprous body was like?

He described her like a dead newborn whose flesh was half consumed.

Numbers 12:13

ULT
13 And Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, “God, please, please heal her!”

UST
13 So Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, “God, I plead with you to heal her!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 12:14

ULT
14 And Yahweh said to Moses, “If her father surely spit in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? She shall be shut up seven days from outside of the camp and afterward she may be brought in.”

UST
14 But Yahweh replied, “If her father had rebuked her for doing something wrong by spitting in her face, she would have been ashamed for seven days. She should be ashamed because of what she has done. So send her outside the camp for seven days. Then she will not have leprosy anymore, and she may return to the camp.”

What did Yahweh say was normal punishment if a father spat in a daughter’s face.
Yahweh says that if her father had spit in her face, she would be disgraced for seven days.

Numbers 12:15

ULT
15 And Miriam was shut up from outside of the camp seven days. And the people did not set out until the bringing in of Miriam.

UST
15 So they sent her outside the camp for seven days. The people did not move to another location until she returned.

Where did Miriam have to stay for 7 days and what did the people not do until Miriam return to camp?
Miriam was shut outside the camp for 7 days and the people did not journey until Miriam had returned to the camp.

Numbers 12:16

ULT

16 And after the people set out from Hazeroth. And they camped in the wilderness of Paran.

UST

16 But after she returned, they left Hazeroth and moved north in the Paran Desert and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13

Numbers 13:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:2

ULT
2 “Send for yourself men and they shall explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. You shall send one man by one man according to the tribe of his fathers, every leader among them.”

UST
2 “Send some men to Canaan to explore it. That is the land that I will give to you Israelites. Send men who are leaders in their tribes.”

Where did Yahweh tell Moses to send some men?
Yahweh told Moses to send some men to examine the land of Canaan, which he had given to the people of Israel.

What was the rank of the men who were sent from among the people of Israel?
All of the men were leaders from every tribe among the people of Israel.

Numbers 13:3

ULT
3 And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh. All of them were men, they were the heads of the sons of Israel

UST
3 So Moses did what Yahweh commanded him. He sent out twelve Israelite men who were all leaders of their tribes. He sent them from their camp at Paran in the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:4

ULT

[4] And these are their names: of the tribe of Reuben was Shammua the son of Zaccur,

UST

[4] These are the names of the men and the tribes they belonged to: Shammua son of Zaccur, from the tribe of Reuben;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:5

ULT

[5] of the tribe of Simeon was Shaphat the son of Hori,

UST

[5] Shaphat son of Hori, from the tribe of Simeon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:6

ULT

[6] of the tribe of Judah was Caleb the son of Jephunneh,

UST

[6] Caleb son of Jephunneh, from the tribe of Judah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:7

ULT

[7] of the tribe of Issachar was Igal the son of Joseph,

UST

[7] Igal son of Joseph, from the tribe of Issachar;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:8

ULT
8 of the tribe of Ephraim was Hoshea the son of Nun,

UST
8 Hoshea the son of Nun, from the tribe of Ephraim;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:9

ULT
9 of the tribe of Benjamin was Palti the son of Raphu,

UST
9 Palti son of Raphu, from the tribe of Benjamin;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:10

ULT
10 of the tribe of Zebulun was Gaddiel the son of Sodi,

UST
10 Gaddiel son of Sodi, from the tribe of Zebulun;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:11

ULT
11 of the tribe of Joseph, of the tribe of Manasseh, was Gaddi the son of Susi,

UST
11 Gaddi son of Susi, from the tribe of Joseph's descendent Manasseh;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:12

ULT
12 of the tribe of Dan was Ammiel the son of Gemalli,

UST
12 Ammiel the son of Gemalli, from the tribe of Dan;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:13

ULT
13 of the tribe of Asher was Sethur the son of Michael,

UST
13 Sethur son of Michael, from the tribe of Asher;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:14

ULT
14 of the tribe of Naphtali was Nahbi the son of Vophsi,

UST
14 Nahbi son of Vophsi, from the tribe of Naphtali;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:15

ULT
15 of the tribe of Gad was Geuel the son of Maki.

UST
15 and Geuel son of Maki, from the tribe of Gad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:16

ULT

16 These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to explore the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

UST

16 Those are the names of the men whom Moses sent out to explore Canaan. Before they left, Moses gave Hoshea a new name, Joshua, which means ‘Yahweh is the one who saves.’

What name did Moses use for Hoshea son of Nun who was chosen?

Moses called Hoshea son of Nun by the name of Joshua.

Numbers 13:17

ULT

17 And Moses sent them to explore the land of Canaan. And he said to them, “Go up here through the Negev and you shall go up the hill country.

UST

17 Before Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said to them, “Go through the southern Judean wilderness, and then go north into the hill country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:18

ULT

18 And you shall see the land, how it is; and the people who dwell on it, whether he is strong or weak, whether he is few or many;

UST

18 See what the land is like. See if the people who live there are strong or weak. See if there are many people or only a few people.

What did Moses tell the men to observe about the people who lived in the land?

Moses told the men to observe the people who lived there, whether they were strong or weak, few or many.

Numbers 13:19

ULT

[19] and how is the land in which he is dwelling, whether it is good or evil; and how are the cities in which he is dwelling, whether in camps or in fortifications;

UST

[19] Find out what kind of land they live in. Is it good or bad? Find out about the towns in which they live. Do they have walls around them or not?

What did Moses tell the men to notice about the cities in the land?

Moses told them to see if the cities were like camps or fortified cities.

Numbers 13:20

ULT

[20] and how is the land,whether it is fat or lean, whether there are trees in it or not. And you shall strengthen yourselves and you shall take from the fruit of the land." (And the days were the days of the firstfruits of the grapes.)

UST

[20] Find out about the soil. Is it fertile or not? Find out if there are trees there. Try to bring back some of the fruit that grows in that land." He said that because it was the beginning of the time to harvest grapes.

What did Moses tell the leaders to find out about the land and what were they to bring back?

Moses told the leaders to see whether the land was good for growing crops, whether there were trees, and to bring back samples of produce.

Numbers 13:21

ULT

[21] And they went up and they explored the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to enter Hamath.

UST

[21] So those men went to Canaan. They went through the entire land, from the wilderness of Zin in the south all the way to the city of Rehob near Lebo Hamath in the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:22

ULT

22 And they went up through the Negev and they came to Hebron. And Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, those born of the Anak, were there. (And Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan of Egypt.)

UST

22 In the southern Judean wilderness, they went to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, huge men descended from Anak, lived. Hebron was a city that was built seven years before the city of Zoan was built in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:23

ULT

23 And they came to the wadi of Eschol. And from there they cut a branch and one cluster of grapes. And they carried it by the pole with two men, and some of the pomegranates, and some of the figs.

UST

23 In one valley, they cut from a grapevine one cluster of grapes. Because it was very large, they needed two men to carry it on a pole. They also picked some pomegranates and some figs to carry back to their camp.

What did the men cut down in the Valley of Eschol?

When the men reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with a cluster of grapes.

How many men did it take to bring back the cluster of grapes, and what else did the people bring back?

It took two men to carry the grapes on a staff; their group also brought pomegranates and figs.

Numbers 13:24

ULT

24 He called that place the wadi of Eshkol, on account of the cluster that the sons of Israel cut from there.

UST

24 They called that place Eshcol which means ‘cluster’ because they had cut that huge cluster of grapes there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:25

ULT
25 And they returned from exploring the land at the end of 40 days.

UST
25 After they explored the land for forty days, they returned to their camp.

How long did the men spend examining the land?
The men returned from examining the land after forty days.

Numbers 13:26

ULT
26 And they went and they came to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran at Kadesh. And they brought back them and all the congregation word. And they showed them the fruit of the land.

UST
26 They came to Aaron and Moses and the rest of the Israelite people in the wilderness at Paran. They reported to everyone what they had seen. They also showed them the fruit that they had brought back.

To whom did they bring back word besides Moses and Aaron?
They also brought back word to all the community of the people of Israel.

Numbers 13:27

ULT
27 And they recounted to him. And they said, “We entered into the land where you sent us. And it is certainly flowing with milk and honey. And this is its fruit.

UST
27 But this is what they reported to Moses: “We arrived in the land that you sent us to explore. It is truly a beautiful land. It is a very fertile land. Here is some of the fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:28

ULT

28 However, the people who dwell in the land are fierce. And the cities are fortified very large. And also we saw those born of the Anak there.

UST

28 But the people who live there are very strong. Their cities are large and are surrounded by walls. We even saw some of the huge descendants of Anak there.

What did the men report about the people in the land?

The men reported that the people who made their homes in the land were strong.

What word did the men return about the cities in the land?

The men returned word that the cities were fortified and very large.

Numbers 13:29

ULT

29 Amalek is dwelling in the land of the Negev. And the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite is dwelling in the hill country. And the Canaanite is dwelling beside the sea and beside the hand of the Jordan."

UST

29 The descendants of Amalek live in the southern part of the land, and the descendants of Heth, Jebus, and Amor live in the hill country to the north. The descendants of Canaan live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and along the Jordan River."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:30

ULT

30 And Caleb hushed the people near Moses. And he said, "We will certainly go up and take possession of it, for we are certainly able to prevail over it."

UST

30 Caleb told the people who were standing near Moses to be quiet. Then he said, "We should go there and take the land, because we are certainly able to conquer it!"

When did Caleb encourage the people to attack the land?

Caleb encouraged the people to attack it at once.

Numbers 13:31

ULT

31 And the men who went up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people because he is stronger than us.”

UST

31 But the men who had gone with him said, “No, we cannot attack and defeat those people. They are much stronger than we are!”

Why did the other men who had gone with Caleb say they were not able to attack the people?

The other men who had gone with Caleb said they were not able to attack the people because they were stronger than they were.

Numbers 13:32

ULT

32 And they caused an evil report of the land, it that they had explored, to go out to the sons of Israel, saying, “The land in which we passed through to explore it, it is a land that eats those who dwell in it. And all the people whom we saw in the midst of it were men of size.

UST

32 So those men gave to the Israelite people a bad report about the land that they had explored. They said, “The land that we explored destroys the life those who try to attack it. And all the people living there are very tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 13:33

ULT

33 And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak from the Nephilim. And we were like grasshoppers in our eyes, and so we were in their eyes.”

UST

33 We also saw giants there. They are the descendants of Anak (who come from the Nephilim, those giant people). When we saw these giants we felt as small as grasshoppers and they thought that we looked like grasshoppers too.”

How did the men describe how small they felt compared to the giants of the land?

The men said that in their own sight they were like grasshoppers in comparison with the giants of the land.

Numbers 14

Numbers 14:1

ULT

[1] And all the congregation lifted up and gave their voice. And the people wept in that night.

UST

[1] That night, all the Israelite people cried loudly.

How did the community react to the news about the giants in the land?

That night all the community wept loudly.

Numbers 14:2

ULT

[2] And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness!

UST

[2] The next day they all complained against Aaron and Moses. All the men said, “We wish that we had died in Egypt, or in this wilderness!

What did the whole community of Israel wish had happened when they criticized Moses and Aaron?

They said to Moses and Aaron that they wished they had died in the land of Egypt or in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:3

ULT

[3] And why is Yahweh bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our children will be for plunder. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt?”

UST

[3] Why is Yahweh bringing us to this land, where we men will be killed with swords? And they will take away our wives and children to be their slaves. Instead of going to Canaan, it would be better for us to return to Egypt!”

What did they think would have better instead of going into the land to which Yahweh had brought them?

They thought it would have been better to return to Egypt with their wives and little ones.

Numbers 14:4

ULT

4 And they said, a man to his brother, “Let us set a head and let us return to Egypt.”

UST

4 Then some of them said to each other, “We should choose a leader who will take us back to Egypt!”

What did the people talk with each other about doing?

They talked about choosing another leader and returning to Egypt.

Numbers 14:5

ULT

5 And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the face of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel.

UST

5 Then Aaron and Moses bowed down to pray in front of all the Israelite people who had gathered there.

What did Moses and Aaron do in front of the assembly?

Moses and Aaron lay face down in front of the assembly.

Numbers 14:6

ULT

6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, from the ones who explored the land, tore their garments.

UST

6 Joshua and Caleb, two of the men who had explored the land, tore their clothes because they were very dismayed.

How did Joshua and Caleb react? (vv6-7)

Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and spoke to all the people.

Numbers 14:7

ULT

7 And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, “The land in which we passed through to explore it is a very exceedingly good land.

UST

7 They said to the Israelite people, “The land that we explored is very good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:8

ULT

8 If Yahweh delights in us, then he will bring us into this land. And he will give it to us, a land that is flowing with milk and honey.

UST

8 If Yahweh is pleased with us, he will lead us into that very fertile land, and he will give it to us.

What did Joshua and Caleb tell the community would happen if Yahweh was pleased with them?

They said that if Yahweh was pleased with them he would take them into that land and give it to them.

How did Joshua and Caleb describe the land?

Joshua and Caleb described the land as a land that flowed with milk and honey.

Numbers 14:9

ULT

9 Only you must not rebel against Yahweh and you must not fear the people of the land, for they are our food. He has turned their shadow from over them and Yahweh is with us. You must not fear them!”

UST

9 So do not rebel against Yahweh! And do not be afraid of the people in that land! We will gobble them up! They do not have anyone who will protect them, but Yahweh will be with us and help us. So do not be afraid of them!”

Why did Joshua and Caleb say protection would be removed from the people of the land?

They said that the protection of the people of the land would be removed from those people because Yahweh was with the people of Israel.

Numbers 14:10

ULT

10 And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of Yahweh appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.

UST

10 Then all the Israelite people talked about killing Caleb and Joshua by throwing stones at them. But suddenly Yahweh's glory appeared to them at the sacred tent.

What did all the community want do do with Joshua and Caleb, and where did Yahweh's glory appear?

All the community wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb to death. Yahweh's glory appeared at the tent of meeting.

Numbers 14:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Until when will this people spurn me? And until when will they not trust in me, despite all the signs that I have done in the midst of them?

UST

11 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "How long will these people reject me? I am tired of them not believing in what I can do, in spite of all the miracles I have performed among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:12

ULT

12 I will strike him down with the plague and I will disinherit him. And I will make you into a nation greater and more numerous than them."

UST

12 So I will send a plague among them and get rid of them. But I will cause your descendants to become a great nation. They will be a nation that is much greater and stronger than these people are."

How did Yahweh offer to bless the clan of Moses after attacking them with plague and disinheriting the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Moses he would make his clan a nation that would be greater and mightier than the people of Israel were.

Numbers 14:13

ULT

[13] And Moses said to Yahweh, “And the Egyptians have heard that you brought this people up with your power from the midst of him.

UST

[13] But Moses replied to Yahweh, “Please do not do that, because the people of Egypt will hear about it! You brought these Israelite people from Egypt by your great power,

What did Moses say the Egyptians would do when they heard about Yahweh’s destroying Israel?

Moses said the Egyptians would tell the inhabitants in this land.

Numbers 14:14

ULT

[14] And they have said to those dwelling in this land. They have heard that you, Yahweh, are in the midst of this people, that you, Yahweh, have been seen eye by eye, and your cloud is standing over them, and in a column of cloud you are going before their face by day and in a column of fire at night.

UST

[14] and the people of Egypt will tell that to the descendants of Canaan who live in this land. Yahweh, they have already heard about you. They know that you have been with these people and that they have seen you face to face. They have heard that your cloud is like a huge pillar that stays over them, and by that cloud you lead them during the day, and that the cloud becomes like a fire at night to give them light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:15

ULT

[15] If you kill this people like one man, then the nations will say that they heard hearing of you, saying,

UST

[15] If you kill these people all at one time, the people groups who have heard about your power will say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:16

ULT

16 ‘Because Yahweh was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to them, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.’

UST

16 ‘Yahweh was not able to bring them into the land that he promised to give to them, so he killed them in the wilderness.’

What did Moses say the nations would say if Yahweh killed the people of Israel in the wilderness?

He said they would say that because Yahweh could not take this people into the land that he swore to give them, he killed them in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:17

ULT

17 And now, please let the power of my Lord be great, just as you have spoken, saying,

UST

17 So Yahweh, now show that you are very powerful. You said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:18

ULT

18 ‘Yahweh is long of nostrils and abundant of covenant faithfulness, lifting up iniquity and transgression. But surely he will not leave unpunished, appointing the iniquity of fathers on sons, on thirds, and on fourths.’

UST

18 ‘I do not quickly become angry. Instead, I love people greatly, and I forgive people for having sinned and having disobeyed my laws. But I will always punish people who are guilty of doing what is wrong. When parents sin, I will punish them, but I will also punish their children and their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren and their great-great-grandchildren.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:19

ULT

19 Please forgive this people of the iniquity according to the greatness of your covenant faithfulness, and just as you have lifted up this people from Egypt and to here."

UST

19 So, because you love your people with a great covenant loyalty, forgive these people for the sins that they have committed, just like you have continued to forgive them ever since they left Egypt."

Why does Moses plead with Yahweh to pardon the people's sin?

Moses pleaded with Yahweh to pardon the people's sin because of the greatness of his covenant faithfulness.

Numbers 14:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh said, "I have forgiven according to your word.

UST

20 Then Yahweh replied, "I have forgiven them, as you requested me to.

What did Yahweh say would happen because he had pardoned them in keeping with Moses' request? (vv20-21)

Yahweh said that as He lived, all the earth would be filled with his glory.

Numbers 14:21

ULT

21 But truly, I live, and all the earth will be filled with the glory of Yahweh.

UST

21 But, just as certainly as I live and that people all over the world can see my glory, I solemnly declare that

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:22

ULT
22 For all the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and they tested me this ten times and have not listened to my voice,

UST
22 all these people saw my glory and all the miracles that I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, but they disobeyed me, and many times they tested whether they could continue to do evil things without my punishing them.

What had all those people done who had seen Yahweh's glory and the signs of his power that he had done in Egypt and in the wilderness?
All the people who had seen his glory and signs had tempted him 10 times and had not listened to his voice.

Numbers 14:23

ULT
23 if they see the land that I have sworn to their fathers...and all those who spurn me will not see it.

UST
23 Because of that, not one of them will see the land that I promised their ancestors that I would give to them. No one who rejected me will see that land.

What was going to happen to those people who had despised Yahweh?
The people who had despised Yahweh would not see the land about which Yahweh had made an oath to their ancestors.

Numbers 14:24

ULT
24 But my servant Caleb, because another spirit is with him and he was fully after me, I will bring him into the land that he will come to there. And his seed will inherit it.

UST
24 But Caleb, who serves me well, is different from the others. He obeys me completely. So I will bring him into that land that he has already seen, and his descendants will inherit some of it.

What did Caleb do because he had another spirit, and what would happen to Caleb?
Caleb had another spirit so he followed Yahweh fully; therefore he would go into the land that he had examined and his descendants would possess it.

Numbers 14:25

ULT

25 (And the Amalekite and the Canaanite was dwelling in the valley.) Tomorrow turn and set out for yourselves to the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds."

UST

25 So, since the descendants of Amalek and Canaan who are living in the valleys in Canaan are very strong, when you leave here tomorrow, instead of traveling toward Canaan, go back along the road through the wilderness toward the Sea of Reeds."

Where did Yahweh tell the people to go the next day?
Yahweh told the people to turn tomorrow and go to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

Numbers 14:26

ULT

26 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

26 Then Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:27

ULT

27 "Until when must I listen to this evil congregation, they who are murmuring against me the murmurings of the sons of Israel, they who are murmuring against me?

UST

27 "How long will the wicked people of this nation keep complaining about me? I have heard everything that they have grumbled against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:28

ULT

28 Say to them, ‘I live,’ the declaration of Yahweh, ‘surely just as you have spoken in my ears, so I will do to you.

UST

28 So now tell them this: ‘Just as certainly as I, Yahweh, live, I will do exactly what you said would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:29

ULT

29 In this wilderness your corpses will fall and all your counted ones according to all your number, from a son of 20 years and upward, who have murmured against me.

UST

29 I will cause all of you to die here in this wilderness! Because you grumbled against me, none of you who are more than twenty years old and who were counted when Moses counted everyone

What age of people did Yahweh say would fall dead in the wilderness?

Yahweh said that the dead bodies of the people from twenty years old and upward would fall in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:30

ULT

30 If you enter into the land that I have lifted up my hand to make you dwell in…except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

UST

30 will enter the land that I solemnly promised to give to you. Only Caleb and Joshua will enter that land.

Who were the only two men over 20 that Yahweh said he would take into the land that he had promised for their home?

He said he would only take Caleb and Joshua into the land that he had promised for their home.

Numbers 14:31

ULT

31 And your children who you said would be for plunder, and I will bring them and they will know the land, it that you have rejected.

UST

31 You said that your children would be taken from you to become slaves, but I will take them into the land, and they will enjoy living in the land that you rejected.

Whom else did Yahweh say he would take into the land?

He said that he would take into the land the little ones whom the parents had said would be victims.

Numbers 14:32

ULT

32 And you, your corpses will fall in this wilderness.

UST

32 But as for you adults, you will die here in this wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:33

ULT

33 And your sons will be those who herd in the wilderness 40 years. And they will carry your fornications until the finishing of your corpses in the wilderness.

UST

33 Your children will wander around in this wilderness as shepherds for forty years. Because you adults were not loyal to me, your children will suffer until you all die in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:34

ULT

34 By the number of the days that you explored the land, 40 days, a day for the year, a day for the year, you will carry your iniquities 40 years. And you will know my opposition.

UST

34 You will suffer for your sins for forty years. That will be one year for each of the forty days that the twelve men explored Canaan land. And I will be like an enemy to you.

How many years would the people to bear the consequence of their sin and why that number?

They would bear the consequences of their sins for forty years because the men had examined the land for 40 days.

Numbers 14:35

ULT

35 I, Yahweh, have spoken. Surely I will do this to all this evil congregation, the ones who have congregated themselves against me. In this wilderness they will finish and there they will die.'"

UST

35 This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it! I will do these things to every one in this group that has plotted against me. They will all die right here in this wilderness!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:36

ULT

36 And the men whom Moses had sent to explore the land and had returned and caused all the congregation to murmur against him by causing an evil report against the land to go out,

UST

36-37 Then Yahweh attacked the ten men who had discouraged the people, so that they died. These were the men who had explored Canaan and then told the people that they would not be able to take over the land. It was because of the men that the people spoke against Moses.

What happened to the men who had gone to look at the land? (vv36-37)

The men whom Moses had sent to look at the land all died by Yahweh's plague.

Numbers 14:37

ULT

37 even the men who had caused to go out the evil report of the evil land, died by the plague before the face of Yahweh.

UST

36-37 Then Yahweh attacked the ten men who had discouraged the people, so that they died. These were the men who had explored Canaan and then told the people that they would not be able to take over the land. It was because of the men that the people spoke against Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:38

ULT

38 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh lived from those men, the ones who went to explore the land.

UST

38 Of the twelve men who had explored Canaan, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

Who remained alive of the men that went to look at the land?

Of the men who had gone to look at the land, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

Numbers 14:39

ULT

39 And Moses spoke these words to all the sons of Israel. And the people mourned exceedingly.

UST

39 When Moses reported to the Israelite people what Yahweh had said, many of them were very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:40

ULT

40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the head of the mountain, saying, “Here we are, and we will go up to the place that Yahweh has said, for we have sinned.”

UST

40 So the people got up early the next morning and started to go toward the hill country in Canaan. They said, “We know that we have sinned, but now we are ready to enter the land that Yahweh promised to give to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:41

ULT

41 And Moses said, “Why this—are you passing over the mouth of Yahweh? And it will not succeed.

UST

41 But Moses said, “Yahweh commanded you to return to the desert, so why are you now disobeying him? It will not succeed.

Why did Moses tell the people not to go into the land? (vv41-42)

Moses told them not to go because they were violating Yahweh’s command and because Yahweh was not with them to stop their enemies from defeating them.

Numbers 14:42

ULT

42 You must not go up because Yahweh is not in the midst of you, that you not be struck down before the face of your enemies.

UST

42 Do not try to enter the land now! If you try, your enemies will defeat you, because Yahweh will not be with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:43

ULT

43 For the Amalekite and the Canaanite are there before your face and you will fall by the sword. For therefore you have turned from after Yahweh, and Yahweh will not be with you.”

UST

43 When you begin to fight the descendants of Amalek and Canaan, they will slaughter you! Yahweh will abandon you, because you have abandoned him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 14:44

ULT

44 And they presumed to go up to the head of the mountain, but the box of the covenant of Yahweh and Moses did not depart from the midst of the camp.

UST

44 But even though Moses did not leave the camp, and the sacred chest that contained the Ten Commandments was not taken from the camp, the people began to go toward the hill country in Canaan.

Who did not leave the camp to go up into the hill country with the people?

Neither Moses nor the ark of the covenant of Yahweh left the camp when they went up into the hill country.

Numbers 14:45

ULT

45 And the Amalekite and the Canaanite who dwelled on that mountain, came down. And they smote them and beat them to pieces as far as the Hormah.

UST

45 Then the descendants of Amalek and Canaan who lived in those hills came down and attacked them; they chased them as far south as Hormah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15

Numbers 15:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Then Yahweh told Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:2

ULT
2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter into the land of your dwellings, which I am giving to you,

UST
2 "Tell this to the Israelite people, 'When you arrive in the land that I am giving to you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:3

ULT
3 then you shall make an offering made by fire to Yahweh, a burnt up offering or a sacrifice, to do an extraordinary vow or with a voluntary offering, or at your appointed times, to make an aroma of soothing for Yahweh from the herd or from the flock.

UST
3 you must offer to me special sacrifices which will be pleasing to me when the priest burns them on the altar. Some of them may be offerings that will be completely burned on the altar. Some of them may be to indicate that you have made a solemn promise to me. Some of them may be offerings that you yourselves have decided to make. Some of them may be offerings at one of the festivals that you celebrate each year. These offerings may be taken from your herds of cattle or from your flocks of sheep and goats.

What did the offerings at the feasts produce for Yahweh?
The offering at the feasts produced a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Numbers 15:4

ULT

[4] And the one who is offering shall offer his offering to Yahweh, a grain offering, a tenth of fine flour mixed with a fourth of the hin of oil.

UST

[4] When you give these offerings, you must also bring to me a flour offering of about two liters of nice flour mixed with about a liter of olive oil.

What grain offering were they to bring with the offering of a ram?

With the offering of a ram, they were to bring a grain offering of flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 15:5

ULT

[5] And wine for the drink offering, a fourth of the hin, you shall make with the burnt up offering or for the sacrifice, for the one male lamb.

UST

[5] When you offer a young ram or goat for the sacrifice that will be completely burned up, or when you offer as a sacrifice of every young lamb, you should prepare a liter of wine to be used as a drink offering.

What drink offering were the people to bring with their burnt offering or with the sacrifice of each lamb?

The people were told to prepare wine as the drink offering with their burnt offering or with the sacrifice of each lamb.

Numbers 15:6

ULT

[6] Or for the ram you shall make a grain offering, two tenths fine flour mixed with a third of the hin of oil.

UST

[6] When you offer a ram to be a sacrifice, you must also bring an offering of about three and four-fifths liters of finely ground flour mixed with about one and one-quarter liters of olive oil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:7

ULT

[7] And wine for the drink offering, a third of the hin, you shall offer as an aroma of soothing for Yahweh.

UST

[7] And also pour on the altar about one and one-fifth liters of wine. While they are being burned, the smell of it will be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:8

ULT

[8] And when you make a son of cattle a burnt up offering or a sacrifice, to do an extraordinary vow or peace offerings to Yahweh,

UST

[8] Sometimes you will offer a young bull to be completely burned on the altar. Sometimes you will offer a sacrifice to indicate that you have made a solemn promise to me. Sometimes you will offer a sacrifice to restore fellowship with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:9

ULT

[9] then you shall offer with the son of the cattle a grain offering, three tenths fine flour mixed with a half of the hin of the oil,

UST

[9] When you offer these sacrifices, you must also offer a flour offering of about six and one-half liters of finely ground flour mixed with about two liters of olive oil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:10

ULT
10 and you shall offer a half of the hin of wine for the drink offering; an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh.

UST
10 Also pour on the altar two quarts of wine to be an offering. While those special gifts are being burned, the smell from it will be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:11

ULT
11 Thus it shall be done for the one ox or for the one ram, or for the small livestock among the male lambs or among the goats.

UST
11 Each time someone offers a bull or a ram or a male lamb or young goat to be a sacrifice, it must be done that way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:12

ULT
12 According to the number that you do, thus you shall do for the one according to their number.

UST
12 You must obey these instructions for each animal that you bring to me for an offering.

Who was told to follow those laws about offerings? (vv12-13)
All who were native-born Israelites were told to prepare the sacrifices and offerings as Yahweh had described here.

Numbers 15:13

ULT

13 Every native shall do these things thus for offering an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh.

UST

13 All of you people who have been Israelites all of your lives must obey these regulations when you offer sacrifices that will be pleasing to me when they are burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:14

ULT

14 And if a sojourner sojourns with you, or whoever is in the midst of you for your generations, and he makes an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing for Yahweh, just as you shall do so he shall do.

UST

14 If any foreigners visit you or live among you, if they also want to bring a sacrifice that will be pleasing to me when it is burned on the altar, they must obey these same instructions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:15

ULT

15 The assembly statute is one for you and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning, a statute of eternity for your generations. As you, so the sojourner shall be before the face of Yahweh.

UST

15 I consider that those who have always been Israelites and those who are foreigners are equal, and so they must all obey the same instructions. All of your descendants must also continue to obey these instructions of mine.

How did the law and decree apply to the foreigner who stayed with the people of Israel? (vv15-16)

The same law and decree applied to the traveler and foreigner who stayed with the people of Israel.

Numbers 15:16

ULT
16 One instruction and one ordinance shall be for you and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning with you.'"

UST
16 You Israelites and the foreigners who live among you must all obey the same instructions.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:17

ULT
17 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
17 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:18

ULT
18 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter into the land there which I am bringing you,

UST
18 "Tell these instructions to the Israelite people, 'When you arrive in the land to which I am taking you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:19

ULT
19 and it shall be that when you eat from the bread of the land, you shall raise a raised offering to Yahweh.

UST
19 and you eat the crops that are growing there, you must set some of them aside to be a sacred offering to me, and present them to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:20

ULT

[20] The first of your dough shall be a cake you shall raise as a raised offering. Like a raised offering of the threshing floor, so you shall raise it.

UST

[20] Each year set aside some of the first grain that you gather after you have threshed it. Bake a loaf of bread from the first flour that you grind and present it before me as a sacred offering.

What were the people to do with the first of their dough?
The people were to raise up a loaf from the first of their dough?

Numbers 15:21

ULT

[21] From the first of your dough you shall give a raised offering to Yahweh for your generations.

UST

[21] Every year, you and your descendants must continue to make and present to me a loaf of bread baked with flour from the first part of the grain that you harvest.

How often did Yahweh command the people to raise up an offering from the first dough?
He said that they must give a raised offering throughout the people's generations.

Numbers 15:22

ULT

[22] And when you stray and do not do all these commandments that Yahweh has spoken to Moses,

UST

[22] There may be times when you Israelites do not obey all these instructions that I have given to Moses to tell you, but not because you intended to disobey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:23

ULT
23 all that Yahweh has commanded to you by the hand of Moses, from the day that Yahweh commanded and beyond for your generations,

UST
23 There may be times when some of your descendants do not obey all these instructions that I have given to Moses to tell to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:24

ULT
24 and it shall be that if it was done as unintentional sin away from the eyes of the congregation, then all the congregation shall make a bull, one son of cattle, for a burnt up offering, for an aroma of soothing for Yaweh, and its grain offering and its drink offering according to the ordinance, and one buck of the goats for a sin offering.

UST
24 If you or they sin by forgetting to obey these instructions and none of the Israelite people realize that they were doing that, one young bull as an offering for all the people must be brought to the priest. That will be pleasing to me when it is burned on the altar. They must also bring to me a flour offering and an offering of wine, and a male goat, to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of their sin.

What was the community to do about an unintentional sin?
All the community had to offer one young bull, a grain offering and drink offering, and one male goat as a sin offering.

Numbers 15:25

ULT
25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and it shall be forgiven for them. For it was an unintentional sin and they have brought their offering, an offering made by fire, to Yahweh, and their sin offering before the face of Yahweh for their unintentional sin.

UST
25 By offering these sacrifices, the priest will make atonement for all of you Israelite people. Then, as a result of their bringing to me an offering to be burned on the altar, you will be forgiven, because you sinned without realizing that you were sinning.

For whom did the priest need to make an atonement and why? (vv25-26)
The priest had to make an atonement for all the community of the people because the sin was an unintentional error.

Numbers 15:26

ULT

26 And it shall be forgiven for all the congregation of the sons of Israel and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning in the midst of them, because of all the people with unintentional sin.

UST

26 You Israelite people, and the foreigners who are living among you, will all be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:27

ULT

27 And if one person sins with an unintentional sin, then he shall offer a female goat, a daughter of its year, for a sin offering.

UST

27 If one person commits a sin without realizing that he was sinning, that person must bring to me a female goat to be an offering to take away that person's guilt for that sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:28

ULT

28 And the priest shall make atonement for the person, the one who sinned unintentionally with a sin, with an unintentional sin, before the face of Yahweh, to make atonement for him and it shall be forgiven for him.

UST

28 The priest will offer it to be a sacrifice to remove the guilt of that person's sin, and that person will be forgiven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:29

ULT

29 The native among the sons of Israel and for the sojourner, the one who is sojourning in the midst of them, one instruction shall be for you for the one who does an unintentional sin.

UST

29 You Israelites and all the foreigners who live among you must obey these same instructions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:30

ULT

30 But the person who does with a raised hand, from the native and from the sojourner, he is blaspheming Yahweh. And that person shall be cut off from the midst of his people.

UST

30 But those who disobey my commands deliberately, both Israelites and the foreigners who live among you, have sinned against me by doing that. So they must be expelled from your camp.

What had to be done to the person who did anything in defiance and why? (vv30-31)

The person who did anything in defiance had to be be cut off from among his people because he had despised Yahweh's word and broken his commandment.

Numbers 15:31

ULT

31 Because he has despised the word of Yahweh and has broken his commandment, that person shall certainly be cut off. His iniquity shall be on him.'"

UST

31 They have despised my commands and deliberately disobeyed them, so they must be punished for their sin by never being allowed to live among you again.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:32

ULT

32 And the sons of Israel were in the wilderness. And they found a man gathering pieces of wood on the day of the Sabbath.

UST

32 One day, while the Israelites were in the wilderness, some of them saw a man who was gathering firewood on the Sabbath day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:33

ULT

33 And the ones who found him gathering pieces of wood brought him near to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation.

UST

33 Those who saw him doing that brought him to Aaron and Moses and the rest of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:34

ULT

34 And they made him rest in the keeping place because it had not been declared what should be done to him.

UST

34 They guarded him carefully, because they did not know what to do to punish him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:35

ULT

35 And Yahweh said to Moses, “The man shall certainly die, all the congregation stoning him with the stones from the outside of the camp.”

UST

35 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “The man must be executed. All of you must kill him by throwing stones at him outside the camp.”

What did the community do to the man found gathering wood on the Sabbath? (vv35-36)

The community brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death.

Numbers 15:36

ULT

36 And all the congregation brought him out to the outside of the camp. And they stoned him with the stones and he died, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

36 So they all took the man outside the camp and killed him by throwing stones at him, as Yahweh had commanded Moses that they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:37

ULT

37 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

37 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 15:38

ULT

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'And they shall make for themselves a tassel on the wings of their garments for their generations. And they shall put a cord of blue on the tassel of the wing.

UST

38 "Tell this to the Israelite people: 'You and all your descendants must twist threads together to make tassels, and then attach them with blue cords to the bottom edges of your clothes.

What were the descendants of Israel commanded to make for themselves on their clothes?

The descendants of Israel were commanded to make tassels to hang on the borders of their clothes with a blue cord.

Numbers 15:39

ULT

39 And it shall be for you for a tassel and you shall see it and you shall remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and you shall do them. And you shall not explore after your heart and after your eyes, them which you are prostituting after,

UST

39 When you look at the tassels, you will remember all the instructions that I gave to you, and you will obey them. In that way, you will not be unfaithful to me. You will not be like an unfaithful prostitute who does the shameful things that she looks at and desires to do.

Of what would the tassels be a reminder to do?

The tassels would be a reminder that they wold keep all of Yahweh's commandments and not follow after their own hearts and eyes.

Numbers 15:40

ULT

40 so that you shall remember and do all my commandments. And you shall be holy ones for your God.

UST

40 Seeing those tassels will help you to remember that you must obey all my commands and that you must be my holy people.

Of what else would the tassels would be a reminder?

The tassels would be a reminder to obey all of Yahweh's commands and that they would be holy, reserved for God.

Numbers 15:41

ULT

41 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, to become a God for you. I am Yahweh your God."

UST

41 Do not forget that I am Yahweh, your God. I am the one who brought you out of Egypt in order that you might belong to me. I am Yahweh, your God.'"

What did Yahweh say he did to become the people of Israel's God?

Yahweh said that he had brought them out of the land of Egypt, to become their God.

Numbers 16

Numbers 16:1

ULT

[1] And Korah the son of Izhar the son of Kohath the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben, took men.

UST

[1] One day Korah son of Izhar and a descendant of Levi's son Kohath, conspired with Dathan and Abiram, who were the sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth. They were all from the tribe of Reuben.

Who—along with Dathan, Abiram, and On—gathered some men against Moses?

Korah gathered some men against Moses?

Numbers 16:2

ULT

[2] And they rose up before the face of Moses, and men from the sons of Israel, 250 leaders of the congregation, the called ones of the appointed meeting, men of name.

UST

[2] Those four men incited 250 other people who were leaders among the Israelite people to join them in rebelling against Moses.

Who joined Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On to rise up against Moses?

Two hundred and fifty leaders of the Israelite people rose up with them against Moses.

Numbers 16:3

ULT

[3] And they assembled against Moses and against Aaron. And they said to them, “It is much for you! For all of the congregation, all of them, are holy and Yahweh is in their midst. And why do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of Yahweh?”

UST

[3] They came together to criticize Aaron and Moses. They said to them, “You two are using more authority than you should! Yahweh has set apart all of us Israelite people, and he is with all of us. So why do you act as though you were more important than the rest of us people who belong to Yahweh?”

Which two men did Korah and the others think were lifting themselves above the rest of Yahweh’s community?

They thought that Moses and Aaron were lifting themselves above the rest of Yahweh’s community.

Numbers 16:4

ULT

[4] And Moses heard and fell upon his face.

UST

[4] When Moses heard what they were saying, he prostrated himself on the ground.

What did Moses do when he heard what the leaders had said to him?

Moses lay face down when he heard what the leaders had said to him.

Numbers 16:5

ULT

[5] And he spoke to Korah and to all his congregation, saying, “And in the morning Yahweh will make known who belongs to him and is the holy one and whom he will bring near to him. And him whom he chooses he will bring near to him.”

UST

[5] Then he said to Korah and those who were with Korah, “Tomorrow morning Yahweh will show to us whom he has chosen to be his priest, and who is holy and allowed to come near to him. Yahweh will permit only those whom he chooses to come into his presence.

Whom did Moses say would show Korah and those with him had been chosen to be Yahweh’s priest, by bringing him up to himself in the morning?

Moses told Korah and those with him that Yahweh would show whom he had chosen as a priest, by bringing that man up to himself in the morning.

Numbers 16:6

ULT
6 Do this, Korah and all his congregation, take for yourselves censers.

UST
6 So Korah, tomorrow you and those who are with you must prepare your pans to burn incense.

Whom did Moses instruct to bring censers to show whom Yahweh had chosen to be the holy one, and what were they to do with their censers? (vv6-7)
Moses instructed Korah all his group to bring censers on the next day and put fire and incense in them before Yahweh to show whom Yahweh had chosen to be the holy one.

Numbers 16:7

ULT
7 And put fire in them and set incense on them before the face of Yahweh tomorrow. And it will happen that the man whom Yahweh chooses, he will be the holy one. It is much for you, sons of Levi!”

UST
7 Then you must light a fire in them and burn the incense in the presence of Yahweh. Then we will see which one of us Yahweh has chosen to be his holy servant. It is you men who are descendants of Levi who are trying to use more authority than you should!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:8

ULT
8 And Moses said to Korah, “Now listen, sons of Levi:

UST
8 Then Moses spoke again to Korah. He said, “You men who are descendants of Levi, listen to me!

What was the work that Yahweh had separated the Levites from the community of Israel to do? (vv8-9)
Yahweh of Israel had separated the Levites from the community of Israel to bring them near to himself, to do work in Yahweh’s tabernacle, and to stand before the community to serve them.

Numbers 16:9

ULT

9 is it a small thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to him, to serve the service of the dwelling of Yahweh and to stand before the face of the congregation to minister to them?

UST

9 You know that Yahweh, the God of Israel has chosen you Levites from the community of Israel so you can work for him at his sacred tent and serve the people. Does that seem to you like a small thing for you to do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:10

ULT

10 And he has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. And you are seeking the priesthood also!

UST

10 Yahweh has brought you, Korah, and your fellow descendants of Levi, near to himself. Now are you demanding to become priests also?

Whom were Korah and the Levites gathered against when they demanded Aaron's priesthood and complained against Aaron? (vv10-11)

Korah and the Levites were gathered against Yahewh when they demanded Aaron's priesthood and complained against Aaron.

Numbers 16:11

ULT

11 Therefore you and all your congregation are the ones congregating against Yahweh. And Aaron, what is he that you grumble against him?"

UST

11 It is really Yahweh against whom you and your fellow descendants of Levi are rebelling. Aaron is not the one about whom you are really complaining."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:12

ULT

[12] And Moses sent to call for Dathan and for Abiram, the sons of Eliab. And they said, “We will not go up.

UST

[12] Then Moses summoned Dathan and Abiram, but they refused to come. They sent a message saying, “We will not come to you!

What did Dathan and Abiram say when Moses called them to come, and what did they say about Moses? (vv12-13)

Dathan and Abiram said they would not come to Moses. They said that Moses had brought them out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill them in the wilderness, and that he wanted to rule them.

Numbers 16:13

ULT

[13] Is it a small thing that you have brought us up from a land flowing with milk and honey, to make us die in the wilderness? But you have made yourself ruler over us, even to make yourself ruler!

UST

[13] You brought us out of Egypt, which was a very fertile land, in order to cause us to die here in this desert. That was bad. But now you are also trying to boss us, and that is worse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:14

ULT

[14] Moreover, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, or given to us an inheritance of field or vineyard. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? We will not go up.”

UST

[14] You have not given us a new land to live in, a land that has good fields and vineyards. You are only trying to blind these people. So we will not come to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:15

ULT

15 And it burned exceedingly for Moses and he said to Yahweh, “Do not turn to their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them. And I have not harmed one of them.”

UST

15 Then Moses became very angry. He said to Yahweh, “Do not accept the grain offerings that they have brought. I have not taken anything from them, not even one donkey, and I have never done anything wrong to them, so they have no reason to complain against me.”

What did Moses ask in anger to Yahweh about Dathan and Abiram’s offering, and what did Moses say he had not taken from them nor done?

Moses asked Yahweh in anger that he not accept their offering, and Moses said he had not taken one donkey from them nor harmed any of them.

Numbers 16:16

ULT

16 And Moses said to Korah, “You and all your congregation be before the face of Yahweh, you, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow.

UST

16 Then Moses said to Korah, “You and all those who are with you must come here tomorrow and stand in front of Yahweh. Aaron will also be here.

What did Moses tell the 250 men and Aaron to bring with them next day and where were they to come? (vv16-17)

Moses told Aaron and the 250 men with him to come before Yahweh with their censors.

Numbers 16:17

ULT

17 And take, a man, his censer and put incense on them. And bring before the face of Yahweh, a man his censer, 250 censers. And you and Aaron, a man his censer.”

UST

17 You and all the 250 men who are with you must each take a pan in which to burn incense, and put incense in it, to burn it to be an offering to Yahweh. Aaron will do the same thing.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:18

ULT
18 And they took a man his censer, and they put fire on it, and set incense on it. And they stood at the opening of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron.

UST
18 So each of those men got a pan to burn incense. They put in it incense and hot coals to light it, and then they all stood at the entrance of the sacred tent with Aaron and Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:19

ULT
19 And Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the opening of the tent of meeting. And the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the congregation.

UST
19 Then Korah summoned all the people who supported him and who were against Moses, and they also gathered at the entrance of the tent. Then the glory of Yahweh appeared to all of them.

What appeared when Korah his followers assembled against Moses and Aaron and they stood at the entrance to the tent of meeting?
When Korah his followers assembled against Moses and Aaron and stood at the entrance to the tent of meeting, the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the community.

Numbers 16:20

ULT
20 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST
20 Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

What did Yahweh want Moses and Aaron to do? (vv20-21)
Yahweh wanted Moses and Aaron to separate themselves from among that community that he might consume the community immediately.

Numbers 16:21

ULT
21 “Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation and I shall finish them in a moment.”

UST
21 “Get away from all these people, in order that I can get rid of them immediately!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:22

ULT
22 And they fell on their faces and said, “God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, will one man sin and you become furious against all the congregation?”

UST
22 But Aaron and Moses prostrated themselves on the ground. They pleaded with Yahweh, saying, “God, you are the one who caused all these people to live. Only one of these men has sinned. So, is it right for you to be angry with all the people?”

What did Aaron and Moses do and say when the God of the spirits of all humanity instructed them to get away from the people who had gathered at the entrance of the tent?
Moses and Aaron lay face down and asked the God of the spirits of all humanity if he had to be angry with all the community when one man had sinned.

Numbers 16:23

ULT
23 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
23 Yahweh said to Moses,

What did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the community to do? (vv23-24)
Yahweh told Moses to tell the community to get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

Numbers 16:24

ULT
24 “Speak to the congregation, saying, ‘Get yourselves up from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’”

UST
24 “Okay, but tell all the people to get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:25

ULT
25 And Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram. And the elders of Israel went after him.

UST
25 So Moses stood up and went to the tents of Dathan and Abiram. The Israelite leaders followed him.

Who followed Moses when he went to Dathan and Abiram and told the community to leave the tents of those wicked men and touch nothing of theirs? (vv25-26)
The elders followed Moses when he went to Dathan and Abiram and told the community to leave the tents of those wicked men and touch nothing of theirs.

What did he tell them would happen to the community if they stayed near their tents? (vv25-26)
He said the community would be consumed by all their sins.

Numbers 16:26

ULT
26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, “Now turn from beside the tents of these wicked men and do not touch anything that belongs to them, lest you be swept away by all their sins.”

UST
26 He told the people, “Get away from the tents of these wicked men, and do not touch anything that belongs to them! If you touch anything, you will die because of their sins!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:27

ULT

27 And they got themselves up from beside the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, from all around. And Dathan and Abiram went out, standing at the opening of their tents with their wives and their sons and their little children.

UST

27 So all the people moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram came out of their tents with their wives and children and babies, and stood at the entrance of their tents.

Who came out of their tents and stood in the entrances to their tents with their wives, sons, and their little ones?

Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance to their tents, with their wives, sons, and their little ones.

Numbers 16:28

ULT

28 And Moses said, “By this you will know that Yahweh has sent me to do all these deeds, that they are not from my heart:

UST

28 Then Moses said, “I was not the one who decided to do all these things that I have done. It was Yahweh who chose me and sent me to do them. And now he will prove that to you.

How would the people know that Yahweh had sent Moses to do all those works and that he hadn’t done them by his accord? (vv28-30)

If the men died a natural death, then Yahweh had not sent Moses. If Yahweh created and opening in the ground and swallowed them up to go down alive into sheol, then the all people would understand that those men had despised Yahweh.

Numbers 16:29

ULT

29 If these ones die like the death of every man and the appointment of every man is appointed to them, Yahweh has not sent me.

UST

29 If these men die in a normal way, then it will be clear that Yahweh did not choose me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:30

ULT

30 But if Yahweh creates a creation and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them and all that belongs to them and they go down alive to Sheol, then you will know that these men have spurned Yahweh.”

UST

30 But if Yahweh does something that has never happened before, if he causes the ground that is under their feet to open up and swallow these men and their families and all their possessions, and they fall into the opening and are buried while they are still alive, then you will know that these men have insulted Yahweh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:31

ULT

31 And it happened when he finished speaking all these words that the ground that was under them split open.

UST

31 As soon as Moses said this, the ground split open beneath those men.

What happened as soon as Moses stopped speaking to Korah and his men? (vv31-32)

As soon as Moses stopped speaking, the ground opened and swallowed Korah, the men, their families, and their possessions.

Numbers 16:32

ULT

32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their houses and every man who belonged to Korah and all the property.

UST

32 It swallowed those men and their families and all those who were standing there with Korah and all of their possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:33

ULT

33 And they went down to Sheol alive, they and all that belonged to them. And the earth covered over them and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

UST

33 They fell into the opening in the ground while they were still alive, and all their possessions fell into the opening also. They disappeared, and the ground closed back up again.

What happened to everyone in their families?

Everyone in their families went down alive into sheol, the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the community.

Numbers 16:34

ULT

34 And all Israel who was surrounding them fled from their sound, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us!”

UST

34 They screamed as they fell, and all the people who were standing nearby heard them scream. The people were terrified and cried out as they ran away, saying, “We do not want the ground to swallow us, also!”

What did all Israel do, and of what were they afraid?

All Israel fled because they were afraid the earth might swallow them up.

Numbers 16:35

ULT

35 And fire went out from with Yahweh. And it ate the 250 men offering the incense.

UST

35 And then a fire from Yahweh came down from the sky and burned up the 250 men who were burning the incense!

What happened to the 250 men who had offered incense to the Lord?

Fire flashed out from Yahweh and devoured the 250 men who had offered incense.

Numbers 16:36

ULT
36 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
36 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:37

ULT
37 "Say to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest and he shall lift up the censers from between the burning and scatter the fire abroad, for they are holy.

UST
37 "Tell Aaron's son Eleazar to take the pans that had incense in them away from the fire and to scatter the burning coals. The pans that those men were carrying are holy because they burned incense to me in them.

What did Yahweh tell Moses to tell Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, to do and why?
Yahweh told Moses to tell Eleazar to take the censors out of the smoldering remains and scatter the embers because the censers were holy, reserved for him.

Numbers 16:38

ULT
38 And the censers of these sinners against their lives, make them hammered sheets of thin metal, plating for the altar. For they offered them before the face of Yahweh and they are holy. And they shall be for a sign for the sons of Israel."

UST
38 Those men have now died because of their sin. So Eleazar must take their pans and hammer the metal to make it become very thin. He must make a covering for the altar with that metal. Those pans were used to offer incense to me, so they are holy. What happened to those pans will now warn the Israelite people."

What did Moses tell Eleazar to do with the metal of the censers of those that had lost their lives because of their sin?
Eleazar was to hammer the metal from the censors to make a covering over the altar because they were set apart for Yahweh.

Of what would the covering for the altar be a sign?
The covering for the altar would be a sign of Yahweh's presence to the people of Israel.

Numbers 16:39

ULT

39 And Eleazar the priest took the censers of bronze that the burned ones had offered and they hammered them as a plating for the altar,

UST

39-40 So Eleazar the priest collected the 250 pans for burning incense that had been used by the men who died in the fire. He hammered the pans very thin to make a covering for the altar, as Yahweh told Moses should be done. That warned the Israelites that only those who were descendants of Aaron were permitted to burn incense as an offering to Yahweh. If anyone else did that, the same thing would happen to him as happened to Korah and those with him.

What reminder did the bronze censors become? (vv39-40)

They would become a reminder to the people of Israel, so that no person, not descended from Aaron, would come up to burn incense before Yahweh.

Numbers 16:40

ULT

40 a reminder for the sons of Israel, so that an unfamiliar man, he who is not from the seed of Aaron, shall not come near to burn incense before the face of Yahweh. And he shall not be like Korah and his congregation, just as Yahweh spoke by the hand of Moses to him.

UST

39-40 So Eleazar the priest collected the 250 pans for burning incense that had been used by the men who died in the fire. He hammered the pans very thin to make a covering for the altar, as Yahweh told Moses should be done. That warned the Israelites that only those who were descendants of Aaron were permitted to burn incense as an offering to Yahweh. If anyone else did that, the same thing would happen to him as happened to Korah and those with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:41

ULT

41 And all the congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and against Aaron from the next day, saying, “You yourselves killed the people of Yahweh!”

UST

41 But the following morning, all the Israelite people started to complain against Aaron and Moses saying “You have killed many people who belonged to Yahweh!”

What did all the community of the people of Israel say the next morning to complain against Moses and Aaron?

The next morning all the community of the people of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron saying that Moses and Aaron had killed Yahweh’s people.

Numbers 16:42

ULT

42 And it happened when the congregation assembled against Moses and against Aaron that they turned to the tent of meeting. And behold, the cloud covered it and the glory of Yahweh was seen.

UST

42 When all the people gathered together to protest about what Aaron and Moses had done, they looked at the sacred tent and saw that the sacred cloud had covered it, and the glory of Yahweh had appeared.

What happened when the community looked toward the tent of meeting?

The cloud was covering the tent of meeting and Yahweh’s glory appeared.

Numbers 16:43

ULT

43 And Moses and Aaron came to the face of the tent of meeting.

UST

43 Aaron and Moses went and stood in front of the sacred tent.

Where did Moses and Aaron go?

Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 16:44

ULT
44 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
44 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:45

ULT
45 “Get yourselves up from the midst of this congregation and I shall finish them in a moment. And they fell on their faces.

UST
45 “Get away from these people, in order that I can get rid of them immediately without injuring you two!” But Aaron and Moses prostrated themselves on the ground and prayed.

What did Yahweh tell Moses as they stood in front of the sacred tent?
Yahweh told Moses that they should get away from the community so that he could consume the community immediately.

What did Aaron and Moses do when they were told by Yahweh to get away from the people?
Aaron and Moses lay face down on the ground when they were told to get away from the people.

Numbers 16:46

ULT
46 And Moses said to Aaron, “Take the censer and put fire on it from on the altar and set incense. And go quickly into the congregation and make atonement for them, because the wrath has gone out from before the face of Yahweh. The plague has begun.”

UST
46 Moses said to Aaron, “Quickly take another pan and put in it some burning coals from the altar. Put incense in the pan, and carry it out among the people to atone for the sins of the people. Yahweh is very angry with them, and I know that a severe plague has already started among them.”

What did Moses tell Aaron to do to stop the plague because of Yahweh’s anger?
Moses told Aaron to take the censer, put fire in it from the altar, put incense in it, and carry it quickly to the community for the people.

Numbers 16:47

ULT

47 And Aaron took just as Moses said and ran into the midst of the assembly. And behold, the plague had begun among the people. And he put the incense and made atonement for the people.

UST

47 So Aaron did what Moses told him. He took the burning incense out among the people. The plague had already started to strike the people, but Aaron continued to burn the incense to make atonement for the sins of the people.

Where did Aaron run to make atonement as the plague spread, and what did he stand between? (vv47-48)

Aaron ran to the middle of the community as the plague spread to make atonement, and he stood between the dead and the living.

Numbers 16:48

ULT

48 And he stood between the ones who died and the ones who lived. And the plague was stopped.

UST

48 He stood between the people who had already died and those who were still alive, and then the plague stopped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 16:49

ULT

49 And the ones who died by the plague were 14,700, apart from the ones who died on account of the matter of Korah.

UST

49 But 14,700 people had already died from that plague, in addition to the people who died with Korah.

Besides those who had died in the matter of Korah, how many died by the plague?

Besides those who had died in the matter of Korah, those who died by the plague were 14,700.

Numbers 16:50

ULT

50 And Aaron returned to Moses, to the opening of the tent of meeting. And the plague was stopped.

UST

50 Then after the plague had ended, Aaron and Moses returned to the entrance of the sacred tent.

What happened when Aaron returned to the entrance of the tent?

The plague ended when Aaron returned to the entrance of the sacred tent.

Numbers 17

Numbers 17:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

[1] Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 17:2

ULT

[2] "Speak to the sons of Israel and take a staff from with them, a staff for the house of a father, from with all their leaders for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. You shall write a man his name on his staff.

UST

[2] "Tell the Israelite people to bring to you twelve walking sticks. They should bring one from each of the leaders of the twelve tribes. You should carve each leader's name on his stick.

What did Yahweh tell the people of Israel to take from each tribe and to do with that which they took?

Yahweh instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel to take twelve staffs, one from each leader of a tribe, and write the name of the leader on his staff.

Numbers 17:3

ULT

[3] And you shall write the name of Aaron on the staff of Levi, for one staff is for the head of the house of their fathers.

UST

[3] There must be one stick for the leader of each tribe, so you must carve Aaron's name on the stick for the tribe of Levi.

Whose name did Yahweh instruct Moses to put on the staff of Levi?

Yahweh instructed Moses to write Aaron's name on Levi's staff.

Numbers 17:4

ULT

4 And you shall rest them in the tent of meeting, before the face of the testimony, there where I meet with you.

UST

4 Put those walking sticks inside the sacred tent, in front of the sacred chest that has in it the tablets on which the Ten Commandments are written. That is the place where I always talk with you.

What was Moses to do with the twelve staffs?

Moses was to place the staffs in the tent of meeting in front of the covenant decrees.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the staff of the man whom Yahweh chose?

The staff of the man, whom Yahweh chose, would bud.

Numbers 17:5

ULT

5 And it will happen that the man, him whom I choose, his staff will bud. And I will make the grumblings of the sons of Israel that they are grumbling against you cease from against me."

UST

5 Buds will sprout on the stick of the man whom I have chosen to be the priest. When the people see that, they will stop their constantly complaining about you because they will realize that he is the one whom I have chosen."

What would happen when Yahweh caused the staff to bud?

Yahweh would cause the complaints which the people of Israel were speaking against Moses to stop.

Numbers 17:6

ULT

6 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel and all their leaders gave to him a staff for one leader, a staff for one leader, for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. And the staff of Aaron was in the midst of their staffs.

UST

6 So Moses told the people what Yahweh had said. Then each of the twelve Israelite leaders, including Aaron, brought his walking stick to Moses.

When Moses talked to the people of Israel, who gave their staffs to Moses?

All the tribal leaders gave him their staffs, including Aaron.

Numbers 17:7

ULT

[7] And Moses rested the staffs before the face of Yahweh in the tent of testimony.

UST

[7] Moses placed the sticks inside the sacred tent in front of the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 17:8

ULT

[8] And it happened from the next day that Moses came into the tent of the testimony. And behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded, and it brought out a bud and it blossomed a flower and it ripened almonds!

UST

[8] The following morning, when he went into the tent, he saw that Aaron's stick, which represented the tribe of Levi, had sprouted. It had produced leaves and blossoms, and it had also produced almonds that were ripe!

What happened to one of the staffs when Moses deposited the staffs before Yahweh in the tent of the covenant decrees?

When Moses put the staffs before Yahweh in the tent of the covenant decrees, Aaron's staff budded and produced blossoms and ripe almonds.

Numbers 17:9

ULT

[9] And Moses brought out all the staffs from before the face of Yahweh to all the sons of Israel. And they saw and took, a man his staff.

UST

[9] Moses brought all the sticks out of the sacred tent and showed them to the people. Each of the twelve leaders took back his own stick.

What did Moses do with all the staffs?

Moses brought out all the staffs from before Yahweh, and each man found his rod and took it.

Numbers 17:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Return the staff of Aaron to the face of the testimony for keeping for a sign for the sons of rebellion. And you shall end their grumblings from against me and they shall not die.”

UST

10 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Put Aaron’s stick in front of the sacred chest, and let it stay there permanently. That will be a warning to people who want to rebel against me. Then no more people will die because of complaining against me.”

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do with Aaron’s staff?

Yahweh told Moses to put Aaron’s staff in front of the covenant decrees.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to put Aaron’s staff in front of the covenant decrees?

Yahweh told Moses to put Aaron’s staff in front of the covenant decrees to keep it as a sign of guilt against the people who rebelled so that Moses would end complaints against Yahweh.

Numbers 17:11

ULT

11 And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded him, thus he did.

UST

11 So Moses did what Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 17:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, “Look, we will expire! We will perish! All of us will perish!

UST

12 Then the Israelite people said to Moses, “We are going to die! All of us are surely going to die!

Of what were the people of Israel afraid? (vv12-13)

The people of Israel were afraid they would die when everyone approached Yahweh’s tabernacle.

Numbers 17:13

ULT

13 All who come near, who come near to the dwelling of Yahweh die. Will we be finished by expiring?”

UST

13 Everyone who comes close to Yahweh’s sacred tent dies. Are the rest of us going to die, also?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18

Numbers 18:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Aaron, “You and your sons and the house of your father with you shall bear the iniquity of the holy place. And you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood.

UST

1 Yahweh said to Aaron, “You and your sons and the other members of your father’s family are the ones who will be punished if anything bad happens to the things inside the sacred tent. And you and your sons will be punished if any priest does something bad.

For what did Yahweh say that only Aaron, his sons, and his ancestor’s clan would be responsible?

Yahweh told Aaron that he, his sons, and his ancestor’s clan would be responsible for all sins committed against the sanctuary.

Who did God say would be responsible for all sins committed by anyone in the priesthood?

Only Aaron and his sons would be responsible for all sins committed by anyone in the priesthood.

Numbers 18:2

ULT

2 And also bring with you your brothers, the staff of Levi, the tribe of your father, and they shall be joined to you and serve you. And you and your sons with you shall be before the face of the tent of the testimony.

UST

2 Require that those who belong to your tribe, the tribe of Levi, must assist you and your sons while you perform your work at the sacred tent.

Which tribe would help Aaron and his sons when they served in front of the tent of the covenant decrees?

The tribe of Levi, the tribe of Aaron’s ancestors, would join to help Aaron and his sons when they served in front of the tent of the covenant decrees.

Numbers 18:3

ULT

[3] And they shall keep your keeping and the keeping of all of the tent. However, they shall not come near to the vessels of the holy place or to the altar, and they will not die, both them and you.

UST

[3] But while they do that work, they must not go near the sacred items inside the tent or near the altar. If they do that, they will die, and you will die, too!

Where could the Levites not go as they served Aaron and the tent?

The Levites could not go near anything in the sanctuary nor in the altar.

What would happen if the Levites came near to anything in the sanctuary or altar?

If the Levites came near to anything in the sanctuary or altar, they and Aaron would die.

Numbers 18:4

ULT

[4] And they shall be joined to you and shall keep the keeping of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the tent. And a stranger shall not come near to you.

UST

[4] They may assist you in doing all the work to take care of the sacred tent, but no one else is permitted to come near the place where you are working.

Who could not come near Aaron?

A foreigner could not come near Aaron.

For what would the Levites take responsibility?

The Levites would join Aaron to take care of the tent of meeting and all the work connected with the tent.

Numbers 18:5

ULT

5 And you shall keep the keeping of the holy place and the keeping of the altar. And there shall not again be fury against the sons of Israel.

UST

5 You are the ones who will do the sacred work inside the sacred tent and at the altar. If you obey these instructions, I will not become very angry with the Israelite people again.

Why did Aaron and his sons have to take care of the sanctuary and the altar?

Aaron and his sons had to take care of the sanctuary and the altar so that Yahweh's anger did not come on the people of Israel again.

Numbers 18:6

ULT

6 And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel as a gift for you, ones given to Yahweh to serve the service of the tent of meeting.

UST

6 I myself have chosen the descendants of Levi from the other Israelites in order that they may be your special helpers. They are like a gift that I have given you to work at the sacred tent.

What gifts did Yahweh give to Aaron and his sons and why did he give them?

Yahweh chose the Levites as a gift to Aaron, given to Yahweh, to do the work connected to the tent of meeting.

Numbers 18:7

ULT

7 And you and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for all the things of the altar and for the inside of the curtain. And you shall serve. I have given your priesthood as a gift of service. And a stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

UST

7 But it is you and your sons, who are the priests, who must perform all the details I have commanded concerning the altar and with what happens inside the Very Holy Place. I am giving to you this work of serving as priests. So anyone else who tries to do that work must be executed."

Who only were allowed to exercise the priesthood regarding everything connected with the altar and everything inside the curtain?

Only Aaron and his sons could exercise the priesthood regarding everything connected with the altar and everything inside the curtain.

What would happen to any foreigner who approached the altar of Yahweh inside the curtain?

Any foreigner who approached the altar of Yahweh inside the curtain would be put to death.

Numbers 18:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh spoke to Aaron, "And I, behold, I have given to you the keeping of my contribution, of all the holy things of the sons of Israel I have given them to you for a portion and to your sons for a statute of eternity.

UST

8 Yahweh also said to Aaron, "I myself have appointed you to take care of all the sacred offerings that the Israelite people bring to me. I have given all these sacred offerings to you and to your sons. You and your descendants will get a share of these offerings permanently.

What holy offerings to Yahweh would be given to Aaron and his sons as their ongoing share? (vv8-9)

The things from the most holy offerings that people of Israel gave to Yahweh that were not completely burned up would be Aaron and his sons' ongoing share.

Numbers 18:9

ULT

9 This will belong to you from the holiest holy thing from the fire: every offering of theirs, of every grain offering of theirs and of every sin offering of theirs and of every guilt offering of theirs which they return to me, a holiest holy thing it is for you and for your sons.

UST

9 The parts of the offerings that are not completely burned on the altar belong to you. Those parts of the sacred offerings, including the flour offerings, the offerings to make atonement for sins and to remove the guilt of sins, I require that they be set apart. I require that they be given to you and to your sons.

What other offerings would be for him and his sons?

Every sacrifice that the people brought—including every grain offering, every sin offering, and every guilt offering—would be for Aaron and his sons.

Numbers 18:10

ULT

10 You shall eat it as a holiest holy thing. Every male shall eat it. It is holy for you.

UST

10 You are to eat it as a most holy offering. Every male in your clan may eat it. But you must have respect for those offerings because they are holy to you.

How was every male Levite to eat those offerings?

Every male Levite was to eat those offerings as something most holy, solemnly reserved for Yahweh.

Numbers 18:11

ULT

11 And this belongs to you: the contribution of their gift, of all the wave offerings of the sons of Israel, I have given them to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. Every clean one in your house shall eat it.

UST

11 The priests lift up high the sacred offerings while they are standing in front of the altar. All of those offerings that the Israelites present to me belong to you and your sons and daughters. They will always be your share. All the members of your family who have performed the rituals to cause them to be acceptable to me are permitted to eat from these offerings.

To whom did Yahweh give, as their ongoing share, the gifts set apart from all the raised offerings of the people of Israel?

Yahweh gave the gifts set apart from all the raised offerings of the people of Israel to Aaron's ritually clean sons and daughters as their ongoing share.

Numbers 18:12

ULT

12 All the fat of fresh oil and all the fat of new wine and grain, their firstfruits which they will give to Yahweh, I have given them to you.

UST

12 I am also giving to you the first food that people harvest each year and bring to me—the best olive oil and new wine and grain.

What other things was given to Aaron's family? (vv12-13)

All the best of the oil, the new wine, the grain, the first fruits, and the first ripe produce of their land that the people brought to Yahweh would belong to Aaron and those that were clean in his family.

Numbers 18:13

ULT

13 The firstfruits of all that is in the land which they will bring to Yahweh will belong to you. Every clean one in your house shall eat it.

UST

13 All of the first crops that people harvest and bring to me belong to you. Anyone in your family who has performed the ritual to become acceptable to me is permitted to eat that food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:14

ULT
14 Every dedicated thing in Israel will belong to you.

UST
14 Everything in Israel that is devoted to me, will be yours.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:15

ULT
15 Every opener of the womb of all flesh that they offer to Yahweh, among mankind and among livestock, will belong to you. But you shall surely redeem the firstborn of mankind, and you shall redeem the firstborn of the unclean livestock.

UST
15 The firstborn males, both humans and domestic animals, that are offered to me, will be yours. But people must buy back their firstborn sons and the firstborn animals that may not be used for sacrifices.

What would the people have to buy back?
The people had to buy back every firstborn son and firstborn male of unclean animals.

Numbers 18:16

ULT
16 And his redeemed ones from a son of a month you shall redeem by your valuation, five silver shekels by the shekel of the holy place, it is 20 gerahs.

UST
16 They must buy them back when they are one month old. The price that they must pay for each one is five pieces of silver. They must weigh the silver on the scales that are in the sacred tent.

At what time were the people to buy back the firstborn males?
The people were to buy back the firstborn males after they became one month old.

Numbers 18:17

ULT

17 But the firstborn of a cow, or the firstborn of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you shall not redeem; they are holy. You shall throw their blood on the altar and you shall make their fat smoke as an offering made by fire for an aroma of soothing for Yahweh.

UST

17 I do not permit you to buy back the firstborn cattle or sheep or goats. They are holy and I require you to set them apart for me. Slaughter them and sprinkle their blood on the altar. Then completely burn the fat of those animals on the altar to be an offering to me. The smell as they burn will be very pleasing to me.

What animals were not to be bought back but were holy, reserved for Yahweh as a sacrifice which Aaron and his sons would eat? (vv17-18)

Firstborn cows, sheep, or goats were not to be bought back because they were holy, reserved for Yahweh and their meat would be for Aaron and his sons.

Numbers 18:18

ULT

18 And their flesh will belong to you like the breast of the wave offering or like the right thigh it will belong to you.

UST

18 The meat from those offerings will be yours, just like the breast and right thigh of animals that are presented to me to restore fellowship with me, as the priest lifts them up high in front of the altar, are yours.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:19

ULT

19 All the contributions of the holy things which the sons of Israel lift up to Yahweh, I have given to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. It is an eternal covenant of salt before the face of Yahweh for you and for your seed with you."

UST

19 Anything that the Israelite people present to me as holy gifts, I am giving to you. They are for you and your sons and daughters to eat. They will always be your share. This is an agreement that I am making with you, an agreement that will last forever. I am also making this agreement with your descendants."

What did Yahweh say would be given to Aaron and his sons and to his daughters as an ongoing share because those offerings stood as a covenant of salt, a binding covenant forever before Yahweh with Aaron and his descendants?

Yahweh gave all the presented offerings of holy things to Aaron and his sons and daughters, as an ongoing share, as a covenant of salt as a binding covenant forever, before Yahweh with Aaron and Aaron's descendants.

Numbers 18:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh said to Aaron, "You shall not inherit in their land and a portion in their midst shall not belong to you. I am your portion and your inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel.

UST

20 Yahweh also said to Aaron, "You priests will not receive any of the land or the property like the other Israelite people will receive. I am what you will receive.

Why does Yahweh tell Aaron he would not have an inheritance in the land among the people?

Yahweh told Aaron he would have no inheritance in the land because Yahweh was his share and inheritance.

Numbers 18:21

ULT

21 And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given every tenth in Israel for an inheritance in exchange for their service which they are serving, the service of the tent of meeting.

UST

21 When the Israelite people bring to me a tenth of all the crops and of their newborn animals, I will give that to you descendants of Levi. That will be your payment for the work you do at the sacred tent.

What else had Yahweh given the descendants of Levi as their inheritance in return for their service at the tent of meeting?

Yahweh had given all the tithes of Israel to the descendants of Levi as their inheritance in return for their service at the tent of meeting.

Numbers 18:22

ULT

22 And the sons of Israel shall not again come near to the tent of meeting to bear sin to die.

UST

22 The other Israelites must not go near that tent. If they go near it, I will consider that their doing that is a sin, and they will die for committing that sin.

Whom did Yahweh say would die from then on if the people came near Yahweh's tent of meeting?

Yahweh told Aaron that from now on the people of Israel could not come near the tent of meeting, or they would die.

Numbers 18:23

ULT

23 And the Levite, he shall serve the service of the tent of meeting and they shall bear their iniquity. It is a statute of eternity for your generations and in the midst of the sons of Israel you shall not inherit an inheritance.

UST

23 Only the descendants of Levi are permitted to work at the sacred tent, and they will be punished if anything bad happens to it. That is a law that will never be changed. You descendants of Levi will not receive any land to own among all the other Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:24

ULT

24 For I have given to the Levites for an inheritance the tenth of the sons of Israel which they lift up to Yahweh as a contribution. Therefore I have said to them, ‘You shall not inherit an inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel.’”

UST

24 The Israelites must present one tenth of all their crops and animals as offerings to me, and that is what I give to the descendents of Levi so they can provide for themselves. This is why I said that I will not give the descendants of Levi any land to own.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:25

ULT

25 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

25 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:26

ULT

26 “And speak to the Levites and say to them, ‘When you take from with the sons of Israel the tenth that I have given to you from with them as your inheritace, then you shall lift up from it a contribution of Yahweh, a tenth from the tenth.

UST

26 “Tell this to the descendants of Levi, ‘When you receive one tenth of all the crops and animals from the Israelite people, you must present one tenth of all that to me to be a sacred offering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:27

ULT

27 And it shall be reckoned to you as your contribution like the grain from the threshing floor and like the fullness from the winepress.

UST

27 just like the other Israelites present one tenth of the grain and wine that they produce.

What was the offering that the Levites gave to Yahweh when they received an offering of grain or wine from the people of Israel?

The offering that the Levites gave back to Yahweh was a tenth of the grain or wine offering.

Numbers 18:28

ULT

28 Thus you shall lift up, also you, the contribution of Yahweh from all your tenths which you took from with the sons of Israel. And you shall give from it the contribution of Yahweh to Aaron the priest.

UST

28 You must present to me one tenth of all that you receive from the Israelite people. That will be your sacred offering to me. You must present it to Aaron.

To whom did the Levites give a presented offering to Yahweh from all the tithes that they had received from the people of Israel?

The Levites gave to Aaron a presented offering to Yahweh from all the tithes that they had received from the people of Israel.

Numbers 18:29

ULT

29 From all your gifts you shall lift up all of the contribution of Yahweh, from all its fat, its holy part from it.’

UST

29 Select the best parts of the things that are given to you to present them to me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:30

ULT

30 And you shall say to them, ‘When you lift up its fat from it, then it shall be reckoned to the Levites like the product of the threshing floor and like the product of the winepress.

UST

30 Also, tell this to the descendants of Levi, ‘When you present those best portions of grain and wine as your offering to me, I will consider that those gifts are as though they came from your own grain and wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:31

ULT

31 And you shall eat it in every place, you and your house, because it is a wage for you in exchange for your service in the tent of meeting.

UST

31 You descendants of Levi and your families are permitted to eat the rest of that food, and you may eat it wherever you want to, because it is your payment for the work that you do at the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 18:32

ULT

32 And you shall not bear sin on account of it when you lift up its fat from it. And the holy things of the sons of Israel you shall not defile and not die.’”

UST

32 If you give to the priests the best portions of what you receive, you will not be punished by me for accepting one tenth of the gifts that the people bring to me. But you must consider those gifts to be sacred. If you sin by eating those things in ways that are contrary to these regulations that I have given to you, you will be executed.’”

What would happen if the Levites profaned the holy offerings of the people of Israel?

If the Levites profaned the holy offerings of the people of Israel, they would die.

Numbers 19

Numbers 19:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 19:2

ULT

[2] "This is the statute of the law which Yahweh has commanded, saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel and they shall bring to you an unblemished red heifer in which there is no defect, on which a yoke has not gone up.

UST

[2] "I am now giving to you another regulation. Tell the Israelite people to bring to you one reddish brown cow that has no defects. It must be an animal that has never been used for plowing ground.

What statute or law did Yahweh command the Israelite people?

Yahweh commanded the Israelite people to bring a red heifer without blemish which had never carried a yoke.

Numbers 19:3

ULT

[3] And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest. And he shall bring it out to the outside of the camp and shall slaughter it before his face.

UST

[3] Give it to Eleazar the priest. He must take it outside the camp and someone will slaughter it.

Where did Eleazar the priest take the heifer which someone killed in front of him?

Eleazar the priest had to take the heifer, which someone would kill in front of him, outside the camp.

Numbers 19:4

ULT

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and shall sprinkle some of its blood to opposite the face of the tent of meeting seven times.

UST

4 And Eleazar must dip one of his fingers in the blood and sprinkle some of it seven times on the ground near the sacred tent.

What did Eleazar do with the blood of the heifer?

Eleazar took some of the blood on his finger and sprinkled it seven times toward the front of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 19:5

ULT

5 And he shall burn the heifer before his eyes. He shall burn its skin and its flesh, and its blood with its dung.

UST

5 Then, while Eleazar watches, the cow must be burned completely—its hide, its meat, the rest of its blood, and even its dung.

What did another priest have to do with the heifer?

Another priest had to burn the heifer's hide, flesh, blood, and dung in front of Eleazar.

Numbers 19:6

ULT

6 And the priest shall take wood of cedar, and hyssop, and scarlet material of a worm, and throw into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

UST

6 Eliezer then must take a stick of cedar wood, a stalk of a plant named hyssop, and some scarlet yarn, and throw them into the fire where the cow is burning.

Where did the priest throw cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool?

The priest had to throw cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool into the middle of the burning heifer.

Numbers 19:7

ULT

[7] And the priest shall wash his garments and bathe his flesh in the water and afterward he shall enter into the camp. And the priest shall be unclean until the evening.

UST

[7] Then the priest must wash his clothes and bathe. After doing that, he may return to the camp. But he will be unfit for doing any sacred work until that evening.

How long did Eleazar stay unclean after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp?

Eleazar stayed unclean until the evening after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp.

Numbers 19:8

ULT

[8] And the one who burned it shall wash his garments in the water and bathe his flesh in the water. And he shall be unclean until the evening.

UST

[8] The man who burns the cow must also wash his clothes and bathe, and he will also be unacceptable to me until that evening.

How long did the priest who had burned the heifer stay unclean after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp?

The priest who had burned the heifer remained unclean until the evening after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp.

Numbers 19:9

ULT

9 And a clean man shall gather the ashes of the heifer and rest them in a clean place outside of the camp. And it shall be for the congregation of the sons of Israel to keep for the water of purification. It is a sin offering.

UST

9 Then someone who has not become unacceptable to me must gather up the ashes of the cow and put them in a sacred place outside the camp. The ashes must be kept there for the people of Israel to use when they mix it with water for the ritual to remove the guilt of sin.

What did someone who was clean do with the ashes from the heifer?

Someone who was clean gathered the heifer's ashes and put them outside the camp in a clean place.

What happened to the ashes that were placed outside the camp in a clean place?

These ashes were kept for the community of Israel to mix with water for purification from sin since they came from a sin offering.

Numbers 19:10

ULT

10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his garments and be unclean until the evening. And it shall be for the sons of Israel and for the sojourner who sojourns in their midst for a statute of eternity.

UST

10 The man who gathers up the ashes of the cow must also wash his clothes, and he also will be unfit to do anymore sacred work until that evening. That is a regulation that will never be changed. It must be obeyed by you Israelite people and by any foreigners who live among you.

What was the permanent law about the one who gathered the heifer's ashes?

The one who gathered the heifer's ashes washed his clothes and remained unclean until the evening.

Numbers 19:11

ULT

11 The one who touches a dead body of any human life will be unclean seven days.

UST

11 All those who touch a corpse will be unacceptable to me for seven days.

How long would anyone who touched a dead body of a man be unclean?

Anyone who touched a dead body would be unclean until the seventh day.

Numbers 19:12

ULT

12 He she purify himself with it on the third day and on the seventh day he will be clean. And if he does not purify himself on the third day then on the seventh day he will not be clean.

UST

12 On the third day and on the seventh day after touching a corpse, in order to become acceptable to me again, they must sprinkle on themselves some of that water for removing the guilt of their sin. If they do not do that on both of those days, they will continue to be unacceptable to me.

How did the person who touched a dead body purify himself?

Anyone who touched a dead body purified himself on the third and seventh days in order to be clean the seventh day.

What happened to anyone who touched a dead body and did not purify himself on the third day?

The person who did not purify himself on the third day after touching a dead body would not be clean on the seventh day.

Numbers 19:13

ULT

13 Every one who touches a dead body, a human person who has died, and does not purify himself makes the dwelling of Yahweh unclean. And that person shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him, he will be unclean, his uncleanness is still on him.

UST

13 All those who touch a corpse, and do not perform in the correct way the ritual to become acceptable to me again, defile Yahweh's sacred tent. They will no longer be permitted to live among the Israelite people. The water to remove the guilt of sin was not sprinkled on them, so they continue to be unacceptable to me.

Why would the person who touched a dead body, but did not purify himself, remain unclean; and what would happen to that man?

The person who touched a dead body and did not purify himself would remain unclean because he had defiled Yahweh's tabernacle. That man would be cut off from Israel and he would remain unclean.

Numbers 19:14

ULT

14 This is the law of a man who dies in a tent: Every one who enters into the tent and everyone who is in the tent will be unclean seven days.

UST

14 There is another practice that must be performed when someone dies inside a tent. All those who were inside that tent when that person died or who enter that tent will be unacceptable to me for seven days.

What happened to any person who went into a tent where someone had died or who was already in the tent when someone died?

Both those who went into the tent where someone had died and those who were already in the tent would be unclean for seven days.

Numbers 19:15

ULT

15 And every opened vessel on which there is no fastened cover, it is unclean.

UST

15 Any jars that are inside that tent that are not covered are not permitted to be used.

What happened to containers that were uncovered when someone died inside a tent?

Every open container became unclean when someone died inside a tent.

Numbers 19:16

ULT

16 And all who touch one pierced of the sword or a dead body or a bone of a human or a grave on the face of the field will be unclean seven days.

UST

16 If someone who is out in a field touches the corpse of someone who was murdered, or who died from natural causes, or if someone touches a bone from some human or touches a grave, that person will be unacceptable to me for seven days.

What was the law for anyone outside a tent who touched someone who had been killed with a sword or who had touched another a dead body, a human bone, or a grave?

The Israelite who touched someone who had been killed with a sword or who had touched a dead body, a human bone, or a grave would be unclean for seven days.

Numbers 19:17

ULT

17 And they shall take for the unclean one some of the ashes of the burning of the sin offering. And he shall put living water with it into a vessel.

UST

17 For someone like that to become acceptable to me again, some of the ashes from the cow that was burned must be taken and put in a jar. Then some fresh water must be poured over the ashes.

What had to be used for the unclean person, and in what was it mixed?

Ashes from the burnt sin offering had to be used and were mixed in a jar with fresh water.

Numbers 19:18

ULT

18 And a clean man shall take and dip hyssop in the water. And he shall sprinkle on the tent and on all the vessels and on the lives who were there, and on the one who touched the bone, or the pierced one, or the dead body, or the grave.

UST

18 Then someone who has not become unacceptable to me must take a stalk of a plant named hyssop and dip it into the water. Then that person must sprinkle some of the water on the tent where that person died, on the things that are in the tent, and on the people who were in the tent. He must also sprinkle some of that water on any person who touched a human bone or who touched a person who had been killed, or who touched a person who died of natural causes, or who touched a grave.

What did someone do with the ashes from the burnt sin offering that were mixed in a jar with fresh water.

Using hyssop, someone who was clean had to sprinkle some of that water on the tent and on the things and people who were in the tent where someone had died. This water was also sprinkled on the person who had touched a human bone, a dead body, or a grave.

Numbers 19:19

ULT

19 And the clean one shall sprinkle on the unclean one on the third day and on the seventh day. And he shall purify him on the seventh day. And he shall wash his garments and bathe in the water and he will be unclean until the evening.

UST

19 On the third day and on the seventh day after that, the person who is acceptable to me must sprinkle some of that water on those who have become unacceptable to me. On the seventh day, the people who are performing that ritual to become acceptable to me again must wash their clothes and bathe. If they do that, on that evening they will become acceptable to me again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 19:20

ULT

20 And a man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly because he has made the holy place of Yahweh unclean. He has not thrown on himself the water of purification. He is unclean.

UST

20 If those who have become unacceptable to me do not become acceptable to me again by doing this, they will no longer be permitted to live among to the Israelite people, because they have defiled my sacred tent. They did not sprinkle on themselves the water that removes the guilt of their sins, so they remain unacceptable to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 19:21

ULT

21 And it shall be for them for a statute of eternity, and the one who sprinkles the water of purification shall wash his garments and the one who touches the water of purification will be unclean until the evening.

UST

21 That is a law for the Israelite people that will never be changed. Those who sprinkle that water on themselves must then wash their clothes. And anyone who touches that water which removes guilt for sins will remain unacceptable to God until that evening.

What happened to the one who sprinkled the water for impurity, and how long was he unclean?

The one who sprinkled the water for impurity had to wash his clothes, and he was unclean until evening.

Numbers 19:22

ULT

22 And all who touch him, the unclean one, will be unclean. And the person who touches will be unclean until the evening.”

UST

22 Anything and any person that someone who has become unacceptable to me has touched will remain unacceptable to me until that evening.”

What happened to anyone who touched something that the unclean person had touched?

Anyone who touched something that the unclean person had touched would be unclean until that evening.

Numbers 20

Numbers 20:1

ULT

[1] And the sons of Israel, all the congregation, entered the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed at Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

UST

[1] In the first month of the next year, the Israelite people traveled to the wilderness of Zin and camped near Kadesh. While they were there, Moses' sister Miriam died and was buried there.

Who went into the wilderness of Sin in the first month and stayed at Kadesh?
The people of Israel went into the wilderness of Sin.

What happened to Miriam at Kadesh?
Miriam died and was buried at Kadesh.

Numbers 20:2

ULT

[2] And there was no water for the congregation, and they assembled against Moses and against Aaron.

UST

[2] There was no water for the people to drink there, so they came to Aaron and Moses.

What happened to make the people complain against Moses and Aaron? (vv2-3)
There was no water for the people.

Numbers 20:3

ULT

[3] And the people quarreled with Moses, and spoke, saying, "If only we had expired when our brothers expired before the face of Yahweh!

UST

[3] They complained and said, "We wish that we had died in front of Yahweh's sacred tent when our fellow Israelites died!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:4

ULT

4 And why have you brought the assembly of Yahweh into this wilderness to die here, we and our livestock?

UST

4 Did you bring us, who are Yahweh's people, into this desert to die along with our livestock?

What did the people, the community of Yahweh, ask Moses and Aaron?

The people asked Moses and Aaron why they brought them and their animals into the wilderness to die.

Numbers 20:5

ULT

5 And why did you bring us up from Egypt to bring us into this evil place? It is not a place of seed or fig free or vine or pomegranate tree, and there is no water to drink!"

UST

5 Why did you bring us from Egypt to this miserable place? There is no grain, there are no figs, no grapes, and no pomegranates here. And there is no water for us to drink!"

What did the people not have in this wilderness of Sin?

The people did not have seed, figs, vines, pomegranates or water to drink.

Numbers 20:6

ULT

6 And Moses and Aaron went from the face of the assembly to the opening of the tent of meeting. And they fell on their faces and the glory of Yahweh appeared to them.

UST

6 Moses and Aaron turned away from the people and went to the entrance of the sacred tent and prostrated themselves on the ground. Just then Yahweh appeared to them with his bright glory.

What appeared to Moses and Aaron when they went to the entrance of the tent of meeting and lay face down?

Yahweh's brilliant glory appeared to them when they lay face down at the entrance of the tent.

Numbers 20:7

ULT

[7] And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

[7] When Yahweh appeared in glory, he said,

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to take his staff, assemble the community and speak to the rock before the eyes of the people? (vv7-9)

Yahweh told Moses to do this so that the rock would produce water for the people and their cattle to drink.

Numbers 20:8

ULT

[8] "Take the staff and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and you shall speak to the rock before their eyes and it will give its water. And you shall bring out water to them from the rock. And you shall have the congregation and their livestock drink."

UST

[8] "You and Aaron must take Aaron's walking stick with you and gather all the people together. While the people are watching, command that large rock over there to pour out water. Water for the people will flow from it. All they and all their livestock will have enough water to drink."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:9

ULT

[9] And Moses took the staff from before the face of Yahweh, just as he had commanded him.

UST

[9] So Moses did what Yahweh told him to do. He took Aaron's walking stick from the place in the sacred tent where it was kept.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:10

ULT

10 And Moses and Aaron assembled the assembly at the face of the rock. And he said to them, “Listen now, the rebellious ones, shall we bring out from this rock water for you?”

UST

10 Then Moses and Aaron summoned all the people to gather at the rock. Then Moses shouted to them, “All you rebellious people, listen! Is it necessary for us to bring to you water from this rock?”

What did Moses call the people before he struck the rock?

Moses called the people rebels.

What happen when Moses struck the rock twice with his staff? (vv10-11)

When Moses struck the rock much water came out of the rock and the community and their cattle drank the water.

Numbers 20:11

ULT

11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice. And abundant water came out and the congregation and their livestock drank.

UST

11 Then Moses raised his hand and instead of speaking to the rock, he struck the rock two times with the walking stick. And water gushed out. So all the people and their livestock drank all the water that they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to Moses and to Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me to regard me as holy before the eyes of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given to them.”

UST

12 But Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses, “You did not trust me or honor me before the people of Israel, and so you will not lead them into the land I have given to them!”

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron would happen because they did not trust Yahweh or sanctify him in the eyes of the people of Israel? (vv12-13)

Yahweh told them they would not bring the assembly of the people into the land Yahweh had given to them.

Numbers 20:13

ULT

13 These are the waters of Meribah where the sons of Israel quarreled with Yahweh and he showed himself holy among them.

UST

13 Later this place was called the Meribah, which means ‘arguing’, because there the Israelite people argued against Yahweh, and there he showed his honor and holiness to them by giving them water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:14

ULT

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom, “Thus says your brother Israel: you yourself know all the hardship that we found.

UST

14 While the people were at Kadesh, Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom to tell him this, “Your relatives, the Israelite people, are sending you this message. You know the many troubles that have happened to us.

To whom did Moses send messengers telling of the difficulties the people had encountered? (vv14-16)

Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom.

Numbers 20:15

ULT

15 And our fathers went down to Egypt and we dwelled in Egypt many days. And the Egyptians did evil to us and to our fathers.

UST

15 You know that our ancestors went down to Egypt. You know that they stayed there for many years. They suffered because the rulers of Egypt caused them to become their slaves and to work very hard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:16

ULT

16 And we cried out to Yahweh and he heard our voice and sent a messenger and brought us out from Egypt. And behold, we are in Kadesh, the city of the end of your border.

UST

16 But when they called out to Yahweh, he heard them and sent an angel who brought them out of Egypt. Now we have set up our tents here at Kadesh, a town on the border of your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:17

ULT

17 Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, and will we not drink the water of a well. We will go on the road of the king. We will not turn right or left until we have passed through your border."

UST

17 Please allow us to travel through your country. We will be careful to not walk through your fields and your vineyards. We will not even drink water from your wells. As we travel, we will stay on the king's highway, the main road that goes from the south to the north, and we will not leave that road until we have crossed the border of your country in the north."

What did Moses ask of the king of Edom to allow the people to do?

Moses asked the king if he would allow the people of Israel to pass through the land.

What did Moses say the people not do until they had passed through the king's border?

Moses said the people would not turn to the right or to the left until they had passed the king's border.

Numbers 20:18

ULT

18 And Edom said to him, "You may not pass through me, lest I go out to meet you with the sword."

UST

18 But the king of Edom refused. He replied, "Stay out of my country! If you try to enter it, I will send my army to attack you!"

What was the king's reply to Moses?

The king's reply was that the people of Israel could not pass through his land and he would attack them with the sword if they tried to pass through it.

Numbers 20:19

ULT

[19] And the sons of Israel said to him, “We will go on the highway. And if we drink your water, me or my livestock, then we will give their value. Only, there is no matter, let me pass through with my feet.”

UST

[19] The Israelite messengers replied, “If we travel through your country, we will stay on the main road. If we and any of our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We want only to travel through your country. We do not want anything else.”

What was the reply of the people of Israel to the king of Edom?

The people of Israel replied that they would just go along the highway, pay for any water that their livestock might drink and they would only walk through and not do anything else.

Numbers 20:20

ULT

[20] And he said, “You may not pass through.” And Edom came out to meet him with a heavy people and a strong hand.

UST

[20] But the king replied, “No! Stay out of our country! We will not allow you to travel through our land!” Then he sent the strongest soldiers in his army to prevent the Israelites from entering his country.

What did the king of Edom do after he refused to let the people of Israel pass through his land? (vv20-21)

The king of Edom came against Israel with a strong hand with many soldiers.

Numbers 20:21

ULT

[21] And Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory. And Israel turned from near him.

UST

[21] So, because the king of Edom refused to allow the Israelites to travel through his country, the Israelites turned and traveled a different way.

What did Israel do when the king of Edom refused to allow them to cross over the border?

Israel turned away from the land of Edom.

Numbers 20:22

ULT
22 And the sons of Israel, all the congregation, set out from Kadesh and came to Mount Hor.

UST
22 The Israelite people left Kadesh. They went to Mount Hor,

Where did the people of Israel go when they journered from Kadesh?
The people of Israel journeyed to Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:23

ULT
23 And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron at Mount Hor, near the border of the land of Edom, saying,

UST
23 which is at the border of Edom. While they were there, Yahweh said to Aaron and Moses,

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor about the consequence of their rebellion? (vv23-24)
Yahweh told them that Aaron must be gathered to his people and Aaron would not enter the land given to the people of Israel because they both rebelled against Yahweh's word at the Waters of Meribah.

Numbers 20:24

ULT
24 "Aaron will be gathered to his people, because he will not enter into the land that I have given to the sons of Israel because you rebelled against my mouth before the waters of Meribah.

UST
24 "It is time for Aaron to die. He will not enter the land that I am giving to you Israelites, because the two of you disobeyed me when I told you to speak to the rock to cause the water to flow at Meribah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:25

ULT
25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up Mount Hor.

UST
25 Now you, Moses, take Aaron and his son Eleazar up on Mount Hor.

Who did Yahweh say Moses and Aaron should bring with them to Mount Hor?
Yahweh told Moses and Aaron to bring Eleazar, Aaron's son, with them to Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:26

ULT
26 And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered and die there."

UST
26 There you must remove Aaron's clothes that he wears when he does the works of a priest, and put them on his son, Eleazar. Aaron will die up there."

Why did Yahweh tell them to take Aaron's priestly garment off him and put them on Eleazar his son?
Yahweh told them that Aaron must die and be gathered to his people.

Numbers 20:27

ULT
27 And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded. And they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of all the congregation.

UST
27 So Moses did what Yahweh commanded. The three of them climbed up Mount Hor, while all the Israelite people watched.

What did the community do after Moses did as Yahweh commanded and they saw that Aaron was dead? (vv27-29)
When all the community saw that Aaron was dead, the entire nation wept for Aaron for thirty days.

Numbers 20:28

ULT

28 And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the head of the mountain. And Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

UST

28 At the top of the mountain, Moses took off the clothes that Aaron wore while he did the work of a priest and put them on Eleazar. Then Aaron died there on the top of the mountain, and Eleazar and Moses went back down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 20:29

ULT

29 And all the congregation saw that Aaron had expired. And all the house of Israel bewailed Aaron 30 days.

UST

29 When the Israelite people realized that Aaron had died, they all mourned for him for thirty days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21

Numbers 21:1

ULT

1 And the Canaanite king of Arad, who dwelled in the Negev, heard that Israel had come by the road of the Atharim. And he fought against Israel and took captive some of them as captives.

UST

1 The king of the city of Arad lived in the area where the Canaanites lived, in the southern Judean wilderness. He heard a report that the Israelites were approaching on the road to Atharim village. So his army attacked the Israelites and captured some of them.

What did the Canaanite king of Arad do when he heard that Israel was traveling by the road to Atharim?
The king of Arad fought against Israel and took some of them captive.

Numbers 21:2

ULT

2 And Israel vowed a vow to Yahweh and said, “If you surely give this people into my hand, then I will dedicate their cities by ban.”

UST

2 Then the Israelites declared this solemnly, “Yahweh, if you will help us to defeat these people, we will completely destroy all their towns.”

What did Yahweh do in response to Israel’s vow that they would destroy the cities of the king of Arad completely if Yahweh would give Israel victory over them? (vv2-3)
Yahweh listened to Israel and gave them victory over the Canaanites.

Numbers 21:3

ULT

3 And Yahweh listened to the voice of Israel and gave the Canaanites. And he dedicated them and their cities by ban. And he called the name of the place Hormah.

UST

3 Yahweh heard what they requested, and he enabled them to defeat the army of this Canaan people group. The Israelite soldiers killed all the people and destroyed their towns. Ever since that time, that place has been called Hormah which means “destruction.”

What was name of the place called where Israel destroyed the Canaanites and their cities?
The name of the place was called Hormah.

Numbers 21:4

ULT

4 And they set out from Mount Hor by the road of the Sea of Reeds to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people was short on the road.

UST

4 Then the Israelites left Mount Hor and traveled on the road toward the Sea of Reeds, in order to go around the land of Edom. But the people became impatient along the way,

What happened to the people’s hearts as they traveled from Mount Hor by the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom?
The people’s hearts became very discouraged.

Numbers 21:5

ULT

5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why did you bring us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, and there is no water, and our soul detests the worthless bread.”

UST

5 and they began to grumble against God and against Moses. They said, “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in this desert? There is nothing to eat here, and nothing to drink. And we detest this lousy manna food!”

What was the complaint of the people against God and Moses?
The people complained against God and Moses and asked why they had been brought out of Egypt to die in the wilderness because they had no bread, they had no water, and they hated the food.

Numbers 21:6

ULT

[6] And Yahweh sent snakes, fiery ones, among the people and they bit the people. And many people from Israel died.

UST

[6] So Yahweh sent poisonous snakes among them. Many of the people were bitten by the snakes and died.

What happened to the people when Yahweh sent poisonous snakes among the people?
The snakes bit the people and many people died.

Numbers 21:7

ULT

[7] And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned because we have spoken against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh and may he remove from on us the snake.” And Moses prayed on behalf of the people.

UST

[7] Then the people came to Moses and cried out, saying, “We now know that we have sinned against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh, asking that he will take away the snakes!” So Moses prayed for the people.

What did the people ask Moses to do after they confessed that they had sinned and had spoken against Yahweh and Moses?
The people asked Moses to pray to Yahweh to take the snakes away from them.

Numbers 21:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh said to Moses, “Make for yourself a snake and set it on a pole. And it will happen that any of the bitten will see it and live.”

UST

[8] Then Yahweh told him, “Make a model of a poisonous snake, and attach it to the top of a pole. If those who are bitten by the snakes look at that model, they will recover.”

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do after Moses prayed for the people?
Yahweh told Moses to make a snake and attach it to a pole.

Numbers 21:9

ULT

[9] And Moses made a snake of bronze and he set it on the pole. And it happened that if the snake bit a man then he looked to the snake of bronze and he lived.

UST

[9] So Moses made a snake from bronze and attached it to the top of a pole. Then, when those who had been bitten by a snake looked at the bronze snake, they recovered!

What happened if a person looked at the bronze snake after he was bitten by a snake?
The person survived who looked at the bronze snake after he was bitten.

Numbers 21:10

ULT

[10] And the sons of Israel set out and camped at Oboth.

UST

[10] Then the Israelites traveled to Oboth and camped there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:11

ULT

[11] And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim in the wilderness that is on the face of Moab from the rising of the sun.

UST

[11] Then they left Oboth and went to Iye Abarim in the wilderness on the eastern border of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:12

ULT

[12] From there they set out and camped at the wadi of Zered.

UST

[12] From there they traveled to the valley where the Zered riverbed is, and camped there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:13

ULT

13 From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that goes out from the border of the Amorite, because the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorite.

UST

13 Then they traveled to the north side of the Arnon River. That area is in the wilderness next to the land where the Amorites live. The Arnon River is the boundary between Moab and where the Amorites live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:14

ULT

14 Therefore it says in the book of the Wars of Yahweh, "...Waheb in Suphah, and the wadis of the Arnon,

UST

14 That is why it is written down in the book of the wars of Yahweh, "Waheb in Suphah, and the ravines there, and the Arnon River

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:15

ULT

15 and the slope of the wadis that spreads out to the dwelling of Ar and it leans to the border of Moab."

UST

15 and the ravines there, which extend as far as Ar village on the border of Moab."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:16

ULT

16 And from there to Beer. It is the well where Yahweh said to Moses, “Gather the people and I will give water to them.”

UST

16 From there the Israelites traveled to Beer. There was a well there where Yahweh previously had said to Moses, “Gather the people together, and I will give them water.”

What did the people find at Beer?

There was a well there where Yahweh had told Moses to gather the people together for Yahweh to give them water.

Numbers 21:17

ULT

17 Then Israel sang this song: “Rise up, well! Sing for it,

UST

17 There the Israelites sang this song: “O well, give us water! Sing about this well!

About what did Israel sing? (vv17-18)

They sang about the well that the leaders had dug to give them water.

Numbers 21:18

ULT

18 the well leaders dug, the noblemen of the people dug it, with a decreer’s staff and their staffs.” And from the wilderness to Mattanah,

UST

18 Sing about this well which our leaders dug; they dug out the dirt with their royal scepters and their walking sticks.” Then the Israelites left that wilderness and went through Mattanah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:19

ULT
19 and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

UST
19 The Israelites also went through Nahaliel, and Bamoth village.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:20

ULT
20 and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, the head of the Pisgah, and is looking down on the face of the wasteland.

UST
20 Then they went to the valley in Moab where Mount Pisgah rises above the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:21

ULT
21 And Israel sent messengers to Sihon the king of the Amorite, saying,

UST
21 Then the Israelites sent messengers to Sihon, the king of the Amor people group. This was the message that they gave him,

To whom did the Israelites send messengers?
The Israelites sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites.

Numbers 21:22

ULT

22 “Let us pass through your land. We will not turn into a field or into a vineyard. We will not drink the water of a well. We will go by the road of the king until we have passed through your border.”

UST

22 “Allow us to travel through your country. We will stay on the king’s highway, the main road that goes from the south to the north, until we have finished traveling through your land. We will not walk through any field or vineyard, or drink water from your wells.”

What did Israelite’s messengers request of Sihon?

The Israelites requested that they pass through his land without drinking from his wells and staying on the king’s highway.

Numbers 21:23

ULT

23 And Sihon did not give Israel passage through his boundary. And Sihon gathered all his people and went out to the wilderness to meet Israel. And he came to Jahaz and fought with Israel.

UST

23 But King Sihon refused. He would not allow them to walk through his land. Instead, he sent his whole army to attack the Israelites in the desert. They attacked the Israelites at Jahaz village.

How did the king respond to the request of the Israelites?

The king refused to allow Israel to pass through his border. He gathered his army and attacked Israel in the wilderness.

Numbers 21:24

ULT

24 And Israel struck him by the mouth of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon, because the border of the sons of Ammon was fortified.

UST

24 But the Israelites completely defeated them and occupied their land, from the Arnon River in the south to the Jabbok River in the north. They stopped at the border of the land where the Ammon people group lived, because the Ammon army was defending the border strongly.

What did Israel do in response to Sihon’s attack?

The Israelites attacked the army of Sihon with the edge of the sword and took their land.

Numbers 21:25

ULT

25 And Israel took all these cities. And Israel dwelled in all the cities of the Amorite in Heshbon and in all its daughters.

UST

25 So the Israelites occupied all the cities and towns where the Amorites lived, and some of the Israelites began to live in them. They occupied the city of Heshbon and the nearby villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:26

ULT

26 For Heshbon, it was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorite. And he had fought with the previous king of Moab and had taken all his land from his hand as far as the Arnon.

UST

26 Heshbon was the capital of the country. It was the city where King Sihon ruled. His army had previously defeated the army of the king of Moab, and then his people had begun to live in all of the land of Moab as far as the Arnon River in the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:27

ULT

27 Therefore the speakers of proverbs say, “Come to Heshbon. Let the city of Sihon be built and established.

UST

27 For that reason, one of the poets wrote long ago, “Come to Heshbon, the city where King Sihon ruled. We want the city to be restored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:28

ULT

28 For fire went out from Heshbon, a flame from the city of Sihon. It ate Ar of Moab, the lords of the high places of Arnon.

UST

28 A fire blazed from Heshbon. It burned down the city of Ar in Moab. It destroyed everything on the hills along the Arnon River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:29

ULT

29 Woe to you, Moab! You have perished, people of Chemosh. He has given his sons to be escapees and his daughters into the captivity of Sihon the king of the Amorites.

UST

29 You people of Moab, terrible things have happened to you! You people who worship your god Chemosh have been annihilated! The men who worshiped Chemosh have run away and are now refugees, and the women who worshiped him have been captured by the army of Sihon, the king of the Amor people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:30

ULT

30 And we have shot them. Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon. And we have made devastation as far as Nophah, which is as far as Medeba.”

UST

30 But we have defeated those descendants of Amor, all the way from Heshbon in the north to the city of Dibon in the south. We have completely obliterated them as far as the cities of Nophah and Medeba.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 21:31

ULT
31 And Israel dwelled in the land of the Amorites.

UST
31 So the Israelite people began to live in the land where the Amorites lived.

Where did Israel begin to live?
Israel began to live in the land of the Amorites.

Numbers 21:32

ULT
32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer and they captured her daughters. And they dispossessed the Amorites who were there.

UST
32 After Moses sent some men to explore the area near the city of Jazer, Israelite people began to live in all the towns in that region and expelled the Amor people group who lived there.

What happened after Moses sent men to look at Jazer?
The Israel took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Numbers 21:33

ULT
33 And they turned and went up the road of the Bashan. And Og the king of the Bashan went out to meet them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.

UST
33 Then they turned north toward the region of Bashan, but King Og of Bashan and all his army attacked them at the city of Edrei.

What did Og do when Israel turned and went up by the road of Bashan?
Og and all his army went out to fight the Israelites at Edrei.

Numbers 21:34

ULT

34 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Do not fear him, because I have given into your hand him, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him just as you did to Sihon the king of the Amorite, who dwelled in Heshbon.”

UST

34 Yahweh said to Moses, “Do not be afraid of Og, because I am going to enable your men to defeat him and his army, and to take possession of all his land. You will do to him what you did to Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, who ruled in Heshbon.”

What did Yahweh say to Moses about Og and his army?

Yahweh told Moses not to fear Og and to do to him as the Israelites did to Sihon king of the Amorites because Yahweh had given them victory over him, his army, and his land.

Numbers 21:35

ULT

35 And they struck him and his sons and all his people until they had left no survivor for him. And they took possession of his land.

UST

35 And that is what happened. The Israelites defeated Og’s army, and killed King Og and his sons and all his people. Not a person survived! And then the Israelites began to live in their land.

How did Moses and the people of Israel respond to Yahweh’s instructions?

Moses and the people killed Og, his sons, his army and his people and then took over his land.

Numbers 22

Numbers 22:1

ULT

[1] And the sons of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab, from the other side of the Jordan at Jericho.

UST

[1] Then the Israelites traveled west to the plain of Moab that was in the Valley of the Jordan River, across the river from Jericho.

What city was near the place where the people of Israel camped in the plains of Moab on the other side of Jordan River?
The city of Jericho was on the other side of the Jordan River near the place where they camped.

Numbers 22:2

ULT

[2] And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorite.

UST

[2] But King Balak son of Zippor, who ruled Moab, found out what the Israelites had done to the Amor people group.

Why were the people of Moab afraid of the people of Israel? (vv2-3)
The people of Moab were afraid of the people of Israel because they had seen all that they had done to the Amorites, and because there were many people.

Numbers 22:3

ULT

[3] And Moab was extremely terrified because of the face of the people, because they were numerous. And Moab was sick with terror because of the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

[3] When he saw that the Israelites were very numerous, he and his people became terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:4

ULT

4 And Moab said to the elders of Midian, “Now the assembly will lick up all that is around us like an ox licks up the green of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor was the king of Moab at that time.

UST

4 So the king of Moab went to the leaders of the Midian people group and said to them, “This huge group of Israelites will wipe out everything around them, like an ox devours grass!” Balak was the king of Moab.

Of what country was Balak king?

Balak was the king of Moab.

Numbers 22:5

ULT

5 And he sent messengers to Balaam the son of Beor at Pethor, which is near the River, the land of the sons of his people, to summon him, saying, “Behold, a people went out from Egypt. Behold, he has covered the eye of the land and he is dwelling opposite me.

UST

5 He sent messengers to a prophet named Balaam, who was living in his own area, in Pethor, near the Euphrates River. He sent this message to request that Balaam would come to help him, “A huge group of people has arrived here from Egypt. It looks like they are covering the entire land! And they have begun to live close to us.

What did Balak want Balaam to do to the nation that came from Egypt? (vv5-6)

Balak wanted Balaam to curse the nation that came from Egypt.

Why did Balak want Balaam to curse the nation that had come from Egypt? (vv5-6)

He wanted Balaam to curse that nation because they covered the face of the earth, they were next to him, and they were too strong for him.

Numbers 22:6

ULT

6 And now please go curse this people for me because they are more numerous than I. Perhaps I will be able to strike them and drive them out from the land. For I know whom you bless will be blessed and whom you curse will be cursed.

UST

6 Because they are very powerful, we are afraid of them. So please come and curse them for me. Then my army may be able to defeat them and expel them from the land where they are now living. I know that good things will happen to the people whom you bless, and disasters will happen to the people whom you curse."

What did Balak know that Balaam could do?

Balak knew that whomever Balaam blessed would be blessed, and whomever he cursed would be cursed.

Numbers 22:7

ULT

7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian went and divination fees were in their hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke to him the words of Balak.

UST

7 Balak's messengers, who were leaders of both the Moab and Midian people groups, took money with them to pay Balaam in order that he would come and curse the Israelites. They went to Balaam and told him what Balak had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:8

ULT

8 And he said to them, "Lodge here tonight and I will bring you back a word, just as Yahweh speaks to me." And the leaders of Moab stayed with Balaam.

UST

8 Balaam said, "Stay here tonight. Tomorrow morning I will tell you whatever Yahweh tells me that I should say to you." So the leaders from Moab stayed there that night.

What Balaam say when he heard Balak's message?

Balaam said that the messengers should stay there overnight and he would bring to them what Yahweh said to him.

Numbers 22:9

ULT

[9] And God came to Balaam and said, “Who are these men with you?”

UST

[9] During the night, God appeared to Balaam and asked him, “Who are these men who are staying with you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:10

ULT

[10] And Balaam said to God, “Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, has sent to me.

UST

[10] Balaam replied, “Balak, the king of Moab, sent these men to tell me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:11

ULT

[11] ‘Behold, the people who have come out from Egypt and have covered the eye of the land! Now go curse them for me. Perhaps I will be able to fight them and drive them out.’”

UST

[11] ‘A huge group of people has come from Egypt, and they have spread all over this area. Please come immediately to curse them. Then I may be able to defeat them and expel them from this area.’”

What did Balaam tell Yahweh about the request of those men who came to him from Balak?

Balaam told God that Balak asked him to curse the people of Israel so Balak could fight them and drive them out.

Numbers 22:12

ULT

12 And God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people because they are blessed.”

UST

12 God replied to Balaam, “Do not go with them! I have blessed those people, so you must not curse them!”

What did God tell Balaam to do about going with the messengers and about cursing the people of Israel?

God told Balaam that he was not to go with the men and that he was not to curse the people of Israel.

Numbers 22:13

ULT

13 And Balaam rose in the morning and said to the leaders of Balak, “Go to your land because Yahweh has refused to grant me to go with you.”

UST

13 The next morning, Balaam got up and told Balak’s men, “Go back home. But go by yourselves, because Yahweh is not allowing me to go with you.”

What did Balaam tell Balak’s leaders in the morning?

Balaam told Balak’s leaders to go back to their land because Yahweh refused to allow him to go with them.

Numbers 22:14

ULT

14 And the leaders of Moab rose and came to Balak. And they said, “Balaam refused to come with us.”

UST

14 So the men from Moab returned to King Balak and they reported to him, “Balaam refused to come with us.”

What did the leaders tell Balak when they went back to him?

The leaders told Balak that Balaam refused to come with them.

Numbers 22:15

ULT
15 And Balak added again and sent many leaders and they were more honored than these.

UST
15 But Balak sent another group of leaders to Balaam. It was a group that was larger and they were more important than the men in the first group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:16

ULT
16 And they came to Balaam and said to him, “Thus says Balak the son of Zippor, ‘Please do not refrain from coming to me.

UST
16 They went to Balaam and told him this, “This is what King Balak says, ‘Please do not allow anything to hinder you from coming here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:17

ULT
17 For I will very greatly honor you and I will do all that you say to me. And please go curse this people for me.’”

UST
17 I will pay you a lot of money if you come, and I will do anything that you ask me to do. Just come and curse these Israelite people for me!’”

How did Balak try to get Balaam to come to him when he sent more honorable leaders to Balaam?
Balak tried to get Balaam to curse Israel by paying him extremely well, giving him great honor, and doing whatever he told him to do.

Numbers 22:18

ULT

18 And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “If Balak gives to me his house full of silver and gold, I will not be able to go beyond the mouth of Yahweh my God to do small or big.

UST

18 But Balaam answered them, “Even if Balak would give me a palace filled with silver and gold, I would not do anything to disobey Yahweh, my God.

What did Balaam say to Balak’s men in reply to their request?

Balaam told them that he could not go beyond the word of Yahweh, his God, and could do neither less nor more than what he old me.

Numbers 22:19

ULT

19 And now, you also please stay in this place tonight. And may I know what Yahweh will add to speak with me.”

UST

19 But stay here one more night, like the other messengers did, and I will find out if Yahweh has anything more to say to me.”

Why did Balaam tell Balak’s men they should wait overnight?

Balaam told Balak’s men to wait there that night so that he might learn anything further that Yahweh said to him.

Numbers 22:20

ULT

20 And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men have come to summon you, rise and go with them. And only the word that I speak to you, it you shall do.”

UST

20 That night God appeared to Balaam again and said to him, “These men have come to request that you go back with them, so you may go with them, but do only what I tell you to do!”

What did God tell Balaam to do when he came to Balaam at night?

When God came to Balaam that night, he told Balaam to get up and go with Balak’s men but to do only what God told him to do.

Numbers 22:21

ULT

21 And Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his female donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab.

UST

21 So the next morning, Balaam put a saddle on his donkey and he departed with two of his servants along with the men from Moab.

What did Balaam do in the morning?

Balaam got up, saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab in the morning.

Numbers 22:22

ULT

22 And the nose of God burned because he was going. And the angel of Yahweh stationed himself in the road as an adversary to him. And he was riding on his female donkey and two of his servants were with him.

UST

22 Even though God had given Balaam permission to go, he was still angry. So he sent one of his angels to Balaam. This angel stood in the road to block Balaam's path. As Balaam and the two servants were riding on their donkeys,

Why did God's anger kindled?

God's anger was kindled because Balaam went with them.

What did the angel of Yahweh do?

The angel of Yahweh placed himself in the road as someone hostile to Balaam.

Numbers 22:23

ULT

23 And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh stationed in the road and his drawn sword was in his hand. And the female donkey turned aside from the road and went in the field. And Balaam struck the female donkey to turn her to the road.

UST

23 Balaam's donkey saw the angel. The angel was standing in the road and was holding a sword in his hand, but Balaam did not see him. Balaam's donkey turned off the road into a field. So Balaam struck the donkey and forced it to go back onto the road.

What did Balaam's donkey see standing in the road?

Balaam's donkey saw the angel of Yahweh standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand.

What did Balaam's donkey do when he saw the angel of Yahweh, and what did Balaam do to his donkey?

Balaam's donkey turned off the road and went into a field; Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back to the road.

Numbers 22:24

ULT

24 And the angel of Yahweh stood in the narrow pass of the vineyards, a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

UST

24 Then the angel stood in a place where the road was very narrow, between two vineyards, with walls on each side of the road.

What was on the right and left of the angel of Yahweh when he stood in a narrow part of the road between some vineyards?

A wall was on the angel's right side and another wall was on his left side.

Numbers 22:25

ULT

25 And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh and she pressed herself to the wall. And she pressed the foot of Balaam to the wall. And he struck her again.

UST

25 When the donkey saw the angel standing there, it walked very close to the wall to try to get past the angel. As a result, it bashed Balaam's foot against the wall. So Balaam struck the donkey again.

What did the donkey do when he saw the angel of Yahweh with the drawn sword in the narrow place of the road, and then how did Balaam respond to what his donkey did?
When the donkey saw the angel of Yahweh, she struck the wall and pinned Balaam's foot against it; then Balaam struck her again.

Numbers 22:26

ULT

26 And the angel of Yahweh passed on again and stood in a narrow place where there was no road to turn right or left.

UST

26 Then the angel went further along the road and stood at a place that was extremely narrow, with the result that the donkey could not get past at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:27

ULT

27 And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh and lay down under Balaam. And the nose of Balaam burned and he struck the female donkey with the staff.

UST

27 This time, when the donkey saw the angel, it lay down on the ground with Balaam sitting on top of it. Balaam became extremely angry, and he struck the donkey again with his walking stick.

What did the donkey do when she saw the angel of Yahweh in another narrow place where there was no way to turn to either side, and what did Balaam do?
The donkey laid down under Balaam; Balaam struck the donkey with his staff.

Numbers 22:28

ULT

28 And Yahweh opened the mouth of the female donkey. And she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you that you struck me these three times?”

UST

28 Then Yahweh enabled the donkey to speak! It said to Balaam, “What bad thing have I done to you that caused you to strike me three times?”

What did the donkey ask Balaam when Yahweh opened her mouth so she could talk?

The donkey asked Balaam what she had done to him that made him strike her three times.

Numbers 22:29

ULT

29 And Balaam said to the female donkey, “Because you acted mockingly with me! If only there was a sword in my hand! Surely I would slay you!”

UST

29 Balaam shouted, “I struck you because you have caused me to appear to be foolish! If I had a sword with me, I would kill you!”

How did Balaam reply to the donkey, and what did he wish he could do to her?

Balaam replied to the donkey that he had struck her because she acted so stupidly, and he wished that he had a sword in his hand so that he could kill her.

Numbers 22:30

ULT

30 And the female donkey said to Balaam, “Am I not your female donkey on which you have ridden from your continuance until this day? Have I ever been accustomed to doing thus to you?” And he said, “No.”

UST

30 But the donkey answered, “I am your own donkey, the one that you have always ridden! Have I ever done anything like this previously?” Balaam said, “No.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:31

ULT

31 And Yahweh uncovered the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Yahweh stationed in the road and his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed and bowed down his nose.

UST

31 Then Yahweh enabled Balaam to see the angel standing on the road, holding a sword in his hand. Balaam realized that it was an angel and prostrated himself on the ground in front of the angel.

What did Balaam see and do when Yahweh opened his eyes?

Balaam saw the angel of Yahweh standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand so Balaam lowered his head and lay face down.

Numbers 22:32

ULT

32 And the angel of Yahweh said to him, “On account of what have you struck your female donkey these three times? Behold, I myself have gone out as an adversary because your way has been perverse in front of me.

UST

32 The angel asked him, “Why did you strike your donkey three times? I have come to block your path because what you are planning to do is wrong.

Why did the angel of Yahweh tell Balaam about why his donkey acted the way she did? (vv32-33)

The angel told Balaam that when his donkey saw the angel she turned away three times.

Numbers 22:33

ULT

33 And the female donkey saw me and turned aside before my face these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely now even you I would have slain and kept her alive.”

UST

33 Three times your donkey saw me and turned away from me. If it had not done that, I would certainly have killed you already, but I would have allowed the donkey to live.”

What did the angel say would have happened to Balaam if his donkey had not turned away?

The angel told Balaam that if his donkey had not turned away the angel would have killed Balaam and spared the donkey’s life.

Numbers 22:34

ULT

34 And Balaam said to the angel of Yahweh, “I have sinned, because I did not know that you were stationed to meet me in the road. And now, if it is evil in your eyes, I will return to me.”

UST

34 Then Balaam said to the angel, “I have sinned. But I did not realize that you were standing there, trying to block my path. So if you do not want me to continue going, I will return home.”

What did Balaam confess to the angel, and what did he offer to do?

Balaam confessed that he had sinned and offered to return to the place from which he had come.

Numbers 22:35

ULT

35 And the angel of Yahweh said to Balaam, “Go with the men. And only the word that I speak to you, it you must speak.” And Balaam went with the leaders of Balak.

UST

35 But the angel replied, “I will allow you to go with these men, but you must say only what I tell you to say!” So Balaam went on with the leaders whom Balak had sent.

How did the angel reply to Balaam?

The angel replied that Balaam should go ahead with the men but only speak the words that the angel told him to speak.

Numbers 22:36

ULT

36 And Balak heard that Balaam had come. And he went out to meet him at a city of Moab, that is near the border of the Arnon, which is at the end of the border.

UST

36 When King Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went to meet him at a city in Moab that is located alongside the Arnon River, near the border of his own land.

What did Balak do when he heard that Balaam had come?

Balak went out to meet Balaam.

Numbers 22:37

ULT

37 And Balak said to Balaam, “Did I not indeed send to you to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I truly not able to honor you?”

UST

37 When he arrived where Balaam was, he said to him, “I sent you a message saying that you should come immediately! Why did you not come? Did you think that I was not able to pay you a lot of money for coming?”

What did Balak ask Balaam when he met him at the city of Aron, a city on Moab’s border?

Balak asked Balaam why he had not come when Balak summoned him, and did Balaam not think Balak was able to honor him.

Numbers 22:38

ULT

38 And Balaam said to Balak, “Behold, I have come to you. Am I now at all able to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, it will I speak.”

UST

38 Balaam replied, “I have come here now, but I am not able to say anything that I want to. I will say only the words that God tells me to say.”

What did Balaam tell Balak that he could only say?

Balam told Balak that he could only say the words that God put into his mouth.

Numbers 22:39

ULT

39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kiriath Huzoth.

UST

39 Then Balaam went with Balak to Kiriath Huzoth.

What did Balak do when he and Balaam arrived at Kiriath Huzoth? (vv39-40)

When they arrived at Kiriath Huzoth, Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep and gave some meat to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

Numbers 22:40

ULT

40 And Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep and sent to Balaam and to the leaders who were with him.

UST

40 There Balak killed some cattle and sheep as sacrifices, and offered parts of the meat to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 22:41

ULT

41 And it happened in the morning that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to the high place of Baal. And from there he saw the edge of the people.

UST

41 They slept there, and the next morning Balak took Balaam part way up the mountain to Bamoth Baal village. From there, they could see some of the Israelite people who were down below.

What could Balaam see when Balak took him up to the shrines of Baal?

Balaam could see only a part of the Israelites in their camp.

Numbers 23

Numbers 23:1

ULT

1 And Balaam said to Balak, “Build for me in this place seven altars and prepare for me in this place seven bulls and seven rams.”

UST

1 Balaam said to King Balak, “Build here seven altars for me. Then kill seven young bulls and seven rams for a sacrifice.”

What did Balaam the prophet tell Balak the king to do?

Balaam told Balak to build seven altars for him and prepare seven bulls and seven rams.

Numbers 23:2

ULT

2 And Balak did just as Balaam had said. And Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on the altar.

UST

2 So Balak did that. And then he and Balaam each burned a young bull and a ram as a sacrifice on each altar.

What did Balak do about Balaam’s request?

Balak did as Balaam requested, and they offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 23:3

ULT

3 And Balaam said to Balak, “Station yourself beside your burnt up offering and I will go. Perhaps Yahweh will be met to meet me. And I will declare to you the word of what he shows me.” And he went to a bare high place.

UST

3 Then Balaam said to Balak, “You stand here close to your burned offerings, and I will go and ask Yahweh if he has something else to tell me. Then I will tell you what he says to me.” Then Balaam went by himself to the top of a hill.

What did Balaam tell Balak that Yahweh might do when Balaam went aside?

Balaam told Balak that Yahweh might come to meet him and then he would tell Balak whatever Yahweh showed him.

Numbers 23:4

ULT

4 And God met with Balaam and he said to him, “I have arranged seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on the altar.”

UST

4 While he was on the top of the hill, God appeared to him there. Balaam said to him, “We have built seven altars, and I have killed and burned a young bull and a ram as a sacrifice to you on each altar.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh put a word in the mouth of Balaam and said, “Return to Balak and speak thus.”

UST

5 Then Yahweh gave Balaam a message to give to King Balak. Then he said, “Go back and tell him what I told you.”

What did Yahweh tell Balaam to do?

Yahweh told Balaam to return to Balak to speak a message to him.

Numbers 23:6

ULT

6 And he returned to him, and behold, he was stationed beside his burnt up offering, he and all the leaders of Moab.

UST

6 When Balaam returned to Balak, Balak was standing with the leaders from Moab beside the offerings he had burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:7

ULT

7 And he lifted up his oracle and said, “Balak has led me from Aram, the king of Moab from the mountains of the east. ‘Go curse Jacob for me, and go denounce Israel.’

UST

7 This is the message that Balaam told them, “Balak summoned me to come here from Aram; the king of Moab brought me here from the hills at the eastern side of Aram. He said, ‘Come and curse the descendants of Jacob for me! Come and say that bad things will happen to these Israelite people!’

What two questions did Balaam ask in the first part of the message God gave him? (vv7-8)

Balaam asked, “How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I oppose those whom Yahweh does not oppose?”

Numbers 23:8

ULT

8 How can I curse? God has not cursed. And how can I denounce? Yahweh has not denounced.

UST

8 But how can I curse people whom God has not cursed? How can I fight against people against whom Yahweh does not fight?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:9

ULT

9 For from the head of the rocks I see him. And from the hills I look at him. Behold, the people dwells by itself and it does not reckon itself among the nations.

UST

9 I have seen them from the tops of the rocky peaks, I have seen them from the hills. I see that they are a group of people who live by themselves. They have separated themselves from other nations.

What did Balaam say about how Israel considered themselves?

Balaam said that the Israel did not consider themselves to be just an ordinary nation.

Numbers 23:10

ULT

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let my life die the death of the upright ones, and let my end be like his!”

UST

10 Who can count the descendants of Jacob, as numerous as particles of dust! Who can count even a fourth of the number of the Israelite people? I wish that I will die like righteous people die. I hope that I will die peacefully like they will die.”

What did Balaam say about the size of Israel?

He said no one could number even one fourth of Israel.

What kind of death did Balaam wish to die?

Balaam wished to die the death of a righteous person, and that he wanted his life’s end to be like Israel’s end.

Numbers 23:11

ULT

11 And Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed indeed!”

UST

11 Then Balak said, “What have you done to me? I brought you here to curse my enemies, but instead you have blessed them!”

What did Balak say that Balaam had done instead of cursing his enemies?

Balak said that Balaam had blessed his enemies instead of cursing them.

Numbers 23:12

ULT

12 And he answered and said, “Should I not be careful to speak it that Yahweh puts in my mouth?”

UST

12 But Balaam replied, “I can say only what Yahweh tells me to say. I cannot say anything else.”

How did Balaam reply when Balak said he had blessed his enemies instead of cursing them?

Balaam answered that he was careful to say only what Yahweh put in his mouth.

Numbers 23:13

ULT

13 And Balak said to him, “Please go with me to another place from which you can see him. You will only see his edge and you will not see all of him. And you will curse him for me from there.”

UST

13 Then King Balak told Balaam, “Come with me to another place. There you will see only part of the Israelite people, and you will be able to curse those people for me.”

What did Balak want Balaam to do when Balak took Balaam to another place where he could see the nearest part of Israel, Balak’s enemies?
Balak wanted Balaam to curse Balak’s enemies.

Numbers 23:14

ULT

14 And he took him to the field of Zophim, to the head of the Pisgah. And he built seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on the altar.

UST

14 So Balak took Balaam to a field on the top of Mount Pisgah. There, again he built seven altars and offered a young bull and a ram as a sacrifice on each altar.

Where did Balak take Balaam, and what did he do there?
Balak took Balaam to the top of Mount Pisgah and he built seven more altars there and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 23:15

ULT

15 Then he said to Balak, “Station yourself here beside your burnt offering, and I will be met with there.”

UST

15 Then Balaam said to the king, “Stand here close to your burned offerings, while I go and talk with Yahweh.”

What did Balaam tell Balak he was going to do while Balak stood by his burnt offering?
Balaam said that he was going to meet with Yahweh.

Numbers 23:16

ULT

16 And Yahweh met with Balaam and put a word in his mouth. And he said, “Return to Balak and thus you shall speak.”

UST

16 So Balaam did that, and Yahweh appeared to Balaam again and gave him another message. Then he said, “Go back to Balak and tell him that message.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:17

ULT

17 And he came to him, and behold, he was stationed beside his altar and the leaders of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, “What did Yahweh speak?”

UST

17 So Balaam returned to where the king and the leaders from Moab were standing, next to the altar where Balak had burned the sacrifices. Balak asked him, “What did Yahweh say?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:18

ULT

18 And he lifted up his oracle and said, “Rise up, Balak, and listen. Give ear to me, son of Zippor.

UST

18 Then Balaam told him this message, “Balak, listen carefully, hear what I have to say, you son of Zippor!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 23:19

ULT

[19] God is not a man, that he would lie, Or a son of mankind, that he would change his mind. Has he said and not done, Or spoken and not made it arise?

UST

[19] God is not a human being. Humans lie, but God never lies. He never changes his mind, as humans do. Whatever he has said that he will do, he does. Whatever he has promised to do, he has done it.

What was the message that Yahweh put in Balaam's mouth?

Balaam said that God does not lie and he does not change his mind.

Numbers 23:20

ULT

[20] Behold, I have received to bless. And he has blessed, and I can not turn it back.

UST

[20] He commanded me to request him to bless the Israelites, So he has blessed them, and I cannot change that.

What did Balaam say that he could not do about God's command to bless Israel?

Balaam said that he could not reverse God's command to bless Israel.

Numbers 23:21

ULT

[21] He has not looked at hardship in Jacob and he has not seen trouble in Israel. Yahweh his God is with him, and the shout of the king is with him.

UST

[21] Yahweh their God is with them; the people shout that he is their true king. So the descendants of Jacob will not be harmed, they will not endure trouble without God.

Who did Balaam say was with the Israelites?

Balaam said that Yahweh was with the Israelites.

Numbers 23:22

ULT
22 God is bringing them out from Egypt like the horns of a wild ox for him.

UST
22 God brought them out slavery in Egypt and has led them through the wilderness with strength like a wild ox.

What did Balaam say God's strength is like?
He said God's strength is like the strength of a wild ox.

Numbers 23:23

ULT
23 For there is no omen against Jacob, and no divination against Israel. At this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'What God has done!'

UST
23 When people curse the descendants of Jacob, they will not be harmed, when people work sorcery on them, it will have no power. So now people will say about the descendants of Jacob, 'God has done wonderful things for the Israelites!'

What things could not work against nor harm Israel?
Sorcery and fortune telling could not work against nor harm Israel.

What had to be said about Jacob and Israel?
It had to be said, "Look what God has done!"

Numbers 23:24

ULT
24 Look, a people rises like a lioness, and like a lion he lifts himself up. He will not lie down until he eats prey and drinks the blood of the pierced ones."

UST
24 They are very strong, like lionesses that are ready to attack other animals. They stand firm like lions. The lions refuse to rest until they have killed and eaten their prey and drunk the blood of the animals they slaughtered."

How did Balaam describe what the people of Israel were like?
The people of Israel were like lions that attackrd and ate their victims.

Numbers 23:25

ULT

25 And Balak said to Balaam, “Even do not curse him at all, also do not bless him at all!”

UST

25 Then Balak said to Balaam, “If you will not curse them, then I certainly do not want you to bless them!”

What did Balak say to Balaam after Balaam gave his prophecy?

Balak said to Balaam that he should neither curse nor bless the Israelites at all.

Numbers 23:26

ULT

26 And Balaam answered and said to Balak, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘All that Yahweh speaks, it I must do?’”

UST

26 But Balaam replied, “I told you that I must do only what Yahweh tells me to do!”

What did Balaam tell Balak was the only thing that he could say?

Balaam told Balak that he could say only what Yahweh told him to say.

Numbers 23:27

ULT

27 And Balak said to Balaam, “Come now, I will take you to another place. Perhaps it will be right in the eyes of God and you will curse him for me from there.”

UST

27 Then King Balak said to Balaam, “Come with me; I will take you to another place. Perhaps it will please God to allow you to curse them from that place.”

What did Balak think Balaam might be able to do if he took Balaam to another place?

Balak thought God might allow Balaam to curse the Israelites from another place.

Numbers 23:28

ULT
28 And Balak took Balaam to the head of the Peor, looking down on the face of the wasteland.

UST
28 So Balak took Balaam to the top of Mount Peor where they could look down and see the Israelites in the desert.

So now where did Balak take Balaam?
Balak took Balaam to the top of Mount Peor.

Numbers 23:29

ULT
29 And Balaam said to Balak, “Build for me in this place seven altars and prepare for me in this place seven bulls and seven rams.”

UST
29 Balaam again told Balak, “Build me seven altars again and kill seven young bulls and seven rams for a sacrifice.”

What did Balaam tell Balak to do this time and what did Balak do? (vv29-30)
Balaam told Balak to build seven altars so Balak did as Balaam said and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 23:30

ULT
30 And Balak did just as Balaam had said. And he offered up a bull and a ram on the altar.

UST
30 So Balak did what Balaam told him to do. He burned a young bull and a ram on each altar as sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24

Numbers 24:1

ULT

[1] And Balaam saw that it was good in the eyes of Yahweh to bless Israel. And he did not go as time by time to meet omens. And he set his face to the wilderness.

UST

[1] Balaam now realized that Yahweh wanted to bless the Israelite people, not curse them. So he did not use magic like a shaman would do to find out what Yahweh wanted, as he often did. Instead, he turned toward the desert.

What did Balaam the prophet not do when he saw that blessing Israel pleased Yahweh?
Balaam did not use sorcery but looked toward the wilderness.

Numbers 24:2

ULT

[2] And Balaam lifted up his eyes and he saw Israel dwelling according to its tribes. And the Spirit of God was on him.

UST

[2] He saw the Israelite people camped there in their tents, with each tribe gathered in one group. Then the Spirit of God came upon him,

What happened when Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel camped, each in their own tribe? (vv2-3)
When Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel camped, the Spirit of God came on Balaam and he received a prophecy.

Numbers 24:3

ULT

[3] And he lifted up his discourse and said, “The declaration of Balaam the son of Beor, and the declaration of the man opened of eye,

UST

[3] and this is the prophetic message that he gave to Balak: “I, Balaam son of Beor, am giving this prophecy. This prophecy that I speak is as a man who sees what will happen in the future clearly speaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24:4

ULT
4 the declaration of the hearer of the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down and opened of eyes:

UST
4 I hear this message from God. I see a vision from the one who is all-powerful. My eyes are open as I prostrate myself in front of him.

What did Balaam do when he saw a vision from the Almighty?
Balaam bowed down with his eyes open.

Numbers 24:5

ULT
5 How good are your tents, Jacob, your dwellings, Israel!

UST
5 You descendants of Jacob, your tents are very beautiful! The places where you live are lovely!

What did Balaam say about Jacob's tents?
Balaam said that the tents of Jacob were beautiful.

Numbers 24:6

ULT
6 Like wadis they spread out, like gardens beside a river, like aloes Yahweh has planted, like cedars beside water.

UST
6 Your tents are spread out in front of me like groves of palm trees in valleys, like gardens alongside a river. They are like strong aloe trees that Yahweh has planted, like strong cedar trees that grow along the rivers.

How did Balaam describe the beauty of the place where Israel lived?
Balaam described valleys like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by Yahweh, and like cedars beside the waters.

Numbers 24:7

ULT

[7] Water will flow from his buckets, and his seed with much water. And his king will be higher than Agag, and his kingdom will lift itself up.

UST

[7] Your water buckets will always be full. The seeds that you plant will always have plenty of water to make them grow. The Israelites' king will be greater than King Agag. The kingdom that he rules will be honored.

With what did God bless Israel in the land in which they lived?

God blessed Israel with flowing water that would also water the seeds they planted.

What would happen to the kingdom of Israel?

Their kingdom would be honored.

Numbers 24:8

ULT

[8] God is bringing him out from Egypt, like the horns of a wild ox for him. He will eat the nations, his enemies. And he will break their bones. And he will strike his arrows.

UST

[8] God brought them out of Egypt, leading them along with his great power that is like a wild ox. God devastates all the nations that oppose him. He breaks all those people's bones into pieces, and shoots them with his arrows.

From what place did God bring his people?

God brought his people out of Egypt.

What did Balaam say about the strength of Israel?

Balaam said the Israel's strength was like a wild ox.

What would happen to the nations who fought against Israel?

Balaam said Israel would eat up the nations who fought against him, break their bones to pieces, and shoot them with his arrows

Numbers 24:9

ULT

[9] He crouched, he lay down like a lion, and like a lioness. Who will get him up? Those who bless you are blessed; and those who curse you are cursed.”

UST

[9] The Israelites are like lions that crouch and lie down, ready to spring on their prey, like lionesses that are resting. No one would dare to arouse them! God will bless everyone who blesses you Israelites, and he will curse everyone who curses you.”

What did Balaam prophesy would happen to those who blessed or cursed Israel?
Those who blessed Israel would be blessed and those who cursed Israel would be cursed.

Numbers 24:10

ULT

[10] And the nose of Balak burned toward Balaam and he struck his palms. And Balak said to Balaam, “I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have repeatedly blessed these three times!

UST

[10] Then King Balak was extremely angry with Balaam. He showed with his hands that he was very angry, and he shouted, saying, “I summoned you here to curse my enemies! Instead, you have blessed them three times!

How did Balak show his anger against Balaam?
Balak struck his hands together in anger.

Numbers 24:11

ULT

[11] And now, flee for yourself to your place. I said I would honor you greatly, and behold, Yahweh has held you back from honor.”

UST

[11] So now, get out of here! Go back home! I said that I would pay you a lot of money if you cursed them, but Yahweh has prevented you from getting any pay!”

Who did Balak say kept Balaam from getting the promised reward?
Balak said that Yahweh kept Balaam from getting his reward.

Numbers 24:12

ULT
12 And Balaam said to Balak, “Did I not also speak to the messengers that you sent to me, saying.

UST
12 Balaam said to Balak, “Do you not remember what I told the messengers that you sent to me? I said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24:13

ULT
13 ‘If Balak gives to me his house full of silver and gold, I will not be able to go beyond the mouth of Yahweh to do good or evil from my heart; what Yahweh speaks, it I must speak?”

UST
13 ‘Even if Balak would give me a palace filled with silver and gold, I would not disobey Yahweh. I cannot do anything bad or anything that is good that he does not approve of.’ And I told you that I could say only what Yahweh says to me.

What did Balaam tell Balak he could not do even if Balak gave him his palace full of silver and gold?
Balaam told Balak that he could not go beyond Yahweh’s word to say anything bad or good, or to say anything that he might want to say.

What did Balaam say was the only thing that he could say?
Balaam said that he could only say what Yahweh told him to say.

Numbers 24:14

ULT
14 And now, behold I am about to go to my people. Come, I will advise you what this people will do to your people in the future days.”

UST
14 So yes, I will return to my people, but first, allow me to tell you what will happen to you Moab people in the future.”

About what did Balaam warn Balak before he returned to his own people?
Balaam warned Balak what Israel was going to do to Balak’s people in the days that were coming.

Numbers 24:15

ULT

15 And he lifted up his discourse and said, “The declaration of Balaam the son of Beor, and the delcaration of the man opened of eye,

UST

15 Then Balaam said this to Balak: “I, Balaam, son of Beor, am again giving a prophecy. This prophecy that I speak is again as a man who sees what will happen in the future clearly speaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24:16

ULT

16 the declaration of the hearer of the words of God, and the knower of the knowledge of the Most High, he sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down and opened of eyes:

UST

16 I hear a message from God; I know things that God, who lives in heaven, has revealed to me. I see a vision from the one who is all-powerful. My eyes are open as I prostrate myself in front of him.

From whom did Balaam say that his prophecy, words, knowledge, and visions came?

Balaam said that his prophecy, words, knowledge, and visions came from God, the Most High, the Almighty.

Numbers 24:17

ULT

17 I will see him, but not now. I will look at him, but not near. A star has marched from Jacob, and a rod has risen from Israel. And he will strike the sides of Moab and destroy all the sons of Seth.

UST

17 The things that I see in the vision are not going to happen now. I see things that God will cause to happen in the future. A man who is a descendant of Jacob will appear like a star; a king who holds a scepter will be one of the Israelite people. He will crush the heads of you people of Moab; he will wipe out the descendants of Seth.

What did Balaam say would come out of Jacob and rise out of Israel?

Balaam said that a star would come out of Jacob, and a scepter would rise out of Israel.

What did Balaam say that star and scepter would do to Moab’s leaders and all the descendants of Seth?

Balaam said that that star and scepter would shatter and destroy Moab’s leaders and all the descendants of Seth.

Numbers 24:18

ULT

18 And Edom will become a possession, and Seir will become a possession, his enemies. And Israel will act strongly.

UST

18 The Israelites will occupy Edom, and they will conquer their enemies who live near Mount Seir. The Israelite people will be victorious.

What would happen to Edom and Seir when Israel conquered them with force?

Edom and Seir would become possessions of Israel, and Israel would conquer them with force.

Numbers 24:19

ULT

19 And he will rule from Jacob, and he will destroy the survivor from a city."

UST

19 A ruler will come who is a descendant of Jacob. He will get rid of the people who still live in the city where Balaam first met Balak."

What would come out of Jacob and what would he do?

A king who would have dominion would come out of Jacob and he would destroy the survivors of their city.

Numbers 24:20

ULT

20 And he saw Amalek and lifted up his discourse, and said, "The first of the nations is Amalek, and his end will be up to destruction."

UST

20 Then Balaam looked out over where the Amalek people group lived, and he prophesied this, "The Amalek people group were the greatest nation, but they will be wiped out."

What would happen to Amalek, the greatest of nations?

The final end of Amalek, the greatest of nations, would be destruction.

Numbers 24:21

ULT

21 And he saw the Kenite, and he lifted up his discourse, and said, “Your dwelling is permanent, and your nest is set in the cliff.

UST

21 Then he looked out over the area where the Kenite people group lived, and he prophesied this, “You think that the place where you live is secure like a nest that is made in the cliffs,

What did Balaam prophesy would happen to Kain and the Kenites who lived in a strong place in the rocks? (vv21-22)
Kain would be ruined when Assyria carried them away captive.

Numbers 24:22

ULT

22 But the Kenite will be for burning. Until when will Assyria take you captive?”

UST

22 but you will be wiped out when the army of Assyria conquers you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24:23

ULT

23 And he lifted up his discourse and said, “Woe! Who can live apart from God establishing him?

UST

23 Balaam ended his prophecies by saying, “Also, who can survive when God does all these things?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 24:24

ULT

24 And ships will be from the hand of Kittim, and they will afflict Asshur and will afflict Eber, and he, too, will be up to destruction.”

UST

24 Ships will come from the Island of Cyprus, and the men in those ships will defeat the armies of Assyria and Eber. But God will get rid of those men, too.”

What would come from the coast of Kittim which would attack Assyria and conquer Eber, and then what would happen to them?

Ships would come from the coast Kittim which would attack Assyria and conquer Eber; but they, too, would end in destruction.

Numbers 24:25

ULT

25 And Balaam got up, and went, and returned to his place. And Balak also went on his way.

UST

25 Then Balaam and Balak returned to their homes.

When Balaam ended his final prophecy, what did he do and what did Balak do?

Balaam got up and returned to his home. Balak also went away.

Numbers 25

Numbers 25:1

ULT

[1] And Israel dwelled in Shittim, and the people began to prostitute themselves with the daughters of Moab,

UST

[1] While the Israelites were camped at a place called Acacia Grove, some of the men became unfaithful to God by sleeping with some of the women of the Moab people group who lived in that area.

What caused Yahweh's anger to be kindled against Israel? (vv1-2)
The men began to sleep with the women of Moab and people ate and bowed down to the Moabite gods.

Numbers 25:2

ULT

[2] And they called the people to the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and they worshipped their gods.

UST

[2] Then those women invited the men to come when the sacrifices were being offered to their gods. The Israelite men accepted. They went to the feasts with the women and worshiped the gods of the Moab people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:3

ULT

[3] And Israel bound himself to Baal of Peor. And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel.

UST

[3] By doing that, the Israelite people joined the women in worshiping the god Baal who the Moab people group thought lived on Mount Peor. That caused Yahweh to become very angry with his people, and he sent a severe plague on many of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before Yahweh in front of the sun. And the burning of the nose of Yahweh may turn back from Israel.”

UST

4 Yahweh said this to Moses: “Seize all the leaders of those who are doing this and execute them while I am watching. Do that in the daytime. After you do that, I will no longer be angry with the Israelite people.”

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do to Israel’s leaders who worshiped Baal of Peor?

Yahweh told Moses to kill all the Israelite leaders who had joined in worshiping Baal of Peor and to hang those leaders up before Yahweh.

Numbers 25:5

ULT

5 And Moses said to the judges of Israel, “Slay a man his men, the ones who bound themselves to Baal of Peor.”

UST

5 So Moses said to the other Israelite leaders, “Each of you must execute your men who have joined others in worshiping Baal.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:6

ULT

6 And behold, a man from the sons of Israel came and brought near to his brothers the Midianite woman, before the eyes of Moses and before the eyes of all the congregation of the sons of Israel. And they were weeping at the opening of the tent of meeting.

UST

6 But later, while many people were crying at the entrance of the sacred tent, one of the Israelite men brought a woman from the Midian people group into his tent and started to sleep with her. Moses and all the people heard of it.

Where was the community of the people of Israel when one of the men brought a Midianite woman among his family?

When one of the men brought a Midianite woman among his family, the people of Israel were weeping at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

Numbers 25:7

ULT

[7] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saw and rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand.

UST

[7] When Phinehas, who was a grandson of Aaron, heard this he rose up from among the community, grabbed a spear.

What did Phinehas, son of Eleazar do when he saw the Israelite man and the Midianite woman?

When Phinehas saw the Israelite man and the Midianite woman, he rose up from among the community and took a spear in his hand.

Numbers 25:8

ULT

[8] And he came after the man of Israel into the domed tent, and he pierced the two of them, the man of Israel and the woman in her stomach. And the plague was stopped from on the sons of Israel.

UST

[8] Then he rushed into the man's tent. He thrust the spear completely through the man's body and into the woman's belly and killed both of them. When he did that, the plague that had started to strike the Israelites stopped.

What happened to the Israelite who brought a Midianite woman into the camp in the sight of Moses?

Phineas the priest took a spear and thrust a spear into the bodies of both the man and the woman.

What did God do to stop them from sleeping with the Moabite women and worshiping Baal of Peor, and how many died? (vv8-9)

God sent a plague so that those who died were 24,000 in number.

Numbers 25:9

ULT

[9] And the ones who died by the plague were 24,000.

UST

[9] But twenty-four thousand people had already died from that plague.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:10

ULT
10 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
10 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:11

ULT
11 “Phinehas the son of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, has turned my heat from on the sons of Israel by his being zealous with my zeal in the midst of them. And I will not make an end of the sons of Israel in my zeal.

UST
11 “Phinehas has caused me to stop being angry with the Israelite people, by being as eager as I am to stop this sinful behavior. I was ready to get rid of all the Israelite people because I was extremely angry, but Phinehas has prevented me from doing that.

Why was Yahweh’s rage turned away from the people of Israel?
Yahweh’s rage was turned away because Phinehas was passionate with Yahweh’s zeal.

Numbers 25:12

ULT
12 Therefore say, ‘Behold, I am giving to him my covenant of peace.

UST
12 Now tell him that I am making a special peace agreement with him.

What was the first name Yahweh called his a covenant of everlasting priesthood?
Yahweh called his covenant of everlasting priesthood, his covenant of peace.

Numbers 25:13

ULT

13 And it will be a covenant of a priesthood of eternity for him and for his seed after him, because he was zealous for his God and he made atonement for the sons of Israel.'"

UST

13 In this agreement, I am promising to give to him and to his descendants the right to be priests. I am doing this because he showed that he was very eager to honor me, his God, by stopping this sinful behavior. He has satisfied my holy righteousness against the sinfulness of Israel by causing me to forgive them for their sin."

Why did Yahweh make a covenant of everlasting priesthood with Phinehas?

Yahweh made a covenant with Phinehas because he was zealous for Yahweh and had atoned for the people of Israel.

Numbers 25:14

ULT

14 And the name of the man of Israel, the struck down one who was struck down with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, the leader of a house of a father of the Simeonites.

UST

14 The Israelite man who was killed with the woman of the Moab people group was named Zimri son of Salu, who was the leader of a family from the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:15

ULT

15 And the name of the woman, the struck down Midanite woman, was Kozbi the daughter of Zur, who was the head of a tribe of a house of a father in Midian.

UST

15 The woman's name was Kozbi. She was the daughter of Zur, who was the leader of one of the clans of the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:16

ULT
16 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
16 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 25:17

ULT
17 “Vex the Midianites and you shall strike them down.

UST
17 “Take your men and attack the Midian people group and kill them.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to treat the Midianites as enemies and attack them? (vv17-18)
God told Moses to treat the Midianites as enemies and attack them because they had treated Israel like enemies with their deceitfulness.

Numbers 25:18

ULT
18 For they were vexing you by their deceitfulness when they deceived you over the matter of Peor and over the matter of Kozbi the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister, the one struck down on the plague day over the matter of Peor.”

UST
18 They have become your enemies, because they tricked you Israelite people and induced many of you to worship Baal, and because one of your men slept with Kozbi, who was the daughter of a leader of the Midian people group. She was killed at the time the plague started because of the people who sinned at Mount Peor.”

How did Yahweh refer to Cozbi, the daughter of a leader in Midian who was killed on the day of the plague?
He referred to Cozbi, the daughter of a leader in Midian who was killed on the day of the plague, as their sister.

Numbers 26

Numbers 26:1

ULT

[1] And it happened after the plague that Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,

UST

[1] After the plague ended, Yahweh said to Eleazar and Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:2

ULT

[2] “Lift up the heads of all the congregation of the sons of Israel from a son of 20 years and upward according to the house of their fathers, all who go out to war in Israel.”

UST

[2] “Count all the people of Israel again. Write down the names of all the men who are at least 20 years old who are able to fight in battles, along with their family names.”

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Eleazar to do after the plague?

Yahweh told them to count all the people of Israel from twenty years old and up, by their tribes, who were able to go to war.

Numbers 26:3

ULT

[3] And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

UST

[3] So while the Israelites were on the plains of Moab, by the Jordan across from Jericho, Eleazar and Moses told this to the Israelite leaders,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:4

ULT

4 “From a son of 20 years and upward, just as Yahweh commanded Moses and the sons of Israel, the ones who came out from the land of Egypt.”

UST

4 “Write down the names of all the Israelite men who are at least 20 years old, as Yahweh has commanded us.” So they did that, and this is a record of all the descendants of Jacob who came out of Egypt who were still alive.

What did Moses and Eleazar tell the people Yahweh had commanded them to do?

They told the people they needed to count the people from 20 years old and up, who had come out of the land of Egypt.

Numbers 26:5

ULT

5 Reuben was the firstborn of Israel. The sons of Reuben: Hanok, the clan of the Hanokite; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluite;

UST

5-7 These are the descendants of Reuben, Jacob’s oldest son:

> the Hanokites descended from his son Hanok,
>
> the Palluites descended from his son Pallu,
>
> the Hezronites descended from his son Hezron,
>
> the Carmites descended from his son Carmi.

The Israelite leaders counted 43,730 men from the tribe of Reuben.

Who was the firstborn of Israel?

The firstborn of Israel was Reuben.

Numbers 26:6

ULT

6 of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite; of Karmi, the clan of the Karmite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:7

ULT

7 These were the clans of the Reubenite. And their counted ones were 43,730.

UST

5-7 These are the descendants of Reuben, Jacob's oldest son:

the Hanokites descended from his son Hanok,

the Palluites descended from his son Pallu,

the Hezronites descended from his son Hezron,

the Carmites descended from his son Carmi.

The Israelite leaders counted 43,730 men from the tribe of Reuben.

How many men did the clans of Reuben's descendants number?

The clans of Reuben's descendants numbered 43,730 men.

Numbers 26:8

ULT

8 And the son of Pallu was Eliab.

UST

8 Pallu's son was Eliab

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Eliab were Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. This is Dathan and Abiram, the called ones of the congregation, who rebelled against Moses and against Aaron with the congregation of Korah when they rebelled against Yahweh.

UST

9 and his grandsons were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram were the leaders who joined with Korah to conspire against Aaron and Moses and rebelled against Yahweh.

Who were the sons of Eliab, descendant of Reuben, and what did his sons do?

Eliab's sons were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram rebelled against Yahweh by following Korah who had challenged Moses and Aaron.

Numbers 26:10

ULT

10 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and Korah when the congregation died, when the fire ate 250 men, and they became a sign.

UST

10 But the earth opened up and swallowed them and Korah. Yahweh also sent a fire that burned up 250 men who supported those three men. That was a warning to all the Israelite people that they should respect and obey the leaders whom Yahweh had appointed.

What happened to all the followers of Korah that became a warning sign?

The earth swallowed them up and fire devoured 250 men.

Numbers 26:11

ULT

11 And the sons of Korah did not die.

UST

11 But the descendants of Korah did not die on that day.

Whose line did not die out?

Korah’s line did not die out.

Numbers 26:12

ULT

12 The sons of Simeon according to their clans: of Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelite; of Jamin, the clan of the Jaminite; of Jakin, the clan of the Jakinite;

UST

12-14 These are the descendants of Simeon:

the Nemuelites descended from his son Nemuel,

the Jaminites descended from his son Jamin,

the Jakinites descended from his son Jakin,

the Zerahites descended from his son Zerah,

the Shaulites descended from his son Shaul.

The Israelite leaders counted 22,200 men from the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:13

ULT

13 of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite; of Shaul, the clan of the Shaulite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:14

ULT

14 These were the clans of the Simeonite, 22,200.

UST

12-14 These are the descendants of Simeon:

the Nemuelites descended from his son Nemuel,

the Jaminites descended from his son Jamin,

the Jakinites descended from his son Jakin,

the Zerahites descended from his son Zerah,

the Shaulites descended from his son Shaul.

The Israelite leaders counted 22,200 men from the tribe of Simeon.

Who was listed next of Israel's sons, and how many did their descendants number?

The clans of Simon was the next of Israel's sons; they numbered 22,200 total men.

Numbers 26:15

ULT

15 The sons of Gad according to their clans: of Zephon, the clan of the Zephonite; of Haggi, the clan of the Haggite; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunite;

UST

15-18 These are the descendants of Gad:

the Zephonites descended from his son Zephon,

the Haggites descended from his son Haggi,

the Shunites descended from his son Shuni,

the Oznites descended from his son Ozni,

the Erites descended from his son Eri,

the Arodites descended from his son Arod,

the Arelites descended from his son Areli.

The Israelite leaders counted 40,500 men from the tribe of Gad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:16

ULT
16 of Ozni, the clan of the Oznite; of Eri, the clan of the Erite;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:17

ULT
17 of Arod, the clan of the Arodite; of Areli, the clan of the Arelite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:18

ULT
18 These were the clans of the sons of Gad according to their counted ones, 40,500.

UST
15-18 These are the descendants of Gad:

the Zephonites descended from his son Zephon,

the Haggites descended from his son Haggi,

the Shunites descended from his son Shuni,

the Oznites descended from his son Ozni,

the Erites descended from his son Eri,

the Arodites descended from his son Arod,

the Arelites descended from his son Areli.

The Israelite leaders counted 40,500 men from the tribe of Gad.

How many did the male descendants of Gad number?
The male descendants of gad numbered 40,500 men.

Numbers 26:19

ULT

19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

UST

19-22 Judah's sons, Er and Onan, died in Canaan before they had any children. These are the descendants of Judah:

the Shelanites descended from his son Shelah,

the Perezites descended from his son Perez,

the Zerahites descended from his son Zerah.

Perez was the father of Hezron and Hamul.

The Hezronites descended from Hezron,

the Hamulites descended from Hamul.

The Israelite leaders counted 76,500 men from the tribe of Judah.

What happened to Judah's sons, Er and Onan?

They died in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 26:20

ULT

20 And the sons of Judah according to their clans were: of Shelah, the clan of the Shelanite; of Perez, the clan of the Perezite; of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:21

ULT

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite; of Hamul, the clan of the Hamulite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:22

ULT

22 These were the clans of Judah according to their counted ones, 76,500.

UST

19-22 Judah's sons, Er and Onan, died in Canaan before they had any children. These are the descendants of Judah:

the Shelanites descended from his son Shelah,

the Perezites descended from his son Perez,

the Zerahites descended from his son Zerah.

Perez was the father of Hezron and Hamul.

The Hezronites descended from Hezron,

the Hamulites descended from Hamul.

The Israelite leaders counted 76,500 men from the tribe of Judah.

How many men were in the other descendants of Judah?

The other descendants of Judah numbered 76,500 men.

Numbers 26:23

ULT

23 The sons of Issachar according to their clans: Tola, the clan of the Tolaite; of Puah, the clan of the Puite;

UST

23-25 These are the descendants of Issachar:

the Tolaites descended from his son Tola,

the Puites descended from his son Puah,

the Jashubites descended from his son Jashub,

the Shimronites descended from his son Shimron,

The Israelite leaders counted 64,300 men from the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:24

ULT

24 of Jashub, the clan of the Jashubite; of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:25

ULT

25 These were the clans of Issachar according to their counted ones, 64,300.

UST

23-25 These are the descendants of Issachar:

the Tolaites descended from his son Tola,

the Puites descended from his son Puah,

the Jashubites descended from his son Jashub,

the Shimronites descended from his son Shimron,

The Israelite leaders counted 64,300 men from the tribe of Issachar.

What was the number of the men of the clans from Issachar's descendants?

The number of the men of the clans from Issachar's descendants was 64,300 men.

Numbers 26:26

ULT

26 The sons of Zebulun according to their clans: of Sered, the clan of the Seredite; of Elon, the clan of the Elonite; of Jahleel, the clan of the Jahleelite.

UST

26-27 These are the descendants of Zebulun:

the Seredites descended from his son Sered,

the Elonites descended from his son Elon,

the Jahleelites descended from his son Jahleel,

The Israelite leaders counted 60,500 men from the tribe of Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:27

ULT

27 These were the clans of the Zebulunite according to their counted ones, 60,500.

UST

26-27 These are the descendants of Zebulun:

the Seredites descended from his son Sered,

the Elonites descended from his son Elon,

the Jahleelites descended from his son Jahleel,

The Israelite leaders counted 60,500 men from the tribe of Zebulun.

What was the number of the men from Zebulun's descendants?

The number of the men from Zebulun's descendants were 60,500 men.

Numbers 26:28

ULT

28 The sons of Joseph according to their clans were Manasseh and Ephraim.

UST

28-29 The sons of Joseph are Manasseh and Ephraim. These are the descendants of Manasseh:

the Makirites descended from his son Machir.

Makir was the father of Gilead.

The Gileadites descended from Gilead.

Who were Joseph's children?

The children of Joseph were Manasseh and Ephraim.

Numbers 26:29

ULT

29 The sons of Manasseh: of Makir, the clan of the Makirite (and Makir fathered Gilead); of Gilead, the clan of the Gileadite.

UST

28-29 The sons of Joseph are Manasseh and Ephraim. These are the descendants of Manasseh:

the Makirites descended from his son Machir.

Makir was the father of Gilead.

The Gileadites descended from Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:30

ULT

30 These were the sons of Gilead: Iezer, the clan of the Iezerite; of Helek, the clan of the Helekite;

UST

30-32 Theses are the descendants of Gilead:

the Iezerites descended from his son Iezer,

the Helekites descended from his son Helek,

the Asrielites descended from his son Asriel,

the Shechemites descended from his son Shechem,

the Shemidaites descended from his son Shemida,

the Hepherites descended from his son Hepher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:31

ULT

31 and Asriel, the clan of the Asrielite; and Shechem, the clan of the Shechemite;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:32

ULT

32 and Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaite; and Hepher, the clan of the Hepherite.

UST

30-32 Theses are the descendants of Gilead:

the Iezerites descended from his son Iezer,

the Helekites descended from his son Helek,

the Asrielites descended from his son Asriel,

the Shechemites descended from his son Shechem,

the Shemidaites descended from his son Shemida,

the Hepherites descended from his son Hepher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:33

ULT

33 And there were no sons for Zelophehad the son of Hepher, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah.

UST

33-34 Hepher's son Zelophehad did not have any sons, but he had five daughters—Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah. The Israelite leaders counted 52,700 men from the tribe of Manasseh, who was one of the sons of Joseph.

How many daughters did Zelophehad son of Hepher have although he had no sons?

Zelophehad son of Hepher had no sons and had five daughters.

Numbers 26:34

ULT

34 These were the clans of Manasseh and their counted ones, 52,700.

UST

33-34 Hepher's son Zelophehad did not have any sons, but he had five daughters—Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah. The Israelite leaders counted 52,700 men from the tribe of Manasseh, who was one of the sons of Joseph.

How many men came from the descendants of Manasseh?

The men that came from the descendants of Manasseh numbered 52,700 men.

Numbers 26:35

ULT

35 These were the sons of Ephraim according to their clans: of Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahite; of Beker, the clan of the Bekerite; of Tahan, the clan of the Tahanite.

UST

35-37 These are the descendants of Ephriam:

> the Shuthelahites descended from his son Shuthelah,
>
> the Becherites descended from his son Becher,
>
> the Tahanites descended from his son Tahan,

These are the descendents of Shuthelah:

> the Eranites descended from his son Eran,

The Israelite leaders counted 32,500 men from the tribe of Ephraim, who was Joseph's other son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:36

ULT

36 And these were the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the clan of the Eranite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:37

ULT

37 These were the clans of the sons of Ephraim according to their counted ones, 32,500. These were the sons of Joseph according to their clans.

UST

35-37 These are the descendants of Ephriam:

the Shuthelahites descended from his son Shuthelah,

the Becherites descended from his son Becher,

the Tahanites descended from his son Tahan,

These are the descendents of Shuthelah:

the Eranites descended from his son Eran,

The Israelite leaders counted 32,500 men from the tribe of Ephraim, who was Joseph's other son.

How many men came from the descendants of Ephraim?

The men that came from the descendants of Ephraim numbered 32,500 men.

Numbers 26:38

ULT

38 The sons of Benjamin according to their clans: of Bela, the clan of the Belaite; of Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelite; of Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramite;

UST

38-41 These are the descendants of Benjamin:

the Belaites descended from his son Bela,

the Ashbelites descended from his son Ashbel,

the Ahiramites descended from his son Ahiram,

the Shuphamites descended from his son Shephupham,

the Huphamites descended from his son Hupham,

Bela was the father of Ard and Naaman.

The Ardites descended from his son Ard,

the Naamites descended from his son Naamam.

The Israelite leaders counted 45,600 men from the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:39

ULT

39 of Shephupham, the clan of the Shuphamite; of Hupham, the clan of the Huphamite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:40

ULT

40 And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: the clan of the Ardite; of Naaman, the clan of the Naamite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:41

ULT

41 These were the sons of Benjamin according to their clans. And their counted ones were 45,600.

UST

38-41 These are the descendants of Benjamin:

the Belaites descended from his son Bela,

the Ashbelites descended from his son Ashbel,

the Ahiramites descended from his son Ahiram,

the Shuphamites descended from his son Shephupham,

the Huphamites descended from his son Hupham,

Bela was the father of Ard and Naaman.

The Ardites descended from his son Ard,

the Naamites descended from his son Naamam.

The Israelite leaders counted 45,600 men from the tribe of Benjamin.

How many men came from the descendants of Benjamin?

The men that came from the descendants of Benjamin numbered 45,600 men.

Numbers 26:42

ULT

42 These were the sons of Dan according to their clans: of Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamite. These were the clans of Dan according to their clans.

UST

42-43 These are the descendants of Dan:

the Shuhamites descended from his son Shuhman,

The Israelite leaders counted 64,400 men from the tribe of Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:43

ULT

43 All the clans of the Shuhamite according to their counted ones were 64,400.

UST

42-43 These are the descendants of Dan:

the Shuhamites descended from his son Shuhman,

The Israelite leaders counted 64,400 men from the tribe of Dan.

How many men came from the descendants of Dan?

The men that came from the descendants of Dan were numbered 64,400 men.

Numbers 26:44

ULT

44 The sons of Asher according to their clans: of Imnah, the clan of the Imnite; of Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvite; of Beriah, the clan of the Beriite.

UST

44-47 These are the descendants of Asher:

the Imnites descended from his son Imnah,

the Ishvites descended from his son Ishvi,

the Berites descended from his son Beriah,

Beriah had two sons, Heber and Malkiel.

The Heberites descended from his son Heber

the Malkielites descended from his son Malkiel.

Asher also had a daughter named Serah.

The Israelite leaders counted 53,400 men from the tribe of Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:45

ULT

45 The sons of Beriah: of Heber, the clan of the Heberite; of Malkiel, the clan of the Malkielite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:46

ULT

46 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:47

ULT

47 These were the clans of the sons of Asher according to their counted ones, 53,400.

UST

44-47 These are the descendants of Asher:

the Imnites descended from his son Imnah,

the Ishvites descended from his son Ishvi,

the Berites descended from his son Beriah,

Beriah had two sons, Heber and Malkiel.

The Heberites descended from his son Heber

the Malkielites descended from his son Malkiel.

Asher also had a daughter named Serah.

The Israelite leaders counted 53,400 men from the tribe of Asher.

How many men came from the descendants of Asher?

The men that came from the descendants of Asher numbered 53,400 men.

Numbers 26:48

ULT

48 The sons of Naphtali according to their clans: of Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelite; of Guni, the clan of the Gunite;

UST

48-50 These are the descendants of Napthali:

the Jahzeelites descended from his son Jahzeel,

the Gunites descended from his son Guni,

the Jezerites descended from his son Jezer,

the Shillemites descended from his son Shillem,

The Israelite leaders counted 45,400 men from the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:49

ULT
49 of Jezer, the clan of the Jezerite; of Shillem, the clan of the Shillemite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:50

ULT
50 These were the clans of Naphtali according to their clans. And their counted ones were 45,400.

UST
48-50 These are the descendants of Napthali:

the Jahzeelites descended from his son Jahzeel,

the Gunites descended from his son Guni,

the Jezerites descended from his son Jezer,

the Shillemites descended from his son Shillem,

The Israelite leaders counted 45,400 men from the tribe of Naphtali.

How many men were numbered from the descendants of Naphtali?
The men that came from the descendants of Naphtali were numbered 45,400 men.

Numbers 26:51

ULT
51 These were the counted ones of the sons of Israel: 601,730.

UST
51 The total of the Israelite men whom the leaders counted was 601,730.

What was the complete count of the men of the people of Israel?
The complete count of men from among the people of Israel was 601,730.

Numbers 26:52

ULT
52 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
52 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:53

ULT
53 “The land shall be apportioned to these ones as an inheritance by the number of the names.

UST
53 “Divide Canaan land among the tribes. Distribute the land according to the number of people in each tribe that are on your lists.

How did Yahweh say the land would be divided?
Yahweh said to divide the land among those men as an inheritance according to the number of their names.

Numbers 26:54

ULT
54 To the numerous you shall increase his inheritance, and to the small you shall lessen his inheritance. His inheritance shall be given, a man according to the mouth of his counted ones.

UST
54-56 Decide by casting lots to determine which group will get which area, but give the largest areas to the groups with the most people.”

Who would get more and who would get less land for their inheritance?
The clans who were larger in number would be given more inheritance and the clans who were smaller in number would be given less inheritance.

Numbers 26:55

ULT

55 Surely the land shall be apportioned by lots. They shall inherit according to the names of the tribes of their fathers.

What way would be used to divide the land?

The land would be divided by random lots from among their ancestor's tribes.

Numbers 26:56

ULT

56 His inheritance shall be apportioned in accordance with the mouth of the lot, between the numerous and the small."

UST

54-56 Decide by casting lots to determine which group will get which area, but give the largest areas to the groups with the most people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 26:57

ULT

57 And these were the counted ones of the Levite according to their clans: of Gershon, the clan of the Gershonite; of Kohath, the clan of the Kohathite; of Merari, the clan of the Merarite.

UST

57 The leaders also counted the male descendants of Levi. They were in clans descended from Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

From what clan were Gershon, Kohath, and Marari?

Gershon, Kohath, and Marari were from the Levite clans.

Numbers 26:58

ULT

58 These were the clans of the Levite: the clan of the Libnite, the clan of the Hebronite, the clan of the Mahlite, the clan of the Mushite, the clan of the Korahite. And Kohath fathered Amram.

UST

58 These also included people from the clans of Libni, Hebron, Mahli, Mushi, and Korah. All of them were descendants of Levi. Kohath was the ancestor of Amram,

From what clan did the Libnites, Hebronites, Mahlites, Mushites, and Korahites descend?
The Libnites, Hebronites, Mahlites, Mushites, and Korahites were descended from Levi.

Who was Amran's ancestor?
Amram's ancestor was Kohath.

Numbers 26:59

ULT

59 And the name of the wife of Amram was Jochebed, a daughter of Levi, she who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

UST

59 whose wife was Jochebed. She also was a descendant of Levi, but she was born in Egypt. She and Amram had two sons, Aaron and Moses, and their older sister Miriam.

Who were the children of Amram and Jochebed, a descendant of Levi who was born in Egypt?
Their children were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam, their sister.

Numbers 26:60

ULT

60 And to Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

UST

60 Aaron's sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Who was the father of Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar?
Aaron was the father of Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Numbers 26:61

ULT

61 And Nadab and Abihu died when they offered unfamiliar fire before the face of Yahweh.

UST

61 But Nadab and Abihu died when they burned incense for a sacrifice to Yahweh in a way that disobeyed what Yahweh had commanded.

What happened to Nadab and Abihu and why did they die?

Nadab and Abihu died when they offered unacceptable fire before Yahweh.

Numbers 26:62

ULT

62 And their counted ones were 23,000, every male from a son of a month and upward. But they were not counted in the midst of the sons of Israel because an inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel was not given to them.

UST

62 The leaders counted twenty-three thousand men from the descendants of Levi who were at least one month old. But these men were not counted when the rest of the Israelite people were counted, because were not given any land at that time.

What was the number of males from Levi that were one month old and older?

The number of males from Levi who were one month old and older was 23,000.

Why was the number of males one month old and up not counted among Israel's descendants?

The males one month old and up were not counted among Israel's descendants because they had no land inheritance among the people of Israel.

Numbers 26:63

ULT

63 These are the counted ones of Moses and Eleazar the priest when they counted the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.

UST

63 Those were the men whom Eleazar and Moses said should be counted. They counted the Israelite people on the plains of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

Where did Moses and Eleazar the priest count the people of Israel?

Moses and Eleazar counted the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Numbers 26:64

ULT

64 And among these there was not a man from the counted ones of Moses and Aaron the priest when they counted the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.

UST

64 None of the men whom they counted were on the lists that were made by Aaron and Moses when the Israelites were in the wilderness of Sinai.

How many men were found who had been counted by Moses and Aaron the priest when the descendants of Israel had been counted in the wilderness of Sinai?

There was no man counted that had been counted by Moses and Aaron when the descendants of Israel had been counted in the wilderness of Sinai.

Numbers 26:65

ULT

65 For Yahweh had said to them, “You shall surely die in the wilderness and a man shall not remain from them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.”

UST

65 They were told what Yahweh had said. He said, “They will all die in this desert,” and that is what happened. The only ones who were still alive were Jephunneh’s son Caleb and Nun’s son Joshua.

Why wasn’t Moses and Aaron able to count these descendants?

Yahweh had said that those people would die in the wilderness, except for Caleb and Joshua.

Numbers 27

Numbers 27:1

ULT

1 And the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hepher the son of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh the son of Joseph came near. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milkah, and Tirzah.

UST

1 One day the five daughters of Zelophehad came to Moses. They were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:2

ULT

2 And they stood before the face of Moses, and before the face of Eleazar the priest, and before the face of the leaders, and all the congregation at the opening of the tent of meeting, saying,

UST

2 They came to the entrance of the sacred tent and stood in front of Eleazar, Moses, the tribal leaders, and many other Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:3

ULT

3 “Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the midst of the congregation who assembled against Yahweh with the congregation of Korah. But he died in his sin and there were no sons for him.

UST

3 They said, “Our father died during the time that we were in the desert, and he did not have any sons. But he was not among those who supported Korah, who rebelled against Yahweh, and he died because of his own sin. He did not have any sons.

Why did Zelophehad die in the wilderness?

Zelophehad died in the wilderness not because he was one of those who gathered against Yahweh in the company of Korah, but he died because of his own sin.

Numbers 27:4

ULT

4 Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from the midst of his clan because there is no son for him? Give to us a possession in the midst of the brothers of our father."

UST

4 Why should the name of his clan disappear because our father had no sons? So give us some land like our father's relatives will be getting!"

What did the daughters of Zelophehad want Moses to give them?

The daughters of Zelophehad wanted Moses to give them land among their father's relatives.

Numbers 27:5

ULT

5 And Moses brought near their case before the face of Yahweh.

UST

5 So Moses asked Yahweh what to do about their case.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

6 And Yahweh replied,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:7

ULT

7 “The daughters of Zelophehad are speaking rightly. You shall certainly give to them the possession of an inheritance in the midst of the brothers of their father. And you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass over to them.

UST

7 “What the daughters of Zelophehad are requesting is right. You must give them some land, just as you are giving to their father’s relatives. Give to each of them some of the land that would have been given to their brothers if they had any.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:8

ULT

8 And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘If a man dies and there is no son for him, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass over to his daughter.

UST

8 Also tell this to the Israelite people: ‘If a man who has no sons dies, give the things that his sons would have inherited to his daughters.

What did Yahweh say should happen to the inheritance of a man when he dies and has no son?

When a man died without a son, then his inheritance must pass to his daughter.

Numbers 27:9

ULT

9 And if there is no daughter for him, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

UST

9 If the man has no sons or daughters, give to his brothers the things that his sons and daughters would have inherited.

If a man died and has no son or daughter, who received his inheritance next?

If a man had no son or daughters, his inheritance passed to his brothers.

Numbers 27:10

ULT

10 And if there are no brothers for him, then you shall give his inheritance to the brothers of his father.

UST

10 If the man had no brothers, give to his father's brothers the things that his sons or daughters or brothers would have inherited.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:11

ULT

11 And if there are no brothers for his father, then you shall give his inheritance to his blood-relative, the nearest to him from his clan, and he shall take possession of it. And it shall be for the sons of Israel as a statute of judgment, just as Yahweh has commanded Moses.'"

UST

11 If the man's father has no brothers, give to his closest relative the things that the others would have inherited.' That will be a rule for the Israelite people, because I am giving this as a command to you, Moses, to tell them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go up to this mountain of Abarim, and see the land that I have given to the sons of Israel.

UST

12 One day, Yahweh said to Moses, "Climb to the top of the Abarim mountains east of the Jordan River. Then look out over the land that I am giving to the Israelite people.

Why was Moses to be gathered with his people instead of going into the land which Yahweh had given them? (vv12-14)

Moses was to be gathered with his people because he and Aaron rebelled against the command of Yahweh by striking the rock in anger.

Numbers 27:13

ULT
13 And you shall see it and be gathered to your people, also you, just as Aaron your brother was gathered.

UST
13 After you have seen it, you will die just like your older brother Aaron did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:14

ULT
14 because in the wilderness of Zin, in the quarrel of the congregation, you rebelled against my mouth to regard me as holy at the waters before their eyes" These are the waters of Meribah Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.

UST
14 The reason that you will die and not enter that land is that you both disobeyed my instructions in the wilderness of Zin. When the Israelite people rebelled against me there at Meribah, near Kadesh, I told you to speak to the rock to cause water to flow out of it. But because you struck the rock instead of speaking to it, you did not show the people my holy power."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:15

ULT
15 And Moses spoke to Yahweh, saying,

UST
15 Then Moses said this to Yahweh,

Why did Moses ask Yahweh to appoint a man over the community? (vv15-17)
Moses asked that Yahweh appoint a man over the community so they would not be like sheep that have no shepherd.

Numbers 27:16

ULT
16 “May Yahweh, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

UST
16 “Yahweh, you are the God who directs the spirits of all people. So please appoint a new leader for the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:17

ULT
17 who will go out before the face of them and who will come before the face of them and who will take them out and who will bring them in, and the congregation of Yahweh will not be like sheep that have no shepherd for them.”

UST
17 Appoint someone who will lead your people when they go to fight a battle, so that they will not just wander around like sheep that do not have a shepherd.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:18

ULT
18 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is a spirit, and lay your hand on him.

UST
18 Yahweh replied, “Get Joshua son of Nun, who has my Spirit within him. Lay your hands on him to appoint him.

Why did Yahweh instruct Moses to lay his hand on Joshua, son of Nun? (vv18-19)
Yahweh instructed Moses to choose Joshua because he was a man in whom Yahweh’s spirit lived.

Numbers 27:19

ULT
19 And you shall stand him before the face of Eleazar the priest and before the face of all the congregation. And you shall command him before their eyes.

UST
19 Cause him to stand in front of Eleazar the priest, as all the people are watching, and commission him to be the new leader of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:20

ULT
20 And you shall give some of your authority on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel will hear.

UST
20 Give to him some of the authority that you now have, in order that all the Israelite people will know that they must obey him.

How much authority did Yahweh command Moses to give to Joshua? (vv20-21)
Moses was to give Joshua the authority to seek Yahweh's will by the decisions of the Urim and command all Israel to obey him.

Numbers 27:21

ULT
21 And he shall stand before the face of Eleazar the priest. And he shall ask for him by the judgment of the Urim before the face of Yahweh. In accordance with his mouth he shall go out and in accorordance with his mouth he shall come in, he and all the sons of Israel with him and all the congregation."

UST
21 When you all need me to guide you, Joshua will stand in front of Eleazar. Then by casting lots Eleazar will determine what they should do. At Joshua's command all people of Israel will mobilize themselves together."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 27:22

ULT

22 And Moses did just as Yahweh had commanded him. And he took Joshua and stood him before the face of Eleazar the priest and before the face of all the congregation.

UST

22 So Moses did what Yahweh commanded. He presented Joshua to Eleazar and to all the Israelite people.

How did Moses respond to Yahweh's command? (vv22-23)

Moses placed Joshua before Eleazar the priest and all the community and laid his hands on him as he commanded him to lead as Yahweh had instructed him.

Numbers 27:23

ULT

23 And he laid his hands on him and he commanded him, just as Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Moses.

UST

23 Moses laid his hands on him and commissioned him to do the work that Yahweh told Moses to tell him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28

Numbers 28:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said this to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:2

ULT
2 “Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘You shall be careful to offer to me at its appointed time my offering, my food for my offerings made by fire, an aroma of my soothing.’

UST
2 “Tell this to the Israelite people, ‘Bring to me the offerings that will be burned on the altar. When they are burned, the smell will be very pleasing to me. And tell them that they must bring them at the proper time.

What did Yahweh say the sacrifices produced for him?
Yahweh said the sacrifices produced a sweet aroma for him.

Numbers 28:3

ULT
3 And you shall say to them, ‘This is the offering made by fire that you shall offer to Yahweh: unblemished male lambs, sons of a year, two for the day, a burnt up offering continually.

UST
3 Tell them that what they must bring to me each day are two male lambs that are one year old. They must have no defects. They must be completely burned on the altar.

What two animals, one in the morning and one in the evening, were to be offered in the regular burnt offerings each day? (vv3-4)
The sacrifices in the regular burnt offerings in the mornings and in the evenings were to be male lambs without blemish.

Numbers 28:4

ULT

4 One male lamb you shall do in the morning, and the second male lamb you shall do between the evenings,

UST

4 They should bring one in the morning and the other early in the evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:5

ULT

5 and the tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a grain offering, mixed with the fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

UST

5 They must also bring a flour offering of two liters of finely-ground flour, mixed with a liter of olive oil.

What else did they have to offer with the regular burnt offering?

They had to offer a tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

Numbers 28:6

ULT

6 It is a burnt up offering of continuity, the one done at Mount Sinai for an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

6 That is the offering that they must bring every day. They started to bring those offerings while you were at Mount Sinai. When those offerings are burned on the altar, the smell will be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:7

ULT

7 And its drink offering shall be the fourth of a hin for one male lamb. You shall pour out in the holy place a drink offering of intoxicating drink to Yahweh.

UST

7 When they burn each lamb, they must also pour on the sacred altar in the holy place one liter of wine.

What was the drink offering to Yahweh that had to be added to those regular burnt offerings and what did they do with it? (vv7-8)

One fourth of a hin of strong drink had to be added to these sacrifices and poured out in the holy place.

Numbers 28:8

ULT

8 And you shall do the second male lamb between the evenings. You shall do like the grain offering of the morning and its drink offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh.

UST

8 In the evening, when they offer the second lamb, they must also bring the same offerings of flour and wine as they burned in the morning. When they are burned, the smell will also be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:9

ULT

9 And on the Sabbath day: two unblemished male lambs, sons of a year, and two-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil, and its drink offering.

UST

9 On each Sabbath, you must bring two male lambs, each a year old, that have no defects. Also bring a flour offering of four and one-half liters of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil and a wine offering of four and one-half liters of wine.

What had to be offered on the Sabbath day? (vv9-10)

On the Sabbath day, two male lambs, each a year old without blemish and fine flour mixed with oil, and a drink offering had to be offered.

Numbers 28:10

ULT

10 It is the burnt up offering of the Sabbath by its Sabbath, in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering.

UST

10 Those are the offerings that are to be burned on the altar each Sabbath. Those are in addition to the offerings of two lambs and wine that you must bring each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:11

ULT

11 And at the heads of your months, you shall offer a burnt up offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished;

UST

11 On the first day of each month you must bring to me an offering of two young bulls, one male sheep, and seven male lambs that are one year old. All of these must be without defects. They must all be burned completely on the altar.

What special animal sacrifices had to be made at the beginning of each month?

At the beginning of the month the animals of the special sacrifices were two young bulls, one ram, and seven one year old male lambs without blemish.

Numbers 28:12

ULT

12 and three-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for one bull, and two-tenths fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for the one ram,

UST

12 Also bring with each bull an offering of six liters of finely-ground flour mixed with olive oil. With each male sheep make an offering of four liters of nice flour mixed with olive oil.

What were the grain offerings given with the two bulls and for the one ram?

The grain offerings for each of the two bulls was three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, and the grain offering for one ram was two tenths of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:13

ULT

13 and a tenth, a tenth fine flour as a grain offering mixed with the oil for one male lamb. It is a burnt up offering, an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

13 Also bring an offering of two liters of finely-ground flour mixed with olive oil with each lamb. When all of these are burned on the altar, the smell will be very pleasing to me.

What was the grain offering for each lamb?

Each lamb had a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:14

ULT

14 And their drink offerings shall be half of a hin of wine for the bull, and a third of a hin for the ram, and a fourth of a hin for the male lamb. This shall be the burnt up offering of the month by its month for the months of the year.

UST

14 With each bull also bring two liters of wine. With each male sheep, bring one and one-fifth liters of wine. With each lamb bring one liter of wine. These offerings must be brought on the first day of each month and burned completely on the altar.

How often were these special burnt offerings to be given?

These special burnt offerings were to be given every month throughout the year.

Numbers 28:15

ULT

15 And one buck of the goats shall be done as a sin offering to Yahweh, in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering.

UST

15 In addition to these offerings that you burn, you must bring to me one goat for an offering to remove the guilt of your sins.

What was offered with the regular burnt offering and the drink offering?

One male goat was offered as a sin offering to Yahweh.

Numbers 28:16

ULT
16 And in the first month, on day 14 of the month is the Passover of Yahweh.

UST
16 The Passover festival must be celebrated to honor me each year on the fourteenth day of your first month.

When did Yahweh's Passover come?
Yahweh's Passover came during the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month.

On what day was the feast to be held and what kind of bread was eaten for seven days? (vv16-17)
The feast was to be held on the fifteenth day of the first month, and they ate bread without yeast for seven days.

Numbers 28:17

ULT
17 And on day 15 of this month shall be a feast. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.

UST
17 The Festival of Unleavened Bread will start on the next day. For the following seven days, the bread that you eat must be made without yeast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:18

ULT
18 On the first day shall be a convocation of holiness. You shall not do any work of labor.

UST
18 On the first day of that festival, you must gather together to worship me, and you must not do any regular work that you would normally do.

What did they do to honor Yahweh on the first day of the Passover, and what did they not do that day?
They had a holy assembly to honor Yahweh; on that day they did no normal work.

Numbers 28:19

ULT
19 And you shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt up offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram, and seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished for you.

UST
19 On that day, you must bring to me for an offering that will be completely burned on the altar two young bulls, one male sheep, and seven male lambs that are one year old. They must all have no defects.

What animal sacrifices had to be made during the seven days of the Passover?
They offered two young bulls, one ram, and seven one year old male lambs without blemish.

Numbers 28:20

ULT
20 And their grain offering: you shall do fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull and two-tenths for the ram.

UST
20 With each of these bulls, bring a grain offering of six liters of finely-ground flour mixed with olive oil. With the male sheep, bring a grain offering of four liters of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil.

What grain offerings did they give with the two young bulls and with the ram?
With the bulls they offered three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil and with the ram they offered two tenths.

Numbers 28:21

ULT
21 A tenth, a tenth you shall do for one male lamb of the seven male lambs,

UST
21 With each of the seven lambs, bring an offering of two liters of finely-ground flour mixed with olive oil.

What did they offer with the lambs?
With each lamb they offered a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:22

ULT
22 and one male goat as the sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.

UST
22 Also bring one goat for a sacrifice to make atonement for your sin.

Why was the male goat given?
The male goat was given as a sin offering to make atonement for themselves.

Numbers 28:23

ULT
23 You shall do these apart from the burnt up offering of the morning, which is for the burnt up offering of the continuity.

UST
23 Bring these offerings in addition to the offerings that you bring each morning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:24

ULT
24 You shall do like these for the day, seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh. It shall be done in addition to the burnt up offering of the continuity and its drink offering.

UST
24 The smell of the grain that is burned on the altar each day for seven days will be very pleasing to me. Bring the grain in addition to the animals and the wine that you burn on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:25

ULT

25 And on the seventh day there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor.

UST

25 On the seventh day of that festival, you must again gather together to worship me, and you must not do any regular work that you would normally do.

What happened on the seventh day of the feast of the Passover?

On the seventh day of the feast of the Passover they had to have a holy assembly to honor Yahweh and do no normal work on that day.

Numbers 28:26

ULT

26 And on the day of the firstfruits, when you offer the new grain offering to Yahweh in your festival of weeks, there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor.

UST

26 On the day of the Harvest festival, when you bring to me the first grain that you have harvested, you must gather together to worship me. Do not do any regular work that you would normally do on that day.

What did they have to offer of the day of the first fruits in their Festival of Weeks and what did they do on that day?

On the day of the first fruits, they offered a new grain offering to Yahweh in their Festival of Weeks, and had a holy assembly to honor Yahweh and did no normal work on that day.

Numbers 28:27

ULT

27 And you shall offer a burnt up offering as an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year,

UST

27 Bring to me two young bulls, one male sheep, and seven male lambs that are one year old. When they are completely burned on the altar, the smell will be very pleasing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:28

ULT

28 And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for one bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

UST

28 Also bring a flour offering of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil. For each bull bring five and three-quarters of a liter, and with each male sheep bring three and four-fifths liters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:29

ULT

29 a tenth, a tenth for one male lamb of the seven of the male lambs,

UST

29 For each of the lambs bring two liters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:30

ULT

30 one buck of the goats to make atonement for yourselves.

UST

30 Also sacrifice one male goat to make atonement for your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 28:31

ULT

31 You shall do apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering. They shall be unblemished for you and their drink offerings.'"

UST

31 Bring these offerings and the offering of wine in addition to the animals and flour that you burn on the altar each day. And remember that the animals that you sacrifice must have no defects.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29

Numbers 29:1

ULT

1 “And in the seventh month, on the first of the month, there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of labor. It shall be a day of horn blowing for you.

UST

1 “Each year, gather together to worship me on the first day of your seventh month, and do not do any regular work that you would normally do on that day. On that day the priests must blow their trumpets.

Why did the people of Israel have a holy assembly on the first day of the seventh month; what did they not do and what did they do on that day?

On the first day of the seventh month the people of Israel had a holy assembly to honor Yahweh; they did no normal work and they blew trumpets.

Numbers 29:2

ULT

2 And you shall do a burnt up offering for an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

2 When the offerings on the altar on that day are being completely burned, the smell will be very pleasing to me. The animals that you must bring are one young bull, one male sheep, and seven male lambs that are one year old. They must have no defects.

On that day, what animals did they offer and why did they offer it?

On that day, they offered a burnt offering of one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old—each without blemish—to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Numbers 29:3

ULT

3 And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the ram,

UST

3 With these animals bring a grain offering of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil. With the bull, bring five and three-quarters liters. With the male sheep, bring three and four-fifths liters,

What was the grain offering that they offered with the animals?

With the animals they offered a grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 29:4

ULT

4 and one-tenth for one male lamb of the seven male lambs.

UST

4 and with each of the seven lambs bring two liters.

Why did they offer one male goat?

They offered one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for themselves.

Numbers 29:5

ULT

5 And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering to make atonement for yourselves.

UST

5 Also offer one male goat to atone for your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:6

ULT

6 It is apart from the burnt up offering of the month and its grain offering, and the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering, and their drink offerings according to their ordinance, for an aroma of soothing, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

UST

6 All of those animals will be in addition to the animals that are completely burned on the altar each morning and on the first day of each month. The offerings of flour and wine must be made exactly as I have decreed that you are to do. When these offerings are burned, the smell will be very pleasing to me.

When were they to make this sin offering, in addition to all of the usual offerings they were to make each month?

They were to make this sin offering in the seventh month, in addition to all of the usual offerings they were to make each month.

Numbers 29:7

ULT

7 And on the tenth of this seventh month there shall be a convocation of holiness for you. And you shall afflict your lives. You shall not do any work.

UST

7 “Each year, on the tenth day of your seventh month, you must gather together to worship me. Do not eat any food or do any work on that day.

What did Yahweh say the people of Israel had do on the tenth day of the seventh month?

On the tenth day of the seventh month the people of Israel had to have a holy assembly to honor Yahweh, humble themselves, and do no work.

Numbers 29:8

ULT

8 And you shall offer a burnt up offering to Yahweh, an aroma of soothing: one bull, a son of cattle, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished for you.

UST

8 When you burn offerings on the altar on that day, the smell will be very pleasing to me. The animals that you must bring are one young bull, one male sheep, and seven male lambs that are one year old. They must have no defects.

What animals did they have to offer as a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh on the fifteenth day of the seventh month?

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the people of Israel had to offer offer one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old—without any blemish.

Numbers 29:9

ULT

9 And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

UST

9 With the bull, bring a flour offering of five and three-quarters liters of finely ground flour mixed with olive oil. With the male sheep, bring three and four-fifths liters.

What did the people of Israel have to put with each of the animals? (vv9-10)

The people of Israel had to put flour mixed with oil with each of the animals.

Numbers 29:10

ULT

10 a tenth, a tenth for the one male lamb, for the seven male lambs.

UST

10 With each of the lambs, bring two liters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:11

ULT

11 One buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the sin offering of the atonement and the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and their drink offerings.

UST

11 Also bring one male goat to remove the guilt of your sins, and the animals and flour and wine that you burn on the altar each day to atone for your sins. Those offerings will be in addition to the animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

Why was the male goat given?

The male goat was given as a sin offering.

Numbers 29:12

ULT

12 And on day 15 of the seventh month there shall be for you a convocation of holiness. You shall not do any work of labor, and you shall feast a feast to Yahweh seven days.

UST

12 On the fifteenth day of your seventh month, you must all gather together to worship me. You must not do any regular work that you would normally do on that day. You must continue to celebrate for seven days.

On what day was there another holy assembly to honor Yahweh in which they did no normal work and this time kept the festival for him for seven days?

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month there was another holy assembly to honor Yahweh in which they did no normal work and kept the festival for him seven days.

Numbers 29:13

ULT

13 And you shall offer a burnt up offering, a sacrifice made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh, 13 bulls, sons of cattle, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be unblemished.

UST

13 When the offerings are burned on the altar, the smell will be very pleasing to me. The animals that you must bring are thirteen young bulls, two male sheep, and fourteen male lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects.

On this day how many bulls, rams and male lambs a year old without any blemishes did they offer?

On this day they offered thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each without blemish.

Numbers 29:14

ULT

14 And their grain offering shall be fine flour mixed with the oil, three-tenths for one bull for the 13 bulls, two-tenths for one ram for the two rams,

UST

14 With each of the thirteen bulls, bring a flour offering of five and three-quarters liters of finely-ground flour mixed with olive oil. With each of the male sheep, bring three and four-fifths liters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:15

ULT

15 and a tenth, a tenth for one male lamb for the 14 male lambs.

UST

15 With each of the fourteen lambs, bring two liters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:16

ULT

16 And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

UST

16 Also bring one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins, in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

In addition to the grain offerings, drink offerings, and other animal sacrifices, what other animal was offered as a sin offering?

In addition to the grain offerings, drink offerings, and other animal sacrifices, a male goat was offered as a sin offering.

Numbers 29:17

ULT

17 And on the second day: 12 bulls, sons of cattle, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

17 On the second day of the festival, you must bring to the altar twelve young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects.

How many bulls did they offer on the second day of the assembly?
On the second day of the assembly, they offered twelve young bulls.

Numbers 29:18

ULT

18 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs shall be by their number according to the ordinance.

UST

18 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:19

ULT

19 And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.

UST

19 Also offer one male goat; sacrifice it to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:20

ULT

20 And on the third day: 11 bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

20 On the third day of the festival, you must bring to the altar eleven young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

How many bulls did they offer on the third day of the assembly? (vv20-22)

On the third day of the assembly they offered eleven bulls, and all the sacrifices of the previous day.

Numbers 29:21

ULT

21 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs shall be by their number according to the ordinance,

UST

21 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:22

ULT

22 and one male goat of the sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and its drink offering.

UST

22 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:23

ULT

23 And on the fourth day: 10 bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

23 On the fourth day of the festival, you must bring to the altar ten young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

How many bulls did they offer on the fourth day of the assembly in addition to all the sacrifices of the previous day? (vv23-25)

On the fourth day of the assembly the people of Israel had to offer ten bulls as well as all the sacrifices of the previous day.

Numbers 29:24

ULT

24 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance.

UST

24 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:25

ULT

25 And one buck of the goats shall be a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

UST

25 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:26

ULT

26 And on the fifth day: nine bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

26 On the fifth day of the festival, you must bring to the altar nine young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

How did the people of the Israel have to celebrate the fifth day of the assembly? (vv26-28)

On the fifth day of the assembly the people of Israel had offer nine bulls and all the sacrifices of the previous day.

Numbers 29:27

ULT

27 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance,

UST

27 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:28

ULT

28 and one male goat of a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, and its grain offering, and its drink offering.

UST

28 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:29

ULT
29 And on the sixth day: eight bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST
29 On the sixth day of the festival, you must bring to the altar eight young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

How did the people of Israel celebrate the sixth day of the assembly? (vv29-31)
On the sixth day of the assembly the people of Israel had to offer eight bulls and all the sacrifices of the previous day.

Numbers 29:30

ULT
30 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance,

UST
30 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:31

ULT
31 and one male goat of a sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offerings.

UST
31 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:32

ULT

32 And on the seventh day: seven bulls, two rams, 14 male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST

32 On the seventh day of the festival, you must bring to the altar seven young bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

How were the people of Israel to celebrate the seventh day of the assembly? (vv32-34)

On the seventh day of the assembly the people of Israel were to offer seven bulls and all the sacrifices of the previous day.

Numbers 29:33

ULT

33 And their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs, shall be by their number according to their ordinance,

UST

33 Bring also with the animals the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:34

ULT

34 and one male goat of the sin offering, apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.

UST

34 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:35

ULT
35 On the eighth day an assembly shall be for you. You shall not do any work of labor.

UST
35 Eight days after the start of that festival, you must again gather together to worship me; you must not do any regular work that you would normally do on that day.

How were the people of Israel to celebrate the eighth day of the assembly?
On the eighth day of the assembly the people of Israel were to have another solemn assembly and do no normal work.

Numbers 29:36

ULT
36 And you shall offer a burnt up offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma of soothing to Yahweh: one bull, one ram, seven male lambs, sons of a year, unblemished.

UST
36 On that day, you must bring to the altar one bull, one full-grown ram, and seven lambs that are one year old. These animals must have no defects. They must all be burned on the altar, and their smell will please me.

What animals were they to offer on the eighth day for their burnt offering by fire to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh?
They had to offer one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, each without blemish.

Numbers 29:37

ULT
37 Their grain offering and their drink offerings, for the bull, for the ram, and for the male lambs, shall be by their number according to the ordinance,

UST
37 Bring also with the bull and the male sheep and each of the lambs the offerings of flour and wine that are required.

What else did they have to offer in addition to the bull, ram, and seven male lambs a year old and without blemish? (vv37-38)
In addition to the bull, ram, and seven male lambs which were a year old and without blemish, they were to offer grain offerings and drink offerings as well as one male goat as a sin offering.

Numbers 29:38

ULT

38 and one male goat of the sin offering apart from the burnt up offering of the continuity and its grain offering and its drink offering.

UST

38 Also offer one male goat to be sacrificed to remove the guilt of your sins. These animals will be in addition to the offerings of animals and flour and wine that are completely burned on the altar each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 29:39

ULT

39 You shall do these for Yahweh at your appointed times, apart from your vows and your voluntary offerings, for your burnt up offerings, and for your grain offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings."

UST

39 At your festivals, these are the offerings that you must bring to me: The offerings that will be completely burned on the altar, the grain offerings, the wine offerings, and the offerings to restore fellowship with me. Those are in addition to the offerings that you give to me because you promised to do something, and other special offerings that you want to give to me."

Besides their burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and fellowship offerings, what other offerings did they have?

Besides their burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and fellowship offerings, they had vows and freewill offerings.

Numbers 29:40

ULT

40 And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

40 Then Moses told to the Israelite people all the things that Yahweh had commanded him.

What did Moses tell the people of Israel?

Moses told the people of Israel everything that Yahweh had commanded him to say.

Numbers 30

Numbers 30:1

ULT
1 And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the sons of Israel, saying, “This is the word that Yahweh has commanded:

UST
1 Moses spoke with the leaders of the Israelite tribes. He told them these commands that Yahweh had given to him:

What must a person who makes a vow not do? (vv1-2)
He must not break his word.

Numbers 30:2

ULT
2 When a man vows a vow to Yahweh, or swears an oath to bind a binding vow on his life, he shall not profane his word. He shall do according to all that came out from his mouth.

UST
2 “If a man solemnly promises Yahweh that he will do something, he must do what he promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 30:3

ULT
3 And if a woman vows a vow to Yahweh and binds a binding vow in the house of her father, in her youth,

UST
3 If a young woman who is still living with her parents solemnly promises to Yahweh to do something,

If a young woman who lives in her father’s house makes a vow to Yahweh and her father hears her vow but says nothing to reverse the vow, is the vow in force? (vv3-4)
Yes, it is in force.

Numbers 30:4

ULT

4 and her father hears her vow and her binding vow that she bound on her life and her father is silent to her, then all her vows shall stand and every binding vow that she has bound on her life shall stand.

UST

4 and if her father hears about what she promised, and if he does not say anything to her, she must do what she promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 30:5

ULT

5 And if her father forbids her on the day of his hearing, any of her vows and her binding vows that she bound on her life shall not stand. And Yahweh will forgive her because her father forbade her.

UST

5 But if her father hears about what she promised and does not allow her to do that, then she does not need to do what she promised. Yahweh will forgive her for not doing what she promised.

If a young woman who lives in her father's house makes a vow to Yahweh and her father stops her on the day that he hears of it, is the vow in force?
No, the vow is not in force.

Numbers 30:6

ULT

6 And if she ever belongs to a man and her vows are on her, or thoughtless speech of her lips that she has bound is on her life,

UST

6 If a woman promises Yahweh that she will do something, but then she gets married,

If a young woman who is married makes her vows and her husband hears about it and does nothing to stop her, are the vows in force? (vv6-7)
Yes, the vows are in force.

Numbers 30:7

ULT

[7] and her husband hears on the day of his hearing and is silent to her, then her vows shall stand, and her binding vows that she bound on her life shall stand.

UST

[7] If she marries a husband while under the vows, or she makes rash utterances by which she obligates herself, they will stand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 30:8

ULT

[8] And if her husband forbids her on the day of his hearing, then he breaks her vow which is on her and the thoughtless speech of her lips that she bound on her life. And Yahweh will forgive her.

UST

[8] But if her husband stops her on the day that he hears about it, then he cancels the vow that she has made, the rash talk of her lips with which she has bound herself. Yahweh will release her.

If a young woman's husband stops her on the day that he hears about her vows, are the vows in force?

No, the vows are not in force.

Numbers 30:9

ULT

[9] And the vow of a widow and a cast out woman, all that she binds on her life shall stand on her.

UST

[9] If a widow or a woman who has been divorced makes a promise, she must do what she promised.

If a widow or a divorced woman makes a vow to Yahweh, is the vow in force?

Yes, the vow is in force.

Numbers 30:10

ULT
10 And if she vowed or bound a binding vow on her life by an oath in the house of her husband,

UST
10 If a woman who is married promises to do something,

If a woman in her husband's family makes a vow and her husband cancels it on the day that he hears about it, is the vow in force?
No, her vow will not remain in force.

If a woman in her husband's family makes a vow and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her, is the vow in force? (vv10-11)
Yes, her vows must remain in force.

Numbers 30:11

ULT
11 and her husband hears and is silent to her, he does not forbid her, then all her vows shall stand, and every binding vow that she bound on her life shall stand.

UST
11 and if her husband hears about it but does not object, she must do what she promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 30:12

ULT
12 And if her husband ever breaks them on the day of his hearing, all that went out of her lips for her vows and for the binding vow of her life shall not stand. Her husband has broken them and Yahweh will forgive her.

UST
12 But if he hears about it and does not allow her to do that, she does not need to do what she promised, and Yahweh will forgive her for not doing it.

If a woman in her husband's family makes a vow and her husband cancels it on the day that he hears about it, is the vow in force? (vv12-13)
No, her vow will not remain in force.

Numbers 30:13

ULT
13 Every vow and every oath of a binding vow to afflict her life, her husband may make it stand and her husband may break it.

UST
13 A woman's husband may require her to do what she has promised, or he may not allow her to do what she has promised.

If a woman in her husband's family makes a vow and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her, is the vow in force? (vv13-14)
Yes, her vows must remain in force.

Numbers 30:14

ULT
14 And if her husband is wholly silent to her from day to day, then he will make all her vows or all her binding vows which are on her stand. He made them stand because he was silent to her on the day of his hearing.

UST
14 If he does not object for several days after he hears about it, she must do what she promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 30:15

ULT
15 And if he ever breaks them after his hearing, then he will bear her iniquity."

UST
15 But if he waits a long time after she has promised to do something and then he tells her that he will not permit her to do it, if she does not do what she promised, she will not be punished. Her husband is the one whom Yahweh will punish."

If a wife's husband tries to cancel her vow a long time after he has heard about it, is the vow in force?
Yes, it will be in force, and if he breaks it, he will be responsible for her sin and suffer the penalty for breaking it.

Numbers 30:16

ULT

16 These are the statutes that Yahweh commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter in her youth in the house of her father.

UST

16 Those are the rules that Yahweh gave to Moses for husbands and wives, and for young women who are still living with their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31

Numbers 31:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh spoke to Moses and said,

What did Yahweh tell Moses would happen after he avenged the people of Israel against the Midianites? (vv1-2)
Yahweh told Moses that Moses would die and be gathered to his people.

Numbers 31:2

ULT
2 “Take vengeance, the vengeance of the sons of Israel, from with the Midianites. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people.”

UST
2 “Tell the Israelite people that they should pay back the Midian people group for what they did to you. After that happens, you will die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:3

ULT
3 And Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Equip yourselves, some of the men with you, for the war. And they will be against Midian to give the vengeance of Yahweh on Midian.

UST
3 So Moses said to the people, “Get some men prepared for battle. Yahweh will enable them to pay back the Midian people group for what they did to us.

How many soldiers was each tribe to send to war against Midian? (vv3-5)
Each tribe was to send a thousand soldiers.

Numbers 31:4

ULT
4 You shall send to the war for all the tribes of Israel, a thousand for a tribe, a thousand for a tribe.”

UST
4 Select a thousand men from each tribe to fight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:5

ULT
5 And a thousand for a tribe were provided from the thousands of Israel, 12,000 equipped for battle.

UST
5 So twelve thousand men prepared for fighting in the battle, one thousand from each tribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:6

ULT
6 And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand for a tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest to the war. And the vessels of holiness and the blasting trumpets were in his hand.

UST
6 When Moses sent them to the battle, Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest, went with them. He took with him some of the things from the sacred tent and the trumpets that would be blown to give the signal to start the battle.

What happened in Israel’s battle against Midian? (vv6-8)
Every Midianite was killed, including their kings and Balaam.

Numbers 31:7

ULT
7 And they waged war against Midian, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses. And they slew every male.

UST
7 The Israelite men fought the soldiers from the Midian people group, as Yahweh had told Moses to tell them to do, and they killed every man from the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:8

ULT

8 And they slew the kings of Midian with their pierced ones: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. And they slew Balaam the son of Beor by the sword.

UST

8 Among those whom they killed were the five kings of the Midian people group—Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba. They also killed Balaam with a sword son of Beor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their children. And they plundered all their animals, and all their livestock, and all their wealth.

UST

9 They captured all the women and children of the Midian people group and took away their cattle, their flocks of sheep, and herds of goats, and all their other possessions.

What did the army of Israel take as plunder from Midian?

The army of Israel took the women of Midian, their children, and all their cattle, flocks, and goods as plunder.

Numbers 31:10

ULT

10 And they burned with the fire all their cities with their dwellings and all their encampments.

UST

10 Then they burned down all the houses in the towns and villages where the people of the Midian people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:11

ULT

11 And they took all the spoil and all the booty of human and of animal.

UST

11 But they took home with them all the women and children and animals and possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:12

ULT

12 And they brought to Moses and to Eleazar the priest, and to the congregation of the sons of Israel, the captives and the booty and the spoil to the camp at the plains of Moab which are beside the Jordan at Jericho.

UST

12 They brought all these to Eleazer and Moses, and to the rest of the Israelite people who were at their camp on the plains of Moab, near the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:13

ULT

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation went out to meet them at the outside of the camp.

UST

13 Eleazar and all the leaders of the people and Moses went outside the camp to greet them.

Why was Moses angry with the officers of the army of Israel? (vv13-15)

Moses was angry with the officers because they let had all the women of Midian live.

Numbers 31:14

ULT

14 And Moses was furious with the appointed ones of the army, the leaders of the thousands and the leaders of the hundreds, the ones coming from the battle of the war.

UST

14 But Moses was angry with some of the men who had returned from the battle. He was angry with the army officers, those men who were commanders over thousands of men and those who were commanders over hundreds of men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:15

ULT

15 And Moses said to them, “Have you let every woman live?

UST

15 He asked them, “Why did you allow the women to live?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:16

ULT

16 Look, these were by the word of Balaam for the sons of Israel to commit unfaithfuless against Yahweh concerning the matter of Peor, and the plague was among the congregation of Yahweh.

UST

16 They are the ones who did what Balaam suggested and urged our people to worship Baal instead of Yahweh. As a result, Yahweh caused a plague to strike his people while they were at Peor.

Why was Moses angry that the officers of the army of Israel had let the women of Midian live?

Moses was angry because the women of Midian had caused the people of Israel, through Balaam’s advice, to commit sin against Yahweh.

Numbers 31:17

ULT

17 And now, slay every male among the children and slay every woman who has known a man by the bed of a male.

UST

17 So, now you must kill all the boys of the Midian people group, and also kill all the women who have slept with any man.

Who did Moses command the officers of the army of Israel to kill?

Moses told the officers to kill every male among the little ones and every woman who had slept with a man.

Numbers 31:18

ULT

18 And keep alive for yourselves every child among the women who has not known the bed of a male.

UST

18 Spare only the girls who are virgins. You can keep them to be your wives or your slaves.

Who did Moses tell the officers of the army they could take for themselves?

Moses told the officers of the army they could take for themselves all the young girls who had never slept with a man.

How long did the soldiers who had killed anyone or touched a dead body have to camp outside the camp of Israel? (vv18-19)

They were to stay outside the camp for seven days.

Numbers 31:19

ULT

[19] And you, camp outside of the camp seven days, all who have slain a person and all who have touched a pierced one. Purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captives.

UST

[19] All of you who have killed someone or touched the corpse of someone who was killed in the battle must stay outside the camp for seven days. On the third day and on the seventh day, you must perform the ritual to enable you to become acceptable to God again. You and your prisoners.

On which days were those soldiers and their prisoners camped outside the camp of Israel supposed to purify themselves?

Those camped outside the camp of Israel had to purify themselves on the third and and seventh days.

Which men in the army of Israel had to purify themselves? (vv19-20)

All the men in the army who had killed anyone or touched a dead person had to purify themselves.

Numbers 31:20

ULT

[20] And you shall purify every garment and every vessel of skin and every work of goats, and every vessel of wood."

UST

[20] You must also wash your clothes and anything that you took to the battle that is made of leather or goat's hair or wood."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:21

ULT

[21] And Eleazar the priest said to the men of the army who had gone to the battle, "This is a statute of the law that Yahweh has commanded Moses:

UST

[21] Then Eleazar said to the soldiers who had returned from the battle, "This is what Yahweh has instructed Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:22

ULT

22 Only the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

UST

22 You must put into a fire any gold or silver or bronze or iron or tin or lead things that you brought back from the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:23

ULT

23 every thing that can come through the fire you shall pass through the fire, and it will become clean. However, it must be purified with the water of purification. And all that can not come through the fire you shall pass through the water.

UST

23 Put everything that will not burn into the fire, and then they will be acceptable for you to use. But also sprinkle those things with the water that causes things and people to become acceptable to God. The things that would burn if you put them in a fire, sprinkle them with that water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:24

ULT

24 And you shall wash your garments on the seventh day, and you will be clean. And afterward you may enter into the camp.”

UST

24 On the seventh day, wash your clothes, and then you will become acceptable to God again. After you do that, you may return to the camp.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:25

ULT
25 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
25 Yahweh also said to Moses,

Between what two groups did Moses ask Eleazar the priest to divide the plunder from the war? (vv25-27)
Moses asked Eleazar to divide the plunder from the war between the soldiers who went out to battle and all the rest of the community.

Numbers 31:26

ULT
26 "Lift up the head of the booty of the captives, of human and of animal. You, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers of the congregation.

UST
26 "Tell Eleazar and the leaders of the family groups that they must write down a list of all the goods, the women, and the animals that were captured in the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:27

ULT
27 And you shall divide the booty between the wielders of the war who went out to the battle, and all the congregation.

UST
27 Then tell Eleazar and the leaders of the family groups that they must divide all those things between the men who fought in the battle and the rest of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:28

ULT

28 And you shall raise a tax for Yahweh from with the men of the war who went out to the battle, one life from 500, from human and from cattle, and from the donkeys, and from the flock.

UST

28 From the men who fought in the battle, take one from every five hundred people and from every five hundred cattle and donkeys and sheep, to be a tax for me.

What was the tax that the soldiers were to pay to Eleazar the priest? (vv28-29)

The soldiers were to pay a tax of one out of every five hundred persons, cattle, donkeys, sheep, or goats.

Numbers 31:29

ULT

29 You shall take from half of them and give the contribution of Yahweh to Eleazar the priest.

UST

29 Take these things to Eleazar to be my share as the offering presented to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:30

ULT

30 And from the half of the sons of Israel you shall take one taken from the 50, from human, from cattle, from the donkeys, and from the flock, from every animal, and you shall give them to the Levites, the keepers of the keeping of the dwelling of Yahweh.”

UST

30 And from the other things, take one item from every fifty. That includes people, cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, and other animals. Give those things to the descendants of Levi who take care of my sacred tent.”

What was the tax the people of Israel were to give to the Levites who took care of the tabernacle? (vv30-31)

The people of Israel were to pay a tax of one out of every fifty persons,cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats.

Numbers 31:31

ULT

31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

31 So Eleazar and Moses did what Yahweh commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:32

ULT

32 And the booty, the remainder of the plunder that the people of the army plundered, was 675,000 sheep,

UST

32-35 There were 675,000 sheep, seventy-two thousand cattle, sixty-one thousand donkeys, and thirty-virgins that they had captured from the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:33

ULT

33 and 72,000 cattle,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:34

ULT

34 and 61,000 donkeys,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:35

ULT
35 and human lives, from the women who had not known the bed of a male, every life, 32,000.

UST
32-35 There were 675,000 sheep, seventy-two thousand cattle, sixty-one thousand donkeys, and thirty-virgins that they had captured from the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:36

ULT
36 And the half of the portion of the ones who went out with the army: the number of the sheep was 337,500.

UST
36 The men who fought in the battle took 337,000 sheep from the battle,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:37

ULT
37 And the tax for Yahweh from the flock was 675.

UST
37 and they gave 675 of them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:38

ULT
38 And the cattle were 36,000 and their tax for Yahweh was 72.

UST
38 They took thirty-six thousand cattle and gave 72 of them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:39

ULT
39 And the donkeys were 30,500, and their tax for Yahweh was 61.

UST
39 They took 30,500 donkeys, and they gave 61 of them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:40

ULT
40 And the human lives were 16,000, and their tax for Yahweh was 32 lives.

UST
40 They took sixteen thousand virgins, and they gave 32 of them to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:41

ULT
41 And Moses gave the tax of the contribution of Yahweh to Eleazar the priest, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
41 Moses gave to Eleazar all the animals that had been presented to Yahweh, as Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:42

ULT
42 And from the half of the sons of Israel whom Moses had divded from the men who waged war,

UST
42-46 Moses separated what those who had fought in the battle received from what the other people received. The people received 337,500 sheep, thirty-six thousand cattle, 30,500 donkeys, and sixteen thousand virgins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:43

ULT
43 and the half of the congregation from the flock was 337,500,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:44

ULT
44 and 36,000 cattle,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:45

ULT
45 and 30,500 donkeys,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:46

ULT
46 and 16,000 human lives.

UST
42-46 Moses separated what those who had fought in the battle received from what the other people received. The people received 337,500 sheep, thirty-six thousand cattle, 30,500 donkeys, and sixteen thousand virgins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:47

ULT

47 And Moses took from the half of the sons of Israel the taken, one from the 50, from human and from animal. And he gave them to the Levites, the keepers of the keeping of the dwelling of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

47 From what the people received, Moses took one from every fifty items and gave them to Yahweh. That included animals and people. As Yahweh commanded, Moses gave them all to the descendants of Levi who took care of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:48

ULT

48 And the appointed ones who were for the thousands of the army, the leaders of the thousands and the leaders of the hundreds, came near to Moses.

UST

48 Then the army officers, those who were commanders over thousands of men and those who were commanders over hundreds of men, they came to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:49

ULT

49 And they said to Moses, “Your servants have lifted up the heads of the men of the war who were in our hand, and not a man from us is missing.

UST

49 They said, “We, who are your servants, have counted the soldiers whom we command, and we found that none of them is missing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:50

ULT

50 And we have offered the offering of Yahweh, a man what he found of the objects of gold, armlet, and bracelet, signet ring, earring, and ornament, to make atonement for our lives before the face of Yahweh.”

UST

50 So to thank Yahweh for that, we have brought to him a gift of the gold items that we found after the battle, gold arm bands and bracelets and rings, earrings and necklaces. We hope that this will atone for our sins.”

Why did the officers of the army of Israel bring Yahweh offerings? (vv50-51)

They brought the offerings to make atonement for themselves before Yahweh.

Numbers 31:51

ULT

51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from with them, every object of craft.

UST

51 So Eleazar and Moses accepted the gold items that they brought.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:52

ULT

52 And all the gold of the contribution which they raised to Yahweh from with the leaders of the thousands and from with the leaders of the hundreds was 16,750 shekels.

UST

52 The total of the offering they presented weighed about one hundred and ninety one kilograms.

Why was all the gold from the commanders of thousands and from the captains of hundreds given over to Yahweh? (vv52-54)

It was placed in the tent of meeting to remind Yahweh of the people of Israel.

Numbers 31:53

ULT

53 The men of the army had plundered, a man for himself.

UST

53 Each soldier had taken these things for himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 31:54

ULT

54 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold from with the leaders of the thousands and the hundreds. And they brought it to the tent of meeting, a memorial for the sons of Israel before the face of Yahweh.

UST

54 Eleazar and Moses accepted these gold items from these commanders and put them in the sacred tent to remind the Israelite people about how Yahweh had helped them defeat the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32

Numbers 32:1

ULT

[1] And the livestock of the sons of Reuben and of the sons of Gad was great, very numerous. And they saw the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead, and behold, the place was a place of livestock.

UST

[1] The people of the tribes of Reuben and Gad had a lot of livestock. They saw that the land near the city of Jazer and the region of Gilead east of the Jordan River had good grass for the animals to graze on.

Why did the descendants of Reuben and Gad go and speak to Moses? (vv1-3)

The descendants of Reuben and Gad went and spoke to Moses because they saw that the land of Jazer and Gilead was a wonderful place for livestock and the descendants of Reuben and Gad had large numbers of livestock.

Numbers 32:2

ULT

[2] And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben came and said to Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of the congregation, saying,

UST

[2] So their leaders came to Eleazar and the leaders of the people and Moses. They said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:3

ULT

[3] “Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Beon

UST

[3] “This is a list of places we have surveyed: Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:4

ULT

4 are the land that Yahweh struck before the face of the congregation of Israel. It is a land of livestock and livestock belongs to your servants.”

UST

4 Yahweh has enabled us Israelites to capture some land that is very good for animals to graze on—the land near the towns of Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo, and Beon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:5

ULT

5 And they said, “If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants as a possession. Do not make us cross over the Jordan.”

UST

5 If it pleases you, we would like this land to be ours, instead of land on the other side of the Jordan River.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:6

ULT

6 And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, “Will your brothers go to the war and you yourselves will dwell here?

UST

6 Moses replied to the leaders of the tribes of Gad and Reuben, “It is not right for your fellow Israelites to go to fight in wars and you stay here!

Why did Moses think the descendants of Gad and Reuben wanted to stay in Jazer and Gilead?

He thought they wanted to settle there and let their brothers go to war.

Numbers 32:7

ULT

[7] And why do you discourage the heart of the sons of Israel from crossing over into the land that Yahweh has given to them?

UST

[7] If you do that, you will cause the other Israelites to be discouraged, with the result that they will not cross the Jordan River to the land that Yahweh is giving to them.

What did Moses think would happen to the hearts of the people of Israel if the people of Gad and Reuben settled there?

He thought the hearts of the people would become discouraged.

Numbers 32:8

ULT

[8] Thus your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to see the land.

UST

[8] Our ancestors did the same kind of thing. I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to see what the land of Canaan was like.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:9

ULT

[9] And they went up as far as the wadi of Eshkol. And they saw the land and discouraged the heart of the sons of Israel to not enter into the land that Yahweh had given to them.

UST

[9] They went as far as Eshcol Valley, but when they saw the huge people in the land, they returned and caused the Israelite people to be discouraged saying, ‘We should not try to enter the land that Yahweh said that he is giving to us.’

What had their fathers done when Moses sent them from Kadesh Barnea to examine the land?

They had seen the land and then discouraged the hearts of the people of Israel so they refused to enter the land.

Numbers 32:10

ULT

10 And the nose of Yahweh burned on that day. And he swore, saying,

UST

10 So Yahweh became very angry with them, and he solemnly declared this,

Why did Yahweh take an oath that none of the men of Israel from twenty years old and up except Caleb and Joshua would see the land which he had sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? (vv10-12)

Yahweh took this oath because he was angry that the men of Israel had not completely followed him.

Numbers 32:11

ULT

11 ‘If the men who went up from Egypt, from a son of 20 years and upward, will see the ground which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob! For they are not fully after me,

UST

11-12 ‘From all the people who came out of Egypt, the only ones who are at least twenty years old who will see the land that I promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are Jephunneh’s son Caleb and Nun’s son Joshua, because they trusted me completely. None of the other people who came out of Egypt will even see that land, because they have not completely believed in my power.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:12

ULT

12 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua the son of Nun because they are fully after Yahweh.’

UST

11-12 ‘From all the people who came out of Egypt, the only ones who are at least twenty years old who will see the land that I promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are Jephunneh’s son Caleb and Nun’s son Joshua, because they trusted me completely. None of the other people who came out of Egypt will even see that land, because they have not completely believed in my power.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:13

ULT

13 And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel. And he made them wander in the wilderness 40 years until the finishing of all the generation who had done evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

13 So Yahweh was angry with the Israelite people, and as a result he has caused us to wander in this desert for forty years. Finally, all the people who had sinned against Yahweh by refusing to trust him died, one by one.

What did Yahweh do because he was angry with the men of Israel?
He made them wander around in the wilderness for forty years.

Numbers 32:14

ULT

14 And behold, you have risen up in place of your fathers, a brood of sinful men, to add more to the burning of the nose of Yahweh toward Israel.

UST

14 And you are acting like your ancestors did! You sinful Israelite people are going to cause Yahweh to be more angry with you than he was with our ancestors!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:15

ULT

15 If you turn from after him, then he will yet again leave him in the wilderness and you will have destroyed all this people.”

UST

15 If you stop trusting him, he will cause you and all your fellow Israelites to stay longer in the desert, and he will get rid of all of you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:16

ULT

16 And they came near to him and said, “Here we will build walls of the flock for our livestock and cities for our children.

UST

16 Then the leaders of the tribes of Reuben and Gad said to Moses, “First we will build pens for our animals and build cities for our families here.

What promise did the descendants of Reuben and Gad make to Moses if he would allow them to build fences for their cattle and cities for their families? (vv16-17)
They promised to be armed to go with Israel’s army and not return until they had led Israel into their place.

Numbers 32:17

ULT

17 And we ourselves will be equipped for war, hurrying before the face of the sons of Israel until when we have brought them into their place. And our children will dwell in the cities of the fortification because of the face of those who dwell in the land.

UST

17 Then our families will live in strong cities with walls around them, and they will be safe from the people who live in this land. Then we will get ready to fight battles. We will help the other Israelites to get land on the other side of the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:18

ULT

18 We will not return to our houses until the sons of Israel get an inheritance for themselves, a man his inheritance.

UST

18 We will not return to our homes until every Israelite has received some land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:19

ULT

19 For we will not inherit with them from across of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance came to us from beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise.”

UST

19 We will not take any land on the west side of the Jordan River, because our land will be here on the east side.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:20

ULT

20 And Moses said to them, “If you do this thing, if you equip yourselves before the face of Yahweh for the war,

UST

20 So Moses told them, “I will tell you what you must do. You must get ready to fight battles for Yahweh.

What did Moses decide to do about the request the descendants of Reuben and Gad had made? (vv20-22)

He told them that if they would go to war with the men of Israel and drive out the enemies in the land, then they could return to the land they possessed and be guiltless towards Yahweh and Israel.

Numbers 32:21

ULT

21 then every man equipped for war shall cross over the Jordan for you before the face of Yahweh, until he has dispossessed his enemy from his face

UST

21 You must cross the Jordan River carrying your weapons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:22

ULT

22 and the land is subdued before the face of Yahweh, then afterward you may return. And you will be free of obligation from Yahweh and from Israel. And this land will be for you for a possession before the face of Yahweh.

UST

22 After Yahweh helps us to take that land from the people who live there, you will be permitted to return to your homes. You will have done what you have promised Yahweh and the Israelite people that you would do, and you may keep this land to be your own, given to you by Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:23

ULT

23 And if you do not do so, behold, you will have sinned against Yahweh. And know that your sin will find you.

UST

23 But if you do not do these things, you will be sinning against Yahweh, and he will punish you for that sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:24

ULT

24 Build for yourselves cities for your children and walls for your livestock. And you shall do what has gone out from your mouth."

UST

24 Now you can build cities for your families and pens for your animals, but after doing that, you must do what you have promised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:25

ULT

25 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben spoke to Moses, saying, “Your servants will do just as my master is commanding.

UST

25 The leaders of the tribes of Gad and Reuben replied, “We will do what you have asked us to do, because you are our leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:26

ULT

26 Our children, our wives, our livestock, and all our animals will be there in the cities of the Gilead.

UST

26 Our wives and children and our cattle and sheep and goats will stay here in the cities of the Gilead area,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:27

ULT

27 And your servants will cross over, every man equipped for war of the army, before the face of Yahweh for the war, just as my master has spoken.”

UST

27 but we will prepare to go to battle. We will take our weapons and go across the Jordan River and fight for Yahweh, just as you, our leader, have said.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:28

ULT

28 And Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel concerning them.

UST

28 So Moses gave instructions about them to Eleazar, Joshua, and the leaders of the Israelite tribes.

What would happen if the descendants of Reuben and Gad did not cross over and fight with the men of Israel to take the land Yahweh had given to them? (vv28-30)
If they did not cross over and fight with the men of Israel, then they would not receive the land in Gilead, but would acquire their possessions in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 32:29

ULT

29 And Moses said to them, “If the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben cross over the Jordan with you, every equipped man for the war before the face of Yahweh, and the land is subdued before your faces, then you will give to them the land of the Gilead as a possession.

UST

29 Moses said to them, “If the men from the tribes of Gad and Reuben prepare for battle and cross the Jordan River with you, in order to do what Yahweh desires and help you to take that land, give them the Gilead area to belong to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:30

ULT

30 And if the men equipped for war do not cross over with you, then they will take possession in your midst in the land of Canaan.”

UST

30 But if they do not take their weapons and go with you prepared to fight, they will not receive this land. They will need to accept some land in Canaan, like the rest of you will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:31

ULT

31 And the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben answered, saying, “What Yahweh has spoken to your servants, so we will do.

UST

31 The leaders of the tribes of Gad and Reuben replied, “We will do what you have said and what Yahweh has said.

What did the descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh promise to the leaders of the people of Israel? (vv31-32)

They promised to cross over into the land of Canaan.

Numbers 32:32

ULT

32 We will cross over, the men equipped for war, before the face of Yahweh into the land of Canaan. And with us will be the possession of our inheritance from beyond the Jordan.”

UST

32 We will cross the river into Canaan land, and we will do what Yahweh desires and be prepared for battle. But our land will be here on the east side of the Jordan River.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:33

ULT

33 And Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og the king of the Bashan, the land of its cities with the borders of the cities of the surrounding land.

UST

33 So Moses agreed to give that land to the tribes of Gad and Reuben and to half of the tribe of Joseph’s son Manasseh. That land was previously the land where Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, ruled, and the land where Og, the king of Bashan region, ruled, including its cities and surrounding land.

Whose land did Moses give to the descendants of Gad and Reuben, and also to the half tribe of Manasseh?

He gave them the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og, king of Bashan.

Numbers 32:34

ULT
34 And the sons of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer,

UST
34 The people of the tribe of Gad rebuilt Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:35

ULT
35 and Atroth Shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah,

UST
35 Atroth Shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:36

ULT
36 and Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran, the cities of fortification and the walls of the flock.

UST
36 Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran cities. Those were cities with strong walls around them. And they also built pens for their sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:37

ULT
37 And the sons of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim,

UST
37 The people of the tribe of Reuben rebuilt Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:38

ULT

38 and Nebo, and Baal Meon (names were changed) and Sibmah. And they called the names of the cities that they built by names.

UST

38 Nebo, Baal Meon, and Sibmah cities. When they rebuilt Nebo and Baal Meon, they gave new names to those cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:39

ULT

39 And the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead and captured it and dispossessed the Amorites who were in it.

UST

39 The descendants of Manasseh's son Makir went to the region of Gilead and took it away from the Amor people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:40

ULT

40 And Moses gave the Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and he dwelled in it.

UST

40 So Moses gave Gilead to the family of Makir, and they started to live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:41

ULT

41 And Jair the son of Manasseh went and captured their tent villages. And he called them Havvoth Jair.

UST

41 Jair, who was also a descendant of Manasseh, went and captured the small towns in that region, and he named them the Towns of Jair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 32:42

ULT

42 And Nobah went and captured Kenath and its daughters. And he called it Nobah, by his name.

UST

42 A man named Nobah went and captured the city of Kenath and the nearby towns, and then he used his own name to be the new name of that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33

Numbers 33:1

ULT

[1] These are the journeys of the sons of Israel who went out from the land of Egypt according to their tribes by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

UST

[1] Here is a list of the places where the Israelites went as Aaron and Moses led them after they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:2

ULT

[2] And Moses wrote down their departure points according to their tribes in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh And these are their journeys according to their departure points.

UST

[2] Yahweh commanded Moses to write down the names of the places where they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:3

ULT

[3] And they set out from Rameses on the first month, on day 15 of the first month, from the day after the Passover the sons of Israel went out with a raised hand before the eyes of all the Egyptians.

UST

[3] On the fifteenth day of the first month of the year, the day after they celebrated the Passover, they left the city of Rameses in Egypt and marched boldly while the Egyptian army was coming behind them.

Why were the people of Israel able to openly leave Rameses without opposition from the Egyptians? (vv3-4)

They were able to leave openly because the Egyptians were busy burying all their firstborn.

Numbers 33:4

ULT

[4] And the Egyptians were burying those whom Yahweh had struck down, all the firstborn. And Yahweh enacted judgment against their gods.

UST

[4] As they left, the people of Egypt were still burying the bodies of their firstborn sons. By killing them, Yahweh showed that the gods that the people of Egypt worshiped were false gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:5

ULT

[5] And the sons of Israel set out from Rameses and camped at Succoth.

UST

[5] After leaving Rameses, they first went to Succoth and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:6

ULT

[6] And they set out from Succoth and camped at Etham, which is at the edge of the wilderness.

UST

[6] Then they left Succoth and went to Etham, at the edge of the desert, and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:7

ULT

[7] And they set out from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which is on the face of Baal Zephon. And they camped before the face of Migdol.

UST

[7] Then they left Etham and returned to Pi Hahiroth, to the east of Baal Zephon, and set up their tents near Migdol.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:8

ULT

[8] And they set out from the face of Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea to the wilderness. And they went a distance of three days in the wilderness of Etham and camped at Marah.

UST

[8] Then they left Pi Hahiroth and walked through the Sea of Reeds and continued three days into the Etham Desert, and set their tents at Marah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:9

ULT

[9] And they set out from Marah and camped at Elim. And at Elim were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees. And they camped there.

UST

[9] Then they left Marah and went to Elim. There were twelve springs and seventy palm trees there. They set up their tents there.

Why did the people of Israel choose to camp at Elim?

They choose to camp there because twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees were there.

Numbers 33:10

ULT

[10] And they set out from Elim and camped beside the Sea of Reeds.

UST

[10] Then they left Elim and went to the area near the Sea of Reeds and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:11

ULT

[11] And they set out from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

UST

[11] Then they left the Sea of Reeds and went near the wilderness of Sinai and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:12

ULT
12 And they set out from the wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophkah.

UST
12 Then they left the wilderness of Sinai and went to Dophkah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:13

ULT
13 And they set out from Dophkah and camped at Alush.

UST
13 Then they left Dophkah and went to Alush and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:14

ULT
14 And they set out from Alush and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water there for the people to drink.

UST
14 Then they left Alush and went and set up their tents at Rephidim, where they had no water to drink.

What could the people of Israel not find at Rephidim?
There was no water found at Rephidim.

Numbers 33:15

ULT
15 And they set out from Rephidim and camped in the wilderness of Sinai.

UST
15 Then they left Rephidim and went to the wilderness of the Sinai and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:16

ULT
16 And they set out from the wilderness of Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah.

UST
16 Then they left the wilderness of the Sinai and went to Kibroth Hattaavah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:17

ULT
17 And they set out from Kibroth Hattaavah and camped at Hazeroth.

UST
17 Then they left Kibroth Hattaavah and went to Hazeroth and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:18

ULT
18 And they set out from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.

UST
18 Then they left Hazeroth and went to Rithmah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:19

ULT
19 And they set out from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perez.

UST
19 Then they left Rithmah and went to Rimmon Perez and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:20

ULT
[20] And they set out from Rimmon Perez and camped at Libnah.

UST
[20] Then they left Rimmon Perez and went to Libnah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:21

ULT
[21] And they set out from Libnah and camped at Rissah.

UST
[21] Then they left Libnah and went to Rissah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:22

ULT
[22] And they set out from Rissah and camped at Kehelathah.

UST
[22] Then they left Rissah and set up their tents at Kehelathah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:23

ULT
[23] And they set out from Kehelathah and camped at Mount Shepher.

UST
[23] Then they left Kehelathah; they went to Mount Shepher and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:24

ULT
24 And they set out from Mount Shepher and camped at Haradah.

UST
24 Then they left Mount Shepher and went to Haradah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:25

ULT
25 And they set out from Haradah and camped at Makheloth.

UST
25 Then they left Haradah and went to Makheloth and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:26

ULT
26 And they set out from Makheloth and camped at Tahath.

UST
26 Then they left Makheloth and went to Tahath and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:27

ULT
27 And they set out from Tahath and camped at Terah.

UST
27 Then they left Tahath and went to Terah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:28

ULT
28 And they set out from Terah and camped at Mithkah.

UST
28 Then they left Terah and went to Mithcah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:29

ULT
29 And they set out from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.

UST
29 Then they left Mithcah and went to Hashmonah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:30

ULT
30 And they set out from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

UST
30 Then they left Hashmonah and went to Moseroth and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:31

ULT
31 And they set out from Moseroth and camped at Bene Jaakan.

UST
31 Then they left Moseroth and went to Bene Jaakan and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:32

ULT
32 And they set out from Bene Jaakan and camped at Hor Haggidgad.

UST
32 Then they left Bene Jaakan and went to Hor Haggidgad and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:33

ULT
33 And they set out from Hor Haggidgad and camped at Jotbathah.

UST
33 Then they left Hor Haggidgad and went to Jotbathah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:34

ULT
34 And they set out from Jotbathah and camped at Abronah.

UST
34 Then they left Jotbathah and went to Abronah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:35

ULT
35 And they set out from Abronah and camped at Ezion Geber.

UST
35 Then they left Abronah and went to Ezion Geber and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:36

ULT
36 And they set out from Ezion Geber and camped in the wilderness of Zin (it is Kadesh).

UST
36 Then they left Ezion Geber and went to the wilderness of Zin and set up their tents at Kadesh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:37

ULT
37 And they set out from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, at the edge of the land of Edom.

UST
37 Then they left Kadesh and went to Mount Hor, at the border of Edom, and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:38

ULT
38 And Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh and died there in the fortieth year of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on 1 of the month.

UST
38 Aaron the priest obeyed Yahweh and climbed up the mountain. There he died, on the first day of their fifth month, forty years after the Israelites left Egypt.

How long after Israel had come out of Egypt did Aaron die at Mount Hor? (vv38-39)
Aaron died forty years after the people of Israel had come out of Egypt.

Numbers 33:39

ULT
39 And Aaron was a son of 123 years when he died at Mount Hor.

UST
39 Aaron was 123 years old when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:40

ULT

40 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad (and he was dwelling in the Negev in the land of Canaan), heard when the sons of Israel came.

UST

40 That was when the king of the city of Arad heard that the Israelites were coming. Arad was in the southern wilderness in the land of Canaan, where the Canaan people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:41

ULT

41 And they set out from Mount Hor and camped at Zalmonah.

UST

41 The Israelites left Mount Hor and went to Zalmonah and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:42

ULT

42 And they set out from Zalmonah and camped at Punon.

UST

42 Then they left Zalmonah and went to Punon and set up tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:43

ULT

43 And they set out from Punon and camped at Oboth.

UST

43 Then they left Punon and went to Oboth and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:44

ULT
44 And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye Abarim, on the border of Moab.

UST
44 Then they left Oboth and went to Iye Abarim, which was on the border of the region of Moab, and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:45

ULT
45 And they set out from Iye and camped at Dibon Gad.

UST
45 Then they left Iye Abarim and went to Dibon Gad and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:46

ULT
46 And they set out from Dibon Gad and camped at Almon Diblathaim.

UST
46 Then they left Dibon Gad and set up their tents at Almon Diblathaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:47

ULT
47 And they set out from Almon Diblathaim and camped in the mountains of Abarim, before the face of Nebo.

UST
47 Then they left Almon Diblathaim and went to the Abarim Mountains, near Nebo and set up their tents there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:48

ULT
48 And they set out from the mountains of Abarim and camped in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.

UST
48 Then they left the Abarim mountains and went to the plains of Moab, near the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:49

ULT
49 And they camped beside the Jordan, from Beth Jeshimoth to Abel Shittim in the plains of Moab.

UST
49 They set up their tents there on the plains of Moab. Their tents stretched for several kilometers from Beth Jeshimoth to Abel Shittim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:50

ULT
50 And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

UST
50 While we were there on the plains of Moab near the Jordan River, across from Jericho, Yahweh spoke to Moses. He said,

What did Yahweh command the people through Moses to do after they crossed over the Jordan into Canaan? (vv50-52)
Yahweh commanded them to drive out all of the land's inhabitants and destroy all their cast figures and shrines.

Numbers 33:51

ULT
51 “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

UST
51 “Tell this to the Israelite people, ‘When you cross the Jordan River and enter the region of Canaan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:52

ULT
52 then you shall dispossess all those who dwell in the land from your face. And you shall destroy all their carved figures, and you shall destroy all the figures of their molten metal, and you shall destroy all their high places.

UST
52 you must force all the people who live there to leave. Destroy all their carved figures and all cast figures made of metal. Wreck all the places where they worship their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:53

ULT
53 And you shall take possession of the land and dwell in it, because I have given the land to you to possess it.

UST
53 Take their land from them and start to live there, because I have given their land to you for you to own.

How did Yahweh want the people of Israel to divide up the land that they were to possess? (vv53-54)
Yahweh wanted the people of Israel to divide up the land by lot, giving a larger share of land to the large clans and a small share of land to the small clans.

Numbers 33:54

ULT

54 And you shall inherit for yourselves the land by lot, according to your clans. You shall increase his inheritance for the numerous, and you shall decrease his inheritance for the few. To there where the lot goes out for him, to him it will belong. According to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit for yourselves.

UST

54 Divide up the land by casting lots to decide which group will get which area. Give the larger areas to the groups that have more people, and give the smaller areas to the groups that have fewer people. Each tribe will receive its own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 33:55

ULT

55 And if you do not disposses those who dwell in the land from your face, then whom you leave from them will be as thorns in your eyes and as pricks in your sides. And they shall vex you on the land that you are about to dwell in.

UST

55 If you do not force the people who live there to leave, they will cause you to have much trouble. They will be like sharp hooks in your eyes, and like thorns in your sides. And they will bring trouble to you, in that land where you will be living.

What would happen if the people of Israel did not drive out the land's inhabitants? (vv55-56)

The people whom they allowed to stay would make life difficult for them.

Numbers 33:56

ULT

56 And it will happen that I will do to you just as I had intended to do to them.'"

UST

56 And then I will punish you, as I had planned to punish them.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34

Numbers 34:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

1 Yahweh said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:2

ULT

2 “Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter into the land of Canaan, this is the land that has fallen to you as an inheritance, the land of Canaan and its borders,

UST

2 “Tell this to the Israelite people, ‘You will soon enter Canaan land, and it will become yours. The following will be the borders of the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:3

ULT

3 and the corner of the south will be for you from the wilderness of Zin beside the hands of Edom. And the border of the south will be for you from the end of the Sea of Salt eastward.

UST

3 On the south you will receive part of the wilderness of Zin, near the border of the region of Edom. On the east side, the border will start at the south end of the Dead Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:4

ULT

4 And the border will turn for you from the south to the ascent of Akrabbim and cross over to Zin. And its outer limits will be from the south to Kadesh Barnea. And it will go out to Hazar Addar and cross over to Azmon.

UST

4 It will extend to a little south of the Scorpion Pass, and extend west through the wilderness of Sin and south of Kadesh Barnea. From there it will extend to Hazar Addar and from there to Azmon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:5

ULT

5 And the border will turn from Azmon toward the wadi of Egypt and its outer limits will be to the sea.

UST

5 From Azmon it will extend west to the dry riverbed at the border of Egypt and then to the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:6

ULT

6 And the border of the west, it will be for you the Great Sea and the border. This will be for you the border of the west.

UST

6 The border on the west will be the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:7

ULT

7 And this will be for you the border of the north, from the Great Sea you shall mark out for you to Mount Hor.

UST

7 The border on the north will start from the Mediterranean Sea and extend west to Mount Hor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:8

ULT

[8] From Mount Hor you shall mark out to Lebo Hamath, and the outer limits of the border will be to Zedad.

UST

[8] From there it will extend to Lebo Hamath and then to Zedad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:9

ULT

[9] And the border will go out to Ziphron and its outer limits will be at Hazar Enan. This will be for you the border of the north.

UST

[9] From there the border will extend to Ziphron, and it will end at Hazar Enan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:10

ULT

[10] And you shall mark out for you the border to the east from Hazar Enan to Shepham.

UST

[10] The border on the east will start at Hazar Enan and extend south to Shepham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:11

ULT

[11] And the border will go down from Shepham to Riblah, from east of Ain. And the border will go down and strike on the shoulder of the Sea of Kinnereth eastward.

UST

[11] From there it will extend east of Ain to Riblah and then along the hills that are east of Galilee Lake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:12

ULT

12 And the border will go down to the Jordan and its outer limits will be the Sea of Salt. This will be for you the land according to its borders all around.'"

UST

12 Then the border will extend south along the Jordan River and end at the Dead Sea. Those will be the borders around your country.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:13

ULT

13 And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land, it which you will inherit for yourselves by lot, which Yahweh has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half of the tribe.

UST

13 So Moses told all that to the Israelite people. Then he said to them, "That is the land that you will receive. You must cast lots to decide which area will go to each of the nine and a half tribes, because Yahweh has commanded that it should be divided among them.

Who were the people who would receive the land of Canaan as their possession?

The nine and one half tribes of Israel would receive the land of Canaan as their possession.

Numbers 34:14

ULT

14 For the tribe of the sons of the Reubenites according to the house of their fathers and the tribe of the sons of the Gadites according to the house of their fathers have taken, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh has taken their inheritance.

UST

14 The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half of the tribe of Manasseh have already received the land in which they will live.

What would the descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh receive as their share of the land? (vv14-15)

The descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh would receive their share of land beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward.

Numbers 34:15

ULT
15 The two tribes and the half of the tribe have taken their inheritance from beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise."

UST
15 They have received land on the east side of the Jordan River, across from Jericho."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:16

ULT
16 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST
16 Then Yahweh said to Moses,

Who were the men who would divide the land for their inheritance? (vv16-18)
The men would be Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and one leader from every tribe.

Numbers 34:17

ULT
17 "These are the names of the men who will divide the land for you as an inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun.

UST
17 "These are the men who will divide the land. First, Eleazar and Joshua,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:18

ULT
18 And you shall take one leader, one leader from a tribe to divide the land as an inheritance.

UST
18 but other leaders from each of the twelve tribes will help them divide the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:19

ULT
19 And these are the names of the men: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh;

UST
19 From the tribe of Judah, appoint Jephunneh's son Caleb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:20

ULT
20 and of the tribe of the sons of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud;

UST
20 From the tribe of Simeon appoint Ammihud's son Shemuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:21

ULT
21 of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Kislon;

UST
21 From the tribe of Benjamin appoint Kislon's son Elidad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:22

ULT
22 and of the tribe of the sons of Dan a leader, Bukki the son of Jogli;

UST
22 From the tribe of Dan appoint Jogli's son Bukki.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:23

ULT
23 of the sons of Joseph, of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh a leader, Hanniel the son of Ephod;

UST
23 From the tribe of Manasseh appoint Ephod's son Hanniel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:24

ULT
24 and of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim a leader, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan;

UST
24 From the tribe of Ephraim appoint Shiphtan's son Kemuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:25

ULT
25 and of the tribe of the sons of Zebulun a leader, Elizaphan the son of Parnak;

UST
25 From the tribe of Zebulun appoint Parnak's son Elizaphan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:26

ULT
26 and of the tribe of the sons of Issachar a leader, Paltiel the son of Azzan;

UST
26 From the tribe of Issachar appoint Azzan's son Paltiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:27

ULT
27 and of the tribe of the sons of Asher a leader, Ahihud the son of Shelomi;

UST
27 From the tribe of Asher appoint Shelomi's son Ahihud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:28

ULT
28 and of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali a leader, Pedahel the son of Ammihud."

UST
28 From the tribe of Naphtali appoint Ammihud's son Pedahel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 34:29

ULT
29 These are whom Yahweh commanded to divide an inheritance for the sons of Israel in the land of Canaan.

UST
29 Yahweh commanded that all those were the men who should divide the region of Canaan among the Israelite people.

What did Yahweh command these men to do?
He commanded them to divide the land of Canaan and to give each tribe of Israel its share.

Numbers 35

Numbers 35:1

ULT

[1] And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh told this to Moses while the Israelites were on the plain in Moab near the Jordan River, across from Jericho,

What did Yahweh command each one of the tribes of Israel to do for the Levites? (vv1-2)
He commanded them to give to the Levites some of their own shares of land, cities to live in, and pastureland surrounding the cities.

Numbers 35:2

ULT

[2] "Command the sons of Israel and they shall give to the Levites cities for dwelling from the inheritance of their possession. And you shall give to the Levites pastureland for the cities, all around them.

UST

[2] "Tell the Israelite people that from the land that they will receive, they must give to the descendants of Levi some cities in which they can live. They must also give them some land around these cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:3

ULT

[3] And the cities will be for them for dwelling, and their pastureland will be for their livestock and for their property and for all their living things.

UST

[3] These cities will be for the descendants of Levi to live in, and around the cities will be land for their cattle and flocks of sheep and goats and other animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:4

ULT

4 And the pasturelands of the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be from the wall of the city and outward 1,000 cubits all around.

UST

4 The land that you give them for their animals must extend out for 457 meters from the walls of the cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:5

ULT

5 And you shall measure 2,000 by the cubit from outside of the city toward the corner of the east, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the south, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the west, and 2,000 by the cubit to the corner of the north, and the city will be in the middle. This will be the pastureland of the cities for them.

UST

5 Also measure 920 meters in each direction out from the walls of each city. That additional land will be land for their animals outside the walls of the cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:6

ULT

6 And along with the cities which you shall give to the Levites you shall give six cities of refuge to which the one who kills may flee. And in addition to them you shall give 42 cities.

UST

6 Six of the cities that you give to the descendants of Levi will be cities to which people can run to be safe. If someone accidentally kills someone else, the one who killed that person may run to one of those cities to be safe.

How many cities were to be given to the Levites?

Forty-eight cities were to be given to the Levites.

What was the purpose for six of the cities that the Levites would receive?

They were to serve as cities of refuge to which accused murderers could flee.

Numbers 35:7

ULT

7 All the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be 48 cities, them and their pasturelands.

UST

7 You must also give to the descendants of Levi forty-two other cities and the land around those cities for their animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:8

ULT

8 And the cities that you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel, you shall increase from with the numerous, and you shall decrease from with the few. A man shall give from his cities to the Levites according to the mouth of his inheritance that he has inherited."

UST

8 The Israelite tribes who have the most people must give them more cities than the tribes who have fewer people give. Each tribe must give some of its cities to the descendants of Levi, but the tribes that have more land must give more cities, and the tribes that have fewer cities will give fewer cities."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

UST

9 Yahweh also said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:10

ULT

10 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you cross over the Jordan into the land of Canaan,

UST

10 "Tell this to the Israelite people, 'When you cross the Jordan River and enter the region of Canaan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:11

ULT

11 then you shall choose for yourselves cities, they will be cities of refuge for you. And the one who kills, the one who struck down a person by mistake, shall flee to there.

UST

11 you must choose some cities to which people can run to be safe. If someone kills another person, the one who killed that person may run to one of those cities and be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:12

ULT

12 And the cities will be for you for refuge from the avenger. And the one who kills will not die until he stands before the face of the congregation for the judgment.

UST

12 One of the relatives of the person who was killed may think he must avenge his relative's death by killing the murderer. But in that city, the killer will be safe because the people in that city would kill those relatives if they tried to get revenge there. The man who killed someone accidentally must be put on trial in a court.

How would the cities of refuge protect an accused man from his avenger?

Anyone who killed someone unintentionally could flee to them and know they would not be killed without standing on trial before the community.

Numbers 35:13

ULT

13 And the cities that you shall give shall be six cities of refuge for you.

UST

13 You must set apart six cities to be cities to which someone who killed another person accidentally may run and be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:14

ULT

14 You shall give three cities from beyond the Jordan. And you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan. They shall be cities of refuge.

UST

14 There must be three of these cities on the east side of the Jordan River and three on the west side, in the region of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:15

ULT

15 For the sons of Israel, and for the sojourner, and for the temporary dweller in your midst, these six cities shall be for refuge to flee to, every one who has struck down a person by mistake.

UST

15 Those six cities will be cities where Israelite people may run and be safe, and where foreigners and other people who are living among you can also run and be safe. Any of those people who accidentally kills someone may run to one of these cities and be safe there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:16

ULT

16 And if he struck him down with an object of iron and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death.

UST

16-18 But you must consider that anyone who kills another person with an iron weapon or with a big rock or with a piece of wood, is a murderer, and the one who killed the other person must be executed.

What would cause an accused man to certainly be put to death? (vv16-18)

He would be put to death if he struck his victim with an instrument of iron, a stone in his hand, or a wooden weapon and then his victim died.

Numbers 35:17

ULT
17 And if he struck him down with a stone in hand by which one could die and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:18

ULT
18 Or if he struck him down with an object of wood in hand by which one could die and he died, he is one who murders. The one who murders shall certainly be put to death.

UST
16-18 But you must consider that anyone who kills another person with an iron weapon or with a big rock or with a piece of wood, is a murderer, and the one who killed the other person must be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:19

ULT
19 The avenger of blood, he shall put the one who murders to death. When he meets him, he shall put him to death.

UST
19 A relative of the person who was murdered must be the one who executes the murderer as soon as he finds him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:20

ULT
20 And if with hatred he pushes him or throws something at him by lying in wait and he dies,

UST
20 If someone shoves another person over a cliff or throws something at another person

What would happen if an accused man without a weapon injured someone so that they die? (vv20-21)
If an accused man without a weapon manhandles anyone or throws something at him while hiding, or strikes him down with his hand so that the victim dies, then the accused man must be put to death.

Numbers 35:21

ULT

21 or if with hostility he strikes him down with his hand and he dies, you shall certainly put to death the one who strikes down; he is one who murders. The avenger of blood shall put to death the one who murders when he meets him.

UST

21 or hits that person with his hand and causes that person to die, if he did it because he hated that person, then you must consider that he is a murderer, and must be executed. A relative of the person who was killed must be the one who executes the murderer as soon as he finds him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:22

ULT

22 And if with suddenness without hostility he pushes him or throws any object at him without lying in wait,

UST

22 But someone might accidentally shove someone else, or he might accidentally throw something at another person and hit him, but not because he hates that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:23

ULT

23 or if with any stone by which one could die without seeing he drops it on him and he dies, and he was not an enemy to him and was not seeking his harm,

UST

23 Or he might drop a rock on someone that he could not see. There is a law for the one who does that did not plan to hurt anyone and did not hate the person who was killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:24

ULT
24 then the congregation shall judge between the one who struck down and the avenger of blood in accordance with these judgments.

UST
24 That law is that the people of that city must decide whether the relative of the dead person has the right to get revenge, or whether the one who killed the other person truly did it accidentally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:25

ULT
25 And the congregation shall rescue the one who kills from the hand of the avenger of blood. And the congregation shall bring him back into the city of his refuge to which he had fled. And he shall dwell in it until the death of the great priest, him whom he anointed with the oil of holiness.

UST
25 If they decide that the killer planned to kill the other person, they must not allow him to stay in their city. But if they decide that it was done accidentally, they must protect the killer from being killed by the dead person's relative. They must send the killer to one of the cities where he will be safe, and allow him to stay there until the high priest dies. After that, the killer may go back to his home, because the dead person's relative no longer has the right to get revenge.

What must the community do to rescue from the blood avenger an accused man, whose victim dies through unintentional harm?
The community must rescue the accused man by returning him to the city of refuge to which he had originally fled.

Numbers 35:26

ULT
26 And if the one who kills ever goes out of the border of the city of his refuge to which he has fled,

UST
26 But while the high priest is still living, the person who is in that safe city must not leave that city.

When could a blood avenger kill the accused man and yet not be guilty of murder? (vv26-27)
If the blood avenger would find the accused man outside the border of the city of refuge to which he fled, then he could kill him and not be found guilty of murder.

Numbers 35:27

ULT
27 and the avenger of blood finds him outside the border of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of blood kills the one who kills, there will be no blood against him.

UST
27 If he goes outside the city, and if a relative of the dead person finds him, that relative is permitted to kill that person, and people will not consider that the relative is guilty of murder.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:28

ULT
28 For in the city of his refuge he must dwell until the death of the great priest, and after the death of the great priest the one who kills may return to the land of his possession.

UST
28 The killer must stay in that city where he will be safe until the high priest dies. He will be safe from revenge after that, because the death of the high priest will be considered to be a sacrifice to atone for that murder. After that, the killer may return to his home.

When would an accused man be free to return to his own property?
He would be free to return after the death of the high priest.

Numbers 35:29

ULT
29 And these shall be for you as a statute of judgment for your generations, in all your dwellings.

UST
29 You must always obey these legal proceedings, wherever you live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:30

ULT
30 Every one who strikes down a person, according to the mouth of witnesses he must kill the one who kills. And one witness shall not testify against a person to put to death.

UST
30 If someone is accused of killing another person, the one who is accused may be executed only if there are people who saw him do it. There must be more than one witness. No one is permitted to be executed if there was only one witness.

What is needed before a murderer can be put to death?
The testimony of more than one witness is needed before a murderer can be put to death.

Numbers 35:31

ULT
31 And you shall not take a ransom for the life of one who kills, he who is guilty to die, because he shall certainly be put to death.

UST
31 If there is a murderer who truly should be executed, do not spare his life by accepting a ransom. He must be executed.

What ransom can people accept for the life of a murderer? (vv31-32)
The people are to accept no ransom for the life of a murderer or for one who has fled to a city of refuge.

Numbers 35:32

ULT
32 And you shall not take a ransom for the one who flees into the city of his refuge, to return to dwell in the land until the death of the priest.

UST
32 If someone has run to a city where he will be safe, do not allow him to give you money in order that you will permit him to return to his home before the high priest dies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 35:33

ULT

33 And you shall not pollute the land which you are in because the blood itself pollutes the land. And atonement cannot be made for the land for the blood that is poured out on it except by the blood of the one who poured it out.

UST

33 You must execute people who truly murder others. If you did not do that, you would be causing the people who live in the land to become unacceptable to me. Anyone who deliberately kills an innocent person must be executed.

What is the only thing that can atone for land on which blood has been shed? (vv33-34)
Only the blood of the one who has shed the blood will atone for the land.

Numbers 35:34

ULT

34 And you shall not defile the land which you are dwelling in, which I am dwelling in the midst of, because I, Yahweh, am dwelling in the midst of the sons of Israel.'"

UST

34 I am Yahweh, and I live among you Israelites, so do not spoil the land by allowing people to murder others without being punished.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36

Numbers 36:1

ULT

1 And the heads of the fathers of the clans of the sons of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh from the clans of the sons of Joseph came near and spoke before the face of Moses and before the face of the leaders, the heads of the fathers of the sons of Israel.

UST

1 The family leaders of the clan of Gilead of the tribe of Manasseh went to Moses and the other family leaders of the Israelite people.

To whom had Yahweh commanded Moses to give the land of Zelophehad? (vv1-2)
Yahweh had commanded Moses to give Zelophehad's land to his daughters.

Numbers 36:2

ULT

2 And they said, "Yahweh commanded my master to give the land as an inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel. And my master was commanded by Yahweh to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters.

UST

2 They said to Moses, "Yahweh commanded you, our leader, to apportion the land to the Israelite tribes by casting lots to decide which group would get which area. Yahweh also commanded you to give the land that belonged to our fellow Israelite Zelophehad to his daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36:3

ULT

3 And they will become wives for one from the sons of the tribes of the sons of Israel. And their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added onto the inheritance of the tribe that they belong to. And it will be withdrawn from the lot of our inheritance.

UST

3 But if his daughters marry men from the other Israelite tribes, that land will no longer belong to our tribe. People of other tribes will get it. So some of our land will no longer belong to us.

What would happen to Zelophehad's land if his daughters married men from other tribes in Israel?

If they did that, then their share of land would belong to the tribe into which they married.

Numbers 36:4

ULT

4 And when it will be the Jubilee for the sons of Israel, then their inheritance will be added onto the inheritance of the tribe which they belong to. And their inheritance will be withdrawn from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers."

UST

4 When the year of the celebration of Jubilee comes, when all the land that has been bought by someone is returned to its original owners, the land that belonged to Zelophehad will belong to the tribes of the men that his daughters marry. So some of our land, the land that we received from our fathers, will be taken from us, and we will never own it again."

What would happen to the land that had belonged to a daughter who had married a man from another tribe when the jubilee came?

When the jubilee came, the share that had belonged to the daughter would belong to her husband's tribe and be taken away from Zelophehad's tribe.

Numbers 36:5

ULT

5 And Moses commanded the sons of Israel in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh, saying, “What the tribe of the sons of Joseph is speaking is right.

UST

5 Yahweh told Moses what to reply to them, so Moses said this to them, “These men from the tribe of Manasseh are right.

What command did Yahweh give through Moses concerning Zelophehad’s daughters? (vv5-6)

He commanded that Zelophehad’s daughters could marry only within their father’s tribe.

Numbers 36:6

ULT

6 This is the word that Yahweh commands to the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, ‘They may become wives of the good one in their eyes, only they must become wives of the clan of the tribe of their father.

UST

6 This is what Yahweh is saying to the daughters of Zelophehad, ‘Each of you may marry anyone you want to, but you must marry only someone from your own tribe.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36:7

ULT

7 And an inheritance of the sons of Israel shall not go around from tribe to tribe, but a man of the sons of Israel shall cling to the inheritance of the tribe of his father.

UST

7 In that way, the land that belongs to Israelites will not be passed from one tribe to another tribe. Each Israelite will keep the land in the tribe that belonged to his ancestors.

What must never happen to shares of land in Israel?

No share of land in Israel can change from one tribe to another. Each man’s share must stay within his ancestor’s tribe.

Numbers 36:8

ULT

8 And every daughter who possesses an inheritance from the tribes of the sons of Israel shall become a wife for one from the clan of the tribe of her father, so that the sons of Israel will have a possession, a man the inheritance of his fathers.

UST

8 A woman who inherits her father's land may get married, but she must marry someone from her own tribe. In that way, every Israelite will keep the land that belonged to his ancestors.

Why did Yahweh command that every woman among the people of Israel who owned a share of land in her tribe must marry someone from the clans belonging to her father's tribe? (vv8-9)

Yahweh gave this command so that everyone among the people of Israel could own an inheritance from his ancestors.

Numbers 36:9

ULT

9 And an inheritance shall not go around from a tribe to another tribe, but each tribe of the sons of Israel shall cling to his inheritance.'"

UST

9 The land must not be passed from one tribe to another tribe. Each Israelite tribe must keep the land that it received from its ancestors."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36:10

ULT

10 Just as Yahweh commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad.

UST

10 Zelophehad's daughters obeyed what Yahweh told Moses.

How did Zelophehad's daughters comply with this command from Yahweh? (vv10-12)

They married into the clans of the descendants of Manasseh so their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's clan.

Numbers 36:11

ULT

11 And Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milkah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, became wives for the sons of their uncles.

UST

11 The five daughters—Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milkah and Noah—married their cousins, their father's relatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36:12

ULT

12 They became wives from the clans of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph. And their inheritance was with the tribe of the clan of their father.

UST

12 The men whom they married were from the tribe of Manasseh, so their land continued to belong to their father's family and tribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Numbers 36:13

ULT

13 These are the commands and the judgments that Yahweh commanded by the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.

UST

13 Those were the commands and decrees that Yahweh gave to Moses to tell to the Israelites, while they were on the plains of Moab, close to the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1

Deuteronomy 1:1

ULT

1 These {are} the words that Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and between Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Di Zahab.

UST

1 In this book is written what Moses had said to all the Israelites, after they had set up their tents east of the Jordan—in the desert plain along the Jordan—near a place named Suph, between Paran on one side of the Jordan River and the towns of Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab on the other side of the river.

Where was Moses when he spoke to Israel?
Moses was beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain of the Jordan river valley.

Deuteronomy 1:2

ULT

2 ({It is} 11 days from Horeb by the way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.)

UST

2 To walk from Mount Sinai to Kadesh Barnea, people usually travel for only eleven days, going by way of the hill country called Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:3

ULT

3 And it happened, in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on {day} one of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Yahweh commanded him concerning them,

UST

3 Forty years after the Israelites had left Egypt, Moses told the Israelite people everything that Yahweh had commanded him.

When did Moses speak to the people of Israel, telling them all that Yahweh commanded him?

It was the fortieth year, the first day of the eleventh month, on the first day of the month.

Deuteronomy 1:4

ULT

4 after defeating Sihon the king of the Amorites, who lived in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth in Edrei.

UST

4 This was after they had defeated Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, who lived in the city of Heshbon, and Og, the king of the region of Bashan, who lived in towns of Ashtaroth and Edrei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:5

ULT

5 Across the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began explaining this law, saying,

UST

5 Moses told them these things while the people were in Moab, on the east side of the Jordan River. He explained to them God’s instructions. This is what he said to them:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:6

ULT

6 “Yahweh our God spoke to us at Horeb, saying, ‘Too long you have stayed in this mountain.

UST

6 “Yahweh our God said to us when we were at Mount Sinai, ‘You have stayed for a very long time at the foot of this mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:7

ULT

7 Turn, and make your journey, and go to the hill {country} of the Amorites and to all their neighbors in the Arabah in the hill {country} and in the lowland and in the Negev and by the shore of the sea, the land of the Canaanites and in Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates.

UST

7 So now continue traveling. Go to the hill country where the Amorites live and to the nearby areas—to the plain along the Jordan, to the hill country, to the western foothills, to the southern Judean wilderness, to the Mediterranean seacoast, to all the land of Canaan, to the Lebanon mountains, and northeast to the great Euphrates River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:8

ULT

8 Look, I have given the land before your faces. Go and possess the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers—to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob—to give to them and to their seed after them.’

UST

8 I will give that land to you. I, Yahweh, promised to your ancestors Abraham and Isaac and Jacob that I would give it to them and to their descendants. So now go and occupy it.’”

To whom had Yahweh sworn to give the land?

Yahweh had sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to give the land to them and to their descendants after them.

Deuteronomy 1:9

ULT

[9] And I said to you at that time, saying, ‘I am not able to carry you by myself.

UST

[9] Moses also said to the people, “When we were still at Mount Sinai, I said to your ancestors, ‘It is a very big task for me to govern all of you. I cannot do it by myself.

Why did Moses feel he could not carry the people alone? (vv9-10)
God had multiplied them, made them to number as the stars of heaven.

Deuteronomy 1:10

ULT

[10] Yahweh your God has multiplied you, and behold, you {are} today as the stars of the heavens in number.

UST

[10] Yahweh our God has caused us Israelites to become as numerous as the stars in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:11

ULT

[11] Yahweh, the God of your fathers, may he add to you, as you {are}, 1000 times, and may he bless you, just as he spoke to you!

UST

[11] And I hope that Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, will cause us to become a thousand times as numerous as we are now and that he will bless us just like he promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:12

ULT
12 How will I carry by myself your loads and your burdens and your disputes?

UST
12 But I certainly cannot deal with all of your complaints and disputes.

Who would help Moses carry the loads, burdens, and disputes of the people? (vv12-13)
They would take wise understanding men of good repute, tribe by tribe, and make these men heads over them.

Deuteronomy 1:13

ULT
13 Nominate for yourselves wise and understanding and well-known men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'

UST
13 So choose some men from your tribes who are wise and who have good sense and who are respected. Then I will appoint them to be your leaders.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:14

ULT
14 And you answered me and said, 'The thing that you have spoken {is} good to do.'

UST
14 Your ancestors replied, 'What you have suggested is good for us to do.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:15

ULT

15 And I took the heads of your tribes—wise and well-known men—and gave them {as} heads over you, leaders of thousands and leaders of hundreds and leaders of fifties and leaders of tens and officers for your tribes.

UST

15 So I took the wise and respected men that your ancestors chose from your tribes, and I appointed them to be your leaders. I appointed some to rule over one thousand people, some to have authority over one hundred people, some to have authority over fifty people, and some to have authority over ten people. I also appointed other officers from throughout your tribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:16

ULT

16 And, I commanded your judges at that time, saying, ‘Listen in between your brothers, and judge righteously between a man and between his brother, and between the foreigner with him.

UST

16 I instructed your leaders, ‘Listen to the disputes that occur among your people. Judge each dispute, including disputes between close relatives and quarrels between your people and people from other countries who live among you.

What did Moses command the judges to do?

He commanded them to hear the disputes between brothers, and the foreigner who is with him.

Deuteronomy 1:17

ULT

17 You shall not recognize a face in the judgment; you shall hear as the small and the great alike. You shall not turn aside from the face of a man, for the judgment, it {is} before God. And the matter which is too heavy for you, you shall bring to me, and I shall hear it.’

UST

17 You must not play favorites. You must treat poor people and important people equally. You must not worry about what anyone will think, because you will decide matters as God wants you to. If any dispute is very difficult and you are unable to decide it, bring it to me, and I will decide.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:18

ULT
18 And I commanded you at that time all the things that you should do.

UST
18 At that time I also told to you many other things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:19

ULT
19 And we journeyed from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the hill {country} of the Amorites, as Yahweh our God had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh Barnea.

UST
19 "Then, just like Yahweh our God commanded us, we left Mount Sinai and went through that huge desert that is very dangerous, on the road to the hill country where the Amor people group live. We arrived at Kadesh Barnea.

What did Israel travel through as they journeyed from Horeb to the hill country?
They traveled through all the great and terrible wilderness.

Deuteronomy 1:20

ULT
20 And I said to you, 'You have come to the hill {country} of the Amorites, which Yahweh our God is giving to us.

UST
20 I said to your ancestors, 'We have now come to the hill country where the Amor people group live. This is part of the area that Yahweh our God, the one whom our ancestors worshiped, is giving to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:21

ULT

21 Look, Yahweh your God has set the land before your faces; go up, take possession, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you; you shall not be afraid, and you shall not be discouraged.'

UST

21 Note that Yahweh our God is giving this land to us. So go and occupy it as he commanded. Do not be at all afraid.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:22

ULT

22 And you drew near to me, all of you, and you said, 'Let us send men before our faces, and they shall spy out the land for us, and return to us a word {about} the way which we will go up into, and the cities which we will come to.'

UST

22 But your ancestors all came to me and said, 'Before we go, we should first send some men there to explore the land, in order that they can return and tell us which will be the best road to go there and what kind of towns are there.'

Why did the people ask Moses to send men ahead of them?

They asked Moses to send men ahead to search out the land and bring back word about how they should attack and about the cities.

Deuteronomy 1:23

ULT

23 And the word was good in my eyes, and I took from you 12 men, one man per tribe.

UST

23 I thought that it would be good to do that, so I chose twelve men, one man from each tribe.

Who did Moses choose to scout out the land in the hill country?

He chose twelve men, one man for every tribe.

Deuteronomy 1:24

ULT

24 And they turned and went up into the hill {country}, and they came to the Valley of Eshkol, and scouted it.

UST

24 They went up into the hill country as far as Eshcol Valley, and they explored all that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:25

ULT

25 And they took with their hands from the fruit of the land and brought {it} down to us. And they returned to us {with} a word and said, 'Good {is} the land that Yahweh our God is giving to us.'

UST

25 They picked some of the fruit that they found there and brought it to us. They reported that the land that Yahweh our God was giving to us is very good."

What did the men report back about the land?

They said, "It is a good land that Yahweh our God is giving to us."

Deuteronomy 1:26

ULT

26 But you were not willing to go up, and you rebelled {against} the mouth of Yahweh your God.

UST

26 "But your ancestors refused to go and conquer that land. They rebelled against what Yahweh our God had commanded them to do, and they would not go into that land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:27

ULT

27 And you grumbled in your tents and said, “In the hatred of Yahweh against us he brought us from the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.

UST

27 Your ancestors stayed in their tents and complained. They said, ‘Yahweh hates us. So he has brought us here from Egypt just to allow the Amor people group to destroy us.

Why did the men say Yahweh brought them out of the land of Egypt?

They said Yahweh hated them and he brought them out of the land of Egypt to destroy them.

Deuteronomy 1:28

ULT

28 Where {can} we go up? Our brothers have caused our heart to melt, saying, ‘The people {are} greater and taller than us, {with} cities great and fortified to the heavens; and also, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.’”

UST

28 We do not want to go there. The men whom we sent there have made us very discouraged. They have told us that the people there are much stronger and taller than we are, and that there are very high walls around their towns. Also they reported that they had seen giants there that are descendants of Anak.’

What did their brothers say about the people of the land?

They said that the people of the land were bigger and taller than the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 1:29

ULT

29 And I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified, and do not be afraid of them.

UST

29 Then I said to your ancestors, ‘Do not be afraid at all of those people!

What did Moses say was there reason the people did not need to be afraid? (vv29-31)

He told them not to be afraid, because Yahweh would go before them and would fight for them like he did in Egypt and in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 1:30

ULT

30 Yahweh your God, who walks before your faces, he will fight for you like everything that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes

UST

30 Yahweh our God will go ahead of you, and he will fight for you, just like you saw him do for you in Egypt

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:31

ULT

31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how Yahweh your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.’

UST

31 and in the desert. You saw how he brought you safely here, like a man would carry his son. ‘

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:32

ULT

32 But in this word you did not believe Yahweh your God,

UST

32-33 I reminded them that he always went ahead of them while they traveled in the desert. He directed them by a pillar of fire during the night and a pillar of cloud during the day. He showed them places to set up their tents. But in spite of what I said, your ancestors would not trust Yahweh our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:33

ULT

33 the one who went before your faces on the way to seek out a place for you to make your camp, in fire {by} night to show you the way that you should go in it, and in a cloud {by} day.

UST

32-33 I reminded them that he always went ahead of them while they traveled in the desert. He directed them by a pillar of fire during the night and a pillar of cloud during the day. He showed them places to set up their tents. But in spite of what I said, your ancestors would not trust Yahweh our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:34

ULT

34 And Yahweh heard the sound of your words and was angry. And he swore, saying,

UST

34 Yahweh heard what they said, and he became angry. He solemnly declared,

What did Yahweh say because he was angry? (vv34-35)

He swore and said, “Surely not one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land except Caleb.”

Deuteronomy 1:35

ULT

35 ‘Not one man of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers

UST

35-36 ‘Caleb son of Jephunneh, will enter the land. He has obeyed me completely. So I will give to him and to his descendants some of the land that he explored. He is the only one of all you people who will enter that land. None of these evil people will ever see that good land which I solemnly promised to give to your ancestors.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:36

ULT

36 except Caleb son of Jephunneh; he shall see it. And to him I will give the land that he has stepped on, and to his sons, because {he is} wholly after Yahweh.’

UST

35-36 ‘Caleb son of Jephunneh, will enter the land. He has obeyed me completely. So I will give to him and to his descendants some of the land that he explored. He is the only one of all you people who will enter that land. None of these evil people will ever see that good land which I solemnly promised to give to your ancestors.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:37

ULT

37 Also Yahweh was angry with me because of you, saying, ‘You also will not go in there;

UST

37 But because of what your ancestors did, Yahweh was also angry with me. He said to me, ‘You also will not go enter that land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:38

ULT

38 Joshua son of Nun, who stands before your faces, he will go in there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it.

UST

38 Joshua son of Nun, who is your helper, will enter it. Encourage him, because he is the one who will enable you Israelite people to occupy that land.’

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do for Joshua the son of Nun?

Yahweh told Moses to encourage Joshua for he will lead Israel to inherit the land.

Deuteronomy 1:39

ULT

39 And your children that you said would be plunder, and your sons who today do not know good or evil—they will go in there. And to them I will give it, and they will possess it.

UST

39 Then Yahweh said to all of us, ‘You said that your children would be captured by your enemies. Because they are very young, they do not yet know what is good and what is evil. But they are the ones to whom I will give that land, and they will enter it and occupy it.

Who did Yahweh say will go into the land and possess it?

He said their little children will go in and will possess it.

Deuteronomy 1:40

ULT

40 But you, turn yourselves and journey into the wilderness on the way to the Sea of Reeds.’

UST

40 But as for you, turn around and go back into the desert, toward the Sea of Reeds.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:41

ULT

41 And you answered and said to me, ‘We have sinned against Yahweh; we shall go up and fight, according to all that Yahweh our God has commanded us.’ And {every} man girded on his weapons of war and regarded it as easy to go up to the hill {country}.

UST

41 Then your ancestors replied, ‘We have sinned; we have disobeyed Yahweh. So we will go and attack the people who live in that land, just as Yahweh our God has commanded us to do.’ And each of their men put on his weapons, and they thought that it would be easy to invade the hill country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:42

ULT

42 And Yahweh said to me, ‘Say to them, “Do not go up and do not fight, and you will not be defeated before the face of your enemies, because I will not be among you.’

UST

42 But Yahweh said to me, ‘Tell them, “Do not go there and attack those people, because I will not go with you, and if you go, you can be sure that your enemy will defeat you.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:43

ULT

43 And I spoke to you, but you did not listen. And you rebelled against the mouth of Yahweh, and you were arrogant and went up to the hill {country}.

UST

43 So I said that to your ancestors, but they did not want to listen to what I said. They again rebelled against what Yahweh commanded them to do. Their soldiers proudly marched up into that hill country.

What did the people do when Yahweh told them not to attack the hill country? (vv43-44)

They were arrogant and attacked the hill country, and the Amorites came against the men, and chased them like bees.

Deuteronomy 1:44

ULT

44 And the Amorites, who lived in that hill {country}, came out to meet you and chased you like the bees do and struck you down in Seir as far as Hormah.

UST

44 Then the men of the Amor people group who lived in that region came out of their towns and attacked those soldiers. They chased your ancestors’ soldiers like a swarm of bees would chase a person, and they pursued their men south from Edom and defeated them at the city of Hormah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:45

ULT

45 And you returned and wept before the face of Yahweh; but Yahweh did not listen to your voice, nor did he give ear to you.

UST

45 So your ancestors went back to Kadesh Barnea and cried out to request Yahweh to help them, but he did not listen to them. He did not pay any attention to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 1:46

ULT

46 So you stayed in Kadesh many days, according to the days that you stayed {there}.

UST

46 So we stayed there at Kadesh Barnea for a long time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2

Deuteronomy 2:1

ULT

1 And we turned and journeyed into the wilderness on the way to the Sea of Reeds, as Yahweh had spoken to me. And we went around Mount Seir many days.

UST

1 “Then we turned around and went through the desert toward the Sea of Reeds as Yahweh told us to do, and we wandered in Edom for many years.

Where did Moses say they took their journey?

They took their journey into the wilderness, by way to the Red Sea.

Deuteronomy 2:2

ULT

2 And Yahweh spoke to me, saying,

UST

2 Then Yahweh said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:3

ULT

3 ‘Too long you have been going around this mountain. Turn yourselves northward.

UST

3 ‘You have been wandering around this hill country for a long enough time. Now turn and travel toward the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:4

ULT

4 And command the people, saying, “You will be crossing the border of your brothers, the sons of Esau, who live in Seir. And they will be afraid of you. And guard yourselves with strength.

UST

4 And tell the people that they are about to travel near the land that belongs to the descendants of Esau, who are also descendants of Isaac. They live in the hill country of Edom. They will be afraid of you,

What did Yehweh command the people to be careful not to do? (vv4-5)

They were to to be careful not to fight the descendants of Esau, for Yahweh would not give them any of their land.

Deuteronomy 2:5

ULT

5 You shall not fight them, for I will not give to you {any} of their land, {even as little} as a step of the sole of a foot, for I have given Mount Seir to Esau {as} a possession.

UST

5 but do not start to fight against them, because I am not going to give you even a tiny bit of their land. I have given that land to the descendants of Esau.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:6

ULT

6 You will buy food from them with money, and you will eat. And also, you will purchase water from them with money, and you will drink.

UST

6 When you travel near their land, buy food and water from them.’

How were they to get food and water?

They were to buy food and water from the people of Seir so they could eat and drink.

Deuteronomy 2:7

ULT

[7] For Yahweh your God has blessed you in all the work of your hand. He has known your walking through this great wilderness. These 40 years Yahweh your God {has been} with you. You have not lacked a thing.'"

UST

[7] Do not forget that Yahweh our God has blessed you in everything that you have done. He knows what has happened to you while you have wandered in this huge desert. But he has been with you during those forty years, and as a result you have had everything that you needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:8

ULT

[8] And we passed by beyond our brothers, the sons of Esau who live in Seir, from the Arabah road, from Elath and from Ezion Geber. And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

UST

[8] So we continued to travel. We avoided going through the hill country where the descendants of Esau live. We turned from the road that goes along the plain of the Jordan valley, and comes up from Ezion Geber and Elath, and we traveled along the desert road of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh said to me, 'You shall not trouble Moab, and you shall not fight against them {in} battle. For I will not give to you from his land a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot, {as} a possession.'

UST

[9] Yahweh said to me, 'Do not bother the people of Moab, and do not start to fight against them, because I am not going to give you any of their land. Do not forget that they are descendants of Abraham's nephew Lot, and I have given to them the city of Ar.'"

What did Yahweh tell them they were not to do in Moab?

They were not to trouble Moab or fight with them because Yahweh was not giving them that land.

Deuteronomy 2:10

ULT
10 (The Emites lived there previously, a people great and numerous and tall as the Anakim.

UST
10 A large group of giants called Emim formerly lived there. They were as tall as the giants who were descendants of Anak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:11

ULT
11 They {are} also considered Rephaim, like the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emites.

UST
11 They and the descendants of Anak are also called the Repha giants, but the people of Moab call them Emim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:12

ULT
12 And the Horites lived in Seir previously, and the sons of Esau dispossessed them. And they destroyed them from their faces and lived in their place, like Israel did to the land of his possession that Yahweh gave to them.)

UST
12 The Hor people group also formerly lived in the Edom area, but the descendants of Esau chased them out. They defeated and killed them and settled in their land, just as the Israelite people later expelled their enemies from the land that Yahweh gave to them.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:13

ULT
13 "'Now rise up and cross yourselves the brook Zered.' And we crossed the brook Zered.

UST
13 Moses also said to the Israelite people, "Then we crossed the Zered Gorge, as Yahweh told us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:14

ULT

14 And the days which we came from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed the brook Zered {were} 38 years, until all the generation of the men of war were finished from among the camp, as Yahweh had sworn to them.

UST

14 It had been thirty-eight years from the time we first left Kadesh Barnea until we crossed the Zered Gorge. During those years, all the Israelite fighting men of that generation died, as Yahweh had solemnly said would happen.

How long did it take Israel to go from Kadesh Barnes to the brook Zered?

It took them 38 years to go to the brook Zered.

Deuteronomy 2:15

ULT

15 And also, the hand of Yahweh was against them, to destroy them from among the camp until they came to an end.

UST

15 They died because Yahweh opposed them until he had gotten rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:16

ULT

16 And it happened, when all the men of war came to an end, dying from among the people,

UST

16 After all the men who had been old enough to fight in wars had died,

What happened to all the men who were fit for fighting?

All the men who were fit for fighting were dead and gone from among the people.

Deuteronomy 2:17

ULT
17 then Yahweh spoke to me, saying,

UST
17 Yahweh said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:18

ULT
18 ‘You are passing over today the border of Moab, Ar.

UST
18 ‘Today you all must travel through the region of Moab, near Ar, their city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:19

ULT
19 And you will approach on the other side of the sons of Ammon. You shall not trouble them and you shall not fight them, for I will not give to you {any} of the land of the sons of Ammon {as} a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot {as} a possession.’”

UST
19 When you come near the border of the land where the Ammon people group live, do not bother them or start to fight against them. They are also descendants of Lot, so I am not going to give you any of the land that I have given to them.’”

To whom had Yahweh given the land of the people of Ammon?
Yahweh had given that land to the descendants of Lot.

Deuteronomy 2:20

ULT

20 (Also, {it} is regarded as a land of the Rephaim. The Rephaim lived there previously—but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim—

UST

20 (That region is also called the land of the Repha giants, who formerly lived there. The Ammon people group call them the Zamzum group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:21

ULT

21 a people great and numerous and tall as the Anakim. But Yahweh destroyed them before their faces, and they dispossessed them and lived in their place,

UST

21 They were a large and powerful group, who were as tall as the descendants of Anak. But Yahweh destroyed them, and the Ammon people group drove them away and took their land from them and started to live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:22

ULT

22 just as he did for the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before their faces, and they dispossessed them and have lived in their place until this day.

UST

22 Yahweh had done the same thing for the descendants of Esau who live in the hill country of Edom. He got rid of the Hor people group, with the result that the Edom people group took their land from them and started to live there. They still live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:23

ULT

23 And the Avvites who lived in villages as far as Gaza—the Caphtorim, who came from Caphtor, destroyed them and lived in their place.)

UST

23 People who came from the island of Crete got rid of the Av group who previously lived in the land close to the Mediterranean Sea, as far south as Gaza. They took their land from them and started to live there.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:24

ULT

24 "'Rise up, journey, and pass through the Valley of the Arnon. Look, I have given into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to possess {it}, and fight against him in battle.

UST

24 "After we had gone through the region of Moab, Yahweh said to us, 'Now cross the Arnon River. I will help you to defeat the army of Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, who lives in the city of Heshbon. So attack their army and start to take their land from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:25

ULT

25 This day I will begin to put the fear {of} you and the terror {of} you on the faces of the peoples under all the heavens, that they might indeed hear {about} you and might quake and tremble from your faces.'

UST

25 Today I will begin to cause everyone, everywhere, to be afraid of you. Everyone who hears about you will tremble and be terrified.'

What will the people of the land do when they hear news about the Israelites?

They will tremble and be in anguish because of the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 2:26

ULT

26 And I sent messengers from the wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon, king of Heshbon, {with} words of peace, saying,

UST

26 Then I sent messengers to go from the desert, where we were, to King Sihon at Heshbon. I told them to give this peaceful message to the king:

What words of peace did Moses send to the King of Hashbon? (vv26-27)

Moses asked that he be allowed to pass through the land on the highway, not turning to the right or left.

Deuteronomy 2:27

ULT

27 ‘Let me pass through your land on the way. On the road I will go. I will not turn right nor left.

UST

27 ‘Please allow us to travel through your land. We promise that we will stay on the road; we will not turn off to the right or to the left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:28

ULT

28 You will sell me food for money, and I will eat. And give to me water for money, and I will drink. Only let me pass through on my feet

UST

28 We will pay for any food or water that you allow us to buy. We want only to walk through your country

What did Moses plan to get food and water for the people? (vv28-29)

He asked the king of Hashbon to sell him food and water for money so they could eat and drink.

Deuteronomy 2:29

ULT

29 as the sons of Esau who live in Seir, and the Moabites who live in Ar, did for me, until I pass over the Jordan into the land that Yahweh our God is giving to us.’

UST

29 until we cross the Jordan River into the land that Yahweh our God is giving to us. Do for us just as the descendants of Esau who live in the Edom area and the Moab people group did for us when they allowed us to go through their areas.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:30

ULT

30 But Sihon, king of Heshbon, was not willing to let us pass by him, for Yahweh your God had hardened his spirit and strengthened his heart in order to give him into your hand, as this day.

UST

30 But King Sihon would not allow us to go through his country. That was because Yahweh our God caused him to be stubborn. The result was that Yahweh enabled us to defeat his army and take his land, which we still live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:31

ULT

31 And Yahweh said to me, ‘Look, I have begun to give before your faces Sihon and his land. Begin to possess {it}, to inherit his land.’

UST

31 Yahweh said to me, ‘Listen! I am about to allow you to defeat Sihon’s army and to take the people’s land from them. So start to occupy it!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:32

ULT
32 And Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

UST
32 Then Sihon came out of the city with all his army to fight against us at the town of Jahaz.

What happened when Sihon came out against Moses? (vv32-33)
Yahweh gave him over to Moses and they defeated him, killing him, his sons and all his people.

Deuteronomy 2:33

ULT
33 And Yahweh our God gave him before our faces, and we struck him down and his son and all his people.

UST
33 But God enabled us to defeat them, and we killed Sihon, his sons, and all his soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:34

ULT
34 And we captured all his cities at that time and destroyed every city—men and the women and the children; we left no survivor.

UST
34 We captured their cities and destroyed them all. We killed all the men and women and children; we did not allow any of them to remain alive.

What happened to all the inhabited cities?
Moses took all the king's cities and destroyed them, including women and children; none were left remaining.

Deuteronomy 2:35

ULT

35 We only plundered the cattle for ourselves, and the spoil of the cities that we had captured.

UST

35 We took the valuable things that were in the cities that we captured, and also their cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:36

ULT

36 From Aroer, which {is} on the edge of the Valley of Arnon, and {from} the city that {is} in the valley, and as far as Gilead, there was not a city that {was} too high for us. Yahweh our God gave the whole before our faces.

UST

36 Yahweh our God enabled us to capture all their towns from Aroer in the south, which is at the edge of the Arnon River Valley, to the region of Gilead in the north. Some of their cities had walls around them, but we were still able to capture them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 2:37

ULT

37 {It was} only to the land of the sons of Ammon that you did not approach, all the side of the Jabbok River, and the cities of the hill {country}—and all Yahweh our God had commanded.

UST

37 But we did not go near the area where the Ammon people group live, or the banks of the Jabbok River, or the towns of the hill country, or any other place where Yahweh our God told us not to go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3

Deuteronomy 3:1

ULT

1 And we turned and went up the road of the Bashan. And Og, the king of the Bashan, came out to meet us, he and all his people, to the battle {at} Edrei.

UST

1 “Then we turned north and went toward the region of Bashan. Og, the king of that area, and all his soldiers marched south to fight against us at the city of Edrei.

What did Og, the king of Bashan do to Israel as they approached his land?

On the way to Bashan, the king of Bashan and all his people came and attacked Israel.

Deuteronomy 3:2

ULT

2 And Yahweh said to me, 'You shall not fear him; for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you will do to him as you did to Sihon, king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.’

UST

2 Yahweh said to me, ‘Do not be afraid of him, because I will enable your army to defeat him and all his army and to capture all their land. Do to him what you did to Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, who ruled in Heshbon.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:3

ULT

3 And Yahweh our God also gave Og the king of Bashan and all his people into our hands. And we struck them down until not a survivor of his remained.

UST

3 So Yahweh enabled us to defeat King Og and all his army. We killed them all; we did not allow any of them to remain alive.

What did Israel do to the king of Bashan and his people? (vv3-4)

They struck the king of Bashan dead until not one of his people remained, and took all his cities.

Deuteronomy 3:4

ULT

[4] And we captured all his cities at that time. There was not a city of 60 cities that we did not take from them—all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

UST

[4] There were sixty cities in that region of Argob, in King Og's kingdom of Bashan. But we captured all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:5

ULT

[5] These {were} all inaccessible cities {with} high walls, gates, and bars, besides very many unwalled villages.

UST

[5] All those cities had high walls around them with gates and bars. We also captured many villages that did not have walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:6

ULT

[6] And we destroyed them, as we did to Sihon king of Heshbon, destroying every city—men, the women, and the children.

UST

[6] We completely destroyed everything, just as we had done in the area that King Sihon ruled. We killed all the men, women, and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:7

ULT

[7] But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we plundered for ourselves.

UST

[7] But from those cities we took for ourselves all the livestock and other valuable things.

What did Israel do with the cattle and the spoils of the cities?

They took for themselves all the cattle and the spoil of the cities.

Deuteronomy 3:8

ULT

8 And in that time we took the land from the hand of the two kings of the Amorites who {were} across the Jordan, from the Valley of Arnon to Mount Hermon

UST

8 So at that time we took from those two kings of the Amor people group all the land east of the Jordan River, from the Arnon River gorge in the south to Mount Hermon in the north.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:9

ULT

9 (The Sidonians call Mount Hermon Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir)

UST

9 (That mountain is called Sirion by the people of the city of Sidon and is called Senir by the Amor people group.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:10

ULT

10 all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, as far as Salekah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.”

UST

10 “We captured all the towns on the plateau, and all the region of Gilead, and all of Bashan as far east as the cities of Edrei and Salekah, which also belonged to Og’s kingdom.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:11

ULT

11 (For from the remnant of the Rephaim, only Og king of Bashan had remained. Behold, his bed {was} a bed of iron. Was it not in Rabbah, of the sons of Ammon? {It was} nine cubits long and four cubits wide, in the cubit of man.)

UST

11 (Og was the last king who was a descendant of the Repha giants. His bed was made of iron. It was four meters long and two meters wide. It was in the city of Rabbah in the region of Ammon.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:12

ULT

12 "And we took in possession this land at that time—from Aroer, that {is} by the Valley of Arnon, and half the hill {country} of Gilead, and its cities—I gave to the Reubenites and to the Gadites.

UST

12 "From the land that we captured at that time, I allotted to the tribes of Reuben and Gad the land north of the city of Aroer near the Arnon River, and some of the hill country of Gilead, along with the nearby cities.

To whom did Moses give the land that they had taken possession? (vv12-13)

He gave it to the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Deuteronomy 3:13

ULT

13 And the rest of Gilead and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, to all Bashan. The same is called the land of Rephaim.

UST

13 The other part of Gilead and all of Bashan, which was the region of Argob that King Og had ruled, I allotted to half of the tribe of Manasseh." (The entire region of Bashan is called the land of the Repha giants.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:14

ULT

14 Jair, son of Manasseh, took all the region of Argob as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Maakathites. And he called it, Bashan, by his name, Havvoth Jair, to this day.)

UST

14 "Jair, a man from the tribe of Manasseh, conquered all of Bashan as far north as the border of the Geshur and Maacath territories. He gave his own name to the villages there, and they are still called the villages of Jair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:15

ULT

15 And I gave Gilead to Machir.

UST

15 The northern part of the Gilead region I allotted to the Machir clan, who are descendants of the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:16

ULT

16 And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead and as far as the Valley of Arnon, the middle of the valley {as} a border, and as far as the Jabbok River, the border of the sons of Ammon,

UST

16 I allotted to the tribes of Reuben and Gad the southern part of Gilead, extending south to the Arnon River. The middle of the river is the southern boundary. The northern boundary is the Jabbok River, which is part of the border of region of Ammon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:17

ULT

17 and the Arabah, and the Jordan {as} a border, from Kinnereth and to the Sea of Arabah (the Salt Sea) under the slopes of the Pisgah eastward.

UST

17 The border extends from the plain along the east side of the Jordan valley, from Kinnereth in the north (known as the Sea of Galilee), to the Sea of Arabah (known as the Dead Sea) in the south, and to the slopes of Mount Pisgah on the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:18

ULT

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘Yahweh your God has given to you this land to possess it. The girded ones, all the sons of bravery, will pass over before the faces of your brothers, the sons of Israel.

UST

18 At that time, I told you three tribes, ‘Yahweh our God is giving you this land east of the Jordan River, for you to occupy. So now, your soldiers must take their weapons and go across the Jordan River ahead of the men from the other Israelite tribes to help them to conquer the land that God is going to give to them.

What did Moses command the men of war of the the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh to do?

He commanded them to pass over armed before their brothers, the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 3:19

ULT

19 Only your women and your children, and your cattle (I know that you have much cattle), will stay in your cities that I have given to you

UST

19 But your wives and children and your very numerous cattle must stay in the towns that I have allotted to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:20

ULT

20 until Yahweh causes your brothers, as you, to have rest. And they will also possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to them across the Jordan. And you will return, {every} man, to his inheritance that I have given to you.'

UST

20 Your men must help your fellow Israelites until Yahweh enables them to live there peacefully after they capture all the land that Yahweh our God is giving to them on the west side of the Jordan River, just like he did for you here on the east side of the river. After that, you all may return to this land that I have allotted to you.'

When did Yahweh say the the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh could return to their own property?

Yahweh said they could return after Yahweh gave rest to their brothers, until they also possess their land.

Deuteronomy 3:21

ULT

21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, 'Your eyes have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to these two kings. Thus Yahweh will do to all the kingdoms that you will be passing through there.

UST

21 And I told Joshua, 'You have seen everything that Yahweh our God did to those two kings, Sihon and Og. He will do the same thing to the people who are now in the land that you will be entering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:22

ULT

22 You will not fear them, for Yahweh your God, he will fight for you.'

UST

22 Do not be afraid of those people, because Yahweh our God is the one who will fight for you all.'"

What did Moses tell Joshua not to do?

He told Joshua not to fear the enemy because Yahweh would be the one who would fight for him.

Deuteronomy 3:23

ULT
23 And I sought compassion from Yahweh at that time, saying,

UST
23 "At that time, I earnestly prayed, saying

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:24

ULT
24 'My Lord Yahweh, you have begun to show your servant your greatness and your strong hand. Which god {is} in heaven or in earth that does works as your works and as your mighty deeds?

UST
24 'Yahweh our Lord, you have merely begun to show me that you are very great and to show me the powerful things that you can do. There is certainly no god in heaven or on earth who can do the powerful things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 3:25

ULT
25 Let me cross, please, and see the good land that {is} across the Jordan, that good hill {country}, and Lebanon.'

UST
25 So please allow me to cross the Jordan River and to see the good land on the east side, the beautiful hill country and the mountains in Lebanon.'

Where did Moses beg to go and see?
He begged Yahweh to let him go and see the good land beyond Jordan and also Lebanon.

Deuteronomy 3:26

ULT

26 But Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and he did not listen to me. And Yahweh said to me, ‘Enough for you—you shall not continue speaking to me again on this matter.

UST

26 But Yahweh was angry with me because of what your ancestors had done, so he would not pay attention to me. Instead, he said, ‘That is enough talk from you! Do not talk to me about that again!

How did Yahweh answer Moses’ request to go and see the land?

Yahweh was angry with him because of the people and and did not listen to Moses.

Deuteronomy 3:27

ULT

27 Go up the top of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward, and eastward. And look with your eyes, for you will not cross this Jordan.

UST

27 You will climb up to the top of Mount Pisgah and look toward the west and to the east, toward the north and to the south. You must look at it all carefully, because you will not cross the Jordan River to see the land from there.

What did Yahweh do to allow Mosses to see the land?

Yahweh told him to go up to the top of Pisgah and lift his eyes all around him for he would not go over the Jordan.

Deuteronomy 3:28

ULT

28 And instruct Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him, for he will go over before the faces of this people, and he will cause them to inherit the land that you will see.’

UST

28 But tell Joshua what he must do; encourage him to be strong, because he is the one who will lead the people across the river so they can occupy the land that you will see from the top of the mountain.’

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do for Joshua? (vv28-29)

He told Moses to instruct Joshua, encourage and strengthen him, bacause he would go over before the people and will cause them to inherit the land that you see.

Deuteronomy 3:29

ULT

29 And we stayed in the valley opposite Beth Peor.

UST

29 So we remained in the Jordan River valley close to the town of Beth Peor.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4

Deuteronomy 4:1

ULT

1 And now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances that I will teach you to do so that you will live and go in and possess the land that Yahweh, the God of your fathers, is giving to you.

UST

1 “Now, you Israelite people, obey all the rules and regulations that I will teach you. If you do that, you will remain alive and you will enter and occupy the land that Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors worshiped, is giving to you.

What must the people of Israel do so that they may live, and go in and possess the land that Yahweh is giving them?

They must listen and obey the laws that Moses is going to teach them so that they may possess the land.

Deuteronomy 4:2

ULT

2 You shall not add onto the words that I command you, and you shall not take from them, keeping the commandments of Yahweh your God that I am commanding you.

UST

2 Do not add anything to what I command you, and do not take anything away from what I tell you. Obey all the commands of Yahweh our God that I am giving to you.

What must the people not do?

They must not add to nor diminish the words that Moses commanded them so they may keep the commandments of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 4:3

ULT

3 Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did in Baal Peor; for all the men who walked after the Baal of Peor, Yahweh your God has destroyed them from your midst.

UST

3 You have seen what Yahweh did at Baal Peor. He destroyed all the people who worshiped the god Baal there,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:4

ULT

4 And you who clung to Yahweh your God {are} alive, all of you, today.

UST

4 but all of you who faithfully continued to worship Yahweh our God are still alive today.

What men did Yahweh destroy?

Yahweh destroyed the men that followed Baal Peor.

Deuteronomy 4:5

ULT

5 Look, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, as Yahweh my God had commanded me, to do so in the midst of the land which you are going into to possess it.

UST

5 Note that I have taught you all the rules and regulations, just like Yahweh our God told me to do. He wants you to obey them when you are living in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:6

ULT

6 And you shall keep and do {them}, for it {is} your wisdom and your understanding in the eyes of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and may say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’

UST

6 Obey them faithfully because, if you do that, you will show the people of other nations that you are very wise. When they hear about all these laws, they will say, ‘The people of this great nation of Israel are certainly very wise!’

Why should Israel keep the laws that Moses commanded them?

They should keep and do them so that they will have wisdom and understanding in the sight of the peoples.

Deuteronomy 4:7

ULT

[7] For which great nation {is there} that has a god near to it, as Yahweh our God {is} whenever we call on him?

UST

[7] Even if other nations are great, there is none of them that has a god who is as near to them as Yahweh our God is to us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:8

ULT

[8] And, which great nation {is there} that has statutes and ordinances righteous as all this law that I am giving before your faces today?

UST

[8] And there is no other nation, even if it is a great nation, that has laws that are as just as the laws that I am speaking to you today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:9

ULT

[9] Only guard yourself and guard your spirit strongly, lest you forget the words which your eyes have seen, and lest they retreat from your heart all the days of your life. But make them known to your sons and to the sons of your sons.

UST

[9] But be very careful! Do not forget what you have seen God do. Remember those things as long as you are alive. Tell them to your children and your grandchildren.

Why should the people pay attention and guard their soul? (vv9-10)

They should pay attention and guard their soul so they do not forget what they have seen, but keep those things in their hearts and make them known to their children and their children's children.

Deuteronomy 4:10

ULT

10 {The} day that you stood before the face of Yahweh your God at Horeb, when Yahweh said to me,
‘Assemble for me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they will learn to fear me all the days
that they live on the earth, and teach their sons.’

UST

10 Tell them about the day that your ancestors stood in the presence of Yahweh our God at Mount Sinai,
when he said to me, ‘Gather the people together, in order that they can hear what I say. I want them to learn
to respect me and honor me for me as long as they are alive, and I want them to teach their children to do
that also.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:11

ULT

11 And you approached and stood under the mountain. And the mountain burned with fire to the heart of the
heavens, {with} darkness, cloud, and gloom.

UST

11 Tell your children that your ancestors came near to the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned
with a fire that went up to the sky, and the mountain was covered with dark clouds and black smoke.

What did the people hear out of the middle of the fire on the mountain? (vv11-12)

They heard Yahweh’s voice out of the middle of the fire, but saw no form.

Deuteronomy 4:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh spoke to you from the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of the words, and you saw no
form, only a voice.

UST

12 Then Yahweh spoke to your ancestors out of the middle of the fire. Your ancestors heard him speak, but
they did not see him. They only heard his voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:13

ULT

13 And he declared to you his covenant that he commanded you to do, the Ten Words. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone.

UST

13 And he declared to them his covenant that he wants you also to obey. He gave them the Ten Commandments. He wrote those on two stone tablets.

What was the covenant that Yahweh commanded them to perform and on what was it written?

Yahweh commanded Moses to teach them the Ten Commandments that were written on two tablets of stone.

Deuteronomy 4:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, {so} you shall do them in the land which you are going over to possess it.

UST

14 Yahweh commanded me to teach all the rules and regulations to you, in order that you would obey them in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:15

ULT

15 And strongly guard your spirits—for you did not see any form on {the} day Yahweh spoke to you at Horeb from the midst of the fire—

UST

15 On the day that Yahweh spoke to your ancestors at Mount Sinai, they did not see him. So be careful!

What were the people told not to do? (vv15-18)

They were told to not corrupt themselves by making carved figures of any form, including men, women, birds, things that creep, and fish.

Deuteronomy 4:16

ULT

16 lest you become corrupted, and make for yourselves an idol of the form of any image, a likeness of male or female,

UST

16 Do not sin by making for yourselves any carved figure! Do not make anything that resembles the likeness of any person, either a man or a woman,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:17

ULT

17 a likeness of any animal that {is} on the earth, a likeness of any winged bird that flies in the heavens,

UST

17 or that resembles any animal or any bird

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:18

ULT

18 a likeness of any creeping thing on the ground, a likeness of any fish that {is} in the water under the earth.

UST

18 or any reptile or any fish in the deep ocean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:19

ULT

[19] And lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens and see the sun and the moon and the stars—all the host of the heavens—and be seduced and bow down to them and serve them, that Yahweh your God has divided them for all the peoples under all the heavens.

UST

[19] And be careful to not look up toward the sky and be tempted to worship anything that you see there—the sun or the moon or the stars. Yahweh our God has given those to help all people everywhere, but you must not worship them.

Why did Moses tell the people to be careful about the sun, moon and stars?

He told them that they should be careful to not be drawn away to worship the heavens, sun, moon, or stars.

Deuteronomy 4:20

ULT

[20] And Yahweh has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be for him a people, an inheritance, as this day.

UST

[20] Yahweh has brought your ancestors out of Egypt, where they were suffering as though they were in a blazing furnace, in order that they would be people who belong to him, which is what you are today.

Why did Yahweh bring the people out of the iron furnace, Egypt?

He brought them out of Egypt to be a people of his own inheritance.

Deuteronomy 4:21

ULT

[21] And Yahweh was angry with me about your words. And he swore I would not cross the Jordan, and I would not go in to the good land that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance.

UST

[21] But Yahweh was angry with me because of what your ancestors did. And he promised that I would never enter the land that he is giving to you.

What did Yahweh do to Moses because he was angry with Moses? (vv21-22)

He would not let Moses go into the good land over Jordan, but Moses must die outside the land.

Deuteronomy 4:22

ULT
22 But I will die in this land. I will not cross the Jordan, but you will cross over and possess that good land.

UST
22 He swore that I would die here in this land and never cross the Jordan River. But you will go across it, and you will occupy that land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:23

ULT
23 Guard yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of Yahweh your God, which he cut with you, and make for yourselves an idol {in} a form of anything that Yahweh your God has commanded {against}.

UST
23 Be sure that you do not forget the covenant that Yahweh our God made with you, and do not make a carved figure in the likeness of anything he has forbidden you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:24

ULT
24 For Yahweh your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

UST
24 You must not do that because Yahweh your God wants everyone to worship him alone. He will destroy anyone who worships idols.

Why did Yahweh forbidden Israel to make any carved image?
Yahweh their God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

Deuteronomy 4:25

ULT

25 When you bear sons, and sons of sons, and you grow old in the land, and you become corrupted and make an idol {in} a form of anything, and do evil in the eyes of Yahweh your God, to cause him to be angry—

UST

25 When you have been in the land of Canaan for a long time and you have children and grandchildren, do not sin by making a carved figure that represents anything, because Yahweh says that is evil, and if you do that, you will cause him to become angry with you and punish you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:26

ULT

26 I will make the heavens and the earth witness against you today that you will surely perish quickly from off the land to which you are going over the Jordan to possess it. You will not prolong {your} days on it, but being destroyed, you will be destroyed.

UST

26 Today I am requesting everyone who is in heaven and everyone who is on the earth to watch what you are doing. If you disobey what I am telling you, you will soon all die in the land that you will be crossing the Jordan River to occupy. You will not live very long there; Yahweh will completely get rid of many of you.

What does Moses say will happen if the people corrupt themselves and do evil in Yahweh's sight?

They will perish from the land over the Jordan, and be completely destroyed.

Deuteronomy 4:27

ULT

27 And Yahweh will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left men of {small} number in the nations, where Yahweh will drive you there.

UST

27 And the rest of you, Yahweh will force you to go and live among the people of many other nations. Only a few of you will survive there.

What does Moses say Yahweh will do to the people? (vv27-28)

Yahweh will scatter the people and they will be few in number among the nations where they will serve gods made of wood and stone.

Deuteronomy 4:28

ULT
28 And there you will serve gods, the work of the hands of man, wood and stone, which do not see and do not hear and do not eat and do not smell.

UST
28 When you are in those nations, you will worship gods that are made of wood and stone, gods made by humans, gods that cannot see anything or hear anything or eat anything or smell anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:29

ULT
29 And from there you will search for Yahweh your God, and you will find {him} when you seek him with all your heart and with all your spirit.

UST
29 But while you are there, you will try to know Yahweh your God, and if you try with your entire heart to know him, he will answer you.

When will the people find Yahweh?
They will find him when they search after him with all their heart and all their soul.

Deuteronomy 4:30

ULT
30 When {there is} trouble for you, and you find all these things in the later days, then you will return to Yahweh your God and listen to his voice.

UST
30 In the future, when you are being mistreated there and all those bad things happen to you, you will again worship only Yahweh and obey him.

What will make the people return to Yahweh their God and listen to his voice?
When they are in distress, and when all the things have come on them they will return to Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 4:31

ULT

31 For Yahweh your God {is} a merciful God; he will not fail you, and he will not destroy you, and he will not forget the covenant of your fathers that he swore to them.

UST

31 Yahweh is a God who acts mercifully. If you continue to obey him, he will not abandon you or destroy you or forget the agreement that he solemnly made with your ancestors.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:32

ULT

32 But ask, please, about previous days, which were before your faces, since the day that God created man on the earth, and from one end of the heavens and to the other end of the heavens, whether there has been a great thing as this, or {anything} like it been heard?

UST

32 “Now think about the past, about the time before you were born, about all the time since God first created people here on the earth. You could search everywhere, in heaven and on the earth. Has anything like this ever happened that is as great as what Yahweh did for us Israelite people?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:33

ULT

33 Did a people hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?

UST

33 Has any group ever remained alive after they heard a god speak to them from the middle of a fire, like we did?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:34

ULT

34 Or has God attempted to go and take for himself a nation from the midst of {another} nation, by trials, by signs and by wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as everything that Yahweh your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

UST

34 Certainly God has never before tried to take a huge group of people from one nation to another location, like he did for us when he brought us out of Egypt. We saw Yahweh our God use his great power to do miracles to show us who he is, and sent plagues, and did many other things that terrified people, and how he rescued us when the army of Egypt tried to attack us.

What did God do for the people when they were in Egypt?

God took him a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, signs, wonders, war, a mighty hand, a display of great power, and great terrors.

Deuteronomy 4:35

ULT

35 To you these were shown, to know that Yahweh is God; there is no other besides him.

UST

35 Yahweh showed all these things to you, in order that you would know that only he is truly God, and that there is no other God.

What did Yahweh make happen to the people so they would know he is God? (vv35-36)

He made them hear his voice out of the heavens, and on earth he made them see his great fire.

Deuteronomy 4:36

ULT

36 From the heavens he caused you to hear his voice, to instruct you. And on the earth he caused you to see his great fire, and you heard his words from the midst of the fire.

UST

36 He allowed your ancestors to hear him speak from heaven in order that he could discipline them. Here on the earth he allowed them to see his great fire on Mount Sinai, and he spoke to them from the middle of the fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:37

ULT

37 And because he loved your fathers, and he chose their seed after them and brought you out from Egypt with his face, with his great power

UST

37 Because he loved our ancestors, he chose you Israelites who are their descendants, and by his great power he brought your ancestors out of Egypt.

What did Yahweh do for Israel because he loved their fathers? (vv37-38)

He chose their descendants, brought them out of Egypt with his presence and power. He gave them their land after driving out the greater nations.

Deuteronomy 4:38

ULT

38 to drive out from before your faces nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give to you their land {as} an inheritance, as this day,

UST

38 As they traveled, he expelled the people of nations that were greater and more powerful than they were, in order that they could capture their land and cause it to become yours, which is what is happening now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:39

ULT

39 And know today, and return {it} to your hearts, that Yahweh is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. There is none else.

UST

39 So today you should think about the fact that Yahweh is God, that he rules in heaven and also on the earth, and that there is no other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:40

ULT

40 And you will keep his statutes and his commandments that I command you today, that it will go well for you and for your sons after you, and so that you may prolong {your} days in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you all the days.”

UST

40 Obey all the rules and regulations that I am giving to you today, in order that things will go well for you and for your descendants, and that you will live a long time in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, for it to belong to you forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:41

ULT

41 Then Moses selected three cities on the side of the Jordan towards the rising of the sun,

UST

41 Then Moses chose three cities that are on the east side of the Jordan River.

Where could a person flee if he killed another person accidently? (vv41-42)

He could flee to one of the three cities that Moses had selected on the east side of the Jordan river.

Deuteronomy 4:42

ULT

42 for a manslayer, who killed his brother without knowing and he did not hate him previously before, to flee there. And he shall flee to one from these cities, and he shall live.

UST

42 If someone accidentally killed another person, a person who had not been his enemy previously, he could escape to one of those cities. He would be safe in one of those cities because the people there would protect him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:43

ULT

43 {They were} Bezer in the wilderness, in the land of the plain, for the Reubenites, and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.

UST

43 For the tribe of Reuben, Moses chose the city of Bezer in the wilderness; for the tribe of Gad, he chose the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead. For the tribe of Manasseh, Moses chose the city of Golan in the region of Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:44

ULT

44 And this {is} the law that Moses placed before the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

44 Moses gave God's laws to the Israelite people.

What did Moses place before the people of Israel? (vv44-45)

He placed the law; covenant decrees, laws, and other decrees that he spoke to them when they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 4:45

ULT

45 These {are} the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments that Moses spoke to the sons of Israel when they came out from Egypt,

UST

45 They included all the solemn commands, instructions and laws that Moses spoke to the people of Israel after they had come out of Egypt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:46

ULT

46 across the Jordan, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon, whom Moses and the sons of Israel had struck down when they came out from Egypt.

UST

46 when they were in the valley east of the Jordan River. They were across from the town of Beth Peor, in the land that previously was ruled by Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, who lived in Heshbon. Moses and the other Israelites had defeated his army when they came out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:47

ULT

47 They took his land as a possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan—two kings of the Amorites who {were} across the Jordan {toward} the rising of the sun,

UST

47 They captured Sihon's land and the land that Og, the king of the region of Bashan, had ruled. Those were the two kings who ruled the Amor people group in the area east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 4:48

ULT

48 from Aroer, that {is} on the edge of the Valley of Arnon, and as far as Mount Sirion (that {is} Mount Hermon),

UST

48 Their land extended from the city of Aroer in the south along the Arnon River, as far north as Mount Sirion, which most people call Mount Hermon.

How far did the land of the two kings of the Amorites extend? (vv48-49)

This territory went from Aroer, on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, to Mount Sion (or Mount Hermon), and included all of the plain of the Jordan River valley, eastward beyond the Jordan, to the Sea of the Arabah, to the slopes of Mount Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 4:49

ULT

49 and all the Arabah eastward across the Jordan, to the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

UST

49 It also included all the area in the plain east of the Jordan River valley, extending to the Sea of Arabah (known as the Dead Sea) and east to the slopes of Mount Pisgah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5

Deuteronomy 5:1

ULT

[1] Then Moses called to all Israel and said to them, “Listen, Israel, to the statutes and the ordinances that I will speak in your ears today, and you shall learn them and keep them, to do them.

UST

[1] Moses summoned all the people of Israel and said to them, “You Israelite people, listen to all the rules and decrees that I am giving to you today. Learn them and be sure to obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh our God cut a covenant with us at Horeb.

UST

[2] When we were at Mount Sinai, Yahweh our God made a covenant with us.

With whom did Yahweh make a covenant at Horeb? (vv2-3)

Yahweh made a covenant with Israel at Horeb, not with their ancestors, but with the ones alive.

Deuteronomy 5:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh did not cut this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those of us here today, all who are living.

UST

[3] But this covenant was not only for our ancestors. He made it also for us, who are alive now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:4

ULT

4 Yahweh spoke with you face to face on the mountain, from the midst of the fire,

UST

4 Yahweh spoke with us face to face on that mountain, from the middle of the fire.

Why did Moses stand between Yahweh and the people when Yahweh revealed his word to them? (vv4-5)

Because they were afraid of the fire from which God was speaking.

Deuteronomy 5:5

ULT

5 (I stood between Yahweh and between you at that time, to reveal to you the word of Yahweh. For you were afraid of the face of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain) saying,

UST

5 On that day, I stood between your ancestors and Yahweh to tell them what he said, because they were afraid of the fire, and they did not want to climb up the mountain. This is what Yahweh said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:6

ULT

6 ‘I {am} Yahweh your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

UST

6 ‘I am Yahweh your God, the one you worship. I am the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt. I am the one who freed you from being slaves there.

Who does Yahweh tell Israel he is?

He said, “I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Deuteronomy 5:7

ULT

7 There shall be for you no other gods on my face.

UST

7 You must worship only me; you must not worship any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:8

ULT

8 You shall not make for yourself a carved figure of any likeness that {is} in heaven above or that {is} in the earth beneath or that {is} in the water under the earth.

UST

8 You must not make a carved figure of anything that represents any living creature that exists in the skies, or on the earth, in the waters of the earth.

What does God tell Israel not make, bow down to, or serve?

They should not make carved figures or any likeness that is in heaven, earth or in the water.

Deuteronomy 5:9

ULT

9 You shall not bow down to them, and you shall not serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, {am} a jealous God. I visit the iniquity of the fathers on the sons, and on the third and on the fourth {generation} of the haters of me,

UST

9 You must not bow down to any idol and worship it, because I am Yahweh God, and I will not tolerate you doing that. I will punish anyone who does that, and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

How will Yahweh punish the ancestors' wickedness they bow down to or serve idols?

Yahweh will punish the ancestors' wickedness by bringing punishment on their children's children.

Deuteronomy 5:10

ULT

[10] But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands, to lovers of me and keepers of my commandments.

UST

[10] But I will steadfastly love thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my commandments.

What will Yahweh do for those who love him and keep his commandments?

He will show covenant faithfulness to them.

Deuteronomy 5:11

ULT

[11] You shall not lift up the name of Yahweh your God with emptiness, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished he who lifts up his name with emptiness.

UST

[11] Do not speak my name carelessly or for wrong purposes, because I am Yahweh God, the one whom you should worship, and I will certainly punish those who do that.

Who will Yahweh not hold guiltless?

He will not hold guiltless those who take his name in vain.

Deuteronomy 5:12

ULT

[12] Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as Yahweh your God commanded you.

UST

[12] Do not forget that the seventh day of every week is for you to honor me specially, as I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you.

What does Yahweh say about the seventh day? (vv12-14)

The seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahweh their God, so they must keep it holy and not do any work.

Deuteronomy 5:13

ULT
13 Six days you may labor and do all your work.

UST
13 There are six days each week for you to do all your work,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:14

ULT
14 but the seventh day {is} a Sabbath for Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work—you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or a foreigner who {is} within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant can rest like you.

UST
14 but the seventh day is a rest day, a day dedicated to me, Yahweh your God. On that day you must not do any work. You and your sons and daughters and your male and female slaves must not work. You must not even force your livestock to work, and you must not tell foreigners to work, those who are living in your country. You must allow your slaves to rest on that day just like you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:15

ULT
15 And you will remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore, Yahweh your God has commanded you to celebrate the Sabbath day.

UST
15 Do not forget that you were slaves in Egypt, and that I, Yahweh your God, brought you out from there by my very great power. That is the reason that I am commanding that all of you must rest on the seventh day each week.

Why does Yahweh command them to keep the Sabbath day?
He wants them to remember that they were a servant in the land of Egypt and that God brought them out by his mighty hand his display of power.

Deuteronomy 5:16

ULT

16 Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God has commanded you, so that you may prolong your days and so that it may go well with you on the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST

16 Honor your fathers and your mothers, just like I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you, in order that you as a people group may live a long time in the land that I, Yahweh your God, will give you, and in order that things will go well for you there.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the people if they honor their father and mother?
They will live a long time in the land that God gave them and it may go well with them.

Deuteronomy 5:17

ULT

17 You shall not murder.

UST

17 Do not murder anyone.

What were they commanded not to do? (vv17-20)
They should not murder, commit adultery, steal, or give false witness against their neighbor.

Deuteronomy 5:18

ULT

18 And you shall not commit adultery.

UST

18 Do not commit adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:19

ULT
19 And you shall not steal.

UST
19 Do not steal anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:20

ULT
20 And you shall not testify against your neighbor false testimony.

UST
20 Do not tell lies about anyone when you are speaking in court.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:21

ULT
21 And you shall not desire the wife of your neighbor, and you shall not covet the house of your neighbor, his field, and his male servant and his female servant, his ox and his donkey and anything that {is} of your neighbor.’

UST
21 Do not covet someone else’s wife, someone else’s house, someone else’s fields, someone else’s male slave or female slave, someone else’s livestock, someone else’s donkeys, or anything else that another person owns.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:22

ULT

22 These words Yahweh spoke {in} a great voice to all your assembly on the mountain in the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the gloom, and he did not add {more}. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

UST

22 Those are the commandments that Yahweh spoke to your ancestors. When they were gathered there at the bottom of the mountain, he spoke with a very loud voice from the middle of the fire, and there were dark clouds surrounding the mountain. He spoke only those Ten Commandments, no more. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me.

On what did Yahweh write down his words?

He wrote them down on two tablets of stone and gave them to Moses.

Deuteronomy 5:23

ULT

23 And it happened, when you heard the voice in the midst of the darkness, and the mountain was burning with fire, then you approached me—all the heads of your tribes and your elders.

UST

23 After your ancestors heard Yahweh's voice when he spoke to them out of the darkness, while there was a big fire burning on the mountain, their leaders and elders came to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:24

ULT

24 And you said, 'Behold, Yahweh our God has shown us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice from the midst of the fire. This day we have seen that God speaks to man, yet he lives.

UST

24 and one of them said, 'Listen to us! Yahweh our God showed us that he is very great and glorious when we heard him speak from the fire. Today we have realized that it is possible for us human beings to continue to live even though God has spoken to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:25

ULT

25 And now, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us if we continue anymore to hear the voice of Yahweh our God, and we will die.

UST

25 But we are afraid that we will die. We are afraid that this immense fire will burn us all up, if we go on hearing Yahweh's voice.

What did the people say would happen to them if they heard the voice of Yahweh any longer?

The people would be consumed by the great fire and would die.

Deuteronomy 5:26

ULT

26 For who {is there of} all flesh that has heard the voice of the living God speak from the midst of the fire like us and has lived?

UST

26 We are the only people on earth who have remained alive after hearing the all-powerful God speak to them from a fire!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:27

ULT

27 You approach and listen to everything that Yahweh our God says, and speak to us everything that Yahweh our God says to you, and we will listen and obey.'

UST

27 So Moses, you go up the mountain and listen to everything that Yahweh our God says. Then come back and tell us everything that he has said, and we will listen to what he has said and obey it.'

What did the people say they would do when Moses repeated to them the words of Yahweh?

They said they will listen and obey Yahweh's word.

Deuteronomy 5:28

ULT

28 And Yahweh heard the sound of your words when you spoke to me. And Yahweh said to me, ‘I have heard the sound of the words of this people that they spoke to you. All that they have spoken is good.

UST

28 Yahweh heard your leaders say that, so when I went back up the mountain, Yahweh said to me, ‘I have heard what your leaders have said, and what they have said is right.

How did Yahweh say about the response of the people?

He said he heard the words of the people and they were good.

Deuteronomy 5:29

ULT

29 Who will give and have this heart in them, to fear me and keep all my commandments all the days, so that it will be well for them and for their sons forever.

UST

29 I surely wish that they would always think like that and have an awesome respect for me and obey all my commandments, in order that things may go well for them and for their descendants forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:30

ULT

30 Go say to them, “Return yourselves to your tents.”

UST

30 So go down and tell them to return to their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:31

ULT

31 But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you all the commandments and the statutes and the ordinances that you will teach them and they will do in the land that I am giving to them to possess it.’

UST

31 But then you come back up here and stand near me, and I will give to you all the rules and decrees that I want them to obey. Then you can teach them to the people, in order that they will obey them when they are in the land that I am giving to them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:32

ULT

32 And you will keep {them}, doing as Yahweh your God has commanded you; you will not turn aside, right nor left.

UST

32 So I went back down to the people and said to them, ‘Be sure that you do everything that Yahweh our God has commanded us to do. Do not disobey any of his laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 5:33

ULT

33 In all the ways that Yahweh your God has commanded you, you will walk so that you will live, and {it will be} good for you, and you will prolong {your} days in the land that you will possess.

UST

33 Conduct your lives as Yahweh our God has commanded us to do, in order that you may live a long time, and in order that things will go well for you when you are living in the land that you will occupy.’”

What did Moses say would happen to the people if they kept all Yahweh’s statutes and commandments that Moses was commanding them?

If they keep the commandments, they will live, and it will go well with them, so they may prolong their days in the land.

Deuteronomy 6

Deuteronomy 6:1

ULT

1 And these {are} the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that Yahweh your God has commanded to teach you to do in the land which you are going over to possess it.

UST

1 "These are the commandments and rules and decrees that Yahweh our God commanded me to teach to you. He wants you to obey them in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:2

ULT

2 {This is} so that you will fear Yahweh your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments that I am commanding you and your son and the son of your son, all the days of your lives, and so that your days will be prolonged.

UST

2 He wants you to honor him, and he wants you and your descendants to always obey all these rules and regulations that I am giving to you, in order that you may live for a long time.

What will happen if the Israelites and their children keep all Yahweh's statutes and commandments all the days of your lives?

If they keep his statutes and commandments, their days will be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:3

ULT

3 And listen, Israel, and keep doing, that it will go well for you, and that you will greatly multiply, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers spoke to you, {in} a land flowing with milk and honey.

UST

3 So, you Israelite people, listen to them carefully and obey them. If you do that, things will go well with you, and you will become a very numerous nation when you are living in that very fertile land. That is what Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, promised would happen.

How did Moses describe the land into which the people were going?

He said that it was a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 6:4

ULT

4 Listen, Israel: Yahweh {is} our God; Yahweh {is} one.

UST

4 You Israelite people, listen! Only Yahweh is our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:5

ULT

5 And you shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your spirit and with all your strength.

UST

5 You must love him with all your inner being and with all that you feel and in every way that you can.

With what should Israel love Yahweh?

They should love Yahweh with all their heart, all their soul, and all their might.

Deuteronomy 6:6

ULT

6 And these words that I am commanding you today will be on your hearts.

UST

6 Never forget these commands that I am giving to you today.

When should the people diligently teach the commandments that are in their hearts to their children? (vv6-7)

They should teach the commandments to their children when they sit in the house, walk on the road, lie down, and when they get up.

Deuteronomy 6:7

ULT

[7] And diligently teach them to your sons, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up.

UST

[7] Teach them to your children again and again. Talk about them all the time. When you are in your houses and when you are walking outside, talk about them also when you are lying down and when you wake up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:8

ULT

[8] And tie them as a sign on your hand. And they will be as frontlets between your eyes.

UST

[8] Write them on tiny scrolls and fasten them to your arms, and write them on bands that you fasten to your foreheads to help you to remember them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:9

ULT

[9] And write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

UST

[9] Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your city gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:10

ULT

10 And it will happen that Yahweh your God will bring you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to you, {with} large and good cities that you did not build,

UST

10 Yahweh our God solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham and Isaac and Jacob that he would give you a land that already has in it large and prosperous cities that you did not build.

When should Isreal not forget Yahweh? (vv10-12)

They should not forget Yahweh when they eat and are satisfied in the land that Yahweh swore to their fathers.

Deuteronomy 6:11

ULT

11 and houses full of every good thing that you did not gather, and hewn cisterns that you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant. And you will eat and be satisfied.

UST

11 He said that the houses in those cities will already be full of many good things that someone else put there; you did not put them there. There will be wells that someone else dug. There will be vineyards and olive trees that someone else planted. So when Yahweh brings you into that land, and you have all that you want to eat,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:12

ULT

12 Guard yourselves, lest you forget Yahweh, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.

UST

12 be sure that you do not forget Yahweh, who rescued you from being slaves in Egypt and gave all these things to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:13

ULT
13 You shall fear Yahweh your God, and you shall serve him and swear by his name.

UST
13 You must honor Yahweh our God, and you must worship him alone. When you make a solemn oath to tell the truth or to do something, do it in his name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:14

ULT
14 You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who surround you,

UST
14 You must not worship any other gods, the gods that the people groups who live in this land worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:15

ULT
15 for Yahweh your God in your midst {is} a jealous God, lest the nose of Yahweh your God burns against you and he destroys you from the face of the earth.

UST
15 Yahweh our God, who lives among you, will not accept people who worship anyone or anything else. So if you worship any other god, Yahweh will be very angry with you, and he will destroy you completely.

What will happen to Israel if they serve other gods and cause Yahweh, a jealous God, to be angry?
If Yahweh's anger is kindled against them, he will destroy them from the surface of the earth.

Deuteronomy 6:16

ULT
[16] You shall not test Yahweh your God as you tested {him} at Massah.

UST
[16] Do not do sinful things to find out whether Yahweh will punish you or not, like your ancestors did at Massah.

What did they do at Massah that they should not repeat?
They tested Yahweh at Massah.

Deuteronomy 6:17

ULT
[17] You shall surely keep the commandments of Yahweh your God and his testimonies and his statutes that he has commanded you.

UST
[17] Be sure that you always obey all the laws, the weighty instructions, and the regulations that he has given to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:18

ULT
[18] And you shall do the right and the good in the eyes of Yahweh, so that it may be well for you, and you may go in and possess the good land that Yahweh swore to your fathers,

UST
[18] Do what Yahweh says is right and good. If you do that, things will go well with you. You will be able to enter and occupy the good land that Yahweh solemnly promised to give to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:19

ULT
19 to thrust away all your enemies from before your faces, as Yahweh has spoken.

UST
19 He will do that by driving out your enemies from that land, just as he promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:20

ULT
20 When your son asks you tomorrow, saying, ‘What {are} the testimonies and the statutes and the ordinances that Yahweh our God commanded you?’

UST
20 In the future, your children will ask you, ‘Why did Yahweh our God command us to obey all these rules and decrees?’

How should the people respond when their son asks about the covenant decrees, the statutes, and the other decrees that Yahweh commanded? (vv20-23)
They should tell their sons that they were Pharaoh’s slaves when Yahweh brought them out of Egypt and gave them the land that he swore to their fathers.

Deuteronomy 6:21

ULT
21 And you will say to your son, ‘We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt. And Yahweh brought us out from Egypt with a mighty hand.

UST
21 Then you will tell them, ‘Our ancestors were slaves of the king in Egypt, but Yahweh brought them out of Egypt by his great power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:22

ULT
22 And Yahweh gave signs and wonders, great and terrible, on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his house, before our eyes.

UST
22 They saw him do many kinds of miracles and terrifying things to the people of Egypt and to the king and his officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:23

ULT
23 And he brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give to us the land that he swore to our fathers.

UST
23 He rescued our ancestors from Egypt and brought them here to give them this land, just as he solemnly promised our ancestors that he would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 6:24

ULT
24 And Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh our God for good to us, all of the days, to keep us alive as this day.

UST
24 And he commanded us to obey all these laws and to honor him, so that things would go well with us, and so that he would protect our nation and enable us to prosper, as he is doing now.

Why should the people fear Yahweh?
They should fear him for their good, so that he might keep them alive.

Deuteronomy 6:25

ULT

25 And {it} will be righteousness to us, if we keep doing all these commandments before the face of Yahweh our God, as he has commanded us.

UST

25 Yahweh our God will approve of us if we carefully obey everything that he has commanded us to do.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7

Deuteronomy 7:1

ULT

1 When Yahweh your God brings you into the land which you are going into to possess it, then he will drive out many nations from before your faces—the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites—seven nations great and mighty from you,

UST

1 "Yahweh our God will bring you to the land that you will soon enter and occupy. As you advance, he will drive out from that land seven people groups that are more powerful and more numerous than you are. These are the Heth, the Girgash, the Amor, the Canaan, the Periz, the Hiv, and the Jebus people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:2

ULT

2 and Yahweh your God will give them before your faces, and you shall strike them down, utterly destroying them. You shall not cut with them a covenant, and you shall not show them favor.

UST

2 When Yahweh our God enables you to defeat them, you must kill them all. You must make no agreement with them, and you must not act mercifully toward them.

What must the people do to the people of the land that Yahweh is giving them to possess?

They must attack and utterly destroy them.

What must the Israelites not do with the people of those nations? (vv2-3)

They are not to make covenant wiith them, show them mercy, or arrange any marriages with them for their sons or daughters.

Deuteronomy 7:3

ULT

3 And you shall not arrange marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to his son, and you shall not take his daughter for your son.

UST

3 You must not marry any of them. You must not allow your daughters to marry any of their sons, or allow your sons to marry any of their daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:4

ULT

4 For they will turn away your son from after me, and they will serve other gods. And the nose of Yahweh will burn against you, and he will destroy you quickly.

UST

4 If you did that, those people would persuade your children to stop worshiping Yahweh and to worship other gods. If that happens, Yahweh will be very angry with you and he will destroy you very quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:5

ULT

5 Thus you shall do to them: You shall break down their altars and smash their pillars and cut their Asherah poles to pieces and burn their idols in the fire.

UST

5 This is what you must do to those people: Tear down their altars, break apart the stone pillars that are dedicated to their gods, cut down the poles that they use when they worship the goddess Asherah, and burn their molded idols.

How should Isreal deal with the people of these nations?

They should break down their altars, dash their sacred stone pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their cast idols.

Deuteronomy 7:6

ULT

6 For you {are} a sacred nation for Yahweh your God. Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people for his possession, above all the peoples that {are} on the face of the earth.

UST

6 You must do that because you are a group of people who belong only to Yahweh our God. He has chosen you from all the people groups in the world to be his own special people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh loved you and chose you, not {that} you {were} more numerous over all the nations—for you {were} the fewest of all the peoples—

UST

[7] It was not because you were more numerous than any other people group that Yahweh chose you; you are one of the smallest people groups on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:8

ULT

[8] because Yahweh loves you, and he kept the oath that he had sworn to your fathers. Yahweh has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

UST

[8] Instead, it is because Yahweh loved you and because he wanted to do what he solemnly promised to your ancestors. That is the reason that he rescued you by his great power from slavery in Egypt and from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.

How did Yahweh keep his oath to the chosen people?

Yahweh kept his oath and redeemed them out of the house of bondage, from Pharaoh's hand.

Deuteronomy 7:9

ULT

[9] And you will know that Yahweh your God—he {is} God, the faithful God, who keeps covenants and faithfulness for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commandments,

UST

[9] So do not forget that Yahweh is our God. He is faithful to us; he keeps his covenant for a thousand generations of people who love him and who obey his commandments.

What will happen to those who love Yahweh and keep his commandments?

To those that love him, God will keep his covenants and be faithful for a thousand generations.

Deuteronomy 7:10

ULT

10 and he repays those who hate him to his face, to destroy him. He will not delay with him who hates him; he will repay him to his face.

UST

10 But as for those who hate him, he will pay them back; he will punish them and quickly destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:11

ULT

11 And you shall keep the commandments and the statutes and the ordinances that I command you today, to do them.

UST

11 So you must be sure to obey all the commandments and rules and decrees that I am giving to you today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:12

ULT

12 And it will be, on account of you listening to these regulations and keeping and doing them, then Yahweh your God will guard for you the covenant and the faithfulness that he swore to your fathers.

UST

12 If you pay attention to these decrees and always obey them, Yahweh our God will do what he has agreed to do for you, and he will faithfully love you, which is what he solemnly promised to your ancestors that he would do.

In what ways will the people be blessed by Yahweh if they keep his decrees? (vv12-13)

God will bless them by multiplying them, and the fruit of their ground, grain, wine, oil, and multiply their animals.

Deuteronomy 7:13

ULT

13 And he will love you and bless you and multiply you. And he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground—your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flocks, on the land that he swore to your fathers to give to you.

UST

13 He will love you and bless you. He will enable you to have many children. He will bless your fields, with the result that you will have plenty of grain and grapes to make wine and plenty of olive oil. You will have many cattle and sheep. He will do all these things for you in the land that he promised to your ancestors that he would give to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:14

ULT

14 You will be blessed more than all the peoples. There will not be a barren male or a barren female among you or among your cattle.

UST

14 He will bless you more than he will bless any other people group. All of you will be able to have children. All of your livestock will be able to produce offspring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh will take away from you all sickness. And all of the evil diseases of Egypt that you have known, he will not put them on you, and he will set them on all those who hate you.

UST

15 And Yahweh will protect you from all illnesses. He will not make you to be sick with any of the dreadful diseases that our ancestors knew about in Egypt, but he will make all your enemies sick with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:16

ULT

16 And you shall consume all the peoples whom Yahweh your God will give to you; your eye shall not pity them. And you shall not serve their gods, for it will be a snare for you.

UST

16 You must destroy all the people groups that Yahweh our God enables you to conquer. Do not act mercifully toward any of them. And do not worship their gods, because if you do that, it would be like falling into a trap from which you will never be able to escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:17

ULT

17 If you say in your heart, ‘These nations are more numerous than I; how can I dispossess them?’—

UST

17 Do not think to yourselves, ‘These people groups are more numerous than we are. We will never be able to drive them out.’

What will God do to the nations whom Israel fears? (vv17-19)

God will bring on them the same great sufferings and other displays of his power that they saw in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:18

ULT

18 do not be afraid of them. You will remember, remembering what Yahweh your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt,

UST

18 Do not be afraid of them. Instead, think about what Yahweh our God did to the king of Egypt and to all the people whom he ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:19

ULT

19 the great trials that your eyes saw, and the signs and the wonders and the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which Yahweh your God brought you out. Thus Yahweh your God will do to all the peoples of whom you are afraid of their faces.

UST

19 Do not forget the terrible plagues that your ancestors saw him inflict on the people of Egypt, and the various kinds of miracles that God did in order to bring your ancestors out of Egypt. Yahweh our God will do the same kind of things to the people groups that you are afraid of now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:20

ULT

20 And also, Yahweh your God will send the hornet against them until those who are left and who hide themselves perish from your faces.

UST

20 Furthermore, he will cause them to become terrified, and he will destroy those who remain alive and run away to hide from you.

How long did God send the hornet among them?

God sent the hornet until those who were left and hiding from Israel perished.

Deuteronomy 7:21

ULT

21 You will not be frightened from their faces, for Yahweh your God {is} among you, a great and fearsome God.

UST

21 Do not be afraid of those people, because Yahweh our God will be with you. He is a great God; he is the one that people are afraid of.

Why should the people not be frightened among the people? (vv21-22)

God, who is great and fearsome, is among the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 7:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh your God will drive out those nations from your faces little {by} little. You will not be able to finish them quickly, lest the living things of the field multiply against you.

UST

22 He will gradually drive out those people groups. You should not try to drive all of them out at one time, because if you did that, the number of wild animals would quickly increase, and you would not be able to get rid of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:23

ULT

23 And Yahweh your God will give them before your faces. And he will confuse them with great confusion, until they are destroyed.

UST

23 Instead, Yahweh will enable you to defeat your enemies one people group at a time. He will cause them to panic until they are destroyed.

How will God give the people victory over the nations?

God will greatly confuse the nations in battle until they are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 7:24

ULT

24 And he will give their kings into your hand, and you will cause their name to perish from under the heavens. No one will stand before your faces, until you have destroyed them.

UST

24 He will enable you to defeat their kings. After you kill them, their names will be forgotten. No people group will be able to stop you; you will destroy all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 7:25

ULT

25 You will burn idols of their gods in fire—do not covet silver and gold upon them and take {it} for yourself, lest you become trapped by it—for it {is} an abomination to Yahweh your God.

UST

25 You must burn the carved figures that represent their gods. Do not desire to take the silver or gold decorations that are on those idols, because if you take them for yourselves, they will be like a trap to catch you. Yahweh hates every part of those idols.

What are they to do to the gods of the nations? (vv25-26)

They are to burn the carved figures of the gods.

Deuteronomy 7:26

ULT

26 And you will not bring an abomination to your house and become devoted like it. Detest, detesting it, and abhor, abhorring it, for it {is} devoted.

UST

26 You must not bring any of those disgusting idols into your houses, because if you do that, God will curse you like he curses them. You must hate and despise those idols, because they are things that Yahweh has cursed and he promises to destroy them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8

Deuteronomy 8:1

ULT

1 You shall keep doing all the commands that I am commanding you today so that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers.

UST

1 "You must faithfully obey all the commandments that I am giving you today. If you do that, you will live a long time, you will become very numerous, and your people will occupy the land that Yahweh solemnly promised your ancestors that he would give to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:2

ULT

2 And you shall remember all the way that Yahweh your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness so that he might humble you, to test you to know what {was} in your heart, if you would keep his commandments {or} not.

UST

2 And do not forget how Yahweh our God led us as we traveled through the desert during these past forty years. He caused you to have many problems, because he wanted to cause you to realize that you needed to trust him and not yourselves. And he wanted to test you, to find out what you intended to do, whether you would obey his commandments or not.

What should the people of Israel call to mind?

They should call to mind how God humbled and tested them for forty years in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 8:3

ULT

[3] And he humbled you and caused you to hunger and fed you manna, which you had not known and your fathers had not known, so that he might make you know that man does not live upon bread alone, but man lives upon everything coming out of the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

[3] So he caused you to have difficulties. He allowed you to become hungry. Then he gave you manna, food from heaven, food that you and your ancestors had never eaten before. He did that to teach you that people need food for their bodies, but they also need food for their spirits, which comes from paying attention to everything that Yahweh says.

Why did Yahweh humble, make hungry, and feed the people with manna?

He did these things to make the people know that they could not live by bread alone but rather by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 8:4

ULT

[4] Your clothing did not wear out from upon you, and your feet did not swell up these 40 years.

UST

[4] During those forty years, our clothes did not wear out, and our feet did not swell from walking through the desert.

How did the people survive the forty years in the wilderness?

Their clothing did not grow old on them and their feet did not swell.

Deuteronomy 8:5

ULT

[5] And you will know with your heart, how, as a man instructs his son, Yahweh your God instructs you.

UST

[5] Do not forget that Yahweh our God corrects us and punishes us, like parents correct their children.

How did Yahweh correct the Israelites?

As a man corrects his son, so Yahweh corrected them.

Deuteronomy 8:6

ULT
6 And you shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways and to fear him.

UST
6 So obey the commandments of Yahweh our God, and conduct your lives as he wants you to do, and honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:7

ULT
7 For Yahweh your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, fountains and springs coming out into valleys and into hills;

UST
7 He is about to bring you into a good land, which has streams which flow down from the hills and flow out of springs in the valleys.

What is in the good land into which God is bringing them? (vv7-8)
The land will be filled with brooks of water, fountains and springs, wheat and barley, vines, fig trees, pomegrantes, olive trees, and honey.

Deuteronomy 8:8

ULT
8 a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

UST
8 It is a land on which wheat and barley grow, a land where there are fig trees and pomegranates, and a land where there are olive trees and honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:9

ULT

9 a land where you will eat bread in it with no scarcity, you will not lack anything in it; a land where its stones {are} iron, and from the hills you may dig copper.

UST

9 It is a land where there will be plenty of food for you, where you will not lack anything, a land which has iron ore in its rocks and from which you can dig copper ore from its hills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:10

ULT

10 And you will eat and be full, and you will bless Yahweh your God for the good land that he has given to you.

UST

10 Every day you will eat until your stomachs are full, and you will thank Yahweh our God for the fertile land that he has given you.

Why will the people bless Yahweh?

They will bless him because of the good land that he has given them.

Deuteronomy 8:11

ULT

11 Guard yourself lest you forget Yahweh your God by failing to keep his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today,

UST

11 But when that happens, be sure not to forget Yahweh our God by disobeying his commandments and rules and regulations that I am giving to you today.

What were the people reminded not to do?

They were reminded not to forget Yahweh and neglect his commandments.

Deuteronomy 8:12

ULT
12 lest you eat and are satisfied, and you build good houses and live {in them},

UST
12 Your stomachs will be full every day, and you will build good houses and live in them. But you might forget Yahweh's commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:13

ULT
13 and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply for you, and all that you have multiplies,

UST
13 Indeed, when the number of your cattle and sheep has greatly increased, and when you have accumulated a large amount of silver and gold, and the amount of all your other possessions has greatly increased,

Why might the people forget Yahweh who brought them out of Egypt? (vv13-14)
When their herds and flocks multiply, and their silver and gold increases, their hear may be lifted up and they might forget Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 8:14

ULT
14 and your heart is lifted up and you forget Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.

UST
14 be sure that you do not become proud and forget Yahweh our God, who rescued your ancestors from being slaves in Egypt and brought them out from there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:15

ULT

15 He led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, {with} fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, he brought out water for you from the rock of flint.

UST

15 Do not forget that he led them while they traveled through that huge and terrible desert, where there were poisonous snakes and scorpions. And do not forget that where the ground was very dry and there was no water, he caused water to flow for them out of solid rock.

How did Yahweh provide water and food in the terrible wilderness for the people of Israel? (vv15-16)

Yahweh brought water out of the rock of flint for them and provided manna for them.

Deuteronomy 8:16

ULT

16 He fed you manna in the wilderness that your fathers had not known, so that he might humble you and so that he might test you, to do you good in your end.

UST

16 Do not forget that in that desert he gave your ancestors manna to eat, food that they had never eaten. He caused them to have, because he wanted to cause them to realize that they needed to trust him and not themselves. And he wanted to test them, to find out what they intended to do, in order that when those difficulties ended, he would do many good things for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:17

ULT

17 And you will say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand made for me this wealth.’

UST

17 Be sure that you do not think to yourselves, ‘I have acquired all these things by my own power and ability.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:18

ULT

18 And you will remember Yahweh your God, for he is the one who gives to you power to make wealth so that he may establish his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as this day.

UST

18 Do not forget that it is Yahweh our God who has enabled you to become rich. He does this because he faithfully does what he solemnly promised our ancestors that he would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 8:19

ULT

19 And it will happen, if you indeed forget Yahweh your God and walk after other gods and serve them and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will indeed perish.

UST

19 I solemnly warn you, that if you forget Yahweh our God and turn to other gods and start to bow down to them and worship them, he will certainly destroy you.

What would cause the people to perish like the nations before them? (vv19-20)

They would perish if they forgot where their wealth came from, walk after other gods, and not listen to the voice of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 8:20

ULT

20 Like the nations that Yahweh is causing to perish from before your faces, thus you will perish, because you would not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God.

UST

20 If you do not obey Yahweh our God, he will certainly destroy you just like he will destroy the people groups that you will fight against.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9

Deuteronomy 9:1

ULT

1 Hear, Israel; you are crossing the Jordan today, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, {with} cities great and fortified up to the heavens,

UST

1 You people of Israel, listen to me! You will soon cross the Jordan River. In the land that you will enter, there are large cities that have very high walls around them that seem to extend up to the sky. There are people groups in that land that are more numerous and more powerful than you are.

Where are the people of Israel preparing to go?

Israel is about to cross over the Jordan.

Deuteronomy 9:2

ULT

2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and you have heard, ‘Who can stand before the face of the sons of Anak?’

UST

2 Those people are very tall and strong. Some of them are giants who are descendants of Anak. You know about them, and you have heard people say that no one can defeat the descendants of Anak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:3

ULT

3 And know today that Yahweh your God is the one who goes over before your faces, a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will subdue them before your faces. And you will drive them out and exterminate them quickly, as Yahweh has spoken to you.

UST

3 I want you to know that Yahweh our God will go ahead of you. He will be like a raging fire. While you advance, he will defeat and destroy them. As a result, you will quickly be able to drive out some of them and kill the others, which is what Yahweh promised that you would do.

What will happen before Israel crosses Jordan?

Yahweh will go before them and will destroy the nations like a devouring fire.

Deuteronomy 9:4

ULT

4 Do not say in your heart, when Yahweh your God has thrust them out from before your faces, saying, ‘In my righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land,’ for in the wickedness of these nations, Yahweh is driving them out from before your faces.

UST

4 After Yahweh our God has expelled them for you, do not say to yourselves, ‘It is because we are righteous that Yahweh has enabled us to capture this land.’ The truth is that it is because the people in that land are wicked that Yahweh will drive out them as you advance.

What did Moses tell the people not to think in think in their heart after Yahweh thrust their enemies out of the land?

He told Israel not to think it was because of Israel’s righteousness that Yahweh gave them possession of the land.

Deuteronomy 9:5

ULT

5 Not in your righteousness and the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but in the wickedness of these nations, Yahweh your God is driving them out from before your faces, and so that Yahweh may establish the word that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

UST

5 I say again that it is not because you are righteous within yourselves or because you do things that are righteous that you will enter and capture that land. It is because those people groups are very wicked that Yahweh our God will expel them as you advance, and because he intends to do what he solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would do.

What is the reason God driving the nations out before Israel crosses the Jordan?

He is driving them out because of their wickedness, and to keep his word that he swore to Israel’s ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 9:6

ULT

6 And know that not in your righteousness is Yahweh your God giving to you this good land to possess, for you {are} a people hard of neck.

UST

6 I want you to know that it is not because you are righteous that Yahweh our God is giving you this good land. I say that because you are not righteous; you are a very stubborn people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:7

ULT

7 Remember, you shall not forget how you provoked Yahweh your God to anger in the wilderness; from the day that you went out from the land of Egypt until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against Yahweh.

UST

7 “Never forget what your ancestors did in the desert that caused Yahweh our God to become angry. From the day that we left Egypt until the day that we arrived here, you also have continually rebelled against him.

Why was Yahweh angry with the people of Israel? (vv7-8)

He was angry enough to destroy them because they provoked him and were rebellious against him.

Deuteronomy 9:8

ULT

8 And at Horeb you provoked Yahweh to anger, and Yahweh was angry with you to destroy you.

UST

8 Even at Mount Sinai your ancestors caused Yahweh to become angry. Because he was very angry, he was ready to get rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:9

ULT

9 When I went up to the mountain to take the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that Yahweh cut with you, and I stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, bread I did not eat and water I did not drink.

UST

9 When I climbed the mountain to receive from him the stone tablets on which he had written the Ten Commandments, I stayed there forty days and nights, and during that time I did not eat or drink anything.

What did Moses eat and drink on the mountain?

He did not eat or drink for forty days and forty nights on the mountain.

Deuteronomy 9:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh gave to me the two tablets of stone written by the finger of God. And on them {was} just like all the words that Yahweh spoke with you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly.

UST

10 Yahweh gave me the two stone tablets on which he had written the commandments with his own fingers. They were the words that he had spoken to your ancestors from the fire on that mountain, when they were gathered together at the bottom of the mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:11

ULT

11 And it happened, at the end of 40 days and 40 nights, Yahweh gave to me the two tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant.

UST

11 At the end of those forty days and nights, Yahweh gave me those two stone tablets on which he had written those commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh said to me, ‘Get up, go down quickly from here, for your people, whom you brought out from Egypt, have become corrupted. They have quickly turned aside from the path that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a cast image.’

UST

12 But then he said to me, ‘Go down the mountain immediately, because the people whom you are leading, the people whom you led out of Egypt, have committed a terrible sin! They have very quickly done what I commanded them not to do. They have made for themselves a cast figure of a calf to worship.’

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to quickly go down from the mountain?

Yahweh told him the people had corrupted themselves by turning away from the path that Yahweh commanded and made themselves an idol.

Deuteronomy 9:13

ULT
13 And Yahweh said to me, saying, ‘I have seen this people, and behold: it {is} a people hard of neck.

UST
13 Then Yahweh said to me, ‘I have been watching these people, and I see that they are very stubborn.

Why did Yahweh say he would blot out Israel and make a mightier nation than they were? (vv13-14)
Yahweh said he had seen that they were a stubborn people.

Deuteronomy 9:14

ULT
14 Leave me be, and I will destroy them and blot out their name from under the heavens, and I will make you a nation mightier and greater than they.’

UST
14 So do not try to stop me. I am going to destroy all of them, with the result that no one anywhere will remember their names. Then I will enable you to become the ancestor of a nation that will be more numerous and more powerful than they are.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:15

ULT
15 And I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain was burning in the fire. And the two tablets of the covenant {were} in my two hands.

UST
15 So I turned and went down the mountain, carrying in my hands the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written. Fire was burning all over the mountain.

What had Israel made in their sin? (vv15-16)
They had sinned against Yahweh by molding a calf as an idol.

Deuteronomy 9:16

ULT

16 And I looked, and behold, you had sinned against Yahweh your God. You had made for yourselves a cast-image calf. You had quickly turned aside from the path that Yahweh had commanded you.

UST

16 I looked, and I was shocked to see that your ancestors had committed a great sin against Yahweh. They very quickly had begun to do what Yahweh our God had commanded them not to do. They had requested Aaron to make for them a metal image of a calf to worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:17

ULT

17 And I seized the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands. And I broke them before your eyes.

UST

17 So while they were watching, I lifted up those two stone tablets and threw them on the ground, and they broke into pieces.

What did Moses do after he saw that the people had done evil in the sight of Yahweh? (vv17-18)

He threw the tablets and broke them before their eyes, he laid face down before Yahweh for forty days and nights, and did not eat or drink.

Deuteronomy 9:18

ULT

18 And I fell on my knees before the face of Yahweh, as at the first, 40 days and 40 nights. I did not eat bread and I did not drink water, because of all your sin that you had committed, in doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, to provoke him to anger.

UST

18 Then I prostrated myself on the ground in Yahweh's presence as I had done before, and I did not eat or drink anything for forty days and nights. I did that because your ancestors had sinned against Yahweh and caused him to become very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:19

ULT

19 For I was afraid of the face of the nose and the heat with which Yahweh was angry against you to destroy you. And Yahweh listened to me also that time.

UST

19 I was afraid that because Yahweh was very angry with them, he would get rid of all of them. But again I prayed that he would not do that, and again he listened to me and answered my prayer.

Why did Moses pray for the people and Aaron? (vv19-20)

He prayed because Yahweh was angry and displeased with the people and Aaron, enough to destroy them.

Deuteronomy 9:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh was very angry against Aaron, to destroy him. And I interceded also for the sake of Aaron at that time.

UST

20 Yahweh was also very angry with Aaron for making that golden calf and was ready to kill him. But at the same time I prayed for Aaron also, and Yahweh answered my prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:21

ULT

21 And I took your sin, the calf that you had made, and burned it in the fire and crushed it and ground well, until crushed to dust. And I threw its dust into the stream coming down from the mountain.

UST

21 Your ancestors had sinned by requesting Aaron to make a metal statue of a calf. So I took that statue and I melted it in a fire and crushed it and ground it into very tiny pieces. Then I threw those tiny pieces into the stream that flowed down the mountain.

What did Moses do to the calf that the people had made?

Moses burned it, beat it, and ground it very small and threw its dust into the stream that came down from the mountain.

Deuteronomy 9:22

ULT
22 And at Taberah and at Massah and at Kibroth Hattaavah, you were provoking Yahweh to anger,

UST
22 Your ancestors also caused Yahweh to become very angry by what they did at places that they named Taberah, Massah, and Kibroth Hattaavah.

How did the people provoke Yahweh to wrath? (vv22-24)
They rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh and they did not believe or listen to his voice.

Deuteronomy 9:23

ULT
23 and when Yahweh sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, ‘Go up and take possession of the land that I have given to you,’ and you rebelled against the mouth of Yahweh your God, and you did not believe him and you did not listen to his voice.

UST
23 And when we were at Kadesh Barnea, Yahweh said to your ancestors, ‘Go up and capture the land that I am about to give to you!’ But they rebelled against him. They did not trust him, and they did not obey what he told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:24

ULT
24 You have been rebellious against Yahweh from {the} day I knew you.

UST
24 Your ancestors rebelled against Yahweh from the first day that I knew them, in Egypt, and you have been exactly the same as your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:25

ULT

25 And I fell on my knees before the face of Yahweh 40 days and 40 nights, and I prostrated myself because Yahweh had said to destroy you.

UST

25 So, as I said, I lay on the ground in Yahweh's presence for forty days and nights, because Yahweh had said that he would destroy your ancestors.

What was Moses' prayer as he laid face down for forty days and nights? (vv25-26)

He prayed that Yahweh's people and inheritance would not be destroyed.

Deuteronomy 9:26

ULT

26 And I prayed to Yahweh and said, 'My Lord Yahweh, do not destroy your people or your inheritance whom you have redeemed through your greatness, which you have brought out from Egypt with a mighty hand.

UST

26 And I prayed to Yahweh, saying, 'Lord Yahweh, these people belong to you; do not destroy them. They are people whom you rescued and brought out of Egypt by your very great power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:27

ULT

27 Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not turn to the hardness of this people and to their wickedness and to their sin,

UST

27 Do not forget what you promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Ignore how stubborn and wicked these people have been, and the sin that they have committed.

What did Moses ask Yahweh not to let the people of the land say? (vv27-28)

He asks Yahweh not to let the people say that Yahweh brought Israel into the wilderness to kill them because he hated them.

Deuteronomy 9:28

ULT

28 lest the land where you brought us out from should say, “Yahweh was not able to bring them into the land that he spoke to them, and he hated them. He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness.”

UST

28 If you do not do that, and if you destroy them, the people of Egypt will hear about it and say that you were not able to bring them into the land that you promised to give to them. They will say that you took them into the desert only to kill them there because you hated them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 9:29

ULT

29 And they {are} your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out by your great power and by your outstretched arm.’

UST

29 Do not forget that they are your people. You chose them to belong to you. You brought them out from Egypt by your very great power.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10

Deuteronomy 10:1

ULT

1 At that time Yahweh said to me, ‘Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to me on the mountain, and make for yourself a box of wood.

UST

1 “Then Yahweh said to me, ‘Cut two stone tablets like the first ones. And make a wooden chest to put them in. Then bring the tablets up to me on this mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:2

ULT

2 And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you will put them in the box.’

UST

2 I will write on those tablets the same words that I wrote on the first tablets, the ones that you broke. Then you can put them in the chest.’

Where did Yahweh tell Moses to place two tablets of stone on which he would write Yahweh’s words?

Yahweh told him he to place the two tablets of stone into the chest of wood that Moses would make.

Deuteronomy 10:3

ULT

3 And I made a box of acacia wood, and I carved two tablets of stone like the first, and I went up the mountain, and the two tablets {were} in my hand.

UST

3 So I made a chest. I used wood from an acacia tree to make it. Then I cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I went up the mountain carrying the tablets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:4

ULT

[4] And he wrote on the tablets, like the first writing, the Ten Words which Yahweh had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And Yahweh gave them to me.

UST

[4] There Yahweh wrote on the tablets the same Ten Commandments that he had written on the first tablet. They are the commandments that he had spoken to your ancestors from the midst of the fire on the mountain, when they had gathered at the bottom of the mountain. Then Yahweh gave the tablets to me.

What did Yahweh write on the tablets of stone when Moses went up the mountain with them?

Yahweh wrote the Ten Commandments on the tablets like the first writing.

Deuteronomy 10:5

ULT

[5] And I turned and descended from the mountain, and put the tablets in the box that I had made. And there they are, as Yahweh commanded me."

UST

[5] Carrying the tablets, I turned and went down the mountain. Then, just as he had commanded, I put them in the chest that I had made. And they are still there."

Where did Moses put the two tablets when he returned from the mountain?

He put them into the chest that he had made as Yahweh commanded him.

Deuteronomy 10:6

ULT

[6] (And the sons of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And Eleazar, his son, was priest in his place.

UST

[6] (Then, from the wells that belonged to the people of Jaakan, the Israelite people traveled to Moserah. There Aaron died and was buried, and his son Eleazar took his place and became the high priest.

What happened to Aaron in Moserah?

Aaron died and was buried in Moserah.

Deuteronomy 10:7

ULT

[7] From there they journeyed to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of streams of water.

UST

[7] From there, the Israelites traveled to Gudgodah, and from there to Jotbathah, which was a place that had many streams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:8

ULT

[8] At that time Yahweh separated the tribe of Levi to carry the box of the covenant of Yahweh, to stand before the face of Yahweh to serve him, and to bless in his name, until this day.

UST

[8] At that time, Yahweh chose the tribe of Levi to carry the chest that contained the tablets on which were written the Ten Commandments, and to stand in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent, to offer sacrifices, and to pray for Yahweh to bless the people. They are still doing those things at the present time.

What tribe had Yahweh chosen to bear the box and to stand before Yahweh?

Yahweh chose the Tribe of Levi to bear the box and to stand before him to serve him and to bless people in his name.

Deuteronomy 10:9

ULT

[9] Therefore, Levi has no portion nor inheritance with his brothers. Yahweh is his inheritance, as Yahweh your God spoke to him.)

UST

[9] That is the reason that the tribe of Levi did not receive any land like the other tribes did. What they received was the honor of being Yahweh's priests, which is what he said that they should do.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:10

ULT

10 "And I stood on the mountain as the first days, 40 days and 40 nights. And Yahweh listened to me that time also. Yahweh was not willing to destroy you.

UST

10 Moses continued to speak: "I stayed on the mountain forty days and nights, just like I did the first time. I prayed to Yahweh, and he answered my prayers again and said that he would not destroy your ancestors.

How long did Moses stay on the mountain this time?

He stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, as at the first time.

Deuteronomy 10:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh said to me, 'Get up, go before the faces of the people to journey. And they will go in and possess the land that I swore to their fathers to give to them.'

UST

11 Then Yahweh said to me, 'Continue your journey, going in front of the people, to occupy the land that I solemnly promised your ancestors that I would give to you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:12

ULT

12 And now, Israel, what does Yahweh your God ask from you except to fear Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways and to love him and to worship Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your spirit,

UST

12 "Now, you Israelite people, I will tell you what Yahweh our God says that you do. He requires you to honor him, to conduct your lives as he wants you to, to love him, and to serve him with all that you desire and all that you feel,

What does Moses say that Yahweh requires of Israel? (vv12-13)

Yahweh requires Israel to fear him, walk in all his ways, love him, worship him with all their heart and soul, and to keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 10:13

ULT

13 to keep the commandments of Yahweh and his statutes, which I am commanding you today for your good?

UST

13 and to obey all of his commandments which I am giving to you today, so they will help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:14

ULT

14 Behold, to Yahweh your God belong the heavens and the heaven of heavens, the earth, and all that {is} in it.

UST

14 Do not forget that Yahweh our God owns even the sky and everything that is in it. He also owns the earth and everything that is on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:15

ULT

15 Only Yahweh took pleasure in your fathers to love them, and he chose you, their seed, after them, from all of the peoples, as this day.

UST

15 But although he owns all those things, Yahweh also loved your ancestors; from all the people groups on the earth he chose us, their descendants, and we are still his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:16

ULT

16 So circumcise the foreskin of your hearts, and do not harden your necks anymore.

UST

16 So you must change your inner beings and stop being stubborn.

Why did Moses tell the people to circumcise?

He told them to circumcise the foreskin of their hearts.

Deuteronomy 10:17

ULT

17 For Yahweh your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty one and the fearsome one, who does not lift up a face and does not take a bribe.

UST

17 Yahweh our God is greater than all gods, and he is greater than all rulers. He is very powerful, more than others, and he does not accept bribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:18

ULT

18 He makes a judgment {for} the fatherless and widow, and he loves a foreigner, giving to him bread and clothing.

UST

18 He makes sure that orphans and widows are treated fairly. He loves even foreigners who live among us Israelite people, and he gives them food and clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:19

ULT
19 And you shall love the foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

UST
19 So you must love those foreigners too, because you were once foreigners when you were living in Egypt.

Why should Israel love the foreigner?
Israel should love the foreigner because they were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:20

ULT
20 You shall fear Yahweh your God, you shall serve him, and you shall cling to him and you shall swear by his name.

UST
20 Be sure to honor Yahweh our God and worship only him. Be faithful to him, and say that he should punish you if you do not do what you promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:21

ULT
21 He {is} your praise, and he {is} your God, who has done for you these great and fearsome things, which your eyes have seen.

UST
21 He is the one whom you must praise. He is our God, and we have seen the great and awesome things that he has done for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 10:22

ULT

22 Your fathers went down into Egypt as 70 souls. And now, Yahweh your God has made you like the stars of the heavens in number.

UST

22 When our ancestors, Jacob and his family, went down to Egypt, there were only seventy of them. But now Yahweh our God has caused us to be as numerous as the stars in the sky.”

How has God blessed the fathers that went down into Egypt?

They went down into Egypt as seventy people and God multipled them to be as many as the stars of the heavens.

Deuteronomy 11

Deuteronomy 11:1

ULT

1 And you shall love Yahweh your God and keep his charge and his statutes and his ordinances and his commandments all of the days.

UST

1 “Because of all that Yahweh your God has done for you, you must love and continually obey all his rules and decrees and commandments.

What four things of Yahweh does Moses tell the people to always keep?

He tells them to always keep Yahweh’s instructions, his statutes, his decrees, and his commandments.

Deuteronomy 11:2

ULT

2 And know today, that {this is} not to your sons, who have not known and who have not seen the discipline of Yahweh your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, or his outstretched arm,

UST

2 It was you and your ancestors, not your children, whom he punished because you disobeyed him, putting you through many difficulties to teach and train you. So starting today, continue to think about how his punishment, his mighty power, and his great strength to do whatever he wants to do to you.

Who did not know or see the punishment of Yahweh and the display of his power in Egypt?

The children of the Israelites did not know or did not see Yahweh’s punishment or power in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 11:3

ULT

3 and his signs and his deeds that he did in the midst of Egypt to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and to all his land,

UST

3 Remember the many different miracles that he performed in Egypt, miracles that showed how powerful and great he is. Think about what he did to the king of Egypt and to all the land that he ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:4

ULT

[4] and what he did to the army of Egypt, to its horses and to its chariots, how he caused the water of the Sea of Reeds to flow over their faces in their pursuit after you, and Yahweh has destroyed them until this day,

UST

[4] Your children did not see the army of Egypt, or their horses and their chariots destroyed by Yahweh's power. Your children did not see how Yahweh caused the Sea of Reeds to flood and sweep away the army of Egypt as they were coming after their ancestors. Your children did not understand that Yahweh continues to make Egypt's army weak even to this day.

What did Yahweh use to overwhelm the army of Egypt when they pursued after Israel?
Yahweh made the water of the Red Sea overwhelm the army as they pursued after Israel.

Deuteronomy 11:5

ULT

[5] and what he did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place,

UST

[5] Your children do not know how Yahweh took care of their ancestors in the desert before they all came to this place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:6

ULT

[6] and what he had done to Dathan and to Abiram, the sons of Eliab son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up and their houses and their tents and every living thing that {was} in their steps, in the midst of all Israel.

UST

[6] Think about what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the two sons of Eliab from the tribe of Reuben. While all of your ancestors were watching, the earth split open, and they fell into the opening and disappeared, along with their families and their tents, their servants, and their animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:7

ULT

[7] But your eyes have seen all the great works of Yahweh that he did.

UST

[7] You and your ancestors have seen all these miracles that Yahweh performed.

What have the eyes of the Israelites seen?

The eyes of the Israelites have seen all the great works that Yahweh did.

Deuteronomy 11:8

ULT

[8] And keep all the commandments that I am commanding you today so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land which you are going over to possess it

UST

[8] So obey all the commandments that I am giving you today, in order that you will be strong and able to cross the river and occupy the land that you are about to enter,

What will happen to the people if they keep all the commandments? (vv8-9)

If they keep all the commandments, they will be strong, go in and possess the land, and their days will be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 11:9

ULT

[9] and so that you may prolong {your} days in the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed, a land flowing {with} milk and honey.

UST

[9] and in order that you will live for a long time in that land, a land that Yahweh solemnly promised your ancestors that he would give to them and to their descendants, a land that is very fertile.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:10

ULT

10 For the land, where you will go in to possess, is not like the land of Egypt, from where you came, where you sowed your seed and watered with your foot, like a garden of herbs.

UST

10 The land that you are about to enter and occupy is not like the land of Egypt, where your ancestors lived. In Egypt, after they planted seeds, it was necessary for them to work hard to water the plants that grew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:11

ULT

11 And the land which you are going over to possess it, {is} a land of hills and valleys, drinks water of the rain of the heavens,

UST

11 But the land that you are about to enter is a land where there are many hills and valleys, where there is plenty of rain.

How and why is the promised land different from the land of Egypt?

The land is a land of hills and valleys, and drinks water of the rain of the heavens.

Deuteronomy 11:12

ULT

12 a land where Yahweh your God cares for it. The eyes of Yahweh your God {are} always upon it, from the beginning of the year and to the end of the year.

UST

12 Yahweh takes care of that land. He watches over it every day, from the beginning of each year to the end of each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:13

ULT

13 And it will happen, if you will indeed listen to my commandments that I am commanding you today, to love Yahweh your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your spirit,

UST

13 Today I am commanding you to love Yahweh our God and to serve him with your entire inner beings. If you do that,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:14

ULT

14 then I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, and you will gather your grain and your new wine and your oil.

UST

14 each year he will send rain on your land at the right times. As a result, you will have grain and grapes to make wine and olives to make olive oil.

What would Yahweh give them if they listen to his commandments, love and serve him with their heart and soul?

Yahweh will give them the former and latter rain, that they may gather their grain, new wine, and oil.

Deuteronomy 11:15

ULT

15 And I will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied.

UST

15 And he will cause grass to grow in your fields for your livestock to eat. You will have all the food that you want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:16

ULT

16 Guard yourselves, lest your heart is deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and bow down to them.

UST

16 But I warn you, do not stop worshiping Yahweh our God; do not start to worship other gods,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:17

ULT

17 And the nose of Yahweh will burn against you. And he will restrain the heavens and there will be no rain, and the land will not give its fruit, and you will perish quickly from off the good land that Yahweh is giving to you.

UST

17 because if you do that, Yahweh will become very angry with you. He will prevent any rain from falling. As a result, the crops will not grow, and you will soon die from hunger in the good land that Yahweh is about to give to you.

What will Yahweh do if the people turn aside and worship other gods?

He will become angry and shut up the heavens so there will not be any rains.

Deuteronomy 11:18

ULT

18 And place these words of mine on your heart and on your spirit, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they will be as frontlets between your eyes.

UST

18 So, keep thinking about what Yahweh has commanded you. Write these words on tiny scrolls and fasten them to your arms, and write them on bands that you fasten to your foreheads to help you to remember them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:19

ULT

[19] And you shall teach them to your children, speaking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up.

UST

[19] Teach them to your children again and again. Talk about them all the time: When you are in your houses and when you are walking outside; talk about them when you are lying down and when you are doing things.

When should the people of Israel teach their children the commandments of Yahweh?
They should teach their children the commandments when they sit, and walk, and lie down, and get up.

Deuteronomy 11:20

ULT

[20] And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,

UST

[20] Write them on the doorposts and on the gates of your cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:21

ULT

[21] so that your days and the days of your children will be multiplied in the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers to give to them as the days of the heavens over the earth.

UST

[21] Do that in order that you and your children will live for such a very long time in the land that Yahweh promised to our ancestors that he would give to them. That land will belong to you and your descendants as long as there is a sky above the earth.

What should the people do so that their days and the days of their children may be multiplied?
They will write the commandments on the doorposts of their house and on their city gates.

Deuteronomy 11:22

ULT

[22] For if you will indeed keep all these commandments that I am commanding you to do them, to love Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cling to him,

UST

[22] Faithfully continue to obey what I am commanding you to do—to love Yahweh our God, and to conduct your lives as he wants you to do, and to be faithful to him.

If the people keep all the commandments of Yahweh and cling to him, what will he do for them? (vv22-23)

Yahweh will drive out all the nations before them and they will dispossess larger and mightier nations than themselves.

Deuteronomy 11:23

ULT

[23] then Yahweh will drive out all these nations from before your faces, and you will dispossess nations larger and mightier than yourselves.

UST

[23] If you do that, Yahweh will drive out all the people groups in that land as you advance, people groups that are more numerous and more powerful than you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:24

ULT

[24] Every place where the sole of your foot will tread upon will be yours; from the wilderness to Lebanon, from the river, the Euphrates River, and to the western sea will be your border.

UST

[24] All the ground in that land on which you walk will be yours. Your territory will extend from the desert in the south to the Lebanon Mountains in the north, and from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:25

ULT

25 No man will be able to stand before your faces. Yahweh your God will give the fear of you and the terror of you upon the face of all the land that you tread on, as he has spoken to you.

UST

25 Yahweh our God will cause all the people in that land to be very afraid of you, which is what he promised, with the result that no people group will be able to stop you.

Why would no man be able to stand before Israel?

Yahweh will put the fear and terror of Israel upon all that land.

Deuteronomy 11:26

ULT

26 Look, I am giving before your faces today a blessing and a curse:

UST

26 Listen carefully: Today I am telling you that Yahweh will either bless you or he will curse you.

What did Moses set before Israel that day?

He set before them a blessing and a curse.

Deuteronomy 11:27

ULT

27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God that I command you today,

UST

27 If you obey the commandments of Yahweh our God that I am giving to you today, he will bless you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:28

ULT

28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God and turn aside from the way that I command you today, to go after other gods that you have not known.

UST

28 But if you do not obey them, and if you stop worshiping him and start worshiping other gods to whom you were never faithful before, he will curse you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:29

ULT

29 And it will happen, when Yahweh your God brings you into the land which you are going in to possess it, that you will set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.

UST

29 And when Yahweh brings you into the land that you are about to enter and occupy, some of you must stand on top of Mount Gerizim and proclaim what will cause Yahweh to bless you, and the others must stand on top of Mount Ebal and proclaim what will cause Yahweh to curse you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:30

ULT

30 {Are} they not across the Jordan, following the road of the sun setting, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?

UST

30 (Those two mountains are west of the Jordan River, west of the plain along the Jordan, in the land where the Canaanites live. They live close to the sacred trees near Gilgal.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 11:31

ULT

31 For you are crossing over the Jordan to go in to possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, and you will possess it and live in it.

UST

31 “You will soon cross the Jordan River to occupy the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. When you enter that land and start to live there,

Where must the people go in order to possess the land?

They must cross over the Jordan to possess and live in the land.

Deuteronomy 11:32

ULT

32 And you will keep doing all the statutes and the ordinances that I set before your faces today.

UST

32 be sure to obey all the rules and decrees that I am giving to you today.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12

Deuteronomy 12:1

ULT

1 These {are} the statutes and the ordinances that you shall keep doing in the land that Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has given to you to possess it, all the days that you live on the earth.

UST

1 "I will now tell you the rules and decrees that you must faithfully obey in the land that Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, is giving to you to occupy. You must obey these laws all the time that you are alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:2

ULT

2 You shall surely destroy all the places that the nations that you shall dispossess them served their gods there, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

UST

2 When you drive out those people groups whose land you will take, you must destroy all the places where they worshiped their gods, places on the tops of mountains and hills and beside large trees.

What places did Moses tell Israel to destroy?

They were to destroy all the places where the nations that Israel dispossessed had worshiped their gods.

Deuteronomy 12:3

ULT

3 And you shall break down their altars and shatter their stone pillars and burn their Asherah in the fire. And you shall cut down the carved figures of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.

UST

3 You must tear down their altars and smash their pillars. Burn the statues of their goddess Asherah and chop down their carved figures, in order that no one will ever worship them in those places again.

What does Yahweh instruct the people of Israel do to the name of the gods of the nations?

He told Israel to destroy their name out of that place.

Deuteronomy 12:4

ULT

[4] You shall not do like so to Yahweh your God.

UST

[4] Do not worship Yahweh like the people in Canaan worship their gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:5

ULT

[5] But to the place that Yahweh your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, you shall search for his dwelling, and there you shall go.

UST

[5] Instead, you must go to the place that Yahweh will choose. It will be in the area where one of your tribes will live. That is where you must enter Yahweh's presence and worship him.

In what place were the people of Israel to go and bring their burnt offerings, their sacrifices, their tithes, and the offerings.

They were to go to the place that Yahweh their God would choose.

Deuteronomy 12:6

ULT

[6] And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the contribution of your hand and your offerings for vows and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.

UST

[6] That is the place where you must bring your sacrifices that the priests will burn whole on the altar, and your other sacrifices that you yourselves present to me, your tithes, other offerings that you promise to give me, the firstborn animals from your cattle and sheep, or any other kind of offering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:7

ULT

[7] And there you shall eat before the face of Yahweh your God and rejoice in all the sending out of your hand, you and your households, where Yahweh your God has blessed you.

UST

[7] There, in the presence of Yahweh our God, you and your families will eat the good things that you have worked to produce, and you will be happy, because he has blessed you very, very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:8

ULT

[8] You shall not do as everything that we are doing here today, {every} man {doing} whatever {is} right in his eyes;

UST

[8] When you are in that land, you must not do some of the things that we have been doing. Until now, you have all been worshiping Yahweh the way you want to,

What kinds of things were the people of Israel doing?

They were doing whatever was right in their own eyes.

Deuteronomy 12:9

ULT

[9] for until now you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST

[9] because you have not yet arrived in the land which he will allow you to permanently possess, where you will be able to live peacefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:10

ULT

10 And you will cross the Jordan and live in the land that Yahweh your God is causing you to inherit, and he will cause you to rest from all your surrounding enemies, and you will live safely.

UST

10 But when you cross the Jordan River, you will start to live in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. He will protect you from all your enemies that will surround you, and you will live peacefully.

What kind of rest will Yahweh give to Israel when they go over the Jordan?
He will give them rest from all their enemies round about, so they will live in safety.

Deuteronomy 12:11

ULT

11 And it will be that the place in which Yahweh your God will choose for His name to dwell there, there you will bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the contribution of your hand and all your choice offerings for vows that you will vow to Yahweh.

UST

11 Yahweh will choose one place where he wants you to worship him. That is the place to which you must bring all the offerings that I command you to bring: The sacrifices that the priests will burn whole on the altar, your other sacrifices, other offerings that you yourselves decide to present, your tithes, and all the special offerings that you will solemnly promise to give to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:12

ULT

12 And you will rejoice before the face of Yahweh your God—you and your sons and your daughters and your male servants and your female servants and the Levites who {are} within your gate, because he has no portion or inheritance among you.

UST

12 Rejoice there in the presence of Yahweh, along with your children, your male and female servants, and the descendants of Levi who live in your towns. Do not forget that the descendants of Levi will not have their own land, like you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:13

ULT
13 Watch yourself lest you offer your burnt offerings at every place that you see;

UST
13 Be sure that you do not offer burnt animals as sacrifices anywhere you want to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:14

ULT
14 except at the place that Yahweh will choose in one of your tribes, there you will offer your burnt offerings, and there you will do everything that I command you.

UST
14 You must offer them only in the place that Yahweh will choose for you, in an area that belongs to one of your tribes. That is the only place where he wants you to offer sacrifices that the priests will burn whole on the altar, and to do the other things that I am commanding you to do when you worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:15

ULT
15 Only, you may kill and eat animals within all your gates, in all the desire of your spirit, according to the blessing of Yahweh your God that he has given to you; the unclean and the clean may eat it, such as the gazelle and the deer.

UST
15 However, God will permit you to kill and eat the meat of your animals in the places where you live. As often as you want to, you may eat meat from the animals that Yahweh our God will bless you by giving them to you. Those who are at that time clean or unclean may all eat that meat, just like you would eat the meat of a deer or an antelope.

What animals can Israel kill and eat?
Israel can kill and eat animals within all their gates.

Deuteronomy 12:16

ULT

[16] Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it like water on the earth.

UST

[16] But you must not eat the blood of any animal; you must let the blood drain onto the ground before you cook the meat.

What was Israel not allowed to eat?

Israel was not allowed to eat the blood, but must pour it out on the earth like water.

Deuteronomy 12:17

ULT

[17] You are not allowed to eat within your gates from the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil and the firstborn of your herd or flock, and any of your vows that you vow and your freewill offerings and the contribution of your hand.

UST

[17] In the places where you live, you must not eat the things that you are offering to Yahweh: You must not eat the tithes of your grain or of your wine, or of your olive oil, or the firstborn of your cattle and sheep, or the offerings that you yourselves decide to present to Yahweh, or any other offerings.

Where was Israel told they could not eat their tithes and sacrifices?

They could not eat them within their gates.

Deuteronomy 12:18

ULT

[18] But you shall eat them before the face of Yahweh your God in the place that which Yahweh your God will choose—you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Levite who {is} within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the face of Yahweh your God in all the sending out of your hand.

UST

[18] Instead, you and your children and your male and female servants and the descendants of Levi who live in your towns must eat those things in the presence of Yahweh in the place that he chooses. And you should be happy about everything that you have done.

Where were the people of Israel to eat their tithes and sacrifices?

They were to eat them before Yahweh their God in the place that he will choose.

Deuteronomy 12:19

ULT

[19] Watch yourself lest you forsake the Levite all your days on your land.

UST

[19] Be sure that you take care of the descendants of Levi all during the time that you live in your land.

What was Israel told not to forget?

They were told to not forget the Levite as long as they live in the land of Israel.

Deuteronomy 12:20

ULT

[20] When Yahweh your God broadens your borders, as he has spoken to you, and you say, 'I will eat flesh,' due to the desire of your spirit to eat meat, you may eat meat in all the desire of your spirit.

UST

[20] When Yahweh our God gives you much more land than you will have at first—and he has promised to do this, and when you say, 'I would like some meat to eat,' you are permitted to eat meat whenever you want to.

What can Israel eat when Yahweh their God enlarges their borders as he has promised them?

Israel can eat meat, as their soul desires.

Deuteronomy 12:21

ULT

[21] If the place that Yahweh your God chooses to put his name there is too far from you, then you may sacrifice from your herd and from your flock that Yahweh has given to you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, in all the desire of your spirit.

UST

[21] If the place that Yahweh our God chooses to be the place for you to worship him is far from where you live, you are permitted to kill some of your cattle or sheep that Yahweh has given to you, and you may eat that meat in the town where you live, just like I have told you to do.

What can Israel eat if the place that Yahweh their God chooses to put his name is too far from them?

If the place that Yahweh Israel's God chooses to put his name is too far from Israel, then Israel may kill some of their flock that Yahweh has given them.

Deuteronomy 12:22

ULT
22 Surely as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you will eat it; the unclean and the clean alike may eat it.

UST
22 Those who are either clean or unclean at the time may eat that meat, just like you would eat the meat of a deer or an antelope.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:23

ULT
23 Only be strong, do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and you shall not eat the life with the meat.

UST
23 But be sure that you do not eat the blood of any animal, because it is the blood that sustains life in living beings. You must not eat the life along with the meat.

What is Israel supposed to do with the blood of life? (vv23-24)
Israel should not eat the blood of life, but should pour it out on the earth like water.

Deuteronomy 12:24

ULT
24 You shall not eat it; you shall pour it out on the earth like water.

UST
24 Do not eat the blood; instead, let it drain onto the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:25

ULT
25 You shall not eat it, so that it may go well for you and for your children after you, when you will do {what is} right in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST
25 If you obey this command and do what Yahweh says is right for you to do, things will go well for you and for your descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:26

ULT

[26] But your sacred things that you have and your vow offerings—you shall take and go to the place that Yahweh chooses.

UST

[26] But the offerings that Yahweh has told you to set aside for him, and the other offerings that you yourselves decide to give, you must take to the place that he will choose.

What is Israel instructed to take and go to the place that Yahweh chooses?

Israel is to take the consecrated things that they have and the offerings of their vows to the place that Yahweh chooses.

Deuteronomy 12:27

ULT

[27] And you shall make your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of Yahweh your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of Yahweh your God, and you shall eat the flesh.

UST

[27] There the priest will burn those offerings on Yahweh's altar. He will kill the animals, drain out the blood, and throw some of it onto the sides of the altar. And you may eat some of that meat.

Where is Israel to offer their burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of Yahweh your God?

Israel is to go to the place that Yahweh chooses to offer their burnt offerings, the meat and the blood,on the altar of Yahweh their God.

Deuteronomy 12:28

ULT

28 Keep and listen to all these words that I command you, so that it may go well for you and for your children after you until forever, when you do {what is} good and right in the eyes of Yahweh your God.

UST

28 Faithfully obey all these things that I have commanded you. If you do that, things will go well forever for you and your descendants, because you will be doing what Yahweh our God says is right for you to do and what pleases him.

What is Israel instructed to do so that it may go well with them and with their children after them forever?

Israel is to observe and listen to all the words that Yahweh commands them and do what is good and right in the eyes of Yahweh their God so that it may go well with them and with their children after them forever.

Deuteronomy 12:29

ULT

29 When Yahweh your God cuts off the nations from before your faces, when you go in there to dispossess them, and you dispossess them and live in their land,

UST

29 When you enter the land that you will occupy, as you advance, Yahweh our God will destroy the people groups that live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 12:30

ULT

30 watch yourself, lest you are trapped after them, after they are destroyed from before your faces, and lest you inquire for their gods, saying, ‘How do these nations serve their gods? And thus I also will do.’

UST

30 After he does that, be sure that you do not worship the gods that they have been worshiping, because if you do that, it will be like a trap that will catch you. Do not ask anyone about those gods, saying, ‘Tell me how they worshiped their gods, in order that I can worship Yahweh in the same way.’

What does Yahweh instruct Israel to watch out for when God cuts off the nations before them and when Israel goes in to dispossess them and live in their land?

Israel is to pay attention so that they are not trapped into following or investigating the gods of those nations from before them.

Deuteronomy 12:31

ULT

31 You shall not do thus to Yahweh your God, for every abomination {to} Yahweh, which he hates—they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire for their gods.

UST

31 Do not try to worship Yahweh our God like they have worshiped their gods, because when they worship them, they do disgusting things, things that Yahweh hates. The worst thing that they do is that they sacrifice their own children and burn them on their altars.

What have the other nations done to their sons and daughters in order to worship the gods?

The other nations have even burned their sons and daughters in fire for these other gods.

Deuteronomy 12:32

ULT

32 Every word that I command you, keep doing it. Do not add on it and do not take away from it.

UST

32 Be sure to do everything that I have commanded you to do. Do not add anything to these commands, and do not take anything away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13

Deuteronomy 13:1

ULT

1 If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises from among you, and he gives to you a sign or a wonder,

UST

1 Possibly there will be people among you who say that they are prophets. They may say that they are able to interpret the meaning of dreams or perform various kinds of miracles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:2

ULT

2 and the sign or the wonder comes about, which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods, that you have not known, and let us worship them,’

UST

2 They will say those things in order to induce you to worship gods that you have never known about before. But even if what they predict happens,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:3

ULT

3 do not listen to the words of that prophet or to that dreamer of dreams; for Yahweh your God is testing you to know whether you love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your spirit.

UST

3 do not pay attention to what they say. Yahweh our God will be testing you to find out if you love him with all your inner being.

Why should the people of Israel not listen to the words of a prophet or dreamer of dreams who gives a sign or a wonder and says “Let us go after other gods, that you have not known and let us worship them.”

The people of Israel should not listen because Yahweh is testing the them to know whether they love him with all their heart and with all their soul.

Deuteronomy 13:4

ULT

[4] You shall walk after Yahweh your God and honor him and keep his commandments and listen to his voice, and you shall serve him and cling to him.

UST

[4] You must conduct your lives as Yahweh our God wants you to, and you must honor him, do what he tells you to do, and trust in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:5

ULT

[5] And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death because he has spoken rebellion against Yahweh your God—who brought you out from the land of Egypt, and who redeemed you from the house of slavery—to drive you out from the way in which Yahweh your God commanded you to walk. And you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST

[5] But you must execute anyone who falsely says that he is a prophet, or someone who falsely says that he can interpret dreams, or who tells you to rebel against Yahweh our God, who rescued your ancestors from being slaves in Egypt. People like that are only wanting to cause you to stop living as Yahweh has commanded you to do. Execute them to get rid of this evil among you.

What should the people of Israel do to the prophet or dreamer of dreams who tells them to worship other gods?

They should put to death that prophet or dreamer of dreams.

Deuteronomy 13:6

ULT

[6] If your brother, the son of your mother or your son or your daughter or the wife of your bosom or your friend who {is} like your life, secretly entices you, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods that you have not known—you nor your fathers—

UST

[6] It does not matter if even your brother or your daughter or your wife or some close friend secretly urges you and says ‘Let us worship other gods, gods that neither you nor your ancestors have never known about.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:7

ULT

[7] from the gods of the peoples that surround you, near to you or far from you, from {one} end of the earth and to the {other} end of the earth,’

UST

[7] Some of them may encourage you to worship gods that people groups that live near you worship, or gods that groups who live far away worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:8

ULT

[8] you shall not yield to him and you shall not listen to him, and your eye shall not pity him, and you shall not spare nor hide him.

UST

[8] Do not do what they suggest. Do not even listen to them. Do not act mercifully toward them, and do not keep secret what they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:9

ULT

[9] Instead, you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be the first on him to put him to death, and afterwards, the hand of all the people.

UST

[9] Execute them! You be the first one to throw stones at them to kill them; then everyone else must throw stones at them, too.

What have the people of Israel been instructed to do to anyone who secretly entices them and says “Let us go and worship other gods that you have not known?”

They must surely kill anyone who entices them to worship other gods.

Deuteronomy 13:10

ULT

10 And you shall stone him to death with stones because he seeks to drive you away from Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

UST

10 Kill such people by throwing stones at them, because they are trying to cause you to stop worshiping Yahweh our God, who rescued your ancestors from being slaves in Egypt.

How should the people of Israel kill the person who tries to draw them away from Yahweh their God?

They should stone that person to death with stones.

Deuteronomy 13:11

ULT

11 And all Israel will hear and fear, and will not continue to do as the things of this wickedness among you.

UST

11 When they are executed, all the Israelite people will hear what happened, and they will become afraid, and none of them will do such an evil thing again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:12

ULT

12 If you hear in one of your cities that Yahweh your God gives to you to live there, saying:

UST

12 When you are living in one of the towns in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, you may hear

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:13

ULT

13 "Men, sons of wickedness, have gone out from among you and have driven out the inhabitants of their city saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods that you have not known,’ "

UST

13 that some worthless people among you are deceiving the people of their town, saying, ‘Let us go and worship other gods.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:14

ULT

14 and you shall investigate and search out and ask thoroughly, and behold, {it is} true, the matter {is} certain, this abomination has been done in your midst,

UST

14 Examine the facts about it thoroughly. Suppose you find out that it is true that such a disgraceful thing has happened.

What shall the people of Israel do if they hear anyone say that wicked fellows have gone out from one of their cities and said “Let us go and worship other gods?”

They should make search and investigate it thoroughly, so see if it is true.

Deuteronomy 13:15

ULT

15 you shall surely strike the inhabitants of that city with the mouth of the sword, destroying it, and all who {are} in it, and its livestock, with the mouth of the sword.

UST

15 Then kill all the people in that town. And kill all their livestock, too. Destroy the town completely.

What should Israel do to a city if they learn it is true that the inhabitants said to go and worship other gods?

They should attack the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword and destroy it completely.

Deuteronomy 13:16

ULT

16 And you shall gather all the spoil to the middle of its street and burn the city in fire, and all its spoil completely—for Yahweh your God. And it shall be a heap forever; it shall not be built again.

UST

16 Gather all the possessions that belonged to the people who lived there and pile them up in the city plaza. Then burn the town and everything in it, as though it were an offering to Yahweh that was completely burned on the altar. The ruins must stay there forever; the town must never be rebuilt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 13:17

ULT

17 And in your hand you shall not cling to anything from the things for destruction, so that Yahweh will turn from the burning of his nose and give to you mercy and have compassion on you and make you increase, as he has sworn to your fathers,

UST

17 You must not take for yourselves anything that Yahweh has said must be destroyed, because if you do what I say, Yahweh will stop being angry with you, and he will act mercifully toward you. And he will cause you to have many children, which is what he promised our ancestors that he would do.

Why must not happen to the things consigned for destruction?

Those things must not stick to Israel's hand, so that Yahweh will turn from the fierceness of his anger.

Deuteronomy 13:18

ULT

18 when you listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep all his commandments that I am commanding you today, to do right in the eyes of Yahweh your God.

UST

18 Yahweh our God will do all those things if you do what he is telling you to do, and if you obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today and do what Yahweh says is right for you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14

Deuteronomy 14:1

ULT
1 You {are} the sons of Yahweh your God. Do not cut yourselves, and do not make a baldness between your eyes for the dead,

UST
1 We are people who belong to Yahweh our God. So when people die, do not show that you are grieving by gashing yourselves or by shaving the hair on your foreheads like the other people groups do.

What does Moses instruct the people of Yahweh not to do?
They are not to cut themselves, nor shave any part of their face for the dead.

Deuteronomy 14:2

ULT
2 for you {are} a nation set apart for Yahweh your God, and Yahweh has chosen you to be a people for his possession, over all the peoples that are on the face of the earth.

UST
2 We belong to Yahweh alone. Yahweh chose us from all the other people groups on the earth to be his special people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:3

ULT
3 You must not eat any abominable thing.

UST
3 Do not eat anything that Yahweh detests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:4

ULT

[4] These {are} the animals that you may eat: the ox, the sheep from the flock and the goat from the flock,

UST

[4] The animals whose meat you are permitted to eat are cattle, sheep, goats,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:5

ULT

[5] the deer and the gazelle and the roebuck and the wild goat and ibex and the antelope and the mountain sheep.

UST

[5] all kinds of deer, gazelles, wild goats, and mountain sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:6

ULT

[6] And you may eat any animal among the animals parting the hoof or {with} a cleft splitting {into} two hooves, chewing the cud.

UST

[6] Those are animals that have split hooves and that also chew the cud.

What are the two characteristics of the animals that the Israelites are allowed to eat?

Israel may eat any animal that parts the hoof and that also chews the cud.

Deuteronomy 14:7

ULT

7 Despite this, from chewers of the cud and from splitters of the hoof, the cloven-footed, you must not eat: the camel and the rabbit and the rock badger; because they cause the cud to go up and do not part the hoof, they {are} unclean to you.

UST

7 But there are other animals that chew the cud that you must not eat. Those are camels, rabbits, and rock badgers. They chew the cud, but their hooves are not split. So they are not acceptable for you to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:8

ULT

8 And the pig, because he parts the hoof and {chews} not the cud, he {is} unclean to you. From their meat do not eat, and do not touch their carcasses.

UST

8 Do not eat pigs. They are unacceptable for you to eat; their hooves are split, but they do not chew the cud. Do not eat the meat of those animals; do not even touch their dead bodies.

Why is the pig not to be eaten?

The pig is unclean for the Israelites because he parts the hoof but does not chew the cud.

Deuteronomy 14:9

ULT

9 You may eat this from all that is in the water: all that has fins and scales you may eat.

UST

9 You are permitted to eat any fish that has scales and fins.

What are the characteristics of the things from the water that the Israelites are allowed to eat?

They may eat whatever has both fins and scales.

Deuteronomy 14:10

ULT

10 And all that does not have fins and scales you must not eat; it {is} unclean to you.

UST

10 But anything else that lives in the water that does not have scales and fins, you must not eat, because they must be unacceptable to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:11

ULT

11 All clean birds you may eat.

UST

11 You are permitted to eat the flesh of any bird that is acceptable to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:12

ULT

12 And this {is} what you must not eat from them: the eagle and the vulture and the osprey

UST

12 But eagles, vultures, osprey,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:13

ULT

13 the red kite and black kite, and birds of prey in their kinds

UST

13 buzzards, and all kinds of kites you may not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:14

ULT
14 and any raven in its kind

UST
14 You are not permitted to eat all kinds of crows and ravens,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:15

ULT
15 and the owl and the night-hawk and the gull and the hawk in their kinds

UST
15 and the ostrich, and the night hawk, the sea gull, no kind of hawk,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:16

ULT
16 the little owl and the great owl and the white owl

UST
16 the little owl, the great owl, the white owl,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:17

ULT
17 and the pelican and the osprey and the cormorant

UST
17 pelicans, vultures that eat dead animals, cormorants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:18

ULT
18 and the stork and the heron in its kind and the hoopoe and the bat

UST
18 And you are not permitted to eat the stork, any kind of heron, the hoopoe, and the bat you must not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:19

ULT
19 All winged, swarming things are unclean to you; they must not be eaten.

UST
19 All insects with wings and which swarm are unacceptable to Yahweh; do not eat them.

Are the Israelites allowed to eat winged swarming things?
All winged, swarming things are unclean for the Israelites and must not be eaten.

Deuteronomy 14:20

ULT
20 You may eat all clean flying things.

UST
20 But other insects with wings are acceptable to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:21

ULT

21 You must not eat anything dying {of itself}; you may give it to the sojourner who {is} within your gates, and he may eat it or sell to a foreigner. For you {are} a nation sanctified to Yahweh your God. You must not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.

UST

21 Do not eat any animal that has died naturally. You may allow foreigners who live among you to eat those things, or you may sell them to other foreigners. But you belong to Yahweh our God; those who belong to him are not permitted to eat the flesh of animals whose blood has not been drained out. You must not cook a young sheep or goat in its mother's milk."

May the Israelites eat anything that dies of itself?

They may not eat anything that dies of itself, but they may give it to a foreigner.

Why could the Israelites not do to a young goat?

They must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Deuteronomy 14:22

ULT

22 You shall surely tithe all the produce of your seed that comes out of the field year {after} year.

UST

22 "Once each year you must set apart a tenth of all the crops that are produced in your fields.

What are the Israelites to do with all the yield of their seed?

Israelites must surely tithe all the yield of their seed.

Deuteronomy 14:23

ULT

23 And you shall eat before the face of Yahweh your God, in the place that he will choose for his name to dwell there, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, and your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you will learn to honor Yahweh your God all the days.

UST

23 Take them to the place that Yahweh our God will choose for you to worship him. There you must eat the tenth of your grain, your wine, your olive oil, and the meat of the firstborn male animals of your cattle and your sheep. Do this in order that you may learn to always honor Yahweh, the one who has blessed you by giving you these things.

Where must the Israelites eat the tithe of their grain, of their new wine, and of their oil, and the firstborn of their herd and their flock?

Israel must eat the tithe of their grain, of their new wine, and of their oil, and the firstborn of their herd and their flock in the place that he will choose as his sanctuary.

Deuteronomy 14:24

ULT

24 And if the journey is too long for you—that you are not able to carry it because the place that Yahweh your God will choose to place his name there is too far from you—when Yahweh your God blesses you,

UST

24 If the place that Yahweh has chosen for you to worship him is very far from your home, with the result that you are not able to take there the tithes of your crops with which Yahweh has blessed you, do this:

What are the Israelites allowed to do with the tithe if the place that Yahweh will choose as his sanctuary is too far away? (vv24-25)

They can convert the offering into money, tie up the money in their hand, and go to the place that Yahweh has chosen if the journey is too long for them so that they can not carry the tithe.

Deuteronomy 14:25

ULT

25 then you may give it in money, and bind the money in your hand, and go to the place that Yahweh your God will choose it.

UST

25 Sell the tenth of your crops, wrap the money carefully in a cloth, and take it with you to the place of worship that Yahweh has chosen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:26

ULT

26 And give the money for anything that your spirit desires: for oxen or for sheep or for wine or for strong drink or for anything that your spirit desires; and you shall eat there before the face of Yahweh your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

UST

26 There, with that money, you may buy whatever you want to—beef or lamb or wine or fermented drinks. And there, in the presence of Yahweh, you and your families should eat and drink those things and be happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 14:27

ULT

27 And the Levite who {is} within your gates—do not forsake him, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

UST

27 But be sure to not neglect to help the descendants of Levi who live in your towns, because they will not own any land.

Who has no inheritance with the Israelites and must not be forsaken?

The Levite who is within their gates has no inheritance and must not be forsaken.

Deuteronomy 14:28

ULT

28 At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in that year, and you shall deposit {it} within your gates;

UST

28 At the end of every three years, bring a tithe of all your crops that have been produced in that year and store it in your towns.

What are the Israelites instructed to do at the end of every three years? (vv28-29)

At the end of every three years the Israelites are to present all the tithe of their produce in the same year to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 14:29

ULT

29 and the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the foreigner and the fatherless and the widow who {are} within your gates will come and eat and be satisfied so that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hand that you do.

UST

29 That food will be for the descendants of Levi, because they will not have their own land, and for the foreigners who live among you, and for orphans and widows who live in your towns. They are permitted to come to where the food is stored and take what they need. Do that in order that Yahweh our God will bless you in everything that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15

Deuteronomy 15:1

ULT
[1] At the end of seven years, you must make a remission.

UST
[1] At the end of every seven years, you must cancel all debts.

What must the Israelites do at the end of every seven years?
At the end of every seven years the Israelites must cancel debts.

Deuteronomy 15:2

ULT
[2] And this {is} the word of the remission: Every owner of debt shall release his hand that he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not oppress his neighbor or his brother, because the remission of Yahweh has been proclaimed.

UST
[2] Do it like this: Each of you who has lent money to a fellow Israelite must cancel that debt. You must not insist that he pay it back. You must do that because Yahweh has declared that the debts must be canceled every seven years.

Why is every debt to be canceled every seven years?
Every creditor will cancel that which he has lent to his neighbor or his brother because Yahweh's cancellation of debt has been proclaimed.

Deuteronomy 15:3

ULT
[3] You may collect {from} a foreigner; and what is yours {with} your brother your hand shall release.

UST
[3] During that year you may require foreigners who live among you to pay what they owe you, but you must not demand that from any fellow Israelite.

From whom can Israelites continue to demand payment at the end of every seven years?
The Israelites can continue to demand payment of a debt from a foreigner.

Deuteronomy 15:4

ULT

[4] However, there should be no poor among you (for Yahweh will surely bless you in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance, to possess it),

UST

[4-5] Yahweh our God will bless you in the land that he is giving to you. If you obey Yahweh our God and obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today, there will not be any poor people among you.

Why will there be no poor among the Israelites?

Yahweh will surely bless them in the land that he gives to Israel as an inheritance to possess.

Deuteronomy 15:5

ULT

[5] if only you indeed listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep doing all these commandments that I am commanding you today.

UST

[4-5] Yahweh our God will bless you in the land that he is giving to you. If you obey Yahweh our God and obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today, there will not be any poor people among you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:6

ULT

[6] For Yahweh your God will bless you, as he spoke to you; you will lend to many nations, and you will not borrow; and you will rule over many nations, and they will not rule over you.

UST

[6] Yahweh our God will bless you like he has promised to do, and you will be able to lend money to people of other people groups, but you will not need to borrow from any of them. You will control the finances of many people groups, but they will not control your finances.

What will happen to the Israelites to demonstrate that Yahweh the God of Israel has blessed them?

Israel will lend to many nations, but will not borrow; Israel will rule over many nations, but the other nations will not rule over Israel.

Deuteronomy 15:7

ULT

[7] If there is a poor man among you, from one of your brothers, within one of your gates in your land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, you must not harden your heart and you must not shut your hand from your poor brother;

UST

[7] In the towns that Yahweh our God is giving to you, if there are any Israelites who are poor, do not be selfish and refuse to help them.

What are the Israelites told to do if there is a poor man among them?

The Israelites are told not to harden their heart nor shut their hand from their poor brother.

Deuteronomy 15:8

ULT

[8] but you must surely open your hand to him and surely lend him enough {for} his need that he has need.

UST

[8] Instead, be generous and lend them the money that they need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:9

ULT

[9] Watch yourselves, lest you have a wicked matter in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of remission, {is} near,’ and you do wrong in your eyes against your poor brother and do not give to him, and he calls out to Yahweh about you, and it would be sin for you.

UST

[9] Be sure that you do not say to yourself, ‘The year when debts will be canceled is near, so I do not want to lend anyone any money now, because he will not need to pay it back when that year comes.’ It would be evil to even think that. If you act in an unfriendly way toward a needy fellow Israelite, and give him nothing, he will cry out to Yahweh against you, and Yahweh will say that you have sinned by not helping that person.

What should the Israelites be careful to not to do when the seventh year, the year of release is near?

They should not refuse to give to a poor brother at a time when the seventh year, the year of release, is near.

Deuteronomy 15:10

ULT

10 You must surely give to him, and your heart must not do evil in your giving to him; because of this matter Yahweh your God will bless you in all your work and in all the sending out of your hand.

UST

10 Give freely to poor people and give generously. If you do that, Yahweh will bless you in everything that you do.

What will Yahweh do for the Israelites in return for giving to the poor at a time when the seventh year is near?
Yahweh will bless the Israelites in all their work and everything to which they put their hand.

Deuteronomy 15:11

ULT

11 For the poor will not cease to be among the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You must surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land.’

UST

11 There will always be some poor people in your land, so I command you to give generously to poor people, to your fellow Israelites.

Why is Israel commanded to open their hands to their brother, to the needy and the poor in their land?
the poor will never cease to exist in the land.

Deuteronomy 15:12

ULT

12 If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you must send him out, free from you.

UST

12 If any of your fellow Israelite men or women sell themselves to one of you to become your slave, you must free them after they have worked for you for six years. When the seventh year comes, you must free them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:13

ULT
13 And when you send him out free from you, you must not send him emptily.

UST
13 When you free them, do not allow them to go empty-handed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:14

ULT
14 You must very liberally provide for him from your flock and from your threshing floor and from your winepress. As Yahweh your God has blessed you, you must give to him.

UST
14 Instead, give to them generously from the things with which Yahweh has blessed you—sheep, grain, and wine.

What are Israelites instructed to give a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman who is released to go free in the seventh year?
They must provide for them freely out of the flock, out of the threshing floor and out of the wine press just as Yahweh their God has blessed the Israelite.

Deuteronomy 15:15

ULT
15 And you must remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you; therefore I am commanding you today this matter.

UST
15 Do not forget that your ancestors were once slaves in Egypt and that Yahweh our God freed them. That is the reason that I am now commanding you to do this.

What are the Israelites to remember as they give to the one they set free?
The Israelites are told to remember that they were slaves in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 15:16

ULT

16 And it will be, if he says to you, ‘I will not go from you,’ because he loves you and your house, because {it is} good for him {to be} with you,

UST

16 But one of your slaves may say, ‘I do not want to leave you.’ Perhaps he loves you and your family because you have treated him well.

What is an Israelite to do to a male or female servant who says “I will not go away from you”? (vv16-17)

the Israelite is to take an awl and thrust it through the slave’s ear to a door, and he or she will be that Israelite’s servant forever.

Deuteronomy 15:17

ULT

17 then you shall take an awl and put {it} in his ear and to a door, and he shall be your slave forever. And also you shall do thus to your female servant.

UST

17 If he says that, take him to the door of your house and, while he is standing against the doorway, pierce one of his earlobes with an awl. That will indicate that he will be your slave for the rest of his life. Do the same thing to any female slave who does not want to leave you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:18

ULT

18 It must not seem difficult in your eyes for you to send him out free from you, because he has served you six years {with} twice the value of a hired man. And Yahweh your God will bless you in all that you do.

UST

18 Do not complain when you are required to free your slaves. Keep in mind that they served you for six years, and that you paid them only half as much as you pay the servants that you hire. If you free them, Yahweh our God will bless you in everything that you do.

Why should it not seem difficult for the Israelite to let the slave go free?

It should not be difficult because he has served them for six years and given twice the value of a hired person.

Deuteronomy 15:19

ULT

[19] All the firstborn that are born in your herd and your flock, you shall sanctify the males to Yahweh your God. You shall not work with the firstborn of your herd, and you shall not shear the firstborn of your flock.

UST

[19] Set aside for the honor of Yahweh our God the firstborn male animals from your cattle and sheep. Do not force them to do any work for you, and do not shear the wool of the firstborn animals.

What must the people of Israel do with the firstborn males in their herd and their flock? (vv19-20)

They must eat the firstborn before Yahweh year by year with their household in the place that Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 15:20

ULT

[20] You must eat it year by year before the face of Yahweh your God in the place that Yahweh will choose, you and your household.

UST

[20] You and your family must kill them and eat their meat in the presence of Yahweh at the place that he chooses for you to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:21

ULT

[21] And if it has on it a blemish—lame or blind, any severe blemish—you must not sacrifice it to Yahweh your God.

UST

[21] But if the animals have any defects, if they are lame or blind, or if they have any other serious defect, you must not sacrifice them to Yahweh our God.

What are the Israelites to do with the firstborn animal if it is lame or blind or has any blemish whatever?

They must not sacrifice it to Yahweh, but instead they should eat it within their gates.

Deuteronomy 15:22

ULT
22 You shall eat {it} within your gates; the unclean and the clean alike, as a gazelle or a deer.

UST
22 You may kill and eat the meat of those animals in your towns. Those who have done things that cause them to become unacceptable to God and those who have not done such things are permitted to eat that meat, just like anyone is permitted to eat the meat of a gazelle or a deer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 15:23

ULT
23 Only you must not eat its blood; you must pour it out on the ground like water.

UST
23 But you must not eat any of the blood; you must drain all the blood on the ground when you kill those animals.

What are the Israelites to do with the blood of the firstborn that is blemished?
They must pour the blood of the firstborn that is blemished on the ground like water.

Deuteronomy 16

Deuteronomy 16:1

ULT

[1] Keep the month of Aviv, and make the Passover to Yahweh your God, for in the month of Aviv, Yahweh your God brought you out from Egypt {by} night.

UST

[1] Each year honor Yahweh our God by celebrating the Passover Festival in the month of Aviv in early spring. It was on a night in that month that Yahweh rescued your ancestors from Egypt.

Why are the Israelites to observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover for Yahweh their God?

Yahweh he brought Israel out of Egypt by night in the month of Abib.

Deuteronomy 16:2

ULT

[2] And you shall sacrifice the Passover to Yahweh your God, the flock and the herd, in the place that Yahweh will choose {for} his name to dwell there.

UST

[2] In order to celebrate that festival, go to the place that Yahweh will choose for you to worship him, and offer there one young animal from your cattle or your sheep to be the Passover sacrifice.

What will the Israelites do to observe the Passover?

The Israelites will sacrifice some of the flock and the herd in the place that Yahweh will choose as his sanctuary.

Deuteronomy 16:3

ULT

[3] You shall not eat on it leavened bread; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread on it, the bread of affliction; for you came out from the land of Egypt in haste. Thus, you will remember the day of your exit from the land of Egypt all the days of your life.

UST

[3] When you eat the Passover meal, the bread that you eat must not have yeast in it. You must eat this kind of bread, which will be called the bread of suffering, for seven days. This is to help you to remember all during the time that you are alive that when your ancestors left Egypt, where they were suffering because they were slaves, they left very quickly. They did not have time to put in yeast and wait for the dough to swell up.

Why are the Israelites to eat no leavened bread or have yeast among all of their borders for seven days? (vv3-4)

They are to eat no leavened bread or have yeast because they came out of the land of Egypt in haste.

Deuteronomy 16:4

ULT

[4] And no yeast shall be seen among you in all your borders seven days; and nothing from the meat that you sacrifice in the evening on the first day shall remain until the morning.

UST

[4] During that festival, which will last for seven days, you must not have any yeast in any house in your land. Furthermore, the meat of the animal that you sacrifice on the evening of the first day of the Passover Festival must be eaten during that night; do not allow any of it to remain until the next day.

What are the Israelites to do with any meat that they sacrifice in the evening on the first day?

The Israelites are to get rid of any of the meat that they sacrifice on the evening of the first day so that it does not remain until the morning.

Deuteronomy 16:5

ULT

[5] You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST

[5-6] To honor Yahweh our God, you must offer the Passover sacrifice only at the place that he chooses for you to worship him; do not offer that sacrifice in any other town in the land that Yahweh is giving to you. Offer that sacrifice when the sun is setting, at the same time of day that your ancestors started to leave Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 16:6

ULT

6 Instead, at the place that Yahweh your God will choose {for} his name to dwell, there you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at the going down of the sun, at the appointed time of your exit from Egypt.

UST

5-6 To honor Yahweh our God, you must offer the Passover sacrifice only at the place that he chooses for you to worship him; do not offer that sacrifice in any other town in the land that Yahweh is giving to you. Offer that sacrifice when the sun is setting, at the same time of day that your ancestors started to leave Egypt.

Where are the Israelites to sacrifice the Passover?

They are to sacrifice at the place that Yahweh will choose as his sanctuary.

When will the sacrifice of the Passover be performed?

The sacrifice of the Passover is to be performed in the evening at the going down of the sun, at the time of year that you came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:7

ULT

7 And you shall cook and eat in the place which Yahweh your God will choose it; and in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents.

UST

7 Boil the meat and eat it at the place of worship that Yahweh our God chooses. The next morning, you may return to your tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 16:8

ULT

8 Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day {is} a festive assembly for Yahweh your God; you shall not do work.

UST

8 Each day for six days the bread that you eat must have no yeast in it. On the seventh day, you must all gather to worship Yahweh our God. It will be a day of rest, you must not do any work on that day.

What are the Israelites supposed to do on the first six days as they celebrate Passover?

The Israelites are to eat unleavened bread for six days.

What are the Israelites supposed to do on the seventh day as they celebrate Passover?

On the seventh day, they are to have a solemn assembly and do no work.

Deuteronomy 16:9

ULT

[9] You shall count seven weeks for yourself; from the beginning of the sickle on the grain you shall start counting seven weeks.

UST

[9] Each year, from the day that you start to harvest your grain, count seven weeks.

How do the Israelites determine the start of the Festival of Weeks for Yahweh? (vv9-10)

The Israelites will count seven weeks from the time they begin to put the sickle to the standing grain.

Deuteronomy 16:10

ULT

[10] And you shall make the Festival of Weeks for Yahweh your God {with} the contribution of a freewill offering of your hand that you shall give, as Yahweh your God has blessed you.

UST

[10] Then, to honor Yahweh our God, celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. Do that by bringing to him an offering of grain. Yahweh has blessed you by causing it to grow in your fields during that year. If you had a big harvest, bring a big offering. If you had a small harvest, bring a small offering.

What contribution do the Israelites give on the Festival of Weeks?

They must give Yahweh a free will offering according as Yahweh has blessed them.

Deuteronomy 16:11

ULT

[11] And you will rejoice before the face of Yahweh your God—you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Levite who {is} within your gates and the foreigner and the fatherless and the widow who {are} among you, in the place that Yahweh your God will choose {for} his name to dwell there.

UST

[11] Each married couple should be joyful in the presence of Yahweh. Their children, their servants, the descendants of Levi who are in that town, and the foreigners, orphans, and widows who are living among you, should also be joyful. Bring those offerings to the place of worship that Yahweh will choose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 16:12

ULT

12 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and you shall keep and do these statutes.

UST

12 When you celebrate these festivals by obeying these commands, remember that your ancestors were slaves in Egypt.

What must everyone in Israel, including the foreigners, call to mind during the Festival of Weeks?

They must call to mind when they were slaves in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:13

ULT

13 You must make the Festival of Shelters for yourselves seven days into your gathering from your threshing floor and from your winepress.

UST

13 Each year, after you have threshed all your grain and pressed the juice from all your grapes, you must celebrate the Festival of Shelters for seven days.

What festival are the Israelites instructed to keep for seven days after they have gathered in the harvest from the Israelite's threshing floor and from their wine press?

They are to keep the Festival of Shelters for seven days after they begin have gathered in their harvest.

Deuteronomy 16:14

ULT

14 And you shall rejoice in your festival—you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Levite and the foreigner and the fatherless and the widow who {are} within your gates.

UST

14 Each married couple along with their children, their servants, the descendants of Levi who are in that town, and the foreigners, orphans, and widows who are living among you, should be joyful in the presence of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 16:15

ULT

15 Seven days you shall celebrate for Yahweh your God at the place that Yahweh will choose, because Yahweh your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and you will be completely joyful.

UST

15 Honor Yahweh our God by celebrating this festival for seven days in the place that he chooses for you to worship him. You should all be joyful, because Yahweh will have blessed your harvest and all the other work that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 16:16

ULT

16 Three times in a year all your males shall appear before the face of Yahweh your God at the place that he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, and at the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Shelters. And they shall not appear before the face of Yahweh emptily;

UST

16 So, each year all of you Israelite men must gather to worship Yahweh our God at the place that he will choose, to celebrate three festivals: The Festival of Bread with no Yeast, the Festival of Pentecost, and the Festival of Shelters. No one should come before Yahweh without an offering. Each of you men must bring an offering for Yahweh to these festivals.

At what the three festivals must all the males of Israel appear before Yahweh at the place that Yahweh chooses?

They must appear before him at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Shelters.

Deuteronomy 16:17

ULT

17 {every} man according to the giving of his hand, according to the blessing of Yahweh your God that he has given to you.

UST

17 The offerings should be in proportion to the blessings that Yahweh has given you during that year.

What is every male Israelite supposed to give to Yahweh instead of coming empty-handed?

Every male Israelite is to give what he is able to Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 16:18

ULT

18 You shall set for yourself judges and officers within all your gates that Yahweh your God is giving to you, from {each of} your tribes, and they shall judge the people {with} righteous judgment.

UST

18 Appoint judges and other officials throughout your tribes, in all the towns in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. They must judge people fairly.

Where are the Israelites to find their judges and officers?

The judges and officers will be taken from each of their tribes to judge the people with righteous judgement.

Deuteronomy 16:19

ULT

19 You shall not twist a judgment; you shall not recognize a face and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

UST

19 They must not judge unjustly. They must not favor one person more than another. The judges must not accept bribes, because if a judge accepts a bribe, even if he is wise and honest, it will be very difficult for him to judge fairly; he will do what the person who gave him the bribe wants him to do and declare that the innocent people must be punished.

Why are the judges and officers not to force justice or show partiality by taking a bribe?

A bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous

Deuteronomy 16:20

ULT

20 You shall pursue justice, justice {alone}, so that you will live and possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST

20 You must be completely fair and just, in order that you may live long enough to occupy the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you.

What do the judges and officers gain by following justice.

They must follow after justice and justice alone, so that they may live and inherit the land that Yahweh is giving them.

Deuteronomy 16:21

ULT

21 You shall not plant for yourselves an Asherah, any pole, beside the altar of Yahweh your God, which you shall make for yourself.

UST

21 When you make an altar to worship Yahweh our God, do not put next to it any wooden pole that represents the goddess Asherah.

What are the Israelites not to set up for themselves? (vv21-22)

They are not to set up an Ashera, or any sort of pole, or any sacred stone pillar.

Deuteronomy 16:22

ULT

22 And you shall not erect for yourself a pillar, which Yahweh your God hates.

UST

22 And do not set up any stone pillar to worship any idol, because Yahweh hates them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17

Deuteronomy 17:1

ULT

[1] You shall not sacrifice to Yahweh your God an ox or a sheep that has on it a blemish, any bad thing, for it {is} an abomination to Yahweh your God.

UST

[1] Do not sacrifice to Yahweh our God any cattle or sheep or goats that have any defects, because Yahweh detests that kind of gift.

Why must the Israelites not sacrifice an ox or a sheep with any blemish or anything bad to Yahweh?

It would be disgusting to Yahweh if they sacrificed an animal with a blemish or anything bad.

Deuteronomy 17:2

ULT

[2] If {there} is found among you, in any of your gates that Yahweh your God is giving to you, a man or a woman who does evil in the eyes of Yahweh your God, transgressing his covenant,

UST

[2] When you are living in any of the towns in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, suppose some man or woman sins by disobeying the covenant that Yahweh has made with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:3

ULT

[3] —and follows and serves other gods and bows down to them and to the sun or to the moon or to any of the host of the heavens, which I have not commanded—

UST

[3] Suppose that person has worshiped and bowed down to other gods, or the sun, or the moon, or the stars. They do what I did not command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:4

ULT

4 and {it} is told to you, and you listen, and you investigate thoroughly, and behold, {it is} true {and} certain the matter has been done, this abomination in Israel,

UST

4 If someone tells you that some person has been doing that, you must investigate it thoroughly to see whether this detestable thing has happened in Israel.

What are the Israelites told to do if they hear that a man or woman within their cities have done what is evil in the sight of Yahweh?
The Israelites are to make careful investigation to know if this is true and certain.

Deuteronomy 17:5

ULT

5 then you must bring that man or that woman who has done this evil thing to your gates, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die.

UST

5 If it has happened, then you must take outside the town the man or woman who has done it. Then you must kill that person by throwing stones at him or her.

What are the Israelites to do with a man or woman who has done such a wicked thing as worshiping other gods and bowing down to them?
The Israelites are to stone them to death.

Deuteronomy 17:6

ULT

6 At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall die. He shall not die at the mouth of one witness.

UST

6 But you are allowed to execute such people only if at least two witnesses testify that they saw them doing that. They must not be executed if there is only one witness.

How many witnesses are needed to convict a person to death?
Two or three witnesses are needed to to convict a person to death.

Deuteronomy 17:7

ULT

[7] The hand of the witnesses shall be the first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people; and you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST

[7] The witnesses should throw stones at the guilty person. Then the other people should throw stones until that person dies. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you.

Who must throw the first stones when putting a person to death?

The hand of the witnesses must be the first to throw the stones, followed by the rest of the people of Israel.

Why must the Israelites stone the person to death who has done this wicked thing of worshiping other gods?

This will remove the evil from among them.

Deuteronomy 17:8

ULT

[8] If a case is too difficult for you to judge, between blood and blood, between a lawsuit and a lawsuit, and between an assault and an assault, cases of dispute in your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which Yahweh your God will choose it.

UST

[8] Sometimes it will be very difficult for a judge to decide what really happened. He might be trying to decide whether, when someone injured or killed another person, that person did it accidentally or deliberately. Or he might be trying to decide if some person is taking another person to court unfairly. If in any town it is very difficult to know what really happened, and if the judge cannot decide it, you should go to the place that Yahweh our God has chosen for you to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:9

ULT

[9] And you shall go to the priests, the Levites, and to the judge who will be {there} at that time; and you shall inquire, and they will tell you the word of the judgment.

UST

[9] There you should present the case to the descendants of Levi who are priests, and to the judge who is serving at that time, and they should decide what should be done.

Who is to judge if the Israelites have a matter that is too hard for them to judge?
They must go to the priests and Levites and to the judge who is serving at that time to seek the advice of the priests.

Deuteronomy 17:10

ULT

[10] And you shall do according to the mouth of the word that they tell you, from that place that Yahweh will choose, and keep doing according to all that they teach you.

UST

[10] After they make their decision, you must do what they tell you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:11

ULT

[11] According to the mouth of the law that they teach you, and according to the judgment that they say to you, you shall do. Do not turn aside from the word that they tell you, right or left.

UST

[11] Accept what they have decided, and do what they say that you should do. Do not try to change in any way what they have decided.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:12

ULT

12 And the man who does arrogantly, not listening to the priest who is standing there to serve Yahweh your God or to the judge—then that man shall die, and you shall remove the evil from Israel.

UST

12 You must execute anyone who proudly disobeys the judge or the priest who stands there in the presence of Yahweh and decides what should be done. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you.

What man must die in order to put away the evil from Israel?

Anyone who acts arrogantly and does not listen to the priest, or does not listen to the judge, must die to put away the evil from Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:13

ULT

13 And all the people will hear and fear, and be arrogant no more.

UST

13 Then after that person is executed, all the people will hear about it, and they will be afraid, and none of them will act that way anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:14

ULT

14 When you have come to the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, and you take possession of it and live in it, and you say, ‘I shall set a king over myself, like all the nations that surround me,’

UST

14 I know that after you have occupied the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, and you are living there, you will say, ‘We should have a king to rule over us, like the kings that other nations around us have.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:15

ULT

15 you shall surely set as king over yourself him whom Yahweh your God will choose. You shall set as king over yourself from among your brothers. You shall not put a foreign man, who is not your brother, over yourself.

UST

15 Yahweh our God will permit you to have a king, but be sure that you appoint someone whom he has chosen. That man must be an Israelite; you must not appoint someone who is a foreigner to be your king.

Who will the Israelites set up as a king over them at the time when they are in the land?

Israelites will select from among their brothers someone who Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 17:16

ULT

16 Only he shall not multiply horses for himself; and he shall not cause the people to return to Egypt so that he may multiply horses, for Yahweh said to you, ‘You will no longer return that way again.’

UST

16 After he becomes the king, he should not acquire a large number of horses for himself. He should not send people to Egypt to buy horses for him, because Yahweh said to you, ‘Never return to Egypt for anything!’

Why must the king of Israel not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt so that the king may multiply horses?

He must not to multiply horses or cause the people to return to Egypt because Yahweh has told the Israelites to never return that way again.

Deuteronomy 17:17

ULT

17 And he shall not accumulate wives for himself, and his heart will not turn away. And he shall not accumulate for himself silver and gold excessively.

UST

17 And he must not have a lot of wives, because if he did that, they would turn him away from worshiping only Yahweh. And he must not acquire a lot of silver and gold.

Why is the king told not to multiply wives for himself?

He is not to multiply wives for himself so that his heart does not turn away from Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 17:18

ULT

18 And it will be, as he sits on the throne of his kingdom, then he shall write for himself in a scroll a copy of this law before the faces of the priests, the Levites,

UST

18 When he becomes your king, he must appoint someone to copy these laws. He must copy them from the scroll that is kept by the priests descended from Levi.

What is the king instructed to keep with him and read all the days of his life, so that he may learn to honor Yahweh his God, and keep and observe all the words of this law and these statutes? (vv18-19)

He must write for himself a copy of this law which is to stay will him and be read by him all the days of his life.

Deuteronomy 17:19

ULT

19 and it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he will learn to fear Yahweh his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them,

UST

19 He must keep this new scroll near him and read from it every day of his life, in order that he may learn to have an awesome respect for Yahweh, and to faithfully obey all the rules and regulations that are written in these laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 17:20

ULT

20 so that his heart is not lifted up above his brothers and so that he does not turn away from the commandments, right or left, so that he will prolong {his} days in his kingdom, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

UST

20 If he does that, he will not think that he is more important than his fellow Israelites, and he will completely obey Yahweh's commands. As a result, he and his descendants will rule as kings in Israel for many years."

Why is the king instructed to keep the scroll of the law with him?

He must keep the scroll with him so that his heart is not lifted up above his brothers, and so that he does not turn away from the commandments.

Deuteronomy 18

Deuteronomy 18:1

ULT
1 The priests, the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the fire offerings of Yahweh as their inheritance.

UST
1 "The priests, who are all from the tribe of Levi, will not receive any land in Israel. Instead, they will receive some of the food that other people offer to be burned on the altar to be sacrificed to Yahweh and some of the other sacrifices that will be offered to Yahweh.

Why would the Levite priests have to eat the offerings of Yahweh as their inheritance? (vv1-2)
The Levite priests would have to eat the offerings because they would have no inheritance among their brothers.

Deuteronomy 18:2

ULT
2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brothers; Yahweh is their inheritance, as he spoke to them.

UST
2 They will not be allotted any land like the other tribes will be. What they will receive is the honor of being Yahweh's priests, which is what he said that they should have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:3

ULT
3 And this is the ordinance of the priests, from the people, from those who offer a sacrifice, whether an oxen or a sheep: and they shall give the shoulder and the two cheeks and the innards to the priest.

UST
3 When the people bring an ox or a sheep to be sacrificed, they must give to the priests the shoulder, the cheeks, and the stomach of those animals.

What was to be given to the priests from the sacrifices of the people? (vv3-4)
The priests were to be given the shoulder, two cheeks, and inner parts of the oxen and sheep and the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, and fleece of the sheep from the sacrifices of the people.

Deuteronomy 18:4

ULT

[4] The firstfruits of your grain, your new wine and your oil and the first of the fleece of your sheep you shall give to him.

UST

[4] You must also give to them the first part of the grain that you harvest, and the first part of the wine that you make, and the first part of the olive oil that you make, and the first part of the wool that you shear from your sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:5

ULT

[5] For Yahweh your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the name of Yahweh, him and his sons, all of the days.

UST

[5] You must do this because Yahweh our God has chosen the tribe of Levi from all of your tribes, in order that it would be ones from that tribe who would always be the priests who would serve him.

Why were the priests supposed to receive these portions from the sacrifices of the people?

They were to receive these portions because Yahweh chose them to stand to serve in the name of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 18:6

ULT

[6] And if a Levite comes from one of your towns from all Israel where he is living there and desires with all his spirit to come to the place that Yahweh will choose,

UST

[6] If any man from the tribe of Levi who has been living in one of the towns in Israel wants to come from there to the place of worship that Yahweh has chosen, and to start living there,

When can a Levite serve in the place that Yahweh will choose as his sanctuary? (vv6-7)

A Levite can serve in the place that Yahweh will choose as his sanctuary when he comes out of any of the city gates of Israel with the desire of his soul to serve Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 18:7

ULT
[7] then he shall serve in the name of Yahweh his God as all his brothers the Levites, who stand there before the face of Yahweh.

UST
[7] he is permitted to serve Yahweh there as a priest, just like the other men from the tribe of Levi who have been serving there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:8

ULT
[8] They shall eat portions alike portions, besides from the sale of his fathers.

UST
[8] He must be given the same amount of food that the other priests receive. He is permitted to keep the money that his relatives receive for selling some of their possessions and send to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:9

ULT
[9] When you have come into the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, you shall not learn to do as the abominations of those nations.

UST
[9] When you enter the land that Yahweh our God is giving you, you must not imitate the disgusting things that the people groups who are there now do.

What were some of the disgusting practices followed by the nations? (vv9-11)
Some of the disgusting practices were making their children pass through the fire, using divination, practicing augury, using sorcery and talking with the dead or spirits.

Deuteronomy 18:10

ULT

10 There shall not be found among you one who causes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, a user of divination, a soothsayer or a diviner or a sorcerer

UST

10 You must not sacrifice any of your children by burning them on your altars. Do not try to use supernatural power to discover what will happen in the future. Do not try to use magic to find out what will happen in the future. Do not interpret omens to find out what will happen. Do not practice sorcery. Do not put spells on people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:11

ULT

11 or a maker of charms or a questioner of mediums or a conjurer of spirits or a seeker of the dead.

UST

11 Do not try to talk with spirits of dead people. Do not do magic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:12

ULT

12 For all who do these {are} an abomination {to} Yahweh; and because of these abominations, Yahweh your God is driving them out from before your faces.

UST

12 Yahweh hates people who do any of those disgusting things. And as you advance through that land, he is going to drive out the people groups because they do those disgusting things.

Why will Yahweh drive out the nations from the land? (vv12-14)

Yahweh will drive out the nations from the land because they listen to those who practice sorcery and divination.

Deuteronomy 18:13

ULT
[13] You shall be blameless with Yahweh your God.

UST
[13] But you must always be faithful to Yahweh and avoid doing any of those disgusting things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:14

ULT
[14] For these nations, those which you will dispossess, listen to sorcerers and to diviners; but you, thus Yahweh your God has not allowed you.

UST
[14] The people groups that you are about to expel from the land that you will occupy consult soothsayers and those who practice divination. But as for you, Yahweh our God does not allow you to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:15

ULT
[15] Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet from among you, from your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him,

UST
[15] Some day he will send from among you a prophet like me. He will tell you what will happen in the future, and you must obey him.

Who did Yahweh promise to raise up from among the people?
Yahweh promised he would raise up a prophet like Moses in the future from Israel.

Deuteronomy 18:16

ULT

16 according to all that you asked from Yahweh your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, saying, ‘We will not continue to hear the voice of Yahweh our God, and we will not see this great fire anymore or we will die.’

UST

16 On the day that your ancestors were gathered at the bottom of Mount Sinai, they pleaded with me saying, ‘We do not want Yahweh to speak to us again, and we do not want to see this huge fire that is burning on the mountain!’ Your ancestors said that because they were afraid that they would die if Yahweh spoke to them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh said to me, ‘What they have said is good.

UST

17 Then Yahweh said to me, ‘What they have said is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:18

ULT

18 I shall raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, just like you. And I shall set my words on his lips, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

UST

18 So I will send from among them a prophet like you. I will tell him what to say, and then he will tell people everything that I tell him to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:19

ULT
19 And it will happen, the man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, I will require {it} from him.

UST
19 He will speak for me. And I will punish anyone who does not heed what he says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:20

ULT
20 But the prophet who speaks a word arrogantly in my name what I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, then that prophet shall die.’

UST
20 But if any person says that he is a prophet and dares to speak a message which he falsely says comes from me but which I did not tell him to speak, or anyone who speaks a message that he says other gods have revealed to him, he must be executed for doing that.’

What would cause a prophet to die?
A prophet will die if he speaks a word arrogantly in Yahweh’s name, a word that Yahweh has not commanded him to speak, or he speaks in the name of other gods.

Deuteronomy 18:21

ULT
21 And thus you must say in your heart: ‘How will we recognize a word that Yahweh has not spoken?’

UST
21 But perhaps you will say to yourself, ‘How can we know if a message that someone tells us does not come from Yahweh?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 18:22

ULT

22 When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh, and the thing does not happen nor come to pass, it {is} a word that Yahweh has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it arrogantly; you shall not be afraid of him.

UST

22 The answer is that when someone speaks a message about what will happen in the future, a message that he says was revealed by Yahweh, if what he says does not happen, you will know that the message did not come from Yahweh. That person has wrongly claimed that it was revealed to him by Yahweh. So you do not need to be afraid of anything that he says.

What does it mean if a prophecy spoken in Yahweh's name does not happen?

If a prophecy does not happen, then the prophecy is something that Yahweh has not spoken.

Deuteronomy 19

Deuteronomy 19:1

ULT

1 When Yahweh your God cuts off the nations, that Yahweh your God is giving their land to you, and you dispossess them and live in their cities and their houses,

UST

1 After Yahweh our God has destroyed the people groups from the land that he is giving to you, and after you have driven them out from their cities and you start to live in their houses,

Why did Yahweh instruct the people to select three cities in the middle of the land? (vv1-3)
He instructed the people to select three cities so that everyone who kills another person could flee there.

Deuteronomy 19:2

ULT

2 you shall select three cities for yourself in the midst of your land that Yahweh your God is giving to you to possess it.

UST

2-3 you must divide into three parts the land that he is giving to you. Then select a city in each part. You must make good roads in order that people can get to those cities easily. Someone who kills another person can escape to one of those cities to be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:3

ULT

3 You shall prepare for yourself a road and make the borders of your land three, which Yahweh your God is causing you to inherit, and it will be, everyone who murders shall flee there.

UST

2-3 you must divide into three parts the land that he is giving to you. Then select a city in each part. You must make good roads in order that people can get to those cities easily. Someone who kills another person can escape to one of those cities to be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:4

ULT

[4] And this {is} the matter of the killer who flees there and lives—who strikes his neighbor without knowledge, and he did not hate him from previous times,

UST

[4] This is the rule about someone who has killed another person. If someone accidentally kills another person who was not his enemy, he may escape to one of those cities and be safe.

What provision does Yahweh make for the person who kills his neighbor unawares, and did not previously hate him? (vv4-5)

Yahweh provided three cities of refuge to which the man could flee and live.

Deuteronomy 19:5

ULT

[5] and who goes into the forest {with} his neighbor to chop wood and his hand swings the ax to cut the wood, and the iron detaches from the wood and finds his neighbor, and he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live.

UST

[5] For example, if two men go into the forest to cut some wood, if the axe head comes off the handle while one of them is chopping down a tree and the ax head strikes and kills the other man, the man who was using the ax will be allowed to run to one of those cities and be safe there, because the people of that city will protect him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:6

ULT

[6] Lest the avenger of blood pursues after the killer when his heart is heated and overtakes him, because the way is long, and he strikes him, a life, and he did not have a judgment of death, for he had not hated him from previous times.

UST

[6] Because he accidentally killed someone, and because the man was not his enemy, he can try to run to one of those cities. If there were only one city, it may be a long distance to that city. Then if the relative of the man who was killed to get revenge, is very angry, he may be able to catch the other person before he arrives at that city.

Why should the one who kills another flee to a city of refuge? (vv6-7)

He should flee so that the deceased relative does not pursue in anger, catch, and kill him.

Deuteronomy 19:7

ULT

7 Therefore I command you, saying, 'Select three cities for yourself.'

UST

7 Therefore, I give you this command, that you select three cities for this purpose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:8

ULT

8 And if Yahweh your God enlarges your borders, as he has sworn to your fathers, and gives to you all the land that he spoke {about} to give to your fathers;

UST

8-9 If you do everything that I am today commanding you to do, and if you love Yahweh our God, and if you conduct your lives as he wants you to do, Yahweh our God will give you much more land than you will have when you first occupy it, which is what he promised to do. He will give you all the land which he promised your ancestors that he would give to you. When he gives you that land, you must select three more cities to which people may escape.

What would be the conditions for adding three more cities of refuge? (vv8-9)

If Yahweh enlarged their borders, then they must add three more cities of refuge.

Deuteronomy 19:9

ULT

9 if you keep all these commandments to do them, which I am commanding you today—to love Yahweh your God and to walk in his ways all of the days, then you shall add three more cities for yourself, more than these three.

UST

8-9 If you do everything that I am today commanding you to do, and if you love Yahweh our God, and if you conduct your lives as he wants you to do, Yahweh our God will give you much more land than you will have when you first occupy it, which is what he promised to do. He will give you all the land which he promised your ancestors that he would give to you. When he gives you that land, you must select three more cities to which people may escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:10

ULT

10 And you shall not spill innocent blood in the midst of the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance, and blood will be upon you.

UST

10 Do this in order that people who are innocent will not die, and you will not be guilty for allowing them to be executed, in the land that Yahweh is giving to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:11

ULT

11 And if there is a man who hates his neighbor and ambushes him and rises up against him and strikes him, a life, and he dies, and he flees into one of these cities—

UST

11 But suppose someone hates his enemy and hides and waits for that person to come along the road. Then when he passes by, suddenly he attacks him and murders him. If the attacker flees to one of those cities to be protected there,

What should happen if a person hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, mortally wounds him, and then flees to one of the cities of refuge? (vv11-13)

The elders of this man's city must bring him back and turn him over to the responsible relative so that he may die as punishment for the blood guilt from Israel.

Deuteronomy 19:12

ULT

12 then the elders of his city shall send out and take him from there and give him into the hand of the redeemer of blood, then he shall die.

UST

12 the elders of the city where the murdered man lived must not protect the attacker. They must send someone to the city to which the other man escaped, and bring him to to get revenge, so that he may execute that man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:13

ULT

13 Your eye shall not pity him; and you shall remove the blood of the innocent from Israel, and it will go well for you.

UST

13 You must not pity those who murder other people! Instead, you must execute them, in order that the people in the land of Israel will not be punished for murdering innocent people, and in order that things will go well for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:14

ULT

14 You shall not displace the boundary of your neighbor of which he first set the bounds, in your inheritance that you will inherit, in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you to possess it.

UST

14 When you are living in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, do not move the markers of your neighbors' property boundaries that were placed there long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:15

ULT

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins; upon the mouth of two witnesses or upon the mouth of three witnesses a matter may be raised.

UST

15 If someone is accused of committing a crime, one person who says, 'I saw him do it' is not enough to find him guilty. There must be at least two people who say, 'We saw him do it.' If there is only one witness, the judge must not believe that what he says is true.

How many witnesses are needed for a matter to be confirmed?

It is necessary for two or three witnesses to speak for a matter to be confirmed.

Deuteronomy 19:16

ULT
16 If a false witness rises up against a man to testify falsehood against him,

UST
16 Or suppose that someone tries to do wrong to another person by falsely accusing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:17

ULT
17 then the two men that have the controversy shall stand before the face of Yahweh, before the faces of the priests and the judges who will be in those days.

UST
17 Then both of them must go to the place where the people worship, to talk to the priests and judges who are serving at that time.

What should be done when controversy exists between two men? (vv17-18)
Then both men, the ones between whom the controversy exists, must stand before Yahweh, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. The judges must make diligent inquiries; see, if the witness is a false witness and has testified falsely against his brother.

Deuteronomy 19:18

ULT
18 And the judges shall inquire thoroughly; and behold, {if the} witness {is} false—the false witness testified against his brother—

UST
18 The judges must investigate the case carefully. If the judges determine that one of them has accused the other falsely,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:19

ULT

19 then you shall do to him as he had planned to do to his brother, and you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST

19 that person must be punished in the same way that the other one would have been punished if the judges had decided that he was guilty. By punishing such people, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you.

What must be done if the testimony of a witness is found to be false?

If the testimony of a witness is found to be false, then they must do to him as he had wished to do to his brother.

Deuteronomy 19:20

ULT

20 Then the remnant will hear and fear, and will not continue to do anymore as this evil thing among you.

UST

20 And when that person is punished, everyone will hear what has happened, and they will be afraid, and no one will dare to act that way anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 19:21

ULT

21 And your eyes shall not have pity; a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot.

UST

21 You must not pity people who are punished like that. The rule should be that a person who has murdered someone else must be executed; one of a person's eyes must be gouged out if he has gouged out someone else's eye, one tooth of a person who has knocked out the tooth of another person must be knocked out; one hand of a person who has cut off the hand of another person must likewise be cut off; one foot of a person who has cut off the foot of another person must also be cut off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20

Deuteronomy 20:1

ULT

1 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots, a people more numerous than you, you shall not be afraid of them; for Yahweh your God {is} with you, who raised you up from the land of Egypt.

UST

1 When your soldiers go to fight your enemies, and you see that they have many horses and chariots and that their army is much bigger than yours, do not be afraid of them, because Yahweh our God, who brought your ancestors safely out of Egypt, will be with you.

Why must the people of Israel not be afraid when they march out to battle against their enemies?

The people of Israel must not be afraid because Yahweh their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, will be with them.

Deuteronomy 20:2

ULT

2 And it will be, as you draw near to the battle, then the priest shall approach and speak to the people.

UST

2 When you are ready to start the battle, the high priest must stand in front of the troops.

What must happen when the people of Israel draw near to the battle? (vv2-4)

The priest must speak to the people and tell them not to be afraid, but Yahweh is with them to fight for them.

Deuteronomy 20:3

ULT

3 And he shall say to them, ‘Listen, Israel, you are approaching today to battle against your enemies. You shall not soften your hearts. You shall not fear or panic or be terrified of them,

UST

3 He must say to them, ‘You Israelite men, listen to me! Today you are going to fight against your enemies. Do not be timid or afraid,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:4

ULT

4 for Yahweh your God goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’

UST

4 because Yahweh our God will go with you. He will fight your enemies for you, and he will enable you to defeat them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:5

ULT

5 And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, ‘Who {is} the man that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle and another man dedicates it.

UST

5 Then the army officers must say to the troops, ‘If anyone among you has just built a new house and has not dedicated it to God, he should go home and dedicate the house. If he does not do that, if he dies in the battle, someone else will dedicate the house and live in it.

What should a man do if he as built a new house and not yet dedicated it?

He should return to his house so he does not die in battle and another man dedicate it.

Deuteronomy 20:6

ULT

6 And who {is} the man that has planted a vineyard and has not put it into use? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle and another man puts it to use.

UST

6 If anyone among you has planted a vineyard and has not yet harvested any grapes from it, he should go home. If he stays here and dies in the battle, someone else will harvest the grapes and enjoy the wine made from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:7

ULT

[7] And who {is} the man that is engaged {to} a woman and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle and another man takes her.'

UST

[7] If anyone among you has become engaged to marry a woman but has not married her yet, he should go home. If he stays here and dies in the battle, someone else will marry her.'

What should a man do if he is engaged to a woman and not yet married her?
He should return and marry her so he does not die in battle and another man marry her.

Deuteronomy 20:8

ULT

[8] And the officers shall continue to speak to the people and say, 'Who {is} the man who fears and {is} soft of heart? Let him go and return to his house, and the heart of his brother will not melt like his heart.'

UST

[8] Then the officers must also say, 'If anyone among you is afraid or timid, he should go home, in order that he does not cause his fellow soldiers to also stop being courageous.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:9

ULT

[9] And it will be, as the officers finish speaking to the people, then they shall appoint leaders of the armies as heads of the people.

UST

[9] When the officers have finished speaking to the troops, they must appoint commanders over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:10

ULT
10 When you draw near to a city to fight against it, then you shall call to it for peace.

UST
10 When you go up to a city that is far away to attack it, first tell the people there that if they surrender, you will not attack them.

What will happen if the people in a faraway city accept an offer of peace when Israel attacks it? (vv10-11)
All the people in the city must become forced labor and serve Israel.

Deuteronomy 20:11

ULT
11 And it will be, if it answers, "Peace," and opens to you, then it will be, all the people found in it shall become for you as forced labor and serve you.

UST
11 If they open the gates of the city and surrender, they will all become your slaves to work for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:12

ULT
12 And if it does not make peace with you and makes war with you, then you shall siege upon it,

UST
12 But if they refuse to surrender peacefully and decide instead to fight against you, your troops must surround the city and break through the walls.

What must happen if the city does not accept the offer of peace, but instead makes war against Israel? (vv12-13)
Israel must attack it and when Yahweh gives Israel victory they must kill every man in the town.

Deuteronomy 20:13

ULT

13 and Yahweh your God will give it into your hand, and you shall strike every foreigner by the mouth of the sword.

UST

13 Then, when Yahweh our God enables you to capture the city, you must kill all the men in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:14

ULT

14 But the women and the children and the cattle and everything that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself, and you shall consume the spoil of your enemies, whom Yahweh your God has given to you.

UST

14 But you are allowed to take for yourselves the women, the children, the livestock, and everything else that you want to take from the city. You will be allowed to enjoy all the things that belonged to your enemies, the things that Yahweh our God has given to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:15

ULT

15 Thus you shall do to all the cities very far from you, which {are} not from the cities of these nations here.

UST

15 You should do that in all the cities that are far from the land in which you will settle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:16

ULT

16 Only from the cities of these peoples that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance, all breathing things shall not live.

UST

16 But in the cities that are in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you forever, you must kill all the people and all the animals.

Why must the people of Israel utterly destroy everything that breathes in the cities of the land which Yahweh will give them as an inheritance? (vv16-18)

They must destroy everything so that the people of the land do not teach them to act in any of disgusting ways and sin against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 20:17

ULT

17 But, you shall indeed destroy them: the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, as Yahweh your God has commanded you

UST

17 You must get rid of them completely. Get rid of the Heth, the Amor the Canaan, the Periz, the Hiv, and the Jebus people groups; that is what Yahweh our God commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:18

ULT

18 so that they do not teach you to do like any of their abominations that they do for their gods, for you will sin against Yahweh your God.

UST

18 If you do not do that, they will teach you to sin against Yahweh our God and do the disgusting things that they do when they worship their gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 20:19

ULT

19 When you lay siege to a city many days, battling against it to capture it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against it. For you shall eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man coming before your face to besiege?

UST

19 When you surround a city for a long time, trying to capture it, do not cut down the fruit trees outside the city. You are allowed to eat the fruit from the trees, but do not destroy the trees, because they certainly are not your enemies.

What should Israel do with the trees in the cities which they have attacked? (vv19-20)

Israel should not cut down the trees that are used for food, but they can cut down the trees that are not used for food to build bulwarks against a city.

Deuteronomy 20:20

ULT

20 But a tree that you know that is not a tree for food, you shall destroy it and cut down; and you shall build siege works against the city which it makes war with you, until it falls.

UST

20 You are permitted to cut down the other trees and use the wood to make ladders and towers to enable you to go over the walls and capture the city.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21

Deuteronomy 21:1

ULT

1 If one slain is found in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you to possess it, fallen in the field, {and} it is not known who has struck him,

UST

1 “Suppose someone has been murdered in a field in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, and you do not know who killed that person.

What should happen if someone who has been killed is found lying in a field and it is not known who attacked him? (vv1-2)

The elders and judges should measure to determine the nearest city to the killed man.

Deuteronomy 21:2

ULT

2 then your elders and your judges shall go out, and they shall measure to the cities that surround the slain.

UST

2 If that happens, your elders and judges must go out to where that person’s corpse was found and measure the distance from there to each of the nearby towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:3

ULT

3 And it will be, the town nearest to the slain, and the elders of that town shall take a heifer of the herd, one that has not been put to work, that has not drawn a yoke.

UST

3 Then the elders in the closest town must select a young cow that has never been used for doing work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:4

ULT

[4] And the elders of that city shall cause the heifer to descend to a valley with running water, that has not been worked in, nor sown, and there they shall break the neck of the heifer in the valley.

UST

[4] They must take it to a place near a stream where the ground has never been plowed or planted. There they must break its neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:5

ULT

[5] And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come forward, for Yahweh your God has chosen them to serve him and give blessing in the name of Yahweh, and upon their mouth is every dispute and every assault.

UST

[5] The priests must go there also, because Yahweh our God has chosen them from the tribe of Levi to serve him and to be his representatives when they bless people. And he has also chosen them to settle disputes in which someone has been injured.

How did Yahweh want the people of Israel to respond to the words of his priests?

Yahweh wanted them to accept the advice of his priests as the verdict in every dispute and in cases of assault.

Deuteronomy 21:6

ULT

[6] And all the elders of that city, the nearest one to the slain, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

UST

[6] The elders from the closest town must wash their hands over the young cow whose neck was broken, there in the valley,

What ritual must the elders of the city nearest to the killed man perform so that this bloodshed will be forgiven? (vv6-7)

The elders of the city must wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken and say, “Our hands have not shed this blood nor have our eyes seen it.”

Deuteronomy 21:7

ULT

[7] and they shall respond and say, ‘Our hands have not spilled this blood, and our eyes have not seen {it}.

UST

[7] and they must say, ‘We did not murder this person, and we did not see who did it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:8

ULT

[8] Cover, Yahweh, your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and you will not put the blood of the innocent in the midst of your people Israel.’ And the blood will be covered for them.

UST

[8] Yahweh, forgive us, your Israelite people whom you rescued from Egypt. Do not consider us to be guilty. Instead, forgive us.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:9

ULT

[9] And you shall remove the blood of the innocent from your midst, when you do right in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

[9] By doing that, you will be doing what Yahweh considers to be right, and you will not be considered to be guilty for murdering that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:10

ULT

10 When you go out to battle against your enemies, and Yahweh your God gives them into your hands and you deport it {as} captive,

UST

10 When you who are soldiers go to fight against your enemies, and Yahweh our God enables you to defeat them, and they become your prisoners,

What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do when they went out to battle against their enemies and Yahweh gave them victory?
They were told to take their enemies away as captives.

Deuteronomy 21:11

ULT

11 and you see among the captives a woman of beautiful form, and you desire her and take for yourself as a wife,

UST

11 one of you may see among them a beautiful woman that he likes, and he may want to marry her.

How was an Israelite man to respond to the women who were taken captive? (vv11-12)
If a man saw a beautiful woman who he wanted to take for his wife, then he was to bring her home where she would shave her head and cut her nails.

Deuteronomy 21:12

ULT

12 then you shall bring her to the midst of your house. And she shall shave her head and do her nails,

UST

12 He should take her to his home, and there she must shave all the hair off her head and cut her fingernails to signify that now she does not belong to her people group anymore, but now she is becoming an Israelite.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:13

ULT

13 and she shall remove the clothes of her captivity from upon her, and she shall live in your house and weep {for} her father and her mother a month of days. And afterwards, you shall go in to her and marry her, and she shall be your wife.

UST

13 She must take off the clothes that she was wearing when she was captured, and put on Israelite clothes. She must stay in that man's house and mourn for a month because of leaving her parents. After that, he will be allowed to marry her.

How long was the captive woman allowed to mourn for her mother and father?

She would remain in mourning for her father and mother for a month before she would become the wife of the man.

Deuteronomy 21:14

ULT

14 And it will be, if you do not delight in her, then you shall send her to her desires, but you surely shall not sell her for money, you shall not mistreat her in return for humiliating her.

UST

14 Later, if he no longer is pleased with her, he will be permitted to allow her to leave him. But because she was shamed and was forced to sleep with him, he will not be allowed to treat her like a slave and sell her to anyone else.

How was an Israelite man to treat a captive that he had taken as a wife if he did not delight in her?

He must let her go rather than sell her for money.

Deuteronomy 21:15

ULT

15 If a man has two wives, one loved and one hated, and they have borne him sons—the loved and the hated—and it happens that the firstborn son {is} of the hated,

UST

15 Suppose that a man has two wives, but he likes one of them and dislikes the other one. And suppose that they both give birth to sons, and that the oldest son is the child of the woman that he does not like.

If a man has two wives, and he hates the one who has borne him his firstborn son, how must he distribute what he owns to his heirs? (vv15-17)

This man must acknowledge the firstborn son of the hated wife by giving him a double portion of all that he possesses.

Deuteronomy 21:16

ULT

16 then it will be, on the day he causes his sons to inherit what he has, he shall not {make} the son of the beloved as the firstborn upon the face of the son of the hated, the firstborn.

UST

16 On the day when that man decides which of his possessions each son will obtain after he dies, he must not favor the son of the wife that he loves by giving him the larger share that should go to the firstborn son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:17

ULT

17 But, he shall recognize the firstborn, the son of the hated, giving to him a double portion of all that is found of his; for he {is} the beginning of his strength; the regulation of the firstborn {is} his.

UST

17 He must give two-thirds of his possessions to the older son, the son of the wife whom he does not like. That son is his firstborn son, and he must be given the largest share.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:18

ULT
18 If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and they chastise him but he will not listen to them,

UST
18 Suppose there is a boy who is very stubborn and is always rebelling against his parents, and who will not heed what they say to him. And suppose that they punish him but he still does not pay attention to what they tell him.

Who must a man take his stubborn and rebellious son to if the son will not obey the voice of his father or mother?
The man and his wife must bring the son to the elders at the gate of the city.

Deuteronomy 21:19

ULT
19 then his father and his mother shall seize him and bring him to the elders of his city and to the gate of his place.

UST
19 If that happens, his parents must take him to the gate of the city where they live and have him stand in front of the elders of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 21:20

ULT
20 And they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This son of ours {is} stubborn and rebellious; he will not listen to our voice; {he is} a glutton and a drunkard.’

UST
20 Then the parents must say to the elders of that city, ‘This son of ours is stubborn and always rebelling against us. He will not pay attention to what we tell him. He eats too much, and he gets drunk.’

What must the father and mother of the rebellious son say to the elders of his city?
The father and mother of the rebellious son must tell the elders, “This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, a glutton and a drunkard and will not obey our voice”.

Deuteronomy 21:21

ULT

21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; and you shall remove the evil from among you. And all Israel will hear and fear.

UST

21 Then all the elders of that city must execute him by throwing stones at him. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you. And everyone in Israel will hear about what happened and they will be afraid to do what he did.

Why must the elders of the city respond by stoning the son to death?

They must stone the son to death to eradicate the evil from within them, and cause all Israel to hear of it and fear.

Deuteronomy 21:22

ULT

22 And if a man has sinned, a judgment of {which is} death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

UST

22 If someone is executed for having committed a crime for which he deserves to die, and you hang his corpse on a post,

What must happen if a man commits a sin worthy of death and is hanged on a tree? (vv22-23)

The man's body must not remain all night on the tree, but must be buried the same day so the land will not be defiled.

Deuteronomy 21:23

ULT

23 his corpse shall not remain on the tree. Instead, you shall surely bury him that day; for cursed of God {is} a hanged man. And you shall not defile your land that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance.

UST

23 you must not allow his corpse to remain there all night. You must bury it on the day that he died, because if you keep the corpse on a post, God will curse the land. You must bury the corpse that day, in order that you do not defile the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22

Deuteronomy 22:1

ULT

1 You shall not see the ox of your brother or his sheep be scattered and hide yourself from them; you shall surely return them to your brother.

UST

1 If you see an Israelite's ox or sheep that has strayed away, do not act as though you did not see it. Take it back to its owner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:2

ULT

2 And if your brother {is} not near to you, or you do not know him, then gather it to the middle of your house, and it must be with you until your brother seeks it, and you shall return it to him.

UST

2 But if the owner does not live near you, or if you do not know who he is, take the animal to your house. It can stay with you until the owner comes, searching for it. Then you must give the animal to him.

What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do when they would see an animal of a fellow Israelite go astray?

They must not bring the animal to their own house, but return it to their fellow Israelite.

Deuteronomy 22:3

ULT

3 And thus you shall do for his donkey; and thus you shall do for his clothing; and thus you shall do for every lost thing of your brother, which is lost from him and you have found it; you shall not hide yourself.

UST

3 You must do that same thing if you see a donkey, a piece of clothing, or anything else that someone has lost. Do not refuse to do what you should do. Do not pretend to know nothing about the matter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:4

ULT

[4] You shall not see the donkey of your brother or his ox fallen down in the road and hide yourself from them; you shall surely lift it up.

UST

[4] And if you see a fellow Israelite's donkey or cow that has fallen down on the road, do not act as though you did not see it. Help the owner to lift the animal up so that it can stand on its feet again.

What did Moses tell the people of Israel to do when they would see an animal of a fellow Israelite fallen down in the road?

They must help their fellow Israelite lift it up again.

Deuteronomy 22:5

ULT

[5] The garments of a man shall not be on a woman, and neither shall a man wear the clothing of a woman; for all who do these {are} an abomination to Yahweh your God.

UST

[5] Women must not wear men's clothes, and men must not wear women's clothes. Yahweh our God hates people who do things like that.

What behavior does Yahweh find disgusting?

Yahweh is disgusted when a woman wears men's clothing or a man puts on women's clothing.

Deuteronomy 22:6

ULT

[6] If the nest of a bird is encountered before your face on the road, in any tree or on the ground, {with} young ones or eggs, and the mother lying down on the young or on the eggs, you shall not take the mother with the children.

UST

[6] If you happen to find a bird's nest in a tree or on the ground, and the mother bird is sitting in the nest on its eggs or with the baby birds, do not take the mother bird and kill it.

What should the people of Israel do if they find a mother in a bird's nest with her young or sitting on the eggs? (vv6-7)

They must let the mother go, but the young they may take for themselves.

Deuteronomy 22:7

ULT

[7] You shall surely send out the mother, but the children you may take for yourself, so that it may go well with you, and you may prolong {your} days.

UST

[7] You are permitted to take the baby birds, but you must allow the mother bird to fly away. Do this in order that things will go well for you and that you will live for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:8

ULT

[8] When you build a new house, then you shall make a railing for your roof, and you will not bring blood on your house if one who falls falls from it.

UST

[8] If you build a new house, you must put a railing around the roof. In this way, you will not be guilty of having caused someone's death if a person falls from it and dies.

What was required when an Israelite would build a house?

It was required that he would make a railing for the roof so he would not bring blood on his house if anyone would fall from there.

Deuteronomy 22:9

ULT

[9] You shall not plant your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the produce of the seed that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard is made holy.

UST

[9] Do not plant any crop in the area where your grapevines are growing. If you do, the priests in Yahweh's sanctuary will seize both the seed and the harvest of that vineyard.

Why were the Israelites instructed to not plant their vineyards with two kinds of seeds?

The Israelites were not to plant with two kinds of seeds so that the whole harvest would not be confiscated by the sanctuary.

Deuteronomy 22:10

ULT
[10] You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.

UST
[10] Do not hitch together an ox and a donkey for plowing your fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:11

ULT
[11] You shall not wear mixed material—wool and linen together.

UST
[11] Do not wear clothing that is made by weaving together wool and linen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:12

ULT
[12] You shall make tassels for yourself on the four corners of your garment with which you cover {yourself}.

UST
[12] Twist threads together to make tassels and sew them on the four bottom corners of your cloak.

What must you put on the foul corners of the cloak with which you clothe yourself?
You must make yourself fringes on the four corners of the cloak with which you clothe yourself.

Deuteronomy 22:13

ULT
[13] If a man takes a wife, and he goes in to her and hates her

UST
[13] Suppose a man marries a young woman and sleeps with her and later decides that he does not want her anymore,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:14

ULT

14 and accuses her of shameful things and brings against her a bad name and says, ‘I took this woman, and I came near to her, and I did not find her virginity,’

UST

14 and suppose that he says false things about her, and claims that she was not a virgin when he married her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:15

ULT

15 then the father of the girl and the mother shall take and bring the virginity of the girl to the elders {at} the city gate.

UST

15 If that happens, the young woman’s parents must take the sheet that was on the bed when the man and their daughter were married, which still has bloodstains on it, and show it to the elders of the city at the gate of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:16

ULT

16 And the father of the girl shall say to the elders, ‘I gave my daughter to this man as a wife, and he hates her.

UST

16 Then the father of the young woman must say to the elders, ‘I gave my daughter to this man to be his wife. But now he says that he does not want her anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:17

ULT

17 And behold, he has set forth shameful things, saying, “I did not find virginity in your daughter.” But these {are} the virginity of my daughter.’ And they shall spread the garment out before the faces of the elders of the city.

UST

17 And he has falsely said that she was not a virgin when he married her. But look! Here is what proves that my daughter was a virgin! Look at the bloodstains on the sheet where they slept the night that they were married!’ And he will show the sheet to the elders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:18

ULT

18 And the elders of that city shall take the man and rebuke him;

UST

18 Then the elders of that city must take that man and whip him.

What must happen if a man has made a false accusation against his wife? (vv18-19)

The elders of the city must punish him by fining him one hundred shekels of silver which would be given to the father of the wife and the man could never send his wife away.

Deuteronomy 22:19

ULT

19 and they shall fine him 100 silvers, and give them to the father of the girl, because he has brought a bad name upon a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife; he shall not send her away all his days.

UST

19 They shall require that he pay a fine of one hundred pieces of silver and give the money to the father of the young woman, because the man has brought shame on an Israelite young woman. Also, that woman must continue to live with him; she is his wife. He is not allowed to divorce her during the rest of his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:20

ULT
20 But if this thing is true, virginity was not found in the girl,

UST
20 But if what the man said is true, and there is nothing to prove that she was a virgin when he married her,

What should happen if the proof of the wife's virginity is not found? (vv20-21)
If the proof of her virginity is not found, then she must be brought out and stoned to death because she has committed a disgraceful action.

Deuteronomy 22:21

ULT
21 then they shall bring out the girl to the door of the house of her father, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones, and she shall die, because she has done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to commit fornication {in} the house of her father; and you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST
21 they must take that young woman to the door of her father's house. Then the men of that city must execute her by throwing stones at her. They must do that because she has done something in Israel that is very disgraceful, by sleeping with some man while she was still living in her father's house. By executing her like that, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:22

ULT
22 If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall die, even the two of them, the man lying with the woman and the woman; and you shall remove the evil from Israel.

UST
22 If a man is caught while he is sleeping with another man's wife, both of them must be executed. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil practice from Israel.

What must happen if a man is found lying with a woman married to another man?
Both the man and the woman must be stoned to death to erase the evil.

Deuteronomy 22:23

ULT

23 If {there} is a virgin girl, engaged to a man, and {another} man finds her in the city and lies with her,

UST

23 Suppose in some town a man sees a young woman who is promised to be married to another man, and he is caught sleeping with her.

Why are the people of Israel instructed to stone to death both a girl who is a virgin engaged to a man and another man if they are found lying together? (vv23-24)

They are instructed to stone both of them because the girl did not cry out when she was in the city and the man humiliated the wife of a fellow Israelite.

Deuteronomy 22:24

ULT

24 then you shall take both of them to the gate of that city, and stone them with stones, and they shall die—the girl, on account of the matter that she did not cry out in the city, and the man, on account of the matter that he humiliated the wife of his neighbor; and you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST

24 You must take both of them to the gate of that town, where the town leaders decide important matters. There you must execute them both by throwing stones at them. You must execute the young woman because she did not shout for help even though she was in the town. And the man must be executed because he slept with someone who was already promised to be married. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil practice from among you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:25

ULT

25 And if the man finds the engaged girl in the field, and the man seizes her and lies with her, then only the man who lies with her shall die.

UST

25 But suppose out in the open countryside a man meets a young woman who is engaged to be married, and he forces her to sleep with him. If that happens, only that man must be executed.

What must happen if the man would force the girl to lie with him when they are out in a field? (vv25-27)

If this happens out in a field, then the man must die, but nothing must be done to the girl because he found her out in the field and there was no one there to save her.

Deuteronomy 22:26

ULT

26 But to the girl you shall not do a thing; there is no sin of death in the girl. For as a man rises up against his neighbor and murders him, the life, thus {is} this matter.

UST

26 You must not punish the young woman, because she did not do anything for which she deserves to be executed. This case is like when one man attacks another man in the countryside and murders him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:27

ULT

27 For he found her in the field; the engaged girl cried out, {but there} was no one to save her.

UST

27 because the man who forced her to sleep with him saw her when she was in the open countryside, and even though she called out for help, there was no one there who could rescue her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:28

ULT

28 If a man finds a virgin girl that is not engaged, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are discovered,

UST

28 If a man forces a young woman who is not engaged to be married to sleep with him, and if someone sees him while he is doing that,

What must happen if a man lies with a girl who is a virgin, but who is not engaged and they are discovered? (vv28-29)

Then the man must give fiifty shekels of silver to the girl's father and take the girl as his wife rather than sending her away.

Deuteronomy 22:29

ULT

29 then the man who lay with her shall give 50 silvers to the father of the girl, and she shall be his wife, because he has violated her. He may not send her away all his days.

UST

29 that man must pay fifty pieces of silver to the young woman's father, and he must marry her, because he shamed her by forcing her to sleep with him. He is not allowed to divorce her during the rest of his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 22:30

ULT

30 A man shall not take the wife of his father; and he shall not uncover the hem of his father.

UST

30 A man must not take what belongs to his father by sleeping with any of his father's wives.

Why must a man not take his father's wife as his own?

A man must not take his father's wife as his own because he would be taking away his father's marriage rights.

Deuteronomy 23

Deuteronomy 23:1

ULT
[1] The injured {by} mutilation or male organ being cut off shall not enter the assembly of Yahweh.

UST
[1] Any male person whose reproductive organs have been destroyed may not be included as one of Yahweh's people.

Who would not be allowed to enter into the assembly of Yahweh? (vv1-2)
Any male whose private parts have been crushed or cut off, or the illegitimate child is not allowed to enter into the assembly of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 23:2

ULT
[2] No illegitimate child shall enter the assembly of Yahweh; even his tenth generation shall not enter the assembly of Yahweh.

UST
[2] No illegitimate person or descendant of an illegitimate person, extending to the tenth generation, shall be included as one of Yahweh's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:3

ULT
[3] An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the assembly of Yahweh; even their tenth generation shall not enter the assembly of Yahweh, until forever

UST
[3] No one from the Ammon or Moab people groups shall be included as one of Yahweh's people, extending to the tenth generation.

Why must neither an Ammonite nor a Moabite enter into the assembly of Yahweh? (vv3-4)
They can enter into the assembly because they did not meet the Israelites with bread and water on the road when they came out of Egypt and they hired Balaam to curse them.

Deuteronomy 23:4

ULT

[4] on account of the matter that they did not meet you with bread and with water on the road when you had come out from Egypt, and that they hired against you Balaam son of Beor from Pethor {in} Aram Naharaim, to curse you.

UST

[4] One reason for this is that their leaders refused to give your ancestors food and water when they were traveling from Egypt to Canaan. Another reason is that they paid Balaam son of Beor from the town of Pethor in Mesopotamia, to curse you Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:5

ULT

[5] But Yahweh your God was not willing to listen to Balaam; and, Yahweh your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because Yahweh your God loved you.

UST

[5] But Yahweh our God did not pay attention to Balaam; instead, he caused Balaam to bless your ancestors, because Yahweh loved them.

What evidence showed that Yahweh did not listen to Balaam?

Yahweh turned the curse of Balaam into a blessing for Israel.

Deuteronomy 23:6

ULT

[6] You shall not seek their peace or their prosperity, all your days, to forever.

UST

[6] As long as Israel is a nation, you must not do anything to cause things to go well for those two people groups to enable them to prosper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:7

ULT

[7] You shall not detest an Edomite, for he {is} your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you were a foreigner in his land.

UST

[7] But do not despise anyone from the Edom people group, because they are descendants of your ancestor Isaac, just like you are. And do not despise people from Egypt, because they treated your ancestors well when they first lived in Egypt.

Why were Edomites and Egyptians allowed to enter into the assembly of Yahweh? (vv7-8)

An Edomite was allowed to be in the assembly because he was a fellow Israelite and an Egyptian was allowed in the assembly since Israel was once a foreigner in his land.

Deuteronomy 23:8

ULT

[8] The sons that are born to them, the third generation, they may enter the assembly of Yahweh.

UST

[8] The grandchildren of people from Edom and Egypt who live among you now may be included among Yahweh's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:9

ULT

[9] When you go out, encamped against your enemies, then you shall keep from every evil thing.

UST

[9] When your soldiers are living in camp in time of war, they must avoid doing things that would make them unacceptable to God.

How could a man in the Israelite army who had become unclean because of what had happened to him at night became clean again so he could come back inside the camp? (vv9-11)

He could bathe himself in water in the evening and then be allowed to come back inside the camp.

Deuteronomy 23:10

ULT

10 If there is among you a man who is not clean, happening {at} night, then he shall go to the outside of the camp; he shall not come to the middle of the camp.

UST

10 If any soldier becomes unacceptable to God because semen comes out of his body during the night, the next morning he must go outside the camp and stay there during that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:11

ULT

11 And it will happen, turning evening, he shall bathe himself in water, and as the sun goes, he shall go in to the middle of the camp.

UST

11 But in the evening of that day, he must bathe himself, and at sunset he will be allowed to come back into the camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:12

ULT

12 And you shall have a place outside the camp, and you may go outside there.

UST

12 Your soldiers must have a toilet area outside the camp where you can go when you need to.

Why did Yahweh give instructions to the people of Israel about where and how to relieve themselves? (vv12-14)

Yahweh was walking in the midst of their camp, so the camp must be holy in order that Yahweh would not see any unclean thing and turn away from them.

Deuteronomy 23:13

ULT

13 and you shall have a spade among your tools, and it happens when you are sitting yourself out, then you shall dig with it and put back and cover up your excrement.

UST

13 When you go to fight against your enemies, carry a stick along along with your weapons, in order that when you need to defecate, you can dig a hole with the stick, and then cover up the hole when you have finished defecating.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:14

ULT

14 For Yahweh your God walks in the midst of your camp to give you victory and to give your enemies before your faces. And your camp shall be holy, and he will not see an unclean thing among you and turn away from you.

UST

14 You must keep the camp acceptable to Yahweh our God, because he is with you in your camp to protect you and to enable you to defeat your enemies. Do not do anything disgraceful that would cause Yahweh to turn away from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:15

ULT

15 You shall not deliver a slave to his master who has escaped to you from his master.

UST

15 If slaves who escape from their masters come to you and request you to protect them, do not send them back to their masters.

How were the instructions Yahweh gave about slaves unusual? (vv15-16)

A slave who escaped from his master was not to be returned, but allowed to live with them in whatever town he chose.

Deuteronomy 23:16

ULT
16 He shall live with you, in your midst, in the place that he chooses, in one of your gates as good to him. Do not oppress him.

UST
16 Allow them to stay among you, in whatever town they choose, and do not mistreat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:17

ULT
17 No cultic prostitute shall be from the daughters of Israel, and no cultic prostitute shall be from the sons of Israel.

UST
17 Do not allow any Israelite man or woman to become prostitutes at the temple.

Why did Yahweh not allow any prostitutes or sodomites among the Israelites nor allow their wages to be used as a vow in his house? (vv17-18)
Yahweh was disgusted with anything connected with the evil behavior of the prostitutes or sodomites.

Deuteronomy 23:18

ULT
18 You shall not bring the wages of a prostitute or the price of a dog {into} the house of Yahweh your God for any vow; for even both of them {are} abominations to Yahweh your God.

UST
18 Also, do not allow any people who earned money from being a prostitute to bring any of that money into the temple of Yahweh our God, even if they solemnly promised to pay that money to him. Yahweh hates those who are prostitutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:19

ULT

[19] You shall not charge interest to your brother—interest of money, interest of food, interest of any thing that is charged interest.

UST

[19] When you lend money or food or anything else to a fellow Israelite, do not charge them interest.

How was the policy of lending money different when it involved foreigners instead of fellow Israelites? (vv19-20)

They were never to lend on interest to their fellow Israelites, but they were allowed to lend on interest to foreigners.

Deuteronomy 23:20

ULT

[20] You may charge interest to a foreigner; but to your brother you shall not charge interest, so that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the sending out of your hand, in the land which you are going into to possess it.

UST

[20] You are allowed to charge interest when you lend money to foreigners who live in your land, but not when you lend money to Israelites. Do this in order that Yahweh our God will bless you in everything that you do in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:21

ULT

[21] When you vow a vow to Yahweh your God, you shall not delay to fulfill it, for Yahweh your God shall surely require it from you; and {it} would be sin for you.

UST

[21] When you solemnly promise to give something to Yahweh your God or to do something for him, do not delay in doing it. Yahweh expects you to do what you promised, and if you do not do it, you will be committing a sin.

How important was it for an Israelite to fulfill a vow he made to Yahweh? (vv21-23)

An Israelite was not to be slow in fulfilling a vow he made to Yahweh, but he was to observe what he freely promised with his mouth so that he would not be sinning against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 23:22

ULT
22 And if you refrain from vowing, {it} will not be sin for you.

UST
22 But if you do not solemnly promise to do something, that is not sinful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:23

ULT
23 What has gone out from your lips you shall keep and do as you have vowed to Yahweh your God, a vow that you have spoken with your mouth.

UST
23 But if you voluntarily promise to do something, you must do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 23:24

ULT
24 When you go into the vineyard of your neighbor, then you may eat grapes as your spirit {is} satisfied, but you shall not put {any} in your vessel.

UST
24 When you walk through someone else's vineyard, you are allowed to pick and eat as many grapes as you want, but you must not put any in a container and take them away.

How generous were the instructions from Yahweh about what the Israelites could eat from their neighbor's vineyard and fields? (vv24-25)
They could eat their fill of grapes from their neighbor's vineyard as long as they did not put any in containers and they could pluck the ears of grain from their neighbor's field as long as they did not use a sickle.

Deuteronomy 23:25

ULT

25 When you go in the stalks of your neighbor, then you may pluck ears of wheat with your hand, but you shall not wave a sickle on the stalks of your neighbor.

UST

25 When you walk along a path in someone else's field of grain, you are allowed to pluck some of the grain and eat it, but you must not cut any grain with a sickle and take it with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24

Deuteronomy 24:1

ULT
1 When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens, if she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found an indecent thing in her, then he shall write for her a letter of divorce and put {it} into her hand and send her out from his house.

UST
1 Suppose a man marries a woman and later decides that he does not want her because there is something offensive, and he sends her away from his house. And suppose he writes a paper in which he says that he is divorcing her, and he gives the paper to her and sends her away from his house

How does Yahweh make it possible for a man to divorce his wife? (vv1-2)
If a man has found some unsuitable thing in his wife, he can write her a bill of divorcement, put it in her hand, and send her out of his house where she can go and become another man’s wife.

Deuteronomy 24:2

ULT
2 And she shall go out from his house and she may go and be another man's.

UST
2 Then suppose that she goes away. She is allowed to marry another man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:3

ULT
3 And {if} the latter husband hates her and writes her a letter of divorce and puts {it} into her hand and sends her out from his house; or if the latter husband dies, who took her as his wife,

UST
3 Suppose that that man later also decides that he does not like her, and that he also writes a paper in which he says that he is divorcing her, and he sends her away from his house. Or, suppose that the second husband dies.

What does Yahweh not allow if the second husband writes her a bill of divorce and sends her out of the house or if he dies? (vv3-4)
Yahweh does not allow for the first husband who sent her away to take her again to be his wife.

Deuteronomy 24:4

ULT

4 her first husband, who had sent her away, shall not be able to take her again to be his wife after she has become impure; for it {is} an abomination before the face of Yahweh, and you shall not make the land sinful, which Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance.

UST

4 If either of those things happen, her first husband must not marry her again. He must consider that she has become unacceptable to Yahweh. Yahweh would consider it to be disgusting if he married her again. You must not sin by doing that in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:5

ULT

5 When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, neither shall he pass on himself any matter; he shall be free for his house one year and will cheer his wife whom he has taken.

UST

5 When a man has just become married, he must not be required to become a soldier in the army or be required to do any other work for the government. He must be exempt from such work for one year after being married. He should stay at home and make his wife happy for that year.

What are the benefits for a man who has taken a new wife?

He does not have to go to war or be commanded to go on forced duty, but he can stay home for one year to make his new wife happy.

Deuteronomy 24:6

ULT

6 He shall not impound a mill or an upper millstone, for it {is} a life for a pledge.

UST

6 Anyone who lends money to someone else is allowed to require that person to give him something to guarantee that he will pay back the money that he borrowed, but he must not take from him his millstone because that would be taking from the other person the millstone that his family needs to make flour for baking bread to stay alive.

Why was no man allowed to take a mill or an upper millstone as a pledge?

No man was allowed to take them, for he would be taking a man's livelihood as a pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:7

ULT

[7] If a man is found stealing a life from his brothers from the sons of Israel, and mistreats him and sells him, then that thief shall die; and you shall remove the evil from among you.

UST

[7] If someone kidnaps a fellow Israelite to make that person his slave or to sell him to become someone else's slave, you must execute the person who did that. By doing that, you will get rid of this evil from among you.

What are the circumstances when a man would be declared a thief and must die?

A man would be declared a thief who must die if he would kidnap any of his Israelite brothers and treat him as a slave or sell him.

Deuteronomy 24:8

ULT

[8] Guard against a plague of skin disease, to firmly keep and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, teach you; as I commanded them, you shall keep doing.

UST

[8] If you are suffering from leprosy, be sure to do everything that the priests, who are from the tribe of Levi, tell you to do. Obey carefully the instructions that I have given to them.

What word of caution from Yahweh about leprosy did Moses pass on to the people of Israel? (vv8-9)

Moses told the people of Israel to carefully observe and follow every instruction which Yahweh gave to the priests and Levites regarding any plague of leprosy.

Deuteronomy 24:9

ULT

[9] Remember what Yahweh your God did to Miriam on the way when you were coming out from Egypt.

UST

[9] Do not forget what Yahweh our God did to Miriam, when she became a leper, as your ancestors were coming out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:10

ULT
10 When you lend to your neighbor any loan, you shall not go into his house to collect his pledge.

UST
10 When you lend something to someone, do not go into his house to take the cloak that he says that he will give you to guarantee that he will return what he has borrowed.

What restrictions were given when a loan was made to a neighbor? (vv10-11)
When a loan was made to a neighbor, they were not to go into the house to get the pledge, but stand outside and wait for the man who received the loan to bring out the pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:11

ULT
11 You shall stand outside, and the man whom you have lent to shall bring the pledge outside to you.

UST
11 Stand outside his house, and the man to whom you are lending something will bring the cloak out to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:12

ULT
12 And if he {is} a poor man, you shall not lie asleep with his pledge.

UST
12 But if he is poor, do not keep that cloak overnight.

What must happen if the man who gives the pledge is a poor man? (vv12-13)
If the man is a poor man, the man who gives him the loan must not sleep with the pledge in his possession, but restore him the pledge by the time the sun goes down so he may sleep in his cloak.

Deuteronomy 24:13

ULT

[13] You shall certainly restore to him the pledge as the sun goes down, and he will sleep in his cloak and bless you; and it will be righteousness for you before the face of Yahweh your God.

UST

[13] When the sun sets, take the cloak back to him, in order that he may wear it while he sleeps. If you do that, he will ask God to bless you, and Yahweh our God will be pleased with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:14

ULT

[14] You shall not oppress a poor and needy hired man from your brothers or from the foreigners who {are} in your land, within your gates.

UST

[14] Do not mistreat any servants whom you have hired who are poor and needy, whether they are Israelites or foreigners who are living in your town.

What must the people of Israel do to not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy? (vv14-15)

They must give him his wages every day because he is poor and is counting on it.

Deuteronomy 24:15

ULT

[15] In his day you shall give his wage, and the sun shall not go down on it, for he {is} poor and he lifts up his life to it. Then he will not call against you to Yahweh and have it be for you a sin.

UST

[15] Every day, before sunset, you must pay them the money that they have earned. They are poor and they need to get their pay. If you do not pay them right away, they will cry out against you to Yahweh, and he will punish you for having sinned like that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:16

ULT

16 Fathers shall not be put to death on account of sons, and sons shall not be put to death on account of fathers. A man shall be put to death for his sin.

UST

16 Parents must not be executed for crimes that their children have committed, and children must not be executed for crimes that their parents have committed. People should be executed only for the crimes that they themselves have committed.

How did Yahweh make it clear that everyone was responsible for their own sins?

Yahweh told the people of Israel that the parents must not be put to death for the sins of their children and the children must not be put to death for the sins of their parents.

Deuteronomy 24:17

ULT

17 You shall not twist the judgment of the foreigner {or} the fatherless, and you shall not take for a pledge the garment of a widow.

UST

17 You must do for foreigners who live among you and for orphans the things that the laws state that must be done for them. And if you lend something to a widow, do not take her coat from her as a guarantee that she will return it.

Why were the people of Israel reminded about their time of slavery in Egypt and how Yahweh rescued them from there? (vv17-18)

They were reminded so they would not force away the justice due the foreigner or the fatherless, nor take the widow's cloak as a pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:18

ULT

18 And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you from there. Therefore, I command you to do this word.

UST

18 Do not forget that you had great troubles when you were slaves in Egypt, and that Yahweh our God rescued you from there. That is why I am commanding you to help others who have troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:19

ULT

[19] When you reap your harvest in your field, and you forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to take it; it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, or for the widow, so that Yahweh your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

UST

[19] When you harvest your crops, if you have forgotten that you left one bundle in the field, do not go back to get it. Leave it there for foreigners, orphans, and widows. If you do that, Yahweh will bless you in everything that you do.

What were the people of Israel commanded to do when they harvested their field or shook their olive tree? (vv19-20)

When the people of Israel harvested their field they were not to go back for a forgotten sheaf in the field or to shake their olive tree a second time, but to leave them for the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 24:20

ULT

[20] When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the branches after yourself; it shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, or for the widow.

UST

[20] And when you have harvested all your olives from the trees once, do not go back to pick the ones that are still on the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:21

ULT

[21] When you gather your vineyard, you shall not glean after yourself. It shall be for the foreigner, for the fatherless, or for the widow.

UST

[21] Similarly, when you pick the grapes in your vineyard, do not go back a second time to try to find more. Leave them for the foreigners, orphans, and widows among you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 24:22

ULT

22 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore, I command you to do this word.

UST

22 Do not forget that Yahweh acted kindly toward you when you were slaves in Egypt. That is why I am commanding you to be kind to those who are needy.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25

Deuteronomy 25:1

ULT

1 If there is a dispute between men and they go to the judgment, and they judge them, then they shall declare the righteous as just and declare the wicked as unjust.

UST

1 "If two Israelites have a dispute and they go to a court, the judge will probably decide that one is innocent and that the other one is guilty.

How will a judge resolve a dispute between two men in court?

He will acquit the righteous and condemn the wicked to be beaten in his presence.

Deuteronomy 25:2

ULT

2 And if the wicked man is a son of striking, then the judge shall cause him to lie down and be beaten before his face as {is} enough in number {for} his wickedness.

UST

2 If the judge says that the guilty person must be punished, he shall command him to lie with his face on the ground and be whipped. The number of times he is struck with a whip will depend on what kind of crime he committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:3

ULT

3 He shall not add to his 40 blows, lest he add his striking of him {with} many {more} blows than these, and your brother is humiliated before your eyes.

UST

3 It is permitted that he be struck as many as forty times, but no more than that. If he is struck more than forty times, he would be humiliated publicly.

Why will a judge limit number of blows a wicked man will receive?

He will order number of blows to not exceed forty blows so the wicked will not be humiliated.

Deuteronomy 25:4

ULT

4 You shall not muzzle an ox in his threshing.

UST

4 When your ox is walking on the grain to separate it from the chaff, do not prevent it from eating some of grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:5

ULT

5 If brothers live together and one of them dies, and he does not have a son, the wife of the dead man shall not be for a strange man from outside. Her brother-in-law shall go in to her and take her for himself as a wife, and {be} her brother in law.

UST

5 If two brothers live on the same property, and one of them who has no son dies, the man's widow should not marry someone who is not a member of his family. The dead man's brother must marry her and sleep with her. It is his duty to do that.

What safeguard did Yahweh institute so that the name of a man would not perish from Israel? (vv5-6)

If a brother died without having a son, his brother must take the dead man's widow as his wife so that the firstborn she bears will succeed in the name of that man's dead brother.

Deuteronomy 25:6

ULT

6 And it will happen, the firstborn that she bears will rise up upon the name of his brother who died, and his name will not be wiped out from Israel.

UST

6 If she later gives birth to a son, that son is to be considered the son of the man who died, in order that the dead man's name will not disappear from Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:7

ULT

7 But if the man does not delight in taking his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate to the elders and say, 'My brother-in-law refuses to raise up for his brother a name in Israel; he is not willing {to be} my brother-in-law.'

UST

7 But if the dead man's brother does not want to marry that woman, she must stand at the city gate. She must say to the city leaders, 'My husband's brother refuses to marry me in order that I may give birth to a son who will prevent the dead man's name from disappearing in Israel.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:8

ULT

8 And the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. If he stands and says, 'I do not delight in taking her.'

UST

8 Then the elders must summon that man and talk to him. Perhaps he will still refuse to marry that widow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:9

ULT

9 Then his brother's wife shall come to him before the eyes of the elders and take off his sandal from his foot and spit in his face. And she shall respond and say, 'Thus is done to the man who does not build up the house of his brother.'

UST

9 In that case, she must go up to him while the elders are watching, and take off one of his sandals to symbolize that he would not receive any of her property, spit in his face, and say to him, 'This is what happens to the man who refuses to do what is needed to allow his dead brother to have a son in order that our family name does not disappear.'

What punishment did Yahweh give to the people of Israel if the man's brother did not wish to take his brother's wife? (vv9-10)

The brother's wife will in the presence of the elders take off his sandal, spit in his face, and tell him that this is what is done when a man does not build up his brother's house.

Deuteronomy 25:10

ULT
10 And his name will be called in Israel, ‘The house of the sandal taken off.’

UST
10 After that happens, that man’s family will be known as ‘the family of the man whose sandal was pulled off.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:11

ULT
11 If men fight with each other, a man and his brother, and the wife of one comes to rescue her husband from the hand of his attacker, and she stretches out her hand and seizes him by his genitals,

UST
11 When two men are fighting with each other, and the one man’s wife comes up to help her husband by grabbing hold of the other man’s private parts,

What would cause a wife to have one of her hands cut off? (vv11-12)
If two men were fighting and the wife of one of the men grabs the private part of the other man in an attempt to rescue her husband, then her hand must be cut off.

Deuteronomy 25:12

ULT
12 then you shall cut off her hand; your eye shall have no pity.

UST
12 do not act mercifully toward her; cut off her hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:13

ULT
13 You shall not have in your bag a weight and a weight, a large and a small.

UST
13-14 When you are buying or selling things, do not try to cheat people by having two kinds of weights, one which you use when you buy something and one which you use when you sell something, or two kinds of measuring baskets, one which you use when you buy something and one which you use when you sell something.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:14

ULT
14 You shall not have in your house a measure and a measure, a large and a small.

UST
13-14 When you are buying or selling things, do not try to cheat people by having two kinds of weights, one which you use when you buy something and one which you use when you sell something, or two kinds of measuring baskets, one which you use when you buy something and one which you use when you sell something.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:15

ULT
15 A perfect and just weight you shall have; a perfect and just measure you shall have, so that your days will be long in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST
15 Always use correct weights and correct measuring baskets, in order that Yahweh our God will allow you to live a long time in the land that he is giving to you.

What kind of unrighteous act is disgusting to Yahweh? (vv15-16)
It is disgusting to Yahweh when a man has a large and a small weight to measure rather than a perfect and just weight.

Deuteronomy 25:16

ULT
16 For all who do these, all who do injustice {are} an abomination {to} Yahweh your God.

UST
16 Yahweh hates all those who act dishonestly, and he will punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:17

ULT
17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the road as you came out from Egypt,

UST
17 Continue to remember what the Amalek people group did to your ancestors when they were coming out of Egypt.

Why must the people of Israel blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven? (vv17-19)
Amalek did not honor God when Amalek met Israel on the road and attacked those who were faint and weary at the rear as they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 25:18

ULT
18 how he met you on the road and attacked you from behind, all the stragglers following you, and you {were} faint and weary; and he did not fear God.

UST
18 They attacked your ancestors as they were traveling, when they were weak and exhausted. Those people were not afraid of God at all, so they attacked your ancestors from the rear and killed all those who were unable to walk as fast as the others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 25:19

ULT

19 And it will happen, when Yahweh your God has given to you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you to possess {as} an inheritance, you shall wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heavens; you shall not forget.

UST

19 Therefore, when Yahweh our God has given you the land that he promised to give you, and when he has enabled you to rest from fighting all your enemies around you, kill all the Amalek people group, with the result that no one will remember them anymore. Do not forget to do this!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26

Deuteronomy 26:1

ULT

1 And it will happen, when you have come into the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you {as} an inheritance and you possess it and live in it,

UST

1 After you occupy the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you, and you have settled there,

What must the people of Israel do when they possess the land which Yahweh has given them? (vv1-2)

The people of Israel must take some of the first of all the harvest of the land in a basket and go to the place Yahweh has chosen as his sanctuary.

Deuteronomy 26:2

ULT

2 then you shall take from the first of all the harvest of the land that you have brought in from the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you. And you shall put {it} in a basket and go to the place that Yahweh your God will choose {for} his name to dwell there.

UST

2 each of you must take some of the first crops that you harvest, put it in a basket, and take it to the place that Yahweh will have chosen for you to worship there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:3

ULT

3 And you shall go to the priest who will be in those days and say to him, ‘I declare today to Yahweh your God that I have come to the land that Yahweh swore to our fathers to give to us.’

UST

3 Go to the high priest who is serving at that time and say to him, ‘By giving you this first part of my harvest today, I am declaring to Yahweh our God that I have picked it in the land that he solemnly promised to our ancestors to give to us.’

What must the people of Israel say to the priest when they give him the basket?

The people of Israel must say to him, “I acknowledge today to Yahweh that I have come to the land that he swore to give to our ancestors.”

Deuteronomy 26:4

ULT

[4] And the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it before the face of the altar of Yahweh your God.

UST

[4] Then the priest must take the basket of food from your hand and put it on the altar where sacrifices are offered to Yahweh our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:5

ULT

[5] And you shall respond and say before the face of Yahweh your God, ‘My father {was} a wandering Aramean. And he went down to Egypt and stayed there—his people {were} few—and there he became a great, mighty, and numerous nation.

UST

[5] Then in Yahweh’s presence you must say this: ‘My ancestor Jacob was a man from Aram and powerful nation. He took his family to Egypt. They were a small group when they went there, but they lived there and their descendants became a very large and powerful nation.

What must the people of Israel say was their father?

The people of Israel must say their father was a wandering Aramean.

Deuteronomy 26:6

ULT

[6] And the Egyptians treated us badly and afflicted us. And they set it—hard work—upon us.

UST

[6] Then the people of Egypt acted very harshly toward them, and they forced them to become their slaves and to work very hard.

How did the Egyptians treat the Israelites when they were in Egypt?

They treated the Israelites badly and afflicted them, making them do the work of slaves.

Deuteronomy 26:7

ULT

[7] And we cried out to Yahweh, the God of our fathers, and Yahweh heard our voice and saw our affliction and our labor and our oppression.

UST

[7] Then our ancestors cried out to you, Yahweh our God, and you heard them. You saw that they were suffering, and that they were forced to work very hard, and were being oppressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh brought us out from Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with great fearsomeness and with signs and with wonders;

UST

[8] Then by your great power and by performing many kinds of miracles, and other terrifying things, you brought them out of Egypt.

How did Yahweh bring Israel out of Egypt? (vv8-9)

He brought them out with a mighty hand, with a display of his power, with great fearsome power, with signs, and with wonders.

Deuteronomy 26:9

ULT

[9] and he has brought us to this place and has given to us this land, a land flowing {with} milk and honey.

UST

[9] You brought us to this land and gave it to us, a land that is very fertile.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:10

ULT

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of the harvest of the land that Yahweh has given to me.’ And you shall set it down before the face of Yahweh your God and bow down before the face of Yahweh your God;

UST

10 So now, Yahweh, I have brought to you the first part of the harvest from the land that I received.’ Then you must set the basket down in Yahweh’s presence and worship him there.

What is the purpose for setting down the basket before Yahweh? (vv10-11)

The purpose is to worship Yahweh and rejoice in all the good that he has done for Israel, their house, the Levite, and the foreigner among them.

Deuteronomy 26:11

ULT

11 and you shall rejoice in all the good that Yahweh your God has given to you and to your house—you and the Levite and the foreigner who {is} among you.

UST

11 And you must celebrate by eating a meal together to thank Yahweh our God for all the good things that he has given to you and to your family. And you must invite the descendants of Levi and the foreigners who are living among you to also rejoice and eat with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:12

ULT

12 When you have finished tithing all the tithe of your harvest in the third year—the year of tithing—then you shall give {it} to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, and they may eat within your gates and be satisfied.

UST

12 Every third year, you must bring to the descendants of Levi and to the foreigners who are living among you and the orphans and the widows a tithe of your crops, in order that in every town they will have plenty to eat.

What must the people of Israel do after they have finished giving all the tithe from their harvest?

The people of Israel must give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow so they may eat and be filled.

Deuteronomy 26:13

ULT

13 And you shall say before the face of Yahweh your God, ‘I have removed from my house the things set apart, and also have given it to the Levite, and to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all your commandments that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, neither have I forgotten.

UST

13 Then you must say to Yahweh, ‘I have brought to you, from my house, all of the tenth from my harvest this year, the tenth that I have set aside for you. I am giving it to the descendants of Levi, to the foreigners, the orphans, and the widows, as you commanded us to do. I have not disobeyed any of your commands about the tenth portion, and I have not forgotten any of your commands about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:14

ULT

14 I have not eaten from it in my mourning, nor have I removed from it in sin, nor have I given from it to the dead. I have listened to the voice of Yahweh my God; I have done according to all that you have commanded me.

UST

14 I declare that I have not eaten any food from the tenth portion while I was mourning for someone who died. And I have not taken any of it out of my house while I was in any condition unacceptable to you; I have not offered any of it to spirits of dead people. Yahweh, I have obeyed you and done everything that you have commanded us concerning the tenth portion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 26:15

ULT

15 Look down from your holy habitation, from the heavens, and bless your people, Israel, and the land that you have given to us, as you had sworn to our fathers, a land flowing {with} milk and honey.’

UST

15 So please look down from your holy place in heaven, and bless us, your Israelite people. Also bless this very fertile land which you have given to us, which is what you promised our ancestors that you would do.’

What do the people of Israel want Yahweh to do for them?

The people of Israel want Yahweh to look down from heaven and bless them in the land which he has given to them.

Deuteronomy 26:16

ULT

16 This day Yahweh your God is commanding you to obey these statutes and ordinances; and you shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your spirit.

UST

16 Today Yahweh our God is commanding you to obey all these rules and decrees. So obey them faithfully, with all your inner being.

What is Yahweh commanding the people of Israel to do?

He is commanding the people of Israel to obey his statues and decrees with all their heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 26:17

ULT

17 You have declared today: Yahweh is your God, and you shall walk in his ways and keep his statutes and his commandments and his ordinances, and you shall listen to his voice.

UST

17 Today you have declared that he is your God, and that you will conduct your lives as he wants you to do, and that you will obey all his commands and rules and decrees, and that you will do all that he tells you to do.

What have the people of Israel acknowledged before Yahweh?

They have acknowledged that Yahweh is their God and that they will walk in his ways, keep his commandments, and listen to his voice.

Deuteronomy 26:18

ULT

18 Today Yahweh has declared that you are his, a people for a possession, as he had spoken to you, and to keep all his commandments,

UST

18 And today Yahweh has declared that you are his people, which is what he promised that you would be, and he commands you to obey all his commands.

What has Yahweh acknowledged to the people of Israel? (vv18-19)

Yahweh has acknowledged that Israel is his own possession and he will set them high above all the other nations in respect to praise, reputation, and honor so they will be a people that is holy to him.

Deuteronomy 26:19

ULT

19 and he will set you high above all the nations that he has made, for praise and for a name and for beauty. And you will be a sanctified people for Yahweh your God, just as he has spoken.”

UST

19 If you do that, he will cause you to become greater than any other nation that he has established, and he will enable you to praise him and honor him. You are a special people to Yahweh, set apart and holy to him, just as he promised.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27

Deuteronomy 27:1

ULT

[1] And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, “Keep all the commandments that I command you today.

UST

[1] Moses, along with the other Israelite leaders, said this to the people: “Obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today.

What did Moses and the elders of Israel command the people of Israel to keep?

Moses and the elders of Israel told the people to keep all the commandments that Moses commanded them that day.

Deuteronomy 27:2

ULT

[2] And it will be, on the day when you cross the Jordan to the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, then you shall erect for yourself large stones and plaster them with plaster.

UST

[2] Soon you will cross the Jordan River and enter the land that Yahweh, your God, promised to give to you. There, set up some large stones and cover them with plaster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:3

ULT

[3] And you shall write on them all the words of this law when you have crossed over; so that you may go into the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, a land flowing {with} milk and honey, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers, has spoken to you.

UST

[3] Write on those stones all these laws and teachings, when you enter that very fertile land that Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, promised to give to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:4

ULT

[4] And it will be, when you have crossed the Jordan, erect these stones that I am commanding you today, on Mount Ebal, and plaster them with plaster.

UST

[4] When you have crossed the Jordan River, set up some large stones on Mount Ebal, just as I told you, and cover them with plaster.

What must the people of Israel do after they pass over the Jordan to the land which Yahweh would give them?
They must set up some large stones with plaster and write on them all the words of the law.

Deuteronomy 27:5

ULT

[5] And there you shall build an altar to Yahweh your God, an altar of stones; you shall not brandish an iron tool on them.

UST

[5] And build a stone altar there to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, but do not do any work on those stones with iron tools.

What must the people of Israel build on Mount Ebal?
The people of Israel must build an altar of stone to Yahweh without using iron tools to offer burned offerings to him.

Deuteronomy 27:6

ULT

[6] You shall build the altar of Yahweh your God of untouched stones; and you shall sacrifice burnt offerings on it to Yahweh your God,

UST

[6] The altar that you make to burn sacrifices to Yahweh our God must be made with uncut stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:7

ULT

[7] and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and eat there; and you shall rejoice before the face of Yahweh your God.

UST

[7] And there you must sacrifice offerings to restore fellowship with Yahweh, and you must eat your share of those offerings and rejoice in the presence of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:8

ULT

[8] And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly."

UST

[8] And, when you write these laws on those stones, you must write them very clearly."

What were the people of Israel to write on the stones they had plastered?

They were to write on the stones very plainly all the words of the law.

Deuteronomy 27:9

ULT

[9] And Moses and the priests, the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, "Be silent and listen, Israel: This day you have become the people of Yahweh your God.

UST

[9] Then Moses, along with the priests, said to all the Israelite people, "You Israelite people, be quiet and listen to what I am saying. Today you have become the people who belong to Yahweh, our God.

Why was it important for the people of Israel to hear the voice of Yahweh and obey his commandments that day? (vv9-10)

It was important because on that day they became the people of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 27:10

ULT

10 And hear the voice of Yahweh your God and do his commandments and statutes that I am commanding you today.”

UST

10 So you must do what he tells you, and obey all the rules and regulations that I am giving to you today.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:11

ULT

11 And Moses commanded the people on that day, saying,

UST

11 On that same day Moses said to the Israelite people,

Why were six of the tribes of Israel commanded to stand on Mount Gerizim? (vv11-12)

Moses told the people that six of the tribes of Israel must stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people.

Deuteronomy 27:12

ULT

12 “These shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people when you have crossed the Jordan: Simeon and Levi and Judah and Issachar and Joseph and Benjamin.

UST

12 “After you have crossed over the Jordan River, the tribes of Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin must stand on Mount Gerizim and request Yahweh to bless the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:13

ULT
13 And these shall stand for the curse on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad and Asher and Zebulun, Dan and Naphtali.

UST
13 And the tribes of Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali must stand on Mount Ebal and listen to the things that Yahweh will do when he curses the people.

Why were six of the tribes of Israel commanded to stand on Mount Ebal?
Six of the tribes of Israel were commanded to stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce curses.

Deuteronomy 27:14

ULT
14 And the Levites shall respond and say to all the men of Israel {in} a loud voice:

UST
14 The descendants of Levi must shout these words loudly:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:15

ULT
15 ‘Cursed {is} the man who makes a carved image or cast figure, an abomination {to} Yahweh, the work of the hands of a craftsman, and sets up secretly.’ And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen.’

UST
15 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who carves a figure from wood or stone or casts a figure from metal, and secretly sets it up and worships it. Yahweh considers that those things are detestable.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

What is one thing that is disgusting to Yahweh?
One thing that is disgusting to Yahweh is a carved or cast figure made by a craftsman who sets it up in secret.

Deuteronomy 27:16

ULT

16 ‘Cursed {is} the one who dishonors his father or his mother.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST

16 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who dishonors his father or his mother.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:17

ULT

17 ‘Cursed {is} the one who displaces the boundary of his neighbor.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST

17 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who removes someone else’s markers of property boundaries.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:18

ULT

18 ‘Cursed {is} the one who misleads a blind man on the road.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST

18 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who leads a blind person to go in the wrong direction.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:19

ULT

19 ‘Cursed {is} the one who twists a judgment of a foreigner, fatherless, or widow.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST

19 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who deprives foreigners or orphans or widow of the things that the laws state must be done for them.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:20

ULT
20 ‘Cursed {is} the one who lies with the wife of his father, because he has uncovered the hem of his father.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
20 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who shows no respect for his father by sleeping with any of his father’s wives.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

Why is a man cursed if he lies with his father’s wife?
A man is cursed if he sleeps with his father’s wife, because he has taken away his father’s rights.

Deuteronomy 27:21

ULT
21 ‘Cursed {is} the one who lies with any beast.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
21 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who sleeps with any animal.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:22

ULT
22 ‘Cursed {is} the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
22 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who sleeps with his sister or with his half-sister.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:23

ULT
23 ‘Cursed {is} the one who lies with his mother-in-law.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
23 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who sleeps with his mother-in-law.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:24

ULT
24 ‘Cursed is the one who strikes his neighbor secretly.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
24 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who secretly murders someone else.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

What did the Levites say would happen to the man who secretly kills his neighbor or takes a bribe to kill an innocent person? (vv24-25)
That the man would be cursed.

Deuteronomy 27:25

ULT
25 ‘Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to strike a life of innocent blood.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
25 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who, because someone else has given him a bribe, murders someone who is innocent.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 27:26

ULT
26 ‘Cursed is the one who does not keep the words of this law, to do them.' And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

UST
26 ‘Yahweh will curse anyone who by disobeying these laws refuses to declare that those laws are good.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’”

Why did the Levites say a man should confirm the words of this law by obeying them?
A man should obey the words of this law so he would not be cursed.

Deuteronomy 28

Deuteronomy 28:1

ULT

1 And it will be, if you indeed listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep doing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, then Yahweh your God will set you higher than all the nations of the earth.

UST

1 "If you do what Yahweh our God tells you to do and faithfully obey everything that I am today commanding you to do, he will cause you to become greater than any other nation on the earth.

What did the people of Israel have to do in order to be blessed by Yahweh and to be set above all the other nations of the earth? (vv1-2)

The people of Israel needed to listen carefully to the voice of Yahweh and keep all his commandments.

Deuteronomy 28:2

ULT

2 And all these blessings will come on you and reach you, if you listen to the voice of Yahweh your God.

UST

2 If you obey Yahweh, all these blessings will come to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:3

ULT

3 Blessed you {will be} in the city, and blessed you {will be} in the field.

UST

3 He will bless everything that you do when you are in the cities and he will bless every thing that you do when you are working in the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:4

ULT

[4] Blessed {will be} the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle and the young of your flock.

UST

[4] He will bless you by giving you many children and by giving you abundant crops, and plenty of cattle and sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:5

ULT

[5] Blessed {will be} your basket and your kneading trough.

UST

[5] He will bless you by giving you plenty of grain to make bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:6

ULT

[6] Blessed you {will be} in your coming in, and blessed you {will be} in your going out.

UST

[6] He will bless you everywhere—when you go out of your houses and when you come into your houses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh shall let your enemies who rise up against you be struck down before your faces; they will come out against you one way but will flee before your faces seven ways.

UST

[7] Yahweh will enable you to defeat the armies of your enemies; they will attack you from one direction, but they will run away from you in seven directions.

What will Yahweh do for the people of Israel if they will obey his commandments?

Yahweh will cause their enemies to be struck down before them.

Deuteronomy 28:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh will command for you the blessing in your barns and in all the sending out of your hand; and he will bless you in the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.

UST

[8] Yahweh will bless you by filling your barns with grain, and he will bless all the work that you do; he will bless you in the land that he is giving to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:9

ULT

[9] Yahweh will establish you as his sanctified people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Yahweh your God, and walk in his ways.

UST

[9] If you obey all the commandments that Yahweh our God has given to you and if you live your lives by following his commandments, he will make you his own, his holy people, which is just as he promised.

What will Yahweh make the people of Israel become if they will obey his commandments?
He will establish them as a people holy to himself.

Deuteronomy 28:10

ULT

[10] And all the peoples of the earth will see that the name of Yahweh is called on your side, and they will be afraid of you.

UST

[10] Then all the people groups on the earth will realize that you belong to Yahweh, and they will be afraid of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh will make you abound in prosperity in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground, in the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers to give to you.

UST

11 And Yahweh will cause you to prosper very much. He will give you many children, many cattle, and abundant crops in the land that he solemnly promised to our ancestors that he would give to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:12

ULT

12 Yahweh will open to you his treasure, the good of the heavens, to give rain {for} your land at the appointed time, and to bless all the work of your hand; and you will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.

UST

12 At the time that rain is needed, Yahweh will send it from where he stores it in the sky, and he will bless all your work, with the result that you will be able to lend money to many other nations, but you will not need to borrow money from them.

What will Yahweh open for the people of Israel if they will obey his commandments?

Yahweh will open to them his storehouse of the heavens to give the rain for their land at the right time, and to bless all the work of their hand.

Deuteronomy 28:13

ULT

13 And Yahweh will set you as head, and not as tail; and you will be only above, and you will not be beneath, if you listen to the commandments of Yahweh your God that I am commanding you today, to keep and do.

UST

13 If you faithfully obey all of the commands of Yahweh our God that I am giving you today, Yahweh will cause your nation to be superior to other nations, not inferior to them; you will always be prosperous and you will never be needy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:14

ULT

14 and do not turn away from any of the words that I am commanding you today, right or left, going after other gods to serve them.

UST

14 Yahweh will do all these things for you if you do not stop obeying what I am commanding you today, and if you never worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:15

ULT

15 And it will happen, if you do not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep doing all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, then all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.

UST

15 But if you do not do what Yahweh our God is telling you to do, and if you do not faithfully obey all his rules and regulations that I am giving to you today, he will bring these curses upon you and he will let them have their full force against you.

What will happen to the people of Israel if they will not listen to the voice of Yahweh and keep all his commandments?

All the curses will come upon them and overtake them.

Deuteronomy 28:16

ULT

16 Cursed you {shall be} in the city, and cursed you {shall be} in the field.

UST

16 He will curse you when you are in the cities and he will curse you when you are working in the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:17

ULT
17 Cursed {shall be} your basket and your kneading trough.

UST
17 He will curse you by not giving you much grain to make bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:18

ULT
18 Cursed {shall be} the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your cattle, and the young of your flock.

UST
18 He will curse you by giving you only a few children, by giving you poor crops, and by not giving you many cattle and sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:19

ULT
19 Cursed you {shall be} in your coming in, and cursed you {shall be} in your going out.

UST
19 He will curse you everywhere—when you go out of your houses and when you come into your houses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:20

ULT
20 Yahweh will send against you curses, confusion, and rebukes in all the sending out of your hand that you will do until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly from the faces of your wicked deeds by which you will have forsaken me.

UST
20 If you do evil things and reject Yahweh, he will curse you by causing you to be confused, and to be frustrated in all that you do, until your enemies quickly and completely destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:21

ULT

21 Yahweh will make the plague cling to you until he has finished you from off the land which you are going into to possess it.

UST

21 Yahweh will send terrible diseases on you, until not one of you remains alive in the land that you are about to enter and occupy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:22

ULT

22 Yahweh will smite {you} with emaciation and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with a sword and with scorching winds and with mildew. And they will pursue you until you perish.

UST

22 Yahweh will afflict you with diseases that shrivel your bodies, with fever, with inflammation. It will be extremely hot, and it will not rain. There will be scorching winds, and he will cause your crops to rot. All these things will strike you until you die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:23

ULT

23 And your skies that {are} over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that {is} under you {shall be} iron.

UST

23 No rain will fall from the sky, with the result that the ground will be as hard as iron.

What will the skies and the earth become to the Israelites if they do not obey the commandments?

The skies will be bronze and the earth will be iron.

Deuteronomy 28:24

ULT

24 Yahweh will allow the rain of your land {to be} powder and dust; from the heavens it will come down on you until you are destroyed.

UST

24 Instead of sending rain, Yahweh will send strong winds to blow sand and dust over your land, until your land is ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:25

ULT

25 Yahweh shall let you be struck down before the faces of your enemies; you will go out one way against him but will flee before his face seven ways. And you will be trembling before all the kingdoms of the earth.

UST

25 Yahweh will enable your enemies to defeat you; your soldiers will attack them from one direction, but will run away from them in seven directions, and when the people of other nations see what is happening to you, they will say that it is horrible.

What will happen Israel when they fight their enemies if they do not obey the commandments?

They will be struck down before their enemies, and flee seven ways before them.

Deuteronomy 28:26

ULT

26 And your corpse will be as food for all the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth; and there will be none to startle {them}.

UST

26 You will die, and birds and wild animals will come and eat your corpses, and there will not be anyone to scare them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:27

ULT

[27] Yahweh will smite {you} with the boils of Egypt and with ulcers and with rash and with itch, from which you are not able to be healed.

UST

[27] Yahweh will cause you to have boils on your skin, like he caused the people of Egypt to have many years ago. He will cause you to have tumors, open sores, and your skin will itch, but there will be nothing that will cure those diseases.

With what will Yahweh attack the people of Israel if they are disobedient? (vv27-28)
He will attack them with boils, ulcers, scurvy, and itch, and also with madness, blindness, and mental confusion.

Deuteronomy 28:28

ULT

[28] Yahweh will smite {you} with madness and with blindness and with confusion of heart.

UST

[28] Yahweh will cause some of you to become insane; he will cause some of you to become blind, and he will cause some of your minds to become confused.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:29

ULT

[29] And you will be groping about at noon like the blind grope in the darkness, and you will not succeed in your ways; and you shall be again oppressed and robbed all of the days, and there will be no deliverer.

UST

[29] Because you will not be able to see where you are going, at midday you will grope around with your hands, like people do in the darkness. You will not prosper in anything that you do. You will continually be oppressed and robbed, and there will not be anyone to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:30

ULT

30 You shall betroth a woman, but another man will violate her. You shall build a house but not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard but not use it.

UST

30 Some of you men will be engaged to marry a young woman, but someone else will forcibly sleep with her. You will build houses, but you will never live in them. You will plant grapevines, but you will not eat the grapes; someone else will eat them.

What will happen if am Israelite is engaged to a woman, or builds a house or vineyard?

He will not sleep with the woman, or live in the house, or enjoy the fruit of the vineyard.

Deuteronomy 28:31

ULT

31 Your ox {shall be} slain before your eyes, but you will not eat from it. Your donkey shall be robbed from before your face, and will not be returned to you. Your sheep {shall be} given to your enemies, and there will be no deliverer for you.

UST

31 Your enemies will butcher your cattle while you watch them, and you will not get any of the meat to eat. They will drag away your donkeys while you watch them do it, and they will not give them back to you. They will take away your sheep; and there will not be anyone to help you rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:32

ULT

32 Your sons and your daughters {shall be} given to other peoples, and your eyes will look on and will long for them all the day, and your hand will have no strength.

UST

32 While you watch, your sons and daughters will be given to foreigners to become their slaves. Every day you will watch for your children to return, but you will watch in vain.

What will happen to the sons and daughters of the Israelites?

Their sons and daughters will be given to other peoples, and they will look for them but not find them.

Deuteronomy 28:33

ULT

33 A nation that you do not know shall eat the fruit of your land and all your labor, and you will be only oppressed and crushed all the days.

UST

33 People from a foreign nation will take all the crops that you worked hard to produce, and they will constantly treat you harshly and cruelly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:34

ULT

34 And you shall become insane from the view of your eyes that you will see.

UST

34 The result will be that all these terrible things that you see will cause you to become insane.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:35

ULT

35 Yahweh will smite {you} with bad boils on the knees and on the legs that you will not be able to heal, from the bottom of your foot and to the top of your head.

UST

35 Yahweh will cause your legs to be covered with painful boils that cannot be healed, and you will have boils from the bottom of your feet to the top of your head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:36

ULT

36 Yahweh will lead you and your king that you will raise up over yourself to a nation that you have not known, you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods, {of} wood and stone.

UST

36 Yahweh will cause your king and the rest of you to be taken to another country, to a place in which you and your ancestors have never lived, and there you will worship and serve gods that are made of wood or stone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:37

ULT

37 And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where Yahweh will drive you there.

UST

37 When the people groups in nearby countries see what has happened to you, they will be shocked; they will taunt you and make fun of you in every place where Yahweh drives you.

What will the people of Israel become among all the peoples?

They will become a source of horror, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples.

Deuteronomy 28:38

ULT

38 You shall take much seed out {into} the field, but will gather little seed in, for the locusts will consume it.

UST

38 You will plant plenty of seeds in your fields, but you will reap only a small harvest, because locusts will eat the crops.

How will the disobedience of the people of Israel affect the crops which they plant? (vv38-39)

They will plant much seed, and vineyards, but they will not enjoy the fruit of their labors because the worms and the locusts will take over.

Deuteronomy 28:39

ULT

39 You shall plant vineyards and cultivate {them}, but you will not drink the wine nor harvest, for the worms will eat it.

UST

39 You will plant grapevines and take care of them, but you will not pick any grapes to make wine, because worms will eat the vines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:40

ULT

40 You shall have olive trees within all your territory, but you will not grease yourself {with} the oil, for your olives will become detached.

UST

40 Olive trees will grow everywhere in your land, but you will not get any olive oil to rub on your skin because the olives will drop on the ground before they are ripe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:41

ULT

41 You shall bear sons and daughters, but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity.

UST

41 You will have sons and daughters, but they will not stay with you, because they will be captured and taken away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:42

ULT

42 All your trees and the fruit of your ground—the crickets will take possession.

UST

42 Swarms of locusts will eat your crops and the leaves of all your trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:43

ULT

43 The foreigner who {is} among you will rise up above you higher {and} higher; and you will descend lower {and} lower.

UST

43 Foreigners who live in your land will become more and more powerful, and you will become less and less powerful.

How will the foreigner be more important than the people of Israel? (vv43-44)

The foreigner will lend to them and become the head while the people of Israel will not be able to lend and become the tail.

Deuteronomy 28:44

ULT

44 He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he will be the head, and you will be the tail.

UST

44 They will have money to lend to you, but you will not have any money to lend to them. They will be superior to you, and you will be inferior to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:45

ULT

45 And all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you.

UST

45 All these disasters will happen to you and continue to happen to you until you are destroyed, if you do not do what Yahweh your God told you to do, and do not obey all the rules and regulations that he gave to you.

What will happen because the people of Israel did not listen to the voice of Yahweh and keep his commandments? (vv45-46)

All the curses will come on them and overtake them until they are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 28:46

ULT
46 And they shall be on you as signs and as wonders, and on your seed until forever.

UST
46 These disasters will solemnly warn you and your descendants forever what happens to groups who disobey Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:47

ULT
47 Because you did not serve Yahweh your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart from the abundance of everything.

UST
47 Because Yahweh blessed you abundantly in many ways, you should have served him very joyfully, but you did not do that.

Why will the people of Israel serve the enemies of Yahweh? (vv47-48)
They will serve the enemies of Yahweh because they did not worship Yahweh with joyfulness and gladness of heart when they were in prosperity.

Deuteronomy 28:48

ULT
48 so you shall serve your enemies that Yahweh will send against you: in hunger and in thirst and in nakedness and in lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he destroys you.

UST
48 Therefore, you will work for the enemies whom Yahweh will send to attack you. You will be hungry and thirsty; you will not have clothes to wear; and you will lack everything else that you need. And Yahweh will cause you to become slaves and work hard until he destroys you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:49

ULT

49 Yahweh will lift up a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, like an eagle flies, a nation whose language you do not understand;

UST

49 Yahweh will bring against you an army from very far away, soldiers who speak a language that you do not understand. They will swoop down on you quickly like an eagle.

What did Moses prophesy about the people of Israel? (vv49-51)

Yahweh would bring a nation from far away to attack them with no respect for the aged or young, as well as taking all the food from them and their cattle.

Deuteronomy 28:50

ULT

50 a nation fierce of face, that does not lift up a face for the elder and does not favor the young.

UST

50 They will be fierce looking. They will not act mercifully toward anyone, not even young children and old people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:51

ULT

51 And it shall eat the fruit of your cattle and the fruit of your land until you are destroyed, which will leave for you no grain, new wine, or oil, young of your cattle or young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.

UST

51 They will kill and eat your livestock, and they will eat your crops, and you will starve. They will not leave for you any grain or wine or olive oil or cattle or sheep; and you will all die from hunger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:52

ULT

52 And it shall besiege you within all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you had trusted, come down in all your land. And it shall besiege you within all your gates, in all your land that Yahweh your God has given to you.

UST

52 Your enemies will surround your towns throughout the land that Yahweh your God is about to give to you, and they will break down the high and strong walls around your towns, walls which you trusted would protect you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:53

ULT

53 And you will eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and your daughters, whom Yahweh your God gave to you, in the siege and in the distress when your enemies oppress you.

UST

53 When your enemies are surrounding your towns, you will be extremely hungry, with the result that you will eat the flesh of your own sons and daughters that Yahweh your God has given to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:54

ULT

54 The tender man among you and the very delicate, his eye shall do wrong against his brother and against the wife of his bosom and against the remainder of his children that remain.

UST

54-55 When your enemies have surrounded your towns, even the most gentle and sensitive men among you will want food very desperately, with the result that they will kill their own children and eat their flesh, because they will not have anything else to eat. They will not even share any of it with their brothers or wives whom they love very much or with any of their other children who are still alive.

During the siege of the city what will the man who is tender and delicate among them not give to his brother or his own dear wife or whatever children he has left? (vv54-55)

He will not give to any of them the flesh of his own children that he is going to eat.

Deuteronomy 28:55

ULT

55 without giving to any of them from the flesh of his children that he will eat, since nothing remains for himself {at} all in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy will oppress you within all your gates.

UST

54-55 When your enemies have surrounded your towns, even the most gentle and sensitive men among you will want food very desperately, with the result that they will kill their own children and eat their flesh, because they will not have anything else to eat. They will not even share any of it with their brothers or wives whom they love very much or with any of their other children who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:56

ULT

56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not attempt to set the bottom of her foot on the ground because of delicateness and tenderness—her eye shall do wrong against the husband of her bosom and against her son and against her daughter

UST

56-57 Even the most gentle and kind women among you, who are very rich with the result that they have never been forced to walk anywhere, will do the same thing. When your enemies have surrounded your towns, those women will be extremely hungry, with the result that after they give birth to a child, they will secretly kill the baby and eat its flesh and also eat the afterbirth. And they will not share any of it with their husbands whom they love very much or with any of their other children.

During the siege of the city what will a woman do with her own newborn and the children whom she will bear? (vv56-57)

During the siege of the city a woman will eat her own newborn and the children whom she will bear.

Deuteronomy 28:57

ULT

57 and against her afterbirth coming out from between her legs and against the children whom she will bear, for she will secretly eat them {for} lack of anything else, in the siege and in the distress which your enemy will set upon you within your gates.

UST

56-57 Even the most gentle and kind women among you, who are very rich with the result that they have never been forced to walk anywhere, will do the same thing. When your enemies have surrounded your towns, those women will be extremely hungry, with the result that after they give birth to a child, they will secretly kill the baby and eat its flesh and also eat the afterbirth. And they will not share any of it with their husbands whom they love very much or with any of their other children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:58

ULT

58 If you do not keep doing all the words of this law that are written in this book, to fear this glorious and dreaded name, Yahweh your God,

UST

58 If you do not faithfully obey all of the laws that I am writing, and if you do not have the utmost respect for Yahweh our glorious God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:59

ULT

59 then Yahweh will cause wonderful afflictions— your plagues and the plagues of your seed {will be} great and enduring plagues and great and enduring sicknesses.

UST

59 he will punish you by sending on you and on your descendants great afflictions and plagues which will last for many years.

What will happen if the people of Israel do not honor the name of Yahweh by keeping the words in the book of the law?

They will experience terrible plagues and severe diseases.

Deuteronomy 28:60

ULT

60 And he will bring back to you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid of their faces; and they will cling to you.

UST

60 He will bring on you the plagues that he sent on the people of Egypt, and you will never be healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:61

ULT

61 Also every sickness and every plague that {is} not written in the scroll of this law, Yahweh will cause them to rise against you until you are destroyed.

UST

61 He will also send on you many other sicknesses and diseases that I have not talked about in these laws, until you all will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:62

ULT

62 And you shall remain few in number, although you were like the stars of the heavens in number, because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God.

UST

62 You became as numerous as the stars in the sky, but only a few of you will remain alive, if you do not obey Yahweh your God.

How many of the few people of Israel will be left after Yahweh punishes them?

They will be few in number and will be scattered from one end of the earth to the other end.

Deuteronomy 28:63

ULT

63 And it will happen, as Yahweh rejoiced over you in doing you good, and in multiplying you, so Yahweh will rejoice over you in causing you to perish and in destroying you. And you will be torn away from the land which you are going into to possess it.

UST

63 Yahweh was very happy to do good things for you and to cause you to become very numerous, but now he will be happy to ruin you and get rid of you. Those of you who do not die from these plagues will be snatched away from the land that you will soon be entering to possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:64

ULT

64 And Yahweh will scatter you among all the peoples from {one} end of the earth and to the {other} end of the earth; and there you will serve other gods of wood and stone that you have not known, you or your fathers.

UST

64 Yahweh will scatter you among many people groups, all over the earth, and in those places you will worship other gods that are made of wood or stone, gods which you and your ancestors have never known.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:65

ULT

65 And among these nations you will not have peace, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot. And there Yahweh will give you a trembling heart and failing eyes and a mourning spirit.

UST

65 In those areas you will not have any peace. You will feel hopeless and be discouraged.

Will the people of Israel find rest when they are scattered among the nations?

They will find no ease, and there will be no rest for the bottoms of their feet.

Deuteronomy 28:66

ULT

66 And it will happen, your life will hang before you, and you will fear, night and day, and you will have no certainty in your life.

UST

66 You will always be afraid that your enemies will kill you. You will be very fearful, all day and all night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:67

ULT

67 In the morning you will say, ‘Who gives evening!’ and in the evening you will say, ‘Who gives morning!’ because of the fear in your hearts that you fear and the view of your eyes that you will see.

UST

67 Because you will be very fearful and because you will very distressed because of the terrible things that you see, each morning you will say ‘I wish it were evening already!’ and each evening you will say ‘I wish it were morning already!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 28:68

ULT

68 And Yahweh will bring you back {to} Egypt by ships, by the route which I had said to you, ‘You will not continue to see it again.’ And there you will sell yourselves to your enemies as male slaves and female slaves, but there will be no buyers.”

UST

68 Yahweh will send some of you back to Egypt in ships, even though he promised that you would never be forced to go there again. There in Egypt you will try to sell yourselves to become slaves of your enemies in order to have food to eat, but no one will buy you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29

Deuteronomy 29:1

ULT

1 These {are} the words of the covenant that Yahweh commanded Moses to cut {with} the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had cut with them at Horeb.

UST

1 These are the covenantal commands of Yahweh that the Israelites were required to obey. When they were in the region of Moab on the east side of the Jordan River, Moses commanded them to keep these regulations. These regulations became part of the covenant that Yahweh had made with them at Mount Sinai.

With whom did Yahweh make a covenant?

Yahweh made a covenant with Israel in the land of Moab.

What previous covenant had Yahweh made with the people of Israel?

Yahweh previously made a covenant with Israel at Horeb.

Deuteronomy 29:2

ULT

2 And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, “You have seen everything that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—

UST

2 Moses summoned all the Israelite people and said to them, “You saw for yourselves what Yahweh did to the king of Egypt and to his officials and to his entire country.

Of what did Moses remind all the people of Israel?

Moses reminded all the people of Israel of everything that Yahweh had done before their eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land.

Deuteronomy 29:3

ULT

3 the great sufferings that your eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders.

UST

3 You saw all the plagues that Yahweh sent on them, and all the various miracles that he performed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:4

ULT

[4] But until this day Yahweh has not given to you a heart to know or eyes to see or ears to hear.

UST

[4] But to this day, Yahweh has not enabled you to understand the meaning of all that you have seen and heard.

Why did Moses say that the people of Israel needed to be reminded of the great sufferings that their eyes had seen, the signs and those great wonders?
Moses said that until today Yahweh had not given then a heart to know, eyes to see, or ears to hear about those things.

Deuteronomy 29:5

ULT

[5] And I have led you 40 years in the wilderness; your clothes did not wear out on you, and your sandals did not wear out on your feet.

UST

[5] For forty years Yahweh has led you while you traveled through the desert. During that time, your clothes and your sandals have not worn out.

Why did Yahweh lead Israel for forty years in the wilderness where their clothes and sandals did wear out and they did not eat any bread or drink any wine or alcoholic drinks? (vv5-6)
He did those things so that they might know that he is Yahweh their God.

Deuteronomy 29:6

ULT

[6] You did not eat bread, and you did not drink wine or alcohol, so that you might know that I {am} Yahweh your God.

UST

[6] You did not have bread to eat or wine or other fermented drinks to drink, but Yahweh took care of you, in order that you would know that he is your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:7

ULT

[7] And you came to this place, and Sihon the king of Heshbon and Og the king of Bashan came out against us for the battle, and we struck them down.

UST

[7] And when we came to this place, Sihon, the king who ruled in the city of Heshbon, and Og, the king who ruled the region of Bashan, came out with their armies to attack us, but we defeated them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:8

ULT

[8] And we took their land and gave it as an inheritance to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half tribe of Manasseh.

UST

[8] We took their land and divided it among the tribes of Reuben and Gad, and half of the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:9

ULT

[9] And you shall keep the words of this covenant and do them so that you may prosper in everything that you do.

UST

[9] So obey faithfully all of this covenant, in order that you will prosper in everything that you do.

Why did Israel need to do in order to prosper in everything?

They needed to keep the words of this covenant and do them and so that they might prosper in everything that they did.

Deuteronomy 29:10

ULT

10 You stand today, all of you, before the face of Yahweh your God—your chiefs, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel,

UST

10 Today all of us are standing in the presence of Yahweh our God—I, the leaders of all your tribes, your elders, your officials, all you Israelite men,

Before whom were all of the Israelites standing? (vv10-11)

All of the Israelites were standing before Yahweh their God.

Deuteronomy 29:11

ULT

11 your children, your wives, and the foreigner who {is} among you in your camp, from him who cuts your wood to him who draws your water—

UST

11 your wives, your children, and the foreigners who live among us and cut wood for us and carry water for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:12

ULT

12 to enter into the covenant of Yahweh your God and into the oath that Yahweh your God is cutting with you today

UST

12 You are all here today to agree to accept this covenant with Yahweh, and to bind yourselves to it.

Why were the Israelites standing before Yahweh their God?

They were standing before Yahweh in order to enter into the covenant of Yahweh and into the oath that Yahweh was making with them on that day.

Deuteronomy 29:13

ULT

13 so that he may raise you up today into a people for himself and he may be God for you, as he spoke to you and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,

UST

13 He is making this agreement with you in order to make sure that you are his people, and that he is your God. This is what he promised to do for you, and what he solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that he would do.

What did Yahweh want to do for the people of Israel through this covenant?

He wanted to make the people of Israel into a people for himself.

Deuteronomy 29:14

ULT

14 and not only with you am I cutting this covenant and this oath,

UST

14 This covenant is not only with you.

What people were included in the covenant and oath that Yahweh was making with Israel that day in Moab? (vv14-15)

Everyone standing that day in Moab and also those who were not there with them were included in the covenant and oath that Yahweh was making with Israel.

Deuteronomy 29:15

ULT

15 but {with} those who are standing here with us today before the face of Yahweh our God, and {with} those who are not here with us today.

UST

15 God is making this agreement with us who are here today and also with our descendants who are not yet born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:16

ULT

16 For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we went through in the midst of the nations which you passed through,

UST

16 You remember the things that our ancestors suffered in Egypt, and how they traveled through the land that belonged to other nations after they came out of Egypt.

About what were the people of Israel being reminded again?

They were being reminded how they had lived in the land of Egypt and how they had come through the midst of the nations through which they had passed.

Deuteronomy 29:17

ULT

17 and you have seen their abominations and their idols of wood and stone, silver and gold, that {were} among them,

UST

17 In those countries they saw those disgusting idols made of wood and stone and decorated with silver and gold.

Why were the people being reminded of the disgusting things they had seen when they left Egypt? (vv17-18)

They were being reminded of the disgusting things they had seen so that there would not be any among them whose heart would turn away from Yahweh, worship the gods of those nations and so that there would not be any root producing gall and wormwood among them.

Deuteronomy 29:18

ULT

18 lest there is among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from Yahweh our God to go serve the gods of those nations, lest there is among you a root bearing gall and wormwood.

UST

18 So be sure that no man or woman or family or tribe that is here today turns away from Yahweh our God, to worship any of the gods of those people groups. If you do that, you will bring disaster on yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:19

ULT

19 And it will be, when he hears the words of this curse, then he will bless himself in his heart, saying, ‘I will have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart,’ so that the wet {and} the dry are swept away.

UST

19 Be sure that no one here today who hears the words of this covenant says to himself, ‘Everything will go well with me, even if I stubbornly do what I want to.’ If you do that, the result will be that Yahweh will eventually destroy all of you, both good people and evil people.

What should the person who hears the words of the curse not say in his heart?

The person who hears the words of the curse should not say that he will have peace though he walks in the stubbornness of his heart.

Deuteronomy 29:20

ULT

20 Yahweh is not willing to forgive him. Instead, the nose of Yahweh and his jealousy will smolder against that man, and all the curses written in this book will rest on him, and Yahweh will blot out his name from under the heavens.

UST

20 Yahweh will not forgive anyone who is stubborn like that. Instead, he will be extremely angry with that person, and all the curses that I have told you about will happen to that person, until Yahweh destroys that person and his family forever.

What would happen to the man who says that he will have peace though he walks in the stubbornness of his heart?

Yahweh will not pardon him, Yahweh’s anger and jealousy will smolder against him, all the curses written in the book will come on him and Yahweh will blot out his name from under heaven.

Deuteronomy 29:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh will separate him for disaster from all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this book of the law.

UST

21 From all the tribes of Israel, Yahweh will choose that individual to suffer all the disasters that I have listed in the covenant—all the bad things that will happen to anyone whom Yahweh curses for disobeying the laws that I have written in this scroll.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:22

ULT

22 And the latter generation, your children who will rise up after you and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, will say, when they see the plagues of that land and the diseases with which Yahweh has made it sick,

UST

22 In future years, your descendants and people from other countries will see the disasters and the illnesses that Yahweh has caused to happen to you.

What will the generation to come ask when they see the plagues on this land and the diseases with which Yahweh has made it sick?

They will ask why Yahweh did this to this land and what does the heat of this great anger mean.

Deuteronomy 29:23

ULT

23 "All its land {is} sulfur and burning salt; no one sows and nothing sprouts and not any grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboyim, which Yahweh destroyed in his nose and in his wrath,"

UST

23 They will see that all your land has been ruined by burning sulfur and salt. Nothing will have been planted. Not even weeds will be there. Your land will resemble the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities of Admah and Zeboyim, which Yahweh destroyed when he was very angry with those people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:24

ULT

24 and all the nations will say, ‘Because of what has Yahweh done such to this land? What {is} the heat of this great nose?’

UST

24 And the people from those other nations will ask, ‘Why did Yahweh do this to this land? Why was he so angry with the people who lived here?’

What will the generation to come ask when they see the plagues on this land and the diseases with which Yahweh has made it sick?

They will ask why Yahweh did this to this land and what does the heat of this great anger mean.

Deuteronomy 29:25

ULT
25 And they will say, ‘Because they abandoned the covenant of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, that he cut with them when he brought them out from the land of Egypt,

UST
25 Then other people will reply, ‘It is because they refused to obey the covenant that they had made with Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped, when he brought them out of Egypt.

How will people reply when the generation to come ask why Yahweh did this to the land? (vv25-26)
The people will say that it is because they abandoned the covenant of Yahweh and because they went and worshiped other gods and bowed down to them, gods that they had not known and that he had not given to them.

Deuteronomy 29:26

ULT
26 and they went and served other gods and bowed down to them, gods that they had not known and they had no portion of.

UST
26 Instead, they wroshiped other gods that they had never worshiped before, gods that Yahweh had not told them to worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 29:27

ULT
27 So the nose of Yahweh burned against that land to bring on it all the curses written in this book,

UST
27 So Yahweh became very angry with the people of this land, and he has caused to happen to them all the disasters that their leader warned them about.

What will the people say was kindled against this land?
The people will say that the anger of Yahweh was kindled against this land.

Deuteronomy 29:28

ULT

28 and Yahweh has torn them away from their land in nose and in wrath and in great fury and has thrown them into another land, as this day.’

UST

28 Yahweh became extremely angry with them and took them out of their land, and threw them into another land, and they are still there.’

What will the people say that Yahweh will do with those who he has uprooted from their land in anger?

The people will say that Yahweh, in anger, wrath and great fury has thrown them into another land.

Deuteronomy 29:29

ULT

29 The secret things {are} of Yahweh our God; but the revealed things {are} for us and for our sons until forever, in order to do all the words of this law.

UST

29 There are some things that Yahweh our God has kept secret, but he has revealed his law to us, and he expects us and our descendants to obey it forever.

To whom do the secret matters belong?

The secret matters belong to Yahweh alone.

To whom do things that are revealed belong?

the things that are revealed belong forever to the people of Israel and to their descendants so that they may do all the words of the law.

Deuteronomy 30

Deuteronomy 30:1

ULT

1 When it happens that all these things have come on you—the blessings and the curses that I have set before your faces—and you return to your heart among all the nations where Yahweh your God has driven you there,

UST

1 I have now told you about the ways that Yahweh our God will bless you if you obey him and the ways that he will curse you if you disobey him. But if you choose not to obey his laws, some day you will be living in the countries to which he will have scattered you, and you will remember what I told you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 30:2

ULT

2 and you return to Yahweh your God and listen to his voice, according to all that I am commanding you today—you and your sons—with all your heart and with all your spirit,

UST

2 Then, if you and your children begin to worship Yahweh our God and faithfully obey all that I have today commanded you to do,

What must the people of Israel do so that Yahweh will reverse their captivity and have compassion on them and return and gather them from all the peoples where Yahweh had scattered them? (vv2-3)

They must return to Yahweh and obey his voice, follow all that he has commanded them with all their heart and with all their soul.

Deuteronomy 30:3

ULT

3 then Yahweh your God will turn back your captivity and have compassion on you, and he will return and gather you from all the peoples where Yahweh your God has scattered you there.

UST

3 he will again act mercifully toward you. He will bring you back from the nations to which he scattered you, and he will cause you to be prosperous again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 30:4

ULT

4 If your scattered people are in the end of the heavens, from there Yahweh your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.

UST

4 Even if you have been scattered to the most distant places on the earth, Yahweh our God will gather you from there and bring you back to your land.

From where will Yahweh gather Israel's exiled people?

Yahweh will gather Israel's exiled people from the farthest places under the heavens.

Deuteronomy 30:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, and you will possess it; and he will do you good and will multiply you more than your fathers.

UST

5 He will enable you to possess again the land where your ancestors lived. And he will cause you to be more prosperous and more numerous than you are now.

To what place will Yahweh bring the exiled Israelites?

Yahweh will bring them into the land that their forefathers possessed.

Deuteronomy 30:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to the love of Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your spirit, so that you may live.

UST

6 Yahweh our God will change your inner beings, with the result that you will love him with all that you desire and with all that you feel. And then you will continue to live in that land.

Why will Yahweh circumcise the hearts of the Israelites and their descendants?

Yahweh will circumcise their hearts so that they will love Yahweh their God with all their heart and with all of their soul and so that they could live.

Deuteronomy 30:7

ULT

7 And Yahweh your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on haters of you, who pursued you.

UST

7 Yahweh our God will send all the disasters that I have told you about on your enemies and on those who oppressed you.

On whom will Yahweh put the curses that had been on the people of Israel?

Yahweh will put the curses on their enemies and on those who hate the people of Israel and have persecuted them.

Deuteronomy 30:8

ULT

8 And you will return and listen to the voice of Yahweh, and you will do all his commandments that I am commanding you today.

UST

8 As you did before, you will do what Yahweh wants you to do, and you will obey all the commands that I have given to you today.

What will happen when the people of Israel return to Yahweh?

They will obey the voice of Yahweh and will do all his commandments that Moses commanded them.

Deuteronomy 30:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh your God will give you prosperity in all the work of your hand and in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground, for goodness; for Yahweh will again rejoice over you for goodness, as he rejoiced over your fathers,

UST

9 Yahweh our God will cause you to be very prosperous in all that you do. You will have many children and many cattle, and you will produce abundant crops. He will again be happy to enable you to prosper, just like he was happy to enable your ancestors to prosper.

What will Yahweh do when he makes the people of Israel abundant in all the work of their hand, in the fruit of their body, in the fruit of their cattle and in the fruit of their ground, for prosperity?

Yahweh will rejoice over the people of Israel as he rejoiced over their fathers.

Deuteronomy 30:10

ULT

10 if you listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this book of the law, if you return to Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your spirit.

UST

10 But he will do those things only if you do what he has told you to do, and only if you obey all his rules and regulations that I have written about in this book, and only if you turn to Yahweh with all that you desire and with all that you feel.

What do the people of Israel need to do so that Yahweh will rejoice over them?

The people of Israel need to obey the voice of Yahweh their God, keep his commandments and statures that were written in the book of the law and turn to Yahweh with all their heart and all their soul.

Deuteronomy 30:11

ULT

11 For this commandment that I am commanding you today is not {too} wonderful for you, and it is not far away.

UST

11 The commands that I am giving to you today are not very difficult for you to obey, and they are not difficult to know.

What does Moses say is not too hard for the people or too far for them to reach?

Moses says that the commandment that he is commanding to the people of Israel is not too hard for them or too far for them to reach.

Deuteronomy 30:12

ULT

12 It {is} not in heaven, saying, ‘Who will go up for us to heaven and take it to us and cause us to hear it, and let us do it?’

UST

12 They are not hidden in heaven. You do not need to say, ‘Who can go up to heaven for us to bring them down here to us so we can learn them?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 30:13

ULT

13 Neither{is} it beyond the sea, saying, ‘Who will go over to beyond the sea for us and take it to us and cause us to hear it, and let us do it?'

UST

13 And they are not on the other side of the sea. You do not need to say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and bring them back to us, so we can learn them?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 30:14

ULT

14 But the word {is} very near to you, in your mouth and your heart, so that you may do it.

UST

14 No, his commands are here with you. You know them, and you can say them again and again. So you can easily obey them.

Where is the word located?

The word is very near to you, in your mouth and your heart, so that you may do it.

Deuteronomy 30:15

ULT

15 See, today I have placed before your faces life and good and death and evil.

UST

15 So listen! Today I am allowing you to choose between doing what is evil and doing what is good, between what will enable you to live for a long time and what will cause you to die while you are still young.

What has Moses placed before the people of Israel?

Moses has placed life and good, death and evil before the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 30:16

ULT

16 For I am commanding you today to love Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, and you will live and multiply, and Yahweh your God will bless you in the land which you are going into to possess it.

UST

16 I say again, if you obey the decrees of Yahweh our God that I am giving to you today, and if you love him and conduct your lives as he wants you to do, and if you obey all his rules and regulations, you will prosper and become very numerous, and Yahweh our God will bless you in the land that you are about to enter and possess.

What will happen if the people of Israel obey the decrees of Yahweh their God which Moses commanded them?

They will live and multiply and Yahweh will bless them in the land where they were going.

Deuteronomy 30:17

ULT

17 But if your heart turns away and you do not listen but are drawn away and bow down to other gods and serve them,

UST

17 But if you stop worshiping Yahweh, and if you refuse to obey what he says, and if you allow others to persuade you to worship other gods,

What will happen to the people if their heart turns away and they do not listen, but instead their heart is drawn away, and if it bows down to other gods and worships them? (vv17-18)

They will surely perish and they will not prolong their days in the land.

Deuteronomy 30:18

ULT

18 I announce to you today that you will surely perish; you will not prolong {your} days in the land which you are crossing over the Jordan to go into to possess it.

UST

18 I am warning you today that you will soon die. Your people will not live for very long in the land that you are about to cross the Jordan River to enter and possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 30:19

ULT

19 I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today: I have set before your faces life and death, the blessings and the curses; and choose life so that you may live, you and your seed,

UST

19 I am requesting everyone in heaven and on the earth to testify to you, that today I am allowing you to choose whether you want to live for a long time or to soon die, whether you want Yahweh to bless you or to curse you. So choose to live.

What is Moses asking the people of Israel to choose as he calls heaven and earth to witness?

Moses is asking the people to choose life so that they and their descendants could live.

Deuteronomy 30:20

ULT

20 to love Yahweh your God, to listen to his voice, and to cling to him—for he {is} your life and the length of your days—so you may live in the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them.”

UST

20 Decide to love Yahweh our God and to obey him. If you do that, you and your descendants will live for a long time in the land that Yahweh solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that he would give to them.”

Why should the people choose life?

They should choose life so as to love Yahweh their God, to obey his voice and to cling to him because he is their life and the length of their days.

Deuteronomy 31

Deuteronomy 31:1

ULT
1 Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel.

UST
1 When Moses finished saying all that to the Israelite people,

What did Moses tell all Israel about his advancing age? (vv1-2)
He told them that he was now one hundred twenty years old and that he could no more go out and come in.

Deuteronomy 31:2

ULT
2 And he said to them, "I am 100 and 20 years old today; I am not able anymore to go out and come in; and Yahweh has said to me, 'You will not go over this Jordan.'

UST
2 "I am 120 years old. I am no longer able to go everywhere that you need to go, so I cannot be your leader any longer. Furthermore, Yahweh has told me that I will not cross the Jordan River.

What did Yahweh tell Moses about going over the Jordan? (vv2-3)
He told Moses that he would not be going over Jordan but God would go over Jordan ahead of Moses and would destroy the nations from before Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:3

ULT
3 Yahweh your God, he will go over before your faces; he will destroy these nations from before your faces, and you will dispossess them. Joshua, he will go over before your faces, as Yahweh has spoken.

UST
3 But Yahweh our God will go ahead of you. He will enable you to destroy the nations that are living there, in order that you can occupy their land. Joshua will be your leader, which is what Yahweh has already told me.

Who did Yahweh say would go over Jordan instead of Moses?
Yahweh told Moses that Joshua would go over the Jordan before Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:4

ULT

[4] And Yahweh will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, that which he destroyed.

UST

[4] Yahweh will do to those nations what he did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amor people group when he destroyed their armies and their people groups.

What had Yahweh done to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites?

Yahweh had destroyed them and their land.

Deuteronomy 31:5

ULT

[5] And Yahweh will give them before your faces, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments that I commanded you.

UST

[5] Yahweh will enable you to conquer those people groups, but you must kill all of those people, which is what I have commanded you to do.

What does Yahweh say he will do for Israel when they meet the nations in battle?

Yahweh says that he will give Israel victory over them when Israel meets them in battle.

Deuteronomy 31:6

ULT

[6] Be strong and courageous, you shall not fear, and you shall not be afraid of their faces; for Yahweh your God, he goes with you; he will not fail you nor forsake you.”

UST

[6] Be brave and confident. Do not be afraid of those people. Do not forget that it is Yahweh our God who will go with you. He will always help you and never abandon you.”

What instruction does Moses give to the Israelites?

Moses tells them to be strong, of good courage, not to fear and not to be afraid of the nations because Yahweh will go with them and will not fail or forsake them.

Deuteronomy 31:7

ULT

[7] And Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the eyes of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you will go {with} this people into the land that Yahweh has sworn to their fathers to give to them; and you will cause them to inherit it.

UST

[7] Then Moses called Joshua to his side and said to him, “Be brave and confident. You are the one who will lead these people into the land that Yahweh promised to our ancestors that he would give to them, and you will enable them to occupy it.

What did Moses say to Joshua in the sight of all Israel?

Moses told Joshua to be strong and of good courage for Joshua would go with the people of Israel into the land that Yahweh swore to their ancestors to give to them and Yahweh will cause them to inherit the land.

Deuteronomy 31:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh, he goes before your faces; he will be with you; he will not fail you nor abandon you; you shall not fear and you shall not be dismayed.'

UST

[8] It is Yahweh who will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will always help you. He will never abandon you. So do not be afraid or dismayed.”

What did Moses tell Joshua that Yahweh would do for him?

Moses told Joshua that Yahweh would go before Joshua, be with him and Yahweh would not fail or abandon Joshua so Joshua should not be afraid or discouraged.

Deuteronomy 31:9

ULT

[9] And Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carry the box of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Israel.

UST

[9] Moses wrote down all these laws and gave the scroll to the priests, who carried the sacred chest. He also gave the scroll to all the Israelite elders.

To whom did Moses give the law after he wrote it?

Moses gave this law to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the box and he also gave copies of it to all the elders of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:10

ULT

10 And Moses commanded them, saying, “At the end of seven years, at the appointed time of year of the remission, during the Festival of Shelters,

UST

10 Moses told them, “At the end of every seven years, at the time that all debts are canceled, read this to the people during the Festival of Shelters.

How often did Moses command the priests to read the law that Moses gave to them? (vv10-11)

Moses commanded the priests to read the law at the end of every seven years, during the Festival of Shelters, in the hearing of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:11

ULT

11 when all Israel shall come to appear {before} the face of Yahweh your God in the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their ears.

UST

11 Read it to all the Israelite people when they gather at the place that Yahweh chooses for them to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 31:12

ULT

12 Assemble the people, the men, and the women, and the children, and your foreigner who is within your gates, so that they may hear and so that they may learn and fear Yahweh your God and keep doing all the words of this law.

UST

12 Gather together everyone—men, women, children, even the foreigners who are living in your towns—in order that they may hear these laws and learn to have an awesome respect for Yahweh our God, and to faithfully obey everything that is written in these laws.

Why did Moses tell the priests to assemble the men, women, little ones and foreigners. (vv12-13)

Moses told the priests to assemble all the people so that they could hear and learn, and honor Yahweh their God and keep all the words of the law and so that their children could hear and learn to honor Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 31:13

ULT

13 And their sons, who do not know, may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God all the days that you live in the land to which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess it.”

UST

13 If they do that, your descendants, who have never known these laws, will hear them and will also learn to have an awesome respect for Yahweh our God, during all the years that they live in the land that you are about to cross the Jordan River to occupy.”

For how long should the priests read the law to the people of Israel?

The priests should read the law to the people for as long as they live in the land that they were going over the Jordan to possess it.

Deuteronomy 31:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Behold, your dying day is approaching; call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, and I will command him.” And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting.

UST

14 Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Listen carefully. You will soon die. Summon Joshua, and you will go to the sacred tent with him, in order that I may appoint him to be the new leader.” So Joshua and Moses went to the sacred tent.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to call Joshua and present themselves in the tent of meeting?

Yahweh told Moses to call Joshua to the tent of meeting because the day was coming when Moses must die.

What happen when Moses and Joshua presented themselves in the tent of meeting? (vv14-15)

When Moses and Joshua presented themselves in the tent of meeting, Yahweh appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud which stood over the door of the tent.

Deuteronomy 31:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud; and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the tent.

UST

15 There Yahweh appeared to them in a pillar of cloud, and that cloud was over the entrance to the tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 31:16

ULT

16 And Yahweh said to Moses, “Behold, you will sleep with your fathers; and this people will rise up and whore after the strange gods of the land in the midst of which it is going to. And they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have cut with them.

UST

16 Yahweh said to Moses, “You will soon die. Then these people will become unfaithful to me. They will stop obeying the covenant that I made with them. They will begin to worship the foreign gods that are worshiped by the people of the land that they will enter.

How did Yahweh tell Moses the people would act after Moses went to sleep with his fathers?

Yahweh told Moses that the people would rise up, act like prostitutes going after the strange gods of the land and that they would forgot Yahweh and break Yahweh’s covenant that he had made with them.

Deuteronomy 31:17

ULT

17 And, on that day, my nose will burn against them and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured, and many disasters and troubles will find them. And they will say on that day, ‘Have not these disasters found us because my God is not in my midst?’

UST

17 When that happens, I will become very angry with them. I will abandon them and refuse to help them any longer. Many bad things will happen to them, and they will be destroyed. Then they will say among themselves, ‘These things are happening to us because our God is no longer with us.’

What did Yahweh tell Moses he would do when the people forgot Yahweh’s covenant?

Yahweh told Moses that on the day the people forsook his covenant, his anger would be kindled against them, he would abandon them, and he would hide his face from them.

What did Yahweh tell Moses would happen to the people when Yahweh hid his face from them? (vv17-18)

Yahweh told Moses that many disasters and troubles would find the people and he would hide his face from them because they turned to other gods.

Deuteronomy 31:18

ULT

18 And I will surely hide my face on that day because of all the evil that they will have done, because they have turned to other gods.

UST

18 And because of all the evil things that they will have done, and especially because they will have started to worship other gods, I will refuse to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 31:19

ULT

19 And now, write this song for yourselves and teach it to the sons of Israel. Put it in their mouths, so that this song may be a witness for me against the sons of Israel.

UST

19 So I am going to give you, Moses, a song. Write it on a scroll and teach it to the Israelite people and make them memorize it. It will be like a witness that accuses them.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to write a song and teach it to the people of Israel and put it in their mouths?

Yahweh told Moses to write a song and teach it to the people so that the song could be a witness for Yahweh against the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:20

ULT

20 When I bring them to the land that I swore to their fathers, flowing {with} milk and honey, and they eat and become satisfied and fat, then they will turn to other gods and they will serve them and they will despise me and break my covenant.

UST

20 I am about to take them into a very fertile land, a land that I solemnly promised their ancestors that I would give to them. There they will have plenty to eat, with the result that their stomachs will always be full and they will become fat. But then they will turn to other gods and start to worship them, and they will despise me and break the covenant that I have made with them.

What did Yahweh tell Moses the people would do when they were in the land that Yahweh swore to give to their ancestors?

Yahweh told Moses the people of Israel would turn to other gods, worship them, despise Yahweh and break his covenant.

Deuteronomy 31:21

ULT

21 And it will be, when many evils and troubles find it, then this song will testify before its face as a witness (for it will not be forgotten from the mouths of its seed). For I know the intent that it is making today, before I have brought them into the land that I promised."

UST

21 And many terrible disasters will happen to them. After that happens, their descendants will remember this song, and it will be like a witness that says, 'Now you know why Yahweh punished your ancestors.' I will soon take them into the land that I solemnly promised that I would give to them; but even now, before I do that, I know what they are thinking that they will do when they are living there."

What did Yahweh tell Moses the song would do when many evils and troubles found the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Moses that the song would testify before Israel as a witness and it would not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants.

What did Yahweh say he knew about the people even before he brought them into the land that he had sworn?

Yahweh said that he knew the plans that the people were forming today.

Deuteronomy 31:22

ULT

22 And Moses wrote this song on that day and taught it to the sons of Israel.

UST

22 So on the very day that Yahweh gave Moses that song, Moses also taught it to the Israelite people.

How long did Moses wait before he wrote the song that Yahweh told him to write?

Moses wrote the song on the same day that Yahweh told him to write it and then he taught it to the people of Israel on that same day.

Deuteronomy 31:23

ULT

23 And he commanded Joshua son of Nun and said, “Be strong and courageous; for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land that I swore to them, and I will be with you.”

UST

23 Then Yahweh appointed Joshua as leader and said to him, “Be brave and confident, because you will lead the Israelite people into the land that I solemnly promised that I would give to them. And I will be with you.”

What command did Yahweh give to Joshua, the son of Nun?

Yahweh commanded Joshua to be strong and of good courage.

Why did Yahweh command Joshua to be strong and of good courage?

Yahweh told Joshua to be strong and of good courage because Joshua would bring the people of Israel into the land that Yahweh had sworn to them and Yahweh told Joshua that he would be with Joshua.

Deuteronomy 31:24

ULT

24 And it happened as Moses finished writing the words of this law in a scroll until {it was} complete,

UST

24 Moses finished writing all the law onto a scroll.

To whom did Moses give the words of the law in a book when he had finished writing? (vv24-25)

Moses gave the words of the law to the Levites who carried the Box of the Testimony of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 31:25

ULT

25 that Moses commanded the Levites, who carried the box of the covenant of Yahweh, saying,

UST

25 Then he told the descendants of Levi, who were carrying the Sacred Chest that contained the Ten Commandments,

What did Moses tell the Levites that they should do with the book of the law when he finished writing it? (vv25-26)

Moses told the Levites to take the book of the law and put is by the side of the Box of the Testimony of Yahweh their God so that it would be there as a witness against them.

Deuteronomy 31:26

ULT

26 "Take this scroll of the law and put it by the side of the box of the covenant of Yahweh your God, and {it} will be there as a witness against you.

UST

26 "Take this scroll on which these laws are written, and place it beside the Sacred Chest that contains the covenant that Yahweh our God made with you, in order that it may remain there to testify about what Yahweh will do to the people if they disobey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 31:27

ULT

27 For I know your rebellion and your hard neck; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against Yahweh; and also surely after my death.

UST

27 I say this because I know that these people are very stubborn. They have rebelled against Yahweh all during the time that I have been with them, and they will rebel much more after I die!

What did Moses tell the Levites he knew about them even today, while he was still alive?

Moses told the Levites that he knew about their rebellion and how they had been rebellious against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 31:28

ULT

28 Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, and let me speak these words in their ears and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them.

UST

28 So gather all the elders of the tribes and your officials, in order that I can teach them the words of this song, and so that I can request all those who are in heaven and on the earth to be witnesses to testify against these people.

Why does Moses tell the Levites to assemble before him all the elders of their tribes and their officers?

Moses tells the Levites to assemble the elders and officers so that he could speak his words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them.

Deuteronomy 31:29

ULT

29 For I know that after my death you will surely corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the path that I have commanded you; and disaster will meet you in the following days, because you will do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

UST

29 I say this, because I know that after I die, the people will become very wicked. They will stop doing everything that I have commanded them to do. And in the future, because of all the evil things that they will do, they will cause Yahweh to become angry with them. Then he will cause them to experience disasters.”

What does Moses say that he knows will happen after his death?

Moses says that after his death the people will utterly corrupt themselves and turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them.

What does Moses say will happen when the people turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them?

Moses says that disaster will come on the people in the following days after they turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them.

Why does Moses say disaster will come to the people?

Moses says disaster will come because they will do what is evil in the sight of Yahweh, so as to make him angry through the work of their hands.

Deuteronomy 31:30

ULT

30 And Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until {it was} finished.

UST

30 Then, while all the Israelite people listened, Moses sang this entire song to them:

What did Moses sing in the ears of all the assembly of Israel?

Moses sang all the words of the song he had written.

Deuteronomy 32

Deuteronomy 32:1

ULT
[1] Give ear, heavens, and let me speak, and let the earth listen to the utterances of my mouth.

UST
[1] "Listen to me, all you who are in the heavens, and all you who are on the earth, listen to what I say.

What is Moses asking the heavens and the earth to do?
Moses is asking the heavens to give ear and let him speak and he is asking the earth to listen to the words of his mouth.

Deuteronomy 32:2

ULT
[2] Let my teaching drop like rain, my saying mist like dew, like sprinkling on the green, and like downpours on the grass.

UST
[2] I wish that my song may help you like the rain helps you, or like the dew on the ground in the morning, or like a gentle rain on the young plants, like showers of rain on the grass.

To what does Moses compare his teaching and his speech?
Moses compares his teaching to rain and his speech to dew.

Deuteronomy 32:3

ULT
[3] For the name of Yahweh I proclaim, ascribe greatness to our God!

UST
[3] I will praise Yahweh. And all you people should praise how great our God is.

To whom name does Moses proclaim and ascribe greatness?
Moses proclaims the name of Yahweh and ascribes greatness to God.

Deuteronomy 32:4

ULT

[4] The Rock, his work {is} perfect, for all his ways {are} just. A faithful God without iniquity, righteous and upright {is} he.

UST

[4] He is like a rock on top of which we are protected; everything that he does is perfect and completely just. He always does what he says that he will do; he never does anything that is wrong.

Whose works are perfect and paths are just?

The work of the Rock is perfect and his paths are just.

Who has no iniquity and is just and upright?

God is faithful, has no iniquity and is just and upright.

Deuteronomy 32:5

ULT

[5] Did he act corruptly to him? No, his sons {are} the disgrace, a perverse and crooked generation.

UST

[5] But you Israelite people have been very unfaithful to him; because of your sins, you no longer deserve to be his children. You are extremely wicked and deceitful.

What does Moses call the people who have acted wickedly against Yahweh? (vv5-6)

Moses calls them a wicked and crooked generation and foolish and senseless people.

Deuteronomy 32:6

ULT

[6] {Is} this how you reward Yahweh, people foolish and without wisdom? {Is} he not your father, your shaper? He made you and established you.

UST

[6] You foolish and senseless people, is this the way that you should repay Yahweh for all that he has done for you? He is your father; he created you; he caused you to become a nation.

Who does Moses say made and established the people of Israel?

Moses says that Yahweh made and established the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:7

ULT

[7] Remember the days of eternity, consider the years of generation upon generation. Ask your father, and he will inform you, your elders, and they will tell you.

UST

[7] Think about what happened long ago; consider what happened to your ancestors. Ask your parents, and they will inform you; ask the older people, and they will tell you.

Of what does Moses say the fathers and elders will be able to remind the Israelites?

Moses says that the fathers and elders will be able to remind the Israelites about the days of ancient times and the years of many ages past.

Deuteronomy 32:8

ULT

[8] When the Most High gave the nations an inheritance— when he divided the sons of man, he defined the boundaries of the peoples, numbered the sons of Israel.

UST

[8] When God, who is greater than any other god, long ago divided the people into groups, he assigned to the nations their land. He determined where each people group should live and limited to each people group their own gods.

What does Moses say the fathers and elders can tell the people about when the Most High gave the nations their inheritance?

Moses said the the Most High divided all of mankind, and set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:9

ULT

[9] For the portion of Yahweh {is} his people, Jacob {is} his allotted inheritance.

UST

[9] But Yahweh decided that we would be his people; he chose us, the descendants of Jacob, to belong to him.

What is Yahweh's portion and who is his apportioned inheritance?

Yahweh's portion is his people and Jacob is his apportioned inheritance.

Deuteronomy 32:10

ULT
10 He found him in a wilderness land, and in the barren, howling desert. He surrounded him and gave mind to him, watched over him as the apple of his eye.

UST
10 He saw our ancestors when they were in a desert, wandering in a land that was desolate. He protected them and took care of them, as every person takes good care of his own eyes.

Where did Yahweh find Jacob (his people)?
Yahweh found Jacob (his people) in a desert land.

What did Yahweh do for his people?
Yahweh shielded them, cared for them and guarded them as the apple of his eye.

Deuteronomy 32:11

ULT
11 Like an eagle rouses his nest, over his young he hovers, {He} spread his wings, {he} took him, carried him on his pinions.

UST
11 Yahweh protected his people just like an eagle encourages its babies to fly and flutters over them, spreading its wings and catching them if they start to fall.

To what does Moses compare the way that Yahweh took care of his people?
Moses compares the way that Yahweh took care of his people to an eagle who guards her nest and flutters over her young.

Deuteronomy 32:12

ULT
12 Yahweh alone led him, and no foreign god with him.

UST
12 Yahweh was the only one who led them; no other foreign god helped them.

Who alone led the people of Israel?
Yahweh alone led the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:13

ULT

13 He placed him on heights of the land, and fed {him} the fruits of the field, and he nourished him {with} honey from the crag, and oil from the flinty stone,

UST

13 After they entered the land that Yahweh promised to give to them, Yahweh enabled them to rule the hill country; they ate the crops that grew in the fields. They found honey in the rocks, and their olive trees grew even in stony ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:14

ULT

14 curd of cattle and milk of flocks, with fat of lambs, and rams of the sons of Bashan, and goats, with fat kernels of wheat— and the blood of grapes you drank {as} mead.

UST

14 The cows gave them plenty of curds; the goats gave them plenty of milk, they had well fed sheep and cattle, they had very good wheat, and they made delicious wine from their grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:15

ULT

15 And Jeshurun fattened and kicked— you were fat, you thickened, you gorged— and he abandoned the God {who} made him, and he rejected the Rock of his salvation.

UST

15 The Israelite people became rich and prosperous, but then they rebelled against God; they abandoned him, the one who created them, the one who powerfully saves them.

What happened when Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat? (vv15-16)

When Jeshurun (Israel) grew fat and satisfied they abandoned and rejected Yahweh and made him jealous by their strange gods and angered him with their detestable idols.

Deuteronomy 32:16

ULT
16 He provoked him with strangers. With their abominations they angered him.

UST
16 He abandoned them because they started to worship other gods. Because of their worshiping disgusting idols, he became angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:17

ULT
17 They sacrificed to demons, not God— gods they had not known, new ones come recently, {whom} your fathers had not feared.

UST
17 They offered sacrifices to gods who were really demons, gods that their ancestors had never known; they offered sacrifices to gods that they had recently found out about, gods whom your ancestors had never had any respect for.

Who did God's people forget when they continued to rebel? (vv17-18)
They forgot the God who gave them birth.

Deuteronomy 32:18

ULT
18 The Rock, your bearer, you neglected and you forgot the God {who} gave you birth.

UST
18 They forgot the true God, the one who protects them, the one who created them and caused them to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:19

ULT
19 And Yahweh saw, and he spurned, from the provocation of his sons and his daughters.

UST
19 When Yahweh saw that they had abandoned him, he became angry, so he rejected the Israelite people who were like his sons and daughters.

What did Yahweh do because his people provoked him? (vv19-20)
Yahweh rejected his people because they provoked him.

Deuteronomy 32:20

ULT
20 And he said, “Let me hide my face from them,” “I shall see what their end {will be;} for a perverse generation {are} they, children {with} no faithfulness in them.

UST
20 He said, ‘They are very wicked people, very unfaithful; so I will no longer help them, and then I will watch and see what happens to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:21

ULT
21 They provoked me with a not-god, angered me by their worthless things, so I will provoke them with a not-people; by a foolish nation I will anger them,

UST
21 Because they now are worshiping idols, which are not really gods, they have caused me to be like a jealous husband because I want them to worship only me. So now, in order to cause them to become angry, I will now send to attack them an army of a nation of worthless and foolish people.

Who will Yahweh use to make Israel envious and angry?
Yahweh will make them envious by those who are not a people, and will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

Deuteronomy 32:22

ULT
22 for a fire flares in my nose, and burns to the lowest Sheol, and devours the earth and its yield, and scorches the foundations of the mountains.

UST
22 I will be very angry, and I will destroy them like a fire that will burn all the way down to the place where dead people are; that fire will destroy the earth and everything that grows on it, and it will even burn what is down under the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:23

ULT
23 I will increase disasters on them; I will spend my arrows on them,

UST
23 I will pile up on them many disasters; they will feel as though I am shooting all my arrows on them.

What did Yahweh say he would heap on Israel?
Yahweh said he would heap disasters on them.

Deuteronomy 32:24

ULT
24 wasted {by} hunger and weakened {by} plague and bitter contagion, and on the teeth of beasts I will send them, with the poison of crawlers {in the} dust.

UST
24 They will die because of being hungry and because of having hot fevers and because of terrible diseases; I will send wild animals to attack them, and poisonous snakes to bite them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:25

ULT

25 Outside the sword will bereave, and in the bedrooms, terror, both young man and virgin, the suckling, with the gray-haired man.

UST

25 Outside their houses, their enemies will kill them with swords, and in their homes, their enemies will cause them to be terrified. Their enemies will kill young men and young women, and they will kill infants and old people with gray hair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:26

ULT

26 I said I would wipe them out. I would remove from mankind their memory

UST

26 I wanted only to scatter them to distant countries in order that no one would ever remember them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:27

ULT

27 if the provocation of the enemy I did not fear, lest their adversaries misjudge, lest they say, ‘Our hand {is} exalted, and Yahweh did not carry out all this.'

UST

27 But if I did that, their enemies would wrongly boast that they were the ones who had gotten rid of my people; they would say, “We are the ones who defeated them; it was not Yahweh who has done all these things.”'

What would keep Yahweh from doing all that he threatened to his people?

Yahweh would keep from doing all that he threatened to his people because their enemies would judge mistakenly and say, “Our hand is exalted.”

Deuteronomy 32:28

ULT

28 For a nation devoid of counsel {are} they, and without understanding in them.

UST

28 You Israelites are a nation of people who do not have any sense. None of you are wise.

Of what was Israel lacking as a nation?

Israel was lacking wisdom and there was no understanding in them.

Deuteronomy 32:29

ULT

29 If they were wise, they would comprehend this; they would understand their latter days!

UST

29 If you were wise, you would understand why you would be punished; you would have realized what was going to happen to you.

What does Moses want for Israel to consider?

Moses wants Israel to consider their coming fate.

Deuteronomy 32:30

ULT

30 How could one chase a thousand, or two put to flight ten thousands, unless their Rock sold them, and Yahweh gave them up?

UST

30 You would have realized why a thousand of your soldiers would be defeated by only one of the enemy soldiers, and why two of your enemies would chase away ten thousand Israelite soldiers. You would realize that this would happen only if God, the one who always defended you, had put you in the hands of your enemies, that Yahweh had abandoned you.

How is it that Israel can put their enemies to flight have victory over their enemies? (vv30-31)

Israel can have victory because Yahweh has given them victory and the rock of their enemies is not like the Rock of the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 32:31

ULT
31 For not like our Rock {is} their rock, and {thus} our enemies assess.

UST
31 Your enemies know that their gods are not powerful like Yahweh, our God, so their gods could not have defeated us Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:32

ULT
32 For from the vine of Sodom {is} their vine, and from the vineyards of Gomorrah; their grapes {are} grapes of poison; their clusters {are} bitter.

UST
32 Your enemies are like grapevines planted near the ruins of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah; the grapes from those vines are bitter and poisonous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:33

ULT
33 The venom of serpents {is} their wine, and the cruel poison of vipers.

UST
33 The wine from those grapes is like the poison of snakes.

How is the wine from the grapes of Sodom and Gomorrah described?
The wine is described as the poison of serpents and the venom of a snake.

From where does the vine of the enemy come and what are how are the grapes described? (vv33-34)
Their vine comes from Sodom and Gomorrah and their grapes are poisonous and bitter.

Deuteronomy 32:34

ULT

34 Is it not concealed with me, sealed up among my treasures?

UST

34 Yahweh says, ‘I know what I have planned to do to the Israelite people and to their enemies, and I have locked up those plans as someone would lock up his valuable possessions.

How is the plan of Yahweh kept?

Yahweh’s plan is kept by him and sealed up among his treasures.

Deuteronomy 32:35

ULT

35 Mine {is} vengeance and recompense, at the time when their foot slips, for the day of their disaster {is} near, and the things prepared for them hasten.”

UST

35 I am the one who will get revenge and pay those enemies back for what they have done to my people, at the right time for them to be punished; they will soon experience disasters, and I will punish them quickly.’

To whom does vengeance and recompense belong?

Vengeance and recompense belongs to Yahweh.

How soon may the day of disaster and the things that are to come happen?

Disaster is near and the things to come will hurry to happen.

Deuteronomy 32:36

ULT

36 For Yahweh vindicates his people, and by his servants he is grieved. For he will see that gone is {their} hand, and none {are} kept back or let free.

UST

36 But Yahweh will say that you who are truly his people are innocent, and he will act mercifully toward you who serve him, when he sees that you are helpless, and that there are very few of you, slaves or free people, who are still alive.

Who will make decisions for his people and have pity on his servants?

Yahweh will decide for his people and he will pity his servants.

Deuteronomy 32:37

ULT

37 And he will say, “Where {are} their gods, the rock in whom they took refuge?—

UST

37 Then Yahweh will ask you, ‘Where are the gods that you thought would protect you?

From whom does help and protection not come for the people of Israel? (vv37-38)

Protection and help does not come from the gods, the rock in whom they took refuge and who ate their sacrifices and drank their drink offerings.

Deuteronomy 32:38

ULT

38 who ate the fat of their sacrifices, drank the wine of their libations? Let them rise up and help you; let them be for you protection.

UST

38 You gave to those gods the best parts of the animals that you sacrificed, and you poured out wine for them to drink. So they should rise and help you; they should be the ones who will protect you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:39

ULT

39 See, now, that I, I {am} he, and there is no god besides me. I put to death and give life. I wound, and I heal, and no one rescues from my hand,

UST

39 But now you will realize that I, only I, am God; there is no other god who is a real god. I am the one who can kill people and who can cause people to live; I can wound people, and I can heal people, and there is no one who can prevent me from doing those things.

Who does God say is a god besides him and what does God alone say that he can do?

God says that there is no god besides him and he alone will kill and make alive, wound and heal.

Deuteronomy 32:40

ULT
40 for I lift up my hand to heaven and say, ‘{As} I live forever.'

UST
40 I raise my hand toward heaven and solemnly declare that just as sure as I live forever, I will act.

What does God, who alone is God promise as he lifts up his hand to heaven?
As he lifts his hand to heaven he promises that as he lives forever, he will act.

Deuteronomy 32:41

ULT
41 When I sharpen my glittering sword, and my hand seizes justice, I will return vengeance on my enemies, and I will pay back those who hate me.

UST
41 When I sharpen my sword and prepare to punish people, I will get revenge on my enemies, and I will pay back those who hate me.

On whom will God bring justice and render vengeance?
God will bring justice and render vengeance on his enemies and those who hate him.

Deuteronomy 32:42

ULT
42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword will devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy.’”

UST
42 I will kill all of my enemies with a sword; it will be as though I had arrows that were covered with their blood. I will kill all those whom I capture and cut off their heads.’

From whom does God say that his arrows be drunk with blood and his sword devour flesh?
God’s arrows will be drunk with the blood of the killed and captives and his sword will devour flesh from the heads of the leaders of the enemy?

Deuteronomy 32:43

ULT

43 Rejoice, nations, {with} his people, for the blood of his servants he will avenge, and vengeance he will return on his enemies, and he will cover his land, his people.

UST

43 You people of all nations, you should praise Yahweh's people, because Yahweh gets revenge on those who kill the people who serve him, and he cleanses his people's land which has become defiled because of their sins."

Who will rejoice with God's people when he avenges the blood of his servants and brings vengeance on his enemies?

The nations will rejoice with God's people.

For whom will God make atonement for his land?

God will make atonement for his land, for his people.

Deuteronomy 32:44

ULT

44 And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Joshua son of Nun.

UST

44 Joshua and Moses sang that song while the Israelite people were listening.

Who sang all the words of this song in the ears of the people?

Moses and Joshua sang this song in the ears of the people.

Deuteronomy 32:45

ULT

45 And Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel.

UST

45 Then they finished singing to them this song.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:46

ULT

46 And he said to them, “Set your hearts on all the words which I bore witness to you today, that you may command your children to keep doing all the words of this law.

UST

46 Moses said, “Never forget all these commands that I have been giving you today. Teach these laws to your children, in order that they will faithfully obey all of them.

Why are the people of Israel to fix their minds on the words that Moses has witnessed to them?

The people are to fix their minds on Moses’ words so they could command their children to keep all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 32:47

ULT

47 For it {is} no empty thing for you, because it {is} your life, and through this thing you may prolong {your} days in the land to which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess it.”

UST

47 These instructions are very important. If you obey them, you will live a long time in the land that you are about to cross the Jordan River to occupy.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:48

ULT

48 And Yahweh spoke to Moses on this same day, saying,

UST

48 On that same day, Yahweh said to Moses,

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to go up into the mountains opposite Jericho? (vv48-49)

Yahweh told Moses to go up to the mountains so that he could look at the land of Canaan which Yahweh was giving to the people of Israel as their possession.

Deuteronomy 32:49

ULT

49 “Go up to this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which {is} in the land of Moab, that {is} on the face of Jericho. And you will see the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel as a possession.

UST

49 “Go to the Abarim mountain range here in the region of Moab, across from Jericho. Climb Mount Nebo and look toward the west to see Canaan, the land that I am about to give to the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:50

ULT

50 And you will die on the mountain which you are going up to, and you will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.

UST

50 You will die on that mountain, like your older brother Aaron died on Mount Hor.

What does Yahweh say will happen to Moses on the mountain?

Yahweh says that Moses will die on the mountain as Aaron had died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.

Why did Yahweh say that Moses was going to die on the mountain? (vv50-51)

Moses was going to die on the mountain because he was unfaithful to Yahweh at the waters of Meribah in Kadesh and because Moses did not treat Yahweh with honor and respect among the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:51

ULT

51 Because you were unfaithful to me among the sons of Israel at the waters of Meribah {in} Kadesh, {in the} wilderness of Zin; because you did not honor me among the sons of Israel.

UST

51 You will die because both of you disobeyed me in the presence of the Israelite people, when you all were at the springs of Meribah near Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin. You did not honor and respect me in the presence of the Israelite people in the way that I deserve because I am God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 32:52

ULT

52 For you will see the land from the front, but you will not go there, into the land that I am giving to the sons of Israel.”

UST

52 When you are on that mountain where I told you to go, you will see in the distance in front of you the land that I am about to give to the Israelite people, but you will not enter it.”

What did Yahweh say that Moses would see before his death?

Yahweh said that Moses would see the land that Yahweh was giving to the people of Israel but he would not go there.

Deuteronomy 33

Deuteronomy 33:1

ULT

[1] And this {is} the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, blessed the sons of Israel before the face of his death.

UST

[1] Before God's prophet Moses died, he asked God to bless the Israelite people.

When did Moses give this blessing to the people of Israel?

Moses gave this blessing to the people of Israel before his death.

Deuteronomy 33:2

ULT

[2] And he said: "Yahweh from Sinai came and rose from Seir to them, shone forth from Mount Paran, and came with ten thousands of holy ones, in his right hand, lightning for them.

UST

[2] This is what he said: "Yahweh came and spoke to us at Mount Sinai; he came like the sun rises in the region of Edom and like his light shone on us when we were in the desert near Mount Paran after we left Mount Sinai. He came with ten thousand angels, and there was a flaming fire at his right side.

How does Moses describe Yahweh?

Moses describes Yahweh as one who shone out from Mout Paran, came with ten thousands of holy ones, and in his right hand there were flashes of lightning.

Deuteronomy 33:3

ULT

[3] Yes, he loves the peoples. All his sanctified {are} in your hand, and they will be tied to your feet, he is lifted up by your words.

UST

[3] Yahweh truly loves his people and protects all those who belong to him. So they prostrate themselves in front of him, and they listen to his instructions.

How does Yahweh feel about the people of Israel?

Yahweh loves the people the people of Israel.

How do the holy people of Israel respond to the love of Yahweh?

The holy people of Israel bow down at Yahweh's feet and receive Yahweh's words.

Deuteronomy 33:4

ULT

[4] 'A law Moses commanded to us, a possession for the assembly of Jacob.'

UST

[4] I gave them laws to obey, laws that would forever be for the descendants of Jacob.

What does Moses say about the law that he commanded to the people?

Moses calls the law an inheritance for the assembly of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 33:5

ULT

[5] And he became a king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people had gathered, together the tribes of Israel.

UST

[5] So Yahweh became the king of his Israelite people when all the tribes and their leaders had gathered together.

What did Yahweh become when the heads of the people and all the tribes of Israel had gathered?

Yahweh became king in Jeshurun (Israel).

Deuteronomy 33:6

ULT

6 Let Reuben live and not die, but let his men be few."

UST

6 I say this about the tribe of Reuben: I desire that their tribe will never disappear, but that they will never become numerous.

What did Moses say would happen to Reuben?

Moses said that Reuben would live and not die but his men would be few.

Deuteronomy 33:7

ULT

7 And this {is} for Judah. And he said: "Listen, Yahweh, {to} the voice of Judah, and to his people bring him. Let his hand strive for himself, and a help against his enemies you will be."

UST

7 I say this about the tribe of Judah: Yahweh, listen to them when they call out for help; and after they separate from the other tribes, unite them with the other tribes again. Fight for them, and help them to fight against their enemies.

What is the blessing that Moses gives to Judah?

Moses asks Yahweh to bless Judah by listening to the voice of Judah, bringing him to his people and fighting for him.

Deuteronomy 33:8

ULT

8 And for Levi, {he} said: "Your Thummim and your Urim are of your godly man, whom you tested at Massah. You strove against him {at} the waters of Meribah

UST

8 I say this about the tribe of Levi: Yahweh, give to those who are dedicated to you the sacred stones that they will use to find out what you want to be done; You tested them at a spring in the desert, a spring that they named Massah and also named Meribah to find out if they would remain loyal to you.

What does Moses tell the Levites to do in his blessing to them?

Moses tells the Levites to teach Yahweh’s decrees, put incense and burnt offerings on Yahweh’s altar, to bless Yahweh and accept the work of his hands and to shatter the loins of those who rise up against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 33:9

ULT

[9] who said of his father and of his mother, 'I have not seen them,' and his brothers he did not acknowledge, and his sons he did not know, for he guarded your speech and your covenant he kept.

UST

[9] The tribe of Levi did what you told them to do and obeyed the covenant that you had made with the Israelite people; those laws were more important to them than their siblings and parents and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:10

ULT

[10] He teaches your ordinances to Jacob, and your law to Israel. He will put incense before your nose, and whole offerings on your altar.

UST

[10] The tribe of Levi will teach the Israelite people your decrees and your laws, and they are the ones who will burn incense and who will completely burn on the altar the offerings that the people bring.

What does Moses tell the Levites to do in his blessing to them? (vv10-11)

Moses tells the Levites to teach Yahweh's decrees, put incense and burnt offerings on Yahweh's altar, to bless Yahweh and accept the work of his hands and to shatter the loins of those who rise up against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 33:11

ULT

[11] Bless, Yahweh, his possessions, and the work of his hands accept. Shatter the loins of those who rise up against him, and haters of him, lest they rise up."

UST

[11] Yahweh, bless their work and accept all that they do. Crush all their enemies; do not enable their enemies to be able to fight against them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:12

ULT

12 To Benjamin, he said: "The beloved of Yahweh lives in security beside him. He covers him all the day, and between his shoulders he lives."

UST

12 I say this about the tribe of Benjamin: They are the tribe that Yahweh loves; he keeps them safe. He protects them continually, and he lives among their hills.

What does Moses say about Benjamin's blessing?

Yahweh says that Benjamin is the one loved by Yahweh, Yahweh shields him all day long and he lives between Yahweh's arms.

Deuteronomy 33:13

ULT

13 And to Joseph, he said: "Blessed of Yahweh {be} his land, from the bounty of heaven, from dew, and from the deep lying beneath,

UST

13 I say this about the tribes of Joseph: I desire that Yahweh will bless their land by giving them rain from the sky and water from deep down in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:14

ULT

14 and from the bounty of the harvest of the sun, and from the bounty of the produce of the months,

UST

14 I desire that Yahweh will bless their land by giving them good fruit ripened by the sun and good crops in the right months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:15

ULT
15 and from the heads of ancient mountains, and from the bounty of eternal hills,

UST
15 I desire that Yahweh give them that very nice fruit that will grow on trees in their ancient mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:16

ULT
16 and from the bounty of earth and from its fullness, and the favor of the bush-dweller. Let them come on the head of Joseph, and on the top of the head of the prince of his brothers.

UST
16 I desire that Yahweh will bless their land and that he fill the land with many good crops. I desire that Yahweh will bless the tribes of Joseph in all those ways, because he was the leader over his older brothers when they were in Egypt.

Who was prince over his brothers?
Joseph was prince over his brothers.

Deuteronomy 33:17

ULT
17 His firstborn ox {is} his majesty, and the horns of a wild ox {are} his horns. With them he will ram the peoples together to the ends of the earth, And they {are} the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they {are} the thousands of Manasseh."

UST
17 The descendants of Joseph will be as strong as a bull; with their weapons they will wound their enemies like a wild ox gores other animals with its horns. They will push other people groups, all of them, to the most distant places on the earth. That is what the descendants of the two sons of Joseph will do, the ten thousands of the tribe of Ephraim and the thousands of the tribe of Manasseh.

What will the ten thousands of Ephraim and the thousands of Manasseh do?
They will push the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth.

Deuteronomy 33:18

ULT
18 And to Zebulun, he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents.

UST
18 I say this about the tribes of Zebulun and Issachar: I desire that the people of Zebulun will prosper in their travels across the seas, and that the people of Issachar will prosper while they stay at home and take care of their cattle and crops.

From where does Moses say the blessings of Zebulun and Issachar will come? (vv18-19)
The blessings of Zebulun and Issachar will come from the mountains, the abundance of the seas and from the sand hidden in the seashore.

Deuteronomy 33:19

ULT
19 Peoples they will call {to} the mountain. There they will sacrifice sacrifices of righteousness. For the abundance of the seas they suckle, and treasures hidden {in the} sand."

UST
19 They will invite people from the other Israelite tribes to the mountain where they worship Yahweh, and they will offer correct sacrifices to him. They will become rich from the trade that they carry out on the seas and from using the sand along the sea to make things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:20

ULT
20 And to Gad, he said: "Blessed be the increaser of Gad. Like a lioness he will live, and tear off an arm, also a head.

UST
20 I say this about the tribe of Gad: Praise Yahweh, the one who made their territory large. The people of their tribe will attack their enemies fiercely like a lion that crouches, waiting to tear off the arm or the scalp of some animal.

How does Moses say Gad will live as his territory is enlarged?
Gad will live there like a lioness and tear off an arm or a head.

Deuteronomy 33:21

ULT

21 And he saw the first for himself, for there the decreed portion {is} reserved. And he came {with} the heads of the people. The justice of Yahweh he carried out, and his judgments with Israel."

UST

21 They chose the best part of the land for themselves; a large share of the land, a share that should be given to a leader was allotted to them. When the leaders of the tribes of Israel gathered together, they decided that the tribe of Gad should have a large share of the land. The tribe of Gad obeyed the commands of Yahweh and the things that he decided that they should do.

What did Gad carry out for Yahweh?

Gad carried out the justice of Yahweh and his decrees with Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:22

ULT

22 And to Dan, he said: "Dan {is} a lion cub leaping out from Bashan."

UST

22 I say this about the tribe of Dan: The people of the tribe of Dan are like a young lion; they leap out from their caves in the region of Bashan to attack their enemies.

How did Moses describe Dan?

Moses described Dan as a lion cub that leaps out from Bashan.

Deuteronomy 33:23

ULT

23 And to Naphtali, he said: "Naphtali, satisfied {with} favor, and full of the blessing of Yahweh, the west and the south, you will possess."

UST

23 I say this about the tribe of Naphtali: The people of the tribe of Naphtali have been blessed by Yahweh, who has been very kind to them; their land extends far south from Lake Galilee.

What land did Moses say Naphtali will take?

Naphtali will take possession of the land to the west and south.

Deuteronomy 33:24

ULT
24 And to Asher, he said: "Blessed among sons {is} Asher. Let him be favored {among} his brothers, and bathe in oil his foot.

UST
24 I say this about the tribe of Asher: Yahweh will bless the descendants of Asher more than he will bless the other tribes. Yahweh will favor them most of all. I desire that their land will be filled with olive trees that will produce a lot of olives to make olive oil.

What does Moses say about the blessing for Asher? (vv24-25)
Moses says that Asher will be more blessed than the other sons, that he might dip his foot in olive oil and that he will be secure for all his day.

Deuteronomy 33:25

ULT
25 Iron and bronze your gate-bolts, and as your days, your security.

UST
25 Their towns will be protected by high walls with gates that have bronze and iron bars; I desire all the time that they live and not be harmed by anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:26

ULT
26 " {There is} no one like God of Jeshurun, riding the heavens to your help, and in his majesty {on} the clouds.

UST
26 You people of Israel, there is no god like your God, who rides majestically across the sky to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 33:27

ULT

[27] A refuge {is} the God of ancient days, and underneath {are} the eternal arms. And he thrust out the enemy from before your faces, and he said, 'Destroy!'

UST

[27] God, who lives forever, is the one who gives you refuge; it is as though he puts his everlasting arms under you to support you. He will drive out your enemies while you advance; he has told you to destroy all of them.

What did Moses say God will do to Jeshurun's (Israel's) enemies?

Moses said God would thrust out Jeshurun's (Israel's) enemies from before them and that God will say, "Destroy!"

Deuteronomy 33:28

ULT

[28] And Israel dwelt {in} safety secure, the spring of Jacob in a land of grain and new wine. Indeed, let his heavens drop dew.

UST

[28] So you Israelite people will live safely; you descendants of Jacob will not be disturbed by others; in the land where you will live, there will be plenty of grain and wine, and plenty of rain will fall from the sky.

How will Jacob's descendants live?

Jacob's descendants will live safely and securely in a land of grain and new wine.

Deuteronomy 33:29

ULT

[29] Your happiness, Israel! Who {is} like you, a people saved by Yahweh, the shield of your help, and who {is} the sword of your majesty? And your enemies will fawn over you, but you, on their high places will trample."

UST

[29] You people of Israel, how fortunate are you. There is certainly no nation like your nation, whom Yahweh has rescued from being slaves in Egypt. He will be like a shield to protect you and like a sword to enable you to defeat your enemies. Your enemies will come to you begging for you to act mercifully toward them, but you will trample on their backs."

How does Moses describing Israel?

Moses describes Israel as blessed and a people saved by Yahweh, whose enemies will come trembling to them.

Deuteronomy 34

Deuteronomy 34:1

ULT

[1] Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, {to} the top of Pisgah, which {is} against the face of Jericho. And Yahweh showed him all the land of Gilead as far as Dan,

UST

[1] Then Moses climbed up from the plains in the region of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the highest point on Mount Pisgah, which is across the Jordan River from Jericho. There Yahweh showed him all the land that the Israelites would occupy. He showed him the region of Gilead as far north as the city of Dan;

From where was Moses shown all the lands that the tribes of Israel would possess? (vv1-3)
Moses was shown all the land that the tribes of Israel would posses from the top of Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 34:2

ULT

[2] and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, to the western sea,

UST

[2] all the land that the tribe of Naphtali would occupy; all the land that the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh had occupied; all the land that the tribe of Judah would occupy as far west as the Mediterranean Sea;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 34:3

ULT

[3] and the Negev, and the plain of the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

UST

[3] the desert area in the south part of Judah; and the Valley of the Jordan that extends from Jericho in the north to the city of Zoar in the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 34:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh said to him, “This {is} the land that I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your seed.’ I have showed you, to your eyes, but you will not go over there.”

UST

4 Then Yahweh said to him, “You have now seen this land that I solemnly promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have allowed you to see it from a distance, but you will not go there.”

What did Yahweh allow Moses to see before he died?

Yahweh allowed Moses to see the land that Yahweh swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 34:5

ULT

5 And Moses, the servant of Yahweh, died there in the land of Moab, according to the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

5 So Moses, who always served Yahweh faithfully, died there in the land of in Moab, which is what Yahweh said would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 34:6

ULT

6 And he buried him in the valley, in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no one knows {where} his grave is to this day.

UST

6 Yahweh buried Moses’ body in the valley in the land of Moab, across from the town of Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where he is buried.

Where did Moses die and where did Yahweh bury Moses?

Moses died in the land of Moab and Yahweh buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor.

Deuteronomy 34:7

ULT

[7] And Moses {was} 100 and 20 years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor had his vigor fled.

UST

[7] Moses was 120 years old when he died, but he was still very strong, and he could still see very well.

What was Moses physical condition when he died at one hundred twenty years of age?

When Moses died he was still strong and could see well.

Deuteronomy 34:8

ULT

[8] And the sons of Israel mourned Moses in the plains of Moab 30 days, and the days of the tears of mourning {for} Moses were finished.

UST

[8] The Israelite people mourned for him in the plains of Moab for thirty days.

How long did the people of Israel mourn for Moses?

The people mourned for Moses for thirty days.

Deuteronomy 34:9

ULT

[9] And Joshua son of Nun {was} full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the sons of Israel listened to him and did what Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

[9] God caused Joshua to be very wise, because Moses had put his hands on Joshua to appoint him to be their new leader. The Israelite people obeyed Joshua, and they obeyed all the commands that Yahweh had given to Moses to tell to the Israelite people.

Why did the people of Israel listen to Joshua and do what Yahweh had commanded Moses?

The people of Israel listened to Joshua because Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom, and Moses had laid his hands on him.

Deuteronomy 34:10

ULT

10 And a prophet like Moses has not arisen in Israel since, whom Yahweh knew face to face,

UST

10 Since the time that Moses lived, there has never been a prophet in Israel like him, for Yahweh spoke with him face to face.

How was Moses known by Yahweh?

Yahweh knew Moses face to face.

Has there ever been a prophet like Moses in Israel? (vv10-12)

There has never been any prophet like Moses in all of Israel.

Deuteronomy 34:11

ULT

11 for all the signs and wonders that Yahweh sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land,

UST

11 No other prophet has performed all the kinds of powerful miracles that Yahweh caused him to do against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, against all his servants, and against the people of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Deuteronomy 34:12

ULT

12 and for all the mighty hand and for all the fearsome {and} great {things} that Moses did before the eyes of all Israel.

UST

12 No other prophet has been able to perform all the great and terrifying deeds that Moses performed while all the Israelites watched.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua

Joshua 1

Joshua 1:1

ULT

1 Now it happened after the death of Moses the servant of Yahweh, that Yahweh spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, saying,

UST

1 After Moses the servant of Yahweh, died, Yahweh said this to Nun's son Joshua, who had been Moses' servant leader: He said,

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do after the death of Moses? (vv1-3)
Yahweh told Joshua to cross the Jordan and lead the people of Israel into the land that Yahweh would give them.

Joshua 1:2

ULT

2 "Moses, my servant, is dead. So now, rise, cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land that I am about to give to them, to the sons of Israel.

UST

2 "You know that my servant Moses is now dead. So now get ready to cross over the Jordan River, you and all these people. Enter the land that I will soon give to the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:3

ULT

3 Every place on which the sole of your foot will tread, I give it to you just as I spoke to Moses.

UST

3 Everywhere you walk in this land, I will give to you, as I promised Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:4

ULT

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon and as far as the great river, the Euphrates River, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the great sea, the going of the sun, will be your boundary.

UST

4 That land will extend from the wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the northwest, to the Euphrates River, and to the Mediterranean Sea on the west. It will include all the land where the Hittites live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:5

ULT

5 A man will not station himself against your face all the days of your life. I will be with you just as I was with Moses. I will not abandon you and I will not leave you.

UST

5 No group will be able to defeat you as long as you live. I will help you as I helped Moses. I promise that I will not abandon you and I will never leave you.

Why did Yahweh say that no one would be able to stand against Joshua?

Yahweh said that no one would be able to stand against Joshua because he would be with Joshua just as he had been with Moses.

Joshua 1:6

ULT

6 Be strong and be courageous, for you yourself will cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give to them.

UST

6 Be strong and brave, because you will lead these people so they can take this land as their own, the land that I promised to give to their ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:7

ULT

7 Only be strong and be very courageous, watching to do according to all the law that Moses, my servant, commanded you. Do not turn aside from it right or left, so that you may be wise in every place where you go.

UST

7 Just be strong and very brave. Be sure to obey all the laws that my servant Moses taught you; carry out each one of them. If you do so, you will be successful wherever you go.

What three things did Yahweh ask of Joshua?

Yahweh ask Joshua to be strong, courageous and to obey the law.

Joshua 1:8

ULT

8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth and you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you will watch to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your ways prosperous and then you will be wise.

UST

8 Talk with each other about the book of the law that Moses taught you. Think about those laws during the day and during the night. Follow the laws and do what they tell you to do, and they teach you to live so you may gain wealth and be successful.

What did Yahweh ask Joshua to meditate upon day and night?

Yahweh ask Joshua to meditate day and night upon the book of the Law.

Joshua 1:9

ULT

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and be courageous! Do not tremble and do not be dismayed. For Yahweh your God is with you in every place where you go.”

UST

9 Do not forget that I have commanded you to be strong and brave. Do not be afraid and do not be discouraged. I, Yahweh your God, will be with you wherever you go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:10

ULT
10 And Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,

UST
10 Then Joshua commanded the leaders of the people of Israel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:11

ULT
11 “Pass over within the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves because in yet three days you will be about to cross over this Jordan to enter to possess the land that Yahweh your God is about to give to you to possess it.’”

UST
11 “Go throughout the camp and give these orders to the people: ’Prepare all the food that you will take with you. In three days you will go across the Jordan River in front of you, and you will go in and capture the land that Yahweh, your God, is about to give to you.’”

What did Joshua command the leaders of the people to do?
Joshua commanded the leaders of the people to command the people to prepare provisions for themselves to cross over the Jordan in three days.

Joshua 1:12

ULT
12 And to the Reubenite and to the Gadite and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, Joshua spoke, saying,

UST
12 Then Joshua spoke to the families of the descendants of Reuben and Gad, and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh that was going to settle on the east side of the Jordan River:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:13

ULT

13 “Remember the word that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, saying, ‘Yahweh your God is about to give rest to you and he will give to you this land.’

UST

13 “Keep in mind the orders that Moses the servant of Yahweh, gave you. Moses said, ’Yahweh, your God, has promised to give you a place where you can settle down permanently—this place will be the land where you will live.

What two things did Joshua say Moses had said Yahweh had commanded the Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh to call to mind?

The two things that Joshua said Moses had said Yahweh had commanded the Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh to call to mind are “Yahweh your God is giving you rest, and he is giving you this land.”

Joshua 1:14

ULT

14 Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock will stay in the land that Moses gave to you on the other side of the Jordan. But you, you shall cross over before the face of your brothers arrayed for battle, all the mighty men of the army, and shall help them

UST

14 Your wives, your little children, and your livestock may stay here in this land on the east side of the Jordan River, but all your soldiers and your fellow tribesmen must cross the river, ahead of your other fellow Israelites, in order to help them.

What did Joshua tell the Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh to do?

Joshua told the Reubenites, the Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh to leave wives, children and livestock in the land Moses had given them beyond the Jordan, but the fighting men should cross the Jordan and help their brothers.

Joshua 1:15

ULT

15 until when Yahweh gives rest to your brothers as you, and they, they also, possess the land that Yahweh your God is about to give to them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and shall possess it, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave to you on the other side of the Jordan, the rising place of the sun."

UST

15 You must help them in battle until Yahweh has enabled your fellow Israelites to permanently settle in the land there, the land that they will capture, the land that Yahweh your God is giving to them. Then each of you will come back to the land that you will settle in, and you will live there—I mean the land that Moses, Yahweh's servant, gave you here on the east side of the Jordan River."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:16

ULT

16 And they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you have commanded us we will do, and to every place where you send us we will go.

UST

16 The people answered Joshua, "We will obey every order you have given us, and we will go wherever you tell us to go.

How did the people answer Joshua commands?

The people answered Joshua commands saying they would do what he said to do and go where he said to go.

Joshua 1:17

ULT

17 As in everything that we listened to Moses so we will listen to you. But Yahweh your God will be with you, just as he was with Moses.

UST

17 We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses. We pray that Yahweh will be with you as he was with Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 1:18

ULT

18 Every man who rebels against your mouth and will not hear your words for all that you command him will be put to death. Only be strong and be courageous.”

UST

18 We will put to death anyone who rebels and refuses to follow your orders. Just remember, Joshua, to be strong and brave!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2

Joshua 2:1

ULT

1 And Joshua the son of Nun secretly sent from the Shittim two men, spies, saying, “Go, see the land and Jericho.” And they went and entered the house of a woman, a prostitute, and her name was Rahab, and they lay down there.

UST

1 Then Joshua chose two men from their camp at Acacia. He told them, “Go find out all that you can about the land, especially about Jericho.” They left the camp, and they came to Jericho, to the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab. They stayed there.

Where did the two spies from Shittim find lodging when Joshua sent them to spy on the land?
The two spies found lodging at the house of a prostitute named Rahab.

Joshua 2:2

ULT

2 And it was said to the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men have come here tonight from the sons of Israel to search the land.”

UST

2 Someone told the king of Jericho, “Look! Some Israelite men have come here tonight to look at our land!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:3

ULT

3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men, the ones coming to you, who came to your house, because they have come to search all the land.”

UST

3 So the king sent a messenger to tell Rahab, “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come here to look at our land!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:4

ULT

4 And the woman took the two men and hid them. And she said, “Indeed, the men came to me and I did not know from where they were.

UST

4 Now the woman had taken the men and hidden them in her house. So she said to the king’s men, “Yes, it is true that those men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.

What did Rahab do with the spies when the king’s men came looking for them?
When the king’s men came to Rahab looking for the spies, she had hid them.

Joshua 2:5

ULT

5 And the gate was to shut at the darkness and the men went out. I do not know to where the men went. Pursue after them quickly for you will overtake them.”

UST

5 They left when it was dark, about the time that the guards close the city gates. I do not know where they were going. If you hurry, you might catch up with them.”

What did Rahab say to the king’s men?
Rahab said to the king’s men that the spies had been there, but had already left.

Joshua 2:6

ULT

6 (Now she had brought them up to the roof and had hidden them in the flaxes of the stalk arranged by her on the roof.)

UST

6 But in reality, the woman had taken the two men up on to the flat roof of her house and hidden them under bundles of flax that were drying on her roof.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:7

ULT

7 And the men pursued after them on the road of the Jordan to the fords. And they had shut the gate after when the pursuers had gone out after them.

UST

7 The king's men went out of the city to search for them on the road that leads to the fords across the Jordan River. The guards shut the city gates as the king's men went out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:8

ULT

8 Now before they had laid down she went up to them on the roof.

UST

8 Before the Israelite men lay down to sleep that night, Rahab went up to the roof

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:9

ULT

9 And she said to the men, "I know that Yahweh has given to you the land and that dread of you has fallen on us and that all who dwell in the land have melted from your face.

UST

9 and said to them, "We know that Yahweh has given you this land. All our people are terrified of you—we are so afraid of you that we will not resist you at all.

Why did Rahab tell the spies was the reason that she had hidden them.

Rahab told the spies that she had hidden them because she believed that Yahweh had given them the land.

Joshua 2:10

ULT

10 For we have heard that Yahweh dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds from before your face when you went out from Egypt, and what you did to two of the kings of the Amorite who were on the other side of the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, them whom you completely destroyed.

UST

10 We have heard about how Yahweh dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for you to cross when you left Egypt. We heard what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites who lived on the other side of the Jordan River, and how you totally destroyed everyone and everything in their kingdom.

What did Rahab say were the reasons she believed that Yahweh would give the Israelites the land?

Rahab said she believed Yahweh had given the Israelites the land because the waters of the Dead Sea had dried up allowing their escape from Egypt, and they had destroyed the Amorite kings.

Joshua 2:11

ULT

11 And we have heard and our hearts have melted and the spirit in a man no longer stands from your face. For Yahweh your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth below.

UST

11 When we heard about those things, we were terrified. We no longer have courage to fight against you, for Yahweh is God, and he rules everything up in heaven and down here on earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:12

ULT

12 And now, please swear to me by Yahweh because I am doing kindness with you, that you also will do kindness with the house of my father and will give to me a sign of truth,

UST

12 So now I want you to solemnly promise me before Yahweh, so that he may punish you if you do not do what you say. Promise me that you will act kindly to me and my family. Give me a guarantee that you will do what you promise,

What did Rahab ask the spies to do? (vv12-13)

Rahab ask the spies to show mercy and to spare her and her family when they came to take the land.

Joshua 2:13

ULT
13 and you will keep alive my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and all who belong to them. And you will rescue our lives from death."

UST
13 and that you will spare the lives of my father and my mother, my brothers and sisters, and all of their families, and that you will rescue my family when the Israelites destroy this city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:14

ULT
14 And the men said to her, "Our lives in place of yours to death! If you do not tell this matter of ours, then it will happen when Yahweh gives to us the land that we will do kindness and faithfulness with you."

UST
14 The two men replied, "We will give up our lives if we do not do as we say! If you do not tell others what we are planning to do, then we will have to act kindly toward all your family, when Yahweh gives us this land."

What did the spies promise Rahab?
The spies promised Rahab that they would be merciful and faithful to her if she did not tell of their business.

Joshua 2:15

ULT
15 And she lowered them down by a rope out through the window because her house was in the side of the wall, and she was dwelling in the wall.

UST
15 One of the outside walls of the house where Rahab lived was part of the wall of the city. She fastened a rope through a window that was built into the wall, so the men could climb out the window and down the wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:16

ULT

16 And she said to them, “Go to the mountain lest the ones pursuing meet you. And hide there three days until the ones pursuing have returned. And after you may go to your way.”

UST

16 Then she said to them, “When you leave the city, go up into the hills so that the men who are searching for you will not find you. Hide in caves in the hills for three days until the men who are searching for you come back. Then you can return to your camp.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:17

ULT

17 And the men said to her, “We will be innocent from this oath of yours which you have caused us to swear:

UST

17 The two men gave her a red cord and said to her, “This is what you must do, if you do not do this, we will not be required to do what we have solemnly promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:18

ULT

18 Behold, we are about to come into the land! You shall tie this cord of thread of crimson in the window by which you lowered us down, and your father and your mother and your brothers and all the house of your father you shall gather to you at the house.

UST

18 When we come into the land, you must tie this red cord in the window by which you let us down, and you must gather together your father and your mother and your brothers, and everyone in your father’s household.

What did the spies ask Rahab to do to be safe?

The spies ask Rahab to put a scarlet rope in her window and gather her entire family into her house.

Joshua 2:19

ULT

19 And it will be that anyone who goes out from the doors of your house to the outside, his blood will be on his head and we will be innocent. But anyone who is with you in the house, his blood will be on our heads if a hand should be on him.

UST

19 If anyone in your family goes outside this house into the street, he will be risking his life, and we will not be responsible if he is killed. But if anyone who is in this house with you is injured, we will be guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:20

ULT

20 And if you tell this matter of ours, then we will be innocent from the oath of yours which you caused us to swear."

UST

20 Also, if you tell anyone what we are planning to do, we are not required to do what we had promised to do for you and your family."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:21

ULT

21 And she said, "According to your words, so be it." And she sent them away and they went. And she tied the cord of crimson in the window.

UST

21 Rahab said, "I agree to do what you say." So she sent them away, and they left her. And she tied the red cord so it would hang out of the window.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:22

ULT

22 And they went and came to the mountain and they stayed there three days until the pursuers had returned. And the ones pursuing searched in all the road and did not find them.

UST

22 When the two men left the city, they went up into the hills. They stayed there for three days while the men who had been sent by the king continued to search for them. They searched all along the road, but they did not find the two men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 2:23

ULT

23 And the two men returned and went down from the mountain and crossed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun. And they recounted to him all that was finding them.

UST

23 Then the two men started back toward their camp. They went down to the river, crossed it and returned so they could report to Joshua. They told him everything that had happened to them.

What did the spies report to Joshua when they returned from Rahab's city? (vv23-24)
The spies told Joshua everything that had happened, and that Yahweh was giving them the land.

Joshua 2:24

ULT

24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly Yahweh has given all the land into our hand. And also all those who dwell in the land are melting away from our face."

UST

24 They said to Joshua, "Yahweh has indeed given this land to us. The people there will not be able to resist us because they are too afraid."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3

Joshua 3:1

ULT

[1] And Joshua got up early in the morning and they set out from the Shittim. And they came as far as the Jordan, he and all the sons of Israel, and they stayed overnight there before they crossed over.

UST

[1] Joshua and all the other Israelites got up early the next morning. They left their camp at the Acacias and went down to the Jordan River. They camped there before they crossed over the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:2

ULT

[2] And it happened at the end of three days, that the officers passed through the midst of the camp.

UST

[2] After three days, the officers went through the middle of the camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:3

ULT

[3] And they commanded the people, saying, “As soon as you see the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh your God and the priests, the Levites, lifting it, then you yourselves shall set out from your place and shall go after it.

UST

[3] They instructed the people, “As soon as you see the priests, some of the descendants of Levi, carrying the sacred chest of Yahweh your God, then you will know it is time to leave this place and follow the sacred chest.

What did the officers tell the people to follow when the Levite priests carried it?

The officers told the people to follow the ark of the covenant when the Levite priests carried it.

Joshua 3:4

ULT

4 But a distance shall be between you and it of about 2,000 cubits in measurement. Do not come near to it, so that you will know the way in which you should go, since you have not passed over by the way from yesterday or the day before.

UST

4 Keep nine hundred meters away from it. Do not come closer than that to it. You do not know the way you should go, since you have not gone this way before."

Why did the priests tell the people to stay about 2000 cubits behind the ark of the covenant?

The priest told the people to stay behind the ark so they could see which way to go since they had never gone that way before.

Joshua 3:5

ULT

5 And Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow Yahweh will do wonders in your midst."

UST

5 Then Joshua told the people, "Perform the ceremonies needed to make yourselves acceptable to Yahweh and to give him honor, because tomorrow he is going to do things for you that will amaze you."

What did Joshua say that Yahweh was going to do among the people on that day?

Joshua said that Yahweh was going to do "wonders" among the people that day.

Joshua 3:6

ULT

6 And Joshua spoke to the priests, saying, "Lift up the Box of the Covenant and cross over before the face of the people." And they lifted up the Box of the Covenant and went before the face of the people.

UST

6 Then Joshua said to the priests, "Carry the chest and go in front of the people." So they lifted up the sacred chest and went in front of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:7

ULT

7 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “This day I will begin to make you great in the eyes of all Israel who will know that just as I was with Moses, I am with you.

UST

7 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “This is the day that I will begin to show all people of Israel that you are a great leader. Then they will honor you and know that, as I was with Moses, I am with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:8

ULT

8 And as for you, you shall command the priests who lift the Box of the Covenant, saying, ‘As soon as you come as far as the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan.’”

UST

8 Tell the priests who are carrying the sacred chest, ’When you come to the edge of the Jordan River, stand still in the Jordan.’”

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to say to the priests when they got to the Jordan River?
Yahweh told Joshua to tell the priests to stand still in the Jordan River.

Joshua 3:9

ULT

9 And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “Come near to here and hear the words of Yahweh your God.”

UST

9 Then Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Come here and listen to what Yahweh, your God, has said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:10

ULT

10 And Joshua said, “By this you will know that the living God is in your midst and will surely dispossess from your face the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Hivite and the Perizzite and the Girgashite and the Amorite and the Jebusite.

UST

10 This is how you will know that God, who can do anything, is among you. With your own eyes you will see how he will take away the land from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:11

ULT

11 Behold, the Box of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth is about to cross over before your face in the Jordan.

UST

11 See! The sacred chest that belongs to the God who rules over all the earth, is about to be carried into the Jordan River ahead of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:12

ULT

12 And now, take for yourselves 12 men from the tribes of Israel, one man, one man for the tribe.

UST

12 So choose twelve men, one from each of the tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:13

ULT

13 And it will happen as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who lift the Box of Yahweh the Lord of all the earth rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, the waters going down from above. And they will stand as one heap.”

UST

13 When the priests who are carrying the chest set their feet in the waters of the Jordan River, the water will stop flowing. The water coming from upstream will stop and stay in one heap. It will not flow down the river.”

What did Joshua tell the people would happen when the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark touched the Jordan River?

Joshua told the people the waters would be cut off when the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the ark touched the river.

Joshua 3:14

ULT

14 And it happened when the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, that the priests lifting the Box of the Covenant were before the face of the people.

UST

14 So when the Israelite crossed the river, the priests who were carrying sacred chest went in front of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:15

ULT

15 And as soon as those lifting the Box came as far as the Jordan then the feet of the priests lifting the Box were dipped in the edge of the water. (Now the Jordan was full over all its banks all the days of the harvest.)

UST

15 And as soon as the priests reached the edge of the Jordan river and stepped into the water (now it was the springtime, when the river floods over its banks),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 3:16

ULT

16 Then the waters going down from above stood. They rose up as one heap at a great distance away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those going down to the sea of the Arabah, the Sea of Salt, were completely cut off. (Now the people crossed over opposite Jericho.)

UST

16 and the water stopped flowing and it piled up far upstream. The water did not flow in the Jordan from the town called Adam, near Zarethan, all the way down to the Sea of Arabah (which is called the Dead Sea), so the people were able to cross the river near Jericho.

Where did the people cross the Jordan River?

The people crossed the Jordan near Jericho.

Joshua 3:17

ULT

17 So the priests lifting the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan. And all Israel was crossing over on dry ground until when all the nation had finished crossing over the Jordan.

UST

17 The priests who were carrying the sacred chest of Yahweh stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan River; they continued to stand there until all the people of Israel crossed the river on dry ground.

What did the priests who carried the ark of the covenant do while the people crossed over?

The priests who carried the ark of the covenant remained in the middle of the Jordan River on dry ground while the people crossed over.

Joshua 4

Joshua 4:1

ULT
1 And it happened just as all the nation finished crossing over the Jordan that Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying,

UST
1 After the people of Israel all crossed over the Jordan River, Yahweh said to Joshua,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:2

ULT
2 “Take 12 men for yourselves from the people, one man, one man from a tribe.

UST
2 “Choose twelve men, one from each tribe, and tell them to pick up twelve large stones from the middle of the Jordan, where the priests are standing in the dry riverbed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:3

ULT
3 And command them saying: ‘Lift up for yourselves 12 stones from here, from the midst of the Jordan, from the firm standing place of the feet of the priests. And you shall bring them over with you and you shall rest them in the lodging place in which you will lodge tonight.’”

UST
3 Carry those stones and put them down at the place you will stay tonight.”

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to command twelve men to take from the Jordan?
Yahweh told Joshua to command twelve men to take twelve stones from the dry ground in the middle of the Jordan where the priests were standing, and to bring them to the place where they were to spend the night.

Joshua 4:4

ULT

4 And Joshua called out to the 12 men whom he had appointed from the sons of Israel, one man, one man from a tribe.

UST

4 So Joshua chose twelve men, one from each tribe. Joshua called them together

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:5

ULT

5 And Joshua said to them, “Cross over before the face of the Box of Yahweh your God into the midst of the Jordan. And lift up for yourselves, one stone a man upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel,

UST

5 and said to them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan riverbed, to the place where the priests are standing and holding the sacred chest that Yahweh, your God, gave you. Each of you must pick up a large stone, one for each tribe, each one carrying a stone on his shoulder—twelve stones for the twelve tribes of the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:6

ULT

6 so that this will be a sign in your midst. When your sons ask tomorrow, saying, ‘What are these stones to you?’

UST

6 These stones will be a monument for you to see. In the future, your children will ask, ’What do these stones mean?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:7

ULT

7 Then you will say to them, ‘When the waters of the Jordan were cut off from the face of the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, when it crossed over in the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.’ And these stones will be for a memorial for the sons of Israel until eternity.”

UST

7 Tell them that the water in the Jordan River was blocked off when the priests were carrying the sacred chest that Yahweh gave us. When the chest was carried into the Jordan River, the water was blocked off so that we were able to cross the Jordan on dry ground. Where we leave these stones is the place for the people of Israel to forever remember what Yahweh has done.”

What did Joshua say was the purpose of taking the stones to the place where they were to spend the night?

The stones would become a memorial to remind the people of Israel forever of what Yahweh had done.

Joshua 4:8

ULT

8 And the sons of Israel did thus, just as Joshua commanded. And they lifted up 12 stones from the midst of the Jordan, just as Yahweh said to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Israel. And they brought them over with them to the lodging place and they rested them there.

UST

8 So the people of Israel did what Joshua commanded them to do. They went and picked up twelve large stones from the middle of the Jordan riverbed, one stone for each of the tribes of Israel, just as Yahweh had told Joshua, and they carried the stones to where they were staying, and they put the stones down there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:9

ULT

9 And Joshua set up 12 stones in the midst of the Jordan, in the place of the standing place of the feet of the priests who carried the Box of the Covenant. And they are there until this day.

UST

9 Then Joshua took twelve other stones and stacked them up in the middle of the Jordan River, where the priests who carried the sacred chest of Yahweh were standing. And that monument is still there to this day.

Where did Joshua set up a monument of twelve stones?

Joshua set up a monument of twelve stones were the priests had stood on dry ground in the Jordan River.

Joshua 4:10

ULT

10 And the priests who carried the Box stood in the midst of the Jordan until every thing that Yahweh commanded Joshua to speak to the people was finished, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and crossed over.

UST

10 The priests who carried the chest stood in the middle of the Jordan River until the people had finished crossing the river, as Yahweh had commanded Joshua to tell them to do. This also was as Moses had commanded Joshua to do. The people crossed the river quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:11

ULT

11 And it happened just as all the people had finished crossing over, that the Box of Yahweh with the priests crossed over before the face of the people.

UST

11 As soon as all the people had crossed over, then the sacred chest of Yahweh and the priests who carried it, crossed over. All the people were there watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and the half of the tribe of Manasseh, armed men, crossed over before the face of the sons of Israel, just as Moses had spoken to them.

UST

12 The soldiers of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and of half of the soldiers of the tribe of Manasseh, crossed over ahead of the rest of the Israelite people. As Moses had ordered them to do, they marched in the formation of an army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:13

ULT

13 About 40,000 men equipped for war of the army crossed over before the face of Yahweh to the plains of Jericho for the battle.

UST

13 About forty thousand men were marching before Yahweh. These men were armed and prepared for war, and they were heading for the plains of Jericho where they would fight a battle.

About how many men equipped for war passed by Yahweh for battle on the plains of Jericho?

About 40,000 men equipped for war passed by Yahweh for battle on the plains of Jericho.

Joshua 4:14

ULT

14 On that day Yahweh made Joshua great in the eyes of all Israel. And they feared him just as they had feared Moses all the days of his life.

UST

14 On that day, all the people of Israel saw that Yahweh had made Joshua a great leader. And they honored Joshua just as they had honored Moses—all the days of his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying,

UST

15 Yahweh said to Joshua,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:16

ULT
16 “Command the priests who carry the Box of the Testimony and they shall come up from the Jordan.”

UST
16 “Now order the priests who are carrying the sacred chest of the testimony to come up from the dry Jordan riverbed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:17

ULT
17 And Joshua commanded the priests, saying, “Come up from the Jordan.”

UST
17 So Joshua commanded the priests to come up from the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:18

ULT
18 And it happened that when the priests carrying the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh came up from the midst of the Jordan, the soles of the feet of the priests were drawn out to dry ground, then the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and went over all its banks, as yesterday and three days ago.

UST
18 Then the priests, carrying the sacret chest containing the Ten Commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses, came up out of the riverbed. And as soon as they walked up out of the riverbed, the water of the Jordan River flowed again, and the river flooded over again, as it had done four days before.

What happened when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant came up out of the Jordan River?
When the priests came up out of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place.

Joshua 4:19

ULT

19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on ten of the first month. And they camped at the Gilgal, at the end of the sunrise of Jericho.

UST

19 It was on the tenth day of the first month of that year that the people crossed over the Jordan River and they camped at a place called Gilgal (which is east of the city of Jericho).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:20

ULT

20 And Joshua set up in the Gilgal these 12 stones that they had taken from the Jordan.

UST

20 Joshua set up the large stones at Gilgal.

Where did Joshua set up the stones that came out of the Jordan?

Joshua set up the stones that came out of the Jordan at Gilgal.

Joshua 4:21

ULT

21 And he spoke to the sons of Israel, saying, “When your sons ask their fathers tomorrow, saying, ‘What are these stones?’

UST

21 He said to the people of Israel, “In the future, your descendants will ask, ’Why are these stones here?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:22

ULT

22 then you shall cause your sons to know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry ground.’

UST

22 Tell them, ’This is where Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:23

ULT

23 For Yahweh your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from your face until you crossed over, just as Yahweh your God did to the Sea of Reeds, which he dried up before us until we crossed over,

UST

23 Yahweh, your God, dried up the river for you, until you had all crossed over. Yahweh, the God you worship, did to the Jordan River just as he did to the Sea of Reeds, when he caused it to become dry until we had all crossed over it, just as he did here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 4:24

ULT

24 so that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Yahweh, that it is mighty, so that you will fear Yahweh your God all the days."

UST

24 Yahweh did that in order that all the peoples of the earth may know that he is powerful, and so you may forever give him the honor he deserves."

Why did Joshua tell the people to tell their children what Yahweh had done for them at the Jordan?

Joshua told the people to tell their children what Yahweh had done for them at the Jordan in order to for all the peoples of the world to know that the hand of Yahweh is mighty.

Joshua 5

Joshua 5:1

ULT

1 And it happened that when all the kings of the Amorite who were on the other side of the Jordan toward the sea, and all the kings of the Canaanite who were beside the sea, heard that Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan from the face of the sons of Israel until they had crossed over, then their heart melted, and there was no longer a spirit in them from the face of the sons of Israel. *[1]*

UST

1 All the kings of the Amorites on the west of the Jordan River and all the kings of Canaanites, who lived close to the Mediterranean coast, heard about how Yahweh had dried up the water of the Jordan River until all the people of Israel had crossed over. They were so afraid that they became too afraid to fight the Israelites, because they had heard all about them.

What happened to the hearts of the kings of the Amorites and the Canaanites when they heard how Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan until the people of Israel had crossed over?

When the kings of the Amorites and the Canaanites heard how Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them.

Joshua 5:2

ULT

2 At that time Yahweh said to Joshua, “Make for yourself knives of flint and return, circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.”

UST

2 At that time Yahweh said to Joshua, “Now make knives from flint stones and circumcise all the Israelite males who have not been circumcised.”

What did Yahweh command Joshua to do with flint knives?

Yahweh commanded Joshua to circumcise all the males of Israel.

Joshua 5:3

ULT

[3] And Joshua made for himself knives of flint. And he circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

UST

[3] So Joshua made sharp stone knives and circumcised the Israelite males at a place that is now called Gibeath Haaraloth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:4

ULT

[4] And this is the reason that Joshua circumcised: All the people who had gone out from Egypt, the males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, when they had gone out from Egypt.

UST

[4] The reason they did that is that all the men who left Egypt, all those old enough to be soldiers, they all had been circumcised, but all of them had died in the desert after they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:5

ULT

[5] For all the people who went out were circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way as they went out from Egypt had not been circumcised.

UST

[5] They had been circumcised in Egypt, but the boys who had been born while they were in the desert after they left Egypt, had not been circumcised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:6

ULT

6 For the sons of Israel had walked in the wilderness 40 years, until the finishing of all the nation of the men of war who had gone out from Egypt, who had not listened to the voice of Yahweh, to whom Yahweh had sworn to not let them see the land that Yahweh had sworn to their fathers to give to us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

UST

6 The people of Israel walked through the desert for forty years, until all the people, including all the men who were old enough to be soldiers, they all had died. They had not obeyed Yahweh, so Yahweh said that they would not see the land that he had promised to them—a land that was very fertile—the land was so fertile that they said it had milk and honey flowing through it, just as rivers flow with water.

Why was Joshua commanded to circumcise all the males of Israel? (vv6-7)

Joshua was commanded to circumcise all the males of Israel because the boys who had been born during the wanderings in the wilderness had not been circumcised.

Joshua 5:7

ULT

7 And he raised up their sons instead of them, them Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumsized because they had not circumcised them on the way.

UST

7 The sons of those who had disobeyed Yahweh were the ones whom Joshua circumcised at Gilgal. They were circumcised because they had not been circumcised while they were traveling in the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:8

ULT

8 And it happened just as all the nation had finished being circumcised, that they stayed under them in the camp until their recovering.

UST

8 After all the Israelite males had been circumcised, they remained in the camp and rested until they healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from on you.” And the name of that place is called Gilgal until this day.

UST

9 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the disgrace of Egypt from you.” So, the name of the place is Gilgal, even now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:10

ULT

10 And the sons of Israel camped at the Gilgal and they performed the Passover on day 14 of the month, in the evening, in the plains of Jericho.

UST

10 In the evening of the fourteenth day of that month, while the Israelite people were camped at Gilgal, on the plain near the city of Jericho, there they celebrated the Passover feast.

What did the people of Israel keep on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, on the plains of Jericho?

The Israelites kept Passover on the fourteenth day of the month, in the evening, on the plains of Jericho.

Joshua 5:11

ULT

11 And they ate from the produce of the land, from the next day of the Passover, unleavened bread and roasted grain, on this same day.

UST

11 The day after the Passover they ate some bread made without yeast, and they roasted the grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 5:12

ULT

12 And the manna stopped from the day after when they ate from the yield of the land, and there was no longer manna for the sons of Israel. And they ate from the produce of the land of Canaan in that year.

UST

12 The next day God stopped sending manna for them to eat. They ate food that had grown in the land of Canaan beginning that year.

What stopped coming on the day after the people of Israel ate from the produce of the land?

Manna stopped coming on the day after the people of Israel ate produce from the land.

Joshua 5:13

ULT

13 And it happened when Joshua was in Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing in front of him and his drawn sword was in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

UST

13 While Joshua was standing near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man in front of him. The man had drawn his sword and was holding it in his hand. Joshua approached him and asked him, “Are you on our side, or are you on the side of our enemies?”

Who did Joshua meet standing in front of him near Jericho?

Joshua met a man with a drawn sword in his hand.

Joshua 5:14

ULT

14 And he said, “No, but I, the leader of the army of Yahweh, now I have come. And Joshua fell on his face to the ground and bowed down. And he said to him, “What is my lord going to speak to his servant?”

UST

14 The man said to Joshua, “Neither side. I am the commander of Yahweh’s army, and now I have come.” Then Joshua fell to the ground with his face on the earth to show him respect. Joshua said to him, “What do you, my master, command me to do? I am your servant.”

What did Joshua say to the man with the drawn sword?

Joshua said to the man with the drawn sword, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

Who did the man with the drawn sword say that he was?

The man with the drawn sword told Joshua that he was the commander of the army of Yahweh.

Joshua 5:15

ULT

15 And the leader of the army of Yahweh said to Joshua, “Slip off your sandal from on your foot, because the place on which you are standing, it is holy.” And Joshua did thus.
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UST

15 The commander of Yahweh’s army said to Joshua, “Take your sandals off of your feet, for the ground on which you are standing is holy.” So Joshua took off his sandals.

What did the commander of the army of Yahweh tell Joshua to do?

The commander of the army of Yahweh told Joshua to remove his sandals, because he was on holy ground.

Joshua 6

Joshua 6:1

ULT

[1] And Jericho was shut and shut up from the face of the sons of Israel. There was no going out and there was no coming in.

UST

[1] Now every gate of the city of Jericho was shut tight, because the people were afraid of the army of Israel. No one could go enter or leave the city.

What did Yahweh promise to Joshua about Jericho?
Yahweh promised Joshua that he was giving Jericho into his hand.

Joshua 6:2

ULT

[2] And Yahweh said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and its king, the mighty ones of the army.

UST

[2] Yahweh said to Joshua, “See what I am doing! I am giving Jericho to you. It will be yours—the city along with its king and all its brave soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:3

ULT

[3] And you shall go around the city, all the men of war, going around the city one time. Thus you shall do six days.

UST

[3] You will march around the city, one time all the way around it. All the brave soldiers will go around it one time each day for six days.

How many times were the men of Israel to walk around the walls of Jericho for the first six days?
The men of Israel were to walk around the wall of Jericho one time each day for six days.

Joshua 6:4

ULT

4 And seven priests shall lift seven horns of rams before the face of the Box. And on the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times and the priests shall blow with the horns.

UST

4 Tell seven priests to march around with them. They will each carry a trumpet as they march before the sacred chest of Yahweh. On the seventh day, the army must march around the city seven times, and the priests must play the trumpets with a loud blast of sound while they march.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:5

ULT

5 And it will happen that when sounding a blast with the horn of the ram, as soon as you hear the sound of the horn, all the people shall shout a great shout. And the wall of the city will fall under itself and the people will go up, a man straight in front of him."

UST

5 After they have all marched around the city seven times, the priests must make a very long blast with their ram's horn trumpets. When the people of Israel hear that, they must shout very loudly, and the city wall will collapse. Then every soldier must advance straight into the city."

What did Yahweh tell the men to do on the seventh day?

Yahweh told the men to walk around Jericho seven times on the seventh day, and for the priests give blasts on their trumpets.

What did Yahweh say would happen if the men of Israel and the priests did this?

Yahweh said the the walls around Jericho would fall down if the men and the priests did this.

Joshua 6:6

ULT

6 And Joshua the son of Nun called to the priests and said to them, "Lift the Box of the Covenant, and seven priests shall lift seven horns of rams before the face of the Box of Yahweh."

UST

6 So Joshua summoned the priests and said to them, "Tell four priests to carry Yahweh's sacred chest, and tell seven other priests to carry trumpets made from ram's horns and let them go in front of the sacred chest of Yahweh."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:7

ULT

7 And he said to the people, “Pass over and go around the city, and the men equipped for war will pass over before the face of the Box of Yahweh.”

UST

7 And he told the people, “Go on and march around the city and let the armed men go ahead of Yahweh’s sacred chest.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:8

ULT

8 And it happened that, as soon as Joshua had spoken to the people, the seven priests carrying seven horns of rams before the face of Yahweh passed over and blew with the horns. And the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh was going behind them.

UST

8 Just as Joshua commanded his army, the seven priests, each one carrying a trumpet, marched as Yahweh had directed them. As they walked around the city, the priests gave a blast on their trumpets. The ones who carried Yahweh’s sacred chest followed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:9

ULT

9 And the men equipped for war were walking before the face of the priests, blowing the horns. And the rear guard were walking behind the Box, walking and blowing with the horns.

UST

9 The armed soldiers marched in front of the priests who were blowing on their trumpets. When the rest of the soldiers followed the chest, while they were all marching, the priests kept blowing their trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:10

ULT

10 And Joshua commanded the people, saying, “You shall not shout and you shall not make your voice heard, and a word shall not go out from your mouth until the day I say to you, ‘Shout!’ Then you shall shout.”

UST

10 But the rest of the people were silent, because Joshua had commanded them, saying, “Do not make a war cry. Do not yell or say even one word until the day when I tell you to shout. On that day, you must shout!”

What did Joshua command the people not to do until the seventh day?
Joshua commanded the people not to shout until the seventh day.

Joshua 6:11

ULT

11 And he brought the Box of Yahweh around the city, circling one time. And they entered the camp and they stayed the night in the camp.

UST

11 So the men carrying Yahweh’s sacred chest and all the others did what Joshua told them to do. They marched around the city once each day. Then they all returned to the camp and stayed there at night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:12

ULT

12 And Joshua got up early in the morning. And the priests lifted up the Box of Yahweh.

UST

12 The next morning, Joshua and the priests got up early and picked up Yahweh’s sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:13

ULT

13 And the seven priests who were carrying the seven horns of rams before the face of the Box of Yahweh were walking continually and blowing with the horns. And the men equipped for war were walking before their face, and the rear guard was walking behind the Box of Yahweh, walking and blowing with the horns.

UST

13 The seven priests who were carrying trumpets made of rams horns went in front of the men carrying the sacred chest. They gave loud blasts from their trumpets as they marched. The soldiers walked in front of them and the rear guard of the army followed the sacred chest of Yahweh. Again, the priests kept blowing their trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:14

ULT

14 And they went around the city one time on the second day and returned to the camp. Thus they did six days.

UST

14 So on that second day, once again they marched around the city one time and then returned to the camp. They did the same thing for six days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:15

ULT

15 And it happened on the seventh day that they got up early as soon as the dawn had risen, and they went around the city according to this manner seven times. Only on that day they went around the city seven times.

UST

15 On the seventh day, they got up at dawn; they all marched around the city the same way that they had done before, but this time they marched around the city seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:16

ULT

16 And it happened that on the seventh time, the priests blew with the horns. And Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for Yahweh has given to you the city!

UST

16 As they were marching around the seventh time, when the priests were about to sound the long blast on their trumpets, Joshua commanded the people, “Shout! Because Yahweh is giving this city to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:17

ULT

17 And the city, it and all that is in it, is a banned thing for Yahweh. Only Rahab the prostitute will live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.

UST

17 Yahweh has declared that you must destroy the city and everything in it to show that it belongs to him. Only Rahab the prostitute will live—and all who are in her house with her—because she hid the spies we sent.

Who did Joshua tell the people to let live when Yahweh gave them the city?

Joshua told the people to let Rahab and all in her house live because she had hidden the spies.

Joshua 6:18

ULT

18 But only you, keep from the banned thing, lest you put under the ban and take from the banned thing and make the camp of Israel into a banned thing and trouble it.

UST

18 And because Yahweh has declared that everything must be destroyed, you must not take any of the things in the city. If you take anything, you will cause Yahweh to destroy the camp of Israel and bring trouble to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:19

ULT

19 And all the silver and gold and objects of bronze and iron, it is a holy thing for Yahweh. It shall enter the storehouse of Yahweh.”

UST

19 But all the silver and gold and articles made from iron and bronze that you find, you must set apart for Yahweh. You must put those things in his treasury.”

What things did Joshua tell the people were holy to Yahweh and must be brought to the treasury?

Joshua told the people that things made of silver, gold, iron and bronze were holy to Yahweh and must be brought to the treasury.

Joshua 6:20

ULT

20 And the people shouted and they blew with the horns. And it happened as soon as the people heard the sound of the horn, that the people shouted with a great shout. And the wall fell under itself, and the people went up to the city, a man straight in front of him, and they captured the city.

UST

20 So they did what Joshua told them to do. When the priests blew a long blast on their trumpets, the people gave a loud shout, and the wall of the city collapsed! Then the people went up into the city, going straight into the city from wherever they were standing when the wall fell, and they captured the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:21

ULT

21 And they completely destroyed all that was in the city by the mouth of the sword, from man and as far as woman, from young and as far as old, and as far as ox and sheep and donkey.

UST

21 They killed every living thing in the city—men and women, young people and old people, even cattle and sheep and donkeys.

What did the people of Israel do when the walls of Jericho fell?

The people of Israel captured the city and destroyed all that were in the city by the edge of the sword.

Joshua 6:22

ULT

22 And Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Enter the house of the woman, the prostitute, and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, just as you swore to her.”

UST

22 Then Joshua said to the two men who had spied on the land, “Go to the prostitute’s house. Bring her out, along with all her family, just as you solemnly promised to her.”

What did Joshua command the two young men who had spied out the land to do?
Joshua commanded the two spies to go into the prostitute’s house and bring her and all who were with her out, as they swore to her.

Joshua 6:23

ULT

23 And the young men, the ones who had spied, entered and brought out Rahab and her father and her mother and her brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought out all her relatives and rested them outside the camp of Israel.

UST

23 So, the young men who had examined the land went and brought Rahab out. They brought out her father, mother, brothers, and all the relatives that were with her. They brought them to a place outside the camp of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:24

ULT

24 And they burned with fire the city and all that was in it. Only the silver and the gold and the objects of bronze and iron they gave to the storehouse of the house of Yahweh.

UST

24 Then they burned the city, along with everything in it. They saved the silver, gold, and all the vessels of bronze and iron, which they put into the treasury of the house of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:25

ULT

25 And Joshua kept alive Rahab the prostitute and the house of her father and all who belonged to her. And she has dwelt in the midst of Israel to this day because she hid the messengers whom Joshua had sent to spy on Jericho.

UST

25 But Joshua allowed Rahab the prostitute, and her father's household, and everyone with her, to live. Her descendants live in Israel to this day because she hid the spies that Joshua sent to spy on Jericho, and they promised to spare her life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 6:26

ULT

26 And Joshua made them take an oath at that time, saying, "Cursed is the man before the face of Yahweh who rises up and builds this city, Jericho. With his firstborn he will found it and with his youngest he will set up its doors."

UST

26 At that time, Joshua declared this very solemnly: "May Yahweh curse anyone who rebuilds this city, Jericho. When that person lays its foundation, may his oldest son die. And when he finishes building the city wall and sets up its gates, may his youngest son die."

What did Joshua say will happen to the man who tries to rebuild Jericho?

Joshua said that the man who tries to rebuild Jericho will be cursed.

Joshua 6:27

ULT

27 And Yahweh was with Joshua. And the report of him was in all the land.

UST

27 Yahweh was with Joshua, and everyone in the land knew who Joshua was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7

Joshua 7:1

ULT

1 And the sons of Israel were unfaithful in unfaithfulness with the banned thing. And Achan the son of Karmi the son of Zabdi the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took from the banned thing. And the nose of Yahweh burned against the sons of Israel.

UST

1 Yahweh had commanded that all the things that they had captured in Jericho should be destroyed to show that they belonged to him. But there was a man from the tribe of Judah named Achan. He was a son of Carmi, a grandson of Zabdi, and a great-grandson of Zerah. He disobeyed what Yahweh had commanded and took for himself some of those things. So Yahweh became very angry with the Israelites.

Why did Yahweh's anger burn against the people of Israel?

Yahweh's anger burned against the people of Israel because Achan took some things for himself that were dedicated to destruction.

Joshua 7:2

ULT

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to the Ai, which was near Beth Aven, from the east of Bethel. And he spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out the Ai.

UST

2 Now Joshua told some of his men to go from Jericho to the city of Ai, which was east of Bethel and near Beth Aven. He said to them, "Go to Ai and scout the area." So the men went up and they scouted the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:3

ULT

3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, “Do not let all the people go up. About 2,000 men or about 3,000 men should go up and strike the Ai. Do not cause all the people to be weary there because they are few.”

UST

3 When they returned to Joshua they said, “There are only a few people in Ai. So just send two or three thousand to attack them. There is no need to make all our soldiers go.”

What did the spies that were sent by Joshua to Ai report back to Joshua?

The spies that were sent to Ai reported to Joshua that only a small army could take Ai because there were few people there.

Joshua 7:4

ULT

4 And some from the people went up to there, about 3,000 men, and they fled before the face of the men of the Ai.

UST

4 So about three thousand Israelite men went to attack Ai. But they did not defeat them. Instead, they had to run for their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:5

ULT

5 And the men of the Ai struck down from them about 36 men and they pursued them before the face of the gate as far as the Shebarim. And they struck them down on the slope. And the heart of the people melted and became water.

UST

5 The enemy killed about thirty-six Israelites and chased the rest from the city gate to the bottom of the hill, and then to a place where people had cut stone out from a hill. When the people of Israel saw this, they were very afraid and lost all their courage.

What happened to the smaller army of three thousand men who attacked Ai?

The smaller army which attacked Ai was driven away by the men of Ai and thirty-six were killed.

Joshua 7:6

ULT

6 And Joshua tore his garments and fell on his face to the earth before the face of the Box of Yahweh until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they caused dust to go up on their heads.

UST

6 Joshua and the other Israeli leaders tore their clothes because they were very sad about being defeated. They prostrated themselves on the ground in front of the Sacred Tent in which was the sacred chest. They stayed there until that evening. They also threw dirt on their heads to show that they were very sad about what had happened.

What did Joshua do when he learned of the defeat of his army at Ai?

When Joshua learned of the defeat of his army at Ai, he tore his garments, put dust on his head, and lay before the ark.

Joshua 7:7

ULT

7 And Joshua said, “Ah, my Lord Yahweh! Why at all did you bring this people across the Jordan to give us into the hand of the Amorite, to cause us to perish? And if only we had been content and had stayed on the other side of the Jordan!

UST

7 Then Joshua prayed and said, “Yahweh Lord, you brought us Israelites safely across the Jordan River. So why are you now allowing the Amorites to destroy us? We should have made a different decision; we should have stayed on the other side of the Jordan River!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:8

ULT

8 Please, my Lord! What can I say, after Israel has turned the back of the neck before the face of its enemies?

UST

8 O Lord, I have no more words to say to you. Israel has run away in defeat. We have turned our backs in shame as we ran away from our enemies. I do not know what to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:9

ULT

9 And the Canaanite and all those who dwell in the land will hear and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?”

UST

9 The Canaanites and all the other people who are living in this land will hear about this. Then they will surround us and kill all of us! Then what will you do to defend your honor?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Get yourself up! Why is this—you are falling on your face?

UST

10 But Yahweh said to Joshua, “Stand up! Stop lying there with your face in the dirt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:11

ULT

11 Israel has sinned and also passed over my covenant, which I commanded them, and also taken from the banned thing and also stolen and also deceived and also placed among their things.

UST

11 Israel has sinned. You have disobeyed the commands that I told you to obey. They have lied, they have stolen, and they have taken what they stole and put them in with their own possessions, in order to hide it.

What did Yahweh tell Joshua was the reason his army was defeated at Ai?

Yahweh told Joshua that his army was defeated because Israel had sinned by stealing some of the things dedicated for destruction.

Joshua 7:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Israel were not able to stand before the face of their enemies. They turned the back of the neck before the face of their enemies because they have become a banned thing. I will not be with you again if you do not destroy the banned thing from your midst.

UST

12 That is why the people of Israel have been unable to defeat their enemies. That is why they have run away, and now you yourselves will be destroyed. If you do not do as I commanded you and destroy everything that you took from Jericho, I will not help you anymore!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:13

ULT

13 Get up! Consecrate the people and you shall say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, “A banned thing is in your midst, Israel. You will not be able to stand before the face of your enemies until you remove the banned thing from your midst.”

UST

13 Now go and tell the people that tomorrow they must set themselves apart and prepare to honor Yahweh. “You have kept for yourselves the things that I told you to destroy, that should have been given to me,” says Yahweh, the God of Israel. “You will never defeat your enemies until you get rid of those things you took from Jericho that you have hidden with your possessions.”

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do?

Yahweh told Joshua to get up and consecrate the people to give over the things dedicated for destruction.

Joshua 7:14

ULT

14 And you shall be brought near in the morning by your tribes. And it will happen that the tribe that Yahweh catches shall come near by the clans. And the clan that Yahweh catches shall come near by the houses. And the house that Yahweh catches shall come near by the men.

UST

14 Tomorrow morning you must present yourselves before me, tribe by tribe. Then the tribe that I select by lot will come before me by each of their families. The family that I select by lot will come near by each of their households. The household that I select by lot will come before me each one, one at a time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:15

ULT

15 And it will happen that the one who is caught with the banned thing shall be burned with the fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has crossed over the covenant of Yahweh, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.'"

UST

15 Then the one who has taken some of the things that should have been given to me—he will be destroyed in a fire. He and everything he owns will be burned, because he has disobeyed the promise and agreement that Yahweh made with us, and he has committed a disgraceful sin among the people of Israel."

What did Yahweh say would happen to the one who had stolen the things dedicated to destruction?

Yahweh said that the one who had stolen the things dedicated to destruction would be burned as well as all he had.

Joshua 7:16

ULT

16 And Joshua got up early in the morning and brought Israel near by its tribes. And the tribe of Judah was caught.

UST

16 Early the next morning, Joshua told all the Israelite people to come near to the place of worship, tribe by tribe. When they did that, Yahweh indicated that a man from the tribe of Judah was the one selected.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:17

ULT

17 And he brought near the clans of Judah and the clan of the Zerahite was caught. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahite by the men and Zabdi was caught.

UST

17 Then the clans of Judah presented themselves, and Yahweh selected the clan of Zerah. Then the families of Zerah's clan presented themselves, and Yahweh indicated that he was selecting someone from the family of Zabdi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:18

ULT

18 And he brought near his house by the men and Achan the son of Karmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was caught.

UST

18 Then Joshua told the men from that family to present each member of their family, one at a time, so that the guilty person may be selected. And Yahweh indicated that Achan was the guilty man and he was taken out of the people of Judah. Achan was the son of Carmi; Carmi was the son of Zabdi; and Zabdi was the son of Zerah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:19

ULT

19 And Joshua said to Achan, “My son, now give glory to Yahweh the God of Israel and give thanks to him. And tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me.”

UST

19 Then Joshua said to Achan, “Son, make your confession to Yahweh, the God of Israel. Tell me what you did, and do not try to hide it from me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:20

ULT

20 And Achan answered Joshua and said, “Truly, I have sinned against Yahweh the God of Israel. And like this and like this I did:

UST

20 Achan replied, “It is true. I have sinned against Yahweh, the God of Israel. This is what I did:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:21

ULT

21 And I saw among the spoil one good coat of Shinar and 200 shekels silver and one tongue-shaped piece of gold (50 shekels was its weight). And I desired them and took them. And behold, they are hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent and the silver is under it.”

UST

21 Among the things in Jericho that I saw was a beautiful coat from Babylonia. I also saw over two kilograms of silver and some gold that weighed six hundred grams. I wanted those things very much for myself, so I took them. I buried them in the ground under my tent. You will find them there. The silver is buried beneath it all.”

What did Achan tell Joshua that he had taken?

Achan told Joshua that he had taken a beautiful coat, two hundred shekels of silver, and a bar of gold.

Where did Achan tell Joshua that he had hidden the things he had taken?

Achan told Joshua that he had hidden the things he had taken in the ground in the middle of his tent.

Joshua 7:22

ULT

22 And Joshua sent messengers and they ran to the tent. And behold, it was hidden in his tent and the silver was under it.

UST

22 So Joshua sent some men to find those things. They ran to Achan’s tent and found all the things hidden there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:23

ULT

23 And they took them from the midst of the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel. And they poured them out before the face of Yahweh.

UST

23 The men brought them all out of the tent and took them to Joshua and the rest of Israel. Then they laid them out, like an offering to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:24

ULT

24 And Joshua took Achan the son of Zerah and the silver and the coat and the tongue-shaped piece of gold and his sons and his daughters and his ox and his donkey and his sheep and his tent and all that was for him, and all Israel with him. And they brought them to the Valley of Trouble.

UST

24 Then Joshua and the rest of the people led Achan down to the valley of Akor. They also brought the silver, the coat, the gold, Achan's wife and sons and daughters, and his cattle and donkeys and sheep, and his tent, and everything else that he owned.

Where did Joshua and all Israel take Achan and all that he had?

Joshua and all Israel took Achan and all that he had to the valley of Achor.

Joshua 7:25

ULT

25 And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? Yahweh will trouble you on this day." And all Israel stoned him with stone. And they burned them with the fire and they stoned them with the stones.

UST

25 Joshua said, "I do not know why you caused so much trouble for us, but now Yahweh will bring trouble to you." Then all the people threw stones at Achan so that he died, and they burned them all with fire, and they threw stones at them all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 7:26

ULT

26 And they raised up over him a great pile of stones until this day. And Yahweh turned from the burning of his nose. Therefore the name of that place is called the Valley of Trouble until this day.

UST

26 They piled rocks over the ashes of their corpses, and those rocks are still there. That is why that valley is called the Valley of Trouble to this day. After that, Yahweh was no longer angry with the Israeli people.

What happened to Yahweh's burning anger?

Yahweh's burning anger was turned away.

Joshua 8

Joshua 8:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Take with you all the people of war and rise, go up to the Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of the Ai and his people and his city and his land.

UST

1 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid or discouraged. Take with you all the soldiers you have and go there again. Go up to Ai. See! I am giving you victory over the king of Ai, and you will capture his people, and his city, and his land.

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do in order to take the city of Ai? (vv1-2)

Yahweh told Joshua to take all the people of war to Ai and set an ambush behind the city.

Joshua 8:2

ULT

2 And you shall do to the Ai and its king just as you have done to Jericho and its king, except you will plunder its spoil and its livestock for yourselves. Set for yourselves an ambush against the city from behind it.”

UST

2 Your army will do to the people of Ai and their king like what you did to the people of Jericho and their king. But this time I will permit you to take all their possessions and keep them for yourselves. But first, tell some of your soldiers to hide behind the city and prepare to attack it.”

What were the people to do with the plunder from Ai?

Yahweh told the people they could take the plunder and cattle for themselves.

Joshua 8:3

ULT

[3] And Joshua and all the people of war rose to go up to the Ai. And Joshua chose 30,000 men, mighty ones of the army, and sent them at night.

UST

[3] So Joshua led all his army toward Ai. He chose thirty thousand men—his strongest men, men known for their bravery in battle—and he sent them out during the night.

When did Joshua send the thirty thousand strong and courageous men to Ai?
Joshua sent the thirty thousand strong and courageous men to Ai at night.

Joshua 8:4

ULT

[4] And he commanded them, saying, “See, you lie in ambush against the city from behind the city. You shall not be very far from the city. And all of you shall be ready.

UST

[4] He said to them, “Pay attention! Some of you must prepare a surprise attack on the city—an attack formed behind the city. Do not go far from the city. All of you get ready to attack.

What did Joshua plan to do with his men when they approached the city?
When Joshua approached the city with his men and the people of the city came out to attack, Joshua’s men would run away like before.

Joshua 8:5

ULT

[5] As for me and all the people who are with me, we will come near to the city. And it will happen when they come out to meet us just as at the first, that we will flee before their face.

UST

[5] I and the men who are with me will march toward the city in the morning. The men in the city will come out to fight us, as they did before. Then we will turn around and start to run away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:6

ULT

6 And they will come out after us until we have drawn them from the city. For they will say, ‘They are fleeing before our face just as at the first.’ And we will flee before their face.

UST

6 They will think that we are running away from them like we did before. So they will chase us away from the city. While we are running away from them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:7

ULT

7 And you will rise from ambush and take possession of the city. And Yahweh your God will give it into your hand.

UST

7 those of you who are hiding must come out and rush into the city and capture it. Yahweh, your God, will give the city to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:8

ULT

8 And it will happen that when you capture the city, you will kindle the city with fire. You will do according to the word of Yahweh. See, I have commanded you.”

UST

8 After you capture the city, burn it. Do what Yahweh has commanded us to do. Those are the orders I am giving to you.”

What were Joshua’s men to do with the city when they captured it?

When the men captured the city, they were to set it on fire.

Joshua 8:9

ULT

9 And Joshua sent them and they went to the ambush place and they stayed between Bethel and the Ai from west of the Ai. And Joshua stayed overnight that night in the midst of the people.

UST

9 Then Joshua prepared to send some of them to hide and wait between Ai and Bethel, which was west of Ai. But Joshua slept that night among the main force of soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:10

ULT

10 And Joshua got up early in the morning and mustered the people. And he and the elders of Israel went up before the face of the people to the Ai.

UST

10 Early the next morning, Joshua gathered his soldiers together. He led the soldiers and the other Israelite leaders; they all went to attack the people of Ai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:11

ULT

11 And all the people of war who were with him went up and approached and came before the city. And they camped from north of the Ai and the valley was between them and the Ai.

UST

11 They all set up their tents close to Ai, just to the north of the city, where all the people of the city could see them. There was a valley between them and the city of Ai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:12

ULT

12 And he took about 5,000 men. And he set them in ambush between Bethel and the Ai, from west of the city.

UST

12 Joshua had taken about five thousand men and told them to go and stay hidden so they could make a surprise attack, just west of the city, between Ai and Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:13

ULT

13 And the people set all the camp that was from north of the city and its rear guard from west of the city. And Joshua went in that night into the midst of the valley.

UST

13 So those men did that. The main group of soldiers was north of the city, and the others were hiding west of the city. That night Joshua went down into the valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:14

ULT

14 And it happened that as soon as the king of the Ai saw, then the men of the city hurried and got up early and went out to meet Israel for the battle, he and all his people, at an appointed place before the face of the Arabah. Now he did not know that an ambush was against him from behind the city.

UST

14 When the king of Ai saw the Israelite army, he and his soldiers got up early the next morning and quickly went out of the city to fight them. They went to a place east of the city, and from there they could look over the plain of the Jordan River, but they did not know that some Israelite soldiers were hiding ready to attack them from behind the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:15

ULT

15 And Joshua and all Israel let themselves be struck before the face of them. And they fled the way of the wilderness.

UST

15 Joshua and the Israelite soldiers who were with him allowed the army of Ai to push them back. And the army of Israel ran toward the wilderness.

What did the men of Ai do when the army of Joshua fled toward the wilderness? (vv15-17)
The men of Ai pursued Joshua's army as they fled toward the wilderness, until not one man was left in the city.

Joshua 8:16

ULT

16 And all the people who were in the city were summoned to pursue after them. And they pursued after Joshua and were drawn away from the city.

UST

16 The men in Ai were ordered to chase after Joshua and his men. So they left the city and pursued Joshua and his army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:17

ULT

17 And there was not a man left in the Ai or Bethel who had not pursued after Israel. And they left the city open and they pursued after Israel.

UST

17 All the men of Ai and the men of Bethel pursued the Israelite army. They did not leave even one man in Ai to defend it. And they left the city gates wide open as they went to pursue after the soldiers of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:18

ULT

18 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Stretch out with the javelin that is in your hand toward the Ai, because I will give it into your hand.” And Joshua stretched out with the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.

UST

18 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “Lift up your spear and point it toward Ai, because I am going to enable your soldiers to capture it!” So Joshua pointed his spear toward Ai.

What signal did Yahweh tell Joshua to give when he was ready for his army to take the city?

Yahweh told Joshua to point the spear he held in his hand toward Ai.

Joshua 8:19

ULT

19 And the ambush rose quickly from its place and they ran when he stretched out his hand. And they entered the city and captured it and hurried and kindled the city with fire.

UST

19 When the Israelite men who were hiding saw that, they rushed out from the places where they were hiding and ran into the city. They captured it and quickly set it on fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:20

ULT

20 And the men of the Ai turned behind them and looked, and behold, the smoke of the city went up to the heavens! And it was not in their hands to flee here or there. And the people who had fled to the wilderness turned around toward the pursuers.

UST

20 When the men of Ai looked back, they saw smoke rising from their city. But they could not escape, because the Israelite troops stopped running away and had turned around and now were facing the army that had been coming after them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:21

ULT

21 And Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had captured the city, and that the smoke of the city went up. And they turned back and struck down the men of the Ai.

UST

21 Joshua and his men saw that the men who had been hiding had captured the city and were burning it, and they saw the smoke rising. So they turned back and began killing the men of Ai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:22

ULT

22 And these came out from the city to meet them and they were in the midst of Israel, these from here and these from there. And they struck them down until he left no survivor or refugee of them.

UST

22 Meanwhile, the soldiers who had captured the city came out and attacked them from the rear. So the men of Ai were surrounded by the two groups of Israelite soldiers. None of the men of Ai escaped. The Israelites fought until they killed all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:23

ULT

23 And they seized the king of the Ai alive. And they brought him near to Joshua.

UST

23 But they captured the king of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

Who did the men of Israel capture alive and bring to Joshua?

The men of Israel captured alive the King of Ai and brought him to Joshua.

Joshua 8:24

ULT

24 And it happened when Israel had finished slaying all those who dwelled in the Ai in the field in the wilderness in which they pursued them, and all of them had fallen by the mouth of the sword until they were finished, that all Israel returned to the Ai and struck it with the mouth of the sword.

UST

24 While they were fighting, the Israelite army pursued the men of Ai into the fields and into the wilderness, and killed all of them. Then they went to Ai and killed everyone and anything still alive there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:25

ULT

25 And it happened that all the ones who fell on that day, from man and as far as woman, were 12,000, all the men of the Ai.

UST

25 They killed twelve thousand men and women on that day. They killed all the people of Ai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:26

ULT

26 And Joshua did not turn back his hand which he had stretched out with the javelin, until when he had completely destroyed all those who dwelled in the Ai.

UST

26 Joshua continued to point his spear toward Ai until all the people in Ai had been killed.

Who did Joshua destroy in the city of Ai?

Joshua destroyed all of the people of Ai.

Joshua 8:27

ULT

27 Israel plundered for themselves only the livestock and the spoil of that city, according to the word of Yahweh which he had commanded Joshua.

UST

27 The Israelite soldiers took for themselves the animals and the other things that had belonged to the people of Ai, just as Yahweh had told Joshua that they should do.

What did Israel take from the city of Ai before they burned it?

Israel took the livestock and plunder, just as Yahweh had commanded Joshua.

Joshua 8:28

ULT

28 And Joshua burned the Ai. And he made it a mound of eternity, a desolation until this day.

UST

28 Joshua and his soldiers burned Ai and caused it to become a pile of ruins forever. It is an abandoned place even today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:29

ULT

29 And he hanged the king of the Ai on a tree until the time of the evening. And when the sun was going, Joshua commanded and they brought down his corpse from the tree and threw it at the opening of the gate of the city and raised over it a great pile of stones until this day.

UST

29 Joshua hanged the king of Ai on a tree and left his corpse hanging there until the evening. At sunset Joshua told his men to take the king’s body down from the tree and to throw it where the city gate had been. After they did that, they made a great mound of rocks on top of his body. That pile of rocks is still there to this day.

What did Joshua do with the king of Ai?

Joshua hanged the king of Ai on a tree and then threw his body in front of the city gates.

Joshua 8:30

ULT

30 Then Joshua built an altar to Yahweh the God of Israel on Mount Ebal.

UST

30 Then Joshua told his men to build on Mount Ebal an altar for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:31

ULT

31 It was just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded the sons of Israel, as written in the book of the law of Moses: “An altar of whole stones, over which no one has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered up on it burnt up offerings to Yahweh and sacrificed peace offerings.

UST

31 They built it just like Moses, the man who served God well, had written previously in the laws that God had given to him. They made it from stones that had not been cut, stones on which they had done no work using iron tools. The Israelites then offered sacrifices to Yahweh that were burned completely on the altar. They also made sacrifices to promise friendship with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:32

ULT

32 And there on the stones he wrote a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote before the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

32 As the Israelites watched, Joshua wrote on stones a copy of the laws that Yahweh had given to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:33

ULT

33 And all Israel and its elders and officers and its judges were standing from here and from there at the Box in front of the priests and the Levites who carried the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, like the foreigner so the native, half of them toward the front of Mount Gerizim and half of them toward the front of Mount Ebal. It was just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded to bless the people of Israel at the first.

UST

33 The Israelite leaders, the officials, the judges, and other Israelites were there, standing on either side of the sacred chest. All the people stood, facing the priests and Levites who carried the sacred chest. Many people who were not Israelites were also there. Half of the people stood on one side of the valley below Mount Ebal, and the other half of the people stood on the other side of the valley below Mount Gerizim. The sacred chest was in the valley between the two groups. And they blessed the people of Israel just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had told them to do, at the very first.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:34

ULT

34 And afterward, he read all the words of the law, the blessings and the curses, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

UST

34 Then Joshua read to the people all that Moses had written previously. That included what Yahweh had taught them and the ways that he promised to bless them if they obeyed his commands, or to curse them if they disobeyed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 8:35

ULT

35 There was not a word from all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read in front of all the assembly of Israel and the women and the children and the sojourners who are going in the midst of them.

UST

35 Joshua carefully read all the commands that Moses had given; he read every word in front of the entire assembly of Israel. All the women and the little children were there as well, and also the foreigners who were living among the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9

Joshua 9:1

ULT

1 And it happened that as soon as all the kings heard it who were on the other side of the Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowlands and in all the coast of the great sea toward the front of the Lebanon (the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite),

UST

1 There were several kings who ruled in lands on the west side of the Jordan River. They were the kings of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. They lived in the hill country, in the lower hills further west, and on the plains beside the Mediterranean Sea. They heard about what happened at Ai.

What did the kings who lived beyond the Jordan in the hill country do to wage war against Joshua and Israel? (vv1-2)
The kings who lived beyond the Jordan in the hill country joined together under one command to defeat Joshua and Israel.

Joshua 9:2

ULT

2 then they gathered themselves together as one mouth to fight against Joshua and against Israel.

UST

2 So they all gathered their armies under one leader to fight against Joshua and the Israelite army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:3

ULT

3 And those who dwelled in Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to the Ai.

UST

3 However, when the people who lived in the city of Gibeon heard that Joshua's army had defeated the people of Jericho and Ai,

Who acted with a cunning plan? (vv3-4)
The inhabitants of Gibeon acted with a cunning plan.

Joshua 9:4

ULT

4 And they, even they, acted with cunning. And they went and acted as envoys and took worn-out sacks for their donkeys and worn-out and torn and mended skins of wine. [1]

UST

4 they decided to trick the Israelites. They sent some of their men who pretended to be ambassadors for their people. These men gathered some old sacks and some old leather wine bags that had been mended after they were cracked, and they put these on the backs of their donkeys.

How did the Gibeonite "messengers" prepare themselves? (vv4-5)

The people of Gibeon took worn out sacks and put them on their donkeys. They took old wine skins, and put on patched sandals and dressed in worn out clothing. They also took dry and moldy bread.

Joshua 9:5

ULT

5 And worn-out and patched sandals were on their feet, and worn-out garments were on them, and all the bread of their provisions was dry and had become crumbs.

UST

5 They put on old sandals that had been patched and wore old ragged clothes. And they took along bread that was dry and moldy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:6

ULT

6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at the Gilgal. And they said to him and to a man of Israel, "We have come from a distant land, and now cut a covenant for us."

UST

6 They went to where Joshua and the other Israelites had set up their tents near Gilgal. They said to them, "We have traveled from a land very far away. Please make a peace treaty with us."

When the Gibeonites came to Joshua at Gilgal where did they say they were from?

The Gibeonites said they were from a very far country.

What did the Gibeonites want the men of Israel to do?

The Gibeonites wanted the men of Israel to make a treaty with them.

Joshua 9:7

ULT

[7] And they said, a man of Israel, to the Hivite, “Perhaps you are dwelling among us. And how can I cut a covenant for you?”

UST

[7] The Israelite leaders said to those men from Gilead (they were Hivites), “Perhaps you really live close by. How can we make a treaty with you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:8

ULT

[8] And they said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” And Joshua said to them, “Who are you? And where did you come from?”

UST

[8] They replied to Joshua and insisted, “We are your servants!” But Joshua answered, “Who are you? Where do you actually come from?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:9

ULT

[9] And they said to him, “Your servants have come from a very distant land for the name of Yahweh your God. For we have heard a report of him and all that he did in Egypt,

UST

[9] The men from Gibeon answered, “We want to be your servants. We have come here from a distant land, because of the fame of Yahweh your God. We heard about all the great things he did in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:10

ULT

10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorite who were on the other side of the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og the king of the Bashan who was in Ashtaroth.

UST

10 And we have heard about what he did to the two kings of the Amorites who are on the east side of the Jordan River—Sihon, the king who ruled in Heshbon, and Og, the king of Bashan who lived in Ashtaroth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:11

ULT

11 And our elders and all those who dwell in our land spoke to us, saying, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the road and go to meet them. And you shall say to them, “We are your servants. And now cut a covenant for us.”’

UST

11 So our leaders and the rest of our people said to us, ’Take some food and go to talk with the Israelites. Tell them, “We want to be your servants. So make a peace agreement with us.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:12

ULT

12 This bread of ours was hot, we took it as our provision from our houses on the day of our going out to come to you. And now, behold, it is dry and has become crumbs.

UST

12 “Look at our bread. It was fresh and warm when we baked it on the day that we left our homes to come here to you. But now it is dry and moldy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:13

ULT

13 And these skins of wine that we filled were new, and behold, they are torn. And these, our garments and our sandals, are worn-out from the very great length of the road.”

UST

13 Look at our leather wine bags, they were new when we filled them with wine before we left, but now they are cracked and old. Our clothes and our sandals are worn out from traveling on the long road to come here.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:14

ULT

14 And the men took from their provisions. But they did not ask the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

14 The Israelite leaders accepted some of their old food and ate a meal with them in order to make a peace treaty. They did not think to ask Yahweh what they should do.

What did the Israelites fail to do?

The Israelites did not consult with Yahweh for guidance.

Joshua 9:15

ULT

15 And Joshua made peace for them, and cut a covenant for them to let them live. And the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

UST

15 In this way, Joshua agreed to make peace. The Israelites made a treaty with the men from Gibeon, in which they agreed not to kill these strangers. All the Israelite leaders made a solemn vow to this effect.

What did Joshua promise the people of Gibeon?

Joshua made peace with them and made a vow to let them live.

Joshua 9:16

ULT

16 And it happened from the end of three days after when they had cut a covenant for them, that they heard that they were near to them and they were dwelling among them.

UST

16 However, three days later the Israelites found out that the men had only come from Gibeon and that they really lived close by.

What did the Israelites learn about the people from Gibeon just a few days later?

The Israelites learned that the people from Gibeon were their neighbors and lived nearby.

Joshua 9:17

ULT

17 And the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. And their cities were Gibeon and Kephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath Jearim.

UST

17 So they went to where the men from Gibeon lived. After traveling only three days, they came to their cities: Gibeon, Kephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath Jearim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:18

ULT

18 And the sons of Israel did not strike them down because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by Yahweh the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the leaders.

UST

18 But the Israelites did not attack those cities because they had made a solemn vow to live peacefully with them, and because Yahweh had heard the promise they made. All the people of Israel grumbled against their leaders for making this treaty.

Why did the Israelites not attack the people of Gibeon? (vv18-19)

The Israelites did not attack the people of Gibeon because they had taken an oath about them before Yahweh.

Joshua 9:19

ULT

19 And all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We ourselves have sworn to them by Yahweh the God of Israel. And now we are not able to touch them.

UST

19 But the leaders answered, “We promised to live peacefully with them and Yahweh, the God of Israel, heard us promise to do that. So now we cannot do them any harm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:20

ULT

20 We will do this to them and let them live. And wrath will not be on us on account of the oath which we swore to them.”

UST

20 If we kill them, God will be very angry with us and punish us because we did not keep our promise to them, a promise that binds us by solemn oath. But this is what we can do:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:21

ULT

21 And the leaders said to them, “Let them live.” And they became cutters of trees and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.

UST

21 We will allow them to live, but they will become our servants; they will cut wood and carry water for all the people.” This is what happened, just as the leaders planned.

What did the Gibeonites do for the Israelites?

The Gibeonites became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the Israelites.

Joshua 9:22

ULT

22 And Joshua called to them and spoke to them, saying, “Why did you deceive us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ but you are dwelling among us?

UST

22 Then Joshua summoned the men from Gibeon and asked them, “Why did you lie to us? Your homes are near to us; you live close to us, but you told us that you were from a far land!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:23

ULT

23 And now you are cursed. And a slave will not be cut off from you, and cutters of trees and drawers of water for the house of my God.”

UST

23 Now you are going to live under a curse. You will become our slaves. You will always be our slaves, and you will be forced to cut wood and carry water for the house of our God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:24

ULT

24 And they answered Joshua and said, “Because it was clearly told to your servants that Yahweh your God commanded his servant Moses to give to you all the land and to destroy all those who dwell in the land from before your face. And we were very afraid for our lives because of your face, so we did this thing.

UST

24 The men from Gibeon replied, “We lied to you because we were afraid that you would kill us. We heard that Yahweh, your God, had declared to his servant Moses that he would enable your people to kill all of us in Canaan, and that he would give you our lands.

What was the reason the Gibeonites gave to Joshua for why they had deceived him?

The Gibeonites told Joshua that they were very afraid for their lives.

Joshua 9:25

ULT
25 And now, behold, we are in your hand. Do to us as is good and as is right in your eyes to do."

UST
25 So now you should decide what you will do with us. Do to us whatever you think is good and right."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 9:26

ULT
26 And he did thus to them. And he rescued them from the hand of the sons of Israel and they did not slay them.

UST
26 So Joshua saved the lives of the people of Gibeon; he did not permit the army of Israel to harm them.

What would happen to Gibeonites? (vv26-27)
Joshua removed them from the power of the Israelites and made them cutters of wood and drawers of water for the community and the altar of Yahweh.

Joshua 9:27

ULT
27 And on that day Joshua made them cutters of trees and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of Yahweh, until this day, in the place that he would choose.
9:4 *[1]*

UST
27 Instead, he forced them to become the Israelites' slaves. They cut wood and carried water for Israel. They also brought the wood and water that was needed for the sacred altar of Yahweh. And the people of Gibeon are still doing that to this present time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10

Joshua 10:1

ULT

1 And it happened that as soon as Adoni-Zedek the king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured the Ai and had completely destroyed it (just as he had done to Jericho and to its king, so he had done to the Ai and to its king), and that those who dwelled in Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them,

UST

1 Adoni-Zedek, the king of the city of Jerusalem, heard that Joshua's army had captured Ai and had completely destroyed everything in the town. He heard that they had done to the people of Ai and to their king the same thing that they had done to the people of Jericho and their king. He also heard that the people of the city of Gibeon had made peace with the Israelite people and that they were now living among the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:2

ULT

2 then they were very afraid because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the cities of the kingdom, and because it was greater than the Ai, and all its men were mighty ones.

UST

2 The people of Jerusalem became very afraid because Gibeon was an important city, like the other cities that were so important that they had their own kings. Gibeon was larger than Ai, and all its soldiers were experienced.

Why were the people of Jerusalem afraid that the people of Gibeon had made peace with Israel?

The people of Jerusalem were afraid because Gibeon was a large city, larger than Ai, and all its men were mighty warriors.

Joshua 10:3

ULT

[3] And Adoni-Zedek the king of Jerusalem sent to Hoham the king of Hebron and to Piram the king of Jarmuth and to Japhia the king of Lachish and to Debir the king of Eglon, saying,

UST

[3] So King Adoni-Zedek sent a message to Hosham the king of Hebron, to Piram the king of Jarmuth, to Jarmuth the king of Lachish, and to Debir the king of Eglon.

What did the king of Jerusalem ask the other kings to do? (vv3-4)

The king of Jerusalem ask other kings to come up to him and help him attack Gibeon.

Joshua 10:4

ULT

[4] “Come up to me and help me. And let us strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel.”

UST

[4] In the message he said, “Please come up and help me attack Gibeon, because the people of Gibeon have made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:5

ULT

[5] And the five kings of the Amorites gathered and went up: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon—they and all their camps. And they camped against Gibeon and fought against it.

UST

[5] So those five kings who ruled all the groups who were descendants of Amor—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Debir—came to Gibeon with all of their soldiers and surrounded the city, to fight against it.

What did the kings do?

They came up and with all their armies and attacked Gibeon.

Joshua 10:6

ULT

6 And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, to the camp at the Gilgal, saying, “Do not let your hand drop from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us because all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the hill country have gathered against us.”

UST

6 The people of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua while he was in the camp at Gilgal. They said, “We are your servants. So do not forsake us. Come up to us quickly and save us! Help us, because the kings of the Amorites and their armies have joined their forces together to attack us!”

What did the people of Gibeon do when the saw all the kings and their armies?

The people of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua to come and save them.

Joshua 10:7

ULT

7 And Joshua went up from the Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him and all the mighty ones of the army.

UST

7 So Joshua and all his army, including the soldiers and his best fighting men, marched up from Gilgal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid from them, for they are given into your hand. Not a man from them will stand before you.”

UST

8 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of those armies! I will enable your army to defeat them. None of their soldiers will resist you.”

What did Yahweh say to Joshua?

Yahweh said to Joshua that the kings had been given into his hand.

Joshua 10:9

ULT

9 And Joshua came to them suddenly, all the night he went up from the Gilgal.

UST

9 Joshua's army marched all night and arrived very early in the morning from Gilgal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh confused them before the face of Israel and struck them down with a great blow in Gibeon. And he pursued them on the road going up to Beth Horon and he struck them down as far as Azekah and as far as Makkedah.

UST

10 And Yahweh caused their enemies to become confused when they saw the Israelite army. Joshua led the army and he killed them—a great number of them were killed at Gibeon, and he came after the rest of them as they were going up the road to Beth Horon. He also killed them along the road that goes to the cities of Azekah and Makkedah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:11

ULT

11 And it happened when they fled from the face of Israel, they were on the slope of Beth Horon, that Yahweh threw large stones on them from the heavens as far as Azekah and they died. There were more who died by the stones of hail than the sons of Israel slew with the sword.

UST

11 As they fled in front of the Israelite army, Yahweh threw down on them huge stones from the sky. More of them died from hailstones than died by the swords of the army of Israel.

How did Yahweh kill most of the enemy?

Yahweh threw large stones from heaven which killed more than were killed with the sword by the men of Israel.

Joshua 10:12

ULT

12 Then Joshua spoke to Yahweh on the day Yahweh gave the Amorites before the face of the sons of Israel. And he said before the eyes of Israel, “Sun, be still in Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”

UST

12 On the day that Yahweh enabled the Israelite army to defeat the Amorites, Joshua said to Yahweh while the Israelite people were watching, “Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, be still over the Valley of Aijalon.”

What did Joshua say to Yahweh on the day Yahweh gave the men of Israel victory?

Joshua said to Yahweh, “Sun, be still at Gibeon, and moon, in the valley of Aijalon.”

Joshua 10:13

ULT

13 And the sun was still and the moon stood until the nation took vengeance on its enemies. Is it not written in the Book of the Upright? “And the sun stood in the middle of the heavens, and it did not hurry to go for about a whole day.” *[1]*

UST

13 And the sun stood still and the moon did not move, until the Israelite army killed their enemies. Was this not written in the Book of Jashar? “The sun stopped while it was in the middle of the sky, and did not set for about a whole day.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:14

ULT

14 And there has been no day like this before the face of it or after it, when Yahweh listened to the voice of a man. For Yahweh fought for Israel.

UST

14 On that day, Yahweh performed a great miracle. There was never a day like that previously, and there has never been a day like that since, when Yahweh did this kind of thing because a human being asked him to. On that day, Yahweh truly went to war for Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:15

ULT
15 And Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp at the Gilgal.

UST
15 Joshua and all Israel with him returned to their camp at Gilgal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:16

ULT
16 And these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave in Makkedah.

UST
16 Now the five kings ran away and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.

What happened to the five kings?
The five kings hid in the cave of Makkedah.

Joshua 10:17

ULT
17 And it was told to Joshua, saying, “The five kings have been found hidden in the cave in Makkedah.”

UST
17 Then someone told Joshua, “We found those five kings, hiding in a cave at Makkedah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:18

ULT
18 And Joshua said, “Roll large stones to the mouth of the cave and assign men beside it to guard them.

UST
18 When Joshua heard that, he said, “Roll some very large stones over the entrance of the cave, and leave some soldiers there to guard them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:19

ULT

19 But you, do not stay! Chase after your enemies and strike their rear. Do not allow them to enter into their cities for Yahweh your God has given them into your hand.”

UST

19 But do not stay there! Pursue your enemies! Attack them from behind! Do not allow them to escape to their cities, because Yahweh, your God, will help you triumph over them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:20

ULT

20 And it happened as soon as Joshua and the sons of Israel finished striking them down with a very great blow until they had finished, that the escapees escaped from them and entered into the cities of fortification.

UST

20 So Joshua’s army did what he told them to do. They killed almost all of the enemy soldiers, but a few of them survived and were able to reach their cities.

What happened to the armies of the kings?

The Israelites slaughtered most them. Only a few survivors escaped.

Joshua 10:21

ULT

21 And all the people returned in peace to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah. No man sharpened his tongue against the sons of Israel.

UST

21 Then Joshua’s army returned to Joshua, who was still in their camp at Makkedah. No one in the land dared any longer to criticize the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:22

ULT

22 And Joshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave. And bring out to me these five kings from the cave.”

UST

22 Then Joshua said, “Open the entrance of the cave and bring out to me those five kings!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:23

ULT

23 And they did so and brought out to him these five kings from the cave: the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon.

UST

23 So the soldiers brought those five kings out of the cave—the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:24

ULT

24 And it happened as soon as they brought out these kings to Joshua, that Joshua called to every man of Israel and said to the commanders of the men of war, the ones who had gone with him, “Come near. Set your feet on the necks of these kings.” So they came near and set their feet on their necks.

UST

24 When they brought those kings to Joshua and forced them to lie on the ground, he summoned all the Israelite soldiers and he said to the army commanders, “Come here and put your feet on the necks of these kings!” So the commanders did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:25

ULT

25 And Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Be strong and be courageous, for thus Yahweh will do to all your enemies, they whom you are about to fight.”

UST

25 Then Joshua said to them, “Do not be afraid of any of our enemies! Never be discouraged! Be strong and courageous. This is what Yahweh will do to all the enemies you will fight!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:26

ULT

26 And Joshua struck them down afterward and he put them to death and hanged them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until the evening.

UST

26 Then Joshua killed each of the five kings with his sword and hung their bodies from five trees. He left their bodies to hang on the trees until sunset.

What happened to the five kings who had hidden in the cave of Makkedah? (vv26-27)

The five kings who had hidden in the cave were brought to Joshua, attacked and killed, hung on five trees until sunset, and then thrown into the cave.

Joshua 10:27

ULT

27 And it happened that at the time of the going of the sun Joshua commanded and they brought them down from on the trees and threw them into the cave there where they were hidden. And they set large stones over the mouth of the cave until this same day.

UST

27 At sunset, Joshua told them to take the bodies down from the trees and throw them into the cave where they were hiding. So the soldiers did that, and then they put those large rocks at the entrance of the cave again. And the bones of the kings are in that cave even to this day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:28

ULT

28 And Joshua captured Makkedah on that day. And he struck down it and its king by the mouth of the sword. He completely destroyed them and all the life that was in it; he did not leave a survivor. And he did to the king of Makkedah just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

UST

28 That is how Joshua's army attacked and captured Makkedah. They killed the king and everyone else in the city. They did not leave even any living creature alive. They did to the king of Makkedah the same thing that they had done to the king of Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:29

ULT

29 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed over from Makkedah to Libnah. And he fought against Libnah.

UST

29 Then Joshua and all Israel went southwest from Makkedah to Libnah and attacked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:30

ULT

30 And Yahweh also gave it and its king into the hand of Israel, and he struck it down with the mouth of the sword and all the life that was in it; he did not leave a survivor in it. And he did to its king just as he had done to the king of Jericho.

UST

30 Yahweh enabled the Israelites to conquer that city and its king. Joshua killed everything that lived in the city; he did not spare even one person. Joshua killed the king of Libnah just as he had killed the king of Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:31

ULT

31 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed over from Libnah to Lachish. And he camped against it and fought against it.

UST

31 Then Joshua and his army went south from Libnah to Lachish. He surrounded the city and waged war against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:32

ULT

32 And Yahweh gave Lachish into the hand of Israel and he captured it on the second day. And he struck it down by the mouth of the sword and all the life that was in it like all that he had done to Libnah.

UST

32 On the second day of the battle, Yahweh gave the city to the Israelites, and they conquered it. They killed everything that lived in it, including all the people. He did at Lachish the same thing that he had done at Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:33

ULT

33 Then Horam the king of Gezer went up to help Lachish. And Joshua struck him and his people down until he left no survivor for him.

UST

33 King Horam from Gezer and his army came to help the soldiers of Lachish, but Joshua's army defeated Horam and his army, and did not allow even one of them to remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:34

ULT

34 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed over from Lachish to Eglon. And they camped against it and fought against it.

UST

34 Then Joshua and his army went west from Lachish to the city of Eglon. They surrounded it and attacked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:35

ULT

35 And they captured it on that day and struck it down by the mouth of the sword. And he completely destroyed all the life that was in it on that day like all that he had done to Lachish.

UST

35 On that same day, they captured the city and killed everyone in it, just as they had done at Lachish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:36

ULT

36 And Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron. And they fought against it.

UST

36 Then Joshua and his army marched from Eglon up into the hills to the city of Hebron. They waged war against it

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:37

ULT

37 And they captured it and struck it down by the mouth of the sword and its king and all its cities and all the life that was in it. He did not leave a survivor, like all that he had done to Eglon. And he completely destroyed it and all the life that was in it.

UST

37 and captured it. They killed the king and every living thing, as they had done at Eglon. They did not leave one person alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:38

ULT

38 And Joshua and all Israel with him turned to Debir. And he fought against it.

UST

38 Then Joshua and his army turned and went to the city of Debir and waged war against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:39

ULT

39 And they captured it and its king and all its cities and struck them down by the mouth of the sword and completely destroyed all the life that was in it; he did not leave a survivor. Just as he had done to Hebron, thus he did to Debir and to its king, and just as he had done to Libnah and to its king.

UST

39 They captured the city and its king, and they also captured the nearby villages. Then they killed every living thing in it; they did not allow even one person to stay alive. They did to these people the same as they had done at Hebron and Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:40

ULT

40 And Joshua struck down all the land: the hill country, and the Negev, and the lowlands, and the slopes, and all their kings. He did not leave a survivor. And he completely destroyed every breathing thing, just as Yahweh the God of Israel had commanded.

UST

40 In this way, Joshua and his army conquered the entire southern part of Canaan. They defeated the kings who ruled the hill country, the southern Judean wilderness, the lowlands, and the foothills. They killed every living thing in those places, just as Yahweh, the God of Israel commanded them.

What did Joshua and the army of Israel do throughout the land of the hill country, the Negev, the lowlands and the foothills.

Joshua and the army of Israel conquered all the kings leaving not one survivor.

Joshua 10:41

ULT

41 And Joshua struck them down from Kadesh Barnea and as far as Gaza and all the land of Goshen and as far as Gibeon.

UST

41 Joshua's soldiers killed people in all the cities from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza, including all the country of Goshen to Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 10:42

ULT

42 And Joshua captured all these kings and their land at one time. For Yahweh the God of Israel fought for Israel.

UST

42 In one campaign, Joshua's army conquered all the kings and took possession of all their territory, because Yahweh, the God of Israel, was fighting for them.

Why was Joshua so successful in capturing all these kings and their land?

Joshua was successful in capturing these kings and their land because Yahweh, God of Israel, fought for Israel.

Joshua 10:43

ULT

43 And Joshua and all Israel with him returned to the camp at the Gilgal.
10:13 [1]

UST

43 Then Joshua and his army returned to their camp at Gilgal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11

Joshua 11:1

ULT

[1] And it happened as soon as Jabin the king of Hazor heard, that he sent to Jobab the king of Madon and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Akshaph

UST

[1] When King Jabin of Hazor heard about all these things that had happened, he sent messages to Jobab, king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Akshaph, requesting them to send their armies to come and help him fight against the Israelites.

What did Jabin, king of Hazor, do when he heard about the victory of the Israelites at Gibeon? (vv1-3)
He sent a message to many kings from the region.

Joshua 11:2

ULT

[2] and to the kings who were from the north in the hill country and in the Arabah south of Kinnereth and in the lowlands and in the heights of Dor from the west,

UST

[2] He also sent messages to the kings in the northern hills and to the kings in the plain along the Jordan, south of the Sea of Galilee, in the low country. He also sent a message to the king of the high country of Dor in the west,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:3

ULT

[3] the Canaanite from sunrise and from the west, and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Jebusite in the hill country and the Hivite below Hermon in the land of the Mizpah.

UST

[3] to the kings of the Canaanites in both the east and the west, to the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, and to the Jebusites who lived in the hill country, and to the Hivites by Mount Hermon in the region of Mizpah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:4

ULT

4 And they went out, they and all their camps with them, many people like the sand that is on the shore of the sea with respect to abundance and very many horses and chariots.

UST

4 So the armies of all those kings gathered together. Their men were as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. They also came with horses and chariots in great numbers.

What did their number seem like?

Their number seemed like the sand of the seashore.

What was the response of the kings to Jabin's message? (vv4-5)

In response to Jabin's message all their armies came out with them and met at the appointed time and they camped at the waters of Merom to wage war with Israel.

Joshua 11:5

ULT

5 And all these kings gathered by appointment and came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight against Israel.

UST

5 All of those kings met at the fixed time and set up their armies in a camp at the brook of Merom, in order to wage war against Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid because of their face, because tomorrow at this time I am going to make all of them pierced ones before the face of Israel. You will hamstring their horses and you will burn their chariots with fire.”

UST

6 Then Yahweh said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them, because at this time tomorrow I will give them to you. You will defeat them and kill all of them. Then you must cripple all their horses and burn all their chariots.”

Where did the battle take place?

The battle took place at the waters of Merom.

What did Yahweh tell Joshua he would do after the battle?

Yahweh told Joshua he would hamstring their horses and burn their chariots.

Joshua 11:7

ULT

7 And Joshua and all the people of war with him came against them suddenly beside the waters of Merom. And they fell on them.

UST

7 So Joshua and his army came to the brook of Merom and without warning attacked their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh gave them into the hand of Israel and they struck them down and chased them as far as Great Sidon and as far as Misrephoth Maim and as far as the Valley of Mizpah toward sunrise. And they struck them down until he did not leave a survivor for them.

UST

8 Yahweh enabled the Israelites to defeat them. They pursued them to the city of Sidon, to Misrephothmaim, and to Mizpah in the east. They attacked them until they had killed them all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:9

ULT

[9] And Joshua did to them just as Yahweh said to him. He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

UST

[9] Then Joshua did what Yahweh told them to do: He crippled their enemies' horses and he burned up their chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:10

ULT

[10] And Joshua returned at that time and captured Hazor, and struck down its king with the sword because Hazor, it was formerly the head of all these kingdoms.

UST

[10] So Joshua and his army went back to the city of Hazor, and captured it, and killed their king. Hazor was the most important city of all these kingdoms that fought against Israel.

What did Joshua do to Hazor and its king? (vv10-11)

Joshua burned the city and struck the king with his sword.

Joshua 11:11

ULT

[11] And they struck down all the life that was in it by the mouth of the sword, destroying completely, there was not left any breathing thing. And he burned Hazor with fire.

UST

[11] They killed everything that was living in Hazor, and then they burned the city to ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:12

ULT

12 And Joshua captured all the cities of these kings and all their kings and struck them down by the mouth of the sword. He completely destroyed them just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded.

UST

12 Joshua's army captured all of those cities and killed all of their kings. They did that as Moses, the man who served Yahweh well, had commanded them to do.

What did Joshua do with the rest of the kings and cities that had waged war with Israel? (vv12-13)

Joshua captured the kings and destroyed them, but he did not burn their cities.

Joshua 11:13

ULT

13 Only all the cities standing on their mounds, Israel did not burn them, except Hazor, it alone Joshua burned.

UST

13 Joshua's men burned Hazor, but they did not burn any of the other cities that were built on mounds and were surrounded by wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:14

ULT

14 And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the sons of Israel plundered for themselves. Only every man they struck down by the edge of the sword until they had annihilated them. They did not leave any breathing thing.

UST

14 The Israelites took for themselves the animals that they found in the fields and everything else that was valuable. But they killed every human being and every living thing in the cities.

What had Moses commanded Joshua to do?

Moses had commanded Joshua to kill every human being.

Joshua 11:15

ULT

15 Just as Yahweh had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He did not remove a thing from all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

15 As Yahweh had given Moses instructions to act, in the same way Moses also gave Joshua commands to act. And Joshua did everything that Yahweh had commanded Moses to do.

Did Joshua do all that Moses had commanded him to do?

Yes. Joshua did all that Moses had commanded him to do.

Joshua 11:16

ULT

16 And Joshua took all this land: the hill country, and all the Negev, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowlands, and the Arabah, and the hill country of Israel, and its lowlands;

UST

16 Joshua's army defeated all the people who were living in that land. They took control of the hill country and the southern Judean wilderness, all the area of Goshen, the western foothills, and the plain along the Jordan. They took control of all the mountains in Israel and of all the lowlands near the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:17

ULT

17 from Mount Halak the ascent to Seir, and as far as Baal Gad in the valley of the Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he captured all their kings and struck them down and put them to death.

UST

17 They took control over all the land from Mount Halak in the south of Edom to Baalgaal in the valley near the region of Lebanon to the north, near Mount Hermon. They captured all the kings of those areas and killed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:18

ULT
18 Joshua made war with all these kings many days.

UST
18 Joshua's men fought against all those kings for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:19

ULT
19 There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites who dwelled in Gibeon. They took all in battle.

UST
19 There was only one city that made a peace treaty with the Israelites; they were the people of the Hivites who lived in Gibeon. The Israelites captured all the other cities in battles.

What was the only city that made peace with Israel?
Gibeon was the only city to make peace with Israel.

Joshua 11:20

ULT
20 For it was from Yahweh to harden their heart to meet battle with Israel in order to completely destroy them, so that there would not be favor for them. But it was in order to annihilate them just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST
20 Yahweh caused the people in all those other groups to be stubborn, with the result that they fought against the Israelite army, and so God used the Israelite army to destroy them all. God did not hold back the Israelite army from totally destroying their enemies. This is what Yahweh had commanded Moses to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:21

ULT

21 And Joshua came at that time and cut off the Anakites from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities.

UST

21 Joshua's army also fought the Anakite giants who lived in the hills near Hebron, Debir, and Anah. They also fought against the people who lived in the hill country of Judah and Israel, and they killed all of those people and destroyed their cities as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:22

ULT

22 No Anakites were left in the land of the sons of Israel, except they remained in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.

UST

22 As a result, there were no descendants of Anak who remained alive in Israel. Only a few remained alive in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 11:23

ULT

23 And Joshua took all the land, according to all that Yahweh had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their portions by their tribes. And the land was at rest from war.

UST

23 Joshua's army took control of all the land, just as Yahweh long ago had told Moses to do. Yahweh gave the land to the Israelites, because he had promised to give it to them. Then Joshua divided the land among the Israelite tribes. And after that, there was peace in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12

Joshua 12:1

ULT

1 And these are the kings of the land, whom the sons of Israel struck down and dispossessed of their land on the other side of the Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the wadi of Arnon to Mount Hermon, and all the Arabah toward sunrise:

UST

1 The Israelites took control of the land that was east of the Jordan River, from the Arnon River gorge in the south to Mount Hermon in the north, including all the land on the eastern side of the plain along the Jordan.

What did the Israelites do to the land on the east side of the Jordan?
They took possession of the land of the east side of the Jordan where the sun rises.

Joshua 12:2

ULT

2 Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelled in Heshbon, who ruled from Aroer, which is on the lip of the wadi of Arnon and the middle of the wadi, and half of the Gilead and up to the Jabbok wadi, the border of the sons of Ammon,

UST

2 Sihon was the king of the Amorites. He lived in Heshbon and ruled over the area from Aroer along the Arnon River gorge, north to the Jabbok River. His land started in the middle of the gorge, which was the border between his land and the land of the Ammonites. Sihon also ruled over half of the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:3

ULT

3 and the Arabah to the Sea of Kinnereth toward sunrise, and to the Sea of the Arabah (the Sea of Salt) toward sunrise, the road to Beth Jeshimoth, and from the south below the slopes of the Pisgah.

UST

3 Sihon also ruled over the land on the eastern plain along the Jordan, from the Sea of Galilee south to the Dead Sea. He also ruled over the land east of the Dead Sea from Beth Jeshimoth south to Mount Pisgah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:4

ULT

[4] And the territory of Og the king of the Bashan, from the remnant of the Rephaites, who dwelled in Ashtaroth and in Edrei,

UST

[4] The other king whom the Israelite army defeated was Og, the king of the region of Bashan. He was the last of the descendants of the giant people of Rapha. He lived in the cities of Ashtaroth and Edrei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:5

ULT

[5] and who ruled in Mount Hermon, and in Salekah, and in all the Bashan, as far as the border of the Geshurite and the Maacathite, and half of the Gilead, the border of Sihon the king of Heshbon.

UST

[5] He ruled over the area from Mount Hermon and Salekah in the north, and over all Bashan in the east, and to the borders of the Geshurites and Maacathites to the west. Og ruled over half of the region of Gilead, as far as the border of the land ruled by Sihon, king of Heshbon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:6

ULT

[6] Moses the servant of Yahweh and the sons of Israel had struck them down. And Moses the servant of Yahweh had given it as a possession to the Reubenite and to the Gadite and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh.

UST

[6] Moses, who had served Yahweh so faithfully, and all the Israelite army had defeated the armies of those kings. Then Moses gave that land to the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Who led the people of Israel as they defeated the people on the east side of the Jordan?

Moses, the servant of Yahweh led them as they defeated the people on the east side of the Jordan.

Joshua 12:7

ULT

7 And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel struck down on the other side of the Jordan, to the west, from Baal Gad in the valley of the Lebanon, and to Mount Halak, which ascends toward Seir. And Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their portions,

UST

7 Joshua and the Israelite army also defeated kings who ruled over the land on the west side of the Jordan River. That land was between Baal Gad in the valley near Lebanon to Mount Halak, which goes up to Edom. Joshua gave land to the tribes of Israel for them to possess,

Who led the people of Israel as they defeated the people on the west side of the Jordan?
Joshua led them as they defeated the people on the west side of the Jordan.

Joshua 12:8

ULT

8 in the hill country, and in the lowlands, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the Negev—the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

UST

8 as well as the hill country, the lowlands, the plain along the Jordan, the mountainsides, in the desert, and in the southern Judean wilderness, the land of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and the Jebusites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:9

ULT

9 the king of Jericho, one; the king of the Ai, which is from the side of Bethel, one;

UST

9 The kings that the Israelites conquered were those of the following cities: Jericho, Ai (which was near Bethel),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:10

ULT
10 the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

UST
10 Jerusalem, Hebron,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:11

ULT
11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one;

UST
11 Jarmuth, Lachish,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:12

ULT
12 the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one;

UST
12 Eglon, Gezer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:13

ULT
13 the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one;

UST
13 Debir, Geder,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:14

ULT
14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one;

UST
14 Hormah, Arad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:15

ULT
15 the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one;

UST
15 Libnah, Adullam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:16

ULT
16 the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Bethel, one;

UST
16 Makkedah, Bethel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:17

ULT
17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hepher, one;

UST
17 Tappuah, Hepher,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:18

ULT
18 the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one;

UST
18 Aphek, Lasharon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:19

ULT
19 the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

UST
19 Madon, Hazor,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:20

ULT
20 the king of Shimron Meron, one; the king of Akshaph, one;

UST
20 Shimron Meron, Akshaph,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:21

ULT
21 the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one;

UST
21 Taanach, Megiddo,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:22

ULT
22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one;

UST
22 Kedesh, Jokneam in the Carmel area,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:23

ULT
23 the king of Dor of Naphoth Dor, one; the king of the Nations of Gilgal, one;

UST
23 Dor in the Naphoth Dor area, Goyim in the region of Gilgal,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 12:24

ULT
24 and the king of Tirzah, one. All the kings were 31.

UST
24 and Tirzah. There was a total of thirty-one kings that the Israelite army defeated.

How many kings did Joshua and the Israelites conquer in the land which Yahweh had given them?
Joshua and the Israelites conquered thirty-one kings in all the land which Yahweh had given them.

Joshua 13

Joshua 13:1

ULT

[1] Now Joshua was old and had come in the days. And Yahweh said to him, “You are old and have come in the days and very much land remains to take possession of.

UST

[1] When Joshua was very old, Yahweh said to him, “Joshua, you are now an old man, but there is still a lot of land for your army to capture.

Why did Yahweh say to Joshua that there was still very much land to capture?
Yahweh said to Joshua that there was still very much land to capture because Joshua was old and well along in years.

Joshua 13:2

ULT

[2] This is the remaining land: all the territories of the Philistine, and all of the Geshurite,

UST

[2] Here is a list of the lands that remain: The region of the Philistines and all those of the Geshurites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:3

ULT

[3] from Shihor, which is on the face of Egypt, and as far as the border of Ekron to the north (it is counted as Canaanite), the five rulers of the Philistines, the Gazite, and the Ashdodite, the Ashkelonite, the Gathite, and the Ekronite, and the Avvites;

UST

[3] (from Shihor, which is located to the east of Egypt, and to Ekron in the north, the territory of the Canaanites; the five rulers of the cities of the Philistines, Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron—the territory of the Avvites).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:4

ULT

4 from the south, all the land of the Canaanite, and a cave that is for the Sidonians, as far as Aphek, as far as the border of the Amorite;

UST

4 In the south, you must still capture the regions where the Canaan people groups live; and Arah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:5

ULT

5 and the land of the Gebalite, and all the Lebanon toward the rising of the sun, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon as far as Lebo Hamath.

UST

5 the land of the Gebalite, all Lebanon, toward the east, from Baal Gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo Hamath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:6

ULT

6 All those who dwell in the hill country from the Lebanon as far as Misrephoth Maim, all the Sidonians, I myself will dispossess them from the face of the sons of Israel. Only you shall cause it to fall to Israel as an inheritance, just as I commanded you.

UST

6 Still to capture are all the people who live in the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephothmaim, including all the people of the city of Sidon. I will drive them out before your army. Be sure to give that area to the Israelite people when you divide the land among them, as I gave you orders to do so.

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do after he drove the inhabitants out before the army of Israel?

Yahweh told Joshua to assign the land to Israel as an inheritance as Yahweh had commanded.

Joshua 13:7

ULT

[7] And now apportion this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half of the tribe of Manasseh.”

UST

[7] Divide all that land as an inheritance among the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh.”

To whom should the land be divided?

The land should be divided as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Joshua 13:8

ULT

[8] With him the Reubenite and the Gadite had taken their inheritance that Moses gave to them on the other side of the Jordan toward sunrise, just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had given to them:

UST

[8] Along with the half tribe of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites received their possessions, because Moses, the man who served Yahweh well, had already assigned to them the land on the east side of the Jordan River.

Where had the other two and one half tribes already received their inheritance?

The half tribe of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites had received their inheritance on the east side of the Jordan.

Joshua 13:9

ULT

[9] from Aroer, which is on the lip of the wadi of Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the wadi, and all the plateau of Medeba to Dibon;

UST

[9] These lands stretched from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Arnon Gorge (including the city that is located in the middle of the gorge), to all the plateau of Medeba, extending down as far as the city of Dibon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:10

ULT

10 and all the cities of Sihon the king of the Amorite, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the border of the sons of Ammon;

UST

10 These lands also included the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, the king who had reigned in Heshbon, and they extended to the border of the Ammonites;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:11

ULT

11 and the Gilead, and the territory of the Geshurite and the Maacathite, and all Mount Hermon, and all the Bashan as far as Salekah;

UST

11 Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, including all of Mount Hermon, and all of the region of Bashan extending to the city of Salekah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:12

ULT

12 all the kingdom of Og in the Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he remained from the remnant of the Rephaites) and Moses struck them down and dispossessed them.

UST

12 all the kingdom of Og within the region of Bashan, he who reigned in the cities of Ashtaroth and Edrei (these are what was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); these people Moses had attacked with the sword and driven away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:13

ULT

13 But the sons of Israel did not dispossess the Geshurite and the Maacathite. And Geshur and Maacath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day.

UST

13 But the Israelites did not force out of Canaan the people of Geshur and the Maacathites. Instead, these people live with the Israelites even at the present time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:14

ULT

14 Only to the tribe of Levi he did not give an inheritance. The offerings made by fire to Yahweh the God of Israel, they are his inheritance, just as he spoke to him.

UST

14 The Levites received no assignment of lands; they were the only tribe that received no land. Moses gave them no possessions. Yahweh, the God of Israel, told them that the offerings given to himself would be their possession.

To what one tribe did Moses not give an inheritance?

Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi.

What inheritance did Moses give to the tribe of Levi?

Moses gave to the tribe of Levi “The offerings of Yahweh, the God of Israel, made by fire” as an inheritance.

Joshua 13:15

ULT

15 And Moses gave to the tribe of the sons of Reuben, according to their clans.

UST

15 Moses had allotted land to each clan in the tribe of Reuben.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:16

ULT

16 And the territory for them was from Aroer, which is on the lip of the wadi of Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the wadi, and all the plateau beside Medeba,

UST

16 So their territory extended from Aroer, on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon River, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and includes the region of the plateau near Medeba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:17

ULT

17 Heshbon and all its cities that are in the plateau, Dibon, and Bamoth Baal, and Beth Baal Meon,

UST

17 It also includes Heshbon and all its cities that are in the plateau including Dibon, and Bamoth Baal, and Beth Baal Meon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:18

ULT

18 and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

UST

18 and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:19

ULT

19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth Shahar on the hill of the valley,

UST

19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth Shahar, which stands on a hill within the valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:20

ULT

20 and Beth Peor, and the slopes of the Pisgah, and Beth Jeshimoth,

UST

20 The territory also includes Beth Peor, the slopes of Mount Pisgah, Beth Jeshimoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:21

ULT

21 and all the cities of the plateau, and all the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses had struck down, he and the leaders of Midian: Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba (the princes of Sihon who had dwelled in the land).

UST

21 all the cities situated along the plateau, and all the kingdom of Sihon, the king of the Amorites, who reigned there in Heshbon, the ones that Moses defeated along with the leaders of Midian, who were Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon who ruled there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:22

ULT

22 And the sons of Israel slew with the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the diviner, with their pierced ones.

UST

22 The people of Israel killed with the sword Balaam son of Beor, the one who practiced divination. The people of Israel also killed with the sword many others at that same time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:23

ULT
23 And it happened that the border of the sons of Reuben was the Jordan and the border. This is the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their clans—the cities and their villages.

UST
23 The border of the people of the tribe of Reuben is the Jordan River. This was the inheritance given to the people of Reuben and assigned to all their clans. They lived there in their cities and villages.

What was the border of the tribe of Reuben?
The border of the tribe of Reuben was the Jordan River.

Joshua 13:24

ULT
24 And Moses gave to the tribe of Gad, to the sons of Gad according to their clans.

UST
24 Moses also gave land to the tribe of Gad, to the people of Gad, and allotted to each of their families the land they needed to live on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:25

ULT
25 And the territory for them was Jazer and all the cities of the Gilead and half of the land of the sons of Ammon, as far as Aroer, which is on the face of Rabbah,

UST
25 They lived near Jazer, in all the cities of Gilead, and in half the land where the Ammonites lived, all the way to Aroer, which is a city east of Rabbah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:26

ULT

26 and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the border of Debir,

UST

26 Their land extended from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah and Betonim, all the way to Mahanaim and to the region of Debir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:27

ULT

27 and in the valley, Beth Haram, and Beth Nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, and the rest of the kingdom of Sihon the king of Heshbon, with the Jordan and the border, as far as the end of the Sea of Kinnereth, beyond the Jordan toward sunrise.

UST

27 Their land was also in the valley: Beth Haram, Beth Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon, who had been king of Heshbon; his kingdom had bordered on the Jordan River and extended to the lower end of the Sea of Galilee, eastward beyond the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:28

ULT

28 This is the inheritance of the sons of Gad according to their clans—the cities and their villages.

UST

28 This is the inheritance of the people of Gad that was allotted to them according to the needs of their clans, along with the cities and villages where they lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:29

ULT

29 And Moses gave to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, and it was to the half of the tribe of the sons of Manasseh according to their clans.

UST

29 Moses gave inheritance of land to the half tribe of Manasseh for them to live on. It was allotted to the half tribe of the people of Manasseh according to the needs of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:30

ULT

30 And their territory was from Mahanaim, all the Bashan, all the kingdom of Og the king of the Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in the Bashan, 60 cities;

UST

30 Their territory was from Mahanaim, including all the region of Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan. There are sixty cities in the region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:31

ULT

31 and half of the Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei (the cities of the kingdom of Og in the Bashan) were for the sons of Machir the son of Manasseh, for half of the sons of Machir according to their clans.

UST

31 Their land also included half of the region of Gilead, as well as the cities of Ashtaroth and Edrei (sometimes referred to as the royal cities of Og in Bashan). These were allotted to the people of Machir son of Manasseh, and that would include half the descendants of Machir, assigned to their clans according to their need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:32

ULT

32 These are what Moses gave as an inheritance in the plains of Moab, from the other side of the Jordan, Jericho toward sunrise.

UST

32 These were the lands that Moses distributed to the people of Israel on the plains of Moab, when they were beyond the Jordan just east of Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 13:33

ULT

33 But Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of the Levite. Yahweh the God of Israel, he is their inheritance, just as he spoke to them.

UST

33 But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance. Yahweh, who is the God of Israel, promised them that he would be their inheritance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14

Joshua 14:1

ULT

1 And these are what the sons of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel gave them as an inheritance.

UST

1 Eleazar, the leader of all the priests, Joshua, and the leaders of the twelve tribes decided what land to allot to each of the Israelite tribes in Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:2

ULT

2 Their inheritance was by lot for the nine tribes and the half of the tribe, just as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.

UST

2 The assignments were made by casting lots for each one of the nine and one-half tribes. This was just as Yahweh had commanded Moses to do, so that the land could be assigned to each of the tribes and their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:3

ULT

3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half of the tribe from the other side of the Jordan. But to the Levites he had not given an inheritance in the midst of them.

UST

3-4 Now Moses had given land as a permanent possession to two and one-half tribes before Israel crossed over the Jordan River. But to the Levites he gave no inheritance; they were treated differently because of their priestly duties. No portion of the land was given to the Levites. They were, however, given cities in which to live, including pastureland for their livestock so they could sustain their families. And the people of Joseph were divided into two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:4

ULT

[4] For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they did not give a portion to the Levites in the land, but rather cities to dwell in, and their pasturelands for their livestock and for their property.

UST

[3-4] Now Moses had given land as a permanent possession to two and one-half tribes before Israel crossed over the Jordan River. But to the Levites he gave no inheritance; they were treated differently because of their priestly duties. No portion of the land was given to the Levites. They were, however, given cities in which to live, including pastureland for their livestock so they could sustain their families. And the people of Joseph were divided into two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim.

What were the two tribes that made up the tribe of Joseph?

The tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim made up the tribe of Joseph.

Joshua 14:5

ULT

[5] Just as Yahweh had commanded Moses, so the sons of Israel did. And they apportioned the land.

UST

[5] The people of Israel did as Yahweh commanded Moses: They gave out portions of the land as permanent possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:6

ULT

[6] And the sons of Judah came near to Joshua in the Gilgal, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You yourself know the word which Yahweh spoke to Moses the man of God on account of me and on account of you at Kadesh Barnea.

UST

[6] Some men from the tribe of Judah went to Joshua while he and all the Israelites were at Gilgal. Among those men was Jephunneh’s son Caleb. He said to Joshua, “I am sure that you remember what Yahweh said to the prophet Moses concerning you and me when we were at Kadesh Barnea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:7

ULT

7 I was a son of 40 years when Moses the servant of Yahweh sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land. And I brought back word to him just as was in my heart.

UST

7 I was forty years old at that time. Moses sent me from Kadesh Barnea and you and some other men to explore this land. When we returned, I gave to Moses a true report about what we had seen.

How old was Caleb when Moses the servant of Yahweh sent him to spy on the land?

He was forty years old when Moses the servant of Yahweh sent him from Kadesh Barnea to spy on the land.

Joshua 14:8

ULT

8 And my brothers who went up with me made the heart of the people melt. But I was fully after Yahweh my God.

UST

8 The other men who went with us gave a report that caused the people to be afraid. But I fully followed Yahweh and obeyed everything he commanded us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:9

ULT

9 And Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be for an inheritance for you and for your sons until eternity. For you were fully after Yahweh my God.’

UST

9 Moses promised me, ’It is a firm promise that the land on which you walked will become yours as your permanent possession, to belong to you and your descendants forever. I am giving it to you because you obeyed Yahweh, my God, in everything you did.’

What did Moses swear to give to Caleb?

Moses swore to give to Caleb the land on which his foot has walked as an inheritance for him and for his children forever.

Joshua 14:10

ULT

10 And now, behold! Yahweh has kept me alive these 45 years, just as he spoke, from when Yahweh spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold! Today I am a son of 85 years.

UST

10 Now Yahweh has done for me as he promised he would. Forty-five years have passed since Moses said that to me during the time that we were still in the wilderness. And just as Yahweh promised, he has kept me alive and well all during that time. Look at me! I am eighty-five years old.

How old was Caleb when he came to Joshua?

Caleb was eighty-five years old when he came to Joshua.

Joshua 14:11

ULT

11 I am still as strong today just as on the day Moses sent me. As my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war, and for going out, and for coming in.

UST

11 I am as strong today as I was on the day that Moses sent me to explore this land. My strength is now as my strength was when I was young. I can wage war or I can travel far away and still have the strength to come home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:12

ULT

12 And now, give to me this hill country of which Yahweh spoke on that day. For you yourself heard on that day that the Anakites were there and great fortified cities. Perhaps Yahweh will be with me and I will dispossess them, just as Yahweh has spoken."

UST

12 So please give me the hill country that Yahweh promised to give to me on that day long ago. At that time, you heard me say that the Anakim lived there. You heard me say that their cities were large and that they had walls around them to protect them. But now, perhaps Yahweh will help me to drive them away with our army, just as Yahweh promised."

What did Caleb ask Joshua to give him?

Caleb asked Joshua to give him the hill country as an inheritance.

Joshua 14:13

ULT

13 And Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

UST

13 So Joshua asked God to bless Caleb, the son of Jephunneh and he gave to Caleb the city of Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:14

ULT

14 Therefore, Hebron belongs to Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite for an inheritance until this day, because he was fully after Yahweh the God of Israel.

UST

14 In this way, Hebron became the permanent possession and the home of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite. To this day his descendants live there because Caleb did everything that Yahweh, the God of Israel, told him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 14:15

ULT

15 (And the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath Arba. He was a great man among the Anakites.) And the land was at rest from war.

UST

15 Now the name of Hebron formerly was Kiriath Arba (Arba had been the greatest man among the Anakim). And there was peace in the land; they no longer waged war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15

Joshua 15:1

ULT

[1] And the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah, according to their clans, was to the border of Edom, from the wilderness of Zin in the Negev, from the end of the south.

UST

[1] The land that was assigned to the tribe of Judah was divided among its clans. Their land extended south to the wilderness of Sin at the border of Edom.

What was the farthest point south to which the land of Judah extended?
The farthest point south was the wilderness of Sin.

Joshua 15:2

ULT

[2] And the border of the south for them was from the end of the Sea of Salt, from the tongue turning to the south.

UST

[2] Their south border of the land that was assigned to the tribe of Judah started at the end of the Salt Sea (also called the Dead Sea), from the bay that faces to the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:3

ULT

[3] And it went out to the south to the Ascent of Scorpions and passed over to Zin, and went up from the south to Kadesh Barnea, and passed over to Hezron, and went up to Addar, and went around to the Karka.

UST

[3] It then went southward and up the hill of Akrabbim and continued along to Sin, and then it went up once more south of Kadesh Barnea, beside Hezron, up to Addar, and then it bent around to Karka.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:4

ULT

[4] And it passed over to Azmon, and went out the wadi of Egypt, and the exits of the border were at the sea. This will be for you the border of the south.

UST

[4] From there it continued past Azmon, and from there it ran beside the brook of Egypt; from there it turned west to the Mediterranean Sea. That will be your south border.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:5

ULT

[5] And the border of the east was the Sea of Salt, as far as the end of the Jordan. And the border to the side of the north was from the tongue of the sea from the end of the Jordan.

UST

[5] The eastern border of the land of the tribe of Judah was the Dead Sea. It extended north to the end of the Jordan River, where it empties into the Dead Sea.

What was the eastern boundary of the land of Judah?
The eastern boundary was the Salt Sea.

Joshua 15:6

ULT

[6] And the border went up to Beth Hoglah and passed over from the north to Beth Arabah. And the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

UST

[6] The northern border continued from that point, and extended north to Beth Hoglah. From there it went further north of Beth Arabah to the Stone of Bohan (a stone that had been set up by Bohan, son of Reuben).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:7

ULT

7 And the border went up to Debir from the Valley of Trouble, and to the north, turning to the Gilgal, which is in front of the ascent of Adummim, which is from the south of the wadi. And the border passed over to the waters of En Shemesh and its exits are at En Rogel.

UST

7 From that point the border turned west and went through the Valley of Achor to Debir. From there it turned north again to go to Gilgal. Gilgal is north of the road that goes over the hill of Adummim, on the south side of the river valley. From Gilgal the border extended west to the springs at En Shemesh, and from there to En Rogel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:8

ULT

8 And the border went up the valley of Ben Hinnom to the shoulder of the Jebusites from the south (it is Jerusalem). And the border went up to the head of the hill that is on the face of the valley of Hinnom, to the west, which is at the end of the valley of the Rephaites to the north.

UST

8 From that point the border along the south shoulder of the Jebusite city (that is, Jerusalem). The boundary goes to the top of the hill on the west side ofValley of Hinnom, at the northern end of the Valley of Rephaim.

What was the name of the Jebusites' city?

The Jebusites' city was Jerusalem.

Joshua 15:9

ULT

9 And the border turned from the head of the hill to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of Mount Ephron. And the border turned to Baalah (it is Kiriath Jearim).

UST

9 From there the border extended northwest to the top of the hills leading to the spring of Nephtoah, and from there to the cities near Mount Ephron. From there the border extended west toward Baalah (which is now named Kiriath Jearim).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:10

ULT

10 And the border went around from Baalah to the west to Mount Seir, and passed over to the shoulder of Mount Jearim from the north (it is Kesalon), and went down to Beth Shemesh, and passed over to Timnah.

UST

10 Then the border continued to extend west, past Baalah, to Mount Seir. Then it went southwest along the north side of Mount Jearim (which is also called Kesalon), and went down to Beth Shemesh. From there it passed by Timnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:11

ULT

11 And the border went out to the shoulder of Ekron to the north. And the border turned toward Shikkeron and passed over to Mount Baalah, and went out to Jabneel. And the exits of the border were at the sea.

UST

11 The border continued northwest to the hill north of Ekron. From there it extended west to Shikkeron and past Mount Baalah, on to Jabneel, and then northwest to the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:12

ULT

12 And the border of the west was the great sea and the border. This is the border of the sons of Judah all around, according to their clans.

UST

12 The western border of the land that was assigned to the tribe of Judah was the Mediterranean Sea. All the clans of Judah lived inside those borders.

What was the western border of the clan of Judah?

The western border of the clan of Judah was the Great Sea and its coastline.

Joshua 15:13

ULT

13 And to Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion in the midst of the sons of Judah according to the mouth of Yahweh to Joshua: Kiriath Arba (the father of the Anak), it is Hebron.

UST

13 Yahweh commanded Joshua to give part of the land of the tribe of Judah to Caleb. So he gave to Caleb the city of Kiriath Arba, which is now called Hebron. (Arba was the father of Anak.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:14

ULT

14 And Caleb dispossessed from there the three sons of the Anak: Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai, the children of the Anak.

UST

14 Caleb forced the three clans of the Anak people group to leave Hebron. Those were the Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:15

ULT

15 And he went up from there against those dwelling in Debir. And the name of Debir was formerly Kiriath Sepher.

UST

15 Then Caleb left there and went to fight against the people who were living in Debir (which was previously named Kiriath Sepher).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:16

ULT

16 And Caleb said, “Whoever strikes down Kiriath Sepher and captures it, I will give to him Aksah my daughter for a wife.”

UST

16 Caleb said, “If someone attacks the people in Kiriath Sepher and captures their city, I will give my daughter Aksah for him to marry.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:17

ULT

17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, captured it. And he gave to him Aksah his daughter for a wife.

UST

17 Othniel son of Caleb’s brother Kenaz, captured the city. So Caleb gave his daughter, Aksah, for him to marry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:18

ULT

18 And it happened when she came to him, that she incited him to ask for a field from with her father. And she got down from on the donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What is for you?”

UST

18 When Caleb’s daughter married Othniel, she told him to ask her father to give her a field. Then Aksah went to talk with her father Caleb. As she got down from her donkey, Caleb asked her, “Do you want something?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:19

ULT

[19] And she said, “Give to me a blessing. Because you have given me the land of the Negev, then you must give to me springs of water.” And he gave to her the upper springs and lower springs.

UST

[19] Aksah replied, “Yes, I want you to do something for me. You have given me the land of the southern Judean wilderness, but there is no water there. So please give me some land that has springs.” So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs near Hebron.

What did Caleb give his daughter, Achsah, when she asked for it?
Caleb gave Achsah the upper and lower springs when she asked.

Joshua 15:20

ULT

[20] This is the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah, according to their clans:

UST

[20] Here is a list of the towns in the land that God had promised to give to the tribe of Judah. Each clan was assigned some of the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:21

ULT

[21] And the cities were at the end of the tribe of the sons of Judah, toward the border of Edom in the Negev: Kabzeel and Eder and Jagur

UST

[21] The tribe of Judah was assigned all these cities in the southern Judean wilderness, near the border of the region of Edom: Kabzeel, Eder, Jagur,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:22

ULT
22 and Kinah and Dimonah and Adadah

UST
22 Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:23

ULT
23 and Kedesh and Hazor and Ithnan,

UST
23 Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:24

ULT
24 Ziph and Telem and Bealoth

UST
24 Ziph, Telem, and Bealoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:25

ULT
25 and Hazor Hadattah and Kerioth Hezron (it is Hazor),

UST
25 Also Hazor Hadattah, Kerioth Hezron (also called Hazor),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:26

ULT
26 Amam and Shema and Moladah

UST
26 Amam, Shema, Molodah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:27

ULT
27 and Hazar Gaddah and Heshmon and Beth Pelet

UST
27 Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:28

ULT
28 and Hazar Shual and Beersheba and Biziothiah,

UST
28 Hazar Shual, Beersheba, and Biziothiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:29

ULT
29 Baalah and Iyim and Ezem

UST
29 Also Baalah, Iyim, Ezem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:30

ULT
30 and Eltolad and Kesil and Hormah

UST
30 Eltolad, Kesil, Hormah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:31

ULT
31 and Ziklag and Madmannah and Sansannah

UST
31 Ziklag, Madmannah, Sansannah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:32

ULT
32 and Lebaoth and Shilhim and Ain and Rimmon. All the cities were 29 and their villages.

UST
32 Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon. There were twenty-nine cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:33

ULT
33 In the lowlands: Eshtaol and Zorah and Ashnah

UST
33 The tribe of Judah was assigned these cities in the northern part of the western foothills: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:34

ULT
34 and Zanoah and En Gannim, Tappuah and the Enam,

UST
34 Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:35

ULT
35 Jarmuth and Adullam, Sokoh and Azekah

UST
35 Jarmuth, Adullam, Sokoh, Azekah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:36

ULT
36 and Shaaraim and Adithaim and the Gederah and Gederothaim; 14 cities and their villages.

UST
36 Shaaraim, Adithaim, and Gederah (also called Gederothaim). There were fourteen cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:37

ULT
37 Zenan and Hadashah and Migdalgad

UST
37 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these cities in the southern part of the western foothills: Zenan, Hadashah, Migdalgad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:38

ULT
38 and Dilean and the Mizpah and Joktheel,

UST
38 Dilean, Mizpah, Joktheel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:39

ULT
39 Lachish and Bozkath and Eglon

UST
39 Lachish, Bozkath, and Eglon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:40

ULT
40 and Kabbon and Lahmas and Kitlish

UST
40 Also Kabbon, Lahmas, Kitlish,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:41

ULT
41 and Gederoth, Beth Dagon and Naamah and Makkedah;16 cities and their villages.

UST
41 Gederoth, Bethdagon, Naamah, and Makkedah. There were sixteen cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:42

ULT
42 Libnah and Ether and Ashan

UST
42 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these cities in the central part of the western foothills: Libnah, Ether, Ashan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:43

ULT
43 and Iphtah and Ashnah and Nezib

UST
43 Iphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:44

ULT
44 and Keilah and Akzib and Maresha; nine cities and their villages.

UST
44 Keilah, Aczib, and Mareshah. There were nine cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:45

ULT
45 Ekron, and its daughters and its villages;

UST
45 There was also the city of Ekron, with its surrounding towns and its villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:46

ULT
46 from Ekron and to the sea, all that were on the hand of Ashdod and their villages.

UST
46 From Ekron to the Mediterranean Sea, Judah's territory also included all the land near the city of Ashdod, including its villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:47

ULT
47 Ashdod and its towns and its villages, Gaza and its towns and its villages, as far as the wadi of Egypt and the great sea and the border.

UST
47 Ashdod and its surrounding towns and villages; the city of Gaza and its surrounding towns and villages down to the brook of Egypt and to the Mediterranean Sea. The border followed the coastline.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:48

ULT
48 And in the hill country: Shamir and Jattir and Sokoh

UST
48 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these towns in the southwest part of the hill country: Shamir, Jattir, Sokoh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:49

ULT
49 and Dannah and Kiriath Sannah (it is Debir)

UST
49 Dannah, Kiriath Sannah (also called Debir),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:50

ULT
50 and Anab and Eshtemoh and Anim

UST
50 Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:51

ULT
51 and Goshen and Holon and Giloh; 11 cities and their villages.

UST
51 Goshen, Holon, and Giloh. There were eleven cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:52

ULT
52 Arab and Dumah and Eshan

UST
52 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these towns in the south central part of the hill country: Arab, Dumah, Eshan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:53

ULT
53 and Janim and Beth Tappuah and Aphekah

UST
53 Janim, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:54

ULT
54 and Humtah and Kiriath Arba (it is Hebron) and Zior; nine cities and their villages.

UST
54 Humtah, Kiriath Arba (now called Hebron), and Zior. There were nine cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:55

ULT
55 Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah

UST
55 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these towns in the southeastern part of the hill country: Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:56

ULT
56 and Jezreel and Jokdeam and Zanoah,

UST
56 Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:57

ULT
57 the Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities and their villages.

UST
57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah. There were ten cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:58

ULT
58 Halhul, Beth Zur and Gedor

UST
58 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these towns in the central part of the hill country: Halhul, Beth Zur, Gedor,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:59

ULT
59 and Maarath and Beth Anoth and Eltekon; six cities and their villages.

UST
59 Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon. There were six cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:60

ULT
60 Kiriath Baal (it is Kiriath Jearim) and the Rabbah; two cities and their villages.

UST
60 The tribe of Judah was also assigned two towns in the northern part of the hill country, Rabbah and Kiriath Baal (which is also named Kiriath Jearim).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:61

ULT
61 In the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin and Secacah

UST
61 The tribe of Judah was also assigned these towns in the desert near the Dead Sea: Beth Arabah, Middin, Secacah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:62

ULT

62 and Nibshan and the City of Salt and En Gedi; six cities and their villages.

UST

62 Nibshan, the City of Salt, and En Gedi. There were six cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 15:63

ULT

63 And the Jebusites who dwelled in Jerusalem, the sons of Judah were not able to dispossess them, so the Jebusites have dwelled with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem until this day.

UST

63 The army of the tribe of Judah was not able to drive out the Jebusites and so they stayed in Jerusalem. So today they are still living among the tribe of Judah.

What people could not be driven out of Jerusalem by the tribe of Judah?

The Jebusites could not be driven out of Jerusalem by the tribe of Judah.

Joshua 16

Joshua 16:1

ULT

[1] And the lot for the sons of Joseph went out from the Jordan at Jericho, to the waters of Jericho toward sunrise, the wilderness going up from Jericho in the hill country of Bethel.

UST

[1] The land that was assigned to the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh—the tribes that were descended from Joseph—started at the Jordan River, going up from Jericho through the hill country of Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:2

ULT

[2] And it went out from Bethel to Luz and passed over to the border of the Arkites at Ataroth.

UST

[2] It extended west from Jericho to Bethel, and then to Luz, and it passed on to Ataroth, which is the territory where the Archites live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:3

ULT

[3] And it went down to the west to the border of the Japhletite, as far as the border of Lower Beth Horon, and as far as Gezer, and its exits were at the sea.

UST

[3] From there it extended west to the border of the land where the Japhletites lived, and then west to the area near Lower Beth Horon. From there it continued west to Gezer, and from there to the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:4

ULT

4 And the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received an inheritance.

UST

4 This was the territory that the people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received as their permanent possession.

What were the two tribes of Joseph that received their inheritance together?
The tribes of Joseph and Ephraim the descendants of Joseph.

Joshua 16:5

ULT

5 And the border of the sons of Ephraim was according to their clans. And the border of their inheritance toward sunrise was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper Beth Horon,

UST

5 The border of the land that was assigned to the clans of the tribe of Ephraim started at Ataroth Addar in the east. It extended to Upper Beth Horon

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:6

ULT

6 And the border went out to the sea, the Mikmethath from the north, and the border went around toward sunrise at Taanath Shiloh and passed by it from the sunrise to Janoah.

UST

6 and continued to the Mediterranean Sea. From Mikmethath on the north it turned eastward toward Taanath Shiloh, and went on toward the east to Janoah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:7

ULT

[7] And it went down from Janoah to Ataroth and Naarah and reached Jericho and came out at the Jordan.

UST

[7] They went down from Janoah to Ataroth and then on to Naarah. From there it reached the city of Jericho, ending at the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:8

ULT

[8] From Tappuah the border went to the west to the wadi of Kanah and its exists were at the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Ephraim, according to their clans,

UST

[8] The northern border extended from Tappuah west to the ravine of Kanah, and ended at the Mediterranean Sea. This was the land that was assigned to all the clans of the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:9

ULT

[9] and the cities that were set apart for the sons of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Manasseh, all the cities and their villages.

UST

[9] Some of the cites and their dependant villages that were set apart for the people of Ephraim were actually within the assigned territory of the people of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 16:10

ULT

10 And they did not dispossess the Canaanite who dwelled in Gezer, so the Canaanite has dwelled within Ephraim until this day, and he has become a forced laborer who serves.

UST

10 The people of the tribe of Ephraim could not force the Canaanites to leave Gezer. The Canaanites still live there. However, the people of Ephraim forced them to be their slaves.

What people did the tribe of Ephraim not drive out of Gezer?

The tribe of Ephraim was unable to drive out of Gezer the Canaanites.

Joshua 17

Joshua 17:1

ULT

1 And the lot was for the tribe of Manasseh (because he was the firstborn of Joseph), for Makir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of the Gilead. And the Gilead and the Bashan were given to him because he himself was a man of war.

UST

1 This is a list of the land that was allotted to the tribe of Manasseh. Manasseh's oldest son was Makir, and his grandson was Gilead. Their descendants were assigned the lands in the regions of Gilead and Bashan, in honor of Makir, who had been a great soldier.

Who was the firstborn of Joseph?

Manasseh was the firstborn of Joseph.

Who was Makir?

Makir was the firstborn of Manasseh and the father of Gilead.

Joshua 17:2

ULT

2 And it was for the remaining sons of Manasseh, according to their clans, for the sons of Abiezer and for the sons of Helek and for the sons of Asriel and for the sons of Shechem and for the sons of Hepher and for the sons of Shemida. These were the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the males according to their clans.

UST

2 Land was also allotted to the other clans in the tribe of Manasseh: The clans of Abiezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hepher, and Shemida. These had been the names of Manasseh's male descendants (he himself had been a son of Joseph). Assignments of land were made for each clan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:3

ULT

3 And for Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh, there were no sons for him, but rather daughters. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah and Noah, Hoglah, Milkah and Tirzah.

UST

3 Now Zelophehad son of Hepher, a descendant of Gilead, who had been the son of Makir and grandson of Manasseh, had no sons. He had only daughters, and their names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milkah, and Tirzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:4

ULT

4 And they came near before the face of Eleazar the priest and before the face of Joshua the son of Nun and before the face of the leaders, saying, “Yahweh commanded Moses to give to us an inheritance in the midst of our brothers.” And he gave to them an inheritance according to the mouth of Yahweh in the midst of the brothers of their father.

UST

4 These women went to Eleazar (the leader of all the priests), and to Joshua and the other Israelite leaders. They said, “We want you to give us some land, because Yahweh told Moses that he should give to us some land, just as you have given to the men in our tribe.” So Eleazar did what Yahweh had commanded: He assigned some land to them, just as he had done for their uncles.

Why did the daughters of Zelophehad approach Eleazer, Joshua, and the leaders?

The daughters of Zelophedad approached Eleazer, Joshua, and the leaders because they had no brothers to receive an inheritance.

What did Joshua do for the daughters of Zelophedad?

Joshua gave the daughters of Zelophedad an inheritance among the brothers of their father.

Joshua 17:5

ULT

5 And ten measured portions of Manasseh fell, apart from the land of the Gilead and the Bashan, which were from the other side of the Jordan.

UST

5 So the tribe of Manasseh eventually had ten sections of land west of the Jordan River and two sections on the east side of the Jordan River in Gilead and Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:6

ULT

[6] For the daughters of Manasseh inherited an inheritance in the midst of his sons. And the land of the Gilead was for the remaining sons of Manasseh.

UST

[6] And these women in the tribe of Manasseh also were assigned land on the west side of the river just like the men. The other parts of Gilead were assigned to the rest of the people of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:7

ULT

[7] And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to the Mikmethath, which is on the face of Shechem. And the border went to the right to those dwelling at the spring of Tappuah.

UST

[7] The land assigned to the tribe of Manasseh was between the land where the tribe of Asher lives and Mikmethath, near Shechem. The border extended south to the spring of Tappuah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:8

ULT

[8] (The land of Tappuah was for Manasseh. And Tappuah at the border of Manasseh was for the sons of Ephraim.)

UST

[8] The land near the city of Tappuah belonged to the tribe of Manasseh. But Tappuah itself was on the border with the tribe of Ephraim and in fact belonged to the Ephraimites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:9

ULT

9 And the border went down to the wadi of Kanah, to the south of the wadi. These cities were for Ephraim in the midst of the cities of Manasseh. And the border of Manasseh was from north of the wadi, and its exits were at the sea.

UST

9 The border extended down south to the brook of Kanah, and all the cities south of that stream belonged to Manasseh. The border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook of Kanah; it extended to the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:10

ULT

10 To the south was for Ephraim, and to the north was for Manasseh, and the sea was its border. And it meets with Asher from the north and with Issachar from the sunrise.

UST

10 The land to the south belong to Ephraim and the land to the north belonged to the tribe of Manasseh; the Mediterranean Sea was Manasseh's border. The tribe of Asher was on the north side of the boundary, while the tribe of Issachar was to the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:11

ULT

11 And for Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher was Beth Shan and its daughters and Ibleam and its daughters and those who dwelled in Dor and its daughters and those who dwelled in En Dor and its daughters and those who dwelled in Taanach and its daughters and those who dwelled in Megiddo and its daughters, the three of Napheth.

UST

11 But there were cities inside the territory assigned to the tribes of Issachar and Asher, that, along with their surrounding villages, were in fact assigned to people from the tribe of Manasseh. These cities were Beth Shan, Ibleam, Dor, Endor, Taanach, and Megiddo (and the third city in the list is Napheth).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Manasseh were not able to take possession of these cities. And the Canaanite was determined to dwell in this land.

UST

12 The men of the tribe of Manasseh were not able to force the people who lived in those cities to leave, so the Canaanite people continued to live in their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:13

ULT

13 And it happened when the sons of Israel were strong, that they put the Canaanite to forced labor. And they did not completely dispossess them.

UST

13 When the people of Israel grew strong they forced those Canaanites to work for them as slaves but they were not able to take their land away from them.

What did the people of Israel do to the Canaanites when the Israelites grew strong?

When the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor.

Joshua 17:14

ULT

14 And the sons of Joseph spoke with Joshua, saying, “Why have you given to me one lot and one measured portion as an inheritance, and I am a numerous people, Yahweh has blessed me until up to now?”

UST

14 The descendants of Joseph (that is, the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh) said to Joshua, “You have assigned to us only one area of land, but we have a great number of people in our tribes. In every way Yahweh has blessed us, so why did you give us only a small portion of land to live on?”

What did the descendants of Joseph say to Joshua?

The descendants of Joseph said to Joshua that the hill country was not enough for their number.

Joshua 17:15

ULT

15 And Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up for yourself to the forest and clear for yourself there in the land of the Perizzite and the Rephaites. For the hill country of Ephraim is narrow for you.”

UST

15 Joshua replied to them, “Since you have a lot of people, go up and cut down the trees in the forest and make a place for your crops and for yourselves to live in the land of the Perizzites and the Raphaim. This is what you must do, since the hill country is too cramped for you to live there.”

What did Joshua say to the descendants of Joseph?

Joshua told the descendants of Joseph to go up by themselves to the forest and clear the land in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim.

Joshua 17:16

ULT

16 And the sons of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us, and the chariot of iron is with every Canaanite who dwells in the land of the valley, for those who are in Beth Shan and its daughters and those who are in the valley of Jezreel.”

UST

16 The people of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh replied, “The hill country is not big enough for us. But we cannot spread out into the plain because of the Canaanites who live on it. The Canaanites in Beth Shan and the surrounding villages have chariots with iron wheels.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:17

ULT

17 And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, “You are a numerous people and great power is for you. There will not be one lot for you.

UST

17 Joshua replied to the house of Joseph, that is, to Ephraim and Manasseh; he said, “Your people are indeed very numerous and very powerful. So I will make one more assignment of land for you:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 17:18

ULT

18 But the hill country will be for you, though it is a forest, and you will clear it and its exits will be for you. For you will dispossess the Canaanite, though the chariot of iron is for him, though he is strong.”

UST

18 the hill country will belong to you, too. You will have to cut down the trees in order to make it your own, and to make a place for you to live. You will drive out the Canaanites, even though they are strong and have chariots with iron wheels.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18

Joshua 18:1

ULT

[1] And all the congregation of the sons of Israel assembled at Shiloh and placed the Tent of Meeting there. And the land was subdued before their face.

UST

[1] The entire assembly of the people of Israel met together at Shiloh. There they set up the tent where they worshiped Yahweh. There was no more war in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:2

ULT

[2] And seven tribes remained among the sons of Israel that had not apportioned their inheritance.

UST

[2] However, there seven tribes of Israel had not yet been assigned any land.

When the assembly of the people met at Shiloh, how many tribes of the people of Israel had not been assigned an inheritance?

When the assembly of the people met at Shiloh, seven tribes of the people of Israel had not been assigned an inheritance.

Joshua 18:3

ULT

[3] And Joshua said to the sons of Israel, “Until when will you be showing yourselves slack to enter to possess the land that Yahweh the God of your fathers has given to you?

UST

[3] Joshua said to the people of Israel, “Why are you waiting such a long time? How long are you going to delay going into the land that Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors worshiped, has promised to give to you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:4

ULT

[4] Provide for yourselves three men according to the tribe. And I will send them out and they will rise and walk about in the land and write it down according to the mouth of their inheritance and come to me.

UST

[4] Choose three men from each of your seven tribes. I will send them out to explore the parts of the land which you have not occupied yet. When they finish, they will write a report to tell you what the land is like. They will also make a map to show you where cities and important places are located and which tribe will live in which area.

Who did Joshua send out to survey the land up and down?

Joshua sent out three men from each of the seven tribes to survey the land up and down.

What were the three men from each tribe to report to Joshua?

The three men from each tribe were to write out a description of the land, with a view to their inheritances, and then they were to come back to Joshua.

Joshua 18:5

ULT

[5] And they will apportion it among themselves for seven portions. Judah will stand on its border from the south, and the house of Joseph will stand on their border from the north.

UST

[5] They will divide the remaining land into seven parts. The tribe of Judah will keep its land in the south, and the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh will keep their land in the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:6

ULT

[6] And you will write down the land in seven portions and bring them here to me. And I will throw a lot for you here before the face of Yahweh our God.

UST

[6] But in their report, the men from the seven tribes should describe the seven parts of the remaining land that they wish to receive, and bring the report to me. While Yahweh is watching, I will cast lots to decide which land should be assigned to each tribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:7

ULT

7 But there is no portion within you for the Levites because the priesthood of Yahweh is their inheritance. And Gad and Reuben and the half of the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance from the other side of the Jordan toward sunrise, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave to them."

UST

7 But the tribe of Levi will not be assigned any land, because their reward is to be Yahweh's priests. The tribes of Gad, Reuben, and the half tribe of Manasseh have already been assigned their land on the east side of the Jordan River, just as Moses, the man who served God well, decided, so they will not get any more land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:8

ULT

8 And the men rose and went. And Joshua commanded the ones who went to write down the land, saying, "Go and walk about in the land and write it down and return to me. And I will throw a lot for you here before the face of Yahweh in Shiloh."

UST

8 When the men who were chosen got ready to leave, Joshua told them, "Go and explore the land. Then write a report of what you have seen, and bring it back to me. Then while Yahweh is watching, I will cast lots here at Shiloh, to determine what area each tribe will receive."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:9

ULT

9 And the men went and passed over in the land and wrote it down on a book according to the cities in seven portions. And they came to Joshua, to the camp at Shiloh.

UST

9 So the men left and walked through the area. Then they described in a scroll each of the seven parts into which they had divided the land, together with their cities. Then they returned to Joshua, who was still at Shiloh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:10

ULT

10 And Joshua threw a lot for them in Shiloh before the face of Yahweh. And there Joshua apportioned the land to the sons of Israel according to their portions.

UST

10 After Joshua read their report at Shiloh, while Yahweh was watching, he cast lots to choose which land would be assigned to each of the seven Israelite tribes.

What did Joshua do after the men returned to him after making the survey?

Joshua cast lots for them at Shiloh before Yahweh when the men returned from surveying the land.

Joshua 18:11

ULT

11 And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their clans went up. And the border of their lot went out between the sons of Judah and the sons of Joseph.

UST

11 The first tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Benjamin. Each clan in that tribe was assigned some of the land that was between the area that was assigned to the tribe of Judah and the area that was assigned to the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

Between what two tribes was the tribe of Benjamin assigned as an inheritance?

The tribe of Benjamin was assigned as an inheritance the land between the descendants of Judah and the descendants of Joseph.

Joshua 18:12

ULT

12 And the border for them was to the side to the north from the Jordan. And the border went up to the shoulder of Jericho from the north and went up in the hill country to the west. And its exits were at the wilderness of Beth Aven.

UST

12 The northern border started at the Jordan River and extended west along the northern side of Jericho, into the hill country. From there the border extended west to the wilderness near Beth Aven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:13

ULT

13 And the border passed over from there toward Luz, to the shoulder of Luz to the south (it is Bethel). And the border went down to Ataroth Addar, beside the mountain that is from south of Lower Beth Horon.

UST

13 From there it extended south to Luz (which is now called Bethel). From there it goes down to Ataroth Addar, which is on the hill south of Lower Beth Horon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:14

ULT

14 And the border turned and went around at the side of the west toward the south, from the mountain that is on the face of Beth Horon to the south. And its exits were at Kiriath Baal (it is Kiriath Jearim, a city of the sons of Judah). This was the side of the west.

UST

14 At the hill south of Beth Horon, the border turned and extended south to Kiriath Baal (which is also named Kiriath Jearim). That is a town where people of the tribe of Judah live. That was the western border.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:15

ULT

15 And the side to the south was from the end of Kiriath Jearim. And the border went out to the west and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoah.

UST

15 The south border of their land started near Kiriath Jearim and extended west to the springs of Nephtoah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:16

ULT

16 And the border then went down to the end of the mountain that is on the face of the valley of Ben Hinnom, which is in the valley of the Rephaites to the north. And it went down the valley of Hinnom to the shoulder of the Jebusite to the south and went down En Rogel.

UST

16 From there it extended down to the bottom of the hill, near the Valley of Ben Hinnom, on the north side of the Valley of Rephaim. The border extended down along the Hinnom Valley, south of the city where the Jebusites lived, to En Rogel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:17

ULT

17 Then it turned northward and went out to En Shemesh and went out to Geliloth, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim. Then it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

UST

17 From there the border extended west to En Shemesh and continued to Geliloth near the hill of Adummim. Then it extended to the great stone of Reuben's son Bohan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:18

ULT

18 And it passed over to the shoulder of the front of the Arabah to the north and went down to the Arabah.

UST

18 From there the border extended to the northern edge of Beth Arabah and down into the plain along the Jordan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:19

ULT

19 And the border passed over to the shoulder of Beth Hoglah to the north. And the exits of the border were at the tongue of the Sea of Salt to the north, at the end of the Jordan to the south. This was the border of the south.

UST

19 From there it extended east to the northern edge of Beth Hoglah and ended at the north end of the Dead Sea, where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea. That was the boundary on the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:20

ULT

20 And the Jordan borders it to the side toward the east. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin, according to its borders all around, according to their clans.

UST

20 The Jordan River was the eastern boundary of the land assigned to the tribe of Benjamin. Those were the boundaries of the land assigned to them, each border well described in turn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:21

ULT

21 And the cities of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin, according to their clans, were: Jericho and Beth Hoglah and the valley of Keziz

UST

21 The cities in the land assigned to the tribe of Benjamin were Jericho, Beth Hoglah, Emek Keziz,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:22

ULT

22 and Beth Arabah and Zemaraim and Bethel

UST

22 Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:23

ULT
23 and the Avvim, and the Parah, and Ophrah,

UST
23 Avvim, Parah, Ophrah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:24

ULT
24 and Kephar Ammoni and the Ophni and Geba; 12 cities and their villages.

UST
24 Kephar Ammoni, Ophni, and Geba. Altogether there were fourteen cities, not counting their villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:25

ULT
25 Gibeon and the Ramah and Beeroth

UST
25 The tribe of Benjamin also had the cities of Gibeon, Ramah, Beeroth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:26

ULT
26 and the Mizpah and the Kephirah and the Mozah

UST
26 Mizpah, Kephirah, Mozah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:27

ULT

27 and Rekem and Irpeel and Taralah

UST

27 Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 18:28

ULT

28 and Zelah, Haeleph, and the Jebusite (it is Jerusalem), Gibeah, Kiriath; 14 cities and their villages. This was the inheritance of the sons of Benjamin according to their clans.

UST

28 Zelah, Haeleph, Jebus (the city where the Jebusites lived, which is now called Jerusalem), Gibeah, and Kiriath. Altogether there were fourteen cities, not counting their villages. All that area was assigned to the clans of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19

Joshua 19:1

ULT

[1] And the second lot went out for Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their clans. And their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.

UST

[1] The second tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Simeon. Each clan in that tribe was assigned some land that was in the middle of Judah's territory.

The second casting of lots fell to which tribe?
The second casting of lots fell to Simeon.

Joshua 19:2

ULT

[2] And with their inheritance for them was Beersheba and Sheba and Moladah

UST

[2] Simeon's land included the following cities: Beer Sheba, Sheba, Moladah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:3

ULT

[3] and Hazar Shual and Balah and Ezem

UST

[3] Hazarshual, Balah, Ezem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:4

ULT

[4] and Eltolad and Bethul and Hormah

UST

[4] Eltolad, Bethul, and Hormah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:5

ULT

[5] and Ziklag and Beth Markaboth and Hazar Susah

UST

[5] Simeon’s land also included the cities of Ziklag, Beth Markaboth. Hazarsusah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:6

ULT

[6] and Beth Lebaoth and Sharuhen; 13 cities and their villages.

UST

[6] Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhen. There were thirteen cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:7

ULT

[7] Ain, Rimmon and Ether and Ashan; four cities and their villages

UST

[7] The land assigned to Simeon also included the four cities of Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan, and their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:8

ULT

8 and all the villages that were around these cities as far as Baalath Beer (Ramah of the Negev). This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their clans.

UST

8 They were also assigned some villages in an area that extended south to Baalath Beer (which is also called Ramah in the southern wilderness). That was the land assigned to the clans of the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:9

ULT

9 Some of the measured portion of the sons of Judah was the inheritance of the sons of Simeon. For the portion of the sons of Judah was greater than them, so the sons of Simeon inherited in the midst of their inheritance.

UST

9 The tribe of Judah had been assigned much more land than they needed, so part of their land was given to the tribe of Simeon.

The inheritance to Simeon came out of the territory of what tribe?

The inheritance to Simeon came out of the territory of the tribe of Judah.

Why did the inheritance of Simeon come out of the territory of Judah?

The inheritance of Simeon came out of the territory of Judah because that territory was too large for Judah.

Joshua 19:10

ULT

10 And the third lot went up for the sons of Zebulun according to their clans. And the border of their inheritance was up to Sarid.

UST

10 The third tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Zebulun. Each clan of that tribe was assigned some of the land. The southern border started at Sarid.

The third casting of lots fell to what tribe?

The third casting of lots fell to the tribe of Zebulun.

Joshua 19:11

ULT

11 And their border went up toward the sea and Maralah and it met with Dabbesheth and met at the wadi that is on the face of Jokneam.

UST

11 It extended west to Maralah and on to Dabbesheth, and extended to the brook in front of the city of Jokneam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:12

ULT

12 And it turned from Sarid toward the east, the rising of the sun, beside the border of Kisloth Tabor. And it went out to the Daberath and went up Japhia.

UST

12 The border turned to the east from Sarid and went to the area near Chisloth Tabor and then on to Daberath, and farther on to Japhia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:13

ULT

13 And from there it passed over toward the east, toward the sunrise, to Gath Hepher, to Eth Kazin. And it went out to Rimmon, turning toward Neah.

UST

13 From there it extended east to Gath Hepher and Eth Kazin, and north to Rimmon. From there the border turned toward Neah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:14

ULT

14 And the border went around it from the north of Hannathon (and its exits were the valley of Iphtah El),

UST

14 From Neah the border extended south to Hannathon and from there to the Valley of Iphtah El.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:15

ULT
15 and Kattath and Nahalal and Shimron and Idalah and Bethlehem; 12 cities and their villages.

UST
15 Zebulun's area included the cities of Kattath, Nahalal, Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem. Altogether there were twelve cities, together with their nearby villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:16

ULT
16 This was the inheritance of the sons of Zebulun according to their clans—these cities and their villages.

UST
16 That was the land that was allotted to the clans of the tribe of Zebulun, including the cities and their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:17

ULT
17 The fourth lot went out for Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their clans.

UST
17 The fourth tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Issachar. Each of the clans of that tribe was assigned some of the land.

The fourth casting of lots fell to what tribe?
The fourth casting of lots fell to the tribe of Issachar.

Joshua 19:18

ULT
18 And their border was toward Jezreel and the Chesulloth and Shunem

UST
18 Their land included the cities of Jezreel, Kesulloth, Shunem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:19

ULT
19 and Hapharaim and Shion and Anaharath

UST
19 Hapharaim, Shion, and Anaharath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:20

ULT
20 and the Rabbith and Kishion and Ebez

UST
20 Issachar's land also included the cities of Rabbith, Kishion, Ebez,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:21

ULT
21 and Remeth and En Gannim and En Haddah and Beth Pazzez.

UST
21 Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and Beth Pazzez.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:22

ULT
22 And the border met with Tabor, and Shahazumah and Beth Shemesh. And the exits of their border were at the Jordan; 16 cities and their villages.

UST
22 The border of the area that was assigned to the tribe of Issachar was close to the cities of Tabor, Shahazumah, and Beth Shemesh, and ended in the east at the Jordan River. Altogether there were sixteen cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:23

ULT
23 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Issachar according to their clans—their cities and their villages.

UST
23 Those cities and surrounding villages were in the land assigned to the clans of the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:24

ULT
24 And the fifth lot went out for the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their clans.

UST
24 The fifth tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Asher. Each of the clans in that tribe was assigned some of the land.

The fifth casting of lots fell to what tribe?
The fifth casting of lots fell to the tribe of Asher.

Joshua 19:25

ULT
25 And their border was Helkath and Hali and Beten and Akshaph

UST
25 Their land included the cities of Helkath, Hali, Beten, Akshaph,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:26

ULT
26 and Allammelek and Amad and Mishall. And it met with Carmel toward the sea and with Shihor Libnath.

UST
26 Allammelek, Amad, and Mishal. The western border started at Mount Carmel and Shihorlibnath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:27

ULT

27 And it turned back toward the rising of the sun to Beth Dagon and it met with Zebulun and with the valley of Iphtah El to the north, Beth Emek, and Neiel. And it went out to Kabul from the left

UST

27 From there it extended southeast to the city of Bethdagon, and then to the area that was allotted to the tribe of Zebulun, and farther to the Valley of Iphtah El. From there the border extended east and then north to Beth Emek and Neiel and Kabul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:28

ULT

28 and Abdon and Rehob and Hammon and Kanah, as far as Great Sidon.

UST

28 From there it extended west to the cities of Abdon, Rehob, Hammon, and Kanah, and continued to Sidon, which was a very large city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:29

ULT

29 And the border turned back to the Ramah and up to the city of fortification of Tyre. And the border turned back to Hosah, and its exits were to the sea, from the measured portion of Akzib

UST

29 From Sidon, the border extended south toward Ramah and to the very large city of Tyre that had strong walls around it. From there the border extended west to Hosah and ended at the Mediterranean Sea, in the region of Aczib,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:30

ULT
30 and Ummah and Aphek and Rehob; 22 cities and their villages.

UST
30 Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob. Altogether there were twenty-two cities, together with their surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:31

ULT
31 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their clans—these cities and their villages.

UST
31 Those cities and their villages were within the land that was assigned to the clans of the tribe of Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:32

ULT
32 The sixth lot went out for the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Napthali according to their clans.

UST
32 The sixth tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Naphtali. Each of the clans in that tribe was assigned some of the land.

The sixth casting of lots fell to what tribe?
The sixth casting of lots fell to the tribe of Naphtali.

Joshua 19:33

ULT

33 And their border was from Heleph, from the oak in Zaanannim and Adami Nekeb and Jabneel, as far as Lakkum. And its exits were at the Jordan.

UST

33 The border of Naphtali's land started in the west at the huge oak tree at Zaanannim, near the city of Heleph. It extended east through Adami Nekeb and Jabneel, then to Lakkum, and ended at the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:34

ULT

34 And the border turned back toward the west to Aznoth Tabor and went out from there to Hukkok. And it met with Zebulun from the south and met with Asher from the west and with Judah at the Jordan at the rising of the sun.

UST

34 The western boundary extended through Aznothtabor as far as Hukkok. It extended to the borders of the tribe of Zebulun at the south, to the border of the tribe of Asher on the west, and the to Jordan River to the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:35

ULT

35 And the cities of fortification were the Ziddim, Zer and Hammath, Rakkath and Kinnereth

UST

35 Within their land were many cities with strong walls around them. These cities were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinnereth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:36

ULT
36 and Adamah and the Ramah and Hazor

UST
36 Adamah, Ramah, Hazor,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:37

ULT
37 and Kedesh and Edrei and En Hazor

UST
37 Kedesh, Edrei, and Enhazor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:38

ULT
38 and Yiron and Migdal El, Horem and Beth Anath and Beth Shemesh; 19 cities and their villages.

UST
38 Naphtali's cities with strong walls also included Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Bethanath, and Bethshemesh. Altogether there were nineteen cities, together with their surrounding villages.

How many cities were included in the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali?
The inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali included nineteen cities.

Joshua 19:39

ULT
39 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Naphtali according to their clans—the cities and their villages.

UST
39 Those cities and surrounding villages were in the land that was assigned to the clans of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:40

ULT
40 The seventh lot went out for the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their clans.

UST
40 The seventh tribe that was assigned land was the tribe of Dan. Each of the clans in that tribe was assigned some of the land.

The seventh casting of lots fell to which tribe?
The seventh casting of lots fell to the tribe of Dan.

Joshua 19:41

ULT
41 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah and Eshtaol and Ir Shemesh

UST
41 Their land included the cities of Zorah, Eshtaol, Ir Shemesh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:42

ULT
42 and Shaalabbin and Aijalon and Ithlah

UST
42 Shaalabbin, Aijalon, and Ithlah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:43

ULT
43 and Elon and Timnah and Ekron

UST
43 Dan’s land also included the cities of Elon, Timnah, Ekron,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:44

ULT
44 and Eltekeh and Gibbethon and Baalath

UST
44 Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:45

ULT
45 and Jehud and Bene Berak and Gath Rimmon

UST
45 Jehud, Beneberak, Gath Rimmon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:46

ULT
46 and the waters of the Jarkon and the Rakkon with the territory in front of Joppa.

UST
46 Mejarkon, Rakkon, and the area near Joppa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:47

ULT
47 And the border of the sons of Dan went out from them. And the sons of Dan went up and fought against Leshem and captured it and struck it down by the mouth of the sword. And they possessed it and settled in it and called Leshem Dan, like the name of Dan their father.

UST
47 But the people of the tribe of Dan were unable to take control of the land that had been assigned to them. So they went northeast and fought against the people in the city of Leshem. They defeated and killed all those people. Then they settled down to live in Leshem, and changed the name of the city to Dan, the man from whom their tribe descended.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:48

ULT

48 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their clans—these cities and their villages.

UST

48 All of those cities and surrounding villages were in the land that was assigned to the clans in the tribe of Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:49

ULT

49 And they finished inheriting the land according to its borders. And the sons of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them.

UST

49 After the Israelite leaders had divided the land among the tribes, they also assigned some land to Joshua.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 19:50

ULT

50 In accordance with the mouth of Yahweh they gave to him the city that he asked for: Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim. And he built the city and dwelled in it.

UST

50 They assigned to him the city of Timnath Serah. Yahweh had said that he could have whatever city he wanted, and that was the city that he chose. It was in the hill country that had been assigned to the tribe of Ephraim. Joshua rebuilt the city and lived there.

What inheritance did the people of Israel give to Joshua when they had finished the allocation of the land?

The people of Israel gave to Joshua by command of Yahweh the city for which he asked, Timnath Serah.

Joshua 19:51

ULT

51 These are the inheritances that Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel apportioned as an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the face of Yahweh at the opening of the tent of meeting. And they finished from apportioning the land.

UST

51 Those were the areas that were assigned to the various tribes of Israel. Eleazar (the leader of all the priests), Joshua, and the leaders of each tribe divided up the land while they were all at Shiloh, by casting lots to decide which area each tribe would receive. They did that while Yahweh was watching at the entrance of the sacred tent. In that way they completed dividing up the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 20

Joshua 20:1

ULT
1 And Yahweh spoke to Joshua, saying,

UST
1 Then Yahweh said to Joshua,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 20:2

ULT
2 “Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘Give for yourselves the cities of refuge, which I spoke about to you by the hand of Moses,

UST
2 “Tell the Israelite people that they should choose some cities to which people can run in order to be safe, as I told Moses that you should do.

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to say to the people?
Yahweh told Joshua to say to the people that they should appoint the cities of refuge.

Joshua 20:3

ULT
3 so that the one who kills, who strikes down a person by mistake without knowledge, may flee to there. And they will be for you as a refuge from the avenger of blood.

UST
3 If someone kills another person accidentally, without intending to kill that person, then he can run to one of these cities and be safe.

What is a city of refuge?
A city of refuge is a city where someone who has unintentionally killed a person can go to escape anyone who seeks to avenge the blood of a person who was killed.

Joshua 20:4

ULT

4 And he shall flee into one from these cities and stand at the opening of the gate of the city and speak his words in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall gather him into the city to themselves and give to him a place and he shall dwell with them.

UST

4 When that person arrives at the gate of one of those cities, he must stop there and tell the leaders of the city what happened. If they believe him, they must allow him to enter the city, and they must give him a place to live among them.

To whom and where would the person who killed another explain his case?
The person who had killed another would stand at the city gate and explain his case to the elders of that city.

Joshua 20:5

ULT

5 And if the avenger of blood pursues after him, then they shall not deliver the one who kills into his hand. For without knowledge he struck down his neighbor and he was not hating him from yesterday and three days ago.

UST

5 If some relative of the dead person comes to that city to get revenge, the leaders of that city must not allow the relative to take the killer, because what happened was accidental. He did not hate that person; he did not deliberately kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 20:6

ULT

6 And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the face of the congregation for judgment, until the death of he who is the great priest in those days. Then the one who kills may return and enter into his city and into his house, into the city that he fled from.'"

UST

6 The person who killed someone else must stay in that city until the city judges put him on trial. Only if the judges decide that the person who has run to their city did not deliberately kill the other person will they allow him to stay in that city, and he must stay there until the high priest who was serving at the time of the offense dies. Then the man may safely go back to his own home."

After a person fled to the city of refuge and stood before the assembly for judgment, what else had to happen before he was allowed to return to his home?
He could not leave the city of refuge and return home until the death of the high priest.

Joshua 20:7

ULT

[7] And they set apart Kedesh in the Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and Kiriath Arba (it is Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.

UST

[7] So the Israelites chose these cities to be cities to which people could run to be safe: Kedesh in the region of Galilee, in the hill country where the tribe of Naphtali lived; Shechem in the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim lived; and Kiriath Arba (which is now called Hebron) in the hill country where the tribe of Judah lived;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 20:8

ULT

[8] And from the other side of the Jordan, to Jericho toward the sunrise, they gave Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau from the tribe of Reuben and Ramoth in the Gilead from the tribe of Gad and Golan in the Bashan from the tribe of Manasseh.

UST

[8] Bezer, on the east side of the Jordan River near Jericho, in the wilderness, where the tribe of Reuben lived; Ramoth in the region of Gilead, in the land where the tribe of Gad lived; and Golan in the region of Bashan, where the tribe of Manasseh lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 20:9

ULT

[9] These were the cities of appointment for all the sons of Israel and for the sojourner who sojourned in the midst of them, so that all who struck down a person by mistake could flee to there and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he stood before the face of the assembly.

UST

[9] Any Israelite or any foreigner who lived among them, anyone who had killed someone accidentally, was allowed to run to one of those cities. There he would be safe from some relative of the person who died coming there and killing him to get revenge. He could stay in that city until he was put on trial to decide whether he was telling the truth when he said that he did not kill that person on purpose.

What would the accused person do in the city of refuge to avoid being killed by the one who wanted to avenge the shed blood?

The accused person would first stand before the assembly.

Joshua 21

Joshua 21:1

ULT

[1] And the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Eleazar the priest and to Joshua the son of Nun and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the sons of Israel.

UST

[1] The leaders of the clans of the Levites came to Shiloh to speak with Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and the heads of the clans of the people of Israel.

Who asked the people of Israel to give them cities to live in and pasture lands for their livestock? (vv1-2)
The clans of the Levites asked the people of Israel to give them cities to live in and pasture lands for their livestock.

Joshua 21:2

ULT

[2] And they spoke to them in Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, “Yahweh commanded by the hand of Moses to give to us cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for our livestock.”

UST

[2] They said to them, “Yahweh commanded Moses that you should give us cities where we can live and where we can have pasture for our animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:3

ULT

[3] And the sons of Israel gave these cities and their pasturelands to the Levites from their inheritance, according to the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

[3] So the Israelite leaders obeyed this command from Yahweh. They gave cities and pasturelands to the tribe of Levi out of their own lands that had been assigned to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:4

ULT

4 And the lot went out for the clans of the Kohathites. And there were 13 cities by the lot for the sons of Aaron the priest (from the Levites) from the tribe of Judah and from the tribe of the Simeonite and from the tribe of Benjamin.

UST

4 First Israelite leaders cast lots to assign some cities to the descendants of Kohath. These were clans that were the descendants of Aaron. They assigned thirteen cities in areas that the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin possessed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:5

ULT

5 And for the remaining sons of Kohath were ten cities by the lot from the clans of the tribes of Ephraim and from the tribe of Dan and from the half of the tribe of Manasseh.

UST

5 To the other clans descended from Kohath, Israelite leaders assigned ten cities in areas that the tribes of Ephraim and Dan possessed, as well as the part of the tribe of Manasseh that lives on the west side of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:6

ULT

6 And for the sons of Gershon were 13 cities by the lot from the clans of the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the half of the tribe of Manasseh in the Bashan.

UST

6 To the people in the clans descended from Gershon, Israelite leaders assigned thirteen cities the areas that the tribes of Issachar, Asher, and Naphtali possessed, as well as the half tribe of Manasseh in region of Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:7

ULT

7 For the sons of Merari according to their clans were 12 cities from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun.

UST

7 To the people in the clans descended from Merari, the Israelite leaders assigned twelve cities in areas that the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun possessed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:8

ULT

8 And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites by the lot these cities and their pasturelands, just as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.

UST

8 In this way, the Israelite leaders gave cities and pasturelands to the tribe of Levi, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses that they should do.

How did the people of Israel determine the cities and pasture lands to be given to the Levites?

The people of Israel determined the cities and pasture lands to be given to the Levites by casting lots, just as Yahweh had commanded.

Joshua 21:9

ULT

9 And they gave from the tribe of the sons of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon these cities, them which were called by name.

UST

9 These are the names of the cities and surrounding pasturelands that the Israelite leaders assigned to the tribe of Levi in areas where the tribes of Judah and Simeon lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:10

ULT

10 And they were for the sons of Aaron from the clans of the Kohathites from the sons of Levi because the first lot was for them.

UST

10 First, the Israelite leaders assigned cities to certain clans descended from Kohath, the clans of Aaron's descendants, those in the tribe of Levi who served as priests. The Israelite leaders cast lots first for these clans descended from Kohath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:11

ULT

11 And they gave to them Kiriath Arba, the father of the Anak (it is Hebron), in the hill country of Judah and its pasturelands around it.

UST

11 The Israelite leaders assigned to them Kiriath Arba (which is now called Hebron), in the hill country of Judah (Arba had been the father of Anak). They also gave the pasturelands around the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:12

ULT

12 And the field of the city and its villages they had given to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as his possession.

UST

12 However, the Israelite leaders had already assigned the cultivated fields and villages surrounding Kiriath Arba to Caleb son of Jephunneh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:13

ULT

13 And to the sons of Aaron the priest they gave a city of refuge of the one who kills, Hebron and its pasturelands and Libnah and its pasturelands

UST

13 In this way, the Israelite leaders assigned Hebron to the descendants of Aaron the priest. Hebron was one of the cities to which people could run if they accidentally killed a person. To Aaron's descendants they also gave the cities of Libnah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:14

ULT

14 and Jattir and its pasturelands and Eshtemoa and its pasturelands

UST

14 Jattir with its pasturelands, and Eshtemoa with its pasturelands,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:15

ULT

15 and Holon and its pasturelands and Debir and its pasturelands

UST

15 They also gave Holon with its pasturelands, and Debir with its pasturelands,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:16

ULT

16 and Ain and its pasturelands and Juttah and its pasturelands and Beth Shemesh and its pasturelands; nine cities from with the two of these tribes.

UST

16 Ain, Juttah, and Bethshemesh—nine cities with all their pasturelands. These cities were located in the areas that the tribes of Judah and Simeon had possessed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:17

ULT
17 And from the tribe of Benjamin were Gibeon and its pasturelands, Geba and its pasturelands,

UST
17 The Israelite leaders also gave the descendants of Aaron some cities in the area that the tribe of Benjamin possessed: Gibeon, Geba,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:18

ULT
18 Anathoth and its pasturelands, and Almon and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST
18 Anathoth, and Almon—four cities with all their pasturelands.

How many cities were given to the descendants of Aaron?
The descendants of Aaron received clans of Merari cities in all.

Joshua 21:19

ULT
19 All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were 13 cities and their pasturelands.

UST
19 Altogether there were thirteen cities with their surrounding pastureland that the Israelite leaders assigned to the priests, the descendants of Aaron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:20

ULT
20 And for the clans of the sons of Kohath, the Levites, the remaining ones from the sons of Kohath, were the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim.

UST
20 The other clans descended from Kohath received four cities in the area that the tribe of Ephraim possessed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:21

ULT

21 And they gave to them a city of refuge of the one who kills, Shechem and its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim and Gezer and its pasturelands

UST

21 To them were given Shechem with its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, which was a city of refuge for anyone who killed a person unintentionally, and Gezer with its pasturelands,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:22

ULT

22 and Kibzaim and its pasturelands and Beth Horon and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST

22 Kibzaim, and Beth Horon—four cities with all their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:23

ULT

23 And from the tribe of Dan were Eltekeh and its pasturelands, Gibbethon and its pasturelands,

UST

23 These particular clans descended from Kohath also received four cities with their surrounding pasturelands in the area that the tribe of Dan possessed. These cities were Eltekeh, Gibbethon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:24

ULT

24 Aijalon and its pasturelands, Gath Rimmon and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST

24 Aijalon, and Gath Rimmon—four cities with all their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:25

ULT

25 And from the half of the tribe of Manasseh were Taanach and its pasturelands and Gath Rimmon and its pasturelands; two cities.

UST

25 These clans descended from Kohath also received two cities from the area that the tribe of Manasseh possessed. These cities were Taanach and Gath Rimmon—two cities with all their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:26

ULT

26 All the ten cities and their pasturelands were for the remaining clans of the sons of Kohath.

UST

26 There were ten cities in all, together with their surrounding pasturelands, that these particular clans descended from Kohath received.

How many cities were given to the family of Kohath?

The family of Kohath received ten cities in all.

Joshua 21:27

ULT

27 And for the sons of Gershon from the clans of the Levites, from the half of the tribe of Manasseh was a city of refuge of the one who kills, Golan in the Bashan and its pasturelands, and Be Eshterah and its pasturelands; two cities.

UST

27 The Israelite leaders also cast lots in order to assign cities and their surrounding pasturelands to the clans descended from Gershon. These clans were also descendants of Levi. So these clans received two cities from the area the tribe of Manasseh received—that is, the half of the tribe that had settled down on the east side of the Jordan River. Those cities were Golan in the region of Bashan, which was one of the cities to which people could run, and Beeshtarah—two cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:28

ULT

28 And from the tribe of Issachar were Kishion and its pasturelands, Daberath and its pasturelands,

UST

28 These clans also received some cities from the area that the tribe of Issachar possessed. Those cities were Kishion, Daberath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:29

ULT

29 Jarmuth and its pasturelands, En Gannim and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST

29 Jarmuth, and En Gannim—four cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:30

ULT

30 And from the tribe of Asher were Mishal and its pasturelands, Abdon and its pasturelands,

UST

30 These clans received some cities from the area that the tribe of Asher possessed. These cities were Mishal, Abdon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:31

ULT

31 Helkath and its pasturelands, and Rehob and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST

31 Helkath, and Rehob—four cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:32

ULT

32 And from the tribe of Naphtali were a city of refuge of the one who killed, Kedesh in the Galilee and its pasturelands and Hammoth Dor and its pasturelands and Kartan and its pasturelands; three cities.

UST

32 These clans received some cities from the area that the tribe of Naphtali possessed. These cities were Kedesh in the region of Galilee (one of the cities to which people could run if they killed a person unintentionally), Hammoth Dor, and Kartan—three cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:33

ULT

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their clans were 13 cities and their pasturelands.

UST

33 Altogether, therefore, the Gershonite received thirteen cities, together with their surrounding pasturelands.

How many cities were given to the clans of Gershon?

The clans of Gershon received clans of Merari cities in all.

Joshua 21:34

ULT

34 And for the clans of the sons of Merari, the remaining Levites, from with the tribe of Zebulun were Jokneam and its pasturelands, Kartah and its pasturelands,

UST

34 The Israelite leaders also assigned cities to the rest of the Levites, that is, the people who belonged to the clans descended from Merari. These clans received some cities in areas that the tribe of Zebulun possessed. These cities were Jokneam, Kartah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:35

ULT
35 Dimnah and its pasturelands, Nahalal and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST
35 Dimnah, and Nahalal—four cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:36

ULT
36 And from the tribe of Reuben were Bezer and its pasturelands and Jahaz and its pasturelands,

UST
36 The clans descended from Merari also received cities in the area that the tribe of Reuben possessed. These cities were Bezer, Jahaz,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:37

ULT
37 Kedemoth and its pasturelands and Mephaath and its pasturelands; four cities.

UST
37 Kedemoth, and Mephaath—four cities with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:38

ULT
38 And from the tribe of Gad were a city of refuge of the one who killed, Ramoth in the Gilead and its pasturelands and Mahanaim and its pasturelands,

UST
38 The clans descended from Merari also received cities in the area that the tribe of Gad possessed. These cities were Ramoth, which was one of the cities in Gilead to which people could run if they killed a person unintentionally, and Mahanaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:39

ULT
39 Heshbon and its pasturelands, Jazer and its pasturelands; all of the cities were four.

UST
39 There were also the cities of Heshbon, and Jazer—four cities in all, together with their pasturelands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:40

ULT
40 All the cities for the sons of Merari according to their clans, the remaining ones from the clans of the Levites, were 12 cities by their lot.

UST
40 In all the clans descended from Merari received twelve cities because the Israelite leaders had cast lots for them.

How many cities were given to the clans of Merari?
The clans of Merari received twelve cities in all.

Joshua 21:41

ULT
41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were 48 cities and their pasturelands.

UST
41 So the Levites received all together forty-eight cities from the areas that the other tribes of Israel possessed, as well as the pasturelands belonging to those cities.

How many cities were given to all the Levites from the middle of the land possessed by the people of Israel?
Forty-eight cities, including their pasture lands, were given to the Levites from the middle of the land.

Joshua 21:42

ULT

42 These cities were city by city, and its pasturelands were around it. It was so for all these cities.

UST

42 These cities each had surrounding pastureland.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:43

ULT

43 And Yahweh gave to Israel all the land that he had sworn to give to their fathers. And they possessed it and dwelled in it.

UST

43 It was in this way that Yahweh assigned to the Israelite people all the land that he had promised to give to their ancestors. The Israelite people took control of these areas and settled down in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 21:44

ULT

44 And Yahweh gave rest to them from all around, according to all that he had sworn to their fathers. And a man did not stand against their face from all their enemies. Yahweh gave all their enemies into their hand.

UST

44 Just as he had promised their ancestors, Yahweh allowed them to have peace with the enemies that surrounded them. None of their enemies defeated them. Yahweh helped Israel defeat all their enemies.

What had Yahweh sworn to the ancestors of the Israelites?

Yahweh had sworn to give them the land they possessed, and rest on every side.

Joshua 21:45

ULT

45 A word did not fall from every good word that Yahweh had spoken to the house of Israel The whole came to be.

UST

45 Yahweh kept every promise he made to the Israelites. Every promise came true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22

Joshua 22:1

ULT

[1] Then Joshua called to the Reubenite and to the Gadite and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh.

UST

[1] Joshua then summoned the leaders of the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

What commendation did Joshua give to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh? (vv1-3)
Joshua commended them by saying the had done everything that Moses and Joshua had commanded them and that they had not deserted their brothers but had been careful to obey Yahweh their God.

Joshua 22:2

ULT

[2] And he said to them, “You yourselves have kept all that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you. And you have listened to my voice according to all that I have commanded you.

UST

[2] He said to them, “You have done everything that Moses the servant of Yahweh, commanded you to do. You have also done what I commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:3

ULT

[3] You have not forsaken your brothers this many days, until this day. And you have kept the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh your God.

UST

[3] For a long time you have helped the other tribes to defeat their enemies. You have obeyed everything that Yahweh your God taught you and commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:4

ULT

4 And now Yahweh your God has given rest to your brothers, just as he spoke to them. And now, turn and go for yourselves to your tents, to the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Yahweh gave to you on the other side of the Jordan.

UST

4 He promised to give peace to your fellow Israelites, and he has done what he promised. So now you may go back to your homes, to the land that Moses gave to you, on the east side of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:5

ULT

5 Only watch exceedingly to do the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, to love Yahweh your God and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your self."

UST

5 Moses also commanded you to love Yahweh your God and to live your life as he wants you to live. He told you to obey his commands, to trust in him and to turn away from all others. Do this as you worship him and serve him by everything that you think and everything that you do."

What did Joshua tell these tribes to be very careful about when they returned to their tents?

Joshua told these tribes to be very careful to observe the commandments and the law that Moses commanded them.

Joshua 22:6

ULT

6 And Joshua blessed them. And he sent them away and they went to their tents.

UST

6 Then Joshua blessed them and sent them away, so they went back to their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:7

ULT

7 Now to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, Moses had given in the Bashan, and to the half of him, Joshua gave with their brothers on the other side of the Jordan to the sea. And when Joshua had also sent them away to their tents, then he blessed them.

UST

7 Moses had given the region of Bashan, to the east of the Jordan River, to one-half of the tribe of Manasseh, and Joshua had given land on the west side of the Jordan River to the other half of that tribe. When Joshua sent them away to their tents, he asked God to bless them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:8

ULT

8 And he spoke to them, saying, “Return to your tents with many riches and with very much livestock, with silver and with gold and with bronze and with iron and with very many garments. Apportion the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.”

UST

8 He said to them, “Go back to your tents with much money with many animals and silver, gold, bronze, and iron, and with many beautiful clothes. But you should share the plunder from your enemies with your brothers and sisters.”

What did Joshua tell one half of the tribe of Manasseh to divide among their brothers?

Joshua told one half of the tribe of Manasseh to divide among their brothers the plunder.

Joshua 22:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half of the tribe of Manasseh turned back and went from with the sons of Israel, from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the land of the Gilead, to the land of their possession, it which they had seized for themselves in accordance with the mouth of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

UST

9 So the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh left the other people of Israel at Shiloh in the region of Canaan. They returned home to the region of Gilead, which belonged belonged to them, because Moses had assigned it to them by Yahweh’s command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:10

ULT

10 And they entered into the territories of the Jordan that are in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half of the tribe of Manasseh built there an altar beside the Jordan—an altar large of appearance.

UST

10 They arrived at the western bank of the Jordan River in the land of Canaan. There the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh built an altar—a very large and impressive altar.

What did the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh do beside the Jordon that angered the people of Israel in the land of Canaan? (vv10-11)

The Reubenites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh built a large altar on the side of the Jordon that belonged to the people of Israel.

Joshua 22:11

ULT

11 And the sons of Israel heard, saying, “Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half of the tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the front of the land of Canaan, at the territories of the Jordan, at the side of the sons of Israel.”

UST

11 The other people of Israel heard about this altar; they were concerned about what the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh had built. It was an altar at the entrance to the land of Canaan. It was built at the city of Geliloth, near the Jordan, on the side that was part of the land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:12

ULT

12 And the sons of Israel heard and all the congregation of the sons of Israel assembled at Shiloh to go up for war against them.

UST

12 The people of Israel heard of this, and the whole assembly of the people came together at Shiloh. They decided to go to war against them because of this altar.

What did the people of Israel do when they heard about the altar?

The people of Israel gathered together at Shiloh to go up and make war against those tribes when they heard about the altar.

Joshua 22:13

ULT

13 And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of the Gilead.

UST

13 But first, the Israelites sent Phinehas son of Eleazar and the leader of all the priests, to talk with the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh.

What messengers did the people of Israel send to the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh? (vv13-14)
The people of Israel sent Phinehas, the son of Eleazor the priest, and ten leaders as messengers to Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

Joshua 22:14

ULT

14 And ten leaders were with him, one leader by one leader of the house of the father of all the tribes of Israel. And they were each a man of the head of the house of their fathers of the thousands of Israel.

UST

14 They also sent one leader from each of the ten tribes of Israel west of the Jordan River. Each of the leaders was an important leader in his own clan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:15

ULT

15 And they came to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh, into the land of the Gilead. And they spoke with them, saying,

UST

15 Those leaders went to the region of Gilead to talk to the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh. They said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:16

ULT

16 “Thus says all the congregation of Yahweh, ‘What is this unfaithfulness that you have done unfaithfully against the God of Israel, to turn today from after Yahweh when you built for yourselves an altar today for your rebelling against Yahweh?

UST

16 “All the other Israelites are asking, ’What is this you have done? You have disobeyed the commands of God. You have turned against Yahweh by building your own altar here in this place. You rebelled against the Yahweh.

What did the messengers of the people of Israel say to the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh?

The messengers of the people of Israel said to the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, “What is this unfaithfulness you have committed against the God of Israel by building yourself an altar...?”

Joshua 22:17

ULT

17 Was the iniquity of Peor little for us, it from which we have not purified ourselves until this day? And there was a plague among the congregation of Yahweh.

UST

17 Have you forgotten about how Yahweh punished us at Peor, when we stopped worshiping him and began to worship other gods? Yahweh sent a deadly sickness among the people of Israel, and many died from it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:18

ULT

18 But as for you, you are turning from after Yahweh today! And it will happen that you yourselves will rebel against Yahweh today and tomorrow he will be furious toward all the congregation of Israel.

UST

18 Maybe you have built this altar because you have stopped worshiping Yahweh. If this is true, you have rebelled like this against him, and he will be angry with all the people of Israel.’

What were the people of Israel worried about if the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh rebelled against Yahweh?

The people of Israel were worried that is the people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh rebelled against Yahweh, then Yahweh would be angry with the whole assembly of Israel.

Joshua 22:19

ULT

19 However, if the land of your possession is defiled, cross over for yourselves into the land of the possession of Yahweh, there where the dwelling of Yahweh dwells, and take possession in the midst of us. But do not rebel against Yahweh and do not rebel against us by your building an altar for yourselves apart from the altar of Yahweh our God.

UST

19 "If you think that Yahweh considers your land here is not suitable for worshiping him, come back to our land, where Yahweh's sacred tent is. We can share our land with you. But do not rebel against Yahweh or against us by building another altar for Yahweh our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:20

ULT

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah act unfaithfully in unfaithfulness with the banned thing and wrath was on all the congregation of Israel? And he did not perish as one man in his iniquity.'"

UST

20 Surely you remember what happened when Zerah's son Achan refused to obey Yahweh's command to destroy everything in Jericho? That one man disobeyed God's command, but many other Israelites were punished for what he did."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:21

ULT

21 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the half of the tribe of Manasseh answered and spoke with the heads of the thousands of Israel:

UST

21 The leaders of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh replied,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:22

ULT

22 “Yahweh is God of gods! Yahweh is God of gods! He knows, and as for Israel, let it know! If it was in rebellion or if in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, do not save us this day!

UST

22 “Yahweh, the almighty God, knows why we did that, and we want you to know, too. If we have not been faithful to our promise to serve Yahweh, do not have any mercy on us, but take our lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:23

ULT

23 If it was to build an altar for ourselves to turn from after Yahweh, or if to offer on it burnt up offerings or grain offerings or if to make on it the sacrifices of peace offerings, Yahweh himself will seek out.

UST

23 If we have built this altar so we can stop obeying Yahweh, or if we have built this altar to offer sacrifices, grain offerings, or sacrifices to promise friendship with him, in violation of the law, may Yahweh punish us and even take our lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:24

ULT

24 But no! Because of anxiety from a matter we did this, saying, ‘Tomorrow your sons might say to our sons, saying, “What is for you and for Yahweh, the God of Israel?

UST

24 No, we built this altar because we were afraid that your children might speak to our children one day in the future and ask, ‘What have you to do with Yahweh, the God of Israel?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:25

ULT

25 And Yahweh has given a border between us and between you sons of Reuben and sons of Gad, the Jordan. There is no portion for you in Yahweh.'" And your sons might make our sons cease so that they are not fearing Yahweh.

UST

25 We are afraid that they will say to our children, "Yahweh made the Jordan River to be a boundary between us and you people of Reuben and you people of Gad. You have nothing to do with Yahweh.' And your children might try to stop our children from worshiping Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:26

ULT

26 And we said, 'Let us now prepare for ourselves to build the altar, not for a burnt up offering and not for a sacrifice.

UST

26 So we said, 'Let us now build an altar, but not for bringing sacrifices nor for any offerings.

What did the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh say to the messengers of the people of Israel? (vv26-27)

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh said to the messengers of Israel that they had built the altar, not for burnt offerings or sacrifices, but as a witness between them and the people of Israel that they will perform the service of Yahweh for future generations to see.

Joshua 22:27

ULT

27 But it will be a witness between us and between you and between our generations after us, to serve the service of Yahweh before his face, with our burnt up offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings. And your sons will not say to our sons tomorrow, "There is no portion for you in Yahweh.'"

UST

27 Instead, we want it to be a monument to prove to you, to ourselves, and to all of our descendants after us, that we truly worship Yahweh. We indeed worship him by our burned sacrifices and our offerings, and our offerings to promise friendship with him. We built this altar so your descendants may never say to our descendants in the future, "Yahweh never gave you any portion of this land; you do not belong here.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:28

ULT

28 And we said, ‘And it will happen if they speak to us or to our generations of tomorrow, that we will say, “See the copy of the altar of Yahweh, which our fathers made, not for a burnt up offering and not for a sacrifice, but it is a witness between us and between you.”

UST

28 In the future, if your descendants say that, our descendants can say, ’Look at the altar that our ancestors made! It is exactly like Yahweh’s altar at Shiloh, but we do not burn sacrifices on it. It is a monument which means that we and you together worship Yahweh!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:29

ULT

29 May it be far from us for us to rebel against Yahweh, and turn today from after Yahweh to build an altar for a burnt up offering, for a grain offering, or for a sacrifice, apart from the altar of Yahweh our God that is before the face of his dwelling!’”

UST

29 We certainly do not want to rebel against Yahweh or stop doing what he desires. This altar was never intended to be used for the sacrifices, for burning flour offerings or for making other sacrifices. We know that there is only one true altar for Yahweh our God and that it is in front of the sacred tent.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:30

ULT

30 And Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke. And it was good in their eyes.

UST

30 When Phinehas the priest and the other ten leaders of the people of Israel heard what the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh said, they were pleased.

What did Phinehas the priest and the other messengers say about the words they had heard from the Reubenites, the Gadites, and Manasseh?

Phinehas and the other messengers said that the words spoken by the Reubenites, Gadites, and Manasseh were good in their eyes.

Joshua 22:31

ULT

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Manasseh, “Today we know that Yahweh is in the midst of us, that you have not acted unfaithfully in this unfaithfulness against Yahweh. Therefore you have rescued the sons of Israel from the hand of Yahweh.”

UST

31 So Phinehas said to them, “Now we know that Yahweh is with all of us Israelites, and that you were not rebelling against him when you built that altar. Because what you did did not break Yahweh’s laws, we are sure that he will not punish us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:32

ULT

32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest and the leaders returned from with the sons of Reuben and from with the sons of Gad, from the land of the Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the sons of Israel. And they brought them back a word.

UST

32 Then Phinehas and the Israelite leaders left the people of the tribes of Reuben and Gad in the region of Gilead, and returned to Canaan. There they told the other Israelites what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 22:33

ULT

33 And the word was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel blessed God and did not speak of going up against them for war to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were dwelling.

UST

33 They were pleased, and they thanked God. They did not talk anymore about fighting against the people of the tribes of Reuben and Gad and destroying everything in their land.

What did the people of Israel do when Phinehas and the messengers reported back to them?

The people of Israel blessed God and spoke no more about making war.

Joshua 22:34

ULT

34 And the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad called the altar “Truly it is a witness between us that Yahweh is God.”

UST

34 The people of the tribes of Reuben and Gad named their new altar “Reminder,” and they said, “It is a reminder to us all that Yahweh is God.”

What did the Reubenites and the Gadites name the altar?

The Reubenites and Gadites named the altar “Witness.”

Joshua 23

Joshua 23:1

ULT

[1] And it happened from many days afterward, when Yahweh had given rest to Israel from all their enemies from all around, that Joshua was old, he came into the days.

UST

[1] A long time later, by the time Yahweh had allowed the Israelites to live in peace, without fearing any longer any enemies, Joshua had become very old.

What did Joshua do after Yahweh had given rest to Israel from all their enemies? (vv1-2)
After Yahweh had given rest to Israel from all their enemies, Joshua called for all Israel.

Joshua 23:2

ULT

[2] And Joshua called for all Israel, for its elders and for its heads and for its judges and for its officers. And he said to them, "I am old, I have come into the days.

UST

[2] Joshua called for all of Israel's elders and leaders, together with their judges and officers, to come and listen to him. When they arrived, he began to speak to them: "I am now very old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:3

ULT

[3] But as for you, you have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to all these nations from your face. For Yahweh your God, he is the one who fights for you.

UST

[3] We have all seen what Yahweh our God has done to all the nations in this land. Yahweh our God has fought for us.

Who did Joshua say had fought for them?
Joshua said that Yahweh had fought for them.

Joshua 23:4

ULT

4 See, I have caused to fall for you these remaining nations as an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan and all the nations that I cut off and the great sea, from the going of the sun.

UST

4 I have given to you the nations that remain. Their lands will also be your permanent possession for the tribes of Israel, just as are the lands of the people groups that our people destroyed when I was leading them —all those other nations that the Israelites destroyed from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea when I was the leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh your God, he will push them from your face and will dispossess them from before your face. And you will possess their land, just as Yahweh your God spoke to you.

UST

5 Yahweh your God will force those people out from their lands. He will capture their lands from them, in order that you might settle down in those lands. This is what he has promised to do for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:6

ULT

6 And you shall be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, to not turn aside from it right or left,

UST

6 Pay careful attention so that you obey all that are written in the book of laws that Moses wrote down. Do not disobey them or change any of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:7

ULT

7 to not go among these nations, these remaining ones with you. And by the name of their gods you shall not mention and not swear. And you shall not serve them and not bow down to them.

UST

7 If you obey the law of Moses, you will not mix our people with those people groups. Do not even mention the names of their gods, and do use the names of their gods when you make promises or take oaths. Do not worship those gods or bow down to them.

What did Joshua tell the people not to mention?

Joshua told the people they should not mention the name of the gods of the nations that remained among them.

Joshua 23:8

ULT

8 But rather to Yahweh your God you shall cling, just as you have done until this day.

UST

8 Love Yahweh and trust in him, as you have been doing. Do not stop worshiping him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:9

ULT

9 And Yahweh has dispossessed great and numerous nations from your face. And as for you, a man has not stood against your face until this day.

UST

9 Yahweh has forced many great and powerful nations to get out of your way as you advanced. No one has been able to stop you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:10

ULT

10 One man from you pursues a thousand. For Yahweh is your God. He is the one who fights for you, just as he has spoken to you.

UST

10 Any single soldier among you will be able to cause a thousand men of war in the army of your enemy, to run away, because Yahweh your God fights for you. That is what he promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:11

ULT

11 And you shall keep yourselves exceedingly for your selves, to love Yahweh your God.

UST

11 So do all you can to love Yahweh your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:12

ULT

12 For if you ever turn back and cling to the remainder of these nations, these remaining ones with you, and you intermarry with them and you go among them and they among you,

UST

12 However, if you stop doing what Yahweh desires; if you associate with those people groups who survived the wars with our people, or if you marry them and become their friends, and if they become friends with you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:13

ULT

13 you shall know assuredly that Yahweh your God will not continue to dispossess these nations from before your face. And they will be to you as a trap and as a snare and as a whip on your sides and as thorns in your eyes, until you perish from on this good ground that Yahweh your God has given to you.

UST

13 then you can be sure that Yahweh our God will not help you force them out of your land. They will become like traps that will catch you. They will be like whips that strike your backs, and like thorns that will stick you in the eye. Your people group will become weaker and weaker until you die out in this land, this very good land that Yahweh our God has given to us.

What did Joshua say Yahweh would do if they intermarried with the survivors of the nations who remained among them?

Joshua said to the people that Yahweh would cause them to perish from the good land they had been given if they intermarried with the survivors of the nations who remained among them.

Joshua 23:14

ULT

14 And behold, today I am about to go the way of all the earth. And you know with all your heart and with all your soul that not one word has fallen from all the good words that Yahweh your God spoke concerning you. The whole has come to you, not one word from it has fallen.

UST

14 It is almost time for me to die, like everyone else does. You know deep within you, that every single thing that Yahweh promised to do for you, he has done it.

What did Joshua say was going to happen to him?

Joshua said that he was going the way of all the earth.

Joshua 23:15

ULT

15 And it will happen that just as all the good word that Yahweh your God spoke to you has come upon you, so Yahweh will bring upon you all the evil word until he has destroyed you from this good ground that Yahweh your God has given to you.

UST

15 He has given to you all the good things he promised. In the same way, the other things that he promised, things that are not good, will also happen if you do what is evil. In that case he will take your lives and your land away from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 23:16

ULT

16 When you pass over the covenant of Yahweh your God that he commanded you and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then the nose of Yahweh will burn against you. And you will quickly perish from the good land that he has given to you.”

UST

16 If you do not obey the covenant between Yahweh and you, and if you leave him and go and worship other gods and bow down to them, Yahweh will become very angry with you, just as a fire starts from a spark. Very quickly he will take away your lives, and he will take away this good land from you, the same land he has now given to you.”

What did Joshua say would make Yahweh bring on the people of Israel all the evil things?
Joshua said Yahweh would bring all the evil things on the people of Israel if they broke the covenant of Yahweh.

Joshua 24

Joshua 24:1

ULT

[1] And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem. And he called for the elders of Israel, and for its heads, and for its judges, and for its officers. And they presented themselves before the face of God.

UST

[1] Joshua brought together to the city of Shekem the elders, leaders, judges, and officers of the nation of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Who did Joshua speak to and where did he speak to them?
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem and spoke to the elders of Israel, their leaders, their judges, and their officers.

Joshua 24:2

ULT

[2] And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Your fathers dwelled beyond the river from long ago—Terah the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor. And they served other gods.

UST

[2] Joshua said to all of them, “This is what Yahweh, the God we Israelite people worship, is saying: ’Long ago, your ancestors, including Abraham’s father Terah and Abraham’s younger brother Nahor, lived far beyond the Euphrates River, where they worshiped other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:3

ULT

[3] And I took your father Abraham from beyond the river and brought him into all the land of Canaan. And I multiplied his seed and gave to him Isaac.

UST

[3] But I took your ancestor Abraham from beyond the Euphates River and I led him into the land of Canaan. I gave him many descendants through his son Isaac.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:4

ULT

4 And I gave Jacob and Esau to Isaac. And I gave to Esau the hill country of Seir to possess it. And Jacob and his sons went down to Egypt.

UST

4 I gave Isaac his own sons, Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir as his own, but I sent Jacob and his children went down to Egypt, where they lived for many years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:5

ULT

5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I struck Egypt just as I did within it. And afterward I brought you out.

UST

5 I sent Moses and his brother Aaron to Egypt, and I caused the people of Egypt to suffer many terrible plagues. After that, I brought your people out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:6

ULT

6 And I brought your fathers out from Egypt, and you came to the sea. And Egypt chased after your fathers with chariot and horsemen to the sea of reeds.

UST

6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, they came to the sea. The Egyptian army pursued them with chariots and on horseback, as far as the Sea of Reeds.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:7

ULT

7 And they cried out to Yahweh, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians. And he brought the sea over him and covered him. And Your eyes saw what I did against Egypt. And you dwelled in the wilderness many days.

UST

7 Joshua continued to speak: “When you pleaded to Yahweh for help, he caused darkness to come between the nation of Israel and the Egyptian army, and he covered the Egyptian army with the waters of the sea so that your enemies were drowned. This is what Yahweh says: ’You saw what I did in Egypt. You lived in the desert for many years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:8

ULT

8 And I brought you to the land of the Amorite, the ones who dwelled on the other side of the Jordan, and they fought with you. And I gave them into your hand, and you possessed their land, and I destroyed them from before your face.

UST

8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the east side of the Jordan River (the other side of the Jordan River from us here today). They fought against you, but I made you defeat them and destroy them; you captured their land. But I was the one who actually destroyed them, and I let you see everything that I did for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:9

ULT

9 And Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, got up and fought against Israel. And he sent and called for Balaam the son of Beor to curse you.

UST

9 Then Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, prepared his army and attacked Israel. He sent for Beor’s son Balaam, and he told him to call for a curse from Yahweh on your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:10

ULT

10 And I was not willing to listen to Balaam. And he blessed you repeatedly, and I rescued you from his hand.

UST

10 But I would not listen to Balaam. Instead, I made him bless you, and I saved you from his curse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:11

ULT

11 And you crossed over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, fought against you. And I gave them into your hand.

UST

11 Then you all crossed the Jordan River and came to Jericho. The leaders of Jericho fought against you, as did the armies of the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. I made all of you more powerful than they were, and you defeated them all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:12

ULT

12 And I sent the hornet before your face and it drove them out from before your face—two kings of the Amorite. It was not by your sword and not by your bow.

UST

12 I am the one who caused them to panic. They acted as if they were being chased by hornets. And you drove out the two kings of the Amorites as your army moved ahead and pushed them away. But it was not because of your swords or your bows and arrows, but it was because that I, Yahweh, was fighting on your side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:13

ULT

13 And I gave to you a land for which you did not labor, and cities that you did not build and you dwell in them. You are eating vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

UST

13 So I gave you a land that you had not cleared or plowed, and I gave you cities that you did not build. Now you live in those cities, and you eat the grapes from grapevines that you did not plant, and you eat olives from trees that you did not plant.’

What did Yahweh say he had given the people of Israel?

Yahweh said he had given the people of Israel land which they had not worked, cities which they had not built, and vineyards and olive groves which they did not plant.

Joshua 24:14

ULT

14 And now, you shall fear Yahweh and serve him with completeness and with faithfulness. And you shall remove the gods that your fathers served beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve Yahweh.

UST

14 Joshua continued to speak: “Now be afraid and be in awe of Yahweh. Worship him sincerely, and be faithful when you make promises to him. Throw away the idols that your ancestors worshiped when they lived on the far side of the Euphrates River, and when they lived in Egypt. Worship Yahweh alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:15

ULT

15 But if it is evil in your eyes to serve Yahweh, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorite in whose land you are dwelling. But as for me and my house, we will serve Yahweh.”

UST

15 If you do not want to worship Yahweh, then decide today what gods you will worship. In that case, you must decide whether you will worship the gods of your ancestors, the gods that they worshiped when they lived on the other side of the Euphrates River, or whether you will worhsip the gods of the Amorites, the gods that those people worshiped in this land where you now live. But as for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh.”

What did Joshua say about himself and his house?

Joshua said he and his house would worship Yahweh.

Joshua 24:16

ULT

16 And the people answered and said, “Far be it for us from leaving Yahweh to serve other gods!

UST

16 The Israelite people answered, “We will always worship Yahweh! We promise that we will never worship or bow down to any other gods!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:17

ULT

17 For Yahweh is our God, he is the one who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, and who did these great signs before our eyes. And he kept us in all the way in which we went, and among all the peoples among whom we passed.

UST

17 It was Yahweh who brought our ancestors up out of Egypt. He rescued us from that land, where they were slaves. We saw him perform great miracles, and he protected us when we were traveling. He protected us wherever we went; he kept us safe from the armies of many kings. We became a great nation, and we have entered this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:18

ULT

18 And Yahweh drove out from our face all the peoples, even the Amorite who dwelled in the land. We too, we will serve Yahweh because he is our God.”

UST

18 Yahweh drove out all the people before us. He defeated the Amorites, who lived in the land. So we will worship and bow down to Yahweh, for he is our God.”

How did the people of Israel answer Joshua?

The people of Israel answered Joshua by saying they would also worship Yahweh.

Joshua 24:19

ULT

[19] And Joshua said to the people, “You will not be able to serve Yahweh because he is a holy God. He is a jealous God, he will not lift your transgressions and your sins.

UST

[19] But Joshua replied to the people, “You cannot serve Yahweh! He is a holy God, and he will not allow you to worship other gods. He will not forgive you for breaking his laws, or when you sin,

How did Joshua answer the people of Israel?

Joshua told the people of Israel they could not serve Yahweh because of their transgressions and sins.

Joshua 24:20

ULT

[20] If you forsake Yahweh and serve the gods of the foreigner, then he will turn and do harm to you and finish you, after he has done good to you.”

UST

[20] if you forsake Yahweh and worship other gods. If you forget him, he will turn and do the same harm to you as he did to your enemies, and he will burn you as with fire! He will do all this to, after he has been so good to you—if you turn your back on him and leave him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:21

ULT

[21] And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve Yahweh.”

UST

[21] But the people answered Joshua, “No, we will worship Yahweh.”

What did the people of Israel finally say to Joshua?

The people of Israel finally said to Joshua, “No, we will worship Yahweh.”

Joshua 24:22

ULT

22 And Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you yourselves have chosen for yourselves Yahweh, to serve him.” And they said, “Witnesses.”

UST

22 Then Joshua said, “You are bearing witness to what you have said. You have chosen Yahweh and you are promising to worship him alone.” They replied, “Yes, that is what we promise to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:23

ULT

23 “And now, remove the gods of the foreigner that are among you. And bend your heart to Yahweh the God of Israel.”

UST

23 Then Joshua said, “You must throw away all the other idols you have with you, and with all the strength you have within you, you must turn to Yahweh and worship him as your God, and no other.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:24

ULT

24 And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve Yahweh our God, and we will listen to his voice.”

UST

24 The people replied, “We will worship Yahweh, our God, and we will obey him alone.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:25

ULT

25 And Joshua cut a covenant for the people on that day. And he set for them a statute and a judgment in Shechem.

UST

25 On that same day, Joshua made a covenant with the people. There at Shechem, he wrote down for them all the decrees and laws that Yahweh commanded them to obey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:26

ULT

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was at the Holy Place of Yahweh.

UST

26 He wrote down all the words that were in the book of the law of God. He took a great stone and set it up there at Shechem, under the large oak tree that grew beside the place where they worshiped Yahweh.

What did Joshua do to mark the covenant with the people made that day?

Joshua wrote these words in the book of the Law of God and set a large stone beneath the oak tree beside Yahweh's sanctuary.

Joshua 24:27

ULT

27 And Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone will be for a witness against us, because it has heard all the words of Yahweh which he spoke to us. And it will be for a witness against you, lest you act deceptively against your God."

UST

27 Joshua said to all the people, "Look! This stone will bear testimony against us. This is the place where we promised that we would serve Yahweh. This stone will be a place to remember our promise to Yahweh, and a place to remind us of what will happen to us if we do not keep our promise to God."

Of what did Joshua say the stone would be a witness?

Joshua said the stone would be a witness against the Israelites because it had heard all the words said by Yahweh and the people of Israel.

Joshua 24:28

ULT

28 And Joshua sent the people away, a man to his inheritance.

UST

28 Then Joshua sent the people away, and they went to the places that were assigned to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:29

ULT
29 And it happened after these things that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, a son of 110 years.

UST
29 After these things happened, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died. He was 110 years old when he died.

How old was Joshua when he died?
Joshua was 110 years old when he died.

Joshua 24:30

ULT
30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance, in Timnath Serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, from the north of Mount Gaash.

UST
30 They buried his body on his own property in Timnathserah. It is in the north hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:31

ULT
31 And Israel served Yahweh all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who lengthened days after Joshua, and who knew every deed of Yahweh that he had done for Israel.

UST
31 The people of Israel worshiped Yahweh as long as the elders who had served with Joshua were alive; they had seen everything that Yahweh had done for Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joshua 24:32

ULT

32 And the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in the portion of the field that Jacob had bought from with the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, with a hundred pieces of money. And it became an inheritance for the sons of Joseph.

UST

32 Joseph's bones, which the people of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, were buried at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob had bought long ago for the price of one hundred pieces of silver. He had bought it from Hamor, the father of Shechem. That piece of land became a permanent possession for Joseph's descendants.

Whose bones had the people of Israel brought out of Egypt?
The people of Israel had brought the bones of Joseph out of Egypt.

Joshua 24:33

ULT

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died. And they buried him in Gibeah of Phinehas his son, which had been given to him in the hill country of Ephraim.

UST

33 Eleazar son of Aaron, also died. They buried his body at Gibeah, the city that belonged to Phinehas, his son, in the hill country of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges

Judges 1

Judges 1:1

ULT

1 Now it happened that after the death of Joshua, the sons of Israel asked Yahweh, saying, “Who will go up for us first against the Canaanite, to fight him?”

UST

1 After Joshua died, the Israelite people asked Yahweh, “Which of our tribes should attack the Canaanites first?”

Who would lead the people of Israel when they went up against the Canaanites to fight against them?
Judah would lead the people of Israel against the Canaanites to fight against them.

Judges 1:2

ULT

2 Yahweh answered, “Judah will go up, Behold, I have given the land into his hand.”

UST

2 Yahweh replied, “The men of the tribe of Judah must attack first. I will enable the tribe of Judah to defeat the Canaanites.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:3

ULT

[3] Then Judah said to Simeon, his brother, “Go up with me into my alloted territory, and let us fight together against the Canaanite. I will fight likewise myself, with you in your alloted territory.” So Simeon went with him.

UST

[3] The men of Judah went to their fellow Israelites, the men from the tribe of Simeon, and said to them, “Come and help us to fight the Canaanites in order that we can take from them the land that Yahweh allotted to us. If you do that, we will go with you and help you conquer the people in the land that Yahweh promised to give to you.” So the men from the tribe of Simeon went with the men of the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:4

ULT

[4] Judah went up, and Yahweh gave the Canaanite and the Perizzite into their hand. They smote ten thousand men at Bezek.

UST

[4] When the men of those two tribes attacked, Yahweh enabled them to defeat ten thousand men of the Canaanites and the Perizzites at the city of Bezek.

Against whom did the men of Judah fight? (vv4-5)

The men of Judah fought against Adoni Bezek.

Judges 1:5

ULT

[5] They found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and they fought against him. They smote the Canaanite and the Perizzite.

UST

[5] During the battle they found Adoni-Bezek, the leader of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:6

ULT

6 Then Adoni-Bezek fled, but they pursued after him. They seized him, and they chopped off the thumbs of his hands and the big toes of his feet.

UST

6 Adoni-Bezek tried to run away. The Israelites pursued him and caught him. Then they cut off his thumbs and his big toes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:7

ULT

7 Adoni-Bezek said, “Seventy kings with the thumbs of their hands and the big toes of their feet chopped off were gathering scraps of food beneath my table. Just as I have done, so God has repaid to me.” Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

UST

7 Adoni-Bezek said, “My army captured seventy kings. We cut off their thumbs and big toes. After that, we forced those kings to eat scraps that fell from our table. Now God has paid me back for what I did.” Then the men of Judah took Adoni-Bezek to Jerusalem, and he died there.

Who gathered their food from under Adoni Bezek’s table?

Seventy kings, who had their thumbs and their big toes cut off, gathered their food from under Adoni Bezek’s table.

Judges 1:8

ULT

8 The sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem and they took it. They smote it with the mouth of the sword and they sent the city into fire.

UST

8 The army of Judah fought against the men of Jerusalem, and they captured the city. With their swords they killed the people who lived there and they burned the houses in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:9

ULT

[9] Afterwards, the sons of Judah went down to fight them, against the Canaanites living in the hill country region, the southern wilderness, and the western lowland.

UST

[9] Later, the men of Judah went down to fight the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, in the southern Judean wilderness, and in the foothills to the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:10

ULT

[10] Then Judah went down to the Canaanite that lived in Hebron (the name of Hebron before was Kiriath Arba), and they smote Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.

UST

[10] The men of Judah also went to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the city of Hebron (which used to be named Kiriath Arba). They defeated the armies of kings Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai.

What was the previous name of Hebron?

The name of Hebron was previously Kiriath Arba.

Judges 1:11

ULT

[11] He went from there to those living in Debir; the name of Debir before was Kiriath Sepher.

UST

[11] Then they left that area and went to fight against the people living in the city of Debir, which was previously named Kiriath Sepher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:12

ULT

12 Then Caleb said, “Whoever will smite Kiriath Sepher and capture it, I will give him Aksah, my daughter, for a wife.”

UST

12 Before they attacked the city, Caleb said to them, “The person who attacks and captures Kiriath Sepher, I will allow him to marry my daughter Aksah.”

What did Caleb give to Othniel? (vv12-13)

Caleb gave Achsah, his daughter, to be Othniel’s wife.

Judges 1:13

ULT

13 Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb younger than him, captured it, so he gave him Aksah his daughter for a wife.

UST

13 Othniel, who was the son of Caleb’s younger brother Kenaz, captured the city. So Caleb gave his daughter Aksah to him, to become his wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:14

ULT

14 Now it happened that at her coming she incited him to ask for a field from her father. She descended from atop the donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What can I do for you?”

UST

14 After Aksah married Othniel, she asked him to request her father to give him a field. Then she rode back to her father Caleb’s house on her donkey. When she got off the donkey, Caleb asked her, “What do you want?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:15

ULT

15 Then she said to him, “Give me a blessing. Although you have given me the land of the Negev, you shall also me springs of waters.” So Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

UST

15 She replied, “I want you to do a favor for me. You have given me the land of the southern Judean wilderness, but it is very dry there. So please also give me some land that has springs of water.” So Caleb gave her some land on higher ground that had a spring, and some land on lower ground that had a spring in it.

Since Achsah was in Negev, what did she want her father to give her?

Since Achsah was in Negev, she wanted him to give her springs of water.

Judges 1:16

ULT

16 The sons of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, went up from the city of palm trees with the sons of Judah, to the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south country of Arad. So he went and he dwelt with the people.

UST

16 The Kenites who were descendants of Moses’ father-in-law left Jericho, which was called “The City of Palm Trees.” They went with some of the men of Judah to live with them in the southern Judean wilderness, near the city of Arad.

Where is the wilderness of Judah?

The wilderness of Judah is in the Negev.

Judges 1:17

ULT

17 Then Judah went with Simeon his brother and they smote the Canaanite dwelling in Zephath. So they devoted it to destruction and they called the name of the city Hormah.

UST

17 The men of Judah and their fellow Israelites from the tribe of Simeon defeated the Canaanites who lived in the city of Zephath. They completely destroyed the city and gave it a new name, Hormah, which means “complete destruction.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:18

ULT

18 Judah also captured Gaza and the territory of it, Ashkelon and the territory of it, and Ekron and the territory of it.

UST

18 The men of Judah also captured Gaza, Ashkelon, and Ekron cities and all the land that is near those cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:19

ULT

19 Now it happened that Yahweh was with Judah and he took possession of the hill country, but he did not dispossess those dwelling in the valley because of their chariotry of iron.

UST

19 Yahweh helped the men of Judah to capture the hill country, but they could not force the people who were living in the plains to leave, because they had better weapons—they had iron chariots.

Why could the people of Judah not drive out the inhabitants of the plains?

They could not drive out the inhabitants of the plains because the inhabitants had iron chariots.

Judges 1:20

ULT

20 They gave Hebron to Caleb just as Moses had directed, and he dispossessed from there the three sons of the Anak.

UST

20 The city of Hebron was given to Caleb because Moses had promised him that he could have that city. And Caleb forced the three clans descended from Anak to leave that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:21

ULT

21 But the Jebusite dwelling in Jerusalem, the sons of Benjamin did not dispossess. So the Jebusite have dwelt with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.

UST

21 But the tribe of Benjamin could not force the Jebusites to leave Jerusalem. So, since that time the Jebusites have lived in Jerusalem with the tribe of Benjamin.

Why did the Jebusites live with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem?

Because the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem, the Jebusites lived with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem.

Judges 1:22

ULT

22 Likewise, the house of Joseph went up against Bethel, even they, and Yahweh was with them.

UST

22 The men of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh went to fight against the men of the city of Bethel, and Yahweh helped them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:23

ULT

23 The house of Joseph sent out spies to assess Bethel; the name of the city before was Luz.

UST

23 They sent some spies to find out everything that they could find out about Bethel, which was previously called Luz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:24

ULT

24 The observers saw a man going out from the city, and they said to him, “Show us, please, the entrance of the city, and we will extend kindness to you.”

UST

24 The spies saw a man who was coming out of the city. They said to him, “If you show us a way to get into the city, we will be kind to you and we will not kill you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:25

ULT

25 So he showed them the entrance of the city, and then they smote the city with the mouth of the sword, but they let the man and all his family go free.

UST

25 So the man showed them a way to enter the city. The men of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh entered the city and killed all the people with their swords, but they did not kill the man who showed them how to get into the city, and they did not kill his family.

What happened to the man who showed the spies from the house of Joseph how to get into Bethel? (vv25-26)

The spies let the man and his family get away and the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city and called it Luz.

Judges 1:26

ULT

26 Then the man went to the land of the Hittites and he built a city. He called its name Luz, which is its name until this day.

UST

26 That man went to the area where the descendants of Heth lived, and he built a city. He named the city Luz, and that is still the name of that city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:27

ULT

27 But Manasseh did not take possession of Beth Shan and its daughters, or Taanach and its daughters, or the one dwelling in Dor and its daughters, or those dwelling in Ibleam and its daughters, or those dwelling in Megiddo and its daughters, because the Canaanite had resolved to dwell in that land.

UST

27 There were Canaanites who lived in Beth Shan, Taanach, Dor, Ibleam, and Megiddo cities and in the surrounding villages. The men of the tribe of Manasseh did not force them to leave those towns, because the Canaanites were determined to stay there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:28

ULT

28 Now it happened that when Israel became strong, he imposed tribute upon the Canaanite, but he did not take possession of him.

UST

28 Later, the Israelites became stronger, and they forced the Canaanites to work for them as their slaves, but they did not force all the Canaanites to leave their land.

When Israel became strong, what did they do to the Canaanites?

When Israel became strong, they forced the Canaanites to serve them with hard labor, but they never drove them out completely.

Judges 1:29

ULT

29 Neither did Ephraim dispossess the Canaanite who dwelled in Gezer, so the Canaanite dwelled in Gezer in the midst of him.

UST

29 The men of the tribe of Ephraim did not force the Canaanites to leave the city of Gezer. So the Canaanites continued to live with the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:30

ULT

30 Zebulun did not dispossess those dwelling in Kitron, or those dwelling in Nahalol, so the Canaanite dwelled in his midst. But they were subject to tribute.

UST

30 The men of the tribe of Zebulun did not force the Canaanites who were living in the cities of Kitron and Nahalol to leave. They stayed there and lived with the tribe of Zebulun, but the people of Zebulun forced them to work for them as their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:31

ULT

31 Asher did not dispossess those dwelling in Akko, or those dwelling in Sidon, or Ahlab, or Akzib, or Helbah, or Aphek, or Rehob.

UST

31 The men of the tribe of Asher did not force the Canaanites who lived in Akko, Sidon, Ahlab, Aczib, Helbah, Aphek and Rehob cities to leave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:32

ULT

32 So the Asherite dwelled in the midst of the Canaanite who dwelled in the land, because he did not dispossess him.

UST

32 So the tribe of Asher lived with the Canaanites (those who were still there), and did not make them leave.

Why did the tribe of Asher live among the Canaanites?

The tribe of Asher lived among the Canaanites, because Asher did not drive them out.

Judges 1:33

ULT

33 Naphtali did not dispossess those dwelling in Beth Shemesh, or those dwelling in Beth Anath. So he dwelled in the midst of the Canaanite who dwelled in the land. However, those dwelling in Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were subject to tribute to them.

UST

33 The men of the tribe of Naphtali did not compel the people who lived in the cities of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath to leave, so they continued to live with the Canaanites in those cities, but the Canaanites were forced to work as the slaves of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:34

ULT

34 The Amorite pressed the sons of Dan to the hill country, for he did not permit him to go down into the valley.

UST

34 The Amorites forced the tribe of Dan to live in the hills. They did not allow them to come down and live on the plain.

Who conquered the Amorites at Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim? (vv34-35)

The house of Joseph conquered them.

Judges 1:35

ULT

35 The Amorite resolved to dwell at Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph became heavy and they were subject to tribute.

UST

35 The Amorites were determined to stay at Mount Heres and in the cities of Aijalon and Shaalbim. But when the Israelites became stronger, they forced the Amorites to work as their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 1:36

ULT

36 The border of the Amorite was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from the cliff and upward.

UST

36 The land where the Amorites lived extended from Scorpion Pass toward the west beyond Sela, up into the hill country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2

Judges 2:1

ULT

1 The messenger of Yahweh went up from the region of Gilgal to the region of Bokim, and said, "I am leading you up from Egypt, and I have brought you to the land that I have sworn to your fathers. I have said, 'I will not break my covenant with you for eternity.

UST

1 The angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal to a place that the people of Israel would soon call Bokim. He said to the Israelite people, "I brought your ancestors up here from Egypt. I led them into this land that I solemnly promised to give to your ancestors. I said to them, 'I will never break the covenant I made with you.

Where did the angel of Yahweh bring the people of Israel?
The angel of Yahweh brought them to the land he swore to give to their fathers.

Judges 2:2

ULT

2 You must not cut a covenant with those dwelling in this land. Their altars you must surely tear down.' But you have not heeded my voice. What is this you have done?

UST

2 But as for you, you must never agree to have peace with the people who live in this land. You must tear down the altars where they make sacrifices to idols.' But you have not obeyed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:3

ULT

3 Furthermore, I have said, 'I will not drive them out from before you, but they will be against you as adversaries, and their gods will be against you as a snare'."

UST

3 So now, I am telling you that I will not drive out your enemies as you advance. They will be like thorns in your sides. And they will try to trap you by persuading you to worship their idols."

When the angel said he would not drive the Canaanites out before the people of Israel, what did they do? (vv3-4)
When the angel said he would not drive the Canaanites out before the people of Israel, they shouted and wept.

Judges 2:4

ULT

4 Now it happened that when the messenger of Yahweh spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, the people lifted up their voice and wept.

UST

4 After he said that to all the Israelites, the people lamented loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:5

ULT

5 So they called the name of that place Bokim, and they offered a sacrifice there to Yahweh.

UST

5 They named that place Bokim, which means “weeping.” There they offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:6

ULT

6 Then Joshua dismissed the people, and the sons of Israel went each to his inheritance to posses the land.

UST

6 After Joshua sent the people of Israel away, each group went to possess the land that had been permanently assigned to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:7

ULT

7 The people served Yahweh all the days of Joshua and all of the days of the elders who had prolonged their days after Joshua, who had seen all of the great deeds of Yahweh that he had done for Israel.

UST

7 They obeyed Yahweh as long as Joshua was alive, and as long as the elders, those who had seen all the great things that Yahweh had done for Israel, were alive.

How long did the people serve Yahweh?

The people served Yahweh during the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him.

Judges 2:8

ULT

[8] Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died a son of one hundred ten years.

UST

[8] Then Yahweh's servant Joshua died. He was 110 years old when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:9

ULT

[9] Then they buried him within the border of his inheritance in Timnath Heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, to the north of Mount Gaash.

UST

[9] They buried his body in the land that he had received from Moses, at Timnath Heres, in the area where the descendants of Ephraim lived, north of Mount Gaash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:10

ULT

[10] When all of that generation had also been gathered to his fathers, another generation rose up after them who did not know Yahweh or even the deed that he had done for Israel.

UST

[10] After all the people who lived at the same time as Joshua died, more people grew up who did not know Yahweh and had not seen him do the great things he had done for the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:11

ULT

11 The sons of Israel did the wickedness in the sight of Yahweh and they served the Baals.

UST

11-13 They did things that Yahweh said were very evil. They worshiped idols that represented the god Baal and the female fertility goddess, the Ashtoreth. They worshiped the various gods that the people groups around them worshiped. They stopped worshiping Yahweh, the God their ancestors worshiped, the one who had brought their ancestors out of Egypt. This caused Yahweh to be very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:12

ULT

12 Thus they forsook Yahweh, the God of their fathers, the One Who brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods from the gods of the people groups who were around them, and they bowed down to them. They provoked Yahweh to anger.

What gods did the people of Israel go after?

The people of Israel went after the very gods of the peoples who were around them.

Judges 2:13

ULT

13 They forsook Yahweh and they served the Baal and the Ashtoreths.

UST

11-13 They did things that Yahweh said were very evil. They worshiped idols that represented the god Baal and the female fertility goddess, the Ashtoreth. They worshiped the various gods that the people groups around them worshiped. They stopped worshiping Yahweh, the God their ancestors worshiped, the one who had brought their ancestors out of Egypt. This caused Yahweh to be very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:14

ULT

14 Then the anger of Yahweh burned against Israel, so he gave them into the hand of plunderers, and they plundered them. He surrendered them into the hand of their enemies from all around, so that they were not able any longer to stand before their enemies.

UST

14 Because Yahweh was angry, he allowed people from other groups to attack them and steal their crops and animals. They were no longer able to resist their enemies, and Yahweh allowed all their enemies around them to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:15

ULT

15 In every way, whenever they went out the hand of Yahweh was against them for calamity, just as Yahweh had spoken and just as Yahweh had sworn to them. Thus he pressed them exceedingly.

UST

15 Whenever the Israelites went to fight their enemies, Yahweh always worked against them and allowed their enemies to defeat them, just as he had said he would do. So the Israelites were greatly distressed.

What had Yahweh sworn to Israel?

Yahweh had sworn that wherever Israel went out to fight, Yahweh's hand would be against them to defeat them.

Judges 2:16

ULT

16 Then Yahweh raised up judges, and they saved them from the hand of their plunderers.

UST

16 Then Yahweh brought leaders to them. These leaders rescued the Israelites from the people who were attacking them.

What did the judges do?

The judges saved the people of Israel from the power of those who were stealing their possessions.

Judges 2:17

ULT

17 Even to their judges they would not listen. For they pursued adulterously after other gods and they bowed down to them. They turned away quickly from the way that their fathers had walked. They did not do likewise to heed the commands of Yahweh.

UST

17 But the Israelites still would not obey their leaders. Instead, they betrayed Yahweh for idols, like prostitutes to other gods and they worshiped those idols. They were not like their ancestors. Their ancestors obeyed what Yahweh commanded, but these new people quickly stopped behaving as their ancestors had behaved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:18

ULT

18 When Yahweh raised up judges for them, Yahweh would be with the judges and he would save them from the hand of their enemies all of the days of the judges. For Yahweh would become remorseful on account of their groaning from the presence of those tormenting them and oppressing them.

UST

18 Whenever Yahweh brought a leader to them, he helped that leader and enabled him to rescue the people from their enemies. He did that as long as that leader was alive. Yahweh pitied them as they groaned because they were being oppressed and caused to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:19

ULT

19 Now it would happen that at the death of the judge, they would turn back and behave corruptly more than their fathers, walking after other gods to serve them and to bow down to them. They did not drop any of their evil deeds or their shameless behavior.

UST

19 But after that leader died, the people always began behaving in more evil ways than their ancestors had behaved. They worshiped other gods and bowed down to them and did all the things that they thought those gods wanted them to do.

What happened when the judge died?

When the judge died, the people of Israel would turn away and do things that were even more corrupt than their fathers had done.

Judges 2:20

ULT

20 As a result the anger of Yahweh burned against Israel, and he said, “In that this nation transgressed my covenant that I had commanded their fathers, but they have not heeded my voice,

UST

20 So Yahweh was very angry with the Israelite people. He said, “These people have disobeyed the covenant that I made with their ancestors. They have not done what I told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:21

ULT

21 I also will not continue to drive out anyone out of their presence from the nations that Joshua left when he died.

UST

21 So I will no longer expel the people groups that Joshua left in this land when he died.

Why would Yahweh not drive out from Israel any of the nations that Joshua left when he died? (vv21-22)

Yahweh would not drive out from Israel any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, so that Yahweh could test Israel, whether or not they would keep the way of Yahweh and walk in it, as their fathers kept it.

Judges 2:22

ULT

22 in order to test Israel by them, whether they are observing the way of Yahweh, walking in them just as their fathers observed, or not.”

UST

22 I will use them to test the Israelite people to see whether they will do what I want them to do, as their ancestors did.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 2:23

ULT

23 So Yahweh allowed those nations to stay, not dispossessing them hastily and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

UST

23 Yahweh allowed these people groups to stay in that land for a long time after the people of Israel had come. He did not expel them by allowing Joshua and his men to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3

Judges 3:1

ULT

[1] Now those nations which Yahweh allowed to remain in order to test Israel by them, all who had not known any of the wars of Canaan,

UST

[1] At that time there were still many people groups in Canaan. Yahweh left them there to test the Israelite people because many of the Israelites in Canaan had not fought in any of the previous wars.

Why did Yahweh leave nations to test Israel?

Yahweh left nations to test Israel to teach warfare to the new generation of the Israelites who had not known it before.

Judges 3:2

ULT

[2] only for the sake of the generations of the sons of Israel knowing, to teach them warfare, only who formerly had not experienced them,

UST

[2] So Yahweh did this to teach the new generation of Israelites how to wage war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:3

ULT

[3] the five governors of the Philistines, and all of the Canaanite, the Sidonian, and the Hivite dwelling in the mountain of Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon as far as Lebo Hamath.

UST

[3] This is a list of the people groups that Yahweh left there to test the Israelites: The Philistines and their five leaders, the people living in the area near the city of Sidon, the descendants of Canaan, and the Hivites who were living in the mountains of Lebanon between Mount Baal Hermon and Lebo Hamath (“the pass of Hamath”).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:4

ULT

4 They were to test Israel by them, to know whether they would heed the commandments of Yahweh, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

UST

4 Yahweh left these people groups there to test the Israelites, to see if they would obey his commands which he had told Moses to give them.

What would Yahweh do by means of the remaining nations?

Yahweh would test Israel by means of the remaining nations, to confirm whether they would obey the commands he gave their ancestors through Moses.

Judges 3:5

ULT

5 So the sons of Israel settled in the midst of the Canaanite, the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

UST

5 The Israelites lived among the people groups of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:6

ULT

6 Then their daughters they took for themselves as wives, and their daughters they gave to their sons, and they served their gods.

UST

6 But the Israelites took the daughters of those people to be their own wives, and gave their own daughters to those men to marry them. And they worshiped the gods of those people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:7

ULT

[7] So the sons of Israel did this evil in the eyes of Yahweh and they forgot Yahweh their God. They served the baals and the asherahs.

UST

[7] The Israelites did things that Yahweh said were very evil. They forgot about Yahweh, their God, and they started to worship the idols that represented the god Baal and the goddess Asherah.

What did the people of Israel worship?
They worshiped the Baals and the Asherahs.

Judges 3:8

ULT

[8] Therefore, the anger of Yahweh blazed against Israel, so he sold them into the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim, the king of Aram Naharaim. The sons of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years.

UST

[8] Therefore Yahweh was very angry with Israel, and he handed them over that they might live under the power of King Cushan-Rishathaim, who was king of Aram Naharaim in Mesopotamia. The people of Israel served Cushan-Rishathaim for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:9

ULT

[9] When the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, Yahweh raised up a deliverer for the sons of Israel, and he delivered them: Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb younger than him.

UST

[9] But when they pleaded to Yahweh to help them, he brought a leader to rescue them. He was Othniel (the son of Caleb’s younger brother, Kenaz).

Who did Yahweh first raise up, who would come to help the people of Israel?
Yahweh first raised up Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother.

Judges 3:10

ULT

10 The spirit of Yahweh came upon him, and he judged Israel. He went forth to battle and Yahweh gave Cushan-Rishathaim, the king of Aram, into his hand. Thus his hand prevailed over Cushan-Rishathaim.

UST

10 Yahweh's Spirit gave him power and insight, and he became their leader. He led an army that fought against the army of Cushan-Rishathaim, and Othniel defeated them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:11

ULT

11 So the land had tranquility forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

UST

11 After that, for forty years there was peace in the land, until Othniel died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:12

ULT

12 Then the sons of Israel started again to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh. So Yahweh strengthed Eglon, the king of Moab against Israel, because they did this evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

12 After that, the Israelites again did things that Yahweh had forbidden them to do, things that were very evil. Yahweh made the army of King Eglon, who ruled the land of Moab, much stronger so that he could defeat the Israelites.

Who gave strength to Eglon the king of Moab?

Yahweh gave strength to Eglon the king of Moab.

Judges 3:13

ULT

13 Then he mobilized to himself the sons of Ammon and Amalek and he went and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the city of the palm trees.

UST

13 Eglon persuaded the leaders of the Ammonites and the Amalekites to join their armies with his army to attack Israel. They captured Jericho, which was called “The City of Palm Trees.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:14

ULT

14 So the sons of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

UST

14 Then King Eglon ruled the Israelites for eighteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:15

ULT

15 When the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, Yahweh raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a man impeded in his right hand. The sons of Israel sent tribute by his hand to Eglon, the king of Moab.

UST

15 But then the Israelites again pleaded to Yahweh to help them. So he brought another leader to rescue them. He was Ehud son of Gera, a left-handed man from the descendants of Benjamin. The Israelites sent him to King Eglon to give him the money he required every year so he would not attack them.

When did Yahweh raise up Ehud to help the people of Israel?

Yahweh raised up Ehud to help the people of Israel when they called out to him.

Judges 3:16

ULT

16 Then Ehud made for himself a sword and it had two edges, a span was its length. He bound it on from beneath his clothing on his right thigh.

UST

16 Ehud had with him a short double-edged sword, one-half meter in length. He hid it under his clothes by strapping the sword to his right thigh.

Where did Ehud strap on the sword he made?
He strapped it on under his clothing on his right thigh.

Judges 3:17

ULT

17 Then he bought the tribute near to Eglon, the king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man.

UST

17 He gave the money to King Eglon, who was a very fat man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:18

ULT

18 Now it happened that when he had completed bringing over the tribute, he sent away the people, the bearers of the tribute.

UST

18 Then Ehud started to go back home with the men who had carried the money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:19

ULT

19 But he himself turned back from the quarries which were near the Gilgal, and he said, “I have a private message for you, O king.” He said, “Silence!” So all those who were standing around him went out from around him.

UST

19 When they arrived at the stone quarries near Gilgal, he told the other men to go on, but he himself turned around and went back to the king of Moab. When he arrived at the palace, he said to the king, “Your majesty, I have a secret message for you.” So the king told all his servants to be quiet, and he sent them out of the room.

Who was with Ehud and the king when Ehud told him the message? (vv19-20)
Only Ehud and the king were there.

Judges 3:20

ULT

20 So Ehud came to him. Now he was sitting in the roof chamber in the coolness, which was for him alone. Ehud said, “I have a message from God for you,” and he rose up from upon the seat.

UST

20 Then, as Eglon was sitting alone in the upstairs room of his summer palace, Ehud came close to him and said, “I have a message for you from God.” Just then the king got up from his chair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:21

ULT

21 Then Ehud stretched out his left hand and took the sword from upon his right thigh, and he thrust it into his belly.

UST

21 As the king got up, Ehud reached with his left hand and pulled the dagger from his right thigh, and plunged it into the king’s belly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:22

ULT

22 Also the handle went in following the blade, and the fat closed up over the handle because he did not pull the sword out of his belly. Then he proceeded to the vestibule,

UST

22 He thrust it in so far that the handle went into the king's belly. Ehud did not pull the dagger out. He left it there, with the handle buried in the king's fat, and he went out from the room.

Why did fat close over the blade?

Fat closed over the blade, for Ehud did not draw the sword out of the king's body.

Judges 3:23

ULT

23 and Ehud went out to the porch and he closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

UST

23 Then Ehud left the room. He went out to the porch. He shut the doors to the room and locked them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:24

ULT

24 After he had gone out, his servants came. They inspected and behold, the doors of the roof chamber were locked. So they said, "Surely he is covering his feet in the chamber in the coolness."

UST

24 After he had gone, King Eglon's servants came back, but they saw that the doors of the room were locked. They said, "The king must be defecating in the inner room."

When the king's servants saw that the doors of the upper room were locked, what did they think?

When the king's servants saw that the doors of the upper room were locked, they thought he was relieving himself in the coolness of the upper room.

Judges 3:25

ULT

25 They waited until it was inappropriate, but behold, he was not opening the doors of the roof chamber. So they took the key and they opened them, and behold, their majestic lord had fallen to the floor, dead.

UST

25 So they waited, but when the king did not open the doors of the room, after a while they were worried. They got a key and unlocked the doors. And they saw that their king was lying on the floor, dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:26

ULT

26 Meanwhile Ehud had escaped during their tarrying and he passed beyond the quarries, then he fled to Seirah.

UST

26 Meanwhile, Ehud escaped. He passed by the stone quarries and arrived at Seirah, in the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived.

When did Ehud escape?

While the servants were waiting, wondering what they should do, Ehud escaped.

Judges 3:27

ULT

27 Now it happened that at his coming in, he blew on the shofar in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the sons of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was before them.

UST

27 There he blew a trumpet to tell everyone that the people should join him to fight the people of Moab. So the Israelites went with him from the hills. They went down toward the Jordan River, with Ehud leading them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:28

ULT

28 Then he said to them, “Follow after me, for Yahweh has given your enemies, Moab, into your hand.” So they went down after him and they captured the fords of the Jordan opposite Moab. Thus they did not allow anyone to cross over.

UST

28 He said to the men, “Yahweh is going to allow us to defeat your enemies, the people of Moab. So follow me!” So they followed him down to the river, and they stationed some of their men at the place where people can walk across the river, in order that they could kill any people from Moab who tried to cross the river to escape.

How did the people of Israel prevent the Moabites from crossing the river?

The people of Israel captured the fords of the Jordan across from the Moabites.

Judges 3:29

ULT

29 So they routed Moab at that time, about ten thousand men. All were robust and all were men of strength, but not anyone escaped.

UST

29 At that time, the Israelites killed about ten thousand people from Moab. They were all strong and capable men, but not one of them escaped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:30

ULT

30 Moab was subdued on that day under the hand of Israel, and the land was tranquil eighty years.

UST

30 On that day, the Israelites conquered the people of Moab. Then there was peace in their land for eighty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 3:31

ULT

31 After him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, and he smote Philistines, 600 men with a cattle prod. Thus he also delivered Israel.

UST

31 After Ehud died, Shamgar became their leader. He rescued the Israelites from the Philistines. In one battle he killed six hundred Philistines with an ox goad.

With what did Shamgar kill 600 Philistines?

Shamgar killed the Philistines with a stick used to goad the cattle.

Judges 4

Judges 4:1

ULT

[1] Then the sons of Israel resumed once again to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh, after Ehud died.

UST

[1] After Ehud died, the Israelites again started doing things Yahweh said were very evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:2

ULT

[2] So Yahweh handed them over into the hand of Jabin, the king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Now the commander of his army was Sisera, and he was residing in Harosheth Haggoyim.

UST

[2] So he allowed the army of Jabin, one of the kings in the region of Canaan, who ruled in the city of Hazor, to conquer the Israelites. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth (where many of those who were not Israelites lived).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:3

ULT

[3] Then the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, because he had nine hundred chariots of iron and he oppressed the sons of Israel with severe might twenty years.

UST

[3] Sisera's army had nine hundred chariots made out of iron. For twenty years he cruelly oppressed the Israelites. Then they pleaded to Yahweh to help them.

Why did the people of Israel call out to Yahweh for help?

The people of Israel called out to Yahweh for help, because Sisera had nine hundred iron chariots and he oppressed the people of Israel with force for twenty years.

Judges 4:4

ULT

4 Now Deborah was a woman, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth. She was judging Israel at that time.

UST

4 Now Deborah, a woman who proclaimed the word of Yahweh (who was the wife of Lappidoth), was a leading judge in Israel at that time.

Why did the people of Israel come to Deborah?
The people of Israel came to Deborah to settle their disputes.

Judges 4:5

ULT

5 She would sit beneath the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel came up to her for justice.

UST

5 She would sit under her palm tree (they called it the “palm of Deborah”) at a place between Ramah and Bethel, in the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, and people would come to her and ask her to settle their legal disputes. She would determine what was right and fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:6

ULT

6 She sent and called for Barak, the son of Abinoam, from Kedesh Naphtali. She said to him, “Has Yahweh, the God of Israel, not commanded: ‘Go and draft at Mount Tabor, and you shall take with you ten thousand men from the sons of Naphtali and from the sons of Zebulun’?

UST

6 One day she sent for Barak son of Abinoam and called him to come to her. He was from Kedesh (in the area where the descendants of Naphtali lived). She said to him, “This is what Yahweh, the God we worship, is commanding you to do: ‘Take ten thousand men with you, some from Naphtali and some from Zebulun, and gather all your men together at Mount Tabor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:7

ULT

7 ‘I will draw out Sisera, the commander of the army of Jabin, to you along the Kishon River, and his chariot and his multitude, and I will give him into your hand’.”

UST

7 Yahweh will make me able to persuade Sisera, the commander of King Jabin’s army, to come with his chariots and his army, to the river Kishon, a few miles away. I will enable your men to defeat them there.’”

Where would Yahweh cause Sisera to meet Barak?

Yahweh would cause Sisera to meet Barak by the river Kishon.

Judges 4:8

ULT

8 Barak replied to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.”

UST

8 Barak replied, “I will go only if you go with me. If you will not go with me, I will not go.”

Why would Yahweh make a woman defeat Sisera? (vv8-9)

Yahweh would make a woman defeat Sisera because Barak did not go without Deborah.

Judges 4:9

ULT

9 She declared, “I will indeed go with you, for naught, since it will not be your honor on the way which you are going, but with a hand of a woman Yahweh will give over Sisera.” Then Deborah rose up and she went with Barak to Kedesh.

UST

9 She replied, “Indeed I will go with you. But because that is what you have decided to do, Yahweh will enable a woman to defeat Sisera, and the result will be that no one will honor you for doing that.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:10

ULT

[10] Then Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. He went up, ten thousand men were at his feet, and Deborah went up with him.

UST

[10] There he summoned men from Zebulun and Naphtali. Ten thousand men came to him there, and then they went together with Deborah to Mount Tabor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:11

ULT

[11] Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from Cain, from the sons of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses. He pitched his tent as far as an oak tree in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.

UST

[11] At that time Heber (the Kenite) had moved away from the Kenites with his wife Jael, and set up his tent near the big oak tree at Zaanannim, near Kedesh. (Heber was a descendant of Moses' father-in-law Hobab.)

From whom did the Kenites descend?

The Kenites descended from Hobab, Moses' father-in-law.

Judges 4:12

ULT

[12] When they reported to Sisera that Barak, the son of Abinoam, had gone up to Mount Tabor,

UST

[12] Someone told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up on Mount Tabor with an army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:13

ULT

13 Sisera summoned all of his chariotry, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all of the people who were with him, from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River.

UST

13 Sisera gathered his troops with their nine hundred chariots, and they marched from Harosheth (where the non-Israelites lived) to the river Kishon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:14

ULT

14 Then Deborah directed to Barak, “Arise! For this day when Yahweh has given Sisera into your hand, has not Yahweh gone forth before you?” So Barak went down from Mount Tabor along with ten thousand men beside him.

UST

14 Then Deborah said to Barak, “Get going! This is the day that Yahweh will enable your army to defeat the army of Sisera. Yahweh is going ahead of you!” So Barak led his men as they descended from Mount Tabor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:15

ULT

15 Yahweh dismayed Sisera and all of the chariotry and all of the army with an edge of a sword before Barak. So Sisera dismounted from atop the chariot and fled away on his feet.

UST

15 As they advanced, Yahweh caused Sisera and all his chariots and his army to have great difficulty maneuvering around. So Sisera jumped down from his chariot and ran away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:16

ULT

16 But Barak pursued after the chariotry and after the army as far as Harosheth Haggoyim, and the entire army of Sisera fell by an edge of a sword, not even one remained.

UST

16 But Barak and his men pursued the other chariots and the enemy soldiers as far as Harosheth (where the non-Israelites lived). They killed all of the men in Sisera's army. Not one man survived.

How many of the army of Sisera survived?
None of the army of Sisera survived.

Judges 4:17

ULT

17 However Sisera had fled on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.

UST

17 But Sisera ran to Jael's tent. He did that because Sisera's master, Jabin of the city of Hazor, was a good friend of her husband Heber.

Why did Sisera go to the tent of Jael?
Sisera went to the tent of Jael, for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber, Jael's husband.

Judges 4:18

ULT

18 Jael went out to meet Sisera and she said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me. Do not fear." So he turned to her, into the tent, and she concealed him with the coverlet.

UST

18 Jael went out to greet Sisera. She said to him, "Sir, come into my tent! Do not be afraid!" So he went into the tent and lay down, and she covered him with a blanket.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:19

ULT

19 He requested of her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened the leather bag of milk and gave him drink, and then she covered him.

UST

19 He said to her, “I am thirsty; can you give me some water?” So she opened a leather container of milk, and gave him a drink. Then she covered him with a blanket again.

When Sisera asked for water, what did Jael give him?

When Sisera asked for water, Jael gave him milk.

Judges 4:20

ULT

20 Then he directed her, “Stand at the entrance of the tent. It shall be if anyone should come and ask you and say, ‘Is there anyone here?’, then you shall say ‘There is not’.”

UST

20 He said to her, “Stand in the entrance of the tent. If someone comes and asks, ‘Is anyone else here?’, say ‘No’.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:21

ULT

21 Then Jael, the wife of Heber, took the peg of the tent and she put the hammer in her hand. She came to him in the silence, and she drove the peg into his temple and pounded down to the ground. For he had been soundly sleeping and weary, instead he died.

UST

21 Sisera was very exhausted, so he soon was asleep. While he was sleeping, Jael crept quietly to him, holding a hammer and a tent peg. She pounded the peg through his skull, and she hammered the peg all the way through his head and it stuck into the ground, and he died.

How did Jael kill Sisera?

Jael hammered the tent peg into the side of his head and it pierced through him and went down into the ground.

Judges 4:22

ULT

22 Then, behold, Barak was pursuing Sisera, and Jael went out to meet him and she said to him, “Come, and let me show you the man whom you are seeking.” So he came to her, and behold, Sisera had fallen dead, and the peg was in his temple.

UST

22 When Barak came to Jael’s tent to look for Sisera, she went out to greet him. She said, “Come in, and I will show you the man you are searching for!” So he followed her into the tent, and he saw Sisera lying there, dead, with the tent peg still piercing through his head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:23

ULT

23 So on that day God vanquished Jabin, the king of Canaan, before the sons of Israel.

UST

23 On that day God enabled the Israelites to defeat the army of Jabin, one of the kings of the Canaanites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 4:24

ULT

24 Thus the hand of the sons of Israel had gone on becoming increasingly severe against Jabin, the king of Canaan, up to the point that they had destroyed Jabin, the king of Canaan.

UST

24 The Israelites became stronger and stronger, and they destroyed Jabin and his army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5

Judges 5:1

ULT

1 So Deborah sang with Barak, the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying:

UST

1 On that day, Deborah and Barak (the son of Abinoam) sang this song:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:2

ULT

2 “When long hair flowed freely in Israel, as people enlisted themselves willingly, everyone bless Yahweh!

UST

2 “When the leaders of the Israelite people really lead them, and the people willingly follow them, it is time to praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:3

ULT

3 Hear, O kings! Give ear, O rulers! I, unto Yahweh, even I, I will sing, I will make music unto Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

3 Listen, you kings! Pay attention, you leaders! I will sing to Yahweh. With this song I will praise Yahweh, the God of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:4

ULT

4 Yahweh, because of your going forth out of Seir, because of your marching out of the open land of Edom, the earth quaked, the heavens also dripped, also the dark clouds dripped down water.

UST

4 O Yahweh, when you came from Seir, when you marched from that land, also known as Edom, the earth shook, and rain poured down from the skies.

When did the earth shake?

The earth shook when Yahweh went out from Seir, when he marched from Edom.

Judges 5:5

ULT

5 Mountains flowed because of the presence of Yahweh, this Sinai, because of the presence of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

5 The mountains shook when you came, just like Mount Sinai shook when you appeared there, because you are Yahweh, the God of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:6

ULT

6 In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, main roads were abandoned, and walkers of footpaths would walk crooked paths.

UST

6 When Shamgar was our leader and in the days of Jael, we were afraid to walk on the main roads; instead, caravans of travelers walked on winding, less traveled roads to avoid being molested.

What paths did those who walked use?

Those who walked used the winding paths.

Judges 5:7

ULT

7 Rural people ceased to be in Israel, they ceased to be until when I arose, Deborah, when I arose, a mother in Israel!

UST

7 People left their small villages, and moved into the walled cities until I, Deborah, became their leader. I became like a mother to the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:8

ULT

8 When he chose new gods, then there was fighting at the city gates, neither shield nor spear was seen among forty thousand in Israel.

UST

8 When the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh and chose new gods, enemies attacked the gates of the cities, and then they took away the shields and spears from forty thousand Israelite soldiers. Not one was left with a metal weapon.

What was not seen among forty thousand in Israel?

Neither shields nor spears were seen among forty thousand in Israel.

Judges 5:9

ULT

9 My heart is alongside those pledging order in Israel, those freely enlisting themselves among the people. Everyone bless Yahweh!

UST

9 I am thankful for the leaders and soldiers who volunteered to fight. I praise you, Yahweh, for them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:10

ULT

10 Riding on white donkeys, sitting on carpets, or walking along a road, sing of this,

UST

10 You wealthy people who ride on donkeys, sitting on nice padded saddles, and you people who just walk on the road, think about all this!

What things were used as saddles on the white donkeys?

Rugs were used as saddles on the white donkeys.

Judges 5:11

ULT

11 louder than the sound of those distributing water from watering places. There they continuously celebrate the righteous deeds of Yahweh, the righteous actions of his rural people in Israel. Then the people of Yahweh went down to the gates.

UST

11 Listen to the voices of the singers who gather at the places where the animals drink water. They tell about how Yahweh acted righteously when he enabled the Israelite warriors to conquer their enemies. Yahweh's people marched down to the city gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:12

ULT

12 Awake, awake, Deborah! Awake, awake, utter a song! Arise, Barak, and lead away captive your prisoner, the son of Abinoam.

UST

12 The people came to my house and shouted, 'Deborah, wake up! Wake up and start singing!' They also shouted, 'Barak (son of Abinoam), get up, and capture our enemies!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:13

ULT

13 Then a survivor prevails over nobles, the people of Yahweh prevail at my side against the warriors.

UST

13 Later, some of the Israelite people who survived the battle came down from the highlands to where their leaders were. These were men who belonged to Yahweh and they came down to me to fight their enemies alongside these warriors.

To whom did the people of Yahweh come down?

The people of Yahweh came down to Deborah among the warriors.

Judges 5:14

ULT

14 From Ephraim, their root was against Amalek; after you, Benjamin, among your peoples. From Machir those with resolve came down, and from Zebulun those who wield the scepter of a scribe.

UST

14 Some came from the tribe descended from Ephraim. They came from land that once belonged to the descendants of Amalek. Men from the tribe descended from Benjamin followed them. Troops from the group descended from Machir also came down, and officers from the tribe descended from Zebulun came down, carrying staffs to show they were important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:15

ULT

15 My princes in Issachar were with Deborah; and Issachar was also with Barak into a plain he was sent out on his feet. Among the divisions of Reuben there were great resolutions of heart.

UST

15 Leaders from the tribes descended from Issachar joined Barak and Deborah. They followed Barak, rushing down into the valley. But men from the tribe descended from Reuben could not decide what they should do.

What was Issachar doing with Barak?

Issachar was rushing after Barak into the valley under his command.

Judges 5:16

ULT

16 Why did you sit among the campfires, in order to hear signaling for flocks? As for the divisions of Reuben there were great resolutions of heart.

UST

16 Why did you men stay at your fireplaces, waiting to hear the shepherds whistle for their flocks of sheep to come to the pens? Men in the tribe descended from Reuben could not decide whether they would join us to fight our enemies, or not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:17

ULT

17 Gilead settled in the region beyond the Jordan; but Dan, why does he sojourn on ships? Asher dwelt at the coast of the seas and he resides along his harbors.

UST

17 Similarly, the men living in the Gilead area stayed at home, east of the Jordan River. And the men from the tribe descended from Dan, why did they stay home? The tribe descended from Asher sat by the seashore. They stayed in their coves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:18

ULT

18 Zebulun was a people willfully scorning its soul even to death, also Naphtali on the elevated places of the battlefield.

UST

18 But men from the tribe descended from Zebulun risked their lives on the battlefield, and men descended from Naphtali were ready to do that, also.

What would Zebulun risk?

Zebulun would risk their lives to the point of death.

Judges 5:19

ULT

19 Kings came, they did battle; at that time the kings of Canaan did battle at Taanach along the waters of Megiddo. Plunder of silver they did not take.

UST

19 The kings of Canaan fought us at Taanach, near the springs in Megiddo Valley. But since they did not defeat us, they did not carry away any silver or other treasures from the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:20

ULT

20 From the heavens the stars did battle, from their courses they did battle against Sisera.

UST

20 It was as though the stars in the heavens fought for us and as though those stars in their paths fought against Sisera.

What fought against Sisera from their paths across the heavens?

The stars fought against Sisera from their paths across the heavens.

Judges 5:21

ULT

21 The Kishon River swept them away, the ancient river, the Kishon River. Tread on, O my soul, in strength!

UST

21 The river Kishon swept them away— that river that has been there for ages. I will tell myself to be brave and continue marching on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:22

ULT
22 Then hooves of a horse beat down, from rushing, the rushing of his valiant ones.

UST
22 The hooves of the horses of Sisera's army pounded the ground. Those powerful horses kept galloping along.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:23

ULT
23 'Curse Meroz!' said the messenger of Yahweh. 'You shall surely curse those dwelling in it, because they did not come to the aid of Yahweh— to the aid of Yahweh against the mighty men.'

UST
23 The angel sent by Yahweh said, 'I curse the people of the town of Meroz because they did not come to help Yahweh to defeat the mighty warriors of Canaan.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:24

ULT
24 Jael is most blessed of women, the wife of Heber, the Kenite, out of women in the tent she is blessed.

UST
24 But God is very pleased with Jael, (the wife of Heber the Kenite). He is more pleased with her than with all the other women who live in tents.

Why did the angel of Yahweh curse Meroz?
The angel of Yahweh cursed Meroz because they did not come to help Yahweh.

Judges 5:25

ULT
25 Water he requested, milk she gave, in a bowl suitable for nobles, she brought curdled milk.

UST
25 Sisera asked for some water, and Jael gave him some milk. She brought him some yogurt in a bowl that was suitable for kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:26

ULT
26 They reached out, her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to a hammer of workmen; she struck Sisera, she shattered his head. She struck through and she pierced his temple.

UST
26 Then, when he was asleep, she reached for a tent peg with her left hand, and she reached for a hammer with her right hand. She hit Sisera hard with it and crushed his head. She pounded the tent peg right through his head.

To what did Jael put her hand?
She put her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workman's hammer.

Judges 5:27

ULT
27 Between her feet, he bowed, he fell, he lay down. Between her feet he bowed, he fell; at the place where he bowed, there he fell violently destroyed.

UST
27 He collapsed at her feet and he fell and he layed there and did not move. At her feet he sank down, and there he fell limp. He was dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:28

ULT

28 Through the window she had looked down and lamented, the mother of Sisera through the lattice window. ‘Why has his chariot delayed in coming? Why are the hoofbeats of his chariots late?’

UST

28 Sisera’s mother looked out from her window. She said, ‘Why is he taking so long to come home in his chariot? Why do I not hear the sound of the wheels of his chariot?’

Where did the mother of Sisera look out?

The mother of Sisera looked out of a window, through the lattice.

Judges 5:29

ULT

29 The wisest of her princesses answered, yet she continued her utterance to herself:

UST

29 Her wisest princesses replied to her, and she kept consoling herself by repeating those words:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:30

ULT

30 ‘Are they not finding, are they dividing up spoil, a maiden, two maidens for every warrior, spoil of dyed fabrics for Sisera, spoil of dyed fabrics, embroidered, dyed fabric embroidered on both sides for the necks as spoil?’

UST

30 ‘Perhaps they are dividing up the things and the people they captured after the battle. Each soldier will get one or two women who will bear them children. Sisera will get some beautiful robes, and some beautiful embroidered robes for me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 5:31

ULT

31 So may all of your enemies perish, Yahweh! But may those who love him be as the coming forth of the sun in its strength.” Then the land was tranquil forty years.

UST

31 But that is not what happened! Yahweh, I hope that all your enemies will die as Sisera did! And I desire that all those who love you, Yahweh, be as strong as the sun when it rises!” There was peace again in the land for forty years.

Like what should those who love Yahweh be?

Those who love Yahweh should be like the sun when it rises in its might.

Judges 6

Judges 6:1

ULT

[1] The sons of Israel did this evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh gave them over into the hand of Midian seven years.

UST

[1] Again the Israelites did what Yahweh said was very evil. So he allowed the people of Midian to conquer them and rule them for seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:2

ULT

[2] Then the hand of Midian prevailed over Israel. On account of the presence of Midian, the sons of Israel made the dens for themselves which were in the mountains, the caves, and the strongholds.

UST

[2] The people of Midian treated the Israelites so cruelly that the Israelites fled to the mountains. There they made places to live in caves and places to be safe.

What did the people of Israel do because of Midian?

Because of Midian, the people of Israel made shelters for themselves from the dens in the hills, the caves, and the strongholds.

Judges 6:3

ULT

[3] Now it would happen whenever Israel sowed, that Midian and Amalek would come up, even sons of the east would come up against him.

UST

[3] At the time when the Israelites planted their crops in the fields, the people of Midian and Amalek and people from the east attacked the Israelites.

What happened any time the Israelites planted their crops?

Any time the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the people from the east would attack the Israelites.

Judges 6:4

ULT

4 They encamped around them and they ruined the produce of the land as far as your coming into Gaza. As a result means of sustaining life would not remain in Israel, neither sheep, nor cattle, nor donkey.

UST

4 They set up tents in the area, and then destroyed the crops as far south as Gaza. They did not leave anything for the Israelites to eat and took away the sheep, the cattle and the donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:5

ULT

5 When they and their livestock would come up, along with their tents, they would come up as an abundance of a locust swarm because of the multitude. Of them and of their camels there was no counting thus they came into the land in order to destroy it.

UST

5 They came into Israel with their tents and their livestock like a swarm of locusts. There were so many of them that arrived riding on their camels that no one could count. They stayed so they could ruin the Israelites' livelihoods.

How many Midianites and Amalekites would attack?

It was impossible to count them.

Judges 6:6

ULT

6 Israel was severely impoverished because of the presence of Midian, so the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh.

UST

6 The people of Midian took almost everything the Israelites owned. So finally the Israelites pleaded for Yahweh to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:7

ULT

[7] Now it happened that when the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh on account of Midian,

UST

[7] When the Israelites pleaded with Yahweh to help them because of what the people from Midian had done to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:8

ULT

[8] that Yahweh sent a man, a prophet to the sons of Israel. He said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘I myself, have brought you up out of Egypt, and I have brought you out of the house of slavery.

UST

[8] Yahweh sent to them a prophet, who said, “This is what Yahweh the God of Israel says, ‘I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, out of the places where you all were slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:9

ULT

[9] I rescued you from the hand of Egypt, and from the hand of all of those oppressing you. I drove them out of your presence, and I have surely given to you their land.

UST

[9] But I rescued them from the leaders of Egypt and from all the others who oppressed you. I expelled their enemies from this land, and gave it to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:10

ULT

10 I said to you, “I am Yahweh your God; you shall not revere the gods of the Amorite, when you are dwelling in their land.” But you have not heeded my voice.”’

UST

10 I told you and your ancestors, “I am Yahweh, your God. You are now in the land of the Amorites, but you must not worship the gods they worship here in this land in which you are living.” But you did not obey me.”’

In whose land were the people of Israel living?

They were living in the land of the Amorites.

Judges 6:11

ULT

11 Now the messenger of Yahweh came and sat beneath the oak which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash, the Abiezrite. Meanwhile Gideon, his son, was threshing out wheat at the winepress in order to hide from the presence of Midian.

UST

11 One day the angel of Yahweh appeared and sat under a big oak tree at the town of Ophrah. (That tree belonged to Joash, who was from the clan of Abiezer.) Joash’s son Gideon was threshing wheat in the pit where they pressed grapes to make wine. He was threshing the grain there in order to hide it from the people of Midian.

Why was Gideon separating out the wheat by beating it on the floor, in the winepress?

Gideon was separating out the wheat by beating it on the floor, in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.

Judges 6:12

ULT

12 Then the messenger of Yahweh appeared to him and declared to him, “Yahweh is with you, O warrior of valor!”

UST

12 Yahweh went over to Gideon and said to him, “You mighty warrior, Yahweh is helping you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:13

ULT

13 Gideon said to him, “With me, my lord? If Yahweh is with us, then why has all of this come to us? Where are all of his miraculous workings that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not Yahweh bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now Yahweh has forsaken us and given us over into the grasp of Midian.”

UST

13 Gideon replied, “Sir, if Yahweh is helping us, why have all these bad things happened to us? We heard about all the miracles that Yahweh performed for our ancestors. We heard people tell us about how he rescued them from being slaves in Egypt. But now Yahweh has abandoned us, and we are ruled by the people from Midian.”

What did Gideon think Yahweh had done to the people of Israel?

Gideon thought Yahweh had abandoned them and had given them over to the power of Midian.

Judges 6:14

ULT

14 Then Yahweh turned to him and said, “Go in this strength of yours and you shall deliver Israel from the grasp of Midian. Have I not sent you?”

UST

14 Then Yahweh turned toward him and said, “You have the strength to rescue the Israelites from the people of Midian. I am sending you to do that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:15

ULT

15 Then he replied to him, “Please, my lord! In what manner will I deliver Israel? See, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the most insignificant in the house of my father.”

UST

15 Gideon replied, “But Lord, how can I rescue the Israelites? My clan is the least significant in the whole tribe descended from Manasseh, and I am the least significant person in my whole family!”

Why did Gideon think he could not deliver Israel?

Gideon thought he could not deliver Israel because his family was the weakest in Manasseh, and he was the least important in his father’s house.

Judges 6:16

ULT

16 Then Yahweh said to him, “Because I will be with you, indeed you shall destroy Midian as one man.”

UST

16 Yahweh said to him, “I will help you. So you will defeat the Midianite army as easily as if you were fighting only one man!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:17

ULT

17 He replied to him, “If indeed I have found favor in your eyes, then perform a sign for me that it is you speaking to me.

UST

17 Gideon replied, “If you are truly pleased with me, do something which will prove that you who are speaking to me are really Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:18

ULT

18 Please, do not depart from this place, until my coming to you then I will bring out my offering and I will set it before you.” So he said, “Myself, I will stay until your returning.”

UST

18 But do not go away until I go and bring back an offering to you.” Yahweh answered, “Very well, I will stay here until you return.”

Why did Yahweh wait for Gideon?

Yahweh waited for Gideon to bring him a gift.

Judges 6:19

ULT

19 Then Gideon went and he prepared a young goat and from an ephah of flour, unleavened bread. He placed the meat in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot and brought them out to him to beneath the oak tree, and he presented them.

UST

19 Gideon hurried to his home. He killed a young goat and cooked it. Then he took a about twenty-two liters of flour and baked some bread without yeast. Then he put the cooked meat in a basket, and put the broth from the meat in a pot, and took it to Yahweh, who was sitting under the tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:20

ULT

20 Then the messenger of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and place them on this rock, and pour out the broth,” and he did so.

UST

20 Then the angel of God said to him, “Put the meat and the bread on this rock. Then pour the broth on top of it.” So Gideon did that.

Where did the angel of God tell Gideon to put the meat and unleavened bread?

The angel of God told Gideon to put the meat and unleavened bread on a rock.

Judges 6:21

ULT

21 Then the messenger of Yahweh stretched out the edge of the staff that was in his hand. He touched the meat and the unleavened bread; the fire went up out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the messenger of Yahweh went away out of his sight.

UST

21 Then Yahweh reached out and touched the meat and bread with the walking stick that was in his hand. A fire flamed up from the rock and burned up the meat and the bread that Gideon had brought! And then Yahweh disappeared.

What happened when the angel of Yahweh reached out with the end of the staff in his hand?

When the angel of Yahweh reached out with the end of the staff in his hand, he touched the flesh and the unleavened bread; a fire went up out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread.

Judges 6:22

ULT

22 When Gideon saw that he was the messenger of Yahweh, Gideon lamented, “Alas, O my Lord Yahweh, for because of this I have seen the messenger of Yahweh face to face!”

UST

22 When Gideon realized that it was really Yahweh who had appeared in the form of an angel and talked with him, he exclaimed, “O, Yahweh, I have seen you face-to-face when you had the form of an angel! So I will surely die!”

Why was Gideon afraid when he understood that he had seen the angel of Yahweh? (vv22-23)

Gideon was afraid when he understood that he had seen the angel of Yahweh because he thought he would die.

Judges 6:23

ULT

23 But Yahweh replied to him, “Peace be unto you! Do not be afraid, you will not die.”

UST

23 But Yahweh called to him and said, “Do not be afraid! You will not die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:24

ULT

24 So Gideon built an altar there to Yahweh and he named it Yahweh is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah of the Abiezerite.

UST

24 Then Gideon built an altar to worship Yahweh there. He named it ‘Yahweh is Peace.’ That altar is still there at the town of Ophrah, in the land of the Abiezrites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:25

ULT

25 Now it happened on that night that Yahweh said to him, “Take the young bull that belongs to your father, and the second bull seven years old, break into pieces the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it.

UST

25 That night Yahweh said to Gideon, “Take the second-best bull that belongs to your father, the bull that is seven years old, and tear down the altar that your father built to worship the god Baal. Also cut down the pole for worshiping the goddess Asherah that is there beside it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:26

ULT

26 You shall build an altar to Yahweh your God on the top of this place of refuge in the usual arrangement. Then you shall take the second bull and you shall offer a whole burnt offering, on the wood pieces from the Asherah that you shall cut down.”

UST

26 Then build a stone altar to worship me, your God Yahweh, here on this hill. Take the wood from the Asherah pole you cut down and make a fire to burn the meat of the bull as a burnt offering to me.”

What did Yahweh tell Gideon to build on the top of the place of refuge?

Yahweh told him to build an altar to Yahweh on the top of the place of refuge.

Judges 6:27

ULT

27 So Gideon took ten men out of his servants and did just as Yahweh had instructed to him. Now it happened that because he was afraid of the household of his father and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

UST

27 So Gideon and ten of his servants did what Yahweh commanded. But they did it at night, because he was afraid what the other members of his family and the other men in town would do to him if they found out that he had done that.

Why did Gideon do what Yahweh told him to do at night?

Gideon did what Yahweh told him to do at night because he was too afraid of his father’s household and the men of the town to do it during the day.

Judges 6:28

ULT

28 When the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was torn down, the Asherah that was beside it had been cut down, and the second bull had been offered on the altar that had been built.

UST

28 Early the next morning, as soon as the men got up, they saw that the altar to Baal was in ruins, and the Asherah pole was gone. They saw that there was a new altar there, and on it was what remained from the bull they had sacrificed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:29

ULT

29 As a result each man said to his neighbor, “Who has done this thing?” When they inquired and searched, they said, “Gideon, the son of Joash has done this thing.”

UST

29 The people asked each other, “Who did this?” After they investigated, someone told them that it was Gideon son of Joash who had done it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:30

ULT

30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, “Bring out your son so that he may die, because he tore down the altar of Baal, and because he cut down the Asherah that was beside it.”

UST

30 The men of the town said to Joash, “Bring your son out here! He must be put to death, because he destroyed our god Baal’s altar and cut down the Asherah pole where we worship!”

Why did the men of the town want to put Gideon to death?

The men wanted to put Gideon to death, because he pulled apart the altar of Baal, and because he cut down the Asherah beside it.

Judges 6:31

ULT

31 Joash said to all who stood against him, “Will you really contend on behalf of Baal? Will you really help him? Whoever contends for him, he will be put to death while it is still the morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself when someone tears down his altar.”

UST

31 But Joash replied to those who came against him, “Are you trying to defend Baal? Are you trying to argue his case? Anyone who tries to defend Baal should be executed by tomorrow morning! If Baal is truly a god, he ought to be able to defend himself, when someone tears down his altar!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:32

ULT

32 Therefore on that day he called him “Jerub Baal,” saying, “May the Baal contend against him,” because he had torn down his altar.

UST

32 From that time, people called Gideon Jerub Baal, which means “Baal should defend himself,” because he had torn down Baal’s altar.

Why was Gideon given the name, “Jerub Baal”?

Gideon was given the name, “Jerub Baal,” because he said, “Let Baal defend himself against him,” because Gideon pulled apart his altar.

Judges 6:33

ULT

33 Now all of Midian, Amalek, and the sons of the east assembled themselves together, and they crossed over and they camped in the Valley of Jezreel.

UST

33 Soon after that, the armies of the people of Midian and of Amalek and the people from the east gathered together. They crossed the Jordan River to attack the Israelites. They set up their tents in the Valley of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:34

ULT

34 But the Spirit of Yahweh clothed Gideon. As a result he blew the shofar, thus he summoned Abiezer after him.

UST

34 Then Yahweh's Spirit took control of Gideon. He blew a ram's horn to summon the men to prepare to fight. So the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:35

ULT

35 Then he sent messengers in all of Manasseh, and he summoned him also after him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

UST

35 He also sent messengers throughout the tribes descended from Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali to tell their soldiers to come, and all of them came.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:36

ULT

36 Then Gideon said to the true God, "If it is you delivering Israel by my hand, just as you have spoken,

UST

36 Then Gideon said to God, "If you are truly going to enable me to rescue the Israelite people as you promised,

What did Gideon do to find out if Yahweh intended to use him to save Israel? (vv36-37)

Gideon put a woolen fleece on the threshing floor. He said that if there was dew only on the fleece, and it was dry on all the ground, then he would know that Yahweh would use him to save Israel.

Judges 6:37

ULT

37 Look, I am putting this fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If dew shall be upon the fleece, only it, but on all of the ground it is dry, then I will know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, just as you have spoken."

UST

37 confirm it by doing this: Tonight I will put a dry wool fleece on the ground where I thresh the grain. Tomorrow morning, if the fleece is wet with dew but the ground is dry, then I will know that I am the one you will enable to rescue the people of Israel as you promised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 6:38

ULT

38 Now it happened afterwards that he rose early on the next day, and he pressed the fleece together. He wrung out dew from the fleece, the amount that fills the basin with water.

UST

38 And that is what happened. When Gideon got up the next morning, he picked up the fleece, and squeezed out a whole bowlful of water!

When Gideon pressed the fleece together, and wrung out the dew from the fleece, how much water was there?

When Gideon pressed the fleece together, and wrung out the dew from the fleece, there was enough water to fill a bowl.

Judges 6:39

ULT

39 Then Gideon said to the true God, "Do not let your anger burn against me, but may I speak only this time. May I please test only this time with the fleece? May it be, I pray, dry on the fleece, only it, but on all of the ground may there be dew."

UST

39 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be angry with me, but let me ask you to do one more thing. Tonight I will put the fleece out again. This time, let the fleece remain dry, while the ground is wet with the dew."

What was Gideon's second test for God?

Gideon's second test was for God to make the fleece dry, and let there be dew on all the ground around it.

Judges 6:40

ULT

40 So God did this during that night. It was dry on the fleece, only it, but on all of the ground there was dew.

UST

40 So that night, God did what Gideon asked him to do. The next morning the fleece was dry, but the ground was covered with dew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7

Judges 7:1

ULT

[1] Then Jerubbaal, that is, Gideon, rose up early, and all of the people who were with him, and they encamped beside the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was northward from him, toward the hill of Moreh in the valley.

UST

[1] The next morning, Jerub Baal (his name is also Gideon) and his men got up early and went as far as the spring of Harod. The army of Midian was camped north of them, in the valley near the hill of Moreh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh said to Gideon, “Too many are the people who are with you for my giving Midian ino their hand, lest Israel get glory themselves over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’

UST

[2] Yahweh said to Gideon, “You have too many soldiers with you. If I allow all of you to fight the army of Midian and your army defeats them, they will boast to me that they defeated their enemies by themselves, without my help.

Why did Yahweh have the fearful soldiers return? (vv2-3)

Yahweh had the fearful soldiers return so that Israel could not boast against Yahweh saying, “Our own power has saved us.”

Judges 7:3

ULT

[3] Now therefore, announce in the ears of the people saying, ‘Whoever is afraid and trembling, let him return and depart from Mount Gilead.’” So twenty-two thousand of the people turned back, but ten thousand remained.

UST

[3] So tell the men, ‘Whoever among you is timid or afraid may leave us and depart from Mount Gilead.’” So after Gideon told that to them, twenty-two thousand of them went home. Only ten thousand men were left there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:4

ULT

4 Then Yahweh said to Gideon, “Still the people are too numerous. Bring them down to the water, and I will further refine him for you there. So it will be whoever I will say to you, ‘This one will go with you,’ he will go with you. But anyone of whom I will say to you, ‘This one will not go with you,’ he will not go.”

UST

4 But Yahweh told Gideon, “There are still too many men! Take them down to the spring, and there I will choose from among them, which ones will go with you and which ones will not go.”

Why did Yahweh tell Gideon to take the soldiers down to the water?
Yahweh wanted to make the number of soldiers smaller by telling Gideon which ones would go with him.

Judges 7:5

ULT

5 So he brought the people down to the water, and Yahweh said to Gideon, “Anyone who laps up with his tongue from the water, just as would lap the dog, you shall set him apart, likewise anyone who kneels down on his knees to drink.”

UST

5 When Gideon took the men down to the spring, Yahweh told him, “When they drink, put into one group the ones who lap the water with their tongues, like dogs do. Put into another group the ones who kneel down to drink with their mouths in the water.”

How did Yahweh tell Gideon to separate the soldiers?
Yahweh told Gideon to separate everyone who lapped up the water, as a dog laps.

Judges 7:6

ULT

6 Now it happened that the number of those who lapped with their hand to their mouth was three hundred men, but all of the rest of the people knelt down on their knees to drink water.

UST

6 So when they drank, only three hundred men used their hands to bring water to their mouths. All the others drank by kneeling down and putting their mouths into the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:7

ULT

[7] Then Yahweh said to Gideon, “With the three hundred men those who lapped, I will deliver you and I will give Midian over into your hand. So let the other people go back each one to his own place.”

UST

[7] Then Yahweh told Gideon, “The three hundred men who lapped the water from their hands will be your army! I will help them defeat the Midianite army. Let all the others go home!”

How many soldiers did Gideon keep? (vv7-8)
Gideon kept three hundred soldiers and sent the rest home.

Judges 7:8

ULT

[8] Then the people took provision into their hand and their shofars but the other men of Israel he sent away, each man to his tents, except for the three hundred of the men he retained. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

UST

[8] So Gideon’s three hundred men collected the food and rams’ horns (used as trumpets) from all the other men, and then he sent them home. The men of Midian were camping in the valley below Gideon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:9

ULT

[9] Now it happened during that night Yahweh said to him, “Arise! Go down into the camp, for I have given him over into your hand.

UST

[9] During that night, Yahweh said to Gideon, “Get up and go down to their camp, and you will hear something that will convince you that I will enable your men to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:10

ULT

[10] But if you are afraid to go down, go down, you and Purah your armor bearer to the camp,

UST

[10] But if you are afraid to go by yourself, take your servant Purah with you.

If Gideon was afraid, what would strengthen Gideon's courage? (vv10-11)

If Gideon was afraid, he was told to go down to the camp, and listen to what they were saying, and his courage would be strengthened to attack the camp.

Judges 7:11

ULT

[11] and you shall hear what they are speaking, and afterwards your hands will be encouraged and you shall go down against the camp." So he went down, he and Purah his armor bearer, to the edge of the fifty who were in the camp.

UST

[11] Go down and listen to what some of the Midian soldiers are saying. Then you will be very encouraged, and you will be ready to attack their camp." So Gideon took Purah with him, and they went down to the edge of the enemy camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:12

ULT

[12] Now Midian, Amalek, and all of the sons of the east were lying down in the valley, as a locust swarm in abundance. As far as their camels they were innumerable, as the sand that is along the edge of the sea in abundance.

UST

[12] The armies of the people of Midian and Amalek and from the east had set up their tents and looked like a swarm of locusts. It seemed that their camels were too many to count, like the grains of sand on the seashore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:13

ULT

13 Gideon came, and look, a man was telling a dream to his neighbor. He said, “Look! I have dreamed a dream, and look, a round loaf of barley bread was tumbling into the camp of Midian. It came as far as the tent, and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent collapsed.”

UST

13 Gideon crept closer and heard one man telling a friend about a dream. He said, “I just had a dream, and in the dream I saw a round loaf of barley bread tumble down into our Midian camp. It struck a tent so hard that the tent turned upside down and collapsed!”

When one man was telling a dream to his companion, who did the companion say the dream was about? (vv13-14)

When one man was telling a dream to his companion, the companion said the dream was about Gideon. God had given him victory over Midian and all their army.

Judges 7:14

ULT

14 His neighbor answered and said, “There is nothing else this can be if not the sword of Gideon, the son of Joash, the man of Israel. The true God has given Midian into his hand and all of the camp.”

UST

14 His friend said, “Your dream can mean only one thing. It means that God will enable Gideon, the man of Israel, to defeat all of the armies that are here with us men from Midian.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:15

ULT

15 Now it happened when Gideon heard the narration of the dream and its interpretation, that he bowed down in worship. He returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Rise up! For Yahweh has given the camp of Midian into your hand.”

UST

15 When Gideon heard the man tell about his dream and the meaning of that dream, he thanked God. Then he and Purah returned to the Israelite camp, and he shouted to the men, “Get up! Because God is enabling you to defeat the men from Midian!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:16

ULT

16 Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put shofars into the hand of all of them as well as empty jars, with torches inside of the jars.

UST

16 He divided his men into three groups. He gave each man a ram's horn (as a trumpet) and an empty clay jar. He also gave each of them a torch to carry.

What did Gideon give his three hundred soldiers?
Gideon gave them all trumpets and empty jars, with torches inside each jar.

Judges 7:17

ULT

17 He said to them, "You shall look to me and thus you shall do. Watch! When I am coming along the edge of the camp, it shall be just as I do, thus you must do.

UST

17 Then he said to them, "Watch me. When we come close to the enemy camp, spread out to surround the camp. Then do exactly what I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:18

ULT

18 When I blow the shofar, I and everyone who is with me, then you shall blow the shofars, also you around all of the camp. Then you shall shout, 'For Yahweh and for Gideon!'"

UST

18 As soon as my men blow their ram's horns, you men in the other two groups surrounding the camp blow your horns and shout, 'We are doing this for Yahweh and for Gideon!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:19

ULT

19 So Gideon and one hundred men who were with him came to the edge of the camp, at the beginning of the middle nightwatch. They had only just stationed the guards, when they blew the shofars and they shattered the jars that were in their hand.

UST

19 A while before midnight at the start of the "middle watch," just when a new group of guards took the places of the previous guards, Gideon and the hundred men with him arrived at the edge of the Midian camp. Suddenly he and his men blew their horns, and broke the jars that they were carrying.

When did Gideon's soldiers blow the trumpets and break the jars that were in their hands?
Just as the Midianites were changing the guard, Gideon's soldiers blew the trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.

Judges 7:20

ULT

20 Then the three companies blew the shofars and they broke the jars. They held the torches in their left hand and the shofars in their right hand to blow. They shouted out, "A sword for Yahweh and for Gideon."

UST

20 Then the men in all three groups blew their horns and smashed their jars. They held the torches high with their left hands, and held up the horns with their right hands and alternatively blew them and shouted, "We have swords to fight for Yahweh and for Gideon!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:21

ULT

21 Each man stood in his place around the camp and all of the camp ran. They shouted and fled away.

UST

21 Each of Gideon's men stood in his position around the enemy camp. As they watched, all the Midian men started running around and shouting in a panic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:22

ULT

22 When they blew the three hundred shofars, Yahweh set the sword of each man against his comrade and against all of the camp. As a result the army fled as far as Beth Shittah toward Zererah, as far as the edge of Abel Meholah, towards Tabbath.

UST

22 While the three hundred Israelite men kept blowing their horns, Yahweh caused the Midianites to start fighting each other with their swords. Some of them killed each other. The rest fled. Some fled south to Beth Shittah. Some fled to the town of Zerarah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, near Tabbath.

When the soldiers blew the three hundred trumpets, what did Yahweh do?

When they blew the three hundred trumpets, Yahweh set every Midianite man's sword against his comrads and against all their army.

Judges 7:23

ULT

23 Then the men of Israel from Naphtali, and from Asher, and from all of Manasseh were summoned, and they pursued after Midian.

UST

23 Then Gideon sent messages to the soldiers in the areas where the descendants of Naphtali, Asher, and Manasseh lived, to tell them to come and pursue the army of Midian.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 7:24

ULT

24 Also Gideon sent messengers throughout all of the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Go down opposite Midian and seize before them the waters, as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan." Thus all of the men of Ephraim were summoned and they captured the waters, as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan.

UST

24 Gideon sent messengers throughout the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, saying, "Go down and attack the army of Midian. Go down to the Jordan River, to the places where people can wade across, to prevent enemy troops from crossing it! Station men as far south as Beth Barah." So the men of Ephraim did what Gideon told them to do.

How far did the men of Ephraim gather together and take control of the waters?

The men of Ephraim gathered together and took control of the waters, as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan River.

Judges 7:25

ULT

25 They captured the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the winepress of Zeeb. They pursued after Midian, and they brought the head of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon, from across the Jordan.

UST

25 They also captured Oreb and Zeeb, the two generals of the Midian army. They killed Oreb at the big rock which is now called the rock of Oreb, and they killed Zeeb at the place where they crush grapes that is now called the winepress of Zeeb. Afterwards, the Israelites cut off the heads of Oreb and Zeeb and brought them to Gideon, who was on the other side of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8

Judges 8:1

ULT

[1] The men of Ephraim said to him, “What is this thing you have done to us, not summoning us when you went to fight against Midian?” Then they complained forcefully against him.

UST

[1] Then the soldiers from the tribe of Ephraim said to Gideon, “Why have you acted toward us like this? When you went out to fight against the army of Midian, why did you not call us to help you?” They argued very much with Gideon.

Why did the men of Ephraim argue with Gideon?
The men of Ephraim argued with Gideon because he had not called them when he went to fight against Midian.

Judges 8:2

ULT

[2] He said to them, “What have I done now according to you? Are not the grape gleanings from Ephraim better than the grape harvest of Abiezer?

UST

[2] But Gideon replied, “I have done very little compared with what you have done! The grapes you do not bother to pick in the land of Ephraim are much better than the whole harvest among the descendants of Abiezer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:3

ULT

[3] God has given over the princes of Midian into your hand, Oreb and Zeeb! So what was I able to do compared to you?” Then their spirit concerning him abated when he was speaking this word.

UST

[3] God helped you defeat Oreb and Zeeb, the generals of the army from Midian. That is much more important than what I did!” After Gideon told them that, they no longer resented what he had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:4

ULT

4 Then Gideon came to the Jordan, crossing over, he and the three hundred men who were with him. They were weary, yet they continued pursuing.

UST

4 Then Gideon and his three hundred men went east. They came to the Jordan River and crossed it. Although they were very tired, they continued to pursue their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:5

ULT

5 Then he said to the men of Succoth, “Please give round loaves of bread to the people who are at my feet, for they are weary, yet I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.”

UST

5 When they arrived at the town of Succoth, Gideon said to the town leaders, “Please give my men bread that they may eat it! They are very tired. We are pursuing Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian.”

For what did Gideon ask the men of Succoth?

Gideon asked the men of Succoth for loaves of bread for the people who followed him.

Judges 8:6

ULT

6 The princes of Succoth replied, “Is the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand that we should give bread to your army?”

UST

6 But the leaders of Succoth replied, “You have not caught Zebah and Zalmunna yet. So why should we give food to your troops now? Catch them first, and then we will give you food.”

Why did Gideon tell the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower?

Gideon told the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower because they would not give his army bread, just as the men of Succoth refused.

Judges 8:7

ULT

7 So Gideon declared, “Assuredly when Yahweh has given Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, I will thresh your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and briers.”

UST

7 Gideon replied, “ Because you said that, after Yahweh enables us to defeat Zebah and Zalmunna, we will return. And then we will make whips from thorns from the desert, and with them we will rip the flesh off your bones!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:8

ULT

8 Then he went up from there to Penuel and also spoke to them in this manner, but the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.

UST

8 Gideon and his three hundred men went up to Peniel and asked for food there in the same way. But the people gave him the same answer.

Why did Gideon tell the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower? (vv8-9)

Gideon told the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower because they would not give his army bread, just as the men of Succoth refused.

Judges 8:9

ULT

9 So he declared also to the men of Peniel saying, “When I return in peace, I will tear down this tower.”

UST

9 So he said to the men of Peniel, “After I defeat those kings and make peace, then I will come and pull down this tower!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:10

ULT

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor and their troops were with them, about fifteen thousand, all the remaining out of all of the camp of the sons of the east, for the fallen were one hundred twenty thousand men drawing a sword.

UST

10 By that time, Zebah and Zalmunna had gone to Karkor town with fifteen thousand troops. They were all that were left of the armies that had come from the people of the East, and 120,000 of their men had already been killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:11

ULT

11 Then Gideon went up the road of those dwelling in the tents, from the east to Nobah and Jogbehah. He struck the camp, when the camp was feeling secure.

UST

11 Gideon and his men went east along the road on which caravans travel. They went past the villages of Nobah and Jogbehah and arrived at the enemy camp by surprise.

Why did Gideon defeat the enemy army past Nobah and Jogbehah?

Gideon defeated the enemy army, because they were not expecting an attack.

Judges 8:12

ULT

12 Zebah and Zalmunna fled, but he pursued after them and he captured the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna. Thus he caused all of the camp to tremble in terror.

UST

12 Zebah and Zalmunna fled, but Gideon’s men pursued them. He captured the two kings of Midian—Zebah and Zalmunna, and their whole army was sent off in confusion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:13

ULT
13 Then Gideon, the son of Joash, returned from the battle, going through the ascent of Heres.

UST
13 After that, Gideon and his men took Zebah and Zalmunna with them and started to return, going through the pass of Heres.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:14

ULT
14 He captured a young man out of the men of Succoth and he interrogated him. He wrote down for him the princes of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven men.

UST
14 There he captured a young man from Succoth, and demanded that he write down the names of all of the leaders in the town. The young man wrote down seventy-seven names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:15

ULT
15 Then he came to the men of Succoth and he said, “Look at Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me saying, ‘Is the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand that we should give bread to your weary men.’”

UST
15 Then Gideon and his men returned to Succoth and said to those leaders, “Here are Zebah and Zalmunna. When we were here before, you made fun of me and said ‘You have not caught Zebah and Zalmunna yet! After you catch them, we will give your exhausted men some food.’”

Who did Gideon show to the men of Succoth before he punished them? (vv15-16)
Gideon showed Zebah and Zalmunna to the men of Succoth before he punished them.

Judges 8:16

ULT

16 He took the elders of the city and the thorns of the wilderness and the briers, and he made the men of Succoth undergo them.

UST

16 Then Gideon's men took the town leaders and whipped them with whips made from briers from the desert, to teach them that they deserved to be punished for not giving them food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:17

ULT

17 Then he tore down the tower of Peniel and he killed the men of the city.

UST

17 Then they went to Peniel and tore down the tower, and killed all the men in the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:18

ULT

18 Next he said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "What sort were the men who you killed at Tabor?" They replied, "As you are, so were they. Each one was as the form of the sons of the king."

UST

18 Then Gideon said to Zebah and Zalmunna, "The men you killed near Mount Tabor, what did they look like?" They replied, "They were like you; they all looked like they were sons of a king."

What kind of men did Zebah and Zalmunna kill at Tabor? (vv18-19)

Zebah and Zalmunna killed Gideon's brothers.

Judges 8:19

ULT

19 So he said, “They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As Yahweh lives, if only you had let them live, I would not have killed you.”

UST

19 Gideon replied, “They were my brothers! Just as surely as Yahweh lives, I would not kill you if you had not killed them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:20

ULT

20 Then he said to Jether his firstborn, “Arise, kill them!” But the young man did not pull out his sword because he was afraid, for he was still a youth.

UST

20 Then he turned to his oldest son, Jether. He said to him, “Kill them!” But Jether was only a boy, and he was afraid, so he did not pull out his sword to kill them.

Why did Jether not draw his sword?

Jether did not draw his sword for he was afraid, because he was still a young boy.

Judges 8:21

ULT

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, “Arise yourself and fall upon us! Truly like a man with his own power.” So Gideon rose up and he killed Zebah and Zalmunna. He also took the crescent-shaped ornaments that were on the necks of their camels.

UST

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said to Gideon, “Do not ask a young boy to do the work that a man should do!” So Gideon killed both of them. Then he took the golden crescent-shaped ornaments from the necks of their camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:22

ULT
22 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, “Rule over us, both you and your son, and even the son of your son, because you have delivered us out of the hand of Midian.”

UST
22 Then a group of Israelite men came to Gideon and said to him, “You be our ruler! We want you and your son and your grandsons to be our rulers, because you rescued us from the Midian army.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:23

ULT
23 But Gideon said to them, “I will not rule over you myself, neither will my son rule over you. Yahweh will rule over you.”

UST
23 But Gideon replied, “No, I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you. Yahweh will rule over you.”

Who did Gideon say would rule over the men of Israel?
Gideon said Yahweh would rule over the men of Israel.

Judges 8:24

ULT
24 Then Gideon said to them, “Let me ask a request of you, that each man give me the earring from his spoil.” For they had earrings of gold because they were Ishmaelites.

UST
24 Then he said, “I request only one thing. I request that each of you give me one earring from the things you captured after the battle.” Now all the men descended from Ishmael wore gold earrings.

For what did Gideon ask the men of Israel?
Gideon asked them for the earrings of their plunder.

Judges 8:25

ULT

25 They replied, “We will surely give them.” So they spread out the garment and each man threw the earring from his spoil onto there.

UST

25 They replied, “We will be glad to give the earrings to you!” So they spread a cloth on the ground, and each man threw on it the gold earrings that he had taken from those whom he had killed in the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:26

ULT

26 Now the weight of the earrings of gold that he requested was one thousand seven hundred pieces of gold, besides that of the crescent-shaped ornaments, the pendants, the dyed purple garments that were upon the kings of Midian, and besides that of the collars that were around the necks of their camels.

UST

26 The weight of all the earrings was twenty kilograms. That did not include other things that they gave to Gideon—the other ornaments or the pendants or the clothes that their kings wore or the gold chains that were on the necks of their camels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:27

ULT

27 Then Gideon made it into an ephod and placed it in his city, in Ophrah, and all of Israel pursued adulterously after it there. It became as a snare for Gideon and for his house.

UST

27 Gideon made a sacred garment for the people and put it in his hometown of Ophrah. Soon the people worshiped it instead of worshiping only God. Gideon and all his family sinned by worshiping it.

What did Gideon make out of the earrings?

Gideon made an ephod out of the earrings.

What did Israel do to the golden ephod?

Israel prostituted themselves by worshiping it.

Judges 8:28

ULT

28 So Midian was subdued before the sons of Israel and they did not continue to raise up their heads. So the land was tranquil forty years during the days of Gideon.

UST

28 That is how the Israelites defeated the people from Midian. The people of Midian did not become strong enough to attack Israel again. So while Gideon was alive, there was peace in the land for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:29

ULT

29 Jerubbaal, the son of Joash, went and lived in his house.

UST

29 Gideon went back home to live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:30

ULT

30 Now Gideon had seventy sons coming forth from his loins, for he had many wives.

UST

30 He had many wives, and they bore him seventy sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:31

ULT

31 His concubine, who was in Shechem, even she bore him a son, and he made his name Abimelech.

UST

31 He also had a slave wife in the city of Shechem, who bore him a son whom he named Abimelech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:32

ULT

32 Gideon, the son of Joash, died at a good old age and he was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, at Ophrah of the Abiezerite.

UST

32 Gideon son of Joash died when he was very old. They buried his body in the grave where his father Joash was buried, at Ophrah, in the land of the Abietherites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:33

ULT

33 Now it happened that when Gideon had died, the sons of Israel turned back again and pursued adulterously after the Baals. They made Baal-Berith for themselves as a god.

UST

33 But as soon as Gideon died, the Israelites left God and gave themselves to worship the images of the god Baal, like adultresses leave their husbands and go to other men. They made Baal-Berith the god they worshiped.

What happened as soon as Gideon was dead?

As soon as Gideon was dead, the people of Israel turned again and prostituted themselves by worshiping the Baals.

Judges 8:34

ULT

34 The sons of Israel did not remember Yahweh, their God, the one who had delivered them from the hand of all of their enemies all around.

UST

34 They forgot about Yahweh, the one who had rescued them from all their enemies that surrounded them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 8:35

ULT

35 They did not show lasting loyalty with the house of Jerubbaal, Gideon, in accordance with all of the good that he did within Israel.

UST

35 And even though Gideon had done many good things for the Israelites, they did not act kindly toward Gideon's family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9

Judges 9:1

ULT

[1] Now Abimelech, the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem to the brothers of his mother and he spoke to them and to all of the family of the house of the father of his mother saying,

UST

[1] Gideon's son Abimelech went to talk with his mother's brothers in the city of Shechem. He said to them and to all his mother's relatives,

Who was Abimelech's father?

Abimelech's father was Jerub Baal.

Judges 9:2

ULT

[2] "Please speak in the ears of all of the citizens of Shechem, 'What is better for you, seventy men ruling over you, all of the sons of Jerubbaal, or one man ruling over you? Remember that I am your bone and your flesh."

UST

[2] "Ask all the leaders of Shechem: 'Do you think it would be good for all seventy of Gideon's sons to rule over you? Or would it be better to have only one man, Abimelech, to rule over you?' And do not forget that I am a part of your family! "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:3

ULT

[3] The brothers of his mother spoke all of these things on his behalf in the ears of all of the citizens of Shechem, and their heart turned aside after Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother."

UST

[3] So Abimelech's mother's brothers spoke to all the leaders of Shechem about what Abimelech had said. They said to each other, "We should allow Abimelech to rule over us, because he is our relative."

Why did Abimelech's mother's relatives agree to follow him?

They agreed to follow Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother."

Judges 9:4

ULT

4 Then they gave him seventy pieces of silver from the house of Baal Berith, and Abimelech hired with them unprincipled and undisciplined men, so they went after him.

UST

4 So the leaders of Shechem took from the temple of their god Baal-Berith one kilo of silver and gave it to Abimelech. With that silver he paid some worthless troublemakers to help him, and they went with Abimelech wherever he went.

For what did Abimelech use the seventy pieces of silver?
Abimelech used the seventy pieces of silver to hire men of lawless and reckless character.

Judges 9:5

ULT

5 Then he went to the house of his father at Ophrah, and he killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, seventy men upon one stone. But Jotham was left, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, for he had hidden himself.

UST

5 Abimelech and his followers went to Ophrah, his father's town, and they murdered his seventy brothers, the sons of his father Gideon. They killed all those men on one huge rock. But Gideon's youngest son Jotham hid from Abimelech and his men, and he escaped.

Why was Jotham not murdered?
Jotham was not murdered, for he hid himself.

Judges 9:6

ULT

6 Then all of the prominent citizens of Shechem and all of Beth Millo assembled themselves and they went and installed Abimelech as king beside an oak tree near the standing pillar that was in Shechem.

UST

6 Then all the leaders of the towns of Shechem and Beth-Millo gathered under the big sacred tree at Shechem. There they appointed Abimelech to be their leader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:7

ULT

[7] When they told Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim. He lifted up his voice and cried out and said to them, “Listen to me, citizens of Shechem, so God will listen to you.

UST

[7] When Jotham heard about that, he climbed up Mount Gerizim. He stood at the top of the mountain and shouted to the people down below, “You leaders of Shechem, listen to me, in order that God will listen to you!

On what day did Jotham address the leaders of Shechem?

Jotham addressed them on the same day they had risen up against his father’s house and killed his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone.

Judges 9:8

ULT

[8] Once the trees went about in order to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, ‘Reign over us.’

UST

[8] One day the trees decided to appoint a king to rule over all of them. So they said to the olive tree, ‘You be our king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:9

ULT

[9] But the olive tree replied to them, ‘Have I stopped producing my fatness, when by me they honor gods and men, that I should go to wave over the trees?’

UST

[9] But the olive tree said, ‘No! I will not be your king! The oil made from my fruit blesses both God and people. I will not stop producing olives from which we make that oil, in order to rule over you other trees!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:10

ULT

10 So the trees said to the fig tree, ‘You come! Reign over us.’

UST

10 Then the trees said to the fig tree, ‘You come and be our king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:11

ULT

11 But the fig tree said to them, ‘Have I stopped producing my sweetness and my good fruit, that I should go to wave over the trees?’

UST

11 But the fig tree replied, ‘No! I do not want to stop producing my good sweet fruit, and go and rule over you other trees!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:12

ULT

12 Then the trees said to the vine, ‘You come! Reign over us.’

UST

12 Then the trees said to the grapevine, ‘Come and be our king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:13

ULT

13 Then the vine said to them, ‘Have I stopped producing my new wine, which cheers gods and man, that I should go to wave over the trees?’

UST

13 But the grapevine replied, ‘No! I will not be your king! The new wine that is made from my grapes causes God and people to be happy. I do not want to stop producing grapes and go and rule over you other trees!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:14

ULT

14 Then all of the trees said to the thornbush, ‘You come, reign over us.’

UST

14 Then all the trees said to the thornbush, ‘Come and be our king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:15

ULT

15 The thornbush said to the trees, ‘If in truth you are anointing me as king over you, come, seek refuge in my shade. But if not, may fire go forth from the thornbush and consume the cedars of Lebanon.’

UST

15 The thornbush said to the trees, ‘If you truly want to appoint me to be your king, come into the shade of my tiny branches. But if you do not want to do that, I hope that fire will come out from me and burn up all the cedar trees in Lebanon country!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:16

ULT

16 Therefore, now if in truth and in integrity you have acted when you installed Abimelech as king, and if you have done well concerning Jerubaal and with his household, and if according to the deed of his hands you have done to him,

UST

16 After Jotham finished telling them this parable, he said, “So now I ask you, were you being completely honest and sincere when you appointed Abimelech to be your king? Have you rewarded Gideon (who is also called Jerub Baal) by honoring him as he deserved because of all the good things he did for you? No!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:17

ULT

17 that my father fought on your behalf, and threw aside his life even out front, when he delivered you out of the hand of Midian,

UST

17 Do not forget that my father fought a battle for you, and he was willing to die for you if that were necessary, to save you from the power of the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:18

ULT

18 but today you have risen up against the house of my father and have killed his sons, seventy men, upon one stone. Then you have installed Abimelech, the son of his female servant, as king over the citizens of Shechem, because he is your brother.

UST

18 But now you have rebelled against my father's family, and you have murdered seventy of his sons on one huge rock. And you have appointed Abimelech—who is the son of my father's slave girl, not the son of his wife—to be the king who will rule you people of Shechem. You have done that only because he is one of your relatives!

On what day did Jotham address the leaders of Shechem?

Jotham addressed them on the same day they had risen up against his father's house and killed his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone.

Judges 9:19

ULT

19 Now if you have acted in truth and in integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, rejoice about Abimelech, and he himself will also rejoice about you.

UST

19 So, if today you think that you have truly acted fairly and sincerely toward Gideon and his family, I hope that Abimelech will cause you to be happy and that you will cause him to be happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:20

ULT

20 But if not, fire shall come forth from Abimelech and it shall consume the citizens of Shechem and Beth Millo. Fire shall also come forth from the citizens of Shechem and from Beth Millo and it shall consume Abimelech."

UST

20 But if what you did was not right, I wish that Abimelech will destroy Shechem and Beth Millo!" I wish that the leaders of Shechem and Beth Millo will also destroy Abimelech!"

If the people acted with honesty and integrity with Jerub Baal and his house, what should happen?

If the people acted with honesty and integrity with Jerub Baal and his house, fire should come out from Abimelech and burn up the men of Shechem and the house of Millo. Fire should come out from the men of Shechem and Beth Millo, to burn up Abimelech.

What was the curse of Jotham?

The curse of Jotham was for fire to come out from Abimelech and burn up the men of Shechem and the house of Millo, for fire to come out from the men of Shechem and Beth Millo, to burn up Abimelech.

Judges 9:21

ULT

21 Then Jotham fled away and escaped, and he went to Beer. He settled there away from the presence of Abimelech, his brother.

UST

21 After Jotham finished saying that, he escaped from them and ran away to the town of Beer. He stayed there because he was afraid that his half-brother Abimelech would try to kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:22

ULT

22 Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years.

UST

22 For three years Abimelech was the leader over the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:23

ULT

23 Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and between the citizens of Shechem so that the citizens of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

UST

23 Then God sent an evil spirit to cause trouble between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem, with the result that the leaders of Shechem rebelled against Abimelech.

Why did God send an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem? (vv23-24)

God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem so the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerub Baal might be avenged.

Judges 9:24

ULT

24 by revisiting the violent treatment of the seventy sons of Jerubbaal and by putting their blood upon Abimelech their brother, who had killed them, and upon the citizens of Shechem who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.

UST

24 The leaders of Shechem had helped Abimelech murder seventy of Gideon's sons, who were his half-brothers. So now God sent the evil spirit to punish all of them for what they had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:25

ULT

25 So the citizens of Shechem positioned men in ambush after him along the tops of the hills. They robbed everyone who would pass by them along the road, and it was reported to Abimelech.

UST

25 The leaders of Shechem set an ambush on the hilltops. Those men robbed everyone who passed by. But someone told Abimelech about it, so he did not go near them.

Who did the leaders of Shechem hope to ambush?

The leaders of Shechem hoped to ambush Abimelech.

Judges 9:26

ULT

[26] Then Gaal, the son of Ebed came along with his brothers and they went over to Shechem. The citizens of Shechem trusted him.

UST

[26] There was a man named Gaal son of Ebed who moved into Shechem city, along with his brothers. The leaders of Shechem grew to trust him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:27

ULT

[27] They went out into the field and they picked grapes from their vineyards, and they pressed them. They celebrated harvest festivals and they went into the house of their gods, then they ate and they drank, and they cursed Abimelech.

UST

[27] They went out to their vineyards to pick some grapes. They pressed the grapes to make juice, and then they made wine. Then they had a feast in the house of their god, and they ate a lot of food and drank a lot of wine. Then they cursed Abimelech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:28

ULT

[28] Then Gaal, the son of Ebed, said, “Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal and Zebul his deputy? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem. Why should we serve him, ourselves?

UST

[28] Gaal said, “We should not allow Abimelech to rule over us! He is only one of Gideon’s sons, so he really does not belong to us! And he appointed Zebul, the governor of our city, to be his deputy! We should be loyal to one of the descendants of Hamor, the founder of our city, to be our leader, not Abimelech!

Who wished to command the people? (vv28-29)

Gaal wished to command the people.

Judges 9:29

ULT
29 Who will give this people into my hand? Then I would depose Abimelech. He said to Abimelech, ‘Enlarge your army and come forth.’”

UST
29 If you would appoint me to be your leader, I would get rid of Abimelech. I would say to him, ‘Get your army ready! Come and fight us!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:30

ULT
30 When Zebul, the prince of the city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed, his anger burned.

UST
30 Someone told Zebul what Gaal had said, and he became very angry.

Why was Zebul’s anger kindled?
When Zebul heard the words of Gaal (the son of Ebed), his anger was kindled.

Judges 9:31

ULT
31 So he sent messengers to Abimelech in secret, saying, “Look, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brothers are coming to Shechem, and look, they are inciting the city against you.

UST
31 He sent messengers to Abimelech. They told him, “Gaal and his brothers have come here to Shechem, and they are stirring up the people so they will rebel against you.

Why did Zebul send messengers to Abimelech?
He sent messengers to Abimelech in order to deceive him.

Judges 9:32

ULT

32 Therefore, now, rise up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in ambush in the field.

UST

32 You and your men should get up during the night and go and hide in the fields outside the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:33

ULT

33 Then it shall happen, in the morning, at the rising of the sun, you shall set out early and you shall spread out in an attack against the city. Watch, when he and the people who are with him are coming out to you, then you do to him just as your hand finds occasion."

UST

33 As soon as the sun rises in the morning, get up and attack the city. When Gaal and his men come out to fight against you, you can do to them whatever you want to."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:34

ULT

34 So Abimelech and all of the people who were with him rose up by night, and they set up an ambush against Shechem. They were four units.

UST

34 So Abimelech and all the men who were with him got up during the night. They divided into four groups and hid in the fields near Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:35

ULT

35 Gaal, the son of Ebed, went out and he stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. Then Abimelech and the people who were with him rose up from the ambush.

UST

35 The next morning, Gaal went out and stood at the entrance to the city gate. While he was standing there, Abimelech and his soldiers came out of their hiding places and started walking toward the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:36

ULT

36 When Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, “Look, a group of people is coming down from the tops of the hills!” Zebul said to him, “You are seeing the shadow of the hills as men.”

UST

36 When Gaal saw the soldiers, he said to Zebul, “Look! There are people coming down from the hills!” But Zebul said, “You are seeing only the shadows of trees on the hills. They are not people; they only look like people.”

How did Zebul describe the men on the hilltops?

Zebul said they were shadows on the hills.

Judges 9:37

ULT

37 Again, Gaal continued to speak and said, “Look, groups of people are coming down from beside the summit of the land, and one unit is coming from the way of the oak of the diviners.”

UST

37 But Gaal looked again, and said, “Look! There are people coming down in the middle of the land! There is a group of them coming down by way of the oak tree where people claim to talk with the spirits of dead people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:38

ULT

38 Then Zebul said to him, “Where then is your mouth, with which you said, ‘Who is Abimelech that we should serve him?’ Is this not the people who you regard it with contempt? Indeed, go out now and fight against him.”

UST

38 Zebul said to Gaal, “Now your bragging is worthless! You said, ‘We should not allow Abimelech to rule over us?’ You made fun of these men. So now go out and fight them!”

What did Zebul tell Gaal to do?

Zebul told Gaal to go out and fight against Abimelech.

Judges 9:39

ULT

39 So Gaal went out before the citizens of Shechem, and he fought against Abimelech.

UST

39 So Gaal led the men of Shechem outside the city to fight the army of Abimelech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:40

ULT

40 Abimelech pursued him, and he fled from his presence. Many fell fatally wounded as far as the entrance of the city gate.

UST

40 Abimelech and his men pursued them, and they killed many of Gaal’s men before they could return safely inside the city gate.

What happened when Gaal fought Abimelech?

Abimelech chased Gaal and Gall fled before Abimelech and many fell with deadly wounds before the entrance to the city gate.

Judges 9:41

ULT

41 Then Abimelech settled in Arumah. Zebul drove Gaal and his brothers away from dwelling in Shechem.

UST

41 Abimelech then stayed at Arumah, about five miles away from Shechem, and Zebul's men forced Gaal and his brothers to leave Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:42

ULT

42 Now it happened that the next day the people went out into the field, and they reported it to Abimelech.

UST

42 The next day, the people of Shechem got ready to leave the city and work in their fields. When someone told Abimelech about that,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:43

ULT

43 So he took the people, and he split up into three units. Then he waited in ambush in the field. When he saw and look, the people were going out of the city, then he rose up against them and he killed them.

UST

43 he divided his men into three groups, and told them to hide in the fields. So they did that. And when they saw the people coming out of the city, they jumped up and attacked them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:44

ULT

44 Abimelech and the units that were with him spread out and they stood at the entrance of the gate of the city. But two units spread out against everyone who was in the field and they killed them.

UST

44 Abimelech and the men who were with him ran to the city gate and blocked it. The other two groups ran out to the people in the fields and attacked them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:45

ULT

45 Abimelech fought against the city all that day. He captured the city, and he killed the people who were in it. Then he tore down the city and scattered salt on it.

UST

45 Abimelech and his men fought all day. They captured the city and killed all the people. They tore down all the buildings, and then they threw salt over the ground to try to keep anything from growing there again.

What did Abimelech do after he captured the city?
Abimelech tore down the city walls and spread salt over it.

Judges 9:46

ULT

46 When all the lords of the tower of Shechem heard, they went into the citadel of the house of El-Berith.

UST

46 When the leaders who lived in the tower outside of Shechem heard what had happened, they ran and hid inside the fortress, which was also a temple of their god El-Berith.

Where did the leaders of the tower of Shechem enter?
The leaders of the tower of Shechem entered the stronghold of the house of El Berith.

Judges 9:47

ULT

47 Then it was reported to Abimelech that all the lords of the tower of Shechem had assembled themselves.

UST

47 But someone told Abimelech that all the leaders had gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:48

ULT

48 So Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, he and all the people who were with him. Abimelech took the proper ax in his hand and cut off a branch from the trees. He lifted it and set it upon his shoulder and said to the people who were with him, “Whatsoever you have seen that I have done, hurry, do the same as me.”

UST

48 So he and all the men who were with him went up Mount Zalmon, which is near Shechem. Abimelech cut some branches of trees with an axe, and put them on his shoulders. Then he said to all the men who were with him, “Quickly, do what I have just done!”

How did Abimelech kill all the leaders and people in the tower of Shechem? (vv48-49)
Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, piled branches on top of the underground chamber, and set it on fire above it.

Judges 9:49

ULT

49 So all the people also each cut off a branch and they went after Abimelech. Then they piled them on top of the underground chamber, thus on account of them they burned the underground chamber with fire. As a result all the distinguished people in the tower of Shechem also died, about a thousand men and women.

UST

49 So his men all cut branches carried them down the mountain, following Abimelech. They went to the fortress and piled the branches against its walls. Then they kindled a fire, and the fire burned down the fortress and killed all the people who were inside. So all the people who were inside the fortress—about a thousand men and women—died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:50

ULT

50 Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and he set up camp around Thebez and he captured it.

UST

50 Then Abimelech and his men went to the city of Thebez. They surrounded it and captured it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:51

ULT

51 But there was a strong tower in the midst of the city, so all of the men and the women and all the prominent citizens of the city fled to there. They closed it up behind themselves and they went up on the roof of the tower.

UST

51 But there was a strong tower inside the city. So all the men, women, and leaders of the city ran to the tower. When they were all inside, they locked the door. Then they climbed up to the roof of the tower.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:52

ULT

52 Then Abimelech came towards the tower and he fought against it, and he approached as far as the entrance of the tower in order to burn it with fire.

UST

52 Abimelech and his men came to the tower and tried to get in the door, but they could not. Then Abimelech prepared to light a fire to burn it down.

When Abimelech came near the door of the tower of Thebez, what happened to him? (vv52-53)

When Abimelech came near the door of the tower of Thebez, a woman dropped an upper millstone on his head and it cracked his skull.

Judges 9:53

ULT

53 But one woman threw down an upper millstone onto the head of Abimelech and it crushed his skull.

UST

53 But when Abimelech came near the doorway, a woman who was on the roof dropped the upper half of a large grinding stone on his head, which cracked the bone of his skull.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:54

ULT

54 Then he cried out hurriedly to the young man bearing his armor, and he said to him, “Draw out your sword and put me to death, lest they will say about me, ‘A woman killed him.’” So his young man stabbed him so that he died.

UST

54 Abimelech quickly called to the young man who carried Abimelech’s weapons, and said, “Pull out your sword and kill me with it! I do not want people to say ‘A woman killed Abimelech.’” So the young man thrust his sword into Abimelech, and Abimelech died.

Why did Abimelech tell his armor-bearer to draw his sword and kill him?

Abimelech told his armor-bearer to draw his sword and kill him, so no one would say a women killed Abimelech.

Judges 9:55

ULT

55 When the men of Israel saw that Abimelech had died, they went each to his own place.

UST

55 When the Israelite soldiers saw that Abimelech was dead, they all returned to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:56

ULT

56 Thus God avenged the evil of Abimelech that he did to his father by killing his seventy brothers.

UST

56 In that way God punished Abimelech for all the evil things that he had done to his father by murdering all seventy of his brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 9:57

ULT

57 All the evil of the men of Shechem God caused to return back upon their own heads and on them came the curse of Jotham, the son of Jerubbaal.

UST

57 God also punished the men of Shechem for the evil things that they had done. And when these things happened, it made true the curse of Jotham son of Gideon.

What was the curse of Jotham?

The curse of Jotham was for fire to come out from Abimelech and burn up the men of Shechem and the house of Millo, for fire to come out from the men of Shechem and Beth Millo, to burn up Abimelech.

Judges 10

Judges 10:1

ULT
[1] Now after Abimelech, Tola, the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose in order to deliver Israel. He settled in Shamir, in the hill country of Ephraim.

UST
[1] After Abimelech died, Tola the son of Puah and grandson of Dodo became the leader to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. He belonged to the tribe of Issachar, but he lived in Shamir city in the hilly area where the descendants of Ephraim live.

Where was Shamir?
Shamir was in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges 10:2

ULT
[2] He judged Israel twenty-three years. He died and was buried in Shamir.

UST
[2] He ruled as judge over Israel for twenty-three years. Then he died and was buried in Shamir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:3

ULT
[3] Then arose after him Jair the Gileadite. He judged Israel twenty-two years.

UST
[3] After Tola died, Jair (the Gileadite) ruled as judge over Israel for twenty-two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:4

ULT

[4] Now he had thirty sons, riding on thirty donkeys. There were thirty cities for them, they call them Havvoth Jair to this day, that are in the land of the Gilead.

UST

[4] He had thirty sons, and each of them had his own donkey to ride on. They had thirty cities in the region of Gilead that are still named even today, Havvoth Jair (or the Cities of Jair).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:5

ULT

[5] Then Jair died and he was buried in Kamon.

UST

[5] Then Jair died and was buried in the city of Kamon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:6

ULT

[6] The sons of Israel continued to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh: they worshiped the Baals, the Ashtoreths, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines. They forsook Yahweh and did not serve him.

UST

[6] Again the Israelites did things that Yahweh said were evil. They worshiped the Baal idols and female fertility idols called the Asthoreths. They worshiped the gods of the people groups of Aram, Sidon, Moab, and Ammon people groups, and the gods of the Philistines. They turned away from Yahweh and stopped worshiping him.

Why did Yahweh burn with anger toward the people of Israel? (vv6-7)

The people of Israel abandoned Yahweh and no longer worshiped him, so he burned with anger toward Israel.

Judges 10:7

ULT

7 The anger of Yahweh burned against Israel, so he gave them over into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the sons of Ammon.

UST

7 So Yahweh was very angry with them, and he allowed the Philistines and Ammonites to conquer Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:8

ULT

8 They shattered and oppressed the sons of Israel in that year, and for eighteen years all the sons of Israel who were on the opposite side of the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in the Gilead.

UST

8 They crushed and oppressed the Israelites that year, and for eighteen years they oppressed all the people of Israel who lived on the east side of the Jordan River. That was the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:9

ULT

9 Then the sons of Ammon also crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, and as a result there was for Israel exceedingly great distress.

UST

9 Then the Amonites crossed over the Jordan River to fight against the people of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Ephraim. They caused the Israelites' to live their lives with great fear and dread.

Why was Israel greatly distressed?

Ammonites crossed over the Jordan to fight against Judah, against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.

Judges 10:10

ULT

10 Then the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, saying, “We have sinned against you, because we have forsaken our God and we have served the Baals.”

UST

10 So the Israelites cried out to Yahweh, saying “We have sinned against you. We have abandoned you, and we have worshiped the idols of Baal.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:11

ULT

11 Then Yahweh said to the sons of Israel, “Was it not from the Egyptians, from the Amorite, from the sons of Ammon, from the Philistines,

UST

11 Yahweh answered them, saying, “I delivered you from the people groups of the Egyptians, the Amorites, the Ammonites, the Philistines,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:12

ULT

12 the Sidonians and Amalek and Maon, when they oppressed you that you cried out to me, and I delivered you from their hand?

UST

12 and also from the Sidonians, the Amalekites, and the Maonites. I did this because they hurt and imprisoned you. You cried out to me, and I brought you to freedom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:13

ULT

13 Yet you have abandoned me and you have served other gods. Therefore, I will not continue to deliver you.

UST

13 But now you have abandoned me, and you have been worshiping other gods. Therefore, I will not rescue you again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:14

ULT

14 Go and cry out to the gods that you have chosen for yourselves. They should deliver you at the time of your distress."

UST

14 You have chosen those gods to be the ones you worship. So ask them to help you. Let them be the ones who rescue you when you are in trouble!"

To whom did Yahweh tell the people of Israel to call out for help?

Yahweh told the people to call out to the gods that they had worshiped.

Judges 10:15

ULT

15 Then the sons of Israel said to Yahweh, "We have sinned. You do to us according to all that is good in your eyes. Only rescue us please this day."

UST

15 But the people of Israel said to Yahweh, "We have sinned. Punish us in whatever way you wish. But please rescue us today!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:16

ULT

16 They removed the foreign gods from their midst and they worshiped Yahweh. Then His soul became dismayed with the suffering of Israel.

UST

16 Then the Israelites threw away the idols of the foreign gods they had cherished, and they worshiped Yahweh. He saw that they were suffering very much, and he reached the limit of his endurance over the misery of Israel.

Why did Yahweh become impatient over the misery of Israel?
Israel turned away from the foreign gods they owned and they worshiped Yahweh, so he became impatient over the misery.

Judges 10:17

ULT

17 Now the sons of Ammon were summoned and they encamped in Gilead. So the sons of Israel gathered together and they encamped at Mizpah.

UST

17 The Ammon people group gathered to fight against the Israelites, and they set up their tents in Gilead. The Israelite soldiers gathered and set up their tents at Mizpah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 10:18

ULT

18 Then the people, the princes of Gilead each said to his fellow man, “Who is the man who will begin to fight against the sons of Ammon? He will become the leader over all who are residing in Gilead.”

UST

18 The leaders of the people of Gilead said to each other, “Who will lead our attack against the Ammonite army? The one who will lead us will become the leader of all us who live in Gilead.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11

Judges 11:1

ULT

[1] Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a warrior of strength, but he was the son of a woman committing fornication. Gilead begat Jephthah.

UST

[1] There was a man from the region of Gilead named Jephthah. He proved himself to be a great warrior. But his mother was a prostitute. His father was Gilead.

Of whom was Jephthah the son?
Jephthah was the son of a prostitute.

Judges 11:2

ULT

[2] The wife of Gilead also gave birth to his sons. When the sons of the wife grew up, they drove out Jephthah and they said to him, “You will not inherit from the house of our father since a son of another woman are you.”

UST

[2] Gilead’s wife gave birth to several sons. When they grew up, they forced Jephthah to leave home, saying to him, “You are the son of another woman, not the son of our mother. So when our father dies, you will not receive any of his property.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:3

ULT

[3] So Jephthah fled from the presence of his brothers and he settled in the land of Tob. Unprincipled men associated around Jephthah and they went about with him.

UST

[3] So Jephthah ran away from his brothers, and he lived in the land of Tob. While he was there, some lawless men joined together with Jepthah, and they went out raiding together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:4

ULT

[4] Now it happened after some days that the sons of Ammon fought with Israel.

UST

[4] Some time later, the soldiers of the Ammon people group attacked the soldiers of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:5

ULT

[5] It was when the sons of Ammon fought with Israel, that the elders of Gilead went to summon Jephthah from the land of Tob.

UST

[5] And the leaders of Gilead went out to find Jephthah so they could bring him back, and away from the land of Tob.

Why did the elders of Gilead go to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob? (vv5-6)

The elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob so he would be their leader.

Judges 11:6

ULT

[6] Then they said to Jephthah, “Come and you will be for us as commander so we may fight against the sons of Ammon.”

UST

[6] They said to him, “Come with us and lead our army, and help us fight the army of Ammon!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:7

ULT

[7] But Jephthah replied to the elders of Gilead, “Do you yourselves not hate me since you drove me out of the house of my father? Why have you come to me now when you have trouble?”

UST

[7] But Jephthah replied, “You hated me! You forced me to leave my father’s house! So why have you come to me now and ask for my help, just when you have trouble?”

Why were the elders of Gildead turning to Jephthah? (vv7-8)

The elders of Gildead were turning to Jephthah because they were in trouble.

Judges 11:8

ULT

[8] Then the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “Rightly, now we have turned back to you; so come with us and fight against the sons of Ammon, and you will become commander for us over all residing in Gilead.”

UST

[8] The leaders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “That is why we are coming to you now. Come and fight with us and lead our soldiers against the soldiers of Ammon, and you will be the leader over everyone who lives in Gilead.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:9

ULT

[9] Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “If you bring me back to fight against the sons of Ammon, and Yahweh gives them over before me, I will actually be your leader?”

UST

[9] Jephthah answered them, “If I go back to Gilead with you to fight against the army of Ammon, and if Yahweh helps us to defeat them, then I will be your leader.”

If the elders of Gildeon brought Jephthah home again to fight against the soldiers of Ammon, and if Yahweh gave them victory over them, what would happen to Jephthah?

If the elders of Gildeon brought Jephthah home again to fight against the soldiers of Ammon, and if Yahweh gave them victory over them, Jephthah would be their leader.

Judges 11:10

ULT

10 Then the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “Yahweh will be a witness between us, surely according to your word, thus we will do!”

UST

10 They replied, “Yahweh is a witness to everything we are saying to you. So he will punish us if we do not what we are promising you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:11

ULT

11 So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people set him as commander and leader over themselves. Jephthah spoke all his words before Yahweh in the Mizpah.

UST

11 So Jephthah went with them back to Gilead, and the people appointed him to be their leader and the commander of their army. And Jephthah repeated to Yahweh there at Mizpah the terms of the agreement he had made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:12

ULT

12 Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon, saying, “What has happened with respect to me and to you, that you have come against me to fight over my land?”

UST

12 Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammon people group. They asked the king, “What have we done to make you angry, so your army is coming to fight against the people in our land?”

Why did the people of Ammon come with force to take the land of Israel? (vv12-13)

The people of Ammon came with force to take the land of Israel because when Israel came up out of Egypt, they seized the land of Ammon.

Judges 11:13

ULT

13 The king of the sons of Ammon responded to the messengers of Jephthah, “Because Israel seized my land at his going up out of Egypt, from Arnon up to the Jabbok, and over to the Jordan. Now return them in peace.”

UST

13 The king replied, “You took our land when you came here from Egypt. You took all our land east of the Jordan River, from the Arnon River in the south to the Jabbok River in the north. So now give it back to us without a fight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:14

ULT

14 Then Jephthah continued again and sent messengers to the king of the sons of Ammon,

UST

14 So Jephthah sent the messengers to the king again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:15

ULT

15 and he said to him, “Thus Jephthah said: Israel did not take the land of Moab or the land of the sons of Ammon.

UST

15 They said to him, “This is what Jephthah says: ‘Israel did not take the land of the Moabites and the Ammonites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:16

ULT

[16] However in their coming up from Egypt, Israel went through the wilderness as far as the Sea of Reeds and he came to Kadesh.

UST

[16] When the Israelite people came out of Egypt, they walked through the desert to the Red Sea, and then walked across it and traveled to the town of Kadesh at the border of the region of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:17

ULT

[17] When Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, ‘Please may I pass through your land,’ the king of Edom would not listen. He likewise sent to the king of Moab, but he was not willing. So Israel stayed at Kadesh.

UST

[17] They sent messengers to the king of the Edomites to say to him, “Please allow us to walk across your land.” But the king of the Edomites refused. Later they sent the same message to the king of the Moabites, but he also refused to allow them to go through his land. So the Israelites stayed at Kadesh for a long time.

Who was not willing to let Israel pass?

The king of Edom and the king of Moab were not willing to let Israel pass.

Judges 11:18

ULT

[18] Then he went through the wilderness and turned away from the land of Edom and the land of Moab, and he went to the place of the rising of the sun for the land of Moab. They camped on the other side of the Arnon, but they did not go within the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

UST

[18] Then the Israelites went into the desert and walked outside the borders of Edom and Moab. They walked east of Moab, and then north of the Arnon River, which is the northern border of Moab. They did not cross into the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab.

Why did Israel not go into the territory of Moab?

They did not go into the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was Moab’s border.

Judges 11:19

ULT

19 Israel sent messengers to Sihon, the king of the Amorite, the king of Heshbon. Israel said to him, ‘Please, let us pass through your land as far as my place.’

UST

19 Then the leaders of Israel sent a message to Sihon, the king of the Amorites, who ruled in Heshbon. They asked him, “Please allow us Israelite people to cross through your land so we may go into the land that is ours.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:20

ULT

20 But Sihon did not trust Israel passing through within his border. So Sihon assembled all of his people together and they camped at Jahaz, and he fought with Israel.

UST

20 But Sihon did not trust the Israelites to pass through his land in peace. So he gathered all his soldiers and they set up their tents at the village of Jahaz, and there he fought against Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:21

ULT

21 Then Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all of his people over into the hand of Israel and they defeated them. Thus Israel possessed all of the land of the Amorite inhabiting that region.

UST

21 But Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave help to the Israelite army and they defeated Sihon and his army. Then they took possession of all the land where the Amorites had lived.

Who gave Israel victory over Sihon?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave Israel victory over Sihon.

Judges 11:22

ULT

22 They possessed everything within the territory of the Amorite, from the Arnon to the Jabbok, and from the wilderness as far as the Jordan.

UST

22 The Israelites took all the land that belonged to the Amorites, from the Arnon River in the south to the Jabbok River in the north, and from the desert in the east to the Jordan River in the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:23

ULT

23 Since therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, has expelled the Amorite out of the presence of his people Israel, will you indeed possess it?

UST

23 It was Yahweh, the God of Israel, who forced the Amorites to leave the places where they lived, as the Israelites advanced. So do you now think that you can now take possession of their land?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:24

ULT

24 Will you not take possession if Chemosh, your god, allows you to possess it? So all that Yahweh our God has dispossessed before us, we will possess it.

UST

24 You have the right to the land when your god Chemosh gives it to you. And we will live in the land that Yahweh our God has given to us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:25

ULT

25 Now are you really better than Balak, the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? Did he dare contend with Israel or did he ever wage war against them?

UST

25 Are you better than Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab? He never dared to fight against Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:26

ULT

26 While Israel resided three hundred years in Heshbon and in its villages, and in Aroer and in its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon—why then did you not repossess during that time?

UST

26 For three hundred years the Israelites lived in the cities of Heshbon and Aroer, in the surrounding towns, and in all the cities along the Arnon River. Why have you Ammonites not taken back those cities during all those years?

For how long did Israel live in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon?

Israel lived for three hundred years in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon.

Judges 11:27

ULT

27 I have not sinned against you, but you are doing wrong in dealing with me by fighting against me. Yahweh, the judge, will decide today between the sons of Israel and between the sons of Ammon.”

UST

27 We have not done wrong against you, but you are doing wrong against me by attacking me and my army. I trust that Yahweh, who is the judge, will decide whether the people of Israel or the people of Ammon are in the right.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:28

ULT
28 But the king of the sons of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jephthah that he had sent to him.

UST
28 But the king of Ammon ignored the warning contained in this message from Jephthah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:29

ULT
29 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came on Jephthah, and he passed through the Gilead and Manasseh, and he passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed through the sons of Ammon.

UST
29 Then the Spirit of Yahweh took control of Jephthah. Jephthah went through Gilead and through the area where the tribe of Manasseh lived, to enlist men for his army. He finally gathered them together in the city of Mizpah in Gilead to fight against the Ammonites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:30

ULT
30 Jephthah vowed a vow to Yahweh and said, “If you truly give the sons of Ammon into my hand,

UST
30 There Jephthah made a solemn promise to Yahweh, saying “If you will give help to my army to defeat the Ammonites,

If Yahweh gave Jephthah victory over the people of Ammon, what would Jephthah do?
If Yahweh gave Jephthah victory over the people of Ammon, Jephthah would offer up as a burnt offering whatever came out of the doors of his house to meet him.

Judges 11:31

ULT

31 then it shall be the one who comes out, whoever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the sons of Ammon, that he will belong to Yahweh, and I will offer him up as a whole burnt offering."

UST

31 when I return from the battle, I will sacrifice to you whatever comes out of my house to greet me. That will belong to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:32

ULT

32 So Jephthah passed through to the sons of Ammon to fight against them, and Yahweh gave them into his hand.

UST

32 Then Jephthah and his men went from Mizpah to attack the Ammonites, and Yahweh enabled his army to defeat them.

When Jephthah passed through to the people of Ammon to fight against them, who gave him the victory?

When Jephthah passed through to the people of Ammon to fight against them, Yahweh gave him victory.

Judges 11:33

ULT

33 Then he attacked them from Aroer and as far as your coming in to Minnith, twenty cities, and up to Abel Keramim, an exceedingly great slaughter. So the sons of Ammon were subdued by the presence of the sons of Israel.

UST

33 Jephthah and his men killed them, from the city of Aroer all the way to the area around the city of Minnith. They destroyed twenty cities, as far as the city of Abel Keramim. So the Israelites completely defeated the Ammonites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:34

ULT

34 Jephthah came into the Mizpah area, to his house, and look, his daughter was coming out to meet him with tambourines and with dancing. However, she was an only child; he did not have a son or daughter apart from her.

UST

34 When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, his daughter was the first one to come out of the house to meet him. She was joyfully playing a tambourine and dancing. She was his only child and he had no other sons or daughters.

How many children did Jephthah have?

Jephthah had only one child.

Judges 11:35

ULT

35 Now it happened when he saw her that he tore his garments and he said, “Alas, my daughter! Indeed, you have made me bow in grief, and you are among those who cause me pain! For I have opened my mouth to Yahweh and I am not able to turn back.”

UST

35 When Jephthah saw his daughter, he tore his clothes to show that he was very sad about what he was going to do. He said to her, “My daughter, seeing you now, you have crushed me with a terrible sorrow, because I made a solemn promise to Yahweh to sacrifice the first one who came out of my house, and I must do what I promised.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:36

ULT

36 Then she said to him, “My father, you have opened your mouth to Yahweh. Do to me according to what
came forth from your mouth, after what Yahweh has done for you: complete vengeance against your
enemies, against the sons of Ammon.”

UST

36 His daughter said, “My father, you made a solemn promise to Yahweh. So you must do to me what you
promised, because you said that you would do that if Yahweh helped you to defeat our enemies, the
Ammonites.”

What did Jephthah’s daughter want to do before he did everything he had promised? (vv36-37)

She wanted him to leave her alone for two months, that she could leave and go down to the hills and grieve over her virginity.

Judges 11:37

ULT

37 She said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me. Release me for two months, so I may go away and I
will fall prostrate on the hills and I will weep on account of my virginity, I and my companions.”

UST

37 Then she also said, “But allow me to do one thing. First, allow me to go into the hills and wander around
for two months. Since I will never be married and have children, allow me and my friends to go and cry
together.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:38

ULT

38 He replied, “Go.” Then he sent her away for two months. She went, she and her companions, and she wept
on account of her virginity on the hills.

UST

38 Jephthah replied, “All right, you may go.” So she left for two months. She and her friends stayed in the hills
and they cried for her because she would never be married.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 11:39

ULT

39 Now it happened at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with respect to her that he had vowed. She did not know a man, and it became a custom in Israel.

UST

39 After two months, she returned to her father Jephthah, and he did to her what he had solemnly promised. So his daughter never was married. Because of that, the Israelites now have a custom

What did Jephthah do with his daughter?
He did with her according to the promise of the vow he had made.

Judges 11:40

ULT

40 From time to time the daughters of Israel went to commemorate the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite for four days during the year.

UST

40 that the young Israelite women go into the hills for four days every year. There they remember and cry about what happened to the daughter of Jephthah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12

Judges 12:1

ULT

1 Now the men of Ephraim were summoned and they passed northward and they said to Jephthah, “Why did you pass through in order to fight against the sons of Ammon but you did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house down over you with fire.”

UST

1 The leaders of the tribe of Ephraim called together their soldiers, and they crossed the Jordan River and went to the town of Zaphon to talk with Jephthah. They said to him, “Why did you not ask us to help your army fight the Ammonites. So we will burn down your house while you are in it.”

What did the men of Ephraim want to do to Jephthah’s house because he did not call them to go with him?

Ephraim wanted to burn Jephthah’s house down over him because he did not call them to go with him to fight against the people of Ammon.

Judges 12:2

ULT

2 Jephthah said to them, “A man in exceedingly great dispute I have been, I and my people and the sons of Ammon. When I summoned you, you did not rescue me from their hand.

UST

2 Jephthah replied, “The Ammonites were really oppressing us. When we were prepared to start to attack them, I requested you to come and help us, but you refused. My men and I defeated the Ammonites, but you did not help us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:3

ULT

3 When I saw that you were not coming to assist, I put my life in my own hand. I passed through to the sons of Ammon, and Yahweh gave them over into my hand. Now why have you come up to me to fight against me this day?”

UST

3 When I saw that you would not come to help us, I risked my own life by leading our people to pass through the people of Ammon. And Yahweh helped us to defeat them. So why do you come to fight against me today?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:4

ULT

4 Then Jephthah assembled all of the men of Gilead and he fought Ephraim. The men of Gilead struck Ephraim because they had said, “Fugitives of Ephraim are you, O people of Gilead, in the midst of Ephraim, in the midst of Manasseh.”

UST

4 Then Jephthah called together the soldiers of Gilead to fight against the soldiers of Ephraim. They attacked them because men of the tribe of Ephraim said, “You men from Gilead are just refugees here in the land of Ephraim and Manasseh.

Why did the men of Gilead attack the men of Ephraim?

The men of Gilead attacked the men of Ephraim because they said, “You Gileadites are fugitives from Ephraim—from within Ephraim and Manasseh.”

Judges 12:5

ULT

5 Gilead captured the crossing places of the Jordan along Ephraim. It happened when any of the survivors of Ephraim would say, “May I cross over,” that the men of Gilead would say to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” If he said, “No,”

UST

5 The Gileadites captured the shallow places in the Jordan River where people could cross over the river and go to the territory of Ephraim. If someone from the tribe of Ephraim came to the ford to try to escape, he would say, “Allow me to cross the river.” Then the men of Gilead would ask him, “Are you from the tribe of Ephraim?” If he said “No,”

How did the men of Gilead test if a man was from Ephraim? (vv5-6)

They would tell him to say “Shibboleth.” And if he said, “Sibboleth,” (for he could not pronounce the word correctly), the Gileadites would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan.

Judges 12:6

ULT

6 then they would say to him, “Please say: Shibboleth.” But if he said “Sibboleth,” for he was not prepared to pronounce it correctly, they would seize him and they would slaughter him at the crossing places of the Jordan. Forty-two thousand from Ephraim fell at that time.

UST

6 they would say to him, “Say the word ‘Shibboleth.’” The men of Ephraim could not pronounce that word correctly. So if the person from the tribe of Ephraim said “Sibboleth,” they would know that he was lying and that he was really from the tribe of Ephraim, and they would kill him there at the ford. So the men of Gilead killed forty-two thousand people from the tribe of Ephraim at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:7

ULT

7 Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and he was buried among the cities of Gilead.

UST

7 Jephthah, the man from Gilead, served as a judge and leader over Israel for six years. Then he died and was buried in one of the towns of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:8

ULT

[8] Then after him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel.

UST

[8] After Jephthah died, a man named Ibzan, from Bethlehem, became a leader and a judge over Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:9

ULT

[9] Now he had thirty sons. He sent away thirty daughters to the outside, and he brought in thirty daughters for his sons from the outside. He judged Israel seven years.

UST

[9] He had thirty sons and he gave thirty daughters away in marriage. He brought in thirty daughters from families outside his clan. He was a leader and a judge over Israel for seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:10

ULT

[10] Then Ibzan died and he was buried in Bethlehem.

UST

[10] When died, he was buried in Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:11

ULT

[11] After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel. He judged Israel ten years.

UST

[11] After Ibzan died, a man named Elon, from the tribe of Zebulun, became a leader of Israel. He was their leader for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:12

ULT

[12] Then Elon the Zebulunite died and he was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

UST

[12] Then he died and was buried in the city of Aijalon in the area where the tribe of Zebulun lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:13

ULT

[13] After him, Abdon, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.

UST

[13] After Elon died, a man named Abdon son of Hillel, from the city of Pirathon, became a leader and a judge over Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:14

ULT

[14] Now he had forty sons and thirty sons of sons, who rode on seventy young male donkeys. He judged Israel eight years.

UST

[14] He had forty sons and thirty grandsons. They had seventy donkeys. Abdon was a leader and a judge over Israel for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 12:15

ULT

[15] Then Abdon, the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and he was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekite.

UST

[15] When Abdon died, he was buried in Pirathon, in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13

Judges 13:1

ULT

[1] The sons of Israel continued to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh gave them over into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

UST

[1] Again the Israelite people did evil, and Yahweh saw what they had done. So Yahweh helped the Philistines to conquer them. They ruled over the Israelites for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:2

ULT

[2] Now there was one man from Zorah, of the families of the Danites, and his name was Manoah. His wife was barren and she had never given birth.

UST

[2] There was a man named Manoah from the family of Dan who lived in the town of Zorah. His wife was unable to become pregnant, so they had no children.

Why had Manoah's wife not given birth?
Manoah's wife was not able to become pregnant and so she had not given birth.

Judges 13:3

ULT

[3] The messenger of Yahweh appeared to the wife and he said to her, "Look, please, you are barren and you have not given birth, but you will conceive and you will bear a son.

UST

[3] One day, the angel of Yahweh appeared to Manoah's wife and said to her, "Even though you have not been able to give birth to any children until now, you will soon become pregnant and you will give birth to a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:4

ULT

[4] Now take care that you surely do not drink wine or strong drink, and you do not eat anything unclean.

UST

[4] From now until he is born, you must not drink any wine or other alcoholic drink, and you must not eat any food that the law says we should not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:5

ULT

[5] For surely you are pregnant and you will bear a son. A razor will not go up upon his head, for a Nazirite to God from the womb the boy will be. He will begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines."

UST

[5] You will become pregnant. After you give birth to your son, no one may ever cut his hair. He will be dedicated to God even before he is born until the day he dies. He will begin the work that will rescue Israel from the power of the Philistines."

Why was no razor to come onto the child's head?

No razor was to come onto his head, for the child was to be a Nazirite to God.

Judges 13:6

ULT

[6] Then the woman came in and she explained to her husband saying, "The man of God came to me. His appearance was as the appearance of the messenger of God, exceedingly fearsome, so I did not ask him from where he had come. He did not reveal to me his name.

UST

[6] The woman ran and told her husband, "A man whom God sent came to me. I was very afraid of him, because he was like an angel from God. I did not ask where he came from, and he did not tell me his name.

Like what did the man of God look?

The man of God looked like an angel of God.

Judges 13:7

ULT

7 Then he said to me, ‘Surely, you are pregnant, and you will bear a son. So now, you must not drink wine or strong drink, and you must not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite to God from the womb until the day of his death.’”

UST

7 But he told me, ‘You have become pregnant, and you will give birth to a son. Until then, you must not drink any wine or any alcoholic drink, and you must not eat any food that God’s law says you are not to eat. Your son will be a Nazirite; that is one who is dedicated to God before he is born and until the day he dies.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:8

ULT

8 Then Manoah prayed to Yahweh and he said, “Oh please, my Lord, please let the man of God who you sent come again to us so that he may instruct us about what we must do for the boy who is to be born.”

UST

8 Then Manoah prayed to Yahweh, saying, “O Lord, I plead with you, allow that man whom you sent to us to come again and teach us how we should raise the boy who will be born to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:9

ULT

9 The true God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the messenger of God came to the woman again when she was sitting in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her.

UST

9 God did what Manoah asked, and his angel came to the woman again. This time she was out in the field. But again her husband Manoah was not with her.

When the angel of God came a second time, who was there?

When the angel of God came a second time, only Manoah’s wife was there.

Judges 13:10

ULT

10 So the woman hurried and she ran and she reported to her husband, and she said to him, “Look! The man has appeared to me who came to me that day!”

UST

10 So she quickly ran and said to her husband, “The man who appeared to me a few days ago has come back again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:11

ULT

11 So Manoah rose up and he went after his wife. When he came to the man, he said to him, “Are you the man who spoke to this woman?” He replied, “I am.”

UST

11 Manoah ran back with his wife and asked him, “Are you the man who talked with my wife a few days ago?” He replied, “Yes I am.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:12

ULT

12 Then Manoah said, “Now may your words come to pass. What will be the protocol for the boy, and his work?”

UST

12 Manoah asked him, “When what you promised occurs and my wife gives birth to a son, what rules will there be for the child, and what work will he do when he grows up?”

About what did Manoah ask the angel?

Manoah asked the angel about the rules for the child and what his work would be.

Judges 13:13

ULT

13 The messenger of Yahweh replied to Manoah, “Because of all that I have said to the woman, she must take heed herself.

UST

13 Yahweh’s angel replied, “Your wife must obey all the instructions I gave her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:14

ULT

14 From anything that comes forth from the vine of the wine, she must not consume. She must not drink wine or strong drink, and anything unclean she must not eat. Everything that I have commanded her, she must do.”

UST

14 Before the baby is born, she must not eat grapes, drink wine or any other alcoholic drink, or eat anything that the law says we should not eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:15

ULT

15 Then Manoah said to the messenger of Yahweh, “Please let us detain you, so that we may prepare a young kid from the goats on account of your presence.”

UST

15 Then Manoah said, “Please stay here until we can kill and cook a young goat for you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:16

ULT

16 The angel of Yahweh replied to Manoah, “Even if you would detain me, I will not eat your bread. But if you would prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh, you may offer it.” For Manoah did not know that he was the messenger of Yahweh.

UST

16 Yahweh’s angel replied, “I will stay here, but I will not eat anything. However, you may kill an animal and sacrifice it as a burned offering to Yahweh.” But Manoah did not yet realize that this was Yahweh’s angel.

If Manoah prepared a burnt offering, to whom was he to offer it?

If Manoah prepared a burnt offering, he was to offer it to Yahweh.

Judges 13:17

ULT

17 Then Manoah said to the messenger of Yahweh, “What is your name, that when your words come to pass we may honor you?”

UST

17 Then Manoah asked him, “What is your name? When what you have promised happens, we want to honor you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:18

ULT

18 The messenger of Yahweh replied to him, “Why is this, you are asking about my name, but it is incomprehensible!”

UST

18 Yahweh’s angel replied, “Why do you ask me my name? It is too marvelous.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:19

ULT

19 Manoah took the young kid from the goats and the offering and he brought up a sacrifice upon the rock to Yahweh. Meanwhile he was about to perform an act causing wonder while Manoah and his wife were watching.

UST

19 Then Manoah killed a young goat and burned it on a rock, along with a grain offering, as a sacrifice to Yahweh. Then Yahweh did an amazing thing as Manoah and his wife watched.

What marvelous thing did Yahweh do while Manoah and his wife were watching? (vv19-20)
While Manoah and his wife were watching, the angel of Yahweh went up in the flame of the altar.

Judges 13:20

ULT

20 Now it happend when the flame went up from upon the altar towards the heavens, that the messenger of Yahweh went up in the flame of the altar while Manoah and his wife were watching. As a result they fell on their faces to the ground.

UST

20 When the flames went up from the altar toward the sky, Yahweh's angel went up in the flame from the altar. Manoah and his wife saw that and lay facedown on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:21

ULT

21 But the messenger of Yahweh did not continue to appear any longer to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the messenger of Yahweh.

UST

21 Although Yahweh's angel did not appear again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized who this angel really was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:22

ULT

22 Manoah said to his wife, “Surely we will die, because we have seen God!”

UST

22 So Manoah said, “Now we are sure to die, because we have seen God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:23

ULT

23 But his wife replied to him, “If Yahweh had desired to kill us, he would not have taken from our hand the whole burnt offering and the offering. He would not have shown us all these things, and at this time would he have not allowed us to hear about this.”

UST

23 But his wife said, “No, I do not think so. If Yahweh intended to kill us, he would not have accepted the burned offering and the grain offering. And he would not have appeared to us and told us the wonderful thing that would happen to us, and he would not have performed this miracle.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:24

ULT

24 The woman gave birth to a son, and she called his name Samson. The boy grew up and Yahweh blessed him.

UST

24 When their son was born, they named him Samson. Yahweh blessed him as he grew up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 13:25

ULT

25 Now the Spirit of Yahweh began to tap him in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and between Eshtaol.

UST

25 While he was in Mahaneh-Dan, which is between the towns of Zorah and Eshtaol, Yahweh's Spirit began to control him.

Where did Yahweh's Spirit begin to stir Samson?

Yahweh's Spirit began to stir Samson in Mahaneh Dan.

Judges 14

Judges 14:1

ULT

1 Samson went down to Timnah, and he saw a woman in Tinmah, from the daughters of the Philistines.

UST

1 Samson went down to the town of Timnah, and there he saw a young Philistine woman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:2

ULT

2 Then he went back up and he reported to his father and to his mother, and he said, “I saw a woman in Timnah, among the daughters of the Philistines. So now take her for me for a wife.”

UST

2 When he returned home, he told his mother and father, “I saw one of the daughters of the Philistines in Timnah, and I want you to get her for me so I can marry her.”

Who did Samson want his parents to get for him to be his wife?

Samson wanted his parents to get a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines, for him to be his wife.

Judges 14:3

ULT

3 His father and his mother replied to him, “Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all of my people, that you are going to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” Samson said to his father, “Take her for me, because she is right in my eyes.”

UST

3 His mother and father objected very strongly. They said, “Is there no woman from our tribe, or from the other Israelite tribes, that you could marry? Why do you want a wife from the Philistines, who are not circumcised and do not worship Yahweh?” But Samson told his father, “Get her for me! She is the one I want!”

Why did Samson want his parents to get him the woman in Timnah as his wife?

He wanted his parents to get him the woman in Timnah as his wife, for when he looked at her, she pleased him.

Judges 14:4

ULT

[4] But his father and his mother did not know that this matter was from Yahweh, for he was seeking an opportunity against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines were ruling over Israel.

UST

[4] His mother and father did not realize that Yahweh was arranging this. He was preparing a way for Samson to create a conflict with the Philistines, for they were ruling over Israel at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:5

ULT

[5] Then Samson went down along with his father and his mother to Timnah. They came as far as the vineyards of Timnah, and look, a young lion among the lions was roaring when encountering him.

UST

[5] Then Samson went down to Timnah with his mother and father. A young lion roared at him, threatening him near the vineyards close to the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:6

ULT

[6] The Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon him, and he tore it to pieces like butchering a young goat. There was not anything in his hand, but he did not disclose to his father or to his mother what he had done.

UST

[6] Then Yahweh's Spirit came on Samson, and he tore the lion apart with his hands. He did it as easily as if it had been a young goat. But he did not tell his mother and father about it.

How was Samson able to tear the lion apart?

Yahweh's Spirit suddenly came on him, and he tore the lion apart.

Judges 14:7

ULT

[7] Then he went down and he spoke to the woman, and she seemed right in the eyes of Samson.

UST

[7] When they arrived in Timnah, Samson talked with the young woman, and he liked her very much. And his father made arrangements for the wedding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:8

ULT

[8] Then he returned after some days to take her. He turned aside to look for the carcass of the lion, and look, there was a swarm of bees in the dead body of the lion and honey.

UST

[8] Later, when Samson returned to Timnah for the wedding, he turned off the path to see the lion carcass. He discovered that a swarm of bees had made a nest in the carcass and had made some honey.

What was in the carcass of the lion?

There was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

Judges 14:9

ULT

[9] He scraped it into the palms of his hands and he went along, walking and eating as he went to his father and to his mother. He even gave some to them so that they ate, but he did not disclose to them that he had scooped the honey out of the dead body of the lion.

UST

[9] So he dug out some of the honey into his hands and ate some of it as he was walking along. He also gave some of it to his mother and father, but he did not tell them that he had taken the honey from the carcass of the lion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:10

ULT

10 Then his father went down to the woman, and there Samson prepared a drinking feast, because so would do the young men.

UST

10 As his father was making the final arrangements for the marriage, Samson gave a feast for the young men in that area. That was the custom for men to do when they were about to be married.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:11

ULT

11 Now it happened when they saw him, that they brought thirty close friends and they were with him.

UST

11 As soon as her relatives saw him, they brought him thirty of their friends to be with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:12

ULT

12 Samson said to them, “Let me propose to you a riddle. If indeed you explain it to me during the seven days of the drinking feast, and truly you have found out, then I will give to you thirty linen outer garments and thirty changes of clothes.

UST

12 Samson said to them, “Allow me to tell you a riddle. If you tell me the correct meaning of my riddle during these seven days of the celebration, I will give each one of you a linen robe and an extra set of clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:13

ULT

13 But if you are not able to provide an explanation to me, then you must yourselves give to me thirty linen outer garments and thirty changes of clothes." They said to him, "Set forth your riddle, so we may hear it."

UST

13 But if you cannot tell me the correct meaning, you must each give me a linen robe and an extra set of clothes." They replied, "All right. Tell us your riddle."

What would Samson get if the thirty friends could not answer his riddle?

Samson would get thirty linen robes and thirty sets of clothes if the thirty friends could not answer his riddle.

Judges 14:14

ULT

14 He said to them, "From the eater came forth food; and from a strong one came forth sweetness." But they were not able to explain the riddle in three days.

UST

14 So he said, "From out of the eater I found something to eat; from out of the strong I found something sweet." But for three days they could not tell him the meaning of the riddle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:15

ULT

15 Now it happened on the seventh day that they said to the wife of Samson, "Entice your husband so he may reveal to us the riddle, lest we burn you and the house of your father with fire. Have you invited us in order to dispossess us or not?"

UST

15 On the fourth day, they said to Samson's wife, "Use your tricks and make your husband tell you the meaning of the riddle. If you do not do that, we will burn down your father's house, with you and your family inside it! Did you invite us here only to make us poor by forcing us to buy a lot of clothes for your husband?"

What would happen to Samson's wife if she did not trick her husband and get the answer to the riddle?

If Samson's wife did not trick her husband and get the answer to the riddle, the thirty friends would burn up her and her father's houses.

Judges 14:16

ULT

16 Then the wife of Samson wept beside him and she said, “Surely you hate me! You do not love me! You have put forth a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not informed me.” He said to her, “Look, I have not informed my father or my mother, should I inform you?”

UST

16 So Samson’s wife came to him, crying. She said to him, “You do not really love me. You hate me! You have told a riddle to my friends, but you have not told me the answer to it!” He replied, “I have not even told my own mother and father the answers, so why should I tell you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:17

ULT

17 She continued to weep beside him during the seven days that they had the drinking feast. Now it happened on the seventh day that he informed her because she pressed him, with the result that she revealed the riddle to the sons of her people.

UST

17 She continued to cry every time she was with him, all during the rest of the celebration. Finally, on the seventh day, because she continued to nag him, he told her the answer to the riddle. Then she told it to the young men.

For how long did Samson’s wife cry in order to get the answer to the riddle?
She cried during the seven days that their feast lasted.

Judges 14:18

ULT

18 Then the men of the city said to him before the sun went down on the seventh day, “What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion?” So he said to them, “If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle.”

UST

18 So before sunset on the seventh day, the young men came to Samson and said to him, “Nothing is sweeter than honey; Nothing is as strong as a lion.” Samson replied, “People use their own animals to plow their fields. My bride is like a young heifer that you have used, but she does not belong to you! If you had not forced her to ask me, you would not have learned the answer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 14:19

ULT

19 Then the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon him. He went down to Ashkelon and he struck down thirty of their men. He took their spoil, and he gave the changes of clothes from the riddle. His anger blazed, and he went up to the house of his father.

UST

19 Then Yahweh's Spirit powerfully came on Samson. He went down to the coast at the city of Ashkelon and killed thirty men. He took their clothes and went back to Timnah; then he gave them to the men at the feast. But he was very angry about what had happened, so he went back home to live with his mother and father.

How did Samson get thirty sets of clothing?

Samson went down to Ashkelon and killed thirty men among those people and took their sets of clothing.

Judges 14:20

ULT

20 Then the wife of Samson came to be the wife of his close friend, who associated with him.

UST

20 So his wife's father gave her instead to the man who had been Samson's special friend when he got married.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15

Judges 15:1

ULT

1 Now it happened after some days, during the days of the harvest of wheat, that Samson visited his wife with a kid from the goats. for he said, “I will go in to my wife, to the inner room.” But her father did not allow him to go in.

UST

1 During the time that they were harvesting the wheat, Samson took a young goat to Timnah as a present for his wife. He wanted to sleep with his wife, but her father would not let him go into her room.

When Samson went to visit his wife, why did her father not allow him to go in?
The father thought Samson hated his wife, so the father gave her to Samson’s friend.

Judges 15:2

ULT

2 Her father said, “Truly I said that surely you hated her, so I gave her to your close friend. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please may she be yours in her place.”

UST

2 He said to Samson, “I really thought that you hated her. So I gave her to the man who was your best friend at the wedding, and she has married him. But look, her younger sister is more beautiful than she is. Take her instead.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:3

ULT

3 Samson said to them, “This time I am blameless concerning the Philistines when I am inflicting calamity against them.”

UST

3 Samson replied, “No! And this time I have a right to get revenge on you Philistines!”

How did Samson try to be innocent in regard to the Philistines when he hurt them? (vv3-4)
Samson tried to be innocent in regard to the Philistines when he hurt them by catching three hundred foxes, tying torches to them, and letting them go in the Philistines’ grain.

Judges 15:4

ULT

[4] Then Samson went and captured three hundred foxes and he made them turn tail to tail. He took torches, and he set one torch between two of the tails in the middle.

UST

[4] Then he went out into the fields and caught three hundred foxes. He tied their tails together, two by two. He fastened torches to each pair of tails.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:5

ULT

[5] He kindled fire in the torches, he let them loose into the standing grain of the Philistines. As a result he burned both the stack of sheaves and also the standing grain, even a vineyard, and olive orchard.

UST

[5] Then he lit the torches and let the foxes run through the fields of the Philistines. The fire from the torches burned all the grain to the ground, including the grain that had been cut and stacked in bundles. The fire also burned down their grapevines and their olive trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:6

ULT

[6] So the Philistines said, “Who has done this?”, and they replied “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he took his wife and he gave her to his close friend.” As a result the Philistines went up and they burned her and her father with fire.

UST

[6] The Philistines asked, “Who did this?” Someone told them, “Samson did it. He married a woman from Timnah, but then his father-in-law gave her to the man who was Samson’s best friend at the wedding, and she married him.” So the Philistines went to Timnah and got the woman and her father, and burned them to death.

When the Philistines were told that Samson burned their fields, what did they do?

When the Philistines were told that Samson burned their fields, they burned his wife and her father.

Judges 15:7

ULT

[7] Samson said to them, “Since you have actually acted like this, surely I have avenged myself against you, and afterwards, I will stop.”

UST

[7] Samson found out about that and said to them, “Because you have done this, I will get revenge on you, and then I will be happy!”

Why did Samson cut the Philistines to pieces, hip and thigh, with a great slaughter? (vv7-8)

Samson cut the Philistines to pieces, hip and thigh, with a great slaughter to get revenge on them for killing his wife and her father.

Judges 15:8

ULT

[8] He struck them on the lower leg as well as the thigh, a great slaughter. Then he went down and he remained in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

UST

[8] So he attacked the Philistines furiously and killed many of them. Then he went to hide in a cave in the large rock at a place called Etam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:9

ULT

[9] But the Philistines went up and they encamped in Judah and they had spread themselves out in Lehi.

UST

[9] The Philistines did not know where he was, so they went up to where the descendants of Judah lived, and they arranged themselves for battle at the town of Lehi.

Why did the Philistines come up to attack Judah? (vv9-10)

The Philistines came up to attack Judah so they could capture Samson, and so they could do to him as he did to them.

Judges 15:10

ULT

10 Now the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” They replied, “We have come up in order to bind Samson, to do to him just as he has done to us.”

UST

10 The men there asked the Philistines, “Why do you want to attack us?” The Philistines replied, “We have come to capture Samson. We have come to get revenge on him for what he did to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:11

ULT

11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and they said to Samson, “Do you not know that the Philistines are ruling over us? What is this you have done to us?” He replied to them, “Just as they have done to me, so I have done to them.”

UST

11 Someone there knew where Samson was hiding. So three thousand men from Judah went down to get Samson at the cave in the rock where he was hiding. They said to Samson, “Do you not realize that the people of Philistia are ruling over us? Do you not realize what they will do to us?” Samson replied, “The only thing I did was that I got revenge on them for what they did to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:12

ULT

12 They replied to him, “We have come down to bind you in order to give you over into the hand of the Philistines.” But Samson said to them, “Swear to me that you will not instead attack me yourselves.”

UST

12 But the men from Judah said to him, “We have come to tie you up and put you in the hands of the Philistines.” Samson said, “All right, but promise me that you yourselves will not kill me!”

When the men of Judah came to tie Samson up, what did he make them swear?

When the men of Judah came to tie Samson up, he made them swear that they would not kill him themselves.

Judges 15:13

ULT

13 They replied to him saying, “No, however surely we will bind you and we will give you over into their hand. But truly we will not kill you.” Then they bound him with two new ropes and they brought him up from the rock.

UST

13 They replied, “We will just tie you up and take you to the Philistines. We will not kill you.” So they tied him with two new ropes and led him away from the cave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:14

ULT

14 He had come as far as Lehi, and then the Philistines shouted as they encountered him. Then the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon him. The ropes which were on his arms became as flax stalks which they had burned in fire, so his bands were loosed from upon his hands.

UST

14 When they arrived at Lehi, the Philistines came toward him, shouting triumphantly. But Yahweh’s Spirit powerfully came on Samson. He snapped the ropes on his arms as easily as if they had been stalks of burned flax, and they fell off his wrists.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:15

ULT

15 He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and he stretched forth his hand and he took it and he slaughtered a thousand men with it.

UST

15 Then he saw a donkey’s jawbone lying on the ground. It was new, so it was hard. He picked it up and killed about a thousand Philistine men with it.

With what did Samson kill a thousand men?

Samson killed a thousand men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey.

Judges 15:16

ULT

16 Then Samson said, “With the jawbone of the donkey, one heap, two heaps, with the jawbone of the donkey
I have slaughtered a thousand men.”

UST

16 Then Samson wrote this poem: “With the jawbone of a donkey I have made them like a heap of dead
donkeys. With the jawbone of a donkey I have killed a thousand men.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:17

ULT

17 Now it happened when he finished speaking that he hurled the jawbone out of his hand, and he named
that place Ramath Lehi.

UST

17 When he finished, he threw the jawbone away, but later that place was called Ramath Lehi (or Jawbone
Hill).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 15:18

ULT

18 Then he was very thirsty and cried out to Yahweh and he said, “You Yourself have given this great victory
into the hand of Your servant. But now must I die with this thirst so that I will fall into the hand of the
uncircumcised?”

UST

18 Then Samson was very thirsty, so he called out to Yahweh, “You have given me strength to win a great
victory. So now must I die because of being thirsty, with the result that those heathen, uncircumcised
Philistines will capture me?”

After Samson killed a thousand men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey, how did he think he would die?

After Samson killed a thousand men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he thought he would die of thirst.

Judges 15:19

ULT

19 So God split open the hollow place that is at Lehi and water came out of it. When he drank, his spirit returned so that he revived. Therefore he called the name of it En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

UST

19 So God caused water to gush out of a depression in the ground at Lehi. Samson drank from it and soon felt strong again. He named that place En Hakkore (or “The spring of the one who called out”). That spring can still be found at Lehi, even today.

How did Samson get water?

God split open the hollow place at Lehi, and water came out.

Judges 15:20

ULT

20 Thus he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

UST

20 Samson was the leader and judge over Israel for twenty years, but during that time the Philistines were in control of the entire land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16

Judges 16:1

ULT

[1] Now Samson went to Gaza and he saw a woman there, a harlot, and he went in to her.

UST

[1] Samson went to the city of Gaza. He saw a prostitute there, and he spent the night with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:2

ULT

[2] Thus the Gazites were saying, “Samson has come here.” So they encircled and they laid in wait for him all the night at the gate of the city. They kept themselves quiet all the night, saying, “At the light of the morning, then we will kill him.”

UST

[2] The Gazites were told, “Samson has come here.” They surrounded the place where Samson was, and they waited in secret all night. They were beside the city gate, so they would be sure he could not escape. They said, “Let us wait until the light, and then we will kill him.”

When did the Gazites plan to kill Samson?
The Gazites planned to kill Samson at daylight.

Judges 16:3

ULT

[3] Samson lay down until the middle of the night. Then he arose in the middle of the night and he seized the doors of the gate of the city and the two doorposts. He pulled them up along with the bolt, he hoisted them upon his shoulders, and he brought them up to the top of the hill which is in front of Hebron.

UST

[3] But Samson did not stay there all night. At midnight, he got up. He went to the city gate, he took hold of its two posts, and he lifted them up out of the ground, with its connecting cross bar still attached. He put it on his shoulders and carried it many miles uphill, in front of the town of Hebron.

How did Samson escape Gaza?
Samson took hold of the city gate and its two posts, and he pulled them up out of the ground, bar and all.

Judges 16:4

ULT

[4] Now it happened after this that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek. Her name was Delilah.

UST

[4] Later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. She lived in the Valley of Sorek (in the Philistine area).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:5

ULT

[5] The governors of the Philistines came up to her, and they said to her, “Make him open up. See by what means is his great strength, and how we can prevail over him, so that we may bind him in order to weaken him. Then we will each give you one thousand one hundred silver pieces.”

UST

[5] The Philistine leaders went to her and said, “Use your tricks to find out from Samson what makes him so strong. And find out how we can subdue him and tie him up securely. If you do that, each of us will give you 1,100 pieces of silver.”

If Delilah tricked Samson, what would the rulers of the Philistines give her?

If Delilah tricked Samson, each of the rulers of the Philistines would give her 1,100 pieces of silver.

Judges 16:6

ULT

[6] So Delilah said to Samson, “Please, tell me by what means is your great strength, and how can you be bound in order to weaken you?”

UST

[6] So Delilah went to Samson and said, “Please tell me what makes you so strong, and tell me how someone can subdue you and tie you up.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:7

ULT

7 Samson replied to her, “If they would bind me with seven fresh cords that have not been dried, then I would become weak and I would be just as one of the other men.”

UST

7 Samson said, “If someone ties me with seven new bowstrings, ones that are not dry yet, I will become as weak as other men.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:8

ULT

8 Then the governors of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh cords that had not been dried, and she tied him up with them.

UST

8 So after Delilah told that to the Philistine leaders, they brought seven new bowstrings to Delilah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:9

ULT

9 Now she had the ambush group staying in the room when she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” But he tore the cords to shreds just as a wick of flax fiber is torn to shreds when it draws in fire. So his strength did not become known.

UST

9 Then she hid the leaders in one of the rooms in her house. She tied Samson up with the bowstrings and then called out, “Samson! The Philistines have come here to capture you!” But Samson snapped the bowstrings as easily as though they had been strings that had been singed in a fire. So the Philistines did not find out what made Samson so strong.

When Delilah told Samson the Philistines were on him, what did he do to the bowstrings with which he was tied?

When Delilah told Samson the Philistines were on him, he broke the bowstrings.

Judges 16:10

ULT

10 As a result Delilah said to Samson, “Look, you have deceived me and you have spoken lies to me. Now tell me, please, by what means you can be bound.”

UST

10 Then Delilah said to Samson, “You have deceived me and lied to me! Now tell me the truth, how someone can tie you up securely.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:11

ULT

11 He replied to her, “If in fact they would bind me with new cords with which work has not been done with them, I would become weak and I would be just as one of the other men.”

UST

11 Samson replied, “If someone ties me with new ropes, ones that have never been used, I will be as weak as other men.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:12

ULT

12 So Delilah took new cords and she bound him with them. She said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” with the ambush group staying in the room. But he flicked them off from upon his arms like they were thread.

UST

12 So again, she told the Philistine leaders, and then came and hid in the room as they did before. And again, while Samson was sleeping, she took the new ropes and tied him up with them and then called out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” But Samson snapped the ropes on his arms as easily as if they had been threads.

When Samson tore off the ropes from his arms, where were the men lying in wait?

When Samson tore off the ropes from his arms, the men lying in wait were in the inner room.

Judges 16:13

ULT

13 Then Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have dealt deceitfully with me and you have spoken lies to me. Reveal to me in what manner you may be bound.” So he said to her, “If you would only weave seven of the locks of hair from my head with the loom.”

UST

13 Then Delilah said, “You have deceived me and lied to me again! Please tell me how someone can tie you up securely!” Samson replied, “If you weave the seven braids of my hair into the threads you are weaving on the loom, and then fasten those threads with a nail that makes the threads tight, then I will become as weak as other men.” So again, Delilah held the seven braids of his hair, and wove them into the threads on the loom,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:14

ULT

14 She fastened them together with a pin, and she said to him, “The Philistines are upon you, Samson!” However he woke from his sleep and he pulled out the pin from the weaving and the warp of the loom.

UST

14 and she secured them with a pin. Then she called out, “Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!” But Samson woke up and pulled away his hair, taking with it the pin of the loom and the fabric in the loom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:15

ULT

15 Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ yet your heart is not with me? You have dealt deceitfully with me these three times and you have not revealed to me by what means is your great strength.”

UST

15 Then Delilah said to him, “How can you say that you love me when you do not tell me the truth about yourself? You have deceived me three times, and you still have not told me what really makes you so strong!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:16

ULT

16 Now it happened that she pressured him with her speech throughout the day. She also continually pressed him so that his soul was vexed to death.

UST

16 Day after day she used every trick to get him to tell her his secret. He thought he would die from her nagging.

How much did Delilah pressure Samson?

She so pressured him that he wished he would die.

Judges 16:17

ULT

17 So he told her everything in his heart and he said to her, “A razor has never gone up upon my head, because I have been a Nazirite to God from the womb of my mother. If I would be completely shaved, then my strength would leave me, and I would become weak. I would be just as any of the other men.”

UST

17 Finally Samson told her the truth. He said, “I have been set apart for God since the day I was born. And because of that, my hair has never been cut. If my hair were shaved off, my strength would be gone, and I would be as weak as other men.”

Why had Samson never had a razor cut the hair on his head?

Samson had never had a razor cut the hair on his head, for he had been a Nazirite for God from his mother’s womb.

Judges 16:18

ULT

18 When Delilah perceived that he had told her everything in his heart, she sent and she called to the governors of the Philistines, saying, “Come up one more time, for he has told me everything in his heart.” Then the rulers of the Philistines came up to her, and they brought the silver in their hand.

UST

18 Delilah realized that this time he had told her the truth. So she called together the Philistine leaders, saying, “Come back one more time, because Samson has finally told me the secret about his strength.” So the Philistine leaders returned and gave Delilah the money they promised to give her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:19

ULT

19 Then she made him fall asleep on her knees and she called to the man while she shaved off the seven locks from his head. Thus she had begun to weaken him, and his strength departed from upon him.

UST

19 Again she lulled Samson to sleep, with his head in her lap. Then she called one of the Philistine men to come and cut off Samson's hair. As he did that, Samson became weak; he had no more strength.

How was Delilah able to begin to subdue Samson?

Delilah began to subdue him when the locks of his head were shaven off, for his strength left him.

Judges 16:20

ULT

20 Then she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" He woke up from his sleep and he said, "I will escape like time after time and I will shake myself loose." But he did not know that Yahweh had departed from upon him.

UST

20 Then after she tied him up, she called out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" He woke up and thought, "I will do as I did before. I will shake these ropes off myself and be free!" But he did not realize that Yahweh had left him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:21

ULT

21 The Philistines seized him and they gouged out his eyes. They brought him down to Gaza and they bound him with a pair of bronze fetters. Now it happened that he was grinding at the house of the prisoners.

UST

21 So the Philistine men seized him and gouged out his eyes. Then they took him to Gaza. There they put him in prison and bound him with bronze chains. They made him turn a large millstone to grind grain every day.

What work did the Philistines make Samson do?

The Philistines made Samson turn the millstone at the prison house.

Judges 16:22

ULT

22 However, the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

UST

22 But his hair started to grow again after it had been cut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:23

ULT

23 The governors of the Philistines assembled themseleves together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and for a celebration. They said, “Our god has given Samson into our hand, our great enemy.”

UST

23 Several months later the Philistine leaders celebrated a big festival. During the festival they offered sacrifices to their god Dagon. They praised him, saying, “Our god has enabled us to defeat our great enemy Samson!”

Why did the rulers of the Philistines gather together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god?

The rulers of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, for they said, “Our god has conquered Samson.”

Judges 16:24

ULT

24 When the people saw him, they praised their god, for they said, “Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the devastator of our land, who heaped up our slain ones.”

UST

24 When the other people saw Samson, they also praised their god Dagon, saying, “Our god has put our great enemy into our hands. Our god helped us to capture the one who has harmed our country so much!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:25

ULT

25 Now it happened when their heart was merry, that they said, “Call for Samson, that he may make us laugh.” So they called for Samson from the house of the prisoners and he caused laughter in front of them. They had made him stand between the columns.

UST

25 By that time the people were half-drunk. They shouted, “Bring Samson out of the prison! Bring him here so he can entertain us!” So they brought Samson from the prison and made him stand in the center of the temple. They made him stand between the two pillars that held up the roof.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:26

ULT

26 Samson said to the young man who was holding onto his hand, “Let me rest! Let me touch the columns, those which the building is situated upon them, so that I may support myself on them.”

UST

26 Samson said to the servant who was leading him by his hand, “Place my hands against the two pillars. I want to rest against them.”

Who helped Samson touch the pillars on which the building rested?

The boy who held Samson’s hand helped Samson touch the pillars on which the building rested.

Judges 16:27

ULT

27 Now the building was full of the men and the women, and situated there were all of the governors of the Philistines. On the roof there were about three thousand men and women, who were watching while Samson was entertaining.

UST

27 At that time the temple was full of men and women. All the Philistine leaders were also there. And there were about three thousand people on the roof, watching Samson and making fun of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:28

ULT

28 Then Samson called out to Yahweh and he said, “My Lord Yahweh, remember me, please! Strengthen me please, just this time, O God, so that I may avenge myself by one act of vengence on the Philistines because of my two eyes.”

UST

28 Samson prayed to Yahweh and he said, “Lord Yahweh, think about me again! Please give me strength only this once more, so that I may get revenge on the Philistines for gouging out my eyes!”

Why did Samson want God to strengthen him?

Samson wanted God to strengthen him so that he could have revenge in one blow on the Philistines for taking his two eyes.

Judges 16:29

ULT

29 Samson took hold of the two center columns on which the building was situated on them. He leaned himself against them, one in his right hand, and one in his left.

UST

29 Then Samson put his hands on the two center pillars of the temple—his right hand on one pillar and his left hand on the other one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 16:30

ULT

30 Then Samson said, “My soul will die with the Philistines!” He stretched out with his strength and the building fell on the governors and on all of the people who were in it. So the ones who died that he killed at his death were more than those he killed during his life.

UST

30 Then he shouted to God, “Let me die with the Philistines!” He pushed with all his strength. The pillars collapsed, and the temple crashed down on the Philistine leaders and all the other Philistine people, and they all died. So Samson killed more people when he died than he had killed all during his life.

How many people did Samson kill when the building fell?

Samson killed more than those he killed during his life.

Judges 16:31

ULT

31 Then his brothers and all the house of his father went down. They carried him, as they went back up. They buried him between Zorah and between Eshtaol in the burial place of Manoah, his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

UST

31 Later his brothers and their relatives went down from Zorah to Gaza to get his body. They took it back home and buried it between Zorah and Eshtaol, at the place where Samson's father Manoah was buried. Now Samson had led Israel for twenty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17

Judges 17:1

ULT

[1] Now there was a man from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Micah.

UST

[1] There was a man named Micah who lived in the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:2

ULT

[2] He said to his mother, “The one thousand one hundred silver pieces that were taken from you, about which you swore a curse, and moreover you uttered it in my ears—look! The silver is with me. I took it myself.” His mother said, “Blessed is my son by Yahweh!”

UST

[2] One day he said to his mother, “I heard you curse whoever stole eleven hundred pieces of silver from your house. I am the one who took the silver, and I still have it.” His mother replied, “My son, I pray that Yahweh will bless you.”

What did Micah steal?

Micah stole the 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from his mother.

Judges 17:3

ULT

[3] Then he brought back the one thousand one hundred silver pieces to his mother and his mother said, “I had entirely consecrated the silver to Yahweh, from my hand to my son in order to make an idol and a cast image. So now, I will return it back to you.”

UST

[3] Micah gave all the silver back to his mother. Then she said to herself, “I will give some of this silver to Yahweh.” And she said to her son, “My son, I want you to make an idol and a statue from this silver. So I will give some of this silver back to you for making these things.”

For what did Micah’s mother set apart the silver?

She set apart the silver to Yahweh, for her son to make a carved wooden figure and a cast metal figure.

Judges 17:4

ULT

4 Even so he restored the silver to his mother, his mother took two hundred silver pieces and she gave them to the refiner. He made it into an idol and a cast image, and so it was in the house of Micah.

UST

4 After he had given the silver back to his mother, she took two hundred pieces and gave them to a metal worker. With the silver that man made a carved figure and a cast metal figure, and gave them to Micah. Micah put them in his house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:5

ULT

5 Now the man Micah he had a house of gods. He made an ephod and family idols, and he even filled the hand of one of his sons so he was as a priest for him.

UST

5 He had a house in which he worshiped his idols. He made a kind of vest that was worn by priests, and some smaller, personal idols and Micah gave one of his sons the task of being the priest for all his idols.

To what did Micah dedicate one of his sons?

He dedicated one of his sons to become his priest.

Judges 17:6

ULT

6 In those days there was not a king in Israel. Each man would do whatever was right in his eyes.

UST

6 At that time, Israel did not have a king, and everyone did whatever they each decided was okay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:7

ULT

[7] Now there was a young man from Bethlehem in Judah, from the family of Judah, and he was a Levite. He was sojourning there.

UST

[7] There was a young man who had been living in town of Bethlehem which is in the area where the tribe of Judah lives. He wanted to work as a priest because he was a member of the tribe of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:8

ULT

[8] The man went out of the city, from Bethlehem in Judah to sojourn in whatever place he might find. He came to the hill country of Ephraim as far as the house of Micah as he made his way.

UST

[8] So he left Bethlehem to find another place to live and work. He came to Micah's house in the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim lived.

Why did the Levite leave Bethlehem?

The Levite left Bethlehem to go and find a place to live.

Judges 17:9

ULT

[9] Micah said to him, "Where have you come from?" He replied to him, "I am a Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to sojourn in whatever place I might find."

UST

[9] Micah asked him, "Where are you from?" He replied, "I come from Bethlehem. I am from the tribe of Levi, and I am looking for a place to live and work as a priest."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:10

ULT

10 Micah said to him, “Stay with me, and be as a father and as a priest to me. I myself will give to you ten silver pieces for the days, and provision of garments and your sustanance.” So the Levite went in.

UST

10 Micah said to him, “Stay with me, and you can advise me and be my priest. Each year I will give to you ten pieces of silver and some new clothes. And I will provide food for you.”

What did Micah ask the Levite to be to him?

Micah asked the Levite to live with him and be an adviser and a priest to him.

Judges 17:11

ULT

11 So the Levite was willing to stay with the man, and the young man became to him as one of his sons.

UST

11 So the young man agreed to live with Micah. He became like one of Micah’s own sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:12

ULT

12 Micah filled the hand of the Levite, and the young man became as a priest for him. So it was in the house of Micah.

UST

12 Micah appointed him to be a priest, and he lived in Micah’s house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 17:13

ULT

13 Then Micah said, “Now I know that Yahweh will cause success for me, because I have this Levite as a priest.”

UST

13 Then Micah said, “Now I know that Yahweh will do good things for me, because I have a man from the tribe of Levi to be my priest.”

Why did Micah think Yahweh would do good for him?

Micah thought Yahweh would do good for him, because a Levite became his priest.

Judges 18

Judges 18:1

ULT

1 In those days there was not a king in Israel. Now in those days the tribe of the Danite was looking for a territory for itself to settle, because up to that day one had not fallen to it among the tribes of Israel for an inheritance.

UST

1 At that time the Israelites had no king. The tribe of Dan was looking for a good place for them to settle down. The other Israelite tribes had been able to receive the land that had been allotted to them, but the tribe of Dan had not been able to do that.

Why was the tribe of the descendants of Dan looking for a territory on which to live?
The tribe of the descendants of Dan waslooking for a territory to live on, for up to that day they had not received any inheritance from among the tribes of Israel.

Judges 18:2

ULT

2 The sons of Dan sent five men from their family, from their members men, sons of valor from Zorah and from Eshtaol, to scout out the land on foot, and to examine it thoroughly. They said to them, “Go! Search out the land thoroughly.” They came to the hill country of Ephraim, as far as the house of Micah, and they spent the night there.

UST

2 So they chose five soldiers from their clans, men who lived in the cities of Zorah and Eshtaol, to go through the land and explore it and try to find some land where their tribe could live. They came to Micah’s house in the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim lived, and they stayed there that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:3

ULT

[3] They were among the house of Micah and they recognized the voice of the young Levite man. So they turned aside there and they said to him, “Who brought you here? What are you doing in this place? What do you have here?”

UST

[3] While they were in his house, when they heard the young man who had become Micah’s priest talking, they recognized him from his accent. So they went to him and asked him, “Who brought you here? What are you doing here? Why did you come here?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:4

ULT

[4] He replied to them, “Like this and like this Micah has done for me; he has hired me and I am to him as a priest.”

UST

[4] He told them the things that Micah had done for him. And he said, “Micah has hired me, and I have become his priest.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:5

ULT

[5] They said to him, “Inquire, please, of God, that we may know whether our journey will have success, which we are going on it.”

UST

[5] So they said to him, “Please ask God if we will succeed in what we are trying to do on this journey.”

What did the people of Dan want the Levite to seek?

The people of Dan wanted the Levite to seek the advice of God.

Judges 18:6

ULT

[6] The priest said to them, “Go in peace, before Yahweh is your journey which you are going on it.”

UST

[6] The young man replied, “Go in the knowledge that Yahweh will be with you on this journey.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:7

ULT

[7] Then the five men left and they came to Laish. They saw the people who were in the midst of it were living in safety as the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure. There was no one causing them shame in any way in the land. Possessing restraint, they were far away from the Sidonians and there was no interaction for them with anyone.

UST

[7] Then the five men left. When they came to the city of Laish, they saw that the people there lived safely, as the people did in the city of Sidon. The people there thought that they were safe, because there was no one nearby to cause trouble for them, they were far from Sidon, and they rarely had contact with any outsiders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:8

ULT

[8] Then they went to their brothers in Zorah and Eshtaol. Their brothers said to them, “How are you?”

UST

[8] When those five men returned to Zorah and Eshtaol, their relatives asked them “What did you find out?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:9

ULT

9 They responded, “Get up at once that we may go up against them! For we have seen the land and look, it is exceedingly good. Yet you are keeping still. You must not be sluggish to go to enter in to possess the land.

UST

9 They replied, “We have found some land, and it is very good. We should go and attack the people who live there. Why are you staying here and doing nothing? Do not wait any longer! We should go immediately and take possession of that land!

What did the five men from Dan want to do with the land of Laish?
The five men from Dan wanted to conquer the land.

Judges 18:10

ULT

10 When you go, you will come to a people living securely, and the land is spacious on both hands! For God has given it into your hands, a place where there is not a lack of any thing that is on the earth.”

UST

10 When you go there, you will see that there is plenty of land, and it has everything that we will need. The people there are not expecting anyone to attack them. God is certainly giving that land to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:11

ULT

11 So they journeyed away from there, six hundred men from the family of the Danite, out from Zorah and Eshtaol, girded with weapons of war.

UST

11 So six hundred men from the tribe of Dan left Zorah and Eshtaol, carrying their weapons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:12

ULT

12 They went up and they camped at Kiriath Jearim, in Judah. On account of this they call that place Mahaneh Dan to this day. It is back behind Kiriath Jearim.

UST

12 On their way they set up their tents near the city of Kiriath Jearim in the area where the tribe of Judah live. That is why the area west of Kiriath Jearim was named Mahaneh Dan (or the “Camp of Dan”), and that is still its name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:13

ULT

13 They crossed over from there to the hill country of Ephraim, and they came up to the house of Micah.

UST

13 From there, they went to the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim lived. And they arrived at Micah’s house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:14

ULT

14 Then the five men who had gone to scout out the land of Laish on foot responded to their brothers and they said, “Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, family idols, a carved image, and a cast image? So now, consider what you will do.”

UST

14 The five men who had explored the land near Laish said to their fellow Israelites, “Do you know that in one of these houses there is a sacred vest, several household idols, a carved figure and a cast metal figure? We think that you know what you should do.”

What did the five men say was in the houses of Laish?

The five men said that in the houses of Laish there were an ephod, household gods, a carved figure, and a cast metal figure.

Judges 18:15

ULT

15 So they turned in there and they came to the house of the young man, the Levite, at the house of Micah, and they asked about his welfare.

UST

15 So they went to the house where the man from the tribe of Levi lived, which was the house where Micah lived, and they greeted the young man from the tribe of Levi who was Micah's priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:16

ULT

16 Now six hundred men who were from the sons of Dan, the ones who were girded in their weapons of war, were stationed at the entrance of the gate.

UST

16 The six hundred men of the tribe of Dan stood outside the gate of the house, carrying their weapons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:17

ULT

17 The five men who had gone to scout out the land by foot went up, they came there. They took the carved image, the ephod, the family idols, and the cast image, while the priest was standing at the entrance of the gate along with the six hundred men who were girded with the weapons of war.

UST

17 The five men who had explored the land went into Micah's house, and took the carved figure, the sacred vest, the household gods, and the cast metal figure. While they did that, the six hundred men stood outside the gate, talking with the priest.

Who took the carved figure?

The five men who had gone to scout out the land went there and they took the carved figure.

Judges 18:18

ULT

18 When these came into the house of Micah, and they took the carved image, the ephod, the family idols, and the cast image, the priest said to them, “What are you doing?”

UST

18 When the priest saw them bringing out the carved figure, the sacred vest, the household gods, and cast metal figure, and he said to them, “What are you doing?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:19

ULT

19 They said to him, “Be quiet! Put your hand over your mouth and come with us, and be for us as a father and as a priest. Is it better your being a priest for the house of one man, or your being a priest for a tribe and for a family in Israel?”

UST

19 They replied, “Be quiet! Do not say anything! You come with us and be like a father to us and a priest for us. Is it better for you to stay here and be a priest for the people in the house of one man, or to be a priest for a clan, and a priest for a whole tribe of Israelites?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:20

ULT

20 The heart of the priest was agreeable, so he took the ephod, the family idols, and the carved image, and he went in the midst of the people.

UST

20 The priest liked what they were suggesting. So he took the sacred vest and the household gods, and the carved figure, and he prepared to go with the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:21

ULT

21 Then they turned and they went away. They put the little children, the catle, and the property of value in front of themselves.

UST

21 All the men made their wives and little children, their animals, and everything else that they owned to travel just in front of themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:22

ULT

22 They had gone a great distance from the house of Micah, when the men who were in the houses which were near the house of Micah were called together, and they overtook the sons of Dan.

UST

22 After they had gone a little distance from Micah's house, Micah saw what was happening. He quickly summoned the men who lived near him, and they ran and caught up with the men from the tribe of Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:23

ULT

23 They called to the sons of Dan. They turned their faces around and they said to Micah, "What has happened to you that you have assembled together?"

UST

23 They shouted at them. The men of the tribe of Dan turned around and said to Micah, "What is the problem? Why have you gathered these men to pursue us?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:24

ULT

24 He replied, “You took my gods that I made, and the priest, and you left. What do I have any longer? So how is it you can say to me, ‘What has happened to you?’”

UST

24 Micah shouted, “You took the silver idols that were made for me! You also took my priest! I do not have anything left! So why do you ask me, ‘What is the problem?’”

Why was Micah angry?

Micah was angry because the Danites stole the gods he made, they took the priest, and they were leaving.

Judges 18:25

ULT

25 The sons of Dan responded to him, “You should not make your voice heard among us, lest some men fierce in temperment will come with hostility against you, with the result that you would reap the destruction of your soul and the soul of your household.”

UST

25 The men from the tribe of Dan replied, “You better not say anything about this matter. Some of our men might become angry and attack you, killing you and your family!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:26

ULT

26 So the sons of Dan went their way since Micah perceived that they were stronger than him. He turned back and he returned to his house.

UST

26 Then the men from the tribe of Dan continued walking. Micah realized that there was a very large group of them, so that it would be useless for him to try to fight them. So he turned around and went home.

When did Micah turn and go back to his house?

When Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

Judges 18:27

ULT

27 Now they had taken what Micah had made, and the priest who was his, and they came to Laish, to a people living undisturbed and feeling secure. They slaughtered them with the mouth of the sword and they burned the city with fire.

UST

27 The men of the tribe of Dan were carrying the things that had been made for Micah, and they also took his priest, and they continued traveling to Laish. They attacked the people who were peacefully living there, and killed them with their swords. Then they burned everything in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:28

ULT

28 There was not a deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and there was no involvement for them with any man. It was in the valley that is near Beth Rehob. They rebuilt the city and they lived in it.

UST

28 There was no group of people to rescue the people of Laish. Laish was far from Sidon, so the people who lived there could not help the people of Laish. And the people of Laish had no other allies. Laish was in a valley near the town of Beth Rehob. The people of the tribe of Dan rebuilt the city and started to live there.

Why was there no one to rescue the people of Laish?

There was no one to rescue the people because it was a long way from Sidon, and they had no dealings with anyone.

Judges 18:29

ULT

29 They called the name of the city Dan, in honor of the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However Laish was the name of the city at the first.

UST

29 They gave a new name to the city, they called it Dan, in honor of their ancestor whose name was Dan. He was one of Israel's sons. The town used to be called Laish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 18:30

ULT

30 The sons of Dan raised up the carved image for themselves. Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manesseh, he along with his sons were priests for the tribe of the Danite until the day of the exile of the land.

UST

30 The people of the tribe of Dan set up in the city a carved figure that had been made for Micah. Jonathan son of Gershom, and the grandson of Moses, was appointed to be their priest. His descendants continued to be priests until the Israelites were captured and taken away.

Who were the priests for the tribe of the Danites?

Jonathan the son of Gershom (the son of Moses), he and his sons were priests for the tribe of the Danites until the day of the land's captivity.

Judges 18:31

ULT

31 So they set up for themselves the carved image belonging to Micah that he had made, all the days of the house of the true God being at Shiloh.

UST

31 After the people of the tribe of Dan set up the carved figure that had been made for Micah, and it stayed there as long as the house of God was in Shiloh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19

Judges 19:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened in those days, when there was no king over Israel, that there was a man, a Levite, sojourning in the remotest parts of the hill country of Ephraim. He took for himself a woman, a concubine, from Bethlehem in Judah.

UST

[1] At that time the Israelite people had no king. There was a man from the tribe of Levi who lived in a remote place in the hill country where the tribe of Ephraim lives. He had previously taken to live with him a woman who was a slave. She was from Bethlehem, in the area where the tribe of Judah lives.

Where was the Levite living?
The Levite was living for a while in the most remote area of the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges 19:2

ULT

[2] However, his concubine played the harlot against him and she went away from being with him to the house of her father, to Bethlehem in Judah. She was there for a period of days, four months.

UST

[2] But she started to sleep with other men also. Then she left him and returned to her father's house in Bethlehem. She stayed there for four months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:3

ULT

[3] Then her husband rose up and he went after her, to speak to her heart, in order to persuade to return to him. His young man was with him, and a team of donkeys. She brought him into the house of her father, and when the father of the young woman saw him, he was glad to meet him.

UST

[3] Then her husband took his servant and two donkeys and went to Bethlehem. He went to ask her to come back to live with him again. When he arrived at her father's house, she invited him to come in. Her father was happy to see him.

Where did the Levite's concubine bring him?
The concubine brought the Levite into the house of her father.

Judges 19:4

ULT

[4] His father-in-law, the father of the young woman, prevailed against him so he stayed with him three days. They ate and they drank, and they spent the night there.

UST

[4] The woman's father asked him to stay. So he stayed there for three days. During that time he ate and drank and slept there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:5

ULT

[5] Now it happend on the fourth day that they got up early in the morning and he rose up to go, however the father of the young woman said to his son-in-law, "Strengthen your heart with a piece of bread, then afterwards you shall go."

UST

[5] On the fourth day, they all got up early in the morning. The man from the tribe of Levi was preparing to leave, but the woman's father said to him, "Eat something before you go."

Although the Levite intended to go home, what did his father-in-law want him to do? (vv5-6)

His father-in-law wanted him to stay and spend the night.

Judges 19:6

ULT

[6] So the two of them sat down and they ate together, and they drank. Then the father of the young woman said to the man, "Please be willing and spend the night and your heart will be glad."

UST

[6] So the two men sat down to eat and drink together. Then the woman's father said to him, "Please stay another night. Relax and have a good time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:7

ULT

[7] Then the man rose up in order to leave,however his father-in-law urged him. So he stayed and he spent the night there.

UST

[7] The man from the tribe of Levi wanted to leave, but the woman's father requested him to stay one more night. So he stayed again that night.

What did the Levite do about his plan to leave early and go home?

He changed his plan and spent the night with his father-in-law.

Judges 19:8

ULT

[8] He got up early in the morning on the fifth day in order to leave, but the father of the young woman said, "Please strengthen your heart." So they lingered until the turning aside of the day, and the two of them ate.

UST

[8] On the fifth day, the man got up early and prepared to leave. But the woman's father said to him again, "Have something to eat. Wait until this afternoon, and then leave." So the two men ate together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:9

ULT

[9] When the man rose up to go, he and his concubine and his young man, his father-in-law, the father of the young woman said to him, "Look, please, the day has drawn toward evening. Please stay the night. See, the day is declining. Spend the night here and your heart will be glad. Then make an early start tomorrow for your journey and go to your tent."

UST

[9] In the afternoon, when the man from the tribe of Levi and his slave wife and his servant got up to leave, the woman's father said, "It will soon be dark. The day is almost finished. Stay here tonight and have a good time. Tomorrow morning you can get up early and leave for your home."

What did the Levite's father-in-law ask him to do again on the fifth day?

His father-in-law asked him to stay another night and have a good time.

Judges 19:10

ULT

10 But the man was not willing to spend the night. So he got up and he left. He came as far as the region opposite Jebus, that is Jerusalem. Now with him was a team of donkeys equipped for riding, and also his concubine was with him.

UST

10 But the man from the tribe of Levi did not want to stay for another night. He put saddles on his two donkeys, and started to go with his slave wife and his servant toward the city of Jebus, which is now named Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:11

ULT

11 They were near Jebus,and the daylight had greatly diminshed. So the young man said to his master, “Come, please, we should turn aside into this city of the Jebusite so we can spend the night in it.”

UST

11 When it was late in the afternoon, they came near to Jebus. The servant said to his master, “We should stop in this city where the Jebus people group live, and stay here tonight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:12

ULT

12 However his master said to him, “We will not turn aside into a city of a foreigner, where there are none here from the sons of Israel. Instead we will pass by until reaching Gibeah.”

UST

12 But his master said, “No, it would not be good for us to stay here where foreign people live. There are no Israelite people here. We will go on to the city of Gibeah.”

Why did the Levite not want to spend the night in Jebus?

The Levite did not want to turn aside into a city of foreigners.

Judges 19:13

ULT

13 Then he said to his young man, “Come, let us draw near to one of these places, and we will spend the night in either Gibeah or in Ramah.”

UST

13 He said to his servant, “Let us go. It is not far to Gibeah. We can go there, or we can go a bit further to Ramah. We can stay in one of those two cities tonight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:14

ULT

14 So they passed by and they went on. But the sun went down with regard to them in proximity to the region of Gibeah, which belonged to Benjamin.

UST

14 So they continued walking. When they came near to Gibeah, where people from the tribe of Benjamin live, the sun was setting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:15

ULT

15 As a result they turned aside there to come in to spend the night in the Gibeah area. They came in and they sat down in the open plaza of the city, but no one was receiving them into the house to spend the night.

UST

15 They stopped to stay there that night. They went to the public square of that city and sat down. But no one who passed by invited them to stay in their house for that night.

Why did the Levite and his servant sit down in the city square?

They sat down in the city square, for no one took them into his house for the night.

Judges 19:16

ULT

16 Now, look, an old man was coming from his work, from the field at the evening. The man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojurning in the Gibeah area. But the men of the place were Benjamite.

UST

16 But then an old man came by. He had been working in the fields. He was from the hill country of the tribe of Ephraim, but at that time he was living in Gibeah.

From what tribe were the men living in Gibeah?

The men living in Gibeah were Benjamites.

Judges 19:17

ULT

17 He raised his eyes and he saw the traveling man in the open plaza of the city. Then the old man said, “Where are you going and from where are you coming?”

UST

17 He realized that the man from the tribe of Levi was only traveling and that he did not have a place to stay in that city. So he asked the man, “Where have you come from? And where are you going?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:18

ULT

18 He said to him, “We are passing through from Bethlehem in Judah to the remote parts of the hill country of Ephraim. I am from there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah, and I am going to the house of Yahweh. However there is no one receiving me into the house.

UST

18 He replied, “We are traveling from Bethlehem to my home in the hill country where people of the tribe of Ephraim live. I went from there to Bethlehem, but now we are going to Shiloh where Yahweh’s house is. No one here has invited us to stay in their house tonight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:19

ULT

[19] Moreover, there is straw, also fodder for our donkeys. There is even bread and wine for me and for your maidservant, and for the young man with your servants. There is no lack of anything.”

UST

[19] We have straw and food for our donkeys, and bread and wine for me and the young woman and my servant. We do not need anything else.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:20

ULT

[20] The old man said, “Peace to you! Surely all of your need is upon me. Only you must not spend the night in the open plaza.”

UST

[20] The old man said, “May everything go well for you. I can provide whatever you need. Do not stay here in the square tonight.”

What did the old man warn the Levite not to do?

The old man warned the Levite not to spend the night in the square.

Judges 19:21

ULT

[21] So he brought him into his house and he poured out feed for the donkeys. They washed their feet and they ate and they drank.

UST

[21] Then the old man took them to his house. He gave food to the donkeys. He gave water to the man and the woman and the servant to wash their feet. And the old man gave them something to eat and drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:22

ULT

22 They were making their heart glad, but look, the men of the city, men of sons of wickedness, had encircled themselves around the house, pounding repeatedly on the door. They said to the old man, the master of the house, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, so we will know him.”

UST

22 While they were having a good time together, some wicked men from that city surrounded the house and started to bang on the door. They shouted to the old man, “Bring out to us the man who has come to your house. We want to have sex with him.”

Why did the wicked men of the city want the old man to bring out the man who came into his house?

The wicked men of the city wanted the old man to bring out the man who came into his house, so they could have sex with him.

Judges 19:23

ULT

23 The man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, “No, my brothers, please you must not act wickedly! Seeing that this man has come into my house, you must not do this disgraceful thing!

UST

23 The old man went outside and said to them, “My brothers, I will not do that. That would be a very evil thing. This man is a guest in my house. You should not do such a terrible thing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:24

ULT

24 Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out so you can violate them and do to them what is good in your eyes. But to this man do not do this wicked thing!”

UST

24 Look, my virgin daughter and his slave wife are here. I will bring them out to you now. You may do to them whatever you wish, but do not do such a terrible thing to this man!”

Who did the old man offer to the wicked men in place of the Levite?

The old man offered them his virgin daughter and the Levite’s concubine.

Judges 19:25

ULT

25 But the men were not willing to listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and made her go forth to them who were outside. They knew her and they abused her the whole night until the morning. Then they sent her away at the rising of the dawn.

UST

25 But the men did not pay attention to what he said. So the man took his slave wife and sent her to them, outside the house. They forced her to have sex with them and abused her all night. Then at dawn, they let her go.

What happened at dawn? (vv25-26)

At dawn the wicked men let the concubine go. She came and she fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, and she lay there until it was light.

Judges 19:26

ULT

26 The woman came at the changing of the morning and she fell down at the entrance of the house of the man where her master was there, until the daylight.

UST

26 She returned to the old man's house, and she fell down at the doorway and lay there until it was light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:27

ULT

27 Her master rose up in the morning and he opened the doors of the house and went out to go on his way. But look, the woman, his concubine had fallen at the entrance of the house, and her hands were on the threshold.

UST

27 The next morning, her master got up and went outside of the house to continue his journey. He saw his slave wife lying there at the doorway of the house, her hands still touching the doorsill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 19:28

ULT

28 He said to her, “Get up and let us go!” But there was no answering, so he took her on the donkey. Thus the man rose up and he went to his place.

UST

28 He said to her, “Get up! We will go now!” But she did not answer. He put her body on the donkey, and he and his servant traveled to his home.

What did the Levite do when his concubine did not answer him?

When the Levite’s concubine did not answer him, he put her on the donkey, and the man set out for home.

Judges 19:29

ULT

29 When he came to his house, he took the knife, and he seized his concubine, and he cut her in pieces to her bones, into twelve pieces, and he sent her into all of the territory of Israel.

UST

29 When he arrived at his home, he took a knife and he cut the body of the slave woman into twelve pieces. Then he sent one piece to each area of Israel, along with a message telling what had happened.

What did the Levite do to his concubine’s body?

The Levite cut her up, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent the pieces everywhere throughout Israel.

Judges 19:30

ULT

30 Now it would happen, everyone who saw it said, “Nothing has happened and never has been seen anything like this from the day of the coming up of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt until this day. Consider about it for yourselves! Make a plan and speak up!”

UST

30 Everyone who saw a piece of the body and the message said, “Nothing like this has ever happened before. Not since our ancestors left Egypt have we heard of such a terrible thing. We need to think carefully about it. Someone should decide what we should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20

Judges 20:1

ULT

[1] Then all of the sons of Israel came forth, and the company was assembled as one man, from Dan and as far as Beersheba and the land of Gilead, before Yahweh at Mizpah.

UST

[1] All the soldiers of Israel came out united as one man, from the city of Dan in the north to Beersheba in the south, and from the region of Gilead to the east of the Jordan River, all of them heard what had happened. So they gathered together before Yahweh at Mizpah.

Who assembled together before Yahweh at Mizpah?
All the people from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, assembled together before Yahweh at Mizpah.

Judges 20:2

ULT

[2] The leaders of all of the people, of all of the tribes of Israel, stationed themselves among the company of the people of the true God, four hundred thousand, each a footsoldier wielding a sword.

UST

[2] The leaders of eleven of the tribes of Israel stood in front of the people who gathered there. There were 400,000 men on foot, fighting men who were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:3

ULT

[3] Now the sons of Benjamin heard that the sons of Israel had gone up to Mizpah. Then the sons of Israel said, “Explain how this wicked thing has been brought about.”

UST

[3] The people of the tribe of Benjamin heard that the other Israelites had gone up to Mizpah, but none of the men from the Benjamin tribe had gone to the meeting there. The people of Israel asked about the evil thing that had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:4

ULT

[4] So the Levite man, the husband of the woman who had been murdered, answered. He said, “I came, myself and my concubine, to the Gibeah region that belongs to Benjamin, to spend the night.

UST

[4] So the Levite who was the husband of the woman who had been killed replied, “My slave wife and I came to Gibeah, wanting to stay there that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:5

ULT

[5] The citizens of the Gibeah region rose up against me. They surrounded the house at night because of me. They intended to kill me. Instead they assaulted my concubine so that she died.

UST

[5] That evening, the men of Gibeah came to attack me. They surrounded the house where I was staying and wanted to have sex with me and then kill me. They abused my slave wife and raped her all night, and she died.

What did the Levite say the relatives of Gibeah did to him?

The Levite said the relatives of Gibeah attacked him, surrounding the house and intending to kill him.

Judges 20:6

ULT

[6] I took back my concubine and cut her in pieces, and I sent her out into every territory of the inheritance of Israel, because they have committed a heinous crime and a disgrace in Israel.

UST

[6] I took her body home and cut it into pieces. Then I sent one piece to each area of Israel, because I wanted you all to know about this wicked and disgraceful thing that has been done here in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:7

ULT
7 Look, all of you sons of Israel, decide for yourselves advice and a plan here.”

UST
7 So now, all you Israelite people, speak, and tell me what you think should be done!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:8

ULT
8 All of the people rose up as one man, saying, “We will not go back, each one to his tent, and we will not return, each one to his house!

UST
8 All the people stood up, and unitedly said, “None of us will go home! Not one of us will return to his house!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:9

ULT
9 Instead now this is the thing that we should do to the Gibeah region, against it by lot.

UST
9 This is what we must do to the people of Gibeah. First, we will cast lots to determine which group should attack them.

How would the people attack Gibeah?
They would attack Gibeah as the lot directed them.

Judges 20:10

ULT

10 We will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and one hundred of a thousand, and one thousand of ten thousand, to get provision for the people, in order to do at their coming to Gibeah in Benjamin, according to all the disgrace that it committed in Israel."

UST

10 We will choose one tenth of our number to get supplies we will need to punish Gibeah for the terrible thing that they have done here in Israel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:11

ULT

11 So every man of Israel was assembled against the city, as one man, united companions.

UST

11 And all the Israelite people agreed that the people of Gibeah should be punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:12

ULT

12 The tribes of Israel sent men into all the tribes of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has been done among you?

UST

12 Then the Israelite men sent messengers throughout the tribe of Benjamin. They demanded, "Do you realize that some of your men have done a very evil thing?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:13

ULT

13 Therefore, now, give over the men, the sons of worthlessness, who are in the region of Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and thus we may incinerate evil out of Israel." But they were not willing, Benjamin, to heed the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

UST

13 Bring those wicked men to us, in order that we can execute them. By doing that, we will get rid of this evil thing that has happened in Israel." But the people of the tribe of Benjamin paid no attention to their fellow Israelites.

Why did the tribes of Israel tell Benjamin to give them those wicked men of Gibeah?

The tribes of Israel told Benjamin to give them those wicked men of Gibeah, so the tribes might put them to death, and so they would completely remove this evil from Israel.

Judges 20:14

ULT

14 Then the sons of Benjamin assembled themselves out of the cities to the region of Gibeah, coming out to the battle against the sons of Israel.

UST

14 The men of the tribe of Benjamin left their cities and gathered at Gibeah to fight the other Israelites.

Why did the people of Benjamin come together out of the cities to Gibeah?

The people of Benjamin came together out of the cities to Gibeah to get ready to fight against the people of Israel.

Judges 20:15

ULT

15 The sons of Benjamin mobilized together from the cities on that day twenty-six thousand men wielding a sword. In addition, out of the inhabitants of the Gibeah region seven hundred chosen men had been mobilized.

UST

15 In that one day the men of the tribe of Benjamin recruited twenty-six thousand fighting men. They also chose seven hundred men from Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:16

ULT

16 Among all of these people were seven hundred chosen men, impeded in his right hand, each of whom could sling with a stone at a specific hair and he would not miss.

UST

16 From all those soldiers there were seven hundred men who were left-handed, and each of them could sling a stone without missing a target that was very small and as narrow as a hair.

What was special about the seven hundred chosen men?

The seven hundred chosen men were left-handed; each of them could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

Judges 20:17

ULT

17 The men of Israel, besides Benjamin, mustered up for themselves four hundred thousand men wielding a sword, all of whom were men of war.

UST

17 The soldiers of Israel, not including the soldiers from Benjamin, numbered 400,000 men. All of these were trained to fight with the sword, men experienced at fighting in war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:18

ULT

18 Then they arose and they went up to Bethel. The sons of Israel asked God and they said, “Who should go up for us at the beginning to the battle with the sons of Benjamin?” Yahweh directed, “It shall be Judah at the beginning.”

UST

18 Those other Israelites went up to Bethel and asked advice from God, “Which tribe should be the first to attack the men from the tribe of Benjamin?” Yahweh answered, “The men from the tribe of Judah should go first.”

Why did Judah attack Benjamin first?

The people asked for advice from God, and Yahweh said, “Judah will attack first.”

Judges 20:19

ULT

[19] So the sons of Israel arose in the morning and they encamped near the region of Gibeah.

UST

[19] The next morning, the Israelite men went and set up their tents near Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:20

ULT

[20] The men of Israel went forth to the battle against Benjamin. The men of Israel set themselves up for a battle against those in Gibeah.

UST

[20] Then they went to fight against the men from the tribe of Benjamin, and stood in their positions for fighting a battle, facing Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:21

ULT

[21] But the sons of Benjamin came forth out of the Gibeah region, and they struck down among Israel twenty-two thousand men to the ground on that day.

UST

[21] The men of the tribe of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and fought against them, and they killed twenty-two thousand soldiers from Israel on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:22

ULT

[22] However the people, the men of Israel, strengthened themselves and they continued to set up for battle at the place where they had set up there on the first day.

UST

[22] But the soldiers of Israel encouraged themselves. Then they got ready to fight the next day in the same battle lines as on the first day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:23

ULT

23 Then the sons of Israel went up and they wept before Yahweh until evening. They asked Yahweh, saying, “Should I continue to attack, to the battle against the sons of Benjamin, my brother?” Yahweh replied, “Go up against him!”

UST

23 Then they came together and begged Yahweh for help; they prayed until evening. They asked advice from Yahweh about what they should do: “Should we go again to fight against our brothers, the people of Benjamin?” Yahweh answered, “Attack them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:24

ULT

24 So the sons of Israel drew near to the sons of Benjamin on the second day.

UST

24 The next day they again stood in their positions for fighting, just as they had done on the previous day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:25

ULT

25 Benjamin came forth to confront them from the Gibeah region on the second day, and against the sons of Israel they struck down to the ground another eighteen thousand men. All of these were wielders of a sword.

UST

25 The men of the tribe of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and attacked the Israelites, and killed eighteen thousand more of their men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:26

ULT

26 Then the sons of Israel and all the people went up and they came to Bethel. They wept, and they sat there before Yahweh. They fasted on that day until the evening, then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before Yahweh.

UST

26 In the afternoon, all the people of Israel who had not been killed again went to Bethel. There they sat down and cried to Yahweh, and they fasted until it was evening. They brought some offerings which they burned completely on the altar, and they also brought some offerings to restore fellowship with Yahweh.

After Benjamin killed many soldiers of Israel, what did the soldiers of Israel do?

After Benjamin killed many soldiers of Israel, the soldiers of Israel wept and fasted before Yahweh until evening. They also offered burnt offerings and peace offering before Yahweh.

Judges 20:27

ULT

27 The sons of Israel asked Yahweh, for the ark of the covenant of the true God was there in those days,

UST

27 The people of Israel asked Yahweh,—for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,

How did the people of Israel ask Yahweh?

The people of Israel asked Yahweh by using the ark of the covenant of God, which was there in those days.

Judges 20:28

ULT

28 when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, was serving before it in those days, saying, “Should I continue to go forth to the battle once more against the sons of Benjamin, my brother, or should I stop?” Yahweh said, “Go up, for tomorrow I will give him into your hand.”

UST

28 and Phinehas son of Eleazar, was the grandson of Aaron; he was serving before the ark in those days —“Should we go out to battle once more against the people of Benjamin, who are out brothers, or should we stop?” Yahweh said, “Attack! For tomorrow I will help you defeat them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:29

ULT

29 So Israel set groups in ambush around the Gibeah region on all sides.

UST

29 Israelite men set up an ambush in the fields around Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:30

ULT

30 The sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day, and they set up for battle against the Gibeah region as was time after time.

UST

30 The other Israelite men went and stood in their positions for fighting a battle just as they had done on the previous days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:31

ULT

31 The sons of Benjamin went forth to confront the people. They were lured away from the city, and they began to strike down some of the people. About thirty men of Israel were slain as was the other time on the roads, of which one went up to Bethel, and one went to the Gibeah region through the field.

UST

31 When the men of the tribe of Benjamin came out of the city to fight against them, the Israelite men retreated away from the city, and the men of the tribe of Benjamin pursued them. The men of the tribe of Benjamin killed many Israelites, like they had done before. They killed about thirty Israelites, who died in the fields and on the roads—one of the roads went to Bethel and another road went to Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:32

ULT

32 Then the sons of Benjamin said, “They have been defeated before us, just as at the first.” But the sons of Israel said, “Let us flee so that we will draw him away from the city to the roads.”

UST

32 The men of the tribe of Benjamin said, “We are defeating them like we did before!” But then Israelite men did what they had planned. The main group of Israelite men retreated a short distance from the city, to trick the men of Gibeah and cause them to pursue the Israelite men along the roads outside the city.

When the soldiers of Israel drew away from the city to the roads, what did the people of Benjamin think?

When the soldiers of Israel drew away from the city to the roads, the people of Benjamin thought they were running away.

Judges 20:33

ULT

33 Then every man of Israel rose up out of his place and they set up battle lines at Baal Tamar. The one hiding in ambush of Israel burst forth out of his place from Maareh Gibeah.

UST

33 The main group of Israelite men left their positions and retreated, and then they stood in their battle positions again at a place named Baal Tamar. Then the soldiers of Israel who had been hiding in secret places ran out from their places in Maareh Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:34

ULT

34 Ten thousand men, chosen out of all Israel came out in the sight of the Gibeah region, and the battle was heavy. But they did not know that this calamity was coming near to them.

UST

34 Then the other ten thousand Israelites came out from the places where they had been hiding, west of Gibeah, and attacked the city. They were men who had come from all parts of Israel. There was a very big battle. But the men of the tribe of Benjamin did not know that they were about to have a disastrous defeat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:35

ULT

35 Thus Yahweh defeated Benjamin before Israel. The sons of Israel destroyed Benjamin on that day, twenty five thousand one hundred men, everyone of those were wielding a sword.

UST

35 Yahweh enabled the Israelite men to defeat the men of the tribe of Benjamin. They killed 25,100 of them, all of them were fighting men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:36

ULT

36 So the sons of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. The men of Israel had given a place to Benjamin, because they were confident in the group hiding in ambush that they had placed around the Gibeah region.

UST

36 So the soldiers of Benjamin saw they were defeated. The men of Israel had allowed the Benjamites to advance, because they were relying on the men they had placed in hidden positions outside Gibeah to go out and shift the battle in their favor.

Why had the men of Israel given ground to Benjamin?

The men of Israel had given ground to Benjamin because they were counting on the men they had placed in hidden positions outside Gibeah.

Judges 20:37

ULT

37 Then the group hiding in ambush hurried and they spread out around the Gibeah region. The group hiding in ambush marched out and it struck all of the city with the edge of the sword.

UST

37 Then the men who were hiding got up and hurried and they rushed into Gibeah, and with their swords they killed everyone who lived in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:38

ULT

38 Now there was the prearranged plan for the men of Israel on behalf of the group hiding in ambush: load up so that they would send the rising column of the smoke up out of the city,

UST

38 Now the arranged signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret would be that a great cloud of smoke would rise up out of the city.

What was the signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret?

The arranged signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret was that a great cloud of smoke would rise up out of the city.

Judges 20:39

ULT

39 when the men of Israel retreated from the battle. Then Benjamin began to attack, among the men of Israel about thirty men were slain. For they said, “Surely he is absolutely defeated before us, as in the first battle.”

UST

39 By that time, the Israelite men had turned away from attacking, so the men of the tribe of Benjamin said, “We are winning the battle, as we did before!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:40

ULT

40 But when the signal began to rise up out of the city, a pillar of smoke, then Benjamin retreated away from it. Indeed, look, the entirety of the city had gone up to the heavens.

UST

40 But then smoke from the burning buildings began to rise up from the city. The men of the tribe of Benjamin turned around and saw that the whole city was burning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:41

ULT

41 Then the men of Israel turned back. Each man of Benjamin was horrified, for he saw that the calamity had come upon them.

UST

41 Then the main group of Israelite men also saw the smoke, and they knew that the smoke signaled that they should turn around and begin to attack. The men of the tribe of Benjamin were very afraid, because they realized that they were about to have a disastrous defeat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:42

ULT

42 So they retreated before the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness, but the fighting overtook him. Meanwhile those coming out from the cities were destroying him in the very midst of him.

UST

42 So the men of the tribe of Benjamin tried to run away toward the wilderness to escape from the Israelite men, but they were not able to escape, because the Israelite men who had burned the two cities came out of those cities and killed many of them.

Why could the men of Benjamin not escape?

The men of Benjamin ran away from the soldiers of Israel escaping on the way to the wilderness, but the fighting overtook them.

Judges 20:43

ULT

43 They surrounded Benjamin, they put him to flight. With ease they trampled him down as far as opposite the Gibeah region, in the direction of the rising sun.

UST

43 They surrounded some of the men of the tribe of Benjamin, and pursued the others to the area east of Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:44

ULT

44 They fell from Benjamin, eighteen thousand men, all of these were men of valor.

UST

44 They killed eighteen thousand strong soldiers of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:45

ULT

45 Then they turned and they fled to the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. They gleaned along the pathways five thousand men. They pursued closely after him as far as Gidom, and they struck down from him two thousand more men.

UST

45 Then the rest of the men of the tribe of Benjamin realized that they had been defeated. They ran toward the rock of Rimmon, but the Israelite men killed five thousand more men of the tribe of Benjamin who fell behind along the roads. They pursued the rest of them to Gidom, and they killed two thousand more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:46

ULT

46 So it happened that all of the fallen ones of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men wielding a sword, on that day. All of these were men of valor.

UST

46 Altogether, there were twenty-five thousand—men of the tribe of Benjamin who were killed, all of them were experienced fighting men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 20:47

ULT

47 But six hundred men turned back and they fled to the wilderness, toward the rock of Rimmon. They stayed at the rock of Rimmon four months.

UST

47 But six hundred men of the tribe of Benjamin ran to the rock of Rimmon in the wilderness. They stayed there for four months.

How many soldiers of Benjamin turned and fled to the wilderness?
Six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness.

Judges 20:48

ULT

48 Then the men of Israel returned to the sons of Benjamin. They struck them down with the edge of the sword, even a city in entirety, including cattle as well as everything that was found. Also all of the cities that were found, they set on fire.

UST

48 Then the Israelite men went back to the land belonging to the tribe of Benjamin, and killed the people in every city. They also killed all the animals, and destroyed everything else that they found there. And they burned all the cities that they came to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21

Judges 21:1

ULT

[1] Now each man of Israel bound himself by an oath at Mizpah, saying, “Everyone of us shall not give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife.”

UST

[1] When the Israelite men had gathered at Mizpah before the battle started, they solemnly declared, “None of us will ever allow one of our daughters to marry any man from the tribe of Benjamin!”

Why did the men of Israel worry that one of their tribes should be missing?

The men of Israel worried that one of their tribes should be missing because they had promised to not give their daughters to marry a Benjamite.

Judges 21:2

ULT

[2] Then the people came to Bethel and they sat there until the evening before the true God. They lifted up their voices and they wept, a loud weeping.

UST

[2] But now the Israelites went to Bethel and cried loudly to Yahweh all day until the sun went down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:3

ULT

[3] They said, “Why, O Yahweh, God of Israel, has this happened to Israel, to be missing today one tribe from Israel?”

UST

[3] They kept saying, “Yahweh, God of us Israelite people, one of the tribes of us Israelites does not exist anymore! Why has this happened to us?

Why did the men of Israel worry that one of their tribes should be missing?

The men of Israel worried that one of their tribes should be missing because they had promised to not give their daughters to marry a Benjamite.

Judges 21:4

ULT

4 Now it happened the next day that the people rose up early and they built an altar there and they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings.

UST

4 Early the next morning the people built an altar. Then they completely burned some sacrifices on the altar, and also offered other sacrifices to restore fellowship with God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:5

ULT

5 The sons of Israel said, “Who is it that did not go up with the assembly out of all the tribes of Israel to Yahweh?” For the great oath was against whoever did not go up to Yahweh at Mizpah, saying, “Surely he must be put to death.”

UST

5 Then, because they had solemnly declared that anyone who did not meet with them at Mizpah to help fight the men of the tribe of Benjamin would be killed, they asked among themselves, “Were there any of the tribes of Israel who did not come to Mizpah to meet with us in the presence of Yahweh?”

Who would certainly be put to death?

Anyone who did not come up to Yahweh at Mizpah would certainly be put to death.

Judges 21:6

ULT

6 The sons of Israel were moved to pity towards Benjamin, his brother. They said, “Today one tribe has been hewn down from Israel.

UST

6 The Israelites felt sorry for their fellow Israelites from the tribe of Benjamin. They said, “Today one of our Israelite tribes has been cut off from Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:7

ULT

[7] What can we do for them, for the ones remaining, for a wife, since we have put ourselves under an oath to Yahweh to not give to them from our daughters for a wife?”

UST

[7] What can we do to make certain that the men of the tribe of Benjamin who were not killed will have wives?” Yahweh heard us solemnly declare that we would not allow any of our daughters to marry any man from the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:8

ULT

[8] They said, “Who is anyone from the tribes of Israel who did not go up to Yahweh at Mizpah?” Now look, not anyone had gone to the camp, to the assembly, from Jabesh Gilead.

UST

[8] Then one of them asked, “Which of the tribes of Israel did not send any men here to Mizpah?”

Which of the tribes of Israel did not come up to Yahweh at Mizpah?

Jabesh Gilead did not come up to Yahweh at Mizpah.

Judges 21:9

ULT

[9] When the people inspected themselves, look, not anyone was there from the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead.

UST

[9] They realized that when the soldiers were counted, there was no one who had come from the city of Jabesh Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:10

ULT

10 So the assembly sent twelve thousand men there, from the sons of the army, and they instructed them, saying, “Go, and you must strike down the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, even the women and the children.

UST

10 So all the Israelites decided to send twelve thousand very good soldiers to Jabesh Gilead to kill the people there, even the women and the children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:11

ULT

11 “This is the thing that you must do: every male, and every woman who has known the bed of a male, you must ban for destruction.”

UST

11 They told this to those men: “This is what you must do: You must kill every man in Jabesh Gilead. You must also kill every married woman. But do not kill the unmarried women.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:12

ULT

12 They found among the inhabitants of Jabesh Gilead four hundred young women, virgins, who had not known a man by lying with a male, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh which was in the land of Canaan.

UST

12 So those soldiers went to Jabesh Gilead and killed all the men, married women, and the children. But they found four hundred virgin young women there. So they brought them to their camp at Shiloh in Canaan, across the river from the region of Gilead that belonged to the tribe of Benjamin.

Who did the men take from those living in Jabesh Gilead?

The men took four hundred young women who had never slept with a man from those living in Jabesh Gilead.

Judges 21:13

ULT

13 The entire assembly reached out and they spoke to the sons of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon, and they proclaimed peace to them.

UST

13 Then all the Israelites who had gathered sent a message to the six hundred men who were at the rock of Rimmon. They said that they would like to make peace with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:14

ULT

14 Benjamin returned at that time and they gave to them the women who were alive from the women of Jabesh Gilead. But they had not found sufficient for them.

UST

14 So the men came back from the rock of Rimmon. The Israelites gave to them the young women from Jabesh Gilead. But there were only four hundred women There were not enough women for those six hundred men.

What was the problem when the Benjaminites returned at that time and they were given the women of Jabesh Gilead?

When the Benjaminites returned at that time and they were given the women of Jabesh Gilead, there were not enough women for all of them.

Judges 21:15

ULT

15 Now the people were sorry for Benjamin, because Yahweh had made a breach between the tribes of Israel.

UST

15 The Israelites still felt sorry for the men of the tribe of Benjamin, because Yahweh had set the other tribes against them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:16

ULT

16 Then the elders of the assembly said, “How can we provide wives for the remaining ones, since women from Benjamin have been exterminated?”

UST

16 The Israelite leaders said, “We have killed all the married women of the tribe of Benjamin. Where can we get women to be wives of the men who are still alive?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:17

ULT

17 They said, “There must be an inheritance for the escaped remnant of Benjamin, so that a tribe is not blotted out from Israel.

UST

17 These men must have wives to give birth to children, in order that their families of Benjamin will continue. If that does not happen, all the people of one of the tribes of Israel will all die out, and the tribe will be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:18

ULT

18 But we are not able to give them wives from our daughters, because the sons of Israel are bound to an oath, saying, ‘Cursed is anyone who gives a wife to Benjamin.’”

UST

18 But we cannot allow our daughters to marry these men, because we solemnly declared that Yahweh will curse anyone who gives one of his daughters to become a wife of any man of the tribe of Benjamin.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:19

ULT

[19] So they said, “Look, there is a feast for Yahweh from time to time at Shiloh, which is on the north of Bethel, to the direction of the rising of the sun on the road that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah.”

UST

[19] Then they had an idea. They said, “Every year there is a festival to honor Yahweh at Shiloh, which is north of Bethel and east of the road that extends from Bethel to Shechem, and it is south of the city of Lebonah.”

Where was Shiloh?

Shiloh was north of Bethel, east of the road that went up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah.

Judges 21:20

ULT

[20] They instructed the sons of Benjamin, saying, “Go and wait in hiding in the vineyards.

UST

[20] So the Israelite leaders told the men of the tribe of Benjamin, “When it is the time for that festival, go to Shiloh and hide in the vineyards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:21

ULT

[21] You must watch, and look when the daughters of Shiloh are coming forth to dance in the dances, then you come forth out of the vineyards. You will catch for yourselves, each one his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and then you can go back to the land of Benjamin.

UST

[21] Keep watching for the young women to come out of the city to dance. When they come out, run out of the vineyards. Each of you can seize one of the young women of Shiloh. Then you can all return to your homes with those women.

When were the Benjaminites to each rush out of the vineyards and grab a wife from the girls of Shiloh?

When the girls from Shiloh came out to dance, they each were to rush out of the vineyards and grab a wife from the girls of Shiloh.

Judges 21:22

ULT

22 It will happen, when their fathers or their brothers come out to argue with us, that we will say to them, ‘Give them freely to us, because we did not take for each man his wife in the battle. Since you did not give them at that time, you would be guilty.’”

UST

22 If their fathers or brothers come to us and complain about what you have done, we will say to them, ‘Act kindly toward the men of the tribe of Benjamin. When we fought them, we did not leave any women alive to become their wives, and you did not give those young women to the men from the tribe of Benjamin. They stole them. So you will not be guilty, even though you said that you would not give any of your daughters to marry one of them.’”

What excuse would the men of Israel tell the men of Shiloh about the girls?
The men of Israel would tell the men of Shiloh to let the girls remain because the men of Israel did not get wives during the war.

Judges 21:23

ULT

23 The sons of Benjamin did so. They carried off wives sufficient for their number from the ones who were dancing, who they snatched away. Then they went and they returned to their inheritance. They rebuilt the cities and they lived in them.

UST

23 So that is what the men of the tribe of Benjamin did. They went to Shiloh at the time of the festival. And when the young women were dancing, each man caught one of them and took her away and married her. Then they took their wives back to the land that God had given to them. They rebuilt their cities that had been burned down, and they lived there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:24

ULT

24 Then the sons of Israel disbursed themselves from there at that time, each one to his tribe and to his family. Thus they went away from there each one to his inheritance.

UST

24 The other Israelites went to their home in the areas where their tribes and clans lived, the areas that God had allotted to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Judges 21:25

ULT

25 In those days there was not a king in Israel. Each one would do what was right in his own eyes.

UST

25 At that time, the Israelite people did not have a king. Everyone did what was right according to his own opinion.

How did everyone live?

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

Ruth

Ruth 1

Ruth 1:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened in the days of the ruling of the judges that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man from Bethlehem of Judah went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

UST

[1] During the time that judges ruled Israel, there was a famine in that country. A man from the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judah in the country of Israel left there and went to live for a while in the country of Moab. His wife and his two sons went with him.

During what period of time in Jewish history did the story of Ruth occur?
It occurred in the days when the judges ruled.

Why did Elimelech move to Moab with his family?
He moved because there was a famine in the land of Judah.

Ruth 1:2

ULT

[2] And the name of the man was Elimelek, and the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. All of them were Ephrathites from Bethlehem of Judah. So they traveled to the fields of Moab and lived there.

UST

[2] The man's name was Elimelek and his wife's name was Naomi. The names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were part of the clan of Ephrathah, from Bethlehem, in Judah. They came to the land of Moab and stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:3

ULT

[3] Then Elimelek, the husband of Naomi, died. And she was left, her and her two sons.

UST

[3] Then Naomi's husband, Elimelek, died, and Naomi had only her two sons with her.

What happened to Elimelek in Moab?

He died, leaving Naomi a widow.

Ruth 1:4

ULT

[4] And they took wives for themselves from the women of Moab; the name of the first woman was Orpah, and the name of the second woman was Ruth. And they lived there for about ten years.

UST

[4] The sons married women from Moab. The name of one woman was Orpah, and the name of the other woman was Ruth. But after they had lived in that area for about ten years,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:5

ULT

[5] And the two of them, Mahlon and Kilion, also died, and the woman was left without her two children or her husband.

UST

[5] Mahlon and Kilion also died. So then Naomi was alone without her sons or husband.

What happened to Naomi's sons in Moab?

They died, leaving behind two daughters-in-law for Naomi.

Ruth 1:6

ULT

6 Then she and her daughters-in-law arose to return from the fields of Moab, for she had heard in a field of Moab that Yahweh had visited his people, giving them bread.

UST

6 One day while Naomi was in Moab, she heard someone say that Yahweh had helped his people and that now there was plenty of food in Israel. So she got ready to return to Bethlehem with her two daughters-in-law.

Why did Naomi decide to return to Judah?

She heard that Yahweh had given the people of Judah food.

Ruth 1:7

ULT

7 So she went out from the place where she had been living, and her two daughters-in-law were with her. And they traveled down the road to return to the land of Judah.

UST

7 They left the place where they had been living and started to travel back to the land of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:8

ULT

8 Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return, each woman to the house of her mother. May Yahweh act with you in covenant faithfulness as you have acted with the dead and with me.

UST

8 As they were walking, Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Each of you should turn around and go back to your mother’s home. I am asking Yahweh to be as faithful to you as you have been to our dead husbands and to me.

Where did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to go?

She wanted them to return to their mothers’ houses.

Ruth 1:9

ULT

9 May Yahweh grant to you that you shall find rest, each woman in the house of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and cried.

UST

9 I am asking Yahweh to allow each of you to have another husband with whom you will have a secure home.” Then she kissed each of them, and they cried aloud.

What did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to find?
She wanted them to find other husbands.

Ruth 1:10

ULT

10 But they said to her, “Rather, we will return with you to your people.”

UST

10 They each said, “No! We will return with you to your relatives.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:11

ULT

11 But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters! Why would you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may become husbands for you?

UST

11 But Naomi said, “No, my daughters. Return home. It will not do any good for you to come with me! It is not possible for me to have more sons who could become your husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:12

ULT

12 Turn back, my daughters, go! For I am too old to belong to a husband. If I said I have hope, and if I belonged to a husband even tonight, and even if I would give birth to sons,

UST

12 You should go back, my daughters. It is too late for me to have another husband. Even if I thought that I could have another husband, and was married even tonight and had more sons,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:13

ULT

13 would you therefore wait until the time when they are grown? Would you for this reason keep yourselves from belonging to a husband? No, my daughters! For it is exceedingly bitter for me, more than for you, that the hand of Yahweh has gone out against me."

UST

13 you would not wait until they grew up! You could not remain unmarried until then! No, my daughters, Yahweh has struck me, making my life very bitter. But your lives do not need to be as bitter as mine."

Who did Naomi believe was the source of her trouble?

She believed that Yahweh was against her.

Ruth 1:14

ULT

14 Then they lifted up their voices and cried again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

UST

14 Then Ruth and Orpah cried loudly again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye and left, but Ruth stayed with Naomi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:15

ULT

15 Then she said, “Look, your sister-in-law has turned back to her people and to her gods. Go back after your sister-in-law.”

UST

15 Naomi said to her, “Look! Your sister-in-law is going back to her relatives and to her gods! Go back with her!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:16

ULT

16 But Ruth said, “Do not press me to forsake you or to turn back from following you. For I will go to the place where you go, and I will stay in the place where you stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God.

UST

16 But Ruth replied, “No! Please do not insist that I let you go or that I turn around and stop following you! Wherever you go, I will go. Wherever you stay, I will stay. Your relatives will be my relatives, and I will worship the God you worship.

When Ruth stayed with Naomi, what promise did Ruth make to Naomi?

She said, “For I will go to the place where you go, and I will stay in the place where you stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God. In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you.”

Ruth 1:17

ULT

17 In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you.”

UST

17 Wherever you die, there I will die and they will bury me there. May Yahweh punish me severely if I leave you before I die.”

How long did Ruth say she would remain with Naomi?

She said she would remain with Naomi until they died.

Ruth 1:18

ULT
18 Then she saw that she was determined to go with her, and she refrained from speaking to her.

UST
18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was set on going with her, she stopped urging her to return home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:19

ULT
19 So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened that, as soon as they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was very excited on account of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?”

UST
19 So the two women continued walking until they came to the town of Bethlehem. When they got there, many people in the town began shouting loudly about them. The women of the town exclaimed, “It is hard to believe that this is Naomi!”

To which town did Naomi return?
She returned to Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:20

ULT
20 But she said to them, “Do not call me Naomi. Call me Mara, for the Almighty has acted exceedingly bitterly to me.

UST
20 Naomi said to them, “You should not call me Naomi any more, because it means ‘pleasant.’ Instead, call me Mara, because it means ‘bitter.’ God Almighty has made my life very bitter.

What name did Naomi want to be called and why?
She asked to be called, “Mara” (which means “bitter”), because she believed that Yahweh had dealt bitterly with her.

Ruth 1:21

ULT

21 As for me, I went out full, but Yahweh has brought me back empty. Why would you call me Naomi? But as for Yahweh, he has testified against me, and the Almighty has done evil to me.”

UST

21 When I left, I had everything I could want, but Yahweh has brought me back without anything. Do not call me Naomi. Yahweh has opposed me. Almighty God has treated me badly.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 1:22

ULT

22 So Naomi returned, with Ruth the Moabite woman her daughter-in-law, with her, the woman who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the harvest of barley.

UST

22 So that is how Naomi returned home along with her daughter-in-law Ruth, the woman from Moab. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the barley harvest was just starting.

What time of the year did Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem?

It was at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Ruth 2

Ruth 2:1

ULT

1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband, a man of great worth from the clan of Elimelek. And his name was Boaz. *[1]*

UST

1 There was a man there who was a relative of Naomi's dead husband. He was rich and important, and a member of Elimelek's clan. His name was Boaz.

What was the relationship between Boaz and Naomi's dead husband?
Boaz was a relative of Naomi's husband.

Ruth 2:2

ULT

2 And Ruth, the Moabite woman, said to Naomi, "Please, I want to go to the field and glean heads of grain after the one in whose eyes I find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

UST

2 Ruth (the woman from Moab) said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the grain that the harvesters leave behind. I will go behind any harvester who gives me permission." Naomi replied, "Go ahead, my daughter."

As Ruth went out to glean for the first time, who did Ruth say she would follow while gleaning grain?
She would follow anyone in whose eyes she found favor.

Ruth 2:3

ULT

3 So she left and went to glean in the field after the reapers. And by chance, she came to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek.

UST

3 So Ruth went. When she got to the fields, she followed the harvesters and picked up grain. That part of the field just happened to belong to Boaz, Elimelek's relative.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:4

ULT

4 Then behold, Boaz coming from Bethlehem! And he said to the reapers, “Yahweh be with you.” And they said to him, “May Yahweh bless you.”

UST

4 Then Boaz returned from town. He greeted the harvesters, saying, “May Yahweh be with you!” They replied, “May Yahweh bless you!”

What greeting did Boaz give to his workers?

He said, “Yahweh be with you.”

Ruth 2:5

ULT

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, “Who does this young woman belong to?”

UST

5 Then Boaz saw Ruth, and asked the foreman, “Who is that young woman related to?”

What did Boaz want to know about Ruth?

He wanted to know to whom she belonged.

Ruth 2:6

ULT

6 Then the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, “She is a young Moabite woman, the woman who came back with Naomi from the land of Moab.

UST

6 The foreman replied, “She is the young woman from Moab who returned from there with Naomi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:7

ULT

7 And she said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the bundles of grain after the reapers.’ And she came and has continued from then, in the morning, until now. This is her resting in the house a little.” [2]

UST

7 She said to me, ‘Please let me pick up the grain that the men who are harvesting leave behind.’ She has worked since early this morning until right now, as she rests for a short time under the shelter.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:8

ULT

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Will you not listen to me, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, and do not even go away from here. But do this: stick closely to my young female workers.

UST

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Young lady, please listen to me. You do not need to go to any other field or anywhere else to gather grain. You should stay right here with my servant girls.

What instructions did Boaz give Ruth concerning her gleaning?

He told Ruth not to leave his field, but to stay and work in his field with his female workers.

Ruth 2:9

ULT

9 Keep your eyes on the field where they are reaping and follow behind them. Have I not instructed the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the waterpots and drink from what the young men draw.”

UST

9 Watch where the men are harvesting, and follow along behind my servant girls. I have told the men who are harvesting not to assault you. Whenever you are thirsty, go and get some water to drink from the jars that the men have filled.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:10

ULT

10 Then she fell on her face and bowed down to the ground and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

UST

10 Then she knelt before him with her face touching the ground. She exclaimed, “Why are you being so kind to me? I did not think you would pay any attention to me, since I am a foreigner!”

After receiving the favorable instructions, what question did Ruth ask Boaz?

She asked Boaz why she had found favor in his sight.

Ruth 2:11

ULT

11 Then Boaz answered and said to her, “Everything that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me. You left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and you came to a people whom you did not know the day before yesterday.

UST

11 Boaz replied, “People have told me about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. They told me that you left your parents and your homeland, and you came here to live among people whom you did not previously know.

What good report had Boaz heard about Ruth?

He had heard that Ruth had left her home to follow Naomi.

Ruth 2:12

ULT

12 May Yahweh reward your work, and may your full wages come from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.”

UST

12 I pray that Yahweh will fully repay you for what you have done. Yes, may Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one whom you are trusting to protect you, reward you in full.”

Under whose wings did Boaz say Ruth had found refuge?

Ruth had found refuge under Yahweh’s wings.

Ruth 2:13

ULT

13 Then she said, “May I find favor in your eyes, my lord, since you have comforted me, and since you have spoken to the heart of your female servant. But as for me, I am not even like one of your female servants.”

UST

13 She replied, “Sir, I hope I will continue to please you. You have comforted me by being so kind to me, your servant, and yet I am not even one of your servant girls!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:14

ULT

14 Then, at the time of the meal, Boaz said to her, “Come here, and eat from the bread, and dip your piece in the vinegar.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he offered to her some roasted grain. And she ate, and she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

UST

14 When it was time to eat, Boaz said to her, “Come over here and get some food. Take this bread and dip it in the vinegar and eat it.” Then, when she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all that she wanted and had some left over.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:15

ULT

15 Then she got up to glean. Then Boaz commanded his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the bundles, and do not shame her.

UST

15 After she stood up to go back to work, Boaz ordered his workers, “Even if she gathers some grain near the bundles of grain that you have cut, do not try to stop her.

What additional favor did Boaz show to Ruth when they returned to work after mealtime?
He allowed Ruth to glean among the bundles.

Ruth 2:16

ULT

16 Even be sure to pull some out from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her!”

UST

16 Even more than that, I want you to pull out some stalks of grain from the bundles and leave them on the ground for her to pick up, and do not scold her.”

What did Boaz tell his workers to do for Ruth?

He commanded the reapers to pull out grain for Ruth from the bundles.

Ruth 2:17

ULT

17 So she gleaned in the field until the evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

UST

17 So Ruth gathered grain in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley that she had gathered, to separate the kernels from the stalks. The barley kernels were enough to fill a large basket.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:18

ULT

18 And she lifted it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. Then she took out what she had left over after she was satisfied, and she gave it to her.

UST

18 She carried it back to town and showed her mother-in-law how much she had gathered. She also gave her mother-in-law the roasted grain that was left over from her lunch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:19

ULT

19 Then her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today, and where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed.” Then she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked. And she said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

UST

19 Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where did you gather all this grain today? In whose field did you work? I pray that God will bless the man who was so kind to you.” Then Ruth told her about the person she had worked with. She said, “The name of the man who owns the field where I worked today is Boaz.”

When Naomi saw the large amount of grain that Ruth brought back, what question did she ask Ruth?

She asked where Ruth had gleaned that day.

Ruth 2:20

ULT

20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed by Yahweh, who has not forsaken his covenant faithfulness both with the living and with the dead.” Naomi also said to her, “That man is closely related to us. He is one of our kinsman-redeemers.”

UST

20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May Yahweh bless him! Yahweh has not stopped acting faithfully toward us who are still living, and to our husbands who have died.” Then she added, “That man is a close relative of Elimelek; in fact, he is one of those responsible for taking care of our family.”

What blessing did Naomi wish for Boaz when she heard that Boaz had helped Ruth?

She said, “May he be blessed by Yahweh”

Ruth 2:21

ULT

21 Then Ruth the Moabite woman said, “In addition, he said to me, ‘You should keep close by the servants who belong to me until the time when they have finished all of the harvest that belongs to me.’”

UST

21 Then Ruth, the woman from Moab, said, “He also told me, ‘Stay with my workers until they are done bringing in all my grain from the field.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 2:22

ULT

22 Then Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young female workers, so that they do not harm you in any other field.”

UST

22 Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law Ruth, “My daughter, it will be good for you to go to his field with his servant girls, because if you go to someone else’s field, someone might assault you.”

Why did Naomi think it was good for Ruth to work with Boaz’s women workers?

By doing that, Ruth would not come to harm in any other field.

Ruth 2:23

ULT

23 So she stayed close by the young female workers of Boaz to glean until the harvest of barley and the harvest of wheat were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.
2:1 [1]
2:7 [2]

UST

23 So Ruth worked alongside of Boaz’s servant girls. She gathered heads of grain until the workers had finished harvesting both the barley and the wheat. During that time, she continued to live with Naomi.

What did Ruth do for the rest of the barley harvest?

She gleaned with Boaz’s workers and lived with Naomi.

Ruth 3

Ruth 3:1

ULT

1 Then Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek a resting place for you, that will be good for you?

UST

1 One day, Naomi said to Ruth, “My daughter, I want to arrange for you to have a secure home with a good husband.

What did Naomi say her desire was for Ruth?

She desired that Ruth have a place of rest, meaning to have a person who would treat her well.

Ruth 3:2

ULT

2 So now, is not Boaz our relative, the one with whose young female workers you have been working? Look, he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor tonight.

UST

2 Now, you have been working with Boaz’s servant girls. As you know, he is a close relative of ours. So listen carefully. Tonight he will be at the place where they thresh the barley. He will be separating the grain from the chaff.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 3:3

ULT

3 Now wash yourself, and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak, and go down to the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. *[1]*

UST

3 Bathe yourself and put on some perfume. Put on your full outer cloak. Then go down to the place where they thresh the grain. But do not let him know that you are there until he is finished eating and drinking.

What did Naomi tell Ruth to do before going down to the threshing floor?

She told her to wash and anoint herself, and to put on her cloak.

Ruth 3:4

ULT

4 And let it be that when he lies down, you know the exact place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet, and lie down. Then he, himself, will tell you what you should do.”

UST

4 When he lies down to sleep, pay attention to where he lies down. Then go over to him, uncover his feet, and lie down there. When he wakes up, he will tell you what to do.”

What was Ruth to do when she went to where Boaz was sleeping?

She was to uncover his feet and to lie down there.

Ruth 3:5

ULT

5 And she said to her, “Everything that you say, I will do.”

UST

5 Ruth replied, “I will do everything that you have told me to do.”

What was Ruth’s attitude toward Naomi’s instructions?

She said she would do everything Naomi told her to do.

Ruth 3:6

ULT

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to everything that her mother-in-law had instructed her.

UST

6 So she went down to the place where they thresh the grain. There she did everything that her mother-in-law had told her to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 3:7

ULT

7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart was good, and he went to lie down at the end of the pile of grain. Then she came secretly, and uncovered his feet, and lay down.

UST

7 When Boaz finished eating and drinking, he was feeling good. He went over to the far end of the grain pile, lay down there, and went to sleep. Then Ruth stealthily approached him. She took the covering off his feet and lay down there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 3:8

ULT

8 Then it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and turned over. And behold, a woman was lying at his feet!

UST

8 In the middle of the night, he woke up suddenly. He sat up and realized that a woman was lying at his feet.

At midnight, what was Boaz startled to find?

He was startled to find that a woman lay at his feet!

Ruth 3:9

ULT

9 And he said, “Who are you?” Then she said, “I am Ruth, your female servant. And you can spread the edge of your cloak over your female servant, for you are a kinsman-redeemer.”

UST

9 He asked her, “Who are you?” She replied, “I am your servant, Ruth. Since you are the one responsible for my dead husband’s family, please make me secure by marrying me.”

What was Ruth’s request to Boaz?

She asked Boaz to spread his cloak over her, for he was a kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:10

ULT

10 Then he said, “Blessed be you by Yahweh, my daughter! You have made your covenant faithfulness better at the end than at the beginning by not going after the young men, either poor or rich.

UST

10 Boaz replied, “May Yahweh bless you, my dear! Previously, you were very faithful to your mother-in-law, but you are acting even more faithfully now by not chasing after a young man to marry, whether rich or poor.

Why did Boaz ask a blessing from Yahweh for Ruth?

Boaz blessed Ruth because she had pursued Boaz rather than younger men.

Ruth 3:11

ULT

11 So now, my daughter, do not be afraid! Everything that you say, I will do for you; for the whole gate of my people knows that you are a woman of worth.

UST

11 Now, my dear, I will do everything that you asked. Do not be afraid, because all the people in this town know that you are an honorable woman.

What did Boaz say he would do about Ruth’s request?

He said that he would do all that she asked.

Ruth 3:12

ULT

12 And now, it is indeed true that I am a kinsman-redeemer, but there is a kinsman-redeemer even nearer than I.

UST

12 However, while I am one of Naomi’s close relatives and, therefore, responsible for you both, there is another man who is more responsible for you than I am because he is more closely related to Naomi.

What obstacle prevented Boaz from immediately performing the part of a kinsman for Ruth?

There was another kinsman-redeemer nearer than Boaz.

Ruth 3:13

ULT

13 Stay here tonight. And when it is morning, if he will redeem you, good, let him redeem you. But if he does not want to redeem you, then I will redeem you myself, as Yahweh lives. Lie down until morning."

UST

13 You stay here for the rest of the night. Tomorrow morning I will tell this man about you. If he says that he will take care of you, fine, he can marry you. But if he is not willing to take care of you, I solemnly promise that, as surely as Yahweh lives, I will marry you and take care of you myself. So stay here until it is morning."

How was Boaz going to determine who would act as kinsman for Ruth?

If the nearest kinsman-redeemer was willing to redeem Ruth, then Boaz would let him do that. But if he was not willing, then Boaz would be the kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:14

ULT

14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but she got up before a man could recognize his friend. And he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

UST

14 Then Boaz added, "It would be best if no one knew that a woman came here." So she lay at his feet until early morning and got up to leave before it was light enough that people would be able to recognize her.

Why did Ruth leave the threshing floor early before anyone could recognize her?

Boaz did not want people to know that she had come to the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:15

ULT

15 Then he said, "Bring the cloak that is on you, and hold it." So she held it. And he measured six measures of barley and put it on her. Then he went into the city. [2]

UST

15 Then Boaz said to her, "Bring your cloak over here and hold it out." When she did that, he poured a generous amount of barley into it and put it on her back. Then he went into town.

What gift did Boaz give Ruth before she left the threshing floor?

He gave her six large measures of barley.

Ruth 3:16

ULT

16 Then she came to her mother-in-law, and she said, “Who are you, my daughter?” Then she told her everything that the man had done for her.

UST

16 When Ruth arrived home, her mother-in-law asked her, “Is that you, my daughter?” Then Ruth told her everything that Boaz had said and done for her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 3:17

ULT

17 And she said, “He gave to me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘You must not go empty to your mother-in-law.’”

UST

17 She also said to Naomi, “He gave me all this barley, saying, ‘I do not want you to return to your mother-in-law with nothing.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 3:18

ULT

18 Then she said, “Sit, my daughter, until the time when you know how the matter falls. For the man will not rest unless he has finished this matter today.”
3:3 *[1]*
3:15 *[2]*

UST

18 Then Naomi said, “My daughter, just wait here until we see what happens. That man will certainly take care of this today.”

Naomi was sure that Boaz would resolve the issue by what time?

He would resolve it by the end of that same day.

Ruth 4

Ruth 4:1

ULT

1 Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the kinsman-redeemer was passing by, the same man about whom Boaz had spoken earlier. And he said, “Turn aside and sit down here, a certain someone.” So he turned aside and sat down.

UST

1 Meanwhile, Boaz went up to the place inside the town gate where people conducted their official business. He sat down there. Before long, the close relative that Boaz had mentioned came along. Boaz called out to him by name, and said, “Come over here and sit down.” So the man came over and sat down.

Where did Boaz go to resolve the issue of who would be the kinsman-redeemer for Ruth?
He went to the gate of the city.

Ruth 4:2

ULT

2 Then he took ten men from the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.

UST

2 Boaz then gathered ten of the older, well-respected men from the town, and said to them, “Please sit here so you can witness our business.” So they sat down.

Who did Boaz ask to sit as witnesses?
He asked ten men of the elders of the city.

Ruth 4:3

ULT

3 Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, “Naomi, the woman who has returned from the fields of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelek.

UST

3 Then Boaz said to his relative, “Did you know that the field that belonged to our relative Elimelek is for sale? Naomi, who recently returned from Moab, is selling it.

What did Boaz first speak about to the other kinsman?
He told him that Naomi was selling the parcel of land that had been owned by Elimelek.

Ruth 4:4

ULT

4 Now as for me, I said that I should uncover your ear, saying, ‘Buy it,’ in the presence of those who are sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not redeem it, then tell me so that I may know, for there is no one to redeem it besides you, and I am after you.” Then he said, “I will redeem it myself.” [1][2]

UST

4 I thought that I should tell you so you can take possession of it here in front of these respected men who have agreed to be witnesses. If you wish to buy it back into the family, then do so. But if you do not wish to buy it back, then let me know, because you are the closest relative to Elimelek, and I am next after you.” The man replied, “I will take it!”

What did Boaz suggest the other kinsman do about the parcel of land?

Boaz suggested that the other kinsman could redeem it.

What was the other kinsman’s answer?

He said he would redeem it.

Ruth 4:5

ULT

5 Then Boaz said, “On the day that you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite woman, the wife of the dead man, in order to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance.” [3]

UST

5 Then Boaz told him, “When you buy the land from Naomi, you will also need to marry Ruth, our relative’s widow from Moab, in order that she may have a son to inherit the property and carry on the name of her dead husband.”

About what additional requirement did Boaz then tell the other kinsman?

He told him that he would also have to marry Ruth in order to raise up the name of Elimelek over his inheritance.

Ruth 4:6

ULT

6 Then the kinsman-redeemer said, “I am not able to redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem it.”

UST

6 Then the nearer relative said, “Then I cannot buy it back myself. If I did that, I would ruin my own son’s inheritance. You may be responsible for the land and the woman in my place. I cannot do it.”

What was the other kinsman’s answer when he learned that he would have to marry Ruth?

He said he could not redeem the land.

Why did the other kinsman say he could not be the redeemer?

He said that it would damage his own inheritance.

Ruth 4:7

ULT

7 Now, in earlier times in Israel, this is how any matter was confirmed concerning redemption and concerning the exchange of goods: a man took off his sandal and gave it to his friend. So this was the form of legal agreement in Israel.

UST

7 (At that time, it was the custom in Israel that, when two people agreed to redeem or exchange anything between them, one man would take off one of his sandals and give it to the other man. That was the way they completed transactions in Israel.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:8

ULT

8 So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” and he took off his sandal.

UST

8 So the relative said to Boaz, “You buy the field yourself!” And he took off one of his sandals and gave it to Boaz.

What did the other kinsman do to show that he agreed Boaz should be the redeemer?

He took off his sandal.

Ruth 4:9

ULT

[9] Then Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, “You are witnesses today that I am buying from the hand of Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelek and everything that belonged to Kilion and Mahlon.

UST

[9] Then Boaz said to the respected men and to all the other people who were there, “Today you have all seen that I have bought from Naomi all the property that belonged to Elimelek, Kilion, and Mahlon.

What was the first agreement that Boaz said the elders had witnessed?

They had witnessed that Boaz had bought all the land that had belonged to Elimelek.

Ruth 4:10

ULT

[10] And Ruth, the Moabite woman, the widow of Mahlon, I am also acquiring as my wife, in order to raise up the name of the dead man over his inheritance, so that the name of the dead man will not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. Today you are witnesses!”

UST

[10] I am also taking Ruth, Mahlon’s widow from Moab, to be my wife. This is in order that she may give birth to a son who will be considered Mahlon’s son. He will inherit the property and carry on the family name among his relatives and here in his hometown. Today you have seen and heard these things, and can speak of them to anyone who asks about them.”

What was the second agreement that Boaz said the elders had witnessed?

They had witnessed that Boaz had acquired Ruth as his wife.

Ruth 4:11

ULT

[11] And all the people who were in the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May Yahweh make this woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built up the house of Israel. Achieve honor in Ephrathah, and be renowned in Bethlehem!

UST

[11] All the respected men, and the others who were sitting at the town gate, agreed and said, “Yes, we have seen and heard. We pray that Yahweh will allow this woman, who will be coming into your home, to be like Rachel and Leah, the two who bore our ancestors and started our people, Israel. We desire that you become rich in the clan of Ephrathah and famous here in Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:12

ULT

12 And may your house become like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, from the offspring that Yahweh gives you from this young woman.”

UST

12 We pray that your family will be like the family of your ancestor Perez, son of Judah and Tamar, because of the many descendants that Yahweh will give to you and this young woman.”

What blessing did the people desire for Boaz?

They desired that Yahweh would give him offspring through Ruth, just as Tamar bore a son to Judah.

Ruth 4:13

ULT

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. Then Yahweh gave her conception, and she bore a son.

UST

13 So Boaz took Ruth to be his wife and had sex with her. Yahweh enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:14

ULT

14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be Yahweh, who has not left you today without a kinsman-redeemer. May his name be renowned in Israel!

UST

14 The women of Bethlehem said to Naomi, “Praise Yahweh for giving you a man to preserve your family today. We desire that people throughout Israel will know his name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:15

ULT
15 Now he will be for you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you, has borne him—she who is better to you than seven sons.”

UST
15 Your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who has been better to you than if you had seven sons, has given birth to him. Therefore, he will make you feel young again, and he will take care of you when you become old.”

Why did the women say that Ruth was better for Naomi than seven sons?
They said this because of Ruth’s love for Naomi, and because Ruth had given birth to a grandson for Naomi.

Ruth 4:16

ULT
16 And Naomi took the child and put him on her lap, and she became his nurse.

UST
16 Then Naomi picked up the baby and held him close, and became a second mother for him.

What was Naomi’s relationship with Ruth’s son?
Naomi became his nurse, or caregiver.

Ruth 4:17

ULT
17 So the neighbor women called out a name for him, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” And they called his name Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

UST
17 The women who were living nearby said, “It is as though Naomi now has a son!” They named him Obed. Later, Obed became the father of Jesse, who became the father of David.

What was Ruth’s son’s name?
His name was Obed.

Of whom was Obed the father and grandfather?
Obed was the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.

Ruth 4:18

ULT
18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron;

UST
18 Here is a list of the descendants of Perez: Perez's son was Hezron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:19

ULT
19 and Hezron fathered Ram; and Ram fathered Amminadab;

UST
19 Hezron's son was Ram. Ram's son was Amminadab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:20

ULT
20 and Amminadab fathered Nahshon; and Nahshon fathered Salmon;

UST
20 Amminadab's son was Nahshon. Nahshon's son was Salmon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:21

ULT
21 and Salmon fathered Boaz; and Boaz fathered Obed;

UST
21 Salmon's son was Boaz. Boaz's son was Obed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ruth 4:22

ULT

22 and Obed fathered Jesse; and Jesse fathered David.
4:4 [1]
4:4 [2]
4:5 [3]

UST

22 Obed's son was Jesse. Jesse's son was David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel

1 Samuel 1

1 Samuel 1:1

ULT

1 Now there was one man from the Ramathaim, the Zuphites, from the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. *[1]*

UST

1 There was a man named Elkanah, {a descendant of} Zuph, who {lived} in {the city of} Ramah in the hill country, where {the people of the tribe of} Ephraim {lived}. His father was Jeroham, his grandfather was Elihu, his great-grandfather was Tohu, and his great-great-grandfather was Zuph, who lived in the territory of Ephraim.

Who were the two wives of Elkanah? (vv1-2)
The wives of Elkanah were Hannah and Peninnah.

1 Samuel 1:2

ULT

2 And for him were two wives: the name of the first was Hannah and the name of the second was Peninnah. And it happened that for Peninnah were children, but for Hannah there were no children.

UST

2 He had two wives: Hannah and Peninnah. Now Peninnah had {several} children, but Hannah had no children.

How many children did Hannah have?
Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:3

ULT

[3] And that man went up from his city from days to days to worship and to sacrifice to Yahweh of hosts in Shiloh. And the two of the sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests of Yahweh, were there.

UST

[3] {Once} every year Elkanah went up {with his family} from Ramah to the city of Shiloh. He would go there to worship Yahweh, {commander of the angel} armies, and offer sacrifices to him. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, {helped their father to do the work as} priests of Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:4

ULT

[4] And it happened the day when Elkanah sacrificed that he gave portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and her daughters.

UST

[4] Each time Elkanah offered sacrifices {there}, he would give some of the {meat} to Peninnah and some to each of her sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:5

ULT

[5] But to Hannah he would give one portion of two faces, for he loved Hannah. (Now Yahweh had shut her womb.)

UST

[5] But he gave a larger amount of {meat} to Hannah because he loved her {very much}, even though Yahweh had not {permitted} her to give birth to any {children}.

Why did Elkanah give a double portion to Hannah?

He gave a double portion to Hannah because he loved her.

1 Samuel 1:6

ULT

[6] And her rival would provoke her, even with provocation in order to cause her to thunder, because Yahweh had shut up her womb.

UST

[6] But his other wife, Peninnah, would mock Hannah to make her feel miserable, reminding her Yahweh had not allowed her to bear children.

Why did Hannah's rival provoke her?
She provoked Hannah in order to irritate her, beause Yahweh had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:7

ULT

[7] And thus it would be year by year, as often as she went up in the house of Yahweh, thus she would provoke her. And she would weep and would not eat.

UST

[7] This happened every year. When they went up to the temple of Yahweh at Shiloh, Peninnah always ridiculed Hannah so much that Hannah cried and would not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:8

ULT

[8] And Elkanah her husband would say to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart displeased? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

UST

[8] Then Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you crying? Why are you eating nothing? You are so sad! Surely it is better for you to have me as your husband than to have even ten sons!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:9

ULT

9 And Hannah got up after eating and after drinking in Shiloh. (Now Eli the priest was sitting upon the seat by the doorway to the temple of Yahweh.)

UST

9 One year, after they had finished eating and drinking at Shiloh, Hannah stood up to pray. Eli the priest was {nearby}, sitting on a chair by the doorway of the sacred tent of Yahweh.

What did Hannah do because she was so deeply distress about not having children? (vv9-10)

She went to the house of Yahweh and prayed and wept bitterly.

1 Samuel 1:10

ULT

10 And she was bitter of spirit, and she prayed to Yahweh and wept abundantly.

UST

10 Hannah was very distressed, and she cried very sorrowfully as she prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:11

ULT

11 And she vowed a vow and said, “Yahweh of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me, and not forget your female servant, and give to your female servant a seed of men, then I will give him to Yahweh all the days of his life, and a razor will not go up on his head.”

UST

11 She made a solemn promise, saying, “O Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, if you will look at me and see how miserable I am, and think kindly about me and allow me to give birth to a son, then I will dedicate him to you for the rest of his life. And {to show that he is dedicated to you}, no one will ever be allowed to cut his hair.”

What did Hannah vow to Yahweh?

Hannah vowed that if Yahweh would give her a son, she would give him to Yahweh and no razor would touch his head.

1 Samuel 1:12

ULT

12 And it happened when she increased to pray before the face of Yahweh that Eli was watching her mouth.

UST

12 As she was praying like that to Yahweh, Eli the priest saw Hannah's lips moving {as she was praying}.

Because Hannah was speaking to Yahweh from her heart, what did Eli, the priest, think about her actions? (vv12-14)

Eli saw Hannah's lips moving but didn't hear her voice, so he thought she was drunk from wine.

1 Samuel 1:13

ULT

13 Now Hannah, she was speaking to her heart, only her lips were quivering and her voice was not heard. So Eli thought of her as drunk.

UST

13 But Hannah was only praying silently; she was not making any sound. So Eli thought that she was drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:14

ULT

14 And Eli said to her, "Until when will you make yourself drunk? Remove your wine from with you!"

UST

14 He said to her, "You should not be getting drunk. Get rid of your wine!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:15

ULT
15 And Hannah answered and said, “No, my master, a woman difficult of spirit am I. And wine and intoxicating drink I have not drunk, but I have been pouring out my soul before the face of Yahweh.

UST
15 Hannah replied, “Sir, I am not drunk! I have not been drinking wine or any other alcoholic drink. I feel very miserable and I have been telling Yahweh about how I feel.

What did Hannah assure Eli she was doing? (vv15-16)
Hannah assured Eli that she was not drunk but was speaking to Yahweh from her heart.

1 Samuel 1:16

ULT
16 Do not give your female servant to the face of a daughter of worthlessness. For I have been speaking from the abundance of my complaint and my provocation until now.”

UST
16 Do not think that I am a worthless woman. I have been praying like this because I am so ashamed and upset.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:17

ULT
17 And Eli answered and said, “Go in peace. And may the God of Israel grant your request that you requested from with him.”

UST
17 Eli replied, “I wish that things may go well for you. I desire that God, the one we Israelite people worship, may give you what you asked of him.”

What did Eli say to Hannah that caused her to go on her way, eat and no longer feel sad? (vv17-18)
Eli told her to go in peace and asked the God of Israel to grant her the request she was asking him.

1 Samuel 1:18

ULT

18 And she said, “May your female servant find favor in your eyes.” And the woman went to her way and she ate. And her face was no longer against her.

UST

18 She replied, “I want you to think highly about me.” Then she returned to her family and after she ate something, she was sad no more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:19

ULT

19 And they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the face of Yahweh. And they returned and came to their house in the Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife and Yahweh remembered her.

UST

19 Early the next morning, Elkanah and his family got up and worshiped Yahweh again, and then they returned to their home at Ramah. Then Elkanah slept with Hannah, and Yahweh answered her prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:20

ULT

20 And it happened at the turning of the days that Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, for, “I requested him from Yahweh.”

UST

20 She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, which sounds like the words in the Hebrew language that mean “heard by God,” because she said, “Yahweh heard me when I requested a son from him.”

When Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, what did she name him?

Hannah named her son Samuel because she asked for him from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:21

ULT

[21] And the man Elkanah and all his house went up to sacrifice to Yahweh the sacrifice of the days and his vow.

UST

[21] The following year, Elkanah went up to Shiloh with his family to make the kind of sacrifice he made each year, and also to give a special offering to God that he had promised to give him previously.

Why did Hannah not go with her husband to the temple for the yearly sacrifice? (vv21-23)
Because she was still nursing her son.

1 Samuel 1:22

ULT

[22] But Hannah did not go up. For she had said to her husband, “Until the boy is weaned, then I will bring him. And he will appear with the face of Yahweh and dwell there until eternity.”

UST

[22] But Hannah did not go with them. She said to her husband, “After I have weaned the baby, I will take him to Shiloh and present him to Yahweh, and he will stay there for the rest of his life.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:23

ULT

[23] And Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do the good thing in your eyes. Stay until you have weaned him. Only, may Yahweh raise up his word.” And the woman stayed and nursed her son until she weaned him.

UST

[23] Elkanah said, “Do what you think is best. Stay here until you have weaned him. What I desire is that Yahweh may enable you to do what you have promised.” So Hannah stayed at home and nursed her son until she weaned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:24

ULT

24 And she brought him up with her when she had weaned him, with three bulls and one ephah of flour and a skin of wine. And she brought him to the house of Yahweh in Shiloh. (Now the boy was a boy.)

UST

24 After she weaned him, even though Samuel was very young, she took him to the house of Yahweh that was at Shiloh. She took along with her and her son a three year old bull, about twenty liters of flour, and a container of wine.

What did Hannah take with her, along with her son, to the house of Yahweh to give to Eli the priest? (vv24-25)

Hannah took a sacrifice of a three year old bull, one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine to give to the priest.

1 Samuel 1:25

ULT

25 And they slaughtered the bull. And they brought the boy to Eli.

UST

25 After Hannah and Elkanah had slaughtered the bull and offered it to Yahweh on the altar, they brought the boy to Eli.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:26

ULT

26 And she said, “Please, my master! As your spirit is alive, my master! I am the woman who was standing with you at here to pray to Yahweh.

UST

26 Then Hannah said to him, “Sir, do you remember me? I am the woman who prayed as I stood here beside you several years ago.

What did Hannah give Yahweh? (vv26-28)

Hannah gave her son to Yahweh for as long as he would live.

1 Samuel 1:27

ULT

27 For this boy I prayed and Yahweh gave to me my request which I had requested from with him.

UST

27 I prayed that Yahweh would enable me to give birth to a child, and this is that child!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 1:28

ULT

28 And also I have lent him to Yahweh all the days that he is lent to Yahweh." And he worshiped Yahweh there.
1:1 *[1]* but it is understood that really refers to the region in which the clan descended from Zuph resided.

UST

28 So now I am presenting him to Yahweh. He will belong to Yahweh as long as he lives." Then Elkanah and his family worshiped Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2

1 Samuel 2:1

ULT

[1] And Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in Yahweh. My horn is exalted in Yahweh. My mouth is wide against my enemies. For I rejoice in your salvation.

UST

[1] Then Hannah prayed, saying, “In my inner being I rejoice in what you, Yahweh, have done. I am strong because I belong to you. I laugh at my enemies because you, Yahweh have rescued me from being mocked by them.

Why did Hannah speak boldly over her enemies?

Hannah spoke boldly because she rejoices in Yahweh’s salvation.

1 Samuel 2:2

ULT

[2] There is no one holy like Yahweh. Indeed, there is no one besides you. And there is no rock like our God.

UST

[2] There is no one who is holy like you, Yahweh. There is no other god like you. There is no one like you, our God, who can protect us as though you were putting us on top of a huge rock where we can be safe from danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:3

ULT

[3] Do not speak so much very proudly! Let arrogance go out from your mouth. For Yahweh is a God of knowledge. And by him actions are weighed.

UST

[3] You people who oppose God, stop boasting! Yahweh is a God who knows everything, and he will evaluate everyone’s actions. So do not speak so arrogantly!

Why does Hannah say that we should not boast or speak arrogantly?

We should not boast or speak arrogantly because Yahweh is a God of knowledge and by him all actions are weighed.

1 Samuel 2:4

ULT

4 Mighty men are shattered of bow. But those who stumble gird on strength.

UST

4 Yahweh, you destroy the weapons of mighty soldiers, but you give strength to those who stumble because they are weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:5

ULT

5 The satisified ones hired themselves out for bread, but the hungry ones cease. Even the barren woman bears seven, but the woman of many sons languishes.

UST

5 Many people who previously had plenty to eat, now have to work for other people to earn money to buy food, but many who were always hungry are not hungry anymore. The woman who could not have any children before, now has given birth to many children, and the woman who had many children before, now is very lonely because they have all died.

In Hannah's song, who is the one who is filled with sorrow?

The woman who has many children is filled with sorrow.

1 Samuel 2:6

ULT

6 Yahweh puts to death and brings to life, brings down to Sheol and brings up.

UST

6 Yahweh, you cause some people to die, and you restore some people who were almost dead. For some people, it seems that they will soon go to where dead people go, but you cause them to become healthy again.

Who decides death and life, if one goes down to Sheol or is raised up?

Yahweh is the one who decides death and life, and Sheol or raised up.

1 Samuel 2:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh makes poor and makes rich, makes low, but also lifts up.

UST

[7] Yahweh, you cause some people to be poor, and you cause some people to be rich, you humble some people, and you honor some people.

Who makes the poor and the rich?

Yahweh makes the poor, and he makes the rich.

1 Samuel 2:8

ULT

[8] Raising the lowly from the dust, he lifts up the needy from the trash heap to make sit with nobles and causes them to inherit the seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are for Yahweh and he has set the world on them.

UST

[8] Sometimes you lift poor people up so that they are no longer sitting in the dust, and you raise up needy people so that they are no longer sitting on heaps of ashes; you cause them to sit next to princes; you cause them to sit on seats where people who are highly honored sit. Yahweh, you are the one who laid the foundations of the earth, and you have set the whole world on those foundations.

Who raises up the poor and lifts the needy to sit in the seat of honor?

Yahweh raises them up to sit at the seat of honor.

1 Samuel 2:9

ULT

[9] He will keep the feet of his loyal ones, but the wicked ones will be silenced in the darkness. For not by strength does a man prevail.

UST

[9] You will protect your loyal people, but you will cause the wicked to die and to descend to the dark place where the dead go. We do not defeat our enemies by our own strength.

Who does Hannah say will guard the feet of his faithful people and silence the wicked in darkness?

Yahweh will guard their feet and silence the wicked.

1 Samuel 2:10

ULT

10 By Yahweh the ones who oppose him will be shattered. He makes thunder against him in the heavens. Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth. And he will give strength to his king and lift up the horn of his anointed one.”

UST

10 Yahweh, you will break into pieces those who oppose you. You will cause thunder in the sky to show that you oppose them. Yahweh, you will judge people everywhere, even those who live in the most remote places on the earth. You will give strength to the king whom you will appoint, and give him great power over his enemies.”

Who judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to his king?

Yahweh judges the ends of the earth and gives strength to his king.

1 Samuel 2:11

ULT

11 And Elkanah went to the Ramah, to his house. And the boy was serving Yahweh with the face of Eli the priest.

UST

11 Then Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah, but Samuel, the little boy, stayed to help Eli the priest serve Yahweh.

What child served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest?

Samuel served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 2:12

ULT

12 Now the sons of Eli were sons of worthlessness. They did not know Yahweh.

UST

12 Eli’s two sons, who were also priests, were very wicked. They were not faithful to Yahweh.

Whose sons were evil men?

Eli the priest’s sons were evil men.

1 Samuel 2:13

ULT

13 And the custom of the priests with the people was: when any man was sacrificing a sacrifice, then the servant of the priest would come with a fork of three prongs in his hand as soon as the meat was boiling.

UST

13 The custom was that while the people were boiling the meat from their sacrifices in the huge pot at the temple, a priest would send his servant, who would come with a large three-pronged fork in his hand.

What was the custom of the priests with the people at the time of sacrifice? (vv13-14)

Their custom was for the priests' servant come with a three pronged fork to get the meat for the priest to take for himself.

1 Samuel 2:14

ULT

14 And he would stick it into the pan, or into the kettle, or into the cauldron, or into the pot. All that the fork brought up the priest would take with him. Thus they did to all Israel, the ones who came there at Shiloh.

UST

14 He would stick the fork into the meat in the pot, and whatever meat fastened onto the fork, he would take and give it to the priest who sent him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:15

ULT

15 Also, before they burned the fat, the servant of the priest would come, and he would say to the man who was sacrificing, "Give meat to roast for the priest. And he will not take boiled meat from you, but only living."

UST

15 However, before the man who was making the sacrifice could cut the fat off the meat and burn the fat as a sacrifice to Yahweh, the servant of Eli's sons would come to him and say to him, "Give me some meat now to take to the priest for him to roast! He wants raw meat; he does not want boiled meat."

What evil thing did the priest's sons instruct their servants? (vv15-16)

Instead of eating the boiled meat, Eli's sons instructed their servants tell the people they only ate raw meat.

1 Samuel 2:16

ULT

16 And the man would say to him, “Let them burn the fat completely as the day, then take for yourself what your self desires,” And he would say, “No, rather now you will give it; and if not, I will take it by force.”

UST

16 If the man said to the servant, “Let the priests cut off and burn the fat first; then you can take what you want,” the servant would reply, “No, give it to me now; if you do not give it to me, I will take it forcefully!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:17

ULT

17 And the sin of the young men was very great with the face of Yahweh. For the men spurned the offering of Yahweh.

UST

17 Yahweh considered that the young sons of Eli were committing a very great sin, because they were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that were being given to Yahweh.

Why was the sin of Eli’s sons so great?

Their sin was great before Yahweh because they despised Yahweh’s offering.

1 Samuel 2:18

ULT

18 And Samuel was serving with the face of Yahweh, a boy girded with an ephod of linen.

UST

18 As for Samuel, who was still a very young boy, he continued to do work for Yahweh, wearing a little sacred apron made out of linen, like the high priest wore.

What would Samuel’s mother make for him form year to year to cloth him? (vv18-19)

She world make him a linen ephod robe.

1 Samuel 2:19

ULT

19 And his mother would make a small robe for him and she would bring it to him from days to days, when she came up with her husband to sacrifice the sacrifice of the days.

UST

19 Each year his mother made a new little robe for him and took it to him when she went up to Shiloh with her husband to offer a sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:20

ULT

20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and would say, “May Yahweh set seed from this woman for you in place of the request that he requested to Yahweh.” And they would go to his place.

UST

20 Then Eli would ask God to bless Elkanah and his wife, and he would say to Elkanah, “I hope that Yahweh will enable your wife to give birth to other children, to take the place of the one whom she dedicated to Yahweh.” Then Elkanah and his family would return home.

How would Eli bless Elkanah and his wife?

Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife by praying for them to have more children by Hannah.

1 Samuel 2:21

ULT

21 Because Yahweh visited Hannah, she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew with Yahweh.

UST

21 Yahweh was indeed very kind to Hannah, for he enabled her to give birth to three other sons and two daughters. Their son Samuel grew up while he was doing work for Yahweh in his temple.

What was Yahweh’s response to Eli’s prayer for Samuel’s parents to have more children?

Yahweh once more helped Hannah and she bore three more sons and two daughters.

1 Samuel 2:22

ULT

22 Now Eli was very old. And he heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel and that they were lying with the women who were serving at the opening of the Tent of Meeting.

UST

22 Now Eli became very old. He often heard about all the evil things that his sons were doing to the Israelite people. He heard that they sometimes slept with the women who worked at the entrance to the tent where God spoke to his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:23

ULT

23 And he said to them, “Why do you do like these things that I am hearing, your evil things, from with all these people?

UST

23 He said to them, “It is terrible that you do such things! Many people keep telling me about the evil things that you do.

What did Eli say to his sons as he was getting very old? (vv23-24)

Eli told his sons that they were doing evil things and they caused Yahweh’s people to disobey.

1 Samuel 2:24

ULT

24 No, my sons! For the report is not good that I am hearing the people of Yahweh passing on.

UST

24 My sons, stop it! The reports about you that the people who belong to Yahweh tell others are terrible!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:25

ULT

25 If a man sins against a man, then God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against Yahweh, who will intercede for him?" And they would not listen to the voice of their father, for Yahweh desired to put them to death.

UST

25 If one person sins against another person, God can intercede between them. But if someone sins against Yahweh, who will speak up for him?" But Eli's sons would not listen to what their father said. This was because Yahweh had decided that someone needed to kill them.

Why did Eli's sons not listen to his voice?

Eli's sons did not listen to his voice because Yahweh intended to kill them.

1 Samuel 2:26

ULT

26 Now the boy Samuel was going and growing, and good, both with Yahweh and also with men.

UST

26 The boy Samuel continued to grow up, and the things that he did pleased Yahweh and the people.

Who grew up and increased in favor with Yahweh and also with men?

Samuel grew up and increased in favor with Yahweh and with men.

1 Samuel 2:27

ULT

27 And a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Did I clearly reveal myself to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt for the house of Pharaoh?

UST

27 One day, a prophet came to Eli and told him, "This is what Yahweh has told me: 'When your ancestors were slaves of the king of Egypt, I appeared to Aaron.

Who told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors out of all the tribes of Israel to be Yahweh's priest? (vv27-28)

A man of God told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors.

1 Samuel 2:28

ULT

28 And I chose him from all the tribes of Israel to be for me for a priest, to bring up on my altar, to burn incense, to carry an ephod before my face. And I gave to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire of the sons of Israel.

UST

28 From all the tribes of the Israelite people, I chose him and his male descendants to be priests for me. I appointed them to go up to my altar, to burn incense, to wear a sacred apron as they worked for me. And I declared that they could take and eat some of the meat that the Israelite people burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:29

ULT

29 Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering that I commanded for the Dwelling, and honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves from the first of every offering of Israel, of my people?'

UST

29 So why do you show disrespect for the sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to me? You are honoring your sons more than you are honoring me, by allowing them to get fat from eating the best parts of all the sacrifices that the Israelite people bring to me!'

How had Eli scorned Yahweh's sacrifices and offerings?

He scorned the sacrifices and offerings by honoring his sons above Yahweh.

1 Samuel 2:30

ULT

30 Therefore, this is the declaration of Yahweh the God of Israel: 'I indeed said your house and the house of your father would walk about before my face until eternity.' But now this is the declaration of Yahweh: 'Far be it for me! For I will honor those who honor me, but those who despise me will be slighted.

UST

30 Therefore, this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares: 'I definitely promised that Aaron and his descendants would continue to serve me forever. But now I declare this: It will not continue like that! I will honor those who honor me, but I will despise those who despise me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:31

ULT

31 Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your arm and the arm of the house of your father from there being an old man in your house.

UST

31 Listen carefully! There will soon be a time when I will cause all the strong young men in your family to die. The result will be that no men in your family will live long enough to become old men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:32

ULT

32 And you will see the distress of the Dwelling, in all that he will do good with Israel. And there will not be an old man in your house all the days.

UST

32 You will be distressed and envious as you see the blessings that I will give to the other people in Israel. And I repeat that no men in your family will ever live long enough to become old men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 2:33

ULT

33 But I will not cut off a man from near my altar for you, to cause your eyes to fail and to cause your spirit to grieve. But all the increase of your house will die as men.

UST

33 There is one of your descendants whom I will spare; I will not prevent him from serving me as a priest. But he will become blind from weeping; he will always be sad and grieving. But all your other descendants will die violently.

What did Yahweh tell Eli would happen to the men in his family?

Yahweh told Eli that all the men born in Eli's family would die.

1 Samuel 2:34

ULT

34 And this is the sign for you that will come to the two of your sons, to Hophni and Phinehas: in one day the two of them will die.

UST

34 And your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will both die on the same day. And that will prove to you that all that I have said will come true.

What did Yahweh say would be a sign that all the men in Eli's family would die?

Both of Eli's sons would die on the same day.

1 Samuel 2:35

ULT

35 And I will raise up for myself a priest who is faithful. He will do just as is in my heart and in my self. And I will build for him a house that is faithful; and he will walk before the face of my anointed one all the days.

UST

35 I have chosen another man to be my priest. He is one who will serve me faithfully: He will do everything I want. I will make sure that his descendants will be priests and will always serve me by helping the king whom I will choose.

Who will walk before Yahweh's anointed king forever?

A faithful priest who Yahweh raises up will walk before Yahweh's anointed king forever.

Why will everyone in Eli's family come and bow down to the faithful priest?

They will ask him for a position as a priest so that they can have food to eat.

1 Samuel 2:36

ULT

36 And it will happen that all the ones who remain in your house will come to bow down to him for a payment of silver and a round loaf of bread. And he will say, "Please assign me to one of the priestly positions to eat a bit of bread.""

UST

36 All of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to that priest and ask him to give them money and food, and they will each have to say, "Please allow me to help the other priests, in order that I may earn some money to buy some food.""

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3

1 Samuel 3:1

ULT

[1] Now the boy Samuel was serving Yahweh before the face of Eli. And the word of Yahweh was rare in those days; there was no widespread vision.

UST

[1] While he was still a boy, Samuel was serving Yahweh while Eli supervised him. At that time there were very few messages that anyone received from Yahweh, and very few people saw visions that Yahweh gave them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:2

ULT

[2] And it happened in that day, that Eli was lying down in his place. And his eyes had begun to be dim; he was not able to see.

UST

[2] By that time Eli's eyes were very weak; he was almost blind. One night he was sleeping in his room,

What was Samuel's reply when he heard Yahweh call to him as he was lying down in his bed? (vv2-4)
Samuel replied, "Here I am."

1 Samuel 3:3

ULT

[3] And before the lamp of God had gone out Samuel was lying down in the temple of Yahweh, there where the Box of God was.

UST

[3] and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of Yahweh, where the sacred chest was kept. There was a lamp there that represented the presence of God, and it was still burning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:4

ULT

4 And Yahweh called to Samuel. And he said, “Here I am.”

UST

4 Just then Yahweh called, “Samuel! Samuel!” Samuel replied, “I am here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:5

ULT

5 And he ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called to me.” And he said, “I did not call. Go back, lie down.” And he went and lay down.

UST

5 Then he got up and ran to Eli. He said to him, “I am here, because you called me!” But Eli replied, “No, I did not call you. Go back to your bed.” So Samuel went and lay down again.

What did Eli tell Samuel to do when Samuel ran to him?

Eli said that he did not call Samuel, and told him to go lie down again.

1 Samuel 3:6

ULT

6 And Yahweh did again call again, “Samuel.” And Samuel rose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called to me.” And he said, “I did not call, my son. Go back, lie down.”

UST

6 Then Yahweh called again, “Samuel!” So Samuel got up again and went to Eli and said, “I am here, because you called me!” But Eli said, “No, my son, I did not call you. Go back and lie down.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:7

ULT

7 (Now it was before Samuel knew Yahweh, and before the word of Yahweh had been revealed to him.)

UST

7 At that time Samuel had not yet known what it was like for Yahweh to speak to him, because Yahweh had not previously revealed anything to him.

What had never been revealed to Samuel?

A message from Yahweh had never been revealed to Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:8

ULT

8 And Yahweh did again call Samuel at the third time. And he rose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called to me.” And Eli understood that Yahweh was calling to the boy.

UST

8 After Samuel lay down again, Yahweh called him a third time. So again Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “I am here, because you called me!” Then Eli realized that it was Yahweh who was calling the boy.

What did Eli realize after the third time that Samuel came to him?

Eli realized that Yahweh had called the boy.

1 Samuel 3:9

ULT

9 And Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down. And it will happen that, if he calls to you, then you shall say, ‘Speak, Yahweh, for your servant is listening.’” And Samuel went and lay down in his place.

UST

9 So he said to Samuel, “Go and lie down again. If someone calls you again, say ‘Speak to me, Yahweh, because I am listening!’” So Samuel went and lay down again.

What did Eli tell Samuel to say if Yahweh called him again?

Eli told Samuel to say, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

1 Samuel 3:10

ULT

[10] And Yahweh came and stationed himself and called as time on time, “Samuel, Samuel.” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

UST

[10] Then Yahweh came and stood and called as he had done the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” Then Samuel said, “Speak to me, because I am listening!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:11

ULT

[11] And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel that everyone who hears it, the two of his ears will tingle.

UST

[11] Then Yahweh said to Samuel, “Listen carefully. I am about to do something here in Israel that will shock everyone who hears about it.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the ears of everyone when they heard what Yahweh was going to do?

Yahweh said the ears of everyone that hears what he is about to do will shake.

1 Samuel 3:12

ULT

[12] In that day I will raise against Eli all that I have spoken against his house, beginning and ending.

UST

[12] When that happens, I will punish Eli and his family. I will do to them everything that I said that I would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:13

ULT

[13] And I have told him that I am about to judge his house until eternity because of the iniquity that he knew. For his sons were cursing against themselves and he did not rebuke them.

UST

[13] His sons have shown great disrespect for me by the disgraceful things they have done, and Eli did not keep them back from doing it. So I told him that I would punish his family forever.

What did Eli's sons bring upon themselves?

Eli's sons brought a curse upon themselves..

1 Samuel 3:14

ULT

[14] And therefore, I have sworn to the house of Eli: The iniquity of the house of Eli will not be covered by sacrifice or by offering until eternity."

UST

[14] I solemnly promised to Eli's family, 'You will never be able to avoid the consequences for your sin, even if you give me sacrifices or offerings.'"

What would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering?

The sins of Eli's house would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.

1 Samuel 3:15

ULT

[15] And Samuel lay down until the morning, and he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh. And Samuel was afraid of telling the vision to Eli.

UST

[15] Samuel lay down again until morning. Then he got up and opened the doors of the building as usual. He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision that Yahweh had given him.

What was Samuel afraid to do in the morning after he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh?

He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 3:16

ULT
16 And Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.”

UST
16 But Eli called him and said, “Samuel, my son!” Samuel answered, “I am here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:17

ULT
17 And he said, “What is the word that he spoke to you? Do not hide it from me! Thus may God do to you and thus may he add, if you hide from me a word of all the word that he spoke to you.”

UST
17 Eli asked him, “What was it that Yahweh told you? Do not conceal it! I want God to punish you severely if you do not tell me everything that he said to you.”

What did Samuel do after Eli told him that he must not hide from him the words that Yahweh had spoken?
Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from Eli.

1 Samuel 3:18

ULT
18 And Samuel told him all the words, and did not hide it from him. And he said, “It is Yahweh. May he do the good in his eyes.”

UST
18 So Samuel told him everything. He did not refuse to tell him anything. Then Eli said, “He is Yahweh. I am willing for him to do what he thinks is best.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:19

ULT

[19] And Samuel grew. And Yahweh was with him and he did not cause any of his words to fall to the ground.

UST

[19] As Samuel grew up, Yahweh helped him; he made everything that Samuel predicted to come true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 3:20

ULT

[20] And all Israel from Dan and as far as Beersheba knew that Samuel was faithful as a prophet of Yahweh.

UST

[20] So all the people of Israel, from the northern end of the country to the southern end, realized that Samuel was truly a prophet of Yahweh.

What did all Israel from Dan to Beersheba know about Samuel?

All Israel knew that Samuel was appointed to be a prophet of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 3:21

ULT

[21] And Yahweh continued to appear in Shiloh. For Yahweh revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Yahweh.

UST

[21] Yahweh continued to appear to Samuel in Shiloh and give messages to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4

1 Samuel 4:1

ULT

1 And the word of Samuel was to all Israel. And Israel went out to meet the Philistines for the battle. And they camped at Ebenezer and the Philistines camped at Aphek.

UST

1 Samuel told to all the people of Israel the messages that God gave him. At that time the Israelite army went to fight against the army of the Philistine people. The Israelite army set up their tents at Ebenezer, and the Philistine army set up their tents at Aphek.

What was the result of the battle between Israel and the Philistines? (vv1-2)

Israel was defeated by the Philistines.

1 Samuel 4:2

ULT

2 And the Philistines lined up to meet Israel and the battle spread and Israel was defeated before the face of the Philistines. And they struck down about 4,000 men in the battle line in the field. *[1]*

UST

2 The Philistine army attacked the Israelite army, and as the battle continued, the Philistines defeated the Israelites and killed about four thousand of their soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:3

ULT

3 And the people came into the camp and the elders of Israel said, “Why did Yahweh strike us today before the face of the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from Shiloh. And it will come in our midst and it will save us from the palm of our enemies.”

UST

3 When the remaining Israelite soldiers returned to their camp, the Israelite elders said, “Why did Yahweh allow the Philistine army to defeat us today? We should bring the sacred chest here from Shiloh, in order that Yahweh will go with us when we go to the battle again, so that our enemies will not defeat us again!”

What did the elders of Israel decide to do so that they could be kept safe from the power of their enemies?

The elders decided that they should bring the ark of the testimony of Yahweh to be with them.

1 Samuel 4:4

ULT

[4] And the people sent to Shiloh and from there they lifted the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh of hosts, who sits on the cherubim. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Box of the Covenant of God.

UST

[4] So the soldiers sent some men to Shiloh, and those men brought back the sacred chest, the chest of Yahweh, who sat on a throne between the statues of winged creatures that were on top of the chest. The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, went with them.

Who was with the ark of the testimony of Yahweh of hosts?

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas were there with the ark.

1 Samuel 4:5

ULT

[5] And it happened as soon as the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh came into the camp, that all Israel shouted a great shout. And the earth resounded.

UST

[5] When the Israelite people saw the men bringing the sacred chest into their camp, they were so happy that they shouted loudly. They shouted so loudly that the ground shook!

What did the Philistines wonder when they heard the great shout of all the people of Israel? (vv5-6)

The Philistines wondered what the loud shouting in the camp of the Hebrews meant.

1 Samuel 4:6

ULT

[6] And the Philistines heard the sound of the shout, and they said, “What is the sound of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?” Then they knew that the Box of Yahweh had come into the camp.

UST

[6] The Philistines asked, “What are the people in the Hebrew camp shouting about?” Someone told them that they were shouting because the sacred chest of Yahweh had been brought to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:7

ULT

[7] And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, “A god has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us! For it was not like this yesterday and three days ago!

UST

[7] Then they became very afraid. They said, “Their God has come into their camp to help them! We are in big trouble now! Nothing like this has happened to us before!

Who did the Philistines say had come into the camp of the Hebrews?
The Philistines said that God had come into the camp of the Hebrews.

1 Samuel 4:8

ULT

[8] Woe to us! Who will rescue us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are they: the gods who struck the Egyptians with every plague in the wilderness.

UST

[8] No one can save us now! This is the God who made the people of Egypt suffer with many plagues before the Israelites left Egypt and traveled through the desert.

With what did the Philistines say that God had attacked the Egyptians in the wilderness?
They said that God had attacked the Egyptians with many different kinds of plagues.

1 Samuel 4:9

ULT

[9] Strengthen yourselves and become men, Philistines, lest you serve for the Hebrews, just as they have served for you. Now become men and fight!”

UST

[9] You Philistine men, be courageous! Fight very hard! If you do not do that, they will defeat us, and then you will become their slaves, just as they have been our slaves previously!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:10

ULT

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was struck and fled, a man to his tent, and it was a very great blow. And 30,000 foot soldiers from Israel fell.

UST

10 So the Philistine men fought very hard, and they defeated the Israelites. They killed thirty thousand Israelite soldiers, and the other Israelite soldiers fled and ran away to their tents.

What happened to the two sons of Eli when the Philistines fought and defeated Israel? (vv10-11)

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Samuel 4:11

ULT

11 And the Box of God was taken. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

UST

11 The Philistines captured the sacred chest, and they killed Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:12

ULT

12 And a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line and came to Shiloh on that day. And his clothing was torn and earth was on his head.

UST

12 On that same day, one man of the tribe descended from Benjamin ran from the place where the armies were fighting. He tore his clothes and threw soil on his head to show that he was very sad. He arrived at Shiloh late that afternoon.

What did the whole city do when the man from the battle line entered the city and told the news? (vv12-13)

When the man told the news, the whole city cried out.

1 Samuel 4:13

ULT

13 And he came, and behold, Eli was sitting on the seat at the hand of the road watching because his heart was trembling concerning the Box of God. Now the man came to report in the city, and all the city cried out.

UST

13 Eli was waiting beside the road. He wanted to hear news about the battle, and he was also very anxious to know if anything bad had happened to God's sacred chest. When the messenger arrived and told people what had happened, everyone in the town started to cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:14

ULT

14 And Eli heard the sound of the outcry, and he said, "What is the sound of this tumult?" And the man hurried and came and reported to Eli.

UST

14 Eli asked, "Why are they making all that noise?" The messenger ran over to Eli and told him the news.

What question did Eli ask when he heard the noise of the outcry of the city?

Eli asked what was the meaning of the uproar.

1 Samuel 4:15

ULT

15 Now Eli was a son of 98 years. And his eyes were set and he was not able to see.

UST

15 At that time, Eli was ninety-eight years old, and he was blind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:16

ULT

16 And the man said to Eli, “I am the one who has come from the battle line. As for me, I fled from the battle line today.” And he said, “What was the matter, my son?”

UST

16 The messenger said to Eli, “I have just come from where the armies were fighting. I left there earlier today.” Eli asked, “What happened?”

What did the man tell Eli had happened to his sons and to the ark of God when Israel was defeated by the Philistines? (vv16-17)

The man told Eli that this two sons were dead and the ark of God had been taken.

1 Samuel 4:17

ULT

17 And the one who brought news answered and said, “Israel fled before the face of the Philistines. And also, there has been a great blow among the people. And also, the two of your sons, Hophni and Phinehas, died, and the Box of God was taken.”

UST

17 The man replied, “The Philistines defeated our army. They killed thousands of our soldiers, and the others ran away. The Philistines killed your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. They also captured God’s sacred chest.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:18

ULT

18 And it happened, as soon as he mentioned the Box of God, that he fell backward from on the seat beside the hand of the gate. And his neck was broken and he died, because the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel 40 years.

UST

18 Eli was very old, and he was very fat; and when he heard what had happened to the sacred chest, he fell backward from his seat beside the city gate. His neck was broken and he died. He had led the Israelite people for forty years.

What was the injury that took Eli’s life when he fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate?

Eli’s neck was broken and he died.

1 Samuel 4:19

ULT

19 Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And she heard the news about the Box of God being taken and that her father-in-law and her husband died. And she knelt down and gave birth, for her pains had turned on her.

UST

19 The wife of Eli's son Phinehas was pregnant, and it was almost time for her to give birth to her baby. When she heard that God's sacred chest had been captured and that her husband and her father-in-law were dead, her labor pains suddenly began and were too much for her. She quickly gave birth to a boy, but she began to die.

What happened when Phinehas' pregnant wife heard that the ark was captured and her father-in-law and husband were dead?
Phinehas' wife knelt down and gave birth, but her labor pains overwhelmed her.

1 Samuel 4:20

ULT

20 And about the time of her dying, the women who stood over her said, "Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer and did not put her heart.

UST

20 As she was dying, the women who were helping her tried to encourage her by saying to her, "You have given birth to a son!" But she did not pay any attention to what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 4:21

ULT

21 And she called the boy Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" about the Box of God being taken, and about her father-in-law and her husband.

UST

21 She named the boy Ichabod, which means "no glory," because she said, "God's glory has departed from Israel." She said that because God's sacred chest had been captured and because her husband and her father-in-law had died.

What name did Phinehas' wife give to the baby and why did she give him that name? (vv21-22)
She named the baby Ichabod because the glory had gone away from Israel.

1 Samuel 4:22

ULT

22 And she said, “The glory has departed from Israel, because the Box of God has been taken.”
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UST

22 She said, “God’s glory has left Israel, because God’s sacred chest has been captured!” And then she died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5

1 Samuel 5:1

ULT

[1] Now the Philistines had taken the Box of God. And they brought it from Ebenezer to Ashdod.

UST

[1] After the army of the Philistia people group captured God's sacred chest in the town of Ebenezer, they took it to Ashdod, one of their largest cities.

In what position did the people find the idol Dagon the next day after the Philistines brought the ark of God into the house of Dagon? (vv1-3)
Dagon was found fallen face down on the ground before the ark of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 5:2

ULT

[2] And the Philistines took the Box of God, and brought it to the house of Dagon. And they placed it beside Dagon.

UST

[2] They carried it into the temple of their god Dagon and placed it alongside a statue of Dagon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:3

ULT

[3] And the Ashdodites rose early on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen to his face to the ground before the face of the Box of Yahweh! And they took Dagon and returned him to his place.

UST

[3] But early the next morning, when the people of Ashdod went to see it, they saw that the statue had fallen on its face in front of Yahweh's sacred chest! So they set the statue up in its place again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:4

ULT

4 And they rose early in the morning on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen to his face to the ground before the face of the Box of Yahweh! And the head of Dagon and the two of the palms of his hands were cut off, on the threshhold. Only Dagon was left on him.

UST

4 But the following morning, they saw that it had fallen down in front of the sacred chest again. But this time, it was as if someone had cut the statue's head and hands off; they were lying in the doorway. Only its body remained in one piece.

What remained of the idol Dagon the next morning after they had set him back in his place before the ark?

Only the trunk of Dagon remained and his head and hands were lying cut off in the doorway.

1 Samuel 5:5

ULT

5 Therefore, the priests of Dagon and all the ones who enter the house of Dagon do not tread on the threshhold of Dagon in Ashdod, until this day.

UST

5 That is the reason that ever since that time, the priests of Dagon and everyone else who enters the temple of Dagon in Ashdod do not step on the doorsill where the hands and head of Dagon had fallen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:6

ULT

6 And the hand of Yahweh was heavy on the Ashdodites and he devastated them. And he struck them with tumors, Ashdod and its territories.

UST

6 Then Yahweh made the people of Ashdod suffer very much with tumors. Many sickened and died, both in the city and in the surrounding region.

Why did the men of Ashdod say that the ark should not stay with them? (vv6-7)

The hand of the God of Israel was hard against them and against Dagon their god.

1 Samuel 5:7

ULT

[7] And the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, and they said, “The Box of the God of Israel should not stay with us because his hand is hard on us and on Dagon our god.”

UST

[7] The people of Ashdod realized why this was happening, and they cried out, “The God of the Israelites is punishing us and our god Dagon. So we cannot allow the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites to remain here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 5:8

ULT

[8] And they sent and gathered all of the rulers of the Philistines to them. And they said, “What should we do with the Box of the God of Israel?” And they said, “Let the Box of the God of Israel be brought around to Gath.” And they brought around the Box of the God of Israel.

UST

[8] They summoned the five kings of the Philistia people group and asked them, “What should we do with the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites?” The kings replied, “Take the sacred chest to the city of Gath.” So they moved it to Gath.

To what place did the Philistines move the ark of the God of Israel?

The Philistines moved the ark to Gath.

1 Samuel 5:9

ULT

[9] And it happened after they brought it around, that the hand of Yahweh was on the city, a very great tumult. And he struck the men of the city from small and as far as great. And tumors broke out to them.

UST

[9] But after they took it to Gath, Yahweh powerfully struck the people of that city also, with the result that many men, including young men and old men, got tumors on their skins. Then the people became very afraid.

With what did Yahweh afflict the men of the city of Gath?

Yahweh afflicted them with tumors.

1 Samuel 5:10

ULT

10 And they sent the Box of God to Ekron. And it happened as soon as the Box of God entered Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, “They have brought around to me the Box of the God of Israel to put me and my people to death!”

UST

10 So they took the sacred chest to the city of Ekron. But when the men carried the sacred chest into Ekron, the people there cried out, “Why are you bringing the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites into our city? By doing that you will cause us and the rest of our people to die!”

What did the people of Ekron say that the God of Israel would do to them because the ark was sent to their city?

They said that the God of Israel would kill them and their people.

1 Samuel 5:11

ULT

11 And they sent and gathered all the rulers of the Philistines. And they said, “Send away the Box of the God of Israel, and let it return to its place, and it will not put me and my people to death.” For there was a tumult of death in all the city. The hand of God was very heavy there.

UST

11 So the people of Ekron also summoned the Philistine kings. When they came, the people said to them, “Take this sacred chest of the god of the Israelites back to its own place! If you do not do that quickly, we will all die!” The people were terrified because they knew that God was starting to punish them severely.

To what place did the people of Ekron request the rulers to send the ark?

They requested that the ark be sent to its own place.

1 Samuel 5:12

ULT

12 And the men who did not die were struck with the tumors. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.

UST

12 Some of the people in Ekron had already died, and the rest of the people were suffering because of tumors on their skins. So they all cried out to their gods to help them.

To what place did the cry of the men of the city go?

The cry of the men of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel 6

1 Samuel 6:1

ULT

[1] And the Box of Yahweh was in the field of the Philistines seven months.

UST

[1] The people of Philistia kept God's sacred chest in their area for seven months.

For what period of time was the ark of Yahweh in the Philistine's country?
The ark was in the country of the Philistines for seven months.

1 Samuel 6:2

ULT

[2] And the Philistines called to the priests and to the ones who practice divination, saying, "What should we do for the Box of Yahweh? Make known to us with what we should send it away to its place."

UST

[2] Then they summoned their priests and their diviners. They asked them, "What should we do with the sacred chest of Yahweh? Tell us how we should send it back to its own land."

Who did the Philistines call to ask advice on how the ark of Yahweh should be sent back to its own country?
They called for the priests and the diviners to tell them how to send the ark back to its own country.

1 Samuel 6:3

ULT

[3] And they said, "If you are about to send away the Box of the God of Israel, do not send it away empty, but surely return to him a guilt offering. Then you will be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand has not turned aside from you."

UST

[3] Those men replied, "Send with it an offering to show Yahweh that you know that you are guilty for capturing the chest, in order that the plague will stop. If you do that, and then if you are healed, you will know that he is the one who caused the plague to strike you. And you will know why you have been suffering until now."

What did the priests and diviners tell the Philistine people to send as a gift to the God of Israel as a guilt offering? (vv3-4)
They told the Philistines to send five golden tumors and five golden mice.

1 Samuel 6:4

ULT

4 And they said, “What is the guilt offering that we should return to him?” And they said, “Five tumors of gold and five mice of gold, from the number of the rulers of the Philistines, for one plague was for all of them and for your rulers.

UST

4 The people of Philistia asked, “What kind of offering should we send?” The men replied, “Make five gold models of the tumors on your skin, and five gold models of rats. Make five of each because that will be the same number as the number of your kings, and because the plague has struck both you people and your five kings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:5

ULT

5 And you shall make images of your tumors and images of your mice, the ones destroying the land, and you shall give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps he will lighten his hand from on you and from on your gods and from on your land.

UST

5 Make models that represent the tumors and the rats that are ruining your land. Make them in order to honor the god of the Israelite people. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will stop punishing you, your gods, and your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:6

ULT

6 And why do you make heavy your heart, just as the Egyptians and Pharaoh made their heart heavy? When he dealt severely with them, did they not send them away and they went?

UST

6 Do not be stubborn as Pharaoh and the Egyptians were. Remember that Yahweh finally made them suffer more than they could bear, and that they finally allowed the Israelites to leave their land.

Why did the priests and diviners say God had dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh?

God had dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh because they had hardened their hearts.

1 Samuel 6:7

ULT

[7] So now, take and make one new cart with two nursing cows on which a yoke has not gone up. And tie the cows to the cart and return their sons from behind them to the house.

UST

[7] So you must build a new cart. Then get two cows that have very recently given birth to calves. They must be cows that have never been hitched to a cart. Hitch those cows to the new cart, and take the calves away from their mothers.

What animals did the priests and diviners tell the Philistines to tie to the cart on which they were to place the ark of Yahweh?

They told the Philistines to tie two nursing cows to the cart.

1 Samuel 6:8

ULT

[8] And take the Box of Yahweh and put it into the cart, and set the objects of gold that you are returning to him as a guilt offering in the box by its side. And send it away and it will go.

UST

[8] Put their god's sacred chest on the cart. Also put in the cart the five gold models of the tumors on your skin and the five gold models of rats. Put them in a small box alongside the sacred chest. They will be an offering to show that you know that you deserved to be punished for capturing the sacred chest. Then send the cows down the road, pulling the cart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:9

ULT

[9] And look; if it goes up the way of its own territory, Beth Shemesh, he has done this great evil to us. But if not, then we will know that his hand did not strike us. It happened to us by chance."

UST

[9] Watch the cart as the cows pull it. If they pull it to the town of Bethshemesh in Israel, we will know that it was their god who brought this plague on us. But if they do not take it there, we will know that it was not the god of the Israelites who has punished us. We will know that it happened by chance."

How would the Philistines know that it was Yahweh who had executed the great disaster on them?

The Philistines would know it if the cows pulling the cart went on their own to Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:10

ULT

10 And the men did thus, and they took two nursing cows, and tied them to the cart. But they shut up their sons in the house.

UST

10 So the people did what the priests and diviners told them to do. They made a cart, and hitched two cows to it. They took the calves from their mothers.

Where did the nursing cows go with the cart carrying the ark and the box containing the golden mice and castings of tumors? (vv10-12)
The cows went straight in the direction of Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:11

ULT

11 And they set the Box of Yahweh into the cart with the box and the mice of gold and the images of their tumors.

UST

11 They put in the cart Yahweh's sacred chest and the box with the models of the gold rats and the tumors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:12

ULT

12 And the cows went straight in the way, on the road of Beth Shemesh. They went in one highway, going and lowing, and they did not turn aside right or left. And the rulers of the Philistines were going after them as far as the border of Beth Shemesh.

UST

12 Then the cows started walking, and they went straight toward Bethshemesh. They stayed on the road, and were mooing all the time. They did not turn to the left or to the right. The five kings of the region of Philistia followed the cows until they reached the edge of Bethshemesh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:13

ULT

13 Now Beth Shemesh was reaping the harvest of wheat in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the Box, and they rejoiced to see it.

UST

13 At that time, the people of Bethshemesh were harvesting wheat in the valley outside the city. When the cows came along the road, they looked up and saw the sacred chest. They were extremely happy to see it.

What were the people of Beth Shemesh doing when they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark?

They were harvesting their wheat in the valley.

1 Samuel 6:14

ULT

14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Bethshemite and stood there, and a large stone was there. And they split the wood pieces of the cart, and offered up the cows as a burnt up offering to Yahweh.

UST

14-15 The cows pulled the cart into the field of a man named Joshua, and they stopped alongside a large rock. Several men from the tribe of Levi lifted from the cart the sacred chest and the box containing the gold models of the rats and the tumors, and put them all on the large rock. Then the people smashed the cart and kindled a fire with the wood from which the cart had been made. They slaughtered the cows and burned their bodies on the fire to be an offering for Yahweh that would be completely burned. That day the people of Bethshemesh offered to Yahweh many sacrifices that were completely burned, and other sacrifices.

What did the people of Beth Shemesh do with the cows that had pulled the cart?

They offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 6:15

ULT

15 And the Levites brought down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it, in which was the objects of gold, and they set them on the large stone. And the men of Beth Shemesh offered up burnt up offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to Yahweh.

UST

14-15 The cows pulled the cart into the field of a man named Joshua, and they stopped alongside a large rock. Several men from the tribe of Levi lifted from the cart the sacred chest and the box containing the gold models of the rats and the tumors, and put them all on the large rock. Then the people smashed the cart and kindled a fire with the wood from which the cart had been made. They slaughtered the cows and burned their bodies on the fire to be an offering for Yahweh that would be completely burned. That day the people of Bethshemesh offered to Yahweh many sacrifices that were completely burned, and other sacrifices.

Who took down the ark of Yahweh and the box that was with it?

The Levites took down the ark of Yahweh and the box that was with it.

1 Samuel 6:16

ULT

16 And the five rulers of the Philistines saw and returned to Ekron on that day.

UST

16 The five kings from the region of Philistia watched all this, and then they returned to Ekron, that same day.

What did the five rulers of the Philistines do when they saw what the men of Beth Shemesh had done?

They returned that day to Ekron.

1 Samuel 6:17

ULT

17 And these are the tumors of gold which the Philistines returned as a guilt offering to Yahweh: one for Ashdod, one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for Gath, one for Ekron.

UST

17 The five gold models of tumors that they sent to be an offering to Yahweh to show that they knew that they deserved to be punished were gifts from those five kings who were rulers of the cities of Ashdod, Gaza, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron.

What was the significance of the number of five golden tumors and the number of five golden mice? (vv17-18)

The number of the golden tumors and the golden mice were the same as the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five rulers.

1 Samuel 6:18

ULT

18 And the mice of gold were from the number of all the cities of the Philistines of the five rulers, from the cities of fortification and as far as the villages of the open country, and as far as the great Abel on which they rested the Box of Yahweh. It is in the field of Joshua the Bethshemite until this day.

UST

18 The models of the five gold rats were gifts from the people of those five cities and the surrounding towns. The large rock at Bethshemesh, on which the men of the tribe of Levi placed the sacred chest, is still there in the field that belonged to Joshua. When people see it, they remember what happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:19

ULT

19 And he struck among the men of Beth Shemesh because they had looked in the Box of Yahweh. And he struck 50,070 men among the people. And the people mourned because Yahweh had stricken a great blow among the people. [1]

UST

19 But some men from Bethshemesh looked into Yahweh's sacred chest, and because of that, Yahweh caused 50, 070 of them to die. Then the people mourned very much because Yahweh punished those men like that.

Why did Yahweh kill seventy of the men of Beth Shemesh?

Yahweh killed them because they had looked into his ark.

1 Samuel 6:20

ULT

20 And the men of Beth Shemesh said, “Who is able to stand before the face of Yahweh, this holy God? And to whom will he go up from on us?”

UST

20 They said, “Who can stand before Yahweh, our holy God? Where can we send away this sacred chest?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 6:21

ULT

21 And they sent messengers to those dwelling in Kiriath Jearim, saying, “The Philistines have returned the Box of Yahweh; come down and bring it up to you.”
6:19 [1] , a few later copies and modern versions have, .

UST

21 They sent messengers to the people of the city of Kiriath Jearim to tell them, “The people of Philistia have returned Yahweh’s sacred chest to us! Come here and take it to your city!”

What did the messengers ask the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim to do about the ark that the Philistines had brought back?

The messengers asked the inhabitants of Kiriath Jearim to come down and take the ark back with them.

1 Samuel 7

1 Samuel 7:1

ULT

1 And the men of Kiriath Jearim came and lifted up the Box of Yahweh, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Box of Yahweh.

UST

1 When the men of Kiriath Jearim received the message, they came to Bethshemesh and took the sacred chest of Yahweh. They took it to the house of Abinadab, which was on a hillside. They set apart Abinadab's son Eleazar to take care of the chest.

What did the men of Kiriath Jearim do to Abinadab's son Eleazar so that he could keep the ark of Yahweh?

They consecrated him to keep the ark of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:2

ULT

2 And it happened from the day of the dwelling of the Box in Kiriath Jearim, that the days were numerous, and they were 20 years. And all the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh.

UST

2 The sacred chest stayed in Kiriath Jearim for a long time. It stayed there for twenty years. During that time all the people of Israel mourned because it seemed that Yahweh had abandoned them, and they wanted to turn to him for help again.

What did all the house of Israel do during the twenty years that the ark remained in Kiriath Jearim?

They lamented during that time and wished to turn to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:3

ULT

[3] And Samuel said to all the house of Israel, saying "If you are going to return to Yahweh with all your heart, remove the gods of the foreigner and the Ashtoreths from your midst. And make firm your heart to Yahweh, and serve him alone, then he will rescue you from the hand of the Philistines."

UST

[3] Then Samuel said to all the Israelite people, "If you truly want to honor Yahweh again, you must get rid of your statues of the goddess Ashtoreth and the idols of all the other foreign gods. You must decide to serve only Yahweh. If you do that, he will rescue you from the oppression of the Philistia people."

What did the people of Israel need to remove from among them in order for Yahweh to rescue them from the hand of the Philistines? (vv3-4)
They needed to remove the foreign gods and Ashtaroth from among them and worship Yahweh only.

1 Samuel 7:4

ULT

[4] And the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtoreths. And they served Yahweh alone.

UST

[4] So the Israelites got rid of all their statues of the gods Baal and Ashtoreth, and they began to worship only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:5

ULT

[5] And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to the Mizpah. And I will pray for you to Yahweh."

UST

[5] Then Samuel told them, "All you Israelite people must gather with me at Mizpah. Then I will pray to Yahweh for you."

What did the people of Israel admit that they had done when they gathered together at Mitzpah and poured water out before Yahweh? (vv5-6)
They admitted that they had sinned against Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:6

ULT

6 And they gathered at the Mizpah, and drew water and poured it out before the face of Yahweh. And they fasted on that day and said there, “We have sinned against Yahweh.” And Samuel judged the sons of Israel in the Mizpah.

UST

6 So they gathered at Mizpah, where Samuel acted as leader for the people of Israel. They had a big ceremony there. They fetched water from a well, and poured the water on the ground while Yahweh watched. To show that they were sorry for having worshiped idols, they did not eat any food on that day, and they confessed that they had sinned against Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:7

ULT

7 And the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered at the Mizpah, and the rulers of the Philistines went up against Israel. And the sons of Israel heard, and they were afraid because of the face of the Philistines.

UST

7 When the kings of the region of Philistia heard that the Israelite people had gathered at Mizpah, they led their armies there to attack the Israelites. When the Israelites found out that the Philistine army was approaching them, they became very afraid.

What did the people of Israel hear about the Philistines that made them afraid and made them ask Samuel to call out to Yahweh for them? (vv7-8)
They heard that the rulers of the Philistines attacked Israel.

1 Samuel 7:8

ULT

8 And the sons of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not be silent from us, from crying out to Yahweh our God! And may he save us from the hand of the Philistines.”

UST

8 They told Samuel, “Pray to Yahweh to rescue us from the Philistine army, and do not stop pleading with him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:9

ULT

[9] And Samuel took one lamb of milk and he offered it up, a whole burnt up offering to Yahweh. And Samuel cried out to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh answered him.

UST

[9] So Samuel took a very young lamb and killed it and offered it to Yahweh to be a sacrifice that was completely burned on the altar. Then he prayed and pleaded that Yahweh would help the Israelites, and Yahweh did help them.

What did Yahweh do when Samuel took a nursing lamb, offered it as a whole burnt offering to Yahweh and cried out to Yahweh?
He answered Samuel.

1 Samuel 7:10

ULT

[10] (Now Samuel was offering up the burnt up offering, and the Philistines approached for the battle with Israel.) And Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines and confused them, and they were struck before the face of Israel.

UST

[10] While Samuel was burning the offering, the Philistine army came near to attack the Israelites. But Yahweh caused it to thunder very loudly. The men of the Philistine army became very frightened, and then they panicked. So the Israelites were able to drive them back completely.

What was it that Yahweh did that threw the Philistines into confusion as they drew near to attack Israel?
Yahweh thundered with a loud sound that day against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:11

ULT

[11] And the men of Israel went out from the Mizpah, and they pursued the Philistines and struck them down as far as below Beth Kar.

UST

[11] The Israelite men ran out of Mizpah and chased the Philistine soldiers almost to the town of Beth Kar. They killed many Philistine soldiers who were trying to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:12

ULT

12 And Samuel took one stone and set it between the Mizpah and the Shen. And he called its name Ebenezer, and he said, “As far as here Yahweh has helped us.”

UST

12 After that happened, Samuel took a large stone and set it up between the towns of Mizpah and Shen. He named the stone “Ebenezer,” which means “stone of help,” because he said “Yahweh has helped us until the present time.”

What did Samuel set up between Mizpah and Shen as a remembrance that Yahweh had helped them?

Samuel took a stone and set it up.

1 Samuel 7:13

ULT

13 And the Philistines were subdued and did not do again to enter the border of Israel. And the hand of Yahweh was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

UST

13 So the Philistine people were defeated, and for a long time they did not enter the Israelite land to attack them again. During the time that Samuel was alive, Yahweh powerfully protected the Israelite people from being attacked by the Philistine army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:14

ULT

14 And the cities that the Philistines had taken from with Israel were returned to Israel, from Ekron and as far as Gath. And Israel rescued their territory from the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

UST

14 The Israelite army was able to capture again the Israelite towns between Ekron and Gath that the Philistine army had captured before. The Israelites were also able to take again the other areas around those cities that the Philistine army had taken from the Israelites previously. And there was peace between the Israelites and the Amor people group.

What happened to the towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel?

They were restored to Israel.

1 Samuel 7:15

ULT
15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

UST
15 Samuel continued to be the leader of the Israelite people until he died.

What did Samuel do as he went on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah and back to Raman? (vv15-17)
Samuel decided disputes for Israel in all these places.

1 Samuel 7:16

ULT
16 And he went as often as year by year and went around Bethel, and the Gilgal, and the Mizpah. And he judged Israel, all these places.

UST
16 Every year he traveled among the cities of Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah. In those cities he listened to disputes between people and made decisions about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 7:17

ULT
17 And his returning place was the Ramah, because his house was there; and there he judged Israel. And he built an altar there to Yahweh.

UST
17 After he made decisions in each of those cities, he returned to his home at Ramah, and he would listen to people's disputes there, also, and make decisions about them. He built an altar at Ramah to offer sacrifices to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8

1 Samuel 8:1

ULT

[1] And it happened when Samuel was old, that he appointed his sons judges of Israel.

UST

[1] When Samuel became old, he appointed his two sons, Joel and Abijah, to lead the people of Israel.

In what ways did the two sons of Samuel, who were judges, not walk in the ways of their father? (vv1-3)
They chased after dishonest gain, taking bribes and perverting justice.

1 Samuel 8:2

ULT

[2] And the name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah. They were judges in Beersheba.

UST

[2] They judged people's disputes in the town of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:3

ULT

[3] But his sons did not walk in his ways, and they reached out after dishonest gain. And they took a bribe and perverted justice.

UST

[3] But they were not like their father. They wanted only to get a lot of money. They accepted bribes, and they did not make honest decisions about people's disputes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:4

ULT

4 And all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at the Ramah.

UST

4 Finally, the Israelite leaders met in the town of Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel.

What the request did the elders of Israel make of Samuel? (vv4-5)

They asked Samuel to appoint for them a king to judge them like all the nations, since he was old and his sons did not walk in his ways.

1 Samuel 8:5

ULT

5 And they said to him, “Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

UST

5 They said to him, “Listen! You are now old, and your sons are not like you. Appoint a king to rule over us, like the kings that other countries have!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:6

ULT

6 And the matter was evil in the eyes of Samuel when they said, “Give to us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

UST

6 Samuel was very unhappy with them for requesting that, so he prayed to Yahweh about it.

What did Samuel do when he was displeased by the request from the elders of Israel to give them a king?

Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 8:7

ULT

[7] And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people according to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them.

UST

[7] Yahweh replied, “Do what they have requested you to do. But do not think that you are the one whom they are really rejecting. I have been their king, and I am the one they are really rejecting.

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to obey the voice of the people in everything they would say to him?

Yahweh told Samuel to obey their voice because they were not rejecting Samuel, but they were rejected Yahweh from being king over them.

1 Samuel 8:8

ULT

[8] Like all the deeds that they have done from the day I brought them up from Egypt and until this day, they have forsaken me and served other gods. So they are doing also to you.

UST

[8] Ever since I brought them out of Egypt, they have rejected me, and they have worshiped other gods. And now they are also rejecting you in the same way.

What was the warning which Yahweh told Samuel to give to the people of Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh told Samuel to solemnly warn the people of Israel about the way in which the king would rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:9

ULT

[9] And now, listen to their voice. However, solemnly warn them and tell them the custom of the king who will rule over them.”

UST

[9] Do what they are asking you to do. But warn them about how their kings will act toward them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:10

ULT

[10] And Samuel said all the words of Yahweh to the people who were requesting a king from him.

UST

[10] So Samuel told those people what Yahweh had said.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about the way in which the king would take their sons from them? (vv10-12)

Samuel warned the people that the king would take their sons to be horsemen and soldiers, make them plow the ground and reap the harvest, and use others to make weapons and implements of war.

1 Samuel 8:11

ULT

[11] And he said, “This will be the custom of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen, and they will run before the face of his chariot;

UST

[11] He said, “If a king rules over you, this is what he will do to you: He will force many of your sons to join the army. He will make some of them run in front of the chariots to clear things out of the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:12

ULT

[12] and appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and to plow his plowing, and to harvest his harvest, and to make the implements of his warfare and the implements of his chariot.

UST

[12] Some of them will be commanders of his soldiers, but others will work for him like slaves. He will force some of them to plow his fields and then later harvest his crops. He will force others to make his weapons and equipment for his chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:13

ULT
13 And he will take your daughters for perfumers and for cooks and for bakers.

UST
13 The king will take some of your daughters from you and force them to make perfumes for him and cook food for him and bake bread for him.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about what the king would do with their daughters? (vv13-15)
Samuel warned them that the king would take their daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

1 Samuel 8:14

ULT
14 And your fields and your vineyards and your olive orchards, the good ones, he will take and give to his servants.

UST
14 He will take your best fields and vineyards and olive tree groves, and give them to his own officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:15

ULT
15 And he will take a tenth of your seeds and your vineyards, and give to his officials and to his servants.

UST
15 He will take a tenth of your harvests and distribute it among the officers and servants who work in his palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:16

ULT

16 And your male servants and your female servants and your young men, the good ones, and your donkeys he will take and make for his work.

UST

16 He will take from you your male and female servants, your best cattle and donkeys, and force them to work for him.

What was the warning which Samuel gave to the people of Israel about what the king would do with their servants, young men, and animals? (vv16-17)

Samuel warned them that the king would take their servants, the best of their young men and donkeys, a tenth of their flocks, and make them slaves.

1 Samuel 8:17

ULT

17 He will take a tenth of your flock. And you yourselves will be for him for servants.

UST

17 He will take one tenth of your sheep and goats. And you will become his slaves!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:18

ULT

18 And on that day you will cry out from before the face of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves. But Yahweh will not answer you on that day.”

UST

18 When that time comes, you will complain loudly to the king, the king that you yourselves have chosen, but Yahweh will not pay attention to you.”

What did Samuel warn the people of Israel would happen when they would cry out because of the king which they had chosen for themselves?

Samuel said that when they would cry out to Yahweh, Yahweh would not answer them.

1 Samuel 8:19

ULT

[19] And the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But a king will be over us.

UST

[19] But the people refused to pay attention to what Samuel said. They said, “We do not care about what you say! We want a king!

How did the people of Israel respond to the warnings from Samuel? (vv19-20)

The people insisted that they still wanted a king over them so they could be like the other nations and have a king to judge them and fight their battles.

1 Samuel 8:20

ULT

[20] And we also, we will be like all the nations. And our king will judge us and go out before our face and fight our battles.”

UST

[20] We want to be like the other nations. We want a king to rule us and to lead our soldiers when they go to fight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 8:21

ULT

[21] And Samuel heard all the words of the people. And he spoke them in the ears of Yahweh.

UST

[21] When Samuel told Yahweh what the people had said,

What was the response of Yahweh when Samuel repeated the words of the people into his ears? (vv21-22)

Yahweh still told Samuel to obey the voice of the people and give them a king.

1 Samuel 8:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and cause a king to reign for them.” And Samuel said to the men of Israel, “Go, a man to his city.”

UST

22 Yahweh replied, “Do what they are telling you to do. Give them a king!” So Samuel agreed, and then he sent the people home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9

1 Samuel 9:1

ULT

1 And there was a man from Benjamin and his name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a man of a Yaminite, a mighty one of strength.

UST

1 Now there was a rich and influential man, whose name was Kish. He belonged to the tribe descended from Benjamin. Kish was son of Abiel and the grandson of Zeror. He was from the family of Bekorath and from the clan of Aphiah.

What were the outstanding physical features of Saul, the son of Kish? (vv1-2)
Saul was a handsome young man who was taller from his shoulders upward than any of the other people.

1 Samuel 9:2

ULT

2 And for him was a son and his name was Saul, a young man and good. And there was no man from the sons of Israel better than him. From his shoulder and upward he was taller than all the people.

UST

2 Kish had a son whose name was Saul. He was more handsome than any of the other Israelite men, and he was a head taller than any of the other Israelite men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:3

ULT

3 Now the female donkeys of Kish, the father of Saul, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, “Take now one from the servants with you, and rise, go seek the female donkeys.”

UST

3 One day, some of Kish’s female donkeys wandered off. So Kish told Saul, “Take one of my servants with you, and go and search for the donkeys!”

What was the outcome when Kish asked his son Saul to go and look for their lost donkeys? (vv3-4)
Saul took one of the servants and passed through many places without finding the lost donkeys.

1 Samuel 9:4

ULT

4 And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. And they passed through the land of Shaalim, but there was nothing. And he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

UST

4 So Saul did that. He took a servant, and they walked through the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, and then they went through the regions of Shalishah and Shaalim, and then they went through all the region belonging to the tribe of Benjamin, but they could not find the donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:5

ULT

5 They themselves entered in the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant who was with him, “Come, let us return, lest my father cease about the female donkeys and worry about us.”

UST

5 Finally, they came to the region of Zuph. Then Saul said to the servant, “Let us go back home. If we do not do that, my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and start worrying about us.”

What did Saul tell his servant the should do when they came to the land of Zuph?

Saul told his servant that they should go back or his father would worry more about them than the donkeys.

1 Samuel 9:6

ULT

6 And he said to him, “Behold, please, a man of God is in this city, and the man is honored; all that he speaks certainly comes. Let us go there now. Perhaps he will tell us our way on which we have gone.”

UST

6 But the servant said, “I have another idea. There is one of God’s prophets who lives in this town. People respect him very much, because everything he predicts comes true. Let us go and talk to him. Perhaps he can tell us where we can go to find the donkeys.”

What different idea did the servant present to Saul?

The servant told Saul that they should seek after a man of God in the city who might be able to tell them where they should go on their journey.

1 Samuel 9:7

ULT

7 And Saul said to his servant, “Now behold, we will go, but what will we bring to the man? For the bread is gone from our vessels and there is no gift to bring to the man of God. What is with us?”

UST

7 Saul replied to the servant, “If we go to talk with him, we should give a gift to him, but what can we give to him? We have no more food in our sacks. Do we have anything else to give to him?”

What did the servant have in his possession to give to the man of God so he would tell them which way to go? (vv7-8)

The servant had with him a fourth of a shekel of silver to give to the man of God.

1 Samuel 9:8

ULT

8 And the servant added to answer Saul, and he said, “Behold, one-fourth of a shekel of silver has been found in my hand. And I will give it to the man of God and he will tell us our way.”

UST

8 The servant replied, “Look at this! I have a small piece of silver. I can give this to him, and then he will tell us where to go to find the donkeys.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:9

ULT

9 (Before in Israel, a man said thus when he went to seek God, “Come and let us go to the seer.” For the prophet today was called the seer before.)

UST

9-11 Saul said, “Very good, let us go talk to him.” So they went to the town where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the town, they met some young women who were coming out of the town to get some water from a well. One of them asked the women, “Is the seer in the town today?” They said that because previously, if people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, “Let us go to the seer,” and people who now are called prophets were at that time called seers, or “those who see visions from God.”

What did Saul and his servant inquire of the young women who were coming out to draw water? (vv9-11)

Saul and his servant asked if the seer was in the city so they could seek the knowledge of God’s will.

1 Samuel 9:10

ULT

10 And Saul said to his servant, “Your word is good. Come, let us go.” And they went to the city there where the man of God was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:11

ULT

11 They were going up on the ascent to the city, and they themselves found young women going out to draw water. And they said to them, “Is the seer in this place?”

UST

9-11 Saul said, “Very good, let us go talk to him.” So they went to the town where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the town, they met some young women who were coming out of the town to get some water from a well. One of them asked the women, “Is the seer in the town today?” They said that because previously, if people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, “Let us go to the seer,” and people who now are called prophets were at that time called seers, or “those who see visions from God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:12

ULT

12 And they answered them, and said, “There is, behold, before your face. Hurry now, for today he has come to the city, because the sacrifice of the day is for the people at the high place.

UST

12 The women replied, “Yes, he is in the town. In fact, he is walking on the road ahead of you. He arrived in the town today because the people are going to offer a sacrifice on the altar where the people gather to worship God.

Why was the seer coming to the city on that day? (vv12-13)

The seer was coming to the city on that day because the people were sacrificing at the high place and the seer would bless the sacrifice.

1 Samuel 9:13

ULT

13 As soon as you enter the city then you will find him, before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he himself will bless the sacrifice; afterwards the ones who are called will eat. So now go up, for, as for him, you will find him as soon as today."

UST

13 If you go quickly, you will have time to talk to him before he goes there. The people who have been invited will not start eating until he arrives there and blesses the sacrifice."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:14

ULT

14 And they went up to the city. They were entering in the midst of the city, and behold, Samuel was going out to meet them to go up to the high place.

UST

14 So Saul and the servant entered the town. As they went through the gates, they saw Samuel as he was coming toward them; he was on his way to where people were going to offer sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:15

ULT

15 Now Yahweh had uncovered the ear of Samuel one day before the coming of Saul, saying:

UST

15 On the previous day, Yahweh had told Samuel,

What did Yahweh reveal to Samuel about Saul's role in Israel? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Samuel that he would be anointed prince over Israel and he would save Yahweh's people from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 9:16

ULT

16 “About this time tomorrow I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be ruler over my people Israel. And he will save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, for its cry has come to me.”

UST

16 “At this time tomorrow, I will send a man to you from the land where the descendants of Benjamin live. Pour olive oil on his head to indicate that he will become the leader of my Israelite people. I have seen that my people are suffering because the Philistine people are oppressing them, and I have heard my people as they have called out to me for help. The man whom you anoint will rescue my people from the power of the Philistine people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:17

ULT

17 And Samuel saw Saul, and Yahweh answered him, “Behold, the man whom I said to you! This one will restrain my people.”

UST

17 When Samuel saw Saul, Yahweh said to him, “This is the man I told you about yesterday! He is the one who will rule my people!”

What invitation did Samuel give to Saul after he revealed that he was the seer Saul was seeking? (vv17-19)

Samuel invited Saul to go up and eat with him at the high place.

1 Samuel 9:18

ULT

18 And Saul approached Samuel in the midst of the gate. And he said, “Please tell me, where is the house of the seer?”

UST

18 Saul saw Samuel at the town gate, but he did not know that it was Samuel. He went over to him and asked him, “Can you tell me, where is the house of the man who sees visions from God?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:19

ULT

[19] And Samuel answered Saul and said, “I am the seer. Go up before my face to the high place, and you will eat with me today. And I will send you away in the morning, and I will tell you all that is in your heart.

UST

[19] Samuel replied, “I am that man. Go ahead of me with your servant to the place where the people make sacrifices. Both of you will eat with me today. Tomorrow morning I will tell you what you are wanting to know, and then I will send you home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:20

ULT

[20] As for your female donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your heart to them, for they have been found. Now for whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not for you and for all the house of your father?”

UST

[20] Also, do not worry anymore about those donkeys that wandered away three days ago. Someone has found them. But what you need to know is that it is you and your family that all the Israeli people are wanting!”

How did Samuel surprise Saul by what he told him? (vv20-21)

Even though Saul was from a clan which was the least of the tribe of Benjamin, all the desires of Israel were on him and his father’s house.

1 Samuel 9:21

ULT

[21] And Saul answered and said, “Am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my clan the least from all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Yet why have you spoken to me like this word?”

UST

[21] Saul replied, “I am from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest of all tribes! And my family is the least important family in our tribe! So why are you talking to me like this, about the Israelite people wanting me and my family?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:22

ULT

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant and brought them to the room. And he gave to them a place at the head of the ones who had been called. (Now they were about 30 men.)

UST

22 Then Samuel brought Saul and the servant into the big dining room, and told them to sit at the head of the table, indicating that he was honoring them more than he was honoring the thirty people who had been invited.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:23

ULT

23 And Samuel said to the cook, “Give the portion which I gave to you, of which I said to you, ‘Set it with you.’”

UST

23 Then Samuel told the cook, “Bring to me the special piece of meat that I told you to set aside.”

What did Samuel tell Saul about the thigh that had been raised in sacrifice? (vv23-24)

He told Saul that it had been kept until the appointed time for him.

1 Samuel 9:24

ULT

24 And the cook lifted the thigh and what was on it and set it before the face of Saul. And he said, “Behold, what has been left over is set before your face. Eat, because it has been kept for you for the appointed time, saying, ‘I have called the people.’” And Saul ate with Samuel on that day.

UST

24 So the cook brought the leg and the meat that was on it; he set it in front of Saul. Samuel said to Saul, “Start eating it. I told the cook to save this for you, so that you could eat it at this time, when all these people whom I invited are here.” So Saul and Samuel ate together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:25

ULT
25 And they came down from the high place to the city. And he spoke with Saul on the roof.

UST
25 After they finished eating, they returned to the town. Then Samuel took Saul up to the flat roof of his house, and talked with him there.

What did Samuel say to Saul after they had come down from the high place into the city? (vv25-26)
Samuel told Saul to get up so he could send him on his way.

1 Samuel 9:26

ULT
26 And they rose early. And it happened as soon as the dawn went up that Samuel called to Saul on the roof, saying, “Get up and I will send you away.” And Saul got up, and the two of them went out, he and Samuel, to the outside.

UST
26 As the sun was rising the next morning, Samuel called up to Saul, “Get up! It is time for me to send you on the road back home.” So Saul got up, and later Samuel and Saul left the house together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 9:27

ULT
27 They were going down to the end of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, “Speak to the servant so he may pass on before our face,”and he passed on. “But you stand now, and I will cause you to hear the word of God.”

UST
27 When they got to the edge of the town, Samuel told Saul to send his servant ahead. After the servant left, Samuel said to Saul, “Stay here for a few minutes, in order that I can give you a message I received from God.”

Why did Samuel tell Saul he must stay on the outskirts of the city for awhile?
Samuel told Saul to stay so Samuel could announce the message of God to him.

1 Samuel 10

1 Samuel 10:1

ULT

1 And Samuel took a flask of oil, and poured it on his head, and kissed him. And he said, “Is it not Yahweh who has anointed you to be ruler over his inheritance?

UST

1 Then Samuel took a small jar of olive oil and poured some of it on Saul’s head. Then he kissed Saul on the cheek, and told him, “I am doing this because Yahweh has chosen you to be the leader of his Israelite people.

Why did Samuel pour a flask of oil on Saul’s head and kiss him?

He poured oil on Saul’s head because Yahweh had anointed him to be a ruler over his inheritance.

1 Samuel 10:2

ULT

2 When you go today from with me, then you will find two men near the tomb of Rachel in the territory of Benjamin in Zelzah. And they will say to you, ‘The female donkeys that you went to seek have been found. And behold, your father has stopped the matter of the female donkeys and is worried about you, saying, “What should I do about my son?”’

UST

2 When you leave me today, and when you arrive near Rachel’s tomb at Zelzah, in the region of the tribe of Benjamin, you will meet two men. They will say to you, ‘The donkeys have been found, but now your father is worrying about you, and he is asking people if they have seen you.’

What future event did Samuel share with Saul?

Samuel told Saul that he would find two men near Rachel’s tomb who would tell him that the donkeys had been found.

1 Samuel 10:3

ULT

[3] And you will go on from there and further, and you will come as far as the oak of Tabor. And you will find three men there going up to God at Bethel, one carrying three young goats, and one carrying three round loaves of bread, and one carrying a skin of wine.

UST

[3] When you arrive at the large oak tree at the town of Tabor, you will see three men coming toward you. They will be on their way to worship God at Bethel. One of them will be leading three young goats, one will be carrying three loaves of bread, and one will be carrying a container of wine.

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he would come to the oak of Tabor? (vv3-4)

Three men would meet him carrying three young goats, three loaves of bread, and a skin of wine and they would give him two loaves of bread, which he should take.

1 Samuel 10:4

ULT

[4] And they will ask about you with respect to well-being and give to you two bread loaves, and you will take from their hand.

UST

[4] They will greet you, and they will offer you two of the loaves of bread. Accept them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:5

ULT

[5] Afterward you will come to the hill of God, there where the garrisons of the Philistines are. And it will happen as soon as you come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets going down from the high place. And before their face will be a harp and a tambourine and a flute and a lyre. And they will be prophesying.

UST

[5] When you arrive at the hill where people worship God near the town of Gibeah, where there is a camp where the Philistine soldiers stay, you will meet a group of prophets who will be coming down from the altar on top of the hill. There will be people in front of them who will be playing various musical instruments: A harp, a tambourine, a flute, and a lyre. And all of them will be shouting out messages from God.

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to the garrison of the Philistines? (vv5-6)

The spirit of Yahweh would rush upon him so that he would be changed into a different man and he would prophesy with a group of prophets from the city.

1 Samuel 10:6

ULT

[6] And the spirit of Yahweh will rush on you, and you will prophesy with them. And you will be changed into another man.

UST

[6] At that time the Spirit of Yahweh will come upon you, and you also will shout out in the same way. You will be changed, so that you will become like a different person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:7

ULT

[7] And it will happen that when these signs come to you, do for yourself what your hand finds, for God is with you.

UST

[7] After those things occur, do whatever you think is right to do, because God is with you.

What instructions did Samuel give to Saul? (vv7-8)

Samuel told Saul to go down to Gilgal and Samuel would come to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings.

1 Samuel 10:8

ULT

[8] And go down before my face to the Gilgal. And behold, I will come down to you to offer up burnt up offerings, to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. Wait seven days until my coming to you and I will make known to you what you shall do."

UST

[8] Then go ahead of me, down to the city of Gilgal, and wait for me for seven days. Then I will join you there to burn sacrifices and offer other sacrifices to enable you to continue to have fellowship with God. When I arrive there, I will tell you what other things you should do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:9

ULT

[9] And it happened as soon as he turned his shoulder to go from with Samuel, that God turned for him another heart. And all these signs came on that day.

UST

[9] As Saul started to leave there, God changed Saul's inner being. And all the things that Samuel had predicted happened on that day.

What happened when Saul turned his back to leave Samuel?

When Saul turned to leave, God gave him another heart.

1 Samuel 10:10

ULT

[10] And they came there to the hill, and behold, a group of prophets met him. And the spirit of God rushed on him and he prophesied in their midst.

UST

[10] When Saul and his servant arrived at Gibeah, they saw some prophets who were speaking messages that came directly from God. As the prophets were approaching Saul and his servant, God's Spirit came upon Saul powerfully, and he also began to shout out messages from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:11

ULT

[11] And it happened that every one who knew him from yesterday and three days ago saw, and behold, he prophesied with the prophets! And the people said, a man to his neighbor, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

UST

[11] When people who had known Saul previously heard him doing what the prophets were doing, they said to each other, "What has happened to this son of Kish? Is he now really one of the prophets?"

Why did people wonder if Saul was one of the prophets? (vv11-13)

The people wondered if he was now one of the prophets because they saw him prophesying with one of the prophets.

1 Samuel 10:12

ULT

12 And a man from there answered and said, “And who is their father?” Therefore, it became a proverb, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

UST

12 One of the men who lived there replied, “It does not matter who the parents of these other prophets are. What matters is that, amazingly, Saul is speaking messages from God.” And that is why, when people are very skeptical about some report, they think about what happened to Saul and say, “Is Saul really one of the prophets?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:13

ULT

13 And he finished from prophesying, and he came to the high place.

UST

13 When Saul finished speaking the messages that God gave him, he went to the place where the people offered sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:14

ULT

14 And the uncle of Saul said to him and to his servant, “Where did you go?” And he said, “To seek the female donkeys. And we saw that there was nothing, and we went to Samuel.”

UST

14 Later, Saul’s uncle saw him there, and asked him, “Where did you go?” Saul replied, “We went to look for the donkeys. When we could not find them, we came here to ask Samuel if he could tell us where they were.”

What did Saul tell his uncle when he was asked where he had gone?

Saul told his uncle that when he and his servant could not find the donkeys, they went to see Samuel.

1 Samuel 10:15

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15 And the uncle of Saul said, “Please tell me what Samuel said to you.”

UST
15 Saul’s uncle replied, “What did Samuel tell you?”

What did Saul not tell his uncle about what Samuel said to him? (vv15-16)
Samuel did not tell his uncle about the matter of the kingdom.

1 Samuel 10:16

ULT
16 And Saul said to his uncle, “He told us indeed that the female donkeys had been found.” But he did not tell him the word of the kingship, which Samuel had said.

UST
16 Saul replied, “He assured us that someone had found the donkeys.” But he did not tell his uncle what Samuel had said about him becoming the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:17

ULT
17 And Samuel called together the people to Yahweh at the Mizpah.

UST
17 Later Samuel summoned the people of Israel to gather at Mizpah to hear a message from Yahweh.

Why did Yahweh say that Israel had rejected him? (vv17-19)
Israel had rejected Yahweh because they had demanded that he set a king over them.

1 Samuel 10:18

ULT

18 And he said to the sons of Israel, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘I myself brought up Israel from Egypt. And I rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’

UST

18 After they arrived, he said to them, “This is what Yahweh, the God we Israelite people worship, says: ‘I brought you Israelite people out of Egypt. I rescued your ancestors from the power of the rulers of Egypt and from all the other kings who oppressed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:19

ULT

19 But you today have rejected your God, him who saves you from all your calamities and your distresses. And you have said to him, ‘Rather set a king over us.’ And now station yourselves before the face of Yahweh according to your tribes and according to your thousands.”

UST

19 I am the one who saves you from all your troubles and difficulties. But you have shown that you do not want to worship me. Instead, you have asked me to select a man to rule you as king. So now, your tribal and clan leaders must gather in my presence.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:20

ULT

20 And Samuel brought near all the tribes of Israel. And the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

UST

20 When those representatives came near to Samuel, God indicated that he had chosen someone from the tribe descended from Benjamin.

What happened when Saul was chosen as the next king? (vv20-21)

They looked for Saul, but he could not be found.

1 Samuel 10:21

ULT

21 And he brought near the tribe of Benjamin according to its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken and they sought him, but he was not found.

UST

21 Then Samuel told representatives of the tribe of Benjamin to come forward, and God indicated that from that tribe he had chosen someone from the family of Matri, and then God indicated that from the family of Matri he had chosen Saul son of Kish. But when they looked for Saul, they could not find him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:22

ULT

22 And they asked of Yahweh again, “Has a man come here yet?” And Yahweh said, “Behold, he has hidden himself with the things.”

UST

22 So they asked Yahweh, “Has someone else been chosen, perhaps?” Yahweh replied, “The man is hiding among the army equipment.”

Why couldn’t they find Saul when he was chosen as the next king?

Saul had hidden himself among the baggage.

1 Samuel 10:23

ULT

23 And they ran and took him from there. And he stationed himself in the midst of the people. And he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

UST

23 So they quickly went there and found Saul, and brought him in front of all the people. They could see that truly he was a head taller than anyone else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:24

ULT

24 And Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see him whom Yahweh has chosen? Indeed there is no one like him among all the people!” And all the people saw and said, “May the king live!”

UST

24 Then Samuel said to all the people there, “This is the king whom Yahweh has chosen for you. Truly, there is no one else like him in all Israel!” All the people shouted, “May this king live a long time!”

How did Samuel feel about the man whom Yahweh had chosen?

Samuel said that there was no one like Saul among all the people.

1 Samuel 10:25

ULT

25 And Samuel spoke to the people the ordinance of the kingship, and he wrote it in the book, and rested it before the face of Yahweh. And Samuel sent away all the people, a man to his house.

UST

25 Then Samuel told the people what things that the king would force them to do, and all the things the king was required to do. He wrote all those things in a scroll, and then he put it in a sacred place in the temple. Then Samuel sent all the people home.

How were the customs and rules of kingship established and preserved?

Samuel told the people the customs and rules of kingship, wrote them down in a book, and placed it before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 10:26

ULT

26 And Saul also went to his house at Gibeah. And with him went the mighty whose hearts God had touched.

UST

26 When Saul returned to his home in the town of Gibeah, a group of courageous men decided to continually accompany Saul. They did that because God motivated them to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 10:27

ULT

27 But the sons of worthlessness said, “How can this one save us?” And they despised him and did not bring to him a gift. But he was like one being silent.

UST

27 But some worthless men said, “How can this man save us from our enemies?” They despised him and refused to give him any gifts to show that they would be loyal to him. But Saul did not say anything to rebuke them.

How did some worthless men show their dislike for Saul?

Some worthless men despised Saul by not bringing him any gifts and questioning how he could save them.

1 Samuel 11

1 Samuel 11:1

ULT

[1] And Nahash the Ammonite went up and camped against Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Cut a covenant for us, and we will serve you.”

UST

[1] About a month later, King Nahash of Ammon led his army across the Jordan River, and they surrounded the city of Jabesh in the region of Gilead. But all the men of Jabesh appointed someone who said to Nahash, “Make an agreement with us not to kill us, and then we will let you rule us.”

What was the response of Nahash the Ammonite to the request for a treaty from the men of Jabesh? (vv1-2)

He said he would make a treaty with them if he could bring disgrace on all Israel by gouging out all their right eyes.

1 Samuel 11:2

ULT

[2] And Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “By this will I cut for you, by gouging out for you every right eye. And I will set it as a disgrace against all Israel.”

UST

[2] Nahash replied, “I will do that if you do one thing. Allow us to gouge out all the right eyes of your people. By doing that we will cause the people in other countries to despise all you Israelite people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:3

ULT

[3] And the elders of Jabesh said to him, “Leave us alone seven days, so that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. And if there is no one to save us, then we will go out to you.”

UST

[3] The leaders of Jabesh replied, “Do not attack us for the next seven days. During that time, we will send messengers throughout Israel to tell them what you are demanding. If no one will help us, then we will surrender to you.”

How did the elders of Jabesh respond to Nahash’s proposal?

They asked to be left alone for seven days to see if there was anyone in all the territory of Israel who would save them.

1 Samuel 11:4

ULT

4 And the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, and they spoke the words in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voice and wept.

UST

4 So the leaders of Jabesh sent messengers throughout Israel. When the messengers came to Gibeah, which was the city where Saul lived, and they told the people there about the situation, everyone started to cry.

Why did Saul wonder what was wrong with the people in his town of Gibeah? (vv4-5)
Saul heard them crying after they had heard what might happen to the town of Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:5

ULT

5 And behold, Saul was coming behind the cattle from the field. And Saul said, “What is for the people that they are weeping?” And they recounted to him the words of the men of Jabesh.

UST

5 At that time, Saul was plowing in the field. When he returned home, he asked, “Why are all the people crying?” So they told him what the messengers from Jabesh had reported.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:6

ULT

6 And the Spirit of God rushed on Saul when he heard these words. And his nose burned exceedingly.

UST

6 Then God’s Spirit came powerfully upon Saul, and he became very angry because of what Nahash wanted to do.

How did Saul respond to the threat against Jabesh? (vv6-8)
He became very angry and rallied all the men of Israel to follow him and fight against the enemies of Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:7

ULT

[7] And he took a pair of cattle, and cut it into pieces, and sent away through all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, “Whoever is not coming out behind Saul and behind Samuel, thus will be done to his cattle.” And the dread of Yahweh fell on the people, and they went out as one man.

UST

[7] He took two of his oxen and killed them and cut them into pieces. Then he sent messengers carrying those pieces throughout Israel to tell people this message: “Saul says that he cut this ox in pieces, and that he will do the same thing to the oxen of anyone who refuses to come with him and Samuel to fight the army from Ammon!” Then Yahweh caused all the people of Israel to be afraid of what Saul might do to them if they did not go and help Saul. So the men all gathered together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:8

ULT

[8] And he mustered them at Bezek. And the sons of Israel were 300,000, and the men of Judah were 30,000.

UST

[8] When Saul counted them at Bezek, he saw that there were 300, 000 Israelite men there, as well as thirty thousand men from the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:9

ULT

[9] And they said to the messengers who had come, “Thus you will say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, ‘Tomorrow deliverance will be for you, at the heat of the sun.’” And the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced.

UST

[9] So Saul sent messengers back to the people at Jabesh to tell them, “We will rescue you by the time the weather is hot tomorrow morning.” The messengers went and told the people of Jabesh, who became very happy when they heard the news.

What did the messengers tell the men of Jabesh?

They told the men of Jabesh that they would be rescued on the next day by the time the sun was hot.

1 Samuel 11:10

ULT

[10] And the men of Jabesh said, “Tomorrow we will go out to you. And you may do to us according to all the good in your eyes.”

UST

[10] Then the men of Jabesh told Nahash, “Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and then you can do to us whatever you want to.”

What did the men of Jabesh say to deceive Nahash?

They told Nahash that they would surrender to him the next day and he could do to them whatever he wanted.

1 Samuel 11:11

ULT

[11] And it happened from the next day that Saul set the people in three heads. And they came into the midst of the camp at the watch of the morning, and they struck down Ammon until the heat of the day. And it happened that the remaining ones were scattered, and two among them did not remain together.

UST

[11] But before the sun rose the next morning, Saul and his army arrived. He divided them into three groups. They rushed into the camp of the soldiers from Ammon, and attacked them. By noontime they had killed most of them, and those who were not killed scattered. Each of them who ran away ran away alone.

What was the outcome of the battle between the people of Israel and Nahash the Ammonite?

The people of Israel attacked and defeated the Ammonites and those who survived were scattered.

1 Samuel 11:12

ULT

[12] And the people said to Samuel, “Who are those who said, ‘Will Saul reign over us?’ Give the men, and we will put them to death.”

UST

[12] Then the people of Jabesh said to Samuel, “Where are those men who said that they did not want Saul to be our king? Bring them here, and we will kill them!”

Why did Saul say that none of his opposition would be put to death? (vv12-13)

Saul said no one would be put to death because Yahweh had rescued Israel.

1 Samuel 11:13

ULT
13 And Saul said, “A man shall not be put to death on this day. For today Yahweh has done a deliverance in Israel.”

UST
13 But Saul replied, “No, we are not going to execute anyone today, because this is the day that Yahweh has saved us Israelite people. It is a day to rejoice, not to kill anyone.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 11:14

ULT
14 And Samuel said to the people, “Come, and let us go to the Gilgal. And let us renew the kingship there.”

UST
14 Then Samuel said to the people, “Let us all go to Gilgal, and there we will again proclaim that Saul is our king.”

Why did Samuel, Saul and all the people of Israel go to Gilgal? (vv14-15)
They went to Gilgal to sacrifice peace offerings and to renew the monarchy by making Saul king before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 11:15

ULT
15 And all the people went to the Gilgal and caused Saul to reign there before the face of Yahweh in the Gilgal. And there they sacrificed sacrifices, peace offerings, before the face of Yahweh. And there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced up to abundance.

UST
15 So they went to Gilgal. There, knowing that Yahweh was watching, they proclaimed that Saul was their king. Then they offered sacrifices to enable them to continue to have fellowship with Yahweh. And Saul and all the other Israelite people were very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel 12:1

ULT

1 And Samuel said to all Israel, “Behold, I have listened to your voice, according to all that you said to me. And I have caused a king to reign over you.

UST

1 Then Samuel said this to all the Israelite people: “I have done everything that you told me to do, and I have given you a king to rule the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:2

ULT

2 And now, behold the king is walking about before your face. And as for me, I am old and gray; and my sons, behold they are with you. And I myself have walked about before your face from my youth until this day.

UST

2 My own sons are grown up and with you now, but I have appointed Saul instead of one of them, and he is now your leader. I am now old, and my hair is gray. I have been your leader ever since I was a boy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:3

ULT

3 Here I am! Testify against me in front of Yahweh and in front of his anointed one. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed or from whose hand have I taken a bribe so that I hid my eyes with it? And I will restore to you.”

UST

3 Now tell me, while Yahweh is listening, and while the king whom he has chosen is listening, whose ox or donkey have I stolen during all those years? Whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed badly? From whom have I accepted a bribe, in order that I would ignore the evil things he had done? If I have done any of these things, tell me, and I will pay back what I owe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:4

ULT

4 And they said, “You have not defrauded us, and have not oppressed us, and have not taken anything from the hand of a man.”

UST

4 They replied, “No, you have never cheated anyone or oppressed anyone or accepted a bribe from anyone.”

Had Samuel every done anything evil against the people of Israel? (vv4-5)

The people of Israel told Samuel he had not cheated or oppressed them or stolen anything from them.

1 Samuel 12:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, “Yahweh is a witness against you, and his anointed one is a witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” And he said,“Witness.”

UST

5 Then Samuel said, “Today Yahweh can testify, and the king whom you chose can testify, that I have not taken a bribe from anyone.” They replied, “Yes, Yahweh can say that he knows that is true.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:6

ULT

6 And Samuel said to the people, “It is Yahweh who made Moses and Aaron, and who brought up your fathers from the land of Egypt.

UST

6 Samuel continued by saying, “Yahweh is the one who appointed Moses and Aaron to lead our ancestors. He is the one who brought them out of Egypt. And he is the one who will testify that what I am saying is true.

Why did Samuel tell the people of Israel to present themselves before Yahweh? (vv6-7)

He told the people of Israel to present themselves so he could remind them of all the righteous deeds of Yahweh in the past.

1 Samuel 12:7

ULT

[7] And now, station yourselves so that I may be judged with you before the face of Yahweh with all the righteous deeds of Yahweh, which he did with you and with your fathers.

UST

[7] Now while Yahweh is listening, stand here quietly while I accuse you and tell you that your requesting a king instead of trusting Yahweh to lead you was wrong. I will do that by reminding you of all the great miracles that Yahweh performed for you and your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:8

ULT

[8] When Jacob came to Egypt, and your fathers cried out to Yahweh, then Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron, and they brought out your fathers from Egypt and they caused them to dwell in this place.

UST

[8] Many years after our ancestor Jacob went to Egypt, his descendants pleaded to Yahweh to help them. So Yahweh sent Moses and Aaron to them, and they led our ancestors out of Egypt, and eventually they settled in this land.

What did God do to the ancestors of the people of Israel after they forgot Yahweh their God after Moses and Aaron brought them up out of Egypt? (vv8-9)
Yahweh sold them into the hand of Sisera, into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab.

1 Samuel 12:9

ULT

[9] And they forgot Yahweh their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, the commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them.

UST

[9] But our ancestors soon forgot about Yahweh, their God. So he allowed Sisera, the commander of the army from Hazor, to defeat them. He also allowed the Philistines and the army of the king of Moab to fight our ancestors and defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:10

ULT

10 And they cried out to Yahweh and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken Yahweh and have served the Baals and the Ashtoreths. And now rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.’

UST

10 Then our ancestors pleaded with Yahweh again to help them. They admitted, ‘Yahweh, we have sinned, and we have forsaken you. We have worshiped idols that represent the god Baal and the goddess Ashtoreth. But if you rescue us from our enemies, we will worship you only.’

What did Yahweh do after Israel’s ancestors cried out to Yahweh and asked him to rescue them from the hand of their enemies? (vv10-11)

Yahweh sent Jerub Baal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel to rescue them from their enemies.

1 Samuel 12:11

ULT

11 And Yahweh sent Jerub Baal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel. And he rescued you from the hand of your enemies from all around you, and you dwelled securely.

UST

11 So Yahweh sent men such as Gideon, Barak, Jephthah, and me to save you. And as a result, you did not have to worry about any enemies attacking you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:12

ULT

12 And you saw that Nahash the king of the sons of Ammon came against you, and you said to me, ‘No! Rather a king will reign over us.’ But Yahweh your God was your king.

UST

12 But now, when King Nahash of Ammon came with his army to attack you, you were afraid. So you came to me, and said, ‘We want a king to rule us,’ even though Yahweh was already your king!

What truth did Samuel want the people of Israel to remember? (vv12-13)

Samuel reminded the people of Israel that they had wanted a king to reign over them.

1 Samuel 12:13

ULT

13 And now, behold the king whom you have chosen, whom you have requested! And behold, Yahweh has given a king over you!

UST

13 So now, look, here is the king whom you have chosen. You asked for a king, and Yahweh has now appointed a king for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:14

ULT

14 If you fear Yahweh and serve him and listen to his voice and do not rebel against the mouth of Yahweh, then both you and the king who reigns over you will be after Yahweh your God.

UST

14 If you honor Yahweh and if you serve him, and if you listen to what he says and obey what he commands, and if you and the king who rules over you do what Yahweh your God wants you to do, things will go well for you all.

What choice did Samuel bring before the people of Israel? (vv14-15)

They could obey the command of Yahweh and be followers of Yahweh, or they could rebel against Yahweh's commands and experience his hand against them.

1 Samuel 12:15

ULT

15 But if you do not listen to the voice of Yahweh, and you rebel against the mouth of Yahweh, then the hand of Yahweh will be against you and against your fathers.

UST

15 But if you do not listen to what Yahweh says, if you disobey what he commands, then he will punish you, just as he punished our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:16

ULT

16 Even now station yourselves and see this great thing that Yahweh is about to do before your eyes.

UST

16 Now stand here quietly and see the great thing that Yahweh is about to do.

What challenge did Samuel lay before the people of Israel?

Samuel challenged the people to present themselves before Yahweh and see the great thing he would do before their eyes.

1 Samuel 12:17

ULT

17 Is it not the harvest of wheat today? I will call to Yahweh, and he will give thunder and rain. And know and see that your evil is great, which you have done in the eyes of Yahweh, by requesting a king for yourselves."

UST

17 You know that it does not rain at this time of the year, during the time when you harvest wheat. But I will ask Yahweh to send thunder and lightning and rain today. When he does that, you will realize that Yahweh considers that you have done a very wicked thing by requesting a king."

What did Samuel ask Yahweh to send so that the people of Israel would know the extent of their wickedness? (vv17-18)

He asked Yahweh to send thunder and rain.

1 Samuel 12:18

ULT

18 And Samuel called to Yahweh, and Yahweh gave thunder and rain on that day. And all the people greatly feared Yahweh and Samuel.

UST

18 Then Samuel prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused it to thunder and lightning and rain. So all the people became very afraid of Yahweh and of Samuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:19

ULT

[19] And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to Yahweh your God, so that we may not die. For we have added evil onto all our sins by requesting a king for ourselves.”

UST

[19] They cried out to Samuel, “Pray for us! We have added to our previous sins by requesting a king! Pray to Yahweh, your God, in order that we will not die because of having done that!”

How did Samuel respond when the people of Israel realized the serious nature of their sin? (vv19-20)

Samuel told the people to not be afraid, but to serve Yahweh with all their heart.

1 Samuel 12:20

ULT

[20] And Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear. You yourselves have done all this evil. Only do not turn aside from after Yahweh, but serve Yahweh with all your heart.

UST

[20] Samuel replied, “Do not be afraid! You have done this evil thing, but do not stop doing the things that Yahweh wants you to do. Instead, serve Yahweh with your whole inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:21

ULT

[21] And do not turn aside! For it is after the empty thing that does not profit and does not rescue, because they are emptiness.

UST

[21] Do not abandon Yahweh and worship useless idols. They cannot help you or save you from your enemies, because they are truly useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 12:22

ULT

[22] For Yahweh will not leave his people, for the sake of his great name. For Yahweh was pleased to make you into a people for himself.

UST

[22] Yahweh decided to make us his people. So he will not abandon us people whom he has chosen, because he would injure his own reputation of being completely faithful if he did that.

What message of comfort did Samuel give to the people of Israel?

Samuel comforted the people of Israel by telling them that Yahweh would not reject them.

1 Samuel 12:23

ULT

[23] Also me, far be it for me from sinning against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you. And I will instruct you in the good and straight way.

UST

[23] But as for me, I have solemnly promised that I will not sin against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you. And I will continue to teach you what things are good and right for you to do.

What did Samuel decide to do for Israel?

He decided teach the people the way that was good and right, and not to cease to pray for them.

1 Samuel 12:24

ULT

[24] Only fear Yahweh and serve him in faithfulness with all your heart. Indeed, see what he has made great with you!

UST

[24] But you must honor Yahweh and serve him with your whole inner being. Never forget all the great things that he has done for you.

What challenge did Samuel give to the people of Israel?

Samuel told them to consider the great things Yahweh had done for them so they would fear him and serve him in truth with all their heart.

1 Samuel 12:25

ULT

25 But if you continually do evil, both you and your king will be carried away.”

UST

25 If you keep doing wicked things, he will get rid of you and your king!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13

1 Samuel 13:1

ULT
1 Saul was a son of a year when he reigned. And he reigned over Israel two years. [1]

UST
1 Saul was thirty years old when he began to reign. He ruled for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:2

ULT
2 And Saul chose for himself 3,000 from Israel. And 2,000 were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and 1,000 were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And the rest of the people he sent away, a man to his tent.

UST
2 Some years after he became king, he chose three thousand men from the Israelite army to go with him to fight the Philistines. Then he sent the other soldiers back home. Of the men he chose, two thousand stayed with Saul at Micmash and in the hill country near Bethel, and a thousand stayed with Saul's son Jonathan at Gibeah, in the area of the tribe of Benjamin.

What did Saul do with the soldiers he did not choose to be with him?
Saul sent the rest of the soldiers home to their own tents.

1 Samuel 13:3

ULT
3 And Jonathan struck down the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba and the Philistines heard. And Saul blew with the horn in all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!"

UST
3 Jonathan and the men who were with him attacked the Philistine soldiers who were camped at Geba. The other Philistines heard about that. So Saul realized that the army of Philistia would probably come to fight the Israelites again. So Saul sent messengers to blow trumpets throughout Israel to gather the people together and proclaim to them, "All you Hebrews need to hear that now the Philistines will start a war with us!"

Why did Israel become a rotten smell to the Philistines? (vv3-4)
They became a rotten smell because Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 13:4

ULT

4 And all Israel heard, saying, “Saul struck down the garrison of the Philistines, and also Israel has become a stench among the Philistines.” And the people were called together after Saul at the Gilgal.

UST

4 The messengers told the rest of the army to gather together with Saul at Gilgal. And all the people in Israel heard the news. People were saying, “Saul’s army has attacked the Philistine camp, with the result that now the Philistines hate us Israelites very much.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:5

ULT

5 And the Philistines gathered to fight against Israel: 30,000 chariots and 6,000 horsemen and a people like the sand that is on the shore of the sea wiith respect to abundance. And they went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth Aven.

UST

5 The Philistines gathered together and were given equipment to fight the Israelites. The Philistines had three thousand chariots and six thousand chariot drivers. Their soldiers seemed to be as many as grains of sand on the seashore. They went up and set up their tents at Micmash, to the east of Beth Aven, that is, Bethel.

How did the Philistines respond to the the defeat by the people of Israel?

They gathered numerous chariots and men to fight against Israel.

1 Samuel 13:6

ULT

6 And the men of Israel saw that it was narrow for them, for the people were hard-pressed. And the people hid themselves in the caves and in the thornbushes and in the cliffs and in the underground chambers and in the pits.

UST

6 The Philistines attacked the Israelites very strongly, and the Israelite soldiers realized that they were in a very bad situation. So many of the Israelite soldiers hid in caves and holes in the ground, or among the rocks, or in pits, or in wells.

How did the people of Israel react to the forces of the Philistines? (vv6-7)

They were distressed so they hid in caves, in the underbrush, in rocks, in wells, and in pits, and some fled over the Jordan.

1 Samuel 13:7

ULT

[7] And Hebrews crossed over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. But Saul was still at the Gilgal and all the people trembled after him.

UST

[7] Some of them crossed the Jordan River and went to the area where the descendants of Gad lived and to the region of Gilead. But Saul stayed at Gilgal. All the soldiers who were with him were shaking because they were so afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:8

ULT

[8] And he waited seven days to the appointed time when Samuel would be there, but Samuel did not come to the Gilgal. And the people scattered from beside him.

UST

[8] Saul waited seven days, which was the number of days that Samuel had told him to wait for him. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal during that time, so many of the men in Saul's army began to leave him and run away.

What did Saul do when Samuel failed to come to Gilgal in seven days? (vv8-10)

Saul offered the burnt offering and the peace offerings himself.

1 Samuel 13:9

ULT

[9] And Saul said, "Bring near to me the burnt up offering and the peace offerings." And he offered up the burnt up offering.

UST

[9] So Saul said to the soldiers, "Bring to me an animal to be completely burned on the altar and one for the offering to enable us to continue to have fellowship with God." So the men did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:10

ULT

10 And it happened as soon as he finished offering up the burnt up offering that, behold, Samuel came! And Saul went out to meet him to bless him.

UST

10 And just as he was finished burning these offerings, Samuel arrived. Saul went to greet him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:11

ULT

11 And Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “When I saw that the people scattered from beside me, and you, you did not come by the appointed time of days, and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash,

UST

11 Samuel saw what Saul had done, and he said to Saul, “Why have you done this?” Saul replied, “I saw that my men were leaving me and running away, and that you did not come here during the time that you said that you would come, and that the Philistine army was gathering together at Micmash.

What excuse did Saul give Samuel for not waiting for him to offer the sacrifices? (vv11-12)

He said he saw the people leaving, so he forced himself to offer the burnt offering to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 13:12

ULT

12 then I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at the Gilgal, and I have not appeased the face of Yahweh.’ So I forced myself and offered up the burnt up offering.”

UST

12 So I thought, ‘The Philistine army is going to attack us here at Gilgal, and I have not yet asked Yahweh to bless us.’ So I felt it was necessary to offer the burnt offerings to seek God’s blessings.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:13

ULT

13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have acted foolishly! You have not kept the command of Yahweh your God that he commanded you. For then Yahweh would have established your reign over Israel until eternity.

UST

13 Samuel replied, “What you did was very foolish! You have not obeyed what Yahweh, your God, commanded about sacrifices. If you had obeyed him, God would have allowed you and your descendants to rule Israel for a long time.

What did Samuel say to rebuke Saul?

Samuel said Saul had acted foolishly for not keeping the command that Yahweh gave him.

What did Samuel say would be the consequences for Saul’s actions? (vv13-14)

Because Saul did not obey Yahweh’s command, his rule over Israel would not continue forever, but instead Yahweh had appointed a man after his own heart to be prince over his people.

1 Samuel 13:14

ULT

14 But now your reign will not stand. Yahweh has sought for himself a man according to his heart, and Yahweh has commanded him to be leader over his people, for you did not keep what Yahweh commanded you.”

UST

14 But now because of what you have done, after you die none of your descendants will continue to rule. Yahweh is seeking a man to be king who will be just the kind of person that he wants him to be, so that he can appoint him to be the leader of his people. Yahweh will do this because you have not obeyed what he commanded.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:15

ULT

15 And Samuel rose and went up from the Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul mustered the people who were found with him, about 600 men.

UST

15 Then Samuel left Gilgal and went up to Gibeah. Saul stayed at Gilgal with his soldiers. There were only about six hundred of them left who did not run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:16

ULT

16 Now Saul and Jonathan his son and the people who were found with him were staying in Geba of Benjamin. And the Philistines camped at Michmash.

UST

16 Saul and his son Jonathan and the soldiers who were with them went to the city of Geba in the area of the tribe of Benjamin and set up their tents there. The Philistine army set up their tents at Micmash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:17

ULT

17 And destroyers went out from the camp of the Philistines, three heads. One head turned to the way of Ophrah, to the land of Shual.

UST

17 Three groups of Philistia soldiers soon left the place where their army was staying, and went and made raids on Israelite towns. One group went north toward the city of Ophrah in the region of Shual.

What strategy did the Philistines use against the people of Israel?
The Philistines sent raiders from their camp to three different areas in Israel.

1 Samuel 13:18

ULT

18 And one head turned the way of Beth Horon. And one head turned the way of the border that looks down over the valley of Zeboyim, toward the wilderness.

UST

18 One group went west to the city of Beth Horon. The third group went toward the Israelite border, above Zeboim Valley, near the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:19

ULT

19 Now a blacksmith could not be found in all the land of Israel. For the Philistines said, “Lest the Hebrews make sword or spear.”

UST

19 At that time, there were no men in Israel who were blacksmiths. The people of Philistia would not permit the Israelites to have men who could do that, because they were afraid that they would make iron swords and spears for the Hebrews to use.

What limitations did the soldiers of Israel face in their fight against the Philistines?
The Philistines did not allow the Israelites to have any blacksmiths who could make swords or spears.

1 Samuel 13:20

ULT

20 And all Israel used to go down to the Philistines, a man to sharpen his plow and his mattock and his axe and his sickle.

UST

20 So whenever the Israelites needed to sharpen the blades of their plows, or picks, or axes, or sickles, they were forced to take those things to a Philistine man who could sharpen those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:21

ULT

21 And the charge was a pim for the plowshares and for the mattocks and for three picks and for the axes and for straightening the goads.

UST

21 They needed to pay about eight grams of silver for the sharpening of their plow blades and their picks. They needed to pay about four grams of silver for the sharpening of their axes or sickles, or to straighten the goads used to drive the oxen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 13:22

ULT

22 And it happened on the day of battle that a sword or spear was not found in the hands of any of the people who were with Saul and with Jonathan, but was found for Saul and for his son Jonathan.

UST

22 So because the Israelites could not make swords and spears out of iron, at the time when the Israelites fought against the army of Philistia. Saul and Jonathan were the only Israelite men who had swords. None of the others had a sword. They had only bows and arrows and some kinds of other weapons.

How were the soldiers of Israel hindered in their fight against the Philistines?

The soldiers of Israel did not have any swords or spears in their hands.

1 Samuel 13:23

ULT

23 And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the pass of Michmash.
13:1 *[1]*

UST

23 Before the battle started, some Philistine soldiers went to the mountain pass outside Micmash to guard it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14

1 Samuel 14:1

ULT

1 And it happened one day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to his servant who carried his equipment, “Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of the Philistines that is on the other side from here.” But he did not tell his father.

UST

1 One day, Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, “Come with me; we will go over to where the Philistine soldiers have put up their tents.” So they went, but Jonathan did not tell his father what they were going to do.

What secret did Jonathan, the son of Saul, keep from his father?
Jonathan and his armor bearer were going to the Philistines’ garrison on the other side of the pass.

1 Samuel 14:2

ULT

2 Now Saul was staying at the end of the Gibeah under the pomegranate tree that is in Migron. And the people who were with him were about 600 men,

UST

2 On that day, Saul and the six hundred soldiers who were with him were sitting around a pomegranate tree at a place where the people threshed grain, near Gibeah.

What was unknown to the six hundred men who were with Saul? (vv2-3)
They did not know that Jonathan had gone over to the Philistines’ garrison.

1 Samuel 14:3

ULT

3 and Ahijah the son of Ahitub the brother of Ichabod the son of Phinehas the son of Eli, the priest of Yahweh at Shiloh who was carrying an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

UST

3 Ahijah the priest was also there, one of those who wore the sacred apron. Ahijah son of Ahitub, who was a brother of Ichabod. Ichabod and Ahitub were the sons of Phinehas son of Eli, who had been Yahweh’s priest at Shiloh. Now no one knew that Jonathan had left the Israelite camp.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:4

ULT

4 Now between the passes that Jonathan sought to pass over to the garrison of the Philistines was the tooth of the cliff on one side from this and the tooth of the cliff on the other side from this. And the name of one was Bozez and the name of one was Seneh.

UST

4 Jonathan planned that he and the young man would go through a narrow pass to get to where the Philistine army was. The cliff on one side of the pass was named Bozez, and the other cliff was named Seneh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:5

ULT

5 The tooth of the one was a pillar from the north in front of Michmash. And the one from the south was in front of Geba.

UST

5 One cliff faced north toward Michmash, and the cliff on the other side faced south toward the town of Geba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:6

ULT

6 And Jonathan said to his servant who carried his equipment, “Come, and let us pass over to the garrison of these uncircumcised ones! Perhaps Yahweh will act for us, for there is no hindrance for Yahweh to save by many or by few.”

UST

6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, “Come with me. We will go to where those pagans have set up their tents. Perhaps Yahweh will help us. It does not matter whether we are only two men or many people; nothing can stop Yahweh from enabling us to defeat them.”

What proposal did Jonathan present to his young armor bearer?

Jonathan told him that Yahweh would work on their behalf to save many people if they would cross over to the garrison of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:7

ULT

[7] And the one who carried his equipment said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Turn for yourself; behold, I am with you according to your heart.”

UST

[7] The young man who was carrying Jonathan’s weapons said, “Do what you think is the best thing for us to do. I will be helping you.”

What was the armor bearer’s response to the proposal?

Jonathan’s armor bearer was ready to obey all his commands, so he encouraged him to do everything that was in his heart.

1 Samuel 14:8

ULT

[8] And Jonathan said, “Behold, we will cross over to the men. And we will reveal ourselves to them.

UST

[8] Then Jonathan said, “Very well, come with me. We will cross the valley to where the Philistine army is, and allow them to see us.

What would be the sign to Jonathan and his armor bearer that Yahweh had given the Philistines into their hand? (vv8-10)

If the Philistines said that they should come over to them, this would be the sign that Yahweh had given them into their hand.

1 Samuel 14:9

ULT

[9] If thus they say to us, ‘Be still until we reach you,’ then we will stand under ourselves and not go up to them.

UST

[9] If they then say to us, ‘You two stay there until we come down to you,’ we will stay there and not go up to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:10

ULT

[10] But if thus they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up, for Yahweh has given them into our hand. And this will be the sign for us.”

UST

[10] But if they say to us, ‘Come up here,’ that will show us that Yahweh will enable us to defeat them. Then we will go up and fight them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:11

ULT

[11] And the two of them revealed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, “Behold, Hebrews are coming out from the holes there where they have hidden themselves.”

UST

[11] When the two of them crossed the valley, the Philistine soldiers saw them coming. They said, “Look! The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes in which they have been hiding!”

What did Jonathan say to his armor bearer after the men of the Philistines’ garrison had told them, “Come up to us and we will show you something”? (vv11-12)
He told his armor bearer to follow him because Yahweh had given them into the hand of Israel.

1 Samuel 14:12

ULT

[12] And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and the one who carried his equipment, and said, “Come up to us, and we will cause you to know a thing.” And Jonathan said to the one who carried his equipment, “Go up behind me, for Yahweh has given them into the hand of Israel.”

UST

[12] Then the Philistine soldiers who were closest to Jonathan and the young man who carried his weapons said, “Come up here, and we will teach you something about how to fight!” Jonathan said to the young man who was with him, “Come behind me and climb up, because Yahweh is going to help us to defeat them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:13

ULT

13 And Jonathan went up on his hands and on his feet, and the one who carried his equipment was behind him. And they fell before the face of Jonathan, and the one who carried his equipment was putting to death behind him.

UST

13 So Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and his feet because it was very steep. The young man climbed up following him. As Jonathan climbed, he struck and killed many Philistine soldiers, and the young man who was with him killed many more as he followed behind Jonathan.

What was the result of the attack that Jonathan and his armor bearer made on the Philistines' garrison? (vv13-14)
Jonathan and his armor bearer put to death about twenty men.

1 Samuel 14:14

ULT

14 And the first blow that Jonathan and the one who carried his equipment struck was about 20 men in about half of a furrow, a yoke of a field.

UST

14 In that first battle the two of them killed about twenty Philistine soldiers in an area that was about 1/5 of a hectare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:15

ULT

15 And a trembling was in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the destroyers, even they trembled. And the earth quaked and it became a trembling of God.

UST

15 Then all the other Philistine soldiers, the ones in the camp and the ones who had been attacking the Israelite towns, ones who were out in the field much closer, panicked. Then God caused the ground to shake, and they all became terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:16

ULT

16 And the lookouts of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked, and behold, the crowd melted away and went even here.

UST

16 Saul's lookouts were in the town of Gibeah in the region of the tribe of Benjamin. They saw that the soldiers of the Philistine army were running away in all directions.

What did Saul do when his watchmen in Gibeah of Benjamin saw the crowd of Philistine soldiers dispersing and going here and there? (vv16-17)

Saul had the people count to see who was missing from them, and they discovered it was Jonathan and his armor bearer.

1 Samuel 14:17

ULT

17 And Saul said to the people who were with him, "Muster now and see who has gone from with us." And they mustered, and behold, there was no Jonathan or the one who carried his equipment!

UST

17 Saul realized that some of his soldiers must have attacked the Philistine army. So he said to the soldiers who were with him, "Check to see if any of our men are not here." So they checked, and found out that Jonathan and the man who carried his weapons were gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:18

ULT

18 And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring near the Box of God." For on that day the Box of God was with the sons of Israel.

UST

18 So Saul said to Ahijah the priest, "Bring the sacred chest here." For the Israelite people had been carrying the sacred chest with them.

Why did Saul command Ahijah the priest to bring the ephod of God to him? (vv18-19)

Saul commanded Ahijah the priest to bring the ephod of God so they could determine the will of God.

1 Samuel 14:19

ULT

19 And it happened while Saul spoke to the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines was going continually and increasingly. And Saul said to the priest, “Withdraw your hand.”

UST

19 But while Saul was talking to the priest, he saw that the Philistine soldiers were becoming more panicked. So Saul said to Ahijah, “Do not bring the sacred chest at this time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:20

ULT

20 And Saul and all the people who were with him were called together and came to the battle. And behold, the sword of a man was against his companion, a very great confusion.

UST

20 Then Saul gathered his men and they went toward the battle. They found that the Philistine soldiers were so confused that they were striking each other with their swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:21

ULT

21 Now some Hebrews were for the Philistines according to yesterday and three days ago, who had gone up with them into the camp all around. But even they were to be with Israel, who were with Saul and Jonathan.

UST

21 Before that, some of the Hebrew men had deserted their army and gone to join with the Philistine army. But now those men revolted and joined with Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers.

Who joined with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan?

Those Hebrews who had previously been with the Philistines, and who had gone with them into the camp joined the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

1 Samuel 14:22

ULT
22 And all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in the hill country of Ephraim heard that the Philistines fled, and they also pursued after them in the battle.

UST
22 Some of the Israelite soldiers had previously run away and hidden in the mountains where the tribe of Ephraim lived. But when they heard that the Philistine soldiers were running away, they came down and joined the other Israelite soldiers and pursued the Philistine soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:23

ULT
23 And Yahweh saved Israel on that day. And the battle passed over Beth Aven.

UST
23 So Yahweh rescued the Israelites on that day. The Israelite soldiers continued to pursue their enemies beyond the town of Beth Aven.

Who saved Israel that day?
Yahweh saved Israel that day.

1 Samuel 14:24

ULT
24 And the men of Israel were hard-pressed on that day. And Saul had made the people swear, saying, “Cursed is the man who eats food until the evening and I take vengeance from my enemies.” So all the people had not tasted food.

UST
24 Before Saul’s soldiers went to the battle, Saul declared to them solemnly, “I do not want any of you to eat any food before this evening, before we have defeated all our enemies. If anyone eats anything, Yahweh will curse him.” So none of the Israeli soldiers ate any food, and they became faint because they were very hungry.

What caused the hungry men of Israel to be distressed?
Saul had put the people under an oath that any man that ate food until evening would be cursed.

1 Samuel 14:25

ULT
25 And all the land entered into the forest. And honey was on the face of the field.

UST
25 The Israelite army went into the forest, and they found honeycombs on the ground, but they did not eat any honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:26

ULT
26 And the people entered into the forest, and behold, the flowing of honey! But no one reached his hand to his mouth for the people feared the oath.

UST
26 They were afraid to eat any, because they had solemnly promised that they would not eat any food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:27

ULT
27 But Jonathan had not heard when his father had made the people swear. And he extended the end of the staff that was in his hand and dipped it in the honeycomb of the honey. And he returned his hand to his mouth and his eyes became bright.

UST
27 But Jonathan had left the camp very early in the morning and so he did not hear that his father had bound the people by a solemn promise. When he saw a honeycomb, he dipped the end of his walking stick into it and ate some honey. After he ate the honey, he felt stronger.

What did Jonathan do to unknowingly break the oath?
Jonathan ate of the honey from the forest.

1 Samuel 14:28

ULT

28 And a man from the people answered and said, “Your father surely made the people swear, saying, ‘Cursed is the man who eats food today.’ So the people are faint.”

UST

28 But one of the Israelite soldiers saw him and said to him, “Your father solemnly declared to us that Yahweh would curse anyone who ate any food today. So now we are very tired and weak from being hungry because we obeyed him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:29

ULT

29 And Jonathan said, “My father has troubled the land. See now that my eyes have become bright because I tasted a little of this honey.

UST

29 Jonathan exclaimed, “My father had caused trouble for all of us! See how refreshed I am after eating a little honey!

How was Jonathan critical of the oath his father had made? (vv29-30)

Jonathan said that if the people had been able to freely eat of the honey and from the plunder of their enemies, there would have been a greater slaughter among the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:30

ULT

30 How much more if the people had eaten freely today from the plunder of their enemies that they found? For now the blow has not been great among the Philistines.”

UST

30 If he had permitted all of us to eat from the food we took from our enemies while we were pursuing them, we would have been able to kill many more of their soldiers!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:31

ULT

31 And on that day they struck down the Philistines from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint.

UST

31 The Israelites pursued and killed Philistine soldiers all that day, from Micmash town then going west to Aijalon. But they continued to become more weak from being hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:32

ULT

32 And the people rushed with shouting on the plunder and took sheep and cattle and sons of cattle, and they slaughtered on the ground. And the people ate with the blood.

UST

32 They had taken many sheep and cattle that the Philistine soldiers had abandoned. Now, because they were extremely hungry, they butchered some of those animals and ate the meat without draining the blood from the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:33

ULT

33 Then they told Saul, saying, “Behold, the people are sinning against Yahweh by eating with the blood!” And he said, “You have acted deceptively. Roll a big stone to me today.”

UST

33 One of the soldiers told Saul, “Look! The men are sinning against Yahweh by eating meat that still has blood in it!” Saul replied to the men who were near him, “They have disobeyed Yahweh! Roll a large stone over here!”

How did the people of Israel sin against Yahweh after their battle against the Philistines? (vv33-34)

The people of Israel ate the blood of the animals they killed from the plunder.

1 Samuel 14:34

ULT

34 And Saul said, “Disperse among the people and say to them, ‘Bring near to me, a man his ox and a man his sheep, and slaughter here and eat. And you shall not sin against Yahweh by eating with the blood.’” And all the people brought near, a man his ox by his hand that night and they slaughtered there.

UST

34 After they did that, he said to those men, “Go and tell all the soldiers that each of them must bring an ox or a sheep to me, and kill it here on this stone, and drain the blood before he eats any of the meat. They should not sin against Yahweh by eating meat from some animal without draining its blood.” So that night all the soldiers brought animals and slaughtered them there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:35

ULT

35 And Saul built an altar to Yahweh, it he began to build an altar to Yahweh.

UST

35 Then Saul built an altar to worship Yahweh. That was the first time that he built an altar for Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:36

ULT

36 And Saul said, “Let us go down after the Philistines by night and plunder them until the light of morning. And let us not leave a man among them.” And they said, “Do all the good in your eyes.” And the priest said, “Let us draw near to God here.”

UST

36 Then Saul said to the Israelite soldiers, “Let us chase the Philistine soldiers tonight. We can attack them all night. We will not allow any of them to escape alive.” The Israelite soldiers answered, “We will do whatever you think is the best thing for us to do.” But the priest said, “We should ask Yahweh what he thinks we should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:37

ULT

37 And Saul asked of God, “Should I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into the hand of Israel?”
But he did not answer him on that day.

UST

37 So Saul asked God, “Should we chase the Philistine soldiers? Will you enable us to defeat them?” But God
did not answer Saul that day.

What caused Saul to not chase after the Philistines even though he was eager to do so?
He did not receive any answers from God that day.

1 Samuel 14:38

ULT

38 And Saul said, “Come near here, all the corners of the people! And know and see by what this sin has
happened today.

UST

38 Then Saul summoned all the leaders of his army. He said to them, “I am sure that God has not answered
me because someone has sinned. We must find out what sin someone has committed.

How did Saul say he would deal with this sin in Israel? (vv38-39)
He said that the man who committed this sin would surely die, even if it was Jonathan his son.

1 Samuel 14:39

ULT

39 For, as Yahweh is alive, the one who saves Israel, even if it is by Jonathan my son, indeed he will surely die.”
But there was no one answering him from all the people.

UST

39 Yahweh has rescued us from the Philistine army. Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, whoever has sinned
must be executed. Even if it is my son Jonathan who has sinned, he must be executed.” His men knew who
was guilty, but none of them said anything to Saul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:40

ULT

40 And he said to all Israel, “You will be on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on one side.” And the people said to Saul, “Do the good in your eyes.”

UST

40 Then Saul said to all the Israelite soldiers, “You stand on one side. My son Jonathan and I will stand on the other side.” His men replied, “Do whatever you think is best.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:41

ULT

41 And Saul said to Yahweh the God of Israel, “Give a perfect one!” And Jonathan and Saul were taken, but the people went out.

UST

41 Then Saul prayed to Yahweh, the Israelites’ God, “Tell me who is guilty and who is not guilty.” Then the priest cast lots, and they indicated that it was either Jonathan or Saul who was the guilty one, and that the other men were not guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:42

ULT

42 And Saul said, “Cause it to fall between me and Jonathan my son.” And Jonathan was taken.

UST

42 Then Saul said to the priest, “Throw the stones again to indicate which of us two is guilty.” So he did, and the stones indicated that Jonathan was the guilty one.

How was it determined that Jonathan was the person who had sinned?

It was determined by lots.

1 Samuel 14:43

ULT

43 And Saul said to Jonathan, “Tell me what you have done.” And Jonathan told him and said, “Indeed I tasted a little honey with the end of the staff that was in my hand. Here I am; I will die.”

UST

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, “Tell me what you have done that was wrong.” Jonathan replied, “I ate a little bit of honey. It was only a little bit that was on the end of my stick. Do I deserve to be executed because of doing that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:44

ULT

44 And Saul said, “May God do so and may he add so, for you shall surely die, Jonathan.”

UST

44 Saul replied, “Yes, you must be executed! I hope that God will strike me and kill me if you are not executed for having done that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:45

ULT

45 And the people said to Saul, “Should Jonathan die, who has made this great salvation in Israel? Far from it! As Yahweh is alive, a hair of his head will not fall to the ground! For he has worked with God this day.” And the people ransomed Jonathan and he did not die.

UST

45 But the Israelite soldiers said to Saul, “Jonathan has won a great victory for all us Israelites. Should he be executed for eating some honey? Certainly not! Just as surely as Yahweh lives, we will not allow you to injure him in any manner, because today God helped Jonathan to kill many soldiers of the Philistine army!” So by saying that the Israelite soldiers rescued Jonathan, and he was not executed.

How was Jonathan saved from death?

The people of Israel who would not allow Jonathan to die because he had accomplished a great victory.

1 Samuel 14:46

ULT

46 And Saul went up from after the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their place.

UST

46 Then Saul ordered his soldiers to stop pursuing the Philistine army, so the Philistine soldiers returned to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:47

ULT

47 Now Saul had taken the kingship over Israel. And he fought against all his enemies all around: against Moab and against the sons of Ammon and against Edom and against the kings of Zobah and against the Philistines. And he inflicted punishment against everywhere he turned.

UST

47 After Saul became the ruler, he fought against enemies on every side. He fought against Moab, the Ammonites, Edom, the kings of Zobah, and the Philistines. Wherever the Israelite army fought, they defeated their enemies.

How did Saul lead the people of Israel as their king? (vv47-48)

Saul acted with great courage and rescued Israel out of the hands of those who plundered them.

1 Samuel 14:48

ULT

48 And he acted strongly and struck down the Amalekites. And he rescued Israel from the hand of those who plundered it.

UST

48 Saul’s army fought bravely and defeated the very tall descendants of Amalek. His army rescued the Israelites from those who had plundered them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:49

ULT

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan and Ishvi and Malki-Shua. As for the names of the two of his daughters: the name of the firstborn was Merab and the name of the younger was Michal.

UST

49 Saul's sons were Jonathan, Ishbosheth, and Malki-Shua. He also had two daughters, Merab and her younger sister Michal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:50

ULT

50 The name of the wife of Saul was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army was Abner the son of Ner the uncle of Saul.

UST

50 Saul's wife was Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz. The commander of Saul's army was Abner son of Saul's uncle Ner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:51

ULT

51 And Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

UST

51 Saul's father Kish and Abner's father Ner were both sons of Abiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 14:52

ULT

52 And the battle was strong against the Philistines all the days of Saul. When Saul saw any man of might, or any son of strength, then he gathered him to himself.

UST

52 All the time that Saul was alive, his army fought against the Philistine army. And whenever Saul saw a young man who was brave and strong, he forced him to join his army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15

1 Samuel 15:1

ULT

[1] And Samuel said to Saul, “Yahweh sent me to anoint you as king over his people, over Israel. And now, listen to the voice of the words of Yahweh.

UST

[1] One day Samuel said to Saul, “Yahweh sent me to appoint you to be the king of the Israelite people. So now listen to this message from Yahweh:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:2

ULT

[2] Thus says Yahweh of hosts, ‘I have noted what Amalek did to Israel when he set against him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

UST

[2] Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has declared this: ‘I am going to punish the descendants of Amalek for attacking the Israelite people after the Israelites left Egypt.

Why did Yahweh want Saul to attack and completely destroy Amalek? (vv2-3)

Amalek opposed Israel on the way when they came up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:3

ULT

[3] Now go and strike down Amalek and completely destroy all that is for him, and do not have compassion on him. But put to death from man as far as woman, from child and as far as infant, from ox and as far as sheep, from camel and as far as donkey.’”

UST

[3] So now go with your army and attack the Amalek people group. Destroy them completely—destroy them and everything that belongs to them—the men and women, their children and infants, their cattle and sheep and camels and donkeys. Do not spare any of them!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:4

ULT

[4] And Saul caused the people to hear and mustered them at the Telaim: 200,000 on foot, and 10,000 men of Judah.

UST

[4] So Saul summoned the army, and they gathered at Telaim town. There were 200, 000 soldiers. Ten thousand of them were from Judah, and the others were from the other Israelite tribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:5

ULT

[5] Then Saul came as far as the city of Amalek and he lie in ambush in the wadi.

UST

[5] Then Saul went with his army to a town where some of the Amalek people group lived. The army prepared to attack them suddenly by hiding in the valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:6

ULT

[6] And Saul said to the Kenites, “Go, depart, go down from the midst of the Amalekite, lest I remove you with him. As for you, you did kindness with all the sons of Israel when they came up from Egypt.” And the Kenites departed from the midst of Amalek.

UST

[6] Then Saul sent this message to the Kenite people group who lived in that area: “You acted kindly toward all our Israelite ancestors when they left Egypt. But we are going to kill all of the Amalek people group, because they opposed our ancestors. So move away from where the Amalek people group live. If you do not move away, you will be killed when they are killed.” So when the Kenite people group heard that, they immediately left that area.

Why did Saul tell the Kenites to depart from the Amalekites? (vv6-7)

The Kenites showed kindness to the people of Israel when they came up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:7

ULT

7 And Saul struck down Amalek, from Havilah as you enter Shur, which is on the face of Egypt.

UST

7 Then Saul's army slaughtered the Amalek people group, from the town of Havilah in the east to the town of Shur in the west. Shur was at the border between Israel and Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:8

ULT

8 And he seized Agag the king of Amalek alive. But he completely destroyed all the people by the mouth of the sword.

UST

8 Saul's army captured Agag, the king of the Amalek people group, but they killed everyone else.

How did Saul disobey the directions which Yahweh had given to him? (vv8-9)

Saul spared the life of King Agag as well as the best of the animals of the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 15:9

ULT

9 And Saul and the people had compassion on Agag and on the best of the sheep and the cattle and the second ones and on the young rams and on all the good, and they were not willing to completely destroy them. But all the despised and weak property, it they completely destroyed. *[1]*

UST

9 They not only spared Agag, but they also took the best sheep and goats and cattle. They took everything that was good. They destroyed only the animals that they considered to be worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:10

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10 And the word of Yahweh was to Samuel, saying,

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10 Then Yahweh said to Samuel,

Why was Yahweh grieved that he had made Saul king? (vv10-11)
Saul had turned back from following Yahweh's commandments.

1 Samuel 15:11

ULT
11 "I regret that I have caused Saul to reign as king, for he has turned from after me and has not raised up my words." And it was hot for Samuel, and he cried out to Yahweh all the night.

UST
11 "I am sorry that I appointed Saul to be your king, because he has stopped worshiping me. He has not obeyed what I commanded him to do." Samuel was very disturbed when he heard that, and he cried out to Yahweh all that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:12

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12 And Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul. And it was told to Samuel, saying, "Saul came to the Carmel, and behold, he is setting up a monument for himself! And he turned around and passed over and went down to the Gilgal."

UST
12 Early the next morning, Samuel got up and went to talk with Saul. But someone told Samuel, "Saul went to the city of Carmel, where he has set up a monument to honor himself. Now he has left there and gone down to Gilgal."

What was the lie that Saul told to Samuel? (vv12-13)
He said he had fulfilled the command of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:13

ULT

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed are you by Yahweh! I have raised up the word of Yahweh.”

UST

13 When Samuel arrived at Gilgal and came to Saul, Saul said, “I wish that Yahweh may bless you! I have obeyed what Yahweh told me to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:14

ULT

14 And Samuel said, “And what is the sound of this flock in my ears? And the sound of the cattle that I am hearing?”

UST

14 But Samuel replied, “If that is true, why is it that I hear cattle mooing and I hear sheep bleating?”

How did Samuel respond to the lie which Saul had told him?

Samuel asked about the bleating of sheep and the lowing of oxen he was hearing.

1 Samuel 15:15

ULT

15 And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekite. For the people had compassion on the best of the sheep and the cattle, in order to sacrifice to Yahweh your God. But the excess we have completely destroyed.”

UST

15 Saul replied, “The soldiers took them from the Amalek people group. They saved the best sheep and cattle, in order to offer them as sacrifices to Yahweh, your God. But we have completely destroyed all the others.”

What excuse did Saul give to Samuel to try to explain his disobedience?

He said the people spared the best of the sheep and oxen so they could sacrifice them to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:16

ULT

16 And Samuel said to Saul, “Stop, and let me tell you what Yahweh spoke to me at night.” And he said to him, “Speak!”

UST

16 Samuel said to Saul, “Stop talking! Allow me to tell you what Yahweh said to me last night.” Saul replied, “Tell me what he said.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:17

ULT

17 And Samuel said, “Although you are small in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? And Yahweh anointed you as king over Israel.

UST

17 Samuel said, “Previously you did not think that you were important. But now you have become the leader of the tribes of Israel. Yahweh appointed you to be their king.

What did Samuel say to rebuke Saul? (vv17-19)

He told Saul that Yahweh had anointed him king over Israel and told him to completely destroy the Amalekites, but instead he had seized the booty and done evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:18

ULT

18 And Yahweh sent you on your way. And he said, ‘Go and completely destroy the sinners, Amalek. And fight against them until they have finished them.’

UST

18 And Yahweh sent you to do something for him. He said to you, ‘Go and get rid of all those sinful people, the Amalek people group. Attack them and kill all of them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:19

ULT

19 And why did you not listen to the voice of Yahweh? But you rushed with shouting on the spoil and you did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.”

UST

19 So why did you not obey Yahweh? Why did you take the plunder for yourself instead of destroying it? You have done what Yahweh says is evil, and he knows it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:20

ULT

20 And Saul said to Samuel, “I have listened to the voice of Yahweh, and have gone on the way that Yahweh sent me. And I have brought Agag the king of Amalek and have completely destroyed Amalek.

UST

20 Saul replied to Samuel, “I did what Yahweh sent me to do! I brought back King Agag, but we killed everyone else!

What was the same excuse that Saul gave to Samuel? (vv20-21)

Saul insisted it was the people who took the best of the booty to sacrifice to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:21

ULT

21 And the people took from the spoil sheep and cattle, the first of the banned thing, to sacrifice to Yahweh your God at the Gilgal.”

UST

21 My men brought back only the best sheep and cattle and other things, in order to sacrifice them to Yahweh your God here at Gilgal.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:22

ULT

22 And Samuel said, “Is the delight of Yahweh in burnt up offerings and sacrifices, as in listening to the voice of Yahweh? Behold, listening is better than sacrifice, paying attention is more than the fat of rams.

UST

22 But Samuel replied, “Which do you think pleases Yahweh more, animals that are completely burned on the altar and other sacrifices, or people obeying him? It is better to obey Yahweh than to offer sacrifices to him. It is better to pay attention to what he says than to burn the fat of rams, which God said should be sacrificed to him.

What was Samuel’s response to Saul? (vv22-23)

Obedience to Yahweh is better than sacrifice and rebellion and stubbornness are sin to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:23

ULT

23 For rebellion is the sin of divination, and to display pushing is iniquity and idols. Because you have rejected the word of Yahweh, he has rejected you from being king.”

UST

23 To rebel against God is as sinful as doing sorcery, and being stubborn is as sinful as worshiping idols. So, because you disobeyed what Yahweh told you to do, he has declared that you will no longer be king.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:24

ULT

24 And Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned! For I have passed over the mouth of Yahweh and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

UST

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I disobeyed what you told me to do, which is what Yahweh commanded. I did that because I was afraid of what my men would say if I did not do what they wanted. So I did what they demanded.

What was the reason Saul told Samuel he had sinned?

Saul said he had broken Yahweh’s commandment because he was afraid of the people.

1 Samuel 15:25

ULT
25 And now, please lift up my sin. And return with me so I may worship Yahweh."

UST
25 But now, please forgive me for having sinned. And come back with me to where the people are in order that I may worship Yahweh."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:26

ULT
26 And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of Yahweh, and Yahweh has rejected you from being king over Israel."

UST
26 But Samuel replied, "No, I will not go back with you. You have rejected what Yahweh commanded you to do. So he has rejected you, and declared that you will no longer be the king of Israel.

What was the declaration which Samuel gave to Saul from Yahweh?
Yahweh had rejected Saul from being the king of Israel.

1 Samuel 15:27

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27 And Samuel turned around to go. And he grabbed the edge of his robe, and it was torn.

UST
27 So I do not want to talk anymore with you, either." As Samuel turned to leave, Saul tried to stop him by grabbing the edge of Samuel's robe, and it tore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:28

ULT

28 And Samuel said to him, “Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from on you today. And he has given it to your companion, the better one than you.

UST

28 Samuel said to him, “Today Yahweh has torn away from you the kingdom of Israel. He will appoint someone else to be king, someone who is a better man than you are.

Who was Yahweh going to give the kingdom of Israel to?

Samuel told Saul that Yahweh was going to give the kingdom of Israel to one of Saul’s neighbors, one who was better than Saul.

1 Samuel 15:29

ULT

29 And also, the Perpetual One of Israel will not act falsely and will not change his mind. For he is not a man, changing his mind.”

UST

29 And since the one who is the glorious God of the Israelite people does not lie, he will not change his mind. Humans sometimes change their minds, but God does not do that, because he is not a human.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:30

ULT

30 And he said, “I have sinned! Now please honor me in front of the elders of my people and in front of Israel. And return with me, so I may worship Yahweh your God.”

UST

30 Then Saul pleaded again. He said, “I know that I have sinned. But please honor me in front of the leaders of the Israelite people and in front of all the other Israelite people by coming back to them with me in order that I may worship Yahweh your God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:31

ULT
31 And Samuel returned behind Saul. And Saul worshiped Yahweh.

UST
31 So Samuel finally agreed to do that, and they went together back to where the people were, and Saul worshiped Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:32

ULT
32 And Samuel said, “Bring near to me Agag the king of Amalek.” And Agag went to him in bonds. And Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death has turned aside.”

UST
32 Then Samuel said, “Bring King Agag to me.” So they brought Agag to him. Agag was brought before him, and he was locked in chains. He thought, “Surely the bitterness of death is past!”

What did Samuel do to finish the task that Saul had not done? (vv32-33)
Samuel used his sword to kill Agag before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:33

ULT
33 And Samuel said, “Just as your sword has made women childless, so will your mother be made childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the face of Yahweh at the Gilgal.

UST
33 But Samuel said to him, “You have killed the sons of many women with your sword, so now your mother will no longer have a son.” And Samuel cut Agag into pieces with his sword, there at Gilgal, where the Israelites worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:34

ULT

34 And Samuel went to the Ramah. And Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul.

UST

34 Then Samuel left there and returned to his home in Ramah, and Saul went to his home in Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 15:35

ULT

35 And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel mourned for Saul. And Yahweh regretted that he had caused Saul to reign over Israel.
15:9 *[1]*

UST

35 Samuel never saw Saul again, but he was very sad about what Saul had done. And Yahweh was very sorry that he had appointed Saul to be the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16:1

ULT

1 And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Until when will you be mourning for Saul, while I myself have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have seen among his sons a king for me.”

UST

1 Finally, Yahweh said to Samuel, “I have decided that I will not allow Saul to continue to be the king. So you should not keep feeling sad about what he has done. Put some olive oil in a small container and go to Bethlehem to anoint someone with the oil, and appoint him to be king. I am sending you there to a man named Jesse, because I have chosen one of his sons to be the king of Israel.”

From what did Yahweh tell Samuel he had rejected Saul?

Yahweh had rejected Saul from being king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16:2

ULT

2 And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears, then he will slay me.” And Yahweh said, “Take a heifer of the cattle in your hand and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.’

UST

2 But Samuel said, “I am afraid to go. If Saul hears that I have appointed someone else to be king, he will kill me.” Yahweh answered, “Take with you a female cow that has not calved, and say to people that you have come to kill it and offer it as a sacrifice to me.

What did Samuel fear if Saul heard of his travel to Bethlehem?

He feared that Saul would kill him.

1 Samuel 16:3

ULT

3 And call for Jesse at the sacrifice, and I myself will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me whom I say to you."

UST

3 Invite Jesse to come to the sacrifice. When he comes, I will show you what you should do. And I will show you which of his sons I have chosen to be the king. Then you should pour the olive oil over him to indicate that I have chosen him to be the king."

How did Yahweh say that Samuel would know who to anoint?

He told Samuel that he would anoint the one whom Yahweh told him.

1 Samuel 16:4

ULT

4 And Samuel did what Yahweh had spoken and he came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him and said, "Are you coming in peace?"

UST

4 Samuel did what Yahweh told him to do. He went to Bethlehem. When the town leaders came to him, they trembled, because they were worried that Samuel had come to rebuke them about something. One of them asked him, "Have you come to speak peacefully to us?"

How did the elders of Bethlehem act when Samuel arrived at their city?

They were trembling as they came to meet him.

1 Samuel 16:5

ULT

5 And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and called them to the sacrifice.

UST

5 Samuel replied, "Yes. I have come peacefully, to make a sacrifice to Yahweh. Set yourself apart for the honor of Yahweh, and then come with me to where they will offer the sacrifice." Then Samuel set apart Jesse to do what honors God, along with his sons, and then he invited them to the sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:6

ULT

[6] And it happened when they came, that he saw Eliab. And he said, “Surely in front of Yahweh is his anointed one.”

UST

[6] When they arrived there, Samuel looked at Jesse’s oldest son Eliab, and thought, “Surely this is the one whom Yahweh has appointed be king!”

What did Samuel say to himself when he looked at Eliab?

He said to himself that Yahweh’s anointed was certainly standing before him.

1 Samuel 16:7

ULT

[7] And Yahweh said to Samuel, “Do not look on his outward appearance or on the height of his stature because I have rejected him. For it is not what the man sees, for the man sees by the eyes, but Yahweh sees to the heart.”

UST

[7] But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Do not think that he is the one whom I have chosen because of his being handsome and very tall, because I have not chosen him. I do not evaluate people as people do. You people evaluate people by their appearance, but I evaluate people by what is in their inner beings.”

How did Yahweh explain to Samuel that he does not see as man sees?

Yahweh said that man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:8

ULT

[8] And Jesse called for Abinadab and made him pass over before the face of Samuel. And he said, “Also Yahweh has not chosen this one.”

UST

[8] Then Jesse told his next oldest son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But when he did that, Samuel said, “Yahweh has not chosen this one, either.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:9

ULT

[9] And Jesse made Shammah pass over. And he said, “Also Yahweh has not chosen this one.”

UST

[9] Then Jesse told his next oldest son Shammah to step forward. He stepped forward, but Samuel said, “Yahweh has not chosen this one, either.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:10

ULT

[10] And Jesse made seven of his sons pass over before the face of Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “Yahweh has not chosen among these.”

UST

[10] Similarly, Jesse told his other four sons to walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “Yahweh has not chosen any of these sons of yours.”

What did Samuel say to Jesse after he made seven sons pass before him?

Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen any of them.

1 Samuel 16:11

ULT

[11] And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are your young men complete?” And he said, “The youngest one still remains, and behold, he is tending among the flock.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not turn around until he comes here.”

UST

[11] Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Do you have any other sons?” Jesse replied, “My youngest son is not here; he is out in the fields taking care of the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send someone to bring him here! We will not sit down to eat until he gets here.”

Where was the youngest son before Samuel called for him?

The youngest son was tending the sheep.

1 Samuel 16:12

ULT

12 And he sent and brought him. (Now he was ruddy with beautiful eyes and a good appearance.) And Yahweh said, “Rise, anoint him, for this is he.”

UST

12 So Jesse sent someone to bring David there. And when David arrived, Samuel saw that he was handsome and healthy, and had bright eyes. Then Yahweh said, “This is the one whom I have chosen; anoint him to be king.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:13

ULT

13 And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the middle of his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed on David from that day and onward. And Samuel rose and went to the Ramah.

UST

13 So as David stood there in front of his older brothers, Samuel took the container of oil that he had brought and poured some of it on David’s head to set him apart to serve God. After they all ate, Samuel left there and returned to Ramah. But Yahweh’s Spirit came on David powerfully, and stayed with David for the rest of his life.

When did the Spirit of Yahweh rush on David?

The Spirit of Yahweh rushed on David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:14

ULT

14 Now the Spirit of Yahweh turned aside from with Saul, and a spirit of evil from with Yahweh terrified him.

UST

14 But Yahweh’s Spirit left Saul. Instead of his Spirit staying with Saul, Yahweh sent an evil spirit to Saul to terrify him repeatedly.

What spirit troubled Saul instead of the Spirit of Yahweh?

A harmful spirit from Yahweh troubled Saul.

1 Samuel 16:15

ULT
15 And the servants of Saul said to him, “Behold, an evil spirit of God is terrifying you.

UST
15 One of his servants said to him, “It is evident that an evil spirit sent by God is terrifying you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:16

ULT
16 Let our master please say to your servants before your face, “Seek a man who knows how to play on the lyre. And it will happen that when the evil spirit of God is on you, then he will play by his hand and it will be good for you.”

UST
16 So we suggest that you allow us your servants here to search for a man who plays the harp well. He can play the harp whenever the evil spirit bothers you. Then you will calm down and you will be well again.”

What did Saul’s servants say that a skillful player could do when the harmful spirit was on Saul?
The player of the harp would play it and Saul would be well.

1 Samuel 16:17

ULT
17 And Saul said to his servants, “See now for me a man who is good at playing and bring him to me.”

UST
17 Saul replied, “Fine, find for me a man who can play the harp well, and bring him to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:18

ULT

18 And one from the young men answered and said, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, knowing how to play and mighty of strength and a man of war and discerning of word and a man of appearance. And Yahweh is with him.”

UST

18 One of his servants said to him, “A man named Jesse, in the city of Bethlehem, has a son who plays the harp very well. Furthermore, he is a brave man, and is a capable soldier. He is handsome and he always speaks wisely. And Yahweh always protects him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:19

ULT

19 And Saul sent messengers to Jesse. And he said, “Send to me David your son, who is with the flock.”

UST

19 So Saul sent some messengers to Jesse. He told them to say to Jesse, “Send your son David to me, the one who takes care of sheep.”

How did Saul say which of Jesse’s sons he wanted sent to him?

Saul sent messengers to Jesse, saying to send him Jesse’s son David, who was with the sheep.

1 Samuel 16:20

ULT

20 And Jesse took a donkey, bread, and a skin of wine, and one kid of the goats, and he sent them by the hand of David his son to Saul.

UST

20 So after they went and told that to Jesse, he agreed and got a young goat, a container of wine, a donkey on which he put some loaves of bread and gave them to David to take to Saul as a present.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:21

ULT
21 And David came to Saul and he stood before his face. And he loved him greatly, and he became for him one who carried the equipment.

UST
21 Then David went to Saul and started to work for him. Saul liked David very much, and he became the man who carried Saul's weapons when Saul went to fight in battles.

What assignment did Saul give David since he loved him greatly?
Saul made David his armor bearer.

1 Samuel 16:22

ULT
22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before my face, for he has found favor in my eyes."

UST
22 Then Saul sent a messenger to go to Jesse and tell him, "I am pleased with David. Please let him stay here and work for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 16:23

ULT
23 And it happened that whenever the spirit of God was on Saul, then David took the lyre and played by his hand. And it would be relief for Saul and good for him, and the spirit of evil would turn aside from on him.

UST
23 Jesse agreed, and after that, whenever the evil spirit whom God sent tormented Saul, David played the harp. Then Saul would become calm, and the evil spirit would leave him.

What would depart from Saul so he would be refreshed and well, when David played the harp?
The harmful spirit would depart from Saul.

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:1

ULT

[1] And the Philistines gathered their camps for the battle. And they were gathered at Sokoh, which is of Judah. And they camped between Sokoh and Azekah in Ephes Dammim.

UST

[1] The Philistines gathered their army to fight the Israelite army. They gathered together near Sokoh, in the area where the descendants of Judah lived. They set up their tents at Ephes Dammim, which is between Sokoh and Azekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:2

ULT

[2] And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered and they camped in the valley of Elah. And they arranged for battle to meet the Philistines.

UST

[2] Saul gathered the Israelite army near Elah Valley, and they set up their tents. Then they all took their places, ready to fight the Philistines.

Why had Saul and the men of Israel encamped in the valley of Elah?

They encamped in the valley of Elah to draw up their battle line to meet the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:3

ULT

[3] Now the Philistines were standing on this mountain, and Israel was standing on that mountain. And the valley was between them.

UST

[3] So the Philistine and Israelite armies faced each other. They were on two hills, with a valley between them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:4

ULT

[4] And a man of the space between came out from the camp of the Philistines, Goliath was his name, from Gath. His height was six cubits and a span.

UST

[4] Then a great warrior, three meters tall, came out from the Philistine camp. He was Goliath, from the city of Gath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:5

ULT

[5] And a helmet of bronze was on his head and he was wearing body armor of scales. And the weight of the body armor was 5,000 shekels of bronze.

UST

[5] He wore a helmet made of bronze to protect his head, and he wore a coat made of metal plates to protect his body. The metal coat weighed about fifty-five kilograms.

What was on Goliath's head?

He had a helmet of bronze on his head.

1 Samuel 17:6

ULT

[6] And shin guards of bronze were on his legs. And a javelin of bronze was between his shoulders.

UST

[6] He wore bronze guards on his legs. He had a small bronze spear fastened on his back.

What did Goliath carry between his shoulders?

He had a javelin of bronze between his shoulders.

1 Samuel 17:7

ULT

[7] And the wood of his spear was like the beam of those who weave. And the point of his spear was 600 iron shekels. And the one who carried his shield was going before his face.

UST

[7] He also had a big spear. It had a cord on it to enable him to throw it better. Its iron head weighed about seven kilograms. A soldier carrying Goliath's huge shield walked in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:8

ULT

[8] And he stood and called out to the ranks of Israel, and he said to them, "Why have you come out to arrange for battle? Am not I a Philistine, and you, servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

UST

[8] Goliath stood there and shouted to the Israelite army, "I can see you are lined up for battle, but you will not fight me. You can see that I am a Philistine soldier who is ready to fight, but you are just the slaves of Saul. Choose one man who can fight for all of you and send him down here to me!

Whom did Goliath say the ranks of Israel served?

Goliath said they were servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 17:9

ULT

[9] If he is able to fight with me and strike me down, then we will become servants for you. But if I prevail against him and strike him down, then you will become servants for us and you will serve us."

UST

[9] If he fights with me and kills me, then my fellow Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I defeat him and kill him, then you Israelites will all become our slaves.

What did Goliath say would happen to the ranks of Israel if their man killed him?

He said the Philistines would be their servants.

1 Samuel 17:10

ULT

10 And the Philistine said, “I myself taunt the ranks of Israel this day. Give to me a man so we may fight together.”

UST

10 None of you Israelite men can defeat me! Send me a man who will fight with me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:11

ULT

11 And Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine. And they were dismayed and feared greatly.

UST

11 When Saul and all the Israelite soldiers heard that, they were very terrified.

When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, how did they feel?
They were discouraged and greatly afraid.

1 Samuel 17:12

ULT

12 Now David was the son of this Ephrathite man from Bethlehem in Judah, and his name was Jesse. And eight sons were for him. And the man was old in the days of Saul, coming among men.

UST

12 Now David son of Jesse was from the clan of Ephrath. He lived in Bethlehem, in the region of the tribe of Judah. Jesse had eight sons. When Saul was king, Jesse had already become a very old man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:13

ULT

[13] And the oldest three of the sons of Jesse had gone, they went after Saul to the battle. And the names of the three of his sons who went into the battle were Eliab the firstborn and his second Abinadab and the third Shammah.

UST

[13] Jesse's three oldest sons, Eliab and Abinadab and Shammah, had gone with Saul to fight the Philistines.

Which of Jesse's sons had followed Saul to the battle?
The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle.

1 Samuel 17:14

ULT

[14] Now David, he was the youngest. And the three oldest ones had gone after Saul.

UST

[14] David was Jesse's youngest son. While his three oldest brothers were with Saul,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:15

ULT

[15] But David was going and returning from with Saul to tend the flock of his father at Bethlehem.

UST

[15] David went back and forth. Sometimes he went to Saul's camp, and sometimes he stayed in Bethlehem to take care of his father's sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:16

ULT

16 And the Philistine came near at early morning and at evening. And he stationed himself 40 days.

UST

16 For forty days Goliath came out from the Philistine camp and stood there mocking the Israelite army. He kept telling the Israelites to choose one man to fight with him. He did this twice each day, in the morning and in the evening.

For how long and how often did the Philistine strong man come near to present himself for battle?

For forty days he came near morning and evening to present himself for battle.

1 Samuel 17:17

ULT

17 And Jesse said to David his son, “Take now to your brothers an ephah of this roasted grain and ten loaves of this bread, and bring quickly to the camp, to your brothers.

UST

17 One day, Jesse said to David, “Here is a sack of roasted grain and ten loaves of bread. Take these quickly to your older brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:18

ULT

18 And bring these ten cuts of cheese to the commander of the thousand. And observe your brothers with respect to well-being and take their pledge.

UST

18 And here are ten large chunks of cheese. Take them to their commander. And see how things are going with your older brothers. Then if they are safe, bring back something to show they are all right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:19

ULT
19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel are in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.”

UST
19 Your brothers are with Saul and all the other Israelite soldiers, camped alongside Elah Valley, preparing to fight the Philistines.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:20

ULT
20 And David rose early in the morning and left the flock with one who keeps. And he carried and went, just as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the entrenchment and the army was going out to the battle line and they shouted in the battle.

UST
20 So David arranged for another shepherd to take care of the sheep. Early the next morning he took the food and went to the Israelite camp, as Jesse told him to do. He arrived there just as the Israelite soldiers were forming their ranks and going out to the battlefield. As they went, they were shouting a war cry.

What was the army doing as David arrived at the camp?
The army was going out to the battlefield shouting the war cry.

1 Samuel 17:21

ULT
21 And Israel and the Philistines arranged, battle line to meet battle line.

UST
21 The Philistine army and the Israelite army stood on the hillsides, facing each other, ready for the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:22

ULT

22 And David left the equipment from on him on the hand of one who keeps the equipment, and he ran to the battle line. And he came and asked his brothers with respect to well-being.

UST

22 David gave the food to the man who was taking care of the war equipment. He told him to take care of the food that he brought, and then he went and greeted his older brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:23

ULT

23 And he was speaking with them, and behold, the man of the between space was coming up, Goliath the Philistine was his name, from Gath, from the ranks of the Philistines, and he spoke like these words. And David heard.

UST

23 While he was talking with them, he saw Goliath coming out from among the Philistine soldiers, shouting to the Israelites, challenging them to send a man to fight him. David heard what Goliath was saying.

As David talked with his brothers who came out of the ranks of the Philistines?

The strong man, Goliath, came out of the ranks of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:24

ULT

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, they fled from his face and feared greatly.

UST

24 When all the Israelite soldiers saw Goliath, they were terrified and started to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:25

ULT

25 And the men of Israel said, “Have you seen this man who is coming up? Surely he is coming up to taunt Israel! And it will happen that the king will make rich with great wealth the man who strikes him down, and he will give his daughter to him, and he will make the house of his father free in Israel.”

UST

25 They were saying to each other, “Look at him coming up toward us! And listen to him as he defies us Israelites! The king says that he will give a big reward to whoever kills this man. He also says that he will give his daughter to that man for him to marry her, and that he will no longer require that man’s family to pay taxes.”

What would the king do for the father’s house of the man who killed Goliath?

The king would give the man great riches and make his father’s house free from taxation in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:26

ULT

26 And David said to the men who were standing with him, saying, “What will be done for the man who strikes down this Philistine and removes the disgrace from on Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should taunt the ranks of the living God?”

UST

26 David talked to some of the men who were standing near him. He said, “This Philistine—this uncircumcised man—should not be mocking the all-powerful God. What will be given to the person who kills this Philistine and stops him from shaming us Israelites?”

What did David say the man who killed the Philistine would take away from Israel?

The man who killed the Philistine would take away the disgrace from Israel.

1 Samuel 17:27

ULT

27 And the people said to him like this word, saying, “Thus it will be done for the man who strikes him down.”

UST

27 The men told him the same thing that the other men had said, about what the king would do for anyone who killed Goliath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:28

ULT

28 And Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And the nose of Eliab burned against David, and he said, “Why is this—you came down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I myself know your presumtuousness and the evil of your heart, for you have come down in order to see the battle!”

UST

28 But when David’s oldest brother Eliab heard David talking to the men, he was angry. He said to David, “Why have you come down here? Is someone taking care of those few sheep that you left in the desert? I know you are just a troublemaking boy! You just want to watch the battle!”

What did Eliab say was the mischief in David’s heart?
He said that he knew David’s pride, and that he came down so that he might see the battle.

1 Samuel 17:29

ULT

29 And David said, “What have I done now? Was it not a word?”

UST

29 David replied, “I have done nothing wrong? I was merely asking a question!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:30

ULT

30 And he turned around from beside him toward the front of another and spoke like this word. And the people returned a word to him like the first word.

UST

30 Then he walked over to another man and asked him the same question, but the man gave him the same answer. Each time he asked someone, he received the same answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:31

ULT

31 And they heard the words that David spoke. And they told before the face of Saul, and he took him.

UST

31 Finally, someone told King Saul what David had asked, and Saul sent someone to bring David to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:32

ULT

32 And David said to Saul, “Do not let the heart of a man fall on himself. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

UST

32 David told King Saul, “No one should worry because of that Philistine man. I will go and fight with him!”

What did David tell Saul he would do so no man’s heart needed to fail because of the Philistine?

David told Saul that he would go and fight with the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:33

ULT

33 And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him. For you are a boy, but he a man of war from his youth.”

UST

33 Saul said to David, “You are only a young man, and he has been a very powerful soldier all his life. So you are not able to go and fight with him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:34

ULT

34 And David said to Saul, “Your servant has been tending for his father among the flock. And the lion or the bear has come and has carried a sheep from the flock.

UST

34 David replied, “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep for many years. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried away a lamb,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:35

ULT

35 And I have gone out after it and struck it and rescued from its mouth. If it rose against me, then I would grasp its jaw and strike it down and put it to death.

UST

35 I went after it and attacked it and rescued the lamb from the animal’s mouth. Then I grabbed the animal by its jaw and struck it and killed it.

What did David do to the lion or bear that rose up against him?

He caught him by his beard, struck him, and killed him.

1 Samuel 17:36

ULT

36 Your servant has struck down both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has taunted the ranks of the living God.”

UST

36 I have killed both lions and bears. And I will do the same to this heathen Philistine, because he has defied the army of the all-powerful God!

Why did David say this uncircumcised Philistine will be like the lion or the bear he had killed earlier?

The Philistine had challenged the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:37

ULT

37 And David said, “Yahweh who has rescued me from the hand of the lion and from the hand of the bear, he will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and Yahweh be with you.”

UST

37 Yahweh has rescued me from the claws of lions and bears, and he will rescue me from this Philistine!” Then Saul said to David, “All right, go and fight him, and I hope that Yahweh will help you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:38

ULT

38 And Saul clothed David with his garments and put a helmet of bronze on his head. And he clothed him with body armor.

UST

38 Then Saul gave to David his own clothes that he always wore in battles, and he gave him a bronze helmet and a coat made of metal plates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:39

ULT

39 And David strapped on his sword over his garments and he undertook to walk because he had not trained. And David said to Saul, “I am not able to walk with these, for I have not trained.” And David removed them from on him.

UST

39 David put these things on. Then he fastened his sword over them and tried to walk. But he could not walk, because he was not accustomed to wearing those things. So David said to Saul, “I cannot fight wearing all these things, because I am not accustomed to wearing them!” So he took them off.

Why was David not able to walk in the armor the king provided?

He had not trained with it.

1 Samuel 17:40

ULT

40 And he took his staff in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the wadi, and he put them in the bag of the shepherds that belonged to him, even in the pouch, and his sling was in his hand. And he came near to the Philistine.

UST

40 Then he took his walking staff and he picked up five smooth stones out of a streambed. He put them in the pouch of his shoulder bag. Then he put his sling in his hand and started walking toward Goliath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:41

ULT

41 And the Philistine came, coming on and near to David. And the man who carried the shield was before his face.

UST

41 Goliath walked toward David, with the soldier who was carrying his shield walking in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:42

ULT

42 And the Philistine looked and saw David, and he despised him, for he was a boy, and ruddy with a beautiful appearance.

UST

42 When he got near David, he looked at David closely. He saw that David had a handsome face and healthy body, but that he was only a young man. So he sneered at David.

Why did the Philistine despise David when he saw him?

David was only a boy, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance.

1 Samuel 17:43

ULT

43 And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you are coming to me with staves?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

UST

43 He said to David, “Are you coming to me with a stick because you think that I am a dog?” Then he called out to his gods to harm David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:44

ULT

44 And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and let me give your flesh to the bird of the heavens and to the beast of the field.”

UST

44 He said to David, “Come here to me, and I will kill you and give your dead body to the birds and wild animals to eat!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:45

ULT

45 And David said to the Philistine, “You are coming to me with sword and with spear and with javelin. But I am coming to you in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have taunted.

UST

45 David replied, “You are coming to me with a sword and a spear and a small spear. But I am coming to you with the authority of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies. He is the God whom the army of Israel worships, and he is the God whom you have defied.

When the Philistine came with sword, spear and Javelin, in what did David say he came?

David said that he came in the name of Yahweh of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom the Philistine had defied.

1 Samuel 17:46

ULT

46 This day Yahweh will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and remove your head from on you. And this day I will give the corpse of the army of the Philistines to the bird of the heavens and to the living thing of the earth. And all the earth will know that there is a God for Israel.

UST

46 Today Yahweh will enable me to defeat you. I will strike you down and cut off your head. And we Israelites will kill many Philistine soldiers and give their bodies to the birds and wild animals to eat. And everyone in the world will hear about it and know that we Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.

What did David say the earth would know because the dead bodies of the Philistines would be given to the birds and wild beasts?

All the earth would know that there is a God in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:47

ULT

47 And all this assembly will know that Yahweh does not save by sword or by spear. For the battle belongs to Yahweh, and he will give you into our hand.”

UST

47 And everyone here will know that Yahweh can rescue people without a sword or a spear. Yahweh always wins his battles, and he will enable us to defeat all of you Philistines.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:48

ULT

48 And it happened when the Philistine rose and went and came near to meet David, that David hurried and ran to the battle line to meet the Philistine.

UST

48 As Goliath came closer to attack David, David ran quickly toward him.

What did David do when Goliath drew near to meet him?

David ran quickly toward the enemy to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:49

ULT

49 And David sent his hand into his bag, and took a stone from there, and slung. And it struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead and he fell on his face to the ground.

UST

49 He put his hand into his shoulder bag and took out one stone. He put in his sling and hurled it toward Goliath. The stone hit Goliath in the forehead and cracked his skull, and he fell facedown to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:50

ULT

50 And David was stronger than the Philistine with the sling and with the stone. And he struck down the Philistine and put him to death. (Now there was no sword in the hand of David.)

UST

50-51 Then David ran and stood over Goliath. He pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath and killed him with it, and then cut off his head. In that way David defeated the Philistine without having his own sword. He used only a sling and a stone! When the other Philistines saw that their great warrior was dead, they ran away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:51

ULT

51 And David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it from its sheath and put him to death and cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their strong man was dead and they fled.

UST

50-51 Then David ran and stood over Goliath. He pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath and killed him with it, and then cut off his head. In that way David defeated the Philistine without having his own sword. He used only a sling and a stone! When the other Philistines saw that their great warrior was dead, they ran away.

What did the Philistines do when they saw that their strong man was dead?

The Philistines fled.

1 Samuel 17:52

ULT

52 And the men of Israel and Judah rose and they shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as your coming to the valley and as far as the gates of Ekron. And the pierced ones of the Philistines fell on the way of Shaaraim and as far as Gath and as far as Ekron.

UST

52 The Israelite men shouted and ran after them. They pursued them all the way to the city of Gath and to the gates of the city of Ekron. They struck them down as they went, with the result that dead Philistines were lying on the road all the way from Shaaraim to Gath and Ekron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:53

ULT

53 And the sons of Israel returned from burning after the Philistines. And they plundered their camp.

UST

53 When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they took everything valuable from the Philistine camp.

What did the people of Israel do as they returned from chasing the Philistines?
The people of Israel plundered the Philistine camp.

1 Samuel 17:54

ULT

54 And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem. And he set his equipment in his tent.

UST

54 David later took the head of Goliath to Jerusalem, but he kept Goliath's weapons in his own tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:55

ULT

55 Now as soon as Saul saw David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, “This boy is the son of whom, Abner?” And Abner said, “As your self is alive, king, if I know!”

UST

55 As Saul watched David going toward Goliath, he said to Abner, the commander of his army, “Abner, whose son is that young man?” Abner replied, “As sure as you are alive, I do not know.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:56

ULT

56 And the king said, “You ask the son of whom is this boy.”

UST

56 Then the king said, “Find out whose son he is!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 17:57

ULT

57 And as soon as David returned from striking down the Philistine, then Abner took him and brought him before the face of Saul. And the head of the Philistine was in his hand.

UST

57 Later, as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner took him to Saul. David was carrying Goliath’s head.

What did David have in his hand when Abner brought him before Saul?

David had the head of the Philistine in his hand.

1 Samuel 17:58

ULT

58 And Saul said to him, “The son of whom are you, boy?” And David said, “The son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

UST

58 Saul asked him, “Young man, whose son are you?” David replied, “Sir, I am the son of your servant Jesse, who lives in Bethlehem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18

1 Samuel 18:1

ULT

[1] And it happened as soon as he finished speaking to Saul, that the self of Jonathan was bound to the self of David. And Jonathan loved him like his own self.

UST

[1] After David finished talking with Saul, he met Saul's son, Jonathan. Jonathan immediately liked David; in fact, he began to love him.

How strongly was the soul of Jonathan bound to the soul of David?
Jonathan loved David as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:2

ULT

[2] And Saul took him on that day. And he did not give him to return to the house of his father.

UST

[2] From that day, Saul kept David with him to serve him; he did not let him return home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:3

ULT

[3] And Jonathan cut a covenant with David because he loved him like his own self.

UST

[3] Because he loved David so much, Jonathan made a solemn agreement with David. They promised each other that they would always be friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:4

ULT

[4] And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and he gave it to David, and his garments and even to his sword and even to his bow and even to his belt.

UST

[4] Jonathan took off his own outer robe and gave it to David. He also gave David his soldier's tunic, his sword, his bow and arrows, and his belt.

What did Jonathan take off and give to David with his armor?
Jonathan took off the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David.

1 Samuel 18:5

ULT

[5] And David went out, he succeeded at wherever Saul sent him. And Saul set him over the men of war. And he was good in the eyes of all the people and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul.

UST

[5] David went wherever Saul sent him. And whatever Saul told him to do, David did it very successfully. As a result, Saul appointed David as a commander in the army. All the officers and other men in the army approved of that.

Over whom did Saul set David?
Saul set him over the men of war.

1 Samuel 18:6

ULT

[6] And it happened when they came, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, that the women came out from all the cities of Israel to sing with the dancing ones, to meet Saul the king, with tambourines, with joy, and with three-stringed instruments.

UST

[6] But when the men in the army were returning home after David had killed Goliath, Israelite women came out from many cities and towns. They greeted King Saul while they were singing and dancing very joyfully, playing tambourines and lyres.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:7

ULT

7 And the women sang who were playing, and said: “Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”

UST

7 As they danced, they sang this song: “Saul has killed a thousand enemy soldiers, But David has killed ten thousand of them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:8

ULT

8 And it burned greatly for Saul, and this thing was evil in his eyes. And he said, “They have given to David ten thousands, but to me they have given the thousands. And only the kingship is yet for him!”

UST

8 When Saul heard them singing that, he did not like it. He became very angry. He said to himself, “They are saying that David killed ten thousand men, but that I have killed only one thousand. Soon they will want to make him their king!”

What had the singers’ song ascribed to David, which displeased Saul?

They ascribed to David ten thousands, but they had ascribed only thousands to Saul.

1 Samuel 18:9

ULT

9 And it happened that Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day and onward.

UST

9 From that time, Saul watched David very closely because he was suspicious that David would try to become king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:10

ULT

10 And it happened from the next day that an evil spirit of God rushed on Saul and he prophesied in the midst of the house. And David was playing by his hand, as day by day. And the spear was in the hand of Saul.

UST

10 The next day, an evil spirit sent by God suddenly took control of Saul. He began to act like a madman, inside his house. David was playing the lyre for him, as he did every day. Saul was holding a spear in his hand,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:11

ULT

11 And Saul hurled the spear, and he said, “I will strike David, even into the wall!” But David turned around from his face two times.

UST

11 and he hurled it at David, thinking, “I will fasten David to the wall with the spear!” He did that two times, but David jumped aside both times.

What did Saul think as he threw the spear at David?

Saul thought that he would pin David to the wall.

1 Samuel 18:12

ULT

12 And Saul was afraid from before the face of David. For Yahweh was with him but had turned aside from with Saul.

UST

12 Because it became evident that Yahweh had abandoned Saul but that he was helping David, Saul was afraid of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:13

ULT
13 And Saul removed him from with him and set him as a commander of a thousand for himself. And he went out and came in before the face of the people.

UST
13 So he appointed David as a commander of a thousand soldiers and sent David away from him, hoping that David would be killed in a battle. But when David led his soldiers in their battles,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:14

ULT
14 And David was succeeding in all his ways. And Yahweh was with him.

UST
14 he always had great success, because Yahweh was helping him.

Why did David prosper in all his ways?
David prospered for Yahweh was with him.

1 Samuel 18:15

ULT
15 And Saul saw that he was succeeding greatly. And he dreaded his face.

UST
15 When Saul heard that David and his soldiers were very successful, he became more afraid of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:16

ULT
16 But all Israel and Judah were loving David, for he was going out and coming in before their face.

UST
16 But all the people of Israel and of Judah loved David, because he led the soldiers very successfully in the battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:17

ULT

17 And Saul said to David, “Behold, my oldest daughter Merab. I will give her to you for a wife. Only become for me a son of strength and fight the battles of Yahweh.” And Saul said, “Let not my hand be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him.”

UST

17 One day Saul said to David, “I am ready to give you my oldest daughter, Merab, to be your wife. I will do that if you serve me bravely by fighting battles for Yahweh against the Philistines.” He said that because he thought, “I will not try to get rid of David by myself. I will allow the Philistines to do that.”

Why did Saul think his hand would not need to be against David?

Saul thought the hand of the Philistines be against David.

1 Samuel 18:18

ULT

18 And David said to Saul, “Who am I, and who are my relatives of the clan of my father in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?”

UST

18 But David said to Saul, “I am not a very important person, and my family is not very important. Also my clan is not a very important Israelite clan. So I do not deserve to become your son-in-law.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:19

ULT

19 And it happened at the time to give Merab the daughter of Saul to David, that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite for a wife.

UST

19 So, when it was time for Merab to be given to David to become his wife, instead, Saul gave her to a man named Adriel, from Meholah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:20

ULT

[20] And Michal the daughter of Saul loved David. And they told Saul and the matter was right in his eyes.

UST

[20] However, Saul's other daughter, Michal, fell in love with David. When they told Saul about that, he was pleased.

What did Saul think his daughter Michal would be for David if Saul gave her to him?
Saul thought she could be a trap for David.

1 Samuel 18:21

ULT

[21] And Saul said, "I will give her to him and may she become a snare for him and may the hand of the Philistines be against him." And Saul said to David a second time, "You will be a son-in-law of mine today."

UST

[21] He thought, "I will give Michal to him, in order that she may trap him, and the Philistines will be able to kill him." So he said to David, "You can marry Michal," and by saying that, he indicated for the second time that David would become his son-in-law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:22

ULT

[22] And Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David in secrecy, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you and all his servants love you. And now, become a son-in-law of the king.'"

UST

[22] Saul told his servants, "Talk to David privately, and say to him, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you, and all of us his servants love you. So now we think that you should marry Michal and become the king's son-in-law.'"

Where did Saul command his servants to speak with David about becoming the king's son-in-law?
He commanded his servants to speak with David in private.

1 Samuel 18:23

ULT

23 And the servants of Saul spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, “Is it insignificant in your eyes to be a son-in-law of the king? And I am a poor man and lightly esteemed.”

UST

23 So they said that to David. But David said, “It would be a great honor to become the king’s son-in-law. But I do not think that I should do that, because I am only a poor and insignificant man.”

Why did David think he was not worthy to be the king’s son-in-law?

He was a poor man, and lightly esteemed.

1 Samuel 18:24

ULT

24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, “Like these words David spoke.”

UST

24 Saul’s servant told him what David had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:25

ULT

25 And Saul said, “Thus you shall say to David, ‘There is no desire of the king for the bride price, except for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged on the enemies of the king.’” (Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.)

UST

25 Saul replied, “Go and say to David, ‘In order for the king to allow you to marry Michal, he wants you to kill one hundred Philistines and to cut off their foreskins and bring the foreskins to him to prove that you have killed them. In that way he will get revenge on his enemies.’” But what Saul really wanted was that the Philistines would kill David while he was trying to kill them.

What was the only dowry the king desired from David?

The king desired only one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 18:26

ULT

26 And his servants told David these words, and the word was right in the eyes of David, to become son-in-law of the king. And the days were not fulfilled.

UST

26 When the servants told that to David, he was very pleased that he could become the king's son-in-law by doing that. The king had said how many days he would allow for David to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:27

ULT

27 And David rose and went, he and his men, and he struck down 200 men among the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins and they fulfilled them for the king, to become son-in-law of the king. And Saul gave to him Michal his daughter for his wife.

UST

27 But before that time ended, David and his men went and killed, not one hundred, but two hundred Philistines! He brought their foreskins to Saul, and counted them while Saul was watching, in order to prove that he had fulfilled what the king required so that he could become Saul's son-in-law. So then Saul was obligated to allow David to marry his daughter Michal.

What did David and his men do that exceeded the king's dowry request?
David killed two hundred Philistines and brought their foreskins.

1 Samuel 18:28

ULT

28 And Saul saw and he knew that Yahweh was with David and Michal the daughter of Saul loved him.

UST

28 But when Saul realized that Yahweh was helping David, and that his daughter loved David,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:29

ULT

29 And Saul added to be more afraid from the face of David. And Saul was being hostile to David all the days.

UST

29 he became more afraid of David. So as long as Saul lived, he was David's enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 18:30

ULT

30 And the commanders of the Philistines came out. And it happened that as often as they came out, David was more successful than all the servants of Saul and his name became greatly esteemed.

UST

30 The Philistine armies repeatedly came to fight the Israelites, but every time they fought, David and his soldiers were more successful than any of Saul's other army commanders. As a result, David became very famous.

How great was David's success, so his name was highly regarded?

David succeeded more than all the servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 19

1 Samuel 19:1

ULT

1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan the son of Saul delighted greatly in David.

UST

1 Then Saul urged all his servants and his son Jonathan to kill David. But Jonathan liked David very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:2

ULT

2 And Jonathan told David, saying, “Saul my father is seeking to put you to death. And now, please be on guard in the morning and stay in the hiding place and hide yourself.

UST

2 So he warned David, “My father Saul is seeking for a way to kill you. So be careful. Tomorrow morning go and find a place to hide in the field.

Why did Jonathan tell David to be on his guard and hide himself?
Saul was seeking to kill David.

1 Samuel 19:3

ULT

3 As for me, I will go out and stand by the hand of my father in the field there where you are, and I myself will speak of you to my father. And I will see whatever and I will tell you.”

UST

3 I will ask my father to go out there with me. While we are out there, I will talk to him about you. Then I will tell you everything that he tells me.” So David did what Jonathan told him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:4

ULT

[4] And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David. For he has not sinned against you and indeed his deeds were very good for you.

UST

[4] The next morning, Jonathan spoke with his father, saying many good things about David. He said, “You should never do anything to harm your servant David! He has never done anything to harm you! Everything that he has done has helped you very much.

What did Jonathan tell Saul that David’s deeds brought to him?

Jonathan told Saul that David’s deeds had brought Saul good.

1 Samuel 19:5

ULT

[5] And he set his life in his palm and struck down the Philistine. And Yahweh made a great salvation for all Israel. You saw and rejoiced. And why would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death without cause?”

UST

[5] He was in danger of being killed when he fought against Goliath, the great soldier of the Philistine army. By enabling David to kill him, Yahweh won a great victory for all the people of Israel. You were very happy when you saw that. Why would you want to do anything now to harm David? There is no reason for you to kill him, because he has not done anything wrong!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:6

ULT

[6] And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. And Saul swore, “As Yahweh is alive, he shall not be put to death!”

UST

[6] Saul listened to what Jonathan said. Then Saul said, “I solemnly promise that just as surely as Yahweh is alive, I will not kill David.”

What did Saul swear after listening to Jonathan?

Saul swore that he would not put David to death.

1 Samuel 19:7

ULT

[7] And Jonathan called out to David, and Jonathan told him all these words. And Jonathan brought David to Saul and he was before his face as yesterday and three days ago.

UST

[7] Afterward, Jonathan summoned David and told him what he and Saul had said. Then Jonathan brought David to Saul, and David served Saul as he had done before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:8

ULT

[8] And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them a great blow. And they fled from his face.

UST

[8] One day a war started again, and David led his soldiers to fight against the Philistine army. David's army attacked them very furiously, with the result that the Philistine army ran away.

What happened when David again went out and fought with the Philistines?
David defeated the Philistines with a great slaughter.

1 Samuel 19:9

ULT

[9] And an evil spirit of Yahweh was on Saul and he was sitting in his house and his spear was in his hand. And David was playing by hand.

UST

[9] But one day when Saul was sitting in his house, an evil spirit sent from Yahweh suddenly came upon Saul. Saul picked up his spear as David was playing his harp for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:10

ULT

10 And Saul sought to strike into David with the spear, even into the wall, but he escaped from the face of Saul, and he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and slipped away on that night.

UST

10 Saul hurled his spear at David to try to fasten him to the wall. David dodged, and the spear did not hit him. The spear stuck in the wall, but David ran out into the darkness and escaped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:11

ULT

11 And Saul sent messengers to the house of David to watch him and to put him to death in the morning. And Michal his wife told David, saying, “If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be put to death.”

UST

11 Then Saul sent messengers to David’s house. He told them to watch the house and to kill David while he was leaving the house the following morning. But David’s wife Michal saw them and warned him, saying, “To save your life, you must run away tonight, because if you do not do that, you will be killed tomorrow!”

Why did Saul send messengers to David’s house to watch him?

Saul wanted to kill him in the morning.

1 Samuel 19:12

ULT

12 And Michal lowered David out through the window. And he went and fled and slipped away.

UST

12 So she enabled David to climb out through a window, and he ran away and escaped.

How did Michal help David to flee and escape?

Michal let David down through the window.

1 Samuel 19:13

ULT
13 And Michal took the household idol and put it on the bed. And she put a quilt of the goats at the place of its head. And she covered it with the clothes.

UST
13 Then Michal took an idol that was in the house and put it in the bed. She covered it with some of David's clothes, and put some goat's hair on the head of the idol.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:14

ULT
14 And Saul sent messengers to take David. And she said, "He is sick."

UST
14 When the messengers came to the house the next morning, she told them that David was sick and could not get out of bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:15

ULT
15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to put him to death."

UST
15 When they reported that to Saul, he told them to go back to David's house. He said to them, "Bring him to me lying on his bed, in order that I can kill him!"

What did Saul plan to do when he ordered for David to be brought to him in the bed?
Saul planned to kill him.

1 Samuel 19:16

ULT

16 And the messengers came, and behold, the household idol was on the bed! And the quilt of the goats was at the place of its head.

UST

16 But when those men entered David's house, they saw that there was only an idol in the bed, with goat's hair on its head.

What did Michal use at the head of the household idol in the bed to make it look like David?

She put a pillow of goats' hair at the idol's head.

1 Samuel 19:17

ULT

17 And Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like so and sent away my enemy, so that he slipped away?" And Michal said to Saul, "He himself said to me, 'Send me away. Why should I put you to death?'"

UST

17 When they reported that to Saul, Saul summoned Michal and said to her, "Why did you trick me like that? You allowed my enemy to escape!" Michal replied to Saul, "David told me that if I did not help him to escape, he would kill me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:18

ULT

18 Now David fled and slipped away and came to Samuel in the Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

UST

18 After David had escaped from Saul, he went to Samuel, who was at his home in Ramah. He told Samuel everything that Saul had done to try to kill him. Then David and Samuel went to Naioth, which was nearby, and they stayed there.

When David fled and escaped, who did he go to see in Ramah?

David went to Samuel.

1 Samuel 19:19

ULT
[19] And it was told to Saul, saying, “Behold, David is in Naioth in the Ramah.”

UST
[19] Someone told Saul that David was in Naioth near the city of Ramah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:20

ULT
[20] And Saul sent messengers to take David. And they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel was standing, stationed over them. And the Spirit of God was on the messengers of Saul and they also prophesied.

UST
[20] so Saul sent some messengers to capture him. When those messengers arrived in Ramah, they met some men who were shouting messages from Yahweh, and Samuel was there as their leader. When Saul’s messengers met them, the Spirit of God came upon Saul’s men, and they also shouted in the same way.

What happened to the messengers of Saul that caused them to prophesy?
The Spirit of God came on them.

1 Samuel 19:21

ULT
[21] And they told Saul and he sent other messengers and they also prophesied. And Saul did again and sent messengers a third time, and they also prophesied.

UST
[21] When Saul heard about that, he sent two more lots of messengers, but they also started to shout out messages from Yahweh.

After sending messengers for a third time what did Saul do? (vv21-22)
Saul also went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:22

ULT

22 And he went, he also, to the Ramah and came as far as the great cistern that is in Seku. And he asked and
said, “Where are Samuel and David?” And one said, “Behold, in Naioth in the Ramah.”

UST

22 Finally, Saul himself went to Ramah. When he arrived at the well at a place named Seku, he asked people
there, “Where are Samuel and David?” The people replied, “They are at Naioth near Ramah.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:23

ULT

23 And he went there to Naioth in the Ramah. And the Spirit of God was on him, him also, and he went along
and he prophesied until he entered in Naioth in the Ramah.

UST

23 While Saul was walking toward Naioth, the Spirit of God also came upon him. While he walked on, he
shouted messages from Yahweh until he came to Naioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 19:24

ULT

24 And he also stripped off his clothes and he also prophesied before the face of Samuel. And he lay naked all
that day and all the night. Therefore they said, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

UST

24 There he took off his outer clothes, and he spoke messages from God in front of Samuel. He lay on the
ground doing that all day and all night. That is the reason that when people see someone doing something
that is very unexpected, they say, “Is Saul also a prophet?”

How long did Saul lay naked before Samuel?

He lay naked all that day and all that night.

1 Samuel 20

1 Samuel 20:1

ULT

[1] And David fled from Naioth in the Ramah. And he came and said before the face of Jonathan, “What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before the face of your father, that he is seeking my life?”

UST

[1] David ran away from Naioth. He went to Jonathan and asked him, “What have I done to displease your father? What did I do that was wrong? Why is he trying to kill me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:2

ULT

[2] And he said to him, “Far from it! You will not die. Behold, my father does not do a great thing or a small thing and not uncover my ear. And why would my father hide this thing from me? There is not this!”

UST

[2] Jonathan replied, “My father is certainly not trying to kill you! He always tells me before he does anything that he is planning. He tells me about important things and unimportant things that he plans to do. Why would he refuse to tell me if he were planning to kill you? So what you are saying cannot be true.”

What did Jonathan say his father did not do without telling him?

He said that his father did nothing either great or small without telling it to him.

1 Samuel 20:3

ULT

[3] And David swore again and said, “Your father surely knows that I have found favor in your eyes. And he said, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.’ But indeed, as Yahweh is alive, and as your soul is alive, surely between me and death is like a step!”

UST

[3] Then David solemnly declared this to Jonathan: “Your father knows very well that you and I are very good friends, so he says to himself, ‘I will not tell Jonathan what I am going to do. If I tell Jonathan, he will be upset, and then he will tell David.’ But just as surely as Yahweh is alive and you are alive, I am only one step away from being killed.”

How close did David say he was to death?

He said that there was but a step between him and death.

1 Samuel 20:4

ULT

4 And Jonathan said to David, “Whatever your self says, I will do for you.”

UST

4 Jonathan said to David, “I will do whatever you tell me to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:5

ULT

5 And David said to Jonathan, “Behold, the new moon is tomorrow, and surely I should sit with the king to eat. But you shall send me away and I will hide myself in the field until the third evening.

UST

5 David replied, “Tomorrow we will celebrate the festival of the new moon. I always eat with the king at that festival. But tomorrow I will hide in the field, and I will stay there for one night. I will stay there until the evening of the day after tomorrow.

What did David ask to do until the third day at evening?

David asked to hide in the field until the third day at evening.

1 Samuel 20:6

ULT

6 If your father misses me at all, then you shall say, ‘David earnestly asked from me to run to Bethlehem, his city, for the sacrifice of the days is there for all the clan.’

UST

6 If your father asks why I am not there at the festival, say to him, ‘David requested me to allow him to go to his home in Bethlehem, where his family will offer the sacrifice that they offer every year.’

What reason did David tell Jonathan to give Saul if Saul missed him?

He said to tell Saul that he went to Bethlehem his city, because it is the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.

1 Samuel 20:7

ULT

[7] If thus he says, ‘Good,’ peace is for your servant. But if it burns intensely for him, know that the evil is completed from with him.

UST

[7] If your father says ‘Very well’, then I know I will be safe. But if he becomes extremely angry, you will know that he is determined to harm me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:8

ULT

[8] And you shall do covenant faithfulness with your servant. For you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you. But if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself. And why should you bring me as far as your father?”

UST

[8] Please be kind to me. Yahweh heard you when you made a solemn agreement with me that you and I will always be good friends. But if I deserve to be punished, you should kill me yourself, rather than allow your father to punish me.”

Why did David ask Jonathan to deal kindly with him as his servant?

Jonathan had brought David, his servant, into a covenant of Yahweh with him.

1 Samuel 20:9

ULT

[9] And Jonathan said, “Far be it for you! For if I ever know that the evil has been completed from with my father to come on you, then will I not tell it to you?”

UST

[9] Jonathan replied, “I will never do that! If I ever find out that my father is determined to harm you, I will certainly tell you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:10

ULT

[10] And David said to Jonathan, “Who will tell me if what your father answers you is harsh?”

UST

[10] David asked him, “How will I find out if your father answers you harshly?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:11

ULT

[11] And Jonathan said to David, “Come and let us go out to the field.” And the two of them went out to the field.

UST

[11] Jonathan replied, “Come with me. We will go out into the field.” So they went together out into the field.

Where did Jonathan say to go to continue their discussion?
He told David to go with him out into the field.

1 Samuel 20:12

ULT

[12] And Jonathan said to David, “By Yahweh the God of Israel, surely I will sound out my father around this time tomorrow, or the third. If behold, good is to David, then will I not then send to you and uncover your ear?

UST

[12] There Jonathan said to David, “I promise this while Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, is listening: At this time the day after tomorrow, I will find out what my father is thinking about you. If he is saying good things about you, I will certainly send a message to you to tell that to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:13

ULT

13 Thus may Yahweh do to Jonathan and thus may he add if the evil on you is good to my father and I do not uncover your ear and send you away, so you may go in peace! And may Yahweh be with you just as he was with my father.

UST

13 But if he is planning to hurt you, I hope that Yahweh will punish me very severely if I do not tell you in advance and help you flee, so that you might go away in safety. I hope that Yahweh will be with you and help you like he has helped my father.

Why did Jonathan want to make his father's response known to David and send him away?

Jonathan promises to make it known to David so that David could go in peace.

1 Samuel 20:14

ULT

14 And if I am still alive, then you will do the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh with me, and I will not die. *[1]*

UST

14 But while I am still alive, please act kindly toward me because of the oath that we both swore in Yahweh's sight; do not kill me when you become king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:15

ULT

15 And you shall not cut off your covenant faithfulness from with my house until eternity, not even when Yahweh cuts off the enemies of David, a man from on the face of the ground."

UST

15 But if I die, never stop acting kindly toward my family for the sake of our oath, even after Yahweh has gotten rid of all your enemies all over the earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:16

ULT
16 And Jonathan cut with the house of David, “And may Yahweh seek from the hand of the enemies of David!”

UST
16 So Jonathan made a solemn agreement with David and his descendants. And he said, “I hope that Yahweh will get rid of all your enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:17

ULT
17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again because he loved him. For he loved him like the loving of his self.

UST
17 And Jonathan requested David to repeat his solemn promise to be his close friend, because Jonathan loved David as much as he loved himself.

Why did Jonathan make David vow again to him?
He made David vow again because of the love that he had for him.

1 Samuel 20:18

ULT
18 And Jonathan said to him, “Tomorrow is the new moon. And you will be missed because your seat will be missing.

UST
18 Then Jonathan said, “Tomorrow we will celebrate the festival of the new moon. When you are not sitting at your place when we eat, my father will miss you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:19

ULT

19 And the third day you shall go down greatly and come to the place there where you hid yourself on the day of the deed. And you shall stay beside the stone Ezel.

UST

19 The day after tomorrow, in the evening go to the place where you hid before. Wait by the pile of stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:20

ULT

20 And as for me, I will shoot three arrows to the side of it, as sending forth for me to a target.

UST

20 I will come out and shoot three arrows as though I were trying to shoot at a target. The arrows will hit the ground close to the pile of stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:21

ULT

21 And behold, I will send the boy, ‘Go find the arrows.’ If I say clearly to the boy, ‘Behold, the arrows are on this side from you; take them,’ then come; for peace is for you and there is no matter, as Yahweh is alive.

UST

21 Then I will send a boy to bring the arrows back to me. If you hear me say to him, ‘They are closer to me,’ then just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you will know that everything is fine, and that you will not be killed.

Who does Jonathan say he would send to find the arrows he shot?

He said he would send a young man to find the arrows.

1 Samuel 20:22

ULT
22 But if I say thus to the boy, ‘Behold, the arrows are beyond from you,’ go, for Yahweh has sent you away.

UST
22 But if I tell him, ‘The arrows are farther away,’ you will know that you must leave immediately, because Yahweh wants you to run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:23

ULT
23 As for the word which I and you have spoken, behold, Yahweh is between me and you until eternity.”

UST
23 I hope that Yahweh will watch you and me and enable us to never forget what we have promised each other.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:24

ULT
24 And David hid himself in the field. And it was the new moon, and the king sat at the food to eat.

UST
24 So David went and hid in the field. When the festival of the new moon started, the king sat down to eat.

When the new moon came, what did the king sit down to do?
The king sat down to eat food.

1 Samuel 20:25

ULT
25 And the king sat on his seat, as time by time, on the seat by the wall. And Jonathan rose, and Abner sat by the side of Saul. And the place of David was missing.

UST
25 He sat where he usually sat, close to the wall. Jonathan sat across from him, and Abner the army commander sat next to Saul. But no one was sitting in the place where David usually sat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:26

ULT

[26] And Saul did not speak anything on that day, for he said, “It is an accident. He is not clean, surely not clean.”

UST

[26] On that day, Saul did not say anything about David, because he was thinking, “Something must have happened that caused David to become unacceptable to worship God.”

What did Saul think could have happened to David to make him absent from the feast?
Saul thought David was not clean.

1 Samuel 20:27

ULT

[27] And it happened on the next day of the new moon, the second, that the place of David was missing. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, “Why has the son of Jesse not come to the food both yesterday and today?”

UST

[27] But the next day, when David was not sitting at the place where he usually sat, Saul asked Jonathan, “Why has that son of Jesse not been here to eat with us yesterday and today?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:28

ULT

[28] And Jonathan answered Saul, “David earnestly asked from with me as far as Bethlehem.

UST

[28] Jonathan replied, “David urgently requested me that I permit him to go to Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:29

ULT

[29] And he said, ‘Please send me away. For the sacrifice of our clan is in the city, and he, my brother, has commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me slip away and let me see my brothers.’ Therefore he has not come to the table of the king.”

UST

[29] He said, ‘Please allow me to go, because our family is going to offer a sacrifice. My older brother insisted that I be there. So please allow me to go to be with my older brothers.’ I allowed David to go, and that is the reason that he is not here eating with you.”

Why does Jonathan say David had to attend his family’s sacrifice?

He said David’s brother had ordered him to be there.

1 Samuel 20:30

ULT

[30] And the nose of Saul burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, “Son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your shame, and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother?

UST

[30] Saul was furious! He said to Jonathan, “You rebellious idiot! I know that you are being loyal to that son of Jesse. But you will cause shame to come to yourself and to your mother.

How does Saul describe Jonathan’s mother in his burning anger?

He called him the son of a wicked and rebellious woman.

1 Samuel 20:31

ULT

[31] For all the days that the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you and your kingdom will not be established. And now, send and take him to me, for he is a son of death.”

UST

[31] As long as Jesse’s son is living, you will never become the king, and you will never rule over this kingdom! So now, summon David, and bring him to me. He must be executed!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:32

ULT
32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and he said to him, “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?”

UST
32 Jonathan asked his father, “Why should David be executed? What wrong has he done?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:33

ULT
33 And Saul hurled the spear at him to strike him down. And Jonathan knew that it was completed from with his father to put David to death.

UST
33 Then Saul threw his spear at Jonathan in order to kill him, but the spear did not hit him. So Jonathan knew that his father really wanted to kill David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:34

ULT
34 And Jonathan rose from with the table with a burning nose. And he did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David, because his father had dishonored him.

UST
34 Jonathan was very angry, and he left the room. On that second day of the festival he refused to eat anything. He was disgusted about what his father had done, and he was worried about David.

Why was Jonathan grieved over David?
He was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

1 Samuel 20:35

ULT

35 And it happened in the morning, that Jonathan went out to the field to the appointment with David. And a small boy was with him.

UST

35 The following morning Jonathan went out to the field to give a message to David, as he had agreed that he would do. He took a young boy with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:36

ULT

36 And he said to his boy, “Run, find now the arrows that I am about to shoot.” The boy ran and he shot the arrow to pass over him.

UST

36 Jonathan said to the boy, “Run and find the arrows that I shoot.” The boy started running, and Jonathan shot an arrow ahead of the boy.

Where did Jonathan shoot the arrow as the young man ran?

Jonathan shot an arrow beyond the young man.

1 Samuel 20:37

ULT

37 And the boy came as far as the place of the arrow that Jonathan had shot. And Jonathan called after the boy and said, “Is not the arrow beyond from you?”

UST

37 The boy ran to the place where the arrow hit the ground, but Jonathan called out, “The arrow is further away!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:38

ULT

38 And Jonathan called after the boy, “Quickly hurry! Do not stay!” And the boy of Jonathan picked up the arrows and came to his master.

UST

38 Then he shouted to the boy, “Go quickly; do not wait! Do not stop!” The boy picked up the arrow and brought it back to Jonathan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:39

ULT

39 Now the boy did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter.

UST

39 But the boy did not understand the meaning of what Jonathan had said; only Jonathan and David knew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:40

ULT

40 And Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy who was for him. And he said to him, “Go, bring to the city.”

UST

40 Then Jonathan gave his bow and arrows to the boy and told him, “Take them back to the town.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:41

ULT

41 The boy went, and David rose from beside the south, and fell before his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed, a man with his companion. And they wept, a man with his companion, until David did the most. [2]

UST

41 When the boy left, David came out from behind the pile of stones, where he had been hiding. He went to Jonathan and bowed in front of Jonathan three times, with his face touching the ground. Then David and Jonathan kissed each other on the cheek, and they cried together. But David cried more than Jonathan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 20:42

ULT

42 And Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, because we, the two of us, have sworn in the name of Yahweh, saying, ‘Yahweh is between me and you, and between my seed and your seed until eternity.’” And he rose and went, and Jonathan came to the city. [3]

20:14 [1]

20:41 [2]

20:42 [3]

UST

42 Jonathan said to David, “May things go well for you as you go. Yahweh has heard what we solemnly promised to always do for each other, and what we said that our descendants must do for each other.” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

What did Jonathan do when David stood up and left?

Jonathan returned to the city.

1 Samuel 21

1 Samuel 21:1

ULT

1 And David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech trembled to meet David and said to him, “Why are you by yourself and there is no man with you?” [1]

UST

1 David fled from there and went to the city of Nob to see Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he saw David because he was afraid that something bad had happened. He said to David, “Why are you alone? Why have no men come with you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:2

ULT

2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, “The king has commanded me with a matter and has said to me, ‘Do not let a man know anything about the matter which I am sending you, and which I have commanded you.’ And I have caused the young men to know about a certain place, a certain one.

UST

2 David deceived Ahimelech by replying, “The king sent me. But he does not want anyone to know anything about what he sent me to do. I have told my men where they should meet me.

About what did David say the king told him to let no one know?

He said the king told him to let no one know anything about the business he was sending him, and what he had commanded him.

1 Samuel 21:3

ULT

3 And now what is there under your hand? Give five bread loaves into my hand, or the found thing.”

UST

3 Now I want to know, do you have any food here for me to eat? Could you give me five loaves of bread, or whatever other food that you can find?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:4

ULT

4 And the priest answered David and said, “There is no common bread toward under my hand. But there is the holy bread, if the young men have kept themselves only from women.”

UST

4 The priest answered David, “There is no ordinary bread here, but I have some of the sacred bread that was placed before Yahweh. Your men may eat it if they have not slept with women recently.”

What did the priest answer David about the bread on hand?

The priest said that there was no ordinary bread on hand, but there was holy bread.

1 Samuel 21:5

ULT

5 And David answered the priest and said to him, “Surely a woman has been kept away with respect to us as yesterday and three days ago, as whenever I have gone out. And the vessels of the men have been holy, even though it was a common journey. And how much more today will it be holy with the vessels!”

UST

5 David replied, “They have not been near women for many days. I do not allow my men to defile themselves by sleeping with women while they are preparing to fight in battles. They must continue to keep themselves acceptable to God when they are on ordinary trips, and today they have certainly kept themselves acceptable to God because now we are doing something very special.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:6

ULT

6 And the priest gave to him the holy thing. For bread was not there except the bread of the face, which was removed from before the face of Yahweh, in order to put hot bread on the day it was taken away.

UST

6 Now the only bread that the priest had was the bread on display before God, the bread that had been placed in Yahweh’s presence in the sacred tent. So the priest gave David some of that bread. On that day the priest had taken those loaves from the table and replaced them with fresh loaves.

From where had the bread of the presence been removed?

The bread of the presence had been removed from before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 21:7

ULT

7 Now a man from the servants of Saul was there on that day, he was detained before the face of Yahweh. And his name was Doeg the Edomite, a powerful one of the herders who were for Saul.

UST

7 It happened that Doeg, from the Edom people group, was there on that day to make himself acceptable to Yahweh, and he saw what Ahimelech did. He was one of Saul's officials and the leader of Saul's shepherds.

What was the work Doeg the Edomite did for Saul?

Doeg the Edomite was the chief of Saul's herdsmen.

1 Samuel 21:8

ULT

8 And David said to Ahimelech, "Now is there not here under your hand a spear or sword? For both my sword and my weapons I did not take in my hand, because the matter of the king was urgent."

UST

8 David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or a sword that I can use? The king appointed us to do this task and told us to leave immediately, so I did not have time to bring any weapons."

Why did David say he had no weapons with him?

He said that he had brought no weapons because the king's business was urgent.

1 Samuel 21:9

ULT

9 And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the valley of Elah, behold, it is wrapped in the cloak behind the ephod. If you want to take it for yourself, take, for there is no other except it in this place." And David said, "There is none like it. Give it to me."

UST

9 Ahimelech replied, "I have only the sword that belonged to Goliath the giant from the Philisti people group whom you killed in Elah Valley. It is wrapped in a cloth, and is behind the sacred apron in the sacred tent. If you want it, take it, because I have no other weapon here." David replied, "Truly, there is no other sword that is as good as that one! Give it to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:10

ULT

[10] And David rose and fled on that day from the face of Saul. And he came to Achish the king of Gath.

UST

[10] So Ahimelech gave it to him, and David left there. He and his men went to the city of Gath in the region of Philistia, to stay with King Achish.

From whom was David fleeing when he went to Achish?
He was fleeing that day from Saul.

1 Samuel 21:11

ULT

[11] And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing with respect to this one in the dances, saying, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’”

UST

[11] But the officers of King Achish did not approve of David’s coming. They said to King Achish, “This man David is just as powerful as the king of his land. Our enemies, the Israelite people, honored him by dancing and singing, ‘Saul has killed thousands of his enemies, but David has killed tens of thousands of them!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:12

ULT

[12] And David put these words in his heart and was very afraid from the face of Achish the king of Gath.

UST

[12] David heard what those men were saying, so he was afraid of what King Achish might do to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 21:13

ULT

13 And he changed his behavior in their eyes and pretended to be insane in their hand. And he made marks on the doors of the gate and caused his saliva to go down to his beard.

UST

13 So he pretended that he was insane. He started scratching on the gates of the city and allowing his saliva to run down his beard.

What did David pretend when he changed his behavior before Achish?
He pretended to be insane in their hands.

1 Samuel 21:14

ULT

14 And Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see a man being insane. Why did you bring him to me?

UST

14 Then King Achish said to his men, “Look at this man! He is acting like an insane man! Why have you brought him to me?

What did Achish ask his servants when he saw David was mad?
He asked them why they brought this madman to him.

1 Samuel 21:15

ULT

15 Do I lack insane men, so that you have brought this one to be insane near me? Should this one enter into my house?”
21:1 *[1]*

UST

15 I already have enough crazy people around me. I do not want him to come into my house.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22

1 Samuel 22:1

ULT

[1] And David went from there and slipped away to the cave of Adullam. And his brothers and all the house of his father heard, and they went down there to him.

UST

[1] So David and his men left Gath and went east to hide in a cave on a hill near the town of Adullam. Soon his older brothers and all his other relatives came and stayed with him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:2

ULT

[2] And they gathered to him: every man of distress, and every man for whom was a creditor, and every man bitter of spirit. And he became commander over them. And they were with him, about 400 men.

UST

[2] Then other men came there. Some were men who had caused trouble, some were men who owed money, and some were men who were unhappy for any reason. They continued to come until there were four hundred men there, and David was their leader.

Who besides David's father's house gathered to him at the cave of Adullam?
Everyone who was in distress, every one who was in debt, and every one who was discontented, gathered to him.

1 Samuel 22:3

ULT

[3] And David went from there to Mizpah of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and my mother go out with you until when I know what God will do for me."

UST

[3] Later they left there and went east to the city of Mizpah in the land of Moab. There David asked the king of Moab, "Please allow my father and mother to live here with you until I know what God is going to do for me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:4

ULT

4 And he led them into the face of the king of Moab. And they stayed with him all the days of David being in the stronghold.

UST

4 The king gave him permission, so David's parents stayed with the king of Moab all the time that David and the men who were with him were hiding in that area.

How long did David's father and mother stay with the king of Moab?

They stayed with the king the whole time that David was in his stronghold.

1 Samuel 22:5

ULT

5 And Gad the prophet said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go and come for yourself to the land of Judah." And David went and came to the forest of Hereth.

UST

5 One day the prophet Gad told David, "Leave your hideout here and return to Judah." So David and his men went to the Hereth Forest in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:6

ULT

6 And Saul heard that David was known, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in the Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height, and his spear was in his hand, and all his servants were stationed beside him.

UST

6 One day, someone told Saul that David and his men had arrived in Judah. On that day, Saul was sitting underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill near the town of Gibeah. He was holding his spear and his army officers were standing around him.

Who had been discovered along with David?

The men who were with David were also discovered.

1 Samuel 22:7

ULT

7 And Saul said to his servants who were stationed beside him, “Listen now, Benjaminites! Will the son of Jesse give fields and vineyards even to all of you? Will he make all of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?

UST

7 He shouted to them, “You men of the tribe of Benjamin, listen to me! Do you think that the son of Jesse will give all of you fields and vineyards if he becomes your king? Will he appoint all of you to become generals and captains in his army?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:8

ULT

8 For all of you have conspired against me! And there was no uncovering my ear when my son cut with the son of Jesse. And there was no grieving from you for me or uncovering my ear that my son has raised up my servant against me to lie in ambush as this day.”

UST

8 Is that why you have all conspired against me, as he is doing today? Not one of you informed me that my own son had sworn friendship with him! Not one of you has had any pity on me or told me that my son has encouraged the son of Jesse to revolt against me, to hide out from me!”

What does Saul accuse his servants of not revealing to him?

Saul said that none of his servants revealed to him that his son had incited his servant David against him.

1 Samuel 22:9

ULT

9 And Doeg the Edomite answered (now he was stationed beside the servants of Saul) and said, “I saw the son of Jesse. He came to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

UST

9 Doeg, a man from the Edom people group, was standing there with Saul’s officers. He said to Saul, “When I was at Nob, I saw that son of Jesse talking to Ahimelech the priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:10

ULT

[10] And he inquired of Yahweh for him, and he gave provisions to him. And he gave to him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.”

UST

[10] Ahimelech asked Yahweh what David should do. Then Ahimelech gave to David some food and the sword of Goliath, that Philistine giant.”

What two things does Doeg the Edomite tell Saul that Ahimelech gave to David?
Ahimelech gave David provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

1 Samuel 22:11

ULT

[11] And the king sent to call Ahimelech the son of Ahitub the priest and all the house of his father, the priests who were in Nob. And all of them came to the king.

UST

[11] Then Saul summoned Ahimelech and all Ahimelech’s relatives who were priests at Nob. So they all came before the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:12

ULT

[12] And Saul said, “Listen now, son of Ahitub.” And he said, “Here I am, my master.”

UST

[12] Saul said to Ahimelech, “You son of Ahitub, listen to me!” Ahimelech answered, “Yes, sir!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:13

ULT

13 And Saul said to him, “Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving to him bread, and a sword, and inquiring of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in ambush, as this day?”

UST

13 Saul said, “Why are you and Jesse’s son conspiring to get rid of me? You gave him some bread and a sword. You requested God to tell David what he should do. David has rebelled against me, and right now he is hiding somewhere, waiting to attack me.”

What did Saul say Ahimelech did for the son of Jesse besides giving him bread and a sword?

Saul said that Ahimelech prayed to God that he might help him.

1 Samuel 22:14

ULT

14 And Ahimelech answered the king and said, “Now who among all your servants is faithful like David, the son-in-law of the king, and commander over your guards, and is honored in your house?

UST

14 Ahimelech replied, “I do not understand why you are saying that, because David, your son-in-law, the captain of your bodyguards, is very loyal to you. No one is more loyal to you than David! Everyone in your household respects him very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:15

ULT

15 Did I begin to inquire of God for him today? Far be it for me! Do not let the king set a word against his servant, against all the house of my father. For your servant does not know of any of this, small matter or great.”

UST

15 Furthermore, this was certainly not the first time that I requested God to say what he wanted David to do. And it is not right for you to accuse me or any of my relatives of trying to get rid of you, because I do not know anything about anyone wanting to do that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:16

ULT

16 And the king said, “You will surely die, Ahimelech, you and all the house of your father!”

UST

16 The king then shouted, “Ahimelech, you and all your relatives are going to be executed right now!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:17

ULT

17 And the king said to the ones who run, the ones who were stationed beside him, “Turn around and put to death the priests of Yahweh, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, but did not uncover my ear.” But the servants of the king were not willing to send forth their hand to attack the priests of Yahweh.

UST

17 Then he commanded his bodyguards, “Kill these priests of Yahweh, because they are allies of David, and they are conspiring with David against me! They knew that David was trying to run away from me, but they did not tell me!” But Saul’s bodyguards refused to kill Yahweh’s priests.

What were the servants of King Saul not willing to put out their hand to do?
They would not kill the priests of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 22:18

ULT

18 And the king said to Doeg, “You turn around and attack the priests!” And Doeg the Edomite turned around and he himself attacked the priests. And on that day he put to death 85 men who carried the linen ephod.

UST

18 Then the king said to Doeg, “You kill them!” So Doeg, the man from the Edom people group, went out and struck them down with his sword. On that day he killed eighty-five men who were able to wear the sacred aprons because they were all God’s priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:19

ULT
19 And Nob, the city of the priests, he struck down by the mouth of the sword, from man and as far as woman, from child and as far as infant, and ox and donkey and sheep by the mouth of the sword.

UST
19 He also went and killed many people in Nob, the city where the priests lived. He killed men, women, children, babies, cattle, donkeys, and sheep there.

Who did Doeg kill with the edge of the sword in Nob, the city of the priests?
He killed both men and women, children and infants, and oxen and donkeys and sheep.

1 Samuel 22:20

ULT
20 And one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub slipped away, and his name was Abiathar. And he fled after David.

UST
20 But Abiathar, Ahimelech's son, escaped. He ran away and joined David and the men who were with him.

Where did Abiathar go when he escaped the killing?
Abiathar fled after David.

1 Samuel 22:21

ULT
21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the priests of Yahweh.

UST
21 He told David that Saul had commanded Doeg to kill Yahweh's priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 22:22

ULT

22 And David said to Abiathar, “I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I myself have turned around against all the life of the house of your father!

UST

22 Then David said to him, “That man from the Edom people group, Doeg, was there at Nob on the day that I was there. I knew that he would surely tell Saul what happened. So it is my fault that your father and all of his family have been killed.

For what did David tell Abiathar he was responsible?

David said that he was responsible for every death in his father’s family.

1 Samuel 22:23

ULT

23 Stay with me, do not be afraid. For who seeks my life seeks your life. Surely you will be kept safe with me.”

UST

23 You stay with me, and do not be afraid. The man who wants to kill you wants to kill me also, but you will be safe if you stay with me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23

1 Samuel 23:1

ULT

[1] And they told David, saying, “Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and they are plundering the threshing floors.”

UST

[1] One day someone told David, “You need to know that the Philistine army is attacking the town of Keilah and that they are stealing grain from where men are threshing it.”

From whom did David seek help when the Philistines fought against Keilah and robbed the threshing floors? (vv1-2)
David prayed to Yahweh for help.

1 Samuel 23:2

ULT

[2] And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, “Should I go and strike these Philistines?” And Yahweh said to David, “Go and strike the Philistines and save Keilah.”

UST

[2] David asked Yahweh, “Should my men and I go to fight against those men from the Philistia people group?” Yahweh answered, “Yes, go. Attack them, and rescue the people of Keilah.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:3

ULT

[3] And the men of David said to him, “Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. And the more so if we go to Keilah against the ranks of the Philistines!”

UST

[3] But David’s men said to him, “We are afraid that Saul will attack us here in Judah. We will be more afraid if we go to Keilah where the Philistine army is!”

Why did David pray to Yahweh again about the Philistines? (vv3-4)
David’s men told him they were afraid in Judah and were also afraid to attack the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:4

ULT

[4] And David did yet again inquire of Yahweh. And Yahweh answered him and said, “Rise, go down to Keilah, for I am about to give the Philistines into your hand.”

UST

[4] So David asked Yahweh again if they should go to Keilah. Yahweh answered, “Yes, go down to Keilah. I will help you to defeat the Philistines.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:5

ULT

[5] And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. And he drove off their livestock and struck them a great blow. And David saved those who dwelled in Keilah.

UST

[5] So David and his men went to Keilah. They fought against the Philistines and captured many of their cattle. David and his men killed many of the Philistine men and rescued the people of Keilah.

What was the outcome when David and his men fought with the Philistines as Yahweh had told David to do?

Yahweh gave them victory over the Philistines, so David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:6

ULT

[6] And it happened that when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah an ephod came down in his hand.

UST

[6] Abiathar son of Ahimelech, fled to be with David at Keilah, and he brought a sacred apron with him to use to determine what God wanted him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:7

ULT

7 And it was told to Saul that David had gone to Keilah. And Saul said, “God has alienated him into my hand. For he has shut himself in by entering into a city of doors and a bar.”

UST

7 Soomeone soon told Saul that David was at Keilah. So he said, “That is good! God is enabling me to capture him! He has trapped himself in that town, because it has high walls with gates around it.”

Why did Saul think he could attack David and his men? (vv7-8)

David and his men were shut in in a city that had gates and bars.

1 Samuel 23:8

ULT

8 And Saul caused all the people to hear for the battle, to go down to Keilah, to lay seige against David and against his men.

UST

8 So Saul summoned his army, and they prepared to go down to Keilah to attack David and his men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:9

ULT

9 And David knew that Saul was plotting evil against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring near the ephod.”

UST

9 But David found out that Saul was planning for his army to attack him. So he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring here the sacred apron.”

After David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him, what did David say to Abiathar the priest?

David said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring the ephod here.”

1 Samuel 23:10

ULT

10 And David said, “Yahweh, the God of Israel, your servant has certainly heard that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah, to destroy the city because of me.

UST

10 So when Abiathar brought it, David prayed, “Yahweh, God of us Israelites, I have heard that Saul is planning to come here with his army and destroy Keilah because I am here.

What did David ask Yahweh concerning Saul and the men of Keilah? (vv10-11)

David wanted to know if Saul would come down to Keilah and if the men of Keilah would surrender him into Saul’s hand.

1 Samuel 23:11

ULT

11 Will the masters of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down, just as your servant has heard? Yahweh, the God of Israel, please tell your servant.” And Yahweh said, “He will come down.”

UST

11 Will Saul come down here to Keilah, as people reported to me? Will the leaders of Keilah enable Saul to capture me? Yahweh, God of us Israelites, please tell me!” Yahweh answered, “Yes, Saul will come down.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:12

ULT

12 And David said, “Will the masters of Keilah deliver me and my men up into the hand of Saul?” And Yahweh said, “They will deliver up.”

UST

12 Then David asked, “Will the leaders of Keilah enable Saul’s army to capture me and my men if we stay here?” By means of the stones in the sacred vest, Yahweh replied, “Yes, they will.”

What was Yahweh’s reply to David concerning the men of Keilah?

Yahweh told David that the men of Keilah would surrender David into the hand of Saul.

1 Samuel 23:13

ULT

13 And David and his men, about 600 men, rose and went out from Keilah, and they walked about in wherever they could walk about. And it was told to Saul that David had slipped away from Keilah, and he stopped going out.

UST

13 So David and his six hundred men left Keilah. They continued to move from one place to another, wherever they thought that Saul would not find them. And when Saul found out that David had escaped from Keilah, he did not go there.

Why did Saul stop his pursuit of David at Keilah and search for him elsewhere? (vv13-14)

Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:14

ULT

14 And David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and he stayed in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him all the days, but God did not give him into his hand.

UST

14 David and his man stayed in hiding places in the desert and in the hills of the wilderness of Ziph. Every day Saul sent men to search for David, but Yahweh did not allow them to capture David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:15

ULT

15 And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. Now David was in the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.

UST

15 While David and his men were at a place named Horesh in the wilderness of Ziph, he found out that Saul was coming there to kill him.

How was Jonathan, Saul's son, a help to David in the wilderness?

He went to David and strengthened his hand in God.

1 Samuel 23:16

ULT

16 And Jonathan the son of Saul rose and went to David at the wood. And he strengthened his hand in God.

UST

16 But Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and encouraged him to continue to trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:17

ULT

17 And he said to him, "Do not be afraid, for the hand of Saul my father will not find you. As for you, you will reign over Israel, but I will be as second to you. And even Saul my father knows so."

UST

17 Jonathan told him, "Do not be afraid, because my father will not be able to harm you. Some day you will be the king of Israel, and I will be the second most important man in Israel. My father Saul also knows that."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:18

ULT

18 And the two of them cut a covenant before the face of Yahweh. And David stayed in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

UST

18 Then the two of them repeated their solemn promise that Yahweh had heard them make previously, that they would always be loyal to each other. Then Jonathan went home, but David stayed at Horesh.

Before Jonathan went home, what did he and David do in Horesh?

They made a covenant before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 23:19

ULT

19 And Ziphites went up to Saul at the Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding himself among us in the strongholds in the wood, on the hill of the Hakilah, which is south of the Jeshimon?

UST

19 Some people from Ziph went to Saul when he was at Gibeah, and they told him, “David and his men are hiding in our land! They are hiding in places at Horesh on the hill of Hakilah, south of a place named Jeshimon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:20

ULT

20 And now, the king, according to all the desire of your soul to come down, come down! And it is for us to deliver him up into the hand of the king.”

UST

20 So, O king, go down there any time that you want to. It is our duty to capture him and turn him over to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:21

ULT

21 And Saul said, “May you be blessed by Yahweh. For you have had compassion on me.

UST

21 Saul replied, “I hope that Yahweh will bless you for your concern for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:22

ULT

22 Go now, confirm again, and know, and see his place where his foot is. Who has seen him there? For one has said to me, ‘He is very crafty.’

UST

22 Go back and find out more about him. Find out exactly where he is staying, and find out who has seen him there. People tell me that he is very clever, so we need to be clever also to be able to capture him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:23

ULT

23 And see and know of all the hiding places there where he hides himself. And return to me with certain information, and I will go with you. And it will happen that if there is he in the land, then I will search for him in all the thousands of Judah.”

UST

23 Find out all the places where he and his men hide. Then come back and tell me everything that you have found out. Then I will take my army and go there with you. If David is with any of the clans of Judah, we will search for him and find him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:24

ULT

24 And they rose and went to Ziph before the face of Saul. Now David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah, to the south of the Jeshimon.

UST

24 So those people went back to Ziph before Saul went there. At that time David and his men were in the desert of Maon, south of Jeshimon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:25

ULT

25 And Saul and his men went to seek. And they told David, and he went down to the crag and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard and pursued after David from the wilderness of Maon.

UST

25 Saul and his soldiers went to search for David, but David heard about that. So he and his men went further south to a rocky hill in the wilderness of Maon. When Saul heard about that, he and his men followed David and his men to the wilderness of Maon.

Why was David not safe in Horesh and what did he do?

He was going to be betrayed by the people and given over to Saul, so he and his men went to another wilderness.

1 Samuel 23:26

ULT

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men were on that side of the mountain. And it happened that David was hurrying away to go from the face of Saul. And Saul and his men were circling in on David and on his men to capture them.

UST

26 Saul and his soldiers were walking along one side of the hill, and David and his men were on the other side. David and his men were hurrying to escape from Saul's soldiers, because Saul and his soldiers were coming much closer.

What happened as Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men? (vv26-27)

A messenger came to Saul and told him that the Philistines had made a raid against the land.

1 Samuel 23:27

ULT

27 And a messenger came to Saul, saying, "Hurry and go, for the Philistines have raided against the land."

UST

27 But then a messenger came to Saul and said to him, "Come quickly! The Philistine army is attacking the people in our land!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 23:28

ULT

28 And Saul returned from pursuing after David and went to meet the Philistines. Therefore they called that place the crag of the divisions.

UST

28 So Saul stopped pursuing David, and he and his soldiers went to fight against the Philistine army. That is the reason that people call that place the Rock of Escape.

What was Saul's response to this news?
Saul returned to fight the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:29

ULT

29 And David went up from there and stayed in the strongholds of Engedi. [1]
23:29 [1]

UST

29 David and his men also left that place and went to places to hide safely at Engedi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24

1 Samuel 24:1

ULT

1 And it happened when Saul returned from after the Philistines, that they told him, saying, “Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.” *[1]*

UST

1 After Saul and his soldiers returned home after fighting against the Philistine army, someone reported to Saul that David and his men had gone into the wilderness near EnGedi.

What did Saul do when he heard that David was in the wilderness of Engedi? (vv1-2)
He took three thousand chosen men and went to find David and his men.

1 Samuel 24:2

ULT

2 And Saul took 3,000 men chosen from all Israel. And he went to seek David and his men on the face of the rocks of the wild goats.

UST

2 When Saul heard that, he chose three thousand men from various areas in Israel, and they went to search for David and his men at the Rocks of Wild Goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:3

ULT

3 And he came to the pens of the sheep on the way, and a cave was there. And Saul entered to cover his feet. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost part of the cave.

UST

3 At a place where the road was alongside some sheep pens, Saul left the road and entered a cave to relieve himself. He did not know that David and his men were hiding further inside that same cave!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:4

ULT

4 And the men of David said to him, “Behold, today is what Yahweh said to you, ‘Behold, I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you will do to him as is good in your eyes.’” And David rose and cut off the edge of the robe which belonged to Saul in secrecy.

UST

4 David’s men saw Saul and whispered to David, “Today is the day that Yahweh spoke about when he said, ‘I will enable you to defeat your enemy.’ You can do to him whatever you want to!” So David crept toward the entrance of the cave and cut off with his knife a small piece of Saul’s robe.

What did David do to Saul in the cave instead of killing him?
David cut off a corner of Saul’s robe without being noticed.

1 Samuel 24:5

ULT

5 And it happened after thus that the heart of David struck him because he had cut off the edge, which belonged to Saul.

UST

5 And then he returned to his men. But David felt guilty for having cut off a piece of Saul’s robe.

Why would David not allow his men to attack Saul, but let him leave the cave in safety? (vv5-7)
David’s heart afflicted him and he felt that Yahweh would not want him to harm Yahweh’s anointed.

1 Samuel 24:6

ULT

6 And he said to his men, “Far be it for me from Yahweh if I do this thing to my master, to the anointed one of Yahweh, to stretch out my hand against him. For he is the anointed one of Yahweh.”

UST

6 He said to his men, “I should not have done that to the king! I hope that Yahweh will never allow me to attack the one whom God has appointed, because Yahweh is the one who chose him to be the king.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:7

ULT

[7] And David divided his men with the words and did not give them to rise against Saul. And Saul rose from the cave and went in the way.

UST

[7] By saying that, David restrained his men and did not allow them to kill Saul. After Saul left the cave and started to walk on the road again,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:8

ULT

[8] And David rose after thus and went out from the cave. And he called out behind Saul, saying, “My master the king!” And Saul looked behind him, and David bowed, nostrils to the ground, and he bowed down.

UST

[8] David came out of the cave and shouted to Saul, “King Saul!” Saul turned around and looked, and David bowed down with his face touching the ground.

When David left the cave after Saul, how did he show respect to Saul?

David called Saul his master, the king, and then bowed his face to the ground.

1 Samuel 24:9

ULT

[9] And David said to Saul, “Why do you listen to the words of a man, saying, ‘Behold, David is seeking your harm?’

UST

[9] Then he said to Saul, “Why do you pay attention to people when they say ‘David wants to harm you’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:10

ULT

10 Behold, this day your eyes have seen that Yahweh gave you into my hand today in the cave. And some said to slay you, but it looked on you with compassion. And I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my master, for he is the anointed one of Yahweh.’

UST

10 Today you can see with your own eyes that what they say is not true. Yahweh put you in a place where I and my men could have killed you when you were in this cave. Some of my men told me that I should do that, but I did not allow them to do that. I said to them, ‘I will not harm my master, because he is the king whom Yahweh appointed.’

How did David show Saul that he did not want to bring harm to him? (vv10-11)

David showed him the corner of his robe that David had been close enough to cut off.

1 Samuel 24:11

ULT

11 And see, my father, even see the edge of your robe in my hand! For when I cut off the edge of your robe I did not slay you. Know and see that there is no evil or transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, and you are lying in wait to take my life.

UST

11 Your majesty, look at this piece of your robe that is in my hand! I cut it from your robe, but I did not kill you. So now you should be able to understand that I am not planning to do anything evil to you. I have not done anything wrong to you, but you are searching for me to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:12

ULT

12 May Yahweh judge between you and me, and may Yahweh avenge me against you, but my hand will not be against you.

UST

12 I desire that Yahweh will judge and decide which of us is doing what is right. And I desire that he will punish you for the wrong things that you have done to me. But I will not try to harm you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:13

ULT

13 As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘From the wicked ones goes out wickedness.’ But my hand will not be against you.

UST

13 There is a proverb that has the words, ‘Evil things are done by evil people.’ But I am not evil, so I will not do evil things to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:14

ULT

14 After whom does the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog? After one flea?

UST

14 You are the king of Israel. So why are you pursuing me? What is it you are chasing? I am nothing more than a dead dog or a flea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:15

ULT

15 And may Yahweh become judge and judge between me and you. And may he see and argue my case and judge me out of your hand.”

UST

15 I hope that Yahweh will decide who is right in this matter, you or I? And when he decides in my favor, I hope he will defend me and save me from your power.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:16

ULT

16 And it happened as soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

UST

16 When David finished saying that to Saul, Saul called out to him and asked, “My son David, is that your voice that I am hearing?” Then he cried loudly.

What was Saul’s response to David?
He called David his son, then Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

1 Samuel 24:17

ULT

17 And he said to David, “You are more righteous than I. For you did good to me, but I did evil to you.

UST

17 He said, “You are a better man than I am. You have done something very good to me when I tried to do something very bad to you.

Why did Saul say that David was more righteous than himself? (vv17-18)
David had repaid Saul with good even though Saul had done evil to David.

1 Samuel 24:18

ULT

18 And you have declared today that you have done good with me, that Yahweh delivered me into your hand but you did not slay me.

UST

18 When Yahweh put me in a place in that cave where you could have easily killed me, you did not do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:19

ULT
19 And if a man finds his enemy, will he send him away on the good way? And may Yahweh reward you with good in return for what you have done for me this day.

UST
19 No one lets his enemy go free after he finds him. But you have done this. I hope that Yahweh will reward you for your acting kindly toward me today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 24:20

ULT
20 And now, behold, I know that you will surely reign and the kingdom of Israel will rise in your hand.

UST
20 I know that some day you will surely become the king, and that your kingdom will prosper as you rule the Israelite people.

What did Saul come to know about David at this time?
Saul knew that David would be king and the kingdom of Israel would be established with David.

1 Samuel 24:21

ULT
21 And now, swear to me by Yahweh, that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name from the house of my father."

UST
21 Now while Yahweh is listening, solemnly promise to me that you will not kill my family and get rid of all my descendants."

Before Saul went home, what oath did David make to him at Saul's request? (vv21-22)
David promised he would not cut off Saul's descendants, and he would not destroy Saul's name out of his father's house.

1 Samuel 24:22

ULT

22 And David swore to Saul. And Saul went to his house, and David and his men went up on the stronghold.
24:1 *[1]*

UST

22 David solemnly promised Saul that he would not harm Saul's family. Then Saul went back home, and David and his men went back up into the place where they had been hiding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25

1 Samuel 25:1

ULT
1 And Samuel died, and all Israel gathered and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house in the Ramah. And David rose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

UST
1 Soon after that, Samuel died, and all the Israelite people gathered and mourned for him. They buried his body outside his home in Ramah. Then David and his men moved to the wilderness of Paran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:2

ULT
2 Now a man was in Maon and his work was in the Carmel, and the man was very great. And for him were 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats. And he was shearing his sheep in the Carmel.

UST
2 In Maon town there was a man who owned land in Carmel, a nearby village. He was very rich; he owned 3, 000 sheep and 1,000 goats. Carmel is where he sheared his sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:3

ULT
3 And the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife was Abigail. Now the woman was good of insight and beautiful of form. But the man was harsh and evil of deeds, and he was a Calebite.

UST
3 His name was Nabal; he was a descendant of Caleb. His wife Abigail was a wise and beautiful woman, but Nabal was very cruel and treated people very unkindly.

What kind of man was Nabal in his dealings?
He was harsh and evil.

What was Habal's wife Abigail like?
She was intelligent and beautiful in appearance.

1 Samuel 25:4

ULT

4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep.

UST

4 One day while David and his men were in the desert, someone told him that Nabal was cutting the wool from his sheep.

Who did David send to greet Nabal while he was shearing his sheep?
David sent ten young men to greet Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:5

ULT

5 And David sent ten young men. And David said to the young men, “Go up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and ask him in my name with respect to well-being.

UST

5 So David told ten of his men, “Go to Nabal at Carmel and greet him for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:6

ULT

6 And you shall say thus, ‘To life! And peace to you and peace to your house and peace to all that is for you.

UST

6 Then tell him this message from me: ‘I wish that things may go well for you and your family and for everything that you possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:7

ULT

7 And now, I have heard that those who shear belong to you. Now the shepherds who belong to you have
been with us. We have not harmed them and not anything of them was missing all the days of their being in
the Carmel.

UST

7 I heard people say that you are cutting the wool from your sheep. Previously, when your shepherds were
among us, we did not harm them. All the time that your shepherds were among us at Camel, we did not steal
any sheep from them.

Why did David think that Nabal would help him and his ten young men?

David's group had protected Nabal's shepherds when they were with David's group.

1 Samuel 25:8

ULT

8 Ask your young men and they will tell you. And let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come
on a good day. Please give whatever your hand finds to your servants and to your son, to David.'"

UST

8 You can ask your servants if this is true, and they will tell you that it is true. We have come here at a time
when you are celebrating, so I ask you to please be kind to us and give these men whatever extra food you
have, for me, David, and my men to eat.'"

What did David's young men ask Nabal to give them?

They asked Nabal to give them and David whatever he has in hand for a festive day.

1 Samuel 25:9

ULT

9 And the young men of David came, and they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in the name of
David. And they rested.

UST

9 When David's men arrived where Nabal was, they gave David's message to him, and they waited for him to
reply.

What was Nabal's response to David's young men? (vv9-11)

Nabal said that he did not know David and he needed all he had for his shearers.

1 Samuel 25:10

ULT

10 And Nabal answered the servants of David. And he said, “Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? Today there are many servants who are breaking away, a man from the face of his master.

UST

10 But Nabal spoke harshly to them, “Who does this man, this son of Jesse, think that he is? There are many slaves who are running away from their masters at the present time, and it seems to me that he is just one of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:11

ULT

11 And should I take my bread and my water and my slaughtered thing that I have slaughtered for my ones who shear, and give it to men whom I do not know where they are from?”

UST

11 I give bread and water to the men who are cutting the wool from my sheep, and I give them meat from animals that I have slaughtered. Why should I take some of those things and give them to a group of outlaws?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:12

ULT

12 And the young men of David turned to their way. And they returned and came and told him according to all these words.

UST

12 Then David’s men returned and told him what Nabal had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:13

ULT

[13] And David said to his men, “Strap on a man his sword.” And they strapped on, a man his sword. And David also strapped on his sword. And about 400 men went up behind David, and 200 stayed with the things.

UST

[13] When David heard this, he told his men, “We are going to kill Nabal; fasten your swords!” So he fastened on his sword, and about four hundred men fastened their swords and went with him. There were two hundred of his men who stayed with their supplies.

What did David tell his men to do when he heard about Nabal’s response?
David ordered his men to strap on their swords.

1 Samuel 25:14

ULT

[14] But one young man from the young men told Abigail the wife of Nabal, saying, “Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to bless our master, and he screamed at them.

UST

[14] One of Nabal’s servants found out what David and his men were planning to do, so he went to Nabal’s wife Abigail and said to her, “David sent some messengers from the desert to greet our master Nabal, but Nabal only yelled at them.

When the young man spoke to Abigail, how did he say that David and his men treated them in the fields? (vv14-15)
He said they were good to Nabal’s shepherds while they were with them in the field.

1 Samuel 25:15

ULT

[15] But the men were very good to us. And we were not harmed and did not miss anything all the days of our going about with them when we were in the field.

UST

[15] All the time that we were in the fields close to them, those men of David were very kind to us. They did not harm us. They did not steal anything from us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:16

ULT
16 They were a wall for us both night and day, all the days of our being with them tending the sheep.

UST
16 They protected us during the daytime and during the night. They were like a wall around us to protect us while we were taking care of our sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:17

ULT
17 And now know and see what you should do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his house. And he is a son of worthlessness from speaking to him."

UST
17 So now you should think about it and decide what you can do. If you do not do something, terrible things will happen to our master and to all his family. Nabal is an extremely wicked man, so he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what to do."

Why did the young man go to Abigail instead of to Nabal?
Nabal was such a worthless fellow that no one could reason with him.

1 Samuel 25:18

ULT
18 And Abigail hurried and took 200 bread loaves and two skins of wine and five prepared sheep and five seah of roasted grain and 100 bunches of raisins and 200 cakes of figs. And she put them on the donkeys.

UST
18 When Abigail heard that, she very quickly gathered two hundred loaves of bread, and also got two leather bags full of wine, the meat from five sheep, a bushel of roasted grain, a hundred packs of raisins, and two hundred packs of dried figs. She put all those things on donkeys.

What did Abigail do after hearing about her husband's response. (vv18-19)
Abigail hurriedly gathered provisions and told her young men to go before her, but she did not tell Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:19

ULT

[19] And she said to her young men, “Pass over before my face. Behold, I will come behind you.” But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

UST

[19] Then she told her servants, “Go ahead of me. I will follow you.” But she did not tell her husband what she was going to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:20

ULT

[20] And she was riding on the donkey and going down in the cover of the mountain, and behold, David and his men were coming down to meet her! And she encountered them.

UST

[20] Abigail rode on her donkey and came down to the place in the hills where David and his men were staying. Suddenly David and his men met her.

Who came toward Abigail as she rode her donkey bringing the provisions?

David and his men came toward Abigail and she met them.

1 Samuel 25:21

ULT

[21] Now David had said, “Surely for a lie have I kept all that is for this one in the wilderness, and not anyhing was missed from all that is for him. And he has returned to me evil in place of good.

UST

[21] David had been saying to his men, “It was useless for us to protect that man and all his possessions here in this wilderness. We did not steal anything that belonged to him, but he has acted badly toward me in return for our good actions toward him.

What had David said that he planned to do after guarding Nabal’s possessions in vain? (vv21-22)

David planned to kill all the men who belonged to Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:22

ULT
22 Thus may God do to the enemies of David and thus may he add, if I leave over until the morning any who are for him who urinate against the wall!”

UST
22 I hope that God will strike me and kill me if he or even one male person belonging to him is still alive tomorrow morning!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:23

ULT
23 And Abigail saw David, and she hurried and got down from on the donkey. And fell before the face of David on her face and bowed down to the ground.

UST
23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got down from her donkey and bowed before him, with her face touching the ground.

What did Abigail do when when she met David? (vv23-24)
Abigail hurriedly got down from her donkey, lay before David face down and asked to speak to David as his servant.

1 Samuel 25:24

ULT
24 And she fell on his feet and said, “On me myself, my master, be the iniquity. Please let your female servant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your female servant.

UST
24 Then she prostrated herself at David’s feet and said to him, “Sir, I deserve to be punished for what my husband has done. Please listen to what I say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:25

ULT

25 Please do not let my master set his heart against this man of worthlessness, against Nabal, for as his name is, so he is. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. But I your female servant did not see the young men of my master, whom you sent.

UST

25 Please do not pay attention to what this worthless man Nabal has said. His name means ‘fool,’ and he surely is a foolish man. But I, who am willing to be your servant, did not see the messengers whom you sent to him.

What did Abigail hope to prevent by talking to David? (vv25-26)
She hoped to stop the bloodshed of those with Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:26

ULT

26 And now, my master, as Yahweh is alive, and as your spirit is alive, it is Yahweh who has witheld you from entering into bloodshed and your hand saving for yourself. And now may your enemies and the ones who seek evil against my master be like Nabal.

UST

26 Yahweh has prevented you from getting revenge on anyone and killing anyone. I hope that just as surely as Yahweh lives and as surely as you live, your enemies will be cursed like Nabal is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:27

ULT

27 And now let this blessing that your female servant has brought to my master be given to the young men, the ones going about at the feet of my master.

UST

27 I have brought a gift for you and for the men who are with you.

What does Abigail hope to accomplish by giving David and his young men the provisions? (vv27-28)
Abigail hoped that David would forgive Nabal’s sins.

1 Samuel 25:28

ULT

28 Please lift up the transgression of your female servant! For Yahweh will certainly make my master a sure house, because my master is fighting the battles of Yahweh. And evil will not be found in you from your days.

UST

28 Please forgive me if I have done anything wrong to you. Yahweh will surely reward you by allowing many of your descendants to become kings of Israel, because you are fighting the battles that Yahweh wants you to fight. And I know that throughout all your life you have not done anything wrong.

Who does Abigail tell David will make his home sure and without evil?

Abigail says that Yahweh will make David's home sure.

1 Samuel 25:29

ULT

29 If a man rises up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my master will be bound in the bundle of the living ones by Yahweh your God. And he will sling away the life of your enemies in the midst of the palm of the sling.

UST

29 Even when those who are trying to kill you pursue you, you are safe because Yahweh your God takes care of you. You will be protected like a bundle that is safely tied up. But your enemies will disappear like stones that are hurled from a sling.

Who will sling away the lives of David's enemies, as from the pocket of a sling?

Yahweh will protect David even though men rise up to take his life.

1 Samuel 25:30

ULT

30 And it will happen that when Yahweh does for my master according to all the good that he spoke concerning you, and has appointed you for a ruler over Israel,

UST

30 Yahweh has promised to do good things for you, and he will do what he has promised. And he will cause you to become the ruler of the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:31

ULT
31 then this will not become an obstacle for you or a stumbling block of heart for my master, or as the pouring out of blood without cause, or as my master saving himself. And Yahweh will do good for my master, and you will remember your female servant."

UST
31 When that happens, you will be glad that you did not kill any people in Nabal's household. You will not think that you deserve to be punished for having punished and killed innocent people. And when Yahweh enables you to successfully become the king, please do not forget to be kind to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:32

ULT
32 And David said to Abigail, "May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be blessed, who sent you this day to meet me.

UST
32 David replied to Abigail, "I praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, because he sent you to talk with me.

Who does David say sent Abigail to meet him?
David said that Yahweh sent Abigail.

1 Samuel 25:33

ULT
33 And blessed be your discernment and blessed be you, who have witheld me this day from entering into bloodshed and my hand saving for myself!

UST
33 I hope today God may help you because you have wisely kept me from killing people today, and from paying back evil for evil.

Why does David say that Abigail and her wisdom are blessed?
Because of Abigail's quick action, David kept from shedding blood and avenging himself.

1 Samuel 25:34

ULT

34 But indeed, as Yahweh is alive, the God of Israel is he who has witheld me from doing evil to you. For if you had not hurried and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left over for Nabal until the light of the morning one who urinates against a wall."

UST

34 Just as surely as Yahweh the God whom we Israelites worship is alive, he has prevented me from harming you. If you had not come quickly to talk to me, neither Nabal nor even one of Nabal's men or boys would be still alive tomorrow morning."

Who has kept David form killing all the males in Nabal's household by sending Abigail quickly?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, kept David from killing the males in Nabal's household.

1 Samuel 25:35

ULT

35 And David took from her hand what she had brought to him. And to her he said, "Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice and have lifted up your face."

UST

35 Then David accepted the gifts that Abigail had brought to him. He said to her, "I hope that things may go well for you. I have heard what you said, and I will do what you have requested."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:36

ULT

36 And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, for him was a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And the heart of Nabal was good with him and he was drunk to abundance. And she did not tell him a thing small or great until the light of the morning.

UST

36 When Abigail returned to Nabal, he was in his house, having a big celebration like kings have. He was very drunk and feeling very happy. So Abigail did not say anything to him that night about her meeting with David.

Why did Abigail not talk to Nabal when she returned from seeing David?

Nabal was holding a feast and was very drunk.

1 Samuel 25:37

ULT

37 And it happened in the morning, when the wine had gone out from Nabal, that his wife told him these things. And his heart died in his inner part and he became a stone.

UST

37 The next morning, when he was no longer drunk, she told him everything that had happened when she talked with David. Immediately, he had a stroke and could no longer move.

What happened to Nabal in the morning when Abigail talked to him? (vv37-38)

His heart died and he became like stone, and ten days later Yahweh attacked Nabal and he died.

1 Samuel 25:38

ULT

38 And it was about ten days then Yahweh struck Nabal and he died.

UST

38 About ten days later Yahweh struck him again, and he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:39

ULT

39 And David heard that Nabal had died, and he said, “Blessed be Yahweh, who has argued the case of my reproach from the hand of Nabal and has witheld his servant from evil. And Yahweh has returned the evil of Nabal on his head.” And David sent and spoke with Abigail, to take her for himself for a wife.

UST

39 After David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, “I praise Yahweh! Nabal insulted me, but Yahweh has shown that I have been right. He has prevented me from doing anything wrong. And he has punished Nabal for the wrong that he did.” Then David sent messengers to Abigail, to ask her if she would become his wife.

What did David do when he heard that Nabal was dead? (vv39-40)

David sent his servants to ask Abigail to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:40

ULT

40 And the servants of David came to Abigail at the Carmel. And they spoke to her, saying, “David has sent us to you to take you for him for a wife.”

UST

40 His servants went to Carmel and said to Abigail, “David sent us to take you to become his wife.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:41

ULT

41 And she rose and bowed down, nostrils to the earth, and she said, “Behold, your female servant is as a slave woman for washing the feet of the servants of my master.”

UST

41 Abigail bowed down with her face touching the ground. Then she told the messengers to tell David, “I am happy to become your wife. I will be your servant. And I am willing to wash the feet of your servants.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:42

ULT

42 And Abigail hurried and rose and rode on the donkey, and five of her servant girls were going to her feet. And she went behind the messengers of David and became a wife for him.

UST

42 Abigail quickly got on her donkey and went with David’s messengers. Five of her female servants went with her. When she arrived where David was, she became his wife.

What did Abigail do when she heard David wanted to marry her?

Abigail hurriedly arose and went by donkey following David’s messengers to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:43

ULT

43 And David took Ahinoam from Jezreel. And the two of them both became wives for him.

UST

43 David had previously married Ahinoam, a woman from Jezreel near Carmel. So both Abigail and Ahinoam were now David's wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 25:44

ULT

44 Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, the wife of David, to Paltiel the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

UST

44 King Saul's daughter Michal was also David's wife, but Saul had given her to Laish's son Paltiel, who was from the town of Gallim.

What happened to David's wife, Michal?

Saul gave her to another man as his wife.

1 Samuel 26

1 Samuel 26:1

ULT

[1] And the Ziphites came to Saul at the Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding himself in the hill of the Hakilah, on the face of the Jeshimon?”

UST

[1] One day some of the people of Ziph town went to Saul while he was at Gibeah, and they said to him, “David is hiding in a cave on the hill of Hakilah, east of the town of Jeshimon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:2

ULT

[2] And Saul rose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him were 3,000 men, chosen ones of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.

UST

[2] So Saul chose three thousand of the best Israelite soldiers and went with them to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David.

Who did Saul take with him to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph?

Saul took three thousand chosen men of Israel.

1 Samuel 26:3

ULT

[3] And Saul camped in the hill of the Hakilah, which is on the face of the Jeshimon, by the road. But David was staying in the wilderness and he saw that Saul was coming after him to the wilderness.

UST

[3] Saul and his men set up their tents close to the road on the hill of Hakilah, east of the town of Jeshimon, but David and his men stayed in the wilderness. When David heard that Saul was searching for him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:4

ULT

[4] And David sent spies and he knew that Saul had certainly come.

UST

[4] he sent some spies to find out if it was true that Saul had come to Hakilah.

How did David know that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness?

David had sent out spies and learned from them that Saul was coming.

1 Samuel 26:5

ULT

[5] And David rose and came to the place there where Saul had camped. And David saw the place there where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. And Saul lay in the entrenchment, and the people were camped around him.

UST

[5] Then that evening David went to the place where Saul had set up his tent. From a distance he saw where Saul and his army commander, Abner, were sleeping. Saul was sleeping with all his army sleeping around him.

Where did David go after learning that Saul had come?

David arose and went to the place where Saul camped.

1 Samuel 26:6

ULT

[6] And David answered and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, saying, “Who will go down with me to Saul, to the camp?” And Abishai said, “I! I will go down with you.”

UST

[6] David went back to where his men were and talked to Ahimelech, who was from the Heth people group, and Joab’s brother Abishai, whose mother was David’s older sister Zeruiah. He asked them, “Who will go with me down into the camp where Saul is?” Abishai replied, “I will go with you.”

What did Joab’s brother want to do when he and David saw Saul sleeping inside the camp? (vv6-7)

Joab’s brother wanted to kill Saul with his spear.

1 Samuel 26:7

ULT

7 And David and Abishai came to the people at night. And behold, Saul lie asleep in the entrenchment, and his spear was pressed into the ground at the place of his head. And Abner and the people were lying around him.

UST

7 So that night David and Abishai crept into Saul's camp. They saw that Saul was asleep in the middle of the camp. Abner and the other soldiers were sleeping around Saul. Saul's spear was stuck in the ground near his head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:8

ULT

8 And Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand. And now please let me strike him with the spear even into the earth one time. And I will not do it again to him."

UST

8 Abishai whispered to David, "Today Yahweh has enabled us to kill your enemy! Allow me to fasten Saul to the ground by thrusting my spear into him. It will be necessary for me to strike him only once. I will not need to strike him twice."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:9

ULT

9 And David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him. For who has stretched out his hand against the anointed one of Yahweh and been innocent?"

UST

9 But David whispered to Abishai, "No, do not kill Saul. Yahweh has appointed him to be king, so Yahweh will surely punish anyone who kills him.

Why did David not want Joab's brother to kill Saul?

David said no one could extend his hand against Yahweh's anointed one and be guiltless.

1 Samuel 26:10

ULT

[10] And David said, “As Yahweh is alive, surely Yahweh will strike him, or his day will come and he will die, or he will go down into the battle and be swept away.

UST

[10] Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, he himself will punish Saul. Perhaps Yahweh will strike him when it is Saul’s time to die, or perhaps Saul will be killed in a battle.

How does David say Saul must die?

Yahweh will kill Saul, or he will die on his own, or he will die in battle.

1 Samuel 26:11

ULT

[11] Far be it for me from Yahweh to stretch out my hand against the anointed one of Yahweh. And now, please take the spear that is at the place of his head and the jug of water, and let us go for ourselves.”

UST

[11] But I hope that Yahweh will prevent me from harming the king whom he has appointed. Let us take Saul’s spear and water jug that are near his head. Then let us get out of here!”

What did David take from Saul? (vv11-12)

David took the spear and the jar of water from near Saul’s head.

1 Samuel 26:12

ULT

[12] And David took the spear and the jug of water from the place of the head of Saul, and they went for themselves. And there was no one who saw, and there was no one who knew, and there was no one who awoke, for all of them were sleeping, because a deep sleep of Yahweh had fallen on them.

UST

[12] So David took the spear and the jug, and he and Abishai left. No one saw them or knew what they were doing, and no one woke up, because Yahweh had caused them to be sound asleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:13

ULT

13 And David passed over to the other side and stood on the head of the mountain from a distance. Great was the distance between them.

UST

13 David and Abishai went across the valley and climbed to the top of the hill, a long way from Saul's camp.

What did David go after left Saul's camp?

He went over to the other side and stood on the top to the mountain far off.

1 Samuel 26:14

ULT

14 And David called out to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" And Abner answered and said, "Who are you who calls out to the king?"

UST

14 Then David shouted to Abner, "Abner, can you hear me?" Abner replied "Who are you, waking up the king by calling out to him?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:15

ULT

15 And David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? But why did you not watch over your master the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your master.

UST

15 David replied, "I am sure that you are the greatest man in Israel! So why did you not guard your master, the king? Someone came into your camp in order to kill your master, the king.

Why did David say Abner, the man who was to watch over Saul, deserved to die? (vv15-16)

He did not keep watch after his master Saul when someone came to kill him.

1 Samuel 26:16

ULT

16 This thing that you have done is not good. As Yahweh is alive, surely sons of death are you who did not watch over your master, over the anointed one of Yahweh. And now see, where is the spear of the king and the jar of water that was at the place of his head?”

UST

16 You have done a very poor job of guarding Saul. So just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you and your men should be executed! You have not guarded your master whom Yahweh appointed to be the king. Where are the king’s spear and the water jug that were close to his head?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:17

ULT

17 And Saul recognized the voice of David and said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And David said, “It is my voice, my master the king.”

UST

17 Saul woke up and recognized that it was David’s voice. He called out, saying, “My son David, is that your voice?” David replied, “Yes, your majesty it is my voice.”

What question did David ask Saul? (vv17-18)

David asked why Saul was pursuing David and what evil David had done.

1 Samuel 26:18

ULT

18 And he said, “Why is my master pursuing after his servant? For what have I done? And what evil is in my hand?

UST

18 Then David added, “Sir, why are you pursuing me? I have done nothing wrong!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:19

ULT

[19] And now, please hear, my master the king, the words of his servant. If Yahweh has incited you against me, may he smell an offering; but if the sons of the man, cursed be them before the face of Yahweh. For they have today driven me out from joining oneself with the inheritance of Yahweh, saying, ‘Go serve other gods.’

UST

[19] Your majesty, listen to me! If Yahweh has caused you to be angry with me, I want him to accept a sacrifice from me. But if it is people who have caused you to be angry with me, I hope that Yahweh will curse them. They have forced me to leave the land that Yahweh gave to me. They have told me, ‘Go somewhere else and worship other gods!’

What did David want to happen to human beings that stirred Saul up against David?

David wants them to be cursed in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:20

ULT

[20] And now, do not let my blood fall to the earth from in front of the face of Yahweh. For the king of Israel has come out to seek one flea just as one pursues the partridge in the mountains.”

UST

[20] Now do not force me to die away from the land and presence of Yahweh. You, the king, are looking for me, but I am as good as a flea or a wild bird that someone hunts in the hills.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:21

ULT

[21] And Saul said, “I have sinned! Return, my son David! For I will not do evil to you again, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly and have gone very much astray!”

UST

[21] Then Saul said, “David, my son, I have sinned by trying to kill you. So come back home. Today you have considered my life to be very valuable and so you have not killed me. So I will not try to harm you. I have made a big mistake and have acted foolishly.”

What did Saul say to David?

Saul said that he had sinned and would harm David no more.

1 Samuel 26:22

ULT
22 And David answered and said, “Behold, the spear of the king! And let one of the young men pass over and take it.

UST
22 David replied, “I will leave your spear here. Send one of your young men here to get it.

What did David tell Saul to do about his spear?
He told Saul to send one of his young men over to get it.

1 Samuel 26:23

ULT
23 And may Yahweh return to the man his righteousness and his faithfulness; because Yahweh gave you into a hand today, but I was not willing to stretch out my hand against the anointed one of Yahweh.

UST
23 Yahweh rewards us for the things that we do that are right and for being loyal to him. Even when Yahweh placed me where I could easily have killed you, I refused to do that, because you are the one whom Yahweh has appointed to be the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 26:24

ULT
24 And behold, just as your life was great in my eyes this day, so may my life be great in the eyes of Yahweh, and may he rescue me from all distress.”

UST
24 Just as I considered your life to be valuable and spared your life today, I hope that Yahweh will consider my life to be valuable and spare my life and save me from all my troubles.”

What value did David show that he had for Saul’s life?
Saul’s life was precious in David’s eyes.

1 Samuel 26:25

ULT

25 And Saul said to David, “Blessed be you, my son David! You will certainly both do and also you will certainly be able.” And David went to his way, and Saul returned to his place.

UST

25 Then Saul said to David, “My son David, I pray that Yahweh may bless you. May you do great things very successfully.” Then David returned to his men, and Saul went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27

1 Samuel 27:1

ULT

1 And David said to his heart, “Now I will be swept away one day by the hand of Saul. There is no good thing for me, but I will certainly slip away to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me, of seeking me again in all the territory of Israel, and I will slip away from his hand.”

UST

1 But David thought, “Some day Saul will capture me if I stay around here. So the best thing that I can do is to escape and go to the region of Philistia. If I do that, Saul will stop searching for me here in Israel, and I will be safe.”

Why did David think that he needed to escape into the land of the Philistines?
David felt that was the only way he could escape Saul.

1 Samuel 27:2

ULT

2 And David rose and passed over, he and 600 men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maok, the king of Gath.

UST

2 So David and his six hundred men left Israel and went to see Maok’s son Achish, who was king of the city of Gath in the region of Philistia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:3

ULT

3 And David dwelled with Achish in Gath, he and his men, a man and his house, David and the two of his wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelite woman and Abigail the Carmelite woman, the wife of Nabal.

UST

3 David and his men and their families started to live there in Gath, the city where King Achish lived. David’s two wives were with him—Ahinoam from Jezreel, and Nabal’s widow Abigail, from Carmel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:4

ULT

4 And it was told to Saul that David had fled to Gath. And he did not again seek him more.

UST

4 When Saul heard that David had run away and was living in Gath, he stopped searching for David.

What made Saul no longer look for David?

Saul heard that David and those with him had fled to Gath.

1 Samuel 27:5

ULT

5 And David said to Achish, “If I have found favor in your eyes, let them give to me a place in one of the cities of the field, and I may dwell there. And why should your servant dwell in the city of the kingship with you?”

UST

5 One day David said to Achish, “If you are pleased with us, give us a place in one of the small villages where we can stay. There is no need for us to stay in the city where you are the king.”

What did David ask and get from Achish the Philistine? (vv5-6)

David asked for a place in one of the cities in the country, and Achish gave him Ziklag.

1 Samuel 27:6

ULT

6 And on that day Achish gave to him Ziklag. Therefore Ziklag belongs to the kings of Judah until this day.

UST

6 Achish liked what David suggested. So that day Achish gave to David the town of Ziklag. As a result, Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah since that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:7

ULT

7 And the number of the days that David dwelled in the field of the Philistines was days and four months.

UST

7 David and his men lived in the region of Philistia for sixteen months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:8

ULT

8 And David and his men went up and raided against the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalekites. For they were dwelling in the land, which is from ancient times, as you go to Shur, and as far as the land of Egypt. *[1]*

UST

8 During that time, David and his men raided the people who lived in the areas where the Geshur, Girzi, and Amalek people groups lived. Those people had lived there from long before. That area extended south to Shur and to the border of Egypt.

What did David and his men do with the men and women, animals and clothing from their raids? (vv8-9)

They killed the people and took the animals and clothing and then returned to Achish.

1 Samuel 27:9

ULT

9 And David struck the land and did not let a man or a woman live. And he took sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels and garments. And he returned and came to Achish.

UST

9 Whenever David's men attacked them, they killed all the men and women, and they took all the people's sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels, and even their clothes. Then they would bring those things back home, and David would go to talk to Achish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 27:10

ULT

10 And Achish said, “Against whom did you raid today?” And David said, “Against the south of Judah and against the south of the Jerahmeelite and against the south of the Kenite.”

UST

10 Each time Achish would ask David, “Where did you go raiding today?” David would lie to him and sometimes say that they had gone to the southern part of Judah, and sometimes he would say that they had gone to where the Jerahmeelites lived in the south, or that he had fought against the Kenites who lived in the south.

How did David tell Achish he had been when he returned from raids?

David said that he raided the south of Judah, so Achish thought he attacked Israel.

1 Samuel 27:11

ULT

11 Now David did not let a man or a woman live to bring to Gath, saying, “Lest they tell about us, saying, ‘Thus did David.’” And thus was his custom all the days that he dwelled in the field of the Philistines.

UST

11 David’s men never brought back to Gath any man or woman who was still alive. David thought, “If we do not kill everyone, some of them who are still alive they will go and tell Achish the truth about what we really did.” David did that all the time that he and his men lived in the region of Philistia.

Why did David keep no one alive and bring them to Gath?

David killed everyone so that they would be unable to tell what David had done.

1 Samuel 27:12

ULT

12 And Achish trusted in David, saying, “He certainly stinks among his people in Israel, and he will become an eternal servant for me.”
27:8 *[1]* which is found in some ancient Hebrew manuscripts, some modern versions have which is found in the margin of some Hebrew manuscripts.

UST

12 So Achish believed what David told him; he thought, “Because of what David has done, his own people, the Israelites, must now hate him very much. So he will have to stay here and serve me forever.”

Why did Achish think that David has made his people of Israel utterly hate David?

Achish believed David’s lies that he had raided the people of Israel.

1 Samuel 28

1 Samuel 28:1

ULT

[1] And it happened in those days that the Philistines gathered their camps for the war to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, “You certainly know that you will go out with me in the camp, you and your men.”

UST

[1] Some time later, the people of Philistia gathered their army to attack the Israelites again. King Achish told David, “I am expecting that you and your men will join with my men to attack the Israelites.”

What did Achish want David to do when the Philistines gathered to fight Israel? (vv1-2)
Achish wanted David to permanently be his bodyguard.

1 Samuel 28:2

ULT

[2] And David said to Achish, “Therefore, you yourself will know what your servant can do.” And Achish said to David, “Therefore, I will appoint you the keeper of my head all the days.”

UST

[2] David replied, “We will go with you, and then you will see for yourself what we can do!” Achish said, “Very well, I will appoint you to be my permanent bodyguard.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:3

ULT

[3] Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and had buried him in the Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had removed the necromancers and the ones with familiar spirits from the land.

UST

[3] Now while Samuel was still alive, Saul did some things that pleased Yahweh. One of the good things that Saul did was to expel from Israel all the people who were fortune tellers or who talked to the spirits of dead people. But Samuel had died, and all the Israelite people had mourned for him. Then they had buried him in Ramah, his hometown.

Who did Saul ban from the land after Samuel’s death?
Saul banned all those who talked with the dead or with spirits.

1 Samuel 28:4

ULT

4 And the Philistines gathered and came and camped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they camped at the Gilboa.

UST

4 The army of Philistia gathered and set up their tents at the city of Shunem, in the north of Israel. Saul gathered the Israelite army and set up their tents at Gilboa in the eastern part of the same valley.

Which two countries gathered to fight?
The Philistines and Israel gathered.

1 Samuel 28:5

ULT

5 And Saul saw the camp of the Philistines. And he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.

UST

5 When Saul saw the army of Philistia, he became so afraid that his heart pounded.

Why did Saul search for a woman who claimed to talk to the dead? (vv5-7)
Saul was afraid of the Philistine army and did not hear from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 28:6

ULT

6 And Saul inquired of Yahweh, but Yahweh did not answer him—neither by the dreams, nor by the Urim, nor by the prophets.

UST

6 He prayed to Yahweh, but Yahweh did not answer him. Yahweh did not tell Saul what he should do by giving him a dream, or by having the priest throw the marked stones in his sacred pouch, or by giving a message about Saul to any prophet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:7

ULT

7 And Saul said to his servants, “Seek for me a woman of a mistress of necromancy, so I may go to her and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, a woman of a mistress of necromancy is in Endor.”

UST

7 Then Saul said to his servants, “Find for me a woman who talks to the spirits of dead people, in order that I can ask her what will happen.” His servants replied, “There is a woman in the town of Endor who does that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:8

ULT

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other clothes, and went, he and two of the men with him. And they came to the woman at night. And he said, “Please practice divination for me with a spirit of the dead, and bring up for me whom I say to you.”

UST

8 So Saul took off the clothes that showed that he was the king, and he put on ordinary clothes to disguise himself. Then he and two of his men went during the night to talk to that woman. Saul said to her, “I want you to talk to a spirit of someone who has died. Cause to appear the person whose name I will give to you.”

What was the women afraid of when the disguised Saul and two of his men went to talk to her? (vv8-9)

She was afraid because Saul killed everyone who talked to the dead after Samuel’s death.

1 Samuel 28:9

ULT

9 And the woman said to him, “Behold, you yourself know what Saul has done, that he has cut off the necromancers and the ones with a familiar spirit from the land. And why are you setting a trap against my life, to put me to death?”

UST

9 But the woman replied, “You surely know what Saul has done. He expelled from this land all the people who talk to spirits of dead people and all fortune tellers. I think that you are trying to trap me, in order that I will be executed for doing something that is not permitted.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:10

ULT

[10] And Saul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, “As Yahweh is alive, no punishment will meet you by this matter.”

UST

[10] Saul replied, solemnly asking Yahweh to listen to what he was saying, “Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you will not be punished for doing this.”

What did Saul promise to the woman?
Saul promised that she would not be punished if she helped Saul.

1 Samuel 28:11

ULT

[11] And the woman said, “Whom will I bring up for you?” And he said, “Bring up Samuel for me.”

UST

[11] Then the woman said, “Whom do you want me to cause to appear?” Saul replied, “Cause Samuel to appear.”

How did the woman know that Saul was the man who asked for her to bring up Samuel? (vv11-12)
She knew that she was deceived when she saw Samuel.

1 Samuel 28:12

ULT

[12] And the woman saw Samuel and cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, saying, “Why did you deceive me? And you are Saul!”

UST

[12] So the woman did that. But when she saw Samuel, she screamed. She said, “You have tricked me! You are Saul! You will execute me for doing this!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:13

ULT

13 And the king said to her, “Do not be afraid, but what did you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I saw gods going up from the earth.”

UST

13 Saul said to her, “Do not be afraid. What do you see?” The woman said, “I see a god coming up out of the ground.”

What did the woman say Samuel looked like? (vv13-14)

The woman saw a god coming out of the earth, an old man clothed with a robe.

1 Samuel 28:14

ULT

14 And he said to her, “What is his appearance?” And she said, “An old man is coming up and he is wrapped in a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed, nostrils to the ground, and he bowed down.

UST

14 Saul said, “What does he look like?” The woman replied, “An old man wearing a robe is appearing.” Then Saul knew that it was Samuel. So he bowed down with his face touching the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:15

ULT

15 And Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Saul said, “It is very narrow for me, and the Philistines are about to fight against me. And God has turned aside from on me and does not answer me anymore, neither by the hand of the prophets, nor by the dreams, so I have called to you, to cause me to know what I will do.”

UST

15 Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you bothered me by causing me to appear?” Saul said, “I am very worried. The army of Philistia is about to attack my army, and God has abandoned me. He does not answer my questions anymore. He does not give me dreams to tell me what to do or give messages to prophets to tell me what to do. That is the reason that I came to see you. So you tell me what I should do!”

Why did Saul bring up Samuel?

Saul was distressed because the Philistines are going to war with him and God has left Saul.

1 Samuel 28:16

ULT

16 And Samuel said, “And why do you ask me while Yahweh has turned aside from on you and has become your enemy?

UST

16 Samuel said, “Yahweh has abandoned you and has become your enemy. So why do you ask me what you should do?

What did Samuel say Yahweh had done with Saul’s kingdom? (vv16-17)
Yahweh had torn Saul’s kingdom from him and given it to David.

1 Samuel 28:17

ULT

17 And Yahweh has done for himself just as he spoke by my hand. And Yahweh has torn the kingdom from your hand and has given it to your companion, to David.

UST

17 He has done what he told me previously that he would do to you. He has torn the kingdom away from you, and he is giving it to someone who is another Israelite—David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:18

ULT

18 Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh and did not perform the burning of his nose against Amalek, therefore Yahweh has done this thing to you this day.

UST

18 You did not obey Yahweh. Yahweh was very angry with the Amalek people group. You did not kill all of their animals, with the result that you did not show that he was very angry with them. That is the reason that he is refusing to answer you today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:19

ULT

[19] And Yahweh will also give Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Yahweh will also give the camp of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

UST

[19] Yahweh will enable the Philistine army to defeat you and all the other Israelite soldiers. And tomorrow you and your sons will be with me in the place where spirits of dead people are. Yahweh will cause the whole Israelite army to be defeated by the Philistine army.”

How soon were Saul and his sons going to be dead with Samuel?
They would die the next day.

1 Samuel 28:20

ULT

[20] And Saul immediately fell with the fullness of his height to the ground and was very afraid from the words of Samuel. Also strength was not in him, for he had not eaten bread all the day and all the night.

UST

[20] After Samuel said that, he disappeared. Saul immediately fell flat on the ground. He was so afraid because of what Samuel had said that he lost all his strength. He was also very weak because he had not eaten anything all that day and night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:21

ULT

[21] And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was very terrified, And she said to him, “Behold, your female servant has listened to your voice and I have put my life in my palm and have heard the words that you have spoken to me.

UST

[21] The woman saw that he was very worried. She said to him, “Listen to me! I have done what you requested me to do. I could be executed for doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:22

ULT

22 And now, please listen, even you, to the voice of your female servant, and let me set a bit of bread before your face and eat. And strength will be in you when you go in the way.”

UST

22 So now please pay attention to what I say. Allow me to give you some food, in order that you will eat it and get enough strength to go back to your army.”

What did the woman and Saul’s servants urged him to do?

They urged him to eat and gain his strength.

1 Samuel 28:23

ULT

23 And he refused and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants and also the woman, urged him, and he listened to their voice. And he rose from the ground and sat on the bed.

UST

23 But Saul refused. He said, “No, I will not eat anything.” Then Saul’s servants also urged him to eat something, and finally he listened to them. He got up from the ground and sat on the bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 28:24

ULT

24 Now a calf of the stall belonged to the woman in the house, and she hurried and sacrificed it. And she took flour and kneaded and baked it to unleavened bread.

UST

24 The woman had a fat calf close to her house. She quickly slaughtered it and cooked it. She took some flour and mixed it with olive oil, and baked it without putting in any yeast.

What did the woman bring to Saul and his servants to eat? (vv24-25)

She killed a fatted calf and baked unleavened bread for them to eat.

1 Samuel 28:25

ULT

25 And she brought it near before the face of Saul and before the face of his servants, and they ate. And they rose and went in that night.

UST

25 She placed the food in front of Saul and his servants, and they ate some of it. Then that same night they got up and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29

1 Samuel 29:1

ULT

[1] And the Philistines gathered all their camp at Aphek. And Israel was camping at the spring that is in Jezreel.

UST

[1] The Philistine army gathered at the Valley of Aphek. The Israelites set up their tents at the city of Jezreel, which was in the same valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:2

ULT

[2] And the rulers of the Philistines were passing over by hundreds and by thousands. And David and his men were passing over in the rear with Achish.

UST

[2] The kings of Philistia divided their men into groups; some groups had one hundred soldiers and some groups had one thousand soldiers. David and his men were marching behind, with King Achish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:3

ULT

[3] And the commanders of the Philistines said, “What are these Hebrews?” And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, “Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days or these years, and I have not found anything in him from the day of his falling until this day?”

UST

[3] But the Philistine commanders asked, “What are these Hebrews doing here, marching with us to battle?” Achish replied, “Their leader is David. He previously worked for King Saul of Israel, but now he has been living near me for more than a year. During all the time since he left Saul, I have not seen that he has any faults.”

What did Achish say he had not found in David?

Achish said he had found no fault with David since he came to him.

1 Samuel 29:4

ULT

4 And the commanders of the Philistines were furious against him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, “Make the man return, that he may return to his place there where you assigned him. And he will not go down with us in the battle, and he will not become an adversary for us in the battle. And by what could this one make himself acceptable to his master? Is it not by the heads of these men?

UST

4 But the Philistine army commanders were angry with Achish for allowing David’s army to be going with them. They said to him, “Send David and his men back to the city that you gave to him! We do not want him to go with us into the battle. If he goes with us, we will have an enemy in our own midst! He would please Saul by killing our own soldiers!

What were the princes of the Philistines afraid that David would do during the battle?
They feared that David would become an enemy to them in the battle.

1 Samuel 29:5

ULT

5 Is this not David of whom they sang in the dances, saying, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?”

UST

5 Have you forgotten that David is the one about whom the Israelites dance and sing, saying, ‘Saul has killed a thousand of our enemies, but David has killed ten thousand of them’?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:6

ULT

6 And Achish called to David and said to him, “As Yahweh is alive, surely you are upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the camp is good in my eyes, for I have not found evil in you from the day of your coming to me until this day. But in the eyes of the rulers you are not good.

UST

6 So Achish summoned David, and said to him, “Just as surely as Yahweh is alive, you have been loyal to me. I would like very much for you to fight along with my army. Since the day that you came to me, I have not found that you have any faults. But the other kings do not trust you.

What did Achish tell David to do because the princes of the Philistines did not want David there? (vv6-7)
He told David to peacefully return to his home.

1 Samuel 29:7

ULT

[7] And now return and go in peace, so you do not do evil in the eyes of the rulers of the Philistines."

UST

[7] So all of you go back home, and I hope that things will go well for you. I do not want you to do anything that the other rulers of Philistia will not be pleased with."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:8

ULT

[8] And David said to Achish, "But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant from the day when I was before your face until this day, that I may not come and fight against the enemies of my master the king?"

UST

[8] David replied, "What wrong have I done? Since the day that I first came to you until today, have I done anything that you think is evil? Your majesty, why will you not allow me to go and fight against your enemies?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 29:9

ULT

[9] And Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are good in my eyes like a messenger of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He must not go up with us in the battle.'

UST

[9] Achish replied, "I know I can trust you as much as I could trust an angel from God. But the commanders of my army have said, 'We will not allow David and his men to go with us into the battle.'

What was the final decision about David that Achish told David?

They said David must not go up with them to the battle.

1 Samuel 29:10

ULT

10 And now rise early in the morning with the servants of your master who came with you. And you shall rise early in the morning with light for you and go.”

UST

10 So early tomorrow morning you and your men must leave. Get up as soon as it gets light and leave.”

What did Achish tell David to do in the morning?

He told David to rise early, take the men that had come with him, and go away.

1 Samuel 29:11

ULT

11 And David rose early, he and his men, to go in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

UST

11 So David and his men got up early the following morning and returned to the area where the Philistine people lived. But the Philistine army went up to the city of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30

1 Samuel 30:1

ULT

[1] And it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had raided against the Negev and against Ziklag. And they had struck Ziklag and had burned it with fire.

UST

[1] Three days later, when David and his men arrived at Ziklag, they discovered that men of the Amalek people group had raided Ziklag and some towns in the southern Judean wilderness. They had destroyed Ziklag and burned down all the buildings.

What did David and his men find had happened to Ziklag while they were away? (vv1-2)

The Amalekites had raided, attacked, burned it, and captured all the women and others and took them away.

1 Samuel 30:2

ULT

[2] And they had taken captive the women who were in it, from small and as far as great. They had not put a man to death, but had led them away and went to their way.

UST

[2] They had captured the women and the children and everyone else, and had taken them away. But they had not killed anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:3

ULT

[3] And David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire! And their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

UST

[3] When David and his men came to Ziklag, they saw that the town had been burned, and that their wives and sons and daughters had been captured and taken away.

How did David and his men react to what they found in Ziklag? (vv3-4)

They raised their voices and wept until they could weep no more.

1 Samuel 30:4

ULT

[4] And David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep.

UST

[4] David and his men cried loudly, until they were so weak that they could not cry anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:5

ULT

[5] And the two of the wives of David had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelite woman and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

UST

[5] David's two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, had also been taken away.

Why was David distressed? (vv5-6)

His two wives were taken captive, and the grieving people were talking about stoning him.

1 Samuel 30:6

ULT

[6] And it was very narrow for David, for the people said to stone him, for the spirit of all the people was bitter, a man for his sons and for his daughters. And David strengthened himself in Yahweh, his God.

UST

[6] David's men were threatening to kill him by throwing stones at him, because they were very angry because their sons and daughters had been taken away. David was very distressed, but Yahweh his God gave him strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:7

ULT

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Please bring near to me the ephod.” And Abiathar brought near to David the ephod.

UST

7 Then David did not know what to do, so he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring to me the sacred apron and the sacred vest.” So Abiathar brought them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:8

ULT

8 And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, “If I pursue after this troop, will I overtake it?” And he said to him, “Pursue, for you will certainly overtake and you will certainly rescue.”

UST

8 and David asked Yahweh, “Should I and my men pursue the men who took our families? Will we be able to catch up to them?” Yahweh answered by means of the stones in the sacred vest: “Yes, pursue them. You will catch up to them, and you will be able to rescue your families.”

What did David want to know when he prayed to Yahweh?

David wanted to know, if he pursued after the Amalekites, would he overtake them.

What was Yahweh’s answer to David?

Yahweh told him to pursue the troop, be successful, and recover everything that had been taken.

1 Samuel 30:9

ULT

9 And David went, he and the 600 men who were with him, and they came as far as the wadi of the Besor. And the ones who were left behind stayed.

UST

9 So David and the six hundred men who were with him left, and they came to the ravine of Besor. Some of his men stayed there with some of their supplies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:10

ULT

10 And David pursued, he and 400 men. And 200 men stayed, who were too exhausted to pass over the wadi of the Besor.

UST

10 David and four hundred men continued to pursue the men who captured their families. The other two hundred men stayed there at the ravine, because they were so exhausted that they could not cross the ravine.

What happened to two hundred of David's men at the brook Besor?
They so weak that they had to stay behind.

1 Samuel 30:11

ULT

11 And they found an Egyptian man in the field and took him to David. And they gave to him bread, and he ate. And they caused him to drink water.

UST

11 As David and the four hundred men were going, they saw a man from Egypt in a field; so they took him to David. They gave the man some water to drink and some food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:12

ULT

12 And they gave to him a slice of a fig cake and two raisin clusters, and he ate and his spirit returned to him. For he had not eaten bread and had not drunk water three days and three nights.

UST

12 They also gave him a piece of fig cake and two packs of raisins. The man had not had anything to eat or drink for three days and nights, but after he ate and drank he felt refreshed.

What was wrong with the Egyptian man that David and his men found as they were pursuing the Amalekites?
He had not eaten bread or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

1 Samuel 30:13

ULT

13 And David said to him, “To whom do you belong? And where are you from?” And he said, “I am an Egyptian young man, a slave of a man of the Amalekite. And my master left me because three days ago I became sick.

UST

13 David asked him, “Who is your master? And where do you come from?” He replied, “I am from Egypt. I am a slave of a man from the Amalek people group. Three days ago my master left me here, because I was sick and I was not able to go with them.

Why had the Egyptian’s master left him?

He said he fell sick three days ago.

1 Samuel 30:14

ULT

14 We raided the Negev of the Kerethites, and against what belongs to Judah, and against the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag with fire.”

UST

14 We had raided the southern Judean wilderness of the Kerethites, and some other towns in Judah, and the southern Judean wilderness of the Calebites. We also burned Ziklag.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:15

ULT

15 And David said to him, “Will you bring me down to this troop?” And he said, “Swear to me by God that you will not put me to death and not deliver me into the hand of my master, and I will bring you down to this troop.”

UST

15 David asked him, “Can you lead us to this group of raiders?” He replied, “Yes, I will do that if you ask God to listen while you promise that you will not kill me or give me back to my master. If you promise that, I will take you to them.”

What was the Egyptian’s requirement before he would show David where the raiding party was?

He told David to swear that he would not kill him or betray him to his master.

1 Samuel 30:16

ULT

16 And he brought him down, and behold, they were spread out over the face of all the land, eating and drinking and celebrating because of all the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

UST

16 David agreed to do that, so the man from Egypt led David and his men to where the men from the Amalek people group were. Those men were lying on the ground, eating and drinking and celebrating because they had captured many things from the regions of Philistia and Judah.

What were the raiders doing when David attacked them? (vv16-17)

They were celebrating because of all the booty they had taken from the land of the Philistines and Judah.

1 Samuel 30:17

ULT

17 And David struck them down from the twilight and until the evening of their next day. And a man did not slip away from them except for 400 men, young men who rode on the camels and fled.

UST

17 David and his men fought against them from sunset that day until the evening of the following day. Four hundred of them escaped and rode away on camels, but none of the others escaped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:18

ULT

18 And David rescued all that Amalek had taken. And David rescued the two of his wives.

UST

18 David rescued his two wives, and he and his men got back everything else that the men of the Amalek people group had taken.

What did David recover after his attack on the raiders?

He recovered everything the Amalekites and raiders had taken.

1 Samuel 30:19

ULT

19 And it was not missing for them from small and as far as great and as far as sons and daughters and from spoil and as far as all that they had taken for themselves. David brought back everything.

UST

19 Nothing was missing. They took all their people back to Ziklag—young people and old people, their wives, their sons and their daughters. They also recovered all the other things that the men of the Amalek people group had taken from Ziklag.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:20

ULT

20 And David took all the sheep and the cattle. They drove before the face of that livestock, and said, “This is the spoil of David.”

UST

20 They took with them the sheep and cattle that had been captured, and his men caused these animals to go in front of the rest of the cattle; they said, “These are animals that we captured in the battle; they belong to David!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:21

ULT

21 And David came to the 200 men who had been too exhausted to go behind David, and they had caused them to stay at the wadi of the Besor. And they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And David came near the people and asked them with respect to well-being.

UST

21 David and his men got back to where the other two hundred men were waiting, the men who did not go with David because they were very exhausted. They had stayed at the ravine of Besor. When they saw David and his men coming, they went out to greet them. And David greeted them also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:22

ULT

22 And all the evil and worthless men from the men who had gone with David answered and said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give to them from the spoil that we have rescued, except a man his wife and his sons, that they may lead away and go.”

UST

22 But some of the men who had gone with David, men who were evil and troublemakers, said, “These two hundred men did not go with us. So we should not give to them any of the things that we recovered. Each of them should take only his wife and children and go back to their homes.”

Why didn’t the wicked men think that the recovered booty should be shared with those men that were left behind?
They said those left behind did not go and fight with them.

1 Samuel 30:23

ULT

23 And David said, “You shall not do so, my brothers, with what Yahweh has given to us. And he has kept us and given into our hand the troop who came against us.

UST

23 David replied, “No, my fellow Israelites, that would not be right. Yahweh has protected us and enabled us to defeat the enemies who attacked our town.

Why did David tell the wicked men they should all share and share alike? (vv23-24)
He said Yahweh had preserved them and had given them victory over the raiders that had come against them.

1 Samuel 30:24

ULT

24 And who will listen to you with respect to this matter? For as is the portion of the one who went down in the battle, so shall be the portion of the one who stayed with the things. They shall be apportioned together.”

UST

24 Who will pay attention to you if you say things like that? The men who stayed here with our supplies will get the same amount that the men who went into the battle will get. They will all receive the same amount.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:25

ULT
25 And it happened from that day and beyond, that he set it for a statute and for a custom for Israel, until this day.

UST
25 David made that to be a law for the Israelite people, and that is still a law in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:26

ULT
26 And David came to Ziklag and sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his companions, saying, “Behold, a blessing for you: some of the spoil of the enemies of Yahweh.”

UST
26 When David and all the others arrived in Ziklag, David sent to his friends who were leaders in Judah some of the things that they had captured from the Amalek people group. He said to them, “Here is a present for you. These are things that we took from Yahweh’s enemies.”

What did David do with the booty from Yahweh’s enemies when he came back to Ziklag?
David shared the booty with many elders of Judah and other places that he and his men frequently went.

1 Samuel 30:27

ULT
27 It was for he who was in Bethel and for he who was in Ramoth of the South and for he who was in Jattir

UST
27 Here is a list of the cities and towns to whose leaders David sent gifts: Bethel, Ramoth in the southern part of Judah, Jattir,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:28

ULT
28 and for he who was in Aroer and for he who was in Siphmoth and for he who was in Eshtemoa

UST
28 Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:29

ULT
29 and for he who was in Rakal and for he who was in the cities of the Jerahmeelite and for he who was in the cities of the Kenite

UST
29 Also Rakal, the cities where the descendants of Jehrameel and the cities where the Kenite people group live,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:30

ULT
30 and for he who was in Hormah and for he who was in Bor Ashan and for he who was in Athak

UST
30 Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athak,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 30:31

ULT
31 and for he who was in Hebron and for all the places there where David walked about, he and his men.

UST
31 Hebron, and all the other places where David and his men had often gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31

1 Samuel 31:1

ULT

[1] Now the Philistines were fighting against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from before the face of the Philistines and they fell pierced on Mount Gilboa.

UST

[1] Later, the Philistines again fought against the Israelites. The Israelites ran away from them, and many Israelites were killed on Mount Gilboa.

What happened to the men of Israel when they fought the Philistines?
The men of Israel fled from the Philistines and fell dead.

1 Samuel 31:2

ULT

[2] And the Philistines stuck close to Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malki-Shua, the sons of Saul.

UST

[2] The Philistines caught up with Saul and three of his sons, and they killed all those three, Jonathan and Abinadab and Malki-Shua.

What happened to Saul's sons?
The Philistines killed his sons.

1 Samuel 31:3

ULT

[3] And the battle was heavy against Saul and the archers, the men with the bow, found him. And he writhed in pain greatly because of the archers.

UST

[3] The fighting was very fierce around Saul. When the Philistine archers caught up with Saul, they wounded him badly with their arrows.

What happened to Saul in the battle?
He was overtaken by the archers and was in severe pain.

1 Samuel 31:4

ULT

4 And Saul said to the one who carried his equipment, “Draw out your sword and pierce me through with it, lest these uncircumcised ones come and pierce me through and deal severely with me.” But the one who carried his equipment was not willing, for he was very afraid. And Saul took the sword and fell on it.

UST

4 Saul said to the man who was carrying his weapons, “Take out your sword and kill me with it, in order that these heathen Philistines will not be able to thrust their swords into me and make fun of me while I am dying.” But the man who was carrying Saul’s weapons was terrified, and refused to do that. So Saul took his own sword and fell on it. The sword pierced his body, and he died.

What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do because Saul was in severe pain and he was afraid his enemy would come and abuse him?
Saul asked him to draw his sword and kill him.

What did Saul do when his armor bearer was afraid and would not kill him?
Saul took his own sword and fell on it.

1 Samuel 31:5

ULT

5 And the one who carried his equipment saw that Saul had died. And he fell, he also, on his sword and died with him.

UST

5 When the man carrying his weapons saw that Saul was dead, he also threw himself on his own sword and died.

What did the armor bearer do after he saw that Saul was dead?
He fell on his own sword and died.

1 Samuel 31:6

ULT

6 And Saul died and the three of his sons and the one who carried his equipment, even all his men together on that day.

UST

6 So Saul, three of his sons, and the man who carried Saul’s weapons, all died on that same day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:7

ULT

7 And the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and who were on the other side of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they left their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and dwelled in them.

UST

7 When the Israelite people on the north side of the Valley of Jezreel and on the east side of the Jordan River heard that the Israelite army had run away and that Saul and his sons had died, they left their towns and ran away. Then the Philistines came and occupied their cities.

Why did the men of Israel from the other side of the valley and beyond the Jordan abandon their cities and flea?

They fled because they saw that the other men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead.

1 Samuel 31:8

ULT

8 And it happened from the next day, that the Philistines came to strip the pierced ones. And they found Saul and the three of his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

UST

8 The next day, when the Philistines came to take away the weapons of the dead Israelite soldiers, they found the bodies of Saul and his three sons on Mount Gilboa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:9

ULT

9 And they cut off his head and stripped off his equipment. And they sent into the land of the Philistines all around to bring news to the house of their idols and to the people.

UST

9 They cut off Saul’s head and took his weapons. Then they sent messengers throughout their land to proclaim the news in the temples, where they kept their idols, and to the other people, that their army had defeated the Israelites.

What did the Philistines do with Saul’s body that they found when they came to strip the dead?

The Philistines cut off Saul’s head and fastened his body to the city wall of Beth Shan.

1 Samuel 31:10

ULT

10 And they put his equipment in the house of the Ashtoreths. And they thrust his corpse on the wall of Beth Shan.

UST

10 They put Saul's weapons in the temple of their goddess Asherah. They also fastened the bodies of Saul and his sons to the wall that surrounded the city of Beth Shan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:11

ULT

11 And those who dwelled in Jabesh Gilead heard about it, what the Philistines had done to Saul.

UST

11 When the people who lived in Jabesh in the region of Gilead heard what the Philistines had done to Saul's corpse,

What did the fighting men of Jabesh Gilead do after its inhabitants heard what happened to Saul? (vv11-12)

They went to Bethshan and took the bodies of Saul and his sons to Jabesh and burned them.

1 Samuel 31:12

ULT

12 And all the men of strength rose and went all the night and took the corpse of Saul and the corpses of his sons from the wall of Beth Shan. And they went to Jabesh and burned them there.

UST

12 all their bravest soldiers walked all night to Beth Shan. They took the corpses of Saul and his sons down from the city wall, and they took them back to Jabesh and burned the corpses there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Samuel 31:13

ULT

13 And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And they fasted seven days.

UST

13 They took the bones and buried them under a big tamarisk tree. Then they fasted for seven days.

What did the inhabitants of Jabesh do with the bones of Saul and his sons?

They buried their bones under a terebinth tree in Jabesh and fasted for seven days.

2 Samuel

2 Samuel 1

2 Samuel 1:1

ULT

1 And it happened after the death of Saul, and David returned from attacking the Amalekites, that David remained in Ziklag two days.

UST

1 After Saul died, David and the men who were with him returned to the town of Ziklag after defeating the descendants of Amalek. They stayed in Ziklag for two days.

What did David do after the death of Saul?
After the death of Saul, David returned from attacking the Amalakites and remained in Ziklag for two days.

2 Samuel 1:2

ULT

2 And it happened on the third day, that behold, a man came from the camp, from with Saul, and his clothes were torn and dirt was on his head. And it happened when he came to David that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.

UST

2 On the third day, a man unexpectedly arrived there who had been in Saul's army. He had torn his clothes and put dust on his head to show that he was grieving. He came to David and prostrated himself on the ground in front of David to show respect for him.

On the third day, who came to David from Saul's camp?
On the third day a man with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head came to David.

2 Samuel 1:3

ULT

[3] And David said to him, “Where are you coming from?” And he said to him, “I escaped from the camp of Israel.”

UST

[3] David asked him, “Where have you come from?” The man replied, “From the Israelite army.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:4

ULT

[4] And David said to him, “What is the matter? Tell to me please.” And He said that, “The people have fled from the battle, and also many from the people have fallen and died, and Saul and Jonathan his son are also dead.”

UST

[4] David asked him, “What happened? Tell me about the battle!” The man replied, “Our soldiers ran away. Many of them were killed. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead.”

What did the young man say about Saul and Jonathan?

The young man said Saul and Jonathan his son were dead.

2 Samuel 1:5

ULT

[5] And David said to the young man, the one who was reporting to him, “How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?”

UST

[5] David said to the young man, “How do you know that Saul and Jonathan are dead?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:6

ULT

6 And the young man, the one who was reporting to him, said, “Certainly I happened to be in the mountain of Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the masters of the horses clung to him.

UST

6 The young man replied, “I was on Mount Gilboa where the fighting was. I saw Saul; he was leaning on his spear. The enemy chariots and their drivers were coming very close to him.

Where did the young man say he found Saul?

The young man said he was on Mount Gilboa, and there Saul was leaning on his spear.

2 Samuel 1:7

ULT

7 And Saul turned behind him and saw me. And he called out to me, and I said, ‘Here I am.’

UST

7 Saul turned around and saw me, and he called out to me. I answered him and said, ‘What do you want me to do?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:8

ULT

8 And he said to me, ‘Who are you?’ And I said to him, ‘I am an Amalekite.’

UST

8 He replied, ‘Who are you?’ I replied, ‘I am a descendant of Amalek.’

What did the young man say Saul asked him to do?

The young man said Saul asked him to stand over him and kill him.

2 Samuel 1:9

ULT

9 And he said to me, ‘Now stand over me and kill me, for agony has grasped me, because my life is still wholly in me.’

UST

9 Then he said to me, ‘Come over here and kill me. I am in very much pain.’

Why did Saul ask the young Amalekite man to kill him?

Saul asked the young Amalekite man to kill him because he said, “…great suffering has taken hold of me because life is still in me.”

2 Samuel 1:10

ULT

10 So I stood over him and killed him, because I knew that he would not live after his fall. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band that was on his arm, and I brought them here to my lord.”

UST

10 So I went to him and killed him, because I saw that he was wounded very badly and would not continue to live. I took the crown from his head and his armband, which I have brought to you, my master.”

After the young man killed Saul what did he take from Saul?

The young man took the crown that was on Saul’s head and the band that was on his arm.

2 Samuel 1:11

ULT

11 And David seized his clothes and tore them, and also all the men who were with him.

UST

11 Then David took hold of his clothing and he tore it apart, and all the men who were with him tore their clothes apart as well.

What did David and his men do when they heard about Saul’s and Jonathan’s death? (vv11-12)

David and his men tore their clothes and they mourned, wept, and fasted until evening.

2 Samuel 1:12

ULT

12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the army of Yahweh, and for the house of Israel because they had fallen by the sword.

UST

12 They tore their clothing because they were very sad and they refused to eat anything until evening because they remembered that Saul and his son Jonathan had died, and that so many of the people of Yahweh had died, and they were sad because of the great dangers the descendants of Israel had gone through, and because so many of them died in battle.

For whom else were David and his men mourning, weeping, and fasting?

David and his men also mourned, wept, and fasted for the people of Yahweh and for the house of Israel because they had fallen by the sword.

2 Samuel 1:13

ULT

13 And David said to the young man, the one who was reporting to him, “Where are you from?” And he said, “I am a son of a man, a foreigner, an Amalekite.”

UST

13 But David asked the young man who had told him about the battle, “Where are you from?” He replied, “My father is a descendant of Amalek, but we live in Israel.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:14

ULT

14 And David said to him, “How were you not afraid to stretch out your hand to destroy the anointed one of Yahweh?”

UST

14 David asked him, “Why were you not afraid that you would be punished if you killed Saul, whom Yahweh made king?

Why did David have the young Amalekite man killed?

David had the young Amalekite man killed because he had killed Yahweh’s anointed king.

2 Samuel 1:15

ULT

15 And David called out to one of the young men and said, “Come near, fall upon him.” And he struck him, and he died.

UST

15-16 You yourself said, ‘I killed the man whom Yahweh appointed to be the king.’ So you have made yourself guilty; you deserve to die!” Then David summoned one of his soldiers and said to him, “Kill him!” So the soldier killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:16

ULT

16 And David said to him, “Your blood is on your head because your mouth has testified against you saying, ‘I myself killed the anointed one of Yahweh.’”

UST

15-16 You yourself said, ‘I killed the man whom Yahweh appointed to be the king.’ So you have made yourself guilty; you deserve to die!” Then David summoned one of his soldiers and said to him, “Kill him!” So the soldier killed him.

Why did David have the young Amalekite man killed?

David had the young Amalekite man killed because he had killed Yahweh’s anointed king.

2 Samuel 1:17

ULT

17 Then David sang this funeral song for Saul and for Jonathan his son.

UST

17 Then David composed this sad song about Saul and Jonathan,

In what book is the funeral song that David sang about Saul and his son Jonathan written? (vv17-18)

The funeral song that David sang about Saul and his son Jonathan has been written in the book of Jashar.

2 Samuel 1:18

ULT
18 And he said to teach the sons of Judah the bow, behold, which has been written in the Book of the Upright. *[1]*

UST
18 and he ordered the men with him to teach it to the people of Judah. The song is called "The Bow," and it has been written down in the Book of Jashar:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:19

ULT
19 "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

UST
19 "You Israelite people, your glorious leaders have been killed on the mountains! It is very sad that these mighty men have died!

What is dead, killed on Israel's mountains?
Israel's glory is dead.

2 Samuel 1:20

ULT
20 Do not tell it in Gath, do not announce it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

UST
20 Do not tell it to our enemies in the region of Philistia. Do not tell the people who live in the city of Gath. Do not proclaim it in the streets of the city of Ashkelon, or their women would celebrate. Do not allow those pagan women to rejoice.

Why did David say not to proclaim that Israel's glory was dead in Gath or in the streets of Ashkelon?
David said not to proclaim it in Gath or in the streets of Ashkelon so that the daughters of the Philistines may not rejoice, and so that the daughters of the uncircumcised may not celebrate.

2 Samuel 1:21

ULT

21 Mountains in Gilboa, let there not be dew and let there not be rain on you, nor fields that give contributions, for there the shield of the mighty was defiled. The shield of Saul is not anointed with oil.

UST

21 I hope there will be no rain or dew ever again on the mountains of Gilboa and that no grain will grow in the fields there, because it was there that the shield of Saul, the mighty king, fell to the ground. Now there is no one to rub olive oil on Saul's shield.

Where was the shield of the mighty defiled?
The shield of the mighty was defiled on the mountains of Gilboa.

2 Samuel 1:22

ULT

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty.

UST

22 Jonathan's arrows were his servants who always pierced his enemies and drew their blood. and Saul's sword was his servant who always struck his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:23

ULT

23 Saul and Jonathan, the ones who were loved and the delightful ones in their life, and in their death they were not separated. They were swifter than eagles, they were mightier than lions.

UST

23 Saul and Jonathan were loved; they pleased many people. They were together while they lived and when they died. In battle they were swifter than eagles and stronger than lions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:24

ULT
24 Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, the one who clothed you in scarlet, with luxuries, the one who put ornaments of gold on your clothing.

UST
24 You women in Israel, weep about Saul. He provided beautiful scarlet clothes for you and gave you gold ornaments to put on.

What did Saul do for the daughters of Israel?
Saul clothed them in scarlet delicately, and put ornaments of gold on their garments.

2 Samuel 1:25

ULT
25 How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan is slain on your high places.

UST
25 It is very sad that my brother Jonathan has died He was a mighty soldiers, and his enemies killed him on the mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 1:26

ULT
26 It is distressing to me concerning you, my brother Jonathan. You were very pleasant to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more than the love of women.

UST
26 Jonathan, my dear friend, I grieve for you. You were very dear to me. You loved me in a wonderful manner. It was even better than the way that a woman loves her husband and her children.

How great was the love of Jonathan to David?
David said Jonathan's love to David was wonderful, exceeding the love of women.

2 Samuel 1:27

ULT

27 How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!”
1:18 [1]

UST

27 It is very sad that these mighty men have died, and that their weapons are now no more!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2

2 Samuel 2:1

ULT

1 And it happened after this that David asked of Yahweh saying, “Should I go up into one of the cities of Judah?” And Yahweh said to him, “Go up.” Then David said, “Where should I go?” And he said, “To Hebron.”

UST

1 Some time after that, David asked Yahweh, “Should I go up to one of the towns in Judah?” Yahweh replied, “Yes, go up there.” Then David asked, “To which town should I go?” Yahweh replied, “To Hebron.”

How did Yahweh reply to David when David asked him, “Should I go up to one of the cities of Judah?”

Yahweh replied to David, “Go up.” when David asked him.

2 Samuel 2:2

ULT

2 So David went up there and with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail, the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

UST

2 So David went up there, taking his two wives, Ahinoam who was from the city of Jezreel, and Abigail, the widow of Nabal, who was from the city of Carmel.

To which city did Yahweh tell David to go?

Yahweh told David to go to Hebron.

Who went up with David to Hebron? (vv2-3)

David went up to Hebron with his two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail. David also brought the men who were with him, who each brought his family.

2 Samuel 2:3

ULT

3 And David brought up his men who were with him, each man with his household, and they lived in the cities of Hebron,.

UST

3 He also took the men who had been with him, together with their families. They all started to live in the city of Hebron and its surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:4

ULT

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David as king over the house of Judah. And they told to David saying, “The men of Jabesh Gilead, who buried Saul.”

UST

4 Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and one of them poured olive oil on David’s head to show they were appointing him to be the king of the tribe of Judah. When David found out that the people of the city of Jabesh in the region of Gilead had buried Saul’s body,

What did men from Judah do when they came to David?

Men from Judah came and anointed David king over the house of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:5

ULT

5 So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead and said to them, “Blessed are you by Yahweh, because you did this kindness with your master, with Saul, and have buried him.

UST

5 he sent messengers to the men of Jabesh to tell them, “I desire that Yahweh will bless you for having buried Saul. By doing this, you have shown that you were loyal to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:6

ULT

[6] And now may Yahweh do to you kindness and faithfulness. And also I will do for you this good because you have done this thing.

UST

[6] Now I also desire that Yahweh will faithfully love you and be loyal to you. And I will do good things for you because of what you have done for Saul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:7

ULT

[7] So now, let your hands be strong; and be as sons of might for Saul your master is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me for king over them."

UST

[7] Now, although Saul your king is dead, be strong and courageous, like the people of Judah, who have appointed me to be their king."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:8

ULT

[8] And Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim.

UST

[8] However, Ner's son Abner, the commander of Saul's army, took Saul's son Ishbosheth and went across the Jordan River to the city of Mahanaim.

Who was Abner?

Abner was the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army.

What did Abner do to Ishbosheth, the son of Saul? (vv8-9)

Abner took Ishbosheth and brought him to Mahanaim; he made Ishbosheth king over Gilead, Asher, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel.

2 Samuel 2:9

ULT

[9] And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

UST

[9] There Abner proclaimed that Ishbosheth was now the king ruling the regions of Gilead and Jezreel, and the tribes of Asher, Ephraim, and Benjamin. That meant that he was the king of most of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:10

ULT

[10] Ishbosheth son of Saul, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah was behind David.

UST

[10] Ishbosheth was forty years old when he started to rule over the Israelite people. He ruled them for two years. But the tribe of Judah was loyal to David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:11

ULT

[11] And the number of the days that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

UST

[11] David ruled them for seven and a half years while he was living in Hebron.

How long was David king in Hebron over the house of Judah?

David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah for seven years and six months.

2 Samuel 2:12

ULT

12 And Abner son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon.

UST

12 One day Abner and the officials of Isbosheth went from Mahanaim across the Jordan River to the city of Gibeon.

Where did Joab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David meet Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth? (vv12-13)

Joab the son of Zeruiah and the servants of David met Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth by the pool of Gibeon.

2 Samuel 2:13

ULT

13 And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out and met them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down together, these by the pool on this side, and these by the pool on this side.

UST

13 Joab, whose mother was Zeruiah, and some of David's officials went from Hebron to Gibeon, and they met at the pool of water there. They all sat down, one group on one side of the pool and the other group on the other side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:14

ULT

14 And Abner said to Joab, "Now let the young men arise and compete before us." And Joab said, "Let them arise."

UST

14 Abner said to Joab, "Let us tell some of our young men to fight each other!" Joab replied, "Very well!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:15

ULT

15 Then they arose and passed by, by number, twelve for Benjamin and Ishbosheth son of Saul, and twelve from the servants of David.

UST

15 So twelve men from the tribe of Benjamin fought for Ishbosheth, against twelve of David's soldiers.

How many young men got up to compete before Joab and Abner?

Twelve young men got up for Benjamin and Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve young men got up from the servants of David.

2 Samuel 2:16

ULT

16 And each man grasped his opponent by the head and his sword into the side of his opponent, and they fell down together. Therefore that place was called "Helkath Hazzurim," or "Field of Swords," which is in Gibeon.

UST

16 Each of them grabbed the head of the man against whom he was fighting, and thrust his sword into that man's side. The result was that all twenty-four of them fell down dead. So that area in Gibeon is now called "Field of Swords."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:17

ULT

17 And the battle was very severe that day and Abner and the men of Israel were defeated before the servants of David.

UST

17 Then the others started to fight also. It was a very fierce battle. Abner and the men of Israel were defeated by David's soldiers.

Who won the battle that day?

Abner and the men of Israel were defeated before the servants of David.

2 Samuel 2:18

ULT
18 The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was swift on his feet like one of the gazelles which are in the field.

UST
18 Zeruiah's three sons were there on that day: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was able to run very fast. He could run as fast as a wild gazelle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:19

ULT
19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and he turned not aside by going to the right or to the left from after Abner.

UST
19 Asahel started to pursue Abner. He ran straight toward Abner, without stopping.

Which one of the sons of Zeruiah pursued Abner?
Asahel closely pursued Abner and followed him.

2 Samuel 2:20

ULT
20 Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Is that you Asahel?" And he answered, "It is I."

UST
20 Abner looked behind him, and said, "Is that you, Asahel?" Asahel replied, "Yes!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:21

ULT
21 And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to your right or to your left, and seize for you from one of the young men, and take for you his belongings." But Asahel was not willing to turn aside from behind him.

UST
21 Abner shouted, "Stop chasing me; go after someone else!" But Asahel would not stop pursuing Abner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:22

ULT

22 And Abner said again to Asahel, “You turn aside from behind me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I lift up my face towards Joab, your brother?”

UST

22 So Abner yelled at him again, “Stop chasing me! Why should I kill you? How could I face your brother Joab and explain your death to him?”

What did Abner say to Asahel to encourage Asahel to stop pursuing him?

Abner told Asahel, “Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I hold up my face to Joab, your brother?”

2 Samuel 2:23

ULT

23 But he refused to turn aside, and so Abner struck him in the stomach with the back of the spear, so that the spear came out from his back. And he fell there, and died on the spot. And it happened that all the ones coming to the place where Asahel fell there and died, they stood.

UST

23 But Asahel refused to stop pursuing Abner. So Abner suddenly turned and thrust the butt end of his spear into Asahel’s stomach. Because he thrust it very strongly, that end of the spear went though his body and came out at Asahel’s back, and he fell to the ground, dead. All the other soldiers who came to the place where his body was lying stopped and stood there, stunned at Asahel’s body.

What happened to Asahel when he refused to turn aside from Abner?

When Asahel refused to turn aside from Abner, Abner stabbed him in the body with the blunt end of his spear so that the spear came out the other side, and Asahel fell down and died there.

2 Samuel 2:24

ULT

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner. And when the sun was going down, they came to the hill of Ammah, which is on the front of Giah by the road to the wilderness of Gibeon.

UST

24 But Joab and Abishai continued to pursue Abner. At sunset they came to the hill of Ammah, which is east of Giah, along the road to the wilderness near Gibeon.

To what location did Joab and Abishai pursue Abner?

Joab and Abishai pursued Abner to the hill of Ammah, which is near Giah by the road to the wilderness of Gibeon.

2 Samuel 2:25

ULT

25 And the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves behind Abner, and they were as one band, and they stood on the top of the hill as one.

UST

25 The men from the tribe of Benjamin gathered around Abner in a line of battle and stood at the top of a hill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:26

ULT

26 Then Abner called to Joab and said, “Must the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the end? And until when will it be that you not tell to the people to turn from after their brothers?”

UST

26 Then Abner called out to Joab, saying, “Are we going to continue to fight forever? Do you not realize that if we continue fighting the result will be very bad? We are all descendants of Jacob, so we should stop fighting each other! How long will it be until you tell your soldiers to stop pursuing us?

What did Abner say that stopped Joab and Abishai from pursuing him? (vv26-27)

Abner called to Joab and said, “Must the sword devour forever? Do you not know it will be bitter in the end? How long will it be before you tell your men to stop pursuing their brothers?”

2 Samuel 2:27

ULT

27 And Joab said, “As God lives, if you had not spoken, surely then the people would have pulled back, a man from after his brother, until the morning!”

UST

27 Joab replied, “Just as surely as God lives, if you had not said that, my soldiers would have continued pursuing your men until tomorrow morning!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:28

ULT
28 So Joab blew on the trumpet, and all the people stood and did not pursue after Israel anymore, and they did not continue to fight anymore.

UST
28 So Joab blew a trumpet to signal that they should stop fighting. So all his men stopped pursing the soldiers of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:29

ULT
29 And Abner and his men went all that night through the Arabah. And they crossed the Jordan and they walked all the morning, and they came to Mahanaim.

UST
29 That night Abner and his soldiers went through the plain along the Jordan River. They crossed the Jordan and marched all the next morning, and they finally arrived back at Mahanaim.

Where did Abner and his men travel to?
Abner and his men reached Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 2:30

ULT
30 And Joab returned from after Abner, and he assembled all the people, and were missing Asahel and nineteen men from the servants of David.

UST
30 Joab and his soldiers gathered together after they stopped chasing Abner. Then Joab found out that in addition to Asahel, only nineteen of them had been killed in the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:31

ULT

31 But the servants of David struck down from Benjamin, from the men of Abner, 360 men they killed.

UST

31 But David's soldiers had killed 360 of Abner's men, all from the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 2:32

ULT

32 And they took up Asahel and buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. Joab and his men walked all of the night, and it became light on them at Hebron.

UST

32 Some of Joab's soldiers took Asahel's body and buried it in the tomb where his father had been buried, in Bethlehem. Then they marched all during the night, and at dawn they arrived back home at Hebron.

To where did Joab and his men travel?

Joab and his men went to Hebron.

2 Samuel 3

2 Samuel 3:1

ULT

1 And the war was long between the house of Saul and between the house of David. And David was progressing stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul was progressing weaker and weaker.

UST

1 After that, a long war developed between those who wanted Saul's son to be their king and those who wanted David to be their king. But more and more people began to want David, while fewer and fewer wanted Saul's son.

In the long war between the house of Saul and the house of David, which house grew stronger and which house grew weaker?
The house of David grew stronger and the house of Saul grew weaker in the long war between the two houses.

2 Samuel 3:2

ULT

2 And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess.

UST

2 David's wives gave birth to six sons at Hebron. The oldest was Amnon, whose mother was Ahinoam from the city of Jezreel.

Who were David's first three sons born to him in Hebron? (vv2-3)
Amnon, Chileab, and Absalom were the first three sons born to David in Hebron.

2 Samuel 3:3

ULT

3 And his second, Kileab, by Abigail, the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And the third, Absalom, was son of Maacah, daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur.

UST

3 The next son was Kileab, whose mother was Abigail, the widow of Nabal, from the city of Carmel. The next son was Absalom, whose mother was Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, the king of the region of Geshur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:4

ULT

4 And the fourth was Adonijah, son of Haggith. And the fifth was Shephatiah, son of Abital.

UST

4 The next son was Adionijah, whose mother was Haggith. The next son was Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:5

ULT

5 And the sixth Ithream, by Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

UST

5 The youngest son was Ithream, whose mother was Eglah, another one of David's wives. These sons of David were all born in Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:6

ULT

6 And it happened during the war between the house of Saul and between the house of David that Abner was strengthening himself in the house of Saul.

UST

6 During the conflict between those who wanted Saul's son to rule over them and those who wanted David to rule over them, Abner was becoming more influential among those who wanted Saul's son to be the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:7

ULT

[7] And Saul had a concubine, and her name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. And he said to Abner, “Why have you gone in to my father’s concubine?”

UST

[7] Saul had as one of his wives a slave woman named Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. But one day Abner slept with her. So Ishbosheth said to Abner, “Why have you slept with my father’s slave wife?”

What did Ishbosheth accuse Abner of doing?

Ishbosheth accused Abner of sleeping with his father’s (Saul’s) concubine.

2 Samuel 3:8

ULT

[8] And Abner was very angry at the words of Ishbosheth and said, “Am I a dog’s head that belongs to Judah? Today I do covenant faithfulness with the house of Saul, your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, by not delivering you into the hand of David. And today you call me to account concerning a fault with this woman?

UST

[8] Abner became very angry about what Ishbosheth said to him. He said to Ishbosheth, “Do you think that I am a worthless dog from Judah? From the beginning I have been loyal to Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends. And I have kept David’s army from defeating you. So now why are you criticizing me about what I have done with some woman?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:9

ULT

[9] So may God do to Abner, and so more also to him, if as has sworn Yahweh to David, that so I do for him,

UST

[9-10] Yahweh solemnly promised that he would not allow Saul and his descendants to continue to rule. He promised that he would cause David to rule over all the tribes of Israel and Judah, from the city of Dan far in the north to the city of Beersheba far in the south. So I hope that God will kill me if I do not enable that to happen!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:10

ULT

[10] to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba."

UST

[9-10] Yahweh solemnly promised that he would not allow Saul and his descendants to continue to rule. He promised that he would cause David to rule over all the tribes of Israel and Judah, from the city of Dan far in the north to the city of Beersheba far in the south. So I hope that God will kill me if I do not enable that to happen!"

After Ishbosheth accused Abner of sleeping with his father's concubine, what did Abner swear he was going to do?

Abner swore to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul and set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to Beersheba.

2 Samuel 3:11

ULT

[11] And he was not able to answer Abner another word, because of his fear of him.

UST

[11] Ishbosheth was very afraid of Abner, so he did not say anything to reply to Abner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:12

ULT

[12] And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf saying, "Whose land is this? Cut your covenant with me, and behold my hand is with you, to bring over all of Israel to you."

UST

[12] Then Abner sent messengers to David when he was at Hebron to say to him, "Either you or I should be the ruler of this entire nation, but not Isbosheth. However, if you make an agreement with me, I will help you by encouraging all the people of Israel to ask for you to be their king."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:13

ULT

13 And he said, “Good, I will cut a covenant with you. Only one thing I require from you, that is, that you will not see my face unless to my face you bring Michal, Saul’s daughter, when you come to see my face.”

UST

13 David sent back this reply, “Good! I am willing to make an agreement with you. But before that happens, there is one thing that you must do. When you come to see me, you must bring my wife Michal, Saul’s daughter.”

What did David say Abner must do before Abner could see David’s face and make a covenant with him?

David told Abner’s messengers that Abner could not see David’s face unless Abner brought Michal, Saul’s daughter, with him when he came to see David.

2 Samuel 3:14

ULT

14 Then David sent messengers to Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, saying, “Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself with one hundred Philistine foreskins.”

UST

14 Then David sent messengers to Ishbosheth to say to him, “I killed one hundred men from Philistia and cut off their foreskins to give to Saul to pay for Michal to be my wife. So now give her back to me!”

What price had David paid for Michal to be his wife?

David had paid the price of 100 Philistine foreskins for Michal.

2 Samuel 3:15

ULT

15 And Ishbosheth sent and took her from with her husband, from with Paltiel, son of Laish.

UST

15 So Ishbosheth sent some men to take Michal from her husband Paltiel. But when they took her, her husband followed them all the way to the city of Bahurim, crying as he went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:16

ULT
16 And her husband walked with her, walking and weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, “walk back” and he returned back.

UST
16 Then Abner turned and said to him, “Go back home!” so he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:17

ULT
17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel saying, “Yesterday and the day before, you were seeking to secure David for a king over you.

UST
17 Abner went to the Israelite leaders and talked with them. He said, “You have wanted David to be your king for a long time.

In short what did Abner say to the elders of Israel? (vv17-18)
Abner told the elders of Israel they should make David king over them as they had wanted to do in the past.

2 Samuel 3:18

ULT
18 And now do it, for Yahweh said concerning David saying, ‘By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.’”

UST
18 So now you have an opportunity for this to happen. Keep in mind that Yahweh promised this, ‘With the help of David, who serves me well, I will rescue my people from the power of all their other enemies’.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:19

ULT

[19] And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner also went to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that was good in the eyes of Israel and in the eyes of all of the house of Benjamin.

UST

[19] Abner also spoke to the people of the tribe of Benjamin. Then he went to Hebron to tell David what all the people of Israel and the people of the tribe of Benjamin had agreed to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:20

ULT

[20] And Abner came to David in Hebron, and with him twenty men; and David had made a feast for Abner and for the men who were with him.

UST

[20] When Abner came with twenty of his soldiers to see David at Hebron, David made a feast for all of them.

What did David do for Abner when Abner arrived in Hebron with twenty of his men?

David had a feast prepared for Abner and his men.

2 Samuel 3:21

ULT

[21] And Abner said to David, “Let me arise, and let me go, and let me gather to my lord the king, all of Israel that they may cut a covenant with you, and you will reign over all that your soul desires.” And David sent Abner away, and he left in peace.

UST

[21] Afterwards, Abner said to David, “Sir, I will now go and encourage all the people of Israel to accept you to be their king, as you have desired.” Then Abner left, peacefully.

Briefly what did Abner tell David he planned to do?

Abner told David that he would gather all Israel to David to make a covenant with him so he could reign as king over all Israel.

2 Samuel 3:22

ULT

22 And behold, the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought with them much plunder, but Abner was not with David in Hebron because he had sent him away and he had gone in peace.

UST

22 Soon after that, Joab and some of David's other soldiers returned to Hebron after raiding one of their enemy's villages, bringing with them a lot of things that they had captured. But Abner was not there at Hebron, because David had already sent him safely away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:23

ULT

23 And Joab and all the army which was with him arrived, and they told to Joab saying, "Abner son of Ner came to the king, and he let him go, and he went in peace."

UST

23 When Joab and the soldiers who were with him arrived, someone told him that Abner had come there and talked with the king, and that the king allowed Abner to go away safely.

How did David and Abner part company?

David sent Abner away, and Abner left in peace.

2 Samuel 3:24

ULT

24 And Joab came to the king and said, "What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you! Why is this you have let him go, and he went and is surely gone?

UST

24 So Joab went to the king and said, "Why have you done that? Listen to me! Abner is your enemy, but when he came to you, you allowed him to leave!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:25

ULT
25 You know that Abner son of Ner came to deceive you and to know your going out and your coming in and to know all which you are doing?”

UST
25 Do you not know that he came to you to deceive you and to find out everything that you are doing, and all the places that you go to?”

When Joab came to David, what did Joab accuse Abner of doing?
Joab accused Abner of trying to deceive David, of trying to discover David’s plans and learn everything David was doing.

2 Samuel 3:26

ULT
26 And Joab went out from with David and he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the cistern of Sirah, but David did not know.

UST
26 After Joab left David, he sent some messengers to get Abner. They found him at the well of Sirah and brought him back to Hebron, but David did not know that they had done this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:27

ULT
27 And Abner returned to Hebron, and Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him in the quietness. There Joab stabbed him in the stomach, and he died for the blood of Asahel, his brother.

UST
27 So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab met him at the city gate, and took him into a side room as though he wanted to speak with him privately. Then he stabbed Abner in the stomach with his knife. In that way he murdered Abner because Abner had killed Joab’s brother Asahel.

What did Joab do after he had Abner brought back to Hebron?
Joab stabbed Abner in the stomach and killed him.

Why did Joab kill Abner?
Joab killed Abner to avenge the blood of Asahel his brother.

2 Samuel 3:28

ULT

28 And afterward, David heard this, and he said, “I and my kingdom are forever innocent before Yahweh of the blood of Abner son of Ner.

UST

28 Later, after David heard what had happened, he said, “Yahweh knows that I and the people of my kingdom are not at all responsible for Abner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:29

ULT

29 Let the guilt of Abner’s death fall on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house. May there never fail to be in the family of Joab someone who has a flowing sore or skin disease or who is lame and must walk with a staff or who is killed by the sword or who goes without food.”

UST

29 I hope that there will always be someone in his family who has sores, or someone who is a leper, or some man who is forced to do women’s work, or someone who is killed in a battle, or someone who does not have enough food to eat!”

When David learned that Joab had killed Abner, what did he say concerning Joab and Joab’s family?

David said to let the guilt of Abner’s death fall on the head of Joab and on all his father’s house.

2 Samuel 3:30

ULT

30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in battle.

UST

30 That is how Joab and his brother Abishai murdered Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel in the battle at Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:31

ULT

31 David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, “Tear your clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner’s body.” Now King David walked behind the body in the funeral procession.

UST

31 Then David said to Joab and to all Joab’s soldiers, “Tear your clothes and put on coarse cloth to show that you are sad, and mourn for Abner!” And at the funeral, King David walked behind the men who were carrying the coffin.

What did David tell Joab and all the people with him to do?
David told Joab and all the people with him to tear their clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner’s body.

2 Samuel 3:32

ULT

32 They buried Abner in Hebron. The king wept and cried loudly at the tomb of Abner, and all the people also wept.

UST

32 They buried Abner’s body at Hebron. And at the grave, the king cried loudly, and all the other people also cried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:33

ULT

33 The king lamented for Abner and sang, “Should Abner die as a fool dies?

UST

33 David sang this sad song to lament for Abner: “It is not right that Abner should have died in disgrace!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:34

ULT

34 Your hands were not bound. Your feet were not shackled. As a man falls before the sons of injustice, so you have fallen." Once more all the people wept over him.

UST

34 No one tied his hands or put chains on his feet, as they do to criminals. No, he was murdered by wicked men!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:35

ULT

35 All the people came to make David eat while it was still day, but David swore, "May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down."

UST

35 Then many people came to David to tell him to eat some food before sunset, but David refused. He said, "I hope that God will kill me if I eat any food before the sun goes down!"

When the people came to make David eat while it was still day, what did David swear?
David swore, "May God do so to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun goes down."

2 Samuel 3:36

ULT

36 All the people took notice of David's grief, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased them.

UST

36 All the people saw what David did, and they were pleased. Truly, everything that the king did pleased the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 3:37

ULT

[37] So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not the king's desire to kill Abner son of Ner.

UST

[37] So all the people realized that the king had not wanted Abner to be killed.

What did all the people and all Israel understand after they took notice of David's grief concerning Abner?

All the people and all Israel understood that it was not the king's desire to kill Abner.

2 Samuel 3:38

ULT

[38] The king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?

UST

[38] The king said to his officials, "Do you not realize that a leader and a great man has died today in Israel?

What did the king say to his servants concerning Abner?

The king told his servants, "Do you know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?"

2 Samuel 3:39

ULT

[39] Now I am weak today, though I am an anointed king. These men, the sons of Zeruiah, are too brutal for me. May Yahweh repay the evildoer by punishing him for his wickedness, as he deserves."

UST

[39] Even though Yahweh appointed me to be the king, today I feel weak. These two sons of Zeruiah, Joab and Abishai, are very violent. I cannot control them. So I hope that Yahweh will punish them severely in return for this wicked deed that they have done!"

What did David wish concerning the sons of Zeruiah?

David wished for Yahweh to repay the evildoer by punishing him for his wickedness, as he deserved it.

2 Samuel 4

2 Samuel 4:1

ULT

1 When Ishbosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became weak, and all Israel was troubled.

UST

1 When Saul's son Ishbosheth heard that Abner had been killed at Hebron, he became very discouraged, and all the Israelite people with him.

What caused the hands of Ishbosheth to become weak?
When Ishbosheth heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became weak.

2 Samuel 4:2

ULT

2 Now Saul's son had two men who were captains of groups of soldiers. The name of one was Baanah and the other Recab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite of the people of Benjamin (for Beeroth is also considered part of Benjamin,

UST

2 Ishbosheth had two officers who were leaders of groups of soldiers. They were brothers with the names of Baanah and Recab; they were sons of Rimmon from the town of Beeroth in the tribe of Benjamin. Now Beeroth is in the area that had been assigned to the tribe of Benjamin.

What were the names of two of Saul's men who were captains of groups of soldiers?
The names of two of Saul's men who were captains of groups of soldiers were Baanah and Rechab.

2 Samuel 4:3

ULT

3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been living there until this very time).

UST

3 But the original inhabitants of Beeroth had fled to the town of Gittaim, where they still live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 4:4

ULT

4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up to flee. But as she was running, Jonathan's son fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.

UST

4 Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was five years old when Saul and Jonathan died in the battle. When people brought that news from Jezreel, Mephibosheth's nursemaid picked him up and ran away, but she ran very fast and she dropped him, and he became crippled in his legs.

What was the name of Saul's son who was crippled in his feet?

The name of Saul's son who was crippled in his feet was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:5

ULT

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Recab and Baanah, traveled during the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, as he was resting at noon.

UST

5 One day, Recab and Baanah left their home to go to Ishbosheth's house. They arrived there about noontime, when Ishbosheth was taking his midday nap.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 4:6

ULT

6 Behold, the woman guarding the door had fallen asleep while sifting wheat, and Recab and Baanah, his brother, walked in quietly, stabbed Ishbosheth in the stomach, and then escaped.

UST

6 The woman who was serving as the doorkeeper was sifting wheat; but she became sleepy and then fell asleep. So Recab and his brother Baanah were able to creep in quietly.

How did Rechab and Baanah get into the house of Ishbosheth?

Rechab and Baanah got into the house by walking in quietly and passing the sleeping woman who had been guarding the door.

2 Samuel 4:7

ULT

7 So after they entered the house, they attacked him and killed him as he was lying on his bed in his room. Then they cut off his head and carried it away, traveling on the road all night to the Arabah.

UST

7 They entered Ishbosheth's bedroom, where he was sleeping. They killed him with their swords and cut off his head. They carried his head and walked all night through the plain along the Jordan.

What did Rechab and Baanah do once they got into Ishbosheth's house?
Once Rechab and Baanah got into Ishbosheth's house, they killed him as he was lying on his bed in his room.

2 Samuel 4:8

ULT

8 They brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and they said to the king, "Look, this is the head of Ishbosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life. Today Yahweh has avenged our master the king against Saul and his descendants."

UST

8 They took the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron. They said to him, "Here is the head of Ishbosheth, the son of your enemy Saul, who tried to kill you. Your Majesty, today Yahweh has allowed you to get revenge on Saul and his descendants!"

Where did Rechab and Baanah go after they killed Ishbosheth and cut off his head?
Rechab and Baanah brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron.

2 Samuel 4:9

ULT

9 David answered Recab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite; he said to them, "As Yahweh lives, who delivered my life from every trouble,

UST

9 But David replied to them, "Just as surely as Yahweh lives—and he is the one who has rescued me from all trouble, I will tell you this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 4:10

ULT

10 when someone told me, ‘Look, Saul is dead,’ thinking he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him at Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news.

UST

10 When a messenger came to Ziklag and told me ‘Saul is dead!’ (and he thought that the news that he was bringing to me was good news), I told one of my soldiers to kill him. That was the reward I gave to him for his news!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 4:11

ULT

11 How much more, when wicked men have killed an innocent person in his own house on his bed, should I not now require his blood from your hand, and remove you from the earth?”

UST

11 So because you two evil men have murdered a man who did nothing wrong—and you killed him when he was sleeping on his bed in his own house, I will do something worse to you. I will surely get revenge on you two for murdering him, and wipe you off from the earth!”

What did David say about Rechab and Baanah?

David said Rechab and Baanah were wicked men who had killed an innocent person in his own house on his own bed.

2 Samuel 4:12

ULT

12 Then David gave orders to the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

UST

12 Then David gave a command to his soldiers, and they killed the two men, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hung their bodies on a pole near the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it respectfully in the tomb of Abner, there at Hebron.

On David's orders, what did the young men do with Rechab and Baanah?

The young men killed Rechab and Baanah and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool at Hebron.

What did David have done with the head of Ishbosheth?

David had the head of Ishbosheth buried in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

2 Samuel 5:1

ULT
1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Look, we are your flesh and bone.

UST
1 Then the leaders of all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said to him, “Listen, we have the same ancestors that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:2

ULT
2 In the recent past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led the Israelite army. Yahweh said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become ruler over Israel.’”

UST
2 In the past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led our soldiers into battle. You are the one to whom Yahweh promised, ‘You will be the leader of my people. You will be their king.’”

What did all the tribes of Israel acknowledge Yahweh had said to David?
All the tribes of Israel acknowledged Yahweh had told David, “You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become ruler over Israel.”

2 Samuel 5:3

ULT
3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before Yahweh. They anointed David king over Israel.

UST
3 So while Yahweh was listening, all those leaders of the people of Israel declared there at Hebron that David would be their king. And David made an with them. They anointed him with olive oil to set him apart to be the king of the Israelites.

Who came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel?
All the elders of Israel came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5:4

ULT

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

UST

4 David was thirty years old when he became their king. He ruled them for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:5

ULT

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

UST

5 In Hebron he had ruled over the tribe of Judah for seven and a half years, and in Jerusalem he would rule over all the people of Judah and Israel for thirty-three years.

How many years did David reign in Jerusalem over all Israel and Judah?

David reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 5:6

ULT

6 The king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. They said to David, “You will not come here except to be turned away by the blind and the lame. David cannot come here.”

UST

6 One day King David and his soldiers went to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebus people group who lived there. The people there thought that David’s army would not be able to capture the city, so they said to David, “Your army will never be able to get inside our city! Even the blind and crippled people can stop you!”

By what other names was Jerusalem called? (vv6-7)

Jerusalem was also called the stronghold of Zion and the City of David.

2 Samuel 5:7

ULT

[7] Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, which now is the city of David.

UST

[7] But David's army did indeed capture the fortress on Mount Zion; later it was known as the city of David.

From whom did David capture the stronghold of Zion?
David captured the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites.

2 Samuel 5:8

ULT

[8] At that time David said, "Those who attack the Jebusites will have to go through the water shaft to reach the 'lame and the blind' who are David's enemies." That is why people say, "The 'blind and the lame' must not enter the palace."

UST

[8] On that day, David said to his soldiers, "Those who want to get rid of the Jebus people should go through the water tunnel to enter the city. That is where my enemies are, even my enemies who are 'crippled people and blind people'." That is why people say, "Those who are 'blind and crippled' are not allowed to go into David's palace."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:9

ULT

[9] So David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. He fortified around it, from the terrace toward the inside.

UST

[9] After David and his soldiers captured the city with its strong walls around it, he lived there, and they named it the city of David. David and his soldiers built the city around the fortress, starting where the land was filled in on the east side of the hill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:10

ULT
10 David became very powerful because Yahweh, the God of hosts, was with him.

UST
10 David continued to become more and more powerful because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, was helping him.

Why did David become greater and greater?
David became greater and greater because Yahweh, the God of hosts, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:11

ULT
11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons. They built a house for David.

UST
11 One day Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, sent ambassadors to David to talk about making an agreement between their countries. Hiram agreed to provide cedar trees to make lumber, and he also agreed that he would send carpenters and masons to build a palace for David.

What did Hiram king of Tyre send to David?
Hiram sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, carpenters, and masons.

2 Samuel 5:12

ULT
12 David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

UST
12 Because Hiram did these things, David realized that Yahweh had truly appointed him to be the king of Israel. He also realized that because Yahweh loved the Israelites and chosen them to belong to himself, he had increased David's own power as king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:13

ULT
13 David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem after he left Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

UST
13 After David moved from Hebron to Jerusalem, he took more slave women to be his wives, and he also married other women. All of those women gave birth to more sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:14

ULT
14 These were the names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

UST
14 The names of his sons who were born in Jerusalem were Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

How many children were born to David in Jerusalem? (vv14-16)
Eleven children were born to David in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 5:15

ULT
15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

UST
15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:16

ULT
16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

UST
16 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:17

ULT

17 Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over Israel, they all went out looking for him. But David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.

UST

17 When the Philistine people heard that David had been made king of Israel, their army went up toward Jerusalem to try to capture David. But David heard that they were coming, so he went down to another fortified place.

What did the Philistines do when they heard that David had been anointed as king over Israel?

The Philistines went out looking for David when they heard he had been anointed as king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5:18

ULT

18 Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

18 The army of Philistia arrived at the Valley of Rephaim southwest of Jerusalem and spread themselves out inside it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:19

ULT

19 Then David asked for help from Yahweh. He said, “Should I attack the Philistines? Will you give victory over them?” Yahweh said to David, “Attack, for I will certainly give you victory over the Philistines.”

UST

19 David asked Yahweh, “Should my men and I attack the Philistine army? Will you enable us to defeat them?” Yahweh replied, “Yes, attack them, because I will certainly enable your army to defeat them.”

What did Yahweh tell David in response to David’s question, “Should I attack the Philistines? Will you give me victory over them?”

Yahweh said to David, “Attack, for I will certainly give you victory over the Philistines.”

2 Samuel 5:20

ULT

20 So David attacked at Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He commented, “Yahweh has burst through my enemies before me like a bursting flood of water.” So the name of that place became Baal Perazim.

UST

20 So David and his army went to where the Philistine army was, and there they defeated them. Then David said, “Yahweh has burst through my enemies like a flood.” So that place is called Baal Perazim.

Where did David attack the Philistines and what was the outcome?
David attacked at Baal Perazim, and there he defeated the Philistines.

2 Samuel 5:21

ULT

21 The Philistines left their idols there, and David and his men carried them away.

UST

21 The Philistine men left their idols there, and David and his soldiers took them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:22

ULT

22 Then the Philistines came up again and spread out once more in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

22 Then the Philistine army returned to the Valley of Rephaim and spread all over the valley once again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 5:23

ULT

23 So David asked help from Yahweh again, and Yahweh said to him, “You must not attack their front, but rather circle around behind them and come on them through the balsam woods.

UST

23 So again David asked Yahweh if his army should attack them. But Yahweh replied, “Do not attack them from here. Tell your men to go around them and attack them from the other side, near the balsam trees.

When the Philistines came up a second time, how did Yahweh tell David to attack them?

Yahweh told David not to attack the Philistine’s front, but to circle behind them and come at them through the balsam woods.

2 Samuel 5:24

ULT

24 When you hear the sound of marching in the wind blowing through the balsam treetops, then attack with force. Do this because Yahweh will have gone out before you to attack the army of the Philistines.”

UST

24 When you hear something in the tops of the balsam trees that sounds like an army marching, attack them. Then you will know that I will have gone ahead of you to enable your army to defeat their army.”

What sound did Yahweh tell David to listen for before attacking the Philistines?

Yahweh told David to attack the Philistines when he heard the sound of marching in the wind blowing through the balsam treetops.

2 Samuel 5:25

ULT

25 So David did as Yahweh had commanded him. He killed Philistines from Geba all the way to Gezer.

UST

25 So David did what Yahweh told him to do, and his army defeated the Philistine army and chased it from the city of Geba all the way west to the city of Gezer.

What was David’s response to Yahweh’s command?

David did as Yahweh had commanded him.

What was the outcome of this battle against the Philistines?

The outcome of this battle was that David killed Philistines from Geba all the way to Gezer.

2 Samuel 6

2 Samuel 6:1

ULT
1 Now David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand.

UST
1 Then David chose thirty thousand Israelite men and gathered them together.

Why did David again gather all the chosen men of Israel? (vv1-2)
David gathered all the chosen men of Israel to bring up the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:2

ULT
2 David arose and went with all his men who were with him from Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the Box of the Covenant of God, which is called by the name of Yahweh of hosts, who sits enthroned over the cherubim.

UST
2 He led them to the place in Judah formerly called Baalah, now called Kiriath Jearim. They went in order to bring the sacred chest to Jerusalem, the chest that had the name of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, written on it, and that had the figures of the winged creatures on top of it. Between those statues was where Yahweh himself was present, though he remained unseen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:3

ULT
3 They set the Box of the Covenant of God on a new cart. They brought it out of Abinadab's house, which was on a hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart.

UST
3 The sacred chest was in the house of Abinadab, on top of a hill. They went there, and put the chest on a new cart. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's two sons, were guiding the oxen that were pulling the cart.

On what did they set the ark of God?
They set the ark of God on a new cart.

Who was guiding the new cart?
Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were guiding the new cart.

2 Samuel 6:4

ULT

4 They brought the cart out of Abinadab's house on the hill with the Box of the Covenant of God on it. Ahio was walking in front of the ark.

UST

4 Uzzah walked alongside the cart, and Ahio walked in front of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:5

ULT

5 Then David and all the house of Israel began to play before Yahweh, celebrating with wooden instruments, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles, and cymbals.

UST

5 David and all the Israelite men were celebrating in God's presence, singing with all their strength and playing wooden lyres and harps, and beating tambourines, and clashing castanets and cymbals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:6

ULT

6 When they came to the threshing floor of Nakon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out with his hand to grab the Box of the Covenant of God, and he took hold of it.

UST

6 But when they came to the place where Nakon threshed grain, the oxen stumbled. So Uzzah put his hand on the sacred chest to steady it.

What happened when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon?

When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out his hand to grab the ark of God, and he took hold of it.

2 Samuel 6:7

ULT

[7] Then the anger of Yahweh burned against Uzzah. God attacked him there for his error. Uzzah died there by the Box of the Covenant of God.

UST

[7] Yahweh immediately became very angry with Uzzah, and killed him right there alongside the sacred chest, because he had touched the chest.

What did Yahweh do in response to Uzzah's action?

Yahweh got angry and he attacked Uzzah there for his sin, and Uzzah died there by the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:8

ULT

[8] David was angry because Yahweh had attacked Uzzah, and he called the name of that place Perez Uzzah. That place is called Perez Uzzah to this day.

UST

[8] But David was angry because Yahweh had punished Uzzah. So ever since that time, that place has been called Perez Uzzah.

How did David feel about what Yahweh had done to Uzzah? (vv8-9)

David was angry because Yahweh had attacked Uzzah, and David was afraid of Yahweh that day.

2 Samuel 6:9

ULT

[9] David was afraid of Yahweh that day. He said, "How can the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh come to me?"

UST

[9] Then David was afraid of what else Yahweh would do to punish them, so he said, "How can I take the sacred chest with me to Jerusalem?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:10

ULT

10 So David was not willing to take the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh with him into the city of David. Instead, he put it aside in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.

UST

10 So he decided not to take the sacred chest to Jerusalem. Instead, they took it to another place, the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.

What did David do with the ark of God after Uzzah died?

David put the ark of God aside in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.

2 Samuel 6:11

ULT

11 The Box of the Covenant of Yahweh remained in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite for three months. So Yahweh blessed him and all his household.

UST

11 They left the sacred chest in the house of Obed Edom for three months, and during that time Yahweh blessed him and his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:12

ULT

12 Now King David was told, “Yahweh has blessed Obed Edom’s house and everything that belongs to him because of the Box of the Covenant of God.” So David went and brought up the Box of the Covenant of God from Obed Edom’s house to the city of David with joy.

UST

12 Some time later, people told David, “Yahweh has blessed Obed Edom and his family because he is taking care of the sacred chest!” When David heard that, he and some other men went to Obed Edom’s house, and very joyfully brought the sacred chest from there to Jerusalem.

Why did David bring up the ark of God from Obed Edom’s house to the city of David?

David brought up the ark of God from Obed Edom’s house because David was told that Yahweh had blessed Obed Edom’s house and everthing that belonged to him because of the ark of God.

2 Samuel 6:13

ULT

13 When those who were carrying the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened calf.

UST

13 When the men who were carrying the sacred chest had walked six steps, they stopped, and there David killed a bull and a fat calf, and offered them to Yahweh as a sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:14

ULT

14 David danced before Yahweh with all his might; he was wearing only a linen ephod.

UST

14 David was wearing only a linen cloth wrapped around his waist, and was dancing very energetically to honor Yahweh.

What did David do as the ark of God was being brought up?

As the ark of God was being brought up, David, wearing only a linen ephod, danced before Yahweh with all his might.

2 Samuel 6:15

ULT

15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh with shouting and the sound of trumpets.

UST

15 David and the Israelite men took the sacred chest up to Jerusalem, shouting loudly and blowing trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:16

ULT

16 Now as the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh came into the city of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked out the window. She saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh. Then she despised him in her heart.

UST

16 While they were carrying the sacred chest into the city, his wife Michal, Saul's daughter, looked out the window of her house. She saw King David leaping and dancing to honor Yahweh. But she was disgusted with him.

What was Michal's response when she saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh?

When Michal saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh, she despised David in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:17

ULT

17 They brought in the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh and put it in its place, in the middle of the tent that David had set up for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before Yahweh.

UST

17 They brought the sacred chest into the tent that David had erected for it. Then David gave to Yahweh offerings to be completely burned on an altar, and other offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh.

After the ark of Yahweh was set in its place, what offerings did David make to Yahweh?

David made burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 6:18

ULT

18 When David had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

18 When David had finished offering those sacrifices, he asked Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, to bless the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:19

ULT

[19] Then he distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people left; each one returned to his own house.

UST

[19] He also distributed food to all the people. To each man and woman he gave a loaf of bread, some meat, and a raisin cake. Then they all returned to their homes.

What did David distribute among all the people, both men and women?

David distributed among all the people, both men and women, a loaf of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins.

2 Samuel 6:20

ULT

[20] Then David returned to bless his family. Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David and said, “How honored the king of Israel was today, who undressed himself today before the eyes of the slave girls among his servants, like one of the crude fellows who shamelessly undresses himself!”

UST

[20] When David went home to ask Yahweh to bless his family, his wife Michal came out to meet him. She said to him, “Maybe you, the king of Israel, think that you were acting in an honorable way today, but really, you acted like a fool. You were nearly naked in front of the female servants of your officials!”

What did Michal, the daughter of Saul, say to David?

Michal said to David, “How honored the king of Israel was today, who undressed himself today before the eyes of the slave girls among his servants, like one of the crude fellows who shamelessly undresses himself!”

2 Samuel 6:21

ULT

[21] David responded to Michal, “I did that before Yahweh, who chose me above your father and above all his family, who appointed me leader over the people of Yahweh, over Israel. Before Yahweh I will be joyful!

UST

[21] David replied to Michal, “I was doing that to honor Yahweh, who chose me instead of your father and other members of his family, to be the king of the Israelite people, the people who belong to Yahweh. And I will continue to dance to honor Yahweh!

What were David’s responses to Michal’s rebuke? (vv21-22)

David said he leapt and danced before Yahweh and that before Yahweh he would be joyful, and that he would be humiliated in his own eyes, but he would be honored among the slave girls.

2 Samuel 6:22

ULT

22 I will be even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes. But by these slave girls you have spoken about, I will be honored.”

UST

22 Even though you think that what I did was disgraceful, I will continue to act in this way because I am willing to be made a fool in my own eyes. But the female servants whom you were talking about, they will give me honor!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 6:23

ULT

23 So Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children to the day of her death.

UST

23 As a result, Saul’s daughter never gave birth to any children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7

2 Samuel 7:1

ULT
1 It happened that after the king had settled in his house, and after Yahweh had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,

UST
1 The king began to live in his palace. By now Yahweh had caused the enemy people groups to stop attacking Israel.

What did Yahweh give David?
Yahweh gave David rest from all his surrounding enemies.

2 Samuel 7:2

ULT
2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, “Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the Box of the Covenant of God is staying in the middle of a tent.”

UST
2 One day David said to the prophet Nathan, “It is not right that I am here, living in a beautiful house made of cedar wood, but the chest that contains God’s Ten Commandments is kept in a tent!”

What did the king say to Nathan the prophet?
The king said to Nathan the prophet, “Look, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God is staying in the middle of a tent.”

2 Samuel 7:3

ULT
3 Then Nathan said to the king, “Go, do what is in your heart, for Yahweh is with you.”

UST
3 Then Nathan said to the king, “Yahweh is helping you, so do about the sacred chest whatever you think is right.”

What did Nathan tell David before the word of Yahweh came to Nathan? (vv3-4)
Nathan told David, “Go, do what is in your heart, for Yahweh is with you.”

2 Samuel 7:4

ULT

4 But that same night the word of Yahweh came to Nathan, saying:

UST

4 But that night, Yahweh spoke to Nathan:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:5

ULT

5 “Go and tell David my servant, ‘This is what Yahweh says: Will you build me a house in which to live?

UST

5 “Go and tell my servant, David, that this is what Yahweh says to him: He is not the one who will build a temple for me to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:6

ULT

6 For I have not lived in a house from the day that I brought up the people of Israel out of Egypt until this present day; instead, I have been moving about in a tent, a tabernacle.

UST

6 I have not lived in any building from the day that I brought the Israelites up from Egypt until now. Instead, I have been living in my sacred tent, moving from one place to another with the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:7

ULT

[7] In all places where I have moved among all the people of Israel, did I ever say anything to any of Israel's leaders whom I appointed to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"'

UST

[7] Wherever I went with the Israelites as they traveled, I never said to any of the leaders whom I appointed to lead them, 'Why have you not built me a temple made of cedar wood?'

What question did Yahweh ask David about any of Israel's leaders up until that time?

Yahweh asked David if Yahweh had ever said, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" to any of Israel's leaders whom Yahweh had appointed.

2 Samuel 7:8

ULT

[8] Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what Yahweh of hosts says: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, so that you would be ruler over my people Israel.

UST

[8] So tell my servant David that Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, says that he took him from a pasture and from taking care of sheep, and appointed him to become the ruler of my Israelite people.

What did Yahweh say he had done for David? (vv8-9)

Yahweh said he had made David ruler over Yahweh's people Israel, had been everywhere with David, and had cut off David's enemies from before him.

2 Samuel 7:9

ULT

[9] I have been with you wherever you went. I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the great ones of the earth.

UST

[9] Remind him I have been with him wherever he has gone. I have gotten rid of all his enemies who attacked him. I will make him very famous, as well known as the names of all the greatest men who have ever lived on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:10

ULT

10 I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them there, so that they may live in their own place and be troubled no more. No longer will wicked people oppress them, as they did before,

UST

10-11 Formerly, during the time that I appointed leaders for my Israelite people, many violent groups oppressed them. But this will not happen anymore. I have chosen a place where my people can live peacefully and where no one will disturb them anymore. I will make all their enemies stop attacking them. And I will defeat all their enemies. Tell David that I declare to him that I, Yahweh, will enable his descendants to rule after him.

What did Yahweh say he was going to do for Israel?

Yahweh said he would appoint a place for them and plant them there, so they might live in their own place and be troubled no more, and not be oppressed by wicked people as the were before.

2 Samuel 7:11

ULT

11 as they were doing from the days that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Now I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, I, Yahweh declare to you that I will make you a house.

UST

10-11 Formerly, during the time that I appointed leaders for my Israelite people, many violent groups oppressed them. But this will not happen anymore. I have chosen a place where my people can live peacefully and where no one will disturb them anymore. I will make all their enemies stop attacking them. And I will defeat all their enemies. Tell David that I declare to him that I, Yahweh, will enable his descendants to rule after him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:12

ULT

12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up a descendant after you, one who will come out from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

UST

12 When he dies and is buried, I will appoint one of his own sons to be king, and I will make him to be a very powerful king.

Who did Yahweh say would build a house for him? (vv12-13)

Yahweh said he would raise up a descendant of David, out of David's body, who would build a house for Yahweh's name.

2 Samuel 7:13

ULT
13 He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

UST
13 He is the one who will arrange for a temple to be built for me. I will make his rule over Israel to last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:14

ULT
14 I will be a father to him, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will discipline him with the rod of men and with the whipping of the sons of men.

UST
14 I will be like a father to him, and it will be as though he is a son to me. When he does something that is wrong, I will punish him as fathers punish their sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:15

ULT
15 But my covenant faithfulness will not leave him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.

UST
15 But I will never stop faithfully loving him as I stopped loving Saul, whom I removed from being king before David became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:16

ULT
16 Your house and kingdom will be confirmed forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.'"

UST
16 David's descendants will rule the kingdom of Israel forever. Their rule will never end."

What did Yahweh say concerning David's house and kingdom?
Yahweh said David's house and kingdom would be confirmed forever before David.

2 Samuel 7:17

ULT
17 Nathan spoke to David and reported to him all these words and the entire vision.

UST
17 So Nathan told David everything that Yahweh had told him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:18

ULT
18 Then David the king went in and sat before Yahweh and said, “Who am I, Lord Yahweh, and what is my family that you have brought me to this point?

UST
18 When David heard Nathan’s message, he went into the sacred tent and sat in Yahweh’s presence, and prayed this: “Yahweh, my God, I am not worthy of all the things that you have done for me, and my family is not worthy either.

After Nathan spoke to David all the words Yahweh had said and told David about the entire vision, what did David do? (vv18-20)
David went in and sat before Yahweh and spoke to him.

2 Samuel 7:19

ULT
19 Now this was a small thing in your sight, Lord Yahweh. You have even spoken about your servant’s family for a great while to come, and have shown me future generations, Lord Yahweh!

UST
19 And now, O Yahweh my God, in addition to everything else, you have spoken about what will happen to my descendants in the future for many generations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:20

ULT

20 What more can I, David, say to you? You have known your servant, Lord Yahweh.

UST

20 O Yahweh God, what more can I, David, say to you for honoring me? Although you know very well what I am like, Yahweh my God, you have acted toward me as though I were the most important man on the earth!

After hearing all the prophecy concerning David and his family, what did David say Yahweh had done for him?

David said the Lord Yahweh had honored his servant, David..

2 Samuel 7:21

ULT

21 For your word's sake, and to fulfill your own purpose, you have done this great thing and revealed it to your servant.

UST

21 You have done all these great things to teach me, and you have done them just because you wanted to do them and because you decided to do them.

What did David say was the reason Yahweh had done this great thing and had revealed it to him?

David said Yahweh had done this for the sake of Yahweh's word and to fulfill Yahweh's own purpose.

2 Samuel 7:22

ULT

22 Therefore you are great, Lord Yahweh, for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, as we have heard with our own ears.

UST

22 O Yahweh my God, you are great. There is no one like you. Only you are God, just as we have always heard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:23

ULT

23 What nation is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom you, God, went and rescued for yourself? You did this so that they would become a people for yourself, to make a name for yourself, and to do great and fearful deeds for your land. You drove out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you rescued from Egypt.

UST

23 And there is no other nation in the world like Israel. Israel is the only nation on the earth whose people you went out to rescue, as you rescued them from Egypt. Then you made them belong to you yourself. And for doing all these things, you are now well known throughout the world. As your people advanced through this land, you drove out other people groups who were in Canaan, along with their gods.

What did David say was the reason God went and rescued Israel?

David said Yahweh rescued Israel so they would become a people for God, to make a name for himself, and to do great and fearful deeds for Yahweh's land.

2 Samuel 7:24

ULT

24 You established Israel as your own people forever, and you, Yahweh, became their God.

UST

24 You caused us Israelites to be your people forever, and you, Yahweh, have become our God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:25

ULT

25 So now, Yahweh God, may the promise that you made concerning your servant and his family be established forever. Do as you have spoken.

UST

25 And now, Yahweh my God, I pray that you will cause the things that you promised to me about my descendants to come true and be true forever, and that you will do the things that you said that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:26

ULT

26 May your name be forever great, so the people will say, ‘Yahweh of hosts is the God of Israel,’ while the house of me, David, your servant is established before you.

UST

26 When that happens, you will become famous forever, and people will exclaim, ‘Yahweh, the commander of angel armies, is the God who rules Israel.’ And you will cause that there will forever be descendants of mine who will rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 7:27

ULT

27 For you, Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, have revealed to your servant that you will build him a house. That is why I, your servant, have found courage to pray to you.

UST

27 Yahweh, the God whom we Israelite people worship, you have revealed to me that you will make some of my descendants kings. For that reason, I have been brave enough to pray like this to you.

How did David say he had found courage to pray to Yahweh of hosts?

David said he had found courage to pray to Yahweh of hosts because Yahweh of hosts had revealed to David that he would build David a house.

2 Samuel 7:28

ULT

28 Now, Lord Yahweh, you are God, and your words are trustworthy, and you have made this good promise to your servant.

UST

28 So now, O Yahweh, because you are God, we can trust that you will do what you promise. You have promised these good things to me.

What did David consider Yahweh’s word to be?

David considered Yahweh’s word to be trustworthy.

2 Samuel 7:29

ULT

29 Now then, let it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, Lord Yahweh, have said these things, and with your blessing your servant's house will be blessed forever."

UST

29 So now I ask you that if it pleases you, you will bless my descendants, in order that they may continue to rule forever. Yahweh God, you have promised these things, so I know that if you do these things, you will keep blessing my descendants forever."

What did David want Yahweh to do?

David wanted Yahweh to do the things he had said to David and bless the house of David.

2 Samuel 8

2 Samuel 8:1

ULT

1 After this it came about that David attacked the Philistines and defeated them. So David took Metheg Ammah from the control of the Philistines.

UST

1 Some time later, David's army attacked the Philistine army and defeated them. They took control over the Philistine city of Gath and its surrounding villages.

What did David get by attacking the Philistines and defeating them?

David took Gath and its villages out of the Philistine's control.

2 Samuel 8:2

ULT

2 Then he defeated Moab and measured their men with a line by making them lie down on the ground. He measured off two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. So the Moabites became servants to David and began to pay him tribute.

UST

2 David's army also defeated the army of the Moab people group. David forced their soldiers to lie down on the ground close to each other. His men killed two out of every three of them. The others of the Moab people were forced to accept David as their ruler, and they were forced to give to him every year the payment that he demanded.

After David defeated Moab, how did he decide which of the Moabite men would live and which would die?

David decided which of the Moabite men would live or die by making them lie down on the ground and measuring off two lines to put to death and one full line to keep alive.

What happened to the Moabites who were left alive?

The Moabites became servants to David and began to pay him tribute.

2 Samuel 8:3

ULT

[3] David then defeated Hadadezer son of Rehob, the king of Zobah, as Hadadezer was traveling to recover his rule by the Euphrates River.

UST

[3] David's army also defeated the army of Hadadezer son of Rehob, who ruled the region of Zobah in Aram. That happened when he went try to regain power over the area at the upper part of the Euphrates River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:4

ULT

[4] David captured from him 1700 chariots and 20000 footmen. David hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved enough of them for 100 chariots.

UST

[4] David's army captured 1,700 of Hadadezer's soldiers who used chariots, and twenty thousand soldiers on foot. They also crippled all but one hundred of the horses, and they would be used to pull chariots.

What did David capture from Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah?

David captured from him a thousand chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen.

2 Samuel 8:5

ULT

[5] When the Arameans of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed 22000 Aramean men.

UST

[5] When the army of Aram came from the city of Damascus to help King Hadadezer's army, David's soldiers killed twenty-two thousand of them.

What did David do to the Arameans of Damascus when they came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah?

David killed twenty-two thousand Aramean men.

2 Samuel 8:6

ULT

[6] Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Arameans became servants to him and brought him tribute. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.

UST

[6] Then David stationed groups of his soldiers in their area, and the people of Aram were forced to accept David to be their ruler, and to give to David's government every year the payment of tribute money that he demanded. And Yahweh enabled David's army to win victories wherever they went.

Why was David victorious?
Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.

2 Samuel 8:7

ULT

[7] David took the golden shields that were on Hadadezer's servants and brought them to Jerusalem.

UST

[7] King David's soldiers took the gold shields that were carried by Hadadezer's officials, and brought them to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:8

ULT

[8] From Tebah and Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took very much bronze.

UST

[8] They also brought to Jerusalem much bronze that they found in Tebah and Berothai, two cities that King Hadadezer had previously ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:9

ULT

[9] When Tou, king of Hamath, heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,

UST

[9] When Tou, the king of the city of Hamath in Aram, heard that David's army had defeated the entire army of King Hadadezer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:10

ULT

[10] Tou sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because David had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, and because Hadadezer had waged war against Tou. Hadoram brought with himself objects of silver, gold, and bronze.

UST

[10] he sent his son Joram to greet King David and to congratulate him about his army defeating Hadadezer's army, which Tou's army had fought many times. Joram brought to David many gifts made from gold, silver, and bronze.

What did Tou, king of Hamath do for David when he heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer?

Tou sent his son, Hadoram, to David to greet and bless him, and Hadoram brought objects of silver, gold, and bronze to David.

2 Samuel 8:11

ULT

[11] King David set aside these objects to Yahweh, together with the silver and gold from all the nations that he conquered—

UST

[11] King David dedicated all those items to Yahweh. He also dedicated the silver and gold that his army had taken from the nations that they had conquered.

What did David do with the silver and gold from the nations he had conquered?

David dedicated the silver and gold from the nations he had conquered to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 8:12

ULT
12 from Aram, Moab, the people of Ammon, the Philistines, and Amalek, along with all of the plundered goods of Hadadezer son of Rehob, the king of Zobah.

UST
12 They had taken items from the people groups of Edom and Moab, from Ammon, from the Philistine, from the those who descended from Amalek, and from the people whom Hadadezer previously ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:13

ULT
13 David's name was well known when he returned from conquering the Arameans in the Valley of Salt, with their 18000 men.

UST
13 When David returned after defeating the armies of Aram, he became more famous because his army killed eighteen thousand soldiers from the Edom people group in the Valley of Salt near the Dead Sea.

Where did David conquer the Arameans?
David conquered the Arameans in the Valley of Salt.

2 Samuel 8:14

ULT
14 He placed garrisons throughout all of Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to him. Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went.

UST
14 David stationed groups of his soldiers throughout the region of Edom, and forced the people there to accept him to be their king. Yahweh enabled David's army to win battles wherever they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:15

ULT
15 David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and righteousness to all his people.

UST
15 David ruled over all the Israelite people, and he always did for them what was fair and just.

What did David administer to all his people?
David administered justice and righteousness to all his people.

2 Samuel 8:16

ULT
16 Joab son of Zeruiah was the commander of the army, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was recorder.

UST
16 Joab was the army commander. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud, was the man who reported to the people everything that David decided that they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:17

ULT
17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests, and Seraiah was scribe.

UST
17 Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were the priests. Seraiah was the official secretary;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 8:18

ULT

18 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was in charge of the Kerethites and Pelethites, and David's sons were the chief officials at the king's hand. [1]
8:18 [1] ; but the MT has, .

UST

18 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was the commander of David's bodyguards, and David's sons were his advisors.

Who were king David's leading advisors?

King David's sons were the king's leading advisors.

2 Samuel 9

2 Samuel 9:1

ULT

[1] David said, “Is there anyone left in Saul’s family to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

UST

[1] One day David asked some of his servants, “Is there anyone who is a descendant of Saul to whom I can act kindly?” He asked this because he had loved Jonathan.

Why did David want to show kindness to anyone left in Saul’s family?
David wanted to show kindness to anyone left in Saul’s family for Jonathan’s sake.

2 Samuel 9:2

ULT

[2] There was in Saul’s family a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. The king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” He replied, “Yes. I am your servant.”

UST

[2] They told him that there was in Jerusalem a man named Ziba who had been a servant of Saul’s family. So David sent messengers to summon Ziba. When he arrived, the king asked him, “Are you Ziba?” He replied, “Yes, your Majesty, I am.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:3

ULT

[3] So the king said, “Is there anyone left of Saul’s family to whom I may show the kindness of God?” Ziba replied to the king, “Jonathan still has a son, who is lame in his feet.”

UST

[3] The king asked him, “Is there anyone in Saul’s family to whom I can act kindly, as I promised God that I would do?” Ziba replied, “Yes, there is one son of Jonathan who is still alive. His feet are crippled.”

How did Ziba answer the king when he was asked if there was anyone left in Saul’s family to whom the king could show the kindness of God?
Ziba replied to the king, “Jonathan still has a son, who is lame in his feet.”

2 Samuel 9:4

ULT

4 The king said to him, “Where is he?” Ziba replied to the king, “Look, he is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

UST

4 The king asked him, “Where is he?” Ziba replied, “He is living in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, in the city of Lo Debar east of the Jordan River.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:5

ULT

5 Then King David sent and had him brought out of the house of Machir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar.

UST

5 So King David sent messengers to bring Mephibosheth to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:6

ULT

6 So Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul, came to David and bowed down his face to the floor in honor of David. David said, “Mephibosheth.” He answered, “See, I am your servant!”

UST

6 When Mephibosheth came to David, he knelt down with his face on the ground, to show respect. Then David said, “Mephibosheth!” He replied, “Yes, your Majesty, how may I serve you?”

Who was left in Saul’s family?

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was left.

2 Samuel 9:7

ULT

7 David said to him, “Do not be afraid, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather, and you will always eat bread at my table.”

UST

7 David said to him, “Do not be afraid. I will be kind to you because Jonathan your father was my friend. I will give back to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul. And I want you to always eat with me in my house.”

What kindness did David show Mephibosheth for Jonathan’s sake?
David restored to Mephibosheth all the land of Saul, his grandfather, and David had Mephibosheth eat at his table.

2 Samuel 9:8

ULT

8 Mephibosheth bowed and said, “What is your servant, that you should look on such a dead dog as I am?”

UST

8 Mephibosheth bowed in front of David again and said, “Sir, I am as worthless as a dead dog. I do not deserve that you act kindly toward me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:9

ULT

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him, “All that belonged to Saul and his family I have given to your master’s grandson.

UST

9 Then the king summoned Saul’s servant Ziba and said to him, “Saul was your master, and now I am giving to Mephibosheth everything that belonged to Saul and his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:10

ULT

10 You, your sons, and your servants must till the land for him and you must harvest the crops so that your master's grandson will have food to eat. For Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, must always eat at my table." Now Ziba had 15 sons and 20 servants.

UST

10 You and your fifteen sons and your twenty servants must plow the land for Mephibosheth's family and plant crops and harvest them, in order that they will have food to eat. But Mephibosheth will eat with me at my house."

What did David tell Ziba to do for Mephibosheth?

David told Ziba for him, his sons and his servants, to plow Mephibosheth's land for him and harvest the crops for him.

2 Samuel 9:11

ULT

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do all that my master the king commands his servant." The king added, "As for Mephibosheth he will eat at my table, as one of the king's sons."

UST

11 Ziba replied to the king, "Your Majesty, I will do everything that you have commanded me to do." So after that, Mephibosheth always ate at the king's table, as though he were one of the king's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:12

ULT

12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mika. All who lived in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

UST

12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika. All of Ziba's family became servants of Mephibosheth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 9:13

ULT

13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, and he always ate at the king's table, though he was lame in both his feet.

UST

13 So Mephibosheth, who was still crippled in both of his feet, started to live in Jerusalem, and he always ate at the king's table.

Where did Mephibosheth live after David showed kindness to him?

Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem.

What physical problem did Mephibosheth have?

Mephibosheth was lame in both feet.

2 Samuel 10

2 Samuel 10:1

ULT

1 It came about later that the king of the people of Ammon died, and that Hanun his son became king in his place.

UST

1 Some time later, Nahash, the king of the Ammon people group, died; then his son Hanun became their king.

Who became king of the people of Ammon after the former king died?

Hanun the son of the former king became the new king of Ammon.

2 Samuel 10:2

ULT

2 David said, “I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness to me.” So David sent his servants to comfort Hanun concerning his father. His servants entered the land of the people of Ammon.

UST

2 David thought to himself, “Nahash was kind to me, so I will be kind to his son.” So David sent some officials there, to tell Hanun that David was sorry that Hanun’s father had died. When those messengers arrived in the land of Ammon,

What did David do to show kindness to Hanun?

David showed kindness to Hanun by sending his servants to Hanun to comfort Hanun concerning his father.

2 Samuel 10:3

ULT

3 But the leaders of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their master, “Do you really think that David is honoring your father because he has sent men to comfort you? Has not David sent his servants to you to look at the city, to spy it out, in order to overthrow it?”

UST

3 the Ammonite leaders said to Hanun, “Do you think that it is to honor your father that David has sent these men to say that he is sorry that you father died? We think that he has sent them here to look around the city to determine how his army can conquer us!”

Briefly, what did the leaders of the people of Ammon say concerning David’s show of kindness to Hanun?

The leaders of the people of Ammon told Hanun that David sent his servants to spy out the city in order to overthrow it.

2 Samuel 10:4

ULT

4 So Hanun took David’s servants, shaved off half their beards, cut off their garments up to their buttocks, and sent them away.

UST

4 Hanun believed what they said. So he commanded some soldiers to seize David’s officials and insult them by shaving off one side of their beards, and by cutting off the lower part of their robes, with the result that their buttocks could be seen, and then they sent them away.

What did Hanun do to the servants David had sent to Hanun?

Hanun took David’s servants, shaved off half their beards, cut off their garments to the waist, up to their buttocks, and sent them away.

2 Samuel 10:5

ULT

5 When they explained this to David, he sent to meet with them, for the men were deeply ashamed. The king said, “Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown back, and then return.”

UST

5 The men were very humiliated, so they did not want to return home. When David found out about what had happened to his officials, he sent someone to tell them, “Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown again, and then return home.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:6

ULT

[6] When the people of Ammon saw that they had become a stench to David, the people of Ammon sent messengers and hired the Arameans of Beth Rehob and Zobah, 20000 foot soldiers, and the king of Maacah with 1000 men, and the men of Tob with 12000 men.

UST

[6] Then the Ammonite leaders realized that they had greatly insulted David. So they sent some men to hire some soldiers from other nearby areas to help defend them. They hired twenty thousand soldiers from the regions of Beth Rehob and Zobah northeast of Israel, and twelve thousand soldiers from the region of Tob, and one thousand soldiers from the army of the king of the region of Maacah.

Why did the people of Ammon hire twenty thousand Aramean foot soldiers, the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob with twelve thousand men?
The people of Ammon hired all these soldiers when the people of Ammon saw they had become a stench to David.

Where did the Ammonites and the hired soldiers position themselves? (vv6-8)
The Ammonites positioned themselves at the entrance to their city gate, while the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, stood by themselves in the open fields.

2 Samuel 10:7

ULT

[7] When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of soldiers.

UST

[7] When David heard about that, he sent Joab with all of the Israelite army to fight against them.

What did David do when he heard that the people of Ammon had hired thousands of soldiers?
When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of soldiers.

2 Samuel 10:8

ULT

[8] The Ammonites came out and formed a line of battle at the entrance to their city gate, while the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, stood by themselves in the open fields.

UST

[8] The Ammonite soldiers came outside their city gate and stood in a line ready for battle. At the same time, the foreign soldiers whom their king had hired grouped themselves in the open fields nearby.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:9

ULT

[9] When Joab saw the battle lines facing him both in front and behind, he chose some of Israel's best fighters and arranged them against the Arameans.

UST

[9] Joab saw that there were enemy soldiers in front of his troops and behind his troops. So he chose some of the best Israelite soldiers, and put them in positions to fight against the soldiers in the fields.

What did Joab do to prepare for the battle? (vv9-10)

Joab prepared for battle by arranging some of Israel's best fighters against the Arameans and putting Abishai his brother in charge of the rest of the army who were put in battle lines against the army of Ammon.

2 Samuel 10:10

ULT

[10] The rest of his people he put into the hand of Abishai his brother, and he arranged them against the sons of Ammon.

UST

[10] He told his brother Abishai to command the other soldiers, those who were facing the Ammonite soldiers in front of their city gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:11

ULT

[11] Joab said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you, Abishai, must rescue me. But if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and rescue you.

UST

[11] Then Joab said, "If the soldiers from Aram are too strong for us to defeat them, your men must come and help us. But if the Ammonite soldiers are too strong for you, we will come and help your men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:12

ULT

12 Be strong, and let us show ourselves to be strong for our people and for the cities of our God, for Yahweh will do what is good for his purpose.”

UST

12 We must be strong and fight hard to defend our people and the cities that belong to our God. I will pray that Yahweh do what he considers to be good.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:13

ULT

13 So Joab and the soldiers of his army advanced to the battle against the Arameans, who were forced to flee before the army of Israel.

UST

13 So Joab and his army advanced to attack the army of Aram, and the Aramites ran away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:14

ULT

14 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and went back into the city. Then Joab returned from the people of Ammon and went back to Jerusalem.

UST

14 When the Ammonites saw that the Aramites were running away, they also started to run away from Abishai and his men; they retreated back inside the city. Then Joab and his army left that place and went back to Jerusalem.

What did the army of Ammon do when they saw that the Arameans had fled from Joab and the soldiers of his army?

When the army of Ammon saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and went back into the city.

2 Samuel 10:15

ULT
15 When the Arameans saw that they were being defeated by Israel, they gathered themselves together again.

UST
15 After the leaders of the army of Aram saw that the Israelite army had defeated them, they gathered all their troops together.

What did the Arameans do when they saw they were being defeated by Israel? (vv15-16)
The Arameans gathered themselves together again and Hadarezer sent for Aramean troops from beyond the Euphrates River.

2 Samuel 10:16

ULT
16 Then Hadarezer sent for Aramean troops from beyond the Euphrates River. They came to Helam, and Shobak, the commander of Hadarezer's army, went before them.

UST
16 Their king, Hadadezer, summoned the soldiers of Aram who lived on the east side of the Euphrates River. They gathered at the city of Helam. Their commander was Shobak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:17

ULT
17 When David was told this, he gathered all Israel together, crossed the Jordan, and arrived at Helam. The Arameans arranged themselves in battle lines against David and fought him.

UST
17 When David heard about that, he gathered all the Israelite soldiers, and they crossed the Jordan River and marched to Helam. There the army of Aram took their positions, and the battle started.

What did David do when he heard that the Arameans had gathered together again and had sent for and received fresh Aramean troops from beyond the Euphrates River?
When David heard that news, he gathered all Israel together, crossed the Jordan, and arrived at Helam to fight the Arameans.

2 Samuel 10:18

ULT

18 The Arameans fled from Israel, and David killed 700 of their men in chariots and 40000 horsemen. Shobak the commander of their army was wounded and died there.

UST

18 But the Aramites ran away from the Israelite soldiers. David and his army killed seven hundred of their chariot soldiers and forty thousand other soldiers. They also wounded Shobak, their commander, and he died there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 10:19

ULT

19 When all the kings who were servants of Hadarezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and became their subjects. So the Arameans were afraid to help the people of Ammon anymore.

UST

19 When all the kings whom Hadadezer ruled realized that Israel had defeated them, they made peace with the Israelites and agreed to accept David as their king. So the Arameans were unwilling to help the Ammonites any longer, because they were afraid of Israel.

What did all the kings who were servants of Hadarezer do when they saw they were defeated by Israel?

The kings who were servants of Hadarezer made peace with Israel and became their subjects.

2 Samuel 11

2 Samuel 11:1

ULT

1 It came about in the springtime, at the time when kings normally go to war, that David sent out Joab, his servants, and all the army of Israel. They destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.

UST

1 In that region, kings usually went with their armies to fight their enemies in the springtime. But the following year, in the springtime, David did not do that. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, and he sent his commander Joab to lead the army. So Joab went with the other officers and the rest of the Israelite army. They crossed the Jordan River and defeated the army of the Ammon people group. Then they surrounded their capital city, Rabbah.

When did kings normally go off to war?
Kings normally went off to war in the springtime.

Where was King David on this particular spring?
King David had stayed in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2

ULT

2 So it came about one evening that David got up from his bed and walked on the roof of his palace. From there he saw a woman who was bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to look at.

UST

2 Late one afternoon, after David woke up from a short sleep, he walked around the flat roof of his palace. He saw a woman who was bathing in the courtyard of her house. The woman was very beautiful.

Who did David see one evening when he got up from his bed and walked on the roof of his palace? (vv2-3)
David saw a woman bathing and her name was Bathsheba.

2 Samuel 11:3

ULT

[3] So David sent and he inquired about the woman. Someone said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, and is she not the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

UST

[3] David sent a messenger to find out who she was. The messenger returned and said, “She is Bathsheba. She is the daughter of Eliam, and her husband is Uriah, from the Heth people group.”

Who was Bathsheba’s husband?

Bathsheba’s husband was Uriah the Hittite.

2 Samuel 11:4

ULT

[4] David sent messengers and took her; she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she had just purified herself from menstruation). Then she returned to her house.

UST

[4] Then David sent more messengers to get her. They brought her to David, and he slept with her. (She had just finished performing the rituals to make herself pure after her menstrual period.) Then Bathsheba went back home.

What did David do with Bathsheba? (vv4-5)

David slept with Bathsheba and got her pregnant.

2 Samuel 11:5

ULT

[5] The woman conceived, and she sent and told David; she said, “I am pregnant.”

UST

[5] After some time, she realized that she was pregnant. So she sent a messenger to tell David this news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:6

ULT

[6] Then David sent to Joab saying, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” So Joab sent Uriah to David.

UST

[6] Then David sent a message to Joab. He said, “Send Uriah, from the Heth people group, to me.” So Joab did that. He sent Uriah to David.

After David found out Bathsheba was pregnant, what did he do?

When David found out that Bathsheba was pregnant he told Joab to send Uriah the Hittite to him.

2 Samuel 11:7

ULT

[7] When Uriah arrived, David asked him how Joab was, how the army was doing, and how the war was going.

UST

[7] When he arrived, David asked if Joab was well, if other soldiers were well, and how the war was progressing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:8

ULT

[8] David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the king’s palace, and the king sent a gift for Uriah after he left.

UST

[8] Then David, hoping that Uriah would go home and sleep with his wife, said to Uriah, “Now go home and relax for a while.” So Uriah left, and David gave someone a gift to take to Uriah’s house.

When Uriah came to David, what did David try to get Uriah to do?

David tried to get Uriah to go down to Uriah’s house and wash his feet.

2 Samuel 11:9

ULT

[9] But Uriah slept at the door of the king's palace with all the servants of his master, and he did not go down to his house.

UST

[9] But Uriah did not go home. Instead, he slept at the palace entrance with the palace guards.

What did Uriah do after David told him to go down to Uriah's house?

Uriah did not go down to his house, but instead slept at the door of the king's palace with all the servants of his master.

2 Samuel 11:10

ULT

[10] When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

UST

[10] When someone told David that Uriah did not go to his house that night, David summoned him again and said to him, "Why did you not go home to be with your wife last night, after having been away for a long time?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:11

ULT

[11] Uriah answered David, "The Box, and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my master Joab and my master's servants are camped in an open field. How then can I go into my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As sure as you are alive, I will not do this."

UST

[11] Uriah replied, "The soldiers of Judah and Israel are camping in the open fields, and even our commander Joab is sleeping in a tent, and the sacred chest is with them. I could not possibly go home, eat and drink, and sleep with my wife. I solemnly declare that I will never do such a thing!"

How did Uriah answer David when David asked him, "Why did you not go down to your house?"

Uriah said he would not go to his house to eat and drink and sleep with his wife while the ark, and Israel, and Judah were staying in tents, and Joab and Joab's servants were camped in an open field.

2 Samuel 11:12

ULT

12 So David said to Uriah, “Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you leave.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day.

UST

12 Then David said to Uriah, “Stay here today. I will let you return to the battle tomorrow.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:13

ULT

13 When David called him, he ate and drank before him, and David made him drunk. At evening Uriah went out to sleep on his bed with the servants of his master; he did not go down to his house.

UST

13 The next day, David invited him to a meal. So Uriah had a meal with David, and David made him drink a lot of wine so that he would get drunk, hoping that if he was drunk, he would sleep with his wife. But that night, Uriah again did not go home. Instead, he slept on a cot with the king’s servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:14

ULT

14 So in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

UST

14 Someone reported that to David, so the next morning he wrote a letter to Joab, and gave it to Uriah to take to Joab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:15

ULT

15 David wrote in the letter saying, “Set Uriah at the very front of the most intense battle, and then withdraw from him, that he may be hit and killed.”

UST

15 In the letter, he wrote, “Put Uriah in the front line, where the fighting is the worst. Then command the soldiers to pull back from him, in order that our enemies will kill him.”

David sent a note back to Joab by the hand of Uriah. What did the note say?
The note said, “Set Uriah at the very front of the most intense battle, and then withdraw from him, that he may be hit and killed.”

2 Samuel 11:16

ULT

16 So as Joab watched the siege upon the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew the strongest enemy soldiers would be fighting.

UST

16 So after Joab got the letter, as his army was surrounding the city, he sent Uriah to a place where he knew that their enemies’ strongest and best soldiers would be fighting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:17

ULT

17 When the men of the city went out and fought against Joab’s army, some of the soldiers of David fell, and Uriah the Hittite was also killed there.

UST

17 The men from the city came out and fought with Joab’s soldiers. They killed some of David’s officers, including Uriah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:18

ULT
18 When Joab sent word to David about everything concerning the war,

UST
18 Then Joab sent a messenger to David to tell him about the fighting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:19

ULT
19 he commanded the messenger, saying, “When you have finished telling all the things concerning the war to the king,

UST
19 He said to the messenger, “Tell David the news about the battle. After you finish telling that to him,

What did Joab tell his messenger might happen when the messenger brought news concerning the war to David? (vv19-20)
Joab told his messenger that David might become angry after the messenger brought news concerning the war to David.

2 Samuel 11:20

ULT
20 it may happen that the king will become angry, and he will say to you, ‘Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?

UST
20 if David is angry because so many officers were killed, he may ask you, ‘Why did your soldiers go so close to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot arrows at you from the top of the city wall?

What news did Joab think David might be angry about concerning the war?
Joab thought David might get angry about the fact that the army went so near to the wall of the city to fight..

2 Samuel 11:21

ULT

21 Who killed Abimelech son of Jerub-Besheth? Did not a woman cast an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?' Then you must answer, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

UST

21 Do you not remember how Abimelech son of Gideon was killed? A woman who lived in Thebez threw a huge millstone on him from the top of a tower, and he died. So why did our troops go near to the city wall?' If the king asks this, then tell him, 'Your officer Uriah also was killed.'"

What did Joab tell the messenger to tell David if David got angry about the news concerning the war?

Joab told the messenger that if David got angry to answer David, "Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

2 Samuel 11:22

ULT

22 So the messenger left and went to David and told him everything that Joab had sent him to say.

UST

22 So the messenger went and told David everything that Joab told him to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:23

ULT

23 Then the messenger said to David, "The enemy were stronger than we were at first; they came out to us into the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.

UST

23 The messenger said to David, "Our enemies were very brave, and came out of the city to fight us in the fields. They were driving us back at first, but then we forced them back to the city gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:24

ULT
24 Then their shooters shot at your soldiers from off the wall, and some of the king's servants were killed, and your servant Uriah the Hittite was killed, too."

UST
24 Then their archers shot arrows at us from the top of the city wall. They killed some of your officers. They killed your officer Uriah, too."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 11:25

ULT
25 Then David said to the messenger, "Say this to Joab, 'Do not let this displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle even stronger against the city, and overthrow it,' and encourage him."

UST
25 David said to the messenger, "Go back to Joab and say to him, 'Do not worry about what happened, because no one ever knows who will die in battle.' Tell him that the next time, his troops should attack the city more strongly and capture it. Encourage Joab in this way."

What did David tell the messenger to tell Joab to do?
David told the messenger to tell Joab to make his battle even stronger against the city and overthrow it.

2 Samuel 11:26

ULT
26 So when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented deeply for her husband.

UST
26 When Uriah's wife Bathsheba heard that her husband had died, she mourned for him.

What did the wife of Uriah do when she heard that her husband was dead?
When she heard her husband was dead, she lamented deeply for her husband.

2 Samuel 11:27

ULT

27 When her sorrow passed, David sent and took her home to his palace, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But what David had done displeased Yahweh.

UST

27 When her time of mourning was over, David sent messengers to bring her to the palace. In this way she became David's wife. She later gave birth to a son. But Yahweh was very displeased with what David had done.

What happened to Bathsheba?

After her sorrow had passed, David took her home to his palace, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

Who was displeased with what David had done?

Yahweh was displeased with what David had done.

2 Samuel 12

2 Samuel 12:1

ULT

[1] Then Yahweh sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said, “There were once two men in a city. One man was rich and the other poor.

UST

[1] Yahweh told the prophet Nathan what David had done, and he sent Nathan to tell this story to David, “Once there were two men in a certain city. One man was rich and the other was poor.

Why did Nathan go to David?

Nathan went to David because Yahweh sent Nathan to him.

2 Samuel 12:2

ULT

[2] The rich man had huge numbers of flocks and herds,

UST

[2] The rich man owned a lot of cattle and sheep.

Nathan told David a story. What was the story about? (vv2-3)

The story Nathan told David was about a rich man who had many flocks and herds, and a poor man who had only one ewe lamb that was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12:3

ULT

[3] but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and fed and raised. It grew up together with him and with his children. The lamb even ate with him and drank from his own cup, and it slept in his arms and was like a daughter to him.

UST

[3] But the poor man had only one little female lamb, which he had bought. He raised the lamb, and it grew up with his own children. He would give the lamb some of his own food and let it drink from his cup. He let the lamb sleep as he held it next to himself. The lamb was like a daughter to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:4

ULT

4 One day a visitor came to the rich man, but the rich man was unwilling to take an animal from his own flocks and herds to provide food for the traveler. Instead he took the poor man's ewe lamb and cooked it for his visitor."

UST

4 One day a visitor came to see the rich man. The rich man did not want to take one of his own animals and kill it to prepare a meal for his guest. So instead, he sent men to take the poor man's lamb; then he had someone kill it and prepare a meal with it for his guest."

What did the rich man do to the poor man and his ewe lamb?

When a visitor came to the rich man, the rich man took the poor man's ewe lamb and cooked it for his visitor.

2 Samuel 12:5

ULT

5 David was hot with anger against the rich man, and he raged to Nathan, "As Yahweh lives, the man who has done this deserves to be put to death.

UST

5 When David heard that, he was very angry. He said to Nathan, "I solemnly declare that the man who did that should be executed!

What was David's reaction upon hearing Nathan's story about the rich man and the poor man?

David was hot with anger against the rich man and said the rich man deserved to be put to death.

2 Samuel 12:6

ULT

6 He must pay back the lamb four times over because he did such a thing, and because he had no pity."

UST

6 He should at least pay back to the poor man four lambs for doing this, and for not having pity on the poor man."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:7

ULT

7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are that man! Yahweh, the God of Israel, says, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you out of the hand of Saul.

UST

7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man I have been talking about! And this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you: ‘I rescued you from Saul, and I made you king of Israel.

What did Nathan tell David after David responded in anger to the rich man in Nathan’s story?

Nathan told David, “You are that man!”

2 Samuel 12:8

ULT

8 I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your arms. I also gave you the house of Israel and Judah. But if that had been too little, I would have given you many other things in addition.

UST

8 I gave you his palace; I let you hold his wives next to you. I made you king over Israel and Judah. If you had told me that you were not content with what I gave you, I would have given you much more!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:9

ULT

9 So why have you despised the commands of Yahweh, so as to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your own wife. You killed him with the sword of the army of Ammon.

UST

9 So why have you rejected what I have commanded, when I said that my people must not commit adultery? You have done what I consider to be very evil! You have arranged for Uriah to die in battle with the Ammonites, and you have taken his wife to be your wife!

What did Yahweh say David had done?

Yahweh said David had killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the army of Ammon and had taken Uriah’s wife to be his wife.

2 Samuel 12:10

ULT

10 So now the sword will never leave your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite as your wife.’

UST

10 You have rejected me, because you took Uriah’s wife to be your wife. So some of your descendants will always die in battle.

What did Yahweh say he was going to do because David had despised Yahweh and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite as his wife? (vv10-11)

Yahweh told David the sword would never leave his house, that Yahweh would raise up disaster against David out of his own house, that his neighbor would sleep with David’s wives in broad daylight, and that the child who would be born to David would surely die.

2 Samuel 12:11

ULT

11 Yahweh says, ‘Look, I will raise up disaster against you out of your own house. Before your own eyes, I will take your wives and give them to your neighbor, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

UST

11 I solemnly declare to you that I will cause someone from your own family to bring disaster to you. I will take your wives and give them to that person, and he will sleep with them in the daytime, where everyone can see it, and you will know all about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:12

ULT

12 For you committed your sin secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, in the sunlight.’”

UST

12 What you did, you did secretly, but what I cause to happen, everyone in Israel will be able to see it or know about it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:13

ULT

13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against Yahweh.” Nathan replied to David, “Yahweh also has passed over your sin. You will not be killed.

UST

13 David replied, “I have sinned against Yahweh.” Nathan said to David, “Yahweh has overlooked your sin. You will not die because of this sin.

What did Nathan say would not happen to David after he said, “I have sinned against Yahweh.”?

Nathan told David, “Yahweh also has passed over your sin. You will not be killed.”

2 Samuel 12:14

ULT

14 However, because by this act you have despised Yahweh, the child who is born to you will surely die.”

UST

14 But you have shown contempt for Yahweh by doing this. So your baby will die.”

What did Yahweh say he was going to do because David had despised Yahweh and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite as his wife?

Yahweh told David the sword would never leave his house, that Yahweh would raise up disaster against David out of his own house, that his neighbor would sleep with David’s wives in broad daylight, and that the child who would be born to David would surely die.

2 Samuel 12:15

ULT

15 Then Nathan left and went home. Yahweh attacked the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and he was very sick.

UST

15 Then Nathan went home. Then Yahweh caused the baby, the one that Uriah’s wife had given birth to, to become very sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:16

ULT
16 David then implored God for the boy. David fasted and went inside and lay all night on the floor.

UST
16 So David prayed to God that the child would not die. He fasted, and he went into his room and lay all night on the floor.

What did David do when the child that Uriah's wife bore to David was very sick? (vv16-17)
David implored God for the boy and David fasted and went inside and lay all night on the floor.

2 Samuel 12:17

ULT
17 The elders of his house arose and stood beside him, to raise him up from the floor, but he would not get up, and he would not eat with them.

UST
17 The next morning his most important servants stood around him and tried to urge him to get up. But he would not get up, and he would not eat with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:18

ULT
18 It came about on the seventh day that the child died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Look, while the child was still alive we spoke to him, and he did not listen to our voice. What might he do to himself if we tell him that the boy is dead?!"

UST
18 One week later the baby died. David's servants were afraid to tell that to David. They said to each other, "While the baby was still alive, we talked to him, but he would not answer us. Now, if we tell him that the baby is dead, he may do something to harm himself!"

When did the child that Uriah's wife bore to David die?
The child died on the seventh day.

2 Samuel 12:19

ULT

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead. He said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” They answered, “He is dead.”

UST

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering something to each other, he realized that the baby must be dead. So he asked them, “Is the baby dead?” They replied, “Yes, he is dead.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:20

ULT

20 Then David arose from the floor and washed himself, anointed himself, and changed his clothes. He went to the tabernacle of Yahweh and worshiped there, and then he came back to his own palace. When he asked for it, they set food before him, and he ate.

UST

20 Then David got up from the floor. He bathed himself, put lotions on his body, and put on other clothes. Then he went into Yahweh’s sacred tent and worshiped him. Then he went home. He requested his servants bring some food. They gave him some, and he ate it.

What did David do once he knew the child was dead?

Once David knew the child was dead, he arose from the floor, washed himself, anointed himself, and changed clothes.

2 Samuel 12:21

ULT

21 Then his servants said to him, “Why have you done this? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive, but when the child died, you got up and ate.”

UST

21 Then his servants said to him, “We do not understand why you have done this! While the baby was still alive, you cried for him and refused to eat anything. But now that the baby has died, you are not crying anymore. You got up and ate some food!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:22

ULT

22 David answered, “While the child was still alive I fasted and wept. I said, ‘Who knows whether or not Yahweh will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’

UST

22 He replied, “While the baby was still alive I fasted and cried. I thought, ‘Perhaps Yahweh will act mercifully toward me and not allow the baby to die.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:23

ULT

23 But now he is dead, so why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

UST

23 But now the baby is dead. So there is no reason for me to fast anymore. I cannot bring him back to myself. Some day I will go to where he is, but he will not return to me.”

What was David’s reason for not fasting after the child had died?

David reasoned that after the child died there was no reason to fast since he could not bring the child back again.

2 Samuel 12:24

ULT

24 David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. Later she gave birth to a son, and the child was named Solomon. Yahweh loved him

UST

24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba. Then he slept with her, and she became pregnant again and gave birth to another son. David named that boy Solomon. Yahweh loved this little boy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:25

ULT
25 and he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah, because Yahweh loved him.

UST
25 He told the prophet Nathan to tell David to name the baby boy Jedidiah, because Yahweh loved him.

Why did Yahweh send word through Nathan the prophet to name Bathsheba's and David's next son Jedidiah?
Yahweh said to name him Jedidiah because Yahweh loved him.

2 Samuel 12:26

ULT
26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites, and he captured the royal city.

UST
26 Meanwhile, Joab's soldiers attacked Rabbah, the capital city of the Ammon people group. They captured the king's fortress, which protected the water supply.

At this time, against whom was Joab fighting?
Joab fought against Rabbah, the royal city of the people of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:27

ULT
27 So Joab sent messengers to David and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, and I have taken the city's water supply.

UST
27 Then Joab sent messengers to David to tell him this, "My troops are attacking Rabbah, and we have captured the city's water supply.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:28

ULT

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the army together and camp against the city and take it, because if I take the city, it will be named after me.”

UST

28 Now gather your troops and come and surround the city and capture it. If you do not do that, my troops will capture the city and it will then be named for me instead: The City of Joab.”

Why did Joab tell David to gather the rest of the army together and camp against the city and take it?

Joab told David to come and camp against the city and take it because Joab said if he took the city it would be named after him.

2 Samuel 12:29

ULT

29 So David gathered all the army together and went to Rabbah; he fought against the city and captured it.

UST

29 So David gathered all his troops. They went to Rabbah, attacked it, and captured it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:30

ULT

30 David took the crown from their king’s head—it weighed a talent of gold, and there was a precious stone in it. The crown was placed on David’s own head. Then he brought out the plunder of the city in large quantities.

UST

30 Then David took the crown from the head of their king and put it on his own head. It was very heavy; it weighed about thirty-three kilograms, and it had a very valuable stone in it. His soldiers also took many other valuable things from the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 12:31

ULT

31 He brought out the people who were in the city and forced them to work with saws, iron picks, and axes; he also made them work at brick kilns. David required all the cities of the people of Ammon to do this labor. Then David and all the army returned to Jerusalem.

UST

31 Then they brought the people out of the city and forced them to work for them, using saws, iron picks, and axes. David's troops also forced them to make bricks. David's soldiers did this in all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all of his army returned to Jerusalem.

Once the city of Rabbah was captured, what did David make the people who were in the city do?

David forced the people of Rabbah to work with saws, iron picks, and axes; he also made them work at brick kilns.

2 Samuel 13

2 Samuel 13:1

ULT

1 It came about after this that Amnon son of David was very attracted to his beautiful half-sister Tamar, who was a full sister of Absalom, another of David's sons.

UST

1 David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister named Tamar. Another of David's sons, Amnon, was attracted to Tamar, with whom he was a half-brother.

To whom was Amnon, the son of David, very attracted?
Ammon was very attracted to his beautiful half-sister Tamar, who was a full sister of Absalom, another of David's sons.

2 Samuel 13:2

ULT

2 Amnon was so frustrated that he became sick because of his sister Tamar. She was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her.

UST

2 He wanted to sleep with Tamar very much, so much that he felt sick with desire. But it seemed impossible for Amnon to get her, because she was a virgin, so they kept men away from her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:3

ULT

3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother. Jonadab was a very shrewd man.

UST

3 But Amnon had a friend named Jonadab, who was a nephew to David, son of David's brother Shimeah. Jehonadab was a very crafty man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:4

ULT

4 Jonadab said to Amnon, “Why, son of the king, are you depressed every morning? Will you not tell me?” So Amnon answered him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.”

UST

4 One day Jehonadab said to Amnon, “You are the king’s son, but every day I see that you seem very depressed. What is your problem?” Amnon replied, “I am in love with Tamar, my half-brother Absalom’s sister.”

How did Amnon respond when Jehonadab asked him why he was depressed every morning?

Amnon told Jehonadab that he loved Tamar, his brother Absalom’s sister.

2 Samuel 13:5

ULT

5 Then Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick. When your father comes to see you, ask him, ‘Would you please send my sister Tamar to give me something to eat and cook it before me, so that I may see it and eat it from her hand?’”

UST

5 Jehonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend that you are sick. When your father comes to see you, ask him to let your half-sister Tamar come and give you some food to eat. Ask for her to cook the food while you are watching her. Then she can serve it to you herself.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:6

ULT

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, “Please send my sister Tamar to make some food for my sickness in front of me so that I may eat from her hand.”

UST

6 So Amnon lay down and pretended that he was sick. When the king came to see him, Amnon said to him, “I am sick. Please allow Tamar to come and make a couple breadcakes for me while I am watching, and then she can serve them to me.”

What did Amnon do in order to get to see Tamar?

Amnon pretended to be sick and when David came to see Amnon, he asked David to send Tamar to make some food in front of him so he might eat from her hand, and David did as Amnon asked.

2 Samuel 13:7

ULT

[7] Then David sent word to Tamar at his palace, saying, “Go now to your brother Amnon’s house and prepare food for him.”

UST

[7] So David sent a message to Tamar in the palace saying, “Amnon is sick; he wants you to go to his house and prepare some food for him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:8

ULT

[8] So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house where he was lying down. She took dough and kneaded it and formed bread in his sight, and then she baked it.

UST

[8] So Tamar went to Amnon’s house, where he was lying in bed. She took some dough and kneaded it, and formed them into some breadcakes while he was watching her. Then she baked them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:9

ULT

[9] She took the pan and gave the bread to him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said to the others present, “Send everyone out, away from me.” So everyone went out from him.

UST

[9] She took them out of the pan and put them on a plate in front of him, but he refused to eat them. Then he said to his servants in the room, “All the rest of you, leave me!” So they all left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:10

ULT
10 So Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into my room that I may eat from your hand.” So Tamar took the bread that she had made, and brought it into the room of Amnon her brother.

UST
10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food to my bed and serve it to me.” So Tamar took into his room the breadcakes that she had made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:11

ULT
11 When she had brought the food to him, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.”

UST
11 But when she brought them close for him to eat them, he grabbed her and said to her, “Come to bed with me!”

What did Amnon do when Tamar came to him to feed him from her hand?
When Tamar came to feed Amnon, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie down with me, my sister.”

2 Samuel 13:12

ULT
12 She answered him, “No, my brother, do not force me, for nothing like this should be done in Israel. Do not do this appalling thing!

UST
12 She replied, “No, do not force me to do such a disgraceful thing! We never do things like that in Israel! That would be shameful!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:13

ULT
13 How could I be rid of my shame? What about you? You would be like one of the fools in Israel! Now, please speak to the king, for he would not keep me from you.”

UST
13 I would not be able to endure being disgraced by having done that. And as for you, everyone in Israel would condemn you for having done such a disgraceful deed. So I plead with you, talk to the king. I am sure that he will allow me to marry you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:14

ULT
14 However Amnon would not listen to her, and he was stronger than she was, and he overpowered her, and he lay with her.

UST
14 But he paid no attention to her. He was stronger than she was, so he forced her to sleep with him.

What did Amnon do when Tamar told him not to force her and not to do that appalling thing?
Amnon did not listen to Tamar, and he raped her.

2 Samuel 13:15

ULT
15 Then Amnon hated Tamar with extreme hatred. He hated her even more than he had desired her. Amnon said to her, “Get up and go.”

UST
15 Then Amnon hated her very much. He hated her much more than he had desired her. He said to her, “Get up and get out of here!”

How did Amnon feel toward Tamar after he raped her?
Then Amnon hated Tamar even more than he had desired her.

What did Amnon command and force Tamar to do?
Amnon commanded Tamar to “Get up and go.” and ordered his personal servant to take Tamar away from him and bolt the door after her.

2 Samuel 13:16

ULT

16 But she responded to him, “No! Because this great evil of making me leave is even worse than what you did to me!” But Amnon did not listen to her.

UST

16 But she said to him, “No! It would be very wrong for you to send me away. It would be worse than what you just did to me!” But again he paid no attention to her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:17

ULT

17 Instead, he called his personal servant and said, “Take this woman away from me, and bolt the door after her.”

UST

17 He summoned his personal servant and said to him, “Take this woman outside, away from me, and lock the door so that she cannot come in again!”

What did Amnon command and force Tamar to do?

Amnon commanded Tamar to “Get up and go.” and ordered his personal servant to take Tamar away from him and bolt the door after her.

2 Samuel 13:18

ULT

18 Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her. Tamar was wearing a very decorated robe because the king’s daughters who were virgins dressed that way.

UST

18 So the servant put her outside and locked the door. Now Tamar was wearing a decorated long robe, which was the clothing that was usually worn by the unmarried daughters of the king at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:19

ULT

19 Tamar put ashes on her head and tore her robe. She put her hands on her head and walked away, crying aloud as she went.

UST

19 But Tamar tore the long robe that she was wearing, and put ashes on her head to show that she was very sad. Then she put her hands on her head to show that she was grieving, and she went away crying.

What did Tamar do after she was put out of Amnon's room?

After Tamar was put out of Amnon's room, she put ashes on her head, tore her robe, put her hands on her head and walked away, crying aloud as she went.

2 Samuel 13:20

ULT

20 Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now keep quiet, my sister. He is your brother. Do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained alone in her brother Absalom's house.

UST

20 Her brother Absalom saw her and said to her, "Has your half-brother Amnon forced you to sleep with him? Please, my sister, do not tell anyone, and do not become depressed." So Tamar went to live in Absalom's house, and she was very sad and lonely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:21

ULT

21 But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

UST

21 When King David heard about all this, he became very angry.

What was king David's response when he heard about all these things?

When king David heard all these things, he was very angry.

2 Samuel 13:22

ULT
22 Absalom spoke neither evil nor good to Amnon, for Absalom hated him for what he had done to her and how he had disgraced his sister Tamar.

UST
22 And Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister to sleep with him, so he would not speak to Amnon about anything.

After Absalom, Tamar's brother, found out that Amnon had raped his sister, how did he feel toward Amnon?
Absalom hated Amnon because he had raped his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:23

ULT
23 It came about after two full years that Absalom had sheep shearers working at Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons to visit there.

UST
23 However, two years later, Absalom hired men to shear his sheep at Baal Hazor, which is near the tribal land of Ephraim. They were going to celebrate when they finished shearing the sheep, so Absalom invited all the king's sons to come and celebrate with him.

Who did Absalom invite to visit him at Baal Hazor? (vv23-24)
Absalom invited the king and his servants and all the king's sons to visit him at Baal Hazor.

2 Samuel 13:24

ULT
24 Absalom went to the king and said, "Look now, your servant has sheep shearers. Please, may the king and his servants go with me, your servant."

UST
24 Absalom went to the king and said to him, "Sir, my workers have been shearing my sheep. Please come with your officials to celebrate with us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:25

ULT

25 The king answered Absalom, “No, my son, all of us should not go because we would be a burden to you.” Absalom begged the king, but he would not go, but he gave him his blessing.

UST

25 But the king replied, “No, my son, it would not be good for all of us to go, because we are so many people; we would cost you too much.” Absalom continued urging him, but the king would not go. Instead, he said that he hoped that God would bless them while they celebrated.

What did the king say in response to Absalom’s invitation to visit him at Baal Hazor?

The king said they should not all go because they would be a burden to Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:26

ULT

26 Then Absalom said, “If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.” So the king said to him, “Why should Amnon go with you?”

UST

26 Then Absalom said, “If you will not go, please allow my half-brother Amnon to go with us.” But the king replied, “Why do you want him to go with you?”

What did David say when Absalom asked David to let Amnon go with them?

When Absalom asked David to let Amnon go with them, David asked, “Why should Amnon go with you?”

2 Samuel 13:27

ULT

27 Absalom pressed David, and so he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him.

UST

27 But Absalom continued to insist, so finally the king permitted Amnon and all David’s other sons to go with Absalom.

Who went with Absalom?

Amnon and all the king’s sons went with Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:28

ULT

28 Absalom commanded his servants saying, “Pay attention. When Amnon begins to be affected by the wine, and when I say to you, ‘Attack Amnon,’ then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and brave.”

UST

28 So they all went. At the celebration, Absalom commanded his servants, “Notice when Amnon has become a bit drunk from the wine. Then when I signal to you, kill him. Do not be afraid. You will be doing this only because I told you to do it. So be courageous and do it!”

What did Absalom command his servants concerning Amnon?

Absalom commanded his servants that after Amnon began to be drunk with wine and when Absalom said to them “Attack Amnon,” then they were to kill Amnon.

2 Samuel 13:29

ULT

29 So Absalom’s servants did to Amnon as he had commanded them. Then all the king’s sons arose, and every man mounted his mule and fled.

UST

29 So Absalom’s servants did what Absalom told them to do. They killed Amnon. All the rest of David’s sons saw what happened and fled, riding on their mules.

What did the king’s sons do after Absalom’s servants killed Amnon?

After Absalom’s servants killed Amnon all the king’s sons arose, and every man mounted his mule and fled.

2 Samuel 13:30

ULT

30 So it came about, while they were on the road, that the news came to David saying, “Absalom has killed all the king’s sons, and there is not one of them left.”

UST

30 While they were on their way home, someone quickly went and reported to David, “Absalom has killed all of your other sons. None of them is alive!”

What was the first news David heard about the incident?

While the king’s sons were still on the road, news came to David saying that Absalom had killed all the king’s sons.

2 Samuel 13:31

ULT

31 Then the king arose and tore his clothes, and lay on the floor; all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

UST

31 The king stood up, tore his clothes because he was extremely sad, and then he threw himself down on the ground. All the servants who were there also tore their clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:32

ULT

32 Jonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my master believe that they have killed all the young men who are the king's sons, for Amnon only is dead. Absalom has planned this from the day that Amnon violated his sister Tamar.

UST

32 But Jehonadab son of Shimeah, David's brother, said, "Your Majesty, I am sure that they have not killed all your sons. I am sure that only Amnon is dead, because Absalom has been determined to do this ever since the day that Amnon raped Tamar.

What did Jehonadab say had happened and why?

Jehonadab told David that only Amnon was dead, and that Absalom had planned it from the day that Amnon had raped his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:33

ULT

33 So therefore let not my master the king take this report to heart, so as to believe that all the king's sons are dead, for Amnon only is dead."

UST

33 So, your Majesty, do not believe the report that all your sons are dead. I am sure that only Amnon is dead."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:34

ULT

34 Absalom fled away. A servant keeping watch raised his eyes and saw many people coming on the road on the hillside west of him.

UST

34 In the meantime, Absalom ran away. Just then, a soldier keeping guard on the city wall saw a large crowd of people coming down the hill along the road to the west. He ran and told the king what he had seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:35

ULT

35 Then Jonadab said to the king, “Look, the king’s sons are coming. It is just as your servant said.”

UST

35 Jonadab said to the king, “Look there! What I told you is true. Your other sons are alive and have come!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:36

ULT

36 So it came about when he finished speaking, the king’s sons arrived and raised their voices and wept. The king and all his servants also wept bitterly.

UST

36 And as soon as he said that, David’s sons came in. They all started crying, and David and all his officials also cried very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 13:37

ULT
37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. David mourned for his son every day.

UST
37-38 But Absalom had fled. He went to stay with the king of the region of Geshur. His name was Talmai son of Ammihud. Absalom stayed there for three years. But King David mourned for his son Amnon for a long time,

Where did Absalom go after having Amnon killed?
Absalom fled to Talmai, the son of Ammihur, king of Geshur.

2 Samuel 13:38

ULT
38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, where he was for three years.

UST
37-38 But Absalom had fled. He went to stay with the king of the region of Geshur. His name was Talmai son of Ammihud. Absalom stayed there for three years. But King David mourned for his son Amnon for a long time,

How long was Absalom in Geshur?
Absalom was in Geshur for three years.

2 Samuel 13:39

ULT
39 The mind of King David longed to go out to see Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon and his death.

UST
39 but after that, he desired very much to see Absalom, because he was no longer grieving about Amnon being dead.

What did David long to do?
David longed to go out and see Absalom.

2 Samuel 14

2 Samuel 14:1

ULT
1 Now Joab son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart desired to see Absalom.

UST
1 Joab realized that the king was longing to see Absalom.

What did Joab do after he perceived the king desired to see Absalom? (vv1-2)
After Joab perceived the king desired to see Absalom, Joab sent word to Tekoa and had a wise woman brought to him.

2 Samuel 14:2

ULT
2 So Joab sent word to Tekoa and had from there a wise woman brought to him. He said to her, "Please pretend you are a mourner and put on mourning clothes. Please do not anoint yourself with oil, but be like a woman who has mourned a long time for the dead.

UST
2 So Joab sent someone to the city of Tekoa to bring to him a woman who was very clever. When she arrived, Joab said to her, "Pretend that you are grieving because someone has died. Put on clothes that show that you are mourning. Do not put any lotion on your body. Act as if you were a woman who has been mourning for a long time.

Briefly what did Joab want the wise woman to do? (vv2-3)
Joab wanted the wise woman to pretend to be a mourner and to go speak to the king the words Joab told her.

2 Samuel 14:3

ULT
3 Then go to the king and speak to him about what I will describe." So Joab told her the words she was to say.

UST
3 And go to the king, and tell him what I tell you to say." Then Joab told her what to say to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:4

ULT

4 When the woman from Tekoa spoke to the king, she lay facedown on the ground and said, “Help me, king.”

UST

4 So the woman from Tekoa went to the king. She prostrated herself in front of him to show honor and then said, “Your Majesty, help me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:5

ULT

5 The king said to her, “What is wrong?” She answered, “The truth is that I am a widow, and my husband is dead.

UST

5 The king replied, “What is your problem?” She replied, “Please, sir, I am a widow. My husband died some time ago.

When the wise woman went to the king, who did she tell the king she was?

The wise woman told the king she was a widow.

2 Samuel 14:6

ULT

6 I, your servant, had two sons, and they fought together in the field, and there was no one to separate them. One struck the other and killed him.

UST

6 I had two sons. But one day they quarreled with each other out in the fields. There was no one to separate them, and one of them struck the other one and killed him.

What did the wise woman tell the king her two sons had done?

The wise woman told the king her two sons had fought together in the field and one struck the other and killed him.

2 Samuel 14:7

ULT

7 Now the whole clan has risen against your servant, and they say, ‘Give into our hand the man who struck his brother, so that we may put him to death, to pay for the life of his brother whom he killed.’ So they would also destroy the heir. Thus they will put out the burning coal that I have left, and they will leave for my husband neither name nor descendant on the surface of the earth.”

UST

7 Now, all my family oppose me. They are insisting that I allow them to kill my son who is still alive, in order that they may get revenge for his killing his brother. But if they do that, I will not have any son to inherit my possessions. I will be without any son at all, and my husband will have no son to preserve our family’s name.”

What did the wise woman tell the king she was afraid would happen to the remaining son?

The wise woman told the king she was afraid the whole clan would put to death the remaining son, destroying the heir and leaving for her husband neither name nor descendant.

2 Samuel 14:8

ULT

8 So the king said to the woman, “Go to your house, and I will command something to be done for you.”

UST

8 Then the king said to the woman, “Go back home. I will take care of this matter for you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:9

ULT

9 The woman of Tekoa replied to the king, “My master, king, may the guilt be on me and on my father’s family. The king and his throne are guiltless.”

UST

9 The woman from Tekoa replied to the king, “Your Majesty, if any criticizes you for helping me, my family and I will accept the blame. You and the royal family will be innocent.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:10

ULT

10 The king replied, “Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he will not touch you anymore.”

UST

10 The king said to her, “If anyone says anything to threaten you, bring that person to me, and I will make sure that he will never cause you trouble again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:11

ULT

11 Then she said, “Please, may the king remember Yahweh your God, so that the avenger of blood will not destroy anyone further, so that they will not destroy my son.” The king replied, “As Yahweh lives, not one hair of your son will fall to the ground.”

UST

11 Then the woman said, “Your Majesty, please pray that Yahweh your God will not allow my relative, who wants to get revenge on my son for killing his brother, to be able to do that.” David replied, “As surely as Yahweh lives, your son will not be harmed at all.”

Why did the wise woman ask the king to call to mind Yahweh his God?

The wise woman asked the king this so that the avenger of blood would not destroy anyone further, so that they would not destroy her son.

Who did the king swear by when he told the woman that not one hair of her son would fall to the ground?

The king swore by Yahweh by saying, “As Yahweh lives, not one hair of your son will fall to the ground.”

2 Samuel 14:12

ULT

12 Then the woman said, “Please let your servant speak a further word to my master the king.” He said, “Speak on.”

UST

12 Then the woman said, “Your Majesty, please allow me to say one more thing to you.” He replied, “Speak!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:13

ULT

13 So the woman said, “Why then have you devised such a thing against the people of God? For in saying this thing, the king is like someone who is guilty, because the king has not brought back home again his banished son.

UST

13 The woman said, “Why have you done this bad thing to God’s people? You have not allowed your son Absalom to return home. By saying what you have just said, you have certainly declared that what you have done is wrong.

Why did the woman say the king was like someone who was guilty?

The woman said the king was like someone guilty because the king had not brought home his banished son.

2 Samuel 14:14

ULT

14 For we all must die, and we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life; instead, he finds a way for those who were driven away to be restored.

UST

14 All of us will die. We are like water that cannot be picked up after it is spilled on the ground. God does not take life away, but instead, God creates ways for those who have been exiled to return and be restored to their people and to their homes.

What did the woman say God did instead of taking away life?

The woman said instead of taking away life, God finds a way to bring back one whom he has driven away from himself.

2 Samuel 14:15

ULT

15 Now then, seeing that I have come to speak this thing to my master the king, it is because the people have made me afraid. So your servant said to herself, ‘I will now speak to the king. It may be that the king will perform the request of his servant.

UST

15 Now, Your Majesty, I have come to you because others have threatened me. So I said to myself, ‘I will go and talk to the king, and perhaps he will do what I request him to do.

Why did the woman say she came and spoke to the king? (vv15-16)

The woman said she came and spoke to the king because people had made her afraid, and because she believed the king would listen to her.

2 Samuel 14:16

ULT
16 Perhaps the king will listen to me and deliver his servant from the hand of the man who would destroy me
and my son together, out of the inheritance God gave us.'

UST
16 Perhaps he will listen to me, and save me from the man who is trying to kill my son. If my son is killed, it
would result in us disappearing from the land that God gave to us.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:17

ULT
17 Then your servant prayed, 'Please, may the word of my master the king give me relief, for as an angel of
God, so is my master the king in telling good from evil.' May Yahweh your God be with you."

UST
17 And I thought, 'What the king says will comfort me, because the king is like an angel of God. He knows
what is good and what is evil.' I pray that Yahweh our God will be with you."

What did the woman say she asked of Yahweh in her prayer?
The woman said she asked Yahweh to let the word of her master, the king, give her relief.

2 Samuel 14:18

ULT
18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide from me anything that I will ask you."
The woman replied, "Let my master the king now speak."

UST
18 Then the king said to the woman, "I will now ask you a question. Answer it; tell me the truth." The woman
replied, "Your Majesty, ask your question."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:19

ULT

19 The king said, “Is not the hand of Joab with you in all this?” The woman answered and said, “As you live, my master the king, no one can escape to the right hand or to the left from anything that my master the king has spoken. It was your servant Joab who commanded me and told me to say these things that your servant has spoken.

UST

19 The king said, “Was Joab the one who told you to do this?” She replied, “Yes, Your Majesty, as surely as you live, I cannot say anything to avoid telling you what is true. Yes, indeed, it was Joab who told me to come here, and who told me what to say.

What did the king ask the woman after he told her not to hide from him anything that he would ask her?

The king asked the woman, “Is not the hand of Joab with you in all this?”

2 Samuel 14:20

ULT

20 Your servant Joab has done this to change the course of what is happening. My master is wise, like the wisdom of an angel of God, and he knows everything that is happening in the land.”

UST

20 He did it in order to cause you to think differently about this matter. Your Majesty, you are as wise as God’s angels, and it seems that you know everything that happens on the earth, so you know why Joab sent me here.”

Why did Joab command the woman to go to the king and tell her to say the things she said to the king?

Joab commanded the woman to do and say those things to change the course of what was happening.

2 Samuel 14:21

ULT

21 So the king said to Joab, “Look now, I will do this thing. Go then, and bring the young man Absalom back.”

UST

21 Then the king summoned Joab and said to him, “Listen! I have decided to do what you want. So go and get that young man Absalom and bring him back to Jerusalem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:22

ULT

22 So Joab lay facedown on the ground in honor and gratitude to the king. Joab said, “Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your eyes, my master, king, in that the king has performed the request of his servant.”

UST

22 Joab prostrated himself on the ground, and then he bowed down before the king, and asked God to bless him. Then Joab said, “Your Majesty, today I know that you are pleased with me, because you have agreed to do what I requested.”

What did Joab do when the king told Joab to go and bring Absalom back?

Joab lay facedown on the ground in honor and gratitude to the king.

2 Samuel 14:23

ULT

23 So Joab arose, went to Geshur, and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem.

UST

23 Then Joab got up and went to Geshur, and got Absalom and brought him back to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:24

ULT

24 The king said, “He may return to his own house, but he may not see my face.” So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king’s face.

UST

24 But the king said that he would not allow Absalom to come to him. He said, “I do not want him to come to see me.” So Absalom lived in his own house, and did not go to talk to the king.

What instructions did the king give Joab about Absalom?

The king said that Absalom could return to his own house but could not see the king’s face.

2 Samuel 14:25

ULT
25 Now in all Israel there was no one praised for his handsomeness more than Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the top of his head there was no blemish in him.

UST
25 Now Absalom was very handsome. There were no imperfections on his body, from the bottom of his feet to the top of his head. In all of Israel there was no one whom people admired more that Absalom.

What was notable about Absalom's appearance? (vv25-26)
Absalom was handsome with no blemish in him and his hair, which he cut at the end of every year, would weigh about two hundred shekels.

2 Samuel 14:26

ULT
26 When he cut the hair of his head at the end of every year, because it was heavy on him, he weighed his hair; it would weigh about 200 shekels, which is measured by the weight of the king's standard.

UST
26 His hair was very thick, and he cut it only once each year, when it became very heavy on him. Using the standard weights, he would weigh the hair that he cut off, and it always weighed about two and one-half kilograms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:27

ULT
27 To Absalom were born three sons and one daughter, whose name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman.

UST
27 Absalom had three sons and one daughter named Tamar. She was a very beautiful woman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:28

ULT
28 Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, without seeing the king's face.

UST
28 After Absalom returned to Jerusalem, he lived there two years, and during that time he never was allowed to see the king.

How long did Absalom live in Jerusalem without seeing the king's face?
Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years without seeing the king's face.

2 Samuel 14:29

ULT
29 Then Absalom sent word for Joab to send him to the king, but Joab would not come to him. So Absalom sent word a second time, but Joab still did not come.

UST
29 So he sent a messenger to go to Joab to request him to come and talk to him, but Joab refused to come. So Absalom sent a messenger to him a second time, but he still would not come.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:30

ULT
30 So Absalom said to his servants, "See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

UST
30 Then Absalom said to his servants, "You know that Joab's field is next to mine, and that he has barley growing there. Go and light a fire there to burn the barley." So Absalom's servants went there and lit a fire, and all the barley burned.

What did Absalom say to his servants after Absalom asked Joab twice to come to him and Joab would not come?
Absalom told his servants to set Joab's barley field on fire.

2 Samuel 14:31

ULT

31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom at his house, and said to him, “Why have your servants set my field on fire?”

UST

31 Joab knew who had done it, so he went to Absalom’s house and said to him, “Why have your servants burned the barley in my field?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 14:32

ULT

32 Absalom answered Joab, “Look, I sent word to you saying, ‘Come here so I may send you to the king to say, “Why did I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to still be there. Now therefore let me see the king’s face, and if I am guilty, let him kill me.”’”

UST

32 Absalom replied, “Because you did not come to me when I sent messengers to you requesting that you come. I wanted to request that you go to the king to say to him, ‘Absalom wants to know what good it did for him to leave Geshur and come here. He thinks that it would have been better for him to stay there. He wants you to allow him to talk to you. And if you think that he has done something that is wrong, you can command that he be executed.’”

What did Absalom want Joab to do?

Absalom wanted Joab to go to the king and tell the king that Absalom wanted to see the king’s face.

2 Samuel 14:33

ULT

33 So Joab went to the king and told him. When the king called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed low to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

UST

33 So Joab went to the king and told him what Absalom had said. Then the king summoned Absalom, and he came to the king and knelt down in front of him with his face touching the ground. Then the king kissed Absalom to show that he was pleased to see him.

What did the king do when Absalom bowed low to the ground before the king?

The king kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15

2 Samuel 15:1

ULT

[1] It came about after this that Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, with 50 men to run before him.

UST

[1] Some time later, Absalom acquired a chariot and horses to pull it. He hired fifty men to run in front of him to honor him while he was riding around Jerusalem in the chariot.

What did Absalom prepare for himself?
Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself.

Who ran before Absalom and his chariot?
Fifty men ran before Absalom and his chariot.

2 Samuel 15:2

ULT

[2] Absalom would get up early and stand beside the road leading to the city gate. When any man had a dispute to come to the king for judgment, Absalom called to him and said, “From what city have you come?” Then the man would answer, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.”

UST

[2] Furthermore, he always rose early each morning and stood by the city gate. Whenever someone came there with a dispute with someone that he wanted the king to decide, Absalom would call out to him, asking, “What city are you from?” The person would tell him what city and tribe he was from.

Who would Absalom call to as he stood beside the road leading to the city gate?
If any man had a dispute for which he was coming to the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him.

2 Samuel 15:3

ULT

[3] So Absalom would say to him, “Look, your case is good and right, but there is no one empowered by the king to hear your case.”

UST

[3] Then Absalom would say to him, “Listen, I am sure that what you are saying is right. But there is no one whom the king has appointed to listen to people like you.”

What would Absalom say concerning the cases of the men who had come to the king for judgment?

Absalom would tell these men that their cases were good and right, but that there was no one empowered by the king to hear their cases.

2 Samuel 15:4

ULT

[4] Absalom added, “I wish that I were made judge in the land, so that every man who had any dispute or cause might come to me, and I would bring him justice!”

UST

[4] Absalom would then add, “I wish that I were a judge in this land. If I were a judge, anyone who had a dispute could come to me, and I would decide it fairly.”

What reason did Absalom give for saying he wished he were made judge in the land?

Absalom said he wished he were made judge in the land so every man who had a dispute or cause might come and receive justice from Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:5

ULT

[5] So it came about that when any man came to Absalom to honor him, Absalom would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.

UST

[5] And whenever anyone came near to Absalom to bow respectfully in front of him, Absalom would reach out and embrace him and kiss him.

What did Absalom do to any man that came to honor him?

Absalom would put out his hand and take hold of and kiss any man that came to honor him.

2 Samuel 15:6

ULT

[6] Absalom acted in this way to all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

UST

[6] Absalom did this to everyone in Israel who came to the king with a dispute to be decided. In that way, Absalom persuaded all the Israelite people to be more pleased with him than they were pleased with his father David.

What did Absalom steal from the men of Israel?
Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 15:7

ULT

[7] It came about at the end of four years that Absalom said to the king, “Please let me go and pay a vow that I have made to Yahweh in Hebron.

UST

[7] Four years later, Absalom went to the king and said, “Please allow me to go to the city of Hebron, in order that I can do what I promised Yahweh that I would do.

What reason did Absalom give to the king for having to go to Hebron?
Absalom said he had to go to Hebron to pay a vow he had made to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 15:8

ULT

[8] For your servant made a vow while I was living at Geshur in Aram, saying,’ If Yahweh will indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will worship Yahweh.’”

UST

[8] When I was living in Geshur, in Aram, I promised Yahweh that if he brought me back to Jerusalem, I would worship him in Hebron.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:9

ULT
[9] So the king said to him, “Go in peace.” So Absalom arose and went to Hebron.

UST
[9] The king replied, “I will permit you to go safely.” So Absalom went to Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:10

ULT
[10] But then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you must say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’”

UST
[10] But while he was there, he secretly sent messengers to all the tribes in Israel to tell them, “When you hear the sound of the trumpets being blown, shout, ‘Absalom has become the king at Hebron!’”

What did the spies that Absalom sent throughout all the tribes of Israel say?
The spies said, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you must say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’”

2 Samuel 15:11

ULT
[11] With Absalom went 200 men from Jerusalem, who were invited. They went in their innocence, not knowing anything that Absalom had planned.

UST
[11] Absalom had taken with him to Hebron two hundred men from Jerusalem, but they did not know what Absalom was planning to do.

Did the two hundred men that went with Absalom to Hebron know of Absalom’s plans?
No, the two hundred men went in their innocence, not knowing anything that Absalom had planned.

2 Samuel 15:12

ULT

12 While Absalom offered sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilohite from his hometown of Giloh. He was David's counselor. Absalom's conspiracy was strong, for the people following Absalom were constantly increasing.

UST

12 While Absalom was offering sacrifices at Hebron, he sent a message to Ahithophel from the town of Giloh, requesting him to come. Ahithophel was one of the king's advisors. So the number of people who joined Absalom and who were ready to rebel against David became larger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:13

ULT

13 A messenger came to David saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel are following after Absalom."

UST

13 Soon a messenger came to David and said to him, "All the Israelite people are joining Absalom to rebel against you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:14

ULT

14 So David said to all his servants who were with him in Jerusalem, "Arise and let us flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom. Prepare to leave immediately, or he will quickly overtake us, and he will bring down disaster on us and attack the city with the edge of the sword."

UST

14 So David said to all his officials, "We must leave immediately if we want to escape from Absalom! We must go quickly, before he and his men arrive. If we do not do that, they will kill us and everyone else in the city!"

Briefly, what did David tell his servants after a messenger told him, "The hearts of the men of Israel are following after Absalom"?

David told his servants who were at Jerusalem, "Arise and let us flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom."

2 Samuel 15:15

ULT
15 The king's servants said to the king, "Look, your servants are ready to do whatever our master the king decides."

UST
15 The king's officials said, "Very well, your Majesty, we are ready to do whatever you wish."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:16

ULT
16 The king left and all his family after him, but the king left ten women, who were his slave wives, to keep the palace.

UST
16 So the king left ten of his slave wives there to take care of the palace, but all the other people in his palace went with him.

Who did the king leave behind in Jerusalem to keep the palace?
The king left behind ten women, who were concubines, to keep the palace.

2 Samuel 15:17

ULT
17 After the king went out and all the people after him, they stopped at the last house.

UST
17 When they all were leaving the city, they stopped at the last house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:18

ULT

18 All his army marched with him, and before him went all the Kerethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites—600 men who had followed him from Gath.

UST

18 The king and his officials stood there while his bodyguards went by in front of him. Six hundred soldiers from the city of Gath also walked by in front of him.

Who marched with the king as he left Jerusalem?

All the king's army marched with him as well as all the Cherethites, Pelethites, and Gittites – six hundred men who had followed him from Gath.

2 Samuel 15:19

ULT

19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why will you come with us? Return and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and an exile. Return to your own place.

UST

19 Then David said to Ittai, the leader of the soldiers from Gath, "Why are you going with us? Go back and stay with Absalom the new king. You are not an Israelite; you are living away from your own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:20

ULT

20 Since you just left yesterday, why should I make you wander all over with us? I do not even know where I am going. So return and take your fellow countrymen back. May loyalty and faithfulness go with you."

UST

20 You have lived here in Israel for only a short time. And we do not even know where we will be going. So it is not right for me to force you to wander around with us. And take your troops with you. And I hope that Yahweh will faithfully love and be loyal to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:21

ULT

[21] But Ittai answered the king and said, “As Yahweh lives, and as my master the king lives, surely in whatever place where my master the king goes, there also will your servant go, whether that means living or dying.”

UST

[21] But Ittai replied, “Your Majesty, as surely as you live, wherever you go, I will go. I will stay with you whether they kill me or allow me to live.”

What did Ittai the Gittite tell the king after the king told him to return and stay with King Absalom?

Ittai told the king he would go wherever the king went, whether it meant living or dying.

2 Samuel 15:22

ULT

[22] So David said to Ittai, “Go ahead and continue with us.” So Ittai the Gittite marched with the king, along with all his men and all the families who were with him.

UST

[22] David replied to Ittai, “Very well, march with us!” So Ittai and all his troops and their families went with David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:23

ULT

[23] All the country wept with a loud voice as all the people passed by over the Kidron Valley, and as the king also himself crossed over. All the people traveled on the road toward the wilderness.

UST

[23] All the people along the road cried when they saw them walking by. The king and all the others crossed the Kidron Valley and went up the hill toward the wilderness.

Which way did David and all those with him go as they left Jerusalem?

David and all those with him passed over the Kidron Valley and traveled on the road toward the wilderness.

2 Samuel 15:24

ULT

24 Even Zadok was present, along with all the Levites carrying the Box of the Covenant of God. They set the Box of God down, and then Abiathar joined them. They waited until all the people had passed by out of the city.

UST

24 Abiathar and Zadok, the priests, were also walking with them. The descendants of Levi who helped the priests also went with them, carrying the sacred chest that contained the Ten Commandments. But they set it on the ground until all the others had left the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:25

ULT

25 The king said to Zadok, “Carry the Box of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of Yahweh, he will bring me back here and show me again the Box and the place where he lives.

UST

25 But then the king said to Zadok, “You two must take the sacred chest back into the city. If Yahweh is pleased with me, he will some day allow me to return to see it and the place where it is kept.

What did the king tell Zadok the priest concerning the ark of the covenant of God?

The king told Zadok the priest to carry the ark of God back into the city.

2 Samuel 15:26

ULT

26 But if he says, ‘I am not pleased with you,’ look, here am I, let him do to me whatever seems good to him.”

UST

26 But if he says that he is not pleased with me, then I am willing for him to do to me whatever he thinks is good.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:27

ULT
27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, “Are you not a seer? Return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan son of Abiathar.

UST
27 He also said to Zadok, “Listen to what I suggest! Return to the city peacefully, and take your son Ahimaaz and Abiathar’s son Jonathan with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:28

ULT
28 See, I will wait at the fords of the Arabah until word comes from you to inform me.”

UST
28 I will wait in the wilderness at the place where people can walk across the river, until you send a message to me.”

Why was David going to wait at the fords of Arabah?
David was going to wait at the fords of Arabah to hear word from Zadok the priest to inform David.

2 Samuel 15:29

ULT
29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the Box of God back into Jerusalem, and they stayed there.

UST
29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the sacred chest back to Jerusalem, and they stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:30

ULT

30 But David ascended barefoot and weeping up the Mount of Olives, and he had his head covered. Every man of the people who were with him covered his head, and they went up weeping as they walked.

UST

30 David and those with him went up the Mount of Olives. David was crying while he walked. He was walking barefoot and had something covering his head to show that he was sorrowful. All those who were going with him also covered their heads and were crying while they walked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:31

ULT

31 Someone told David saying, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.” So David prayed, “O Yahweh, please turn Ahithophel’s advice into foolishness.”

UST

31 Someone told David that Ahithophel had joined with those who were rebelling against David. So David prayed, “Yahweh, cause whatever Ahithophel suggests to Absalom that he should do be considered to be foolish!”

What did David pray when someone told him that Ahithophel was among the conspirators with Absalom?

David prayed, “O Yahweh, please turn Ahithophel’s advice into foolishness.”

2 Samuel 15:32

ULT

32 It came about that when David arrived at the top of the road, where God used to be worshiped, Hushai the Arkite came to meet him with his coat torn and earth on his head.

UST

32 When they arrived at the top of the hill, where there was a place where the people had previously been accustomed to worship God, suddenly Hushai, from the Arki people group, met David. He had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head to show that he was very sad.

Who came to meet David as he arrived at the top of the road, where God used to be worshiped?

Hushai the Archite came to meet David.

2 Samuel 15:33

ULT
33 David said to him, “If you travel with me, then you will be a burden to me.

UST
33 David said to him, “If you go with me, you will not be able to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:34

ULT
34 But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, ‘I will be your servant, king, as I have been your father’s servant in time past, so will I now be your servant,’ then you will confuse Ahithophel’s advice for me.

UST
34 But if you return to the city, you can help me by saying to Absalom, ‘Your Majesty, I will serve you as faithfully as I served your father.’ If you do that and stay near Absalom, you will be able to oppose any advice that Ahithophel gives to Absalom.

What did David want Hushai the Archite to do for him?
David wanted Hushai the Archite to return to the city and tell Absalom he would be Absalom’s servant so that Hushai would confuse Ahithophel’s advice for David.

2 Samuel 15:35

ULT
35 Will you not have the priests Zadok and Abiathar with you? So whatever you hear in the king’s palace, you must tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

UST
35 Zadok and Abiathar the priests are already there. Whatever you hear people say in the king’s palace, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar.

Which people did David want Hushai to tell everything that he heard in the king’s palace?
David wanted Hushai to tell Zadok and Abiathar the priests everything he heard in the king’s palace.

2 Samuel 15:36

ULT

36 See that they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son. You must send to me by their hand everything that you hear."

UST

36 Keep in mind that Zadok's son Ahimaaz and Abiathar's son Jonathan are also there. You can tell them whatever you find out, and send them to report it to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 15:37

ULT

37 So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city as Absalom arrived and entered into Jerusalem.

UST

37 So David's friend Hushai returned to the city, at the same time that Absalom was entering Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16

2 Samuel 16:1

ULT

1 When David had gone a short distance over the summit of the hill, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of saddled donkeys; on them were 200 loaves of bread, 100 clusters of raisins, and 100 bunches of figs, and a skin of wine.

UST

1 When David and the others had gone a little way past the top of the hill, Mephibosheth's servant Ziba met him. He had with him two donkeys that were carrying two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred bunches of raisins, one hundred bunches of fresh figs, and a leather bag full of wine.

What did Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth bring to David?

Ziba brought a couple of saddled donkeys, two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred bunches of figs, and a skin of wine to David.

2 Samuel 16:2

ULT

2 The king said to Ziba, "Why did you bring these things?" Ziba replied, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and figs are for your men to eat, and the wine is for anyone who is faint in the wilderness to drink."

UST

2 The king said to Ziba, "What are these for?" Ziba replied, "The donkeys are for your family to ride on, the bread and the fruit are for your soldiers to eat, and the wine is for them to drink when they become exhausted in the wilderness."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:3

ULT

[3] The king said, “Then where is your master’s grandson?” Ziba replied to the king, “Look, he has stayed behind in Jerusalem, for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel will restore my father’s kingdom to me.’”

UST

[3] The king said, “Where is Mephibosheth, the grandson of your former master Saul?” Ziba answered, “He stayed in Jerusalem, because he thinks that now the people will allow him to rule the kingdom that his grandfather Saul ruled.”

According to Ziba, what was the reason Mephibosheth had stayed behind in Jerusalem?

Ziba said the reason Mephibosheth had stayed behind in Jerusalem was because Mephibosheth believed that the house of Israel would that day restore his father Saul’s kingdom to him.

2 Samuel 16:4

ULT

[4] Then the king said to Ziba, “Look, all that belonged to Mephibosheth now belongs to you.” Ziba answered, “I bow in humility to you, my master, king. Let me find favor in your eyes.”

UST

[4] The king said to Ziba, “Very well, everything that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours.” Ziba replied, “Your Majesty, I will humbly serve you, and I desire that you will always be pleased with me.”

What did the king say now belonged to Ziba?

The king told Ziba that all that belonged to Mephibosheth now belonged to Ziba.

2 Samuel 16:5

ULT

[5] When King David approached Bahurim, there came out from there a man from the clan of Saul, whose name was Shimei son of Gera. He came out cursing as he walked.

UST

[5] When King David and those with him arrived at the city of Bahurim, a man named Shimei met him. Shimei, whose father was Gera, was a member of the same clan that Saul’s family belong to. Shimei was cursing David as he approached.

What did Shimei do to David and all the king’s officials? (vv5-6)

Shimei cursed David and all the king’s officials and also threw dust and stones at them.

2 Samuel 16:6

ULT

[6] He threw stones at David and at all of the king's officials, in spite of the army and bodyguards who were on the king's right and left.

UST

[6] Then he threw stones at David and his officials, even though the officials and David's bodyguards surrounded David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:7

ULT

[7] Shimei called out in cursing, "Go away, get out of here, you villain, you man of blood!

UST

[7] Shimei cursed David and said to him, "Get out of here, you murderer, you scoundrel!

What did Shimei call David? (vv7-8)

Shimei called David a villain and a man of blood.

2 Samuel 16:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh has repaid all of you for the blood you shed within the family of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. Yahweh has given the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. You have come to ruin because you are a man of blood."

UST

[8] Yahweh is getting revenge on you all for murdering many people in Saul's family. And now he is giving Saul's kingdom to your son Absalom. You murderer, you are being paid back for the many people that you have killed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:9

ULT

9 Then Abishai son of Zeruiah, said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my master the king? Please let me go over and take off his head.”

UST

9 Then Abishai said to the king, “Your Majesty, this man is as worthless as a dead dog! Why should he be allowed to curse you? Allow me to go over there and cut off his head!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:10

ULT

10 But the king said, “What have I to do with you, sons of Zeruiah? Perhaps he is cursing me because Yahweh has said to him, ‘Curse David.’ Who then could say to him, ‘Why are you cursing the king?’”

UST

10 But the king replied, “You two sons of Zeruiah, I want nothing to do with you. If he is cursing me because Yahweh told him to do so, then no one should ask him, ‘Why are you cursing the king?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:11

ULT

11 So David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Look, my son, who was born from my body, wants to take my life. How much more may this Benjamite now desire my ruin? Leave him alone and let him curse, for Yahweh has commanded him to do it.

UST

11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his officials, “You know that my own son is trying to kill me. So it is not surprising that this man from the tribe of Benjamin is also trying to kill me. Just ignore him, and allow him to curse me. Yahweh has told him to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:12

ULT

12 Perhaps Yahweh will look at the misery unleashed on me, and repay me with good for his cursing me today.”

UST

12 Perhaps Yahweh will see that I am having all this trouble, and some day he will repay me by blessing me in return for this man cursing me today.”

What did David hope Yahweh would do because of the misery unleashed on David by the cursing he received that day?

David hoped that Yahweh would repay David with good for the cursing he received that day

2 Samuel 16:13

ULT

13 So David and his men traveled on the road, while Shimei went beside him up on the hillside, cursing and throwing dust and stones at him as he went.

UST

13 Then David and those who were with him walked along the road, and Shimei continued walking along the hillside near him. While he walked along, he cursed David and threw stones and dirt at him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:14

ULT

14 Then the king and all the people who were with him became weary, and he rested when they stopped for the night.

UST

14 When David and those stopped traveling that evening, they were very tired. So they rested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:15

ULT
15 As for Absalom and all the men of Israel who were with him, they came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel was with him.

UST
15 While that was happening, Absalom and all the Israelites who were with him had arrived in Jerusalem. Ahithophel had also arrived there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:16

ULT
16 It came about when Hushai the Arkite, David's friend, had come to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

UST
16 When David's friend Hushai came to Absalom, he said to Absalom, "I desire that the king will live a long time! May you live for many years!"

When Absalom, Ahithophel, and all the men of Israel came to Jerusalem what did Hushai say to Absalom?
Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

2 Samuel 16:17

ULT
17 Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with him?"

UST
17 Absalom said to Hushai, "You have been loyal to your friend David for a long time. So why did you not go with him instead of coming to me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:18

ULT
18 Hushai said to Absalom, “No! Instead, the one whom Yahweh and this people and all the men of Israel have chosen, that is the man to whom I will belong, and I will stay with him.

UST
18 Hushai replied, “It is right for me to serve the one whom Yahweh and these people and all the other people of Israel have chosen to be their king. So I will stay with you.

Hushai told Absalom he, Hushai, would belong to whom?
Hushai told Abasalom that he, Hushai, would belong to the one whom Yahweh and this people and all the men of Israel had chosen.

2 Samuel 16:19

ULT
19 Also, what man should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father’s presence, I will serve in your presence.”

UST
19 Besides, whom should I serve? Why should I not serve my master’s son? Just as I have served your father, even so, I will serve you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:20

ULT
20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, “Give us your advice about what we should do.”

UST
20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, “What do you advise that we should do?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:21

ULT

21 Ahithophel answered Absalom, “Go into your father’s slave wives whom he has left to keep the palace, and all Israel will hear that you have become a stench to your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong.”

UST

21 Ahithophel replied, “Your father left some of his slave wives in the palace to take care of it. You should sleep with them. When everyone in Israel hears that you have done that, they will realize that you hold your father in contempt. Then all those who are with you will be very encouraged.”

What was Ahithophel’s advice to Absalom about what Absalom should do?

Ahithophel advised Absalom to go sleep with his father’s slave wives whom David had left to keep the palace.

2 Samuel 16:22

ULT

22 So they spread for Absalom a tent on the top of the palace, and Absalom went in to his father’s slave wives in the sight of all Israel.

UST

22 So they set up a tent for Absalom on the roof of the palace. And Absalom went into the tent and slept with his father’s slave wives, one by one, and everyone could see them going into the tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 16:23

ULT

23 Now the advice of Ahithophel that he gave in those days was as if a man heard from the mouth of God himself. That was how all of Ahithophel’s advice was viewed by both David and Absalom.

UST

23 In those days, people accepted what Ahithophel recommended as though he was speaking the words of God. So just as David had always accepted what Ahithophel said, now Absalom did also.

How was Ahithophel’s advice viewed by David and Absalom?

Ahithophel’s advice was viewed as if a man had heard from the mouth of God himself.

2 Samuel 17

2 Samuel 17:1

ULT

1 Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Now let me choose 12000 men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.

UST

1 Then Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Allow me to choose twelve thousand men, and I will take them tonight to go after David.

What did Ahithophel advise Absalom and all the elders of Israel about how he should attack David? (vv1-4)

Ahithophel’s advice was to have a large army carry out a surprise attack on David at night when he was weary and weak, and bring back all the people for them to rule.

2 Samuel 17:2

ULT

2 I will come on him while he is weary and weak and will surprise him with fear. The people who are with him will flee, and I will attack only the king.

UST

2 We will attack him while he is tired and discouraged, and make him very afraid. Everyone with him will run away. We only need to kill the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:3

ULT

3 I will bring back all the people to you, like a bride coming to her husband, and all the people will be at peace under you.”

UST

3 Then we will bring back all his soldiers to you, and they will come happily. You need to kill only one man—David, and then all trouble will be over.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:4

ULT

[4] What Ahithophel said pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

UST

[4] Absalom and all the Israelite leaders who were with him thought that what Ahithophel said would be good to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:5

ULT

[5] Then Absalom said, “Now call Hushai the Arkite, too, and let us hear what he says.”

UST

[5] But Absalom said, “Summon Hushai also, and we will hear what he suggests.”

Absalom asked Hushai for his advice about Ahithophel’s plan. What was Hushai’s advice? (vv5-7)
Hushai said the plan was not good.

2 Samuel 17:6

ULT

[6] When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom explained to him what Ahithophel had said and then asked Hushai, “Should we do what Ahithophel has said? If not, tell us what you advise.”

UST

[6] So when Hushai arrived, Absalom told him what Ahithophel had suggested. Then he asked Hushai, “What do you think we should do? If you do not think that we should do what Ahithophel advises, tell us what you think that we should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:7

ULT

[7] So Hushai said to Absalom, “The advice that Ahithophel has given this time is not good.”

UST

[7] Hushai replied, “This time what Ahithophel has suggested is not good advice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:8

ULT

[8] Hushai added, “You know your father and his men are strong warriors, and that they are bitter, and they are like a bear robbed of her cubs in a field. Your father is a man of war; he will not sleep with the army tonight.

UST

[8] You know that your father and the men who are with him are strong soldiers, and that now they are very angry, like a mother bear whose cubs have been stolen from her. Furthermore, your father knows how to wage war because he has fought in many battles. He will not stay with his troops during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:9

ULT

[9] Look, right now he is probably hidden in some pit or in some other place. It will happen that when some of your men have been killed at the beginning of an attack, that whoever hears it will say, ‘A slaughter has taken place among the soldiers who follow Absalom.’

UST

[9] Right now he is probably already hiding in one of the pits, or in some other place. If his soldiers start to attack your soldiers, and if they kill some of them, whoever hears about that will say, ‘Many of the soldiers with Absalom have been killed!’

What reason did Hushai say that the plan was not good? (vv9-10)

Because at the first attack and killing of Absalom’s men, even the bravest soldiers would become afraid as the killing would be proclaimed a slaughter of Absalom’s soldiers.

2 Samuel 17:10

ULT

10 Then even the bravest soldiers, whose hearts are like the heart of a lion, will be afraid because all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and that the men who are with him are very strong.

UST

10 Then your other soldiers, even if they are as fearless as lions, they will become very afraid. Do not forget that everyone in Israel knows that your father is a great soldier, and that the soldiers who are with him are also very brave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:11

ULT

11 So I advise you that all Israel should be gathered together to you, from Dan to Beersheba, as numerous as the sands that are by the sea, and that you go to battle in person.

UST

11 So what I suggest is that you call all the Israelite soldiers, from Dan in the far north to Beersheba in the far south. They will be as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. Wait until they come, and then you yourself should lead us into the battle.

What did Hushai advise Absalom to do? (vv11-12)

Hushai advised Absalom to gather all of Israel together and go to battle in person so they could find David and kill him and all his men.

2 Samuel 17:12

ULT

12 Then we will come on him wherever he may be found, and we will cover him as the dew falls on the ground. We will not leave even one of his men, or him himself, alive.

UST

12 We will find your father, wherever he is, and we will attack him from all sides, as dew covers all the ground. And neither he nor any of the soldiers who are with him will survive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:13

ULT

13 If he retreats into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city and we will drag it into the river, until there is no longer even a small stone found there.”

UST

13 If he escapes into some city, all our soldiers will bring ropes and pull that city down into the valley. As a result, not one stone will be left there on top of the hill where that city was!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:14

ULT

14 Then Absalom and the men of Israel said, “Hushai the Arkite’s advice is better than Ahithophel’s.” Yahweh had ordained the rejection of Ahithophel’s good advice in order to bring destruction on Absalom.

UST

14 Absalom and all the other Israelite men who were with him said, “What Hushai suggests is better than what Ahithophel suggested.” The reason that happened was that Yahweh had determined that if they would accept the good advice that Ahithophel had given them, they would have been able to defeat David. But as a result of their doing what Hushai suggested, Yahweh would cause a disaster to happen to Absalom.

How did Absalom and the men of Israel respond to Hushai’s advice?

They said it was better advice than what Ahithophel had given them.

2 Samuel 17:15

ULT

15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, “Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel in such and such a way, but I have advised something else.

UST

15 Then Hushai told the two priests, Zadok and Abiathar, what both he and Ahithophel had suggested to Absalom and the Israelite leaders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:16

ULT

16 Now then, go quickly and report to David; say to him, ‘Do not camp tonight at the fords of the Arabah, but by all means cross over, or the king will be swallowed up along with all the people who are with him.’”

UST

16 Then he said to them, “Send a message quickly to David. Tell him to not stay at the place where people walk across the river, near the wilderness. Instead, he and his soldiers must cross the Jordan River immediately, in order that they will not be killed.”

What message did Hushai want the priests to go and report to David?

The message was that David should not camp at the fords of the Arabah, but cross over so that he and his people would not be killed that night.

2 Samuel 17:17

ULT

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at the spring of Rogel. A female servant used to go and inform them what they needed to know, for they could not risk being seen going into the city. When the message came, then they were to go and tell King David.

UST

17 The priest’s two sons, Jonathan and Ahimaaz, were waiting at the spring at En Rogel, outside Jerusalem. They did not dare to enter the city, because if someone saw them, he would report it to Absalom. While they were at En Rogel, a female servant of the two priests would frequently go to them and report to them what was happening, and then they would go and report it to King David.

How were messages relayed to King David about Absalom’s plans to attack him?

A female servant would go tell two men who would then go tell King David of Absalom’s plans.

2 Samuel 17:18

ULT

18 But a young man saw them this time and told Absalom. So Jonathan and Ahimaaz went away quickly and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, into which they descended.

UST

18 But a young man saw them, and went and reported it to Absalom. They found out what the young man had done, so both of them left quickly and went to stay in the house of a man in the city of Bahurim. That man had a well in his courtyard, so the two men went down into the well to hide.

What did the two men do when these three were observed and Absalom was told?

The two men went away and descended into a well in a man’s courtyard.

2 Samuel 17:19

ULT

19 The man's wife took the covering for the well and spread it over the well's opening, and tossed grain over it, so no one knew Jonathan and Ahimaaz were in the well.

UST

19 The man's wife took a cloth and covered the mouth of the well, and then scattered grain on top of it order than no one would even suspect that a well was there.

How were the two men helped? (vv19-20)

The man's wife covered the well to hide the two men and when Absalom's men came hunting for them, she told the soldiers that the two men had crossed over the river.

2 Samuel 17:20

ULT

20 Absalom's men came to the woman of the house and said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" The woman told them, "They have crossed over the river." So after they had looked around and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

UST

20 Some of Absalom's soldiers found out where the two men had gone. So they went to the house, and asked the woman, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" She replied, "They went across the Jordan River." So the soldiers crossed the river and searched for them. But after they could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:21

ULT

21 It came about after they had left that Jonathan and Ahimaaz came up out of the well. They went to report to King David; they said to him, "Get up and cross quickly over the water because Ahithophel has given such and such advice about you."

UST

21 After they had gone, the two men came out of the well and went and reported to King David what had happened and what Ahithophel had suggested. Then they said to him, "Cross the Jordan River quickly!"

After Absalom's men left, what did the two men do? (vv21-22)

The men came up out of the well and went to tell King David to cross over the Jordan so he and his people would be safe.

2 Samuel 17:22

ULT
22 Then David arose and all the people who were with him, and they crossed over the Jordan. By morning daylight not one of them had failed to cross over the Jordan.

UST
22 So David and all his soldiers quickly started to cross the river, and by dawn they had all crossed to the other side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:23

ULT
23 When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and left. He went home to his own city, set his affairs in order, and hanged himself. In this way he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.

UST
23 When Ahithophel realized that Absalom was not going to do what he suggested, he put a saddle on his donkey and returned to his own city. He gave to his family instructions about his possessions, and then he hanged himself because he knew that Absalom would be defeated and that he would be considered a traitor and be killed. His body was buried in the tomb where his ancestors had been buried.

What did Ahithophel do when he saw that his advice was not used to attack David?
Ahithophel went home to his own city, got his affairs in order, and hanged himself.

2 Samuel 17:24

ULT
24 Then David came to Mahanaim. As for Absalom, he crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

UST
24 David and his soldiers arrived at Mahanaim. At the same time, Absalom and all his soldiers also crossed the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:25

ULT

25 Absalom had set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of a man called Jether the Ishmaelite [1] , who went in to Abigail, who was the daughter of Nahash and sister of Zeruiah, the mother of Joab.

UST

25 Now Absalom had appointed his cousin Amasa to be the commander of his army, instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of Jether, an Ishmaelite. Amasa's mother was Abigail, the daughter of Nahash and the sister of Joab's mother Zeruiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:26

ULT

26 Then Israel and Absalom camped in the land of Gilead.

UST

26 Absalom and his Israelite soldiers set up their tents in the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:27

ULT

27 It came about when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,

UST

27 When David and his soldiers arrived at Mahanaim, Shobi son of Nahash from the Ammonite city of Rabbah, and Machir son of Ammiel from the city of Lo Debar, and Barzillai from the city of Rogelim in Gilead came to them.

How were David and his people cared for in the wilderness? (vv27-29)

Three men came with supplies and food for David and his people to use for sleeping, cooking, and eating.

2 Samuel 17:28

ULT

28 brought sleeping mats and blankets, bowls and pots, and wheat, barley flour, roasted grain, beans, lentils,

UST

28 They brought sleeping mats, bowls, clay pots, barley, wheat flour, parched grain, beans, and lentils.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 17:29

ULT

29 honey, butter, sheep, and milk curds, so that David and the people with him could eat. These men had said, “The people are hungry, weary, and thirsty in the wilderness.”
17:25 [1]

UST

29 They brought honey and curds, sheep, and some cream for David and his soldiers to eat. They knew that David and his soldiers would be hungry and tired and thirsty from marching in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18

2 Samuel 18:1

ULT

1 David counted the soldiers who were with him and appointed captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

UST

1 David arranged his soldiers for the battle. He divided them into groups, and he appointed a commander for each one hundred soldiers and a commander for each one thousand soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:2

ULT

2 Then David sent out the army, one-third under the command of Joab, another third under the command of Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and still another third under the command of Ittai the Gittite. The king said to the army, "I will certainly go out with you myself, too."

UST

2 He sent them out in three groups. Joab commanded one group, Joab's brother Abishai commanded a second group, and Ittai from Gath commanded the third group. David said to them, "I myself will go with you to battle."

What was the message King David spoke to the army?

King David told the army that he would certainly go into battle with them.

2 Samuel 18:3

ULT

[3] But the men said, “You must not go to battle, for if we flee away they will not care about us, or if half of us
die they will not care. But you are worth 10000 of us! Therefore it is better that you be ready to help us from
the city.”

UST

[3] But his soldiers said, “No, we will not allow you to go with us. If they force us to all run away, they will not be
concerned about us. Or if they kill half of us, they will not care about that, either. To them, capturing you is
more important than capturing ten thousand of us. So it would be better that you stay here in the city and
send help to us.”

What was the response from the men in the army to the message from King David? (vv3-4)
The men in the army told King David he was worth ten thousand of them, so he should stay in the city instead of going into battle.

2 Samuel 18:4

ULT

[4] So the king answered them, “I will do whatever seems best to you.” The king stood by the city gate while all
the army went out by hundreds and by thousands.

UST

[4] The king replied to them, “Very well, I will do whatever seems best to you.” So he stood at the city gate and
watched while his soldiers marched out, group by group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:5

ULT

[5] The king commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man, with
Absalom.” All the people heard that the king had given the captains this command about Absalom.

UST

[5] While they were leaving, the king commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, “For my sake, do not harm my son
Absalom!” And all the troops heard about this, that David had given this order to the three commanders.

What were the instructions which the king gave to his commanders concerning Absalom?
The king told the commanders to “deal gently for my sake with Absalom.”

2 Samuel 18:6

ULT

[6] So the army went out into the countryside against Israel; the battle spread into the forest of Ephraim.

UST

[6] So the army went out to fight against the Israelite soldiers who were with Absalom. They fought the battle in the forest where people from the tribe of Ephraim lived.

What was the outcome of the battle in the forest of Ephraim? (vv6-8)
The army of Israel was defeated before the soldiers of David.

2 Samuel 18:7

ULT

[7] The army of Israel was defeated there before the soldiers of David; there was a great slaughter there that day of 20000 men.

UST

[7] David's soldiers defeated Absalom's soldiers. They killed twenty thousand of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:8

ULT

[8] The battle spread throughout the whole countryside, and more men were consumed by the forest than by the sword that day.

UST

[8] The battle was fought all over that area, and the number of men who died because of dangerous things in the forest was greater than the number of men who were killed in the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:9

ULT

9 Absalom happened to meet some of David's soldiers. Absalom was riding his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak tree, and his head was caught up in the tree branches. He was left dangling between the ground and the sky while the mule he was riding kept going.

UST

9 During the battle, Absalom suddenly came near some of David's soldiers. Absalom was riding on his mule, and when the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak tree, Absalom's head was caught in the branches. The mule kept going, but Absalom was left dangling in the air.

What happened to Absalom when the mule he was riding went under the thick branches of an oak tree?

Absalom was left dangling by his head from the branches of the tree.

2 Samuel 18:10

ULT

10 Someone saw this and told Joab, "Look, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree!"

UST

10 One of David's soldiers saw what happened, and went and told Joab, "I saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree!"

Why was Joab upset when he was told about Absalom? (vv10-11)

Joab was upset because the soldier who reported about Absalom did not strike him down to the ground.

2 Samuel 18:11

ULT

11 Joab said to the man who told him about Absalom, "Look! You saw him! Why did you not strike him down to the ground? I would have given you ten silver shekels and a belt."

UST

11 Joab said to the man, "What? You say that you saw him hanging there, so why did you not kill him immediately? If you had killed him, I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a soldier's belt!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:12

ULT

12 The man replied to Joab, “Even if I received 1000 silver shekels, still I would not have reached out my hand against the king’s son, because we all heard the king command you, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, ‘No one must touch the young man Absalom.’

UST

12 The man replied to Joab, “Even if you gave me a thousand pieces of silver, I would not have done anything to harm the king’s son. We all heard the king command you and Abishai and Ittai: ‘For my sake, do not harm my son Absalom!’

Why did the man not kill Absalom? (vv12-13)

He did not kill Absalom even for money, because he had heard the king say that no one must touch the young man Absalom

2 Samuel 18:13

ULT

13 If I had risked my life by a falsehood (and there is nothing hidden from the king), you would have abandoned me.”

UST

13 If I had disobeyed the king and killed Absalom, the king would have heard about it, because the king hears about everything, and even you would not have defended me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:14

ULT

14 Then Joab said, “I will not wait for you.” So Joab took three javelins in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive and hanging from the oak.

UST

14 Joab said, “I am not going to waste time talking to you!” Then he took three spears, went to where Absalom was, and thrust them into Absalom’s chest while he was still alive, dangling from the oak tree.

What did Joab do with Absalom?

Joab thrust three javelins through the heart of Absalom while he was still alive and hanging from the oak tree.

2 Samuel 18:15

ULT
15 Then ten young men who carried Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, attacked him, and killed him.

UST
15 Then ten young men who carried weapons for Joab surrounded Absalom and finished killing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:16

ULT
16 Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the army returned from pursuing Israel, for Joab held back the army.

UST
16 Then Joab blew his trumpet to signal that they should not fight anymore, and his soldiers returned from pursuing Absalom's men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:17

ULT
17 They took Absalom and threw him into a large pit in the forest; they buried his body under a very large pile of stones, while all Israel fled, every man to his own home.

UST
17 They took Absalom's body and threw it into a huge pit in the forest, and covered it with a huge pile of stones. Then all the remaining Israelite soldiers who had been with Absalom fled to their own homes.

What was done with the body of Absalom?
The body of Absalom was thrown into a large pit in the forest and later buried under a very large pile of stones.

2 Samuel 18:18

ULT

18 Now Absalom, while still alive, had built for himself a large stone pillar in the King's Valley, for he said, "I have no son to carry along the memory of my name." He named the pillar after his own name, so it is called Absalom's Monument to this very day.

UST

18 Absalom had no sons to preserve his family name because his sons had died while they were still young. So while Absalom was alive, he had built a monument to himself in the Valley of Kings near Jerusalem, in order that people would remember him. He put his name on the monument, and people still call it Absalom's Monument.

Why did Absalom build a large stone pillar for himself while he was still alive?

Absalom built a large stone pillar, called Absalom's monument, to carry along the memory of his name since he had no son.

2 Samuel 18:19

ULT

19 Then Ahimaaz son of Zadok said, "Let me now run to the king with the good news, how Yahweh has rescued him from the hand of his enemies."

UST

19 After Absalom had been killed, Zadok's son Ahimaaz said to Joab, "Allow me to run to the king to tell him the good news that Yahweh has rescued him from the power of his enemies!"

Why was Ahimaaz cautioned not to run to the king with the good news that Yahweh had rescued the king from his enemy? (vv19-20)

Ahimaaz was cautioned not to bring the good news to the king on that day because the king's son was dead.

2 Samuel 18:20

ULT

20 Joab answered him, "You will not be the bearer of news today; you must do it another day. Today you will bear no news because the king's son is dead."

UST

20 But Joab said to him, "No, I will not allow you to take news to the king today. Some other day I will allow you to take some news, but not today. If you took news today it would not be good news for the king, because his son is dead."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:21

ULT

21 Then Joab said to a Cushite, “Go, tell the king what you have seen.” The Cushite bowed down to Joab, and ran.

UST

21 Then Joab said to David’s servant who was from Ethiopia, “You go and tell the king what you have seen.” So the man from Ethiopia bowed in respect to Joab, and started to run.

Why did Ahimaaz still want to run and tell David the good news? (vv21-23)

Ahimaaz knew that Joab had given the message to a Cushite, but Ahimaaz wanted to be the first one to tell the good news to David.

2 Samuel 18:22

ULT

22 Then Ahimaaz son of Zadok said again to Joab, “Regardless of what may happen, please let me also run and follow the Cushite.” Joab replied, “Why do you want to run, my son, seeing that you will have no reward for the news?”

UST

22 Then Ahimaaz said again to Joab, “Even though that man from Ethiopia is running, allow me to run behind him.” Joab replied, “My boy, why do you want to do that? You will not receive any reward for your news!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:23

ULT

23 “Whatever happens,” said Ahimaaz, “I will run.” So Joab answered him, “Run.” Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

UST

23 But Ahimaaz replied, “That does not matter, I want to go.” So Joab said, “Very well, then, go.” So Ahimaaz ran along another road through the Valley of the Jordan and arrived where David was, before the man from Ethiopia arrived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:24

ULT

24 Now David was sitting between the inner and outer gates. The watchman had gone up to the roof of the gate to the wall and raised his eyes. As he looked, he saw a man approaching, running alone.

UST

24 David was sitting between the outer gate and the inner gate of the city. The watchman went up on top of the city wall and stood on the roof over the gates. He looked out and saw one man running alone.

What did the king think when he heard there was a lone runner approaching the city? (vv24-25)

The king thought the runner was bringing news if he was alone.

2 Samuel 18:25

ULT

25 The watchman shouted out and told the king. Then the king said, “If he is alone, there is news in his mouth.” The runner came closer and neared the city.

UST

25 The watchman called down and reported it to the king. The king said, “If he is alone, that indicates that he is bringing news.” The man who was running continued to come closer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:26

ULT

26 Then the watchman noticed another man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper; he said, “Look, there is another man running alone.” The king said, “He is also bringing news.”

UST

26 Then the watchman saw another man running. So he called down to the gatekeeper, “Look! There is another man running!” And the king said, “He also is bringing some good news.”

What did the king think when he heard there was another man running alone?

The king thought that he was also bringing news.

2 Samuel 18:27

ULT

[27] So the watchman said, “I think the running of the man in front is like the running of Ahimaaz son of Zadok.” The king said, “He is a good man and is coming with good news.”

UST

[27] The watchman said, “I think the first man must be Ahimaaz, because he is running as Ahimaaz runs.” The king said, “Ahimaaz is a good man, and I am sure he is coming with good news.”

What did the king think when he heard that the runner in front was Ahimaaz?

The king said that Ahimaaz was coming with good news since he was a good man.

2 Samuel 18:28

ULT

[28] Then Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, “All is well.” He bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground and said, “Blessed be Yahweh your God! He has delivered the men who lifted up their hand against my master the king.”

UST

[28] When Ahimaaz reached the king, he called out, “I hope that things will go well with you!” Then he prostrated himself on the ground in front of the king and said, “Your Majesty, praise Yahweh our God, who has rescued you from the men who were rebelling against you!”

What was the news that Ahimaaz brought to the king?

Ahimaaz told the king that Yahweh had handed over the men who were against the king.

2 Samuel 18:29

ULT

[29] So the king replied, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” Ahimaaz answered, “When Joab sent me, the king’s servant, to you, king, I saw a great disturbance, but I did not know what it was.”

UST

[29] The king said, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” Ahimaaz did not want to answer that question, so he replied, “When Joab sent me, I saw that there was a lot of confusion, but I do not know what it was about.”

How did Ahimaaz answer the king when he was asked about the welfare of Absalom?

Ahimaaz said he saw a great disturbance, but did not know what it was.

2 Samuel 18:30

ULT
30 Then the king said, “Turn aside and stand here.” So Ahimaaz turned aside, and stood still.

UST
30 Then the king said, “Stand aside.” So Ahimaaz stepped aside and stood there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:31

ULT
31 Immediately then the Cushite arrived and said, “There is good news for my master the king, for Yahweh has avenged you today from all who rose up against you.”

UST
31 Suddenly the man from Ethiopia arrived, and said, “Your Majesty, I have good news for you! Yahweh has enabled your soldiers to defeat all those who rebelled against you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 18:32

ULT
32 Then the king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “The enemies of my master the king, and all who rise up against you to do harm to you, should be as that young man is.”

UST
32 The king said to him, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” The man from Ethiopia replied, “Sir, I wish that what happened to him would happen to all of your enemies and to all those who rebel against you!”

What was the Cushite’s answer when the king asked him about the welfare of Absalom?
The Cushite told the king that the enemies of the king should be as that young man is.

2 Samuel 18:33

ULT

33 Then the king was deeply unnerved, and he went up to the room over the gate and wept. As he went he grieved, “My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! I wish I had died instead of you, Absalom, my son, my son!”

UST

33 The king realized that he meant that Absalom was dead, so he became extremely distressed, and he went up to the room above the gateway and cried. While he was going up, he kept crying out, “O, my son Absalom! My son! O, my son Absalom, I desire that I had died instead of you!”

How did the king respond when he heard the news of the death of his son?

The king was deeply grieved when he heard the news and wished he had died instead of his son.

2 Samuel 19

2 Samuel 19:1

ULT
1 Joab was told, “Look, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.”

UST
1 Someone told Joab that the king was crying and mourning because Absalom had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:2

ULT
2 So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the army, for the army heard it said that day, “The king is mourning for his son.”

UST
2 All of David’s soldiers heard that the king was mourning because Absalom was dead. So they became sad that they had defeated Absalom’s men.

Why was the victory that day turned to mourning for all the army?
The victory that day was turned to mourning for all the army because the army heard that the king was mourning for his son.

2 Samuel 19:3

ULT
3 The soldiers had to sneak quietly into the city that day, like people who are ashamed sneak away when they run from battle.

UST
3 The soldiers returned to the city quietly and ashamed, as if they had lost the battle instead of winning it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:4

ULT

4 The king covered his face and cried in a loud voice, “My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!”

UST

4 The king covered his face with his hands and kept crying loudly, “O, my son Absalom! O, Absalom, my son! My son!”

What was the cry of the king?

The king cried, “My son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!”

2 Samuel 19:5

ULT

5 Then Joab entered into the house to the king and said to him, “You have shamed the faces of all your soldiers today, who have saved your life today, and the lives of your sons and of your daughters, and the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines,

UST

5 Joab entered the room where the king was, and said to the king, “Today you have caused your soldiers to be ashamed! You have humiliated the men who saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters and your ordinary wives and your slave wives!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:6

ULT

6 because you love those who hate you, and you hate those who love you. For today you have shown that commanders and soldiers are nothing to you. Today I believe that if Absalom had lived, and we all had died, then that would have pleased you.

UST

6 It seems that you love those who hate you and that you hate those who love you. Everyone realizes now that your commanders and your officers are not at all important to you. If Absalom were still alive and we were all dead today, you would actually be happy.

What did Joab say he believed would have pleased the king?

Joab said he believed the king would have been pleased if Absalom had lived and they, the king’s army, would have died.

2 Samuel 19:7

ULT

[7] Now therefore get up and go out and speak kindly to your soldiers, for I swear by Yahweh, if you do not go, not one man will remain with you tonight. That would be worse for you than all the disasters that have ever happened to you from your youth until now."

UST

[7] So now go and thank your soldiers for what they did. Because I solemnly declare that if you do not do that, none of them will still be with you by tomorrow morning. That would be worse for you than all the disasters that you have experienced since you were a boy."

What did Joab tell the king would happen if the king did not get up, go out, and speak kindly to the king's soldiers?
Joab said if the king did not go, not one man would remain with him that night.

2 Samuel 19:8

ULT

[8] So the king got up and sat in the city gate, and all the people were told, "Look, the king is sitting in the gate," and all the people came before the king. So Israel fled, every man to his home.

UST

[8] So the king got up and went and sat at the city gate. And all the people were told, "The king is sitting at the gate!" So they all came and gathered around him. Meanwhile, all of Absalom's men had gone home.

When did all the people come before the king?
All the people came before the king after they were told the king was sitting in the gate.

2 Samuel 19:9

ULT

[9] It happened that all the people were arguing with each other throughout all the tribes of Israel saying, "The king rescued us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines, but now he has run out of the land because of Absalom.

UST

[9] Then all the people throughout the tribes of Israel started to quarrel among themselves. They said to each other, "The king rescued us from the people of Philistia and from our other enemies. But now he has fled from Absalom and left Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:10

ULT

10 Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has died in battle. So why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?”

UST

10 We appointed Absalom to be our king, but he died in the battle against David’s soldiers. So why does someone not try to bring King David back?”

What were all the people of all the tribes of Israel arguing about with each other?
All the people of all the tribes of Israel were arguing about whether or not to bring the king back.

2 Samuel 19:11

ULT

11 King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests saying, “Speak to the elders of Judah saying, ‘Why are you the last to bring the king back to his palace, since the talk of all Israel favors the king, to bring him back to his palace?

UST

11 King David found out what the people were saying. So he sent the two priests, Zadok and Abiathar, to say to the leaders of Judah, “The king says that he has heard that all the Israelite people want him to be king again. And he says, ‘Why should you be the last ones to bring me back to my palace?

Who did King David send to speak to the elders of Judah about bringing the king back?
David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests to speak to the elders of Judah.

2 Samuel 19:12

ULT

12 You are my brothers, my flesh and bone. Why then are you the last to bring back the king?’

UST

12 You are my relatives. We have the same ancestor. So why should you be the last ones to bring me back?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:13

ULT

[13] Then say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my flesh and my bone? God do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of my army from now on in the place of Joab.’”

UST

[13] And say to Amasa, “You are one of my relatives. I hope that God will kill me if I do not appoint you to be, from now on, the commander of my army instead of Joab.”

Who did David say would be the captain of his army in place of Joab?

David said Amasa would be captain of the army in place of Joab.

2 Samuel 19:14

ULT

[14] So he won the hearts of all the men of Judah as one man. They sent to the king saying, “Return, you and all your men.”

UST

[14] By sending that message to them, David convinced all the people of Judah that they should be loyal to him. So they sent a message to the king, saying, “We want you and all your officials to return here.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:15

ULT

[15] So the king returned and came to the Jordan. Now the men of Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king and then to bring the king across the Jordan.

UST

[15] So the king and his officials started back toward Jerusalem. When they reached the Jordan River, the people of Judah came there to Gilgal to meet the king, and to escort him across the river.

Why did the men of Judah come to Gilgal?

The men of Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to escort him over the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:16

ULT

16 Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was from Bahurim, hurried down with the men of Judah to meet King David.

UST

16 Shimei, the man from the tribe of Benjamin, also came down quickly to the river with the people of Judah to meet King David.

Who crossed through the Jordan in the presence of the king? (vv16-17)

Shimei, one thousand men from Benjamin with him, and Ziba, Saul's servant, and his fifteen sons and twenty servants with him, crossed through the Jordan in the presence of the king.

2 Samuel 19:17

ULT

17 There were 1000 men from Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of Saul, and his 15 sons and 20 servants with him. They crossed through the Jordan in the presence of the king.

UST

17 There were a thousand men from the tribe of Benjamin who came with him. Ziba, who had been the servant of Saul, also hurried down to the Jordan River, bringing twenty of his servants with him. They all came to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:18

ULT

18 They crossed to bring over the king's family and to do whatever he thought good. Shimei son of Gera bowed down before the king just before he began to cross the Jordan.

UST

18 They all prepared to take the king and all his family across the river, at the place where they could walk across it. They wanted to do whatever the king wanted. As the king was about to cross the river, Shimei came to him and prostrated himself in front of the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:19

ULT

[19] Shimei said to the king, “Do not, my master, find me guilty or remember the wrong your servant did the day my master the king left Jerusalem. Please, may the king not take it to heart.

UST

[19] He said to the king, “Your Majesty, please forgive me. Please do not keep thinking about the terrible thing that I did on the day that you left Jerusalem. Do not think about it anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:20

ULT

[20] For your servant knows that I have sinned. See, that is why I have come today as the first from all the family of Joseph to come down to meet my master the king.”

UST

[20] I know that I have sinned. Look, I have come today, the first one from the northern tribes to come here to greet you today, Your Majesty.”

Why did Shimei come as the first from all the family of Joseph to meet the king?

Shimei came down to meet the king because Shimei knew that he had sinned against the king.

2 Samuel 19:21

ULT

[21] But Abishai son of Zeruiah answered and said, “Should not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Yahweh’s anointed?”

UST

[21] But Abishai son of Zeruiah, said to David, “He cursed the one whom Yahweh appointed to be the king! So should he not be executed for doing that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:22

ULT

22 Then David said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should today be adversaries to me? Will any man be put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that today I am king over Israel?”

UST

22 But David said, “You sons of Zeruiah, what am I going to do with you? It is as though you had become my enemies today. I know that I am still king of Israel, so I say that certainly no one in Israel should be executed today.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:23

ULT

23 So the king said to Shimei, “You will not die.” So the king promised him with an oath.

UST

23 Then the king said to Shimei, “I solemnly promise that I will not execute you.”

What did the king say to Shimei after Abishai said Shimei should be put to death?

The king told Shimei he would not die and he promised him with an oath.

2 Samuel 19:24

ULT

24 Then Mephibosheth son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had not dressed his feet, or trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes from the day the king left until the day he came home in peace.

UST

24 Then Miphibosheth, Saul’s grandson, came down to the river to greet the king. He had not washed his feet or trimmed his beard or washed his clothes from the time that the king left Jerusalem until the day that he returned.

How did Mephibosheth look when he came down to meet the king?

Mephibosheth had not dressed his feet, or trimmed his beard, or washed his clothes since the day the king left.

2 Samuel 19:25

ULT
25 So when he came from Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, “Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?”

UST
25 When he arrived from Jerusalem to greet the king, the king said to him, “Mephibosheth, why did you not go with me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:26

ULT
26 He answered, “My master the king, my servant deceived me, for I said, ‘I will saddle a donkey so I may ride on it and go with the king.’ For your servant is lame.

UST
26 He replied, “Your Majesty, you know that I am crippled. When I heard that you were leaving Jerusalem, I said to my servant Ziba, ‘Put a saddle on my donkey in order that I can ride on it and go with the king.’ But he deceived me and left without me.

What reason did Mephibosheth give when the king asked him, “Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?”
Mephibosheth told the king that his servant, Ziba, had deceived him.

2 Samuel 19:27

ULT
27 My servant Ziba has slandered me, your servant, to my master the king. But my master the king is like an angel of God. Therefore, do what is good in your eyes.

UST
27 He lied to you about me. But your Majesty, you are as wise as God’s angel. So do whatever seems right to you.

What else did Mephibosheth say Ziba had done to him?
Mephibosheth said Ziba had slandered Mephibosheth to the king.

2 Samuel 19:28

ULT

28 For all my father's house were dead men before my master the king, but you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right therefore have I that I should still cry any more to the king?"

UST

28 All of my grandfather's family expected that we would be executed. But you did not execute me. You allowed me to eat food with you at your table! So I certainly do not have the right to request from you anything more."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:29

ULT

29 Then the king said to him, "Why explain anything further? I have decided that you and Ziba will divide the fields."

UST

29 The king replied, "You certainly do not need to say any more. I have decided that you and Ziba will divide equally the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:30

ULT

30 So Mephibosheth replied to the king, "Yes, let him take it all, since my master the king has come safely to his own home."

UST

30 Mephibosheth replied to the king, "Your Majesty, I am content that you have returned safely. So allow him to take all the land."

How did Mephibosheth reply to the king when the king said he had decided that Ziba and Mephibosheth were to divide the fields?

Mephibosheth told the king to let Ziba take it all since the king had come safely to his own home.

2 Samuel 19:31

ULT
31 Then Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim to cross over the Jordan with the king, and he accompanied the king over the Jordan.

UST
31 Barzillai, the man from the region of Gilead, had come down to the Jordan River from his town of Rogelim to escort the king across the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:32

ULT
32 Now Barzillai was a very old man, 80 years old. He had provided the king with provisions while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.

UST
32 Barzillai was a very old man, eighty years old. He was a very wealthy man, and he had provided food for the king and his soldiers while they were at Mahanaim.

What had Barzillai done for the king?
Barzillai had furnished the king with provisions while he stayed at Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 19:33

ULT
33 The king said to Barzillai, “Come over with me, and I will provide for you to stay with me in Jerusalem.”

UST
33 The king said to Barzillai, “Come with me to Jerusalem, and I will take care of you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:34

ULT

34 Barzillai replied to the king, “How many days are left in the years of my life, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?

UST

34 But Barzillai replied, “I certainly do not have many more years to live. So why should I go with you to Jerusalem?

Briefly, why did Barzillai say he should not come to Jerusalem with the king? (vv34-35)

Barzillai said he should not go with the king because he was too old and did not have long to live, he could not taste what he ate or drank, he could not hear well, and he did not want to be a burden to the king.

2 Samuel 19:35

ULT

35 I am eighty years old. Can I distinguish between good and bad? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a burden to my master the king?

UST

35 I am eighty years old. I do not know what is enjoyable and what is not enjoyable. I cannot enjoy what I eat and what I drink. I cannot hear the voices of men and women as they sing. So why should I be another burden to you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:36

ULT

36 Your servant would like to just go over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward?

UST

36 I will cross the Jordan River with you and go a little further, and that will be all the reward that I need for helping you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:37

ULT

37 Please let your servant return back home, so I may die in my own city by the grave of my father and my mother. But see, here is your servant Kimham. Let him cross over with my master the king, and do for him what seems good to you.”

UST

37 Then please allow me to return to my home, because that is where I want to die, near my parents’ grave. But here is my son Kimham. Your Majesty, allow him to go with you and serve you, and do for him whatever seems good to you!”

What did Barzillai request of the king?

Barzillai asked the king to let him return back home so he could die in his own city, and to let Kimham cross over with the king and to do for Kimham what seemed good to the king.

2 Samuel 19:38

ULT

38 The king answered, “Kimham will go over with me, and I will do for him what seems good to you, and whatever you desire from me, I will do that for you.”

UST

38 The king replied, “Very well, he will cross the river with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you. And I will do for you whatever you want me to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:39

ULT

39 Then all the people crossed the Jordan, and the king crossed over, and the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him. Then Barzillai returned to his own home.

UST

39 Then King David and all the others crossed the Jordan River. He kissed Barzillai and asked God to bless him. Then Barzillai returned to his home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:40

ULT

40 So the king crossed over to Gilgal, and Kimham crossed over with him. All the army of Judah brought the king over, and also half the army of Israel.

UST

40 After they crossed the river, Kimham went with the king, and all the army of Judah and half the army of the other Israelite tribes escorted the king to Gilgal.

Who crossed over to Gilgal with the king?

Kimham, all the army of Judah and half the army of Israel crossed over to Gilgal with the king.

2 Samuel 19:41

ULT

41 Soon all the men of Israel began to come to the king and say to the king, “Why have our brothers, the men of Judah, stolen you away and brought the king and his family over the Jordan, and all David’s men with him?”

UST

41 Then all the Israelite soldiers from the other Israelite tribes came to the king and said, “Why is it that our relatives, the men from Judah, took you away from us and wanted to be the only ones to escort you and your family across the river, along with all your men? Why did you not request us to do that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:42

ULT

42 So the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, “It is because the king is more closely related to us. Why then are you angry about this? Have we eaten anything that the king had to pay for? Has he given us any gifts?”

UST

42 The soldiers from Judah replied, “We did it because the king is from Judah. Why are you angry about this? The king has never paid for our food, and he has never given us any gifts.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 19:43

ULT

43 The men of Israel answered the men of Judah, “We have ten tribes related to the king, so we have even more right to David than you. Why then did you despise us? Was not our proposal to bring back our king the first to be heard?” But the words of the men of Judah were even more harsh than the words of the men of Israel.

UST

43 The men of the other Israelite tribes replied, “There are ten tribes in Israel, and only one in Judah. So it is ten times more right for us to say that David is our king than it is for you to say that. So why are you despising us? We were certainly the first ones to talk about bringing David back to Jerusalem to be our king again.” But the men of Judah spoke more harshly than the men from the other tribes of Israel did.

Why did the men of Israel say they had more right to David than the men of Judah?

The men of Israel said they had more right to David because they had ten tribes related to the king.

Whose words were more harsh, the men of Judah or the men of Israel?

The words of the men of Judah were more harsh than the words of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 20

2 Samuel 20:1

ULT

1 There also happened to be at the same place a troublemaker whose name was Sheba son of Bikri, a Benjamite. He blew the trumpet and said, “We have no part in David, neither have we any inheritance in the son of Jesse. Let every man go back to his home, Israel.”

UST

1 There was also a man there at Gilgal named Sheba. He was a man who always caused trouble. He was from the tribe of Benjamin son of Bikri. He blew a trumpet and called out, “We have nothing to do with David, that son of Jesse! So, men of Israel, let us go to our homes!”

Why was Sheba considered to be a troublemaker?

Sheba was considereed to be a troublemaker because he encouraged the people of Israel to have no part in David.

2 Samuel 20:2

ULT

2 So all the men of Israel deserted David and followed Sheba son of Bikri. But the men of Judah followed closely their king, from the Jordan all the way to Jerusalem.

UST

2 So all the men from the Israelite tribes deserted David and went with Sheba, but the men of Judah stayed with David. They wanted him to be their king, and went with him from near the Jordan River up to Jerusalem.

How was the response of the men of Judah to Sheba different from the response of the men of Israel?

The men of Judah closely followed their king, but the men of Israel deserted David and followed Sheba.

2 Samuel 20:3

ULT

[3] When David came to his palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten concubines whom he had left to keep the palace, and he put them in a house under guard. He provided for their needs, but he did not lie with them any longer. So they were shut up to the day of their death, living as if they were widows.

UST

[3] When David arrived at the palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten slave wives whom he had left there to take care of the palace and put them in another house. He put a guard at that house, and he provided for them what they needed, but he never had slept with them again. So they remained shut up in their house until they died. It was as though they were widows.

How did David's relationship with the ten slave wives change when he put them in a house under guard?

David provided for their needs, but he did not sleep with them any longer, so they lived as widows.

2 Samuel 20:4

ULT

[4] Then the king said to Amasa, "Call the men of Judah together within three days; you must be here, too."

UST

[4] One day the king said to Amasa, "Summon the soldiers of Judah to come here within three days, and you must be here also."

What did the king tell Amasa to do? (vv4-5)

The king told Amasa to call the men of Judah together within three days and that he must be there as well.

2 Samuel 20:5

ULT

[5] So Amasa went to call Judah, but he was delayed beyond the time that the king had allotted for him.

UST

[5] So Amasa went to summon them, but he did not return within the time that David told him to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:6

ULT

6 So David said to Abishai, “Now Sheba son of Bikri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your master’s servants, my soldiers, and pursue after him, or he will find fortified cities and escape out of our sight.”

UST

6 So David said to Abishai, “Now Sheba will harm us more than Absalom did. So you take my soldiers and pursue him. If you do not do that, he and his soldiers may occupy some of the fortified cities and escape from us.”

How did David respond to the report that the men of Israel had deserted him to follow Sheba? (vv6-7)

David responded by giving instructions to Abishai to take David’s soldiers and pursue after Sheba before he could find fortified cities.

2 Samuel 20:7

ULT

7 Then Joab’s men went out after him, along with the Kerethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty warriors. They left Jerusalem to pursue Sheba son of Bikri.

UST

7 So Abishai and Joab and the king’s bodyguards and the other soldiers left Jerusalem to pursue Sheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:8

ULT

8 When they were at the great stone which is at Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was wearing the battle armor that he had put on, which included a belt around his waist with a sheathed sword fastened to it. As he walked forward, the sword fell out.

UST

8 When they arrived at the huge rock in the region of Gibeah, Amasa met them. Joab was wearing armor for battle and had a sword fastened to his belt. When he came close to Amasa, he allowed the sword to fall on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:9

ULT

[9] So Joab said to Amasa, “Is it well with you, my cousin?” Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

UST

[9] Joab said to Amasa, “Are things going well with you, my friend?” Then Joab grabbed Amasa’s beard with his right hand, in order to kiss him.

What did Joab do to Amasa when Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him? (vv9-10)

Joab stabbed Amasa with a dagger in his left hand.

2 Samuel 20:10

ULT

[10] Amasa did not notice the dagger that was in Joab’s left hand. Joab stabbed Amasa in the stomach and his bowels spilled out to the ground. Joab did not strike him again, and Amasa died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba son of Bikri.

UST

[10] But Amasa did not see that Joab was holding another dagger in his other hand. Joab thrust it into Amasa’s belly, and his insides spilled out onto the ground. Amasa died immediately. Joab did not need to stab him again. Then Joab and his brother Abishai continued to pursue Sheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:11

ULT

[11] Then one of Joab’s men stood by Amasa, and the man said, “He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, let him follow Joab.”

UST

[11] One of Joab’s soldiers stood alongside Amasa’s body and called out, “Everyone who wants Joab to be our commander and who wants David to be our king, go with Joab!”

How did one of Joab’s men react to the stabbing of Amasa? (vv11-13)

One of Joab’s men carried Amasa off the road to a field and threw a garment over him and then challenged everyone who favored Joab and David to follow Joab.

2 Samuel 20:12

ULT

12 Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of the road. When the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa off of the road and into a field. He threw a garment over him because he saw that everyone who came by him stood still.

UST

12 Amasa's body was lying on the road. It was covered with blood. The soldier of Joab who had called out saw that many other of Joab's soldiers were stopping to look at it, so he dragged Amasa's body off the road into a field and threw a cloth over the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:13

ULT

13 After Amasa was taken off the road, all the men followed on after Joab in pursuit of Sheba son of Bikri.

UST

13 After the body had been taken off the road, all the soldiers went with Joab to pursue Sheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:14

ULT

14 Sheba passed through all the tribes of Israel to Abel Beth Maacah, and through all the land of the Bikrites, who gathered together and also pursued Sheba.

UST

14 Sheba went through all the tribes of Israel, and arrived at the city that is called Abel of Beth Maacah in the northern part of Israel. All the members of his father Bikri's clan gathered there and went with Sheba into the city.

What did Joab and the men of Judah do when they caught up with Sheba and the men of Israel at Abel of Beth Maacah? (vv14-15)

Joab and the men of Judah built a siege ramp against the city wall and tried to knock it down.

2 Samuel 20:15

ULT

15 They caught up with him and besieged him in Abel Beth Maacah. They built up a siege ramp against the city against the wall. All the army who were with Joab battered the wall to knock it down.

UST

15 The soldiers who were with Joab found out that Sheba had gone there, so they went there and surrounded the city. They built a dirt ramp up against the city wall. They also pounded against the wall to cause it to collapse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:16

ULT

16 Then a wise woman cried out of the city, “Listen, please listen, Joab! Come near me so I may speak with you.”

UST

16 Then a wise woman who was in that town stood on the top of the wall and shouted down, “Listen to me! Tell Joab to come here, because I want to talk to him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:17

ULT

17 So Joab came near to her, and the woman said, “Are you Joab?” He answered, “I am.” Then she said to him, “Listen to the words of your servant.” He answered, “I am listening.”

UST

17 So after they told Joab, he came there, and the woman said, “Are you Joab?” He replied, “Yes, I am.” She said to him, “Listen to what I say.” He replied, “I am listening.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:18

ULT
18 Then she spoke, “They used to say in old times, ‘Surely seek advice at Abel,’ and that advice would end the matter.

UST
18 She said, “Long ago people used to say, ‘Go to Abel town to get good advice about your problems.’ And that is what people did.

How did the woman describe her city of Abel to Joab? (vv18-19)
The woman described Abel as a city that was one of the most peaceful and faithful in Israel and also as a city that was a mother in Israel.

2 Samuel 20:19

ULT
19 We are a city that is one of the most peaceful and faithful in Israel. You are trying to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why do you want to swallow up the inheritance of Yahweh?”

UST
19 We are peaceful and loyal Israelites. Our people here are important and respected. So why are you trying to destroy a city that belongs to Yahweh?”

Briefly what did the woman ask Joab?
The woman asked Joab why he was trying to destroy the city of Abel.

2 Samuel 20:20

ULT
20 So Joab answered and said, “Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

UST
20 Joab replied, “I would certainly never want to ruin or destroy your city!

What was the condition which Joab set forth to the woman whereby he and the men of Judah would withdraw from the city? (vv20-21)
The condition which Joab set forth to the woman was that if the city would give Sheba up to them, they would withdraw from the city.

2 Samuel 20:21

ULT

21 That is not true. But a man from the hill country of Ephraim, named Sheba son of Bikri, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city." The woman said to Joab, "His head will be thrown to you over the wall."

UST

21 That is not what we want to do. But Bikri's son Sheba, a man from the hill area in the tribe of Ephraim, is rebelling against King David. Put this man into our hands, and then we will go away from this town." The woman replied to Joab, "Very well; we will cut off his head and throw it over the wall to you."

How did the people of the city and the woman respond to Joab's condition? (vv21-22)
The people of the city cut off the head of Sheba and threw it over the wall to Joab just as the woman had declared they would do.

2 Samuel 20:22

ULT

22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. They cut off the head of Sheba son of Bikri, and threw it out to Joab. Then he blew the trumpet and Joab's men left the city, every man to his home. Then Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

UST

22 Then this woman went to the elders of the town and told them what she had said to Joab. So they cut off Sheba's head and threw it over the wall to Joab. Then Joab blew his trumpet to signal that the battle was ended, and all his soldiers left the town and returned to their homes. Joab returned to Jerusalem and told the king what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:23

ULT

23 Now Joab was over all the army of Israel, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and over the Pelethites.

UST

23 Joab was the commander of the entire Israelite army. Jehoiada's son Benaiah was the commander of David's bodyguards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:24

ULT
24 Adoniram was over the men who did forced labor, and Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the recorder.

UST
24 Adoniram supervised the men who were forced to work for the king. Ahilud's son Jehoshaphat was the man who reported to the people everything that David decided.

What was the responsibility of Adoram?
Adoram's responsibility was to be over the men who did forced labor.

2 Samuel 20:25

ULT
25 Sheva was scribe and Zadok and Abiathar were priests.

UST
25 Sheva was the official secretary. Zadok and Abiathar were the priests,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 20:26

ULT
26 Ira the Jairite was chief minister to David.

UST
26 and Ira from Jair town was also one of David's priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21

2 Samuel 21:1

ULT

1 There was a famine in David's time for three years in a row, and David sought the face of Yahweh. So Yahweh said, "This famine is on you because of Saul and his murderous family, because he put the Gibeonites to death."

UST

1 There was a famine in Israel for three years that occurred in the time that David ruled. David prayed to Yahweh about it. And Yahweh said, "In order for the famine to end, Saul's family need to be punished because Saul killed many people from the city of Gibeon."

Why was there a famine in David's time for three years in a row?

There was a famine for three years in a row because Saul and his murderous family put the Gibeonites to death.

2 Samuel 21:2

ULT

2 So the king called together the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not from the people of Israel; they were from what remained of the Amorites. The people of Israel had sworn not to kill them, but Saul tried to kill them all anyway in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.

UST

2 The people of Gibeon were not native born Israelites. They were a small group of the Amor people group whom the Israelites had solemnly promised to protect when they invaded the land of Canaan. But Saul had tried to kill all of them because he was very eager to enable the people of Judah and Israel to be the only ones living in that land. So the king summoned the leaders of Gibeon

Why did King David want to make atonement to the Gibeonites? (vv2-3)

King David wanted to make atonement to the Gibeonites because the people of Israel had sworn not to kill them, yet Saul tried to kill them anyway in his zeal for the people of Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 21:3

ULT

3 So David said to the Gibeonites, “What should I do for you? How can I make atonement, so that you may bless the people of Yahweh, who are his inheritance?”

UST

3 and said to them, “What should I do for you? How can I make up for what Saul did to your people, in order that you will bless us who belong to Yahweh and have so many good things from him?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:4

ULT

4 The Gibeonites responded to him, “It is not a matter of silver or gold between us and Saul or his family. In the same way it is not for us to put to death any man in Israel.” David replied, “What are you saying that I should do for you?”

UST

4 They replied, “You cannot settle our quarrel with Saul and his family by giving us silver or gold. And we do not have the right to kill any Israelites.” So David asked, “Then what do you say that I should do for you?”

What did David agree to do to atone for this injustice done to the Gibeonites?

David agreed to do whatever the Gibeonites would ask of him.

2 Samuel 21:5

ULT

5 They answered the king, “The man who tried to kill us all, who schemed against us, so that we are now destroyed and have no place within the borders of Israel—

UST

5 They replied, “Saul wanted to get rid of us. He wanted to annihilate all of us, in order that none of us would live anywhere in Israel.

What did the Gibeonites request from David to atone for Saul’s actions? (vv5-6)

The Gibeonites requested that seven men who were descendants of Saul be handed over to them to be hanged before Yahweh.

2 Samuel 21:6

ULT

6 let seven men from his descendants be handed over to us, and we will hang them before Yahweh in Gibeah of Saul, the one chosen by Yahweh." So the king said, "I will give them to you."

UST

6 Put seven of Saul's descendants into our hands. We will hang them where Yahweh is worshiped in Gibeon, our city, the city where Saul, whom Yahweh chose to be king, lived." The king replied, "Very well, I will hand them over to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:7

ULT

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul, because of Yahweh's oath between them, between David and Jonathan son of Saul.

UST

7 The king did not hand over Saul's grandson Mephibosheth to them, because of what he and Mephibosheth's father Jonathan had solemnly promised to each other.

How did David respond to the request of the Gibeonites? (vv7-9)

David responded to the request of the Gibeonites by sparing Mephibosheth while handing over the two sons of Rizpah and the five sons of Michal who were hanged on the mountain before Yahweh by the Gibeonites.

2 Samuel 21:8

ULT

8 But the king took the two sons of Rizpah daughter of Aiah, sons whom she bore to Saul—the two sons were named Armoni and Mephibosheth; and David also took the five sons of Merab [1] daughter of Saul, whom she bore to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite.

UST

8 Instead, he took the two sons of Rizpah and Saul, named Armoni and Mephibosheth—Rizpah was the daughter of Aiah and had been Saul's slave wife; David also the five sons of Merab, Saul's daughter. Merab's husband was Adriel son of Barzillai, was from the city of Meholah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:9

ULT

[9] He handed them over into the hands of the Gibeonites. They hanged them on the mountain before Yahweh, and they died all seven together. They were put to death during the time of harvest, during the first days at the beginning of barley harvest.

UST

[9] David handed these men over to the people of Gibeon. They took those seven men to Gibeon and hanged them on a hill where they worshiped Yahweh. They died during the time of the year that the people started to harvest the barley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:10

ULT

[10] Then Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the mountain beside the dead bodies, from the beginning of harvest until the rain poured down on them from the sky. She did not allow the birds of the sky to disturb the bodies by day or the wild animals by night.

UST

[10] Then Rizpah took coarse cloth made from goats' hair, and spread it on the rock where the corpses lay. She stayed there from the time that people started to harvest the barley until the rains started. She did not allow any birds to come near the corpses during the day, and she did not allow any animals to come near during the night.

What did Rizpah do to express her grief for the death of her sons? (vv10-11)

Rizpah spread out sackcloth for herself beside the dead bodies on the mountain and did not allow the birds of the sky or the wild animals to disturb the bodies.

2 Samuel 21:11

ULT

[11] It was told to David what Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

UST

[11] Someone told David what Rizpah had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:12

ULT

12 So David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the public square of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, after the Philistines had killed Saul in Gilboa.

UST

12 So he went with some of his servants to Jabesh in the region of Gilead and got the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan. The people of Jabesh had stolen their bones from the plaza in the city of Beth Shan, where the men from Philistia had hanged them on the day that they had killed Saul and Jonathan on Mount Gilboa.

Who did David take the bones of Saul and Jonathan from?

David took the bones of Saul and Jonathan from the men of Jabesh Gilead.

2 Samuel 21:13

ULT

13 David took away from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son, and they gathered the bones of the seven men who had been hanged, as well.

UST

13 David and his men took the bones of Saul and Jonathan, and they also took the bones of the seven men from Gibeon who had been hanged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:14

ULT

14 They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the tomb of Kish his father. They performed all that the king commanded. After that God answered their prayers for the land.

UST

14 David’s servants went to the tomb of Saul’s father Kish, in the city of Zela in the land of the tribe of Benjamin. There they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan also. In this way, they did all that the king had commanded them to do. After that, because God saw that Saul’s family had been punished to pay for Saul’s murder of many people from Gibeon, he answered the Israelites’ prayers for their land, and caused the famine to end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:15

ULT

15 Then the Philistines went to war again with Israel. So David went down with his army and fought against the Philistines. David was overcome with battle fatigue.

UST

15 The army of Philistia again started to fight against the army of Israel. And David and his soldiers went to fight them. During the battle, David became tired.

How did Abishai rescue David when he was overcome with battle fatigue? (vv15-17)

When David was overcome with battle fatigue, Abishai rescued him by killing Ishbibenob the Philistine who had intended to kill David.

2 Samuel 21:16

ULT

16 Ishbi-Benob, a descendant of the giants, whose bronze spear weighed 300 shekels, and who was armed with a new sword, intended to kill David.

UST

16 One of the Philistine men thought that he could kill David. His name was Ishbi-Benob. He was a descendant of a group of giants. He carried a bronze spear that weighed almost three and one-half kilograms, and he also had a new sword.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:17

ULT

17 But Abishai son of Zeruiah rescued David, attacked the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, “You must not go to battle anymore with us, so that you do not put out the lamp of Israel.”

UST

17 But Abishai came to help David, and attacked the giant and killed him. Then David’s soldiers forced David to promise that he would not go with them into a battle again. They said to him, “If you die, and none of your descendants become king, that would be like extinguishing the last light in Israel.”

Why did the men of David insist that he not go into battle with them anymore?

The men of David insisted that David not go into battle with them anymore because they were afraid that the lamp of Israel might be put out.

2 Samuel 21:18

ULT

18 It came about after this that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob, when Sibbekai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the descendants of the Rephaim. [2]

UST

18 Some time after that, there was a battle with the army of Philistia near the village of Gob. During the battle, Sibbekai, from the clan of Hushah, killed Saph, one of the descendants of the Rapha giants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:19

ULT

19 It came about again in a battle with the Philistines at Gob, that Elhanan son of Jair the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.

UST

19 Later there was another battle with the army of Philistia at Gob. During that battle, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem, killed the brother of Goliath from Gath, whose spear shaft was very thick, like the bar on a weaver's loom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:20

ULT

20 It came about in another battle at Gath that there was a man of great height who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, 24 in number. He also was descended from the Rephaim.

UST

20 Later there was another battle near Gath. There was a huge man there who liked to fight in battles. He had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He was descended from the Rapha giants.

Who did some of the people that David and his soldiers killed in Gath descend from? (vv20-22)

David and his soldiers killed several of the descendants of the Rephaim of Gath.

2 Samuel 21:21

ULT

21 When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimeah, David's brother, killed him.

UST

21 But when he insulted the men in the Israelite army, Jonathan son of Shimeah, David's older brother, killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 21:22

ULT

22 These four were descendants of the Rephaim of Gath, and they were killed by the hand of David and by the hand of his soldiers.
21:8 [1] but 2SA 6:23 says she had no children; or Michal may have been another name for Merab.
21:18 [2] in the Hebrew text, some versions have or .

UST

22 Those four men were some of the descendants of the Rapha giants who had lived in Gath, who were killed by David and his soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22

2 Samuel 22:1

ULT

[1] David sang to Yahweh the words of this song on the day that Yahweh rescued him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

UST

[1] After Yahweh had rescued David from Saul and his other enemies, David sang a song to Yahweh.

When did David sing the song that Yahweh was the rock who rescued him? (vv1-2)

David sang the song that Yahweh was his rock on the day that Yahweh rescued him out of the hand of Saul and all his enemies.

2 Samuel 22:2

ULT

[2] He said, “Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, the one who rescues me.

UST

[2] This is what he sang: “Yahweh, you are like a huge rock on top of which I can hide. You are like a fortress, and you rescue me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:3

ULT

[3] God is my rock. I take refuge in him. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, and my refuge, the one who saves me from violence.

UST

[3] Yahweh, you protect me. You are like a shield, and you are the powerful one who saves me. You are like a place where I find refuge. You save me from those who act violently toward me.

What did David say was the reason for why he would call on Yahweh who was his rock? (vv3-4)

David said that the reason he would call on Yahweh his rock was because Yahweh was worthy to be praised.

2 Samuel 22:4

ULT
4 I will call on Yahweh, who is worthy to be praised, and I will be saved from my enemies.

UST
4 I call out to you, Yahweh. You deserve to be praised, and you rescue me from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:5

ULT
5 For the waves of death surrounded me, the rushing waters of destruction overwhelmed me.

UST
5 I almost died. It was as if a huge wave had crashed over me, and almost destroyed me like a flood.

What did David feel like when he was in the hand of his enemies? (vv5-6)
David felt like he was surrounded by the waves of death and the cords of Sheol.

2 Samuel 22:6

ULT
6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death trapped me.

UST
6 I thought that I would die. It was as though death had wrapped ropes around me, and it was as though I were in a trap where I would surely die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:7

ULT

[7] In my distress I called to Yahweh; I called to my God; he heard my voice from his temple, and my call for help went into his ears.

UST

[7] But when I was very distressed, I called out to you, Yahweh. I cried out to you, my God. You heard me from your temple. You listened when I called to you to help me.

How did David respond to his distressing circumstances?

In his distress, David called to Yahweh who heard his call for help from his temple.

2 Samuel 22:8

ULT

[8] Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of the heavens were shaken and trembled, because God was angry.

UST

[8] Then it was as though the earth quaked and shook. It was as though the foundations that held up the sky trembled, because you were angry.

What happened because God was angry? (vv8-9)

The earth and the foundations of the heavens trembled because God was angry, and smoke came out of his nostrils and blazing fire came out of his mouth.

2 Samuel 22:9

ULT

[9] Smoke went up from out of his nostrils, and blazing fire came out of his mouth. Coals were ignited by it.

UST

[9] It was as though smoke poured out of your nostrils and burning coals and fire that burns everything came out of your mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:10

ULT
10 He opened the heavens and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet.

UST
10 You tore open the skies and came down. There was a thick dark cloud under your feet.

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens? (vv10-12)
Yahweh rode on a cherub and was flying in the wings of the wind.

2 Samuel 22:11

ULT
11 He rode on a cherub and flew. He was seen on the wings of the wind. *[1]*

UST
11 You rode through the sky on a winged creature. The wind enabled you to travel swiftly, like a bird.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:12

ULT
12 He made darkness a tent around him, gathering heavy rain clouds in the skies.

UST
12 The darkness was around you, like a blanket thick clouds that were full of water surrounded you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:13

ULT
13 From the lightning before him coals of fire fell.

UST
13 Out of the lightning in front of you fire from burning coals flamed.

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies? (vv13-15)
Yahweh scattered his enemies by dispersing them with arrows and lightning bolts.

2 Samuel 22:14

ULT
14 Yahweh thundered from the heavens. The Most High shouted.

UST
14 Then, Yahweh, you spoke like thunder from the sky. It was your voice, God, you who are greater than all other gods, that was heard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:15

ULT
15 He shot arrows and scattered them— lightning bolts and dispersed them.

UST
15 When you sent flashes of lightning, it was as though you shot your arrows and scattered your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:16

ULT
16 Then the channels of the sea were seen; the foundations of the world were laid bare at the rebuke of Yahweh, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

UST
16 Then the bottom of the ocean was uncovered. The foundations of the world could be seen when you shouted, going into battle against our enemies and angry at them.

How were the foundations of the world exposed?
The foundations of the world were exposed at Yahweh's battle cry and at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

2 Samuel 22:17

ULT
17 He reached down from above; he took hold of me! He pulled me out of the surging water.

UST
17 Yahweh, you reached down from heaven and lifted me up. You pulled me up from the deep water.

How did Yahweh rescue David from those who hated him? (vv17-18)
Yahweh reached down from above and pulled him out of the surging water.

2 Samuel 22:18

ULT
18 He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

UST
18 You rescued me from my strong enemies, from those who hated me. I could not defeat them because they were very strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:19

ULT
19 They came against me on the day of my distress, but Yahweh was my support.

UST
19 They attacked me when I was experiencing troubles, but Yahweh, you protected me.

Why did Yahweh save David? (vv19-21)
Yahweh saved David because he was pleased with him.

2 Samuel 22:20

ULT
20 He also brought me out to a wide open place. He saved me because he was pleased with me.

UST
20 You brought me into a place where I was safe. You rescued me because you were pleased with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:21

ULT
21 Yahweh has rewarded me according to my righteousness; he has restored me according to the cleanness of my hands.

UST
21 Yahweh, you rewarded me because I do what is right. You did good things for me because I was innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:22

ULT
22 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh and have not acted wickedly by turning from my God.

UST
22 Yahweh, I have obeyed your laws. I have not stopped worshiping you, my God.

How did David keep the ways of Yahweh? (vv22-23)
David kept the ways of Yahweh by keeping Yahweh's statutes instead of acting wickedly and turning from God.

2 Samuel 22:23

ULT
23 For all his righteous decrees have been before me; as for his statutes, I have not turned away from them.

UST
23 All of your decrees were in my mind, and I did not stop obeying all your decrees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:24

ULT
24 I have also been innocent before him, and I have kept myself from sin.

UST
24 You know that I have not done anything that is evil. I have kept myself from doing things for which you would punish me.

What happened because David kept himself from sin? (vv24-25)
Yahweh restored David to the measure of his righteousness because he kept himself from sin.

2 Samuel 22:25

ULT
25 Therefore Yahweh has restored me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.

UST
25 So you have rewarded me in return for my doing what is right, because you know that I am innocent of doing wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:26

ULT
26 To the faithful one, you show yourself to be faithful; to a man who is blameless, you show yourself to be blameless.

UST
26 Yahweh, you are faithful to those who always trust in you, and you always do what is good to those whose behavior is always good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:27

ULT
27 With the pure you show yourself pure, but you are perverse to the twisted.

UST
27 You act sincerely toward those whose inner beings are pure, but you are hostile to those who are perverse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:28

ULT
28 You save afflicted people, but your eyes are against the proud, and you bring them down.

UST
28 You rescue those who are humble, but you watch those who are proud and humiliate them.

What does Yahweh do to the proud? (vv28-29)
Yahweh brings the proud down.

2 Samuel 22:29

ULT
29 For you are my lamp, Yahweh. Yahweh lights up my darkness.

UST
29 Yahweh, you are like a lamp that causes it to become light when I am in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:30

ULT
30 For by you I can run over a troop of men; by my God I can leap over a wall.

UST
30 With your strength I can break through a line of soldiers blocking my way; I can climb over the wall that surrounds their city.

What is Yahweh to everyone who takes refuge in him? (vv30-31)
Yahweh is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.

2 Samuel 22:31

ULT
31 As for God, his way is perfect. The word of Yahweh is pure. He is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.

UST
31 My God whom I worship, everything that you do is perfect. You always do what you promise that you will do. You are like a shield to all those who request you to protect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:32

ULT
32 For who is God except Yahweh, and who is a rock except our God?

UST
32 Yahweh, you are the only one who is God. Only you are like a huge rock on top of which which we are protected.

Why did David consider Yahweh as his refuge? (vv32-33)
David considered Yahweh as his refuge because he was his rock and led blameless people on his path.

2 Samuel 22:33

ULT
33 God is my refuge, and he leads the blameless person on his path.

UST
33 God, you whom I worship are a strong refuge for me. You lead anyone who is pure in the way he should go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:34

ULT
34 He makes my feet swift like a deer and places me on the high hills.

UST
34 When I walk in the mountains, you enable me to walk safely as a deer runs, without stumbling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:35

ULT
[35] He trains my hands for war, and my arms to bend a bow of bronze.

UST
[35] You teach me how to fight in a battle in order that I can shoot arrows well from a very strong bow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:36

ULT
[36] You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your favor has made me great.

UST
[36] It is as though you have given me a shield by which you have saved me, and you have answered my prayers and caused me to become famous.

Why had the feet of David not slipped? (vv36-37)
The feet of David had not slipped because Yahweh was the shield of his salvation and had made a wide place for his feet.

2 Samuel 22:37

ULT
[37] You have made a wide place for my feet beneath me, so my feet have not slipped.

UST
[37] You have not allowed my enemies to capture me, and I have not fallen down during battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:38

ULT
[38] I pursued my enemies and destroyed them. I did not turn back until they were destroyed.

UST
[38] I pursued my enemies and defeated them. I did not stop fighting them until they were all killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:39

ULT
39 I devoured them and smashed them; they cannot rise. They have fallen under my feet.

UST
39 I struck them down. I stabbed them with my sword, and they fell down at my feet and did not stand up again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:40

ULT
40 You put strength on me like a belt for battle; you put under me those who rise up against me.

UST
40 You have given me strength for fighting battles and caused those who were attacking me to fall down; I trampled on them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:41

ULT
41 You gave me the back of my enemies' necks; I annihilated those who hated me.

UST
41 You caused my enemies to turn and run away from me. I destroyed those who hated me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:42

ULT
42 They cried for help, but no one saved them; they cried out to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.

UST
42 They looked for someone to rescue them, but no one did. They cried out to you, Yahweh, for help, but you did not answer them.

What did David do to his enemies when they cried out to Yahweh for help? (vv42-43)
After David's enemies cried out to Yahweh for help David beat them into fine pieces like dust on the ground and pulverized them like mud in the streets.

2 Samuel 22:43

ULT
43 I beat them into fine pieces like dust on the ground, I pulverized them and stamped on them like mud in the streets.

UST
43 I crushed them, and they became like tiny particles of dust. I trampled them, and they became like mud in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:44

ULT
44 You also have rescued me from the disputes of my own people. You have kept me as the head of nations. A people that I have not known serves me.

UST
44 You rescued me from those who tried to rebel against me, and you appointed me to rule many nations. People whom I did not know previously are now under my authority.

What did Yahweh do for David? (vv44-46)
Yahweh rescued David from the disputes of his own people and kept him as the head of nations.

2 Samuel 22:45

ULT
45 Sons of foreigners were forced to bow to me. As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me.

UST
45 Foreigners humbly bowed down in front of me. As soon as they heard about me, they obeyed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:46

ULT
46 The sons of foreigners faded away; they came trembling out of their strongholds.

UST
46 They became afraid, and they came to me, trembling, from the places where they were hiding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:47

ULT
47 Yahweh lives! May my rock be praised. May God be exalted, the rock of my salvation.

UST
47 Yahweh, you are alive! I praise you! You are like a huge rock on top of which I am safe! You are the one who rescues me. Everyone should exalt you.

What did Yahweh do on behalf of David? (vv47-49)
Yahweh executed vengence for David and set him free from his enemies.

2 Samuel 22:48

ULT
48 This is the God who executes vengeance for me, the one who brings down peoples under me.

UST
48 You enable me to conquer my enemies, and you cause people of other nations to be under my authority.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:49

ULT
49 He sets me free from my enemies. Indeed, you lifted me up above those who rose up against me. You rescue me from violent men.

UST
49 You delivered me from my enemies, and you caused me to be honored more than they were. You rescued me from men who always acted violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 22:50

ULT

50 Therefore I will worship you, Yahweh, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name.

UST

50 Because of all this, I praise you among many people groups, and I sing to praise you.

Why did David sing praises to the name of Yahweh? (vv50-51)

David sang praises to the name of Yahweh because he gave him great victory and showed his covenant loyalty to him.

2 Samuel 22:51

ULT

51 God gives great victory to his king, and he shows his covenant faithfulness to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever."
22:11 [1] .

UST

51 You enable me, whom you appointed to be king, to conquer my enemies. You faithfully love me, David, and you will love my descendants forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23

2 Samuel 23:1

ULT

[1] Now these are the last words of David, a declaration by David son of Jesse, a declaration by the man who was highly honored, the one anointed by the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel.

UST

[1] David son of Jesse, was a man whom God caused to become great. The God whom Jacob worshiped made him king of Israel. David wrote beautiful songs for the people of Israel. This is the last song that he wrote:

For what was David known? (vv1-2)
David was the man who was highly honored and anointed by the God of Jacob.

2 Samuel 23:2

ULT

[2] "The Spirit of Yahweh spoke by me, and his word was on my tongue.

UST

[2] "The Spirit of Yahweh tells me what to say. The message that I speak comes from him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:3

ULT

[3] The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me, 'The one who rules righteously over men, who rules in the fear of God.

UST

[3] God, the one whom we Israelite people worship, has spoken. The one who protects us people of Israel said to me, 'Kings who rule fairly over people have an awesome respect for me, God.

What did the God of Israel say to David? (vv3-4)
The God Israel said that the one who rules in the fear of God will be like the morning light when the sun rises.

2 Samuel 23:4

ULT

[4] He will be like the morning light when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, when the tender grass springs up from the earth through bright sunshine after rain.

UST

[4] They are like the sun that shines at dawn and causes the grass to sprout after the rain ends.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:5

ULT

[5] Indeed, is my family not like this before God? Has he not made an everlasting covenant with me, ordered and sure in every way? Does he not increase my salvation and fulfill my every desire?

UST

[5] And truly, that is how God will surely bless my family because he made a covenant with me that will last forever, a covenant in which he promises that no part of it will ever be changed. He will surely cause me to prosper, and he will always help me, and that is all that I desire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:6

ULT

[6] But the worthless will all be like thorns to be thrown away, because they cannot be gathered by one's hands.

UST

[6] But he will get rid of people who do not honor him, just as people throw away thorns that injure people if they try to pick them up with their hands.

Why will the worthless be like thorns to be thrown away? (vv6-7)

The worthless will be like thorns to be thrown away because they cannot be gathered by one's hands.

2 Samuel 23:7

ULT

7 The man who touches them must use an iron tool or the shaft of a spear. They must be burned up where they lie.'"

UST

7 Someone who wants to get rid of thornbushes does not grab them, but he uses an iron shovel or a spear to dig them out and then he burns them completely."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:8

ULT

8 These are the names of David's mighty men: Jeshbaal the Hachmonite was the leader of the mighty men. He wielded his spear and killed 800 men on one occasion. [1]

UST

8 These are the names of David's greatest soldiers. The first was Jeshbaal, from the Hachmon clan. He was the leader of the greatest soldiers. Once he fought against eight hundred enemies and killed them all with his spear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:9

ULT

9 After him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men. He was with David when they taunted the Philistines who had gathered together to do battle, and when the men of Israel had retreated.

UST

9 The second of the greatest warriors was Eleazar son of Dodo, who was from the clan of Ahoh. One day he was with David when they defied the soldiers of Philistia who had gathered there for the battle. The other Israelite soldiers retreated,

How did Eleazar defy the Philistines when they gathered together to do battle? (vv9-10)

Eleazar fought the Philistines until his hand became weary and he struggled to grip the sword.

2 Samuel 23:10

ULT

10 Eleazar stood and fought the Philistines until his hand became weary and his hand stiffened to the grip of his sword. Yahweh brought about a great victory that day. The army returned after Eleazar, only to strip the bodies.

UST

10 but Eleazar stood there and fought the soldiers of Philistia until his arm became very tired, with the result that his hand cramped and he could not stop gripping his sword. Yahweh won a great victory on that day. And afterwards the other Israelite soldiers returned to where Eleazar was, and stripped off the armor from the men whom he had killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:11

ULT

11 After him was Shammah son of Agee, a Hararite. The Philistines gathered together where there was an area of a field full of lentils, and the army fled from them.

UST

11 The third of the greatest warriors was Shammah son of Agee from the clan of Harar. One time the Philistine soldiers gathered at the city of Lehi, where there was a field full of lentils that they wanted to steal. The other Israelite soldiers ran away from the Philistine troops,

What did Shammah defend against the Philistines? (vv11-12)

Shammah stood in the middle of a field of lentils and defended it.

2 Samuel 23:12

ULT

12 But Shammah stood in the middle of the field and defended it. He killed the Philistines, and Yahweh brought about a great victory.

UST

12 but Shammah stood there in the field and did not let the Philistine soldiers steal the peas, and killed them. Yahweh won a great victory on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:13

ULT

13 Three of the thirty soldiers went down to David at harvest time, to the cave of Adullam. The army of the Philistines was camped in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

13 At one time, when it was almost time to harvest the crops, three of those thirty men went down to the Cave of Adullam, where David was staying. A group of men from the Philistine army had set up their tents in the Valley of Rephaim near Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:14

ULT

14 At that time David was in his stronghold, while the Philistines had established a garrison at Bethlehem.

UST

14 David and his soldiers were in the cave because it was safe there, and another group of Philistine soldiers was occupying Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:15

ULT

15 David was longing for water and said, “If only someone would give me water to drink from the well at Bethlehem, the well that is by the gate!”

UST

15 One day David very much wanted some water to drink, and said, “I wish that someone would bring me some water from the well near the gate at Bethlehem!”

What did the three mighty men do when they heard that David was longing for water from the well at Bethlehem? (vv15-16)

The three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines and brought back water from the well of Bethlehem to David.

2 Samuel 23:16

ULT

16 So these three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, the well at the gate. They took the water and brought it to David, but he refused to drink it. Instead, he poured it out to Yahweh.

UST

16 So his three greatest warriors forced through the camp of Philistine soldiers and drew some water from the well, and brought it to David. But he would not drink it. Instead, he poured it out on the ground to be an offering to Yahweh.

Why did David refuse to drink the water from the well at Bethlehem? (vv16-17)

David refused to drink the water from the well at Bethlehem because the men had risked their lives for it, so instead he poured it out as an offering to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 23:17

ULT

17 Then he said, “Yahweh, far be it from me, that I should do this. Should I drink the blood of men who have risked their lives?” So he refused to drink it. These things were done by the three mighty men.

UST

17 He said, “Yahweh, it would certainly not be right for me to drink this water! That would be like drinking the blood of these men who were willing to die for me!” So he refused to drink it. That was one of the things that those three great warriors did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:18

ULT

18 Abishai, brother of Joab and son of Zeruiah, was captain over the three. He once fought with his spear against 300 men and killed them. He was often mentioned along with the three.

UST

18 Abishai, Joab’s younger brother, was the leader of David’s greatest soldiers. One day he fought against three hundred men and killed them all with his spear. As a result, he also became famous.

For what was Abishai known? (vv18-19)

Abishai was made captain over the three soldiers and once killed three hundred men with his spear.

2 Samuel 23:19

ULT

19 Was he not even more famous than the three? He was made their captain. However, his fame did not equal the fame of the three most famous soldiers.

UST

19 He was the most famous of the greatest soldiers, and he became their leader, but even he was not one of the three greatest warriors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:20

ULT

20 Benaiah from Kabzeel was the son of Jehoiada; he was a strong man who did mighty feats. He killed the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down into a pit and killed a lion while it was snowing.

UST

20 Jehoiada's son Benaiah, from the city of Kabzeel, also did great deeds. He killed two of the best warriors from the Moab people group. Also, he went down into a pit on a day when snow was falling on the ground, and killed a lion there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:21

ULT

21 Then he killed a very large Egyptian man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but Benaiah fought against him with only a staff. He seized the spear out of the Egyptian's hand and then killed him with his own spear.

UST

21 He also killed a huge soldier from Egypt who carried a spear. Benaiah had only his club, but he attacked the giant with it. Then he snatched the spear from the man's hand and killed him with his own spear.

How did Benaiah kill a very large Egyptian man?

Benaiah, who only had a staff, fought against the very large Egyptian man who had a spear in his hand. Benaiah seized the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with it.

2 Samuel 23:22

ULT

22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada did these feats, and he was named alongside the three mighty men.

UST

22 Those are some of the things that Benaiah did. As a result, he became famous, like the three greatest warriors were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:23

ULT

23 He was more highly regarded than the thirty soldiers in general, but he was not regarded quite as highly as the three mighty men. Yet David put him in charge of his bodyguard.

UST

23 He was more honored than the other greatest soldiers, but not as famous as the three greatest. David appointed him to be the commander of his bodyguards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:24

ULT

24 The thirty included the following men: Asahel brother of Joab, Elhanan son of Dodo from Bethlehem,

UST

24 These are the names of the great warriors:

Asahel, the younger brother of Joab,

Elhanan son of Dodo, from Bethlehem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:25

ULT

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite,

UST

25 Shammah and Elika, from the clan of Harod,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:26

ULT

26 Helez the Paltite, Ira son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

UST

26 Helez, from the city of Pelet,

Ira son of Ikkesh, from the city of Tekoa,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:27

ULT

27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Sibbekai [2] the Hushathite,

UST

27 Abiezer, from the city of Anathoth,

Mebunnai whose other name was Sibbekai, from Hushah's clan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:28

ULT

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite;

UST

28 Zalmon whose other name was Ilai, from Ahoh's clan,

Maharai, from the city of Netophah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:29

ULT

29 Heleb son of Baanah, the Netophathite, Ithai son of Ribai from Gibeah of the Benjamites,

UST

29 Heleb son of Baanah, also from Netophah,

Ithai son of Ribai, from the city of Gibeah in the land that belonged to the tribe of Benjamin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:30

ULT

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the valleys of Gaash.

UST

30 Benaiah, from the city of Pirathon,

Hiddai, from the valleys near the valleys of Gaash,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:31

ULT

31 Abi-Albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

UST

31 Abi-Albon, from the clan of Arabah,

Azmaveth, from the city of Bahurim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:32

ULT

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

UST

32 Eliahba, from the city of Shaalbon—

The sons of Jashen,

Jonathan son of Shammah from the city of Harar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:33

ULT

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam son of Sharar the Hararite,

UST

33 Ahiam the son of Sharar, from Harar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:34

ULT

34 Eliphelet son of Ahasbai the Maakathite, Eliam son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

UST

34 Eliphelet son of Ahasbai, from the city of Maacah,

Eliam son of Ahithophel, from the city of Gilo,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:35

ULT

35 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

UST

35 Hezro, from the city of Carmel,

Paarai, from the city of Arba,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:36

ULT

36 Igal son of Nathan from Zobah, Bani from the tribe of Gad,

UST

36 Igal son of Nathan, from the city of Zobah,

Bani, from the tribe of Gad;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:37

ULT

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearer to Joab son of Zeruiah,

UST

37 Zelek, from the Ammon people group,

Naharai, the man who carried Joab's weapons, from the city of Beeroth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:38

ULT

38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

UST

38 Ira and Gareb, from the city of Jattir,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 23:39

ULT

39 Uriah the Hittite—37 in all.
23:8 [1] , some versions have , , , or . These all are probably forms of the same name.
23:27 [2] . See also 2 Samuel 21:18 and 1 Chronicles 11:29. The Hebrew text has, .

UST

39 Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, from the Heth people group. Altogether, there were thirty-seven famous soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24

2 Samuel 24:1

ULT

1 Again the anger of Yahweh was ignited against Israel, and he moved David against them saying, “Go, count Israel and Judah.”

UST

1 Yahweh was angry with the Israelite people again, so he incited David to cause trouble for them. He said to David, “Send some men to count the people of Israel and Judah.”

What did David ask Joab to do? (vv1-2)

David asked Joab to count the people in all the tribes of Israel to determine the total number of men fit for battle.

2 Samuel 24:2

ULT

2 The king said to Joab the commander of the army, who was with him, “Go, now, throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and count all the people, so that I may know the total number of men fit for battle.”

UST

2 So the king said to Joab, the commander of his army, “Go with your officers through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan in the far north to Beersheba in the far south, and count the people, in order that I may know how many people there are who are able to be soldiers in the army.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:3

ULT

3 Joab said to the king, “May Yahweh your God multiply the number of people a hundred times, and may the eyes of my master the king see it take place. But why does my master the king want this?”

UST

3 But Joab replied to the king, “Your Majesty, I wish that Yahweh our God will cause there to be a hundred times as many people in Israel as there are now, and I wish that you would see that happen before you die. But why do you want us to do this?”

Why was Joab reluctant to do as David asked? (vv3-4)

Joab was reluctant to obey David because he did not understand why his master the king wanted this done.

2 Samuel 24:4

ULT

[4] Nevertheless, the king's word was final against Joab and against the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders went out from the king's presence to count the people of Israel.

UST

[4] But the king commanded Joab and his officers to do it. So they left the king and went out to count the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:5

ULT

[5] They crossed over the Jordan and encamped near Aroer, south of the city in the valley. Then they traveled on through Gad to Jazer.

UST

[5] They crossed the Jordan River and set up their tents south of Aroer, in the middle of the valley, in the territory that was given to the tribe of Gad. From there they went north to Jazer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:6

ULT

[6] They came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi, then on to Dan Jaan and around toward Sidon.

UST

[6] Then they went north to Gilead and to Kadesh, in the land where the Heth people group lived. Then they went to Dan in the far north of Israel, and then further west, to Sidon near the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:7

ULT

[7] They reached the stronghold of Tyre and all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites. Then they went out to the Negev in Judah at Beersheba.

UST

[7] Then they went south to Tyre, a city with high walls around it, and to all the cities where the Hiv and Canaan people groups lived. Then they went east to Beersheba, in the southern wilderness of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:8

ULT

[8] When they had gone throughout all the land, they came back to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and 20 days.

UST

[8] After nine months and twenty days, when they had finished going throughout the land and counting the people, they returned to Jerusalem.

How long did it take for Joab to go throughout all the land and come back to Jerusalem?

It took Joab nine months and twenty days to go throughout all the land and return to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 24:9

ULT

[9] Then Joab reported the total of the count of the fighting men to the king. There were in Israel 800000 brave men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were 500000 men.

UST

[9] They reported to the king the number of people that they had counted. There were 800,000 men in Israel and 500,000 men in Judah who were able to become soldiers in the army.

How many fighting men were counted by Joab?

Joab counted eight hundred thousand brave men in Israel and five hundred thousand men in Judah.

2 Samuel 24:10

ULT

10 Then David's heart afflicted him after he had counted the men. So he said to Yahweh, "I have greatly sinned by doing this. Now, please, Yahweh, take away your servant's guilt, for I have acted very foolishly."

UST

10 But after David's men had counted the people, David regretted that he had told them to do that. One night he said to Yahweh, "I have committed a very great sin. Please forgive me, because what I have done is very foolish."

Why was David's heart afflicted after he had Joab count the men?

David's heart was afflicted because he realized he had acted very foolishly and committed a great sin.

2 Samuel 24:11

ULT

11 When David rose up in the morning, the word of Yahweh came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

UST

11 When David got up the next morning, Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Gad. He said to him,

What message did Yahweh give to David through his prophet? (vv11-12)

Yahweh told David he was to pick one of three choices.

2 Samuel 24:12

ULT

12 "Go say to David: 'This is what Yahweh says: "I am giving you three choices. Choose one of them for me to do to you."'"

UST

12 "Go and tell this to David, 'I am allowing you to choose one of three things to punish you. I will do whichever one you choose.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:13

ULT

13 So Gad went to David and said to him, “Will three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months from your enemies while they pursue you? Or will there be three days of plague in your land? Now decide what answer I should return to him who sent me this message.”

UST

13 So Gad went to David and told him what Yahweh had said. He said to David, “You can choose whether there will be three years of famine in your land, or three months of your army running away from your enemies, or three days when there will be a plague in your land. You must think about it and choose which one you want, and tell me, and I will return to Yahweh and tell him what your answer is.”

What three choices did Yahweh give to David through his prophet Gad?

Yahweh asked David if he wanted three years of famine, or fleeing three months from his enemies, or three days of plagues in the land.

2 Samuel 24:14

ULT

14 Then David said to Gad, “I am in deep trouble. Let us fall into Yahweh’s hands rather than into the hand of man, for his merciful actions are very great.”

UST

14 David said to Gad, “All those are very terrible things for me to choose between! But allow Yahweh to punish me, because he is very merciful. Do not allow humans to punish me, because they will not be merciful.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:15

ULT

15 So Yahweh sent a plague on Israel from the morning to a fixed time, and 70000 people died from Dan to Beersheba.

UST

15 So Yahweh sent a plague on the Israelite people. It started that morning and did not stop until the time that he had chosen. All over the land, from Dan to Beersheba, there were seventy thousand Israelites who died because of the plague.

Why did not more than seventy thousand people die in the plague? (vv15-16)

Only seventy thousand people died in the plague because Yahweh changed his mind and drew back his hand.

2 Samuel 24:16

ULT

16 When the angel reached out with his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Yahweh changed his mind because of the harm it would cause, and he said to the angel who was destroying people, “Enough! Now draw back your hand.” At that time the angel of Yahweh was standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

UST

16 When Yahweh’s angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy the people by this plague, Yahweh grieved about punishing any more people. He said to the angel who was killing them with the plague, “Stop what you are doing! That is enough!” When he said that, the angel was standing at the ground where Araunah, from the Jebus people group, threshed grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:17

ULT

17 Then David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel who had attacked the people, and said, “Behold, I have sinned, and I have acted perversely. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand punish me and my father’s family!”

UST

17 When David saw the angel who was causing the people to become sick and die, he said to Yahweh, “Truly, I am the one who has committed the sin. I have done a very wicked thing, but these people are as innocent as sheep. They have certainly not done anything that is wrong. So you should punish me and my family, not these people!”

What did David request of Yahweh when he realized his great sin?

David asked Yahweh to punish him and his father’s family instead of the people of Israel for the great sin.

2 Samuel 24:18

ULT

18 Then Gad came that day to David and said to him, “Go up and build an altar for Yahweh at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.”

UST

18 That day Gad came to David and said to him, “Go up to the place where Araunah threshes grain, and build an altar to worship Yahweh there.”

What did Gad the prophet tell David to do? (vv18-20)

Gad told David to go up and build an altar to Yahweh at the threshing floor of Araunah.

2 Samuel 24:19

ULT
19 So David went up as Gad instructed him to do, as Yahweh had commanded.

UST
19 So David did what Gad told him to do, which was what Yahweh had commanded, and he went up there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:20

ULT
20 Araunah looked out and saw the king and his servants approaching. So Araunah went out and bowed to the king with his face to the ground.

UST
20 When Araunah looked down and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he prostrated himself on the ground in front of the king, with his face touching the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:21

ULT
21 Then Araunah said, “Why has my master the king come to me, his servant?” David replied, “To buy your threshing floor, so I can build an altar for Yahweh, so that the plague may be removed from the people.”

UST
21 Araunah said, “Your Majesty, why have you come to me?” David replied, “I have come to buy this ground where you thresh grain, in order to build an altar to Yahweh and offer sacrifices on it, so that he will stop the plague.”

What was David’s purpose for going to Araunah?
David wanted to buy the threshing floor of Araunah so he could build an altar for Yahweh to remove the plague from his people.

2 Samuel 24:22

ULT

22 Araunah said to David, “Take it and offer it, my master the king. Do with it what is good in your sight. Look, here are oxen for the burnt offering and threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood.

UST

22 Araunah replied to David, “Your Majesty, offer to Yahweh whatever you wish. Here, take my oxen to use for the offering that will be completely burned on the altar. And here, take their yokes and the boards that I use for the threshing, and use them for the wood that you will burn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:23

ULT

23 All this, my king, I, Araunah, will give to you.” Then he said to the king, “May Yahweh your God accept you.”

UST

23 I, Araunah, am giving all this to you, my king.” Then he said, “I desire that Yahweh our God will accept your offering.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Samuel 24:24

ULT

24 The king said to Araunah, “No, I insist on buying it at a price. I will not offer as a burnt offering to Yahweh, my God, anything that costs me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

UST

24 But the king said to Araunah, “No, I will not take these things as a gift. I will pay you for it. I will not offer sacrifices that have cost me nothing, and offer them to Yahweh to be completely burned on the altar.” So he paid fifty pieces of silver to Araunah for the oxen and the ground.

Why did David insist on buying Araunah’s threshing floor at a price?

David told Araunah that he insisted on buying it at a price because he would not offer to Yahweh as a burnt offering any thing that cost him nothing.

2 Samuel 24:25

ULT

25 David built an altar for Yahweh there and offered on it burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. So Yahweh answered the prayer on behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was confined.

UST

25 Then David built an altar to Yahweh, and he offered the oxen to be completely burned on the altar, and he also offered sacrifices to restore fellowship with Yahweh. Then, Yahweh answered David's prayers, and he caused the plague in Israel to end.

How did David stop the plague in Israel?

David stopped the plague in Israel by building an altar for Yahweh and sacrificing burnt offerings and fellowship offerings on it.

1 Kings

1 Kings 1

1 Kings 1:1

ULT

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

UST

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

What problem did King David have when he became old?
Although they covered King David with clothes, he could not stay warm.

1 Kings 1:2

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:3

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:4

ULT

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

UST

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

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

The king did not have sexual relations with Abishag.

1 Kings 1:5

ULT

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

UST

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

How did Adonijah the son of Haggith exalt himself?

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

1 Kings 1:6

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:7

ULT

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

UST

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

Who were the two men who followed and helped Adonijah?

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

1 Kings 1:8

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:9

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:10

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:11

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:12

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:13

ULT

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

UST

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

What questions did Nathan tell Bathsheba to ask King David?

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

1 Kings 1:14

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:15

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:16

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:17

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

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

What promise had King David sworn to Bathsheba?
David had sworn to Bathsheba that Solomon would be king after David died.

1 Kings 1:18

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:19

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:20

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:21

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Bathsheba fear would happen when David died?
She feared that she and her son Solomon would be regarded as criminals

1 Kings 1:22

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:23

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:24

ULT

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

UST

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

What question did Nathan the prophet ask of King David?

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:25

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:26

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:27

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:28

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:29

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:30

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:31

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:32

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:33

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:34

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:35

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:36

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:37

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:38

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:39

ULT

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

UST

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

How did the people respond when Zadok anointed Solomon as king? (vv39-40)
The people said “Long live King Solomon!” and rejoiced with great joy

1 Kings 1:40

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:41

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:42

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:43

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:44

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:45

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:46

ULT

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

UST

46 So Solomon is now our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:47

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:48

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:49

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:50

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:51

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:52

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 1:53

ULT

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

UST

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

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

King Solomon told Adonijah to go to his house.

1 Kings 2

1 Kings 2:1

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:2

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:3

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

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

What did King David tell his son Solomon?
David told his son to always fear and obey God.

1 Kings 2:4

ULT

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

UST

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

What was Yahweh’s promise to David?

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

1 Kings 2:5

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:6

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:7

ULT

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

UST

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

What had the sons of Barzillai done for King David?

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

1 Kings 2:8

ULT

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

UST

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

What had Shimei done to King David?

Shimei had violently cursed King David.

1 Kings 2:9

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Kind David tell Solomon to do to Shimei?

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

1 Kings 2:10

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:11

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

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

How long did King David reign over Israel?
David reigned for forty years.

1 Kings 2:12

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:13

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:14

ULT
14 And he said, “A word is for me to you.” And she said, “Speak.”

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:15

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

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

What did Adonijah say to Bathsheba when he came to her?
Adonijah said that all Israel expected him to be King.

1 Kings 2:16

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

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

What did Adonijah request from Bathsheba?
Adonijah requested that she ask Solomon for Abishag the Shunammite to be given to him as his wife.

1 Kings 2:17

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:18

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:19

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:20

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:21

ULT

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

UST

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

Why did Bathsheba go to Solomon?

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

1 Kings 2:22

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:23

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

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

What did King Solomon say in response to Bathsheba?
Solomon said that Adonijah had spoken this request at the cost of his life.

1 Kings 2:24

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:25

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

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

Who did King Solomon send to execute Adonijah?
Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute him.

1 Kings 2:26

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:27

ULT

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

UST

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

What did King Solomon tell Abiathar the priest to do?

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

1 Kings 2:28

ULT

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

UST

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

Where did Joab go to flee from Solomon?

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

1 Kings 2:29

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

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

What did King Solomon send Benaiah son of Jehoiada to do?
Solomon sent him to kill Joab.

1 Kings 2:30

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

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

What did Joab say to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada?
Joab told him that he would not come out of the temple and would die at the altar.

1 Kings 2:31

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

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

What did King Solomon tell Benaiah to do to Joab?
Solomon told Benaiah to do as Joab asked.

1 Kings 2:32

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:33

ULT

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

UST

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

Why did King Solomon want Joab to be killed?

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

1 Kings 2:34

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:35

ULT

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

UST

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

What did King Solomon do to reward Benaiah son of Jehoiada?
Solomon put him in charge of the army.

1 Kings 2:36

ULT

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

UST

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

Where did King Solomon allow Shimei to live?
Solomon told Shimei that he could live in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 2:37

ULT

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

UST

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

What warning did King Solomon give to Shimei when he allowed him to live in Jerusalem?
Solomon told Shimei that if he left Jerusalem to go any other place, he would be killed.

1 Kings 2:38

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:39

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:40

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:41

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:42

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:43

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:44

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:45

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 2:46

ULT

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

UST

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

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

Solomon told Benaiah the son of Jehoiada to kill Shimei.

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 3:1

ULT

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

UST

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

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

Solomon allied himself to Pharaoh by marrying his daughter.

1 Kings 3:2

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:3

ULT

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

UST

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

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

Solomon sacrificed and burned incense at the shrines.

1 Kings 3:4

ULT

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

UST

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

Where was the great shrine located?

The great shrine was located in Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5

ULT

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

UST

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

How did Yahweh appear to King Solomon?

Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

1 Kings 3:6

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:7

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:8

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:9

ULT

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

UST

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

What did King Solomon ask of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 3:10

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

UST
10 Yahweh was very pleased that Solomon had requested that.

Did King Solomon's request please the Lord?
Yes, Solomon's request pleased the Lord.

1 Kings 3:11

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:12

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

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

What did God give to King Solomon?
God gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart so that there was no one else like him.

1 Kings 3:13

ULT

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

UST

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

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

Yes, God gave Solomon both riches and honor.

1 Kings 3:14

ULT

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

UST

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

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

God said he would lengthen Solomon's days.

1 Kings 3:15

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 3:16

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

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

Who came and stood before King Solomon?
Two women who were prostitutes came and stood before Solomon.

1 Kings 3:17

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:18

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:19

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:20

ULT

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

UST

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

What did the one woman say to King Solomon?
The one woman said that the other woman took her living son from her and laid the other woman's dead son at her breast while she slept.

1 Kings 3:21

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:22

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:23

ULT
23 And the king said, “This one says, ‘This is my son, the living one, and your son is the dead one,’ but this one says, ‘No, but your son is the dead one, and my son is the living one.’”

UST
23 Then the king said, “Both of you are saying, ‘My baby is the one that is alive and the one that is dead is yours.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:24

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 3:25

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

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

What command did King Solomon give to his servants?
Solomon said to bring a sword and divide the living child in two and give the parts to the two women.

1 Kings 3:26

ULT

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

UST

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

What did the first woman say to King Solomon?

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

1 Kings 3:27

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 3:28

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 4

1 Kings 4:1

ULT
[1] And King Solomon was king over all Israel.

UST
[1] Now when Solomon was king over all Israel,

Was Solomon king over all Israel?
Yes, Solomon was king over all Israel.

1 Kings 4:2

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:3

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:4

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:5

ULT

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

UST

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

Did King Solomon have officials and officers?

King Solomon had many men who were officials and officers.

1 Kings 4:6

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:7

ULT

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

UST

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

How long did each of Solomon's officers provide food for his household?
Each officer had to make provision for one month of the year.

1 Kings 4:8

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:9

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:10

ULT

[10] Ben Hesed in the Arubboth (for him was Sokoh and all the land of Hepher),

UST

[10] Ben-Hesed, for the cities of Arubboth and Sokoh and the area near the city of Hepher,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:11

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:12

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:13

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:14

ULT

14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo in Mahanaim,

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:15

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:16

ULT
16 Baana the son of Hushai in Asher and Bealoth,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:17

ULT
17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah in Issachar,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:18

ULT
18 Shimei the son of Ela in Benjamin,

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:19

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:20

ULT

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

UST

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

How numerous were Judah and Israel?

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

1 Kings 4:21

ULT

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

UST

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

How far did Solomon rule?

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

1 Kings 4:22

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

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

What was Solomon's provision for one day? (vv22-23)
Solomon's provision for one day included flour, meal, oxen, sheep, deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

1 Kings 4:23

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:24

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:25

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 4:26

ULT

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

UST

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

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

Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots.

1 Kings 4:27

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:28

ULT

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

UST

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

What was brought for Solomon's horses?
Barley and straw were brought for the chariot horses and the riding horses.

1 Kings 4:29

ULT

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

UST

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

What did God give to Solomon?
God gave Solomon great wisdom and understanding.

1 Kings 4:30

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:31

ULT

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

UST

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

How far did Solomon's fame reach?
Solomon's fame reached to all of the surrounding nations.

1 Kings 4:32

ULT

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

UST

32 He composed more than one thousand songs.

How many proverbs and songs did Solomon have?
Solomon had three thousand proverbs and one thousand and five songs.

1 Kings 4:33

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 4:34

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 5

1 Kings 5:1

ULT

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

UST

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

Who sent servants to Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon.

1 Kings 5:2

ULT

[2] And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:3

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:4

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:5

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Yahweh tell David?

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

1 Kings 5:6

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon ask Hiram to do?

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

1 Kings 5:7

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:8

ULT

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

UST

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

Did Hiram do what Solomon asked him to do?

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

1 Kings 5:9

ULT

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

UST

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

What would Hiram’s servants do with the trees?

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

What was Hiram’s desire?

Hiram desired that Solomon would give food for his household.

1 Kings 5:10

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:11

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

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

What food did Solomon give to Hiram?
Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat and twenty measures of pure oil every year.

1 Kings 5:12

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:13

ULT

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

UST

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

How many forced laborers did Solomon have out of Israel?

Solomon had thirty thousand forced laborers out of Israel.

1 Kings 5:14

ULT

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

UST

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

Who did Solomon put over all of the forced laborers?

Solomon put Adoniram over all of the forced laborers.

1 Kings 5:15

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 5:16

ULT

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

UST

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

Did Solomon have men who supervised all of the workers?

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

1 Kings 5:17

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:18

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6

1 Kings 6:1

ULT

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

UST

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

When did Solomon begin building the temple of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 6:2

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:3

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:4

ULT

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

UST

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

Did Solomon make windows for the house?

Yes, Solomon made framed windows for the house.

1 Kings 6:5

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:6

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:7

ULT

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

UST

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

Where were the stones for the house prepared?

The stones for the house were prepared at the quarry.

1 Kings 6:8

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:9

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon use to cover the house?

Solomon covered the house with beams and planks of cedar.

1 Kings 6:10

ULT

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

UST

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

How were the side rooms joined to the house?

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

1 Kings 6:11

ULT

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

UST

11 Then Yahweh said this to Solomon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:12

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:13

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:14

ULT
14 And Solomon built the house and he finished it.

UST
14 Solomon’s workers worked to finish building the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:15

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

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

What did Solomon use to build the interior walls of the house?
Solomon used boards of cedar to build the interior walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:16

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:17

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

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

What was the length of the main hall of the house?
The main hall of the house was forty cubits long.

1 Kings 6:18

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:19

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:20

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:21

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:22

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon use to overlay the inside of the temple and the altar of the most holy place?
Solomon overlaid the entire interior of the temple and the altar of the most holy place with gold.

1 Kings 6:23

ULT

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

UST

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

What was the height of the cherubim that Solomon made for the most holy place?
Solomon made the two cherubim for the most holy place ten cubits high.

1 Kings 6:24

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:25

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:26

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:27

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

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

Where did Solomon place the cherubim he had made?
Solomon placed the cherubim in the innermost room.

1 Kings 6:28

ULT
28 And he overlaid the cherubs with gold.

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:29

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:30

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:31

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:32

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:33

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:34

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:35

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:36

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:37

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 6:38

ULT

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

UST

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

How long did Solomon take to build the temple?

Solomon took seven years to build the temple.

1 Kings 7

1 Kings 7:1

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

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

How long did Solomon take to build his own palace?
Solomon took thirteen years to build his own palace.

1 Kings 7:2

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

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

What forest did Solomon use to build his palace?
Solomon built his palace from the forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 7:3

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:4

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:5

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:6

ULT

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

UST

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

How big was the colonnade at Solomon's palace?

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

1 Kings 7:7

ULT

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

UST

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

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

1 Kings 7:8

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon build for his wife, Pharaoh's daughter?
Solomon built a house like his own for Pharaoh's daughter, his wife.

1 Kings 7:9

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:10

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

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

How big were the foundation stones of the buildings?
The foundation stones used for the buildings were eight and ten cubits in length.

1 Kings 7:11

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:12

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

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

How many rows of cut stones did the great courtyard surrounding the palace have?
The great courtyard surrounding the palace had three rows of cut stones.

1 Kings 7:13

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:14

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

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

Who came to work with bronze for king Solomon?
Huram came from Tyre to work for king Solomon with bronze.

1 Kings 7:15

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

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

How many pillars of bronze did Huram make?
Huram made two pillars of bronze.

1 Kings 7:16

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:17

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:18

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:19

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:20

ULT

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

UST

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

What was included at the very top of the pillars?
There were two hundred pomegranates in rows at the top of the pillars.

1 Kings 7:21

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:22

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:23

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:24

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:25

ULT

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

UST

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

How many oxen did the sea stand on?

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

1 Kings 7:26

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:27

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:28

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:29

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:30

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:31

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:32

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:33

ULT

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

UST

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

What were the wheels underneath the panels made of?

The wheels underneath the panels were made of cast metal.

1 Kings 7:34

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:35

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:36

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:37

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:38

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:39

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:40

ULT

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

UST

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

Did Huram finish the work in the temple of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 7:41

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:42

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

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

How many pomegranates did Huram make for the decorative latticework?
Huram made four hundred pomegranates for the decorative latticework.

1 Kings 7:43

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

UST
43 the ten carts, the ten basins,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:44

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:45

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:46

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:47

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:48

ULT

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

UST

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

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

1 Kings 7:49

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:50

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 7:51

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8

1 Kings 8:1

ULT

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

UST

1 Solomon then summoned to Jerusalem all the elders of Israel, all the leaders of the tribes and the leaders of the clans. He arranged for them to join in bringing to the temple Yahweh's sacred chest from Mount Zion, where it was in the part of the city called the city of David.

Why did Solomon assemble the leaders of Israel before himself?

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

1 Kings 8:2

ULT

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

UST

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

Who assembled before King Solomon at the feast?

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

1 Kings 8:3

ULT

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

UST

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

Who took up the ark?

The priests took up the ark.

1 Kings 8:4

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:5

ULT

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

UST

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

What was sacrificed before the ark?

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

1 Kings 8:6

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:7

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:8

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:9

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:10

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:11

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

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

What filled the house of Yahweh?
The glory of Yahweh filled his house.

1 Kings 8:12

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:13

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:14

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

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

What did the king do for the assembly of Israel?
The king blessed all of the assembly of Israel while they were standing.

1 Kings 8:15

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:16

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:17

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:18

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:19

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:20

ULT

[20] And Yahweh has raised up his word that he had spoken. And I have risen up in the place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, just as Yahweh spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:21

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:22

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon do before the altar of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 8:23

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:24

ULT

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

UST

24 You have done the things that you promised my father David, who served you very well, that you would do. Truly, you promised to do these things for him, and today we see that by your power you have done them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:25

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:26

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon pray and ask of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 8:27

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:28

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:29

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon pray for Yahweh to do?

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

1 Kings 8:30

ULT

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

UST

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

Where would Yahweh listen from when Israel prayed to him?

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

1 Kings 8:31

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:32

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:33

ULT

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

UST

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

When would Israel be defeated by an enemy?

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

1 Kings 8:34

ULT

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

UST

34 In that case, listen to them from heaven, forgive your Israelite people for the sins that they have committed, and bring them back to this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:35

ULT

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

UST

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

Why would the skies be shut and no rain fall?

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

1 Kings 8:36

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:37

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:38

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:39

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:40

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:41

ULT

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

UST

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

Why would a foreigner come from a distant country?

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

1 Kings 8:42

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:43

ULT

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

UST

43 In that case, in your home in heaven listen to their prayer, and do for them what they request you to do. Do that in order that all the people groups in the world will know about you and revere you, as we your Israelite people do. Then they will know that this temple that I have caused to be built to honor you belongs to you and is where you should be worshiped.

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

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

1 Kings 8:44

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:45

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:46

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:47

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:48

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:49

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:50

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:51

ULT

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

UST

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

From where did Yahweh rescue his people?

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

1 Kings 8:52

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:53

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:54

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:55

ULT

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

UST

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:56

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:57

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:58

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:59

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:60

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Solomon want all peoples of the earth to know?

Solomon wanted all the peoples of the earth to know that Yahweh is God and there is no other God.

1 Kings 8:61

ULT

61 And may your heart be completely with Yahweh our God, by walking in his statutes and by keeping his commandments, as this day."

UST

61 I pray that you, his people, will always be fully committed to Yahweh, and that you will obey all his statutes and commands, like you are doing now."

What did Solomon tell Yahweh's people to do?

Solomon told them to keep their heart true to Yahweh and to walk in his statutes and commandments.

1 Kings 8:62

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62 And the king and all Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices before the face of Yahweh.

UST
62 Then the king and all the Israelite people who were there offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

Who offered sacrifices to Yahweh?
The king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:63

ULT
63 And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings which he sacrificed to Yahweh: 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep. And the king and all the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh.

UST
63 They sacrificed twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep to restore fellowship with Yahweh. Then the king and all the people dedicated the temple.

How many oxen and sheep did Solomon sacrifice?
Solomon sacrificed 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:64

ULT
64 On that day the king set apart the middle of the courtyard that was before the face of the house of Yahweh, for he made there the burnt up offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings because the altar of bronze that was before the face of Yahweh was too small to contain the burnt up offering and the grain offering and the fat pieces of the peace offerings.

UST
64 On that day, the king also dedicated the middle part of the courtyard that was in front of the temple. Then he offered there sacrifices that would be completely burned on the altar, the offerings of flour and the fat of the animals that were sacrificed to restore fellowship with Yahweh. They sacrificed them there because the bronze altar was not big enough for all those sacrifices to be burned on it that day.

Why did the king consecrate the courtyard that was in front of the temple of Yahweh?
The king consecrated the courtyard because the bronze altar before Yahweh was too small for all of the offerings.

1 Kings 8:65

ULT

65 And Solomon performed the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo Hamath as far as the wadi of Egypt, before the face of Yahweh our God seven days and seven days, 14 days.

UST

65 Then Solomon and all the Israelite people celebrated the Festival of Shelters for seven days and then for another seven days, before the Lord, for a total of fourteen days. There was a huge crowd of people there, some of whom had come from distant places like Hamath in the far north and the border of Egypt in the far south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 8:66

ULT

66 On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart on account of all the goodness that Yahweh had done for David, his servant, and for Israel, his people.

UST

66 On the final day, Solomon sent the people to their homes. They all praised him and went home happy because of all the things that Yahweh had done to bless David and his Israelite people.

When did the king send the people away back to their homes?

On the eighth day, the king sent the people back to their homes.

1 Kings 9

1 Kings 9:1

ULT

[1] And it happened as soon as Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh and the house of the king, and every desire of Solomon that he delighted to do,

UST

[1] After Solomon's workers had finished building the temple and his palace and everything else that Solomon wanted them to build,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:2

ULT

[2] that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

UST

[2] Yahweh appeared to him in a dream a second time, like he had appeared to him at the city of Gibeon.

After Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh, what did Yahweh do?

When Solomon finished the house of Yahweh, he appeared to Solomon a second time.

1 Kings 9:3

ULT

[3] And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your plea for favor that you plead for favor before my face. I have set apart this house that you built, by setting my name there until eternity. And my eyes and my heart will be there all the days.

UST

[3] Yahweh said to him, "I heard what you prayed and what you pleaded for me to do. I have set this house apart for myself, for me to be present in it forever.

What did Yahweh say to Solomon?

Yahweh said to Solomon, "I have heard your prayer and request you made before me."

1 Kings 9:4

ULT

[4] And as for you, if you will walk before my face just as David your father walked with completeness of heart and with uprightness, by doing according to all that I have commanded you, if you keep my statutes and my judgments,

UST

[4] And as for you, if you conduct your life as I want you to, like your father David did, and if you very sincerely obey all the statutes and decrees that I have commanded you to obey,

What did Yahweh want Solomon to obey?

Yahweh wanted Solomon to obey all the commandments and decrees that he had commanded him.

1 Kings 9:5

ULT

[5] then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel for eternity, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, ‘A man for you will not be cut off from on the throne of Israel.’

UST

[5] I will do what I promised your father that I would do. I promised him that Israel would always be ruled by his descendants.

What did Yahweh promise to David, Solomon’s father?

Yahweh promised to establish the throne of David’s kingdom over Israel forever.

1 Kings 9:6

ULT

[6] If you ever turn back, you or your sons, from after me and you do not keep my commandments, my statutes that I have given before your face, and you go and serve other gods and you bow down to them,

UST

[6] But suppose that you or your descendants stop worshiping me; suppose that you disobey the commands and decrees that I have given to you; suppose that you start to worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:7

ULT

7 then I will cut off Israel from on the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have set apart for my name, I will send away from on my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all the peoples.

UST

7 Then I will remove my Israelite people from the land that I have given to them. I will also abandon this temple that I have dedicated. Then people everywhere will despise Israel and make fun of it.

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do if Solomon did not keep his commandments?

Yahweh told Solomon that he would cut off Israel from the ground that he had given them.

1 Kings 9:8

ULT

8 And this house will be elevated, every one who passes by near it will be appalled and will hiss. And they will say, ‘On what account did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?’

UST

8 Despite the fact that this temple is very beautiful, there will come a time when everyone who passes by will be astonished when they see it, and they will hiss and say, ‘Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this temple?’

What would people ask when they passed by the temple of Yahweh?

People would ask, “Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?”

1 Kings 9:9

ULT

9 And they will say, ‘Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held on to other gods and bowed down to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought on them all this evil.’”

UST

9 Other people will reply, ‘It happened because the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh their God, the one who brought their ancestors out of Egypt. They started to accept and worship other gods. And that is why Yahweh has caused them to experience all these disasters.’”

Why would Yahweh bring this disaster on them?

Yahweh would bring disaster on them because they rebelled against their God and worshiped other gods.

1 Kings 9:10

ULT

10 And it happened from the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king.

UST

10 Solomon’s workers worked for twenty years to build the temple and the palace.

What happened at the end of twenty years?

At the end of twenty years, Solomon finished building the temple of Yahweh and the king’s palace.

1 Kings 9:11

ULT

11 Hiram, the king of Tyre, had lifted Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all his delight. Then the king Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of the Galilee.

UST

11 Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had arranged for his workers to give Solomon all the cedar and pine logs and all the gold that he needed for this work. After it was all finished, King Solomon gave to Hiram twenty cities in the region of Galilee.

With what did Hiram king of Tyre furnish Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre furnished Solomon with cedar trees, pine trees, and gold.

1 Kings 9:12

ULT

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes.

UST

12 But when Hiram went from Tyre to Galilee to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, he was not pleased with them.

What did Hiram come from Tyre to see?

Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him.

1 Kings 9:13

ULT

13 And he said, “What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?” And he called them the land of Kabul until this day.

UST

13 He said to Solomon, “My friend, those cities that you gave me are worthless.” Because of that, Hiram called that region Worthless.

What did Hiram call the cities which Solomon had given him?

Hiram called the cites the land of Cabul which means worthless.

1 Kings 9:14

ULT

14 And Hiram sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.

UST

14 Hiram gave Solomon only 4,000 kilograms of gold for those cities.

How much gold did Hiram send to king Solomon?

Hiram had sent 120 talents of gold to the king.

1 Kings 9:15

ULT

15 Now this is the matter of the forced labor that the king Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.

UST

15 This is a record of the work that King Solomon forced men to do. He forced them to build the temple and his palace and the landfill on the east side of the city, and the wall around Jerusalem, and to rebuild the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

What did Solomon have built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer?

Solomon had defenses built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

1 Kings 9:16

ULT

16 Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and seized Gezer and he burned it with fire and he slew the Canaanite, the one who dwelled in the city. And he gave it as sending gifts to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.

UST

16 The reason they needed to rebuild Gezer was that the army of the king of Egypt had attacked Gezer and captured it. Then they had burned the houses in the city and killed all the people of the Canaan people group who lived there. The king of Egypt gave that city to his daughter for a gift when she married Solomon.

What did Pharaoh king of Egypt do at Gezer?

Pharaoh king of Egypt took Gezer and burned it, and also killed the Canaanites in the city.

1 Kings 9:17

ULT

17 And Solomon built Gezer and lower Beth Horon

UST

17 So Solomon's workers also rebuilt the city of Gezer, and they also rebuilt the city of Lower Beth Horon.

What did Solomon do at Gezer and Beth Horon?

Solomon rebuilt Gezer and Beth Horon.

1 Kings 9:18

ULT

18 and Baalath and Tadmor in the wilderness in the land [1]

UST

18 They also rebuilt the cities of Baalath and Tamar in the wilderness in the southern part of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:19

ULT

19 and all the cities of the storehouses that were for Solomon and the cities of the chariotry and the cities of the horsemen and the desire of Solomon, whatever he desired to build in Jerusalem and in the Lebanon and in all the land of his dominion.

UST

19 They also built the cities where they kept the supplies for Solomon, the places where his horses and chariots were kept. They also built everything else that he wanted them to build, in Jerusalem and in Lebanon, and in other places in the area over which he ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:20

ULT

20 All the people, the ones who were left over from the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, they who were not of the sons of Israel,

UST

20 There were many people groups who belonged to the Amor, the Heth, the Periz, the Hiv, and the Jebus, who were not killed when the Israelites captured their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:21

ULT

21 their sons who were left over after them in the land, them whom the sons of Israel were not able to utterly destroy, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of serving until this day.

UST

21 Their descendants still lived in Israel. It was those people whom Solomon forced to become his slaves to build all those places, and they are still slaves.

What did Solomon do with the people in the land who were not of Israel?

The people in the land who were not of Israel Solomon made into forced laborers.

1 Kings 9:22

ULT

22 But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not give a servant, for they were the men of warfare and his servants and his commanders and his third men and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.

UST

22 But Solomon did not force any Israelite people to become slaves. Some of them became soldiers, servants, officials, army officers, commanders of his chariot forces, and men who rode on his horses.

What did Solomon do with the people of Israel?

Solomon made the people of Israel become soldiers, servants, officials, officers and commanders.

1 Kings 9:23

ULT

23 These were the commanders of the stationed ones who were over the work for Solomon, 550, the ones having dominion over the people, the ones doing the work.

UST

23 There were 550 officials who supervised the slaves who worked to build all those places.

How many chief officers did Solomon have?

Solomon had 550 chief officers who were over the supervisors.

1 Kings 9:24

ULT

24 As soon as the daughter of Pharoah went up from the city of David to her house that he had built for her, then he built the Millo.

UST

24 After Solomon’s wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt, moved from the part of Jerusalem called the city of David to the palace that Solomon’s workers built for her, Solomon told his workers to fill in the land on the east side of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:25

ULT

25 And Solomon offered up three times in the year burnt up offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which was before the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.

UST

25 Three times each year Solomon brought to the temple offerings that the priests burned completely on the altar and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh. He also brought incense to be burned in the presence of Yahweh. And that is how his men finished building the temple.

What did Solomon offer three times a year?

Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar of Yahweh three times a year.

1 Kings 9:26

ULT

26 And the king Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the lip of the sea of reeds in the land of Edom.

UST

26 King Solomon’s workers also built a fleet of ships at the city of Ezion Geber, which is near the city of Elath, on the shore of the Sea of Reeds, in the land belonging to the Edom people group.

What did Solomon do at Ezion Geber?

Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber.

1 Kings 9:27

ULT

27 And Hiram sent in the fleet his servants, men of ships who knew the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

UST

27 King Hiram sent some expert sailors to go on the ships with Solomon’s workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 9:28

ULT

28 And they came to Ophir and took from there gold, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to the king Solomon.
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UST

28 They sailed to the region of Ophir and brought back to Solomon about fourteen metric tons of gold.

Why did Solomon send servants to Ophir?

Solomon sent servants to Ophir to bring back gold.

1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1

ULT

[1] Now the queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon with respect to the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions.

UST

[1] The queen who ruled the land of Sheba heard that Yahweh had caused Solomon to become famous, so she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him questions that were difficult to answer.

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba came to Solomon to test him with hard questions.

1 Kings 10:2

ULT

[2] And she came to Jerusalem with very heavy strength, camels lifting spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart.

UST

[2] She came with a large group of wealthy people, and she brought camels that were loaded with spices, precious gems, and much gold. When she met Solomon, she asked him questions about all the things in which she was interested.

What did the queen of Sheba bring to Jerusalem?

The queen of Sheba brought spices, gold, and precious gemstones to Jerusalem with her.

1 Kings 10:3

ULT

[3] And Solomon told her all her matters. There was not a matter hidden from the king that he did not tell her.

UST

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

How many of the queen's questions did Solomon answer?

Solomon answered all of the questions of the queen of Sheba.

1 Kings 10:4

ULT

[4] And the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built

UST

[4] The queen realized that Solomon was very wise. She saw his palace,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 10:5

ULT

[5] and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt up offerings that he offered up at the house of Yahweh. And there was no more breath in her.

UST

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

How did the queen of Sheba react when she saw all of Solomon's wisdom?

When the queen of Sheba saw all of Solomon's wisdom there was no more spirit in her.

1 Kings 10:6

ULT

[6] And she said to the king, "True is the word that I heard in my land concerning your words and concerning your wisdom.

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 10:7

ULT

7 And I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half was not told to me! You added wisdom and goodness to the report that I had heard.

UST

7 But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it myself. But really, what they told me is only half of what they could have told me about you. You are extremely wise and rich, more than what people told me.

What did the queen of Sheba say to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba said to Solomon, “You have exceeded the fame that I heard about you.”

1 Kings 10:8

ULT

8 Happy are your men! Happy are these servants of yours, the ones who stand continually before your face, the ones who hear your wisdom! *[1]*

UST

8 How fortunate are your wives! And how fortunate are your servants, who are waiting to serve you, who are listening to the wise things that you say!

Why did the queen of Sheba say that Solomon’s servants were blessed?

The queen of Sheba said that Solomon’s servants were blessed because they heard his wisdom.

1 Kings 10:9

ULT

9 May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you, to give you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel for eternity, he set you as king to do justice and righteousness!”

UST

9 Praise Yahweh, your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by causing you to become the king of Israel! God has always loved the Israelite people, and therefore he has appointed you to be their king, in order that you will rule them fairly and righteously.”

How did Yahweh show his love to Israel?

Yahweh showed his love for Israel by making Solomon king.

1 Kings 10:10

ULT

10 And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. There has not come again like that spice with respect to abundance that the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

UST

10 Then the queen gave to the king the things that she had brought. She gave him over 4,000 kilograms of gold and a large amount of spices and gems. Never again did King Solomon receive more spices than the queen gave him at that time.

What did the queen of Sheba give to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba gave to Solomon 120 talents of gold, spices, and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:11

ULT

11 And also the fleet of Hiram, which lifted gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very many trees of almug and precious stone.

UST

11 In the ships that belong to King Hiram, in which they had previously brought gold from Ophir, they also brought a large amount of almug wood and precious gem stones.

What did the fleet of Hiram bring from Ophir?

The fleet of Hiram brought gold from Ophir.

1 Kings 10:12

ULT

12 And the king made the trees of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king, and lyres and harps for the ones who sing. Such trees of almug had not come in and had not been seen until this day.

UST

12 King Solomon told his workers to use that wood to make pillars in the temple and in his palace, and also to make harps and lyres for the musicians. That wood was the largest amount of fine wood that had ever been brought to or seen in Israel.

What did the king make for the temple of Yahweh?

The king made almug wood pillars for the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 10:13

ULT

13 And the king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she requested apart from what he gave to her according to the hand of the king Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

UST

13 King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her those gifts in addition to the gifts that he always gave to other rulers who visited him. Then she and the people who came with her returned to her own land.

What did King Solomon give to the queen of Sheba?

King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba everything she asked for.

1 Kings 10:14

ULT

14 And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold,

UST

14 Each year there was brought to Solomon a total of twenty-two metric tons of gold.

What was the weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year?

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

1 Kings 10:15

ULT

15 apart from the men of the ones who explore and from the merchandise of the ones who go about, and all the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land.

UST

15 That was in addition to the taxes paid to him by the merchants and traders, and the annual taxes paid by the kings of Arabia and by the governors of the districts in Israel.

Who brought gold and silver to Solomon?

The kings of Arabia and governors in the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

1 Kings 10:16

ULT

16 And the king Solomon made 200 large beaten gold shields, 600 gold went up on one large shield,

UST

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

How many large shields of beaten gold did King Solomon make?
King Solomon made two hundred shields of beaten gold.

1 Kings 10:17

ULT

17 and 300 beaten gold shields, three gold minas went up on one shield. And the king gave them to the house of the forest of the Lebanon.

UST

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

Where did King Solomon put three hundred shields of beaten gold?
King Solomon put three hundred shields of beaten gold into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 10:18

ULT

18 And the king made a great ivory throne and he overlaid it with refined gold.

UST

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

What did the king make out of ivory and finest gold?
The king made a great throne of ivory and the finest gold.

1 Kings 10:19

ULT

[19] There were six steps to the throne and a round head for the throne from behind it. And hands were from this side and from that side toward the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands.

UST

[19-20] There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were twelve statues of lions. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. At each side of the throne there was an armrest and alongside each armrest there was a small statue of a lion. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

What was standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made?

Two lions were standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made.

1 Kings 10:20

ULT

[20] And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It was not made so for any kingdoms.

UST

[19-20] There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were twelve statues of lions. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. At each side of the throne there was an armrest and alongside each armrest there was a small statue of a lion. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

What stood on the side of the six steps at the throne?

Twelve lions were standing on the sides of the six steps at the throne.

1 Kings 10:21

ULT

[21] And all the vessels of the drink of the king Solomon were gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of the Lebanon were beaten gold. There was no silver, it was not thought to be anything in the days of Solomon.

UST

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

Of what were the drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon made?

The drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon were made of pure gold.

1 Kings 10:22

ULT

22 For the fleet of Tarshish was for the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One of three years the fleet of Tarshish would come lifting gold and silver, ivory pieces and apes and peacocks.

UST

22 The king had a fleet of ships that sailed with the ships that King Hiram owned. Every three years the ships returned from the places to which they had sailed bringing gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and baboons.

What did the king's ships bring every three years?

Every three years, the king's ships brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

1 Kings 10:23

ULT

23 And the king Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth with respect to riches and with respect to wisdom.

UST

23 King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 10:24

ULT

24 And all the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had given in his heart.

UST

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

Why did all the earth seek out Solomon?

All the earth sought out Solomon to hear the wisdom God put in his heart.

1 Kings 10:25

ULT
25 And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weapons and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

UST
25 All the people who came to him brought presents. They brought things made from silver or gold, or robes, or weapons, or spices, or horses, or mules. The people continued to do this every year.

What tribute did Solomon's visitors bring to him?
Those who visited brought tribute such as gold, silver, clothing, armor, and spices.

1 Kings 10:26

ULT
26 And Solomon gathered chariotry and horsemen. And there were for him 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen. And he lead them into the cities of the chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST
26 Solomon acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand men who rode on the horses. Solomon put some of them in Jerusalem and some of them in other cities where he kept his chariots.

Where did Solomon station his chariots and horsemen?
Solomon stationed his chariots and horsemen in the chariot cities and in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 10:27

ULT
27 And the king gave the silver in Jerusalem like the stones, and the cedars he gave like the sycamores that are in the lowlands with respect to abundance.

UST
27 During the years that Solomon was king, silver became as common in Jerusalem as stones, and lumber from cedar trees in the foothills of Judah were as plentiful as lumber from fig trees.

What did the king do with cedar wood?
The king made cedar wood become as abundant as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands.

1 Kings 10:28

ULT

28 And the going out of the horses that were for Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue; the ones who go about for the king would take from Kue for a price.

UST

28 Solomon’s agents bought horses and supervised the bringing of them into Israel from the areas of Egypt and Kue that were famous for breeding horses.

From where were Solomon’s horses brought?

Solomon’s horses were brought from Egypt and Cilicia.

1 Kings 10:29

ULT

29 And a chariot went up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.
10:8 [1] . Many think that was misread as , because the Hebrew words are very similar.

UST

29 In Egypt they bought chariots and horses. They paid six and one-half kilograms of silver for each chariot and one and three-fifths kilograms of silver for each horse. They brought them to Israel. Then they sold many of them to the kings of the Hittite people group and the kings of Aram.

What was the purchase price of each chariot Solomon owned?

The chariots were purchased for six hundred shekels of silver each.

1 Kings 11

1 Kings 11:1

ULT

[1] Now the king Solomon loved many foreign women, with the daughter of Pharaoh, Moabite women, Ammonite women, Edomite women, Sidonian women, Hittite women,

UST

[1] King Solomon married many foreign women. First he married the daughter of the king of Egypt. He also married women from the Heth people group and from the Moab, Ammon, and Edom people groups, and from the city of Sidon.

Whom did King Solomon love?
King Solomon loved many foreign women.

1 Kings 11:2

ULT

[2] from the nations that Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, “You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. They will surely turn your heart after their gods.” Solomon clung to them for love.

UST

[2] He married them even though Yahweh had commanded the Israelite people saying, “Do not marry people from those areas, because if you do that, they will surely persuade you to worship the gods that they worship!”

What did Yahweh command about marrying women from foreign nations?
Yahweh commanded Israel not to marry women from foreign nations.

1 Kings 11:3

ULT

[3] And there were wives for him, 700 princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned his heart.

UST

[3] Solomon married seven hundred women who were kings’ daughters. He also had three hundred wives who were his slaves. And his wives caused him to stop worshiping God.

What did Solomon’s wives do to his heart?
Solomon’s wives turned his heart away.

1 Kings 11:4

ULT

4 And it happened that by the time of the old age of Solomon his wives turned his heart after other gods. And his heart was not completely with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

UST

4 By the time that Solomon became old, they had persuaded him to worship the gods from their countries. He was not completely dedicated to Yahweh his God like his father David had been.

How was David's heart toward Yahweh?

David's heart was fully surrendered to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 11:5

ULT

5 And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the god of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.

UST

5 Solomon worshiped Asherah, the goddess that the people of Sidon worshiped, and he worshiped Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammon people group worshiped.

What did Solomon follow?

Solomon followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and Milcom of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6

ULT

6 And Solomon did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he did not remain fully after Yahweh like David his father.

UST

6 Thus Solomon did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not conduct his life as his father David had done; he did not conduct his life as Yahweh wanted him to.

What did Solomon do in the sight of Yahweh?

Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Kings 11:7

ULT

[7] Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

UST

[7] On the hill to the east of Jerusalem he built a place to worship Chemosh, the disgusting god that the Moab people group worshiped, and a place to worship Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammon people group worshiped.

What did Solomon build for Chemosh?

Solomon built a shrine for Chemosh, the idol of Moab.

1 Kings 11:8

ULT

[8] And thus he did for all his foreign wives, who were burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

UST

[8] He also built places where all his foreign wives could burn incense and offer sacrifices to the gods from their own countries.

What did Solomon do at the shrines of his foreign wives?

Solomon burned incense and sacrificed to their gods at the shrines.

1 Kings 11:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one who had appeared to him two times.

UST

[9-10] Even though Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon two times, and had commanded him to not worship foreign gods, Solomon refused to obey Yahweh. So Yahweh was angry with Solomon.

How many times did Yahweh appear to Solomon?

Yahweh appeared twice to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:10

ULT

[10] And had commanded to him concerning this thing, to not go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded.

UST

[9-10] Even though Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon two times, and had commanded him to not worship foreign gods, Solomon refused to obey Yahweh. So Yahweh was angry with Solomon.

What did Yahweh command Solomon?

Yahweh commanded Solomon to not go after foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:11

ULT

[11] And Yahweh said to Solomon, “Because this is against you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded concerning you. Surely I will tear away the kingdom from with you and I will give it to your servant.

UST

[11] Yahweh said to him, “You have chosen to disobey the covenant that I made with you and to disobey what I commanded you. So I am certainly not going to allow you to rule all of your kingdom. I am going to allow one of your officials to rule.

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do because of the foreign gods?

Yahweh told Solomon he would tear the kingdom from him and give it to his servant.

1 Kings 11:12

ULT

[12] However, in your days I will not do it for the sake of David, your father. From the hand of your son I will surely tear it away.

UST

[12] But because of what I promised your father David, I will allow you to rule all your kingdom while you are still living. After you die, I will not allow your son to rule the whole kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:13

ULT

13 Only I will not tear away all the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant, and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."

UST

13 But I will not stop him from ruling some of the kingdom. I will allow him to rule one tribe, because of what I promised to David, who served me well, and because I want David's descendants to rule in Jerusalem, where my temple is located."

How many tribes did Yahweh promise to give to Solomon's son?

Yahweh promised to give one tribe to Solomon's son.

1 Kings 11:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was from the seed of the king in Edom.

UST

14 Yahweh caused Hadad, from the family of the kings in the Edom people group, to rebel against Solomon.

Whom did Yahweh raise up as an adversary to Solomon?

Yahweh raised up Hadad the Edomite as an adversary to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:15

ULT

15 And it had happened when David was with Edom, when Joab the commander of the army went up to bury the pierced ones, that he had struck down every male in Edom.

UST

15-16 What happened was that previously, when David's army had conquered Edom, his army commander Joab had gone there to help bury the Israelite soldiers who had been killed in the battle. Joab and his army remained in Edom for six months, and during that time they killed all the males of that area.

Who went up to bury the dead who had been killed in Edom?

Joab the captain of the army went up to bury the dead who were killed in Edom.

1 Kings 11:16

ULT

16 For Joab and all Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom.

UST

15-16 What happened was that previously, when David's army had conquered Edom, his army commander Joab had gone there to help bury the Israelite soldiers who had been killed in the battle. Joab and his army remained in Edom for six months, and during that time they killed all the males of that area.

How long did Joab and Israel remain in Edom?

Joab and Israel remained in Edom six months.

1 Kings 11:17

ULT

17 But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad was a little boy.

UST

17 Hadad was a young child at that time, and he had escaped to Egypt, along with some of his father's servants from Edom.

To where was Hadad taken?

Hadad was taken to Egypt.

1 Kings 11:18

ULT

18 And they rose up from Midian and entered Paran. And they took men with them from Paran and entered Egypt, to Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And he gave to him a house and he ordered bread for him and he gave land to him.

UST

18 They went to the region of Midian, and then they went to the desert area at Paran. Some other men joined them there. Then they all traveled to Egypt and went to the king of Egypt. The king gave Hadad some land and ordered his servants to give him some food regularly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:19

ULT
19 And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

UST
19 The king liked Hadad. As a result he gave him the sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes, to be Hadad's wife.

Whom did Pharaoh give as a wife to Hadad?
Pharaoh gave to Hadad the sister of Queen Tahpenes as his wife.

1 Kings 11:20

ULT
20 And the sister of Tahpenes bore for him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.

UST
20 Later Hadad's wife gave birth to a son named Genubath. The sister of Tahpenes raised him in the palace, where he lived with the king's sons.

What was the name of Hadad's son?
Hadad's son was named Genubath.

1 Kings 11:21

ULT
21 And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had laid down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, and I will go to my land."

UST
21 While Hadad was in Egypt, he heard that David had died, and that Joab, the commander of David's army, was also dead. So he said to the king of Egypt, "Please allow me to return to my own country."

What did Hadad ask of Pharaoh?
Hadad asked Pharaoh if he might depart and go to his own country.

1 Kings 11:22

ULT

22 And Pharaoh said to him, “But what are you lacking with me that, behold, you are seeking to go to your land?” And he said, “Nothing, but surely you must send me away.”

UST

22 But the king said to him, “Why do you want to go back to your country? Is there something that you lack that you want me to give to you?” Hadad replied, “No, but please just allow me to go.” So the king allowed him to leave, and he returned to his own country and became the king of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:23

ULT

23 And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from with Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master.

UST

23 God also caused another man named Rezon son of Eliada, to rebel against Solomon. Rezon had run away from his master, King Hadadezer of the area of Zobah, north of Damascus.

What was the name of another adversary that God raised up against Solomon?

God raised up another adversary to Solomon named Rezon son of Eliada.

1 Kings 11:24

ULT

24 And he gathered men for himself and he became a commander of a raiding band when David slew them. And they went to Damascus and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus.

UST

24 Rezon then became the leader of a group of outlaws. That happened after David’s army had defeated Hadadezer and had also killed all his soldiers. Rezon and his men went to Damascus and started to live there, and the people there appointed him to be their king.

To where did Rezon’s men travel?

Rezon’s men went to Damascus and lived there.

1 Kings 11:25

ULT

[25] And he was an adversary against Israel all the days of Solomon, and the evil that Hadad did. And he felt disgust against Israel and he reigned over Aram.

UST

[25] All during the time that Solomon was alive, while Rezon was ruling not only Damascus but all of Aram, he was an enemy of Israel and caused trouble for Israel like Hadad did.

How long was Rezon an enemy of Israel?

Rezon was an enemy of Israel all of the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 11:26

ULT

[26] And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from the Zeredah, and the name of his mother was Zeruah, a widow woman, was a servant of Solomon. And he raised a hand against the king.

UST

[26] Another man who rebelled against Solomon was one of his officials named Jeroboam son of Nebat. He was from the city of Zeredah in the region where the tribe of Ephraim lives. His mother was a widow named Zeruah.

Who lifted up his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat lifted up his hand against the king.

1 Kings 11:27

ULT

[27] Now this is the matter that he raised a hand against the king: Solomon had built the Millo, he had closed up the breach of the city of David his father.

UST

[27] This is what happened. Solomon’s workers were filling in the land on the east side of Jerusalem and repairing the walls around the city.

Why did Jeroboam lift up his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat lifted up his hand against the king because he built the Millo and repaired the wall of the city of David.

1 Kings 11:28

ULT

28 And the man Jeroboam was mighty of strength. And Solomon saw the young man, that he was one who does work, and he appointed him for all the forced labor of the house of Joseph.

UST

28 Jeroboam was a very capable young man. So, when Solomon saw that he worked very hard, he appointed him to supervise all the men who were forced to work in the areas where the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim live.

What did Solomon give Jeroboam command over?

Solomon gave Jeroboam command over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

1 Kings 11:29

ULT

29 And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. Now he was covering himself with a new cloak and the two of them were by themselves in the field.

UST

29 One day when Jeroboam was walking alone along the road outside of Jerusalem, the prophet Ahijah from the city of Shiloh met him. Ahijah was wearing a new robe,

Who found Jeroboam on the road as he went out of Jerusalem?

The prophet Ahijah found Jeroboam on the road as he went out of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:30

ULT

30 And Ahijah seized the new cloak that was over him and he tore it into 12 pieces.

UST

30 which he took off and tore into twelve pieces.

What did Ahijah do to Jeroboam's new garment?

Ahijah grabbed Jeroboam's new garment and tore it into twelve pieces.

1 Kings 11:31

ULT

31 And he said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am about to tear away the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and I will give the ten tribes to you.

UST

31 He said to Jeroboam, “Take ten of these pieces for yourself, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you, ‘I am going to tear the kingdom from Solomon, and I am going to enable you to become the ruler of ten of the tribes of Israel.

What did Yahweh say about Solomon’s kingdom?

Yahweh said that He would tear the kingdom out of Solomon’s hand.

1 Kings 11:32

ULT

32 And one tribe will be for him, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem (the city, it which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),

UST

32 Solomon’s descendants will still rule one tribe, because of what I promised David, a man who served me very well, and because of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen from all the cities in Israel to be the city where my people will worship me.

How many tribes would Solomon keep?

Solomon would keep one tribe for the sake of David.

1 Kings 11:33

ULT

33 because they have forsaken me and they have bowed down to Ashtoreth, the god of the Sidonians, to Chemosh, the god of Moab, and to Milcom, the god of the sons of Ammon. And they do not walk in my ways, to do the upright thing in my eyes, or my statutes or my judgments, like David his father.

UST

33 I am going to do this because Solomon has rejected me and has been worshiping Asherah, the goddess that the people of Sidon worship, Chemosh, the god that the Moab people group worships, and Molech, the god that the Ammon people group worships. He has not conducted his life as I wanted him to. He has not obeyed my statutes and decrees, as his father David did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:34

ULT
34 But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant, he whom I have chosen, who kept my commandments and my statutes.

UST
34 But I will not take the entire kingdom away from him. I will enable him to rule Judah all during the years that he is alive. I will do that because of what I promised to do for David, whom I chose to be the king, and who served me well, and who always obeyed my commandments and laws.

How long did Yahweh make Solomon to be ruler?
Yahweh made Solomon ruler all the days of his life.

1 Kings 11:35

ULT
35 But I will take the kingship from the hand of his son and I will give it to you, ten of the tribes.

UST
35 But I will take the other ten tribes of his kingdom and give them to you to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:36

ULT
36 But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all the days before my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself, to set my name there.

UST
36 I will allow Solomon’s son to rule one tribe, in order that descendants of David will always rule in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen to be the place where my people worship me.

In which city did Yahweh choose to put his name?
Yahweh chose to put his name in the city of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:37

ULT

37 And I will take you, and you shall reign over all that your soul desires. And you shall be king over Israel.

UST

37 I will enable you to become the king of Israel, and you will rule over all the territory that you want to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:38

ULT

38 And it shall be that if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do the upright thing in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

UST

38 If you obey all that I command you to do, and conduct your life as I want you to, and if you do what I say is right by obeying my laws and commandments like David did, I will help you. I will make sure that your descendants will rule after you die, like I promised to do for David.

What did Yahweh promise to do for Jeroboam if he walked in his ways?

Yahweh promised to give Jeroboam a sure house and also give Israel to him if he walked in his ways.

1 Kings 11:39

ULT

39 And I will afflict the seed of David on account of this, only not all the days.'"

UST

39 Because of Solomon's sins, I will punish David's descendants, but I will not continue to punish them forever.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:40

ULT

40 And Solomon sought to put Jeroboam to death. And Jeroboam rose up and he fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

UST

40 Solomon found out what Ahijah told Jeroboam, so he tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam escaped and went to Egypt. He went to Shishak, the king of Egypt, and stayed with him until after Solomon died.

What did Solomon try to do to Jeroboam?

Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:41

ULT

41 And the remainder of the words of Solomon and all that he did and his wisdom are they not written on the book of the words of Solomon?

UST

41 A record of all the other things that Solomon did, and all the wise things that he said, was written in the book of the events of Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 11:42

ULT

42 And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel were 40 years.

UST

42 He was king in Jerusalem and ruled over all of Israel for forty years.

How long did Solomon reign in Jerusalem?

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem for forty years.

1 Kings 11:43

ULT

43 And Solomon lay down with his fathers and he was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

UST

43 Then Solomon died and was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Rehoboam became the king.

Who became king in Solomon's place?

Rehoboam became king in Solomon's place.

1 Kings 12

1 Kings 12:1

ULT
1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to cause him to reign.

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

Why did Rehoboam go to Shechem?
Rehoboam went to Shechem because all Israel was coming there to make him king.

1 Kings 12:2

ULT
2 And it happened as soon as Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard (now he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from the face of the king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt), *[1]*

UST
2 When Jeroboam, who was still in Egypt, heard about that, he returned from Egypt to Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:3

ULT
3 that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

UST
3 The leaders of the northern tribes summoned him, and they went together to talk to Rehoboam. They said to him,

Who came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam?
Jeroboam the son of Nebat came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam.

1 Kings 12:4

ULT

4 “Your father caused our yoke to be heavy. But you now, cause it to be lighter than the hard work of your father and than his heavy yoke that he gave on us, and we will serve you.”

UST

4 “Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, and if you allow us to work less, we will serve you faithfully.”

What did Israel ask of Rehoboam?

All Israel asked that Rehoboam would lighten the heavy yoke his father had put on them.

1 Kings 12:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, “Go until three days, and return to me.” And the people went.

UST

5 He replied, “Go away, and come back three days from now and I will give you my answer.” So those leaders and Jeroboam left.

For how many days did Rehoboam send the people away?

Rehoboam sent the people away for three days.

1 Kings 12:6

ULT

6 And the king Rehoboam consulted with the elders, who had been standing ones with the face of Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, “How are you advising to return this people a word?”

UST

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

With whom did Rehoboam consult?

Rehoboam consulted with the older men who stood before Solomon his father.

1 Kings 12:7

ULT

[7] And they spoke to him, saying, “If today you will be a servant to this people and you will serve them, and you will answer them and will speak good words to them, then they will be servants for you all the days.”

UST

[7] They replied, “If you want to serve these people well, speak kindly to them when you reply to them. If you do that, they will always serve you faithfully.”

What did the older men say to Rehoboam?

The older men said that Rehoboam should say good words to the people of Israel.

1 Kings 12:8

ULT

[8] But he forsook the advice of the elders that they had advised him. And he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who were the ones standing before his face.

UST

[8] But he ignored what the older men advised him to do. Instead, he consulted the younger men who had grown up with him, who were now his advisors.

What did Rehoboam do with the advice the older men gave him?

Rehoboam ignored the advice of the older men.

1 Kings 12:9

ULT

[9] And he said to them, “What word are you advising that we should return this people who spoke to me saying, ‘Cause it to be lighter than the yoke that your father gave on us’?”

UST

[9] He said to them, “What do you say that I should answer the men who are asking me to reduce the work that my father required from them?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:10

ULT

10 And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you saying, ‘Your father caused our yoke to be heavy but you must cause it to be lighter than what is on us.’ Thus you shall speak to them, ‘My little one is thicker than the loins of my father.

UST

10 They replied, “This is what you should tell them: ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.

What did the younger men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?

The younger men told Rehoboam to say, “My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.”

1 Kings 12:11

ULT

11 And now, my father loaded on you a heavy yoke, but as for me, I will add onto your yoke. My father punished you with the whips, but as for me, I will punish you with the scorpions.’”

UST

11 What I mean is that my father required you to work hard. But I will make those loads heavier. It was as though my father whipped you, but I will whip you with scorpions.’”

What did Rehoboam say he would use to punish the people?

Rehoboam said he would use scorpions to punish the people.

1 Kings 12:12

ULT

12 And Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying, “Return to me on the third day.”

UST

12 So three days later, Jeroboam and all the leaders came to Rehoboam again, which is what he had told them to do.

What had the king instructed the people to do?

The king had instructed the people to come back on the third day.

1 Kings 12:13

ULT

13 And the king answered the people harshly. And he forsook the advice of the elders who had advised him.

UST

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

How did the king answer the people?

The king answered the people roughly.

1 Kings 12:14

ULT

14 And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, “My father caused your yoke to be heavy, but as for me, I will add onto your yoke. My father punished you with the whips, but as for me, I will punish you with the scorpions.”

UST

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

What did the king say he would do with the yoke on the people?

The king said he would add to the yoke on the people.

1 Kings 12:15

ULT

15 And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was from with Yahweh,so that he raised up his word, which Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

UST

15 So the king did not pay any attention to the Israelite leaders. Now all this happened in order that what Yahweh wanted would occur, what he had told the prophet Ahijah about Jeroboam becoming king of the ten tribes.

Who brought about these events?

These events were brought about by Yahweh.

1 Kings 12:16

ULT

16 And all Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, and the people returned the king a word, saying, “What portion is for us with David? And there is not an inheritance with the son of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David.” And Israel went to its tents.

UST

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

What did all Israel say when they saw that the king did not listen to them?

All Israel said, “We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; flee to your tents.”

1 Kings 12:17

ULT

17 But as for the sons of Israel, the ones who dwelled in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

UST

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

Over what people did Rehoboam become king?

Rehoboam became king over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

1 Kings 12:18

ULT

18 And the king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor, and all Israel stoned him with stone and he died. And the king Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up in the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

UST

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

What did Israel do to Adoram?

All Israel stoned Adoram to death with stones.

1 Kings 12:19

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:20

ULT
20 And it happened as soon as all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation and they caused him to reign over all Israel. One was not after the house of David, except the tribe of Judah by itself.

UST
20 When the Israelite people heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt, they invited him to come to a meeting, and there they appointed him to be the king of Israel. Only the people of the tribe of Judah continued to be loyal to the kings descended from King David.

Who followed the family of David?
Only the tribe of Judah followed the family of David.

1 Kings 12:21

ULT
21 And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem and he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 were chosen who make war, to fight against the house of Israel to return the kingship to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

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

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah in Jerusalem?
Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah to fight against the house of Israel.

1 Kings 12:22

ULT
22 And the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

UST
22 But God spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said this to him:

To whom did the word of God come?
The word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God.

1 Kings 12:23

ULT
23 “Say to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, the king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and the remainder of the people, saying,

UST
23 “Go and tell this to Solomon’s son Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and to all the people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and the people from the northern tribe who live in Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:24

ULT
24 ‘Thus says Yahweh: You shall not go up and you shall not fight against your brothers, the sons of Israel. Return, a man to his house, for from with me this thing has been.’” And they heard the word of Yahweh and they turned back to go according to the word of Yahweh.

UST
24 ‘Yahweh says that you must not go to fight against your own relatives, the people of Israel. All of you must go home. What has happened is what Yahweh wanted to happen.’” So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and they all listened what Yahweh had commanded them to do, and they went home.

What did Yahweh say?
Yahweh said, “You must not attack or fight against your brothers the people of Israel.”

1 Kings 12:25

ULT

25 And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there and he built Penuel.

UST

25 Then Jeroboam's workers built walls around the city of Shechem in the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim lived, and he ruled from there for a while. He and his workers then left there and went to the city of Peniel, and they built walls around that city.

Where did Jerohoam build Shechem?

Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim.

1 Kings 12:26

ULT

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

UST

26-27 Then Jeroboam said to himself, "If my people continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will again become loyal to Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and they will kill me."

What did Jeroboam think in his heart?

Jeroboam thought in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David."

1 Kings 12:27

ULT

27 If this people goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, and the heart of this people will return to their master, to Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will slay me and will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah."

UST

26-27 Then Jeroboam said to himself, "If my people continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will again become loyal to Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and they will kill me."

What did Jeroboam say about the people offering sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh?

Jeroboam said, "If these people offer sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh, they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:28

ULT
28 And the king consulted and made two calves of gold. And he said to them, “Going up to Jerusalem is too much for you. Behold your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

UST
28 So he consulted his advisors, and then he did what they suggested. He told his workers to make gold statues of two calves. Then he said to the people, “You have been going to Jerusalem to worship for a long time. You are making too big an effort to keep going there. You people of Israel, look! These statues are the gods that brought our ancestors up from Egypt! So you can worship these, here!”

What did King Jeroboam make?
King Jeroboam made two calves of gold.

1 Kings 12:29

ULT
29 And he set the one in Bethel and the one he gave in Dan.

UST
29 He told his workers to place one of the statues in the city of Bethel in the south and one in the city of Dan in the north.

Where did Jeroboam set up the two calves of gold?
King Jeroboam set up one calf in Bethel and one in Dan.

1 Kings 12:30

ULT
30 And this thing became a sin, and the people went before the face of the one as far as Dan.

UST
30 So what Jeroboam did caused the people to sin. Some of them went and worshiped the calf at Bethel, and others went and worshiped the other calf at Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 12:31

ULT

31 And he made the house of high places. And he made priests from the ends of the people, who were not from the sons of Levi.

UST

31 Moses had declared that only men from the tribe of Levi would be priests, but Jeroboam also told his workers to build places on the hills where they could worship idols, and then he appointed men who were not from the tribe of Levi to be priests for the idols.

What people did Jeroboam make into priests?

Jeroboam made priests of the people who were not among the sons of Levi.

1 Kings 12:32

ULT

32 And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the 15th day of the month, like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered up on the altar. Thus he did at Bethel to sacrifice to the calves that he had made. And he caused to stand at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.

UST

32 They had a celebration in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day, like the celebration of living in temporary shelters that occurred in Judah each year. On the altar that they built at Bethel, he offered sacrifices to the gold statues of calves that they had made, and he stationed the priests on the hills where idols were worshiped, where his workers built houses used for idolatry.

What did Jeroboam do at Bethel?

Jeroboam ordained a feast at Bethel.

1 Kings 12:33

ULT

33 And he offered up on the altar that he had made at Bethel, on the 15th day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised by him alone. And he made a feast for the sons of Israel and he offered up on the altar to burn incense.
12:2 [1] .

UST

33 Jeroboam went up to that altar on that day in the eighth month that he himself had chosen. There on that altar he burned incense to be a sacrifice. And he declared that the people should celebrate that festival on that same day every year.

What did Jeroboam do at the altar in Bethel?

Jeroboam went up to the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 Kings 13:1

ULT

[1] And behold, a man of God came from Judah with the word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

UST

[1] One day a prophet, obeying what Yahweh commanded him to do, went from Judah north to Bethel. He arrived there right at the time that Jeroboam was standing at the altar, ready to burn incense.

Who came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh?

A man of God came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:2

ULT

[2] And he cried out against the altar with the word of Yahweh and he said: “Altar! Altar! Thus says Yahweh, ‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah shall be his name. And he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places, the ones who are burning incense on you. And the bones of a human shall be burned on you.’”

UST

[2] Saying what Yahweh told him to say, the prophet shouted, “This is what Yahweh says about this altar, ‘I want you to know that some day a descendant of King David will be born. His name will be Josiah, and he will come here. He will slaughter at this altar the priests who are burning incense for sacrifices on the hills in this area, and he will burn the bones of dead people on this altar.’”

What did the man of God cry out against the altar at Bethel?

The man of God cried out against the altar, “On you they will burn men’s bones.”

1 Kings 13:3

ULT

[3] And he gave a sign on that day, saying, “This is the sign that Yahweh has spoken: ‘Behold, the altar shall be torn into pieces, and the ash that is on it shall be poured out.’”

UST

[3] Then the prophet also said, “This is what will prove to you that Yahweh has said this: This altar will be split apart, and the ashes that are on it will be scattered.”

What sign did the man of God give about the altar?

The man of God gave a sign saying, “The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out.”

1 Kings 13:4

ULT

[4] And it happened as soon as the king heard the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam sent forth his hand from over the altar, saying, “Seize him!” And his hand that he had sent forth against him dried up and he was not able to return it to himself.

UST

[4] When King Jeroboam heard what the prophet said about the altar at Bethel, he pointed his finger at him and said to his servants, “Seize that man!” But immediately the king’s arm became paralyzed, with the result that he could not move it.

What happened to Jeroboam’s hand when he reached out from the altar?

When Jeroboam reached out from the altar, his hand was dried up so he could not draw it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:5

ULT

[5] And the altar was torn into pieces and the ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.

UST

[5] (The altar split apart, and the ashes spilled out on the ground, which is what the prophet said that Yahweh had predicted would happen.)

What happened to the altar?

The altar was split apart and the ashes poured out as the man of God described.

1 Kings 13:6

ULT

[6] And the king answered and said to the man of God, “Appease, please, the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, so my hand may return to me.” And the man of God appeased the face of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it became like at the first.

UST

[6] Then the king said to the prophet, “Please pray that Yahweh will be merciful to me and heal my arm!” So the prophet prayed, and Yahweh completely healed the king’s arm.

What happened when the man of God prayed to Yahweh about Jeroboam’s hand?

When the man of God prayed to Yahweh, the king’s hand was restored and became as it was before.

1 Kings 13:7

ULT

[7] And the king spoke to the man of God, “Come with me to the house and sustain yourself, and I will give to you a gift.”

UST

[7] Then the king said to the prophet, “Come home with me and eat some food. And I will also give you a reward for what you have done!”

What did the king say to the man of God?

The king said to the man of God, “Come home with me and I will give you a reward.”

1 Kings 13:8

ULT

[8] And the man of God said to the king, “If you would give to me half of your house, I would not go with you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water in this place.

UST

[8] But the prophet replied, “Even if you would promise to give me half of everything that you own, I will not go with you, and I will not eat or drink anything with you here,

What did the man of God say to the king?

The man of God said to the king, “I will not go with you.”

1 Kings 13:9

ULT

9 For thus he has commanded me by the word of Yahweh, saying, ‘You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water and you shall not return by the road that you went.’”

UST

9 because Yahweh commanded me not to eat or drink anything here. He also commanded me not to return home on the road on which I came here.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:10

ULT

10 And he went by another road and he did not return by the road by which he had come to Bethel.

UST

10 So he started to return home, but he did not go on the road on which he came to Bethel. He went on a different road.

What did the man of God do after speaking with the king?

After speaking with the king, the man of God returned home by a different way than he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:11

ULT

11 Now one old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son came and he recounted to him all the news that the man of God had done that day in Bethel, the words that he had spoken to the king, and they recounted them to their father.

UST

11 At that time there was an old man living in Bethel who was also a prophet. His sons came and told him what the prophet from Judah had done there on that day, and they also told him what the prophet had said to the king.

Where did an old prophet live?

An old prophet lived in Bethel.

1 Kings 13:12

ULT

12 And their father spoke to them, “Where is this, the road he went?” And his sons had seen the road that the man of God had gone when he came from Judah.

UST

12 Their father said, “On which road did he go?” So his sons showed him the road on which the prophet from Judah had gone when he left Bethel.

Who saw the way that the man of God had gone from Bethel?

The old prophet’s sons saw the way that the man of God went to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:13

ULT

13 And he said to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” And they saddled the donkey for him and he mounted on it.

UST

13 Then he said to his sons, “Put a saddle on my donkey.” So they did that, and he got on the donkey.

Where did the old prophet find the man of God?

The old prophet found the man of God sitting under an oak tree.

1 Kings 13:14

ULT

14 And he went after the man of God and he found him sitting under the oak tree. And he said to him, “Are you the man of God, who came from Judah?” And he said, “I am.”

UST

14 He went along the road to find the prophet from Judah. He found him sitting under an oak tree. He said to him, “Are you the prophet who came from Judah?” He replied, “Yes, I am.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:15

ULT
15 And he said to him, “Go with me to the house and eat bread.”

UST
15 The old prophet said to him, “Come home with me and eat some food.”

What did the old prophet say to the man of God?
The old prophet said to the man of God, “Come home with me and eat food.”

1 Kings 13:16

ULT
16 And he said, “I am not able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not eat bread and will not drink water with you in this place.

UST
16 He replied, “No, I am not allowed to go with you into your house, or to eat or drink anything with you,

What was the man of God’s answer to the old prophet?
The man of God answered, “I may not return with you or go in with you.”

1 Kings 13:17

ULT
17 For a word was to me by the word of Yahweh, ‘You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water there. You shall not return to go by the road in which you went.’”

UST
17 because Yahweh told me, ‘Do not eat or drink anything here, and do not return home on the road on which you came.’”

What was the old prophet’s answer to the man of God?
The old prophet was lying to the man of God and answered, “An angel spoke by the word of Yahweh saying ‘Bring him back to your house.’”

1 Kings 13:18

ULT

18 And he said to him, “I also am a prophet like you, and a messenger spoke to me with the word of Yahweh, saying, ‘Bring him back with you to your house, so he may eat bread and he may drink water.’” (He lied to him.)

UST

18 Then the old prophet said to him, “I also am a prophet, like you are. Yahweh sent an angel to tell me that I should take you home with me and give you some food and drink.” But the old man was lying when he said that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:19

ULT

19 And he returned with him and he ate bread in his house and he drank water.

UST

19 But because of what the old prophet said, the prophet from Judah returned with him to his home and ate some food and drank some water with him.

Where did the man of God go after the old prophet lied to him?

The man of God went back and ate food and drank water in his house.

1 Kings 13:20

ULT

20 And it happened that they were sitting at the table. And the word of Yahweh was to the prophet who had brought him back.

UST

20 While they were sitting at the table, Yahweh spoke to the old man.

What came to the old prophet as they sat at the table?

The word of Yahweh came to the old prophet as they sat at the table.

1 Kings 13:21

ULT

21 And he cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you have been rebellious against the mouth of Yahweh and you have not kept the command that Yahweh your God had commanded you,

UST

21 Then he cried out to the prophet from Judah, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘You have disobeyed him, and you have not done what he commanded you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:22

ULT

22 and you have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk water in the place where he spoke to you, “You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water,” your corpse shall not enter into the grave of your fathers.’”

UST

22 Instead, you have come back here and had things to eat and drink in a place where he commanded you not to do that. As a result, you will be killed, and your body will not be buried in the grave where your ancestors are buried.’”

What did the word of Yahweh say to the man of God?

The word of Yahweh said, “Because you came back and ate food and drank water your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers.”

1 Kings 13:23

ULT

23 And it happened after his eating bread and after his drinking, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

UST

23 When they had finished eating, the old man put a saddle on the donkey for the prophet from Judah, and the prophet from Judah left.

What did the old prophet do after they ate?

After they ate, the old prophet saddled the man of God’s donkey for him.

1 Kings 13:24

ULT
24 And he went and a lion found him in the road and it put him to death. And his corpse was thrown in the road and the donkey was standing beside it and the lion was standing beside the corpse.

UST
24 But as he was going, a lion met him and killed him. The prophet's corpse was lying on the road; the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was also standing beside the corpse.

What happened after the man of God had gone?
After the man of God had gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him.

1 Kings 13:25

ULT
25 And behold, men were passing by and they saw the corpse thrown in the road, and the lion standing beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in which the old prophet was dwelling.

UST
25 Some men passed by and were surprised to see the corpse on the road and the lion standing next to the corpse. So they went into Bethel and reported what they had seen.

What did men do when they saw the body of the man of God lying on the road?
When men saw the man of God's body lying on the road, they came back and told it in the city of the old prophet.

1 Kings 13:26

ULT
26 And the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard and he said, "He is the man of God who was rebellious against the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and it tore him into pieces and put him to death according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to him."

UST
26 When the old man who had brought the prophet from Judah to his home heard about it, he said, "That is the prophet who disobeyed what Yahweh told him to do! That is why Yahweh allowed the lion to attack him and kill him. That is what Yahweh said would happen!"

What was the old prophet's answer to the men?
The old prophet answered, "This is the man of God who was disobedient to the word of Yahweh."

1 Kings 13:27

ULT
27 And he spoke to his sons, saying, “Saddle the donkey for me.” And they saddled it.

UST
27 Then he said to his sons, “Put a saddle on my donkey.” So they did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:28

ULT
28 And he went and found the corpse thrown in the road and the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse and had not torn the donkey into pieces.

UST
28 Then he rode on the donkey and found the prophet’s corpse on the road, and his donkey and the lion were still standing there alongside the corpse. But the lion had not eaten any of the flesh of the prophet and had not attacked the donkey.

What did the old prophet do after hearing the men?
The old prophet spoke to his sons to saddle his donkey and he went and found the body left in the road.

1 Kings 13:29

ULT
29 And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God and he rested it on the donkey and he brought it back. And he entered into the city of the old prophet to wail and to bury him.

UST
29 The old man picked up the corpse of the prophet and put it on his donkey and brought it back to Bethel, in order to mourn for him and to bury his corpse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:30

ULT

30 And he rested his corpse in his grave. And they wailed over him, “Alas, my brother!”

UST

30 He buried the prophet’s corpse in the grave where other people in his family had been buried. Then he and his sons mourned about him, saying, “We are very sorry, my brother!”

What did the old prophet do with the body of the man of God?

The old prophet took up the body of the man of God and buried him in his own grave.

1 Kings 13:31

ULT

31 And it happened after his burying him that he said to his sons, saying, “When I die, then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried. Beside his bones rest my bones.

UST

31 After they had buried him, the old man said to his sons, “When I die, bury my corpse in the grave where we buried the prophet from Judah. Lay my corpse next to his corpse.

What did the old prophet say to his sons about his own burial?

The old prophet said to his sons, “When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried.”

1 Kings 13:32

ULT

32 For the word that he cried out by the word of Yahweh against the altar that is in Bethel and against all the houses of the high places that are in the cities of Samaria will certainly happen.”

UST

32 And do not forget what he said, things that Yahweh told him to say about the altar in Bethel, and what Yahweh told him to say about the places where they worshiped idols on the hills around the towns in Samaria. Those things will surely happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:33

ULT

33 After this matter Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but he returned and made from the ends of the people priests of the high places. The desiring one, he would fill his hand, and he would become one of the priests of the high places.

UST

33 But King Jeroboam still did not stop continuing to do the evil things that he was doing. Instead, he appointed more priests from men who were not descended from Levi. He appointed as priest anyone who agreed to become one, in order that he could offer sacrifices on the hilltops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 13:34

ULT

34 And by this thing it became the sin of the house of Jeroboam, both to efface and to annihilate from on the face of the ground.

UST

34 Because he committed that sin, a few years later God got rid of most of Jeroboam's descendants and did not allow them to become kings of Israel.

What thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam and caused it to be cut off from the face of the earth?

Jeroboam did not turn away from evil and consecrated as priests whomever he would; this thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14

1 Kings 14:1

ULT

[1] At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.

UST

[1] At that time, Jeroboam's son Abijah became very sick.

What happened to Abijah the son of Jeroboam?

Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

1 Kings 14:2

ULT

[2] And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Rise now and change yourself, so they will not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam. And you will go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, he himself spoke concerning me as king over this people.

UST

[2] Jeroboam said to his wife, "Disguise yourself in order that no one will recognize that you are my wife. Then go to the city of Shiloh, where the prophet Ahijah lives. He is the one who predicted that I would become the king of Israel.

What did Jeroboam ask his wife to do?

Jeroboam asked his wife to disguise herself and go to the prophet Ahijah in Shiloh.

1 Kings 14:3

ULT

[3] And you will take in your hand ten bread loaves and cakes and a jar of honey and go to him. He himself will tell you what will happen to the boy."

UST

[3] Take with you ten loaves of bread and some small flat cakes, and a jar of honey, and give them to him. Tell him about our son, and he will tell you what will happen to him."

Why did Jeroboam ask his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah?

Jeroboam asked his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen to his sick son.

1 Kings 14:4

ULT

4 And the wife of Jeroboam did so. And she rose and went to Shiloh and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able to see because his eyes stood because of his old age.)

UST

4 So his wife went to Shiloh, to Ahijah's house. Ahijah was unable to see, because he was very old and had become blind.

What was wrong with Ahijah's eyes?

Since Ahijah was old he was blind and his eyes could not see.

1 Kings 14:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from with you regarding her son, for he is sick. Like this and like that you shall speak to her. And it will happen as soon as she comes that she will be changing herself."

UST

5 But before she got there, Yahweh told Ahijah that Jeroboam's wife was coming to inquire about their son, who was very sick. And Yahweh told Ahijah what he should tell her. When she came to him, she pretended to be another woman.

Who told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you."?

Yahweh told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you to seek advice concerning her son."

1 Kings 14:6

ULT

6 And it happened as soon as Ahijah heard the sound of her feet entering in the opening that he said, "Enter, wife of Jeroboam. Why is this, you are changing yourself? Now I have been sent to you with a harsh thing.

UST

6 But when Ahijah heard her footsteps as she entered the doorway, he said to her, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why do you pretend that you are someone else? Yahweh has given me bad news to tell you.

What did Ahijah say to the wife of Jeroboam?

When Ahijan heard her come in at the door he said to her, "Why do you pretend to be someone that you are not?"

1 Kings 14:7

ULT

[7] Go, say to Jeroboam, thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Because I raised you up from the midst of the people and I gave you as a leader over my people Israel,

UST

[7] Go and tell Jeroboam that this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you: ‘I chose you from among the common people and enabled you to become the king of my Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:8

ULT

[8] and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all his heart, to do only the upright thing in my eyes.

UST

[8] I took most of the kingdom of Israel away from David’s descendants and gave it to you. But you have not been like David, who served me very well. He obeyed all my commandments very sincerely, doing only things that I considered to be right.

What did the God of Israel say about Jeroboam?

The God of Israel said to Jeroboam, “You have not been like my servant David who kept my commandments.”

1 Kings 14:9

ULT

[9] And you have done evil by doing more than all who were before your face. And you went and made for yourself other gods and cast images to provoke me to anger and you have thrown me behind your back.

UST

[9] But you have done more evil things than all those who ruled before you. You have rejected me, and you have caused me to become very angry by making metal images of other gods so that you and others could worship them.

What did Jeroboam do to provoke Yahweh to anger?

Jeroboam cast metal images to provoke Yahweh to anger.

1 Kings 14:10

ULT

10 Therefore, behold, I am about to bring evil to the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off with respect to Jeroboam one who urinates against a wall, one who is restrained and one who is let free in Israel. And I will burn after the house of Jeroboam just as the dung burns until it is finished.

UST

10 So, I am going to cause terrible things to happen to your family. I will cause all your male descendants to die, young ones and old ones. I will completely get rid of your family just like a man completely burns dung to cook his food.

What disaster would Yahweh bring on Jeroboam?

Yahweh said that he would cut off from him every male child in Israel.

1 Kings 14:11

ULT

11 The one who dies with respect to Jeroboam in the city the dogs will eat, and the one who dies in the country the birds of the heavens will eat, for Yahweh has spoken.’

UST

11 The corpses of any members of your family who die in cities will be eaten by dogs. And the corpses of any members of your family who die out in the open fields will be eaten by vultures. This will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen.’

What would happen to anyone of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city?

Anyone of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city would be eaten by dogs.

1 Kings 14:12

ULT

12 And you, rise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, then the child will die.

UST

12 So go back home. And as soon as you enter the city, your son will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:13

ULT

13 And all Israel will wail for him and they will bury him. For this one by himself with respect to Jeroboam will enter into a grave, because in him a good thing was found for Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

UST

13 All the Israelite people will mourn for him and bury him. He is the only one of Jeroboam's family who will be buried properly, because he is the only one of Jeroboam's family with whom Yahweh is at all pleased.

What would all Israel do for the child of Jeroboam?

All Israel would mourn for and bury the child of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh will raise up for himself a king over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam this day, and what it will be even now!

UST

14 Furthermore, Yahweh will appoint for himself a king to rule over Israel who will get rid of Jeroboam's descendants. And that will start to happen today!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh will strike Israel just as the reed sways in the waters, and he will uproot Israel from on this good ground that he gave to their fathers. And he will scatter them from the other side of the river, because they made their Asherahs, which provoked Yahweh to anger.

UST

15 Yahweh will punish the people of Israel. He will shake them like the wind shakes the reeds that grow in a stream. He will expel the Israelite people from this good land that he gave to our ancestors. He will scatter them into countries east of the Euphrates River, because they have caused him to become very angry by worshiping statues of the goddess Asherah.

How far did Yahweh say that he would scatter Israel?

Yahweh said that he would scatter Israel beyond the Euphrates river.

1 Kings 14:16

ULT

16 And he will give Israel over on account of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin.”

UST

16 Yahweh will abandon the Israelite people because of the sins that Jeroboam committed, sins which induced the Israelite people to commit them.”

What did Yahweh say that Jeroboam led Israel to do?

Yahweh said that Jeroboam led Israel to sin.

1 Kings 14:17

ULT

17 And the wife of Jeroboam rose and went and came to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house and the boy died.

UST

17 Jeroboam’s wife returned home to the city of Tirzah, the new capital of Israel. And just as she entered her house, her son died.

What happened when Jeroboam’s wife came to the threshold of the house?

When Jeroboam’s wife came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

1 Kings 14:18

ULT

18 And they buried him and all Israel wailed for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

UST

18 All the Israelite people mourned for him and buried him, which is what Yahweh had told his servant, the prophet Ahijah, would happen.

What did all Israel do after the child died?

All Israel mourned for him and buried him.

1 Kings 14:19

ULT

[19] And the remainder of the matters of Jeroboam, that he fought and that he reigned, behold, they are written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

[19] Everything else that Jeroboam did, and the record of wars that his army fought, and how he ruled, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

Where were the other matters concerning Jeroboam written?

The other matters concerning Jeroboam were written in the Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

1 Kings 14:20

ULT

[20] And the days that Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he layed down with his fathers and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

UST

[20] Jeroboam ruled for twenty-two years. Then he died, and his son Nadab became king.

How many years did Jeroboam reign before he slept with his fathers?

Jeroboam reigned for twenty-two years and slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:21

ULT

[21] Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was a son of 41 years when he reigned. And he reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city there where Yahweh chose to put his name from all the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonite woman.

UST

[21] Solomon’s son Rehoboam ruled Judah. He was forty-one years old when he started to rule, and he ruled for seventeen years. He ruled in Jerusalem, which is the city that Yahweh chose out of all the tribes of Israel to be the place where he should be worshiped. Rehoboam’s mother’s name was Naamah. She was from the Ammon people group.

Who was reigning in Judah?

Rehoboam the son of Solomon was reigning in Judah.

1 Kings 14:22

ULT

22 And Judah did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made him jealous more than all that their fathers did with their sins that they sinned.

UST

22 The people of Judah did many things that Yahweh said were evil. They caused him to become angry because they committed more sins than their ancestors had committed. They worshiped many other gods instead of worshiping only Yahweh.

How did Judah provoke Yahweh to jealousy?

Judah provoked Yahweh to jealousy with the sins they committed.

1 Kings 14:23

ULT

23 And they, even they built for themselves high places and pillars and asherahs on every high hill and under every flourishing tree.

UST

23 They built places to worship those gods. On high hills and under big trees they set up pillars and poles for worshiping Asherah.

What did Judah build on every high hill and under every green tree?

Judah built shrines and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

1 Kings 14:24

ULT

24 And also a cultic prostitute was in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from before the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

24 Also, there were male prostitutes at these places of worship. The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things that had been done by the people whom Yahweh had expelled while the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What despicable things did the nations do?

The nations had male prostitutes in the land.

1 Kings 14:25

ULT
25 And it happened that in the fifth year of the king Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem.

UST
25 When Rehoboam had been ruling for almost five years, King Shishak of Egypt came with his army to attack Jerusalem.

In what year did Shishak come up against Jerusalem?
In the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak came up against Jerusalem.

1 Kings 14:26

ULT
26 And he took away the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king and the entirety he took. And he took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

UST
26 They took away all the valuable things in the temple and in the king's palace, including the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made.

What shields did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?
Shishak took the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

1 Kings 14:27

ULT
27 And the king Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place. And he assigned them to the hand of the commanders of the ones who run, the ones who keep the opening of the house of the king.

UST
27 King Rehoboam's workers made bronze shields to replace them and put them into the hands of officers who guarded the entrance to the king's palace.

What did King Rehoboam do with the shields of bronze that he made?
King Rehoboam entrusted them into the hands of the commander of the guard.

1 Kings 14:28

ULT

28 And it happened that as often as the king entered the house of Yahweh, the ones who run lifted them up and they brought them back to the chamber of the ones who run.

UST

28 Every time that the king went into the temple, those guards carried those shields, and when he left the temple they returned the shields to the storeroom.

When would the guards carry the shields of bronze?

Whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the guards would carry the shields.

1 Kings 14:29

ULT

29 And the remainder of the matters of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

29 Everything else that Rehoboam did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

Where were the other matters of King Rehoboam written?

The other matters of King Rehoboam were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

1 Kings 14:30

ULT

30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days.

UST

30 There were wars continually between the armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 14:31

ULT

31 And Rehoboam layed down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonite woman. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

UST

31 Then Rehoboam died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors were buried. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite woman. Then his son Abijah became the king.

Who became king in Rehoboam's place?

Abijah, Rehoboam's son, became king in his place.

1 Kings 15

1 Kings 15:1

ULT

[1] Now in year 18 of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.

UST

[1] After Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost eighteen years, Abijah became the king of Judah.

When did Abijah begin to reign over Judah?

Abijah began to reign over Judah in the fifteenth year of King Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:2

ULT

[2] Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

UST

[2] He ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.

How long did Abijah rule in Jerusalem?

Abijah ruled in Jerusalem for three years.

1 Kings 15:3

ULT

[3] And he walked in all the sins of his father that he had done before his face. And his heart was not completely with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

UST

[3] Abijah committed the same kind of sins that his father had committed. He was not fully dedicated to Yahweh his God, as his ancestor David had been.

Was Abijah's heart devoted to Yahweh his God?

Abijah's heart was not devoted to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 15:4

ULT

4 But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and by causing Jerusalem to stand,

UST

4 But, because of what Yahweh his God had promised to David, Yahweh gave Abijah a son to rule in Jerusalem after him, and in order to protect Jerusalem from their enemies.

Why did Yahweh raise up a son for Abijah in Jerusalem?

Yahweh raised up a son for Abijah to strengthen Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:5

ULT

5 because David had done the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he had not turned from all that he had commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

UST

5 Yahweh did that because David had always done what pleased Yahweh and because David had always obeyed Yahweh. The only time when he disobeyed Yahweh was when he caused Uriah to be killed due to his sin with Bathsheba.

In what matter did David turn away from Yahweh?

David only turned away from Yahweh in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Kings 15:6

ULT

6 And war was between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

UST

6 There were wars between the armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam all during the time that Abijah ruled.

What happened all the days of Abijah's life?

There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of Abijah's life.

1 Kings 15:7

ULT

[7] And the remainder of the matters of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? And war was between Abijah and Jeroboam.

UST

[7] Everything else that Abijah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah. There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:8

ULT

[8] Then Abijam laid down with his fathers and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place.

UST

[8] Abijah died and was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, and his son Asa became king.

When Abijah slept with his fathers who became king in his place?

When Abijah slept with his fathers Asa became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:9

ULT

[9] And in year 20 of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa reigned as the king of Judah.

UST

[9] After Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost twenty years, Asa started to rule Judah.

When did Asa begin to reign over Judah?

Asa began to reign over Judah in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:10

ULT

[10] And he reigned 41 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

UST

[10] He ruled in Jerusalem for forty-one years. His grandmother was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.

How many years did Asa reign in Jerusalem?
Asa reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:11

ULT

[11] And Asa did the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh like David his father.

UST

[11] Asa did what was pleasing to Yahweh, as his ancestor David had done.

What did Asa do in the eyes of Yahweh?
Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh as David had done.

1 Kings 15:12

ULT

[12] And he caused the cultic prostitutes to pass over from the land. And he removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

UST

[12] He got rid of the male prostitutes who were at the places where the people worshiped idols, and he also got rid of all the idols that his ancestors had made.

What did Asa do in the land?
Asa removed the male prostitutes and the idols his ancestors had made in the land.

1 Kings 15:13

ULT

[13] And also Maacah his mother he removed her from being queen-mother because she had made a horrid thing for the Asherah. And Asa cut down her horrid thing and he burned it in the wadi of Kidron.

UST

[13] He also removed his grandmother Maacah so that she no longer had influence in the government because of being the mother of a previous king. He did that because she had made a disgusting wooden statue of the goddess Asherah. Asa told his workers to cut down the statue and burned it in the Kidron Valley.

Whom did Asa remove from being queen?

Asa removed his own grandmother Maacah from being queen.

1 Kings 15:14

ULT

[14] But they did not remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was completely with Yahweh all his days.

UST

[14] He was not able to destroy all the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, but he continued to be dedicated to Yahweh all during the time that he lived.

What was the condition of Asa’s heart toward Yahweh?

Asa’s heart was completely devoted to Yahweh all his days.

1 Kings 15:15

ULT

[15] And he brought the holy things of his father and his holy things for the house of Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.

UST

[15] He told his workers to place in the temple all the items that his father had dedicated to God, and all the gold and silver things that he had dedicated to God.

What did Asa bring into the house of Yahweh?

Asa brought consecrated things into the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 15:16

ULT
16 And war was between Asa and Baasha the king of Israel, all their days.

UST
16 There were wars between the armies of Asa and Baasha, the king of Israel, all during the time that they ruled.

With whom was Asa at war?
Asa was at war with Baasha king of Israel all their days.

1 Kings 15:17

ULT
17 And Baasha the king of Israel went up against Judah and he built up the Ramah, so as not to give going out or coming in to Asa the king of Judah.

UST
17 Baasha's army invaded Judah. They captured the city of Ramah north of Jerusalem. Then they started to build a wall around it in order to prevent people from entering or leaving the area in Judah that King Asa ruled.

Why did Baasha build up Ramah?
Baasha built up Ramah so that no one would enter into or leave the land of Asa.

1 Kings 15:18

ULT
18 And Asa took all the silver and the gold that was remaining in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And the king Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the one who dwelled in Damascus, saying,

UST
18 So Asa told his workers to take all the silver and gold that was still in the storerooms in the temple and in the palace and gave it to some of his officials. He told them to take it to Damascus and give it to King Ben Hadad who ruled Aram. Ben Hadad was son of Tabrimmon and grandson of Hezion. He told the officials to say this to Ben Hadad:

What did Asa do with all the silver and gold from the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?
Asa sent the silver and gold to Benhadad who lived in Damascus.

1 Kings 15:19

ULT

19 “Let there be a covenant between me and you, between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha the king of Israel and he may go up from against me.”

UST

19 “I want there to be a peace treaty between me and you, like there was between my father and your father. For that purpose, I am giving you this silver and gold. So now please cancel the treaty that you made with Baasha, the king of Israel, in order that he will take his soldiers away from attacking mine, because he will be afraid of your army.”

What did Asa say to Benhadad?

Asa said to Benhadad, “Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father.”

1 Kings 15:20

ULT

20 And Ben Hadad listened to the king Asa and he sent the commanders of the strong ones who were for him against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah and all Kinnereth, with all the land of Naphtali.

UST

20 So the officials went and gave the message to Ben Hadad, and he did what Asa suggested. He sent his army commanders and their soldiers to attack some of the towns in Israel. They captured Ijon, Dan, Abel of Beth Maacah, the area near the Sea of Galilee, and all the land of the tribe of Naphtali.

What did Benhadad do after he listened to Asa?

After he listened to Asa, Benhadad sent his armies to attack the cities of Israel.

1 Kings 15:21

ULT

21 And it happened as soon as Baasha heard, that he ceased from building up the Ramah and he dwelled in Tirzah.

UST

21 When Baasha heard about that, he told his soldiers to stop working at Ramah. He and his soldiers returned to Tirzah and stayed there.

What did Baasha do when he heard about this?

When Baasha heard about the attacks, he stopped building up Ramah.

1 Kings 15:22

ULT

22 And the king Asa caused all Judah to hear, There was no one free from obligation. And they lifted up the stones of the Ramah and its trees that Baasha had built. And with them the king Asa built Geba of Benjamin and the Mizpah.

UST

22 Then King Asa sent a message to all the people in the towns in Judah, stating that they all were required to go to Ramah and carry away the stones and timber that Baasha's soldiers had been using to build a wall around the city. With those stones and timber they fortified the city of Mizpah north of Jerusalem, and Geba, a town in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.

What did Asa do with the materials that were used to build up Ramah?

Asa took the materials that were used to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

1 Kings 15:23

ULT

23 And the remainder of all the matters of Asa and all his might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? Only at the time of his old age did he become sick in his feet.

UST

23 Everything else that Asa did, the armies that his soldiers defeated, and the names of the cities that he caused to be fortified, are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah. But when Asa became old, he got a disease in his feet.

Where were all of Asa's matters written?

All of Asa's matters were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

1 Kings 15:24

ULT

24 And Asa laid down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

UST

24 He died and was buried where his ancestors were buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Jehoshaphat became king.

After Asa slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

After Asa slept with his fathers, his son Jehoshephat became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:25

ULT
25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in year two of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

UST
25 After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost two years, King Jeroboam's son Nadab started to rule Israel. He ruled for two years.

Who began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa?
Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa.

1 Kings 15:26

ULT
26 And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST
26 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. His behavior was sinful like his father's behavior had been, and what he did induced the people of Israel to sin.

How did Nadab walk in the sight of Yahweh?
Nadab did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the ways of his father.

1 Kings 15:27

ULT
27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar conspired against him, and Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which is for the Philistines. And Nadab and all Israel were laying siege against Gibbethon.

UST
27 A man named Baasha, from the tribe of Issachar, planned to harm him. He killed Nadab when Nadab and his army had surrounded the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia.

What did Baasha son of Ahijah do at Gibbethon?
Baasha the son of Ahijah killed Nadab at Gibbethon.

1 Kings 15:28

ULT
28 And Baasha put him to death in year three of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST
28 That was when Asa had been the king ruling Judah for almost three years. Then Baasha became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:29

ULT
29 And it happened that as soon as he reigned, he struck down all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing one of Jeroboam, until he had annihilated him according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite,

UST
29 As soon as he became king, he commanded his soldiers to kill all of Jeroboam's family. Doing what Yahweh had told the prophet Ahijah from Shiloh would happen, they killed all of Jeroboam's family. None of them were left.

What did Baasha do as soon as he became king?
As soon as Baasha became king, he killed all of the family of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:30

ULT
30 on account of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin, by his anger that he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger.

UST
30 That happened because Yahweh had become very angry with Jeroboam because of all the sins that Jeroboam had committed, and because of the sins that he had persuaded the people of Israel to commit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:31

ULT
31 And the remainder of the matters of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST
31 Everything else that Nadab did is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

How long was there war between Asa and Baasha?
There was war between Asa and Baasha all their days.

1 Kings 15:32

ULT
32 And war was between Asa and Baasha the king of Israel all their days.

UST
32 There were wars between the armies of King Asa and King Baasha all the time that they ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 15:33

ULT
33 In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah reigned over all Israel in Tirzah 24 years.

UST
33 After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years, Baasha son of Ahijah, started to rule Israel at the city of Tirzah. He ruled for twenty-four years.

How long did Baasha reign in Tirza?
Baasha reigned in Tirza for twenty-four years.

1 Kings 15:34

ULT

34 And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST

34 Baasha did many things that Yahweh said were evil, and he lived a sinful life just like Jeroboam lived. Baasha's sinful life set an example for the people of Israel that encouraged them to commit sins that were like his sins.

How did Baasha live?

Baasha did evil in the sight of Yahweh and lived in the way of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 16

1 Kings 16:1

ULT
1 And the word of Yahweh was to Jehu the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

UST
1 During the time that Baasha was king of Israel, the prophet Jehu, Hanani's son, gave Baasha this message that he had received from Yahweh:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:2

ULT
2 "Because I raised you up from the dust and I gave you as leader over my people Israel, and you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, by provoking me to anger by their sins,

UST
2 "You were very insignificant when I caused you to become the ruler of my Israelite people. But you have caused me to become very angry by doing the kinds of evil things that King Jeroboam did. You have also caused me to become angry by causing my people to sin.

Out of what did Yahweh exalt Baasha?
Yahweh exalted him out of the dust.

1 Kings 16:3

ULT
3 behold, I am about to burn after Baasha and after his house. And I shall make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

UST
3 So now I will get rid of you and your family. I will do to you just like I did to Jeroboam and his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:4

ULT

4 The one who dies of Baasha in the city the dogs shall eat. And the one who dies of him in the field the birds of the heavens shall eat.

UST

4 The bodies of those in your family who die in this city will not be buried. They will be eaten by dogs, and the bodies of those who die in the fields will be eaten by vultures.”

What would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city?
The dogs would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city.

1 Kings 16:5

ULT

5 And the remainder of the matters of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

5 The other things that Baasha did during the time that he ruled Israel, and the great things that his army did, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:6

ULT

6 And Baasha laid down with his fathers and he was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his son reigned in his place.

UST

6 When Baasha died, he was buried in Tirzah, the capital city. Then his son Elah became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:7

ULT

7 And also by the hand of Jehu the son of Hanani the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house, and against all the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, by provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he had struck him down.

UST

7 Yahweh gave that message about Baasha and his family to the prophet Jehu. Baasha had done many deeds that Yahweh said were evil, which caused Yahweh to become angry. Baasha did the same kind of deeds that King Jeroboam and his family had done previously. Yahweh was also angry with Baasha because he had killed all of Jeroboam's family.

Why did the word of Yahweh come against Baasha and his family?

The word of Yahweh came against Baasha and his family, both because of all the evil he did in the sight of Yahweh, and also because he had killed all of Jeroboam's family.

1 Kings 16:8

ULT

8 In the year of year 26 of Asa the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha reigned over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

UST

8 After Asa had been the king of Judah for almost twenty-six years, Elah became the king of Israel. Elah ruled in Tirzah for only two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:9

ULT

9 And his servant Zimri, the commander of half of the chariotry, conspired against him. And he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the house in Tirzah.

UST

9 A man named Zimri was one of Elah's army officers. He commanded the drivers of half of Elah's army's chariots. He made plans to kill Elah while Elah was in Tirzah, getting drunk at the house of a man named Arza. Arza was the man who took care of the things in the king's palace.

What was Elah doing when Zimri killed him? (vv9-10)

Elah was drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza when Zimri killed him.

1 Kings 16:10

ULT

10 And Zimri entered and he struck him down and he put him to death in year 27 of Asa the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST

10 Zimri went into Arza's house and killed Elah. Then he became the king of Israel. That was when Asa had been the king of Judah for twenty-seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:11

ULT

11 And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck down all the house of Baasha. He did not leave of him one who urinates on a wall or his kinsmen or his friend.

UST

11 As soon as Zimri became king, he killed all of Baasha's family. He killed every male in Baasha's family and all of Baasha's male friends.

When did Zimri kill all the family of Baasha?

When Zimri began to reign, as soon as he had sat on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha.

1 Kings 16:12

ULT

12 And Zimri annihilated all the house of Baasha according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet,

UST

12 So he got rid of all of Baasha's family. That was just what Yahweh told the prophet Jehu would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:13

ULT
13 concerning all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son which they had sinned, and because they caused Israel to sin, by provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vapors.

UST
13 Baasha and his son Elah had sinned and induced the Israelite people to sin. They caused Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worshiped, to become angry, because they both urged the people to worship worthless idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:14

ULT
14 And the remainder of the matters of Elah and all that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST
14 Everything else that Elah did is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:15

ULT
15 In the year of year 27 of Asa the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. And the people were camping against Gibbethon, which was for the Philistines.

UST
15 So Zimri became the king of Israel after Asa had been king of Judah for twenty-seven years. But Zimri ruled in Tirzah for only seven days. The Israelite army was beseiging Gibeah, a town that belonged to the Philistine people group.

To whom did Gibbethon belong?
Gibbethon belonged to the Philistines.

1 Kings 16:16

ULT

16 And the people, the ones who camped, heard, saying, “Zimri has conspired and also has struck down the king!” And all Israel caused Omri, the commander of the army, to reign over Israel on that day in the camp.

UST

16 The men in the Israelite army camp heard that Zimri had secretly planned to kill King Elah, and then had killed him. So on that day the soldiers chose Omri, the commander of their army, to become the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:17

ULT

17 And Omri went up from Gibbethon and all Israel with him, and they laid seige against Tirzah.

UST

17 The Israelite army was camped near Gibbethon. When they heard what Zimri had done, they left there and went to Tirzah, and surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:18

ULT

18 And it happened as soon as Zimri saw that the city had been seized, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire and he died,

UST

18 When Zimri realized that the city was about to be captured, he went into his palace and set it on fire. So the palace burned down, and he died in the fire.

Where did Zimri kill himself?

Zimri killed himself in the fortress attached to the king’s palace.

1 Kings 16:19

ULT

[19] on account of his sin that he had sinned by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, by walking in the way of Jeroboam, and by his sin that he did by causing Israel to sin.

UST

[19] He died because he had sinned by doing many things that Yahweh said were evil. Jeroboam had induced the Israelite people to sin, and Zimri sinned just like Jeroboam had sinned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:20

ULT

[20] And the remainder of the matters of Zimri and his conspiracy that he conspired, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

[20] All the other things that Zimri did, and the record of how he rebelled against King Elah, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:21

ULT

[21] Then the people of Israel was divided by the half. Half of the people were behind Tibni the son of Ginath, to cause him to reign, but the other half were behind Omri.

UST

[21] After Zimri died, the Israelite people were divided among themselves. One group wanted Tibni son of Ginath, to be their king. The other group wanted Omri to be the king.

By what two leaders were the people of Israel divided into two parts?

The people of Israel divided into two parts by Tibni the son of Ginath and by Omri.

1 Kings 16:22

ULT
22 And the people who were behind Omri became strong against the people who were behind Tibni the son of Ginath. And Tibni died and Omri reigned.

UST
22 Those who supported Omri were stronger than those who supported Tibni. So Tibni was killed, and Omri became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:23

ULT
23 In the year of year 31 of Asa the king of Judah, Omri reigned over Israel 12 years. In Tirzah he reigned six years.

UST
23 Omri became king when Asa had been king of Judah for almost thirty-one years. Omri ruled Israel for twelve years. For the first six years he ruled in Tirzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:24

ULT
24 And he bought the hill Samaria from with Shemer for two kikkars silver. And he built the hill and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, in accordance with the name of Shemer, the master of the hill.

UST
24 Then he bought a hill from a man named Shemer and paid him about sixty-six kilograms of silver for it. Then Omri ordered his men to build a city on that hill, and he called it Samaria, to honor Shemer, the man who owned it previously.

Why did Omri call the name of the city Samaria?
Omri called the name of the city Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the past owner of the hill.

1 Kings 16:25

ULT

25 And Omri did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh and he did more evil than all who were before him.

UST

25 But Omri did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings who ruled Israel before he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:26

ULT

26 And he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins that he caused Israel to sin by provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger with their vapors.

UST

26 When Jeroboam was previously the king, he had induced the Israelite people to sin, and Omri committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam did. The Israelite people caused Yahweh, the God the Israelite people had worshiped, to become very angry, because they worshiped worthless idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:27

ULT

27 And the remainder of the matters of Omri, what he did and his might that he did, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

27 Everything that Omri did, and the record of the victories that his army won, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:28

ULT
28 And Omri laid down with his fathers and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.

UST
28 After Omri died, he was buried in Samaria, and his son Ahab became king.

Who became king in Omri's place?
Ahab his son became king in his place.

1 Kings 16:29

ULT
29 And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in the year of year 38 of Asa the king of Judah. And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria 22 years.

UST
29 Ahab became king of Israel when Asa had ruled Judah for almost thirty-eight years. Ahab ruled in the city of Samaria for twenty-two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:30

ULT
30 And Ahab the son of Omri did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, more than all who were before his face.

UST
30 Ahab did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings who ruled Israel before he did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:31

ULT

31 And it happened (was his walking in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat trivial?) that he took a wife, Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal the king of the Sidonians. And he went and served the Baal and he bowed down to him.

UST

31 He committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam did, but he did things that were worse than the things that Jeroboam did. He married a woman named Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the city of Sidon. Then Ahab started to worship Baal, the god that the Canaan people group worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:32

ULT

32 And he raised up an altar for the Baal at the house of the Baal that he had built in Samaria.

UST

32 He built a temple in Samaria in order that the Israelite people could worship Baal there, and he put an altar there for making sacrifices to Baal.

Who had built the house of Baal in Samaria?

Ahab had built the house of Baal in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:33

ULT

33 And Ahab made the Asherah and Ahab continued to act, to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger more than all the kings of Israel who were before his face.

UST

33 He also made an idol that represented Asherah, Baal's wife. He did many more things that caused Yahweh to become angry. He did more evil things than any of the previous kings of Israel had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 16:34

ULT

34 In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. For Abiram his firstborn he founded it, and for Segub his younger one he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

UST

34 During the years that Ahab ruled, Hiel, a man from the city of Bethel, rebuilt the city of Jericho. But when he started to rebuild the city, his oldest son Abiram died. And when the city was finished, while Hiel was building the city gates, his youngest son Segub died. They died just as Yahweh had told Joshua would happen to the sons of anyone who would rebuild Jericho.

What caused the loss of Hiel's son Abiram?

Hiel rebuilt Jericho, causing the loss of Abiram.

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17:1

ULT

[1] And Elijah the Tishbite from the Tishbites of Gilead said to Ahab, “As Yahweh, the God of Israel is alive, before whose face I stand, there will not be dew or rain these years unless by the mouth of my word.”

UST

[1] Elijah was a prophet who lived in the city of Tishbe in the region of Gilead. One day he went to King Ahab and said to him, “Yahweh is the God whom we Israelites worship and the God whom I worship and serve. Just as certainly as Yahweh lives, there will be no dew or rain for the next few years, unless I command it to fall.”

What ominous message did Elijah give to Ahab?
Elijah told Ahab that as Yahweh lives, there would not be dew or rain unless he said so.

1 Kings 17:2

ULT

[2] And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST

[2] Then Yahweh said to Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:3

ULT

[3] “Go from this place and turn for yourself eastward. And you will be hidden at the wadi of Kerith, which is on the face of the Jordan.

UST

[3] “Because you have made the king angry with you, escape from the king and, go to the east, to the Kerith Brook, east of where it flows into the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:4

ULT

[4] And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there.”

UST

[4] You will be able to drink water from the brook, and you will be able to eat what the crows bring to you, because I have commanded them to bring food to you.”

Who did Yahweh command to feed Elijah while Elijah was at the brook Cherith?
Yahweh commanded the ravens to feed Elijah at the brook Cherith.

1 Kings 17:5

ULT

[5] And he went and did according to the word of Yahweh. And he went and dwelled at the wadi of Kerith, which is on the face of the Jordan.

UST

[5] So Elijah did what Yahweh commanded him to do. He went and camped alongside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:6

ULT

[6] And the ravens were bringing bread and meat to him in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening. And he drank from the wadi.

UST

[6] Crows brought bread and meat to him every morning and every evening, and he drank water from the brook.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:7

ULT
[7] And it happened from the end of some days that the wadi dried up because rain was not in the land.

UST
[7] But after a while, the water in the brook dried up, because rain did not fall anywhere in the land.

What happened when there was no rain in the land?
The brook dried up when there was no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:8

ULT
[8] And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST
[8] Then Yahweh said to Elijah,

Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up? (vv8-10)
Yahweh sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:9

ULT
[9] “Rise, go to Zarephath, which is for Sidon, and you shall dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a woman, a widow, there to sustain you.”

UST
[9] “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. There is a widow there who will give you food to eat. I have already told her what to do about that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:10

ULT

10 And he rose and went to Zarephath. And he entered into the opening of the city. And behold, there was a woman, a widow, gathering wood pieces. And he called to her and he said, “Please take to me a little water in the vessel and I will drink.”

UST

10 So Elijah did what God said. He went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow who was gathering sticks. He said to her, “Would you please bring me a cup of water?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:11

ULT

11 As she went to take, and he called to her, and said, “Please take to me a bit of bread in your hand.”

UST

11 While she was going to get it, he called out to her, “Bring me a piece of bread, too!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:12

ULT

12 And she said, “As Yahweh your God is alive, there is not for me a bread cake, but only a fullness of a palm of flour in the jar and a little bit of oil in the jug. And behold, I am gathering two wood pieces and I will enter and I make it for me and for my son. And we will eat it and will die.”

UST

12 But she replied, “Your God knows that what I am telling you is true. I do not have even one piece of bread in my house. I have only a handful of flour in a jar, and a little olive oil in a jug. I was gathering a few sticks to use these to make a fire and cook one more meal, and then after my son and I eat that, we will die from hunger.”

Why was the widow gathering two sticks?

The widow was gathering two sticks so she could go in and cook for herself and her son, that they could eat, and die.

1 Kings 17:13

ULT
13 And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear. Come, do according to your word, only make for me from there a little bread cake at the first and bring it out to me. And make for you and for your son at the later time.

UST
13 But Elijah said to her, “Do not be worried! Go home and do what you said that you were going to do. But first, bake me a little loaf of bread and bring it to me. After you do that, take what is left and prepare some food for you and your son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:14

ULT
14 For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ’The jar of flour will not come to an end, and the jug of oil will not lack, until the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.”’

UST
14 I know that you will be able to do that, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says this, ‘There will always be plenty of flour and olive oil left in your containers, until the time when I send rain again and the crops grow again!”’

For how long would the widow’s jar of meal and jug of oil be full?
They would be full until the day that Yahweh sent rain on the earth.

1 Kings 17:15

ULT
15 And she went and did according to the word of Elijah. And she ate, he and she and her house for days.

UST
15 So the woman did exactly what Elijah told her to do. And she and her son and Elijah had enough food every day,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:16

ULT

16 The jar of flour did not come to an end, and the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken by the hand of Elijah.

UST

16 because the flour in the jar was never finished, and the jug of oil was never empty. That happened just like Yahweh had told Elijah that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:17

ULT

17 And it happened that after these things the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him.

UST

17 Some time later, the woman's son became sick. He continued to get worse, and finally he died.

How sick was the woman's son?

The son's sickness was so severe that there was no more breath left in him.

1 Kings 17:18

ULT

18 And she said to Elijah, "What is to me and is to you, man of God, that you came to me to cause my iniquity to be remembered and to put my son to death?"

UST

18 So the woman went to Elijah and said to him, "You are a prophet; so why have you done this to me? Have you come here to punish me for my sins by causing my son to die?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:19

ULT

19 And he said to her, “Give to me your son.” And he took him from her lap and he brought him up to the upper room there where he was dwelling, and he laid him down on his bed.

UST

19 But Elijah replied, “Give your son to me.” So she gave her son to him, and he took the boy’s body from her and carried it up the steps to the room where he stayed. He laid the boy’s body on his bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:20

ULT

20 And he cried out to Yahweh and said, “Yahweh, my God, will you also cause evil on the widow with whom I am sojourning, by putting her son to death?”

UST

20 Then Elijah cried out to Yahweh, “O Yahweh my God, this widow has kindly allowed me to stay in her home. So why have you brought this tragedy to her and caused her son to die?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:21

ULT

21 And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he cried out to Yahweh and he said, “Yahweh, my God, please let the life of this child return on his inner part.”

UST

21 Then Elijah stretched himself on top of the boy’s body and called out to Yahweh saying, “Yahweh my God, please allow this boy to become alive again!” He did this three times.

What did Elijah do to save the child?

Elijah stretched himself on the child three times; he cried out to Yahweh and said, “Yahweh my God, I beg you, please let this child’s life return to him.”

1 Kings 17:22

ULT
22 And Yahweh heard the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child returned on his inner part, and he lived.

UST
22 Yahweh heard what Elijah prayed, and he caused the boy to become alive again.

How did the woman know that Elijah was a man of God? (vv22-23)
The woman knew that Elijah was a man of God when her son revived, and Elijah took the child and brought him out of his room down into the house.

1 Kings 17:23

ULT
23 And Elijah took the child and he brought him down from the upper room to the house, and he gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”

UST
23 Elijah carried the boy down the steps and gave him to his mother. He said, “Look, your son is alive!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 17:24

ULT
24 And the woman said to Elijah, “Now this I know, that you are a man of God. And the word of Yahweh in your mouth is truth.”

UST
24 The woman said to Elijah, “Now I know for certain that you are a prophet and that the words that you speak are truly from Yahweh!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18

1 Kings 18:1

ULT

[1] And it was many days and the word of Yahweh was to Elijah in the third year, saying, “Go, appear to Ahab and I will give rain on the face of the ground.”

UST

[1] For almost three years there was no rain in Samaria. Then Yahweh said this to Elijah: “Go and meet with King Ahab and tell him that I will soon send rain.”

What message did Yahweh ask Elijah to give to Ahab during the severe famine? (vv1-2)
Yahweh asked Elijah to tell Ahab he would send rain on the land.

1 Kings 18:2

ULT

[2] And Elijah went to appear to Ahab. (Now the famine was strong in Samaria.)

UST

[2] So Elijah went to talk to Ahab. In Samaria there was almost no food for anyone to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:3

ULT

[3] And Ahab called to Obadiah, who was over the house. (Now Obadiah was one who feared Yahweh exceedingly.

UST

[3] There was a man there named Obadiah. He was in charge of the king’s palace. He greatly revered Yahweh.

How did Obadiah honor Yahweh when Jezebel was killing the prophets of Yahweh? (vv3-4)
Obadiah honored Yahweh by hiding one hundred prophets by fifties in a cave and feeding them with bread and water.

1 Kings 18:4

ULT

[4] And it had happened when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Yahweh, that Obadiah had taken 100 prophets and hid them, 50 men in the cave, and he sustained them with bread and water.)

UST

[4] One time when Queen Jezebel had tried to kill all Yahweh's prophets, Obadiah hid a hundred of them in two caves. He put fifty prophets in each cave, and he brought food and water to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:5

ULT

[5] And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go in the land to all the springs of water and to all the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and not cut off some of the livestock."

UST

[5] By this time, the famine had become very severe in Samaria. So Ahab summoned Obadiah and said to him, "We must look near every spring and in every valley to see if we can find enough grass to give to some of my horses and mules, so that they will not all die."

Why did Ahab and Obadiah go through the land to all the water springs and brooks? (vv5-6)

Ahab and Obadiah were searching for water and grass so they would not lose the horses and mules.

1 Kings 18:6

ULT

[6] And they divided the land for themselves to pass through it. Ahab went in the one way by himself and Obadiah went in the one way by himself.

UST

[6] So they both started walking through the land. Obadiah went by himself in one direction, and Ahab went in another direction by himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:7

ULT

[7] And it happened that Obadiah was in the road, and behold, Elijah was to meet him. And he recognized him and fell on his face and said, “Is this you, my master Elijah?”

UST

[7] While Obadiah was walking along, he saw Elijah coming toward him. Obadiah recognized Elijah and bowed down in front of him and said, “Is it really you, Elijah, my master?”

What dangerous message did Elijah ask Obadiah to tell Ahab? (vv7-8)

Elijah asked Obadiah to tell Ahab that “Elijah is here.”

1 Kings 18:8

ULT

[8] And he said to him, “It is I. Go, say to your master, ‘Here is Elijah.’”

UST

[8] Elijah replied, “Yes. Now go and tell Ahab your master that I am here.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:9

ULT

[9] And he said, “How have I sinned, that you are giving your servant over into the hand of Ahab, to put me to death?

UST

[9] Obadiah objected. He said, “Sir, I have not harmed you at all. So why are you sending me back to Ahab? He will kill me!

Why was Obadiah reluctant to tell Ahab that “Elijah is here.”? (vv9-11)

Obadiah was reluctant to tell Ahab, “Elijah is here.” because all the nearby nations had taken an oath that Elijah was not there.

1 Kings 18:10

ULT

10 As Yahweh your God is alive, if there is a nation or a kingdom there where my master has not sent to seek you, and they said ‘he is not here,’ then he caused the kingdom or the nation to swear that it did not find you.

UST

10 Yahweh your God knows that I am telling the truth when I solemnly declare that King Ahab has searched in every kingdom to find you. Each time that some king said to him, ‘Elijah is not here,’ Ahab demanded that the king of that country solemnly swear that the king was telling the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:11

ULT

11 And now you are saying, ‘Go, say to your master, “Here is Elijah.”’

UST

11 Now you say to me, ‘Go and tell your master that Elijah is here!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:12

ULT

12 And it will happen that I myself will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will lift you to where I will not know. And I will come to tell Ahab and he will not find you and he will slay me. And your servant has been fearing Yahweh from my youth.

UST

12 But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you away, and I will not know where he will take you. So when I tell Ahab that you are here and he comes to me and he does not find you here, he will kill me! But I do not deserve to die because I have revered Yahweh since I was a boy.

What did Obadiah think would happen as soon as he left Elijah?

Obadiah thought the Spirit of Yahweh would carry Elijah some place Obadiah did not know.

1 Kings 18:13

ULT

13 Has it not been told to my master, what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of Yahweh, and I hid from the prophets of Yahweh a hundred men, 50 by 50 men in the cave, and I sustained them with bread and water?

UST

13 My master, have you not heard about what I did when Jezebel wanted to kill all of Yahweh's prophets? I hid a hundred of them in two caves and took food and water to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:14

ULT

14 And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Here is Elijah,"' and he will slay me."

UST

14 Now, sir, you say, 'Go and tell your master that Elijah is here.' But if I do that, and he comes and you are not here, he will kill me!"

What did Elijah tell Obadiah to calm his fears? (vv14-15)

Elijah told Obadiah that as Yahweh lives, he would surely show himself to Ahab that day.

1 Kings 18:15

ULT

15 And Elijah said, "As Yahweh of hosts is alive, before whose face I stand, surely today I will appear to him."

UST

15 But Elijah replied, "Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the one whom I serve, knows that I am telling the truth as I solemnly declare that I will go to meet with Ahab today."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:16

ULT
16 And Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

UST
16 So Obadiah went to tell Ahab that Elijah had come. Ahab went to meet with him.

What did Ahab call Elijah when he met him? (vv16-17)
Ahab called Elijah a “troublemaker” when he met him.

1 Kings 18:17

ULT
17 And it happened as soon as Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “Are you this one who troubles Israel?”

UST
17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, the one who causes trouble for the people of Israel?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:18

ULT
18 And he said, “I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals.

UST
18 Elijah replied, “It is not I who have caused trouble for the people of Israel! You and your family are the ones who have caused trouble! You have refused to obey Yahweh’s commands, and you have worshiped the idols of Baal instead.

How did Elijah respond to Ahab calling him a “troublemaker”?
Elijah told Ahab that he and his father’s family were the troublemakers because they abandoned the commandments of Yahweh to follow the Baal idols.

1 Kings 18:19

ULT

[19] And now send, gather to me all Israel to the mountain of the Carmel, and the 450 prophets of the Baal and the 400 prophets of the Asherah, those who eat of the table of Jezebel.”

UST

[19] So now, command all the Israelite people to come to Mount Carmel, and be sure to bring all the 450 prophets who worship Baal and the four hundred prophets who worship the goddess Asherah, the ones to whom your wife Jezebel always invites to eat with her.”

Who did Elijah say to gather on Mount Carmel?

Elijah said to gather all the people of Israel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel’s table.

1 Kings 18:20

ULT

[20] And Ahab sent among all the sons of Israel and he gathered the prophets to the mountain of the Carmel.

UST

[20] So Ahab summoned all his prophets and all the other Israelite people to the top of Mount Carmel, and Elijah went up there too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:21

ULT

[21] And Elijah came near to all the people and he said, “Until when will you be limping over the two opinions? If Yahweh is God, go after him, but if the Baal, go after him.” And the people did not answer him a word.

UST

[21] Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How long are you going to be undecided about who is truly God? If Yahweh is God, then worship him. If Baal is truly God, then worship him!” But the people said nothing in reply, because they were afraid of what Jezebel would do to them if they admitted that they worshiped Yahweh.

Who did Elijah tell the people they should follow?

Elijah told the people to follow Yahweh if he was God or Baal if he was God.

1 Kings 18:22

ULT

22 And Elijah said to the people, “I myself remain a prophet of Yahweh by myself, but the prophets of the Baal are 450 men.

UST

22 Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only true prophet of Yahweh who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets.

What proposal did Elijah bring before the people? (vv22-24)

Elijah proposed that the prophets of Baal and himself each call upon their god to consume the sacrifice of a bull by fire to prove which one was god.

1 Kings 18:23

ULT

23 And let them give to us two bulls, and let them choose for themselves the one bull, and let them cut it into pieces. And let them set it on the wood pieces, but a fire they will not set. And as for me I will make the one bull that I will give on the wood pieces, but a fire I will not set.

UST

23 Bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose the one that they want. They must kill it and cut it into pieces and lay the pieces on the wood that is on the altar that they made. But they must not light a fire under the wood. I will kill the other bull and cut it in pieces and lay the pieces on the altar that I make.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:24

ULT

24 And you will call on the name of your god, but as for me, I will call on the name of Yahweh. And it will happen that the God who answers with fire, he is God.” And all the people answered and they said, “The thing is good.”

UST

24 Then they must call to their god, and I will call to Yahweh. The god who answers by lighting a fire to the wood that is on that altar is the true God!” Then all the people thought that Elijah’s suggestion was good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:25

ULT

25 And Elijah said to the prophets of the Baal, “Choose for yourselves the one bull and make it first, for you are the most abundant. And call on the name of your god, but a fire you will not set.”

UST

25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “You call to Baal first, because there are many of you. Choose one of the bulls and prepare it, and then call to your god. But do not light a fire under the wood!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:26

ULT

26 And they took the bull that he gave to them and they made, and they called on the name of the Baal from the morning and until the midday, saying, “The Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice and there was no answering. And they limped beside the altar that he had made.

UST

26 So they killed one of the bulls and cut it up and placed the pieces on the altar. Then they called out to Baal all morning. They shouted, “Baal, answer us!” But no one answered. There was no reply at all. Then they danced wildly around the altar that they had made.

How long did the prophets of Baal call on Baal?

The prophets of Baal called on Baal from morning until noon.

1 Kings 18:27

ULT

27 And it happened at the midday that Elijah mocked them and he said, “Cry out with a great voice, for he is a god. Surely he is musing, or surely moving away for himself, or surely a way is for him. Pehaps he is asleep and he will wake up.”

UST

27 About noontime, Elijah started to make fun of them. He said, “Surely Baal is a god, so it seems that you must shout louder! Perhaps he is thinking about something, or perhaps he has gone to the toilet. Or perhaps he is traveling somewhere, or perhaps he is asleep and you need to wake him up!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:28

ULT

28 And they cried out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with the swords and with the spears, until a pouring out of blood was on them.

UST

28 So they shouted louder. Then, doing one of the things that they frequently did when they worshiped Baal, they slashed themselves with knives and swords until a lot of blood flowed.

After Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal at noon what did the prophets of Baal do?

The prophets of Baal cried more loudly and cut themselves with swords and spears.

1 Kings 18:29

ULT

29 And it happened as soon as the midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering up of the grain offering, but there was no voice and there was no answering and there was no attentiveness.

UST

29 They continued calling out to Baal all afternoon. But there was no voice that gave a reply, no answer, no god who paid attention.

How long did the prophets of Baal continue their raving?

The prophets of Baal were raving until the time of the evening sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:30

ULT

30 And Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the torn down altar of Yahweh.

UST

30 Then Elijah called to the people saying, “Come closer!” So they all crowded around him. Then Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh that had been ruined by the prophets of Baal.

What did Elijah do to the ruined altar of Yahweh? (vv30-32)

Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh with twelve stones,

1 Kings 18:31

ULT
31 And Elijah took 12 stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom was the word of Yahweh, saying, “Israel shall be your name.”

UST
31 Then he took twelve large stones, each one to represent one of the Israelite tribes, whose ancestors were the twelve sons of Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:32

ULT
32 And he built with the stones an altar in the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench like the house of two seahs of seed surrounding the altar.

UST
32 With these stones he rebuilt Yahweh’s altar. Then around the altar he dug a little ditch that was large enough to hold about fifteen liters of water.

What did Elijah make around the altar of Yahweh?
Elijah dug a trench around the altar of Yahweh.

1 Kings 18:33

ULT
33 And he arranged the wood pieces. And he cut the bull into pieces and he set it on the wood pieces.

UST
33 He piled wood on top of the stones. He killed the bull and cut it in pieces. Then he laid the pieces on top of the wood. Then he said, “Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water on top of the pieces of meat and the wood.” So they did that.

What did Elijah have the people do to the wood and the bull for the burnt offering? (vv33-34)
Three times Elijah had the people fill four jars with water and pour them on the burnt offering and the wood.

1 Kings 18:34

ULT

34 And he said, “Fill four jars with water, and pour out on the burnt up offering and on the wood pieces.” And he said “Do it a second time,” and they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time,” and they did it a third time.

UST

34 Then he said, “Do the same thing again!” So they did it again. Then he said, “Do it a third time!” So they did it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:35

ULT

35 And the water went around the altar and even the trench he filled with water.

UST

35 As a result, the water flowed down below the altar and filled the ditches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:36

ULT

36 And it happened at the offering up of the grain offering, that Elijah the prophet came near and he said, “Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel, and I am your servant, and by your word I have done all these things.

UST

36 When it was time to offer the evening sacrifices, Elijah walked close to the altar and prayed. He said, “Yahweh, you who are the God that our ancestors Abraham and Isaac and Jacob worshiped, prove today that you are the God whom the Israelite people should worship, and prove that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all these things because you told me to do them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:37

ULT

37 Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me, that this people may know that you, Yahweh, are God, and you have turned around their heart backward.”

UST

37 Yahweh, answer me! Answer me in order that these people will know that you, Yahweh, are God and that you have caused them to trust in you again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:38

ULT

38 And the fire of Yahweh fell and ate the burnt up offering and the wood pieces and the stones and the dust. And it licked up the water that was in the trench.

UST

38 Immediately a fire from Yahweh flashed down from the sky. The fire burned up the pieces of meat, the wood, the stones, and the dirt that was around the altar. It even dried up all the water in the ditch!

How did the people of Israel respond when the fire of Yahweh fell and consumed the sacrifice and everything around it? (vv38-39)

The people lay face down on the ground and said, “Yahweh, he is God!, Yahweh, he is God!”

1 Kings 18:39

ULT

39 And all the people saw and they fell on their faces. And they said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!”

UST

39 When the people saw that, they prostrated themselves on the ground and shouted, “Yahweh is God! Yahweh is God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:40

ULT

40 And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of the Baal. Do not let a man from them slip away.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the wadi Kishon and he slaughtered them there.

UST

40 Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize all the prophets of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!” So the people seized all the prophets of Baal, and took them down the mountain to the river Kishon, and Elijah killed them all there.

What did Elijah do with the prophets of Baal?
Elijah brought the prophets of Baal down to the brook of Kishon and killed them.

1 Kings 18:41

ULT

41 And Elijah said to Ahab, “Get up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the roar of the rain.”

UST

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go and get something to eat and drink. But do it quickly, because it is soon going to rain very hard!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:42

ULT

42 And Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the head of the Carmel, and he bent down toward the earth and he put his face between his knees.

UST

42 So Ahab and his men left to prepare a big meal. But Elijah went back up to the top of Mount Carmel and prayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:43

ULT

43 And he said to his young man, “Go up, now, look toward the way of the sea.” And he went up and he looked and he said, “There is not anything.” And he said, “Return seven times.”

UST

43 Then he said to his servant, “Go and look out toward the sea, to see if there are any rain clouds.” So his servant went and looked, and came back and said, “I do not see anything.” This happened six times.

What did the servant of Elijah see after he looked toward the sea seven times? (vv43-44)
After the seventh time, the servant saw a cloud as small as a man’s hand.

1 Kings 18:44

ULT

44 And it happened at the seventh time that he said, “Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is going up from the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Harness and go down so the rain will not stop you.’”

UST

44 But when the servant went the seventh time, he came back and said, “I saw a very small cloud above the sea. As I extend my arm, the cloud is about the size of my hand.” Then Elijah shouted to him, “Go and tell King Ahab to get his chariot ready and go home immediately! If he does not do that, the rain will stop him!”

What did Elijah tell his servant to say to Ahab?
Elijah told his servant to tell Ahab to make ready his chariot and go down before the rain stopped him.

1 Kings 18:45

ULT

45 And it happened until here and until there, that the heavens became dark with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

UST

45 Very soon the sky was full of black clouds. There was a strong wind, and then it began to rain very hard. Ahab got into his chariot and started to return to the city of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 18:46

ULT

46 And the hand of Yahweh was to Elijah, and he girded up his loins and he ran before the face of Ahab as far as your coming into Jezreel.

UST

46 Yahweh gave extra strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt in order to run fast, and he ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to Jezreel.

What did Elijah do as Ahab rode and went to Jezreel?

Elijah tucked his robe in his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:1

ULT

[1] And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and everthing, that he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

UST

[1] When Ahab got home, he told his wife Jezebel what Elijah had done. He told her that Elijah had killed all the prophets of Baal.

What threat did Jezebel make to Elijah? (vv1-2)

Jezebel told Elijah that she would make him to be one of the dead prophets by the next day.

1 Kings 19:2

ULT

[2] And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do and so may they add, unless about this time tomorrow I will set your life as the life of one from them.”

UST

[2] So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah, “By this time tomorrow I will have killed you, just like you killed all those prophets of Baal. If I do not do that, I hope the gods will kill me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:3

ULT

[3] And he saw and rose and went for his life and he came to Beersheba, which is for Judah. And he caused his young man to rest there.

UST

[3] When Elijah received her message, he was afraid. So taking his servant with him, he fled in order that he would not be killed. He went far south to Beersheba, in Judah. He left his servant there.

How did Elijah respond to the threat from Jezebel?

Elijah fled for his life to Beersheba.

1 Kings 19:4

ULT

4 But as for him, he went a road of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under one broom shrub. And he requested with respect to his life to die, and he said, “Too much, now, Yahweh; take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.”

UST

4 Then he went by himself further south into the desert. He walked all day. He sat down under a broom tree and prayed that Yahweh would allow him to die. He said, “Yahweh, I cannot endure anymore. So allow me to die, because for me to live is no better than being with my ancestors who have died.”

Why did Elijah request that he might die?

Elijah requested that he might die because he felt he was no better than his dead ancestors.

1 Kings 19:5

ULT

5 And he lay down and slept under one broom shrub. And behold this, an angel was touching him and he said to him, “Get up! Eat!”

UST

5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and slept. But while he was sleeping, an angel touched him and woke him up and said to him, “Get up and eat some food!”

What happened as Elijah was sleeping under a broom tree?

An angel touched Elijah and said to him, “Get up and eat.”

1 Kings 19:6

ULT

6 And he looked, and behold, at the place of his head was a bread cake of glowing coals and a jug of water. And he ate and drank and returned and lay down.

UST

6 Elijah looked around and saw some bread which had been baked on hot stones, and he also saw a jar of water. So he ate some bread and drank some water and lay down to sleep again.

What did Elijah see and do after the angel touched him?

Elijah saw bread that had been baked on coals and a jug of water. Elijah ate and drank and lay down again.

1 Kings 19:7

ULT

7 And the angel of Yahweh returned a second time and he touched him and he said, “Get up! Eat! For the road will be too much for you.”

UST

7 Then the angel who had been sent by Yahweh came again and touched him, and said, “Get up and eat some more food, because you need more strength to go on a long journey.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:8

ULT

8 And he rose and ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights as far as the mountain of God, Horeb.

UST

8 So he got up and ate and drank some more; because he did that, he got enough strength to travel for forty days and nights to Mount Horeb, the mountain that was dedicated to God.

How long did it take Elijah to get to Horeb, the mountain of God?

Elijah traveled forty days and forty nights to Horeb.

1 Kings 19:9

ULT

9 And he entered there into the cave, and he spent the night there. And behold, the word of Yahweh was to him and he said to him, “What is for you here, Elijah?”

UST

9 He went into a cave there and slept there that night. The next morning, Yahweh said to him, “Elijah, why are you here?”

How did Elijah respond when Yahweh asked him what he was doing in a cave? (vv9-10)

Elijah told Yahweh that he had been very zealous for him, but the people of Israel had forsaken his covenant, destroyed his altars, and killed his prophets, and he was the only one left.

1 Kings 19:10

ULT

10 And he said, “I have been very zealous for Yahweh, the God of hosts, but the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, your altars they have torn down, and your prophets they have slain with the sword. And I am left, I by myself, and they seek my life, to take it.”

UST

10 Elijah replied, “I have zealously served you, Yahweh, commander of angel armies. But the Israelite people have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed all of your prophets. I am the only one whom they have not killed, and now they are trying to kill me, too. So I am running away from them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:11

ULT

11 And he said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the face of Yahweh, and behold, Yahweh is about to pass over!” And a great and strong wind was splitting the mountains and shattering rocks before the face of Yahweh. Yahweh was not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake. Yahweh was not in the earthquake.

UST

11 Yahweh said to him, “Go out and stand in front of me on this mountain while I pass by.” So Elijah did that. While he was standing there, a strong windstorm struck the mountain. As a result, rocks were loosened from the mountainside. But Yahweh was not in the wind. Then there was an earthquake, but Yahweh was not in the earthquake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:12

ULT

12 And after the earthquake was a fire. Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire was the voice of a thin whisper.

UST

12 Then there was a fire, but Yahweh was not in the fire. Then there was a sound like someone whispering quietly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:13

ULT

13 And it happened as soon as Elijah heard, that he wrapped his face in his cloak. And he went out and stood at the opening of the cave. And behold, a voice was to him and it said, “What is for you here, Elijah?”

UST

13 When Elijah heard that, he wrapped his cloak around his face. He went out of the cave and stood at its entrance. And he heard Yahweh speaking to him, saying again, “Elijah, why are you here?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:14

ULT

14 And he said, “I have been very zealous for Yahweh, the God of hosts, but the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, your altars they have torn down, and your prophets they have slain with the sword. And I am left, I by myself, and they seek my life, to take it.”

UST

14 He replied again, “I have zealously served you, Yahweh, commander of angel armies. But the Israelite people have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed all of your prophets. I am the only one whom they have not killed, and now they are trying to kill me, too. So I am running away from them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh said to him, “Go, return to your way toward the wilderness of Damascus. And you shall come and anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

UST

15 Then Yahweh told him, “Go back to the wilderness near Damascus. When you arrive there anoint with olive oil a man named Hazael, to appoint him to be the king of Aram.

What did Yahweh tell Elijah to do? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Elijah to return to the wilderness to anoint Hazael to be king over Aram, Jehu to be king over Israel, and Elisha to be a prophet in his place.

1 Kings 19:16

ULT

16 And you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And you shall anoint Elisha the son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place.

UST

16 Then anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be the king of Israel, and also anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, from the city of Abel Meholah, to become my prophet after you are gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:17

ULT

17 And it will happen that the one who slips away from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will put to death. And the one who slips away from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will put to death.

UST

17 Hazael's army will kill many people, and those who escape from being killed by his army will be killed by Jehu's army, and those who escape from being killed by Jehu's army will be killed by Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:18

ULT

18 And I have left in Israel 7000 men, all the knees that have not bowed to the Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

UST

18 But you need to know that there are still seven thousand people in Israel who have never bowed to worship Baal or kissed his idol."

How did Yahweh respond to Elijah's claim that he was the only prophet left in the land?
Yahweh told Elijah there were seven thousand people in Israel who were faithful to him.

1 Kings 19:19

ULT

19 And he went from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat. And he was plowing with 12 pairs before his face and he was with the 12th. And Elijah passed over to him and he threw his cloak on him.

UST

19 So Elijah went to Aram and found Elisha as he was plowing a field with a team of oxen. There were eleven other men who were in front of him, plowing with teams of oxen in the same field. Elijah went to Elisha, and took off his own coat and put it on Elisha, to show Elisha that he wanted Elisha to take his place as a prophet. Then he started to walk away.

What excuse did Elisha give to Elijah after he draped his cloak on him? (vv19-20)
Elisha asked Elijah to let him kiss his mother and father before he followed him.

1 Kings 19:20

ULT

20 And he left the cattle and he ran after Elijah and he said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and let me go after you.” And he said to him, “Go, return, for what have I done to you?”

UST

20 Elisha left the oxen standing there and ran after Elijah, and said to him, “I will go with you, but first let me kiss my parents goodbye.” Elijah replied, “Very well, go home. But do not forget why I have given my cloak to you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 19:21

ULT

21 And he returned from after him. And he took the pair of cattle and he sacrificed it and with the implements of the cattle he boiled them, the meat. And he gave to the people and they ate. And he rose and went after Elijah and he attended him.

UST

21 So Elisha went back home. He killed his oxen and cut them in pieces and used the wood from the plow to build a fire to roast the meat. He distributed the meat to the other people in his town, and they all ate some. Then he went with Elijah and became his helper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20

1 Kings 20:1

ULT

[1] Now Ben Hadad the king of Aram gathered all his strength and 32 kings with him, and horse and chariotry. And he went up and laid seige against Samaria and he fought against it.

UST

[1] Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, gathered all his army, and he brought thirty-two lesser kings to join him with their armies and horses and chariots. They marched to the city of Samaria, the capital of Israel, and surrounded it and prepared to attack it.

What was the message which Ahab received from Ben Hadad when the city of Samaria was under siege? (vv1-2)
Ben Hadad told Ahab that his silver and gold as well as his wives and children were now Ben Hadad's possessions.

1 Kings 20:2

ULT

[2] And he sent messengers to Ahab the king of Israel at the city.

UST

[2] Ben Hadad sent messengers into the city to King Ahab, and they said this to him: "This is what King Ben Hadad says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:3

ULT

[3] And he said to him, 'Thus says Ben Hadad, "Your silver and your gold, it is for me. And your wives and your sons, the good ones, they are for me."'

UST

[3] 'You must give to me all your silver and gold, your good-looking wives and strongest children."'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:4

ULT

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, “According to your word, my master the king, I and all that is for me is for you.”

UST

4 The king of Israel replied to them, “Tell this to King Ben Hadad, ‘I agree to do what you requested. You can have me and everything that I own.’”

How did Ben Hadad respond to Ahab’s willingness to give him his silver, gold, wives, and children? (vv4-6)

Ben Hadad informed Ahab that he was sending his servants the next day, and they would seize with their hands whatever pleased their eyes.

1 Kings 20:5

ULT

5 And the messengers returned and said, “Thus says Ben Hadad, saying, ‘Surely I sent to you, saying, your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons you will give to me,

UST

5 The messengers told that to Ben Hadad, and he sent them back with another message: “I sent a message to you saying that you must give me all your silver and gold and your wives and your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:6

ULT

6 but rather around this time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search through your house and the houses of your servants. And it will happen that any precious thing of your eyes they will put in their hand and they will take.’”

UST

6 But in addition to that, about this time tomorrow, I will send some of my officials to search your palace and the houses of your officials, and to bring to me everything that they see is valuable.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:7

ULT

7 And the king of Israel called to all the elders of the land. And he said, “Please know and see that this one is seeking evil, for he has sent to me for my wives and for my sons and for my silver and for my gold, and I have not withheld from him.”

UST

7 King Ahab summoned all the leaders of Israel, and said to them, “You can see for yourselves that this man is trying to cause much trouble. He sent me a message insisting that I must give him my wives and my children, my silver and my gold, and I agreed to do that.”

What was the advice which the king of Israel received from all the elders of the land and the people? (vv7-8)

The elders of the land and the people told the king not to listen or consent to the demands of Ben Hadad because he was only seeking trouble.

1 Kings 20:8

ULT

8 And all the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not listen and do not consent.”

UST

8 The leaders and all the other people said to him, “Do not pay any attention to him! Do not do what he is requesting!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:9

ULT

9 And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, “Say to my master the king, ‘All that you sent to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.’” And the messengers went and returned him word.

UST

9 So Ahab said to Ben Hadad’s messengers, “Tell the king that I agree to give him the things that he first requested, but I do not agree to allow his officials to take anything that they want from my palace and from the houses of my officials.” So the messengers reported that to King Ben Hadad, and they returned with another message from Ben Hadad.

What was the message Ahab sent back to Ben Hadad?

Ahab told Ben Hadad that he was agreeable to his first demand, but he could not accept his second demand.

1 Kings 20:10

ULT

10 And Ben Hadad sent to him and he said, “Thus may gods do to me and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria will be sufficient for handfuls for all the people who will be at my feet!”

UST

10 In that message he said, “We will destroy your city completely, with the result that there will not be enough ashes left for each of my soldiers to have one handful! I hope that the gods will strike me dead if we do not do that!”

What was the response of Ben Hadad to the message of Ahab?

Ben Hadad took an oath that he would reduce Samaria to ashes.

1 Kings 20:11

ULT

11 And the king of Israel answered and said, “Speak, ‘one about to gird should not boast like one who is ungirding.’”

UST

11 King Ahab replied to the messengers, “Tell King Ben Hadad this: No one wins a battle before he fights it, so do not boast before you should.”

What did Ben Hadad say when the king of Israel told him that he should not boast as if the battle was over? (vv11-12)

Ben Hadad told his soldiers to line up in position to prepare for battle.

1 Kings 20:12

ULT

12 And it happened at the hearing of this word as he was drinking, he and the kings in the huts, that he said to his servants, “Set up,” and they set up against the city.

UST

12 Ben Hadad heard that message while he and the other rulers were drinking wine in their temporary shelters. He told his men to prepare to attack the city. So his men did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:13

ULT

13 And behold, one prophet came near to Ahab the king of Israel and he said, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Have you seen all of this great crowd? Behold, I am about to give it into your hand today, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.’”

UST

13 At that moment, a prophet came to King Ahab and said to him, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘Do not be at all afraid of the large enemy army that you see! I will enable your army to defeat them today, and you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who has done it.’”

Who did Yahweh say would win the battle for Israel against the great army of the Arameans? (vv13-15)

Yahweh told Ahab that the young officers who served the governors of the districts would win the battle for Israel.

1 Kings 20:14

ULT

14 And Ahab said, “By whom?” And he said, “Thus says Yahweh, by the young men of the commanders of the provinces.” And he said, “Who will tie up the battle?” And he said, “You.”

UST

14 Ahab asked, “What group of our army will defeat them?” The prophet replied, “The young soldiers whom the district governors command will do it.” The king asked, “Who should lead the attack?” The prophet replied, “You should!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:15

ULT

15 And he mustered the young men of the commanders of the provinces, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all the people, all the sons of Israel were 7,000.

UST

15 So Ahab gathered the young soldiers who were commanded by the district governors. There were 232 of those men. Then he also summoned all the Israelite army. There were only seven thousand soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:16

ULT

[16] And they went out at the midday. And Ben Hadad was drinking drunk in the huts, he and the kings, 32 kings who helped him.

UST

[16] They started to attack at noon, while Ben Hadad and the other rulers were getting drunk in their temporary shelters.

When the young officers who served the governors of the districts went forward first what were Ben Hadad and the thirty-two lesser kings who were supporting him doing? (vv16-17)

Ben Hadad and his thirty-two lesser kings were drinking themselves drunk.

1 Kings 20:17

ULT

[17] And the young men of the commanders of the provinces went out at the first. And Ben Hadad sent and they told him, saying, “Men have gone out from Samaria.”

UST

[17] The young soldiers advanced first. Some scouts who had been sent out by Ben Hadad reported to him, “There are men coming out of Samaria”!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:18

ULT

[18] And he said, “If they have gone out for peace, seize them alive, and if they have gone out for war, alive seize them.”

UST

[18] He said, “It does not matter whether they are coming to fight against us or to request for peace. Capture them, but do not kill them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:19

ULT

19 And these went out from the city, the young men of the commanders of the provinces and the strength that was behind them.

UST

19 The young Israelite soldiers went out of the city to attack the Aramean army, and the other soldiers in the Israelite army followed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:20

ULT

20 But they struck down, a man his man. And Aram fled and Israel pursued them. And Ben Hadad the king of Aram slipped away on a horse with horsemen.

UST

20 Each Israelite soldier killed an Aramean soldier. The rest of the Aramean army then ran away, and the Israelite soldiers pursued them. But King Ben Hadad escaped riding his horse, along with some other men riding horses.

What happened to Ben Hadad and the Arameans? (vv20-21)

Ben Hadad escaped on a horse with some horsemen and many or the Arameans were killed in a great slaughter.

1 Kings 20:21

ULT

21 And the king of Israel went out and he struck down the horse and the chariot. And he struck Aram a great blow.

UST

21 Then the king of Israel went out of the city; he and his soldiers captured all the other Aramean horses and chariots, and also killed a large number of Aramean soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:22

ULT

22 And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and he said to him, “Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you should do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you.”

UST

22 Then that same prophet went to King Ahab and said to him, “Go back and prepare your soldiers, and think carefully about what will be necessary for you to do, because the king of Aram will attack with his army again in the springtime of next year.”

What message did the prophet bring to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king of Israel that the king of Aram would return against them again, so Israel should strengthen itself and plan what they would do.

1 Kings 20:23

ULT

23 And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, “Their gods are gods of the mountains. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed let us fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them.

UST

23 After the Aramean army was defeated, Ben Hadad’s officials said to him, “The gods that the Israelites worship are gods who live in the hills. Samaria is built on a hill, and that is why their soldiers were able to defeat us. But if we fight against them in the plains, we certainly will be able to defeat them.

What did the servants of the king of Aram give as the reason for Israel being stronger in battle than the Arameans?

The servants of the king of Aram told him Israel was stronger than the Arameans, since their god is a god of the hills.

1 Kings 20:24

ULT

24 And do this thing: remove the kings, a man from his place, and set governors in their places.

UST

24 So, this is what you should do: You must remove the thirty-two kings who are leading your troops and replace them with army commanders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:25

ULT

25 And you should assign for yourself strength like the strength that fell from you, and a horse like the horse and a chariot like the chariot, and we will fight them in the plain. Surely will we be stronger than them.” And he listened to their voice and did so.

UST

25 Then gather an army like the army that was defeated. Gather an army that has as many horses and chariots as the first army had. Then we will fight the Israelites in the plains, and we will surely defeat them.” Ben Hadad agreed with them, and he did what they suggested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:26

ULT

26 And it happened at the return of the year, that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for the battle with Israel.

UST

26 In the spring of the following year, he gathered his soldiers and marched with them to the city of Aphek east of the Sea of Galilee, to fight against the Israelite army.

What did Ben Hadad do after the beginning of the new year?

Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

1 Kings 20:27

ULT

27 And the sons of Israel had been mustered and were sustained and they went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped in front of them were like two little flocks of goats, and Aram filled the land.

UST

27 The Israelite army was also gathered together, and they were given the things that they needed for the battle. Then they marched out and formed two groups facing the Aramean army. Their army was very small. They resembled two small flocks of goats, whereas the Aramean army was very large and spread all over the countryside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:28

ULT

28 And a man of God came near and said to the king of Israel, and he said, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because Aram said “Yahweh is a god of mountains, but he is not a god of valleys,” I shall give all of this great crowd into your hand, and you shall know that I am Yahweh.’”

UST

28 A prophet came to King Ahab and said to him, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘The Arameans say that I am a god who lives in the hills, and that I am not a god who lives in the valleys. So I will show that they are wrong by enabling your men to defeat this huge army in the valley, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.’”

What did a man of God say to the king of Israel concerning the Arameans?

The man of God said that because the Arameans said God was a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, God was going to place the Aramean army into the hands of the king of Israel.

1 Kings 20:29

ULT

29 And they camped, these opposite these, seven days. And it happened on the seventh day that the battle approached, and the sons of Israel struck down Aram, 100,000 on foot in one day.

UST

29 The two armies stayed in their tents for seven days, in groups that faced each other. Then, on the seventh day, they started fighting. The Israelite army killed 100,000 Aramean soldiers.

What was the outcome of the battle between the armies? (vv29-30)

Israel killed one hundred thousand Aramean footmen in one day. The rest fled to Aphek, into the city where a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand men who were left and Ben Hadad fled into the city into an inner room.

1 Kings 20:30

ULT

30 And the ones who were left fled to Aphek, into the city, and the wall fell on 127,000 men, the ones who were left. And Ben Hadad fled and entered into the city, a room in a room.

UST

30 The other Aramean soldiers ran away into Aphek. Then the wall of the city collapsed and killed twenty-seven thousand more Aramean soldiers. Ben Hadad also escaped into the city and hid in the back room of a house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:31

ULT

31 And his servants said to him, “Behold, please, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel, that they are kings of mercy. Please let us put sackcloth around our loins and ropes on our heads, and we will go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he may let your life live.”

UST

31 His officials went to him and said, “We have heard a report that the Israelites act mercifully. So allow us to go to the king of Israel, wearing course sacks around our waists and ropes on our heads to indicate that we will be his slaves. Perhaps if we do that, he will allow you to remain alive.”

What did Ben Hadad’s servants do for Ben Hadad? (vv31-32)

Ben Hadad’s servants put sackcloth on their waists and ropes around their heads and went to the king of Israel and begged the king of Israel to let Ben Hadad live.

1 Kings 20:32

ULT

32 And they girded on sackcloth around their waists and ropes on their heads and they came to the king of Israel. And they said, “Your servant Ben Hadad says, ‘Please let my life live.’” And he said, “Is he still alive? He is my brother.”

UST

32 The king permitted them to do that, so they wrapped coarse sacks around their waists and put ropes on their heads, and they went to the king of Israel and said to him, “Ben Hadad, who greatly respects you, says, ‘Please do not kill me.’” Ahab replied, “Is he still alive? He is like a brother to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:33

ULT

33 And the men sought an omen and they hurried and accepted whether it was from him. And they said, “Your brother is Ben Hadad.” And he said, “Come, bring him!” And Ben Hadad went out to him, and he brought him up on the chariot.

UST

33 Ben Hadad’s officials were trying to find out if Ahab would act mercifully, and when Ahab said “brother,” they were optimistic. So they replied, “Yes, he is like your brother!” Ahab said, “Go and bring him to me.” So they went and brought Ben Hadad to him. When Ben Hadad arrived, Ahab told him to get in the chariot and sit with him.

What proposal did Ben Hadad make to Ahab when he was summoned to meet with him in his chariot? (vv33-34)

Ben Hadad told Ahab that he would restore to him the cities which had been taken from Israel if Ahab would let him go.

1 Kings 20:34

ULT

34 And he said to him, “I will return the cities that my father took from with your father, and the outside you may set up for yourself in Damascus, just as my father set up in Samaria. As for me, by the covenant, I will send you away.” And he cut a covenant for him and he sent him away.

UST

34 Ben Hadad said to him, “I will give back to you the towns that my father’s army took from your father. And I will allow you to set up market areas for your merchants in Damascus my capital, just as my father did in Samaria your capital.” Ahab replied, “Because you agree to do that, I will not execute you.” So Ahab made an agreement with Ben Hadad, and allowed him to go home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:35

ULT

35 And one man from the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor, “By the word of Yahweh, please strike me.” But the man refused to strike him.

UST

35 Then Yahweh spoke to a member of an association of prophets and told him to request a fellow prophet to strike him. But that man refused to do it.

Why was one of the prophets killed by a lion? (vv35-36)

One of the prophets was killed by a lion because he did not obey the voice of Yahweh by hitting his fellow prophet.

1 Kings 20:36

ULT

36 And he said to him, “Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh, behold, you are about to go from with me, and the lion will strike you down.” And he went from beside him and the lion found him and struck him down.

UST

36 So the prophet said to him, “Because you refused to obey what Yahweh told you to do, a lion will kill you as soon as you leave me.” And as soon as he left that prophet, a lion suddenly met him and killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:37

ULT

37 And he found one man and said, “Please strike me.” And the man struck him, striking and wounding.

UST

37 Then the prophet found another prophet, and said to him, “Strike me!” So that man hit him very hard and injured him.

How did the prophet disguise himself from the king after he had been hit and wounded? (vv37-38)

The prophet disguised himself from the king with a bandage over his eyes.

1 Kings 20:38

ULT

38 And the prophet went and he stood for the king on the road. And he made himself unrecognizable with the covering over his eyes.

UST

38 Then the prophet put a large bandage over his face so that no one would recognize him. Then he went and stood alongside the road, waiting for the king to come by.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:39

ULT

39 And it happened that the king was passing by and he himself cried out to the king. And he said, “Your servant went out in the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned aside and he brought a man to me. And he said, ‘Keep this man. If he is missing at all, then your life will be in place of his life or you must weigh a kikkar of silver.’”

UST

39 When the king passed by, the prophet cried out to him, saying “Your Majesty, after I was wounded while I was fighting in a battle, a soldier brought to me one of our enemies who he had captured, and said to me, ‘Guard this man! If he escapes, you must pay me thirty-three kilograms of silver; if you do not pay that, you will be executed!’

Why did the prophet tell a story to the king of Israel? (vv39-40)

The prophet told the story to the king of Israel to deceive him, so the king would make a ruling which would result in the forfeit of the king’s own life.

1 Kings 20:40

ULT

40 And it happened that your servant was doing here and there, and he was not there.” And the king of Israel said to him, “Thus is your judgment, you yourself have decided.”

UST

40 But while I was busy doing other things, the man escaped!” The king of Israel said to him, “That is your problem! You yourself have said that you deserve to be punished.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:41

ULT

41 And he hurried and removed the covering from over his eyes. And the king of Israel recognized him, that he was from the prophets.

UST

41 The prophet immediately took off the bandage, and the king of Israel recognized that he was one of the prophets.

What bold statement did the prophet make to the king of Israel? (vv41-43)

The prophet told the king that he would lose his own life since he had allowed the man whom Yahweh had sentenced to death to live.

1 Kings 20:42

ULT

42 And he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you have sent away a man of complete destruction from hand. And it will be your life in place of his life, and your people in place of his people.’”

UST

42 The prophet said to him, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘You have allowed that man Ben Hadad to escape after I commanded you to be sure to execute him! Since you did not do that, you will be killed instead. And your army will be destroyed because you allowed some of his army to escape!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 20:43

ULT

43 And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and vexed, and he came to Samaria.

UST

43 The king went back home to Samaria, very angry and depressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21:1

ULT

1 Now it happened after these things that there was a vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria.

UST

1 King Ahab had a palace in the city of Jezreel. Near the palace was a vineyard owned by a man named Naboth.

What did Ahab the king of Samaria want from Naboth the Jezreelite? (vv1-2)

Ahab, king of Samaria, wanted the vineyard from Naboth, which was near his palace.

1 Kings 21:2

ULT

2 And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, “Give to me your vineyard, and it will be for me as a garden of herbage, because it is near beside my house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this one.”

UST

2 One day, Ahab went to Naboth and said to him, “Your vineyard is close to my palace. I would like to buy it, so that I can plant some vegetables there. I will give you in exchange a better vineyard somewhere else, or if you prefer, I will pay you for your vineyard.”

What did Ahab offer Naboth for his vineyard?

Ahab offered to give Naboth a better vineyard or to pay him money.

1 Kings 21:3

ULT

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, “Far be it for me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you.”

UST

3 But Naboth replied, “That land belonged to my ancestors, so I want to keep it. I hope that Yahweh will never allow me to give that land to you!”

Why did Naboth refuse to give his vineyard to Ahab?

Naboth refused to give his vineyard to Ahab because it was the inheritance of his ancestors.

1 Kings 21:4

ULT

4 And Ahab entered into his house sullen and vexed on account of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him. And he said, “I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed,and he turned away his face and he did not eat bread.

UST

4 So Ahab became very sullen and angry because of what Naboth had said. He went home and lay down on his bed. He turned his face toward the wall, and he refused to eat anything.

What did Ahab do when Naboth refused to give up his vineyard?
Ahab became resentful and angry, went to bed, and refused to eat any food.

1 Kings 21:5

ULT

5 And Jezebel his wife came to him and she spoke to him, “What is this? Your spirit is sullen and you are not eating bread?”

UST

5 His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, “Why are you so depressed? Why are you refusing to eat anything?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:6

ULT

6 And he spoke to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and I said to him, ‘Give your vineyard to me for silver, or if you are desiring, let me give a vineyard to you in its place.’ And he said, ‘I will not give my vineyard to you.’”

UST

6 Ahab replied, “I talked to Naboth, that man from Jezreel. I told him that I wanted his vineyard. I said, ‘I will buy it from you, or I will give you another vineyard for it.’ But he refused to let me have it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:7

ULT

[7] And Jezebel his wife said to him, “You now, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up! Eat bread and let your heart be good! I myself will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

UST

[7] His wife replied, “You are the king of Israel, so you can get whatever you want! Get up, and eat some food and do not worry about what Naboth said. I will get Naboth’s vineyard for you.”

Who told Ahab to get up from bed, eat, and be happy?

Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, told him to get out of bed, eat, and be happy.

1 Kings 21:8

ULT

[8] And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and she sealed them with his seal. And she sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, the ones who dwelled near Naboth.

UST

[8] Then Jezebel wrote some letters, and she signed Ahab’s name on them. She used his official seal to seal them. Then she sent them to the older leaders and other important men who lived near Naboth and who decided public matters with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:9

ULT

[9] And she wrote in the letters, saying, “Call a fast and seat Naboth at the head the people.

UST

[9] This is what she wrote in the letters: “Proclaim a day when all the people will gather together and fast. Give to Naboth an important place to sit among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:10

ULT

[10] And seat two men, sons of worthlessness, in front of him and let them witness against him, saying, ‘You cursed God and the king.’ And take him out and stone him and let him die.”

UST

[10] Then find two men who always cause trouble. Give them places to sit opposite him. Tell these men to testify that they heard Naboth say things that criticized God and the king. Then take Naboth out of the city and kill him by throwing stones at him.”

What did Jezebel do to make sure Ahab would get Naboth’s vineyard?

Jezebel had two dishonest men falsely accuse Naboth of blasphemy against God and the king at a public fast.

What would be the penalty for Naboth’s blasphemy?

Naboth would be taken out and stoned to death.

1 Kings 21:11

ULT

[11] And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles, who were the ones dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel had sent to them, just as was written in the letters that she had sent to them.

UST

[11] The leaders received the letters and did what Jezebel had written in the letters for them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:12

ULT

[12] They called a fast and they seated Naboth at the head of the people.

UST

[12] They declared a day on which the people would all go without food. And they gave Naboth a seat in a place where honored people sat, in front of the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:13

ULT

13 And the two men, the sons of worthlessness, came and they sat in front of him, and the men of worthlessness witnessed against Naboth in front of the people, saying, “Naboth cursed God and the king.” And they brought him to the outside of the city and they stoned him with the stones and he died.

UST

13 Two men who always caused trouble sat opposite Naboth. While everyone was listening, they stated that they had heard Naboth say things that criticized God and the king. So the people seized Naboth. They took him outside the city and killed him by throwing stones at him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:14

ULT

14 And they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned and he has died.”

UST

14 Then those leaders sent a message to Jezebel, saying, “We have executed Naboth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:15

ULT

15 And it happened as soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and had died, that Jezebel said to Ahab, “Get up! Possess the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give to you for silver, for Naboth is not alive, but he has died!”

UST

15 When Jezebel found out that Naboth had been killed, she told Ahab, “Naboth is dead. Now you can go and take possession of the vineyard that he refused to sell to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:16

ULT
16 And it happened as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth had died, that Ahab rose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to possess it.

UST
16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went to the vineyard to claim that he now owned it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:17

ULT
17 And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

UST
17 Then Yahweh spoke to Elijah the prophet. He said,

Who did Yahweh send to the vineyard to meet Ahab?
Yahweh sent Elijah the Tishbite to the vineyard.

1 Kings 21:18

ULT
18 “Get up! Go down to meet Ahab the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold he is in the vineyard of Naboth, there where he has gone down to possess it.

UST
18 “Go to Samaria and talk to Ahab, the king of Israel. He is in the vineyard of a man named Naboth. He has gone there to claim that he now owns it.

What did Ahab do when Jezebel told him that Naboth was dead?
When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

1 Kings 21:19

ULT

19 And you shall speak to him saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Have you murdered and also taken possession?”’ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “In a place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you.”’”

UST

19 Tell Ahab that this is what I, Yahweh, say to him, ‘You have murdered Naboth and taken his land. So I am telling you this. In the same place where Naboth died and dogs came and licked up Naboth’s blood, you will die and the dogs will lick up your blood, too!’”

What did Elijah tell Ahab would happen to him because of his sin?
Elijah told Ahab that dogs would lick his blood where they had licked the blood of Naboth.

1 Kings 21:20

ULT

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, my enemy?” And he said, “I have found, on account of you having sold yourself by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

20 So when Elijah met with Ahab, Ahab said to him, “You, my enemy, have found me!” Elijah answered, “Yes, I have found you. You have never stopped doing the things that Yahweh says are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:21

ULT

21 ‘Behold, I am about to bring evil on you and I will burn after you, and I will cut off with respect to Ahab one who urinates on a wall, and one who is restrained, and one who is let free in Israel.

UST

21 So this is what Yahweh says to you, ‘I will soon get rid of you. I will kill you, and I will also kill every male in your household, including those who are slaves and those who are not slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:22

ULT

22 And I will give over your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, on account of the anger that you have provoked to anger and you have caused Israel to sin.’

UST

22 Your family will all be killed, just like the family of King Jeroboam and like the family of King Baasha were killed. I will get rid of you because you have caused me to become very angry, and you have also induced the Israelite people to sin.’

What message did Elijah deliver to Ahab from Yahweh?

Elijah told Ahab that Yahweh said that he would be cut off from every male child and slave and free man in Israel because he had led Israel to sin.

1 Kings 21:23

ULT

23 And also with respect to Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, ‘The dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.’

UST

23 Yahweh has also told me that your wife Jezebel will be killed, and dogs in Jezreel will eat her body.

What would happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:24

ULT

24 The one of Ahab who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat. And the one who dies in the field, the bird of the heavens shall eat.”

UST

24 The dead bodies of the members of your family who die in this city will not be buried. They will be eaten by dogs, and the bodies of those who die in the fields will be eaten by vultures.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:25

ULT

25 Surely there was not one like Ahab, who sold himself by doing the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh, he whom Jezebel his wife incited.

UST

25 There was no man who gave himself as completely to do things that Yahweh said were evil like Ahab did. But his wife Jezebel urged him to do many of those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:26

ULT

26 And he acted very abominably by walking after the idols, like all that the Amorite had done, whom Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.

UST

26 The most disgusting thing that Ahab did was to worship idols, just like the Amor people group had done. And that is why Yahweh took their land from them and gave it to the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:27

ULT

27 And it happened as soon as Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth over his flesh and he fasted. And he lay down in the sackcloth and he walked softly.

UST

27 After Elijah finished talking to Ahab, Ahab tore his clothes to show that he was sorry for all the sins that he had committed. He put on rough clothes that were made from sacks, and he refused to eat anything. He even wore those rough clothes made from sacks when he slept, to show that he was sorry.

What did Ahab do when he heard these words?

Ahab tore his clothes, put on sackcloth on his body, and fasted.

1 Kings 21:28

ULT
28 And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

UST
28 Then Yahweh said this to Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 21:29

ULT
29 “Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from before my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring the evil thing in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the evil thing on his house.”

UST
29 “I have seen that Ahab is now very sorry for all the evil things that he has done. So the things that I promised to do to his family will not happen while he is still alive. I will cause them to happen after his son becomes king. Then those things will happen to his family.”

What did Yahweh do when Ahab humbled himself before him?
Yahweh said that he would not bring this disaster in Ahab’s day, but would do it in his son’s day.

1 Kings 22

1 Kings 22:1

ULT
[1] And they dwelled three years; there was no war between Aram and Israel.

UST
[1] For almost three years there was no war between Aram and Israel.

How long was there no war between Aram and Israel?
For three years there had been no war between Aram and Israel.

1 Kings 22:2

ULT
[2] And it happened in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to the king of Israel.

UST
[2] Then King Jehoshaphat, who ruled Judah, went to visit King Ahab, who ruled Israel.

Who was the king of Judah?
The king of Judah was Jehoshaphat.

1 Kings 22:3

ULT
[3] And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth Gilead is for us, but we are staying inactive from taking it from the hand of the king of Aram?”

UST
[3] While they were talking, Ahab said to his officials, “Do you realize that the Arameans are still occupying our city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead? And we are doing nothing to retake that city!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:4

ULT

4 And he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to war at Ramoth Gilead?” And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses.”

UST

4 Then he turned toward Jehoshaphat and asked, “Will your army join my army to fight against the people of Ramoth and retake that city?” Jehoshaphat replied, “Certainly! I will do whatever you want, and you may command my troops. You may take my horses into battle, also.”

What did the king of Israel ask Jehoshaphat to do with him?

The king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat to go to Ramoth Gilead and make war on the king of Aram.

1 Kings 22:5

ULT

5 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please seek the word of Yahweh at today.”

UST

5 Then he added, “But we should ask Yahweh first, to find out what he wants us to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:6

ULT

6 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, “Should I go against Ramoth Gilead to war, or should I refrain?” And they said, “Go up, for my Lord will give into the hand of the king.”

UST

6 So Ahab summoned about four hundred of his prophets together, and he asked them, “Should my army go to fight the people in Ramoth and retake that city, or not?” They answered, “Yes, go and attack them, because God will enable your army to defeat them.”

Who did the king of Israel call together to seek the will of Yahweh in this matter?

The king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men, and asked them about making war on Aram.

1 Kings 22:7

ULT

[7] And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there still no prophet of Yahweh here so we may seek from him?”

UST

[7] But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no other prophet of Yahweh here whom we can ask?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:8

ULT

[8] And the king of Israel responded to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man for seeking Yahweh from him, but I myself hate him because he does not prophesy good on my account, but rather evil: Micaiah the son of Imlah.” And Jehoshaphat said, “The king should not say so.”

UST

[8] The king of Israel replied, “There is one other man we can ask. His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him, because when he prophesies he never says that anything good will happen to me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me.” Jehoshaphat replied, “King Ahab, you should not say that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:9

ULT

[9] And the king of Israel called to one eunuch. And he said, “Get quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah.”

UST

[9] So the king of Israel told one of his officers to summon Micaiah immediately.

From what other prophet did the king of Israel seek advice?

The king of Israel called upon Micaiah the son of Imiah.

1 Kings 22:10

ULT

10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, a man on his throne, clothed with garments, by the threshing floor at the opening of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets were prophesying before their faces.

UST

10 The king of Israel and the king of Judah were both wearing their royal robes and sitting on thrones at a gate in the city wall of Samaria. Many prophets were speaking messages to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:11

ULT

11 And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made horns of iron for him, and he said, “Thus says Yahweh: ‘With these you shall gore Aram until their finishing.’”

UST

11 One of them, whose name was Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, had made from iron something that resembled horns of a bull. Then he proclaimed to Ahab, “This is what Yahweh says, ‘With horns like these your army will keep attacking the Arameans as a bull attacks another animal, until you completely destroy them!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:12

ULT

12 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and be successful, and Yahweh will give into the hand of the king.”

UST

12 All the other prophets of Ahab agreed. They said, “Yes! If you go up to attack Ramoth in Gilead, you will be successful, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat them!”

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones before the prophets, what was the prophesy they heard?

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones, all the prophets said to them that they should attack Ramoth Gilead and win.

1 Kings 22:13

ULT

13 And the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Behold, please, the words of the prophets as one mouth are good for the king. Please let your word be like the one word from them and speak good.”

UST

13 Meanwhile, the messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, “Listen to me! All the other prophets are predicting that the king’s army will defeat the Arameans. So be sure that you agree with them and say what will be favorable.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:14

ULT

14 And Micaiah said, “As Yahweh is alive, surely what Yahweh will say to me, it I will speak.”

UST

14 But Micaiah replied, “As surely as Yahweh lives, I will tell Ahab only what Yahweh tells me to say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:15

ULT

15 And he came to the king, and the king said to him, “Micaiah, should we go to Ramoth Gilead to war, or should we refrain?” And he said to him, “Go up and be successful, and Yahweh will give into the hand of the king.”

UST

15 When Micaiah came to Ahab, Ahab asked him, “Micaiah, should we go to fight against the people of Ramoth, or not?” Micaiah replied, “Of course you should go! Yahweh will enable your army to defeat them!”

Was Micaiah in agreement with all the other prophets?

Yes, Micaiah was in agreement with all the other prophets.

1 Kings 22:16

ULT

16 And the king said to him, “Up to how many times must I cause you to swear that you would not speak concerning me except truth in the name of Yahweh?”

UST

16 But King Ahab realized that Micaiah was being sarcastic, so he said to Micaiah, “I have told you many times that you must always tell only the truth when you say what Yahweh has revealed to you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:17

ULT

17 And he said, “I saw all Israel scattered to the mountains, like a flock when there is not a shepherd for them. And Yahweh said, ‘There are no masters for these. Let them return, a man to his house, in peace.’”

UST

17 So Micaiah said to him, “The truth is that in a vision I saw all the troops of Israel scattered on the mountains. They seemed to be like sheep that did not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, ‘Their master has been killed. So tell them all to go home peacefully.’”

What bad news did Micaiah tell the king of Israel?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that they would have no shepherd and would be scattered.

1 Kings 22:18

ULT

18 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not say to you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but rather evil?”

UST

18 Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “I told you that he never predicts that anything good will happen to me! He always predicts that bad things will happen to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:19

ULT

[19] And he said, “Therefore hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the host of the heavens standing beside him from his right and from his left.

UST

[19] But Micaiah continued, saying, “Listen to what Yahweh showed to me! In a vision I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, with all the armies of heaven surrounding him, on his right side and on his left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:20

ULT

[20] And Yahweh said, ‘Who will deceive Ahab, so he may go up and may fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ And this one said, “In this way,” and this one was saying, “In this way.”

UST

[20] And Yahweh said, ‘Who can persuade Ahab to go to fight against the people of Ramoth, in order that he may be killed there?’ Some suggested one thing, and others suggested something else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:21

ULT

[21] And the spirit went out, and he stood before the face of Yahweh. And he said, ‘I myself will deceive him.’ And Yahweh said to him, ‘By what means?’

UST

[21] Finally one spirit came to Yahweh and said, ‘I will deceive him!’

How did Micaiah tell the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead? (vv21-23)

Micaiah told the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead by the lies his prophets would tell him.

1 Kings 22:22

ULT

22 And he said, ‘I will go out and I will be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You may deceive and also you will be able. Go out and do so.’

UST

22 Yahweh asked him, ‘How will you do it?’ The spirit replied, ‘I will go and inspire all of Ahab’s prophets to tell lies.’ Yahweh said, ‘You will be successful; go and do it!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:23

ULT

23 And now, behold, Yahweh has given a spirit of falsehood into the mouth of all these prophets of yours. And Yahweh has spoken evil against you.”

UST

23 So now I tell you that Yahweh has let all of your prophets lie to you. Yahweh has decided that something terrible will happen to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:24

ULT

24 And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah came near, and he struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, “How is this, the Spirit of Yahweh has passed over from with me to speak with you?”

UST

24 Then Zedekiah walked over to Micaiah and slapped him on his face. He said, “Do you think that Yahweh’s Spirit left me in order to speak to you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:25

ULT
25 And Micaiah said, “Behold, you are about to see on that day when you enter a room in a room to hide yourself.”

UST
25 Micaiah replied, “You will find out for yourself to which of us Yahweh’s Spirit has truly spoken on the day when you go into a room of some house to hide from the Aramean troops!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:26

ULT
26 And the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah and return him to Amon, the commander of the city, and to Joash, the son of the king.

UST
26 King Ahab commanded his soldiers, “Seize Micaiah and take him to Amon, the governor of this city, and to my son Joash.

What did the king of Israel order to be done to Micaiah? (vv26-27)
The king of Israel ordered that Micaiah be seized and put in prison and be fed only a little bread and water until the king of Israel returned safely.

1 Kings 22:27

ULT
27 And you shall say, ‘Thus says the king, “Put this one in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of oppression and water of oppression, until my coming in peace.”’

UST
27 Tell them that I have commanded that they should put this man in prison and give him only bread and water. Do not give him anything else to eat until I return safely from the battle!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:28

ULT
28 And Micaiah said, “If indeed you return in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me.” And he said, “Listen, peoples, all of them.”

UST
28 Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will be clear that it was not Yahweh who told me what to say to you!” Then he said to all those who were standing there, “Do not forget what I have said to King Ahab!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:29

ULT
29 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead.

UST
29 So the king of Israel and the king of Judah led their armies to Ramoth in Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:30

ULT
30 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will cause myself to be unrecognizable and come into the battle, but you wear your garments.” And the king of Israel caused himself to be unrecognizable and he came into the battle.

UST
30 King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “I will put on different clothes, in order that no one will recognize that I am the king. But you should wear your royal robe.” So Ahab disguised himself, and they both went into the battle.

What did the king of Israel do to avoid capture in the battle at Ramoth Gilead?
The king of Israel disguised himself to avoid capture at Ramoth Gilead.

1 Kings 22:31

ULT

31 Now the king of Aram had commanded the commanders of the chariotry, which were 32 for him, saying, “You shall not fight with a small one or with a great one, but rather with the king of Israel by himself.”

UST

31 The King of Aram had said to his thirty-two men who were driving the chariots, “Attack only the king of Israel!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:32

ULT

32 And it happened as soon as the commanders of the charioty saw Jehoshaphat, that they themselves said, “Surely he is the king of Israel.” And they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

UST

32 So when the men who were driving the Aramean chariots saw Jehoshaphat wearing the royal robes, they pursued him. They shouted, “There is the king of Israel!” But when Jehoshaphat cried out,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:33

ULT

33 And it happened as soon as the commanders of the chariotry saw that he was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from after him.

UST

33 they realized that he was not the king of Israel. So they stopped pursuing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:34

ULT

34 But a man drew with the bow in his innocence and he struck the king of Israel between the joints and the body armor. And he said to his charioteer, “Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I am wounded.”

UST

34 But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at Ahab, without knowing that it was Ahab. The arrow struck Ahab between the places where the parts of his armor joined together. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, “Turn the chariot around and take me out of here! I have been severely wounded!”

How did Ahab receive a serious wound at the battle of Ramoth Gilead?

A soldier of Aram shot his bow at random and it struck Ahab between the joints of his armor.

1 Kings 22:35

ULT

35 And the battle went up on that day and the king was being stood up in the chariot opposite Aram. And he died in the evening and the blood of the wound poured out to the bosom of the chariot.

UST

35 The battle continued all the day. Ahab was sitting propped up in his chariot, facing the Aramean troops. The blood from his wound ran down to the floor of the chariot. And late in the afternoon he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:36

ULT

36 Then the cry passed through in the camp about the going of the sun, saying, “A man to his city and a man to his land!”

UST

36 Just as the sun was going down, someone among the Israelite troops shouted, “The battle is ended! Everyone should return home!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:37

ULT

37 And the king died and came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.

UST

37 So King Ahab died, and they took his body in the chariot to Samaria and buried his body there.

Where was Ahab buried?
Ahab was buried in Samaria.

1 Kings 22:38

ULT

38 And one rinsed the chariot beside the pool of Samaria. And the dogs licked his blood, and the prostitutes bathed, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken.

UST

38 They washed his chariot alongside the pool in Samaria, a pool where the prostitutes bathed. And dogs came and licked the king's blood, just like Yahweh had predicted would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:39

ULT

39 And the remainder of the matters of Ahab and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

39 The account of the other things that happened while Ahab was ruling, and about the palace decorated with much ivory that they built for him, and the cities that were built for him, was written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:40

ULT
40 And Ahab lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

UST
40 When Ahab died, his body was buried where his ancestors were buried. Then his son Ahaziah became king.

Who became king at the death of Ahab?
His son Ahaziah became king of Israel.

1 Kings 22:41

ULT
41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa reigned over Judah in year four of Ahab the king of Israel.

UST
41 Before King Ahab died, when he had been ruling in Israel for four years, Asa's son Jehoshaphat started to rule in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:42

ULT
42 Jehoshaphat was a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

UST
42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

How long did Jehoshaphat reign in Jerusalem?
Jehoshaphat reigned in Jerusalem for twenty-five years.

1 Kings 22:43

ULT

43 And he walked in every way of Asa his father, he did not turn away from it, to do the upright thing in the eyes of Yahweh. However the high places they did not remove. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

43 Jehoshaphat was a good king, just like his father Asa had been. He did things that pleased Yahweh. But while he was king, he did not remove all the pagan altars that had been built upon the hills. So the people continued to offer sacrifices to idols on those altars and burned incense there.

What was said about the reign of Jehoshaphat?
It was said that Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:44

ULT

44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

UST

44 Jehoshaphat also made a peace treaty with the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:45

ULT

45 And the remainder of the matters of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty things that he did, and how he fought, are they not written on the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

45 All the other things that happened while Jehoshaphat was ruling, and the great things that he did and the victories his troops won, are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:46

ULT

46 And the remainder of the cultic prostitutes who were left in the days of Asa his father, he burned from the land.

UST

46 Jehoshaphat removed from the land the male prostitutes that still lived in that region. These were same the male prostitutes who had lived there in the time of his father Asa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:47

ULT

47 And there was not a king in Edom, a stationed one was king.

UST

47 At that time, there was no king in Edom. A ruler who had been appointed by Jehoshaphat ruled there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:48

ULT

48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but he did not go because ships were broken at Ezion Geber.

UST

48 Jehoshaphat ordered some Israelite men to build a fleet of ships to sail south to the region of Ophir to get gold. But they were wrecked at Ezion Geber, so the ships never sailed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:49

ULT

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with your servants in the ships.” But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

UST

49 Before the ships were wrecked, Ahab’s son Ahaziah suggested to Jehoshaphat, “Allow my sailors to go with your sailors,” but Jehoshaphat refused.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:50

ULT

50 And Jehoshaphat lay down with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

UST

50 When Jehoshaphat died, his body was buried where his ancestors were buried in Jerusalem, the city where King David had ruled. Then Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:51

ULT

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab reigned over Israel in Samaria in year 17 of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

UST

51 Before King Jehoshaphat died, when he had been ruling in Judah for seventeen years, Ahab's son Ahaziah began to rule in Israel. Ahaziah ruled in Samaria for two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Kings 22:52

ULT

52 And he did the evil thing in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST

52 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, doing the evil things that his father and mother had done and the evil things that Jeroboam had done—the king who had induced all the Israelite people to sin by worshiping idols.

What was said about the reign of Ahab?

It was said that Ahab did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:53

ULT

53 And he served the Baal and he bowed down to him. And he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, to anger, according to all that his father had done.

UST

53 Ahaziah bowed in front of Baal's idol and worshiped it. That caused Yahweh, the God who is the true God of the Israelite people as well as all the world, to become very angry, just as Ahaziah's father had caused Yahweh to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:1

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

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:2

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

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

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

2 Kings 1:3

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:4

ULT

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

UST

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

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

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

2 Kings 1:5

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:6

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:7

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:8

ULT

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

UST

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

What did Elijah wear?

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

2 Kings 1:9

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:10

ULT

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

UST

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

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

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

2 Kings 1:11

ULT

[11] So he repeated and he sent to him another prince of 50 and his 50, and he responded and he spoke to him, “Man of the true God, thus says the king, ‘Quickly! You must come down!’”

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:12

ULT

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

UST

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

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:13

ULT

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

UST

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

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

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

2 Kings 1:14

ULT

14 Look, fire came down from the heavens and it consumed the first two princes of the 50 along with their fifties, but now may my life be precious in your eyes.”

UST

14 We know that two times fire came down from the sky and killed officers and the soldiers with them. So now, please be kind to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:15

ULT

15 Then the angel of Yahweh spoke to Elijah, “Go down with him. Do not be afraid of his presence.” So he rose up and he went down with him to the king.

UST

15 Then the angel from Yahweh said to Elijah, “Go down and go with him. Do not be afraid of him.” So Elijah went with them to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:16

ULT

16 Then he spoke to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘By reason that you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, was it on account of there being no God in Israel to inquire about his word? Therefore, the bed that you have gone upon there, you will not come down from it, for you will surely die.’”

UST

16 When Elijah arrived, he said to the king, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘You sent messengers to go to Ekron to ask Baal-Zebub, their god, whether you would recover. You acted as though there is no God in Israel to consult. So you will not recover from being injured; instead, you are going to die!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 1:17

ULT

17 So he died according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah had spoken. Then Joram reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, because there was no son for him.

UST

17 So Ahaziah died, which is what Yahweh told Elijah would happen. Ahaziah’s younger brother Joram became the new king, at the same time that Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat, had been ruling Judah for almost two years. Ahaziah’s brother became the king because Ahaziah had no son to become the king.

Why did Joram begin to reign in the place of Ahaziah?

Joram began to reign in his place because Ahaziah had no son.

2 Kings 1:18

ULT

18 As for the rest of the matters concerning Ahaziah that he had done, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

18 If you want to know about all the other things that Ahaziah did, they are written in the Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened when Yahweh was about to take up Elijah by the whirlwind to the heavens, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

UST

[1] When Yahweh was about to take the prophet Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and his fellow prophet Elisha were traveling south from Gilgal.

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?
When Yahweh was going to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, Elijah left with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Kings 2:2

ULT

[2] Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me even further to Bethel.” However Elisha replied, “As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

UST

[2] Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to the city of Bethel.” But Elisha replied, “Just as certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!” So they went down together to Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:3

ULT

[3] Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and they said to him, “Do you know that Yahweh is taking away your master away from over your head today?” So he replied, “Indeed, I myself know. You all keep quiet.”

UST

[3] An association of prophets at Bethel came to Elisha and Elijah; they asked Elisha, “Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?” Elisha answered, “Certainly I know that, but do not talk about it!”

How did Elisha answer when the sons of the prophets told him that Yahweh would take his master from him?

Elisha answered, “Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it.”

2 Kings 2:4

ULT

[4] Next Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to Jericho.” But he replied, “As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you.” So they came in to Jericho.

UST

[4] Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to Jericho.” But Elisha replied again, “Just as certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!” So they went together to the city of Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:5

ULT

[5] Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho came to Elisha and they said to him, “Do you know that Yahweh is taking away your master from over your head today?” So he replied, “Indeed I myself know. You all keep quiet!”

UST

[5] As they neared Jericho, another association of prophets who were from there came to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?” He answered again, “Certainly I know that, but do not talk about it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:6

ULT

[6] Next Elijah said to him, “Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan.” However he replied, “As Yahweh is alive, and as you yourself are alive, surely I will not leave you.” So the two of them went.

UST

[6] Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, because Yahweh has told only me to go to the Jordan River.” But again Elisha replied, “As certainly as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not leave you!” So they continued walking together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:7

ULT

[7] Now, 50 men of the sons of the prophets went and they stood at a standpoint opposite from a distance while the two of them stood along the Jordan.

UST

[7] Fifty men from the association of prophets who were from Jericho also went, but they watched from a distance as Elijah and Elisha stopped at the edge of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:8

ULT

[8] Then Elijah took his mantle, and he folded, and he struck the waters and they were divided here and there. So the two of them crossed over on the dry ground.

UST

[8] Then Elijah rolled up his cloak and struck the water with it. A path opened up for them through the river, and they walked across as though they were on dry ground.

Why did the river divide on both sides?

Because Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it, the river divided on both sides.

2 Kings 2:9

ULT

[9] Now it happened at their crossing over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I should do for you before I will be taken away from with you.” So Elisha replied, “Indeed, please may a double portion of your spirit be with me.”

UST

[9] When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “What do you want me to do for you before I am taken away?” Elisha replied, “I want you to enable me to very powerfully continue your ministry.”

For what did Elisha ask?

Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah’s spirit to come on him.

2 Kings 2:10

ULT

[10] So he replied, “You have shown tenacity by asking. If you see me being taken away from beside you, so it will happen for you, but if not, it will not happen.”

UST

[10] Elijah replied, “You have asked for something which is difficult for me to make happen. But if you see me when I am taken from you, you will get what you are requesting. But if you do not see me, then you will not get it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:11

ULT

[11] Now it happened they were walking, going along and speaking, when look, a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and they caused a separation between the two of them. Then Elijah went up in a whirlwind into the heavens.

UST

[11] As they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot surrounded by fire pulled by horses surrounded by fire, appeared. The chariot driver drove the chariot between Elijah and Elisha and separated them. Then Elijah was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind.

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12

ULT

12 Then Elisha was looking and he was crying out, “My father, my father, the chariotry of Israel and its horsemen!” But he did not see him any longer, so he took hold of his garments and he tore them into two pieces.

UST

12 Elisha saw it. He cried out, “My father! My father! The Israelite chariots and their drivers have taken my master away!” They disappeared into the sky, and Elisha never saw Elijah again. Then Elisha tore his own robe into two pieces to show that he was deeply saddened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:13

ULT

13 Then he picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from upon him, and he turned back and he stood along the edge of the Jordan.

UST

13 Elijah’s cloak had fallen off when he was taken away, so Elisha picked it up and returned to the bank of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:14

ULT

14 Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from upon him and he struck the waters and he said, “Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah, indeed, he?” When he struck the waters, then they were divided in half, here and there, so Elisha crossed over.

UST

14 He rolled up the cloak and struck the water with it, and cried out, “Is Yahweh, the God of Elijah, here with me, too?” Then the water separated, and a path opened up for him, and Elisha went across.

What happened when Elisha struck the waters with Elijah’s cloak?

When Elisha had struck the waters, they divided on both sides and Elisha crossed over.

2 Kings 2:15

ULT

15 When the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho saw him from afar, then they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha!” So they came to meet him, and they bowed themselves to the ground to him.

UST

15 When the association of prophets from Jericho saw what happened, they exclaimed, “The Spirit of God has now given the same ability to Elisha that Elijah had!” They walked over to Elisha and bowed down in front of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:16

ULT

16 Then they said to him, “Look, please, there are 50 men, sons of strength, with your servants. Please, let them go, so they may search for your master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh has carried him and he has thrown him on one of the mountains or in one of the valleys.” However he replied, “Do not send forth.”

UST

16 One of them said, “Sir, if you permit us, fifty of our strongest men will go and search for your master on the other side of the river. Perhaps the Spirit of Yahweh has left him on some mountain or in some valley.” Elisha replied, “No, do not send them.”

What did the sons of the prophets want fifty strong men to do?

They wanted fifty strong men to go and look for Elisha’s master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh had taken him up and thrown him onto some mountain or into some valley.

2 Kings 2:17

ULT

17 But they pressed upon him until shaming, so he said, “Send forth!” Then they sent 50 men, and they searched three days, but they did not find him.

UST

17 But they continued to urge him. Finally he was tired of saying “No,” and he said, “Very well, send them.” So fifty men searched for three days, but they did not find Elijah.

For how long did the fifty men look for Elijah?

The fifty men looked for three days.

2 Kings 2:18

ULT

18 Then they returned to him while he was staying in Jericho, and he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘you should not go’?”

UST

18 They returned to Jericho, and Elisha was still there. He said to them, “I told you that you should not go, because you would not find him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:19

ULT

19 Then the men of the city said to Elisha, “Please, look the site of the city is good, just as my master is seeing, but the waters are worthless and the land is unfruitful.”

UST

19 Then the leaders of Jericho came to talk with Elisha. One of them said, “Our master, we have a problem. You can see that this is a very nice place to live in. But the water is bad, and as a result, crops will not grow on the land.”

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:20

ULT

20 So he replied, “Take for me a new small jug and put some salt in there,” so they took it to him.

UST

20 Elisha said to them, “Put some salt in a new bowl and bring the bowl to me.” So they brought it to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:21

ULT

21 Then he went out to the source of the waters and he threw some salt in there. Then he said, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘I have brought healing to these waters. There will not be death or being unfruitful from there any longer.’”

UST

21 Then Elisha went out to the spring from which the people in the town got water. He threw the salt into the spring. Then he said, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘I have made this water good. No one will die anymore because of bad water, and the land will grow fruitful crops.’”

How was the water healed? (vv21-22)

Elisha went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it.

2 Kings 2:22

ULT

22 So the waters are healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

UST

22 And the water became pure, just as Elisha said it would. Since that time it has always remained pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:23

ULT

23 Then he went up from there to Bethel, and he was going up along the road, when some young boys came out from the city. Now they were making fun of him among themselves. Then they said to him, “Go up, bald one! Go up, bald one!”

UST

23 Elisha left Jericho and went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, a group of young boys from Bethel saw him and started to make fun of him. They continued shouting, “Go away, you bald-headed man!”

When some boys mocked Elisha, what curse happened to them? (vv23-24)

When some boys mocked Elisha, two female bears came out of the woods and injured forty-two of the boys.

2 Kings 2:24

ULT

24 So he turned behind him and he saw them, and he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. Then two female bears came out from the forrest and they tore up 42 of the boys among them.

UST

24 Elisha turned around and reprimanded them in the name of Yahweh. Immediately two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 2:25

ULT

25 Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

UST

25 Elisha left Bethel and went to Mount Carmel, and after that he returned to the city of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:1

ULT

1 Now Joram, the son of Ahab, became king over Israel in Samaria in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, and he reigned 12 years.

UST

1 After Jehoshaphat had been ruling Judah for almost eighteen years, Ahab's son Joram became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for twelve years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:2

ULT

2 He also did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh,only not as his father or as his mother, for he removed the standing stone of the Baal that his father had made.

UST

2 He did things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as much evil as his father and mother had done, and he got rid of the stone pillar for worshiping Baal that his father had made.

How was Joram's evil different from the evil of his father and his mother?

Joram's evil was not like his father and his mother, for he removed the sacred stone pillar of Baal that his father had made.

2 Kings 3:3

ULT

3 However he held fast to the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin; he did not turn away from it.

UST

3 But he committed the sins that King Jeroboam had committed and which induced the Israelite people to sin, and he did not stop committing the same sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:4

ULT

4 Now Mesha, the king of Moab, was a breeder of sheep, and he would bring back to the king of Israel 100,000 young rams and 100,000 rams with much wool.

UST

4 Mesha, the king of Moab, raised sheep. Every year he was forced to give 100,000 lambs and the wool from 100,000 rams to the king of Israel, because his kingdom was controlled by the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:5

ULT

5 Now it happened after the death of Ahab, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

UST

5 But after King Ahab died, Mesha rebelled against the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:6

ULT

6 So the King, Joram, came out of Samaria on that day and he mobilized all Israel.

UST

6 So King Joram left Samaria to call together soldiers from across all Israel to go to war.

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:7

ULT

[7] Then he went and he sent to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, saying, “The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to Moab to the battle?” and he replied, “I will go up. Truly I will as you will, as my people will so your people will, as my horses will, so will your horses.”

UST

[7] Then he sent this message to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah: “The king of Moab has rebelled against me. So will your army join my army and fight against the army of Moab?” Jehoshaphat replied, “Yes, we will help you. We are ready to do whatever you want us to. My soldiers and my horses are ready to help you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:8

ULT

[8] Then he said, “Where is this, the way we should go up?” and he replied, “The way of the wilderness of Edom.”

UST

[8] He asked, “On which road should we march to attack them?” Joram replied, “We will go south to Jerusalem, where your army will join us. Then we will all go south of the Dead Sea and then turn north through the wilderness of Edom.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:9

ULT

[9] So the king of Israel went along with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they wandered about on a journey for seven days, but there was no water for the army or for the cattle that were at their feet.

UST

[9] So the king of Israel and his army went with the kings of Judah and Edom and their armies. They marched for seven days. Then there was no water left for their soldiers or for their animals that carried supplies.

What three armies marched in a semicircle for seven days?

Israel, Judah, and Edom marched in a semicircle for seven days.

2 Kings 3:10

ULT

10 Then the king of Israel said, “Alas, for Yahweh has called for these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab!”

UST

10 The king of Israel exclaimed, “This is a terrible situation! It seems that Yahweh will allow the three of us to be captured by the army of Moab!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:11

ULT

11 But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek Yahweh by him?” Then one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and he said, “Elisha, the son of Shaphat is here, who has poured waters on the hands of Elijah.”

UST

11 Jehoshaphat said, “Is there a prophet here who can ask Yahweh for us what we should do?” One of Joram’s army officers said, “Elisha son of Shaphat, is here. He was Elijah’s assistant.”

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

Elisha had poured water on the hands (a helper) of Elijah.

2 Kings 3:12

ULT

12 So Jehoshaphat replied, “The word of Yahweh is present with him.” So the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went down to him.

UST

12 Jehoshaphat said, “It will be good to ask him, because he speaks what Yahweh tells him to say.” So those three kings went to Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:13

ULT

[13] Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, “What do I have that is for you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother.” However the king of Israel said to him, “No, for Yahweh has called for these three kings in order to give them into the hand of Moab.”

UST

[13] Elisha said to the king of Israel, “Why do you come to me? Go and ask those prophets that your father and mother consulted!” But Joram replied, “No, we want you to ask Yahweh, because it seems that Yahweh has brought us three kings together in order to allow the army of Moab to capture us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:14

ULT

[14] But Elisha said, “As Yahweh of hosts is alive, whom I stand in his presence, surely except that I am respecting the presence of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, I would not pay attention to you, or I would even look at you.

UST

[14] Elisha replied, “I serve Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven. As surely as he lives, if I did not respect Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not even think about doing anything to help you.

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

Elisha paid attention to the king of Israel because Elisha honored the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

2 Kings 3:15

ULT

[15] But now bring someone who plays a stringed instrument to me.” Now it was when the one playing a stringed instrument played, the hand of Yahweh came upon him.

UST

[15] But bring a musician to me.” So they did that. When the musician played on his harp, Yahweh gave this message to Elisha.

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

When the harpist played, the hand of Yahweh came upon Elisha.

2 Kings 3:16

ULT

16 Then he said, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘This dry river valley will function as cisterns, cisterns.’

UST

16 He said, “Yahweh says that he will cause this dry streambed to be full of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:17

ULT

17 For thus says Yahweh, ‘You will not see wind, and you will not see rain, but this dry river valley will be filled with waters, so that you may drink, you and your flocks, and your herds.’

UST

17 The result will be that your soldiers and your animals that carry supplies and your livestock will have plenty of water to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:18

ULT

18 Indeed, this is an easy thing in the eyes of Yahweh, so he will give Moab into your hand.

UST

18 That is not difficult for Yahweh to do. But He will do more than that. He will also enable you to defeat the army of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:19

ULT

19 Therefore you will attack every fortified city and every choice city. Also every good tree you will make fall, and all springs of waters you will stop up, and all of the good portion of land you will mar with stones.”

UST

19 You will conquer all their beautiful cities, cities that have high walls around them. You must cut down all their fruit trees, stop water from flowing from their springs, and ruin their fertile fields by covering them with rocks.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:20

ULT

[20] Now it happened in the morning at the offering up of the sacrifice, that, look, waters were coming from the way of Edom and the land was filled with the waters.

UST

[20] The next morning, at the time when they offered the sacrifices of grain, they were surprised to see water flowing from Edom and covering the ground.

When was the country filled with water?

In the morning about the time of offering the sacrifice, there came water from the direction of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

2 Kings 3:21

ULT

[21] Then all Moab heard that the kings had gone up to fight against them. So they were mobilized out of all girding on a warrior belt and upwards, and they stood along the border.

UST

[21] When the people of Moab heard that the three kings had come with their armies to fight against them, all the men who were able to fight in battles, from the youngest men to the oldest ones, were summoned, and they took their positions at the southern border of their land.

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

All who were able to put on armor gathered themselves together.

2 Kings 3:22

ULT

[22] Now they rose up early in the morning and the sun shone on the waters. When Moab looked from the other side the waters were red like the blood.

UST

[22] But when they rose early the next morning, they saw that the water across from them appeared to be as red as blood.

What did the Moabites think when they saw the water? (vv22-23)

When the Moabites saw the water, they thought the three kings had been destroyed, and they had killed each other.

2 Kings 3:23

ULT

23 So they said, “This is blood! The kings have surely been destroyed, and each man has struck down his comrade. So now, Moab, to the spoil!”

UST

23 They exclaimed, “It is blood! The three enemy armies must have fought and killed each other! So let us go and take everything that they have left!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:24

ULT

24 When they came to the camp of Israel, then Israel rose up and they struck Moab. Then they fled away from their presence but they came into it, in order to strike Moab.

UST

24 But when they reached the area where the Israelite soldiers had set up their tents, the Israelites attacked the soldiers from Moab and forced them to retreat. The Israelite soldiers pursued the soldiers from Moab and killed many of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:25

ULT

25 Then they would tear down the cities, and every good portion each man would throw down his stone so they would fill it. Also they would stop up every spring of waters and they would make every good tree fall. As far as at the Kir Hareseth each allowed its stones to remain, but the slingers surrounded and they struck it.

UST

25 The Israelites also destroyed their cities. Whenever they passed fertile fields, they threw rocks on those fields until the fields were covered with rocks. They stopped water from flowing from the springs and cut down the fruit trees. Finally, only the capital city, Kir Hareseth, remained. The Israelite soldiers who threw stones with slings surrounded the city and attacked it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:26

ULT

26 When the king of Moab saw that the battle had grown stronger than him, then he took with him 700 men wielding a sword in order to break through to the king of Edom, but they were not able.

UST

26 When the king of Moab realized that his army was being defeated, he took with him seven hundred men who fought with swords, and they tried to force a way through the Israelite lines of soldiers to escape to get help from the king of Edom, whom they hoped would join them, but they were unable to escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 3:27

ULT

27 Then he took his son, the first-born who would have reigned in his place, and he offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall. As a result there was great wrath against Israel, so they journeyed away from him and they returned to the land.

UST

27 Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have become the next king, and killed him and offered him as a sacrifice to their god Chemosh, burning him on top of the city wall. Then God became very angry at the Israelite army, so the army left and went back to their own land.

What did the king of Moab do to his oldest son?

He took his oldest son and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall.

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

ULT

1 Now a woman, one of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant, my husband, has died, and you yourself know that your servant was a fearer of Yahweh. Now the money lender has come to take two of my children for himself as slaves.”

UST

1 One day the widow of one of Yahweh’s prophets came to Elisha and cried out to him, “My husband, who worked with you, is dead. You know that he revered Yahweh very much. But now someone to whom he owed a lot of money has come to me. I cannot pay him back, so he is threatening to take away my two sons to be his slaves as payment!”

What was going to happen to the children of the wife of one of the sons of the prophets?

The creditor was going to take her two children to be his slaves.

2 Kings 4:2

ULT

2 So Elisha said to her, “What should I do for you? Tell to me, what is there for you in the house?” Then she replied, “There is nothing for your maidservant at all in the house, except for a flask of oil.”

UST

2 Elisha replied, “What can I do to help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” She replied, “We have only a container of olive oil. We have nothing else.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:3

ULT

3 Then he said, “Go, ask for vessels for yourself from the outside, from all of your neighbors, empty vessels. You should not collect a few.

UST

3 Elisha said, “Go to your neighbors and borrow from them as many empty jars as you can.

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:4

ULT

4 Then you should go in and you should shut the door behind you and behind your sons, and you should pour into all those vessels. Then the full ones you should set aside.”

UST

4 Then take the jars into your house with your sons. Shut the door. Then pour olive oil from your container into the other jars. When each jar is full, set it aside and fill another jar. Keep doing that until all the jars are full.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:5

ULT

5 So she went away from being with him and she shut the door behind her and behind her sons. They were bringing to her, and she continued pouring.

UST

5 So she did what Elisha told her to do. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she kept filling them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:6

ULT

6 Now it happened after the filling of the vessels that she said to her son, “Bring to me another vessel.” But he replied to her, “There is not another vessel.” Then the oil stopped.

UST

6 Soon all the jars were full. So she said to one of her sons, “Bring me another jar!” But he replied, “There are no more jars!” Right then the olive oil stopped flowing.

When did the oil stop flowing?

After her son said there were no more jars, the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:7

ULT

[7] Then she came and she reported to the man of God. So he replied, “Go, sell the oil, and pay your debt, so you along with your sons, you can live on the rest.”

UST

[7] When she told Elisha what had happened, he said to her, “Now sell the oil. And with the money you get, pay what you owe, and there will be enough extra money to keep buying food for yourself and your sons.” So she did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:8

ULT

[8] Now the day came when Elisha passed over to Shunem and there was a prominent woman. Then she prevailed upon him to eat bread. So it would happen whenever he passed by, he would turn in to there in order to eat bread.

UST

[8] One day Elisha went to the city of Shunem. There was a wealthy woman who lived there with her husband. One day she invited Elisha to her house for a meal. Elisha went there, and from then on every time Elisha was in Shunem he went to their house to eat a meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:9

ULT

[9] Then she said to her husband, “Look, please, I know that he is a holy man of God always passing by us.

UST

[9] One day the woman said to her husband, “I am sure that this man who often comes here is a prophet who brings messages from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:10

ULT

10 Please, let us make a little upper chamber in a wall and we will set up for him there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and a lampstand, so it wll be upon his coming to us he may turn in to there."

UST

10 I think we should make a small room for him on our flat roof, and put a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp in it. If we do that, whenever he comes here, he will have a place to stay." So they did that.

What did the important woman from Shunem and her husband make for Elisha?
They made a little room on the roof for Elisha, with a bed, a table, a seat, and a lamp.

2 Kings 4:11

ULT

11 Now the day happened when he came to there, and he turned in to the upper chamber and he took rest in there.

UST

11 One day Elisha returned to Shunem, and he went up to that room to rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:12

ULT

12 Then he said to Gehazi his young man, "Call for this Shunammite woman." So he called for her, and she stood in his presence.

UST

12 He said to his servant Gehazi, "Tell the woman that I want to speak to her." So the servant went and told her. When she came to the doorway of Elisha's room,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:13

ULT

13 Then he said to him, “Please, say to her, ‘Look, you have worked tirelessly on our behalf by all this trouble. What is there to do for you, to speak on your behalf to the king or to the prince of the army?’” But she replied, “I am staying in the midst of my people.”

UST

13 Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tell her that we are both grateful for all the kind things that she has done for us. Then ask her what we can do for her. Ask, ‘Do you want me to go to the king or the army commander to request something for you?’” Gehazi gave her this message. She replied, “No, your master does not need to do that, because my family are able to give me what I need.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:14

ULT

14 So he said, “Then, what to do for her?” So Gehazi replied, “Actually, there is not a son for her, and her husband is old.”

UST

14 Later, Elisha asked Gehazi, “What do you think that we can do for that woman?” He replied, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is an old man.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:15

ULT

15 Then he said, “Call for her,” and he called for her. Then she stood at the entrance.

UST

15 Elisha told Gehazi, “Call her back again.” So Gehazi went and called her. And when the woman returned, as she stood in the doorway,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:16

ULT

16 Then he said, “At this appointed time, at the very time, revived, you will be embracing a son.” However she replied, “No, my master, the man of God, do not lie to your bondservant.”

UST

16 Elisha said to her, “About this time next year you will be holding your infant son in your arms.” But she protested, “Oh, Sir, you are a prophet who brings messages from God, so please do not deceive me by saying things like that!”

What was the woman to be holding in one year’s time?

In one year’s time, she would be holding a son.

2 Kings 4:17

ULT

17 So the woman became pregnant and she brought forth a son at this appointed time, at that very time, revived, that Elisha had spoken to her.

UST

17 But a few months later, the woman became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son at that time the following year, just like Elisha had predicted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:18

ULT

18 When the boy had grown, then the day happened that he went out to his father, to the harvesters.

UST

18 When the child was growing up, one day he went out to the fields to see his father, who was working with the men who were harvesting grain.

When did the child hurt his head? (vv18-19)

When the child went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters, he hurt his head.

2 Kings 4:19

ULT
19 Then he said to his father, “My head, my head.” So he said to the young man, “Carry him to his mother.”

UST
19 Suddenly the boy exclaimed, “My head hurts! My head hurts!” His father said to one of the servants, “Carry him home to his mother!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:20

ULT
20 So he carried him and he brought him to his mother. Then he sat on her knees until high noon when he died.

UST
20 So the servant carried him home, and his mother held him on her lap. But at noontime the boy died.

Where did the child sit until he died?
The child sat on his mother’s knees until he died.

2 Kings 4:21

ULT
21 So she got up and she laid him on the bed of the man of God. Then she shut him in, and she went out.

UST
21 She carried him up the steps to the prophet’s room and laid him on the bed. She left him there and went out and shut the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:22

ULT

22 Then she called to her husband, and she said, “Please send to me one of the young men and one of the donkeys so that I may rush to the man of God and I may return.”

UST

22 She then called out to her husband, saying, “Send to me one of the servants and a donkey so that I can ride on it quickly to the prophet, and then come back!” But she did not tell her husband that their son had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:23

ULT

23 Then he said, “Why are you going to him today? It is not a new moon nor a Sabbath.” However she replied, “Peace.”

UST

23 Her husband called out to her and said, “Why do you want to go today? This is not the day when we celebrate the festival of the new moon, and it is not a Sabbath day!” But she only replied, “Just do what I requested and everything will be all right.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:24

ULT

24 Then she saddled the donkey and she said to her young man, “Lead on and go! Do not hold back on account of me to ride except if I order to you.”

UST

24 So she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the donkey! Do not slow down for me unless I tell you to do so!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:25

ULT

25 So she went and she came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. Now it happened upon the man of God seeing her from afar that he said to Gehazi his young man, “Here is this Shunammite woman.

UST

25 As they approached Mount Carmel, where Elisha was, Elisha saw her in the distance. He said to Gehazi, “Look, the woman from Shunem is coming!

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26

ULT

26 Now please run to meet her and say to her, ‘Is there tranquility for you? Is there tranquility for your husband? Is there tranquility for the boy?’” Then she replied, “Peace.”

UST

26 Run to her, and ask her if everything is all right with her and her husband and with her child!” So Gehazi ran to her and asked her, but she said nothing to Gehazi except, “Yes, everything is fine.”

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, what did she answer?

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, she answered, “It is alright.”

2 Kings 4:27

ULT

27 When she came to the man of God, to the mountain, then she held on to his feet. Then Gehazi approached in order to push her away but the man of God said, “Let loose of her, for her temperament is bitter for her, however Yahweh has concealed from me, and he has revealed nothing to me.”

UST

27 But when she came to where Elisha was, she prostrated herself on the ground in front of Elisha and took hold of his feet. Gehazi started to push her away, but Elisha said, “Do not push her away! Something is troubling her very much, but Yahweh has not told me what it is.”

What did the woman do when she came to the man of God at the mountain?

When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet.

2 Kings 4:28

ULT

28 Then she said, “Did I ask for a son by the help of my master? Did I not say, ‘Do not give me a false hope’?”

UST

28 Then she said to Elisha, “O sir, I did not request you to enable me to give birth to a son, but I did say, ‘Do not lie to me.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:29

ULT

29 So he said to Gehazi, “Gird up your loins and take my staff in your hand, then go. Even if you should find anyone, you should not bless him, and if anyone should bless you, do not answer him. Then you should set my staff on the face of the young man.”

UST

29 Then Elisha realized that something must have happened to her son. So he said to Gehazi, “Get ready to leave immediately. Take my staff stick and go to her home. Do not stop to talk to anyone on the way. Go quickly to where her son is and lay the staff on the child’s face. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will cause him to live again.”

What should Gehazi do if he met any man or if anyone greeted him?

If Gehazi met any man or if anyone greeted him, he should not answer him.

2 Kings 4:30

ULT

30 Then the mother of the young man said, “As Yahweh is alive and as you yourself are alive, if ever I would leave you.” So he rose up and he went after her.

UST

30 But the boy’s mother said, “Just as certain as Yahweh lives and you live, I will not go home if you do not go with me.” So Elisha returned with her to her home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:31

ULT

31 Now Gehazi passed by ahead of them and he set the staff on the face of the young man, but there was not a sound nor was there attentiveness. So he returned to meet him and he told to him saying, “The young man has not awakened.”

UST

31 But Gehazi hurried quickly ahead. When he got to the woman’s home, he laid the staff on the child’s face, but the child did not move or say anything. So Gehazi returned to meet Elisha along the road, and told him, “The child is still dead.”

What did Gehazi lay on the child’s face?
He laid the staff on the child’s face.

2 Kings 4:32

ULT

32 When Elisha came in to the house, then here, the young man was dead, laid on his bed.

UST

32 When Elisha reached the house, he saw that the boy was lying dead on his bed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:33

ULT

33 So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them, and he prayed to Yahweh.

UST

33 Elisha went into the room by himself and shut the door and prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:34

ULT

34 Then he went up and he lay on the boy, and he put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. Then he prostrated himself over him, and grew warm the flesh of the boy.

UST

34 Then he lay down on the boy's body, and put his mouth on the boy's mouth, and put his eyes on the boy's eyes, and put his hands on the boy's hands. Then the boy's body started to become warm!

How did the boy's body grow warm?

Elisha stretched himself out on the boy, and the boy's body grew warm.

2 Kings 4:35

ULT

35 Then he returned and he walked around the house once here and once there. Then he went up and he prostrated himself on him. Next the young man sneezed, even seven times, and the young man opened his eyes!

UST

35 Elisha got up and walked back and forth in the room several times. Then he stretched his body on the boy's body again. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes!

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:36

ULT

36 So he called to Gehazi and he said, "Call to this Shunammite woman!" So he called her. When she came to him, then he said, "Take up your son."

UST

36 Then Elisha summoned Gehazi. He said, "Call the boy's mother." So Gehazi went and called her, and when she came in, Elisha said, "Here, take your son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:37

ULT

37 When she came in, indeed she fell down at his feet and she bowed down to the ground. Then she took up her son and she went out.

UST

37 She gratefully prostrated herself at Elisha's feet. Then she picked up her son and carried him downstairs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:38

ULT

38 Then Elisha returned to the Gilgal area. Now a famine was in the land, and the sons of the prophets were sitting in his presence. Then he said to his young man, "Set the large pot on the fire and boil soup for the sons of the prophets."

UST

38 Then Elisha returned to Gilgal. But at that time there was a famine in that area. One day as the association of prophets was sitting in front of Elisha listening to what he was teaching, he said to his servant, "Put a large pot on the fire and make some stew for these men."

Who gathered wild gourds? (vv38-39)

One of the sons of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:39

ULT

39 Now one went out into the field in order to gather herbs, and he found a vine in a field. So he gathered from it a wild cucumber out of a field, the fullness of his garment. Then he came in and he sliced up into the pot of soup, for they did not know.

UST

39 One of the prophets went out to the fields to gather some vegetables. But he gathered only some wild gourds and put them in his cloak and brought them back. He shredded them and put them in the pot, but he did not know that the gourds were poisonous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:40

ULT

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. Now it happened when they were eating of the stew, that they cried out and they said, “Death is in the pot, O Man of God!” So they were not able to eat.

UST

40 He served the stew to the prophets, but after the men had eaten only a couple bites, they cried out, “Our master, there is something in the pot that will kill us!” So they would not eat it.

How did Elisha remove the death from the pot? (vv40-41)

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:41

ULT

41 So he said, “Now bring some flour,” and he threw into the pot. Then he said, “Pour out for the people, so that they will eat,” and there was not anything harmful in the pot.

UST

41 Elisha said, “Bring me some flour.” They brought him some, and he threw it in the pot and he said, “It is all right now. You can eat it.” And they ate it, and it did not harm them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:42

ULT

42 Now a man came from Baal Shalishah and he brought to the man of God bread, firstfruits, 20 loaves of barley bread and produce in his sack. Then he said, “Give to the people so they will eat.”

UST

42 One day a man from the city of Baal Shalishah brought to Elisha a sack of freshly cut grain and twenty loaves of barley bread, made from the first grain that they had harvested that year. Elisha said to his servant, “Give it to the group of prophets, so that they can eat it.”

How many people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread? (vv42-43)

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 4:43

ULT

43 However the one serving him said, “How do I set this in the presence of 100 men?” But he replied, “Give to the people, so they will eat, for thus says Yahweh, ‘Eat and have some leftover.’”

UST

43 But his servant exclaimed, “Do you think that we can feed a hundred of us prophets with only that much? How can I place this before them all?” But Elisha replied, “Give it to the prophets so that they can eat it, because Yahweh says that there will be plenty for all of them, and there will be some left over!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 4:44

ULT

44 So he set in their presence and they ate and they had some leftover, according to the word of Yahweh.

UST

44 After his servant gave it to the prophets, they ate all that they wanted, and there was food left over, just as Yahweh had promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

ULT

1 Now Naaman, the prince of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man in the presence of his master, and he was lifted up in countenance, because through him Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram. Also the man was mighty in strength although he had been stricken with leprosy.

UST

1 A man named Naaman was the commander of the army of Aram. Yahweh had enabled him to win many victories, and the king of Aram admired and honored him. Naaman was also a strong and brave soldier, but he had leprosy.

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?
Yahweh had given victory to Aram.

2 Kings 5:2

ULT

2 Now Aram had gone out in raids and they had taken captive from the land of Israel a young little girl. Then she was in the presence of the wife of Naaman.

UST

2 Some time previously, groups of soldiers had invaded the land of Israel, and they had captured a young girl and taken her to Aram. She became a servant for Naaman's wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:3

ULT

3 Then she said to her powerful woman, "O that my master was in the presence of the prophet who is in Samaria, since he would restore him of his leprosy."

UST

3 One day, that girl said to her, "I wish that my master would go to see the prophet in the city of Samaria. That prophet would heal your husband from his leprosy."

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?
The girl said the prophet who was in Samaria would heal her master.

2 Kings 5:4

ULT

4 So he came in and he reported to his master, saying “the young girl who is from the land of Israel had spoken as such and as such.”

UST

4 Naaman’s wife told her husband what the girl from Israel had said, and Naaman told that to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:5

ULT

5 So the king of Aram said, “Go, go on, and let me send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he went and he took in his hand ten rounds of silver and 6,000 in gold, along with ten changes of garments.

UST

5-6 The king said to him, “Very well, go and see the prophet. I will write a letter for you to take to the king of Israel, saying that I sent you.” The king wrote in the letter, “I am sending this letter with my army commander Naaman, who serves me faithfully. I want you to heal him of his disease.” So Naaman, assuming that the king of Israel was the prophet, took the letter and 330 kilograms of silver, 66 kilograms of gold, and ten sets of clothing, to give to the king of Israel, and he went to Samaria, taking along several servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:6

ULT

6 So he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, “So now when this letter comes to you, look, I have sent to you Naaman, my servant, that you may restore him from his leprosy.”

UST

5-6 The king said to him, “Very well, go and see the prophet. I will write a letter for you to take to the king of Israel, saying that I sent you.” The king wrote in the letter, “I am sending this letter with my army commander Naaman, who serves me faithfully. I want you to heal him of his disease.” So Naaman, assuming that the king of Israel was the prophet, took the letter and 330 kilograms of silver, 66 kilograms of gold, and ten sets of clothing, to give to the king of Israel, and he went to Samaria, taking along several servants.

To whom did Naaman take the letter which was from the king of Aram?

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7

ULT

7 Now it happened when the king of Israel was reading the letter, that he tore his garments and he said, “Am I God, by killing and by making alive, that this one is sending to me in order to restore a man from his leprosy? For surely please know and see that he is seeking to provoke a quarrel against me.”

UST

7 When he arrived in Samaria, he gave the letter to the king of Israel. The king read the letter. Then, being very dismayed, the king tore his clothes and said, “I am not God! I am not able to cause people to live or to die! Why does the one who wrote this letter request me to cure this man of his leprosy? I do not have power to cure leprosy. The king of Aram is merely looking for an excuse to attack us!”

What did the king of Israel think was the reason Naaman came to him for a cure?
The king of Israel thought Naaman was seeking to start an argument with him.

2 Kings 5:8

ULT

8 So it happened upon Elisha, the man of God, hearing that the king of Israel had torn his garments, that he sent to the king saying, “Why have you torn your garments? Please, let him come to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

UST

8 The prophet Elisha heard why the king of Israel had torn his robe, so he sent a message to the king, saying, “Why are you upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will find out that I am a true prophet in Israel.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:9

ULT

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and he stood at the entrance of the house of Elisha.

UST

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha’s house and waited outside the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:10

ULT

10 Then Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and you must wash in the Jordan seven times, that your flesh may return to you, then be clean.

UST

10 But Elisha did not come to the door. Instead, he sent a messenger to Naaman to tell him, “Go to the Jordan River and go down seven times into the water. Then your skin will be well, and you will no longer have leprosy.”

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

Naaman was told to go and dip himself into the Jordan seven times to be clean.

2 Kings 5:11

ULT

11 But Naaman became angry so he went away and he said, “Look, I said to myself surely he would come out and he would stand and he would call on the name of Yahweh his God, and he would wave his hand to the place so he would restore the leprosy.

UST

11 But Naaman became very angry. He said, “I thought that surely he would wave his hand over the leprosy, and pray to Yahweh, and heal me!

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

Naaman thought Elisha would come out to him and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal the leprosy.

2 Kings 5:12

ULT

12 Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them in order that I would be clean?” So he turned and he went away in a rage.

UST

12 Surely the Abana River and the Pharpar River in Damascus in my own country of Aram have better water than any in Israel! Can I not go into my rivers at home and be healed and cleansed?” So he turned and walked away in great disgust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:13

ULT

13 Then his servants approached and they spoke to him and they said, “My father, had the prophet pronounced for you some great thing, would you not have acted? Now, how much rather that he said to you, ‘Wash and be clean?”’

UST

13 But his servants came to him, and one of them said, “Sir, if that prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would certainly have done it. So why do you refuse to do such a simple thing he asks, when he says, “Go down seven times in the water and be clean?”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:14

ULT

14 So he went down and he dipped in the Jordan seven times, in accordance with the word of the man of God. Then his flesh turned back as flesh of a young little boy, and he was clean.

UST

14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and went into the water seven times, as the prophet had instructed, and his skin became healthy, like the smooth skin of a young child.

Like what was Naaman’s flesh restored?

Naaman’s flesh was restored again like the flesh of a little child.

2 Kings 5:15

ULT

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all of his company, and he came and he stood in his presence. Now he said, “Look, please, I know that there is no God in all the earth except only in Israel. So now, please receive a blessing even along with your servant.”

UST

15 Then Naaman and those who were with him went back to talk to Elisha. They stood in front of him, and Naaman said, “Now I know that there are no real gods anywhere else in the world, but there is the true God here in Israel! So now please accept these gifts that I have brought to you!”

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

After Naaman was healed, he knew that there was no God in all the earth except in Israel.

2 Kings 5:16

ULT

16 But he replied, “As Yahweh is living, whom I stand in his presence, I would not take anything. Then he pressed upon him to receive but he refused.

UST

16 But Elisha replied, “Just as certainly as Yahweh, the one whom I serve, lives, I will not accept any gifts.” Naaman kept urging him to accept the gifts, but Elisha kept refusing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:17

ULT

17 So Naaman said, “Although not, please may a load of soil from a team of mules be given to your servant, for your servant will not make a burnt offering or a sacrifice to other gods any longer, but only to Yahweh.

UST

17 Then Naaman said, “Very well, but I have one request. This soil here in Israel is Yahweh’s soil, so please allow me to take some soil from this place and put it in sacks on two mules. Then I will take it back home with me and make an altar on this soil. From now on, I will offer sacrifices to Yahweh on that altar. I will not offer sacrifices to any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:18

ULT

18 In this matter Yahweh will grant forgiveness to your servant, when my master is coming into the house of Rimmon to order to worship in there, and he is leaning himself on my hand so that I might bow myself down in the house of Rimmon, when I am bowing myself down in the house of Rimmon, please may Yahweh grant forgiveness to your servant in this matter.”

UST

18 However, when my master, the king, goes into the temple of the god Rimmon to worship him, I ask that Yahweh will forgive me because I will have to bow down, too.”

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

Naaman asked Yahweh to pardon him when he bowed himself in the house of Rimmon.

2 Kings 5:19

ULT

19 Then he replied to him, “Go in peace.” So he went away from him some distance of land.

UST

19 Elisha replied, “Go home, and do not worry about that.” So Naaman and his servants started to travel home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:20

ULT

20 Then Gehazi, the young man of Elisha, the man of God, said, “Look, my master has held back Naaman, this Aramean, from taking from his hand what he had brought. As Yahweh is living, surely if I ran after him then I would take something from him.”

UST

20 But then Elisha’s servant Gehazi said to himself, “It is not good that my master has allowed this Aramean man to leave like this. He should have accepted his gifts. So just as certainly as Yahweh lives, I will go and catch up with Naaman and get something from him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:21

ULT

21 So Gehazi pursued after Naaman. When Naaman saw someone running after him, then he dismounted from upon the chariot in order to meet him. Then he said, “Is there peace?”

UST

21 So Gehazi hurried to catch up with Naaman. When Naaman saw Gehazi running toward him, he stopped the chariot in which he was riding, jumped out, and went to see what Gehazi wanted. He asked him, “Is everything all right?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:22

ULT

22 Then he said, “There is peace. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Look, now this, two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give to them a round of silver and two changes of garments.’”

UST

22 Gehazi replied, “Yes, but two young prophets from the hill country where the descendants of Ephraim live have just arrived. Elisha has sent me to tell you that he would like thirty-three kilograms of silver and two sets of clothing to give to them.”

According to Gehazi, who came from the hill country of Ephraim?

According to Gehazi, two young men of the sons of the prophets came from the hill country of Ephraim.

2 Kings 5:23

ULT

23 Then Naaman replied, “I am pleased! Take two rounds.” So he pressed upon him and he bound two rounds in silver in two bags, along with two changes of garments. Then he gave to two of his young men, and they carried in his presence.

UST

23 Naaman replied, “Certainly! You can have sixty-six kilograms of silver!” He urged Gehazi to take it. He also gave him two sets of clothing. He tied up the silver in two bags and gave them to two of his servants to carry back to Elisha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:24

ULT

24 When he came in to the fortress, then he took from their hand and he deposited in the house. Then he sent the men away, and they went.

UST

24 But when they arrived at the hill where Elisha lived, Gehazi took the silver and the clothes from Naaman’s servants and sent the servants back to Naaman. Then he took those things into his house and hid them.

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:25

ULT

25 When he came in and he stood beside his master, then Elisha said to him, “From where has Gehazi come?” But he replied, “Your servant has not gone here nor there.”

UST

25 When he went to Elisha, Elisha asked him, “Where did you go, Gehazi?” Gehazi replied, “I did not go anywhere.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 5:26

ULT

26 Then he said to him, “Did not my heart go at the same time when a man turned from upon his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to take the silver and to take garments, or olives and vineyards, or sheep and cattle, or male servants and maid servants?

UST

26 Elisha asked him, “Do you not realize that my spirit was there when Naaman got out of his chariot to talk with you? This is certainly not the time to accept gifts of money and clothes and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and servants!

What happened because Gehazi lied? (vv26-27)

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 5:27

ULT

27 So the leprosy of Naaman will cling upon you and upon your seed for forever.” So he went out from his presence, one stricken with leprosy, as the snow.

UST

27 Because you have done this, you and your children and all your descendants, forever, will have leprosy just like Naaman had!” When Gehazi left the room, he was a leper. His skin was as white as snow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1

ULT

[1] Now the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, “Look, please, the place where we are living there in your presence is too cramped for us.

UST

[1] One day the association of prophets said to Elisha, “Look, this place where we meet together with you is very small.

Why did the sons of the prophets want to build a place to live? (vv1-2)
The place where they lived with Elisha was too small, so they wanted to build a place to live.

2 Kings 6:2

ULT

[2] Please let us go as far as the Jordan, and let each man take one beam from there, and let us make for ourselves there a place to dwell there.” So he replied, “Go ahead.”

UST

[2] Allow us to go to the Jordan River and cut down some trees to make logs to build a new meeting place.” So Elisha said, “Very well, go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:3

ULT

[3] Then the one said, “Be willing, please, and go with your servants.” So he replied, “I myself will go.”

UST

[3] One of them said to Elisha, “Please come with us.” So Elisha replied, “Very well, I will go with you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:4

ULT

4 So he went with them. When they came to the Jordan, then they began to cut down the trees.

UST

4 So they went together. When they reached the Jordan River they cut down some trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:5

ULT

5 Now it happened while the one was felling the beam, that the blade of the iron tool fell into the waters. So he cried out and he said, “Alas, my master, for it was borrowed!”

UST

5 But while one of them was cutting down a tree, suddenly the axe head separated from the handle and fell into the water. He cried out to Elisha, “O, Master, what shall I do? The axe is not mine. I borrowed it!”

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6

ULT

6 Then the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” So he showed him the place. Then he chopped off a branch, and he threw to there, and the iron tool floated over.

UST

6 Elisha replied, “Where did it fall into the water?” After the man showed him the place, Elisha cut off a stick, threw it into the water, and the axe head rose to the water surface.

How did Elisha make iron float?

He cut off a stick, threw it in the water, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6:7

ULT

[7] Then he said, “Lift up to yourself.” So he stretched out his hand and he took it.

UST

[7] Elisha said, “Take it out of the water.” So the man reached his hand down and picked up the axe head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:8

ULT

[8] Now the king of Aram, he was battling with Israel. So he consulted together with his servants, saying, “My camp will be at a certain place as such.”

UST

[8] Whenever the king of Aram prepared to send his army to fight against Israel, he first consulted his officers, and then told them where they should set up their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:9

ULT

[9] So the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful of passing by that place, for there Aram is descending.”

UST

[9] But each time Elisha would send a message to warn the king of Israel, telling him where the army of Aram was planning to attack them, saying, “Be sure that your army does not go near that place, because the army of Aram has set up their tents there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:10

ULT

10 So the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had said to him and he warned him. So he was guarded there not once and not twice.

UST

10 So the king of Israel would send messengers to warn the people who lived in that place, and the people would remain on guard. That happened several times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:11

ULT

11 As a result the heart of the king of Aram became furious about this thing, so he called to his servants and he said to them, “Will you not tell to me who of those among us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

UST

11 The king of Aram was very upset about this, so he summoned his army officers and said to them, “One of you is revealing our plans to the king of Israel. Which one of you is doing it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:12

ULT

12 So one of his servants replied, “None, my master, O king, but Elisha the prophet who is in Israel tells to the king of Israel the things that you speak in the room containing your bed!”

UST

12 One of his officers answered, “Your Majesty, it is not one of us. Elisha the prophet knows what we plan to do, and he tells the king of Israel everything. He even knows what you say in your own bedroom!”

Who told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram?

Elisha told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram.

2 Kings 6:13

ULT

13 So he replied, “Go and see where he is so I might send out and I might seize him.” Then it was told to him, saying, “Look, in Dothan.”

UST

13 The king of Aram replied, “Go and find out where he is, and I will send some men there to capture him.” Someone told him, “People say that he is in the city of Dothan, north of Samaria.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:14

ULT

14 So he sent out to there horses and chariotry, along with a heavy army, and they came by night and they enircled around the city.

UST

14 So the king sent a large group of soldiers to Dothan with horses and chariots. They arrived at night and surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:15

ULT

15 Now the one attending the man of God had started early to rise so he went out and here was an army surrounding the city along with horse and chariot. So his young man said to him, “Alas, my master! What will we do?”

UST

15 Early the next morning, Elisha’s servant got up and went outside the house. He saw the soldiers of Aram with their horses and chariots surrounding the town. So he went inside the house and reported it to Elisha and exclaimed, “Oh, sir! What are we going to do?”

Why was Elisha’s servant worried?

He was worried because he saw a large army with horses and chariots surrounding the city.

2 Kings 6:16

ULT

16 So he replied, “Do not fear, for more numerous are those with us than those with them.”

UST

16 Elisha replied, “Do not be afraid! Those who are helping us are many more than those who are helping them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:17

ULT

17 Then Elisha prayed and he said, “Yahweh, please open his eyes that he will see.” So Yahweh opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. Now here, the mountain was full of horses and a chariot of fire encircling around Elisha!

UST

17 Then he prayed, “Yahweh, I request that you open my servant’s eyes in order that he can see what is out there!” So Yahweh enabled the servant to look out and see that surrounding the hill on which the town was built was a huge number of horses and chariots; they seemed to be made of fire!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:18

ULT

18 Then they came down to him, so Elisha prayed to Yahweh and he said, “Please, strike this nation with blindness.” So he struck them with blindness, in accordance with the word of Elisha.

UST

18 When the army of Aram prepared to attack Elisha, he prayed again, saying, “Yahweh, cause all these soldiers to become blind!” Yahweh answered his prayer and caused them to be unable to see clearly.

How did Elisha lead the Arameans to Samaria? (vv18-19)

Elisha asked Yahweh to blind them, and then Elisha told them to follow him.

2 Kings 6:19

ULT

19 Then Elisha said to them, “This is not the way, and neither is this the city. Walk after me, and let me bring you to the man whom you are seeking.” Then he led them to Samaria.

UST

19 Then Elisha went to them and said, “You are not on the right road. This is not the city that you are searching for. I will take you to the man whom you are searching for.” But he led them to the city Samaria, the capital of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:20

ULT

20 Now it happened upon their coming into Samaria, that Elisha said, “Yahweh, open the eyes of these ones that they may see.” So Yahweh opened their eyes and they saw, and look, in the midst of Samaria.

UST

20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha prayed again, saying, “Yahweh, now enable these soldiers to see correctly again!” So Yahweh enabled them to see correctly, and they were surprised to see that they were inside Samaria.

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

The Arameans were in the middle of the city of Samaria when Yahweh opened their eyes.

2 Kings 6:21

ULT

21 Then the king of Israel said to Elisha, upon his seeing them, “Should I strike? Should I strike, my father?”

UST

21 When the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, “Sir, shall I tell my soldiers to kill them? Shall we kill all of them?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:22

ULT

22 Then he replied, “You must not strike down. If these you had taken captive with your sword and with your bow, would you strike down? Put bread and water in their presence, that they may eat and they may drink, and they may go to their master.”

UST

22 Elisha replied, “No, you must not kill them. If your army captured many of your enemies in a battle, you would certainly not kill them. Give these men something to eat and drink, and then allow them to return to their king.”

What did the king of Israel do to the Arameans? (vv22-23)

He put bread and water before them, and he sent them away.

2 Kings 6:23

ULT

23 Then he prepared a great feast for them, and they ate and they drank. Then he sent away, and they went to their master, and the raiding bands of Aram did not continue any longer to come into the land of Israel.

UST

23 So the king of Israel did that. He told his servants to provide a big feast for them. And when they had eaten and drunk plenty, he sent them away. They returned to the king of Aram and told him what had happened. So for a while after that, soldiers from Aram stopped raiding towns in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:24

ULT

24 Now it happened after this that Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, assembled all of his camp and they came up and they layed seige to Samaria.

UST

24 But some time later, Ben Hadad the king of Aram, assembled his entire army, and they went to Samaria and surrounded the city for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:25

ULT

25 Also there was a great famine in Samaria, and look, they were besieging around it until a head of a donkey was being sold for 80 silver rounds, and the fourth part of the qav measure in dung of doves in exchange for five silver rounds.

UST

25 Because of that, after a while there was hardly any food left inside the city, so that eventually a donkey's head, which was usually worthless, cost eighty pieces of silver, and one cup of dove's dung cost five pieces of silver.

Why was a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver?

There was a great famine in Samaria, so a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver.

2 Kings 6:26

ULT

26 Then it happened when the king of Israel was passing by along the wall, that a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my master, O king."

UST

26 One day when the king of Israel was walking on top of the city wall, a woman cried out to him, "Your Majesty, help me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:27

ULT

27 So he replied, "If Yahweh does not intend to help you, from where could I bring help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

UST

27 He replied, "If Yahweh will not help you, I certainly cannot. I do not have any wheat or wine!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:28

ULT

28 Then the king said to her, What is happening to you?" So she replied, "This woman said to me, 'Give up your son, so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'"

UST

28 What is your problem?" She replied, "Several days ago, that women over there said to me, 'Because we have nothing left to eat, let us kill your son today, in order that we can eat his flesh. Then tomorrow we can kill my son and eat his flesh.'

What did the woman tell the king was troubling her? (vv28-29)

She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'" So we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, "Give your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son."

2 Kings 6:29

ULT

29 So we boiled my son and we ate him. Then I said to her on the next day, "Give up your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son."

UST

29 So we killed my son and cut his body up and boiled his flesh and ate it. The next day, I said to her, 'Now give your son to me, in order that we can kill him and cook his flesh and eat it.' But she has hidden her son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:30

ULT

30 Now it happened upon the king hearing the words of the woman, that he tore his garments as he was passing by on the wall. When the people looked, now here was sackcloth against his flesh, from inside.

UST

30 When the king heard what the woman said, he tore his robe to show that he was very upset. The people who were standing close to the wall were able to see that the king was wearing rough cloth underneath his robe because he was very upset.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 6:31

ULT

31 Then he said, “Thus should God do to me, and so he should continue even more, if the head of Elisha, the son of Shaphat, remains on him today.”

UST

31 The king exclaimed, “I wish that God will strike me dead if I do not cut off the head of Elisha today, because he is the one who has caused these terrible things to happen to us!”

Who did the king blame for the famine?

He blamed Elisha.

2 Kings 6:32

ULT

32 However Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him when he sent a man from before his presence. Even before the messenger would come to him, then he said to the elders, “Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to take off my head? Look, as the messenger is coming, shut the door, and you should push him back with the door. Is there not the sound of the feet of his master behind him?”

UST

32 So the king sent an officer to get Elisha. Before the officer arrived, Elisha was sitting in his house with some Israelite elders who were talking with him. Elisha said to them, “That murderer, the king of Israel, is sending someone here to kill me. Listen. When he arrives, shut the door and do not allow him to come in, because the king will be coming right behind that officer!”

When the messenger came to Elisha, what did he tell the elders to do?

When the messenger came to Elisha, he told the elders to shut the door, and hold the door shut against him.

2 Kings 6:33

ULT

33 While he was still speaking with them, then here was the messenger coming down to him. Then he said, “Look, this evil is from Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?”

UST

33 And while he was still speaking, the king and the officer arrived. The king said, “It is Yahweh who is allowing us to have all this trouble. I will no longer wait for him to help us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:1

ULT

1 However Elisha said, “Hear the word of Yahweh. Thus says Yahweh: ‘About this time tomorrow a seah measure of fine flour will be for a shekel, and two seah measures of barley grains will be for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.’”

UST

1 Elisha replied to the king, “Listen to what Yahweh says: ‘He says that by this time tomorrow, at the marketplace here in Samaria, you will be able to buy seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver, and fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:2

ULT

2 Then the third officer, who was on the side of the king, on his hand he had been depending, answered the man of God, and he said, “Look, even if Yahweh was making latticed openings in the heavens, would this thing happen?” So he replied, “Though you are about to see with your eyes, but from there you will not eat.”

UST

2 The officer accompanying the king said to Elijah, “That cannot happen! Even if Yahweh himself would open the windows of the sky and send grain down to us, that certainly could not happen!” Elisha replied, “Because you said that, you will see it happen, but you will not be able to eat any of the food!”

What did Elisa say would happen to the captain who did not believe him?

Elisha said the captain would not eat any of the flour or barley.

2 Kings 7:3

ULT

[3] Now there were four men stricken with leprosy at the entrance of the gate, and they said, one man to his companion, “Why should we sit here until we have died?

UST

[3] That day there were four men who had leprosy who were sitting outside the gate of the city of Samaria. They said to each other, “Why should we wait here until we die?

Why did the four men with leprosy go to the army of the Arameans?

They went to the army of the Arameans because they said they might die if they go into the city, stand where they were, or go to army the Arameans.

2 Kings 7:4

ULT

[4] If we said we should go into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. But if we sat here, then we would die. So now, come, let us fall into the camp of Aram. If they keep us alive, we will live, but if not, they will kill us, and we will die.”

UST

[4] If we go into the city, we will die there, because there is no food there. If we remain sitting here, we will die here. So let us go to where the army of Aram has set up their tents. If they kill us, we will die. But if they allow us to remain alive, we will not die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:5

ULT

[5] So they rose up at the evening twilight in order to go into the camp of Aram. When they arrived at the edge of the camp of Aram, then look, not anyone was there.

UST

[5] So when it was getting dark, those four men went to the camp where the army of Aram had set up their tents. But when they reached the camp, they saw that there was no one there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:6

ULT

[6] For Adonai had made the camp of Aram hear a sound of a chariot, a sound of a horse, a sound of a great army. So they said, each man to his brother, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come against us.”

UST

[6] What had happened was that Yahweh had caused the army of Aram to hear something that sounded like a large army marching with chariots and horses. So the soldiers said to each other, “Listen! The king of Israel has hired the kings of Egypt and the Hittites and their armies, and they have come to attack us!”

Why did the Aramean army think the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans?

The Aramean army thought the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans because they heard a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses—the noise of another large army.

2 Kings 7:7

ULT

[7] So they had risen up and they fled in the twilight. Thus they had abandoned their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, the camp just as it was, and they fled for their lives.

UST

[7] So they all ran away that evening at sundown and left their tents and their horses and donkeys there, because they were afraid that they would die if they stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:8

ULT

[8] When these who who were stricken with leprosy came in as far as the edge of the camp, then they went in to one tent and they ate and they drank. Then they carried away from there silver, and gold, and garments, and they went and they hid. Then they came back and they came in to another tent and they carried away from there and they went and they hid.

UST

[8] When those four men with leprosy came to the edge of the area where the soldiers of Aram had set up their tents, they went into one tent and saw all the things that had been left there. So they ate and drank what was there, and they took the silver and the gold and clothes. Then they went outside the tent and hid those things. Then they entered another tent and took things from there, and then went outside and hid them, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:9

ULT

9 Then they said, each man to his companion, “It is not right we are doing. This day, it is a day of good news, but we are keeping quiet. So should we wait until the light of the morning, then punishment will find us. So, now, go and let us come in and let us tell the house of the king.”

UST

9 But then they said to each other, “We are not doing what is right. We have good news to tell others today. If we do not tell it to anyone now, and if we wait until morning to tell it, the people will certainly punish us. So let us go right now to the palace and tell it to the king’s officials!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:10

ULT

10 So they went in and they called to the gatekeeper of the city. Then they declared to them, saying, “We came in to the camp of Aram. But look, not anyone was there, nor the sound of a man, but only the horse was tied, and the donkey was tied, and the tents just as they were.”

UST

10 So they went to the guards at the city gates and called out to them, “We went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents, but we did not see or hear anyone there. Their horses and donkeys were still tied up, but their tents were all deserted!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:11

ULT

11 So the gatekeepers cried out, then they told the house of the king inside.

UST

11 The guards shouted the news, and some people who heard it went to the palace and reported it there.

What did the gatekeepers do after they were told that the Arameans had deserted their camp?

The gatekeepers shouted out the news that the Arameans had deserted their camp.

2 Kings 7:12

ULT

12 Now the king arose at night and he said to his servants, “Please, let me tell to you what Aram has done to us. They know that we are hungry, so they have gone out of the camp in order to hide themselves in the countryside, saying, ‘When they go forth from the city, then we will capture them alive, so we may go into the city.’”

UST

12 It was in the night that the king heard this news. He got up out of his bed and said to his officials, “I will tell you what the army of Aram is planning to do. They know that we have no food here, so they have left their tents and are hiding in the fields. They think that we will leave the city to find some food, and then they will capture us and capture the city.”

What did the king think was the reason the Arameans left their camp?

The king thought they had gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the fields. Then when the Israelites came out of the city, the Arameans would take them alive, and get into the city.

2 Kings 7:13

ULT

13 Yet one of his servants answered and he said, “Now, please, let us take five of the remaining horses, that were left in it. Look, they are like all the population of Israel who are left in it. Look, they are like all the population of Israel who are finished. So let us send that we may see.”

UST

13 But one of his officials said, “Many of our people have already died from hunger. If those of us who are still alive all stay here, we also will die anyway. So let us send some men with five of our horses that are still alive to go and see what has really happened.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:14

ULT

14 So they took two chariot horses, and the king sent after the camp of Aram, saying, “Go and see.”

UST

14 So they chose some men and told them to go in two chariots and find out what had happened to the army of Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:15

ULT

15 So they went after them as far as the Jordan, and look, all the road was full of garments and implements that Aram had cast away in their hurried alarm. Then the messengers returned and they explained to the king.

UST

15 They went as far as the Jordan River. All along the road they saw clothes and equipment that the soldiers from Aram had thrown away while they were running away. So the men returned to the king and reported what they had seen.

Of what was the road full?

The road was full of clothes and equipment the Arameans had cast away in their hurry.

2 Kings 7:16

ULT

16 So the people went out and they plundered the camp of Aram. Then it happened, a seah measure of fine flour for a shekel, and two sheah measures of barley grains for a shekel, according to the word of Yahweh.

UST

16 Then many of the people of Samaria also went out of the city and went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents. They entered all the tents and took everything. So there was now plenty of everything! As a result people could buy seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver, and fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver, which was what Yahweh had said would happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:17

ULT

17 Now the king had appointed the third officer on whom he had been depending on his hand over the gate, but the people trampled him in the gate. As a result he died, just as the man of God had spoken, when he spoke when the king had come down to him.

UST

17 The king of Israel had ordered his assistant, the one who had spoken with Elisha, to supervise what was happening at the city gate. But as he was standing at the gate, all the people who were rushing outside the city trampled on him, and he died, which was what Elisha had said would happen to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:18

ULT

18 So it happened as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, “Two seah measures of barley for a shekel, and a seah measure of fine flour for a shekel, it will happen about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria,”

UST

18 Elisha had told to the king that by the next day there would be plenty of food, with the result that anyone could buy fourteen liters of barley for one piece of silver, and seven liters of the best flour for one piece of silver.

What did the captain say when Elisha told him, “About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel.”? (vv18-19)

The captain said to Elisha, “See, even if Yahweh should make windows in heaven, can this thing happen?”.

2 Kings 7:19

ULT

19 when the third officer had answered the man of God and he had said, “Look, even if Yahweh was making latticed openings in the heavens, would this thing happen?” Then he had said, “Look, you are going to see with your eyes, but from there you will not eat.”

UST

19 That officer had answered, “That certainly cannot happen! Even if Yahweh himself would open the sky and send down some grain, that could not happen.” And Elisha had replied, “Because you said that, you will see it happen, but you will not be able to eat any of the food!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 7:20

ULT

20 So thus it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and as a result he died.

UST

20 And that is what happened to him. The people who were rushing out of the city gate trampled on him, and he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1

ULT

1 Now Elisha spoke to the woman who he had restored to life her son, saying, “Arise and go, you and your household, and stay at wherever you can stay, because Yahweh has called for a famine and moreover it will come to this land seven years.”

UST

1 After Elisha had caused the son of the woman from the city of Shunem to become alive again, he had told her that she should leave with her family and live somewhere else for a while, because Yahweh was going to send a famine in the land. He said that the famine would last for seven years.

Why did the woman whose son Elisha restored to life live in the land of the Philistines seven years? (vv1-2)

The woman whose son Elisha restored to life lived in the land of the Philistines seven years because Elisha said Yahweh had called for a famine.

2 Kings 8:2

ULT

2 So the woman arose and she did according to the word of the man of God. So she went, she along with her household, and she sojurned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

UST

2 So the woman had done what Elisha told her to do. She and her family had gone to live in the region of Philistia for seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:3

ULT

3 Now it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. Then she went forth to cry out to the king on behalf of her household and for her land.

UST

3 After the seven years were ended, they returned to their home. The woman went to the king to request that her house and her land be given back to her.

Why did the woman go to the king?

The woman went to the king to beg him for her house and for her land.

2 Kings 8:4

ULT

4 Now the king was speaking to Gehazi the young man of the man of God, saying, “Please tell to me all the great things that Elisha has done.”

UST

4 When she arrived, the king was talking with Gehazi, Elisha’s servant. The king was saying to him, “Tell me all the great things that Elisha has done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:5

ULT

5 So it happened as he was telling to the king that he had restored the dead to life, and here was the woman who he had restored her son to life, crying out to the king on behalf of her household and about her field. Then Gehazi said, “My master, O King, this is the woman, and this is her son, who Elisha restored to life.”

UST

5 While Gehazi was telling the king that Elisha had caused the son of a woman from Shunem to become alive again, that woman came in and requested the king to enable her to get her house and land back again. Gehazi exclaimed, “Your Majesty, this is the woman whose son Elisha caused to become alive again!”

What was Gehazi telling the king when the woman whose son Elisha restored to life arrived?

Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had restored to life the child who was dead.

2 Kings 8:6

ULT

6 So the king asked directly to the woman and she recounted to him. So the king granted for her one eunuch, saying, “Return back everything that belongs to her and all the production income of the field from the day she left the land even until now.”

UST

6 When the king asked her about it, she told him that what Gehazi had said was true. The king summoned one of his officials and said to him, “Make sure that this woman gets back everything that she owned in the past, including the value of all the crops that have been harvested during these last seven years while she was away from her land.” So the official did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:7

ULT

[7] Now Elisha came to Damascus when Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, was sick. Then it was told to him, saying, “The man of God has come to here.”

UST

[7] Elisha went to Damascus, the capital of Aram, at the time when Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, was very sick. When someone told the king that Elisha was in Damascus,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:8

ULT

[8] So the king said to Hazael, “Take a gift in your hand, and go to meet the man of God. Then you must inquire of Yahweh through him, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’”

UST

[8] the king told one of his officials named Hazael, “Go and talk to that prophet and take a present with you to give to him. Request him to ask Yahweh if I will recover from my illness.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:9

ULT

[9] So Hazael went to meet him and he took a gift in his hand, even every good thing of Damascus, a burden of 40 camels. Then he came in and he stood in his presence and he said, “Your son Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to you, saying, ‘Will I recover from this sickness?’”

UST

[9] So Hazael went to talk with Elisha. He took with him forty camels that were carrying many kinds of goods that were produced in Damascus. When Hazael met him, he said to him, “Your friend Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, sent me to ask you whether you think he will recover from his illness.”

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

Hazael took a gift with him of every kind of good thing of Damascus, carried by forty camels.

2 Kings 8:10

ULT
10 Then Elisha said to him, “Go, say to him, ‘You will surely recover,’ but Yahweh has shown me that he will surely die.”

UST
10 Elisha said to Hazael, “Go and say to him, ‘Yes, you will certainly not die from this illness,’ but Yahweh has shown me that he will certainly die before he recovers.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:11

ULT
11 Then he held his face still and he stayed put to the point of shaming, and the man of God wept.

UST
11 Then Elisha stared at him and had a terrified look on his face. That caused Hazael to feel uneasy. Then suddenly Elisha started to cry.

Why did the man of God weep? (vv11-12)
The man of God wept because he knew the evil that Hazael would do to the people of Israel.

2 Kings 8:12

ULT
12 So Hazael responded, “Why is my master weeping?” Then he replied, “Because I know that you will do evil to the sons of Israel. Their fortifications you will send into the fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword. Also their infants you will hack to pieces, and their pregnant women you will split into pieces.”

UST
12 Hazael said, “Sir, why are you crying?” Elisha replied, “Because Yahweh has enabled me to know the terrible things that you will do to the people of Israel. Your soldiers will burn their cities that now have walls around them, kill their fine young men in battle, crush the heads of their children, and rip open the bellies of their pregnant women with swords.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:13

ULT

13 However Hazael said, “But what is your servant, the dog, that he should do this great thing? Then Elisha replied, “Yahweh has shown me you will be king over Aram.”

UST

13 Hazael replied, “I am as powerless as a dog. How could I do such terrible things?” Elisha replied, “Yahweh has also revealed to me that you will become the king of Aram.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:14

ULT

14 Then he went away from with Elisha and he came to his master. Then he said to him, “What did Elisha say to you?” So he replied, “He said to me surely you will recover.”

UST

14 Then Hazael left and returned to his master the king, who asked him, “What did Elisha say?” He replied, “He told me that you would certainly recover.”

After Hazael told the king of Aram that he would recover, what did he do to King Ben Hadad? (vv14-15)

After Hazael told King Ben Hadad that he would recover, he took the blanket and dipped it in water, and spread it on Ben Hadad’s face so that he died.

2 Kings 8:15

ULT

15 Now it happened even the next day that he took the covering and he dipped in the waters, and he spread over his face so that he died. Thus Hazael became king in his place.

UST

15 But the next day, while the king was sleeping, Hazael took a blanket and soaked it in water. Then he spread it on the king’s face in order that he could not breathe, and he died. Then Hazael became the king of Aram instead of Ben Hadad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:16

ULT

16 Now in year five of Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, when Jehoshapat was king of Judah, Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

16 After King Joram son of Ahab, had been ruling in Israel for almost five years, Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:17

ULT

17 He was a son of 32 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

UST

17 He was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:18

ULT

18 Now he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was for him as wife. Indeed, he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

18 His wife was the daughter of King Ahab. Like everyone in Ahab's family, he continually did the evil things that the previous kings of Israel had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19

ULT

[19] However, Yahweh did not want to annihilate Judah, for the sake of David his servant, just as he had said to him, in order to give to him a lamp through his sons all the days.

UST

[19] But Yahweh did not want to get rid of the people of Judah, because of what he had promised David, who served him very well. He had promised David that his descendants would always rule Judah.

Why did Yahweh not want to destroy Judah?

Yahweh did not want to destroy Judah since he had told his servant David that he would always give him descendants.

2 Kings 8:20

ULT

[20] In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they seated a king to reign over themselves.

UST

[20] During the time that Jehoram ruled, the king of Edom rebelled against Judah, and they appointed their own king.

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

In Jehoram's days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah.

2 Kings 8:21

ULT

[21] Then Jehoram crossed over to Zair along with all the chariotry with him. Now it happened he himself rose by night, and he struck Edom, who was encircling around him and the princes of the chariotry. But the people fled to their tents.

UST

[21] So Jehoram went with his army and all their chariots to the city of Zair near the border of Edom. There the army of Edom surrounded them. But during the night, Jehoram and the commanders in their chariots were able to get through the enemy lines and escaped. And all his soldiers also fled to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:22

ULT

22 Thus Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time.

UST

22 So after that, Edom was no longer controlled by Judah, and it is still like that. During that same time, the people of the city of Libnah also freed themselves from being controlled by Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:23

ULT

23 Now the rest of the matters of Jehoram, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

23 If you want to read about the other things that Jehoram did, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:24

ULT

24 Then Jehoram slept with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. Then Ahaziah his son became king in his place.

UST

24 Jehoram died and was buried where the other kings of Judah had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Jehoram's son Ahaziah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:25

ULT

25 During the year of year 12 of Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

25 After Ahab's son Joram has been ruling in Israel for almost twelve years, Jehoram's son Ahaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:26

ULT

26 Ahaziah was a son of 22 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, the king of Israel.

UST

26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he started to rule. He ruled in Jerusalem for only one year. His mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of King Ahab and the granddaughter of King Omri of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:27

ULT

27 Now he walked in the way of the house of Ahab and he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, as the house of Ahab, for he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

UST

27 King Ahaziah conducted his life just like the members of Ahab's family had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

Why did Ahaziah do what was evil in Yahweh's sight?

Ahaziah did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, for Ahaziah was a son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

2 Kings 8:28

ULT

28 Then he went with Joram, the son of Ahab, to battle against Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead, but Arameans struck Joram.

UST

28 Ahaziah's army joined the army of King Joram of Israel to fight against the army of King Hazael of Aram. Their armies started fighting at the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead, and the soldiers of Aram wounded Joram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 8:29

ULT

29 So Joram the king returned in order to heal himself in Jezreel from the wounds that Arameans had struck him at Ramah, in his fighting against Hazael, the king of Aram. So Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was wounded.

UST

29 King Joram returned to the city of Jezreel in order to recover from his wounds. King Ahaziah went to visit him there.

Where did King Joram return to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him at Ramah?

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1

ULT

[1] Now Elisha the prophet called to one of the sons of the prophets and he said to him, “Gird up your loins and take this flask of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth Gilead.

UST

[1] Meanwhile, the prophet Elisha summoned one of the other prophets. He said to him, “Get ready and go to the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead. Take this jar of olive oil with you.

Why did one of the sons of the prophets take a little bottle of oil in his hand and go to Ramoth Gilead? (vv1-3)
He took the bottle of oil and went to Ramoth Gilead to anoint Jehu.

2 Kings 9:2

ULT

[2] When you have come in to there, then look there for Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Then you must go in and you must make him rise up from the midst of his brothers. Then you must bring him to a room within a room.

UST

[2] When you arrive there, search for a man named Jehu son of Jehoshaphat and grandson of Nimshi. Go with him into a room away from his companions,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:3

ULT

[3] Then you must take the flask of oil and you must pour out over his head and you must say, ‘Thus says Yahweh: “I have anointed you as king over Israel.”’ Then you must open the door, and you must flee. So you must not tarry.”

UST

[3] and pour some of this oil on his head. Then say to him, ‘Yahweh declares that he is appointing you to be the king of Israel.’ Then open the door and run away as quickly as you can.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:4

ULT
4 So the young man, the prophet young man, went to Ramoth Gilead.

UST
4 So the young prophet went to Ramoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:5

ULT
5 Then he came in and look, the princes of the army were sitting. So he said, “A message to me concerning you, O prince.” Then Jehu replied, “To whom among all of us?” Then he said, “To you, O prince.”

UST
5 When he arrived, he saw that the commanders of the army were having a conference. He looked at Jehu and said, “Sir, I have a message for one of you.” Jehu replied, “Which one of us is the message for?” The young prophet replied, “It is for you, commander.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:6

ULT
6 So he rose up and he came in to the house, and he poured out the oil over his head. Then he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘I have anointed you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.

UST
6 So Jehu got up and went with the young prophet into a house. There the young prophet poured some olive oil on Jehu’s head and said to him, “Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares this: ‘I am appointing you to be the king of my Israelite people.

Who poured the oil on Jehu’s head?
The prophet poured the oil on Jehu’s head.

2 Kings 9:7

ULT

[7] Indeed, you must strike down the house of Ahab, your master, that I may avenge the bloods of my servants, the prophets, and the bloods of all the servants of Yahweh, by the hand of Jezebel.

UST

[7] You must kill your master King Joram son of Ahab, because I will punish Ahab's wife Jezebel for murdering many of my prophets and other people who served me.

How could Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

If Jehu killed the family of Ahab, Yahweh could avenge the blood of his servants.

2 Kings 9:8

ULT

[8] For all of the house of Ahab will perish, and I will exterminate from Ahab anyone who urinates on a wall, so he is shut off and is abandoned in Israel.

UST

[8] You must kill not only Joram but all of Ahab's family. I want to get rid of every male in the family, including young ones and old ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:9

ULT

[9] Thus I will give up the house of Ahab as the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and as the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah.

UST

[9] I will get rid of Ahab's family, like I got rid of the families of two other kings of Israel, Jeroboam and Baasha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:10

ULT

[10] Then the dogs will eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, but there will be no burying.'" Then he opened the door and he fled.

UST

[10] And when Jezebel dies, her corpse will not be buried. Dogs will eat her corpse there in the city of Jezreel.'" After the young prophet said this, he left the room and ran.

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel in Jezreel, and there would be no one to bury her.

2 Kings 9:11

ULT

[11] Then Jehu came out to the servants of his lords, and he said to him, "Is there peace? Why did this one who is mad come to you?" Then he replied to them, "You know the man and his babbling."

UST

[11] When Jehu came out of the room to where his other commanders were, they said to him, "Is everything all right? Why did that mad fellow come to you?" He replied, "You know what kinds of things young prophets like him say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:12

ULT

[12] However they said, "A lie! Please tell to us." So he replied, "He said like this and like that to me, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh: "I have anointed you as king over Israel."'"

UST

[12] They said, "You are lying. Tell us what he said!" He replied, "He told me several things, and then he told me that Yahweh said, 'I am appointing you to be the king of Israel.'"

What did the servants of Jehu's master do after Jehu said he was anointed as king? (vv12-13)

After Jehu said he was anointed as king, each of the servants quickly took off his outer garment and put it under Jehu at the top of the steps. They blew the trumpet and said, "Jehu is king."

2 Kings 9:13

ULT

13 So they hurried and they took, each one his garment and they set beneath him at the top of the steps. Then they blew with the shofar and they said, “Jehu has become king.”

UST

13 Then they all spread their cloaks on the steps of the building for Jehu to walk out on, and they blew trumpets and shouted, “Jehu is now the king!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:14

ULT

14 Then Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, plotted together against Joram. Now Joram was guarding in Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, from the face of Hazael, the king of Aram.

UST

14-15 King Joram and his army had been defending Ramoth against the attacks by the army of the king of Aram. King Joram had returned to the city of Jezreel, to recover from being wounded in the battle against the army of Hazael, the king of Aram. And Jehu made plans to kill Joram. He said to his other commanders, “If you really want to help me, then make sure that no one leaves this city to go to warn the people of Jezreel about what I am planning to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:15

ULT

15 However Joram the king had returned in order to get healed in Jezreel of the wounds that Arameans had stricken, when he was fighting with Hazael, the king of Aram. So Jehu said, “If it is your mindset, let not an escapee go out of the city, in order to go to report in Jezreel.”

UST

14-15 King Joram and his army had been defending Ramoth against the attacks by the army of the king of Aram. King Joram had returned to the city of Jezreel, to recover from being wounded in the battle against the army of Hazael, the king of Aram. And Jehu made plans to kill Joram. He said to his other commanders, “If you really want to help me, then make sure that no one leaves this city to go to warn the people of Jezreel about what I am planning to do.”

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

King Joram had gone back to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him.

2 Kings 9:16

ULT

16 So Jehu rode and he went to Jezreel because Joram was resting over there. Now Ahaziah, the king of Judah, had gone down to see Joram.

UST

16 Then Jehu and his officers got into their chariots and rode to Jezreel, where Joram was still recovering. And King Ahaziah of Judah was there, visiting Joram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:17

ULT

17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu at his coming. Then he said, “I am seeing a great company.” So Joram said, “Take a rider, and send out to meet them and say, ‘Is there peace?’”

UST

17 A guard was standing in the watchtower in Jezreel. He saw Jehu and his men approaching. He called out, “I see a lot of men who are approaching!” King Joram heard what the watchman said, so he said to his soldiers, “Send someone on a horse to go and find out if they are coming peacefully or in order to attack us.”

What did the watchman see the messenger do? (vv17-18)

The watchman saw the messenger ride with Jehu.

2 Kings 9:18

ULT

18 So the rider of the horse went to meet him and he said, “Thus says the king: ‘Is there peace?’” Then Jehu replied, “What is there for you and for peace? Turn around to follow after me.” Then the watchman informed, saying, “The messenger has come to them, but he has not returned.”

UST

18 So a man riding a horse rode out to meet Jehu and said to him, “The king wants to know if you are coming peacefully.” Jehu replied, “This is not the time for you to be concerned about peace! Turn around and come behind me!” So the guard in the watchtower reported that the messenger had reached the group that was approaching, but he was not returning alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:19

ULT

19 So he sent out a second rider of a horse, and he came to them and he said, “Thus says the king: ‘Peace.’” Then Jehu replied, “What is there for you and for peace? Turn around to follow after me.”

UST

19 So King Joram sent another messenger who asked Jehu the same question. Again Jehu replied, “This is not the time for you to be concerned about peace! Turn around and follow me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:20

ULT

20 So the watchman informed, saying, “He has come up to them, but he has not returned, and the driving is as the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, for with madness he drives.”

UST

20 Then the watchman reported again, “That messenger also reached them, but he is not coming back alone. And the leader of the group must be Jehu son of Nimshi, because he is driving his chariot furiously, as Jehu does!”

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

The watchman knew Jehu was driving the chariot, for he was driving wildly.

2 Kings 9:21

ULT

21 Then Joram said, “Get harnessed.” So he harnessed his chariot, and Joram, the king of Israel and Ahaziah, the king of Judah, went forth, each man in his chariot, thus they went forth to meet Jehu. Then they found him at the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

UST

21 Joram said to his soldiers, “Get my chariot ready.” So they did that. Then King Joram and King Ahaziah both rode toward Jehu, each one in his own chariot. And it happened that they met Jehu at the field that had previously belonged to Naboth!

How did Joram king of Israel ride out to meet Jehu?

Joram king of Israel rode out with Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu.

2 Kings 9:22

ULT

22 Now it happened upon Joram seeing Jehu, that he said, “Is there peace, Jehu?” Then he replied, “What is the peace, as long as continues the fornications of Jezebel, your mother, and her many sorceries?”

UST

22 When Joram met Jehu, he said to him, “Are you coming to act peacefully toward me?” Jehu replied, “How can there be peace while you and your people are bowing down to idols and practicing very much witchcraft like your mother Jezebel did?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:23

ULT

23 So Joram turned his hands and he fled, and he said to Ahaziah, “Treachery, Ahaziah!”

UST

23 Joram cried out, “Ahaziah, they have deceived us! They want to kill us!” So Joram turned his chariot around and tried to flee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:24

ULT

24 Then Jehu filled his hand with the bow and he struck Joram between his arms and the arrow went out from his heart. Then he sank down in his chariot.

UST

24 But Jehu drew his bow with strength and shot an arrow that pierced Joram between his shoulder blades. The arrow went through Joram’s body and pierced Joram’s heart, and he slumped down dead in his chariot.

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

After Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders, the arrow went through Joram’s heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

2 Kings 9:25

ULT

25 Then he said to Bidkar, his third man, “Pick up and throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For remember myself and you together riding as teams after Ahab his father, when Yahweh raised this utterance against him:

UST

25 Then Jehu said to his assistant Bidkar, “Take his corpse and throw it here into the field that belonged to Naboth. I am sure that you remember that when you and I were riding together in chariots behind King Joram’s father Ahab that Yahweh said this about Ahab,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:26

ULT

26 ‘Certainly, have I not seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons yesterday, declaration of Yahweh, indeed I will repay to you in this portion, declaration of Yahweh. Therefore, now, pick up and throw him in the portion, according to the word of Yahweh.”

UST

26 ‘Yesterday I saw Ahab murder Naboth and his sons here. And I solemnly promise that I will punish him right here in this same field!’ So take Joram’s corpse and throw it into that field! That will fulfill what Yahweh said would happen.”

What would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh?

Taking Joram and throwing him into that field would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh.

2 Kings 9:27

ULT

27 When Ahaziah, the king of Judah, saw then he fled the way of the house of the garden. But Jehu pursued after him, and he said, “Also strike him down in the chariot along the ascent of Gur, which is near Ibleam.” Thus he fled to Megiddo but he died there.

UST

27 When King Ahaziah saw what happened, he fled in his chariot toward the city of Beth Haggan. But Jehu pursued him and said to his other commanders, “Shoot him, also!” So they shot him with arrows while he was riding in his chariot on the road up to Gur, near the city of Ibleam. He continued going in his chariot until he reached the city of Megiddo, where he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:28

ULT
28 Then his servants carried him by chariot to Jerusalem and they buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

UST
28 His officials took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it in the tombs in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried.

Who was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David?
Ahaziah was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

2 Kings 9:29

ULT
29 Now during the year of the 11th year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

UST
29 Ahaziah had become the king of Judah when Joram had been ruling Israel for almost eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:30

ULT
30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, then Jezebel heard. So she applied her eyes with mineral powder, and she made her head beautiful, and she looked down through the window.

UST
30 Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Ahab's widow Jezebel heard what had happened, she put paint on her eyelids, and combed her hair to make it beautiful, and looked out the window of the palace toward the street below.

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?
When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.

2 Kings 9:31

ULT
31 As Jehu came in the gate, then she said, “Is there peace, Zimri, murderer of his master?”

UST
31 While Jehu was entering the city gate, she called out to him, “You are like Zimri! You are a murderer just like him! I think you are certainly not coming to act peacefully toward me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:32

ULT
32 So he lifted up his face to the window and he said, “Who is with me? Who?” Then two, three eunuchs looked down towards him.

UST
32 Jehu looked up toward the window, and then he said, “Who is on my side? Anyone?” Two or three palace officials looked down at him from a window.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:33

ULT
33 Then he said, “Throw her down.” So they threw her down, and some of her blood splattered on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled her.

UST
33 Jehu said to them, “Throw her down here!” So they threw her down and Jehu ordered that his men drive their chariots and horses over her body, and that is how she was killed. Some of her blood splattered on the city wall and on the horses that were pulling the chariots.

Who threw Jezebel down?
Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:34

ULT

34 Then he went in, and he ate and he drank, and he said, “Please attend to this cursed woman and bury her, for a daughter of a king is she.”

UST

34 Then Jehu went into the palace and ate and drank. Then he said to some of his men, “Take the corpse of that women whom Yahweh has cursed and bury it, because she is a king’s daughter and therefore should be buried properly.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:35

ULT

35 So they went to bury her, but they did not find any of her except only the skull, and the feet, and the palms of the hands.

UST

35 But when they went to get her corpse to bury it, all that was left was only her skull and the bones of her feet and her hands. Everything else was gone.

Why could no one bury Jezebel?
When they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

2 Kings 9:36

ULT

36 So they returned and they reported to him, and he said, “The word of Yahweh it is, that he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ‘In the portion of Jezreel the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,

UST

36 When they reported this to Jehu, he said, “That is what Yahweh said would happen! He told his servant Elijah, ‘In the city of Jezreel, dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel’s corpse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 9:37

ULT

37 and the remains of Jezebel will be as dung on the surfaces of the field in the portion of Jezreel, that they will not say, “This is Jezebel.”’”

UST

37 Her bones will be scattered there in Jezreel like dung, with the result that no one will be able to recognize them and say, “These are Jezebel’s bones.”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:1

ULT

[1] Now Ahab had 70 sons in Samaria. Meanwhile Jehu wrote letters that he sent to Samaria, to the princes of Jezreel, the elders and to the attendants for Ahab, saying,

UST

[1] There were seventy descendants of King Ahab who were living in Samaria. Jehu wrote a letter and made copies of it and sent them to the rulers of the city, to the elders, and to those who raised and tutored Ahab's children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:2

ULT

[2] "So, now, at the coming of this letter to you, and with you are the sons of your masters, and with you are the chariot and the horses, and a fortified city and the war equipment,

UST

[2] This is what he wrote: "You are the ones who are taking care of the king's descendants. You have chariots, horses, and weapons, and you live in cities that have walls around them. So as soon as you receive this letter,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:3

ULT

[3] so consider the best and the upright among the sons of your masters and you should install on the throne of his father, and fight on behalf of the house of your masters."

UST

[3] choose one of the king's descendants, the one who is the best qualified, and appoint him to be your king. Then prepare to fight to defend him."

What did Jehu's letter tell the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to do?

It told the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to select the best and most deserving of their master's descendants and set him on his father's throne.

2 Kings 10:4

ULT

4 But they were exceedingly exceedingly afraid, and they said, “Look, the two kings did not stand before his face. So how will we stand ourselves?”

UST

4 But when they got those letters and read them, they became very afraid. They said, “King Joram and King Ahaziah could not resist him; how can we resist him?

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab’s descendants not make any man king? (vv4-5)
They did not make any man king because they realized that not even the two kings could stand before Jehu.

2 Kings 10:5

ULT

5 Then he who was over the house, and who was over the city, and the elders, and the attendants sent to Jehu, saying, “We are your servants, and all that you say to us we will do. We will not make anyone king. Do what is good in your eyes.”

UST

5 So the officer who was in charge of the palace and the mayor of the city sent a message to Jehu saying, “We want to serve you, and we are ready to do whatever you tell us to do. We will not appoint anyone to become our king. You do whatever you think is the best.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:6

ULT

6 Then he wrote a second letter to them, saying, “If you are for me, and you are heeding to my voice, take the heads of the men of the sons of your masters and come to me at this time tomorrow to Jezreel.” Now the sons of the king, 70 men, were with the nobles of the city, who were raising them.

UST

6 So Jehu sent a second letter to them, writing this: “If you are on my side, and if you are ready to obey me, kill King Ahab’s descendants and cut off their heads and bring their heads to me here in Jezreel at this time tomorrow.” Now the seventy descendants of King Ahab were being brought up and supervised by the leaders of the city of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:7

ULT

[7] Now it happened at the coming of the letter to them, that they took the sons of the king and they slaughtered 70 men, and they put their heads in the baskets, and they sent to him at Jezreel.

UST

[7] When they received the letter from Jehu, they killed all seventy of Ahab's descendants and cut off their heads. They put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.

What did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants do to the king's sons?
They took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

2 Kings 10:8

ULT

[8] Then the messenger came and he reported to him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the sons of the king." So he replied, "Put them in two piles at the entrance of the gate until the morning."

UST

[8] A messenger came to Jehu and told him, "They have brought the heads of Ahab's descendants." So Jehu commanded that the heads should be put in two piles at the city gate and that the heads should stay there until the next morning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:9

ULT

[9] Now it happened in the morning that he went out and he stood up, and he said to all the people, "You are righteous. Look, I myself conspired against my master and I killed him, but who slaughtered all these?

UST

[9] The next morning he went out to the city gate and said to all the people, "I am the one who plotted against King Joram and killed him. You are not guilty of doing that. But it was Yahweh, not I, who commanded that all these descendants of Ahab should be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:10

ULT

10 Know then, that nothing falls from the word of Yahweh to the ground that Yahweh has spoken concerning the house of Ahab, for Yahweh has done what he spoke through the hand of his servant Elijah."

UST

10 I want you to know that everything that Yahweh said would happen has happened. He has caused to happen what he told the prophet Elijah would happen."

Why did Jehu say that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground?

Jehu said that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground, for Yahweh had done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah.

2 Kings 10:11

ULT

11 So Jehu struck down all who were left of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his important ones, and who were acquainted with him, and his priests, until that he did not let a survivor remain for him.

UST

11 Then Jehu executed all the other relatives of Ahab in Jezreel, all Ahab's officers, close friends, and his priests. He did not allow any of them to remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:12

ULT

12 Then he arose and he came in and he went to Samaria. He was at Beth Eked of the shepherds along the way,

UST

12 Then Jehu left Jezreel and went toward Samaria. While he was going there, at a place called Beth Eked,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:13

ULT

13 when Jehu found the brothers of Ahaziah, the king of Judah. So he said, “Who are you?” Then they replied, “We are the brothers of Ahaziah, and we have come down regarding the welfare of the sons of the king and the sons of the mighty lady.”

UST

13 he met some relatives of King Ahaziah of Judah. He asked them, “Who are you?” They replied, “We are relatives of King Ahaziah. We are going to Jezreel to visit the children of Queen Jezebel and the other members of King Joram’s family.”

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill? (vv13-14)

He met and killed forty-two.

2 Kings 10:14

ULT

14 So he said, “Capture them alive!” So they captured them alive and they slaughtered them near the well of Beth Eked, 42 men; and he did not leave a man among them.

UST

14 Jehu said to his men, “Seize them!” So they seized them and killed all of them at the well of Beth Eked. There were forty-two people whom they killed. They did not allow any of them to remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:15

ULT

15 Then he went from there, and he found Jehonadab, the son of Recab, coming to meet him. So he blessed him and he said to him, “Is it sincere with your heart, just as my heart is with your heart?” So Jehonadab replied, “It is.” “Since it is, give your hand.” So he gave his hand, and he lifted him up to himself into the chariot.

UST

15 Then Jehu continued to travel toward Samaria. Along the road he was met by Jonadab, a son of Rechab. Jehu greeted him and said to him, “Are you thinking in the same way that I am thinking?” Jonadab replied, “Yes, I am.” Jehu said, “If you are, join your hand to mine.” So Jonadab joined hands with him, and Jehu helped him to get into his chariot.

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

Jehu took Jonadab into the chariot because Jonadab said his heart was with Jehu and he gave Jehu his hand.

2 Kings 10:16

ULT

16 Then he said, “Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh.” So they had him ride in his chariot.

UST

16 Jehu said to him, “Come with me, and you will see how eager I am to obey Yahweh.” So they rode together to Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:17

ULT

17 When he entered Samaria, then he struck down all the ones who were remaining of Ahab in Samaria, until he utterly annihilated him, according to the word of Yahweh, which he had spoken to Elijah.

UST

17 When they arrived in Samaria, Jehu killed all of Ahab’s relatives who were still alive. He did not spare any of them. That was what Yahweh told Elijah would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:18

ULT

18 Then Jehu gathered all the people and he said to them, “Ahab served the Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much.

UST

18 Then Jehu summoned all the people of Samaria, and said to them, “King Ahab was devoted to your god Baal a little bit, but I will serve him much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:19

ULT

19 Now therefore summon to me all the prophets of the Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let not a man be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for the Baal. Anyone who will be missing will not live." However Jehu acted with deceitfulness, in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

UST

19 So now summon all the prophets of Baal, all of Baal's priests, and all the others who worship Baal. I am going to make a great sacrifice to Baal. I want all of them to be there. Any of them who is not there will be executed." But Jehu was planning to trick them, because he was planning to kill all those who worshiped Baal.

Why did Jehu gather all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests?

He gathered them deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.

2 Kings 10:20

ULT

20 Then Jehu said, "Consecrate a festive assembly for the Baal." So they called out.

UST

20 Then Jehu commanded, "Announce that we are going to set aside a day to honor Baal." So they sent out a proclamation about that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:21

ULT

21 Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel and all the servants of the Baal came, so not a man was left who had not come. So they entered the house of the Baal, and the house of the Baal was filled edge to edge.

UST

21 Jehu decided what day they would gather and sent messages throughout Israel telling everyone what day to gather, and on that day, everyone who worshiped Baal came. No one stayed at home. They all went into the huge temple of Baal and filled it from one end to the other.

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:22

ULT

22 Then he said to the one who was over the apparal, “Bring out a garment for all the servants of the Baal.” So he brought out to them the ceremonial clothing.

UST

22 Jehu told the priest who took care of the sacred robes to bring them out and give them to the people who worshiped Baal. So the priest did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:23

ULT

23 Next Jehu and Jehonadab, the son of Recab, entered the house of the Baal, and he said to the servants of the Baal, “Search and see that there is not here with you among the servants of Yahweh, but only the servants of the Baal by themselves alone.”

UST

23 Then Jehu went into the temple of Baal with Jonadab, and he said to the people who were there to worship Baal, “Be sure that only those who worship Baal are here. Be sure that no one who worships Yahweh has come in.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:24

ULT

24 Then they entered to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had placed for himself 80 men at the outside, and he directed, “The man who would let slip away out of the men who I am bringing into your hands, his life will be in place of his life.”

UST

24 Then he and Jonadab prepared to offer sacrifices and other offerings to Baal that would be burned whole on the altar that was there in Samaria. But Jehu had stationed eighty of his men outside the temple, and had said to them, “I want you to kill all the people who are in the temple. Anyone who allows one of them to escape will be executed!”

What would happen if any of the worshipers of Baal escaped?

If any of the worshipers of Baal escaped, whoever let that man escape, his life would be taken for the life of he who escaped.

2 Kings 10:25

ULT

25 Now it happened upon his finishing to perform the burnt offering that Jehu said to the runners and to the third men, “Go in! Strike them down! Do not let a man go forth.” So they struck them with the edge of a sword, and the runners and the third men cast away, and they went up to the fortified area of the house of the Baal.

UST

25 As soon as Jehu and Jonadab had finished killing the animals that would be completely burned to be an offering to Baal, they went outside and said to the guards and officers, “Go in and kill all of them! Do not allow any of them to escape!” So the guards and officers went in and killed them all with their swords. Then they dragged their corpses outside the temple. Then they went into the inner room of the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:26

ULT

26 Then they brought out the standing stones of the house of the Baal, and they set it on fire.

UST

26 and they carried out the sacred pillar of Baal that was there, and they burned it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:27

ULT

27 Also they tore down the standing image of the Baal, and they tore down the house of the Baal and they made it as a cesspit, until this day.

UST

27 So they destroyed that pillar that honored Baal, and then they burned down the temple, and made it a latrine. And that is what it is up to the present time.

Into what did the guards and captains make the house of Baal?

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:28

ULT
28 Thus Jehu eradicated the Baal from Israel.

UST
28 That is how Jehu got rid of the worship of Baal in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:29

ULT
29 Only the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, by which he caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not depart from after them, the calves of gold that were in Bethel and that were in Dan.

UST
29 But Jehu did not stop committing the kinds of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that led the people of Israel to sin by worshiping the gold statues of calves in the cities of Bethel and Dan.

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?
Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam because he worshiped the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.

2 Kings 10:30

ULT
30 So Yahweh said to Jehu, “Because that you have done well by doing what was right in my eyes, according to all that was in my heart you did to the house of Ahab, sons of fourth ones will sit for you on the throne of Israel.”

UST
30 Then Yahweh said to Jehu, “You have done what pleased me by getting rid of all of Ahab’s descendants. So I promise you that your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel.”

Why would Jehu’s descendants sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation?
Because Jehu did well in executing what was right in Yahweh’s eyes, and did to the house of Ahab and did all that was in Yahweh’s heart, his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 10:31

ULT

31 However Jehu did not take care to walk in the instruction of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all his heart. He did not turn away from with regard to the sins of Jeroboam, by which he caused Israel to sin.

UST

31 But Jehu did not obey all the laws of Yahweh, the God of the Israelite people. He did not stop committing the sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the Israelite people to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:32

ULT

32 In those days Yahweh began to cut off some of Israel, and Hazael struck them in every border of Israel,

UST

32 At that time, Yahweh began to cause the territory controlled by Israel to become smaller. The army of King Hazael of Aram conquered much of the Israelite territory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:33

ULT

33 from the Jordan towards the rising of the sun, all the land of the Gilead: the Gadite, and the Reubenite, and the Manassite, from Aroer, which is along the valley of Arnon, namely the Gilead along with the Bashan.

UST

33 He conquered the parts east of the Jordan River, as far south as the city of Aroer on the Arnon River. That included the regions of Gilead and Bashan, where the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and half of the tribe of Manasseh lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:34

ULT

34 Also the rest of the matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

34 If you want to read more about all the other things that Jehu did, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

The other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, were written in The Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

2 Kings 10:35

ULT

35 Then Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Jehoahaz his son became king in his place.

UST

35 Jehu died, and was buried in Samaria. His son Jehoahaz became the king in place of his father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 10:36

ULT

36 Thus the days that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria were 28 years.

UST

36 Jehu had ruled in Samaria as the king of Israel for twenty-eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1

ULT
[1] Now Athaliah was the mother of Ahaziah, and she saw that her son had died. So she arose and she destroyed all the offspring of the kingdom.

UST
[1] When King Ahaziah's mother Athaliah saw that her son had been killed, she commanded that all the members of Ahaziah's family who might become king must be executed.

Who did Athaliah not kill? (vv1-2)
Athaliah did not kill Joash.

2 Kings 11:2

ULT
[2] But Jehosheba, the daughter of the King Jehoram, sister of Ahaziah, had taken Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and she secretly brought him away from the midst of the sons of the king who were being put to death, he along with his wet nurse, into the chamber of the bed. Thus they hid him from the face of Athaliah so that he was not killed.

UST
[2] So Ahaziah's sons were all about to be murdered. But Jehosheba, who was King Jehoram's daughter and Ahaziah's half-sister, took Ahaziah's very young son Joash and hid him and his nursemaid in a bedroom in the temple. So he was not killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:3

ULT
[3] Then he was with her in the house of Yahweh, keeping hidden six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.

UST
[3] He stayed with Jehosheba for six years. All during that time, he remained hidden in the temple, while Athaliah ruled Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:4

ULT

4 Now in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent and he took the princes of the hundreds of the Carite and of the runners, and he brought them to himself at the house of Yahweh. Then he cut with them a covenant, and he made them swear an oath in the house of Yahweh, and he showed them the son of the king.

UST

4 Six years later, Jehoiada the high priest summoned the officers who supervised the royal bodyguards and the palace guards. He told them to come to the temple. There he required them to solemnly promise that they would do what he told them to do. And he showed King Ahaziah's son Joash to them.

What did the commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard have to do before they saw the king's son?

The commanders of hundreds of the Carites and of the guard had to make a covenant with Jehoiada and swear an oath in the house of Yahweh. Then he showed them the king's son.

2 Kings 11:5

ULT

5 Then he commanded them, by saying, "This is the thing that you must do. The third part of you coming in on the Sabbath also will be keepers of the watch over the house of the king,

UST

5 He gave them these instructions: "There are three groups of you guards. When one group finishes their work on the Sabbath day, divide yourselves into three smaller groups. One group must guard the palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:6

ULT

6 and the third part will be at the gate of Sur, and the third part at the gate behind the runners. Thus you will keep the watch of the house, alternating."

UST

6 Another group must guard at the Sur Gate. The other group must guard at the gate behind the other groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:7

ULT

[7] The two hands among you, all the ones going out on the Sabbath, also they will keep the watch over the house of Yahweh for the king.

UST

[7] The two groups that are not working on the Sabbath day must guard the temple to protect little King Joash.

What did the two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath have to do?
The two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath had to keep the watch over the house of Yahweh for the king.

2 Kings 11:8

ULT

[8] So you must enircle around the king round about, each man with his weapons in his hand, and the one who comes in to the ranks will be put to death. So be with the king at his going out and at his coming in.

UST

[8] You must stand around the king wherever he goes, with your weapons in your hands. You must kill anyone who comes near you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:9

ULT

[9] So the princes of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest had commanded. Then they took, each man with his men, ones coming in on the Sabbath, with ones going out on the Sabbath; and they came to Jehoiada the priest.

UST

[9] The officers who supervised the guards did what Jehoiada told them to do. Each one brought to Jehoiada the guards that he supervised—the guards who were just finishing their work and those who were about to start their work on the Sabbath day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:10

ULT

10 Then the priest gave to the princes of the hundreds the spears and the shields that belonged to the King David, that were in the house of Yahweh.

UST

10 The priest distributed to the commanders of the guards the spears and shields that had belonged to King David, that were kept in the temple.

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

Jehoiada handed over to the commanders the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 11:11

ULT

11 So the runners stood, each man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, to the altar and to the house, around the king round about.

UST

11 Then he commanded all the guards to stand in their positions, each one with his sword in his hand, all around the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:12

ULT

12 Then he brought out the son of the king, and he set the crown on him, and the testimony. Then they installed him as king and they anointed him, and they struck a palm. Also they said, "May the king live!"

UST

12 Then he brought Joash out. He put the crown on his head and gave him a scroll on which were written the rules that the kings needed to obey. Then he poured some olive oil on Joash's head and proclaimed that he was now the king. The people all clapped their hands and shouted, "We desire that the king will live for many years!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:13

ULT

13 When Athaliah heard the sound of the runners, the people, then she came to the people at the house of Yahweh.

UST

13 When Athaliah heard the noise that was being made by the guards and the other people, she ran to the temple where the people were gathered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:14

ULT

14 Then she saw, and here was the king standing by the column, according to the custom, and the princes and the trumpeters were near the king. Now all the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing on the trumpets. So Athaliah tore her garments and she cried out, “Treason! Treason!”

UST

14 She saw the new king standing there alongside one of the big pillars, which was the place at the temple where the kings usually stood. She saw that he was surrounded by the temple officers and men blowing trumpets, and that the people were shouting joyfully, and some of them were also blowing trumpets. She tore her clothes to show her distress and shouted, “You are traitors! You have betrayed me!”

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted because she saw King Joash standing by the pillar.

2 Kings 11:15

ULT

15 Then Jehoiada the priest ordered the princes of the hundreds, inspectors of the army, and he said to them, “Bring her out to away from inside of the ranks. Now the one who comes after her, surely kill with the sword.” For the priest had said, “Do not let her be put to death in the house of Yahweh.”

UST

15 Jehoiada immediately said, “Kill her, but do not do it here at the temple of Yahweh! Take her away between two rows of guards. And kill anyone who tries to rescue her!”

Why was Athaliah killed at the king’s house? (vv15-16)

Athaliah was killed at the king’s house, for the priest had said, “Do not let her be killed in the house of Yahweh.”

2 Kings 11:16

ULT

16 So they laid hands upon her when she came in the way of the entrance of the horses at the house of the king, and she was put to death there.

UST

16 She tried to flee, but the guards seized her and took her to the palace, to the place where horses enter the courtyard. They killed her there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:17

ULT

17 Then Jehoiada cut the covenant between Yahweh and between the king and between the people, to be as a people for Yahweh, and between the king and between the people.

UST

17 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between the king and the people, that they would always obey Yahweh. He also made an covenant requiring the people to be loyal to Joash their king.

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do? (vv17-18)

After Jehoiada made a covenant, the people tore down the house of Baal, smashed Baal's altars and his idol figures to pieces, and killed Mattan, the priest of Baal.

2 Kings 11:18

ULT

18 So all the people of the land went into the house of the Baal and they pulled down his altar and his images they smashed into pieces thoroughly. Then they killed Mattan, the priest of the Baal, at the front faces of the altars and the priest set overseers for the house of Yahweh.

UST

18 Then all the people of Israel who were there went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars and the statues of Baal. They also killed Mattan the priest of Baal, in front of the altars. Jehoiada stationed guards at the temple of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:19

ULT

19 Then he took the princes of the hundreds, and the Carite, and the runners, and all of the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of Yahweh. Then they came in the way of the gate of the runners at the house of the king and he sat on the throne of the kings.

UST

19 Then he and the officers of the temple, the officers who supervised the royal bodyguards, and the king's bodyguards brought the king from the temple to the palace. All the people followed them. Joash entered the palace at the Guard Gate and sat down on the throne, where the kings had always sat.

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond? (vv19-20)
When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, all the people of the land rejoiced.

2 Kings 11:20

ULT

20 So all of the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, for Athaliah they had put to death with the sword at the house of the king.

UST

20 All the people of Judah rejoiced. And because Athaliah had been killed, the city was quiet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 11:21

ULT

21 Joash was a son of seven years upon his beginning to reign.

UST

21 Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:1

ULT

[1] In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign, and he reigned 40 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Zibiah, from Beersheba.

UST

[1] When Jehu had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, Joash became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for forty years. His mother was Zibiah, from the city of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:2

ULT

[2] Now Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all of his days, because Jehoiada the priest had instructed him.

UST

[2] All during the time that Joash was alive, he did what pleased Yahweh, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

Why did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time?

Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.

2 Kings 12:3

ULT

[3] Only the high places they did not remove. The people still were sacrificing and were burning incense on the high places.

UST

[3] But the places where the people worshiped Yahweh elsewhere in the land were not destroyed. They continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places, instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:4

ULT

4 Now Joash said to the priests, “All the silver of the sacred purposes, that is brought into the house of Yahweh, silver moving through, each man, the silver of the persons in his estimation, all the silver when it goes up into the heart of a man to bring into the house of Yahweh.

UST

4 Joash said to the priests, “You must take all the money which the people give, both the money they are required to pay and the money that they themselves decide to give, as sacred offerings to buy things for the temple.

By what were the people motivated to give money for the temple?

The people were motivated by Yahweh in their hearts to give.

2 Kings 12:5

ULT

5 the priests should receive for them, each man from his acquaintance, so they will strengthen the breach of the house, in every place where is found there a breach.”

UST

5 Each priest must take the money from the people who come to him, and he must use that money to repair the temple whenever he sees that there is something that needs to be repaired.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:6

ULT

6 Now it had happened that by the year of the 23rd year of the King Joash, the priests had not strengthened the breach of the house.

UST

6 But after Joash had been ruling for almost twenty-three years, the priests still had not repaired anything in the temple.

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (vv6-7)

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

2 Kings 12:7

ULT

[7] Then the King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the priests, and he said to them, “Why are you not strengthening the breach of the house? So, now, you may not take silver from your acquaintences, but for the breach of the house you should give it.”

UST

[7] So Joash summoned Jehoiada and the other priests and said to them, “Why are you not repairing things in the temple? Do not take any more money from those who are paying taxes. Take the money that was collected for the purpose of repairing the temple and pay that money to the workers who will do the repairs.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:8

ULT

[8] So the priests were in agreement to not accepting silver from the people and to not strengthening the breach of the house.

UST

[8] The priests agreed to do that, and they also agreed that they themselves would not do the repair work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:9

ULT

[9] However, Jehoiada the priest took one wooden container, and he pierced a hole in its lid, and he set it beside the altar, on the right side as anyone is coming into the house of Yahweh. Then the priests, the keepers of the threshold, put in there all the silver that was brought into the house of Yahweh.

UST

[9] Then Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in the lid. He placed it alongside the altar for burning incense that was on the right as anyone enters the temple. The priests who guarded the entrance to the temple put in the box the money that was brought to the temple.

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 12:10

ULT

10 Now it happened upon their seeing that abundant was the silver in the wooden container, that the scribe of the king and the high priest went up and they bound and they weighed out the silver that was found at the house of Yahweh.

UST

10 Whenever they saw that there was a lot of money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest would come and count the money. Then they would put it in bags and tie the bags shut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:11

ULT

11 Then they gave the silver that was measured out into the hands of the doers of the work, the ones attending to the house of Yahweh, and they brought it out to the fabricators of the wood and to the builders, the ones preparing the house of Yahweh,

UST

11 Then they would distribute the money to the men who supervised the work in the temple. The supervisors would use that money to pay the carpenters and builders who did the repair work in the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:12

ULT

12 and to the masons and to the hewers of the stone, and to buy timbers and stones for hewing in order to strengthen the breach of the house of Yahweh, and for all that would come forth for the house for repair.

UST

12 and the masons and the stone cutters. Also with some of that money they bought timber and stones that had been cut to be used in the repair work, and to pay all the other expenses for the repair work.

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

2 Kings 12:13

ULT

13 Only for the house of Yahweh bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold or vessels of silver would not be made from the silver that was brought into the house of Yahweh,

UST

13 But they did not use any of that money to pay men to make silver cups or wick trimmers for the lamps or bowls or trumpets or any other items made of silver or gold to be used in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:14

ULT

14 because they gave it to the doers of the work so they strengthened the house of Yahweh with it.

UST

14 All that money was given to the men who were doing the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:15

ULT

15 Also, they did not make an accounting with the men who they gave the silver into their hand to give to the doers of the work, for with trustworthiness they were acting.

UST

15 The men who supervised the work always did things honestly, so the king’s secretary and the high priest never required that the supervisors report what they had spent the money for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:16

ULT

16 Silver for a guilt offering and the silver for the sin offerings was not brought into the house of Yahweh, they were for the priests.

UST

16 But the money that people gave to pay for sacrifices for their sins was not put in the chest. That money belonged to the priests.

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

2 Kings 12:17

ULT

17 At that time Hazael, the king of Aram, went up and he fought against Gath, and he captured it. Then Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.

UST

17 At that time, Hazael, the king of Aram, went with his army and attacked the city of Gath and conquered it. Then he decided that they would attack Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:18

ULT

18 So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had consecrated, and his holy things, and all of the gold that was found in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and he sent to Hazael, the king of Aram, so he would go up away from against Jerusalem.

UST

18 So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the money that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He added some of his own money, and all the gold that was in the rooms in the temple where valuable things were kept, and he sent it all to King Hazael to persuade him not to attack Jerusalem. So King Hazael took his army away from Jerusalem.

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:19

ULT

19 Now the rest of the matters concerning Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

19 If you want to read more of what Joash did, it is all written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:20

ULT

20 Then his servants arose and they plotted a conspiracy, so they struck down Joash at Beth Millo, at the going down to Silla.

UST

20-21 Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 12:21

ULT

21 Then Jozabad, [1] the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and as a result he died. Then they buried him with his fathers in the city of David, and Amaziah, his son, became king in his place.
12:21 [1] .

UST

20-21 Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

Who attacked Joash?

Jozacar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:1

ULT

[1] During the year of the 23rd year of Joash, the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, became king over Israel in Samaria, 17 years.

UST

[1] After Joash had been ruling Judah for almost twenty-three years, Jehu's son Jehoahaz became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for seventeen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:2

ULT

[2] Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh and he walked after the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. He did not turn away from it.

UST

[2] He did many things that Yahweh said were evil and committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the people of Israel to sin. He did not stop committing those sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:3

ULT

[3] As a result the anger of Yahweh was kindled against Israel, so he gave them into the hand of Hazael, the king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, all the days.

UST

[3] So Yahweh became very angry with the Israelite people, and he allowed the army of King Hazael of Aram and his son Ben Hadad to defeat the Israelites many times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:4

ULT

4 So Jehoahaz entreated the faces of Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw the oppression of Israel, for the king of Aram had oppressed them.

UST

4 Then Jehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him, because he saw that the army of the king of Aram was oppressing the Israelites.

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (vv4-5)

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:5

ULT

5 So Yahweh gave to Israel a savior, and they came out from beneath the hand of Aram. Then the sons of Israel settled in their tents as previously, aforetime.

UST

5 Yahweh sent a leader to Israel, who enabled them to be free from Aram's power. After that, the Israelites lived peacefully as they had done previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:6

ULT

6 Nevertheless, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin, he walked in it and also the Asherah stood in Samaria.

UST

6 But they still continued to commit the same kind of sins that Jeroboam and his family had committed and that had led the Israelites to sin. Also, the statue of the goddess Asherah remained in Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:7

ULT

[7] For he had not left for Jehoahaz any people, except only 50 horsemen, and ten chariots, and 10,000 footmen, for the king of Aram had destroyed them and he had made them like the dust at threshing.

UST

[7] Jehoahaz had only fifty men who rode on horses and ten chariots and ten thousand other soldiers, because the army of Aram had killed all the rest, walking over them as people walk over the ground.

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?
The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the chaff at threshing time.

2 Kings 13:8

ULT

[8] Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

[8] If you want to read about everything else that Jehoahaz did, you can read about it in the book called The History of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:9

ULT

[9] Then Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Johoash his son became king in his place.

UST

[9] Jehoahaz died and was buried in Samaria. Then his son Jehoash became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:10

ULT

10 During the year of the 37th year of Joash, the king of Judah, Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, 16 years.

UST

10 Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, started to rule in Israel after King Joash had been ruling in Judah for thirty-seven years. Jehoash ruled in Samaria for sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:11

ULT

11 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn aside from all of the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, he walked in it.

UST

11 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He refused to stop worshiping idols, which was the sin that many years earlier King Jeroboam had led the Israelite people in committing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:12

ULT

12 Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

12 The other things that happened while Jehoash was king and all the things that he did are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel. In that account they wrote about his army's victories, and their war with the army of King Amaziah of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:13

ULT

13 Then Jehoash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne, and Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

UST

13 When Jehoash died, he was buried in Samaria where the other kings of Israel were buried. Then his son Jeroboam became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:14

ULT

14 Now Elisha fell sick with his sickness which he would die by it, so Jehoash, the king of Israel went down to him and he wept on his face. Then he said, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!”

UST

14 Then Elisha became very ill. Just before he died, King Joash went to Elisha and cried in front of him. Saying the same words that Elisha had said when Elijah was taken to heaven, he said, “My father! The chariots of us Israelite people and their drivers are taking my master away!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:15

ULT

15 Then Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and some arrows,” so he took to him a bow and some arrows.

UST

15 Elisha said to him, “Bring to me a bow and some arrows!” So the king did that.

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to pick up?

He told Joash to pick up a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:16

ULT

16 Next he said to the king of Israel, “Put your hand in place on the bow,” so he put his hand in place. Then Elisha set his hands over the hands of the king.

UST

16 Then Elisha told the king to put his hands on the bow and prepare to shoot some arrows. And then Elisha put his own hands on the king’s hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:17

ULT

17 Then he said, “Open the window facing eastward,” so he opened. Then Elisha said, “Shoot!”, so he shot. Then he said, “An arrow of victory for Yahweh and an arrow of victory against Aram, for you will strike down Aram in Aphek until utterly bringing to an end.”

UST

17 Then Elisha told him, “Have someone open that window toward the east.” So a servant opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot!” So the king did. Then Elisha said, “That is the arrow that indicates that your army will defeat the Aramean army. Your army will completely defeat their army at the city of Aphek.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:18

ULT

18 Then he said, “Take the arrows,” so he took. Then he said to the king of Israel, “Strike down towards ground,” so he struck three times, and he stopped.

UST

18 Then Elisha said, “Pick up the other arrows and strike the ground with them!” So the king picked up the arrows and struck the ground three times.

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (vv18-19)

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would attack Aram only three times.

2 Kings 13:19

ULT

19 However the man of God was angry on account of him and he said, “By striking five or six times, then you would have struck down Aram until utterly bringing to an end, but now three times you will strike Aram.”

UST

19 But Elisha was angry with him. He exclaimed, “You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had done that, your army would have defeated the Aramean army until they were completely wiped out! But now, because you struck the ground only three times, your army will defeat them only three times!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:20

ULT

20 Now Elisha died, and they buried him. Then the raiders of Moab would come into the land, coming in each year.

UST

20 Then Elisha died and was buried. Groups of raiders from Moab came to Israel each year during spring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:21

ULT

21 Now it happened that they were burying a man, and look, they saw the raider, so they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. As the man went and he touched upon the bones of Elisha, then it happened that he rose up onto his feet.

UST

21 One year, when some Israelite people were burying a man’s body, they saw a group of those raiders. They were afraid, so quickly they threw that man’s body into the grave where Elisha had been buried, and they ran away. But as soon as the man’s body touched Elisha’s bones, the dead man became alive again and jumped up!

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha’s cave?

The man who was buried in Elisha’s cave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha’s bones.

2 Kings 13:22

ULT
22 Thus Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

UST
22 King Hazael of Aram sent soldiers to oppress the Israelite people during all the years that Jehoahaz ruled Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:23

ULT
23 However Yahweh showed favor to them, and he had compassion on them so he turned towards them on account of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So did not want to destroy them, and he did not cast them away from before his face until now.

UST
23 But Yahweh was very kind to the Israelite people. He helped them because of the covenant that he had made with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He would not get rid of the Israelites, and he still has not rejected them.

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?
Yahweh was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

2 Kings 13:24

ULT
24 Then Hazael, the king of Aram, died and Ben Hadad his son became king in his place.

UST
24 When Hazael the king of Aram died, his son Ben Hadad became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 13:25

ULT

25 Then Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, returned and he took the cities from the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, that he had taken from the hand of Jehoahaz his father in the war. Three times Jehoash had struck him, thus he returned the cities of Israel.

UST

25 The army of King Jehoash of Israel defeated the army of King Ben Hadad three times; they also recaptured the cities that Ben Hadad's army had seized during the time that Jehoash's father Jehoahaz was ruling Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:1

ULT

1 In the second year of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

1 After Jehoash had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:2

ULT

2 He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Jehoaddan, from Jerusalem.

UST

2 He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddin. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:3

ULT

3 Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, only not like David his father. Like all that Joash, his father, had done, he did.

UST

3 Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not do as many things that pleased Yahweh as King David had done. He did some of the good things that his father Joash had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:4

ULT

4 Only the high places were not removed, the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

4 But, like his father, he did not tear down the other places for worshiping Yahweh. The people continued to burn incense to honor Yahweh in those places instead of in Jerusalem, the place that Yahweh had appointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:5

ULT

5 Now it happened just as the kingdom became strong in his hand, that he struck down his servants, the ones who had struck down the king, his father.

UST

5 As soon as he was completely in control of his kingdom, he made his servants execute the officials who had murdered his father.

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

2 Kings 14:6

ULT

6 However the sons of the ones striking down he did not put to death, according to what is written in the scroll of the law of Moses, that Yahweh had commanded, by saying, “Fathers may not be put to death on account of sons, and sons may not be put to death on account of fathers. But only each man will be put to death because of his sin.”

UST

6 But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials’ children. He obeyed what was written in the laws that God gave to Moses, “Parents must not be executed for the crimes committed by their parents. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed.”

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, “The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin.”

2 Kings 14:7

ULT

7 He struck down Edom in the valley of the Salt, 10,000 and he seized the Sela in the war. Also he called its name Joktheel, until this day.

UST

7 Amaziah's soldiers killed ten thousand soldiers of the Edom people group in the Valley of Salt south of the Dead Sea, and they captured the city of Sela and gave it a new name, Joktheel. That is still its name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:8

ULT

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, we will show each other faces."

UST

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to King Jehoash of Israel, saying, "Come here and let us and our armies fight each other in battle."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:9

ULT

9 But Jehoash, the king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, "The thorn bush that was in the Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in the Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son for a wife,' but a beast of the field that was in the Lebanon passed over and it trampled down the thorn bush.

UST

9 But King Jehoash replied with this parable to King Amaziah: "Once a thornbush growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in order that he may marry her.' But a wild animal in Lebanon passed by the thornbush and trampled it."

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:10

ULT

10 Indeed, you have struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Be honored, but stay in your house. For why should you engage yourself with evil that you would fall, you and Judah with you?”

UST

10 The meaning of what I am saying is that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so now you have become very proud. But you should be content with defeating the people of Edom; you should allow your soldiers to stay at home. If you cause trouble by fighting against us, you will surely cause a disaster to happen to you and to your people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:11

ULT

11 But Amaziah did not listen. So Jehoash, the king of Israel, went up and they showed each other faces, he and Amaziah, the king of Judah, at Beth Shemesh, which belongs to Judah.

UST

11 But Amaziah refused to pay attention to Jehoash’s message. So Jehoash and Amaziah led their armies to Beth Shemesh in Judah, and it was there that their armies came together to fight each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:12

ULT

12 Then Judah was struck hard before the faces of Israel, and they fled, each man to his tent.

UST

12 The Israelite army defeated the army of Judah, and all the soldiers of Judah fled and ran back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:13

ULT

13 Then Jehoash, the king of Israel, captured Amaziah, the king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh. Next he came to Jerusalem and he broke down the wall of Jerusalem at the Gate of Ephraim up to the Gate of the Corner, 400 cubits.

UST

13 Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there, and they also marched to Jerusalem and tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section of wall about 180 meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:14

ULT

14 Then he took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that had been found in the house of Yahweh, and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and the sons of the pledges. Then he returned to Samaria.

UST

14 Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver that they found, all the objects that were in the temple, and all the valuable things that were in the palace; they took them to Samaria. They also took to Samaria some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would cause them no more trouble.

What did Jehoash take from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also.

2 Kings 14:15

ULT

15 Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoash, what he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

15 If you want to know about all the other things that Jehoash did when he was king, including when he and his army fought against the army of King Amaziah of Judah, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:16

ULT

16 Then Jehoash slept with his fathers and he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel, and Jeroboam, his son, became king in his place.

UST

16 Jehoash died, and he was buried in Samaria, where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Jeroboam became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:17

ULT

17 Now Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived 15 years after the death of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel.

UST

17 Amaziah, the king of Judah, lived for fifteen more years after Jehoash, the king of Israel, died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:18

ULT

18 Now the rest of the matters concerning Amaziah, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

18 If you want to know more about everything else that Amaziah did, it is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:19

ULT

[19] For they had plotted a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, so he had fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

UST

[19] Some people in Jerusalem plotted against him, so he fled to the city of Lachish. But they followed him there and killed him.

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

2 Kings 14:20

ULT

[20] Then they carried him on the horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

UST

[20] They took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:21

ULT

[21] Then all the people of Judah took Azariah, when he was a son of 16 years, and they made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

UST

[21] Then all the people of Judah appointed Azariah, whose father was Amaziah, to be their king. He became king when he was sixteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:22

ULT

22 He himself built up Elath and he returned it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

UST

22 After Amaziah's father Amaziah died, Azariah's army captured the city of Elath, and it came under the control of Judah again.

What did Uzziah do to Eloth?

Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:23

ULT

23 During the year of the 15th year of Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, Jeroboam, the son of Jehoash, the king of Israel, began to reign in Samaria, 41 years.

UST

23 When Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost fifteen years, Jeroboam became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for forty-one years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:24

ULT

24 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

UST

24 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not stop committing the same kind of sins that Jeroboam son of Nebat, had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:25

ULT

25 He himself restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yahweh, the God of Israel, which he had spoken by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from the Gath Hepher.

UST

25 Jeroboam's soldiers conquered again some of the territory that had previously belonged to Israel, from the city of Hamath in the north to the Dead Sea in the south. That is what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, promised the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, from the city of Gath Hepher, would happen.

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

2 Kings 14:26

ULT

26 For Yahweh saw the affliction of Israel, being exceedingly contentious, along with a cessation of restraining and a cessation of relenting, and there was not a helper for Israel.

UST

26 That happened because Yahweh saw that the Israelites' enemies were causing the Israelites to suffer very much. And there was absolutely no one who would help them.

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (vv26-27)

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

2 Kings 14:27

ULT

27 However Yahweh had not spoken to blot out the name of Israel from under the heavens, instead, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam, the son of Jehoash.

UST

27 But Yahweh said that he would not destroy Israel completely, so he enabled King Jeroboam to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:28

ULT

28 Now the rest of the matters concerning Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

28 If you want to know more about everything else that Jeroboam did, about how he courageously fought in battle, and about how he enabled the Israelites to capture again the cities of Damascus and Hamath, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 14:29

ULT

29 Then Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

UST

29 Jeroboam died, and was buried where the other kings of Israel were buried, and his son Zechariah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:1

ULT

[1] During the year of the 27th year of Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

[1] After Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost twenty-seven years, Azariah, son of Amaziah king of Judah, began to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:2

ULT

[2] He was a son of 16 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. Also, the name of his mother was Jekoliah, from Jerusalem.

UST

[2] He was sixteen years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah. She was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:3

ULT

[3] Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Amaziah his father had done.

UST

[3] He did things that Yahweh was pleased with, as his father Amaziah had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:4

ULT

4 However, the high places were not removed; the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST

4 But the high places where the people continued to practice idolatry were not destroyed. They continued to burn incense as they worshiped their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:5

ULT

5 Thus Yahweh afflicted the king so he was stricken with leprosy until the day of his death and he lived in the house for the exempt from duties. Then Jotham, the son of the king, was over the house, judging the people of the land.

UST

5 Yahweh caused Azariah to become a leper. Azariah was a leper all the remaining years that he lived. He was not allowed to live in the palace. He lived alone in a house, and his son Jotham ruled the land.

How did Yahweh afflict King Uzziah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

2 Kings 15:6

ULT

6 Now the rest of the matters concerning Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

6 If you want to know about everything else that Azariah did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:7

ULT

[7] Then Azariah slept with his fathers and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. So Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

UST

[7] Azariah died and they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Jotham became the king.

Who became king in Uzziah's place?
Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:8

ULT

[8] During the year of the 38th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Zechariah, the son of Jeroboam, became king over Israel in Samaria, six months.

UST

[8] After Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-eight years, Zechariah son of Jeroboam, became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for only six months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:9

ULT

[9] Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as his fathers had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST

[9] He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like his ancestors had done. He committed the same kind of sins that the first Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:10

ULT

10 Then Shallum, the son of Jabesh, conspired against him, and he struck him in front of the people, and he killed him. Then he became king in his place.

UST

10 Then Shallum son of Jabesh, made plans to assassinate Zechariah. He killed him in the city of Ibleam, and then he became the king.

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:11

ULT

11 Now the rest of the matters concerning Zechariah, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

11 Everything else that Zechariah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:12

ULT

12 It was the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to Jehu, by saying, “Sons of fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel,” and it was so.

UST

12 When Zechariah died, the dynasty of King Jehu was finished. This fulfilled what Yahweh said to King Jehu would happen, “Your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel.”

For how long would Jehu’s descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

Jehu’s descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 15:13

ULT

13 Shallum, the son of Jabesh, began to reign during the year of the 39th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, and he reigned a lunar month of days in Samaria.

UST

13 Shallum son of Jabesh, became the king of Israel after King Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years. But Shallum ruled in Samaria for only one month.

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (vv13-14)

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

2 Kings 15:14

ULT

14 Then Menahem, the son of Gadi, went up from Tirzah and he came into Samaria and he struck Shallum, the son of Jabesh in Samaria. Thus he killed him and he became king in his place.

UST

14 Then Menahem son of Gadi, went up from the city of Tirzah to Samaria and assassinated Shallum. Then Menahem became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:15

ULT

15 Now the rest of the matters concerning Shallum and his conspiracy that he conspired, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

15 Everything else that Shallum did, including his killing King Zechariah, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:16

ULT

16 Then Menahem struck Tiphsah and all who were in it, and its borders toward Tirzah, because it did not open. So he struck, all its pregnant ones he split open. *[1]*

UST

16 At that time Menahem completely destroyed the city of Tiphsah and killed all the people who lived there and in the surrounding territory from Tirzah on. He did that because the people in the city refused to surrender to him. With his sword he even ripped open the bellies of pregnant women who lived there.

Why did Menahem attack Tiphsah and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphsah and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

2 Kings 15:17

ULT

17 During the year of the 39th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Menahem, the son of Gadi, began to reign over Israel, ten years in Samaria.

UST

17 When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years, Menahem son of Gadi, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:18

ULT

18 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin all his days.

UST

18 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin. He continued to commit those sins all during the years that he lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:19

ULT

19 Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land, so Menahem gave to Pul 1,000 rounds of silver, for his hands being with him in order to strengthen the kingdom in his hand.

UST

19 Then Pul (also known as Tiglath-Pileser) king of Assyria came with his army to attack Israel. So Menahem gave him about thirty-three metric tons of silver in order that the king of Assyria would help Menahem to continue to be king and rule his country more strongly.

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul? (vv19-20)

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

2 Kings 15:20

ULT

20 Then Menahem brought forth the silver incumbent upon Israel obliging each of the mighty ones of wealth to give to the king of Assyria 50 silver shekels, incumbent upon each one. So the king of Assyria turned back and he did not remain standing there in the land.

UST

20 Menahem obtained that money from the rich men in Israel. He compelled each of them to contribute three-fifths of a kilogram of silver. So Tiglath-Pileser took that money and went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:21

ULT

21 Now the rest of the matters concerning Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST

21 If you want to know more about everything that Menahem did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:22

ULT

22 Then Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

UST

22 Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahiah became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:23

ULT

23 During the year of the 50th year of Azariah, the king of Judah, Pekahiah, the son of Menahem, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, two years.

UST

23 When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty years, Menahem's son Pekahiah became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for only two years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:24

ULT

24 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, that caused Israel to sin.

UST

24 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:25

ULT

25 Then Pekah, the son of Remaliah, his officer, conspired against him, and he struck him down in Samaria, in the citadel of the house of the king, along with Argob and with Arieh and with him 50 men of the sons of the Gileadites. Thus he killed him, and he became king in his place.

UST

25 Then one of Pekahiah's army commanders whose name was Pekah son of Remaliah, planned with fifty men, from the region of Gilead to kill Pekahiah and two of his assistants, Argob and Arieh. They assassinated the king in a fortified place in the king's palace in Samaria. Then Pekah became the king.

Who killed Pekahiah?
Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:26

ULT

26 Now the rest of the matters concerning Pekahiah, and all that he did, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST

26 Everything else that Pekahiah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:27

ULT

27 During the year of the 52nd year of Azaria, the king of Judah, Pekah, the son of Remaliah, began to reign over Israel in Samaria, 20 years.

UST

27 When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty-two years, Pekah son of Remaliah, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for twenty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:28

ULT

28 Also he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST

28 He also did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:29

ULT

29 In the days of Pekah, the king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came and he took Ijon, and Abel Beth Maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh,and Hazor, and the Gilead, and the Galilee, all the land of Naphtali and he forced them to exile to Assyria.

UST

29 While Pekah was the king, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came with his army and captured the cities of Ijon, Abel of Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, and the regions of Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali. His army forced the Israelite people to leave their country and go to live in Assyria.

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (vv29-30)

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

2 Kings 15:30

ULT

30 Then Hoshea, the son of Elah, plotted a conspiracy against Pekah, the son of Remaliah, and he struck him and he killed him. Then he became king in his place, in the 20th year of Jotham, the son of Uzziah.

UST

30 Then Hoshea son of Elah, planned to kill Pekah. He assassinated him when Amaziah's son Jotham had been ruling Judah for almost twenty years. Then Hoshea became the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:31

ULT
31 Now the rest of the matters concerning Pekah and all that he did, look, they are written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST
31 Everything else that Pekah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:32

ULT
32 In the second year of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, Jotham, the son of Azariah, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST
32 When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Azariah's son Jotham began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:33

ULT
33 He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. Also, the name of his mother was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

UST
33 He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:34

ULT
34 Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Azariah his father had done, he did.

UST
34 He did many things that pleased Yahweh, as his father Azariah had done.

Whose example did Jotham follow?
Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 15:35

ULT

35 However, the high places were not removed. The people still were sacrificing and were burning incense at the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh.

UST

35 But he did not destroy the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, and the people continued to burn incense there to honor Yahweh. Jotham's workers built the Upper Gate of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:36

ULT

36 Now the rest of the matters concerning Jotham that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

36 If you want to know more about everything else that Jotham did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:37

ULT

37 In those days Yahweh began to dispatch Rezin, the king of Aram, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, against Judah.

UST

37 It was during the time that Jotham was the king that Yahweh sent King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel with their armies to attack Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 15:38

ULT

38 Then Jotham slept with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David, his father. Then Ahaz, his son, began to reign in his place.
15:16 [1] , one ancient version and some modern versions read, .

UST

38 Jotham died and was buried where his ancestors had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Ahaz became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:1

ULT

[1] During the year of the 17th year of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

[1] When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost seventeen years, Ahaz son of Jotham, became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:2

ULT

[2] Ahaz was a son of 20 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. However he did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh his God, as David his father.

UST

[2] He was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. He did not do things that pleased Yahweh his God, good things like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:3

ULT

[3] Instead, he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. indeed, he even made his son pass through in the fire, like the abominations of the nations, that Yahweh had driven them out away from the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

[3] Instead, he was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He even sacrificed his son to be an offering to idols. That imitated the disgusting things that the people who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

2 Kings 16:4

ULT

4 Also he sacrificed and he burned incense on the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

UST

4 He offered sacrifices and burned incense to honor Yahweh at many different places, including on the tops of many hills and under many big trees, instead of in Jerusalem as Yahweh had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:5

ULT

5 Then Rezin, the king of Aram and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, were simultaneously coming up to Jerusalem for the battle. Then they layed siege against Ahaz, but they were not able to wage war.

UST

5 Then King Rezin of Aram, came along with his army, and at that time Pekah (who was the son of King Remaliah of Israel) also came along with his army, and together their armies came up to attack Jerusalem, but King Ahaz led a fight to defend the city. The armies surrounded the city, but they could not conquer it.

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:6

ULT

6 At that time, Rezin, the king of Aram, restored Elath to Aram and he drove the Jews out of Elath. Then Arameans came to Elath and they have lived there to this day.

UST

6 It was at that time that the army that was commanded by King Rezin of Aram drove out the people of Judah who were living in the city of Elath, and the city came under the control of the Arameans. This was the time when some people from Aram began to live in Elath, and they are still living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:7

ULT

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, saying, “I am your servant and your son. Come up and deliver me from the palm of the king of Aram and from the palm of the king of Israel, who have risen up against me.”

UST

7 King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria, to tell this message to him: “I promise that I will completely do what you tell me to do, as though I were your son. Please come and rescue us from the armies of Aram and Israel who are attacking my country.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:8

ULT

8 So Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king and he sent a bribe to the king of Assyria.

UST

8 Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in the palace and in the temple and sent it to Assyria to be a present for the king of Assyria.

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king’s palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:9

ULT

9 Then the king of Assyria listened to him, so the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and he seized it and he led it into exile to Kir. He also killed Rezin.

UST

9 So Tiglath-Pileser did what Ahaz requested. His army marched to Damascus and captured it, and they took the people of Damascus as prisoners to live in the capital city of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:10

ULT

10 Then the King, Ahaz, went to meet Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, at Damascus, and he saw the altar that was in Damascus. So the King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest the plan of the altar and its pattern for all its design.

UST

10 When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet King Tiglath-Pileser, he saw the altar that was there. So he sent to Uriah, the high priest in Jerusalem, a drawing of the altar and a model that represented exactly the altar in Damascus.

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (vv10-11)

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:11

ULT

11 So Uriah the priest built the altar according to all that the King Ahaz had sent from Damascus. Thus Uriah the priest did while the King Ahaz was coming from Damascus.

UST

11 So Uriah built an altar in Jerusalem following the drawing that King Ahaz had sent. Uriah finished the altar before Ahaz returned to Jerusalem from Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:12

ULT

12 When the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar. So the king came near to the altar and he offered up on it.

UST

12 When the king returned from Damascus, he saw the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:13

ULT

13 Then he made his burnt offering and his grain offering rise in smoke, and he poured out his drink offering, and he sprinkled the blood of the peace offerings that were for him on the altar.

UST

13 He went up to it and burned animal sacrifices and a flour offering on it. He also poured a wine offering on it and threw on it the blood of the offerings to promise friendship with God.

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:14

ULT

14 Then the bronze altar that was before the faces of Yahweh, also he brought near from the front face of the house, from between the altar and from between the house of Yahweh and he put it on the side of altar towards north.

UST

14 The old bronze altar that had been dedicated long ago to Yahweh was between the new altar and the temple, so Ahaz moved it to the north side of his new altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:15

ULT

15 Then the King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, “On the large altar make the burnt offering of the morning and the grain offering of the evening, and the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering, and the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering and their drink offerings rise in smoke. Also you will sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all blood of sacrifice. But the bronze altar will be for me to seek.”

UST

15 Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah: “Each morning put on this new altar the sacrifices that the priests will burn completely, and in the evening put on it the flour offering, along with my offering and the offerings that the people bring, ones that they will burn completely, and my flour offering and the people’s grain and wine offerings. Pour against the sides of the altar the blood of all the animals that are sacrificed. But the old bronze altar will be only for me to use for divination.”

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God’s help.

2 Kings 16:16

ULT
16 So Uriah the priest did according to all that the King Ahaz had commanded.

UST
16 So Uriah did what the king commanded him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:17

ULT
17 Then the King Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases and he removed the wash bowl from upon them. Also he took down the sea from upon the bronze oxen that were beneath it and he put it on pavement of stones.

UST
17 King Ahaz told his workers to take off the frames of the carts that were outside the temple and to take down the basins that were on them. They also took down the large bronze tank called “The Sea” and removed it from the backs of the bronze statues of the oxen and put it on a stone foundation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:18

ULT
18 Also he removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the house, and the outer entrance of the king from the house of Yahweh, because of the face of the king of Assyria.

UST
18 Then to please the king of Assyria, Ahaz had them remove from the temple the roof under which the people walked into the temple on the Sabbath day, and closed up the private entrance into the temple for the kings of Judah.

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king’s entry outside the temple of Yahweh?
Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king’s entry outside the temple of Yahweh, because of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:19

ULT

19 Now the rest of the matters concerning Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

19 If you want to know about the other things that Ahaz did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 16:20

ULT

20 Then Ahaz slept with his fathers and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. Then Hezekiah his son became king in his place.

UST

20 Ahaz died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:1

ULT
1 In the 12th year of Ahaz, the king of Judah, Hoshea, the son of Elah, began to reign in Samaria over Israel, nine years.

UST
1 Elah's son Hoshea began to rule Israel after King Ahaz had ruled Judah for twelve years. Hoshea ruled in Samaria for nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:2

ULT
2 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not as the kings of Israel who were before him.

UST
2 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as many evil things as the previous kings of Israel had done—the ones who had ruled Israel previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:3

ULT
3 Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against him, and Hoshea became a servant for him and he brought back tribute to him.

UST
3 The army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria attacked and defeated the army of King Hoshea. As a result, the Israelites were forced to pay much tribute to Assyria each year.

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?
Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4

ULT

4 Then the king of Assyria found in Hoshea a conspiracy, that he had sent messengers to So, the king of Egypt and he had not brought up tribute to the king of Assyria, as year by year. So the king of Assyria restrained him and he bound him in a house of confinement.

UST

4 But several years later, Hoshea secretly planned to rebel against the rulers of Assyria. He sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, asking if his army could help the Israelites fight against Assyria. Hoshea also stopped paying the tribute that he had been paying Assyria every year. But the king of Assyria found out about those things, so he told his officers to put Hoshea in prison.

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

2 Kings 17:5

ULT

5 Then the king of Assyria came up against all the land, and he came up to Samaria and he besieged around it three years.

UST

5 Then he brought the army of Assyria to Israel, and they attacked everywhere in that land. His army besieged the city of Samaria for three years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:6

ULT

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and he exiled Israel to Assyria. Then he had them live in Halah, and along Habor, the River of Gozan, and the cities of Media.

UST

6 Finally, after King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for nine years, the army of Assyria forcefully entered the city and captured the people. They took the Israelite people to Assyria and forced some of them to live in the city of Halah. They forced others to live near the Habor River in the district of Gozan. They forced others to live in the towns where the Mede people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:7

ULT

[7] Now it happened because the sons of Israel had sinned against Yahweh, their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Also they had feared other gods,

UST

[7] Those things happened because the Israelite people had sinned against Yahweh their God. He had rescued their ancestors from the power of the king of Egypt and brought them safely out of Egypt, but later they began to worship other gods.

Why did the captivity happen?
The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:8

ULT

[8] and they walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Yahweh had dispossessed away from the faces of the sons of Israel, and the kings of Israel, that they had made.

UST

[8] They imitated the things that the pagan peoples around them practiced. Those were the very peoples that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites occupied their land. The people of Israel also did the evil things that most of the kings of Israel showed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:9

ULT

[9] Now the sons of Israel did things in secret against Yahweh their God that were not right. Moreover they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from a tower for watchmen to a city with fortification.

UST

[9] The Israelite people also secretly did many things that were not pleasing to Yahweh their God. They built places to worship their idols on the hills around all their cities, including small towns and big cities with walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:10

ULT

10 They also erected standing stones and Asherah poles for themselves on every high hill and under every flourishing tree.

UST

10 They set up stone pillars to honor gods, and poles to worship the goddess Asherah at the top of every high hill and under every big tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:11

ULT

11 They burned incense there in all high places, like the nations that Yahweh had exiled away from their faces, and they did evil things to provoke Yahweh to anger.

UST

11 The Israelites burned incense in every place where they worshiped those gods, just like the peoples who lived there previously had done—the groups that Yahweh had driven out from the land. The Israelites did many wicked things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:12

ULT

12 They even the served idols, about which Yahweh had said to them, “You must not do this thing.”

UST

12 Yahweh warned them many times that they should not worship idols, but they did it anyway.

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13

ULT

13 Yet Yahweh had brought warnings against Israel and against Judah by the hand of all of his prophets, every seer, by saying, “Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all of the instruction that I have commanded your fathers, and that I have sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets.”

UST

13 Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh gave them was, “Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing. Obey my commands and my laws, the laws that I told your ancestors to obey and that I told the prophets who served me to tell to you again.”

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

2 Kings 17:14

ULT

14 But they did not heed and they hardened their necks as the necks of their fathers who did not put trust in Yahweh their God.

UST

14 But the Israelite people would not pay attention. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors were. Just as their ancestors did, they refused to trust in Yahweh their God.

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:15

ULT

15 Thus they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he had cut with their fathers, and his testimonies that he had admonished against them. So they walked after what was vanity and they became vain, and after the nations that were around them, that Yahweh had commanded them to not act like them.

UST

15 They rejected Yahweh’s laws and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors. They ignored Yahweh’s warnings. They worshiped worthless idols and as a result they themselves became worthless. Although Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate the behavior of the peoples that lived near them, they disobeyed that command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:16

ULT

16 Then they abadoned all the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they made molten metal for themselves, two calves. Also they made an Asherah pole, and they bowed down to all the host of the heavens and they served the Baal.

UST

16 The Israelite people disobeyed all of Yahweh's commands. They made two metal calves to worship. They set up two poles to worship the goddess Asherah, and they worshiped the god Baal, and the sun, the moon, and the stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:17

ULT

17 They even made their sons and their daughters pass through in the fire. Also they divined information by sorceries and hissing magic spells. Thus they sold themselves over by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, as a result provoking him to anger.

UST

17 They also burned their own sons and daughters to be sacrifices to those gods. They went to fortune tellers and they practiced sorcery. They continually chose to do all kinds of evil things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:18

ULT

18 Therefore Yahweh became exceedingly enraged at Israel so he removed them away from his faces. None was left except for the tribe of Judah by itself.

UST

18 So because Yahweh was very angry with the Israelite people, he allowed their enemies to take them away from their country. Only the people of the tribe of Judah were left in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:19

ULT

19 Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they walked in the statutes of Israel that they had made.

UST

19 But even the people of Judah did not obey the commands of Yahweh their God. They imitated the evil customs that the Israelites had introduced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:20

ULT

20 So Yahweh rejected all the seed of Israel, so he afflicted them and he gave them into the hand of plunderers, until that he had cast them away from his faces.

UST

20 So Yahweh rejected all the people of Israel and of Judah. He punished them by allowing the armies of other nations to defeat them and take them away. He got rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:21

ULT

21 For he tore Israel away from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, king. Then Jeroboam seduced Israel away from following after Yahweh and he made them sin a great sin.

UST

21 Earlier, when Yahweh had forced the ten tribes of Israel away from the rule of David's descendants, those tribes had chosen Jeroboam son of Nebat, to be their king. Then Jeroboam enticed the people of Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh and to worship idols instead. He induced them to commit great sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:22

ULT

22 So the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam, that he did. They did not turn away from it,

UST

22 And the Israelite people continued to do the evil things that Jeroboam introduced. They did not turn away from those sins,

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (vv22-23)

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

2 Kings 17:23

ULT

23 until that Yahweh removed Israel away from his faces, according to what he had spoken by the hand of all his servants the prophets. Thus Israel went into exile away from its land to Assyria, to this day.

UST

23 so finally Yahweh got rid of them. That was just what his prophets had warned would happen. The Israelite people were taken away to the land of Assyria, and they are still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:24

ULT

24 Then the king of Assyria brought in from Babylon and from Kuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, that he had settle in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they took possession of Samaria and they lived in its cities.

UST

24 The king of Assyria ordered his soldiers to take groups of people from the cities of Babylon, Kuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim to the region of Samaria, and to resettle them in the cities there, to take the place of the Israelites who lived there previously. Those people took control over Samaria and lived in the cities of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:25

ULT

25 Now it happened at the beginning of their living there, they did not revere Yahweh. So Yahweh sent the lions among them and they were killing among them.

UST

25 But those people who came from other countries did not worship Yahweh when they first arrived in Samaria. So Yahweh sent lions to kill some of them.

Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?

The nations in Samaria did not honor Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

2 Kings 17:26

ULT

26 So they said to the king of Assyria, saying, “The nations that you have exiled and you have settled in the cities of Samaria do not know the judgments of the gods of the land. So he has sent the lions against them, and, look, they are killing them just because none of them know the judgments of the gods of the land.”

UST

26 Then those people sent a message to the king of Assyria. They wrote, “We people who have resettled in the towns of Samaria do not know how to worship the God that the Israelites worshiped in this land. So he has sent lions among us to kill us, because we have not worshiped him correctly.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:27

ULT

27 So the king of Assyria commanded, by saying, “Have one of the priests go to there whom you have exiled from there, so they will go and they will settle there. Then they will instruct them about the judgments of the gods of the land.”

UST

27 When the king of Assyria read this letter, he commanded his officers, “Send one of the priests whom you brought here from Samaria to go back there. Tell him to teach the people who are now living there how to worship correctly the God whom the Israelites worshiped in that land.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:28

ULT

28 So one of the priests whom they had exiled from Samaria came and he settled in Bethel. Then he was instructing them how they should revere Yahweh.

UST

28 So the officers did that. They sent one of the Israelite priests back to Samaria. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel, and he taught the people there how to worship Yahweh.

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should honor Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29

ULT

29 However nation by nation they were making its gods, that they permitted to rest in the house at the high places that the Samaritans had made, nation by nation in their cities where they were settling there.

UST

29 But all those people continued to make their own idols. They took their idols and placed them in the houses that the Samaritan people had built upon the hills all around. Each group of people made their own gods that they worshiped, and each of the gods had a name.

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

2 Kings 17:30

ULT

30 Thus the men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Kuthah made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

UST

30 The people from Babylon made idols to represent their god Succoth Benoth. The people from Kuthah made idols to represent their god Nergal. The people from Hamath made idols to represent their god Ashima.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:31

ULT

31 and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. Also the Sepharvites were burning their sons in the fire to Adrammelek and Anammelek, the gods of Sepharvim.

UST

31 The people from Avva made idols to represent their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. The people from Sepharvaim sacrificed their own children. They completely burned them on altars to be offerings to their gods Adrammelek and Anammelek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:32

ULT

32 Although they were reverencing Yahweh, however they made for themselves from their divisions priests of high places, and they were performing on their behalf at the house of the high places.

UST

32 But those people also worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed from among their own groups many people to be priests at the places where idols were worshiped on the hills, and these priests could would offer sacrifices for them upon the high places.

Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:33

ULT

33 They were reverencing Yahweh while their gods they were serving, according to the judgments of the nations that they had exiled them from there.

UST

33 So they revered Yahweh, but they also worshiped their own gods, just as their people living in their home countries did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:34

ULT

34 To this day they are acting according to the earlier judgments. They are not reverencing Yahweh, nor are they acting according to their statutes, and their judgments, and according to the instruction and according to the commandments that Yahweh had commanded the sons of Jacob, whom he set his name as Israel,

UST

34 These people in Samaria still keep their old customs. They really do not worship Yahweh, and they do not obey all the laws and decrees that Yahweh gave to the descendants of Jacob, to whom he gave the new name Israel.

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh? (vv34-35)

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

2 Kings 17:35

ULT

35 and Yahweh had cut with them a covenant and he had commanded them by saying, “You must not fear other gods, and you must not bow yourselves down to them, and you must not serve them, and you must not sacrifice to them.

UST

35 Yahweh had previously made an covenant with the ancestors of Israel, commanding them not to worship other gods or bow down to honor them or do other things to please them or offer sacrifices to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:36

ULT

36 But only Yahweh, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm, him you must fear, and to him you must bow yourselves down, and to him you must sacrifice.

UST

36 He had said to them, “You must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, the one who brought you out of Egypt with my very great power. I am the one whom you must bow down to honor, and I am the one to whom you must offer sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:37

ULT

37 Also the statutes and the judgments, and the instruction and the commandment that he wrote for you, you must surely take care to do all the days, so you must not revere other gods.

UST

37 You must always obey the laws and decrees that I told Moses to write for you. You must not worship other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:38

ULT

38 Therefore the covenant that I have cut with you, you must not forget, and you must not revere other gods.

UST

38 And you must not forget the covenant that I made with your ancestors. You must not fear or respect other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:39

ULT

39 Surely if Yahweh your God you will revere, then he will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.”

UST

39 Instead, you must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, your God. If you do that, I will rescue you from the power of all your enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 17:40

ULT

40 But they not heeded,for instead according to their earlier judgments they were behaving.

UST

40 But, the Israelites refused to pay attention to what Yahweh said. Instead, they continued to adhere to their old customs.

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

2 Kings 17:41

ULT

41 So these nations were reverencing Yahweh while their idols they were serving. Likewise their sons and the sons of their sons, just as their fathers had done, they were doing to this day.

UST

41 So, those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also worshiped their idols. And their descendants still do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, the king of Judah, began to reign.

UST

[1] After King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost three years, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, began to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:2

ULT

[2] He was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.

UST

[2] He was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:3

ULT

[3] Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father had done.

UST

[3] Hezekiah did things that Yahweh said are right, like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:4

ULT

4 He removed the high places, and he shattered the standing stones, and he cut down the Asherah and he crushed to pieces the serpent of bronze that Moses had made, because up to those days the sons of Israel were offering incense to it. However he called it “Nehushtan.”

UST

4 He destroyed the places where people worshiped Yahweh, and he broke into pieces the poles for worshiping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. He did that because the people had named it Nehushtan, and they were burning incense in front of it to honor it.

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?
The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

2 Kings 18:5

ULT

5 He trusted in Yahweh, the God of Israel, and after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, or who were before him.

UST

5 Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped. There was no king who ruled Judah before him or after him who was as devoted to Yahweh as he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:6

ULT

6 For he clung to Yahweh, he did not turn away from following him but he kept his commandments, which Yahweh had commanded Moses.

UST

6 He remained loyal to Yahweh and never disobeyed him. He carefully obeyed all the commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:7

ULT

[7] So Yahweh was with him. In every way when he went out, he prospered. Also he rebelled against the king of Assyria and he did not serve him.

UST

[7] Yahweh always helped Hezekiah. He was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and refused to do what the king of Assyria wanted him to do

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:8

ULT

[8] He struck Philistines as far as Gaza and its borders, from a tower of watchmen as well as a fortified city.

UST

[8] His army defeated the soldiers of Philistia as far south as the city of Gaza and the nearby villages. They conquered the entire area, from the smallest village with only a watchtower to the largest cities surrounded by walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:9

ULT

[9] Now it happened in the fourth year of the King Hezekiah, it was the seventh year of Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against Samaria and he encircled around it.

UST

[9] After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, and when King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, the army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and surrounded the city of Samaria.

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (vv9-10)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:10

ULT

[10] Then they captured it, at the end of three years. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Israel, Samaria was captured.

UST

[10] In the third year they captured the city. That was when Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost six years, and when Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost nine years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:11

ULT

[11] Next the king of Assyria exiled Israel to Assyria and he led them to Halah, and to Habor, the river of Gozan, and Median cities,

UST

[11] The king of Assyria commanded that the people of Israel be taken to Assyria. Some of them were taken to the city of Halah, some were taken to a place near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and some were taken to cities where the Mede people group live.

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria? (vv11-12)

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 18:12

ULT

[12] because that they did not heed the voice of Yahweh their God, but they passed aside his covenant, all that Moses, the servant of Yahweh, had commanded, thus they did not heed and they did not do.

UST

[12] That happened because the Israelites did not obey Yahweh their God. They had disobeyed the covenant that Yahweh had made with their ancestors, and all the laws that Moses, the man who served Yahweh very well, had told them to obey. They would not obey those laws. They would not even listen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:13

ULT

13 Then in the 14th year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and he conquered them.

UST

13 After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, the army of King Sennacherib of Assyria attacked all the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not capture Jerusalem, but they captured all the other cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:14

ULT

14 So Hezekiah, the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, “I am at fault. Withdraw from against me. Whatever you place upon me, I will bear.” As a result the king of Assyria imposed upon Hezekiah, the king of Judah 300 rounds of silver and 30 rounds of gold.

UST

14 King Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib, while Sennacherib was in the city of Lachish, saying, “What I have done was wrong. Please tell your soldiers to stop attacking us. If you do that, I will pay you whatever you tell me to.” So the king of Assyria said that Hezekiah must pay to him 10,000 kilograms (or about ten metric tons) of silver and 1,000 kilograms (about one metric ton) of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:15

ULT

15 So Hezekiah gave all the silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king.

UST

15 So Hezekiah gave to him all the silver that was in the temple and that was stored in his palace.

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king’s palace.

2 Kings 18:16

ULT

16 At that time Hezekiah chopped off the doors of the temple of Yahweh and the columns that Hezekiah, the king of Judah, had overlaid, and he gave them to the king of Assyria.

UST

16 Hezekiah's men also stripped the gold from the doors of the temple and the gold that he himself had put on the doorposts, and he sent all that gold to the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:17

ULT

17 Nevertheless the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshaken from Lachish to the King Hezekiah with a heavily armed army to Jerusalem. So they went up and they came to Jerusalem. Then they went up and they came in and they stood at the channel of the upper resevoir, that was along a raised path in a field of a launderer.

UST

17 But the king of Assyria sent a large army with some of his important officials from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they stood alongside the aqueduct in which water flows from the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah? (vv17-18)

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the launderers' field.

2 Kings 18:18

ULT

18 Then they called out to the King, and Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.

UST

18 They sent a message requesting King Hezekiah to come to them, but the king sent three of his officials to talk to them. He sent Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who supervised the palace, Shebna, the official secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who communicated the king's messages to the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:19

ULT

[19] Then Rabsakeh said to them, “Say now to Hezekiah ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, “What is this confidence in which you have trusted?

UST

[19] One of Sennacherib’s important officials told them to take this message to Hezekiah: “This is what the king of Assyria, the great king, says: ‘What are you trusting in to rescue you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:20

ULT

[20] You have said only a word from lips, a plan and might for battle. Now in whom have you trusted, that you would rebel against me?

UST

[20] You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some country has promised to help you, but that is only talk. Who do you think will help you to rebel against my soldiers from Assyria?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:21

ULT

[21] Now, look, you have trusted for yourself in the staff of this bruised reed in Egypt, which should a man lean on it, it would go into his hand and it would puncture it. Thus is Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to anyone who is trusting in him.

UST

[21] Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like using a broken reed for a walking stick on which you could lean. It would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt would be like for anyone who relied on him for help.

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

2 Kings 18:22

ULT

22 But although you say to me, ‘We trust in Yahweh our God,’ is it not he whom Hezekiah has removed his high places and his altars, and he has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, ‘Before this altar you must bow down in Jerusalem?’”

UST

22 But perhaps you will say to me, “No, we are relying on Yahweh our God to help us.” I would reply, “Is he not the one whom you insulted by tearing down his houses on the hills where the idols were worshiped and the altars on which you offered sacrifices, forcing everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to worship only in front of the altar in Jerusalem?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:23

ULT

23 So now, I insist, make a pledge with my master, with the king of Assyria, and I will give to you 2000 horses, if you are able to provide for yourself riders for them.

UST

23 So I suggest that you make a deal between you and my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you are able to find two thousand of your men who can ride on them!

What offer did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria offered to give two thousand horses, if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

2 Kings 18:24

ULT

24 So how would you repel the faces of the captain of one of the least servants of my master? Yet you trust for yourself in Egypt for chariotry and horsemen!

UST

24 You are hoping that the king of Egypt will send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to defeat even the most unimportant official in my army!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:25

ULT

[25] Now even without Yahweh have I come up against this place in order to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, ‘Go up against this land and destroy it.’”

UST

[25] Furthermore, do you think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh’s help? It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!”

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

2 Kings 18:26

ULT

[26] Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah said to Rabshekah, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we are listening. So do not speak Judean with us in the ears of the people who are on the wall.”

UST

[26] Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the official from Assyria, “Sir, please speak to us in your Aramaic language, because we understand it. Do not speak to us in our Hebrew language, because the people who are standing on the wall will understand it and be frightened.”

In what language did Eliakim, Shebnah, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebnah, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

2 Kings 18:27

ULT

[27] But Rabshekah said to them, “Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Is it not for the men who are sitting on the wall, about to eat their excrement and to drink their urine with you?”

UST

[27] But the official replied, “Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you and not to the people who are standing on the wall? If you reject this message, the people in this city will soon need to eat their own dung and drink their own urine, just like you will, because there will be nothing more for you to eat or drink.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:28

ULT

28 Then Rabshekah stood up and he cried out in a loud voice in Judean, and he spoke and he said, “Listen to the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

UST

28 Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, “Listen this message from the great king, the king of Assyria. He says this:

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews’ language.

2 Kings 18:29

ULT

29 Thus says the king, ‘Do not let Hezekiah cause deception for yourselves, for he is not be able to pull you out of his hand.

UST

29 ‘Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you. He will not be able to rescue you from my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:30

ULT

30 Also do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, by saying, ‘Yahweh will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.’

UST

30 Do not allow him to persuade you to rely on Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of Assyria will never capture this city!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:31

ULT

31 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: ‘Make a blessing with me and come out to me. Then eat, each man from his vine, and each man from his fig tree, and drink, each man from the waters of his well,

UST

31 Do not pay attention to what Hezekiah says! This is what the king of Assyria says: ‘Come out of the city and surrender to me. If you do that, I will arrange for each of you to drink the juice from you own grapevines, and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own wells.

What would the king of Assyria let those who make peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

2 Kings 18:32

ULT

32 until my coming. Then I will take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive tree for fresh oil, and honey. Therefore live, and do not die.’ So do not listen to Hezekiah when he makes you persuaded by saying, ‘Yahweh will deliver us.’

UST

32 You will be able to do that until we come and take you to a land that is like your land—a land where there is grain to make bread and vineyards to produce grapes for making wine. It will be a land that has plenty of olive trees and honey.’ If you do what the king of Assyria commands, you will not die. You will continue to live. Do not allow Hezekiah to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that he will rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:33

ULT

33 Indeed, has any gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

UST

33 The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued them from the power of the king of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:34

ULT

34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Indeed, have they rescued Samaria out of my hand?

UST

34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Did any of their gods delivered Samaria out of my hand?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:35

ULT

35 Who is among all the gods of the lands that has delivered their land from my hand? Indeed, will Yahweh deliver Jerusalem from my hand?”

UST

35 None of these gods kept their people from being destroyed by the king of Assyria. Do you think your God Yahweh, can do any better?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 18:36

ULT

36 But the people remained silent and they did not answer him a word, for it was a commandment of the king by saying, “You must not answer him".”

UST

36 But the people who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had told them, “When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him.”

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

2 Kings 18:37

ULT

37 Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah being torn of garments, and they reported to him the words of Rabshekah.

UST

37 Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah went back to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed, and they told him what the official from Assyria had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

ULT

[1] Now it happened upon the King Hezekiah hearing, that he tore his garments, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and he went into the house of Yahweh.

UST

[1] When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough cloth because he was very distressed. Then he went to the temple to ask God what to do.

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?
When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:2

ULT

[2] Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the house, and Shebna, the scribe, and the elders of the priests, coverering themselves with sackcloth, to Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz.

UST

[2] Then he summoned Eliakim and Shebna and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, and told them to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:3

ULT

[3] Then they said to him, “Thus says Hezekiah, ‘This day is a day of distress, and rebuke, and humiliation, for sons have come to the birth canal, but there is no strength for childbirth.

UST

[3] He said to them to say these things to Isaiah: “King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are causing us to be insulted and disgraced like a woman who is about to give birth to a child, but she is not strong enough to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:4

ULT

4 Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear all the words of Rabshekah, because the king of Assyria his master, sent him to defy the living God, and he will decide about the words that Yahweh your God has heard. Now you should lift up a prayer on behalf of the remnant that is found.'"

UST

4 Perhaps Yahweh our God has heard everything that the official from Assyria said. Perhaps he knows that his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to insult the all-powerful God and that Yahweh will punish him for what he said. And Hezekiah requests that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem."

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh should do?

Hezekiah said Yahweh should hear all the words of Rabshakeh and may rebuke the words which Yahweh heard.

2 Kings 19:5

ULT

5 So the servants of the King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

UST

5 When the messengers from Hezekiah came to Isaiah, and

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:6

ULT

6 and Isaiah said to them, "Thus you will surely say to your master: 'Thus says Yahweh, "Do not be afraid in the face of the words that you have heard, because the young men of the king of Assyria have reviled me.

UST

6 Isaiah instructed them to go back to their master and tell him what Yahweh says: "Those messengers from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But you should not be disturbed because of what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:7

ULT

[7] Look, I am dispensing a spirit upon him, so he will hear a report. Then he will return to his land and I will make him fall by the sword in his land.""

UST

[7] Listen to this: I will cause Sennacherib to hear a rumor that will worry him, that other armies are about to attack his country. So he will return to his own country, and there I will cause him to be assassinated by some men."

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

2 Kings 19:8

ULT

[8] Then Rabshekah returned and he found the king of Assyria was fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had journeyed away from Lachish.

UST

[8] The official from Assyria found out that the King of Assyria and his army had left the city of Lachish, and that they were attacking Libnah, which was a nearby city. So the official went there to report to him what had happened in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:9

ULT

[9] When he heard concerning Tirhakah, the king of Cush being said, "look, he has gone forth to fight with you," as a result he returned and he sent messengers to Hezekiah saying:

UST

[9] Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. But before King Sennacherib left Libnah to fight against the army from Ethiopia, he sent other messengers to King Hezekiah with a letter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:10

ULT

10 “Thus you will surely say to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, saying ‘Do not let your God whom you are trusting in him make you deceived, by saying, “Jerusalem will not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

UST

10 In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah: “Do not allow your god on whom you are relying to deceive you by promising that my army will never capture Jerusalem.

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 19:11

ULT

11 Look, you yourself have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands by destroying them. However you yourself will be delivered?

UST

11 You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria have done to all the other countries. Our armies have completely destroyed them. So do you think that you will escape?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:12

ULT

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, when my fathers annihilated Gozan, or Haran, or Rezeph, or the sons of Eden who were in Tel Assar?

UST

12 Did the gods of the nations that were about to be destroyed by the armies of the previous kings of Assyria rescue them? Did those gods rescue the people in the region of Gozan or in the cities of Haran and Rezeph in northern Aram? Did they rescue the people of Eden who had been deported to the city of Tel Assar? None of the gods of those cities was able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:13

ULT

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?"'

UST

13 What happened to the kings of the cities of Hamath, Arpad, Sepharvaim, and Ivvah? They are all dead."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:14

ULT

14 Then Hezekiah took the letters from the hand of the messengers and he read them. Afterwards he went up to the house of Yahweh and Hezekiah spread it out before the faces of Yahweh.

UST

14 Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:15

ULT

15 Then Hezekiah prayed before the faces of Yahweh and he said, "O Yahweh, the God of Israel, dwelling amid the cherubim, you are he, the true God, you alone are over all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself made the heavens and the earth.

UST

15 Then Hezekiah prayed this: "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of creatures with wings, above the sacred chest. Only you are truly God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:16

ULT

16 Incline your ear, O Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to taunt the living God.

UST

16 So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening. And listen to what King Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:17

ULT

17 Truly, O Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their land.

UST

17 Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:18

ULT

18 Also they have put their gods into the fire, for they are not gods but rather a work of hands of man, some wood and stone. So they have destroyed them.

UST

18 And they have thrown the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But that was not difficult to do, because they were not gods. They were only statues made of wood and stone, idols that were shaped by humans, and that is why they were destroyed easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:19

ULT

[19] So now, O Yahweh our God, deliver us please from his hand, so all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, Yahweh, are God, you alone."

UST

[19] So now, Yahweh our God, please rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria, in order that the people in all the kingdoms of the world may know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is truly God."

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

2 Kings 19:20

ULT

[20] Then Isaiah, the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, I have listened attentively.

UST

[20] Then Isaiah sent this message to Hezekiah to tell him what Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, said in response: "I have heard what you prayed to me about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:21

ULT

[21] This is the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: "A maiden, the daughter of Zion has contempt for you, has derision for you. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes a head at you.

UST

[21] This is what I say to that king: The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They wag their heads to mock you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:22

ULT

22 Whom have you taunted and have you reviled? And against whom have you raised a voice and have you lifted your eyes upward? Against the Holy One of Israel!

UST

22 Who do you think that you were despising and ridiculing? Who do you think you were shouting at? Who do you think you were looking at very proudly? It was I, the holy God whom the Israelites worship.

Against whom did the king of Assyria exalt his voice?

The king of Assyria exalted his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

2 Kings 19:23

ULT

23 By the hand of your messengers you have defiled my Lord, and you have said, ‘With the multitude of my chariotry I myself have gone up to heights of mountains, the remotest parts of Lebanon. Then I will cut down the tallest of its cedars, the choicest of its cypress trees. Thus I may enter into its remotest lodging place, the thicket of its orchards.

UST

23 The messengers whom you sent made fun of me. You said, ‘With my many chariots I have gone to the highest mountains, to the highest mountains in Lebanon. We have cut down its tallest cedar trees and its best cedar trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:24

ULT

24 I myself have dug and I have drunk foreign waters. Indeed, I have dried up all the rivers of Egypt with the sole of my footstep.’

UST

24 We have dug wells in other countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!’

Who said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25

ULT

25 Have you not heard for long ago I designed it, for from days of old that I formed it? Now I have brought it and it will happen by laying waste, fortified cities being devastated into ruins.

UST

25 But I reply, ‘Have you never heard that long ago I planned that those things would happen? I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would have the power to capture many cities that were surrounded by high walls, and cause them to become piles of rubble.

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:26

ULT

26 Meanwhile, their inhabitants, being deficient of hand, they were in panic and they were ashamed. They were an herb of a field, or a vegetable in sprout, grass on roofs or blighted before being a stalk.

UST

26 The people who lived in those cities have no power, and as a result they became dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as plants and grass in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched before it can grow tall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:27

ULT

27 But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging against me.

UST

27 But I know everything about you. I know when you are in your house and when you go outside; I also know that you are raging against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:28

ULT

28 Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has come up into my ears, now I will put my ring in your nose, and my bit in your lips. So I will turn you back on the way that you have come on it."

UST

28 So, because you have raged against me, and because I have heard you do this, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose, and I will put an iron bit in your mouth, in order that I can take you where I want you to go. I will force you to return to your own country on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.'

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose

2 Kings 19:29

ULT

29 Now this will be the sign for you: this year eating only what grows on its own, and in the second year aftergrowth. But in the third year you must sow and you must harvest, and you must plant vineyards and you must eat their fruit.

UST

29 Now I say this to Hezekiah: 'This is what will happen to prove that I am telling the truth: This year and next year you and your people will be able to harvest only wild grain. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it, and to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:30

ULT

30 Then the escaped portion of the house of Judah who are remaining will again be a root going downward and it will make fruit going upward.

UST

30 The people in Judah who remain alive will prosper and have many children; they will be like plants whose roots go deep down into the ground and which produce much fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:31

ULT

31 For out of Jerusalem a remnant will come forth, and an escaped portion from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh will accomplish this.

UST

31 There will be many people in Jerusalem who will remain alive, because I, Yahweh, commander of the armies, have planned it to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:32

ULT

32 Therefore thus says Yahweh concerning the king of Assyria: “He will not enter into this city and he will not shoot an arrow there. Indeed, he will not confront it with shield, and he will not pour out a siege ramp against it.

UST

32 So this is what I, Yahweh, say about the king of Assyria: “His armies will not enter this city; they will not even shoot any arrows into it. His soldiers will not march outside the city gates carrying shields, and they will not even build high mounds of earth against the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:33

ULT

33 By the way which he comes, by it he will return, and he will not enter into this city, the declaration of Yahweh,

UST

33 Their king will return to his own country on the same road on which he came here. He will not enter this city. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:34

ULT
34 For I will cover over this city in order to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David, my servant.'"

UST
34 I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed. I will do this for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised to King David, who served me well."

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?
Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

2 Kings 19:35

ULT
35 Now it happened during that night that the messenger of Yahweh went forth and he struck against the camp of Assyria, 185,000. When they arose early in the morning, indeed, look, all of them dead bodies.

UST
35 That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had put up their tents, and killed 185,000 of their soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw that there were corpses everywhere.

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?
Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 19:36

ULT
36 So he journeyed, and he went and Sennacherib, the king of Assyria returned and he stayed in Nineveh.

UST
36 Then King Sennacherib left and went home to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 19:37

ULT

37 Now it happened as he was bowing down at the house of Nisrok, his gods, that Adrammelek and Sharezer struck him down with the sword. Then they escaped into the land of Ararat, and Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

UST

37 One day, when he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his two sons, Adrammelek and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped and went to the region of Ararat, northwest of Nineveh. And another of Sennacherib's sons, Esarhaddon, became the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT

1 In those days Hezekiah became sick, about to die when Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him, and he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Give instruction to your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.’”

UST

1 About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. Isaiah the prophet came to him and said, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die, because you are not going to recover from this illness. You are going to die.’”

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?
Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he would die.

2 Kings 20:2

ULT

2 Then he turned his face to the wall and he prayed to Yahweh, saying,

UST

2 Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:3

ULT

3 “I pray, O Yahweh, please remember how I walked about before your face in faithfulness and a whole heart, and the good in your eyes I have done.” Then Hezekiah wept a loud weeping.

UST

3 “Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you.” Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:4

ULT

4 Now it happened Isaiah had not gone out to the middle courtyard when the word of Yahweh came to him, saying,

UST

4 Isaiah left the king, but before he had crossed the middle courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:5

ULT

5 “Turn back, and you must say to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father: “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Here I am, a healer for you. On the third day you will go up to the house of Yahweh.

UST

5 He said, “Go back to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, and say to him, ‘I, Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what you prayed. And I have seen your tears. So, listen, I am going to heal you. Two days from now you will be able to go up to my temple.

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah’s prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:6

ULT

6 Now I will add 15 years to your days, and I will rescue you and this city from the palm of the king of Assyria. Indeed I will hedge about this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.”’”

UST

6 I will enable you to live for fifteen more years. And I will rescue you and this city again from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:7

ULT

7 Then Isaiah said, “Take a pressed cake of figs.” So they took and they set on the inflamed spot, and he recovered.

UST

7 Isaiah returned to the palace and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said. Then he said to Hezekiah’s servants, “Bring a paste made of boiled figs. Put some of it on his boils, and he will get well.” The servants did that, and the king recovered.

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:8

ULT

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What is the sign that Yahweh will heal for me, so I will go up to the house of Yahweh on the third day?”

UST

8 Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “What will Yahweh do to prove that he will heal me and that two days from now I will be able to go up to the temple?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:9

ULT

9 So Isaiah replied, “This will be the sign for you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken. Has the shadow gone forward ten steps, or it will turn back ten steps?”

UST

9 Isaiah replied, “Yahweh will do something that will prove to you that he will do what he promised. Do you want him to cause the shadow on the stairway to go back ten steps or to go forward ten steps?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:10

ULT

[10] Then Hezekiah said, “It is easy for the shadow to go down ten steps. No, rather the shadow should turn backward ten steps.”

UST

[10] Hezekiah replied, “It is easy to for the shadow to move forward, because that is what it always does. Aks Yahweh to make it move backward ten steps on the stairway that King Ahaz ordered his servants to build.”

How did Yahweh change the shadow? (vv10-11)

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:11

ULT

[11] So Isaiah the prophet cried out to Yahweh, and he reversed the shadow on the steps so that it went down on the steps of Ahaz backwards ten steps.

UST

[11] So Isaiah prayed earnestly to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused the shadow to go backward ten steps on the stairway of king Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:12

ULT

[12] At that time Berodak-Baladan, the son of Baladan, the king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had become sick.

UST

[12] At that time, King Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan, the previous king of Babylonia, heard a report that King Hezekiah had been very sick. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:13

ULT

13 Now Hezekiah heeded to them, and he showed them all his storehouse of value: the silver and the gold, and the spices and the best oil, and the storehouse of his armanents, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was not anything that Hezekiah did not show them, in his house or in all his realm.

UST

13 When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them all the treasure that was in his palace and treasuries—the silver and gold, the spices, the nice-smelling olive oil, and all the weapons for his soldiers. There were no valuable things in his storerooms or anywhere else in his kingdom that he did not show them.

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?
Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:14

ULT

14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to the king Hezekiah and he said to him, “What did these men say, and from where are they coming to you?” So Hezekiah replied, “They have come from a distant land, from Babylon.”

UST

14 Then the prophet Isaiah went to Hezekiah and asked him, “Where did those men come from, and what did they say to you?” Hezekiah replied, “They came from a country very far from here. They came from Babylonia.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:15

ULT

15 Then he said, “What did they see in your house?” So Hezekiah replied, “They have seen everything that is in my house. There was not anyhing that I have not shown them in my storehouses.”

UST

15 Isaiah asked, “What did they see in your palace?” Hezekiah replied, “They saw everything. I showed them absolutely everything that I own—all my valuable things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:16

ULT
16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of Yahweh:

UST
16 Isaiah knew that Hezekiah had done a very foolish thing. So Isaiah said to him, “Listen to what Yahweh says to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:17

ULT
17 ‘Look, days are coming when everything that is in your house, and that your fathers stored away to this day, will be carried to Babylon. Not anything will be left, says Yahweh.

UST
17 There will be a time when everything that is still in your palace, all the valuable things that were put there by you and your ancestors, will be carried away to Babylon. There will be nothing left here! That is what Yahweh says to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:18

ULT
18 Also from your sons who will come forth from you, who you will father, they will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

UST
18 Furthermore, some of your own descendants will be forced to go there, and they will be castrated in order that they may become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?
The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19

ULT

19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “Good is the word of Yahweh that you have spoken.” For he said, “Is it not, if there will be peace and stability in my days?”

UST

19 Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “The message from Yahweh that you have given to me is good.” He said that because he was thinking, “Even if that happens, there will be peace and security in Israel all during the remaining time that I remain alive.”

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 20:20

ULT

20 Now the rest of the matters of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the resevoir and the tunnel, and he brought the waters into the city, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

20 If you want to know more about all the other things that Hezekiah did, about his brave deeds in battle, about how he commanded his people to build a reservoir in the city and a tunnel to be dug to bring water into the reservoir, they are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 20:21

ULT

21 So Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his son became king in his place.

UST

21 Later Hezekiah died, and his son Manasseh became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:1

ULT

[1] Now Manasseh was a son of 12 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 55 years in Jerusalem, and the name of his mother was Hephzibah.

UST

[1] Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to rule. He ruled Judah for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hephzibah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:2

ULT

[2] Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had driven out away from the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

[2] He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the land of Israel as his people advanced through the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:3

ULT

[3] For he turned back, and he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed, and he set up altars for Baal, and he made an Asherah pole, just as Ahab, the king of Israel, had done, and he bowed down to all the host of the heavens and he served them.

UST

[3] He commanded his workers to rebuild the places of idol worship built on the hills. Those were the very high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He directed his workers to build altars to offer sacrifices of living creatures to Baal. Manasseh made a statue of the goddess Asherah, as Ahab the king of Israel had done previously. And Manasseh worshiped the stars and he served them.

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:4

ULT

[4] He also built altars in the house of Yahweh, where Yahweh had said, “In Jerusalem I will place my.”

UST

[4] He directed his workers to build altars for worshiping foreign gods in the temple of Yahweh, even though Yahweh had said, “It is here in Jerusalem where I want people to worship me, forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:5

ULT

[5] He also built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

UST

[5] He directed that altars for worshiping the stars be built in both of the courtyards in the temple grounds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:6

ULT

[6] He even made his son pass through in the fire, and he interpreted clouds as sorcery and he practiced divination and he practiced seeking information from the dead and conjurers. He escalated to do this evil in the eyes of Yahweh, thus provoking anger.

UST

[6] He even sacrificed his own son and burned him in the fire. He performed rituals to practice sorcery and spells. He also went to people who consulted the spirits of dead people to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh said are extremely evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh consulted with those who talked with the dead and with those who talked with spirits.

2 Kings 21:7

ULT

[7] Then he placed the idol of the Asherah, that he had made, in the house about which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will place my name for forever.

UST

[7] He placed the statue of the goddess Asherah in the temple, the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, “My temple will be here in Jerusalem. This is the city that I have chosen from all the territory of the twelve tribes of Israel, where I want people to worship me forever.

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?
Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:8

ULT

[8] Also I would not permit anymore to make the foot of Israel wander away from the ground that I gave to their fathers, if only they would take care to do according to all that I have commanded them, and to all the instruction that my servant Moses commanded them.”

UST

[8] And if the Israelite people obey all my commands and all the laws that I gave to Moses, the man who served me very well, I will not again force them to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:9

ULT

[9] But they did not listen, and Manasseh led them astray by doing what was evil, more than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed before the faces of the sons of Israel.

UST

[9] But the people did not pay attention to Yahweh. Manasseh persuaded them to commit sins that were more evil than the sins that were committed by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven from the land as the Israelite people advanced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:10

ULT
10 So Yahweh spoke by the hand of his servants the prophets, by saying,

UST
10 These are some of the things that Yahweh said through his prophets. Many times Yahweh had given them these messages:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:11

ULT
11 “By reason that Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominations, that which is evil, more than all that the Amorite who was before him had done, and he has also made Judah sin with its idols,

UST
11 “Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominable things, things that are much worse than the things that the Amor people group did in this land long ago. He has lead the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he worshiped.

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?
Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:12

ULT
12 therefore thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: Look, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah that all hearing it, his two ears will quiver.

UST
12 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says to you: I am about to cause disaster to come to Jerusalem and the rest of Judah. It will be terrible, with the result that everyone who hears about it will be stunned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:13

ULT

13 So I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria, and the plumb bob of the house of Ahab. I will wipe Jerusalem just as one wipes a bowl, he wipes and it turns on its face.

UST

13 I will judge and punish the people of Jerusalem as I punished the family of King Ahab of Israel. I will remove the people of Jerusalem as people wipe a plate clean and then turn it upside down to show that they are now satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:14

ULT

14 Indeed I will leave the remnant of my inheritance alone and I will give them into the hand of their enemies. Thus they will be for spoil and for plunder for all their enemies,

UST

14 And I will abandon the people who remain alive, and I will allow their enemies to conquer them and steal everything valuable from their land.

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (vv14-15)

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because they did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, and provoked him to anger.

2 Kings 21:15

ULT

15 by reason that they have done what is evil in my eyes, and they have been provoking me to anger from the day that their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day."

UST

15 I will do this because my people have done things that I say are very evil, things which have caused me to become very angry. They have caused me to become angry continually, ever since the time that their ancestors left Egypt."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:16

ULT

16 Indeed, Manasseh even poured out exceedingly much innocent blood, until that he had filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, beside his sinfulness that he made Judah sin by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

16 Manasseh commanded his officials to kill many innocent people in Jerusalem, with the result that their blood flowed in the streets. He did this in addition to persuading the people of Judah to do many things that Yahweh said were evil.

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:17

ULT

17 Now the rest of the matters concerning Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

17 If you want to know more about all the things that Manasseh did, and the sin that he committed, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:18

ULT

18 Then Manasseh slept with his fathers and he was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza. Then Amon his son became king in his place.

UST

18 Manasseh died and was buried in the garden outside his palace, the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Amon became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:19

ULT

19 Amon was a son of 22 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz from Jotbah.

UST

19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled Judah from Jerusalem for only two years. His mother's name was Meshullemeth. She was from the city of Jotbah, and was the daughter of Haruz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:20

ULT

20 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh his father had done.

UST

20 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:21

ULT

21 For he walked in all the way that his father had walked and he served the idols that his father had served, and he bowed down to them.

UST

21 He imitated the behavior of his father, and he worshiped the same idols that his father had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:22

ULT

22 Thus he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and he did not walk in the way of Yahweh.

UST

22 He abandoned Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors had worshiped, and did not behave as Yahweh wanted him to behave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:23

ULT
23 Then the servants of Amon conspired against him and they put the king to death in his house.

UST
23 Then one day some of his officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in the palace.

How did Amon die?
The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:24

ULT
24 However the people of the land struck down all who were conspiring against the King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

UST
24 But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated King Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:25

ULT
25 As for the rest of the matters concerning Amon that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST
25 If you want to read about the other things that Amon did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 21:26

ULT

26 Thus he buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.

UST

26 Amon was also buried in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Josiah became the king.

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:1

ULT
[1] Josiah was a son of eight years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Yedidah, the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath.

UST
[1] Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah and his grandfather was Adaiah from the city of Bozkath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:2

ULT
[2] Now he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. Indeed he walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.

UST
[2] Josiah did things that were pleasing to Yahweh and conducted his life as his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

How did Josiah walk?
Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3

ULT
[3] Now it happened in the 18th year of the king Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yahweh, saying,

UST
[3] After Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he sent his secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah and grandson of Meshullam, to the temple with these instructions:

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (vv3-5)
Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:4

ULT

4 “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest so he will use up the silver that has been brought into the house of Yahweh, which the keepers of the threshhold have gathered from the people.

UST

4 “Go to Hilkiah, the high priest, and tell him to give me a report, telling me how much money the men who guard the doors of the temple have collected from the people as offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:5

ULT

5 Then let it be given into the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing at the house of Yahweh, so they will give it to the ones doing the work who are in the house of Yahweh, to strengthen the breach of the house,

UST

5 Then tell him to give all that money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:6

ULT

6 to the craftsmen, and to the builders, and to the masons, also to buy timbers and stones from a quarry in order to strengthen the house.”

UST

6 They must give that money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and they should also buy the timber and the stones that they will use to repair the temple.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:7

ULT

7 However the silver that was given into their hand was not accounted for by them, because they acted with trustworthiness.

UST

7 But the men who supervise the work will not be required to make a report on the money that is given to them, saying what they spent it for, because those men are completely honest.

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8

ULT

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the scroll of the instruction in the house of Yahweh.” So Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.

UST

8 After Shaphan the king’s secretary said that to Hilkiah, Hilkiah said to Shaphan, “I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!” Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he started to read it.

What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiah found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:9

ULT

9 Then Shaphan the scribe came in to the king and he returned a report to the king, and he said, “Your servants have poured out the silver that was found in the house and they have given it into the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing the house of Yahweh.”

UST

9 Then Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, “Your temple guards have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the work of repairing the temple.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:10

ULT
10 Then Shaphan the scribe explained to the king by saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given to me a scroll.” Then Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

UST
10 Then Shaphan said to the king, “I have brought to you a scroll that Hilkiah gave to me.” And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:11

ULT
11 Now it happened upon the king hearing the words in the scroll of the instruction, that he tore his garments.

UST
11 When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll that Shaphan was reading to him, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?
When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:12

ULT
12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, the priest, and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Akbor, the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan, the scribe, and Asaiah, the servant of the king, by saying,

UST
12 Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiah, to Shaphan’s son Ahikam, to Micaiah’s son Akbor, and to Asaiah, the king’s special advisor:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:13

ULT

13 “Go! Inquire of Yahweh, on behalf of me, and on behalf of the people, and on behalf of all Judah, concerning the words of this scroll that has been found. For great is the wrath of Yahweh because it has been kindled against us by reason that our fathers did not heed to the words of this scroll by doing according to all that was written for us.”

UST

13 “Go and ask Yahweh for me and for all the people of Judah, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed the things that are written on this scroll, things that we should have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:14

ULT

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Akbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah, the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the garments. Now she was living in Jerusalem in the second part, and they spoke to her.

UST

14 So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the newer part of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah and grandson of Harhas, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple. Those five men told her about the scroll.

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:15

ULT

15 Then she said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘Say to the man who sent you to me,

UST

15 She then told them what Yahweh the God whom the Israelites worship says, “Yahweh has a message for the king who sent you to me, and this is what Yahweh says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:16

ULT

16 “Thus says Yahweh: ‘Look, I am bringing disaster to this place and to its inhabitants, all the things in the scroll that the king of Judah has read.

UST

16 ‘Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here, which is what was written in the scroll that the king has read.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:17

ULT

17 Because that they have forsaken me and they have burned incense to other gods, thus provoking me to anger with all the works of their hands, therefore my wrath is kindled against this place, and it will not go out.’”

UST

17 I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry by all the idols that they have made, and my anger is like a fire that will not be put out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:18

ULT

18 But to the king of Judah, the one sending you to inquire of Yahweh, thus you must say to him: “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: ‘The things that you have heard,

UST

18 The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want him to do. This is what you should say to him, “You have paid attention to what was written in the scroll.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 22:19

ULT

19 because your heart became tender, and you have humbled yourself before the presence of Yahweh, upon your hearing what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, to become into a horror and as a curse, and you have torn your garments and you have wept before my face, so also I have heard, an utterance of Yahweh.

UST

19 Also, you have repented and humbled yourself when you heard what I threatened to do to punish this city and the people who live here, I have heard what you prayed. I said that I would cause this city to be abandoned. It will be a city whose name people will use when they curse someone. But because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you.

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender, and because he humbled himself before Yahweh, and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20

ULT

20 So therefore, I am gathering you to your fathers, indeed you will be gathered to your sepulchers in peace. Thus your eyes will not look upon all the disaster that I am bringing upon this place.”” So they brought the king back a message.

UST

20 So I will allow you to die and be buried peacefully. I will cause a great disaster to come to this place, but you will not be alive to see it.”” After the men heard that, they returned to King Josiah and gave him that message.

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:1

ULT
1 As a result the king sent and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

UST
1 Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and of the other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:2

ULT
2 Then the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and every man of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both from small and to great. Next he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant that had been found in the house of Yahweh.

UST
2 They went together to the temple, along with the priests and the prophets, and many other people, from the most important people to the least important people. And while they listened, the king read to them all of the laws that Moses had written. He read from the scroll that had been found in the temple.

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?
The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

ULT
3 Then the king stood by the pillar and he cut the covenant in the presence of Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with a whole heart and with a whole being, in order to perpetuate the words of this covenant that were written in this scroll. So all the people stood by the covenant.

UST
3 Then the king stood next to the pillar where the kings stood when they made important announcements, and, while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey with his inner being the covenant. And all the people also promised to obey the covenant.

What did all the people agree to do?
All the people agreed to stand by the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4

ULT

4 Next the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshhold to bring out of the temple of Yahweh all the vessels that were made for the Baal and for the Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens. Then he burned them towards outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron and he carried their ashes to Bethel.

UST

4 Then the king gave a command to Hilkiah, the high priest, to all the other priests who assisted him, and to the men who guarded the entrance to the temple. He told them to bring out from the temple all the items that people had been using to worship Baal, the goddess Asherah, and the stars. After they carried them out, they burned all those things outside the city in the Kidron Valley. Then they took all the ashes to Bethel.

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:5

ULT

5 Also he made the pagan priests cease, whom the kings of Judah had designated so he burned incense at the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places around Jerusalem, and who were burning incense to the Baal, and to the sun, and to the moon, and to the constellations of the zodiac, and to all the host of the heavens.

UST

5 There were many pagan priests whom the previous kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense on the altars scattered throughout the region of Judah and to worship on the high places that they had built on the hills. They had been offering sacrifices to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, the planets, and the stars. The king stopped them from doing those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:6

ULT

6 Then he brought out the Asherah pole from the house of Yahweh, to outside of Jerusalem to the wadi Kidron and he burned it in the wadi Kidron. Then he made a powder of dust and he threw its dust over the burial area of the sons of the people.

UST

6 He commanded that the statue of the goddess Asherah be taken out of the temple. Then they took it outside Jerusalem, down to the Kidron Valley, and burned it. Then they pounded the ashes to powder and scattered that over the graves of ordinary people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:7

ULT

7 He also tore down the houses for the male temple prostitutes that were by the house of Yahweh, where the women were weaving houses for Asherah there.

UST

7 He also took everything out of the rooms in the temple where the temple male prostitutes lived. That was where women wove robes that were used to worship the goddess Asherah.

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were in the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:8

ULT

8 Then he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah and he defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense on there, from Geba as far as Beersheba. He also tore down the high places at the gates that were along the entrance of the gate of Joshua, the prince of the city, that were at the left side of anyone at the gate of the city.

UST

8-9 Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:9

ULT

9 Although the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem, nevertheless they still ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.

UST

8-9 Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:10

ULT

10 He also defiled the Topheth, which was in the Valley of the son of Hinnom, so as not to allow anyone to make his son or his daugther pass through the fire to the Molech.

UST

10 Josiah also desecrated the place named Topheth, in the Ben Hinnom Valley, in order that no one could offer his son or daughter there to be completely burned on the altar as a sacrifice to the god Molech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:11

ULT

11 Then he put an end to the horses that the kings of Judah had given over to the sun, away from coming into the house of Yahweh, to the chamber of Nathan-Melek, the eunich, that was in the annex. He also burned the chariots of the sun in the fire.

UST

11 He also removed the horses that the previous kings of Judah had dedicated to worshiping the sun, and he burned the chariots that were used in that worship. Those horses and chariots were kept in the courtyard outside the temple, near the entrance to the temple, and near the room where one of Josiah's officials lived, whose name was Nathan-Melek.

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:12

ULT

12 Also the king tore down the altars that were on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, that the kings of Judah had made, and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Yahweh. Then he ran from there and he threw their dust into the wadi Kidron.

UST

12 Josiah also commanded his servants to tear down the altars that the previous kings of Judah had built on the palace roof, above the room where King Ahaz had stayed. They also tore down the altars that had been built by King Manasseh in the two courtyards outside the temple. He commanded that they be smashed to pieces and thrown down into the Kidron Valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:13

ULT

13 Also the king defiled the high places that were on the front face of Jerusalem, that were at the right of the mount of corruption that Solomon, the king of Israel, had built for Ashtoreth, the detestable idol of the Sidonians and for Chemosh, the detestable idol of Moab, and for Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

UST

13 He also commanded that the altars that King Solomon had built east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Olives—the so-called Mount of Corruption—be desecrated. Solomon had built them for the worship of the disgusting idols—the statue of the goddess Ashtoreth worshiped by the people in the city of Sidon, Chemosh the god of the Moab people group, and Molech the god of the Ammon people group.

Who built the Mount of Corruption?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Corruption.

2 Kings 23:14

ULT

14 Then he broke the standing pillars into pieces and cut down the Asherah poles and he filled their places with human bones.

UST

14 They also broke into pieces the stone pillars that the Israelite people worshiped, and cut down the poles that honored the goddess Asherah, and they scattered the ground there with human bones to desecrate it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:15

ULT

15 Then he also tore down the altar that was at Bethel, the high place that Jeroboam, the son of Nebat had made, by which he had caused Israel to sin, both that altar and the high place he burned down. He pulverized the high place into dust and he burned an Asherah pole.

UST

15 Furthermore, he commanded them to tear down the place of worship that was near the city of Bethel, the very same place of worship that had been built by King Jeroboam (whose father was Nebat, the same man who made Israel to sin against Yahweh). Josiah led the people of Israel to tear down that altar that was on the high hill, and they also burned the wooden pole used in the worship of the idol that had the name “Asherah.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:16

ULT

16 When Josiah turned and he saw the graves that were there on the hillside, then he sent out and he took the bones from the graves. Then he burned on the altar, thus he defiled it according to the word of Yahweh which the man of God had proclaimed, who had proclaimed these things.

UST

16 Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on the hill. He commanded his men to take the bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. By doing that, he desecrated the altar. These events were predicted many years before when Yahweh gave his word to Israel by his prophet.

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17

ULT

17 Then he said, “What is this monument that I am seeing?” So the men of the city replied to him, “The grave of the man of God who came from Judah and he proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel.”

UST

17 Josiah asked, “Whose tomb is that?” The people of Bethel replied, “It is the tomb of the prophet who came from Judah and predicted that these things that you have just now done to this altar would happen.”

Whose bones did Josiah not move? (vv17-18)

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:18

ULT

18 So he said, “Allow rest for him. Let not anyone disturb his bones.” So they preserved his bones, along with the bones of the prophet who had come from Samaria.

UST

18 Josiah replied, “Allow his tomb to remain as it is. Do not remove the prophet’s bones from the tomb.” So the people did not remove those bones, or the bones of the other prophet, the one who had come from Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:19

ULT

19 Then Josiah also removed all the shrines on the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, that the kings of Israel had made, thus provoking to anger. So he did to them like all the deeds that he did at Bethel.

UST

19 In every city in Samaria, at Josiah's command, they tore down the houses built on hills to worship idols. The ones that had been built by the previous kings of Israel, which had caused Yahweh to become very angry. He did to all those places of idols worship the same thing that he had done to the altars at Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:20

ULT

20 Then he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who were there on the altars and he burned human bones on them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

UST

20 He ordered that all the priests who offered sacrifices on the places built on the hills where they worshiped idols, and they were to be killed on those altars. Then he burned human bones on every one of those altars to desecrate them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:21

ULT

21 Then the king commanded all the people, by saying, "Do Passover for Yahweh your God, according to what is written in this scroll of the covenant."

UST

21 Then the king commanded all the people to celebrate the Passover festival to honor Yahweh their God, which was written in the law of Moses that they should do every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:22

ULT

22 For it had not been done as this Passover since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor all the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah.

UST

22 During all the years that leaders ruled Israel and during all the years that kings of Israel and the kings of Judah, they had not celebrated that festival.

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:23

ULT

23 But truly in the 18th year of the King Josiah, this Passover was done for Yahweh in Jerusalem.

UST

23 But now, after Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, to honor Yahweh they celebrated the Passover festival in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:24

ULT

24 Now Josiah also destroyed in blazing fury the women sorcerers who talked with the dead and those with familiar spirits and the household idols, and the idol images and all the detestable idols that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so as to perpetuate the words of the instruction that were written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest had found in the house of Yahweh.

UST

24 Furthermore, Josiah removed from Jerusalem and other places in Judah all the people who practiced sorcery and those who asked the spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do. He also removed from Jerusalem and from the other places in Judah all the household idols and all the other idols and abominable things. He did those things in order to obey what had been written in the scroll that Hilkiah had found in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:25

ULT

25 Now before him there was not a king like him, who had turned to Yahweh with all his heart, and with all his being, and with all his might, in accordance with all the instruction of Moses, neither after him none had arisen like him.

UST

25 Josiah was devoted to Yahweh with all that he felt and thought and with all his strength. There had never been in Judah or Israel a king like him. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. And there has never since then been a king like Josiah.

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might.

2 Kings 23:26

ULT

26 Nevertheless, Yahweh did not turn away from the burning fury of his great anger, with which his anger kindled against Judah because of all the offences that Manasseh had provoked him to anger.

UST

26 But Yahweh had become extremely angry with the people of Judah because of all the things that King Manasseh had done to provoke him, and he continued to be very angry.

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath.

2 Kings 23:27

ULT

27 So Yahweh said, “I will also remove Judah away from my faces, just as I have removed Israel, and I will reject this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, ‘My name will be there.’”

UST

27 He said, “I will do to Judah what I have done to Israel. I will drive away the people of Judah, with the result that they will never enter my presence again. And I will reject Jerusalem, the city that I chose to belong to me, and I will reject the temple, the place where I said that I should be worshiped.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:28

ULT

28 Now the rest of the matters concerning Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

28 If you want to know more about all the other things that Josiah did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:29

ULT

29 In his days, Pharaoh Necho, the king of Egypt, had gone up against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River, and the King Josiah had gone to meet him. But he killed him at Megiddo upon his seeing him.

UST

29 While he was the king of Judah, King Necho of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah tried to stop the army of Egypt at the city of Megiddo, but he was killed in a battle there.

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:30

ULT

30 So his servants had him ride dying in a chariot from Megiddo, and they brought him to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his grave. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and they anointed him, and they made him king in place of his father.

UST

30 His officials placed his corpse in a chariot from Megiddo, and took it back to Jerusalem, where it was buried in his own tomb. Then the people of Judah poured olive oil on Josiah's son Joahaz, to appoint him to be the new king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:31

ULT

31 Jehoahaz was a son of 23 years upon his becoming king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah, from Libnah.

UST

31 Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king of Judah, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:32

ULT

32 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers had done.

UST

32 Joahaz did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just like many of his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:33

ULT

33 Then Pharaoh Necho bound him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, away from reigning in Jerusalem. Then he instituted a fine against the land, 100 rounds of silver and a round of gold.

UST

33 King Necho's army captured him and tied him up with chains and took him as a prisoner to the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, to prevent him from continuing to rule in Jerusalem. Necho forced the people of Judah to pay to him about 3.3 metric tons of silver and thirty three kilograms of gold.

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:34

ULT

34 Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim, the son of Josiah, king in place of Josiah his father, and he turned his name into Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz and he came into Egypt, and he died there.

UST

34 King Necho appointed another son of Josiah, Eliakim, to be the new king, and he changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. Then he took Joahaz to Egypt, and later Joahaz died there in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:35

ULT

35 Now the silver and the gold Jehoiakim gave to Pharaoh. Only he assessed the land in order to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharoah, each man according to his assessment, he extracted forcibly, the silver and the gold, the people of the land in order to give to Pharoah Neco.

UST

35 King Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. He collected silver and gold from them, in order to pay to the king of Egypt what he commanded them to give.

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 23:36

ULT

36 Jehoiakim was a son of 25 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from Rumah.

UST

36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from the city of Rumah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 23:37

ULT

37 However he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers had done.

UST

37 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:1

ULT

1 In his days, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up, and Jehoiakim became a servant to him, three years. Then he turned back and he rebelled against him.

UST

1 While Jehoiakim was ruling Judah, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Judah. They defeated the Judean army, and as a result, Jehoiakim was required to pay much tribute to King Nebuchadnezzar. But after three years, Jehoiakim rebelled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:2

ULT

2 Then Yahweh sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans, and raiding bands from Aram, and raiding bands from Moab, and raiding bands of the sons of Ammon. Now he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servants, the prophets.

UST

2 Then Yahweh sent raiders from Babylonia and Aram, and from the Moab and Ammon people groups, to attack the people of Judah and kill them, just as Yahweh had told his prophets to warn the people would happen.

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:3

ULT

3 Certainly it was according to the mouth of Yahweh against Judah, to remove out away from his faces, because of the sins of Manasseh, in accordance with all that he had done, [1]

UST

3 These things happened to the people of Judah just as Yahweh had commanded. He decided to destroy the people of Judah because of the many sins that King Manasseh had committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:4

ULT

[4] and also innocent blood that he had spilled, and he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, so Yahweh was not willing to forgive.

UST

[4] Manasseh had even caused many innocent people in Jerusalem to be killed, and Yahweh would not forgive that.

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:5

ULT

[5] Now the rest of the matters concerning Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the chronicles of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST

[5] The other things that happened while Jehoiakim was king, and all the things that he did, are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:6

ULT

[6] Then Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

UST

[6] When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:7

ULT

[7] Then king of Egypt did not continue again to go forth out of his land, because the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt as far as the Euphrates River, everything that had been belonging to the king of Egypt.

UST

[7] The army of the king of Babylon defeated the army of Egypt. The king of Babylon took control of all the area that the Egyptians formerly controlled, from the brook at the border of Egypt in the south to the Euphrates River in the north. So the army of the king of Egypt did not return to attack Judah again.

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:8

ULT

[8] Jehoiachin was a son of 18 years upon his beginning to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. Now the name of his mother was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan from Jerusalem.

UST

[8] Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah. His mother’s name was Nehushta. She was the daughter of a man from Jerusalem named Elnathan. Jehoiachin ruled in Jerusalem for only three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:9

ULT

[9] Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his father had done.

UST

[9] Jehoiachin did many things that Yahweh said were evil, all the evil things that his father had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:10

ULT
10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up against Jerusalem and the city came into the state of besiegement.

UST
10 While Jehoiachin was king, some officers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came along with the whole Babylonian army to Jerusalem, and they surrounded the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:11

ULT
11 Then Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to the city while his servants were besieging it,

UST
11 While they were doing that, Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:12

ULT
12 and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his eunuchs. So the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reigning.

UST
12 Then King Jehoiachin, his mother, his advisors, important officers, palace officials all surrendered to the Babylonian army. When Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years, he captured Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon.

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?
Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:13

ULT

13 Then he brought out from there all the valuables in the house of Yahweh, and the valuables in the house of the king, and he cut into pieces all the vessels of gold that Solomon, the king of Israel, had made in the temple of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had spoken.

UST

13 Just as Yahweh had said would happen, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon all the valuable things from Yahweh's temple and from the king's palace. They cut up all the gold items that King Solomon had put in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:14

ULT

14 Then he led into exile all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighy ones of the army, exiling 10,000, and all of the skilled worker and the smith. No one was left except the poorest of the people of the land.

UST

14 They took from Jerusalem to Babylon ten thousand people, including the important officials and the best soldiers and the people who made and repaired things that were made of metal. Only the very poor people were left in Judah.

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:15

ULT

15 Thus he exiled Jehoiachin into Babylon, along with the mother of the king, and the wives of the king, and his eunuchs, and the mighy ones of the land, he led an exile from Jerusalem into Babylon.

UST

15 Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers seized King Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon, along with his wives and officials, his mother, and all the important people. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:16

ULT

16 Also all of the men of the army, 7,000, and the skilled workman, and the smith, 1,000, that all were mighty ones, who were experienced in warfare, however the king of Babylon brought them into exile at Babylon.

UST

16 They also took to Babylon all seven thousand soldiers and one thousand men who knew how to make and repair things that are made from metal. All of these people whom they took were able to fight in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:17

ULT

17 Now the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his uncle, king in his place, and he turned his name into Zedekiah.

UST

17 Then the king of Babylon appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Mattaniah, to be the king of Judah, and he changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 24:18

ULT

18 Zedekiah was a son of 21 years upon his beginning to reign and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. Now the name of his mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

UST

18 When Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. She was the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:19

ULT

19 Now he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh like everything that Jehoiakim had done.

UST

19 But Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just as Jehoiakim had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 24:20

ULT

20 For because of the anger of Yahweh it happened in Jerusalem and in Judah, until he cast them out away from his faces. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
24:3 [1] .

UST

20 Because Yahweh was very angry, he finally drove the people out of Jerusalem and the other places in Judah and sent them to Babylon. This is what happened when Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:1

ULT
1 Now it happened in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon came, he along with all his army against Jerusalem. Then he encamped around it, and they built a siege wall up to it all around.

UST
1 After Zedekiah had been ruling for nine years, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, King Nebuchadnezzar arrived with his whole army. They surrounded Jerusalem. Against the walls of the city, they built ramps made of earth, so that they could climb up and attack the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:2

ULT
2 Thus the city came under the seige until the eleventh year of the king Zedekiah.

UST
2 It took them two years to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:3

ULT
3 On the ninth of the month, then the famine took hold in the city so there was not bread for the people of the land.

UST
3 After Zedekiah had been ruling for eleven years, by the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine had become very bad. All the people's food was gone.

Why was there no food for the people of the land?
The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4

ULT

4 Then the city was breached, and all the men of the battle during the night were at a path at a gate between the two walls, that were along the garden of the king. Now Chaldeans were upon the city all around, yet he went the way of the Arabah.

UST

4 Then the Babylonian soldiers broke through part of the city wall, and that enabled them to enter the city. All the soldiers of Judah tried to escape. But the Babylonian soldiers surrounded the city, so the king and the soldiers of Judah waited until it was nighttime. Then they fled through the gate that was between the two walls near the king's park. They ran across the fields and started to go down to the plain along the Jordan River.

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:5

ULT

5 However the army of Chaldeans pursued after the king and they overtook him in the desert-plain near Jericho, as a result all his army was scattered away from him.

UST

5 But the Babylonian soldiers chased after them. They caught the king when he was by himself in the plains of Jericho. He was by himself because all his soldiers had abandoned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:6

ULT

6 Thus they seized the king and they brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment upon him.

UST

6 The Babylonian soldiers took King Zedekiah to the city of Riblah in Babylonia. There the king of Babylon decided what they would do to punish him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:7

ULT

[7] Now they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then he put out the eyes of Zedikiah, and he bound him with two bronze chains, and he brought him to Babylon.

UST

[7] The king of Babylon forced Zedekiah to watch as the Babylonian soldiers killed all of Zedekiah's sons. Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and took him to the city of Babylon.

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:8

ULT

[8] Now in the fifth month, on the seventh of the month, it was in the 19th year, the year of the king Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, chief of executioners, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

UST

[8] On the seventh day in the fifth month of that year, after Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for nineteen years, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem. He was one of King Nebuchadnezzar's officials; he was in command of the men who guarded the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:9

ULT

[9] Then he burned the house of Yahweh, and the house of the king, and all the houses of Jerusalem, indeed, every great house he burned in the fire.

UST

[9] He ordered his soldiers to burn down Yahweh's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. So they burned down all the important buildings in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:10

ULT

10 Also all the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the chief of executioners, tore down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

UST

10 Then Nebuzaradan supervised the Babylonian soldiers as they tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem.

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:11

ULT

11 Now the rest of the people who had been left in the city, and the fallen ones, who had fallen to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan, chief of executioners, led away into exile.

UST

11 After that, he and his soldiers took to Babylon the people who were still living in the city, the other people who lived in the region of Judah, and the soldiers who had previously surrendered to the Babylonian army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:12

ULT

12 But the chief of executioners did let some of the poorest of the land remain for vinedressers and for tillers.

UST

12 But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:13

ULT

13 Now the pillars of bronze that were in the house of Yahweh, and the pedestals and the sea of bronze that were in the house of Yahweh, the Chaldeans broke into pieces and they carried their bronze to Babylon.

UST

13 The Babylonian soldiers broke into pieces the bronze pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the large bronze tank known as “The Sea,” all of which were in the temple courtyard, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:14

ULT

14 Also the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of bronze that they were ministering with them, they took.

UST

14 They also took the pots, the shovels, the instruments for snuffing out the lamps, the dishes, and all the other bronze items that the Israelite priests had used for offering sacrifices in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:15

ULT

15 Even the firepans and the bowls that were purest gold, and that were purest silver, the chief of executioners took.

UST

15 The soldiers also took away the pans for the ashes of the sacrifices, the basins, and all the other items made of gold or silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:16

ULT

16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the pedestals that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, there could not be a weighing on account of the bronze of all these vessels.

UST

16 The bronze from the two pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the huge tank that was called “The Sea,” were all so very heavy that they could not be weighed. These things had been made for the temple when Solomon was the king of Israel.

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:17

ULT

17 18 in cubit was the height of the first pillar, and the capital on it was bronze. Now the height of the capital was three cubits, with latticework and pomegranates on the capital all around, that was entirely bronze. Also just as these were on the second pillar corresponding to the latticework.

UST

17 Each of the pillars was eight and one-third meters high. The bronze capital of each pillar was one and one-third meters high. They were each decorated all around with something that looked like a net made of bronze chains connecting bronze pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:18

ULT

18 Also the chief of the executioners took Seraiah the high priest, along with Zephaniah, a second priest, and the three keepers of the threshhold.

UST

18 Nebuzaradan took with him to Babylon Seraiah, the high priest; Zephaniah, his assistant; and the three men who guarded the entrance to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:19

ULT

19 Then from the city he took one eunuch because he was an officer over the men of the battle, and five men from those seeing the faces of the king, who were found in the city and the scribe, the prince of the host, the one who drafted the people of the land, and 60, each man out of the people of the land who were found in the city.

UST

19 From the people who were still left in Jerusalem, he took one officer from the Judean army, five of the king's advisors, the chief secretary of the army commander who was in charge of recruiting men to join the army, and sixty other important Judean men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:20

ULT

20 Then Nebuzaradan, the chief of the executioners, took them and he had them go to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

UST

20 Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon at the city of Riblah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:21

ULT

21 However the king of Babylon struck them down and he put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah went into exile out away from its land.

UST

21 There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. That is what happened when the people of Judah were taken forcefully from their land to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22

ULT

22 Now the people who were remaining in the land of Judah, who Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon had allowed to remain, he even appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.

UST

22 Then King Nebuchadnezzar appointed a man named Gedaliah to be the governor of the people who he still allowed to live in Judah. Gedaliah was a son of Ahikam and a grandson of Shaphan.

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:23

ULT

23 When all the princes of the armies, they and the men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, then they came to Gedaliah at the Mizpah with Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth, the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah, the son of the Maakathite, they and their men.

UST

23 When all the army commanders in Judah and their soldiers found out that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor, they met with him at the city of Mizpah. These commanders were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan son of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, from the city of Netophah; and Jaazaniah, from the region of Maacah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:24

ULT

24 Then Gedaliah swore an oath to them and to their men, and he said to them, “Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and he will be good to you.”

UST

24 Gedaliah solemnly promised them that the officials from Babylon were not planning to harm them. He said, “You may live in this land without being afraid; you should obey the king of Babylon. If you do, everything will go well for you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:25

ULT

25 But it happened in the seventh month Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, from the seed of the royalty, came with ten men with him and he struck down Gedaliah and as a result he died, along with the Judeans and the Chaldeans who were with him at the Mizpah.

UST

25 But in the seventh month of that year, Ishmael, whose grandfather Elishama was in the family descended from King David, went to Mizpah along with ten other men. They assassinated Gedaliah and all the men with him. There were also men from Judah and men from Babylon whom they assassinated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:26

ULT

26 Then all the people, from least and up to great, and the princes of the troops, arose and they entered Egypt, because they were afraid of the faces of the Chaldeans.

UST

26 Then many of the people from Judah, important people and unimportant ones, and the army commanders were very afraid of what the Babylonians would do to them, so they fled to Egypt.

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27

ULT

27 Now it happened in the 37th year of the exile of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, in the 12th month, on the 27th of the month, Awel-Marduk, the king of Babylon, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, out of the house of imprisonment, in the year of his beginning to reign.

UST

27 Thirty-seven years after King Jehoiachin of Judah had been taken to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's son Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin, and on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of that same year, he released Jehoiachin from prison.

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:28

ULT
28 Then he spoke kindly with him and he set his seat higher than the seat of the kings who were with him in Babylon.

UST
28 He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and honored him more than the other kings who had been taken to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Kings 25:29

ULT
29 He also changed his garments of imprisonment, and he would eat bread continually in his presence all the days of his life.

UST
29 He gave Jehoiachin new clothes to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison, and he allowed Jehoiachin to eat at the king's table every day for the rest of his life.

What food did Jehoiachin eat? (vv29-30)
Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

2 Kings 25:30

ULT
30 Even his meal allowance was a regular meal allowance. A provision of a day in its day was given to him from the king all the days of his life.

UST
30 The king of Babylon also gave him money every day, so that he could buy the things that he needed. The king continued to do that until Jehoiachin died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles

1 Chronicles 1

1 Chronicles 1:1

ULT
[1] Adam, Seth, Enosh,

UST
[1] The first person God created was Adam. Seth was Adam's son. Enosh was Seth's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:2

ULT
[2] Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared,

UST
[2] Kenan was Enosh's son. Mahalalel was Kenan's son. Jared was Mahalalel's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:3

ULT
[3] Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,

UST
[3] Enoch was Jared's son. Methuselah was Enoch's son. Lamech was Methuselah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:4

ULT

4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. [1]

UST

4 Noah was Lamech's son. Shem, Ham, and Japheth were Noah's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:5

ULT

5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshek, and Tiras.

UST

5 Japheth's sons were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:6

ULT

6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and Togarmah. [2]

UST

6 Gomer's sons were Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:7

ULT

7 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, the Kittites, and the Rodanites.

UST

7 Javan's sons were Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:8

ULT
8 The sons of Ham: Cush and Egypt, Put and Canaan.

UST
8 Ham's sons were Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:9

ULT
9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabteka. And the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan.

UST
9 Cush's sons were Seba, Havilah, Sabta, Raamah, and Sabteka. Raamah's sons were Sheba and Dedan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:10

ULT
10 And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

UST
10 Another son of Cush was Nimrod. When he grew up, he became a mighty warrior on the earth.

Who was the first conqueror on the earth?
Nimrod, the son of Cush, was the first conqueror.

1 Chronicles 1:11

ULT
11 And Egypt fathered the Ludites, and the Anamites, and the Lehabites, and the Naphtuhites,

UST
11 Egypt was the ancestor of the Lud, the Anam, the Lehab, the Naphtuh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:12

ULT
12 and the Pathrusites, and the Kasluhites (from whom the Philistines came), and the Caphtorites.

UST
12 the Pathrus, the Kasluh, and the Caphtor people groups. The Philistines descended from the Kasluh people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:13

ULT
13 And Canaan fathered Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth,

UST
13 Canaan's first son was Sidon. He was also the ancestor of the Hittites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:14

ULT
14 and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, and the Girgashites,

UST
14 the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Girgashites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:15

ULT
15 and the Hivites, and the Arkites, and the Sinites,

UST
15 the Hivites, the Arkites, the Sinites,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:16

ULT
16 and the Arvadites, and the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

UST
16 the Arvadites, the Zemarites, and the Hamathites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:17

ULT
17 The sons of Shem: Elam, and Ashur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshek.

UST
17 Shem's sons were Elam, Ashur, Arphaxad, Lud, and Aram. Aram's sons were Uz, Hul, Gether, and Meshech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:18

ULT
18 And Arpachshad fathered Shelah, and Shelah fathered Eber.

UST
18 Arphachshad was the father of Shelah. Shelah was the father of Eber.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:19

ULT
19 And to Eber were born two sons. The name of the one, Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided. And the name of his brother, Joktan.

UST
19 Eber had two sons. The name of the first was Peleg, which sounds like the word that means 'divided' because during the time that he lived, God had divided the people on the earth into various language groups. Peleg's brother was Joktan.

Why was one of Eber's sons named Peleg?
In his days, the earth was divided.

1 Chronicles 1:20

ULT
[20] And Joktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,

UST
[20] Joktan was the ancestor of Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:21

ULT
[21] and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah,

UST
[21] Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:22

ULT
[22] and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

UST
[22] Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:23

ULT
[23] and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all these, the sons of Joktan.

UST
[23] Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the descendants of Joktan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:24

ULT
24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah,

UST
24 These are the descendants of Shem, in order from him to Abraham: Arphaxad, Shelah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:25

ULT
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

UST
25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:26

ULT
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

UST
26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:27

ULT
27 Abram, that is, Abraham.

UST
27 and Abram, whose name God later changed to Abraham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:28

ULT

28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac and Ishmael.

UST

28 Abraham's sons were Isaac and Ishmael.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:29

ULT

29 These, their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

UST

29 These were their family lines: The firstborn son of Ishmael, the son of Abraham's slave wife Hagar, was Nebaioth, then his other sons Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:30

ULT

30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema,

UST

30 Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:31

ULT

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael.

UST

31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. Ishmael had twelve sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:32

ULT

32 And the sons of Keturah, the concubine of Abraham: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba and Dedan.

UST

32 After Abraham's wife Sarah died, he took a concubine named Keturah. Her sons with Abraham were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. Jokshan's sons were Sheba and Dedan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:33

ULT

33 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanok, and Abida, and Eldaah; all these, the sons of Keturah.

UST

33 Midian's sons were Ephah, Epher, Hanok, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were Keturah's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:34

ULT

34 And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel.

UST

34 Abraham had his son Isaac by his wife Sarah, and Isaac's sons were Esau and Jacob, whose name God later changed to Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:35

ULT

35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah.

UST

35 Esau's sons were Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam, and Korah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:36

ULT
36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.

UST
36 Eliphaz's sons were Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, and Amalek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:37

ULT
37 The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

UST
37 Reuel's sons were Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:38

ULT
38 And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.

UST
38 Another descendant of Esau was Seir. Seir's sons were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:39

ULT
39 And the sons of Lotan: Hori and Homam. And the sister of Lotan: Timna.

UST
39 Lotan's sons were Hori and Homam, and Lotan's sister was Timna.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:40

ULT
40 The sons of Shobal: Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah.

UST
40 Shobal's sons were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. Zibeon's sons were Aiah and Anah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:41

ULT
41 The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Hemdan, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Keran.

UST
41 Anah's son was Dishon. Dishon's sons were Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Keran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:42

ULT
42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. The sons of Dishan: Uz and Aran.

UST
42 Ezer's sons were Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan. Dishan's sons were Uz and Aran.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:43

ULT
43 And these, the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before the face of a king reigned over the sons of Israel: Bela, son of Beor. And the name of his city: Dinhabah.

UST
43 These are the kings who ruled the region of Edom (where Seir's descendants lived) before any kings ruled over Israel: Bela son of Beor, and his city's name was Dinhabah.

What land had kings before kings reigned over the Israelites?
The land of Edom had kings before the Israelites had kings.

1 Chronicles 1:44

ULT

44 And Bela died, and Jobab son of Zerah from Bozrah reigned in his place.

UST

44 When Bela died, Jobab son of Zerah, from the city of Bozrah, became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:45

ULT

45 And Jobab died, and Husham from the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

UST

45 When Jobab died, Husham became the king. He was from the region where the Teman people group lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:46

ULT

46 And Husham died, and Hadad son of Bedad, who struck down Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his place. And the name of his city: Avith.

UST

46 When Husham died, Hadad son of Bedad, became the king. His city's name was Avith. Hadad's army defeated the army of the Midian people group in the region of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:47

ULT

47 And Hadad died, and Samlah from Masrekah reigned in his place.

UST

47 When Hadad died, Samlah became the king. He was from the city of Masrekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:48

ULT

48 And Samlah died, and Shaul from Rehoboth of the river reigned in his place.

UST

48 When Samlah died, Shaul became the king. He was from the city of Rehoboth Hannahar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:49

ULT

49 And Shaul died, and Baal-Hanan son of Akbor reigned in his place.

UST

49 When Shaul died, Baal-Hanan son of Akbor became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:50

ULT

50 And Baal-Hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his place. And the name of his city: Pai. And the name of his wife: Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-Zahab.

UST

50 When Baal-Hanan died, Hadar became the king. His city's name was Pau. His wife's name was Mehetabel; she was the daughter of Matred and the granddaughter of Me-Zahab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:51

ULT

51 And Hadad died. And the chiefs of Edom were Chief Timna, Chief Alvah, Chief Jetheth,

UST

51 Then Hadad died. The chiefs of the Edom people group were Chiefs Timna, Alvah, Jetheth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:52

ULT
52 Chief Oholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief Pinon,

UST
52 Oholibamah, Elah, Pinon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:53

ULT
53 Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief Mibzar,

UST
53 Kenaz, Teman, Mibzar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 1:54

ULT
54 Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. These, the chiefs of Edom.
1:4 [1] .
1:6 [2] instead of . Many ancient copies change it to in order to make it agree with the same name in Gen. 10:2.

UST
54 Magdiel, and Iram. These were the chiefs of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2

1 Chronicles 2:1

ULT

1 These were the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun,

UST

1 The following were the sons of Israel (also known as Jacob): Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:2

ULT

2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

UST

2 Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:3

ULT

3 The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; three were born to him by Bath-shua the Canaanite. And Er, the firstborn of Judah, was wicked in the eyes of Yahweh, and he killed him.

UST

3 Judah's sons were Er, Onan, and Shelah. Judah had them with Bath-Shua from the Canaan people group. When Judah's oldest son Er grew up, he did something that Yahweh considered to be very wicked, so Yahweh caused him to die.

What happened to Er, Judah's firstborn son?

He was wicked in the sight of Yahweh, so Yahweh killed him.

1 Chronicles 2:4

ULT
4 And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore to him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah, five.

UST
4 Judah and his daughter-in-law Tamar had twin boys named Perez and Zerah. So altogether Judah had five sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:5

ULT
5 The sons of Perez: Hezron and Hamul.

UST
5 Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:6

ULT
6 And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Kalkol, and Dara. All of them, five.

UST
6 Zerah had five sons: Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Kalkol, and Darda.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:7

ULT
7 And the sons of Karmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel who violated the ban. *[1]*

UST
7 Zimri had a son named Karmi. Karmi had a son named Achar. Achar (whose name sounds like "trouble") caused the people of Israel to experience much trouble, because he stole some of the things that were to be destroyed because they were dedicated to God.

How did Achar bring trouble on Israel?
He stole what was reserved for God.

1 Chronicles 2:8

ULT

[8] And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.

UST

[8] Ethan's son was Azariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:9

ULT

[9] And the sons of Hezron who were born to him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Caleb.

UST

[9] Hezron had three sons: Jerahmeel, Ram, and Caleb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:10

ULT

[10] And Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, leader of the sons of Judah.

UST

[10] Ram was the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was a leader of the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:11

ULT

[11] And Nahshon fathered Salmon, and Salmon fathered Boaz.

UST

[11] Nahshon was the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:12

ULT
12 And Boaz fathered Obed, and Obed fathered Jesse.

UST
12 Boaz was the father of Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:13

ULT
13 And Jesse fathered his firstborn, Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third,

UST
13 Jesse had his son Eliab first, Abinadab second, Shimea third.

Who was the seventh son of Jesse? (vv13-14)
David was the seventh son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 2:14

ULT
14 Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

UST
14 Nethanel fourth, Raddai fifth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:15

ULT
15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh,

UST
15 Ozem sixth, then David last.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:16

ULT

16 and their sisters: Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

UST

16 Their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. Zeruiah's three sons were Abishai, Joab, and Asahel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:17

ULT

17 And Abigail bore Amasa, and the father of Amasa: Jether the Ishmaelite.

UST

17 Abigail had Amasa. Amasa's father was Jether, a descendant of Ishmael.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:18

ULT

18 And Caleb son of Hezron had children with Azubah, a wife, and with Jerioth. And these, her sons: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.

UST

18 Hezron's third son Caleb had sons with one of his wives, Azubah. The sons were Jesher, Shobab, and Ardon. (The other wife's name was Jerioth.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:19

ULT

19 And Azubah died, and Caleb took for himself Ephrath. And she bore to him Hur.

UST

19 When Azubah died, Caleb married Ephrath. They had a son named Hur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:20

ULT

20 And Hur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Bezalel.

UST

20 Hur was the father of Uri. Uri was the father of Bezalel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:21

ULT

21 And afterward Hezron went into the daughter of Makir the father of Gilead, and he took her. And he was a son of 60 years. And she bore to him Segub.

UST

21 Later, when Hezron was sixty years old, he had sexual intercourse with a daughter of Makir from the region of Gilead and married her. Hezron's new wife gave birth to their son Segub.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:22

ULT

22 And Segub fathered Jair. And there were to him 23 cities in the land of Gilead.

UST

22 Segub was the father of Jair. Jair controlled 23 cities in the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:23

ULT

23 And Geshur and Aram took from them Havvoth-Jair, Kenath, and its daughters, 60 towns. All these, the sons of Makir, the father of Gilead.

UST

23 But the armies of Geshur and Aram captured from Jair the cities of Havvoth-Jair, Kenath, and the nearby towns; sixty towns altogether. All the people who lived there were descendants of Makir from the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:24

ULT

24 And after the death of Hezron in Caleb Ephrathah, then the wife of Hezron, Abijah, then she bore to him Ashhur, the father of Tekoa. [2]

UST

24 Shortly after Hezron died in Caleb-Ephrathah, Abijah, Hezron's widow, gave birth to Ashhur, who became the father of Tekoa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:25

ULT

25 And the sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were the firstborn Ram, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozem, Ahijah.

UST

25 Hezron's oldest son was Jerahmeel. His sons were Ram (the oldest), Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:26

ULT

26 And there was another wife of Jerahmeel, and her name, Atarah. She, the mother of Onam.

UST

26 Jerahmeel had another wife named Atarah. She was Onam's mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:27

ULT

27 And the sons of Ram, the firstborn of Jerahmeel, were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker.

UST

27 The sons of Ram, Jerahmeel's oldest son, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:28

ULT

[28] And the sons of Onam were Shammai and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab and Abishur.

UST

[28] Onam's sons were Shammai and Jada. Shammai's sons were Nadab and Abishur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:29

ULT

[29] And the name of the wife of Abishur: Abihail. And she bore to him Ahban and Molid.

UST

[29] Abishur's wife was Abihail. Their sons were Ahban and Molid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:30

ULT

[30] And the sons of Nadab: Seled and Appaim. And Seled died without sons.

UST

[30] Nadab's sons were Seled and Appaim. Seled died childless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:31

ULT

[31] And the sons of Appaim: Ishi. And the sons of Ishi: Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan: Ahlai.

UST

[31] Appaim's son was Ishi; Ishi's son was Sheshan. Sheshan's son was Ahlai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:32

ULT

32 And the sons of Jada, the brother of Shammai: Jether and Jonathan. And Jether died without sons.

UST

32 The sons of Jada (Shammai's brother) were Jether and Jonathan. Jether died childless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:33

ULT

33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel.

UST

33 Jonathan's sons were Peleth and Zaza. These were the descendants of Jerahmeel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:34

ULT

34 And there were not to Sheshan sons, but only daughters. And to Sheshan a servant, an Egyptian, and his name, Jarha.

UST

34 Sheshan did not have any sons; he only had daughters. He had a servant from Egypt whose name was Jarha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:35

ULT

35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant for a wife. And she bore to him Attai.

UST

35 Sheshan arranged for his daughter to marry Jarha his servant. She and Jarha had a son: Attai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:36

ULT
[36] And Attai fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zabad.

UST
[36] Attai was the father of Nathan. Nathan was the father of Zabad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:37

ULT
[37] And Zabad fathered Ephlal, and Ephlal fathered Obed.

UST
[37] Zabad was the father of Ephlal. Ephlal was the father of Obed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:38

ULT
[38] And Obed fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Azariah.

UST
[38] Obed was the father of Jehu. Jehu was the father of Azariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:39

ULT
[39] And Azariah fathered Helez, and Helez fathered Eleasah.

UST
[39] Azariah was the father of Helez. Helez was the father of Eleasah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:40

ULT

40 And Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum.

UST

40 Eleasah was the father of Sismai. Sismai was the father of Shallum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:41

ULT

41 And Shallum fathered Jekamiah, and Jekamiah fathered Elishama.

UST

41 Shallum was the father of Jekamiah. Jekamiah was the father of Elishama.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:42

ULT

42 And the sons of Caleb, the brother of Jerahmeel: Mesha his firstborn; he, the father of Ziph. And the sons of Mareshah, the father of Hebron.

UST

42 Jerahmeel's brother was Caleb. Caleb's oldest son was Mesha. Mesha was the father of Ziph. Ziph was the father of Mareshah. Mareshah was the father of Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:43

ULT

43 And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

UST

43 Hebron's sons were Korah, Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:44

ULT
44 And Shema fathered Raham, the father of Jorkeam. And Rekem fathered Shammai.

UST
44 Shema was the father of Raham. Raham was the father of Jorkeam. Rekem was the father of Shammai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:45

ULT
45 And the son of Shammai: Maon, and Maon the father of Beth Zur.

UST
45 Shammai's son was Maon. Maon was the father of Beth Zur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:46

ULT
46 And Ephah, the concubine of Caleb, bore Haran, and Moza, and Gazez. And Haran fathered Gazez.

UST
46 Caleb had a slave wife named Ephah. She gave birth to Haran, Moza, and Gazez. Haran had a son whom he also named Gazez.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:47

ULT
47 And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

UST
47 Jahdai's sons were: Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and Shaaph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:48

ULT

48 The concubine of Caleb, Maakah, bore Sheber and Tirhanah.

UST

48 Caleb had another slave wife named Maacah. She gave birth to Sheber and Tirhanah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:49

ULT

49 And she bore Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Makbenah and the father of Gibea. And the daughter of Caleb, Aksah.

UST

49 She also gave birth to Shaaph (who was the father of Madmannah), Sheva (who was the father of Makbenah and Gibea). Caleb's daughter was Aksah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:50

ULT

50 These were the sons of Caleb. The son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah: Shobal the father of Kiriath Jearim,

UST

50-51 These people were also descendants of Caleb: Caleb had another wife whose name was Ephrathah. Their oldest son was Hur. Hur's sons were Shobal, Salma, and Hareph. Shobal started the city of Kiriath Jearim. Salma started the city of Bethlehem. Hareph started the city of Beth Gader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:51

ULT

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem, Hareph the father of Beth Gader.

UST

50-51 These people were also descendants of Caleb: Caleb had another wife whose name was Ephrathah. Their oldest son was Hur. Hur's sons were Shobal, Salma, and Hareph. Shobal started the city of Kiriath Jearim. Salma started the city of Bethlehem. Hareph started the city of Beth Gader.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:52

ULT

52 And the sons of Shobal, the father of Kiriath Jearim, were Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth,

UST

52 The descendants of Shobal (who was the father of Kiriath-Jearim) were Haroeh and half of the Manahath people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:53

ULT

53 and the clans of Kiriath Jearim: the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites. From these came the Zorathites and Eshtaolites.

UST

53 His descendants also included clans that lived in Kiriath Jearim: Ithri, Put, Shumath, and Mishra. The Zorath clan and the Eshtaol clan came from these other clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:54

ULT

54 The sons of Salma: Bethlehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab, and half of the Manahathites, the Zorites.

UST

54 Salma's descendants were the people of Bethlehem, the clan of Netophath, the clan of Atroth Beth Joab, and the half the clan of Manahath, who were also Zorites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 2:55

ULT

55 And the clans of the scribes lived at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and the Sucathites. These, the Kenites who came from Hammath, the father of the house of Rekab.
2:7 [1] instead of .
2:24 [2] .

UST

55 The families who wrote and copied important documents and who lived in the town of Jabez were the clan of Tirath, the clan of Shimeath, and the clan of Sucath. They were all from the Kenite people group who descended from Hammath, the ancestor of the family of Rekab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3

1 Chronicles 3:1

ULT

[1] And these were the sons of David who were born to him in Hebron: the firstborn Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelite; the second Daniel by Abigail the Carmelite;

UST

[1] The following were the sons of King David who were born in the city of Hebron: His oldest son was Amnon, whose mother Ahinoam was from the city of Jezreel. His second son was Daniel, whose mother Abigail was from the city of Carmel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:2

ULT

[2] the third Absalom, the son of Maakah, the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur; the fourth Adonijah, the son of Haggith;

UST

[2] His third son was Absalom, whose mother was Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, the king who ruled in the city of Geshur. His fourth son was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:3

ULT

[3] the fifth Shephatiah by Abital; the sixth Ithream by Eglah, his wife.

UST

[3] His fifth son was Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital. His sixth son was Ithream. David had him with his wife Eglah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:4

ULT

4 Six were born to him in Hebron, and he reigned there seven years and six months. Then 33 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

4 All six were born in Hebron, where David ruled for seven and one-half years. After that, David ruled in Jerusalem for 33 years.

How many years did David rule as king in Jerusalem?

He ruled for thirty-three years as king in Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 3:5

ULT

5 And these were born to him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four by Bathshua, the daughter of Ammiel; [1]

UST

5 The following were born to David in Jerusalem. Bathshua, the daughter of Ammiel, gave birth to four of his sons: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:6

ULT

6 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Eliphelet,

UST

6 Other sons were Ibhar, Elishua, Elphelet,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:7

ULT
[7] and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

UST
[7] Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:8

ULT
[8] and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet; nine.

UST
[8] Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:9

ULT
[9] All the sons of David, besides sons of concubines, and Tamar their sister.

UST
[9] In addition to all those sons, David's slave wives also gave birth to sons. They all had a sister named Tamar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:10

ULT
[10] And the son of Solomon, Rehoboam; Abijah his son; Asa his son; Jehoshaphat his son;

UST
[10] Solomon's son was King Rehoboam. Rehoboam's son was King Abijah. Abijah's son was King Asa. Asa's son was King Jehoshaphat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:11

ULT
11 Joram his son; Ahaziah his son; Joash his son;

UST
11 Jehoshaphat's son was King Joram. Joram's son was King Ahaziah. Ahaziah's son was King Joash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:12

ULT
12 Amaziah his son; Azariah his son; Jotham his son;

UST
12 Joash's son was King Amaziah. Amaziah's son was King Azariah. Azariah's son was King Jotham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:13

ULT
13 Ahaz his son; Hezekiah his son; Manasseh his son;

UST
13 Jotham's son was King Ahaz. Ahaz's son was King Hezekiah. Hezekiah's son was King Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:14

ULT
14 Amon his son; Josiah his son.

UST
14 Manasseh's son was King Amon. Amon's son was King Josiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:15

ULT
15 And the sons of Josiah: the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

UST
15 Josiah had four sons. The oldest was Johanan. The second was Jehoiakim. The third was Zedekiah. The fourth was Shallum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:16

ULT
16 And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

UST
16 The descendants of Jehoiakim included Jehoiakim's son Jeconiah and Jeconiah's son Zedekiah.

Who was the last king for the Israelites?
Zedekiah was Israel's last king.

1 Chronicles 3:17

ULT
17 And the sons of Jeconiah, a prisoner: Shealtiel his son,

UST
17 Jeconiah was taken into exile in Babylon. His sons were Shealtiel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:18

ULT
18 and Malkiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

UST
18 Malkiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:19

ULT

19 And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel and Shimei. And the son of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister;

UST

19 Pedaiah's sons were Zerubbabel and Shimei. Two of Zerubbabel's sons were Meshullam and Hananiah, and their sister was Shelomith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:20

ULT

20 and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berekiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-Hesed, five.

UST

20 Zerubbabel's five other sons were Hashubah, Ohel, Berekiah, Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:21

ULT

21 And the son of Hananiah: Pelatiah and Jeshaiah. The sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shekaniah.

UST

21 Hananiah's descendants were Pelatiah, Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, of Arnan, of Obadiah, and of Shecaniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:22

ULT

22 And the sons of Shekaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six.

UST

22 Shecaniah's six descendants were Shemaiah and Shemaiah's sons Hattush, Igal, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:23

ULT

23 And the son of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three.

UST

23 Neariah's three sons were Elioenai, Hizkiah, and Azrikam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 3:24

ULT

24 And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.
3:5 [1] or instead of .

UST

24 Elioenai's seven sons were Hodaviah, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah, and Anani.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4

1 Chronicles 4:1

ULT

1 The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Karmi, and Hur, and Shobal.

UST

1 Judah's sons were Perez, Hezron, Karmi, Hur, and Shobal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:2

ULT

2 And Reaiah the son of Shobal fathered Jahath. And Jahath fathered Ahumai and Lahad. These, the clans of the Zorathites.

UST

2 Shobal's son was Reaiah. Reaiah was the father of Jahath, and Jahath was the father of Ahumai and Lahad. They were the ancestors of the Zorath people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:3

ULT

3 And these of the father Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash. And the name of their sister, Hazzelelponi.

UST

3 What follows are the names of the three men who started the clans that lived in the city of Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash—and they had a sister named Hazzelelponi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:4

ULT

[4] And Penuel, the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah; these, the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Bethlehem.

UST

[4] Hur was the firstborn son of Ephrathah; he founded the city of Bethlehem. Hur had these descendants: Penuel and Ezer. Penuel started the clans that lived in the city of Gedor, and Ezer started the clans living in the city of Hushah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:5

ULT

[5] And to Ashhur the father of Tekoa were two wives, Helah and Naarah.

UST

[5] Hezron's son Ashhur, the father of Tekoa, had two wives whose names were Helah and Naarah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:6

ULT

[6] And Naarah bore to him Ahuzzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These, the sons of Naarah.

UST

[6] Asshur and his wife Naarah had sons named Ahuzzam, Hepher, Temeni, and Haahashtari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:7

ULT

[7] And the sons of Helah: Zereth, and Zohar, and Ethnan.

UST

[7] The sons of Ashhur and his wife Helah were Zereth, Zohar, Ethnan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:8

ULT
8 And Koz fatherered Anub and Hazzobebah. And the clans of Aharhel, the son of Harum.

UST
8 and Koz. Koz was the father of Anub, Hazzobebah, and the ancestor of the clans descended from Aharhel. Aharhel was the son of Harum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:9

ULT
9 And Jabez was respected more than his brothers. And his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore in pain.”

UST
9 There was another descendant of Judah whose name was Jabez. He was more respected than his brothers. His mother named him Jabez which means ‘pain’ because she said, “I was enduring much pain when I gave birth to him.”

What did Jabez pray to the God of Israel? (vv9-10)
He prayed that God would bless him, extend his territory, keep him from harm so that he might not have to endure pain.

1 Chronicles 4:10

ULT
10 And Jabez called to the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would surely bless me, and would enlarge my territory, and your hand would be with me, and you would act not in accordance with harm, so that I might not be in pain!” And God brought about what he asked.

UST
10 One day he prayed to God whom his fellow Israelites worshiped, saying, “Please greatly bless me and increase the amount of land I own. Remain with me, and keep me from harm, so I will not experience any pain.” And God did what Jabez requested.

Was Jabez’s prayer answered?
Yes, God granted him his prayer.

1 Chronicles 4:11

ULT

11 And Kelub, the brother of Shuhah, fathered Mehir; he, the father of Eshton.

UST

11 Another descendant of Judah was Shuhah. His brother Kelub was the father of Mehir. Mehir was the father of Eshton.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:12

ULT

12 And Eshton fathered Beth Rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah, the father of Ir Nahash. [1] These, the men of Rekah.

UST

12 Eshton was the father of Beth Rapha, Paseah, and Tehinnah. Tehinnah started the city of Nahash, but their families lived in a place called Rekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:13

ULT

13 And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel and Seraiah. And the sons of Othniel: Hathath. [2]

UST

13-15 Another descendant of Judah was Jephunneh. His son was Caleb. Caleb's sons were Iru, Elah, and Naam. Elah's son was Kenaz. The sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. Othniel's sons were Hathath and Meonothai. Meonothai was the father of Ophrah. Seraiah was the father of Joab. Joab was the ancestor of the people who lived in Craftsmen's Valley. The valley was named that because many of the people who lived there were craftsmen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:14

ULT

14 And Meonothai fathered Ophrah, and Seraiah fathered Joab, the father of Ge-Harashim, for craftsmen they were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:15

ULT

15 And the sons of Caleb, the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam. And the sons of Elah: Kenaz.

UST

13-15 Another descendant of Judah was Jephunneh. His son was Caleb. Caleb's sons were Iru, Elah, and Naam. Elah's son was Kenaz. The sons of Kenaz were Othniel and Seraiah. Othniel's sons were Hathath and Meonothai. Meonothai was the father of Ophrah. Seraiah was the father of Joab. Joab was the ancestor of the people who lived in Craftsmen's Valley. The valley was named that because many of the people who lived there were craftsmen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:16

ULT

16 And the sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

UST

16 Another descendant of Judah was Jehallelel. His sons were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:17

ULT

17 And the sons of Ezrah: Jether, and Mered, and Epher, and Jalon. And she conceived Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah, the father of Eshtemoa.

UST

17-18 Another descendant of Judah was Ezrah. Ezrah's sons were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. Mered married Bithiah, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt. The children of Mered and Bithiah were Miriam, Shammai and Ishbah. Ishbah was the father of Eshtemoa. Mered had a wife from Judah. She gave birth to Jered, Heber, and Jekuthiel. Jered was the father of Gedor; Heber was the father of Soko, and Jekuthiel was the father of Zanoah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:18

ULT

18 And his Judahite wife bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these, the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mered took.

UST

17-18 Another descendant of Judah was Ezrah. Ezrah's sons were Jether, Mered, Epher, and Jalon. Mered married Bithiah, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt. The children of Mered and Bithiah were Miriam, Shammai and Ishbah. Ishbah was the father of Eshtemoa. Mered had a wife from Judah. She gave birth to Jered, Heber, and Jekuthiel. Jered was the father of Gedor; Heber was the father of Soko, and Jekuthiel was the father of Zanoah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:19

ULT

19 And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maakathite.

UST

19 Hodiah's wife was Naham's sister. Hodiah's wife was the mother of two sons. One of them was the father of Keilah from the Gar people group, and the other one was the father of Eshtemoa from the Maacath people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:20

ULT

20 And the sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi: Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

UST

20 Another descendant of Judah was Shimon. Shimon's sons were Amnon, Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. Another descendant of Judah was Ishi. His sons were Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:21

ULT

21 The sons of Shelah the son of Judah: Er the father of Lekah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the clans of the house of the service of linen at Beth Ashbea,

UST

21 One of Judah's sons was Shelah. Shelah's sons were Er the father of Lekah, Laadah the father of Mareshah and the families of those who made things from linen at Beth Ashbea,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:22

ULT

22 and Jokim, and the men of Kozeba, and Joash and Saraph, who ruled in Moab and Jashubi Lehem. And the words are ancient.

UST

22 and Jokim and the men from the city of Kozeba, and Joash and Saraph, two men who ruled in the region of Moab and Jashubi Lehem. All their names and a record of what they did are written in scrolls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:23

ULT

23 These, the potters and inhabitants in Netaim and Gederah. With the king in his work, they lived there.

UST

23 Some of these descendants of Shelah made pottery and lived in the cities of Netaim and Gederah where they worked for the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:24

ULT

24 The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul;

UST

24 Simeon's sons were Nemuel, Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:25

ULT
25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.

UST
25 Shaul's son was Shallum. Shallum's son was Mibsam. Mibsam's son was Mishma.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:26

ULT
26 And the sons of Mishma: Hammuel his son; Zakkur his son; Shimei his son.

UST
26 The following are Mishma's descendants: Mishma's son was Hammuel. Hammuel's son was Zaccur. Zaccur's son was Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:27

ULT
27 And to Shimei, 16 sons and six daughters; but to his brothers, not many sons, and all their clan did not multiply like the sons of Judah.

UST
27 Shimei had 16 sons and six daughters, but none of his brothers had many children. So the descendants of Simeon never were as many as the descendants of his younger brother Judah.

Why did the clan of Shimei and his brothers not increase greatly in numbers and the people of Judah did?
His brothers did not have many children.

1 Chronicles 4:28

ULT
28 And they lived in Beersheba, and Moladah, and Hazar Shual,

UST
28 The descendants of Simeon lived in these cities and towns: Beersheba, Moladah, Hazar Shual,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:29

ULT
29 and in Bilhah, and in Ezem, and in Tolad,

UST
29 Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:30

ULT
30 and in Bethuel, and in Hormah, and in Ziklag,

UST
30 Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:31

ULT
31 and in Beth Markaboth, and in Hazar Susim, and in Beth Biri, and in Shaaraim. These, their cities until the reign of David.

UST
31 Beth Markaboth, Hazar Susim, Beth Biri, and Shaaraim. They lived in those places until David became king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:32

ULT

32 And their villages: Etam, and Ain, and Rimmon, and Token, and Ashan, five towns,

UST

32 They also lived in villages: Etam, Ain, Rimmon, Token, and Ashan; five in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:33

ULT

33 and all their villages which are around these towns as far as Baal. These, their settlements, and their genealogy was to them.

UST

33 There were other villages which were near those towns, as far southwest as the city of Baalath. Those were the places where they lived, and they wrote down the names of their family members.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:34

ULT

34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah,

UST

34-38 The men in the following list were the leaders of their clans: Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah, Joel, and Jehu son of Joshibiah. Joshibiah was son of Seraiah and grandson of Asiel. Other clan leaders were Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, and Ziza. Ziza was son of Shiphi and grandson of Allon son of Jedaiah, who was the son of Shimri, who was son of Shemaiah. The members of those families became very numerous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:35

ULT

35 and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:36

ULT
36 and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:37

ULT
37 and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shemaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:38

ULT
38 These mentioned by name, leaders in their clans and the house of their fathers broke through into a multitude.

UST
34-38 The men in the following list were the leaders of their clans: Meshobab, Jamlech, Joshah son of Amaziah, Joel, and Jehu son of Joshibiah. Joshibiah was son of Seraiah and grandson of Asiel. Other clan leaders were Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, Benaiah, and Ziza. Ziza was son of Shiphi and grandson of Allon son of Jedaiah, who was the son of Shimri, who was son of Shemaiah. The members of those families became very numerous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:39

ULT
39 And they went to the entrance of Gedor, as far as to the east of the valley, to seek pasture for their flock.

UST
39 They went near the city of Gedor on the east side of the valley to look for pastureland for their flocks of sheep.

Why did some of the sons of Shimei go to Gedor on the east side of the valley? (vv39-40)
They were seeking pasture for their flocks, and they found abundant and good pasture there.

1 Chronicles 4:40

ULT

40 And they found rich and good pasture, and the land was broad of hands, and quiet, and peaceful; for those from Ham had lived there before faces.

UST

40 They found good pastureland with plenty of grass. The place was expansive, peaceful, and quiet. In fact, some of the descendants of Noah's son Ham had lived there previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:41

ULT

41 And these, written by names, came in the days of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and struck down their tents and the Meunites, who were found there. And they destroyed them completely to this day, and they lived in their place because pasture for their flock was there.

UST

41 But while Hezekiah was the king of Judah, those leaders of the tribe of Simeon (whose names were recorded in written accounts) came and fought against the descendants of Ham and destroyed their tents. They also fought against the descendants of Meun who were living there, and they killed all of them. So now there are no descendants of Meun living there. The descendants of Simeon started to live there, because there was good pastureland there for their sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:42

ULT

42 And from them, from the sons of Simeon, they went to Mount Seir, 500 men, and Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi, their heads.

UST

42 From that tribe, from Simeon, Ishi's four sons, Pelatiah, Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, led 500 other men and went to the hill country of Edom called Seir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 4:43

ULT

43 And they struck down the rest of the Amalekites who escaped, and they have lived there to this day.
4:12 [1] .
4:13 [2] into this verse, believing that it dropped out by a copyist's mistake.

UST

43 They killed the descendants of Amalek who were still alive. From that time until now, the descendants of Simeon have lived in the region of Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5

1 Chronicles 5:1

ULT

1 And the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; for he was the firstborn, but when he defiled the bed of his father, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, and not recorded according to the birthright,

UST

1 Reuben was the oldest son of the person named Israel (who was first known as Jacob), and Reuben had sons of his own. Reuben's status of firstborn entitled him to special rights that belonged to firstborn sons. But he slept with his father's slave wife, so his father gave those rights to the sons of Joseph, a younger son of Israel. The family records do not mention Reuben first, as the firstborn sons typically are.

Why was Reuben's firstborn birthright given to his brother Joseph?

His birthright was given to Joseph, son of Israel, because Reuben had defiled his father's couch.

1 Chronicles 5:2

ULT

2 though Judah was superior among his brothers, and a leader was from him, but the birthright was to Joseph—

UST

2 Although Judah became more influential than his brothers, and a ruler descended from Judah, Joseph's family received the rights that belonged to the firstborn.

From what son of Israel would a leader come?

A leader would come from Israel's son, Judah.

1 Chronicles 5:3

ULT

3 the sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanok, and Pallu, Hezron, and Karmi.

UST

3 Again, Reuben was the person Israel's oldest son. Reuben's sons were Hanok, Pallu, Hezron, and Karmi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:4

ULT
[4] The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son,

UST
[4] Another descendant of Reuben was Joel. Joel had descendants. Joel's son was Shemaiah. Shemaiah's son was Gog. Gog's son was Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:5

ULT
[5] Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son,

UST
[5] Shimei's son was Micah. Micah's son was Reaiah. Reaiah's son was Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:6

ULT
[6] Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, took into exile. He was a leader of the Reubenites.

UST
[6] Baal's son was Beerah. Beerah was a leader of the tribe of Reuben. But Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria captured him and took him to Assyria.

What happened to Beerah, the son of Baal?
The king of Assyria took him into exile.

1 Chronicles 5:7

ULT
[7] And his brothers by his clans in the genealogy of their generations: the head Jeiel, and Zechariah,

UST
[7] The names of these clans are listed here according to what is written in their family records. The names written were: Jeiel (the leader), then Zechariah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:8

ULT

[8] and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel; he lived in Aroer, and as far as Nebo and Baal Meon,

UST

[8] and then Bela son of Azaz, son of Shema, son of Joel. Reuben's clan lived near the city of Aroer as far north as the city of Nebo and the city of Baal Meon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:9

ULT

[9] and to the east he lived as far as the entrance of the wilderness extending to the Euphrates River; for their livestock multiplied in the land of Gilead.

UST

[9] Some of them lived further east, as far as the edge of the desert that extends to the Euphrates River. They moved there because the amount of their cattle outgrew the pastureland for them in the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:10

ULT

[10] And in the days of Saul, they made war with the Hagrites and they fell into their hand. And they lived in their tents over all the face of the east of Gilead.

UST

[10] When Saul was king of Israel, the men in the tribe of Reuben fought against the descendants of Hagar and defeated them. After that, they lived in the tents that the descendants of Hagar had lived in previously, in all the area east of the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:11

ULT

11 And the sons of Gad lived opposite them in the land of Bashan as far as Salekah:

UST

11 The tribe of Gad lived near the tribe of Reuben in the region of Bashan, all the way east to the city of Salekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:12

ULT

12 Joel the head, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

UST

12 Joel was their leader; Shapham was second-in-command; other leaders were Janai and Shaphat in Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:13

ULT

13 And their brothers, according to the house of their fathers: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jakan, and Zia, and Eber, seven.

UST

13 Other members of the tribe belonged to seven clans, whose leaders were Michael, Meshullam, Sheba, Jorai, Jakan, Zia, and Eber.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:14

ULT

14 These, the sons of Abihail, the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshisha, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz.

UST

14 They were descendants of Abihail. Abihail was the son of Huri, Huri was the son of Jaroah, Jaroah was the son of Gilead, Gilead was son of Michael, Michael was the son of Jeshishai, Jeshishai was the son of Jahdo, and Jahdo was the son of Buz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:15

ULT

15 Ahi, the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, head of the house of their fathers.

UST

15 Ahi was Abdiel's son. Abdiel was Guni's son. Ahi was the leader of their clan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:16

ULT

16 And they lived in Gilead, in Bashan, and in its daughters, and in all the pasturelands of Sharon as far as their borders.

UST

16 The descendants of Gad lived in the towns in the regions of Gilead and Bashan, and on all the pastureland throughout the Plain of Sharon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:17

ULT

17 All of them were listed in the genealogies in the days of Jotham, the king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the king of Israel.

UST

17 Scribes wrote all of those names in the records of the clans of Gad during the time that Jotham was the king of the southern kingdom, Judah, and Jeroboam was the king of the northern kingdom, Israel.

These are the armies of the tribes that lived east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:18

ULT

18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh from sons of strength, men who carried shield and sword, and who bent the bow, and who were trained in battle, 44,760 who went out to war.

UST

18 There were 44,760 soldiers descended from strong men in the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh. They all carried shields and swords and bows and arrows. They were all trained to fight in battles.

How many trained soldiers did the Reubinites, Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh have?

They had forty-four thousand soldiers trained for war, who carried shield and sword, and who drew the bow.

1 Chronicles 5:19

ULT

19 And they made war with the Hagrites, and Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab.

UST

19 They attacked the descendants of Hagar and the people in the cities of Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:20

ULT

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were given into their hand and all who were with them. For they cried out to God in the battle, and he granted their entreaty because they trusted in him.

UST

20 God enabled the men from those three tribes to defeat the descendants of Hagar and all those who were helping them because the men from those three tribes prayed to God during the battles, requesting he help them. So he helped them because they trusted in him.

Why were the Hagrites defeated?

They were defeated because the Israelites cried out to God and put their trust in him, and God responded to them.

1 Chronicles 5:21

ULT
21 And they took captive their livestock: their camels 50,000, and sheep 250,000, and donkeys 2,000, and living people 100,000.

UST
21 They took the animals that belonged to the descendants of Hagar: 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, and 2,000 donkeys. They also captured 100,000 people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:22

ULT
22 For many fell slain because the battle was from God. And they lived in their place until the exile.

UST
22 But many descendants of Hagar died because God helped the people of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh defeat the descendants of Hagar. After that, those three tribes lived in that area until the army of Assyria captured them and took them away to the east.

How long did the Israelites live in the land they took from the Hagrites?
They lived there until their captivity.

1 Chronicles 5:23

ULT
23 And the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh lived in the land from Bashan as far as Baal Hermon and Senir, and Mount Hermon. They multiplied.

UST
23 There were many people who belonged to the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh. They lived in the region of Bashan east of the Jordan River, as far north as Baal Hermon, Senir, and Mount Hermon.

Where did the half tribe of Manasseh live with their families? (vv23-24)
They lived in the land of Bashan.

1 Chronicles 5:24

ULT

24 And these, the heads of the house of their fathers: even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, men mighty of strength, men of names, heads of the house of their fathers.

UST

24 Their clan leaders were Epher, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel, Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They were all mighty and famous soldiers and leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 5:25

ULT

25 And they acted faithlessly against the God of their fathers, and they acted like a harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land whom God had destroyed before their faces.

UST

25 But they sinned against God, the one whom their ancestors had worshiped. They worshiped the gods that the people of that region had worshiped, the people whom God had enabled them to destroy.

Because the Reubenittes, Gadities, and the half tribe of Manasseh were unfaithful to God, what did he do to them? (vv25-26)
God stirred up the king of Assyria and these tribes were taken into exile by Assyria.

1 Chronicles 5:26

ULT

26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul, the king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-Pileser, the king of Assyria. And he took them into exile, namely the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh. And he brought them to Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and the river of Gozan until this day.

UST

26 So the God whom the Israelites worshiped incited Pul, the king of Assyria, to want to conquer those tribes. Pul's other name was Tiglath-Pileser. His army captured the people of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh, and took them to various places in Assyria: Halah, Habor, Hara and near the Gozan River. They have lived in those places from that time to the present time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6

1 Chronicles 6:1

ULT
1 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

UST
1 Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:2

ULT
2 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

UST
2 Kohath's sons were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:3

ULT
3 And the sons of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

UST
3 Amram's children were Miriam, Aaron, and Moses. Aaron's sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:4

ULT
4 Eleazar fathered Phinehas. Phinehas fathered Abishua.

UST
4 Eleazar was the father of Phinehas. Phinehas was the father of Abishua.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:5

ULT

[5] And Abishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi.

UST

[5] Abishua was the father of Bukki. Bukki was the father of Uzzi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:6

ULT

[6] And Uzzi fathered Zerahiah, and Zerahiah fathered Meraioth.

UST

[6] Uzzi was the father of Zerahiah. Zerahiah was the father of Meraioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:7

ULT

[7] Meraioth fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub.

UST

[7] Meraioth was the father of Amariah. Amariah was the father of Ahitub.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:8

ULT

[8] And Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Ahimaaz.

UST

[8] Ahitub was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Ahimaaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:9

ULT

[9] And Ahimaaz fathered Azariah, and Azariah fathered Johanan.

UST

[9] Ahimaaz was the father of Azariah. Azariah was the father of Johanan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:10

ULT

[10] And Johanan fathered Azariah, he who served as priest in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem.

UST

[10] Johanan was the father of Azariah. Azariah was a priest in the temple that Solomon commanded to be built in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:11

ULT

[11] And Azariah fathered Amariah, and Amariah fathered Ahitub.

UST

[11] Azariah was the father of Amariah. Amariah was the father of Ahitub.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:12

ULT

[12] And Ahitub fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Shallum.

UST

[12] Ahitub was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Shallum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:13

ULT
[13] And Shallum fathered Hilkiah, and Hilkiah fathered Azariah.

UST
[13] Shallum was the father of Hilkiah. Hilkiah was the father of Azariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:14

ULT
[14] And Azariah fathered Seraiah, and Seraiah fathered Jozadak.

UST
[14] Azariah was the father of Seraiah. Seraiah was the father of Jozadak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:15

ULT
[15] And Jozadak went when Yahweh took into exile Judah and Jerusalem in the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

UST
[15] Jozadak was forced to leave his home when Yahweh sent King Nebuchadnezzar's army to capture many people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah and compel them to go to Babylonia.

To whom did Yahweh exile Judah and Jerusalem?
He exited Judah and Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

1 Chronicles 6:16

ULT
[16] The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

UST
[16] Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:17

ULT
[17] And these, the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei.

UST
[17] The names of Gershon's sons were Libni and Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:18

ULT
[18] And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel.

UST
[18] Kohath's sons were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:19

ULT
[19] The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. And these, the clans of the Levites according to their fathers.

UST
[19] Merari's sons were Mahli and Mushi. Here is a list of the descendants of Levi, who became leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:20

ULT
[20] Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son,

UST
[20] Gershon's oldest son was Libni. Libni's son was Jahath. Jahath's son was Zimmah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:21

ULT
[21] Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeatherai his son.

UST
[21] Zimmah's son was Joah. Joah's son was Iddo. Iddo's son was Zerah. Zerah's son was Jeatherai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:22

ULT
[22] The sons of Kohath: Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son,

UST
[22] Another line of descendants from Kohath started with Amminadab his son. Amminadab's son was Korah. Korah's son was Assir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:23

ULT
[23] Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son,

UST
[23] Assir's son was Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Ebiasaph. Ebiasaph's son was Assir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:24

ULT
[24] Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and Shaul his son.

UST
[24] Assir's son was Tahath. Tahath's son was Uriel. Uriel's son was Uzziah. Uzziah's son was Shaul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:25

ULT
25 And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth,

UST
25 Elkanah's sons were Amasai, Ahimoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:26

ULT
26 Elkanah, his son Elkanah, Zophai his son, and Nahath his son,

UST
26 and a son also named Elkanah. Elkanah's son was Zophai. Zophai's son was Nahath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:27

ULT
27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. [1]

UST
27 Nahath's son was Eliab. Eliab's son was Jeroham. Jeroham's son was Elkanah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:28

ULT
28 And the sons of Samuel: the firstborn and the second, Abijah.

UST
28 Samuel had sons: his oldest son (Joel) and his other son Abijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:29

ULT
29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son,

UST
29 Merari's descendants started with Mahli. Mahli's son was Libni. Libni's son was Shimei. Shimei's son was Uzzah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:30

ULT
30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son,

UST
30 Uzzah's son was Shimea. Shimea's son was Haggiah. Haggiah's son was Asaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:31

ULT
31 And these whom David set up over hands of song in the house of Yahweh, after the Box came to rest.

UST
31 After the sacred chest was brought to Jerusalem, King David appointed some of the men who were descendants of Levi to be in charge of the music in the place where the people worshiped Yahweh.

What were the duties of the men whom David put in charge of music?
They were to serve by singing before the tabernacle.

1 Chronicles 6:32

ULT

32 And they were the ones ministering to the face of the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, with song until Solomon built the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem. And they stood according to their judgments over their service.

UST

32 Those musicians made music in the sacred tent, which was also called the tent of meeting, by singing and playing their instruments, and they continued to do that until Solomon's workers built the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem. In all their work, they obeyed the instructions that David had given them.

Who built the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem?

Soloman built the house of Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 6:33

ULT

33 And these, the ones standing and their sons. From the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel,

UST

33 Here is a list of the musicians and their sons: From Kohath's descendants there was Heman, the leader of the singers. Heman was Joel's son. Joel was Samuel's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:34

ULT

34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

UST

34 Samuel was Elkanah's son. Elkanah was Jeroham's son. Jeroham was Eliel's son. Eliel was Toah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:35

ULT
35 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai,

UST
35 Toah was Zuph's son. Zuph was Elkanah's son. Elkanah was Mahath's son. Mahath was Amasai's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:36

ULT
36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zephaniah,

UST
36 Amasai was Elkanah's son. Elkanah was Joel's son. Joel was Azariah's son. Azariah was Zephaniah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:37

ULT
37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

UST
37 Zephaniah was Tahath's son. Tahath was Assir's son. Assir was Ebiasaph's son. Ebiasaph was Korah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:38

ULT
38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel.

UST
38 Korah was Izhar's son. Izhar was Kohath's son. Kohath was Levi's son. Levi was the son of Jacob (who was later named Israel).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:39

ULT
39 And his brother Asaph who stood at his right hand, Asaph, the son of Berekiah, the son of Shimea,

UST
39 Heman's helper was Asaph. His group stood at the right side of Heman. Asaph was Berekiah's son. Berekiah was Shimea's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:40

ULT
40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malkijah,

UST
40 Shimea was Michael's son. Michael was Baaseiah's son. Baaseiah was Malkijah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:41

ULT
41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah,

UST
41 Malkijah was Ethni's son. Ethni was Zerah's son. Zerah was Adaiah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:42

ULT
42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

UST
42 Adaiah was Ethan's son. Ethan was Zimmah's son. Zimmah was Shimei's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:43

ULT
43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, the son of Levi.

UST
43 Shimei was Jahath's son. Jahath was Gershon's son. Gershon was Levi's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:44

ULT
44 And the sons of Merari, their brothers, on the left: Ethan, the son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluk,

UST
44 A group of singers from Merari's family helped Heman and Asaph. They stood at the left of Heman. The leader of this group was Ethan. Ethan was Kishi's son. Kishi was Abdi's son. Abdi was Malluk's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:45

ULT
45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah,

UST
45 Malluk was Hashabiah's son. Hashabiah was Uzziah's son. Uzziah was Hilkiah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:46

ULT
46 the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer,

UST
46 Hilkiah was Amzi's son. Amzi was Bani's son. Bani was Shemer's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:47

ULT
47 the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi.

UST
47 Shemer was Mahli's son. Mahli was Mushi's son. Mushi was Merari's son. Merari was Levi's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:48

ULT
48 And their brothers, the Levites, were set to all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

UST
48 David appointed the other descendants of Levi to do other work in the sacred tent, the place where the people worshiped God.

What tribe of Israel was assigned to do the work for the tabernacle?
The Levites were assigned to do this work.

1 Chronicles 6:49

ULT
49 And Aaron and his sons made sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense for all the work of the Holy of Holies and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

UST
49 Aaron and his descendants were the ones who placed on the altar the sacrifices that were to be burned completely, and they burned incense on another altar. Those sacrifices were in order that Yahweh would no longer be angry with the people of Israel for having sinned. Those men also did other work in the very holy place in the sacred tent, obeying the instructions that Moses, who served God well, had given to them.

What atonement offerings were Aaron and his sons responsible for?
They were responsible for the offerings on the altar for burnt offerings and on the incense altar.

What were these offerings for?
These offerings were to make atonement for Israel's sins.

1 Chronicles 6:50

ULT

50 And these, the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son,

UST

50 These were the descendants of Aaron: Aaron's son was Eleazar. Eleazar's son was Phinehas. Phinehas's son was Abishua.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:51

ULT

51 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son,

UST

51 Abishua's son was Bukki. Bukki's son was Uzzi. Uzzi's son was Zerahiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:52

ULT

52 Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son,

UST

52 Zerahiah's son was Meraioth. Meraioth's son was Amariah. Amariah's son was Ahitub.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:53

ULT

53 Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son.

UST

53 Ahitub's son was Zadok, and Zadok's son was Ahimaaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:54

ULT

54 And these, their dwellings according to their encampments in their borders. To the sons of Aaron, to the clans of the Kohathites, for to them was the lot.

UST

54 Here is a list of the places where Aaron's descendants lived. Those who were descendants of Kohath were the first group to be allotted property.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:55

ULT

55 And they gave to them Hebron in the land of Judah and its surrounding pasturelands,

UST

55 They received the city of Hebron in Judah and the pastureland around the city,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:56

ULT

56 but the field of the city and its villages, they gave to Caleb, the son of Jephunneh.

UST

56 but Caleb received the fields farther from the city and the villages near the city. Caleb was Jephunneh's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:57

ULT

57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, and Libnah and its pasturelands, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa and its pasturelands,

UST

57 The descendants of Aaron who were descendants of Kohath received Hebron, one of the cities to which people could flee and be protected if they accidentally killed someone. They also received the towns and pastureland near Libnah, Jattir, Eshtemoa,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:58

ULT
58 and Hilez and its pasturelands, Debir and its pasturelands,

UST
58 Hilen, Debir,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:59

ULT
59 and Ashan and its pasturelands, [2] and Beth Shemesh and its pasturelands.

UST
59 Ashan, and Beth Shemesh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:60

ULT
60 And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba and its pasturelands, and Alemeth and its pasturelands, and Anathoth and its pasturelands. All their cities, 13 cities, among their clans.

UST
60 They also received from the tribe of Benjamin the cities of Geba, Alemeth, and Anathoth and their pasturelands. Altogether, these clans who descended from Kohath received thirteen cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:61

ULT
61 And to the sons of Kohath remaining from the clan of the tribe, from the half tribe, the half of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities.

UST
61 The other clans descended from Kohath received ten cities from the clans of the tribe of Manasseh that lived west of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:62

ULT

62 And to the sons of Gershom, for their clans, from the tribe of Issachar and from the tribe of Asher and from the tribe of Naphtali and from the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, 13 cities.

UST

62 The clans of the descendants of Gershon received thirteen cities from the tribes of Issachar, Asher, Naphtali, and the part of the tribe of Manasseh that lived in the region of Bashan on the east side of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:63

ULT

63 To the sons of Merari, for their clans, from the tribe of Reuben and from the tribe of Gad and from the tribe of Zebulun, by lot, 12 cities.

UST

63 The clans of the descendants of Merari received twelve cities from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:64

ULT

64 And the sons of Israel gave to the Levites the cities and their pasturelands.

UST

64 The leaders of Israel allotted those towns and the nearby pasturelands to the descendants of Levi.

Where did the Levites live because they were not given specific land like the other tribes? (vv64-65)

The Levites were assigned by lot cities with their pasturelands from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin.

1 Chronicles 6:65

ULT
65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the sons of Judah and from the tribe of the sons of Simeon and from the tribe of the sons of Benjamin these cities which they called them by names.

UST
65 They also allotted to them the cities from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin that were listed previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:66

ULT
66 And from the clans of the sons of Kohath; and there were cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

UST
66 Some of the descendants of Kohath received cities from the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:67

ULT
67 And they gave to them the cities of refuge: Shechem and its pasturelands in the hill country of Ephraim, and Gezer and its pasturelands,

UST
67 They received Shechem, which was one of the cities to which people could flee and be protected if they accidentally killed someone, along with the nearby pastureland in the hills of Ephraim. They also received these cities and pastureland near them: Gezer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:68

ULT
68 and Jokmeam and its pasturelands, and Beth Horon and its pasturelands,

UST
68 Jokmeam, Beth Horon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:69

ULT
69 and Aijalon and its pasturelands, and Gath Rimmon and its pasturelands.

UST
69 Aijalon, and Gath Rimmon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:70

ULT
70 And from the half tribe of Manasseh, Aner and its pasturelands, and Bileam and its pasturelands, for the clans of the sons of Kohath remaining.

UST
70 The other descendants of Kohath received the cities of Aner and Bileam and the nearby pastureland from the part of the tribe of Manasseh that lives west of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:71

ULT
71 To the sons of Gershon from the clans of the half tribe of Manasseh: Golan in Bashan and its pasturelands, and Ashtaroth and its pasturelands.

UST
71 The descendants of Gershom, who were part of the tribe of Manasseh, lived east of the Jordan River. They received two cities and pastureland near them: Golan in the regions of Bashan and Ashtaroth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:72

ULT
72 And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh and its pasturelands, Daberath and its pasturelands,

UST
72 From the tribe of Issachar they received cities and pastureland near Kedesh, Daberath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:73

ULT
73 and Ramoth and its pasturelands, and Anem and its pasturelands.

UST
73 Ramoth, and Anem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:74

ULT
74 And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal and its pasturelands, and Abdon and its pasturelands,

UST
74 From the tribe of Asher they received cities and pastureland near Mashal, Abdon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:75

ULT
75 and Hukok and its pasturelands, and Rehob and its pasturelands.

UST
75 Hukok, and Rehob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:76

ULT
76 And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee and its pasturelands, and Hammon and its pasturelands, and Kiriathaim and its pasturelands.

UST
76 From the tribe of Naphtali they received cities and pastureland near Kedesh (in the region of Galilee), Hammon, and Kiriathaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:77

ULT

77 To the sons of Merari remaining: from the tribe of Zebulun, [3] Rimmono and its pasturelands, Tabor and its pasturelands;

UST

77 The other descendants of Levi, those descended from Merari, received cities and pasturelands from the tribe of Zebulun near Rimmono and Tabor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:78

ULT

78 and from beyond the Jordan at Jericho, to the east of the Jordan from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness and its pasturelands, and Jahzah and its pasturelands,

UST

78-79 From the tribe of Reuben they were allotted cities and towns and pastureland near Bezer in the wilderness, Jahzah, Kedemoth, and Mephaath. The tribe of Reuben lived east of the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:79

ULT

79 and Kedemoth and its pasturelands, and Mephaath and its pasturelands.

UST

78-79 From the tribe of Reuben they were allotted cities and towns and pastureland near Bezer in the wilderness, Jahzah, Kedemoth, and Mephaath. The tribe of Reuben lived east of the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:80

ULT

80 And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gilead and its pasturelands, and Mahanaim and its pasturelands,

UST

80 From the tribe of Gad, they received cities and pastureland near Ramoth in the region of Gilead, Mahanaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 6:81

ULT

81 and Heshbon and its pasturelands, and Jazer and its pasturelands.
6:27 [1] .
6:59 [2] is found in the Syriac and LXX versions; also see Joshua 21:16.
6:77 [3] and are not found in the MT but are in the LXX. Compare the list in Josh. 21:34.

UST

81 Heshbon, and Jazer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7

1 Chronicles 7:1

ULT

[1] And to the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

UST

[1] Issachar's four sons were Tola, Puah, Jashub, and Shimron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:2

ULT

[2] And the sons of Tola: Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Samuel, the heads of the house of their fathers, from of Tola, mighty of strength in their generations. Their number in the days of David, 22,600.

UST

[2] Tola's sons were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Jahmai, Ibsam, and Samuel. They were all leaders of the clans descended from them. In the record of Tola's descendants in each generation were capable men who were in the army. During the time that David was the king of Israel there were 22,600 such men.

What kind of men were the sons of Tola?
They were strong, courageous men.

1 Chronicles 7:3

ULT

[3] And the sons of Uzzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, and Ishijah, five heads all of them.

UST

[3] Uzzi's son was Izrahiah. Izrahiah's five sons were Michael, Obadiah, Joel, and Ishiah. Izrahiah and his sons were all leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:4

ULT

4 And along with them, by their generations according to the house of their fathers, troops of the army of war, 36,000; for they multiplied wives and sons.

UST

4 Also, in the record of those descendants were the names of 36,000 men who were in the army. The number was so large because they had many wives and children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:5

ULT

5 And their brothers of all the clans of Issachar, mighty of strength, 87,000 listed in their genealogy in all.

UST

5 They had relatives from the clans descended from Issachar. Those records from Isaachar listed 87,000 capable men who were in the army in all.

What was the number of fighting men from the tribe of Issachar?

The tribe of Issachar had 87,000 fighting men.

1 Chronicles 7:6

ULT

6 Of Benjamin: Bela, and Beker, and Jediael, three.

UST

6 The three sons of Benjamin were Bela, Beker, and Jediael.

For what were the sons of Bela known? (vv6-7)

The sons of Bela were known as soldiers and originators of clans.

1 Chronicles 7:7

ULT

7 And the sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five heads of the house of their fathers, mighty of strength, and listed in their genealogy, 22,034.

UST

7 Bela's five sons were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri. They were leaders of clans. In their records there were names of 22,034 capable men who were in the army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:8

ULT

8 And the sons of Beker: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these, the sons of Beker,

UST

8 Beker's sons were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth, and Alemeth. All these were his sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:9

ULT

9 and listed in their genealogy, according to their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty of strength, 20,200.

UST

9 In the records of their descendants were the names of 20,200 capable men and leaders of the clans who were in the army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:10

ULT

10 And the sons of Jediael: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Kenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

UST

10 Jediael's son was Bilhan. Bilhan's sons were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Kenaanah, Zethan, Tarshish, and Ahishahar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:11

ULT

11 All these, the sons of Jediael, according to the heads of their fathers, mighty of strength, 17,200, going out as an army to battle.

UST

11 All of these descendants of Jediael were leaders of clans capable men who were in the army. There were 17,200 men who would go out into battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:12

ULT

12 And Shuppim and Huppim, the sons of Ir. Hushim, the sons of Aher.

UST

12 Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of a man named Ir. Hushim was the son of a man named Aher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:13

ULT

13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem, the sons of Bilhah.

UST

13 Naphtali's sons were Jahziel, Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. They were children of Jacob's slave wife Bilhah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:14

ULT

[14] The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his Aramean concubine bore. She bore Makir, the father of Gilead.

UST

[14] Manasseh had sons by his slave wife who was from Aram. She gave birth to Asriel and Makir. Makir was the father of Gilead.

Who bore Manasseh a male child named Asriel?
Manasseh's Aramite concubine bore him a male child named Asriel.

1 Chronicles 7:15

ULT

[15] And Makir took a wife of Huppim and of Shuppim. And the name of his sister, Maakah. And the name of the second, Zelophehad. And to Zelophehad there were daughters.

UST

[15] Makir had a wife who was from the clans of Huppim and Shuppim. Makir's sister's name was Maacah. Makir had a son named Zelophehad. Zelophehad had only daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:16

ULT

[16] And Maakah, the wife of Makir, bore a son and she called his name Peresh. And the name of his brother, Sheresh; and his sons, Ulam and Rakem.

UST

[16] Makir's wife (also named Maacah) gave birth to sons whom she named Peresh and Sheresh. Sheresh's sons were Ulam and Rakem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:17

ULT

[17] And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These, the sons of Gilead, the son of Makir, the son of Manasseh.

UST

[17] Ulam's son was Bedan. Those were the descendants of Gilead, the son of Makir and grandson of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:18

ULT

[18] And his sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah.

UST

[18] Gilead's sister was Hammoleketh. She was the mother of Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:19

ULT

[19] And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

UST

[19] Another son of Gilead was Shemida, whose sons were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:20

ULT

[20] And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son,

UST

[20] These are the descendants of Ephraim. One son of Ephraim was Shuthelah. Shuthelah's son was Bered. Bered's son was Tahath. Tahath's son was Eleadah. Eleadah's son was also named Tahath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:21

ULT

[21] and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer and Elead. And the men of Gath who were born in the land killed them because they came down to take their livestock.

UST

[21] Tahath's son was Zabad. Zabad's son was Shuthelah. Ephraim's other sons, Ezer and Elead, went to the city of Gath to steal some cattle. As a result, men from that city, natives of that area, killed Ezer and Elead.

Why did Ephraim need comfort from his brothers when he was in mourning for many days? (vv21-22)

Ephraim needed comfort from his brothers because his sons Ezer and Elead were killed by men of Gath when they went to steal their cattle.

1 Chronicles 7:22

ULT

[22] And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

UST

[22] Their father Ephraim cried for them for many days, and his family came to comfort him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:23

ULT

[23] And he went into his wife. And she conceived. And she bore a son. And he called his name Beriah, because disaster was in his house.

UST

[23] Then he and his wife slept together again; she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Ephraim named him Beriah which resembles the word 'trouble' because of the trouble that his family had experienced.

Why did Ephraim name his son Beriah?

Ephraim named his son Beriah because tragedy had come to his family.

1 Chronicles 7:24

ULT
24 And his daughter, Sheerah, and she built Lower Beth Horon, and the Upper, and Uzzen Sheerah.

UST
24 Ephraim's daughter was Sheerah. Her workers built three towns: Lower Beth Horon, Upper Beth Horon, and Uzzen Sheerah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:25

ULT
25 And Rephah, his son, and Resheph, and Telah, his son, and Tahan, his son,

UST
25 Another son of Ephraim was Rephah. Rephah's son was Resheph. Resheph's son was Telah. Telah's son was Tahan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:26

ULT
26 Ladan, his son, Ammihud, his son, Elishama, his son,

UST
26 Tahan's son was Ladan. Ladan's son was Ammihud. Ammihud's son was Elishama.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:27

ULT
27 Non, his son, Joshua, his son.

UST
27 Elishama's son was Non. Non's son was Joshua, the man who led the Israelites after Moses died.

Who was the son of Nun?
Joshua was the son of Nun.

1 Chronicles 7:28

ULT

28 And their possessions and their dwellings: Bethel and its daughters. And to the east, Naaran. And to the west, Gezer and its daughters, and Shechem and its daughters as far as Ayyah and its daughters.

UST

28 This is a list of the cities and areas where the descendants of Ephraim lived: Bethel and the nearby villages; Naaran to the east; Gezer to the west and the nearby villages; and Shechem and the nearby villages. Those villages extended north as far as Ayyah and the nearby villages.

Where were the possessions and residences of Joshua and his family?
Their possessions and residences were in Bethel and its surrounding villages.

1 Chronicles 7:29

ULT

29 And on the hands of the sons of Manasseh, Beth Shan and its daughters, Taanach and its daughters, Megiddo and its daughters, Dor and its daughters. In these lived the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

UST

29 Along the border of the area where the descendants of Manasseh lived were these towns: Beth Shan, Taanach, Megiddo, Dor, and all the nearby villages. The people who lived in all those places were descendants of Jacob's son Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:30

ULT

30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

UST

30 Asher's sons were Imnah, Ishvah, Ishvi, and Beriah. Their sister was Serah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:31

ULT
31 And the sons of Beriah: Heber and Malkiel; he, the father of Birzaith.

UST
31 Beriah's sons were Heber and Malkiel. Malkiel was the father of Birzaith

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:32

ULT
32 And Heber fathered Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister.

UST
32 Heber was the father of Japhlet, Shomer, Hotham, and Shua their sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:33

ULT
33 And the sons of Japhlet: Pasak, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These, the sons of Japhlet.

UST
33 Japhlet's sons were Pasak, Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were Japhlet's children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:34

ULT
34 And the sons of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, and Hubbah, and Aram.

UST
34 Shamer's sons were Ahi, Rohgah, Hubbah, and Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:35

ULT

35 And the sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

UST

35 Shomer's younger brother was Helem. Helem's sons were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh, and Amal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:36

ULT

36 And the sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah,

UST

36 Zophah's sons were Suah, Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:37

ULT

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

UST

37 Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran (whose other name was Jether), and Beera.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:38

ULT

38 And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

UST

38 Jether's sons were Jephunneh, Pispah, and Ara.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:39

ULT

39 And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hanniel, and Rizia.

UST

39 Another descendant of Asher was Ulla, whose sons were Arah, Hanniel, and Rizia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 7:40

ULT

40 All these, the sons of Asher, heads of the house of their fathers, chosen, mighty of strength, heads of the chiefs. And listed in their genealogy in the army for war, their number, 26,000 men.

UST

40 All those men were descendants of Asher, and they were all leaders of their clans. They were capable, brave warriors and leaders of leaders. In the record of the clans that are descended from Asher are the names of 26,000 men who were in the army.

What were the qualities of the descendants of Asher?

The descendants of Asher were originators of clans, leaders of their families, distinguished men, fighting men, and chief among the leaders.

1 Chronicles 8

1 Chronicles 8:1

ULT
[1] And Benjamin fathered Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,

UST
[1] Benjamin had sons: Bela, Ashbel, Aharah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:2

ULT
[2] Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

UST
[2] Nohah, and Rapha, five in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:3

ULT
[3] And there were sons to Bela: Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

UST
[3] Bela's sons were Addar, Gera, Abihud,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:4

ULT
[4] and Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,

UST
[4] Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:5

ULT
5 and Gera, and Shephuphan, and Huram.

UST
5 Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:6

ULT
6 And these, the sons of Ehud: these, they, heads of fathers, belonging to those dwelling in Geba. And they took them into exile to Manahath:

UST
6 One of Gera's sons was Ehud. The descendants of Ehud were leaders of their clans who lived in the city of Geba, but others forced them to move to the city of Manahath.

What were the descendants of Ehud compelled to do?
The descendants of Ehud were compelled to move to Manahath.

1 Chronicles 8:7

ULT
7 and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera. He took them into exile, and he fathered Uzzah and Ahihud.

UST
7 Ehud's sons were Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera. Gera was the one who led them when they moved to Manahath. Gera was the father of Uzza and Ahihud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:8

ULT

8 And Shaharaim fathered in the field of Moab, after he sent them away, Hushim and Baara, his wives.

UST

8-11 Another descendant of Benjamin was Shaharaim. He and his wife Hushim had two sons, Abitub and Elpaal. In the region of Moab, Shaharaim divorced Hushim and his other wife Baara. Then he married a woman whose name was Hodesh, and they had seven sons: Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malkam, Jeuz, Sakia, and Mirmah. They were all leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:9

ULT

9 And he fathered from Hodesh his wife: Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malkam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:10

ULT

10 and Jeuz, and Sakia, and Mirmah. These, his sons, heads of fathers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:11

ULT

11 And from Hushim he fathered Abitub and Elpaal.

UST

8-11 Another descendant of Benjamin was Shaharaim. He and his wife Hushim had two sons, Abitub and Elpaal. In the region of Moab, Shaharaim divorced Hushim and his other wife Baara. Then he married a woman whose name was Hodesh, and they had seven sons: Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malkam, Jeuz, Sakia, and Mirmah. They were all leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:12

ULT
12 And the sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, he built Ono and Lod and its daughters;

UST
12-13 Elpaal's sons were Eber, Misham, Shemed, Beriah, and Shema. Shemed built the cities of Ono and Lod and their nearby villages. Beriah and Shema were leaders of their clans, who lived in the city of Aijalon. They forced the people who lived in the city of Gath to leave their city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:13

ULT
13 and Beriah and Shema. They, heads of the fathers to those living in Aijalon; they caused those living in Gath to flee.

UST
12-13 Elpaal's sons were Eber, Misham, Shemed, Beriah, and Shema. Shemed built the cities of Ono and Lod and their nearby villages. Beriah and Shema were leaders of their clans, who lived in the city of Aijalon. They forced the people who lived in the city of Gath to leave their city.

Who did the sons of Elpaal drive out?
His sons drove out the inhabitants of Gath.

1 Chronicles 8:14

ULT
14 and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth,

UST
14-16 Beriah's sons were Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth, Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:15

ULT
15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:16

ULT
16 and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah.

UST
14-16 Beriah's sons were Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth, Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, Michael, Ishpah, and Joha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:17

ULT
17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber,

UST
17-18 Other descendants of Elpaal were also named Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:18

ULT
18 and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal.

UST
17-18 Other descendants of Elpaal were also named Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, Ishmerai, Izliah, and Jobab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:19

ULT
19 And Jakim, and Zikri, and Zabdi,

UST
19-21 Another descendant of Benjamin was Shimei. Shimei's descendants included Jakim, Zicri, Zabdi, Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:20

ULT
20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:21

ULT
21 and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sons of Shimei.

UST
19-21 Another descendant of Benjamin was Shimei. Shimei's descendants included Jakim, Zicri, Zabdi, Elienai, Zillethai, Eliel, Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:22

ULT
22 And Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel,

UST
22-25 Shashak's sons were Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zicri, Hanan, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah, and Penuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:23

ULT
23 and Abdon, and Zikri, and Hanan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:24

ULT
24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:25

ULT
25 and Iphdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak.

UST
22-25 Shashak's sons were Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zicri, Hanan, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah, and Penuel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:26

ULT
26 And Shamsherai, and Sheharіah, and Athaliah,

UST
26-27 Another descendant of Benjamin was Jeroham, whose sons were Shamsherai, Sheharіah, Athaliah, Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zicri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:27

ULT
27 and Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zikri, the sons of Jeroham.

UST
26-27 Another descendant of Benjamin was Jeroham, whose sons were Shamsherai, Sheharіah, Athaliah, Jaareshiah, Elijah, and Zicri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:28

ULT
28 These, heads of fathers by their generations, heads. They lived in Jerusalem.

UST
28 All of these descendants of Elpaal (Shaharaim's son) were leaders of their clans according to their genealogies. They all lived in Jerusalem.

Where did Jeroham's sons live?
They lived in Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 8:29

ULT
[29] And in Gibeon, they lived: the father of Gibeon, and the name of his wife, Maakah,

UST
[29] Another descendant of Benjamin was Jeiel. He lived in the city of Gibeon and was an early settler and leader of those who lived there. Jeiel's wife was Maakah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:30

ULT
[30] and his son, the firstborn, Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab,

UST
[30] His oldest son was Abdon. His other sons were Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:31

ULT
[31] and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zeker.

UST
[31] Gedor, Ahio, and Zeker.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:32

ULT
[32] And Mikloth fathered Shimeah. And also they, opposite their brothers, lived in Jerusalem with their brothers.

UST
[32] Mikloth (another of Jeiel's sons) was the father of Shimeah. All these descendants of Jeiel also lived in Jerusalem near their relatives.

Where did Mikloth and his family live?
Mikloth and his family lived near their relatives in Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 8:33

ULT
33 And Ner fathered Kish. And Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malki-Shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

UST
33 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

Who was the father of Saul?
Kish was the father of Saul.

1 Chronicles 8:34

ULT
34 And the son of Jonathan, Merib-Baal. And Merib-Baal fathered Micah.

UST
34 Jonathan's son was Merib-Baal. Merib-Baal was the father of Micah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:35

ULT
35 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melek, and Tarea, and Ahaz.

UST
35 Micah's sons were Pithon, Melek, Tarea, and Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:36

ULT
36 And Ahaz fathered Jehoaddah. And Jehoaddah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza.

UST
36 Ahaz was the father of Jehoaddah. Jehoaddah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:37

ULT
37 And Moza fathered Binea. Raphah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

UST
37 Moza was the father of Binea. Raphah was Binea's son. Eleasah was Raphah's son. Azel was Eleasah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:38

ULT
38 And to Azel six sons. And these, their names: Azrikam, Bokeru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these, the sons of Azel.

UST
38 Azel had six sons. Their names were Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were all of Azel's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 8:39

ULT
39 And the sons of Eshek, his brother: Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third.

UST
39 Azel had a brother, Eshek. Eshek's oldest son was Ulam. His other sons were Jeush and Eliphelet.

For what were the sons of Ulam, who were descendants of Benjamin, known? (vv39-40)
The sons of Ulam were fighting men and archers.

1 Chronicles 8:40

ULT
40 And the sons of Ulam were men mighty in strength, who bent the bow, and multipliers of sons and sons of sons, 150. All these from the sons of Benjamin.

UST
40 Ulam's sons were archers, capable men who were in the army. Altogether they had 150 sons and grandsons. All these were the descendants of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9

1 Chronicles 9:1

ULT

[1] And all Israel were listed in genealogy, and behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Israel. And Judah was taken into exile to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness.

UST

[1] The scroll named “The Record of the Kings of Israel” listed the names of all the people of Israel. The army of Babylon captured many of the people of Judah and took them to Babylon. That happened because of the sins the people of Judah had committed against God.

Where were the genealogies of all Israel recorded?

The genealogies were recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

Why was Judah carried away in exile to Babylon?

Judah was carried away to Babylon because of their sin.

1 Chronicles 9:2

ULT

[2] And the first inhabitants who were in their possession, in their cities: Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the temple servants.

UST

[2] The first people who returned to Judah many years later and lived in their own land and in their own cities and towns were some Israelites, priests, other descendants of Levi, and men who worked in the temple.

Who were the first people to resettle in their cities?

The first to resettle in their cities were some Israelites, priests, Levites, and temple servants.

1 Chronicles 9:3

ULT

[3] And in Jerusalem they lived, from the sons of Judah, and from the sons of Benjamin, and from the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh.

UST

[3] Other people from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh also returned to Judah and lived in Jerusalem, including the following people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:4

ULT

[4] Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, from the sons of Perez, the son of Judah.

UST

[4] Uthai son of Ammihud (Ammihud was Omri's son; Omri was Imri's son; Imri was Bani's son; Bani was a descendant of Perez; Perez was Judah's son);

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:5

ULT

[5] And from the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

UST

[5] Asaiah and his sons (who were descendants of Shilon. Asaiah was the oldest son in his family);

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:6

ULT

[6] And from the sons of Zerah: Jeuel and their brothers, 690.

UST

[6] Jeuel and others of his relatives (who were from Zerah's clan. There were 690 people in this clan);

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:7

ULT

[7] And from the sons of Benjamin: Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

UST

[7] and from the tribe of Benjamin, Sallu (Meshullam's son; Meshullam was Hodaviah's son; Hodaviah was Hassenuah's son),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:8

ULT

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Mikri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah,

UST

8 Ibneiah (Jeroham's son), Elah (Uzzi's son; Uzzi was Mikri's son), Meshullam (Shephatiah's son; Shephatiah was Reuel's son; Reuel was Ibnijah's son).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:9

ULT

9 and their brothers according to their generations, 956. All these men, heads of fathers, according to the house of their fathers.

UST

9 In all, there were 956 descendants of Benjamin living in Jerusalem. All these were leaders of their clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:10

ULT

10 And from the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jakin,

UST

10 Some of the priests who returned to Judah were: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jakin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:11

ULT

11 and Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God,

UST

11 Azariah, the person in charge of those who took care of the temple (Azariah was Hilkiah's son; Hilkiah was Meshullam's son; Meshullam was Zadok's son; Zadok was Meraioth's son; Meraioth was Ahitub's son),

For what was Azariah known?

Azariah was the priest who was in charge of the house of God.

1 Chronicles 9:12

ULT

12 and Adaiah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malkijah, and Maasai, the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer,

UST

12 Adaiah (Jeroham's son; Jeroham was Pashhur's son; Pashhur was Malkijah's son), and Maasai (Adiel's son; Adiel was Jahzerah's son; Jahzerah was Meshullam's son; Meshullam was Meshillemith's son; Meshillemith was Immer's son).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:13

ULT

13 and their brothers, heads of the house of their fathers, 1,760, mighty of strength for the work of the service of the house of God.

UST

13 Altogether there were 1,760 priests who returned to Judah. They were leaders of their clans, and they all were capable and responsible for doing work in the temple of God.

For what were the relatives of Adaiah and Maasai known?

They were very capable men in the work in the house of God.

1 Chronicles 9:14

ULT

14 And from the Levites: Shemaiah, the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, from the sons of Merari,

UST

14 From the descendants of Levi who returned to Judah there were: Shemaiah (Hasshub's son; Hasshub was Azrikam's son; Azrikam was Hashabiah's son; Hashabiah was a descendant of Levi's youngest son Merari),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:15

ULT

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah, the son of Mika, the son of Zikri, the son of Asaph,

UST

15 Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, Mattaniah (Mika's son; Mika was Zicri's son; Zicri was Asaph's son),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:16

ULT

16 and Obadiah, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berekiah, the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

UST

16 Obadiah (Shemaiah's son; Shemaiah was Galal's son; Galal was Jeduthun's son), and Berekiah who lived in one of the villages where the Netophath people lived (Berekiah was Asa's son; Asa was Elkanah's son).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:17

ULT

17 And the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brothers; Shallum, the head.

UST

17 From the descendants of Levi who returned to Judah who guarded the temple gates there were Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and some of their relatives. Shallum was their leader.

What was the previous responsibility which the doorkeepers carried out? (vv17-18)

The doorkeepers previously stood guard at the king's gate on the east side for the camp of Levi's descendants.

1 Chronicles 9:18

ULT

18 And until now in the gate of the king to the east, they were the gatekeepers for the camps of the sons of Levi.

UST

18 Up until the time of this writing, those gatekeepers from the tribe of Levi stood at the King's Gate on the east side of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:19

ULT

19 And Shallum, the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, *[1]* the son of Korah, and his brothers of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, the keepers of the thresholds of the tent, and their fathers over the camp of Yahweh, the keepers of the entrance.

UST

19 Shallum was Kore's son; Kore was Ebiasaph's son; Ebiasaph was Korah's son. Shallum and his relatives from his clan, the people descended from Korah, had the duty of being gatekeepers, responsible to guard the entrances to the temple of Yahweh, as their ancestors had done.

What was the responsibility of the Korahites?

The Korahites were guards over the temple work and over the thresholds of the tent where Yahweh lived.

1 Chronicles 9:20

ULT

[20] And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was leader over them before faces; Yahweh was with him.

UST

[20] Previously Phinehas (Eleazar's son) had supervised the gatekeepers. Yahweh was with Phinehas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:21

ULT

[21] Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah, gatekeeper of the entrance to the tent of meeting.

UST

[21] Zechariah (Meshelemiah's son) was a gatekeeper at the temple's entrance.

What was the responsibility of Zechariah, son of Meshelemiah?

Zechariah was the guard of the entrance to the Temple, the "tent of meeting".

1 Chronicles 9:22

ULT

[22] All those chosen as gatekeepers at the thresholds, 212. They in their villages listed in their genealogy, they, David and Samuel the seer, established in their official duty.

UST

[22] Altogether, there were 212 men chosen to guard the gates. The records of the clans in their villages listed their names. King David and the prophet Samuel appointed those men because those men were dependable.

What did the gatekeepers and their children, whom David and Samuel placed into their positions of trust, do in Israel? (vv22-24)

The gatekeepers and their children guarded the gates of the house of Yahweh, the tabernacle.

1 Chronicles 9:23

ULT

23 And they and their sons over the gates of the house of Yahweh, of the house of the tent as guards.

UST

23 The work of those gatekeepers and their descendants was to guard the gates of Yahweh's temple, also known as the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:24

ULT

24 To the four winds were the gatekeepers, east, west, north, and south.

UST

24 There were gatekeepers on each of the four sides of the temple, toward the east, west, north, and south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:25

ULT

25 And their brothers in their villages were to come for seven days from time to time with these.

UST

25 Sometimes it was necessary for the relatives of the gatekeepers who lived in those villages to come and help them. Each time some of them came, they helped the gatekeepers for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:26

ULT

[26] For in official duty, they, the four leaders of the gatekeepers, they were Levites, and they were over the chambers and over the treasuries of the house of God.

UST

[26] There were four descendants of Levi who worked every day, and they supervised the gatekeepers. They also took care of the storerooms and other rooms in the temple of God.

How did the four leaders of the gatekeepers carry out their assigned task to guard the room and storerooms in the house of God? (vv26-27)

The four leaders of the gatekeepers would spend the night in their posts all around the house of God and then open it each morning.

1 Chronicles 9:27

ULT

[27] And around the house of God they would lodge, for on them was the watch. And they were over the key and morning by morning.

UST

[27] They stayed at the temple because their job was to guard it. Each morning they opened the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:28

ULT

[28] And from them over the utensils of the service, for by number they would bring them in and by number they would bring them out.

UST

[28] Some of the gatekeepers took care of the various items used in the daily duties of the temple. Their job was to bring those items out for sacrifices each day and to store them again each night.

What specific tasks were the Levites assigned to do? (vv28-29)

Some of the Levites were in charge of the temple's equipment and some were assigned to take care of the sanctuary utensils, equipment, and supplies like the flour, the wine, the oil, the frankincense, and the spices.

1 Chronicles 9:29

ULT

29 And from them ones who were appointed over the vessels and over all the utensils of the Holy Place, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

UST

29 Other gatekeepers had the job to take care of the other things in the temple including the flour, wine, olive oil, incense, and spices that were used in the sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:30

ULT

30 And from the sons of the priests, mixers of the ointment for the spices.

UST

30 But some of the priests had the work of mixing the spices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:31

ULT

31 And Mattithiah, from the Levites, he the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, in official duty over the work of the flat cakes.

UST

31 There was a descendant of Levi named Mattithiah, the oldest son of Shallum, who was a descendant of Korah. His official duty was to bake the bread that was used in the offerings on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:32

ULT

[32] And from the sons of the Kohathites, from their brothers, over the bread of the rows, to prepare Sabbath by Sabbath.

UST

[32] Some of the gatekeepers who were descended from Kohath prepared the new loaves of bread to display before God that were placed on the table inside the temple every Sabbath day.

What was the responsibility of the Kohathites?

The Kohathites were in charge of preparing the bread of the presence every Sabbath.

1 Chronicles 9:33

ULT

[33] And these, the singers, the heads of the fathers of the Levites in the chambers were free, for by day and by night they were over them in the work.

UST

[33] Some of the descendants of Levi were musicians who worked in the temple. The leaders of those families stayed in the rooms of the temple. They did not do any other work in the temple because they they were responsible to serve as musicians day and night.

Why did the singers and Levite family leaders live in rooms at the sanctuary when they were free from work?

The singers and Levite family leaders lived at the sanctuary because they had to carry out their assigned tasks every day and night.

1 Chronicles 9:34

ULT

[34] These, the heads of the fathers of the Levites, according to their generations, heads. These lived in Jerusalem.

UST

[34] Those are the names of the leaders of the clans descended from Levi, according to their genealogies. They all lived in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:35

ULT
35 And in Gibeon, they lived, the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, and the name of his wife, Maakah,

UST
35 Another descendant of Benjamin was Jeiel. He lived in the city of Gibeon and was an early settler and leader of those who lived there. Jeiel's wife was Maakah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:36

ULT
36 and his son, the firstborn, Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

UST
36 His oldest son was Abdon. His other sons were Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:37

ULT
37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

UST
37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:38

ULT
38 And Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And also they, opposite their brothers, lived in Jerusalem with their brothers.

UST
38 Mikloth (another of Jeiel's sons) was the father of Shimeah. All these descendants of Jeiel also lived in Jerusalem near their relatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:39

ULT

39 And Ner fathered Kish. And Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Malki-Shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

UST

39 Ner was the father of Kish. Kish was the father of King Saul. Saul was the father of Jonathan, Malki-Shua, Abinadab, and Esh-Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:40

ULT

40 And the son of Jonathan, Merib-Baal. And Merib-Baal fathered Micah.

UST

40 Jonathan's son was Merib-Baal. Merib-Baal was the father of Micah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:41

ULT

41 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melek, and Tahrea.

UST

41 Micah's sons were Pithon, Melek, and Tahrea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:42

ULT

42 And Ahaz fathered Jarah. And Jarah fathered Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri. And Zimri fathered Moza.

UST

42 Ahaz was the father of Jarah. Jarah was the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri was the father of Moza.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:43

ULT

43 And Moza fathered Binea. And Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

UST

43 Moza was the father of Binea. Rephaiah was Binea's son. Eleasah was Rephaiah's son. Azel was Eleasah's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 9:44

ULT

44 And to Azel six sons, and these, their names: Azrikam, Bokeru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These, the sons of Azel.
9:19 [1] in 1 Chronicles 26:1.

UST

44 Azel had six sons. Their names were Azrikam, Bokeru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were all of Azel's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10

1 Chronicles 10:1

ULT

[1] And the Philistines fought with Israel. And the men of Israel fled from the faces of the Philistines, and they fell slain on Mount Gilboa.

UST

[1] Now, the Philistine army battled the Israelites. The Israelite soldiers ran away from them, and many Israelites died on Mount Gilboa.

What happened to the sons of Saul on Mount Gilboa? (vv1-2)
The Philistines pursued the sons of Saul and killed them.

1 Chronicles 10:2

ULT

[2] And the Philistines pursued after Saul and after his sons. And the Philistines struck down Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malki-Shua, the sons of Saul.

UST

[2] The Philistine soldiers caught up with Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malki-Shua.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:3

ULT

[3] And the battle was heavy against Saul, and those who shoot with the bow found him, and he writhed in pain from the ones shooting.

UST

[3] The fighting was very fierce around Saul. The archers shot Saul, and they wounded him severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:4

ULT

4 Then Saul said to the lifter of his equipment, “Draw your sword and pierce me with it, lest these uncircumcised will come and mistreat me.” But the lifter of his equipment was not willing, for he feared greatly. And Saul took the sword, and he fell on it.

UST

4 Saul said to his armor bearer, “Take out your sword and kill me with it, so that these heathen Philistines will not be able to torture me.” But his armor bearer refused to do that because he was very scared. So Saul grabbed his own sword and stabbed himself with it and died.

Why did Saul want his armor bearer to thrust him through with his sword?

Saul wanted his armor bearer to thrust him through so that the uncircumcised could not abuse him.

What did Saul do when his armor bearer would not thrust him through?

Saul took his own sword and fell on it.

1 Chronicles 10:5

ULT

5 And the lifter of his equipment saw that Saul had died, and he himself likewise fell on the sword, and he died.

UST

5 When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also stabbed himself with his own sword and died.

How did Saul’s armor bearer react to Saul’s death?

When Saul’s armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.

1 Chronicles 10:6

ULT

6 And Saul died, and his three sons. And all his house died together.

UST

6 So Saul and his three sons died. So his whole dynasty ended together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:7

ULT

[7] And every man of Israel who was in the valley saw that they had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died. And they abandoned their cities, and they fled. And the Philistines came, and they lived in them.

UST

[7] When all the Israelites living in the valley saw that their army had run away and that Saul and his sons were dead, they left their towns and ran away. Then the Philistine soldiers came and occupied those towns.

What did the men of Israel do when they saw the the army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead?
They fled abandoned their cities and allowed the Philistines to come and live in them.

1 Chronicles 10:8

ULT

[8] And it happened on the next day, and the Philistines came to strip the slain, and they found Saul and his sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

UST

[8] The next day, when the Philistine soldiers came to take away the possessions of the dead Israelite soldiers, they found Saul and his sons dead on Mount Gilboa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:9

ULT

[9] And they stripped him, and they carried away his head and his armor. And they sent among the land of the Philistines all around to bring news to their idols and the people.

UST

[9] They took everything from Saul's corpse; they cut off his head and took his equipment. Then they sent messengers throughout their own land, to proclaim the news to their idols and to their people.

What did the Philistines do to the body of Saul? (vv9-10)
The Philistines stripped his body and put his armor in the temple of their gods and fastened his head to the temple of Dagon.

1 Chronicles 10:10

ULT

[10] And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and his head they fastened in the house of Dagon.

UST

[10] They put Saul's equipment in the temple to their gods, and they hung his severed head in the temple to their god Dagon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:11

ULT

[11] And all Jabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines did to Saul,

UST

[11] Everyone who lived in Jabesh in the region of Gilead heard about everything the Philistines had done to Saul's corpse.

What did the fighting men of Jabesh Gilead do with the bodies of Saul and his sons? (vv11-12)

They took away the body of Saul and his sons and brought them to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak tree.

1 Chronicles 10:12

ULT

[12] and all the men of strength rose, and they carried the corpse of Saul and the corpses of his sons. And they brought them to Jabesh. And they buried their bones under the large tree in Jabesh, and they fasted seven days.

UST

[12] So all the brave men of Jabesh went and got the corpses of Saul and his sons and brought them back to Jabesh. They buried their bodies under the big tree in Jabesh. Then the people of Jabesh fasted for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 10:13

ULT

[13] And Saul died because of his infidelity which he was unfaithful to Yahweh on account of the word of Yahweh which he did not keep, and also to ask a medium to seek,

UST

[13] Now, Saul died because of his treachery; he betrayed Yahweh by not doing what Yahweh said. Saul even went to a woman who talks to the spirits of dead people and asked her what he should do,

Why did Saul die? (vv13-14)

Saul died because he was unfaithful and did not seek guidance from Yahweh, but asked for advice from someone who talked with the dead.

1 Chronicles 10:14

ULT

[14] and he did not seek Yahweh, and he killed him. And he turned the kingdom to David, the son of Jesse.

UST

[14] instead of asking Yahweh what he should do. So Yahweh caused him to die and appointed David son of Jesse, to be the king of Israel.

To whom did Yahweh hand over the kingdom of Israel?

Yahweh handed over the kingdom of Israel to David, the son of Jesse.

1 Chronicles 11

1 Chronicles 11:1

ULT

1 And all Israel gathered to David at Hebron, saying, “Look, your bones and your flesh are we.

UST

1 Then the people of Israel came to David at the city of Hebron and said to him, “Listen, we have the same ancestors as you.

Why was all of Israel willing to anoint David as king over Israel? (vv1-3)
David was their flesh and bone, led the Israelite army in the past, and Yahweh through Samuel had declared that David would rule over Israel.

1 Chronicles 11:2

ULT

2 Even yesterday also the day before that, even when Saul was king, you were the one who brought out and the one who brought in Israel. And Yahweh your God said to you, ‘You yourself will shepherd my people, Israel, and you yourself will be leader over my people Israel.’”

UST

2 In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one who led our Israelite soldiers in battle. You are the one to whom Yahweh our God promised, ‘You will care for my people; you will lead Israel.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:3

ULT

3 And all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David cut with them a covenant at Hebron before the face of Yahweh. And they anointed David king over Israel according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Samuel.

UST

3 So all the Israelite elders came to David at Hebron. There David made an agreement with them with Yahweh as witness. The elders anointed David with oil to set him apart to be the king of the Israelite people, just as Yahweh had previously told the prophet Samuel would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:4

ULT

[4] And David went and all Israel to Jerusalem; that is, Jebus. And there were the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land.

UST

[4] David and all the Israelite soldiers went to Jerusalem. Another name for the city was Jebus because the Jebus people group lived in the area.

How did Joab become a commander in the army of Israel? (vv4-6)

David had said that whoever attacked the Jebusites first would become a commander, and Joab was the first to attack them.

1 Chronicles 11:5

ULT

[5] And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You will not come in here.” But David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David.

UST

[5] The people in the city said to David, “You will not get in here!” But David and his soldiers captured the fortress there named Zion. Another name for it since then is the City of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:6

ULT

[6] And David said, “Whoever strikes down the Jebusites first will become head and chief.” And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and he became head.

UST

[6] Now, David had said to his soldiers, “Whoever leads our soldiers to defeat the people in Jebus will become the commander of all my army.” Joab son of Zeruiah led the soldiers, so he became the commander.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:7

ULT

[7] And David lived in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David.

UST

[7] So David moved into the fortress. That is why they named it the City of David.

Why did David become greater and greater after he began to live in the city of David? (vv7-9)

David became greater and greater because Yahweh of hosts was with him.

1 Chronicles 11:8

ULT

[8] And he built the city all around, from the Millo and as far as that which surrounds. And Joab restored the rest of the city.

UST

[8] David's workers rebuilt the city, starting where the land was filled in and extending to the wall that was around the city. Joab's men repaired the other parts of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:9

ULT

[9] And David went, going and becoming great, and Yahweh of Hosts was with him.

UST

[9] David became more and more powerful because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, helped him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:10

ULT

10 And these, the heads of the mighty ones who belonged to David strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Yahweh concerning Israel.

UST

10 Together with all Israel, the leaders of David's warriors helped establish David's reign and supported him in becoming king, just as Yahweh had told Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:11

ULT

11 And these, the number of the mighty ones who belonged to David: Jashobeam, a son of a Hachmonite, the head of the officers [1] . He swung his spear against 300, slain at one time.

UST

11 David's warriors included: Jashobeam was from the Hachmon clan. He was the leader of the officers. One time he fought against 300 enemies and killed them all with his spear.

For what was Jashobeam known?

Jashobeam killed three hundred men with his spear on one occasion.

1 Chronicles 11:12

ULT

12 And after him, Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, he among the three mighty ones.

UST

12 Next was Eleazar son of Dodo, from the clan of Ahoh. He was one of David's three elite warriors.

What was the reputation of Eleazar the Ahohite? (vv12-14)

After the Israelite army had fled, Eleazar the Ahohite stood his ground in the middle of the barley field and cut down the Philistines.

1 Chronicles 11:13

ULT

13 He was with David at Pas Dammim, and the Philistines had assembled there for battle. And there was a portion of the field full of barley. And the peope fled from the faces of the Philistines.

UST

13 Once he was with David at Pas Dammim when the Philistine soldiers gathered for the battle. There was a field of barley there. At first the Israelite soldiers ran away from the Philistine soldiers,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:14

ULT

14 And they took their stand in the midst of the portion. And they delivered it, and they struck down the Philistines. And Yahweh saved a great salvation.

UST

14 but then they stopped in the middle of the field and fought to defend it. They killed the Philistine soldiers. Yahweh enabled them to win a great victory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:15

ULT

15 And three from the 30 heads went down to the rock to David, to the cave of Adullam. And the camp of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

15 One time three of David's 30 greatest warriors came to David when he was camping next to the huge rock outside the cave near Adullam. At that same time, the Philistine army had camped in the Valley of Rephaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:16

ULT

16 And David then was in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines then was in Bethlehem.

UST

16 David was then in a fortress, and some of the Philistine soldiers were occupying Bethlehem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:17

ULT

17 And David desired, and he said, “Who will give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate?”

UST

17 One day David longingly said, “I wish that someone would bring me some water from the well near the gate at Bethlehem.”

What was the request which David made?

David wanted some water to drink from the well near the gate at Bethlehem.

1 Chronicles 11:18

ULT

18 And the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and they drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate. And they carried, and they brought to David. But David was not willing to drink it, and he poured it out to Yahweh.

UST

18 So the three greatest warriors forced their way through the Philistine camp and drew some water from that well, and brought it to David. But he would not drink it. Instead, he poured it out on the ground as an offering to Yahweh.

What did the three mighty men of David do to make his request a reality?

The three mighty men of David broke through the army of the Philistines, drew water out of the Bethlehem well, and brought it back to David.

1 Chronicles 11:19

ULT

[19] And he said, “Far be it from me before my God from doing this! Do I drink the blood of these men with their lives? For with their lives they brought it.” And he was not willing to drink it. These, the three mighty ones did.

UST

[19] He said, “God would consider it wrong for me to drink this water! That would be like drinking the blood of these men and taking their lives, since they were willing to give their lives for me!” So he refused to drink it. That was one of the things that David’s three greatest warriors did.

Why did David not drink the water from the well in Bethlehem when his mighty men had risked their lives to get it?
David refused to drink the water because he could not think of drinking it when the men had risked their lives to get it.

1 Chronicles 11:20

ULT

[20] And Abshai, the brother of Joab, he was the head of the Three. And he swung his spear against 300, slain. And to him a name among the Three.

UST

[20] Now Joab’s brother Abshai was the leader of the three elite warriors, and he gained fame among those three. One time Abshai fought 300 enemies with his spear, and he killed them all.

What was the reputation of Abishai, brother of Joab? (vv20-21)
Abishai was captain over the three mighty men and once killed three hundred with his spear.

1 Chronicles 11:21

ULT

[21] From the Three, in the second he was honored and he became to them a chief, but up to the Three he did not enter.

UST

[21] Among a second group of three elite warriors, he was honored and became their leader, but he was not considered part of the first group of three elite warriors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:22

ULT

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a man of strength, great deeds, from Kabzeel. He himself struck down the two of Ariel of Moab. And he himself went down, and he struck down the lion in the midst of the pit on the day of the snow.

UST

22 Jehoiada's son Benaiah was a brave soldier from the city of Kabzeel who did great deeds. He killed two of the best warriors from the Moab people group. One day he went down into a pit in snowy weather and killed a lion.

What was the reputation of Benaiah, son of Jehoiada? (vv22-23)

Benaiah was a strong man who killed a lion in a pit while it was snowing, and killed a large Egyptian by wresting his own spear away from him.

1 Chronicles 11:23

ULT

23 And he himself struck down the man of Egypt, a man of stature, five cubits. And in the hand of the Egyptian, a spear like the beam of weavers, but he went down to him with a staff. And he seized the spear from the hand of the Egyptian, and he killed him with his spear.

UST

23 He also killed an Egyptian soldier who was two and one-third meters tall. The Egyptian carried a spear that was as long as a weaver's rod, but Benaiah fought him with a club. Benaiah grabbed the Egyptian's spear and killed him with it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:24

ULT

24 These, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and to him a name among the three mighty ones.

UST

24 Those are some of the things that Benaiah son of Jehoiada did. So he became famous along with the three elite warriors.

What responsibility did David give to Benaiah? (vv24-25)

Benaiah was highly regarded by David, so he put him in charge of his bodyguard.

1 Chronicles 11:25

ULT
25 From the 30, behold, he himself was honored, but to the three, he did not enter. And David set him over his bodyguard.

UST
25 Indeed, he was more honored than the remainder of the 30 warriors, but he did not become a member of the first group of three warriors. David appointed him to be the leader of his bodyguards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:26

ULT
26 And the mighty ones of strength: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo from Bethlehem,

UST
26 These are the names of the great warriors: Asahel, brother of Joab; Elhanan son of Dodo, from Bethlehem;

Which of the mighty men was the brother of Joab?
Asahel was the mighty man who was the brother of Joab.

1 Chronicles 11:27

ULT
27 Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

UST
27 Shammoth, from Haror; Helez, from Pelon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:28

ULT
28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite,

UST
28 Ira son of Ikkesh, from Tekoa; Abiezer, from Anathoth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:29

ULT
29 Sibbekai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

UST
29 Sibbekai, from Hushah; Ilai from Ahoh;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:30

ULT
30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite,

UST
30 Maharai, from Netophah; Heled son of Baanah, from Netophah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:31

ULT
31 Ithai the son of Ribai from Gibeah of the sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

UST
31 Ithai, son of Ribai, from Gibeah which belonged to the descendants of Benjamin; Benaiah, from Pirathon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:32

ULT
32 Hurai from the valleys of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

UST
32 Hurai, from the valleys near Mount Gaash; Abiel from Arabah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:33

ULT
33 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

UST
33 Azmaveth, from Baharum; Eliahba, from Shaalbon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:34

ULT
34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite,

UST
34 the sons of Hashem from Gizon; Jonathan son of Shagee from Harar;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:35

ULT
35 Ahiam the son of Sakar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur,

UST
35 Ahiam son of Sakar from Harar; Eliphal son of Ur;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:36

ULT
36 Hepher the Mekerathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

UST
36 Hepher from Mekerath; Ahijah from Pelon;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:37

ULT
37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai,

UST
37 Hezro from Carmel; Naarai son of Ezbai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:38

ULT
38 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri,

UST
38 Joel the brother of Nathan; Mibhar son of Hagri;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:39

ULT
39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the lifter of the equipment of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

UST
39 Zelek from the Ammon people group; Naharai from Beeroth, the armor bearer of Joab son of Zeruiah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:40

ULT
40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

UST
40 Ira from Jattir; Gareb from Jattir;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:41

ULT
41 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

UST
41 Uriah, Bathsheba's husband, from the Heth people group; Zabad son of Ahlai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:42

ULT
42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a head of the Reubenites, and with him 30,

UST
42 Adina son of Shiza from the tribe of Reuben, a leader from that tribe, who had 30 soldiers with him;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:43

ULT
43 Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite,

UST
43 Hanan son of Maacah; Joshaphat from Mithna;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:44

ULT
44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

UST
44 Uzzia from Ashterath; Shama and Jeiel, sons of Hotham, from Aroer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:45

ULT

45 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Tizite,

UST

45 Jediael son of Shimri and his brother Joha, from Tiz;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:46

ULT

46 Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite,

UST

46 Eliel from Mahavah; Jeribai and Joshaviah, sons of Elnaam; Ithmah from Moab;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 11:47

ULT

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.
11:11 [1] or .

UST

47 Eliel and Obed, and Jaasiel from Zobah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12

1 Chronicles 12:1

ULT

[1] And these, the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he was one restrained from the face of Saul the son of Kish. And they were among the mighty ones, helping the battle.

UST

[1] David stayed in the city of Ziklag when he was escaping from King Saul (Kish's son) and waiting to ascend the throne. While David was there, many warriors came and joined him, and they helped David when he fought battles. These warriors are listed below.

What was the special talent of the mighty men who came to David while he was still banished from the presence of Saul? (vv1-2)
The mighty men were Benjaminites who could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and shooting arrows from their bows.

1 Chronicles 12:2

ULT

[2] They were armed with a bow, right-handed and left-handed with stones and with arrows with the bow, from the brothers of Saul, from Benjamin.

UST

[2] They carried bows. They were able to shoot arrows and to sling stones. They could use either their right arms or their left arms. They were relatives of Saul from the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:3

ULT

[3] The head, Ahiezer, and Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Jeziel and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Berakah, and Jehu the Anathothite,

UST

[3] Their leader was Ahiezer. Next in command was Joash. They were both Shemaah's sons from the city of Gibeah. Others were: Jeziel and Pelet, Azmaveth's sons; Berakah; Jehu from the city of Anathoth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:4

ULT

4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty one among the 30 and over the 30, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite,

UST

4 Ishmaiah from the city of Gibeon, who was the leader of the thirty greatest warriors; Jeremiah; Jahaziel; Johanan; Jozabad from the city of Gederah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:5

ULT

5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, Shephatiah the Haruphite,

UST

5 Eluzai; Jerimoth; Bealiah; Shemariah; Shephatiah from the city of Haruph;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:6

ULT

6 Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites,

UST

6 Elkanah, Isshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and Jashobeam, who were all descendants of Korah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:7

ULT

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham from Gedor.

UST

7 and Joelah and Zebadiah, Jeroham's sons, from the city of Gedor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:8

ULT

[8] And from the Gadites they separated themselves to David at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty in strength, men of the army for battle, ready with shield and spear, and faces of lions were their faces, and like gazelles on the hills to hasten.

UST

[8] Some men from the tribe of Gad east of the Jordan River joined David when he was at his garrison in the caves in the desert. They were brave warriors who were trained for fighting battles and able to use shields and spears well. They were as fierce as lions, and they could run as fast as deer on the hills.

What were the special traits of the Gadites who joined David at the stronghold in the wilderness.

The Gadites were fighting men trained for battle who could handle the shield and spear, whose faces were as fierce as the faces of lions, and who could run as swift as gazelles on the mountains.

1 Chronicles 12:9

ULT

[9] Ezer the head, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

UST

[9] Ezer was their leader. Next in command was Obadiah. Next was Eliab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:10

ULT

[10] Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth,

UST

[10] Next was Mishmannah. Next was Jeremiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:11

ULT
11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

UST
11 Next was Attai. Next was Eliel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:12

ULT
12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

UST
12 Next was Johanan. Next was Elzabad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:13

ULT
13 Jeremiah the tenth, Makbannai the 11th.

UST
13 Next was another man whose name was Jeremiah. The last was Macbannai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:14

ULT
14 These from the sons of Gad, the heads of the army. One for 100, the least; and the greatest for 1,000.

UST
14 Those men from the tribe of Gad were commanders in the army. The least warrior could fight 100, and the greatest could fight 1,000.

What did the sons of Gad accomplish in the land given to Israel? (vv14-15)
The sons of Gad not only crossed the Jordan after it had overflowed its banks, but chased away all those living in the valleys.

1 Chronicles 12:15

ULT

15 These, they who passed over the Jordan in the first month, and it was filling over all its banks, and caused to flee all the valleys, to the east and to the west.

UST

15 They crossed to the west side of the Jordan River during a certain month in spring, at the time of the year when the river floods. They chased from there all the people who lived in the valleys on both sides of the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:16

ULT

16 And from the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold to David.

UST

16 Some other men from the tribes of Benjamin and Judah also came to David in his garrison.

What warning did David give to the men of Benjamin and Judah when they came to his stronghold? (vv16-17)

David told them they could join him if they had come in peace, but if they had come to betray him to his adversaries, then he would tell God to rebuke them since he had done no wrong.

1 Chronicles 12:17

ULT

17 And David went out before their faces, and he answered, and he said to them: “If for peace you have come to me, to help me, my heart will be to you all for unity. But if to betray me to my adversaries, with no violence in my palms, may the God of our fathers see and rebuke.”

UST

17 David went out of the cave to meet them and said to them, “If you have come peacefully to help me, I am eager to have you join with me. But if you have come to enable my enemies to capture me, even though I have not done anything to harm you, I hope that the God whom our ancestors worshiped will see it and condemn you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:18

ULT

18 And the Spirit clothed Amasai, the head of the 30: “To you, O David, and with you, O Son of Jesse. Peace, peace to you and peace to the one who helps you, for your God has helped you.” And David received them and placed them as the heads of the troop.

UST

18 Then God’s Spirit came on Amasai, who was the leader of the thirty greatest warriors, and Amasai said, “David, we want to be with you; you who are the son of Jesse, we will join you. We do come in peace. We hope you will experience peace and that those helping you will experience peace, because your God is helping you.” So David welcomed those men, and he appointed them to be leaders of his soldiers.

What was Amasai’s response to David’s warning?

Amasai told David that we are all on his side and only want peace for whoever helps David because his God is helping him.

1 Chronicles 12:19

ULT

19 And from Manasseh fell upon David when he went with the Philistines against Saul to battle. And they did not help them because by counsel the governors of the Philistines sent them away, saying, “By our heads he will fall to his lord, Saul.”

UST

19 Some men from the tribe of Manasseh also joined David when he went with the soldiers of Philistia to fight against Saul’s army. But David and his men did not help the army of Philistia because the leaders of Philistia talked about David and his soldiers and sent David and his men away. The leaders of Philistia said, “If David joins his master Saul again, we will all be killed.”

Why did the Philistines send David away when David had come over to the Philistines to fight in battle against Saul?

The Philistines were afraid that he would desert back to fighting with Saul and they would be at risk for losing their lives.

1 Chronicles 12:20

ULT

20 In his going to Ziklag, they fell upon him from Manasseh: Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, the heads of the thousands who were of Manasseh.

UST

20 When David went to Ziklag, these were the men from the tribe of Manasseh who went with him: Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael, another man whose name was Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai. Each of them had been a commander of one thousand men from the tribe of Manasseh in Saul's army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:21

ULT

21 And they helped with David against the troop, for mighty ones of strength, all of them, and they were chiefs in the army.

UST

21 They helped David to fight against the groups of men who roamed throughout the country robbing people because these men from the tribe of Manasseh were all brave soldiers and became commanders in David's army.

How did the men of Manasseh, who later became commanders in David's army, help him?

The men of Manasseh were fighting men who helped David by fighting against the roving bands.

1 Chronicles 12:22

ULT

22 For at the time of day by day, they were coming to David to help him, until there was a great camp, like the camp of God.

UST

22 Every day more men joined David's men to support David, and his army became large, like the army of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:23

ULT
23 And these, the numbers of the heads of those equipped for war. They came to David at Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul to him according to the mouth of Yahweh.

UST
23 These are the numbers of soldiers who were ready for battle who joined David at the city of Hebron. They came to help him to become the king of Israel instead of Saul, as Yahweh had promised would happen.

Why did all the armed soldiers for war come to David at Hebron?
They came to David at Hebron to help him take over the kingdom of Saul which was a fulfillment of Yahweh's word.

1 Chronicles 12:24

ULT
24 The sons of Judah, those carrying shield and spear, 6,800, equipped for war.

UST
24 There were 6,800 men from Judah ready for battle, carrying shields and spears.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:25

ULT
25 From the sons of Simeon, mighty ones of strength for war, 7,100.

UST
25 There were 7,100 men from the tribe of Simeon. They were all strong warriors trained to fight battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:26

ULT
26 From the sons of Levi, 4,600.

UST
26 There were 4,600 men from the tribe of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:27

ULT
27 And Jehoiada, the leader from Aaron, and with him, 3,700.

UST
27 Jehoiada, a leader descended from Aaron, was in that group of descendants of Levi, and there were 3,700 men with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:28

ULT
28 And Zadok, a young, mighty one of strength, and the house of his father, 22 chiefs.

UST
28 Zadok, a strong young soldier, was also in that group, and there were 22 other leaders from his clan who came with him.

For what was Zadok known?
Zadok was a young, strong, and courageous man.

1 Chronicles 12:29

ULT
29 And from the sons of Benjamin, the brothers of Saul, 3,000. And until then the majority of them were keeping the charge of the house of Saul.

UST
29 There were 3,000 men from the tribe of Benjamin who were Saul's relatives. Most of them had previously given their allegiance to Saul and his descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:30

ULT
30 And from the sons of Ephraim, 20,800 mighty ones of strength, men of names, according to the house of their fathers.

UST
30 There were 20,800 men from the tribe of Ephraim who were all brave warriors and famous in their own clans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:31

ULT
31 And from the half tribe of Manasseh, 18,000 who were marked by names to come to make David king.

UST
31 There were 18,000 men from the half of the tribe of Manasseh who lived west of the Jordan River. Their half-tribe chose them to go and help David become the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:32

ULT
32 And from the sons of Issachar, those who knew understanding of the times to know what Israel should do, their heads, 200, and all their brothers according to their mouth.

UST
32 There were 200 men who were leaders from the tribe of Issachar along with their relatives. They always knew what the Israelites should do, and they knew the right time to do it. The leaders commanded their relatives.

For what were the two hundred leaders from Issachar known?
They had understanding of the times and knew what Israel ought to do.

1 Chronicles 12:33

ULT

33 From Zebulun, those going out for war, prepared for battle with all the weapons of battle, 50,000, and to help with no heart and a heart.

UST

33 There were 50,000 men from the tribe of Zebulun. They were experienced warriors and knew how to use all kinds of weapons well. They were completely loyal to David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:34

ULT

34 And from Naphtali, 1,000 chiefs, and with them with shield and spear, 37,000.

UST

34 There were 1,000 officers from the tribe of Naphtali with 37,000 soldiers, each carrying shields and spears.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:35

ULT

35 And from the Danites, prepared for battle, 28,600.

UST

35 There were 28,600 soldiers from the tribe of Dan, all trained to fight battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:36

ULT

36 And from Asher those going out for war to prepare for battle, 40,000.

UST

36 There were 40,000 soldiers from the tribe of Asher, all trained to fight battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:37

ULT

37 And from beyond the Jordan, from the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, with all the weapons of war for battle, 120,000.

UST

37 There were also 120,000 soldiers from the area east of the Jordan River who joined David. They were from the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh. They had all kinds of weapons for battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 12:38

ULT

38 All these men of battle, helpers of the battle line; with a whole heart, they came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel. And also all the rest of Israel was of one heart to make David king.

UST

38 All those men were soldiers who joined the ranks of David's army. They came to Hebron wanting very much to enable David to be the king of all of the Israelite people. The remainer of the Israelite people were also united in wanting to make David their king.

Why did all the soldiers of Israel come to Hebron?

They came to Hebron with the firm intentions to make David the king over all Israel.

1 Chronicles 12:39

ULT

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their brothers had prepared for them.

UST

39 The men spent three days there with David, eating and drinking, because their families gave them food to take with them.

Where did the soldiers of Israel get enough food and drink to be able to eat and drink for three days to celebrate David becoming the king of Israel?

The relatives of the soldiers of Israel sent all those provisions with them.

1 Chronicles 12:40

ULT

40 And also, those near to them, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing bread on donkeys, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen; food of flour, fig cakes, and raisins cakes, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep, in abundance, for joy was in Israel.

UST

40 Also, their fellow Israelites came from as far away as the area where the tribes of Issachar, Zebulun, and Naphtali lived, bringing food on donkeys, camels, mules, and oxen. They brought a lot of various types of food: flour, fig cakes, raisins, wine, olive oil, cattle and sheep. They brought so much because the people throughout Israel were very joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13

1 Chronicles 13:1

ULT
1 And David consulted with the chiefs of thousands and of hundreds, to every leader.

UST
1 One day David talked with all his army officers. Some of them were commanders of 100 soldiers and some were commanders of 1,000 soldiers.

With whom did David consult before speaking to all the assembly of Israel? (vv1-2)
He consulted with the commanders and with every leader in Israel.

1 Chronicles 13:2

ULT
2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, “If to you all it is good, and from Yahweh our God, let us break out, let us send to our brothers who remain in all the regions of Israel, and with them the priests and the Levites in the cities of their pasturelands. And let them gather to us.

UST
2 Then David summoned the other Israelite leaders and said to all of them, “If you think it is a good idea, and if it is what Yahweh our God wants, let us send a message to our fellow Israelites throughout our country, including the priests and descendants of Levi who are living among them in their towns and in the nearby pasturelands, to come and join us.

Why did the assembly agree to listen to David, send out messengers everywhere in Israel and join with David to bring the ark of God back to Israel? (vv2-4)
The assembly agreed to do these things because they seemed right in the eyes of all the people.

1 Chronicles 13:3

ULT
3 And let us return the Box of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul.”

UST
3 Let us bring the sacred chest of our God back to us since we did not ask God what he wanted us to do while Saul was the king.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:4

ULT

4 And all the assembly said to do thus, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

UST

4 All the people agreed with David to send the messages and bring back the sacred chest because they all thought that it was the right thing to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:5

ULT

5 And David assembled all Israel from Shihor of Egypt and as far as Lebo Hamath, to bring in the Box of God from Kiriath Jearim.

UST

5 So David gathered all the Israelite people, from the Shihor River in Egypt to the city of Lebo Hamath in the north, and told them that he wanted them to help bring the sacred chest of God back to Jerusalem from the city of Kiriath Jearim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:6

ULT

6 And David went up and all Israel to Baalah, to Kiriath Jearim, which belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the Box of God Yahweh who sits over the cherubim which is called by name.

UST

6 David went with all the Israelite people to the city of Baalah, which is another name for Kiriath Jearim, to get from that city the sacred chest of God, Yahweh. (Baalah was located in the land belonging to the tribe of Judah). The people believed that God sat like a king on a throne between the statues of winged creatures that was above the lid of the sacred chest. The sacred chest belonged to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:7

ULT

[7] And they transported the Box of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab; and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart.

UST

[7] The people put the sacred chest of God on a new cart and took it from Abinadab's house. Uzzah and Ahio were guiding the oxen that were pulling the cart.

What did David and all Israel do as they brought the ark out of Abinadab's house? (vv7-8)
David and all Israel celebrated before God with all their might.

1 Chronicles 13:8

ULT

[8] And David and all Israel were celebrating before the face of God with all might, and with songs, and lyres, and harps, and tambourines, and cymbals, and trumpets.

UST

[8] David and all the Israelite people celebrated with all their strength all around the cart carrying the sacred chest. They were singing, playing lyres, harps, tambourines, and cymbals, and blowing trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:9

ULT

[9] And they came to the threshing floor of Kidon, and Uzzah sent out his hand to grasp the Box for the oxen stumbled.

UST

[9] However, when the people and the cart came to the place where Kidon threshed grain, the oxen stumbled. So Uzzah reached out with his hand to prevent the sacred chest from falling off the cart.

What did Yahweh do when Uzza stretched out his hand to grab the ark when the oxen stumbled?
The anger of Yahweh burned against Uzzah and Yahweh killed him.

1 Chronicles 13:10

ULT

10 And the anger of Yahweh burned against Uzzah, and He struck him down because he sent out his hand on the Box. And he died there before the face of God.

UST

10 Yahweh became very angry with Uzzah, and he killed Uzzah because Uzzah had put his hand on the sacred chest. Yahweh had commanded during the time of Moses that no one touch the sacred chest. Uzzah died there in front of the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:11

ULT

11 And David became angry because Yahweh broke out a breaking out against Uzzah. And he called that place Perez Uzzah until this day.

UST

11 David was angry because Yahweh inflicted punishment on Uzzah. David called that place where Uzzah died "The Punishment of Uzzah" (which has continued to be its nickname until the writing of this document).

Why was David angry with Yahweh?

David was angry because Yahweh had attacked Uzza.

1 Chronicles 13:12

ULT

12 And David feared God in that day, saying, "How will I bring to myself the Box of God?"

UST

12 That day, David was afraid of God. He thought to himself, "{Since God is angry with me,} I cannot bring God's sacred chest to my city."

Where did David put the ark of God when he became afraid of God? (vv12-13)

David put the ark of God into the house of Obededom the Gittite.

1 Chronicles 13:13

ULT

13 And David did not remove the Box to himself, to the city of David, but he turned it to the house of Obed Edom the Gittite.

UST

13 So David and the people did not take the sacred chest to the portion of Jerusalem named the City of David. Instead, they took it to Obed Edom's house, who was from the city of Gath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 13:14

ULT

14 And the Box of God dwelt with the house of Obed Edom in his house three months. And Yahweh blessed the house of Obed Edom and all that belonged to him.

UST

14 The sacred chest of God stayed with Obed Edom's family in his house for three months. During that time Yahweh blessed Obed Edom's family and everything that Obed Edom owned.

What did Yahweh do for Obededom's household?

Yahweh blessed his house and all that he possessed.

1 Chronicles 14

1 Chronicles 14:1

ULT

[1] And Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and wood of cedar, and craftsmen of a wall, and craftsmen of wood to build for him a house.

UST

[1] One day Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, sent some messengers to David to talk about making an agreement between their countries. Then Hiram sent cedar logs, bricklayers, and carpenters to build a palace for David.

What did David know for sure when Hiram, king of Tyre sent messengers, cedar trees, carpenters and masons to build a house for David? (vv1-2)
David knew for sure that Yahweh had established him as king over Israel.

1 Chronicles 14:2

ULT

[2] And David knew that Yahweh had established him as king over Israel, that his kingdom was lifted upwards for the sake of his people Israel.

UST

[2] When that happened, David knew that Yahweh had truly caused him to be the king of Israel, and that Yahweh had caused the surrounding nations to respect David's kingdom. Yahweh did this because he loved his Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:3

ULT

[3] And David took more wives in Jerusalem, and David fathered more sons and daughters.

UST

[3] David married more women in Jerusalem, and those women gave birth to more sons and daughters for him.

What was the result when David took more wives in Jerusalem?
David became the father of more sons and daughters.

1 Chronicles 14:4

ULT

[4] And these, the names of those born who were to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

UST

[4] The names of the children who were born to him in Jerusalem were Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:5

ULT

[5] and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet,

UST

[5] Ibhar, Elishama, Elpelet,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:6

ULT

[6] and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia,

UST

[6] Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:7

ULT

[7] and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

UST

[7] Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:8

ULT

[8] Now the Philistines heard that David was anointed as king over all Israel, and all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard and went out before their faces.

UST

[8] When the army of Philistia heard that people in Israel appointed David to be king of all of Israel, they went to try to capture him. But David heard that the army of Philistia was coming, so he and his soldiers went out to fight against them.

What did David do when he heard that the Philistines were out looking for him?
He went out against the Philistines.

1 Chronicles 14:9

ULT

[9] And the Philistines went, and they raided in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

[9] Now, the army of Philistia had come to the Valley of Rephaim southwest of Jerusalem and had attacked and robbed the people there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:10

ULT

[10] Then David asked God, saying, “Should I go up against the Philistines? And will you give them into my hand?” And Yahweh said to him, “Go up and I will give them into your hand.”

UST

[10] So David asked God, “Should my men and I go and attack the army of Philistia? If we go, will you enable us to defeat them?” Yahweh replied, “Yes, go, and I will enable you to defeat them.”

What did Yahweh answer David when David asked if he should attack the Philistines?
Yahweh told David to attack them for he would certainly give them to David.

1 Chronicles 14:11

ULT

11 And they went up to Baal Perazim, and David struck them down there. And David said, “God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breaking through of waters.” Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

UST

11 The soldiers of Philistia went to a town people now call “Baal Perazim.” David and his men met the soldiers of Philistia there and defeated them. Then David said, “God has completely defeated my enemies by using me and my army. God destroyed them like water breaking a dam.” So they named that place “Baal Perazim,” which meant “The Lord breaks through.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:12

ULT

12 And they abandoned their gods there, and David ordered, and they were burned with fire.

UST

12 As the soldiers of Philistia fled, they left their idols there. So David commanded his soldiers to burn those idols.

What did David order to be done to the gods that the Philistines had abandoned?

David gave an order that the gods of the Philistines should be burned.

1 Chronicles 14:13

ULT

13 And the Philistines acted yet again, and they raided in the valley.

UST

13 But soon the army of Philistia attacked the people in that valley again.

From where did God tell David to attack the Philistines when they raided the valley again? (vv13-14)

God told David to circle around behind them and come on them through the woods.

1 Chronicles 14:14

ULT

[14] And David asked God again. And God said to him, “Do not go up after them; circle around from upon them and come at them in front of the balsam trees.

UST

[14] So again David prayed to God to ask him what he should do, and God replied, “Do not attack the army of Philistia from the front. Instead, go around them, and attack them from the rear in front of the balsam trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:15

ULT

[15] And it shall be when you hear the sound of the marching in the heads of the balsam trees, at that time you shall go out in battle. For God has gone out before your face to strike down the camp of the Philistines.”

UST

[15] When you hear something in the tops of the balsam trees that sounds like soldiers marching, that is when you must attack, because I, God, will have gone ahead of you to enable you to defeat the army of Philistia.”

What was David to hear before he attacked the Philistines with force?

David was to hear the sound of marching in the wind blowing through the treetops.

1 Chronicles 14:16

ULT

[16] And David did just as God commanded him. And he struck down the camp of the Philistines, from Gibeon and as far as Gezer.

UST

[16] So David did what God commanded him to do, and he and his army defeated the army of Philistia, all the way from the city of Gibeon west to the city of Gezer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 14:17

ULT

17 And the name of David went out into all the lands, and Yahweh placed the fear of him on all the nations.

UST

17 So David became famous in all the nearby countries, and Yahweh caused the leaders of all the nations to be afraid of him.

What did Yahweh cause all nations to do when David's fame went out to all lands?
Yahweh caused all nations to fear David.

1 Chronicles 15

1 Chronicles 15:1

ULT

[1] And he made for himself houses in the city of David. And he prepared a place for the Box of God, and he stretched out a tent for it.

UST

[1] David commanded his workers to build houses for himself in the section of Jerusalem named the City of David. He also told them to set up a place in which to put the sacred chest of God. They put up a large tent for the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:2

ULT

[2] Then David said, “No one shall carry the Box of God, but only the Levites. For them Yahweh chose to carry the Box of Yahweh and to minister for him forever.”

UST

[2] Then David said, “No one but the descendants of Levi may carry God’s sacred chest, because Yahweh chose them to carry it and to serve him forever.”

Who did David say were the only people that Yahweh had chosen to carry the ark?
Levites were the only people who Yahweh had chosen to carry the ark.

1 Chronicles 15:3

ULT

[3] And David assembled all Israel to Jerusalem to bring up the Box of Yahweh to its place which he had prepared for it.

UST

[3] David summoned all the people of Israel to come to Jerusalem. He wanted a celebration when the Levites brought the sacred chest of Yahweh to the place his workers set up for it.

For what purpose did David assemble all of Israel at Jerusalem?
David assembled them to bring up the ark of Yahweh to the place he had prepared for it.

1 Chronicles 15:4

ULT

[4] And David gathered the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

UST

[4] David summoned the descendants of Aaron, who was the first high priest, and the other descendants of Levi:

Who did David gather together to bring up the ark?
David gathered together Aaron's descendants and the Levites.

1 Chronicles 15:5

ULT

[5] Of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief and his brothers, 120.

UST

[5] from the descendants of Kohath, Levi's second son, Uriel the leader and his relatives, 120 in all;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:6

ULT

[6] Of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief and his brothers, 220.

UST

[6] from the descendants of Merari, Levi's third son, Asaiah the leader and his relatives, 220 in all;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:7

ULT

[7] Of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief and his brothers, 130.

UST

[7] from the descendants of Gershon, Levi's first son, Joel the leader and his relatives, 130 in all;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:8

ULT

[8] Of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief and his brothers, 200.

UST

[8] from the descendants of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the leader and his relatives, 200 in all;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:9

ULT

[9] Of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief and his brothers, 80.

UST

[9] from the descendants of Hebron, Eliel the leader and his relatives, 80 in all;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:10

ULT

[10] Of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief and his brothers, 112.

UST

[10] from the descendants of Uzziel, Amminadab the leader and his relatives, 112 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:11

ULT

[11] And David called for Zadok and for Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab.

UST

[11] David summoned the priests Zadok and Abiathar and these descendants of Levi: Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:12

ULT

12 And he said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers of the Levites. Consecrate yourselves, you and your brothers, and bring up the Box of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to where I prepared for it.

UST

12 David said to them, “You are the leaders of the clans descended from Levi. You and your family members must ceremonially purify yourselves, in order to be able to do this special work for Yahweh. You must bring the sacred chest of Yahweh, the God of us Israelites, to the place that I set up for it here in Jerusalem.

What were the leaders of the Levite familes and their brothers to do so that they could bring up the ark of Yahweh to the place David prepared for it?

They were to place themselves apart so they could bring up the ark of Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 15:13

ULT

13 Because at the first it was not you, Yahweh our God broke out against us, for we did not seek him according to the judgment.”

UST

13 The first time that we tried to bring it, you descendants of Levi were not the ones who carried it, since we did not follow Yahweh’s command in the law of Moses regarding carrying the sacred chest. So Yahweh our God punished us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:14

ULT

14 And the priests and the Levites consecrated themselves to bring up the Box of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

14 Then the priests and the descendants of Levi performed the rituals to purify themselves, in order that it would be proper for them to carry the sacred chest of Yahweh, the God of the Israelite people.

Why did the priests and Levites sanctify themselves?

They sanctified themselves so that they could bring up the ark of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

1 Chronicles 15:15

ULT

15 And the sons of Levi carried the Box of God just as Moses commanded, according to the word of Yahweh, on their shoulders with poles on them.

UST

15 Just as the law of Moses said, according to the command of Yahweh, the descendants of Levi fastened poles to God's sacred chest and carried it by putting the poles on their shoulders.

From whom did Moses get the rules for carrying the ark on the Levites' shoulders with the poles?
The rules for carrying the ark were given by the word of Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 15:16

ULT

16 And David said to the chiefs of the Levites to assign their brothers as the singers with instruments of song, harps, and lyres, and cymbals, playing to raise a sound of joy.

UST

16 David told the leaders of the descendants of Levi to appoint some of their relatives to sing and play lyres, harps, and cymbals, making joyful music while they were carrying the sacred chest.

To whom did David give the responsibility of assigning the musicians?
David gave the responsibility of assigning the musicians to the leaders of the Levites.

1 Chronicles 15:17

ULT

17 And the Levites assigned Heman the son of Joel and from his brothers, Asaph the son of Berechiah, and from the sons of Merari their brothers, Ethan the son of Kushaiah,

UST

17 So they appointed Heman and his relatives Asaph and Ethan. Heman was the son of Joel. Asaph was the son of Berechiah. Ethan was the son of Kushaiah and was a descendant of Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:18

ULT

18 and with them, their brothers of the second rank: Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed Edom, and Jeiel, the gatekeepers.

UST

18 They also appointed another group of relatives from the descendants of Levi: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, and two of the temple gatekeepers, Obed Edom and Jeiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:19

ULT

19 And the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, with bronze cymbals to play.

UST

19 Heman, Asaph and Ethan sang and also played bronze cymbals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:20

ULT

20 And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah with harps, according to Alamoth.

UST

20 Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah played harps according to a certain musical style.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:21

ULT

21 And Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed Edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah with lyres, according to the Sheminith to lead.

UST

21 Mattithiah, Eliphelehu, Mikneiah, Obed Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah played lyres according to a different musical style.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:22

ULT

22 And Kenaniah, the chief of the Levites in lifting up, an instructor in lifting up, for he was one who understood.

UST

22 Kenaniah, the leader of the descendants of Levi in music, directed the singing because he was very capable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:23

ULT

23 And Berechiah and Elkanah, gatekeepers for the Box.

UST

23 Berechiah and Elkanah were two of the men who guarded the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:24

ULT

24 And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, the ones to blow the trumpets before the face of the Box of God. And Obed Edom and Jehiah, gatekeepers for the Box.

UST

24 The priests Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer were the ones who blew trumpets in front of God's sacred chest. Obed Edom and Jehiah also guarded the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:25

ULT

25 And it happened David, and the elders of Israel, and the chiefs of thousands were going to bring up the Box of the covenant of Yahweh from the house of Obed Edom with joy.

UST

25 So David, the Israelite leaders, and the officers who commanded one thousand soldiers went to get the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel. They joyfully got the sacred chest from Obed Edom's house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 15:26

ULT

26 And it happened when God helped the Levites carrying the Box of the covenant of Yahweh, and they slaughtered seven bulls and seven rams.

UST

26 Indeed, God helped the descendants of Levi who carried the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel. Therefore David and the leaders sacrificed seven bulls and seven rams to thank him.

Who helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of Yahweh?

God helped the Levites who carried the ark.

1 Chronicles 15:27

ULT

27 And David was clothed in a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites carrying the Box, and the singers, and Kenaniah, the chief of the lifting up of the singers. And on David, an ephod of linen.

UST

27 David, all the descendants of Levi who carried the sacred chest, all the singers, and Kenaniah, the man who directed those who sang, wore robes of fine linen. David also wore a waistcloth made of linen.

With what was David clothed and what was he wearing in addition?
David was clothed with a robe of fine linen and he was wearing a linen ephod.

1 Chronicles 15:28

ULT

28 And all Israel was bringing up the Box of the covenant of Yahweh with shouting of joy, and with a sound of a horn and with trumpets, and with cymbals, playing with harps and lyres.

UST

28 So all of the Israelite people joined in bringing up to Jerusalem the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel. They shouted joyfully, blew horns and trumpets, and played cymbals, lyres, and harps.

Who brought up the ark with joyful shouting, with the sound of horns, with cymbals and with stringed instruments and harps?
All of Israel brought up the ark.

1 Chronicles 15:29

ULT

29 And it happened the Box of the covenant of Yahweh was coming to the city of David, and Michal the daughter of Saul, looked down out of the window. And she saw the king, David, dancing and celebrating. And she despised him in her heart.

UST

29 While they were bringing the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel to the section of Jerusalem named the city of David, Michal (the first of David's wives and Saul's daughter) watched them, looking out of a window. When she saw King David dancing and celebrating, she despised him.

What did Michal see David doing that caused her to despise him in her heart?
Michal saw King David dancing and celebrating.

1 Chronicles 16

1 Chronicles 16:1

ULT

[1] And they brought in the Box of God and put it in the midst of the tent that David streched out for it. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the face of God.

UST

[1] They brought God's sacred chest to Jerusalem and put it inside the special tent that David's workers set up. Then they brought offerings which they fully burned on the altar and other offerings commemorating friendship between them and God. They offered the offerings in front of the special tent which housed the sacred chest.

What did the Israelites offer before God after the ark was put in the middle of the the tent that David had set up for it?
They offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.

1 Chronicles 16:2

ULT

[2] And David finished bringing up the burnt offering and the peace offerings, and he blessed the people in the name of Yahweh.

UST

[2] When the priests finished presenting all those offerings, David asked Yahweh to bless the Israelite people.

What did David distribute to every Israelite when he had finished blessing the people in the name of Yahweh? (vv2-3)
David distributed to each of them a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins.

1 Chronicles 16:3

ULT

[3] And he distributed to each person of Israel, from man and as far as woman, to each a loaf of bread, and a date cake, and a raisin cake.

UST

[3] David ordered his servants to give a loaf of bread, a baked good with dates, and a baked good with raisins to every Israelite who was there, both men and women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:4

ULT

[4] And he appointed before the face of the Box of Yahweh from the Levites as ones who minister, and to commemorate and to thank and to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

[4] Then David appointed some of the descendants of Levi to stand in front of the special tent in which the descendants of Levi placed Yahweh's sacred chest, to lead the people who worshiped and thanked and praised Yahweh, the God of the Israelite people.

What were the Levites appointed to do as they served before the ark?

The Levites were to celebrate, thank and praise Yahweh, the God of Israel as they served before the ark of Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 16:5

ULT

[5] Asaph the head, and second to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed Edom, and Jeiel, with instruments of harps and lyres, and Asaph with cymbals was playing,

UST

[5] Asaph was their leader. Zechariah was his assistant. The other descendants of Levi who helped were Jaaziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab, Benaiah, Obed-Edom, and Jeiel. They played harps and lyres, and Asaph played cymbals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:6

ULT

[6] and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets regularly, before the face of the Box of the covenant of God.

UST

[6] Benaiah and Jahaziel were priests who blew trumpets frequently in front of the special tent in which the descendants of Levi placed the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between God and the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:7

ULT
[7] On that day then David first appointed to thank Yahweh by the hand of Asaph and his brothers.

UST
[7] On that day, David first gave to Asaph and his helpers this song to praise Yahweh:

What were Assaph and his brothers appointed to do?
They were appointed to sing a song of thanksgiving to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 16:8

ULT
[8] Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name; make known among the peoples his deeds.

UST
[8] Thank Yahweh and pray to him. Tell the people of all nations what he has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:9

ULT
[9] Sing to him, make music to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

UST
[9] Sing to him; sing songs to praise him. Tell about all his miraculous deeds.

What were people to speak about in the song that Assaph and his brothers sang?
They were to speak of all of Yahweh's marvelous deeds.

1 Chronicles 16:10

ULT
[10] Glory in his holy name; let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

UST
[10] Be glad that he is holy. Those who follow Yahweh should rejoice.

Who were the people to boast about and seek? (vv10-11)
The people were to boast about and seek Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 16:11

ULT
[11] Seek Yahweh and his strength; seek his face continually.

UST
[11] Ask Yahweh to help you and give you his strength. Frequently pray to him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:12

ULT
[12] Remember his wonderful acts which he has done, his miracles and the judgments of his mouth,

UST
[12] Think about the wonderful things that he has done, the miracles he has done, and the just laws that he has decreed.

What are the descendants of Israel, Yahweh's chosen ones, supposed to recall about Yahweh their God? (vv12-14)
They are to recall the marvelous things he has done, his miracles and the decrees from his mouth.

1 Chronicles 16:13

ULT
13 O seed of Israel his servant, O sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

UST
13 We are the offsrping of his servant Israel; we are the descendants of Jacob whom he has chosen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:14

ULT
14 He is Yahweh, our God; in all the earth are his judgments.

UST
14 Yahweh is our God. People throughout the world know his just laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:15

ULT
15 Remember forever his covenant, the word he commanded for 1,000 generations,

UST
15 Think about for all of your life the agreement that he made; he made a promise that will last for 1,000 generations.

What did Yahweh make with Abraham that the Israelites are to keep in mind forever? (vv15-16)
He made a covenant with Abraham, and the Israelites are to keep Yahweh's covenant in mind forever.

1 Chronicles 16:16

ULT
16 which he cut with Abraham, and his oath to Isaac.

UST
16 That is the agreement that he made with Abraham, and God repeated that promise to Isaac, Abraham's son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:17

ULT
17 And he established it for Jacob as a statute, for Israel a covenant forever,

UST
17 God continued the agreement for Isaac's son, Jacob, as a decree; as a promise to Israel and his descendants for all time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:18

ULT
18 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan the allotment of your inheritance."

UST
18 God said, "I will give the region of Canaan to you, to belong to you and your descendants."

What did Yahweh promise to give to his people as a share of their inheritance?
Yahweh promised to give them the land of Canaan.

1 Chronicles 16:19

ULT
19 When you all were few in number, insignificant, and sojourners in it,

UST
19 When there were hardly any of your ancestors, just a tiny group of people who were living in that land like strangers,

How did Yahweh protect Israel when they were few in number and as they were going from one kingdom to another? (vv19-21)
He did not allow anyone to oppress them.

1 Chronicles 16:20

ULT
20 and they walked back and forth from nation to nation, and from a kingdom to another people,

UST
20 they continued to wander from one place to another, from one kingdom to another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:21

ULT
21 he did not permit a person to oppress them; and he rebuked kings on account of them.

UST
21 God did not allow others to oppress them, and he warned kings on your ancestors' behalf by saying to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:22

ULT
22 "Do not strike my anointed ones, and against my prophets do not do evil."

UST
22 "Do not harm the people whom I have chosen! Do not wrong my prophets!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:23

ULT
23 Sing to Yahweh, all the earth; announce from day to day his salvation.

UST
23 You people throughout the world, sing to Yahweh. Every day proclaim to others that he has saved us.

What are the people to declare among the nations as they sing to Yahweh and announce his salvation day after day? (vv23-24)
They are to declare Yahweh's glory and his marvelous deeds among all the nations.

1 Chronicles 16:24

ULT
24 Recount among the nations his glory, among all the peoples his wonderful acts.

UST
24 Tell among the nations that he is great; tell all the people groups the marvelous things that he has done;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:25

ULT
25 For great is Yahweh and to be praised much, and to be feared is he above all gods.

UST
25 because Yahweh is great, and he deserves praise very much. Everyone should revere him more than all the gods,

Who is it that has made the heavens and is to be praised greatly and feared above all other gods? (vv25-26)
It is Yahweh who made the heavens and is to be praised greatly and feared above all other gods.

1 Chronicles 16:26

ULT
26 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless, but Yahweh, the heavens he made.

UST
26 because all the gods that the other people groups worship are idols with no value, but Yahweh is truly great; he created the skies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:27

ULT
27 Splendor and majesty are before his face; strength and joy in his place.

UST
27 Magnificence and grandeur come from where he is. Power and joy come from the place where he lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:28

ULT
28 Ascribe to Yahweh, O clans of peoples, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

UST
28 You people in nations all over the world, praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh for his glorious power!

What is to be ascribed to Yahweh?
Glory and strength are to be ascribed to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 16:29

ULT
29 Ascribe to Yahweh the glory of his name; bring an offering and come before his face; worship Yahweh in holy splendor.

UST
29 Attribute to Yahweh the glory his name deserves. Come to his place of worship with offerings to give to him! Bow down and worship Yahweh because he is holy and his holiness shines out from him with wonderful beauty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:30

ULT
30 Tremble from before his face, all the earth. Indeed, the world is established; it cannot be shaken.

UST
30 You people throughout the world, be reverent and respectful when you are in his place of worship because of his sheer power. As one example, he put the earth firmly in its place; nothing ever will be able to move it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:31

ULT

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth shout in exultation; and let them say among the nations, “Yahweh reigns.”

UST

31 Everything in the sky should celebrate and everything on the earth should cheer. Everything in the sky and on the earth declare to all the people groups of the world, “Yahweh is king!”

What will the nations say about Yahweh?

The nations will say, “Yahweh reigns.”

1 Chronicles 16:32

ULT

32 Let the sea roar and that which fills it. Let the field exult, and all that is in it.

UST

32 The oceans and all the creatures in the oceans should shout; the fields and everything in them should rejoice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:33

ULT

33 Then the trees of the forest will shout for joy from before the face of Yahweh, for he is coming to judge the earth.

UST

33 When that happens, the trees in the forest should cheer in front of Yahweh, because he will come to judge everyone on the earth.

What are the trees in the forest going to do before Yahweh?

The trees in the forest will shout for joy before him.

1 Chronicles 16:34

ULT
34 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for forever is his loyal love.

UST
34 Thank Yahweh, because everything he does shows he is good, because he faithfully loves us always.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:35

ULT
35 And say, “Save us, God of our salvation, and gather us and deliver us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, to boast in your praise.”

UST
35 Say to him, “God who provides our liberation, rescue us, and bring us together and save us from the armies of other nations, so that we will thank you for your sacred character and reputation, and revel in giving you praise.”

Why should Yahweh gather his people together and rescue them from the other nations?
He should gather them together and rescue them so that they may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praises.

1 Chronicles 16:36

ULT
36 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from everlasting and as far as everlasting. And all the people said, “Amen” and praised Yahweh.

UST
36 Yahweh, the God of us Israelite people, deserves praise, for all time, in the past and in the future. After the people finished singing that song, they all said “We agree!”, and they praised Yahweh.

For how long is Yahweh, the God of Israel to be praised?
He is to be praised from everlasting to everlasting.

1 Chronicles 16:37

ULT

37 And he left there before the face of the Box of the covenant of Yahweh Asaph and his brothers to minister before the face of the Box continually, according to the matter of the day in its day,

UST

37 Then David left Asaph and the other members of his clan there in front of the tent where the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel was. David told them that they must do their work there every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:38

ULT

38 and Obed Edom and their brothers, 68, and Obed Edom the son of Jeduthun, and Hosah, were gatekeepers,

UST

38 David also left Obed Edom and other descendants of Levi to work there, 68 in all. Hosah and Obed Edom, Jeduthun's son, guarded the entrances of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:39

ULT

39 and Zadok the priest and his brothers the priests before the face of the tabernacle of Yahweh at the high place which was in Gibeon

UST

39 David also told Zadok the high priest and the other priests who worked with him to remain in front of Yahweh's sacred tent, at the place where the Israelite people worshiped Yahweh there in the city of Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:40

ULT

40 to bring up burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the law of Yahweh, which he commanded to Israel.

UST

40 Every morning and every evening they burned offerings to Yahweh on the altar for such offerings, obeying the rules Moses wrote down, the rules that Yahweh gave to the Israelite people.

Who gave the commands and written law to Israel for how the burnt offerings were to be made?

Yahweh gave the commands and written law to Israel.

1 Chronicles 16:41

ULT

41 And with them, Heman and Jeduthun and the rest of those chosen who were marked by names to give thanks to Yahweh, for forever is his loyal love.

UST

41 With them were Heman and Jeduthun and the other descendants of Levi whom David chose specifically. They sang songs to praise Yahweh because he faithfully loves his people forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:42

ULT

42 And with them, Heman and Jeduthun for those playing trumpets and cymbals and the instruments of song of God; and the sons of Jeduthun for the gate.

UST

42 Heman and Jeduthun led the music, including those playing trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments for singing to God. Jeduthun's sons guarded the gates of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 16:43

ULT

43 And all the people went, each to his house, and David turned around to bless his house.

UST

43 Then all the people left. They all returned to their homes, and David returned home to ask Yahweh to bless his family.

To what place did the people and David return after the celebration of the placing of the ark?

The people returned to their homes, and David returned to bless his own household.

1 Chronicles 17

1 Chronicles 17:1

ULT

1 And it happened when David was living in his house, and David said to Nathan the prophet, “Behold, I am living in a house of cedars, but the Box of the covenant of Yahweh is under curtains.”

UST

1 After David began to live in his palace, he said to the prophet Nathan, “It does not seem right that I am living in a palace made of cedar wood, but the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel stays inside a tent!”

What bothered King David about where the ark of the covenant of Yahweh was staying?
It bothered him that the ark of the covenant of Yahweh was staying under only a tent while David was living in a house of cedar.

1 Chronicles 17:2

ULT

2 And Nathan said to David, “All which is in your heart, do, for God is with you.”

UST

2 Nathan replied to David, “Everything you are thinking about doing, do it, because God is with you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:3

ULT

3 And it happened in that night, and the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

UST

3 But that night God spoke to Nathan. He said,

What did Yahweh tell Nathan to say David about building a house in for Yahweh?
God said David was not to build a house in which Yahweh could live.

1 Chronicles 17:4

ULT

4 “Go and say to David my servant, ‘Thus says Yahweh: You yourself shall not build for me a house in which to live,

UST

4 “Go and tell my servant David this is what I, Yahweh, am saying to him: ‘You will not build a temple for me to live in,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:5

ULT

5 for I have not lived in a house from the day that I brought up Israel until this day, but I have been from tent to tent, and from a tabernacle.

UST

5 since I have not lived in any building from the day that I brought the people of Israel up out of Egypt until now. Rather, I have lived in my sacred tent, moving from one place to another when the Israelites moved around.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:6

ULT

6 In all where I have walked back and forth among all Israel, what word did I speak to one of the judges of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people, saying, “Why have you all not built for me a house of cedars?”’

UST

6 Wherever I went with all the Israelites as they traveled, I never said to any of their leaders whom I appointed to lead them, “Why have you not built me a temple made of cedar wood?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:7

ULT

7 And now, thus you shall say to my servant, to David, ‘Thus says Yahweh of Hosts: I myself took you from the pasture, from behind sheep, to be a leader over my people Israel.

UST

7 ‘Therefore, this is what you should say to my servant David: “Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, says, ‘I took you from a pasture where you were taking care of sheep, and I appointed you to be the ruler of Israel, my people.

Why did Yahweh take David from the pasture and from following the sheep?

He took David from the pasture and from following the sheep so that he would be ruler over Yahweh’s people Israel.

1 Chronicles 17:8

ULT

8 And I have been with you in all where you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before your face, and I will make for you a name, like a name of the great ones who are on the earth.

UST

8 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have removed all your enemies who opposed you. Now, I will cause you to become very famous, as well known as the names of the greatest men who have ever lived on the earth.

What did Yahweh say that he would do for David’s name?

He said that he would make David a name like the name of the great ones who are on the earth.

1 Chronicles 17:9

ULT

[9] And I will set a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them, and they will settle on it, and they will not tremble again. And the sons of injustice will not continue to trouble them, just as at the first,

UST

[9-10] Formerly, during the time that I appointed leaders for my Israelite people, many violent groups oppressed them. But this will not happen anymore. I have chosen a place where my Israelite people can live peacefully and no one will disturb them anymore. I will give them rest from being attacked by their enemies. And I will defeat all your enemies. I declare to you that I, Yahweh, will enable your descendants to rule after you die.

Who would no longer oppress the people of Israel after Yahweh gave them a place where they could live and be troubled no more?

Wicked people would no longer oppress Israel as they did before.

1 Chronicles 17:10

ULT

[10] and from the days that I commanded judges over my people Israel. And I will humble all your enemies. And I declare to you that a house Yahweh will build for you.

UST

[9-10] Formerly, during the time that I appointed leaders for my Israelite people, many violent groups oppressed them. But this will not happen anymore. I have chosen a place where my Israelite people can live peacefully and no one will disturb them anymore. I will give them rest from being attacked by their enemies. And I will defeat all your enemies. I declare to you that I, Yahweh, will enable your descendants to rule after you die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:11

ULT

11 And it will be when your days are fulfilled, to walk with your fathers, then I will raise up your seed after you who will be from your sons, and I will establish his kingdom.

UST

11 When your life ends and you die and go to be with your ancestors who have died, I will appoint one of your descendants, one of your sons, to become king, and I will enable his kingdom to be strong.

What does Yahweh say that David's descendant will do after David's days are fulfilled? (vv11-12)
David's descendant will build a house for Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 17:12

ULT

12 He himself will build for me a house, and I will establish his throne as far as forever.

UST

12 He is the one who will lead the building of a temple for me. And I will make his ruling dynasty last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:13

ULT

13 I myself will be to him a father, and he himself will be to me a son. And my covenant faithfulness I will not take away from with him, as I took away from who was before your face.

UST

13 I will be like a father to him, and he will be like a son to me. I stopped giving faithful love to Saul, the one who was the king before you became king, but I will never stop giving faithful love to your son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:14

ULT

14 And I will set him up in my house and in my kingdom as far as forever, and his throne will be established as far as forever.'"

UST

14 I will cause him and his descendants to rule over my people and my kingdom forever. His ruling dynasty will last forever.'"

For how long did Yahweh say that the throne of David's descendant would be established?
The throne of David's descendant would be established forever.

1 Chronicles 17:15

ULT

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, thus Nathan spoke to David.

UST

15 So Nathan reported to David everything that Yahweh had revealed to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:16

ULT

16 Then the king David went in and sat before the face of Yahweh; and he said, "Who am I, Yahweh God, and what is my house, that you have brought me as far as here?

UST

16 Then King David went into the tent housing the sacred chest, sat in the presence of Yahweh, and prayed this prayer: "Yahweh my God, I am certainly not worthy for you to have done of all these things for me, and my family is not worthy, either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:17

ULT

17 And a small thing was this in your eyes, God, and you have spoken regarding the house of your servant from a distance; and you have seen me as an appearance of the man moving upwards, Yahweh God.

UST

17 And O God, now, in addition to everything else, you have spoken about what will happen to my descendants in the future for many generations. Yahweh my God, you have acted toward me as though I was the most important man on the earth!

What did David say that Yahweh had done for him because of what Yahweh had shown him about future generations? (vv17-18)
He said Yahweh had honored him and given him special recognition.

1 Chronicles 17:18

ULT

18 What more can David still say to you about honoring your servant. And you, your servant you know.

UST

18 I, David, cannot say anything more to you in exchange for you honoring me. Yahweh, you know what kind of person I am.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:19

ULT

19 Yahweh, for the sake of your servant and according to your heart, you have done all this greatness to make known all the greatnesses.

UST

19 Yahweh, you have done these great things for my sake, according to the way you wanted, and in order to reveal all of these great things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:20

ULT

[20] Yahweh, there is none like you, and no God except you, in all which we have heard with our ears.

UST

[20] Yahweh, there is no one like you. You are the only true God. This is what we have always heard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:21

ULT

[21] And who is like your people Israel, one nation on the earth whom God went to ransom for himself a people, to set for you a name great and to be feared, to drive out nations from the faces of your people whom you ransomed from Egypt?

UST

[21] And there is no nation like Israel because Israel is the only nation on the earth whose people you went out to rescue to make them your people, to perform miracles and show how great and awesome you are, and to expel the people of other people groups in Canaan who were before your people, the Israelites, whom you rescued from being slaves in Egypt.

What does David say is the reason that Yahweh rescued his people from Egypt and made them a people for himself?

Yahweh rescued them from Egypt to make a name for himself by his great and awesome deeds.

1 Chronicles 17:22

ULT

[22] And you made your people Israel for yourself a people as far as forever, and you, Yahweh, became to them God.

UST

[22] You caused us your Israelite people to belong to you as your people forever, and you, Yahweh, became our God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:23

ULT

23 And now, Yahweh, the word which you spoke concerning your servant and concerning his house, may it be confirmed as far as forever, and do just as you have spoken.

UST

23 And now Yahweh, I pray that you will cause the things that you have promised about me and my descendants to be fulfilled forever, and do the things that you have said that you would do.

What does David ask Yahweh to do about the promise that he made to David concerning the establishment of David's family forever?

David asks Yahweh to do as Yahweh had spoken.

1 Chronicles 17:24

ULT

24 And may it be confirmed and may your name be great as far as forever, saying, 'Yahweh of Hosts, the God of Israel, is God to Israel,' and the house of David your servant established before your face.

UST

24 I pray that those things will happen so people will celebrate your excellent reputation forever. People will exclaim, 'Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is the God of Israel. He is the God who rules Israel!' You will cause my descendants to be the king of the people you rule,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:25

ULT

25 For you, my God, have uncovered the ear of your servant to build for him a house; therefore your servant has found to pray before your face.

UST

25 because you, my God, have revealed to me that you will cause me to have a ruling dynasty. So I am brave enough to pray like this to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 17:26

ULT

[26] And now, Yahweh, you are God, and you have spoken concerning your servant this good.

UST

[26] Now, Yahweh, you are God! You have promised to do these good things for me.

What did Yahweh promise to do for his servant David's house? (vv26-27)
Yahweh promised to bless his servant David's house and it would be blessed forever.

1 Chronicles 17:27

ULT

[27] And now, you have decided to bless the house of your servant, to be forever before your face. For you, Yahweh, have blessed, and it is blessed forever."

UST

[27] And now you have promised to bless my descendants, in order that they will forever be king over the people you rule. Indeed, you, Yahweh, have given your blessing, and you will keep blessing them forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18

1 Chronicles 18:1

ULT

[1] And it happened after this that David struck down the Philistines, and he humbled them. And he took Gath and its daughters from the hand of the Philistines.

UST

[1] Some time later, David's army attacked and defeated the army of Philistia, subduing them. They captured the Philistine city of Gath and its surrounding villages.

What two groups of people did David attack and defeat? (vv1-2)
He attacked and defeated the Philistines and the Moabites.

1 Chronicles 18:2

ULT

[2] And he struck down Moab, and the Moabites became servants to David, carriers of tribute.

UST

[2] His army also defeated the army of the Moab people group, so the Moab people group had to accept David as their ruler. They had to pay money each year to David's government, in order that David's army would protect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:3

ULT

[3] And David struck down Hadadezer, the king of Zobah Hamath, when he went to set up his hand at the Euphrates River.

UST

[3] David's army also fought and defeated the army of Hadadezer, the king of the region of Zobah in Aram near the city of Hamath, when Hadadezer was trying to establish control over the area near the Euphrates River.

What did David do with the hundred chariot horses that were left over after he hamstrung the horses that he captured from Hadadezer? (vv3-4)
He reserved enough chariot horses for a hundred chariots.

1 Chronicles 18:4

ULT

[4] And David captured from him 1,000 chariots, and 7,000 horsemen, and 20,000 men on foot. And David hamstrung all the chariots, but spared from him 100 chariots.

UST

[4] David's army captured 1,000 of Hadadezer's chariots, 7,000 chariot drivers, and 20,000 infantry soldiers. David's army hamstrung most of Hadadezer's horses; there were only 100 horses that they did not cripple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:5

ULT

[5] And Aram of Damascus came to help Hadadezer the king of Zobah, and David struck down of the Arameans 22,000 men.

UST

[5] When the army of Aram came from the city of Damascus to fight alongside Hadadezer's army, David's army killed 22,000 soliders from the army of Aram.

What did David put in Aram of Damascus after he had killed twenty-two thousand Arameans? (vv5-6)

David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus.

1 Chronicles 18:6

ULT

[6] And David set up in Aram of Damascus, and Aram became servants to David, carriers of tribute. And Yahweh saved David in all where he went.

UST

[6] Then David stationed groups of his soldiers in Damascus. So the people of Aram had to accept David as their ruler. They had to pay money each year to David's government, in order that David's army would protect them. Yahweh enabled David's army to win battles everywhere they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:7

ULT

7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and he brought them to Jerusalem.

UST

7 David's soldiers took the gold shields that Hadadezer's soldiers carried and brought them to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:8

ULT

8 And from Tibhath and from Kun, cities of Hadadezer, David took very much bronze. With it, Solomon made the sea of bronze and the pillars and bronze items.

UST

8 They also brought from Tebah and Kun, two cities that belonged to Hadadezer, a lot of bronze, which David's son Solomon later used to make the huge bronze basin called "The Sea" and the pillars and other bronze items for the temple.

What did David take from Hadadezer that Solomon used later to make items for the temple?

David took very much bronze from Hadadezer.

1 Chronicles 18:9

ULT

9 And Tou, the king of Hamath, heard that David struck down all the army of Hadadezer, the king of Zobah.

UST

9 When Tou, the king of the city of Hamath in Aram, heard that David's army had defeated the entire army of King Hadadezer of Zobah in Aram,

What did King David do with the silver, gold and bronze items that Hadoram brought to David from Toi, king of Hamath and the silver and gold that he carried away from all the nations? (vv9-11)

David dedicated these objects to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 18:10

ULT

10 And he sent Hadoram his son to King David to ask him for peace and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him down, for a man of war Tou was with Hadadezer, and all the items of gold and silver and bronze.

UST

10 he sent his son Hadoram to King David, to greet him and congratulate him about his fighting and defeating Hadadezer's army because Tou's army had been fighting Hadadezer's. Hadoram brought to David many items made of gold, silver, and bronze,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:11

ULT

11 Also these King David consecrated to Yahweh with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations: from Edom, and from Moab, and from the sons of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

UST

11 and King David dedicated those things to Yahweh, like he had done with the silver and gold that his soldiers had taken from other nations: the Edom, Moab, and Ammon people groups, the people from Philistia, and from the descendants of Amalek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:12

ULT

12 And Abishai the son of Zeruiah struck down Edom in the Valley of Salt, 18,000.

UST

12 The army of David's military commander Abishai, whose mother was Zeruiah, killed 18,000 soldiers from Edom in the Valley of Salt.

What happened to all the Edomites after the battle in which Abishai killed 18,000 Edomites? (vv12-13)

All the Edomites became David's servants.

1 Chronicles 18:13

ULT

[13] And he set in Edom garrisons, and all Edom became servants to David. And Yahweh saved David in all where he went.

UST

[13] Then David stationed groups of his soldiers there in Edom, and the people of Edom had to accept David as their ruler. Yahweh protected David and his army wherever they traveled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:14

ULT

[14] And David reigned over all Israel. And it happened he was doing judgment and righteousness for all his people.

UST

[14] David ruled over all the Israelite people, and he always did for them what was just and fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:15

ULT

[15] And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, secretary.

UST

[15] Joab son of Zeruiah was the chief army commander. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the record keeper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:16

ULT

[16] And Zadok the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, priests, and Shavsha, scribe.

UST

[16] Zadok son of Ahitub and Ahimelech son of Abiathar were priests. Shavsha was the official secretary.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 18:17

ULT

17 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Kerethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David, the heads at the hand of the king.

UST

17 Benaiah son of Jehoiada led the Kereth and Peleth people groups who were David's bodyguards. David's sons were his most important officials.

Who were the leading advisors to King David as he reigned over all Israel and administered justice and righteousness to all his people?

David's sons were the king's leading advisors.

1 Chronicles 19

1 Chronicles 19:1

ULT

[1] And it happened after this, and Nahash, the king of the sons of Ammon, died, and his son reigned in his place.

UST

[1] Some time later, Nahash, the king of the Ammon people group, died. Then his son Hanun became their king.

Why did David want to show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, king of the people of Ammon after his father died? (vv1-2)
Hanun's father had been kind to David.

1 Chronicles 19:2

ULT

[2] And David said, "I will do loyal kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father did to me loyal kindness." And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And the servants of David came to the land of the sons of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.

UST

[2] When David heard about that, he thought to himself, "Nahash was kind to me, so I will be kind to his son." So David sent some officials there to tell Hanun that David was sorry to hear that Hanun's father had died. But when David's officials came to Hanun in the land where the Ammonite people group lived to deliver the message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:3

ULT

[3] And the chiefs of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun, “Is David honoring your father in your eyes because he sent to you comforters? Is it not for the sake of to explore and to overthrow and to spy the land his servants came to you?”

UST

[3] the leaders of the Ammon people group said to Hanun, “David is not really honoring your father’s memory by sending these men to give his condolences. We think that his men have come to look around our land in order to determine how his army can conquer us.”

Did the leaders of Ammon believe that David was trying to comfort Hanun as David’s servants entered their land?

The leaders thought David’s servants were coming to explore and examine their land so David could overthrow their country.

1 Chronicles 19:4

ULT

[4] And Hanun took the servants of David, and he shaved them, and he cut their garments in half, until the buttocks, and he sent them away.

UST

[4] Hanun believed what the leaders said; so he commanded some soldiers to seize David’s officials. Hanun’s soldiers insulted the officials by shaving off their beards and cutting off the lower part of their robes. Then Hanun sent David’s officials away.

What did the Hanun do to David’s servants that made the servants deeply ashamed? (vv4-5)

He shaved them and were cut off their garments to the waist.

1 Chronicles 19:5

ULT

[5] And they went, and they declared to David concerning the men. And he sent to meet them for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, “Stay in Jericho until when your beards grow, then return.”

UST

[5] The officials left and were greatly humiliated. When David found out about what had happened to his officials, he sent some messengers to them to tell them, “Stay at Jericho until your beards have grown again, and then return home.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:6

ULT

6 And the sons of Ammon saw that they were a stench to David, and Hanun sent, and the sons of Ammon, 1,000 talents of silver to hire for themselves from Aram Naharaim, and from Aram Maacah, and from Zobah, chariots and horsemen.

UST

6 Then the leaders of the Ammon people group realized that they had greatly insulted David. So Hanun and some of his officials sent 33,000 kilograms of silver to hire chariots and chariot drivers from the regions of Aram Naharaim, Aram Maacah and Zobah northeast of Israel.

Why did the Ammorites hire chariots and horsemen? (vv6-7)

They hired the chariots and horsemen to prepare for war because they had become a stench to David.

1 Chronicles 19:7

ULT

7 And they hired for themselves 32,000 chariots and the king of Maacah and his people. And they came, and they encamped before the face of Medeba. And the sons of Ammon assembled from their cities, and came to battle.

UST

7 They hired 32,000 chariots and chariot drivers, as well as the king of the region of Maacah and his army. They came and set up their tents near the city of Medeba in the region of Moab. The soldiers from the Ammon people group also marched out from their cities and were ready for battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:8

ULT

8 And David heard, and he sent Joab and all the army of mighty ones.

UST

8 When David heard about that, he sent Joab and all his army.

Who did David send when he heard about the Ammonites preparing for war?

David sent Joab and his entire army.

1 Chronicles 19:9

ULT

9 And the sons of Ammon came out, and they arrayed for battle at the entrance of the city. And the kings who came were by themselves in the field.

UST

9 The soldiers of the Ammon people group came out of their city and lined up for battle at the entrance of their city. Meanwhile, the other kings who had come with their armies stood in their positions in the open fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:10

ULT

10 And Joab saw that the face of the battle was to him faces and hindquarter, and he chose from all the choice ones among Israel, and he arrayed to meet Aram.

UST

10 Joab saw that there were groups of enemy soldiers in front of his troops and behind his troops. So he selected some of the best Israelite troops and put them in positions to fight against the soldiers of Aram.

How did Joab arrange for fighting the Ammonites and the Arameans when he saw their battle lines. (vv10-11)

Job chose some of Israel's best to fight the Arameans and gave command to his brother to fight the Ammonites with the rest of the army.

1 Chronicles 19:11

ULT

11 And the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of Abishai his brother, and they arrayed to meet the sons of Ammon.

UST

11 He appointed his older brother Abishai to be the commander of his other soldiers and he told them to stand in their positions in front of the army of the Ammon people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:12

ULT

12 And he said, “If Aram is too strong for me, then you shall be to me for salvation. And if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will save you.

UST

12 Joab said to them, “If the soldiers from Aram are too strong for us to defeat them, then your soldiers must come and help us. But if the soldiers from the Ammon people group are too strong for you to defeat them, then my soldiers will come and help your men.

What did Joab tell his brother? (vv12-13)

Joab told his brother that they should help each other if needed, and that they should be strong because Yahweh will do what is good for his people.

1 Chronicles 19:13

ULT

13 Be strong, and let us strengthen ourselves on behalf of our people and on behalf of the cities of our God, and Yahweh, the good in his eyes, he will do.”

UST

13 We must be strong and fight hard to defend our people and our cities that belong to our God. Yahweh will do what he considers to be good.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:14

ULT

14 And Joab drew near, and the people who were with him, before the faces of Aram for battle. And they fled from his face.

UST

14 So Joab and his troops advanced to fight the army of Aram; and the soldiers from Aram ran away from Joab and his soldiers.

Why did the army of Ammon flee back to their city? (vv14-15)

The army of Ammon saw that the Arameans fled before the army of Israel, and so they ran back to their city.

1 Chronicles 19:15

ULT

15 And the sons of Ammon saw that Aram fled, and these also fled from the face of Abishai his brother. And they came to the city and Joab came to Jerusalem.

UST

15 And when the soldiers of the Ammon people group saw that the soldiers from Aram were running away, they also started to run away from Abishai and his army, and they retreated back inside the city. So Joab and his army returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:16

ULT

16 And Aram saw that they were defeated before the face of Israel. And they sent messengers, and they brought out Aram, who was beyond the river, and Shophak the chief of the army of Hadadezer before their faces.

UST

16 After the leaders of the army of Aram realized that the army of Israel had defeated them, the leaders of the army of Aram sent messengers to another part of Aram on the east side of the Euphrates river, and brought troops from there to the battle area, with Shophak, the commander of Hadadezer's army, leading them.

Why did David gather all Israel together and arrange for battle against the Arameans? (vv16-17)

David heard that the Arameans sent for reinforcements.

1 Chronicles 19:17

ULT

17 And it was told to David, and he gathered all Israel. And he passed over the Jordan, and he came to them. And he arrayed against them. And David arrayed to meet Aram for battle, and they fought with him.

UST

17 When David heard about that, he gathered all the Israelite soldiers, and they crossed the Jordan River. They advanced against the army of Aram and took their battle positions to attack them. With David's army on the battle field ready to fight, the army of Aram attacked David's army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 19:18

ULT

18 And Aram fled from before the face of Israel, and David killed from Aram 7,000 chariots and 40,000 men on foot. And Shophak the chief of the army, he killed.

UST

18 But the army of Aram ran away from the soldiers of Israel. However, David's soldiers killed 7,000 of their chariot drivers and 40,000 infantry soldiers. They also killed Shophak, their army commander.

Why were the people of Aram no longer willing to help the Ammonites? (vv18-19)

They no longer helped the Ammonites when David killed 47 thousand of their men and the commander of the army.

1 Chronicles 19:19

ULT

19 And the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated before the face of Israel, and they made peace with David, and they served him. And Aram was not willing to save the sons of Ammon again.

UST

19 When the kings who had been subjects of Hadadezer realized that the Israelite army had defeated them, they made peace with David, and agreed to have him rule over them. So the rulers of Aram did not want to help the rulers of the Ammon people group anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 20

1 Chronicles 20:1

ULT

1 And it happened at the time of the turning of the year, at the time of the going out of kings, that Joab led out the army for war and he devastated the land of the sons of Ammon. And he came, and he besieged Rabbah. And David stayed in Jerusalem. And Joab struck down Rabbah, and he tore it down.

UST

1 In that region, kings usually went with their armies to fight their enemies in the springtime. But the following year, David did not do that. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem and sent his commander Joab to lead the army. Joab and his troops ruined the land of the Ammon people group. Then they went to Rabbah, the capital city, and surrounded it. Joab and his troops killed the army in the city of Rabbah and demolished the city.

What did Joab do when David remained in Jerusalem?
Joab led the army into battle, devastated the land of the Ammonites, and attacked and defeated Rabbah.

1 Chronicles 20:2

ULT

2 And David took the crown of their king from on his head, and he found the weight was a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone. And it was on the head of David, and the plunder of the city he brought out, a very great amount.

UST

2 David then came to Rabbah, took the crown from the head of the king of Rabbah and put it on his own head. It weighed thirty-three kilograms and was gold. It had a valuable stone in it. They also took many other valuable things from the city.

After taking the crown off of the king's head and placing it on his own, what did David force the people to do? (vv2-3)
He forced them to do hard labor.

1 Chronicles 20:3

ULT

[3] And the people who were in it, he brought out, and they sawed with saws and with sharp instruments of iron and with saws. And thus David did to all the cities of the sons of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

UST

[3] Then they brought the people out of the city and forced them to work for their army, using saws and iron picks and axes. David's soldiers did this in all the cities of the Ammon people group. Then David and all of his army returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 20:4

ULT

[4] And it happened after this that war arose at Gezer with the Philistines. Then Sibbekai the Hushathite struck down Sippai, from the descendants of the Rephaim, and they were humbled.

UST

[4] Some time later, David's army fought with the army of Philistia, at the city of Gezer. During the battle Sibbekai, from the Hushah clan, killed Sippai, one of the descendants of the Rapha giants. So David's army defeated the army of Philistia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 20:5

ULT

[5] And there was again war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair struck down Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite; and the wood of his spear was like a beam of a weaver.

UST

[5] In another battle against the soldiers of Philistia, Elhanan son of Jair, killed Lahmi, the younger brother of the giant Goliath from the city of Gath, who had a spear which was as thick as a weaver's rod.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 20:6

ULT

[6] And there was again war in Gath. And there was a man of stature. And his digits were six and six, 24, and he also was born of Rapha.

UST

[6] There was another battle near Gath. A huge man was there who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. He was also a descendant of the Rapha giants.

When the descendants of Rephaim mocked the army of Israel, what happened? (vv6-8)
They were killed by David and his soldiers.

1 Chronicles 20:7

ULT

[7] And he taunted Israel. And Jonathan the son of Shimea, the brother of David, struck him down.

UST

[7] When he insulted the soldiers of Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea killed him. Shimea was one of David's older brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 20:8

ULT

[8] These were born to Rapha in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

UST

[8] Those were some of the descendants of the Rapha giants who had lived in Gath. David and his soldiers killed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21

1 Chronicles 21:1

ULT

[1] And an adversary stood against Israel, and he incited David to count Israel.

UST

[1] An opponent decided to cause the Israelite people to have trouble. So he provoked David to find out how many men in Israel were able to be in the army.

Why did David decide to count the people of Israel? (vv1-2)

If an adversary came against Israel, and David wanted to know how many were in his army.

1 Chronicles 21:2

ULT

[2] And David said to Joab and to the chiefs of the people, “Go, count Israel from Beersheba and as far as Dan, and bring to me, that I may know their number.”

UST

[2] So David commanded Joab and the other army commanders, “Go out and count all the men in Israel who are able to be in the army. Start at Beersheba in the south and go all the way to Dan in the north. Then come back and report to me, in order that I may know how many men there are.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:3

ULT

[3] And Joab said, “May Yahweh add to his people like them 100 times. Are not, my lord the king, all of them servants to my lord? Why does my lord seek this? Why should it be guilt for Israel?”

UST

[3] But Joab replied, “Your Majesty, I hope that Yahweh will make our army a hundred times larger than it is now. But we all serve you. So you should not commit this sin, your Highness, and make Israel suffer for it.”

How did Joab respond to David’s request to count the people?

He suggested that it would bring guilt on Israel.

1 Chronicles 21:4

ULT

[4] But the word of the king was strong against Joab. So Joab went out and walked back and forth in all Israel. Then he came to Jerusalem.

UST

[4] But David would not change his mind. So Joab and his soldiers went everywhere in Israel and in Judah, and counted the people. Then they returned to Jerusalem,

What did Joab do when the king commanded him to go and count the people? (vv4-5)
He went and reported back the total number of men that were able to fight.

1 Chronicles 21:5

ULT

[5] And Joab gave the number of the numbering of the people to David. And all Israel was 1,100,000 men who drew the sword, and Judah, 470,000 men who drew the sword.

UST

[5] and they reported to David that there were 1,100,000 men in Israel who could be in the army, and 470,000 men in Judah who could be in the army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:6

ULT

[6] But Levi and Benjamin he did not number in their midst, for the word of the king was abhorrent to Joab.

UST

[6] However, Joab did not count the men from the tribes of Levi and Benjamin, because he was disgusted with what the king had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:7

ULT

[7] And it was evil in the eyes of God concerning this word, and he struck Israel.

UST

[7] David's command to count the people caused God to become angry, so he told David that he had decided to punish the people of Israel.

How did God respond to David counting the soldiers of Israel?

God was offended and attacked Israel.

1 Chronicles 21:8

ULT

[8] And David said to God, "I have sinned greatly in that I have done this thing. And now please cause to pass the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."

UST

[8] Then David prayed to God, "What I did was very foolish. I committed a terrible sin by what I have done. So now I plead with you, please forgive me."

How did David feel when God attacked Israel?

He felt guilty for sending Joab to count the soldiers.

1 Chronicles 21:9

ULT

[9] And Yahweh spoke to Gad, the seer of David, saying,

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[9] Then Yahweh said to Gad, David's prophet,

In response to David's confession, what did Yahweh offer him? (vv9-10)

Yahweh offered him three choices.

1 Chronicles 21:10

ULT

10 “Go and speak to David, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, three I am stretching over you; choose for yourself one from them, and I will act towards you.’”

UST

10 “Go and tell this to David: ‘Yahweh says, “I am allowing you to choose one of three things to punish you. I will do whichever one you choose.”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:11

ULT

11 And Gad came to David, and he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Take for yourself:

UST

11 So Gad went to David and said to him, “Yahweh says: ‘You can choose one of these punishments:

What were the three choices Yahweh gave to David? (vv11-12)

David could choose three years of famine, three months being sought after by his enemies, or three days of Yahweh’s sword.

1 Chronicles 21:12

ULT

12 either three years famine, or three months being swept away from the faces of your foes and overtaken by the sword of your enemies, or three days of the sword of Yahweh, even pestilence in the land and the angel of Yahweh destroying in all the territory of Israel.’ And now, see; what word shall I bring back to the one who sent me?”

UST

12 either three years of famine in Israel, or three months during which your armies will run away from their enemies who will attack and overrun them with swords, or three days of direct punishment from me during which I will send my angel to cause many people in the country to die because of a plague.’ So you must decide what I will say to answer Yahweh, the one who sent me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:13

ULT

13 And David said to Gad, “There is great distress to me! Please let me fall into the hand of Yahweh, for many are his great mercies, but into the hand of man, do not let me fall.”

UST

13 David replied to Gad, “I am very distressed. Allow Yahweh to punish me, because he is very merciful, and do not allow humans to punish me.”

Which of the three punishments did David choose?

He chose the three days of Yahweh’s sword.

1 Chronicles 21:14

ULT

14 And Yahweh gave a pestilence on Israel, and from Israel fell 70,000 men.

UST

14 So Yahweh sent a plague on the people of Israel, and 70,000 Israelite people died because of the plague.

What were the results of David’s choice? (vv14-15)

Yahweh sent the plague and many people died. Yahweh sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem, but Yahweh changed his mind.

1 Chronicles 21:15

ULT

15 And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy her. And when destroying, Yahweh saw, and he relented concerning the disaster. And he said to the angel who was destroying, “Enough! Now release your hand.” And the angel of Yahweh was standing at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

UST

15 And God sent an angel to kill the people in Jerusalem with the plague. While the angel was killing people, Yahweh saw all the suffering that the people had endured and decided to stop the killing. So he said to the angel when the angel was standing at the place where Ornan, from the Jebus people group, threshed grain, “Stop what you are doing! That is enough!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:16

ULT

16 And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of Yahweh standing between the earth and between the heavens and his sword drawn in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. And David fell, and the elders, covered in sackcloth, on their faces.

UST

16 David looked up and saw the angel whom Yahweh had sent, standing between the sky and the ground. The angel had a sword in his hand that he pointed toward Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of the city, who were wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, prostrated themselves on the ground.

When David saw the angel with the sword, how did he react? (vv16-17)

He confessed and requested that God punish him and his family, but not punish God's people.

1 Chronicles 21:17

ULT

17 And David said to God, "Was it not I myself who said to count the people? And it is I who sinned, and I have surely done evil, but these sheep, what have they done? Yahweh my God, please let your hand be against me and against the house of my father, but not on your people a plague."

UST

17 David prayed to God, "I am the one who ordered the census of the men who could be in the army. I am the one who has sinned and done what is wrong, but these people are as innocent as sheep. They have certainly not done anything that is wrong. So Yahweh my God, punish me and my family, but do not allow this plague to continue to cause your people to become sick and die."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:18

ULT

18 And the angel of Yahweh said to Gad to say to David that David should go up to raise an altar to Yahweh at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

UST

18 Then the angel whom Yahweh had sent told Gad to tell David to go up to the place where Ornan threshed grain and build an altar to worship Yahweh there.

What was David commanded to do at the threshing floor of Ornan? (vv18-19)

He was to build an altar for Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 21:19

ULT
19 So David went up at the word of Gad who spoke in the name of Yahweh.

UST
19 So after Gad told David, he obeyed the message that Yahweh had given to Gad, and he went up there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:20

ULT
20 And Ornan turned, and he saw the angel. And four of his sons with him were hiding themselves. And Ornan was threshing wheat.

UST
20 While Ornan was threshing some wheat, he turned and saw the angel. His four sons who were with him also saw the angel, and they hid themselves.

How did Ornan react to seeing the angel?
He and his four sons hid themselves from the angel.

1 Chronicles 21:21

ULT
21 And David came to Ornan. And Ornan looked, and he saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and he bowed down to David, face to the ground.

UST
21 Then David approached the place where Ornan was. When Ornan saw him, Ornan left the place where he was threshing grain and prostrated himself in front of David, with his face touching the ground.

When Ornan met David, what did David ask of him? (vv21-22)
He asked Ornan to sell him the threshing floor.

1 Chronicles 21:22

ULT

22 And David said to Ornan, “Give to me the place of the threshing floor, and I will build on it an altar to Yahweh. At the full price give it to me, so the plague may be restrained from against the people.”

UST

22 David said to Ornan, “Sell me this threshing place so I can build an altar here to worship Yahweh, in order that he will stop this plague. I will pay the full price.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:23

ULT

23 And Ornan said to David, “Take for yourself that my lord the king may do good in his eyes. See, I give the cattle for the burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood, and the wheat for the offering; all I give.”

UST

23 Ornan answered David, “Take it! Your Majesty, do whatever you want to. I will even give you the oxen that thresh the grain for a fully burnt offering on the altar, the threshing boards to use as wood on the altar, and the flour for a flour offering. I will provide everything.”

What did Ornan offer that David refused? (vv23-24)

He offered to give him the threshing floor, the oxen, and wheat.

1 Chronicles 21:24

ULT

24 And King David said to Ornan, “No, for I will surely buy at the full price, for I will not lift up what is yours to Yahweh and offer a burnt offering without paying compensation.”

UST

24 But King David said to Ornan, “No, I must pay you the full price, because I will not take things that belong to you and offer them to Yahweh as a fully burnt offering when they cost me nothing.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:25

ULT

25 And David gave to Ornan for the place 600 shekels of gold by weight.

UST

25 So David paid Ornan six and one-half kilograms of gold for the whole area.

After David bought the threshing floor and built an altar, how did Yahweh answer his prayer? (vv25-27)

Yahweh answered him with fire from heaven on the altar and told the angel to put his sword away.

1 Chronicles 21:26

ULT

26 And David built there an altar to Yahweh and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And he called to Yahweh, and he answered him with fire from the heavens on the altar of the burnt offering.

UST

26 David built an altar to worship Yahweh there, and he offered on the altar fully burnt sacrifices and sacrifices to restore fellowship with Yahweh. David prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered by sending a fire from heaven to burn up the offerings on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:27

ULT

27 And Yahweh spoke to the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

UST

27 Then Yahweh told the angel to put his sword back into its sheath. So the angel did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:28

ULT

28 At that time, when David saw that Yahweh had answered him at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there.

UST

28 And when David saw that Yahweh had answered him there at the place where Ornan threshed grain and had ended the plague, he offered sacrifices there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 21:29

ULT

29 And the tabernacle of Yahweh which Moses made in the wilderness and the altar of the burnt offering at that time were at the high place at Gibeon.

UST

29 At that time, Yahweh's sacred tent, which Moses had commanded others to build in the wilderness, and the altar for burning sacrifices completely, were on a hill used for worship near the city of Gibeon.

Why did David not go to the shrine of Gibeon? (vv29-30)

David was afraid of Yahweh's angel's sword.

1 Chronicles 21:30

ULT

30 And David was not able to go to its face to seek God, for he was terrified from the faces of the sword of the angel of Yahweh.

UST

30 But David did not want to go there to request God to tell him what he wanted David to do, because he was afraid that the angel sent from Yahweh might strike him with his sword.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22

1 Chronicles 22:1

ULT

1 And David said, “This is the house of Yahweh God, and this is the altar for the burnt offering of Israel.”

UST

1 David realized that this was the place that Yahweh now wanted sacrifices to be made and announced, “Here, at the edge of Jerusalem, is where we will build the temple for our God Yahweh, and where we will make the altar for fully burning the offerings that the Israelite people will bring.”

After David declared where the house of Yahweh was to be built, what did he order his servants to do? (vv1-2)
He ordered them to find the foreigners living in the land of Israel and give them jobs as stonecutters to build God’s house.

1 Chronicles 22:2

ULT

2 And David said to gather the foreigners who were in the land of Israel. And he assigned stonemasons to hew out cut stones to build the house of God.

UST

2 So David commanded that the foreigners who lived in Israel must assemble together. When they did that, he appointed some of those men to cut huge stones from the quarries and to smooth their surfaces for use in building the temple of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:3

ULT

[3] And a large amount of iron for the nails for the doors of the gates and for braces, David prepared; and a large amount of bronze, there is no weighing.

UST

[3] David provided a lot of iron for making nails and hinges for the doors in the gates of the temple. He also provided a huge amount of bronze for making various things. There was so much bronze, no one could weigh it all.

What preparations did David make for building the house of Yahweh before his death? (vv3-5)
He provided large amounts of iron, bronze, and cedar.

1 Chronicles 22:4

ULT

[4] And trees of cedar without number, for the Sidonians and the Tyrians brought a large amount of cedar trees to David.

UST

[4] David also provided money for buying a lot of cedar logs for use in building the temple. Men from the cities of Tyre and Sidon brought the logs to David that he purchased. Because they brought so many logs, no one could count them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:5

ULT

[5] And David said, “Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house to be built for Yahweh must be great for the sake of a name and for beauty in all the lands. I will now prepare for it.” And David prepared a large amount before the face of his death.

UST

[5] David provided all those things because he thought, “My son Solomon is still young and he does not yet know what he needs to know about building buildings, and the temple constructed for Yahweh must be magnificent. It must be a glorious building that will become famous, and people throughout the world must consider it beautiful. So now I will begin to prepare for its construction.” So David collected a great amount of building materials before he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:6

ULT

[6] And he called for Solomon his son, and he commanded him to build a house for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

[6] Then David summoned his son Solomon and told him to arrange for the construction of a temple for Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshipped.

Why did David tell Solomon that he was commanding him build the house of Yahweh? (vv6-8)

Yahweh told David that he would not be the one to build the house because of all the blood that was shed.

1 Chronicles 22:7

ULT

[7] And David said to Solomon, “My son, it was with my heart to build a house myself for the name of Yahweh my God.

UST

[7] David told Solomon, “My son, I wanted to build a temple to honor Yahweh, my God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:8

ULT

[8] But the word of Yahweh was to me, saying, ‘A large amount of blood you have shed and great wars you have made; you shall not build a house for my name because a large amount of blood you have shed on the ground before my face.

UST

[8] But Yahweh told a prophet to tell me, ‘You have killed many men in the big battles that you have fought. I have seen all the people you have killed, so you will not be the one who will arrange for the construction of a temple to honor me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:9

ULT

9 Behold, a son is being born to you; he himself will be a man of rest. And I will give rest to him from all his enemies from all around. For Solomon will be his name, and peace and quietness I will give to Israel in his days.

UST

9 But you will have a son who will be king of Israel after you. He will be a man without war during his reign. I will cause peace between him and his enemies who are in all the nearby lands. That is why his name will be Solomon (which sounds like the word for peace). During the time that he is king, I will provide peace and safety for the people in Israel.

How did Yahweh tell David he would do for his son? (vv9-10)

He would give him rest from all his enemies on every side, and would establish Solomon's kingdom over Israel forever.

1 Chronicles 22:10

ULT

10 He himself will build a house for my name. And he himself will be to me a son, and I to him a father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel as far as forever.'

UST

10 He is the one who will arrange for the construction of a temple to honor me. He will be like a son to me, and I will be like his father. I will cause his dynasty to rule over Israel forever.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:11

ULT

11 Now, my son, may Yahweh be with you, and may you be successful and build a house of Yahweh your God, just as he spoke concerning you.

UST

11 So now, my son, I hope that Yahweh will help you and enable you to succeed in arranging for the construction of a temple for Yahweh, your God, which is what he said that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:12

ULT

12 Only may Yahweh give to you insight and understanding, and give you charge over Israel so that you may keep the law of Yahweh your God.

UST

12 I also hope that he will enable you to be wise and to understand what you need to know, and enable you to obey his laws while you rule over Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:13

ULT

13 Then you will succeed, if you are careful to do the statutes and the judgments which Yahweh commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not fear and do not be dismayed.

UST

13 If you carefully obey all the laws and decrees which Yahweh told Moses to tell Israel to do, then you will do well in constructing a temple and ruling Israel. Now, demonstrate strength and courage. Do not be afraid of anything, and do not become discouraged!

How did David tell Solomon to carefully observe?

He told Solomon to carefully obey the statutes and the decrees that Yahweh gave to Moses concerning Israel.

1 Chronicles 22:14

ULT

14 Now, see, in my affliction, I have prepared for the house of Yahweh gold talents, 100,000, and silver, 1,000,000 talents, and for bronze and for iron, there is no weighing, for there is a large amount. And trees and stones I have prepared. And to them you will add.

UST

14 I have tried hard to provide materials for building the temple of Yahweh, including 3,300 metric tons of gold, 33,000 metric tons of silver, and a very large amount of iron and bronze (so much that no one can weigh it all). I have also gathered lumber and stone, but you will need to acquire more of those things.

What did David tell Solomon to do with all of the materials that David had prepared for Yahweh's house?

He told Solomon to add more to it.

1 Chronicles 22:15

ULT

15 And with you is a large amount of doers of work: stonemasons, and craftsmen of stone and wood, and all wise in all work,

UST

15 There are many men in Israel who have good ability to cut big stones and work with different types of stone, carpenters, and men who are very skilled at making various kinds of things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:16

ULT

16 for gold, for silver, and for bronze, and for iron; there is no numbering. Arise and work. And may Yahweh be with you."

UST

16 There are many men who know how to make things from gold, silver, bronze, and iron. So now I say to you, begin the work of building the temple, and I hope that Yahweh will be with you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:17

ULT

17 And David commanded all the chiefs of Israel to help Solomon his son,

UST

17 Then David commanded that all the Israelite leaders must assist his son Solomon:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:18

ULT

18 “Is not Yahweh your God with you all and given rest to you all from all around? For he has given into my hand the inhabitants of the land, and the land is subdued before the face of Yahweh and before the faces of his people.

UST

18 “Yahweh our God is certainly with you. He has allowed you to have peace with all the nearby nations because he has enabled my army to conquer them. Yahweh and my people control them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 22:19

ULT

19 Now, give your heart and your life to seek Yahweh your God, and arise and build the sanctuary of Yahweh God to bring the Box of the covenant of Yahweh and the sacred items of God to the house to be built for the name of Yahweh.”

UST

19 Now you must obey your God, Yahweh, with your entire lives. Help Solomon to arrange for the construction of the temple for Yahweh God, in order that you can bring the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel and the other sacred items that belong to God into the temple that you will build to honor him.”

What did David tell Solomon to get up and to do?

He told Solomon to get up and build the sanctuary of Yahweh God.

1 Chronicles 23

1 Chronicles 23:1

ULT

[1] And David was old and was full of days, and he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

UST

[1] David was a very old man when he appointed his son Solomon to be the next king over Israel.

What were some of the last things David did as king of Israel? (vv1-3)
David made Solomon king in his place, and he had counted the Levites that were at least thirty years old.

1 Chronicles 23:2

ULT

[2] And he gathered all the chiefs of Israel and the priests and the Levites.

UST

[2] David gathered the leaders of Israel and the priests and other descendants of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:3

ULT

[3] And the Levites were counted from sons of 30 years and upward and the numbering was by their heads, by males, 38,000.

UST

[3] He commanded some of his officials to count the descendants of Levi who were at least 30 years old, and they found out that there were 38,000 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:4

ULT

4 “From these, to lead the work of the house of Yahweh, 24,000, and officers and judges, 6,000,

UST

4 Then David said, “From those descendants of Levi, I want 24,000 of them to supervise the work at the temple of Yahweh, 6,000 to be officials and judges,

What jobs did David give to the Levites? (vv4-6)

He divided them into groups of overseers of the work of Yahweh’s house, officers and judges, gatekeepers, and others to praise Yahweh with instruments.

1 Chronicles 23:5

ULT

5 and 4,000 gatekeepers and 4,000 praisers to Yahweh with the instruments which I made to praise.”

UST

5 4,000 to be guards at the gates, and 4,000 to praise Yahweh, using the musical instruments that I have provided for them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:6

ULT

6 And David divided them into divisions according to the sons of Levi: of Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

UST

6 David divided the descendants of Levi into three groups; each group consisted of men who were descendants of one of the three sons of Levi—Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:7

ULT

7 Of the Gershonites: Ladan and Shimei.

UST

7 The descendants of Gershon were Ladan and Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:8

ULT

[8] The sons of Ladan: the head Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three.

UST

[8] Ladan had three sons: the oldest Jehiel, then Zetham and Joel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:9

ULT

[9] The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These, the heads of the fathers of Ladan.

UST

[9] Shimei had three sons: Shelomoth, Haziel, and Haran. They were leaders of the clans of Ladan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:10

ULT

[10] And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, and Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These, the sons of Shimei, four.

UST

[10] Shimei's sons were Jahath, Zina, Jeush, and Beriah; four in total.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:11

ULT

[11] And Jahath was the head, and Zizah the second, but Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, and they were to a house of a father for one group.

UST

[11] Jahath was the oldest son. Ziza was the second. Jeush and Beriah did not have many sons, so the officials counting the descendants of Levi counted the families of Jeush and Beriah as though they were one family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:12

ULT
12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four.

UST
12 Kohath had four sons: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:13

ULT
13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was set apart for him to consecrate the most holy things, he and his sons until forever, to make sacrifices before the face of Yahweh to minister for him and to bless in his name until forever.

UST
13 Amram's sons were Aaron and Moses. Yahweh chose Aaron, that is, Aaron and his descendants perpetually, to dedicate to Yahweh the very holy things, to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, to serve in his presence, and to declare to the people what Yahweh would do to bless them. They were to do those things forever.

What were Aaron and his descendants chosen to do permanently?
Aaron and his descendants were to consecrate the most holy items, offer incense to Yahweh, serve him, and give blessings in Yahweh's name forever.

1 Chronicles 23:14

ULT
14 And Moses, the man of God, his sons were called according to the tribe of Levi.

UST
14 The officials counting the descendants of Levi counted the descendants of Moses, the man who served God well, as part of the tribe of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:15

ULT
15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer.

UST
15 Moses' sons were Gershom and Eliezer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:16

ULT
16 The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the head.

UST
16 The oldest son of Gershom was Shubael.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:17

ULT
17 And the sons of Eliezer were Rehabiah the head, and there were not to Eliezer other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah were many above that.

UST
17 Eliezer's oldest child was Rehabiah. Eliezer had no other sons, but Rehabiah had many sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:18

ULT
18 The sons of Izhar: Shelomith the head.

UST
18 Izhar's oldest son was Shelomith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:19

ULT
19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the head, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

UST
19 Hebron had four sons. Jeriah was his oldest son; Amariah was the second; Jahaziel was the third; and Jekameam was the fourth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:20

ULT
20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the head, and Isshiah the second.

UST
20 Uzziel had two sons. Micah was the older son, and Isshiah was the younger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:21

ULT
21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.

UST
21 Merari had two sons: Mahli and Mushi. Mahli’s sons were Eleazar and Kish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:22

ULT
22 And Eleazar died and there were not to him sons, but only daughters. And the sons of Kish, their brothers, lifted them.

UST
22 Eleazar died without having sons; he only had daughters. Their cousins, Kish’s sons, married them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:23

ULT
23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth, three.

UST
23 Mushi had three sons: Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:24

ULT
24 These were the sons of Levi according to the house of their fathers, heads of the fathers, by their appointments, in the numbering of names by their heads, the doer of the work of the service of the house of Yahweh; from the sons of 20 years and upward.

UST
24 Those were the descendants of Levi that the officials counted according to the descendants' families and the leaders of those families, as well as according to the descendants' special jobs and the leaders of those jobs. They all worked in the temple of Yahweh. The officials counted each person who was at least 20 years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:25

ULT
25 For David said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, has given rest to his people. And he dwells in Jerusalem until forever.

UST
25 David had said previously, "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelite people belong, has enabled us to have peace, and he has come to live in Jerusalem forever.

Why will the Levites no longer have to carry the tabernacle? (vv25-26)
Yahweh had given them a permanent resting place in Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 23:26

ULT

26 And also, for the Levites, no longer to carry the tabernacle and all its items for its service."

UST

26 Therefore, the descendants of Levi no longer need to carry the sacred tent and all the items used in the work there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:27

ULT

27 For by the last words of David, they were numbering the sons of Levi, from the sons of 20 years and upward.

UST

27 Obeying David's final instructions before he died, instructions for doing the work at the temple, the officials counted the descendants of Levi who were at least twenty years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:28

ULT

28 For their office was by the hand of the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Yahweh over the courts, and over the chambers, and over the cleansing of all the sacred things, and the work of the service of the house of God.

UST

28 The work of those descendants of Levi was to assist the descendants of Aaron in their work in Yahweh's temple. They were in charge of the temple courtyards and the side rooms, the ceremonies for purifying all the sacred things, and to do other work at the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:29

ULT

29 And concerning the bread of the arrangement, and concerning the fine flour for the offering, and concerning the wafers of the unleavened bread, and concerning the pan, and concerning that which is mixed, and concerning all measure and size.

UST

29 They were also in charge of the loaves of bread the priests placed each week on the table in the temple, the flour for the flour offerings, the wafers that were made without yeast, and the baking pans. The descendants of Levi also had to measure the ingredients, mix them, and bake the bread and wafers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:30

ULT

30 And to stand morning by morning to thank and to praise Yahweh, and thus in the evening.

UST

30 Another responsibility for the Levites was to stand every morning at the temple and thank Yahweh and praise him. They needed to do the same thing every evening as well.

When did the Levites take time to thank and praise Yahweh? (vv30-31)

They praised him every morning and evening, when they burnt offerings, on the Sabbath, at festivals and feast days.

1 Chronicles 23:31

ULT

31 And concerning to offer all the burnt offerings to Yahweh for the Sabbaths, for the new moons, and for the appointed times in the numbering according to the judgment over them regularly before the face of Yahweh.

UST

31 And they needed to do the same thing at the presentation of fully burnt offerings to Yahweh on Sabbath days and during the new moon celebrations and other religious festivals. There were specific regulations about how many of them should be there and what they should do each time they served at Yahweh's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 23:32

ULT

32 And they were to keep the charge of the tent of meeting and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brothers for the service of the house of Yahweh.

UST

32 So the descendants of Aaron, their fellow Israelites, assigned the descendants of Levi certain responsibilities at the place where the Israelite people worshiped Yahweh. The descendants of Levi did that work at the sacred tent and in the holy place inside the tent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24

1 Chronicles 24:1

ULT

1 And to the sons of Aaron, their division. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

UST

1 These are the divisions of the descendants of Aaron the first high priest: Aaron's four sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:2

ULT

2 And Nadab died, as well as Abihu, before the face of their father, and sons were not to them. And Eleazar and Ithamar became priests.

UST

2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father died, and they had no children. So their younger brothers Eleazar and Ithamar became priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:3

ULT

3 And David divided them, along with Zadok from the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech from the sons of Ithamar, according to their office in their service.

UST

3 Zadok, who was a descendant of Eleazar, and Ahimelech, who was a descendant of Ithamar, helped David to separate the family groups into two groups. Each group had certain duties.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:4

ULT

[4] And more sons of Eleazar were found for heads of men than the sons of Ithamar, and they divided them for the sons of Eleazar, heads of a house of the fathers, 16, and for the sons of Ithamar for the house of their fathers, eight.

UST

[4] There were more leaders among the descendants of Eleazar than there were among the descendants of Ithamar. So they appointed 16 leaders from Eleazar's descendants and eight leaders from Ithamar's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:5

ULT

[5] And they divided them by lots, these with these, for there were sacred chiefs and chiefs of God from the sons of Eleazar and in the sons of Ithamar.

UST

[5] There were temple officials and priests there, including descendants of both Eleazar and Ithamar, to make sure that the work was equitable between the groups. So they decided what work each group would do by casting lots.

What method did they use to divide the priests for service in the sanctuary?
They divided them impartially by lot.

1 Chronicles 24:6

ULT

[6] And Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe from the Levites wrote them before the face of the king, and the chiefs, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers for the priests and for the Levites. One house of a father was picked for Eleazar, and one was picked for Ithamar.

UST

[6] Shemaiah son of Nethanel, who was an official secretary and a descendant of Levi, wrote down the names of the leaders of each group while David and his officials were watching. Zadok, the high priest, and Ahimelech son of Abiathar, and the leaders of the families of the priests and of the families of the other descendants of Levi also watched. The lots alternated between the two groups, starting with a family who descended from Eleazar then a family who descended from Ithamar. Once the eight leaders from families descended from Ithamar received their duties, the remaining duties went to leaders of families descended from Eleazar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:7

ULT
[7] And the first lot went to Jehoiarib, to Jedaiah the second,

UST
[7] Jehoiarib received the first lot cast. Jedaiah received the next lot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:8

ULT
[8] to Harim the third, to Seorim the fourth,

UST
[8] Next was Harim, then Seorim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:9

ULT
[9] to Malkijah the fifth, to Mijamin the sixth,

UST
[9] Next was Malkijah, then Mijamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:10

ULT
[10] to Hakkoz the seventh, to Abijah the eighth,

UST
[10] Next was Hakkoz, then Abijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:11

ULT
11 to Jeshua the ninth, to Shecaniah the tenth,

UST
11 Next was Jeshua, then Shecaniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:12

ULT
12 to Eliashib the 11th, to Jakim the 12th,

UST
12 Next was Eliashib. then Jakim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:13

ULT
13 to Huppah the 13th, to Jeshebeab the 14th,

UST
13 Next was Huppah, then Jeshebeab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:14

ULT
14 to Bilgah the 15th, to Immer the 16th,

UST
14 Next was Bilgah, then Immer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:15

ULT
15 to Hezir the 17th, to Happizzez the 18th,

UST
15 The remaining leaders descended from Eleazar. The 17th lot went to Hezir. Next was Happizzez.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:16

ULT
16 to Pethahiah the 19th, to Jehezkel the 20th,

UST
16 Next was Pethahiah, then Jehezkel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:17

ULT
17 to Jakin the 21st, to Gamul the 22nd,

UST
17 Next was Jakin, then Gamul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:18

ULT
18 to Delaiah the 23rd, to Maaziah the 24th.

UST
18 Next was Delaiah, then Maaziah was the last.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:19

ULT

[19] These, their office for their service to come into the house of Yahweh, according to the judgments by the hand of Aaron their father, just as Yahweh the God of Israel commanded him.

UST

[19] Those were the men selected to be the leaders of the groups that would serve in Yahweh's temple, obeying the regulations that Aaron their ancestor gave, regulations which Yahweh, the God the Israelite people worship, had given to him.

What was the procedure for Aaron's descendants to enter Yahweh's house?
They were instructed by Yahweh to come into his house in a special order.

1 Chronicles 24:20

ULT

[20] And to the sons of Levi, the ones who are left, of the sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah.

UST

[20] This is a list of some of the other descendants of Levi: From the sons of Amram there was Shubael. From the sons of Shubael there was Jehdeiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:21

ULT

[21] To Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the head Ishijah.

UST

[21] From Rehabiah and from the sons of Rehabiah there was Isshiah, his oldest son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:22

ULT
22 To the Izharites, Shelomoth, of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

UST
22 From the descendants of Kohath's son Izhar there was Shelomoth. From the descendants of Shelomoth there was Jahath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:23

ULT
23 And the sons of Jeriah, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

UST
23 From the descendants of Kohath's son Hebron there was his oldest son Jeriah and Amariah the second-born. Jahaziel was the third son, and Jekameam was the fourth son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:24

ULT
24 The sons of Uzziel, Micah, of the sons of Micah, Shamir.

UST
24 From the descendants of Kohath's son Uzziel there was Micah. From the descendants of Micah there was Shamir.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:25

ULT
25 The brother of Micah, Ishijah, of the sons of Ishijah, Zechariah.

UST
25 And Micah's younger brother was Isshiah. From the descendants of Isshiah there was Zechariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:26

ULT
26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Jaaziah: Beno.

UST
26 The sons of Merari were Mahli, Mushi, and Jaaziah. Jaaziah's first son was Beno.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:27

ULT
27 The sons of Merari, of Jaaziah: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

UST
27 In Merari's family line, from the descendants of Jaaziah, there were Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:28

ULT
28 To Mahli, Eleazar, and not were to him sons.

UST
28 Mahli's son Eleazar did not have any sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:29

ULT
29 To Kish, the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel.

UST
29 From the descendants of Kish there was his son Jerahmeel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:30

ULT

30 And the sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These, the sons of the Levites, according to the house of their fathers.

UST

30 The sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder, and Jerimoth. Those were descendants of Levi who were listed according to the leaders of their families.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 24:31

ULT

31 And these also cast lots just like their brothers, the sons of Aaron, before the face of King David, along with Zadok and Ahimelech and the heads of the fathers, for the priests and for the Levites; the fathers of the head just like his younger brother.

UST

31 These men also decided the jobs they would do by casting lots just like their fellow Israelites the descendants of Aaron, did. They cast lots while King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the leaders of the families of the priests and the other descendants of Levi watched. The families of each oldest brother received the same treatment as those of the youngest.

In what tradition did Aaron's descendants participated?

They threw lots in the presence of the king.

1 Chronicles 25

1 Chronicles 25:1

ULT

1 And David and the chiefs of the army divided for the service for the sons of Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, the ones prophesying with harps, with lyres, and with cymbals. And the numbering of the men of work for their service was:

UST

1 David and some of the temple officials chose some of the descendants of Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun to be in charge of teaching through song with harps, lyres, and cymbals. This is a list of the men whom they chose for that work:

What did the sons Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun do with harps, stringed insturments and cymbals?
These men prophesied with harps, stringed insturments, and cymbals.

1 Chronicles 25:2

ULT

2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah, *[1]* the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who was prophesying under the hands of the king.

UST

2 From Asaph's family, they chose Asaph's sons Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Aserelah. Asaph supervised them. The king appointed Asaph to teach through song.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:3

ULT

3 Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, [2] and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, with the harp one prophesying, for giving thanks and to praise Yahweh.

UST

3 From Jeduthun's family, they chose six sons of Jeduthun including Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah. Jeduthun supervised them and also taught through song, playing his harp while he thanked and praised Yahweh.

For what did the sons of Jeduthun play the harp?

They played the harp for giving thanks and praising Yahweh.

What did God give Heman in order to honor him?

God gave him fourteen sons and three daughters.

1 Chronicles 25:4

ULT

4 Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, [3] Shubael, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth.

UST

4 From Heman's family they chose the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shubael, Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamti-Eze, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:5

ULT

5 All these, the sons of Heman, the seer of the king by the words of God to lift up a horn. And God gave to Heman 14 sons and three daughters.

UST

5 They were all sons of Heman, who was King David's prophet. God promised to cause Heman to be strong. God gave him 14 sons and three daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:6

ULT

[6] All these, under the hands of their father in the song of the house of Yahweh, with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God under the hands of the king: Asaph, and Jeduthun, and Heman.

UST

[6] The fathers of all those men supervised the men while they played music in the temple of Yahweh. They played cymbals, harps, and lyres for their temple duty. The king supervised their fathers—Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:7

ULT

[7] And their numbering with their brothers who were taught the song of Yahweh, all the ones who understand, 288.

UST

[7] Those men and their relatives were skilled in playing musical instruments and learned the music for playing songs to Yahweh in the temple. In all, there were 288 of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:8

ULT

[8] And they cast lots for a charge, small and great alike, one who understands with a student.

UST

[8] All of them, including younger men and older men and those with experience and those without experience, cast lots to determine what work they would do.

Which of the musicians were included when they cast lots for their duties?

They all alike cast lots for their duties, the young as well as the old, the teacher as well as the student.

1 Chronicles 25:9

ULT

9 And the first lot went to Asaph, to Joseph; Gedaliah the second, he and his brothers and his sons, 12.

UST

9 The first lot went to the family of Asaph, to his son Joseph and Joseph's sons and relatives, 12 in all. Next, to Gedaliah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:10

ULT

10 The third Zaccur, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST

10 Next, to Zaccur and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:11

ULT

11 The fourth to Izri, [4] his sons and his brothers, 12;

UST

11 Next, to Izri and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:12

ULT

12 The fifth Nethaniah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST

12 Next, to Nethaniah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:13

ULT
13 The sixth Bukkiah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
13 Next, to Bukkiah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:14

ULT
14 The seventh Jesarelah, [5] his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
14 Next, to Jesarelah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:15

ULT
15 The eighth Jeshaiah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
15 Next, to Jeshaiah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:16

ULT
16 The ninth Mattaniah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
16 Next, to Mattaniah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:17

ULT
17 The tenth Shimei, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
17 Next, to Shimei and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:18

ULT
18 The 11th Azarel, [6] his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
18 Next, to Azarel and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:19

ULT
19 The 12th to Hashabiah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
19 Next, to Hashabiah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:20

ULT
20 For the 13th Shubael, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
20 Next, to Shubael and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:21

ULT
21 For the 14th Mattithiah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
21 Next, to Mattithiah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:22

ULT
22 For the 15th to Jerimoth, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
22 Next, to Jerimoth and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:23

ULT
23 For the 16th to Hananiah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
23 Next, to Hananiah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:24

ULT
24 For the 17th to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
24 Next, to Joshbekashah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:25

ULT
25 For the 18th to Hanani, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
25 Next, to Hanani and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:26

ULT
26 For the 19th to Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
26 Next, to Mallothi and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:27

ULT
27 For the 20th to Eliathah, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
27 Next, to Eliathah and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:28

ULT
28 For the 21st to Hothir, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST
28 Next, to Hothir and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:29

ULT

29 For the 22nd to Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST

29 Next, to Giddalti and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:30

ULT

30 For the 23rd to Mahazioth, his sons and his brothers, 12.

UST

30 Next, to Mahazioth and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 25:31

ULT

31 For the 24th to Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, 12.
25:2 [1]
25:3 [2]
25:4 [3]
25:11 [4]
25:14 [5]
25:18 [6]

UST

31 Next, to Romamti-Eze and his sons and relatives, 12 in all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26

1 Chronicles 26:1

ULT

1 For the divisions of the gatekeepers: Of the Korahites, Meshelemiah the son of Kore, from the sons of Asaph [1] .

UST

1 This is a list of the groups of men who guarded the temple gates: From Korah's descendants, there was Meshelemiah son of Kore, who was one of Asaph's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:2

ULT

2 And to Meshelemiah [2] sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth,

UST

2 Meshelemiah had seven sons. His oldest son was Zechariah. His other sons were Jediael, Zebadiah, Jathniel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:3

ULT

3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh.

UST

3 Elam, Jehohanan, and Eliehoenai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:4

ULT

[4] And to Obed Edom sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sakar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth,

UST

[4] Another guard was Obed Edom. He had eight sons. His oldest son was Shemaiah. His other sons were Jehozabad, Joah, Sakar, Nethanel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:5

ULT

[5] Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth, for God blessed him.

UST

[5] Ammiel, Issachar, and Peullethai. Obed Edom had many sons because God had blessed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:6

ULT

[6] And to Shemaiah his son were born sons, rulers in the house of their fathers; for mighty ones of strength they were.

UST

[6] Obed Edom's son Shemaiah also had sons. They were leaders in their father's family because they were capable warriors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:7

ULT

[7] The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad his brothers, sons of strength, Elihu and Semakiah.

UST

[7] The sons of Shemaiah were Othni, Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad. Shemaiah's relatives Elihu and Semakiah were also capable men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:8

ULT

[8] All these from the sons of Obed Edom. They and their sons and their brothers, men of strength with power for service, 62 of Obed Edom.

UST

[8] All of those descendants of Obed Edom and their sons and relatives were capable people and strong workers. Altogether there were 62 of them.

The sons and relatives of Obed Edom were capable of doing what?
They were men capable of doing their duties in the tabernacle service.

1 Chronicles 26:9

ULT

[9] And to Meshelemiah sons and brothers, sons of strength, 18.

UST

[9] Another guard was Meshelemiah. He and his sons and relatives were also capable people. There were 18 of them altogether.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:10

ULT

[10] And to Hosah, from the sons of Merari, sons: Shimri the head, although he was not firstborn, and his father set him as head,

UST

[10] Another guard was Hosah, a descendant of Merari. Hosah had four sons. Hosah's son Shimri was the leader of that family because Hosah appointed him to be the leader, even though Shimri was not Hosah's oldest son.

How did Shimri become leader even though he was not the firstborn?
Although he was not the firstborn, his father made him leader.

1 Chronicles 26:11

ULT
11 Hilkiah the second, Tabaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth. All the sons and brothers to Hosah, 13.

UST
11 Hosah's other sons were Hilkiah, Tabaliah, and Zechariah. Altogether there were 13 sons and relatives of Hosah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:12

ULT
12 To these divisions of the gatekeepers, to the head males a charge just like their brothers to minister in the house of Yahweh.

UST
12 Those men were leaders of the groups of men who guarded the gates of the temple. They worked at the temple like their relatives did.

Where were the gatekeepers responsible to serve?
They had responsibilities to serve in Yahweh's house.

1 Chronicles 26:13

ULT
13 And they cast lots, like small like great, according to the house of their fathers for gate and gate.

UST
13 By casting lots, the leader of each family chose one gate for their group to guard. All of them, including young men and old men, cast lots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:14

ULT

14 And the lot fell to the east, to Shelemiah [3] and Zechariah his son, an advisor with insight. And they cast lots and his lot went to the north.

UST

14 The lot for Shelemiah's group indicated they would guard the east gate. The group of Shelemiah's son Zechariah, who was a wise counselor, cast lots. Those lots indicated Zechariah's group would guard the north gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:15

ULT

15 To Obed Edom to the south, and to his sons, the house of stores.

UST

15 The lot for Obed Edom's group indicated they would guard the south gate, and the lot for Obed Edom's sons indicated they would guard the entrances to the temple storerooms.

What was assigned to Obed Edom's sons in addition to the south gate?

His sons were assigned the storehouses.

1 Chronicles 26:16

ULT

16 To Shuppim and to Hosah, to the west with the gate of Shalleketh on the road that goes up; a guard alongside a guard.

UST

16 The lots for Shuppim's group and Hosah's group indicated they would guard the west gate and the Shalleketh Gate on the upper road to the temple. The work for the guards corresponded to what was necessary for each duty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:17

ULT
17 To the east six Levites, to the north per day four, to the south per day four, and to the stores two by two.

UST
17 Each day there were six descendants of Levi who guarded the east gate, four who guarded the north gate, four who guarded the south gate, and two at a time who guarded the entrances to the storerooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:18

ULT
18 At the colonnade to the west, four at the highway, two at the colonnade. [4]

UST
18 At the west gate there were two men who guarded the courtyard and four who guarded the road outside the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:19

ULT
19 These, the divisions of the gatekeepers for the sons of the Korahites and for the sons of Merari.

UST
19 Those were the groups of men who were descendants of Korah and Merari who guarded the gates of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:20

ULT
20 And the Levites, Ahijah over the treasuries of the house of God and of the treasuries of the sacred things.

UST
20 A man from the descendants of Levi, Ahijah, oversaw the places where the temple's treasures were as well as the places where the Levites kept the gifts that the people brought to the temple.

Ahijah in charge of what in God's house?
He was in charge of the treasures of God's house, and of the treasures of the dedicated things.

1 Chronicles 26:21

ULT

21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers, belonging to Ladan the Gershonite, Jehieli.

UST

21 The descendants of Ladan were themselves descendants of Gershon. They were leaders among their family groups. A descendant of this Ladan from the descendants of Gershon was Jehiel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:22

ULT

22 The sons of Jehieli: Zetham and Joel his brother, over the treasuries of the house of Yahweh.

UST

22 From the sons of Jehiel, Zetham and his younger brother Joel were in charge of the places where the temple's treasures were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:23

ULT

23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites:

UST

23 Others who did that work were descendants of Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:24

ULT

24 And Shubael the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, a leader over the treasuries,

UST

24 Shubael, a descendant of Moses' son Gershom, was another leader in charge of where the treasures were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:25

ULT
25 and his brothers; to Eliezer, Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son.

UST
25 Others who did that work were the descendants of Gershom's younger brother Eliezer. Those men were Eliezer's son Rehabiah, Rehabiah's son Jeshaiah, Jeshaiah's son Joram, Joram's son Zichri, and Zichri's son Shelomith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:26

ULT
26 This Shelomith and his brothers were over all the treasuries of the sacred things which David the king consecrated, and the heads of the fathers, of the chiefs of thousands and hundreds, and the chiefs of the army.

UST
26 Shelomith and his relatives were in charge of all the valuable things that certain people had dedicated to Yahweh. These people who dedicated things included King David, the leaders of the family groups, the army commanders of 1,000 soldiers and commanders of 100 soldiers, as well as other army commanders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:27

ULT
27 From battles and from plunder they consecrated to strengthen the house of Yahweh.

UST
27 They dedicated for the repair of Yahweh's temple some of the valuable things that those army officers had taken from Israel's enemies after Israel's army had defeated enemies in battles.

For what purpose was some of the plunder won in battles dedicated by David and the commanders?
They dedicated some of the plunder won in battles for repairing Yahweh's house.

1 Chronicles 26:28

ULT

28 And all Samuel the seer consecrated, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah. All the sacred things were under the hand of Shelomith and his brothers.

UST

28 Shelomith and his relatives were also in charge of everything that the prophet Samuel, King Saul, and David's two army commanders Abner and Joab had dedicated to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:29

ULT

29 Of the Izharites, Kenaniah and his sons to the work of the outside for Israel as officers and judges.

UST

29 From the descendants of Izhar, Kenaniah and his sons worked outside the temple area. They were officials and judges in various places in Israel.

Of what were Kenaniah and his sons in charge as officers and judges?

They were in charge of the civil affairs of Israel as officers and judges.

1 Chronicles 26:30

ULT

30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, sons of strength, 1,700, over appointment of Israel from beyond the Jordan to the west for all the work of Yahweh and for the service of the king.

UST

30 From the descendants of Hebron, Hashabiah and his relatives were responsible for all the work done for Yahweh and for the king in the area west of the Jordan river. There were 1,700 of them who were able to do their work well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:31

ULT

31 Of the Hebronites, Jeriah the head of the Hebronites according to his generations of fathers. In the 40th year of the reign of David they were sought out and there were found among them mighty ones of strength in Jazer of Gilead,

UST

31 Scribes recorded in the records of Hebron's descendants that Jeriah was the leader of that family group. When David had been ruling for almost forty years, they searched in those records and found names of capable men descended from Hebron who were at the city of Jazer in the region of Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 26:32

ULT

32 and his brothers, sons of strength, 2,700 heads of the fathers. And David the king appointed them over the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter of God, and matter of the king.
26:1 [1] in 1 Chronicles 9:19.
26:2 [2] in 1 Chronicles 26:14.
26:14 [3] in 1 Chronicles 26:2.
26:18 [4]

UST

32 Jeriah had 2,700 relatives who were able to do their work well and who were leaders of their families. King David put them in charge of governing the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh, to ensure that all the people did what God commanded and what the king told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27

1 Chronicles 27:1

ULT

[1] And the sons of Israel, for the numbering of the heads of the fathers and the chiefs of thousands and hundreds, and their officers of those who minister to the king for any matter of the divisions who come and go month by month for all months of the year, one division, 24,000.

UST

[1] This is a list of the Israelite men who served the king in the army. Some were leaders of families, some were commanders of 1,000 men, some were commanders of 100 men, and some were other officers. There were 24,000 men in each group. Each group served one month of each year.

When did each division of the army serve?

They served month by month throughout the year.

How many men were in each division of the army?

There were 24,000 men in each division.

1 Chronicles 27:2

ULT

[2] Over the first division for the first month, Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[2] Jashobeam, son of Zabdiel, was in charge of the group that served during the first month of each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:3

ULT

[3] From the sons of Perez the head of all the chiefs of the armies for the first month.

UST

[3] He was a descendant of Perez, and he was the commander of all the army officers during the first month of each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:4

ULT

[4] And over the division for the second month, Dodai the Ahohite and his division, and Mikloth the leader, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[4] Dodai, from the clan of Ahohi, was the commander of the group that served during the second month of each year. Mikloth was an important leader in that group also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:5

ULT

[5] The third chief of the army for the third month, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the head priest, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[5] Benaiah, son of Jehoiada the high priest, was the commander of the group that served during the third month of each year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:6

ULT

[6] This Benaiah the mighty one of the 30, and over the 30 and his division, Ammizabad his son.

UST

[6] Benaiah was a mighty warrior among David's 30 greatest soldiers, and he was their leader. His son Ammizabad was his assistant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:7

ULT

[7] The fourth for the fourth month, Asahel brother of Joab and Zebadiah his son after him, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[7] Asahel, Joab's younger brother, was the commander of the group that served during the fourth month of each year. Asahel's son Zebadiah became the commander after Asahel was killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:8

ULT

[8] The fifth for the fifth month, the chief Shamhuth the Izrahite, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[8] Shamhuth, a descendant of Izrah, was the commander for the fifth month.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:9

ULT

[9] The sixth for the sixth month, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[9] The commander for the sixth month was Ira son of Ikkesh from the city of Tekoa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:10

ULT

[10] The seventh for the seventh month, Helez the Pelonite, from the sons of Ephraim, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[10] The commander for the seventh month was Helez, a member of the clan of Pelon from the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:11

ULT

[11] The eighth for the eighth month, Sibbekai the Hushathite, of the Zerahites, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[11] The commander for the eighth month was Sibbekai, a descendant of Zerah from the city of Hushah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:12

ULT

[12] The ninth for the ninth month, Abiezer the Anathothite, of the Benjaminites, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[12] The commander for the ninth month was Abiezer from the city of Anathoth in the region belonging to the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:13

ULT

[13] The tenth for the tenth month, Maharai the Netophahite, of the Zerahites, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[13] The commander for the tenth month was Maharai, a descendant of Zerah from the city of Netophath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:14

ULT

[14] The 11th for the 11th month, Benaiah the Pirathonite, from the sons of Ephraim, and over his division, 24,000.

UST

[14] The commander for the 11th month was Benaiah, a descendant of Ephraim from the city of Pirathon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:15

ULT
15 The 12th for the 12th month, Heldai the Netophahite, of Othniel, and over his division, 24,000.

UST
15 The commander for the 12th month was Heldai, a descendant of Othniel from the city of Netophath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:16

ULT
16 And over the tribes of Israel: for the Reubenites, a leader, Eliezer the son of Zichri; for the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah;

UST
16 There were certain tribal leaders over each of the tribes of Israel: Eliezer, son of Zicri, was the leader of the tribe of Reuben. Shephatiah, son of Maacah, was the leader of the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:17

ULT
17 for the Levites, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel; for Aaron, Zadok;

UST
17 Hashabiah, son of Kemuel, was the leader of the tribe of Levi. Within the tribe of Levi, Zadok was the leader of Aaron's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:18

ULT
18 for Judah, Elihu, from the brothers of David; for Issachar, Omri the son of Michael;

UST
18 Elihu, David's older brother, was the leader of the tribe of Judah. Omri, son of Michael, was the leader of the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:19

ULT
19 for Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; for Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of Azriel;

UST
19 Ishmaiah, son of Obadiah, was the leader of the tribe of Zebulun. Jerimoth, son of Azriel, was the leader of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:20

ULT
20 for the sons of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah; for the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah;

UST
20 Hoshea, son of Azaziah, was the leader of the tribe of Ephraim. Joel, son of Pedaiah, was the leader of the western half of the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:21

ULT
21 for the half of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; for Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner;

UST
21 Iddo, son of Zechariah, was the leader of the eastern half of the tribe of Manasseh, in the region of Gilead. Jaasiel, son of Abner, was the leader of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:22

ULT
22 for Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These, the chiefs of the tribes of Israel.

UST
22 Azarel, son of Jeroham, was the leader of the tribe of Dan. These men were the tribal leaders of the 12 tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:23

ULT

23 And David did not lift the numbering for sons of 20 years and downwards, because Yahweh said he would multiply Israel like the stars of the heavens.

UST

23 David did not tell Joab to count the men who were less than twenty years old, because Yahweh had promised many years previously that there would be as many people in Israel as there are stars in the sky.

Why did David not count those twenty years old or younger?

He did not count them because Yahweh had promised to increase Israel like the stars of heaven.

1 Chronicles 27:24

ULT

24 Joab the son of Zeruiah began to count, but he did not finish. And there was among this wrath on Israel. And the number did not go up into the number of the matters of the days of King David.

UST

24 Joab and his helpers started to count the men of Israel, but they did not finish counting them because Joab knew that Yahweh was angry about the census. Yahweh punished the people of Israel because of this counting, and as a result the officials did not write the total number of Israelite men able to serve in the army on the scroll about King David’s rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:25

ULT

25 And over the treasuries of the king, Azmaveth the son of Adiel. And over the treasuries in the field, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the towers, Jonathan the son of Uzziah.

UST

25 Azmaveth, son of Adiel, was in charge of the king’s storehouses. son of Uzziah, was in charge of the agriculture storehouses in other towns and villages in Israel, as well as the watchtowers.

Over what was Jonathan son of Uzziah responsible?

He was over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages.

1 Chronicles 27:26

ULT
26 And over the ones who do the work of the field, for the service of the ground, Ezri the son of Kelub.

UST
26 Ezri son of Kelub was in charge of the workers who farmed the land that belonged to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:27

ULT
27 And over the vineyards, Shimei the Ramathite. And over what is in the vineyards for the treasuries of the wine, Zabdi the Shiphmite.

UST
27 Shimei from the city of Ramath was in charge of the king's vineyards. from the city of Shepham was in charge of storing the wine from the grapes produced in the vineyards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:28

ULT
28 And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees which were in the lowlands, Baal-Hanan the Gederite. And over the treasuries of the oil, Joash.

UST
28 Baal-Hanan from the city of Geder was in charge of the groves of olive and sycamore trees in the western foothills. Joash was in charge of storing the olive oil.

What kinds of trees were in the lowlands
Olive trees and sycamore trees were in the lowlands.

1 Chronicles 27:29

ULT

29 And over the herd pasturing in Sharon, Shitrai the Sharonite. And over the herd in the valleys, Shaphat the son of Adlai.

UST

29 Shitrai from the Plain of Sharon was in charge of the herds of cattle that grazed there. son of Adlai was in charge of the cattle in the valleys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:30

ULT

30 And over the camels, Obil the Ishmaelite. And over the female donkeys, Jehdeiah the Meronothite.

UST

30 Obil, a descendant of Ishmael, was in charge of the camels. from the city of Meronoth was in charge of the donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:31

ULT

31 And over the flock, Jaziz the Hagrite. All these, the chiefs of the property which belonged to King David.

UST

31 Jaziz, a descendant of Hagar, was in charge of the king’s flocks of sheep. All of those officials were in charge of the things that belonged to King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:32

ULT

32 And Jonathan, the uncle of David, an advisor, a man of understanding and a scribe, was he. And Jehiel the son of Hakmoni was with the sons of the king.

UST

32 David's uncle Jonathan was a wise counselor for him and an official secretary. son of Hacmoni, taught the king's sons.

Why was Jonathan, David's uncle an advisor?
He was an advisor, since he was a wise man and a scribe.

1 Chronicles 27:33

ULT

33 And Ahithophel, an advisor to the king, and Hushai the Arkite, friend to the king.

UST

33 Ahithophel was the king's official counselor. from the Ark people group was the king's friend.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 27:34

ULT

34 And after Ahithophel, Jehoiada the son of Benaiah and Abiathar. And the chief of the army of the king, Joab.

UST

34 Benaiah's son Jehoiada became the king's advisor after Ahithophel died, and later Abiathar became his advisor. was the chief commander of the army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28

1 Chronicles 28:1

ULT

1 And David called to assembly all the chiefs of Israel: the chiefs of the tribes, and the chiefs of the divisions who served the king, and the chiefs of the thousands, and the chiefs of the hundreds, and the chiefs of all the property and cattle belonging to the king and to his sons, with the high officials, and the mighty ones, and to all the mighty ones of strength, to Jerusalem.

UST

1 David summoned all the leaders of Israel to come to Jerusalem. He summoned the leaders of the tribes, the leaders of the groups that worked for the king, the commanders of 1,000 soldiers, the commanders of 100 soldiers, those who were in charge of all the king's property and his livestock, those who taught his sons, all the palace officials, and his mighty soldiers and bravest warriors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:2

ULT

2 And David the king rose to his feet, and he said, "Hear me, my brothers and my people, I had in my heart to build a house of rest for the Box of the covenant of Yahweh and for the footstool of the feet of our God. And I have prepared to build.

UST

2 King David stood up and said, "My fellow Israelites, listen to me. I wanted to build a temple to be a place where we would put the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel, where the sacred chest would act as the place of God's presence. And I made plans to build the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:3

ULT

3 But God said to me, 'You will not build a house for my name, because a man of war you are and blood you have shed.'

UST

3 But God said to me, 'You are not the one to arrange the building of a temple to honor me, because you have fought battles and have killed people.'

Why did God say David could not build a temple for his name?

God said that he could not build it because he was a man of war and had shed blood.

1 Chronicles 28:4

ULT

4 Yet Yahweh, the God of Israel, chose me from all of the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for among Judah he chose for a leader, and in the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, with me he was pleased to make king over all Israel.

UST

4 But Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, had chosen me and my descendants from all my relatives to be the kings of Israel forever. First he chose Judah to be a leader, and then from among the people of Judah and from my relatives, from among all my brothers, he chose me to be the king over all of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:5

ULT

5 And from all my sons, for many sons Yahweh has given to me, and he chose Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh over Israel.

UST

5 Yahweh has given me many sons, but from them all he chose my son Solomon to be the next king to rule his kingdom of Israel.

What did Yahweh choose Solomon, David's son, to do over Israel?
He chose Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh, over Israel.

1 Chronicles 28:6

ULT

6 And he said to me, 'Solomon your son, he himself will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him for myself for a son, and I myself will be to him for a father.

UST

6 He said to me, 'Solomon your son is the one who will arrange to build my temple and the courtyards around it, because I have chosen him to be like my son and I will be like his father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:7

ULT

7 And I will establish his kingdom until forever, if he is strong to do my commands and my judgments, like this day.’

UST

7 I will enable his kingdom to endure forever if he continues to obey my laws and decrees, like he is doing now.’

What did Yahweh say he would do for Solomon if he remained committed to obey his commandments?

Yahweh said that he would establish his kingdom forever.

1 Chronicles 28:8

ULT

8 And now, in the eyes of all Israel, the assembly of Yahweh, and in the ears of our God, keep and seek all the commands of Yahweh your God in order that you all will possess the good land and you all will cause your sons after you to inherit until forever.

UST

8 So now, while all you people of Israel, all of you who belong to Yahweh, are watching, and while God is listening, I command all you people to carefully obey all the commands of Yahweh our God, in order that you may continue to possess this good land and enable your descendants to inherit it forever.

If all the people kept the commandments of Yahweh, what would happen to the good land they posessed?

They would possess the good land and leave it as an inheritance to their children after them forever.

1 Chronicles 28:9

ULT

[9] And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a whole heart and with a willing life, for all hearts Yahweh seeks and all purpose of thoughts understands. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you abandon him, he will reject you forever.

UST

[9] And you, my son Solomon, must know God like I know him, and you must serve him faithfully and because you want to. You must do that because he knows what everyone is thinking and he understands the reasons that people do what they do. If you seek to know him, he will heed your prayers. But if you abandon him, he will abandon you forever.

What does Yahweh understand of everyone's thoughts?
He understands every motivation of everyone's thoughts.

What will happen if Solomon abandons Yahweh?
Yahweh will reject him permanently.

1 Chronicles 28:10

ULT

[10] See, now, that Yahweh has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and act."

UST

[10] Recognize that Yahweh has chosen you to arrange the building of a temple for him. Be strong and do what he wants you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:11

ULT

[11] And David gave to Solomon his son the plan of the porch, and its houses, and its treasuries, and its upper rooms, and its inner rooms, and the house of the atonement lid,

UST

[11] Then David gave to his son Solomon the scroll which contained the plans for the buildings of the temple, its porch, its storerooms, all the other upper rooms, the holy place, and the very holy place which will contain the sacred chest and its lid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:12

ULT

12 and the plan of all that was by the Spirit with him for the courts of the house of Yahweh, and for all the chambers all around, for the treasuries of the house of God and for the treasuries of the sacred things,

UST

12 The scroll also contained the plans that he had for building the courtyards for Yahweh's temple and all the surrounding rooms, including the rooms for the temple's money and the rooms for valuable things that people dedicated to God.

What were the storerooms in God's house and the treasuries to store?

The storerooms and the treasuries were for the things consecrated for the temple.

1 Chronicles 28:13

ULT

13 and for the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of Yahweh, and for all the items of the service of the house of Yahweh,

UST

13 David gave Solomon instructions for the work groups of priests and other descendants of Levi, about all the work that they must do to serve in Yahweh's temple, and about taking care of all the things they would use in the work at the temple.

Where were the priests and Levites assigned responsibilies to serve?

Their assigned responsibilities were for the service of the house of Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 28:14

ULT

14 for gold by weight, for gold for all the items of service and service, for all the items of silver by weight, for all the items of service and service,

UST

14 He had written down how much gold and how much silver to use to make all the items in the regular functions of the temple. The measurements of the amount of gold and silver were by weight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:15

ULT

15 and the weight for the gold lampstands and their gold lamps by weight of lampstand and lampstand and its lamps, and for the lampstands of silver by weight for the lampstand and its lamps, according to the service of lampstand and lampstand,

UST

15 There was a list of how much gold to use for making the gold lampstands and the lamps, how much silver to use to make the silver lampstands and lamps,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:16

ULT

16 and the gold weight for the tables of the arrangement, for the table and table, and silver for the tables of silver,

UST

16 how much gold to use for making the table on which the priests would put the bread to display before God, how much silver to make the silver tables,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:17

ULT

17 and the forks and the bowls and the jugs of pure gold and for the basins of gold by weight for basin and basin, and for the basins of silver by weight, for basin and basin,

UST

17 how much pure gold for the meat forks and the bowls and the cups, how much gold for each gold dish, how much silver for each silver dish,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:18

ULT

18 and for the altar of incense, refined gold by weight, and for the plan of the chariot of the cherubim, gold, that spread out and cover over the Box of the covenant of Yahweh.

UST

18 how much refined gold to use to make the altar for burning incense, and how to make the golden statues of winged creatures that would be above the sacred chest symbolizing the agreement between Yahweh and the people of Israel, like a chariot for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 28:19

ULT

19 The entirety in writing from the hand of Yahweh upon me, he instructed all of the works of the plan."

UST

19 Then David said, "I have written all these plans with Yahweh's direction. He has enabled me to understand all the details of his plan for the temple's construction."

How was David directed in all the things he put in writing?

Yahweh directed him and gave him to understand regarding the design.

1 Chronicles 28:20

ULT

20 And David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and be courageous and act. Do not fear and do not be dismayed for Yahweh God, my God, is with you. He will not leave you and he will not abandon you until all the work of the service of the house of Yahweh is finished.

UST

20 David also said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and courageous, and do this work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, because Yahweh our God, whom I worship, will be with you. He will not fail to help you or abandon you until you finish all the work of making his temple.

What did David promise Solomon about Yahweh's presence until all the work was finished?

Yahweh would not leave him nor abandon him until all the work for the service of Yahweh's temple was finished.

1 Chronicles 28:21

ULT

21 And behold, the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God, and with you in all the work will be every willing one with wisdom, for all the service, and the chiefs and all the people for all your ways.”

UST

21 Look, the groups of priests and other descendants of Levi are ready to begin their work at God’s temple, and every man who has a special skill will help you in all the work. And my officials and the other people will obey you, whatever you command them to do.”

What were the officials and all the people ready to do?

They were ready to follow Solomon’s commands.

1 Chronicles 29

1 Chronicles 29:1

ULT

1 And King David said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, alone God has chosen him, is young and tender, and the work is great; for not for man is the palace but for Yahweh God.

UST

1 Then King David said to all the people who had gathered there, “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen to be the next king, is young and does not have much experience. This endeavor of building the temple is large and significant, because this glorious building will not be to honor people, but to honor Yahweh our God.

Why did David say the task of building the temple was great?
The task was great, for the temple is not for people, but for Yahweh God.

1 Chronicles 29:2

ULT

2 And according to all my power I have provided for the house of my God, the gold for the gold, and the silver for the silver, and the bronze for the bronze, the iron for the iron, and the wood for the wood, stones of onyx and settings, stones of antimony and colorful things, and all the rare stones and alabaster stones, in abundance.

UST

2 From all the things that I possess, I have provided the resources to build the temple of my God—gold for the things made of gold, silver for the things made of silver, bronze for the things made of bronze, iron for the things made of iron, wood for the things made of wood, and large amounts of onyx for inlays and turquoise and other valuable stones of various colors, and marble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:3

ULT

3 And again, in my delighting in the house of my God, possessions belonging to me, gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, above all I have prepared for the sacred house:

UST

3 In addition to all these things that I have given for the holy temple, I am giving my own treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, because I very earnestly desire the construction of this temple for my God.

Why did David donate his personal treasure for the house of God?
He delighted in the house of his God.

1 Chronicles 29:4

ULT

4 3,000 talents of gold from the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses,

UST

4 I am giving about 100 metric tons of gold from Ophir and 230 metric tons of refined silver to cover the walls of the buildings,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:5

ULT

5 gold for gold, and silver for silver, and for all the work by the hand of the craftsmen. And who offers freely to fill his hand today to Yahweh?”

UST

5 for making the other items of gold and silver, and for the other work the craftsmen will do. So now, I ask you, who is willing to show by contributing other gifts for the building of the temple that he has dedicated himself to Yahweh?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:6

ULT

[6] And the chiefs of the fathers offered freely as well as the chiefs of the tribes of Israel and the chiefs of thousands and hundreds, and the chiefs of the work of the king.

UST

[6] Then the leaders of the families, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of 1,000 soldiers and the commanders of 100 soldiers, and the officials who supervised the work that the king wanted done, gave gifts willingly.

What kind of gifts were made by the leaders of the ancestors' families?
They made freewill offerings.

1 Chronicles 29:7

ULT

[7] And they gave for the service of the house of God gold, 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics, and silver, 10,000 talents, and bronze, 18,000 talents, and iron, 100,000 talents.

UST

[7] For the work at the temple they gave 165 metric tons and eighty-four kilograms of gold, 330 metric tons of silver, 600 metric tons of bronze, and 3,300 metric tons of iron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:8

ULT

[8] And he who was found with it, stones, they gave to the treasury of the house of Yahweh, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

UST

[8] Any people who owned valuable stones donated them to Yahweh's temple. Officials stored the stones in the storeroom of the temple. Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon, was in charge of the stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:9

ULT

[9] And the people rejoiced because they offered freely, for with a whole heart they offered freely to Yahweh. And also King David rejoiced with great joy.

UST

[9] The people were happy to see that their leaders wanted to give those things; they were happy and enthusiastic to give those things to Yahweh. And King David also was very happy.

Why did the people rejoice for the freewill offerings?

They rejoiced because they had contributed wholeheartedly to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 29:10

ULT

[10] And David blessed Yahweh in the eyes of all the assembly. And David said, “Blessed are you, Yahweh, God of Israel, our father, from forever and until forever.

UST

[10] Then, in front of all the people there, David praised Yahweh. He said, “We praise you, Yahweh, the God whom our ancestor Jacob worshiped. We will praise you forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:11

ULT

[11] To you, Yahweh, the greatness, and the might, and the beauty, and the splendor, and the majesty; indeed, everything in the heavens and in the earth. To you, Yahweh, the kingdom and lifting yourself above all as head.

UST

[11] You, Yahweh, are great and powerful; you are glorious, majestic and wonderful. All of this is true because everything in heaven and on the earth is yours. You are the king of all the world and the exalted ruler of everything.

What does David say belongs to Yahweh?

All that is in the heavens and on the earth is Yahweh’s, as well as the kingdom.

1 Chronicles 29:12

ULT

12 And the riches and the glory from before your face, and you are ruling over all, and in your hand power and might, and in your hand to make great and to strengthen all.

UST

12 Wealth and honor come from you; you reign over all things. Because you are very powerful, you are able to cause anyone to be great and be strong.

How is Yahweh able to make people great and give them strength?

He possesses strength and might and is able to give strength to anyone.

1 Chronicles 29:13

ULT

13 And now, our God, we are giving thanks to you and praising the name of your beauty.

UST

13 So now, our God, we thank you, and we praise you for being majestic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:14

ULT

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we should retain power to offer freely like this? For from you is everything, and from your hand we have given to you.

UST

14 But I and my people are not really able to give anything to you, because everything that we have comes from you; the things that we have given to you are only the things that we have received from you.

What did David say about the things the people gave to Yahweh?

All things come from Yahweh, and they had simply given back to him what was his.

1 Chronicles 29:15

ULT

15 For we are foreigners before your face and sojourners, like all our fathers, like the shadow are our days on the earth, and there is no hope.

UST

15 You know that we are like foreigners and strangers to you, as our ancestors were. Our years here on earth are like a shadow that disappears quickly; we know that there is nothing that can enable us to escape dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:16

ULT

16 Yahweh our God, all this abundance that we have prepared in order to build for you a house for the name of your holiness, from your hand it is and for you is all.

UST

16 Yahweh our God, we have gathered all these things to use in building your temple to glorify your reputation as holy, but all of it really belongs to you, and you have given it to us. We give it all back to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:17

ULT

17 And I know, my God, that you examine the heart and in uprightness are pleased. I, in the uprightness of my heart, I have offered freely all these, and now your people are found here, I see with joy, to offer freely to you.

UST

17 My God, I know that you test us people, and you are pleased when we do what is right. All these things I have given to you because I wanted to. And now I am pleased to see that your people have gathered in this place and generously given things to you.

In what does God have pleasure when he examines the heart?

Yahweh examines the heart and has pleasure in uprightness.

What made David look with joy on God's people who were present?

He looked with joy as they willingly offered gifts to Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 29:18

ULT

18 Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel—our fathers—keep this forever concerning the purpose of the thoughts of the heart of your people, and direct their hearts to you.

UST

18 Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worshiped, help your people continue to desire to do things like this forever, and help them be loyal to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:19

ULT

19 And to Solomon my son, give a whole heart to keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, and to do all and to build the palace for which I have prepared."

UST

19 Please enable my son Solomon to faithfully and sincerely obey all of your laws and do everything that is needed to build this temple for which I have provided all these things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:20

ULT

20 And David said to all the assembly, "Bless Yahweh your God." And all the assembly blessed Yahweh, the God of their fathers. And they bowed down and paid homage to Yahweh and to the king.

UST

20 Then David said to all the people who were gathered there, "Praise Yahweh our God!" So they all praised Yahweh the God whom their ancestors also worshiped. They prostrated themselves on the ground in front of Yahweh and in front of the king.

How did all the assembly bless and worship Yahweh?

All the assembly blessed Yahweh, bowed their heads and worshiped Yahweh.

1 Chronicles 29:21

ULT

21 And they sacrificed to Yahweh sacrifices, and they offered burnt offerings to Yahweh on the day following that day, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, 1,000 lambs, and their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

UST

21 The next day the people offered sacrifices to Yahweh. They presented many animals that they completely burned on the altar: 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, 1,000 young sheep, offerings of wine, and many other sacrifices for all the people of Israel to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:22

ULT

22 And they ate and drank before the face of Yahweh that day with great joy. And they made king a second time Solomon, the son of David, and they anointed for Yahweh for a leader and Zadok for priest.

UST

22 On that day the people were joyful and ate and drank in Yahweh's honor. Then for the second time they declared that Solomon, David's son, was now the king. They anointed him with olive oil to be the king on behalf of Yahweh, and they anointed Zadok to be the high priest.

With whose authority did they annoint Solomon to be ruler?

They anointed him with Yahweh's authority.

1 Chronicles 29:23

ULT

23 And Solomon sat on the throne of Yahweh as king instead of David his father, and he succeeded. And all Israel listened to him.

UST

23 So Solomon sat on the throne which represented Yahweh's reign over Israel. Solomon became king in the place of his father David. During the following years Solomon prospered, and all the Israelite people obeyed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:24

ULT
24 And all the chiefs, and the mighty ones, and also all the sons of King David gave a hand under King Solomon.

UST
24 All the officers and mighty warriors, as well as King David's other sons accepted Solomon as their king and promised to obey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:25

ULT
25 And Yahweh made Solomon exceedingly great in the eyes of all Israel. And he bestowed on him majesty of a kingdom which has not been on any king before his face over Israel.

UST
25 Yahweh caused all the Israelite people to highly respect Solomon. Yahweh gave him a splendorous kingdom. No king of Israel who served Yahweh received such a kingdom like Solomon did.

How did Yahweh greatly honor Solomon before all Israel?
He bestowed on him greater power than he had ever given to any king before him in Israel.

1 Chronicles 29:26

ULT
26 And David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

UST
26 Jesse's son David was the king who ruled all of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:27

ULT

27 And the days which he reigned over Israel, 40 years. In Hebron he reigned seven years, and in Jerusalem he reigned 33.

UST

27 He ruled over Israel for 40 years: seven years in the city of Hebron and 33 years in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:28

ULT

28 And he died at a good old age, full of days, riches, and glory. And Solomon his son reigned in his place.

UST

28 He was very rich and very much honored, and he became an old man. Then he died, and his son Solomon became the king in David's place.

What two things had David enjoyed during his long life?
He enjoyed wealth and honor.

1 Chronicles 29:29

ULT

29 And the matters of King David, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written in the words of Samuel the Seer, and in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the words of Gad the prophet,

UST

29 Take note, a record of all the things that King David did while he ruled, from the beginning to the end, the prophets Samuel, Nathan, and Gad wrote on scrolls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Chronicles 29:30

ULT

30 with all his reign and his might and the times which passed over on him, and on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the lands.

UST

30 They told about his powerful rule, and all the things that happened to him and to the people of Israel and in the kingdoms of other countries while he was ruling Israel.

What kingdoms were affected by David's accomplishments, in addition to Israel?
The prophets recorded his accomplishments and the events that affected all the kingdoms of the other lands.

2 Chronicles

2 Chronicles 1

2 Chronicles 1:1

ULT

1 And Solomon the son of David strengthened himself over his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.

UST

1 King Solomon, David's son, was able to gain complete control over his kingdom, because Yahweh his God was with him and enabled him to become a very strong king.

Why was Solomon, the son of David, strengthened in his rule?
Solomon was strengthened in his rule because Yahweh was with him and made him very powerful.

2 Chronicles 1:2

ULT

2 And Solomon said to all Israel, to the chiefs of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince of all Israel, the heads of the fathers.

UST

2-5 When David had been king, he arranged for a new sacred tent to be made in Jerusalem. Then David and the Israelite leaders brought God's sacred chest from the city of Kiriath Jearim to the new sacred tent. But when Solomon became the king, the first sacred tent was still in the city of Gibeon. There was a bronze altar there that Bezalel son of Uri and grandson of Hur, had made was also still at Gibeon, in front of the first sacred tent. Solomon called together the army commanders who directed thousands of soldiers, and the commanders who directed hundreds of soldiers, with the judges and all the other leaders in Israel. He told them to go with him to Gibeon. So they all went to the place on the hill where idols were worshiped at Gibeon. That was the same place where God had met with his people in the tent which Moses had made. There Solomon and all the others with him prayed to Yahweh.

What items were present for worship as Solomon went to the shrine that was at Gibeon? (vv2-5)
There was the tent of meeting or tabernacle which Moses made in the wilderness, and the bronze altar that Bezalel had made, but the ark of God had been taken from Kiriath Jearim to a tent in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 1:3

ULT

3 And Solomon went and all the assembly with him to the high place that was at Gibeon, for there was the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of Yahweh, had made in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:4

ULT

4 However, the Box of God David had brought up from Kiriath Jearim to where David prepared for it, for he pitched a tent for it in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:5

ULT

5 And the bronze altar which Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, made was there before the tabernacle of Yahweh; and Solomon and the assembly sought him. *[1]*

UST

2-5 When David had been king, he arranged for a new sacred tent to be made in Jerusalem. Then David and the Israelite leaders brought God's sacred chest from the city of Kiriath Jearim to the new sacred tent. But when Solomon became the king, the first sacred tent was still in the city of Gibeon. There was a bronze altar there that Bezalel son of Uri and grandson of Hur, had made was also still at Gibeon, in front of the first sacred tent. Solomon called together the army commanders who directed thousands of soldiers, and the commanders who directed hundreds of soldiers, with the judges and all the other leaders in Israel. He told them to go with him to Gibeon. So they all went to the place on the hill where idols were worshiped at Gibeon. That was the same place where God had met with his people in the tent which Moses had made. There Solomon and all the others with him prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:6

ULT

[6] And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before Yahweh, which was at the tent of meeting, and he brought up on it 1,000 burnt offerings.

UST

[6] Then Solomon went up to the bronze altar in front of the sacred tent, and he offered one thousand animals to be killed and completely burned on the altar.

What did Solomon do before Yahweh approached him with the question, “What should I give you”? (vv6-7)

Solomon worshipped Yahweh at the bronze altar by offering one thousand burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 1:7

ULT

[7] In that night, God appeared to Solomon, and he said to him, “Ask what I should give to you.”

UST

[7] That night God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said to him, “Request whatever you want me to give to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:8

ULT

[8] And Solomon said to God, “You yourself did with David my father great covenant faithfulness and have made me king in his place.

UST

[8] Solomon replied to God, “You were very kind to David my father, and now you have appointed me to be the next king.

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to give him wisdom and knowledge? (vv8-10)

Solomon asked Yahweh to give him wisdom and knowledge so that he could lead the people of Israel who were many in number.

2 Chronicles 1:9

ULT

[9] Now, Yahweh God, may your word with David my father be confirmed, for you yourself have made me king over a people numerous as the dust of the earth.

UST

[9] So Yahweh my God, you have caused me to become the king to rule people who are as many as the dust of the earth. So do what you promised to my father David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:10

ULT

[10] Now wisdom and knowledge give to me, and I will go out before this people, and I will come in, for who can judge this great people of yours?”

UST

[10] Please enable me to be wise and to know what I should do, in order that I may rule these people well, because there is no one who can rule all this great nation of yours without your help.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:11

ULT

[11] And God said to Solomon, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for wealth, riches, or glory, or the life of those who hate you, and also many days you did not ask, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge with which you will judge my people, which I made you king over them,

UST

[11] God replied to Solomon, “You have not requested a huge amount of money or to be honored or that your enemies be killed. And you have not requested that you be enabled to live for a long time. Instead, you have requested that I enable you to be wise and to know what you should do in order that you may govern well my people whom I have appointed you to rule.

Why did God give Solomon wisdom and knowledge?

God gave Solomon wisdom and knowledge because he did not ask for riches, wealth, honor, the death of those who hated him nor long life for himself, but for God’s help in ruling over his people.

2 Chronicles 1:12

ULT

12 wisdom and knowledge are given to you, and wealth, and riches, and glory I will give to you which were not thus to the kings who were before you, and after you will not be thus."

UST

12 So I will enable you to be wise and to know what you should do to rule my people well. But I will also enable you to have a huge amount of money and for people everywhere to honor you, more any king before you, and more than any king who will come after you."

What did God give to Solomon along with wisdom and knowledge?

God gave Solomon what he did not ask for: riches, wealth, and honor above any of the kings before him.

2 Chronicles 1:13

ULT

13 And Solomon came from the high place that was at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the tent of meeting; and he was king over Israel.

UST

13 Then Solomon and the people who were with him all left the sacred tent at Gibeon, and they returned to Jerusalem. There he ruled the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:14

ULT

14 And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen, and there was to him 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he placed them in the chariot cities, and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST

14 Solomon acquired 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand men who rode on horses. He put some of the chariots and horses in Jerusalem, and put some of them in various other cities.

In what ways was the wealth of Solomon seen by all? (vv14-15)

Solomon had 1,400 chariots and twelve thousand horsemen, silver and gold were as common as stone, and cedar wood was as common as the sycamore trees in the lowlands.

2 Chronicles 1:15

ULT

15 And the king made silver and gold in Jerusalem as the stones, and cedars he made as the sycamore trees that were in the lowlands in abundance.

UST

15 During the years that Solomon was king, silver and gold were as common in Jerusalem as stones, and lumber from cedar trees were as plentiful as lumber from ordinary sycamore trees in the foothills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:16

ULT

16 And the source of the horses which were to Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue; the traders of the king, they would take at a price from Kue.

UST

16 Solomon’s horses were imported from Egypt and from the region of Kue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 1:17

ULT

17 And they brought up and brought out from Egypt a chariot for 600 silver, and a horse for 150. And thus, according to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram, by their hands, they brought out.
1:5 *[1]* , where refers to David.

UST

17 In Egypt his men paid seven kilograms of silver for each chariot and one and seven-tenths kilograms of silver for each horse. They also sold many of them to the kings of the Heth and Aram people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2

2 Chronicles 2:1

ULT

1 And Solomon said to build a house for the name of Yahweh and a house for his kingdom.

UST

1 Solomon decided that a temple should be built where Yahweh would be worshiped, and also that he would build a palace for himself.

Why did Solomon ask Hiram to send him cedar logs as he did for his father David? (vv1-3)
Solomon asked Hiram to send him cedar logs so he could build a house for Yahweh's name and a palace for his kingdom.

2 Chronicles 2:2

ULT

2 And Solomon counted 70,000 men as burden bearers, and 80,000 men as stonemasons in the hills, and directors over them 3,600.

UST

2 He commanded seventy thousand men to carry the building supplies and eighty thousand men to cut stones from quarries in the hills. He also chose 3,600 men to supervise them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:3

ULT

3 And Solomon sent to Hiram, the king of Tyre, saying, "Just as you did with David my father and sent to him cedars to build for himself a house to dwell in it.

UST

3 Solomon sent this message to King Hiram of the city of Tyre: "Many years ago when my father David was building his palace, you sent him cedar logs. Will you send me cedar logs, too?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:4

ULT

4 Behold, I am building a house for the name of Yahweh my God, to consecrate to him, to sacrifice before him spiced incense and the regular display, and burnt offerings in the morning and in the evening, on the Sabbaths and on the new moons, and the appointed times of Yahweh our God. Forever, this is over Israel.

UST

4 We are about to build a temple to set it apart for Yahweh, to burn for him incense made from fragrant spices, to always display before him the bread, and to burn animal offerings every morning and evening and day of rest, as well as at every new moon and on the other special festivals to honor Yahweh our God. We want to do these things forever, as Yahweh has commanded.

Why did Solomon plan to build a house for the name of Yahweh that would be very large? (vv4-5)

Solomon planned to build a large house for the name of Yahweh because his God was greater than all other gods.

2 Chronicles 2:5

ULT

5 And the house that I am building will be great, for great is our God more than all gods.

UST

5 We want this temple to be a great temple, because our God is greater than all other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:6

ULT

6 But who can keep strength to build for him a house, since the heavens and the heavens of the heavens do not contain him? And who am I that I would build for him a house, except to sacrifice before him?

UST

6 But no one can build a place for God to live in, since even the heavens and the earth are not big enough for him. I myself an not worthy to build him a house, except as a place to offer sacrifices to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:7

ULT

7 And now, send to me a wise man to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, and in iron, and in purple and crimson and violet, and one who knows how to engrave engravings; with the wise who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father prepared.

UST

7 Therefore, please send me someone who is very good at making things from gold and silver and bronze and iron, and at making things from purple and red and blue cloth. He should also know well how to engrave designs. I want him to work in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah with my skilled craftsmen, the ones whom my father David appointed.

Who did Solomon need if he was to build a house for the name of Yahweh which reflected Yahweh's greatness?

Solomon needed a man who was skilled at work in gold, sliver, bronze, iron, and in purple, crimson, blue woolm and who could make all kinds of engraved wood.

2 Chronicles 2:8

ULT

8 And send to me trees of cedar, cypress, and algum from Lebanon, for I myself know that your servants know how to cut trees of Lebanon. And behold, my servants will be with your servants,

UST

8 I know that your workers are skilled in cutting timber, so also please send me cedar logs, pine logs, and algum from the Lebanon mountains. My workers will work with your workers.

Why did Solomon want Hiram to send him cedar, fir, and algum trees from Lebanon? (vv8-9)

Solomon wanted Hiram to send these trees to him so that the house which he would build for the name of Yahweh would be great and marvelous.

2 Chronicles 2:9

ULT

9 in order to prepare for me trees in abundance, for the house which I am building will be great and marvelous.

UST

9 In that way, they will provide me with plenty of lumber. We will need plenty, because I want the temple that we will build to be large and beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:10

ULT

10 And behold, to the wood cutters, to the ones who cut the trees, I will give crushed wheat to your servants 20,000 cors, and barley 20,000 cors, and wine 20,000 baths, and oil 20,000 baths." *[1]*

UST

10 I will pay to your workers, the men who cut the logs, 4,400 kiloliters of bushels of ground wheat, 4,400 kiloliters of barley, and 440 kiloliters of wine, and 440 kiloliters of olive oil."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:11

ULT

11 And Hiram, the king of Tyre, said in a writing, and sent to Solomon: "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has placed you over them as king."

UST

11 When Hiram received this message, he replied by sending a message back to Solomon: "Because Yahweh loves his people, he has appointed you to be their king.

According to Hiram, why did Yahweh make Solomon the king over the people of Israel? (vv11-12)

According to Hiram, Yahweh made Solomon the king because Yahweh loved his people and Solomon was gifted with prudence and understanding.

2 Chronicles 2:12

ULT

12 And Hiram said, "Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who made the heavens and the earth, who has given to David the king a son of wisdom, knowing insight and understanding, who will build a house for Yahweh and a house for his kingdom.

UST

12 Let everyone praise Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelite people belong, the one who created the sky and the earth! He has given King David a wise son, one who is very intelligent and who has good skill and understanding. He wants to build a temple for Yahweh and a palace for himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:13

ULT

13 And now, I have sent a wise man, knowing understanding, Huram-Abi,

UST

13 I will send to you Huram-Abi, one of my skilled craftsmen.

Why did Hiram send Huramabi to Solomon? (vv13-14)

Hiram sent Hurambi because he was skilled at work in gold, silver, bronze, iron, stone, and in timber, and in purple, blue, crimson wool, and fine linen as well as in making any kind of engravings.

2 Chronicles 2:14

ULT

14 a son of a woman from the daughters of Dan, and his father a man of Tyre, knowing to work in gold, and in silver, in bronze, in iron, in stones, and in trees, in purple, in violet, and in fine linen, and in crimson, and to engrave any engraving and to devise any device, which is given to him with your wise ones and the wise ones of my lord, David, your father.

UST

14 His mother was from the tribe of Dan, and his father was from here in Tyre. He is able to make things from gold and silver and bronze and iron and stone and wood, but he also makes nice things from purple and blue and red cloth, and he does all kinds of engraving. He can make things using any design that you give to him. He will work with your craftsmen, and the craftsmen who did work for your father, King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:15

ULT

15 And now, the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord has said, let him send to his servants.

UST

15 Now please send us the wheat, barley, olive oil, and wine that you promised to send to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:16

ULT

16 And we ourselves will cut trees from Lebanon, according to all your need, and we will bring them to you by rafts by sea to Joppa, and you yourself will bring them up to Jerusalem.”

UST

16 When you do that, my workers will cut in the Lebanon mountains all the logs that you need and bring them down to the sea. Then we will tie the logs together to form rafts with them, and float them in the sea to the city of Joppa. From there, you can arrange for men to take them up to Jerusalem.”

How was it possible for the wood from Lebanon to be taken to Israel?

The wood from Lebanon was taken to Israel as rafts by sea to Joppa and then carried up to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 2:17

ULT

17 And Solomon counted all the men, the foreigners who were in the land of Israel, after the census that David, his father, had counted them. And there were found 153,600.

UST

17 Solomon told his workers to count all the people from other countries who were living in Israel, similar to what his father David had done. There were 153,600 of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 2:18

ULT

18 And he made from them 70,000 burden bearers, 80,000 stonemasons in the hills, and 3,600 directors to cause the people to work.
2:10 [1] .

UST

18 Solomon assigned seventy thousand of them to carry materials, and eighty thousand to cut stone from quarries in the hills, and 3,600 of them to supervise the others and be sure that they worked steadily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3

2 Chronicles 3:1

ULT

[1] And Solomon began to build the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where he had appeared to David his father, where David prepared in the place at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

UST

[1] Then Solomon's workers started to build the temple for Yahweh in Jerusalem. They built it on Mount Moriah, where an angel from Yahweh had appeared to his father David. They built it on the ground that Ornan, a descendant of the Jebus people group, had sold to David and where David said that it should be built.

Why did Solomon begin to build the house of Yahweh at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite on Mount Moriah? (vv1-2)

Solomon began to build the house of Yahweh there because that was where Yahweh had appeared to David his father.

2 Chronicles 3:2

ULT

[2] And he began to build in the second month on the second, in the fourth year of his reign.

UST

[2] They began the work on the second day of the second month, when Solomon had been ruling almost four years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:3

ULT

[3] And these were the founding of Solomon to build the house of God, the length in cubits by the former measure, 60 cubits, and the width 20 cubits.

UST

[3] The foundation of the temple was twenty-seven meters long and nine meters wide.

What were the dimensions of the foundation which Solomon laid for the house of God?

The dimensions of the foundation for the house of God was sixty cubits long and twenty cubits wide, using the old style cubit.

2 Chronicles 3:4

ULT

4 And the porch which is at the front, the length on the front of the width of the house, 20 cubits, and the height, 120. And he overlaid it from within with pure gold.

UST

4 The entrance room across the front of the temple was also nine meters long, the same as the temple's width. The entrance room was also nine meters high. Solomon caused workmen to coat the interior of the entrance room with thin sheets of pure gold.

How high was the portico at the front of the house?
The portico was twenty cubits.

2 Chronicles 3:5

ULT

5 and the great house he overlaid with cypress wood, and he overlaid it with pure gold, and he brought up on it palm trees and chains.

UST

5 Solomon's workers used panels of pine wood to line the main hall of the temple. Then they covered those panels with very thin sheets of pure gold. On them they carved images of palm trees and designs that resembled chains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:6

ULT

6 And he overlaid the house with precious stones for beauty; and the gold was gold of Parvaim.

UST

6 They decorated the temple with very valuable stones. The gold that they used was from the land of Parvaim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:7

ULT

[7] And he overlaid the house, the beams, the thresholds, and its walls, and its doors with gold; and he engraved cherubim on the walls.

UST

[7] They covered the ceiling beams, doorframes, walls and doors of the temple with very thin sheets of gold. They also carved statues of winged creatures on the walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:8

ULT

[8] And he made the house of the holy of holies; its length at the front of the width of the house, 20 cubits, and its width 20 cubits. And he overlaid it with pure gold, to 600 talents.

UST

[8] They also built the very holy place inside the temple. It was nine meters long, the same as the temple's width. The width of the very holy place was the same. They covered its walls with sheets of pure gold that altogether weighed about twenty metric tons.

What was used to overlay the most holy place? (vv8-9)

The most holy place was overlaid with fine gold.

2 Chronicles 3:9

ULT

[9] And the weight of the nails was 50 shekels of gold and the upper rooms he overlaid with gold.

UST

[9] Each gold nails weighed about one-half a kilogram. They also covered the walls of the upper rooms with thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:10

ULT

10 And he made in the house of the holy of holies two cherubim, a work of casting; and he overlaid them with gold. [1]

UST

10 Solomon's workers made two statues of creatures with wings to put inside the very holy place. They covered those statues with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:11

ULT

11 And the wings of the cherubim, their length was 20 cubits, one wing was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house, and another wing five cubits, reaching to a wing of the other cherub.

UST

11-12 Each statue had two long wings. One wing of each statue touched the wall of the temple. The other wing of each statue touched a wing of the other statue. The wingspan of each cherub was about four and three-fifths meters across. One wing of each cherub touched the wall, while the other reached to the middle of room and touched the inner wing of the other cherub. Each wing was two and one-third meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:12

ULT

12 And the wing of the other cherub five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing five cubits, clinging to the wing of the other cherub.

UST

11-12 Each statue had two long wings. One wing of each statue touched the wall of the temple. The other wing of each statue touched a wing of the other statue. The wingspan of each cherub was about four and three-fifths meters across. One wing of each cherub touched the wall, while the other reached to the middle of room and touched the inner wing of the other cherub. Each wing was two and one-third meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:13

ULT
13 The wings of these cherubim spread out 20 cubits. And they were standing on their feet, and their faces toward the house.

UST
13 It was nine meters from the outer wing of the one statue to the outer wing of the other statue. The statues faced the doorway leading to the main room.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:14

ULT
14 And he made the curtain of violet, and purple, and crimson and fine linen, and he brought up on it cherubim.

UST
14 Solomon’s workers made a curtain to separate the main room from the very holy place. It was made of blue, purple, and red thread and fine linen. Figures of winged creatures were embroidered on the curtain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:15

ULT
15 And he made before the house two pillars, 35 cubits in length; and the capital which was on its head, five cubits.

UST
15 They made two bronze pillars and put them at the entrance of the temple. They were each sixteen meters high. A separate piece was attached to the top of each pillar; each of the top pieces was two and one-third meters high.

What did Solomon put on the two pillars in front of the house of God? (vv15-17)
Solomon joined one hundred pomegranates to the chains which he placed on top of the pillars.

2 Chronicles 3:16

ULT

16 And he made chains in the inner sanctuary, and he placed on the head of the pillars; and he made 100 pomegranates and he placed on the chains.

UST

16 The workers made carvings that resembled chains and put them on top of the pillars. They made carvings that resembled pomegranates and attached them to the chains. There were one hundred of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 3:17

ULT

17 And he set up the pillars on the face of the temple, one on the right hand, and one on the left. And he called the name of the right, Jakin, and the name of the left, Boaz.
3:10 [1] .

UST

17 They set up the pillars in front of the temple, one the south side of the entrance and the other on the north side. The one of the south side was named Jakin and the one on the north side was named Boaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4

2 Chronicles 4:1

ULT
1 And he made an altar of bronze, 20 cubits its length, and 20 cubits its width, and 10 cubits its height.

UST
1 Solomon's workers made a square bronze altar, nine meters long on each side, and four and three-fifths meters high.

What were the dimensions for the altar of bronze?
The altar of bronze was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high.

2 Chronicles 4:2

ULT
2 And he made the Sea of cast metal, 10 by the cubit from its edge to its edge, round, all around, and 5 by the cubit its height; and a measuring string 30 by the cubit surrounding it all around.

UST
2 They also made a very large round tank that was called "The Sea," and it had a circumference of fourteen meters.

How big was the round sea of cast metal?
The round sea was ten cubits from brim to brim. It was five cubits high and thirty cubits in circumference.

2 Chronicles 4:3

ULT
3 And a likeness of oxen was under it all around; all around, surrounding it, 10 cubits, encircling the Sea all around; two rows of the oxen, cast in its cast metal.

UST
3 Below the outer rim there were small figures of bulls that were set in a circle, the bulls were placed 45 centimeters apart around the whole circle. The bulls were cast together in two rows, and they were also cast together with the metal basin that was called "The Sea." (Each row had three hundred figures of bulls.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:4

ULT

4 Standing on 12 oxen, three turned to the north, and 3 turned to the west, and 3 turned to the south, and three turned to the east. And the Sea was on them above, and all their hindquarters to the house.

UST

4 “The Sea” was set on twelve large figures of bulls, with the bulls facing outward. Three bulls faced north, three faced west, three faced south, and three faced east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:5

ULT

5 And its thickness was a span, and its edge like a work of an edge of a cup, a bud of a lily, taking hold, 3000 baths it could contain.

UST

5 The sides of the tank were eight centimeters thick. The tank’s brim was fashioned like the brim of a cup; it resembled a lily blossom. The tank held sixty-six kiloliters of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:6

ULT

6 And he made 10 pots, and he placed five on the right and five on the left to wash in them; the work of the burnt offering, they will rinse in them. And the Sea for bathing for the priests in it.

UST

6 The craftsmen also made ten basins for washing the articles that were to be used in making offerings, and they set five on the south side, and five on the north side. In them the utensils used for the burnt offering were washed, and the priests washed themselves in the large bronze tank that was called “The Sea.”

What was the purpose of the sea which Solomon built for the temple?

The sea was for the priests to wash in.

2 Chronicles 4:7

ULT

[7] And he made the 10 lampstands of gold according to their judgment, and he placed in the temple five on the right and five on the left.

UST

[7] The craftsmen also made ten gold lampstands according to how Solomon had instructed them. They put them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north side.

How did Solomon know how to make the ten lampstands of gold?
Solomon made the ten lampstands of gold from the instructions for their design.

2 Chronicles 4:8

ULT

[8] And he made 10 tables, and he gave rest in the temple, five on the right, and five on the left. And he made 100 basins of gold.

UST

[8] They made ten tables and put them in the temple, five on the south side and five on the north side. They also made one hundred gold basins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:9

ULT

[9] And he made the courtyard of the priests, and the great court and the doors for the court and their doors he overlaid with bronze.

UST

[9] They constructed one courtyard for the priests, and a larger courtyard for the other people. They made doors for the courtyards and covered them with thin sheets of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:10

ULT

10 And the Sea he placed on the right side to the east, facing toward the south.

UST

10 They placed the large tank that was called “The Sea” at the southeast corner of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:11

ULT

11 And Huram made the tubs, and the shovels, and the basins. And Huram finished making the work that he made for King Solomon in the house of God:

UST

11 They also made pots and shovels for the ashes of the altar, and other small bowls. So Huram and his workers finished the work that King Solomon had given him to do at the temple of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:12

ULT

12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the head of the two pillars, and the two trellises to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the head of the pillars,

UST

12 These were the things that they made: the two large pillars the two bowl shaped tops on top of the pillars

the two sets of carvings that resembled chains to decorate the tops of the two pillars

What was the work which Huram finished for King Solomon in the house of God? (vv12-13)

Huram finished the work on the two pillars, the bowls, the decorative latticework, and the four hundred pomegranates.

2 Chronicles 4:13

ULT
13 and the 400 pomegranates for the two trellises, two rows of pomegranates for each trellis to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the face of the pillars.

UST
13 the four hundred carvings that resembled pomegranates that were placed in two rows, they were made to decorate the tops of the two pillars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:14

ULT
14 And the stands he made, and the pots he made on the stands,

UST
14 The pomegranate carvings also were used to decorate the stands, and the basins that were placed on them,

What did Huramabi make of polished bronze for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh? (vv14-16)
Huramabi made the stands and the basins, one sea and the twelve bulls under it, and many implements.

2 Chronicles 4:15

ULT
15 the one Sea, and the 12 oxen under it.

UST
15 the very large tank called “The Sea,” and the figures of twelve bulls underneath it,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:16

ULT

16 And the tubs, and the shovels, and the forks, and all items Huram-Abi made for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh of polished bronze. [1]

UST

16 the pots, shovels, meat forks, and all the other things needed for the work at the altar. All those things that Huram-Abi and his craftsmen made for King Solomon were of bronze that they polished for it to gleam brightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:17

ULT

17 In the vicinity of the Jordan the king cast them, in the thick ground between Succoth and between Zeredathah.

UST

17 They made them by pouring melted bronze into the clay molds that Huram-Abi had set up near the Jordan River between the cities of Succoth and Zarethan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:18

ULT

18 And Solomon made all these items in great abundance; indeed, the weight of the bronze was not sought out.

UST

18 All of those things that Solomon told them to make used a very large amount of bronze, so great was the amount they used that no one knew how much it all weighed.

What was the weight of the bronze for all of the vessels Solomon made?

The weight of the bronze all the vessels Solomon made could not be known.

2 Chronicles 4:19

ULT
19 And Solomon made all the items that were in the house of God, and the altar of gold, and the tables and on them the bread of the presence;

UST
19 Solomon's workers also made all these things that they later put into the temple: the golden altar, the tables on which the priests put the bread to display before God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:20

ULT
20 and the lampstands and their lamps for their burning according to the judgment before the inner sanctuary, fine gold;

UST
20 the pure gold lampstands and the pure gold lamps, in which the priests put oil to burn in front of the very holy place (as God had told Moses that the priests should do),

What were the lampstands with their lamps that were designed to burn before the inner room made of?
The lampstand with their lamps were made of pure gold.

2 Chronicles 4:21

ULT
21 and the buds, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, it was perfection of gold.

UST
21 the pure gold decorations that resembled flowers, and the lamps and tongs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 4:22

ULT

22 and the lamp trimmers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers of fine gold. And the entrance of the house, its inner doors into the Holy of Holies and the doors of the house, for the temple, gold.
4:16 [1] , some versions have .

UST

22 The workers also made the pure gold wick trimmers and bowls for sprinkling, and dishes and incense burners,

the gold doors of the temple,

the gold inner doors leading to the very holy place,

the gold doors leading to the main hall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5

2 Chronicles 5:1

ULT

1 And all the work which Solomon did for the house of Yahweh was completed, and Solomon brought in the sacred things of David, his father; and the silver, and the gold, and all the items, he placed in the treasuries of the house of God.

UST

1 After Solomon's workers had finished building the temple, Solomon put in the temple storerooms everything that his father David had dedicated to Yahweh—all the silver and gold and all the other things that were used at the temple.

Where did Solomon put the things which David had dedicated to God?

Solomon put all the things including the silver, gold, and all the furnishings, into the storerooms of the house of God.

2 Chronicles 5:2

ULT

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers of the sons of Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the Box of the covenant of Yahweh from the city of David, that is, Zion.

UST

2 Then King Solomon summoned to Jerusalem all the elders of Israel, all the leaders of the tribes and of the families. He wanted them to join in bringing to the temple Yahweh's sacred chest from Mount Zion, where it was in the part of the city called the city of David.

What did Solomon decide to do next? (vv2-3)

Solomon assembled the leaders of Israel to bring up the ark of the covenant of Yahweh from the city of David.

2 Chronicles 5:3

ULT

3 And all the men of Israel assembled to the king at the feast; it was the seventh month.

UST

3 So all the leaders of Israel gathered together with the king, during the Festival of Shelters, in the seventh month.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:4

ULT

[4] And all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites carried the Box.

UST

[4] When they had all arrived, the descendants of Levi lifted up the sacred chest,

What did King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel do when the Levites brought up the ark of the covenant? (vv4-6)

King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel came together sacrificing many sheep and oxen.

2 Chronicles 5:5

ULT

[5] And they brought up the Box, and the tent of meeting, and all the sacred items that were in the tent; the priests, the Levites, brought them up.

UST

[5] and they carried it and the sacred tent and the sacred things that were inside it. The priests, who were also descended from Levi, carried them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:6

ULT

[6] And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel were gathering to him before the Box, sacrificing sheep and oxen which was not counted, and it was not numbered because of the abundance.

UST

[6] King Solomon and many of the other people of Israel who had gathered there walked in front of the sacred chest. And they sacrificed a huge amount of sheep and bulls. No one was able to count them because there were very many.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:7

ULT

[7] And the priests brought in the Box of the covenant of Yahweh to its place, to the inner sanctuary of the house, to the holy of holies, to under the wings of the cherubim.

UST

[7] The priests then brought the sacred chest into the very holy place, into the inner room of the temple, and they placed it under the wings of the figures of winged creatures.

Where did the priests place the ark of the covenant of Yahweh? (vv7-8)

The priests placed the ark of the covenant of Yahweh in the most holy place under the wings of the cherubim.

2 Chronicles 5:8

ULT

[8] And the cherubim were spreading out wings over the place of the Box. And the cherubim covered over the Box and over its poles from above.

UST

[8] The wings of those figures spread out over the sacred chest and over the poles by which it was carried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:9

ULT

[9] And the poles lengthened and the heads of the poles from the Box were seen at the front of the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen outside. And they are there until this day.

UST

[9] The poles were very long, with the result that they could be seen by people who were standing in the entrance to the very holy place, but they could not be seen by anyone standing outside the temple. Those poles are still there.

What items were in the ark of the covenant? (vv9-10)

There was nothing in the ark of the covenant except the two tablets that Moses had put there at Horeb.

2 Chronicles 5:10

ULT

10 There was nothing in the Box except the two tablets that Moses had placed at Horeb, which Yahweh cut with the sons of Israel in their going out from Egypt.

UST

10 The only things that were inside the sacred chest were the two stone tablets that Moses had put there at Mount Sinai, where Yahweh had made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:11

ULT

11 And it happened in the going out of the priests from the holy place that all the priests who were found consecrated themselves; there was no keeping to the divisions.

UST

11 Then the priests left the holy place in the temple. All the priests who were there set themselves apart to serve the priestly duties, without concern for which group they were from.

What did all the Levites do after the priests came out of the holy place? (vv11-12)

The Levites, who were clothed in fine linen, stood at the east end of the altar playing cymbals, harps, and lyres.

2 Chronicles 5:12

ULT

12 And the Levites, the singers, all of them, Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brothers, clothed in fine linen, with cymbals, and with harps and lyres, were standing to the east of the altar. And with them, 120 priests sounding with trumpets.

UST

12 All the descendants of Levi who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, their sons and their other relatives—stood on the east side of the altar. They were wearing linen clothes, and they were playing cymbals, harps, and lyres. There were 120 other priests who were blowing trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 5:13

ULT

13 And it happened, like one were the trumpeters and singers, to cause to hear one voice to praise and to give thanks to Yahweh. And when raising a voice with trumpets and with cymbals and with the items of the song, and when praising Yahweh: “For good, for forever is his covenant faithfulness.” And the house filled with a cloud, the house of Yahweh.

UST

13 The men blowing trumpets, those playing the cymbals and other musical instruments, and the singers, made music together, praising Yahweh and singing this song: “Yahweh is good to us; he faithfully loves us forever.” Then suddenly the temple was filled with a cloud.

How did the trumpeters and singers praise Yahweh?

The trumpeters and singers made music together, singing, “For he is good, for his covenant loyalty endures forever.”

2 Chronicles 5:14

ULT

14 And the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of God.

UST

14 The glory of Yahweh filled the temple, with the result that the priests were not able to continue doing their work.

Why were the priests unable to stand in order to serve?

The priests could not stand because the cloud, which was the glory of Yahweh, filled Yahweh’s house.

2 Chronicles 6

2 Chronicles 6:1

ULT
[1] Then Solomon said, “Yahweh has said he would dwell in thick darkness,

UST
[1] Then Solomon prayed, “Yahweh, you said that you would live in a dark cloud.

How had Solomon improved the place where Yahweh would live? (vv1-2)
Yahweh had said he would live in thick darkness, but Solomon built him a lofty residence in which he would live forever.

2 Chronicles 6:2

ULT
[2] but I have built a lofty house for you and a place for you to dwell forever.”

UST
[2] But now I have built a glorious temple for you to live in forever!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:3

ULT
[3] And the king turned his face, and he blessed all the assembly of Israel, and all the assembly of Israel was standing.

UST
[3] Then while all the people stood there, Solomon turned toward the people and asked God to bless them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:4

ULT

4 And he said, “Blessed be Yahweh the God of Israel who spoke with his mouth to David my father, and with his hands he fulfilled, saying,

UST

4 He said to them, “Let us praise Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, who has caused to happen what he promised to my father David. What he said to David was this:

Where did Yahweh finally decide to live and whom did he chose to rule over Israel? (vv4-6)
Yahweh had chosen no city in which to build his house nor any man to be prince over Israel, but he then chose Jerusalem as the city and David to be over Israel.

2 Chronicles 6:5

ULT

5 ‘From the day that I brought out my people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city from all the tribes of Israel to build a house, for my name to be there. And I did not choose a man to be leader over my people Israel.

UST

5 ‘From the time that I brought my people out of Egypt, I have never chosen a city in Israel in which a temple should be built for people to worship me there. Nor did I choose anyone to be the leader of my Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:6

ULT

6 But I have chosen Jerusalem, for my name to be there, and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel.’

UST

6 But now I have chosen Jerusalem to be the place for people to worship me, and I have chosen you, David, to rule my Israelite people.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:7

ULT

[7] And it was with the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

[7] Then Solomon said further, “My father David wanted to build a temple for Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong.

What did Yahweh say to David to keep him from fulfilling the desire of his heart? (vv7-9)
Yahweh had told David, “It was in your heart to build a house for my name, but your son will build it instead.”

2 Chronicles 6:8

ULT

[8] And Yahweh said to David my father, ‘On account of what is with your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was with your heart.

UST

[8] But Yahweh said to him, ‘It is good that you wanted to build a house for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:9

ULT

[9] Only you yourself must not build the house; instead, your son who comes from your loins, he himself will build the house for my name.’

UST

[9] However, you are not the one who I want to build the temple, It is one of your own sons who will build it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh has established his word that he spoke, and I have risen instead of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, just as Yahweh spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

10 And Yahweh has done what he promised to do. I have become the king of Israel to rule after my father, and I am ruling the people, as Yahweh promised, and I have arranged for this temple to be built for us to worship Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong.

How did Yahweh carry out the word that he had spoken? (vv10-11)

Yahweh carried out the word he had spoken by having Solomon sit on David's throne, build the house for the name of Yahweh, and place the ark within it.

2 Chronicles 6:11

ULT

11 And I set there the Box, in which there is the covenant of Yahweh, which he cut with the sons of Israel."

UST

11 I have put the sacred chest in the temple, in which are the stone tablets showing the covenant that Yahweh made with us Israelite people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:12

ULT

12 And he stood before the altar of Yahweh in front of all the assembly of Israel. And he spread out his hands,

UST

12 Then Solomon stood in front of the altar that was in front of the people of Israel who had gathered there. He spread out his hands as he began to pray.

How did Solomon stand before the altar of Yahweh? (vv12-13)

Solomon stood on a bronze platform, knelt down before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward the heavens.

2 Chronicles 6:13

ULT

13 for Solomon made a platform of bronze, and he placed it in the midst of the court, five cubits its length, and five cubits its width, and three cubits its height. And he stood on it, and he knelt down on his knees in front of all the assembly of Israel, and he spread out his hands to the heavens.

UST

13 Now His workers had built a bronze platform there for him to stand on, which was two and one-third meters square and one and one-half meters high. They had put it in the outer courtyard. Solomon mounted that platform and then knelt down in front of all the people of Israel who had gathered there, and he spread out his arms toward heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:14

ULT

14 And he said, “Yahweh, God of Israel, there is not like you a god in the heavens or on the earth, one who keeps the covenant and covenant faithfulness to your servants, walking before you with all their heart;

UST

14 Then he prayed, “Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelite people belong, there is no God like you in heaven or on the earth. You solemnly promised in your covenant that you would faithfully love us, and that is what you have done for us who earnestly do what you want us to do.

What does Yahweh do for the servants who walk before him with all their heart? (vv14-15)

Yahweh keeps covenant and covenant faithfulness with his servants who walk before him with all their heart.

2 Chronicles 6:15

ULT

15 who kept for your servant David my father that which he spoke to him. And you spoke with your mouth and by your hand you have fulfilled, like this day.

UST

15 You have done the things that you promised my father David, who served you very well, that you would do. Truly, you promised to do those things for him, and today we see that by your power you have caused it all to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:16

ULT

16 And now, Yahweh, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father that which you spoke to him saying, ‘There will not be cut off for you a man from before me, sitting on the throne of Israel, only if your sons keep their ways to walk in my law, just as you walked before me.’

UST

16 So now, Yahweh, the God we Israelites worship Israel, as you promised your servant David, my father, please make sure that he will always have a descendant who will be king of Israel. For you promise you would do this if his descendants were faithful to you.

What is the promise which Yahweh made to his servant David? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told David that he would not fail to have a man from his tribe sit on the throne of Israel if his descendants were careful to walk in Yahweh’s law.

2 Chronicles 6:17

ULT

17 And now, Yahweh, God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you spoke to your servant, to David.

UST

17 So now, God of us Israelite people, cause what you promised David, who served you well, to become true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:18

ULT

18 But will God indeed dwell with mankind on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens do not contain you—how much less this house that I have built!

UST

18 But, my God, will you really live on earth among us? This temple I have built cannot contain you; not even the universe and heaven itself can contain you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:19

ULT

[19] Yet turn to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant is praying before you,

UST

[19] But Yahweh, my God, please listen to my prayer, while I am pleading with this day and do what I am requesting.

What was the basic request which Solomon made of Yahweh? (vv19-20)

Solomon requested that Yahweh listen to his cry and prayer so that his eyes would be open on the temple day and night.

2 Chronicles 6:20

ULT

[20] your eyes to be open to this house days and night, to the place where you said to put your name there, to listen to the prayer which your servant prays toward this place.

UST

[20] Always protect this temple, this place where you said you would be present, in order that you might always hear me when I pray, for I am your servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:21

ULT

[21] And listen to the supplications of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place, and you yourself hear from the place of your dwelling from the heavens, and hear and forgive.

UST

[21] Listen to me when I pray, and listen to your Israelite people when they pray, whether we are here, or even if we just face in this direction. Listen from heaven, where you live; and when you hear us pray, forgive us.

What did Solomon want Yahweh, the God of Israel, to do after Yahweh listened to the requests of Solomon and the people of Israel?

Solomon wanted Yahweh to forgive.

2 Chronicles 6:22

ULT

22 If a man sins against his neighbor and is made by him to swear an oath, and brings an oath before your altar in this house,

UST

22 If people accuse someone of doing something wrong to another person, and if they bring him in front of your altar outside this holy temple, and if he says, ‘I did not do that; may God punish me if I am not telling the truth,’

How could a righteous man be declared innocent if he was charged with sinning against his neighbor? (vv22-23)

A righteous man could be declared innocent by swearing an oath before the altar in Yahweh’s house.

2 Chronicles 6:23

ULT

23 then you yourself hear from the heavens, and act, and judge your servants, to bring back the wicked, to put his way on his head, and to make righteous the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.

UST

23 then please listen from heaven and decide who is telling the truth. Then punish the person who is guilty as he deserves to be punished, and do good to the other person as a reward for his innocence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:24

ULT

24 And if your people Israel are struck down before an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they return, and they confess your name, and they pray, and they seek favor before you in this house,

UST

24 And suppose that your Israelite people are defeated by their enemies because they sinned against you, and forced to go to some distant country. Suppose further that they turn away from their sinful behavior and face in the direction of this temple and acknowledge that you have justly punished them; and suppose that they beg you to forgive them.

What did the people of Israel need to do when they had been defeated by an enemy because they had sinned against Yahweh? (vv24-25)

The people of Israel needed to turn back to Yahweh by confessing his name, praying, and requesting forgiveness before him in the temple.

2 Chronicles 6:25

ULT

25 then you yourself hear from the heavens and forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them back to the ground that you gave to them and to their fathers.

UST

25 Then please listen to them from heaven and forgive your them for the sins that they have committed, and bring them back to this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:26

ULT

26 When the heavens are restrained and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place, and they confess your name, from their sin they turn for you afflict them,

UST

26 When you do not allow any rain to fall because the people have sinned against you—then, if they stop acting sinfully and humbly pray to you, you who are present in this place,

How should the people of Israel respond when the skies are shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against Yahweh? (vv26-27)

The people of Israel should pray toward the temple, confess Yahweh's name, and turn from their sin so that rain would fall on their land.

2 Chronicles 6:27

ULT

27 then you yourself hear in the heavens and forgive the sin of your servants and your people Israel, for you teach them the good way in which they should walk in it. And give rain on your land, which you gave to your people for a possession.

UST

27 then listen from heaven and forgive the sins of your people. Teach them the right way to conduct their lives. Then send rain on the land that you gave to your people forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:28

ULT

28 Famine, if there is, in the land pestilence, if there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, if there is indeed they suffer distress from their enemies in the land at the gates, any plague or any sickness,

UST

28 And when the people of this land experience famines, or if there is a plague or mildew or locusts or grasshoppers, or when their enemies surround any of their cities in order to attack them—if any of these disaster happens to them—

What were some of the conditions where people in Israel needed Yahweh to listen to their prayers and forgive them for their sins? (vv28-31)

The people in Israel needed Yahweh to listen to their prayers when there was famine, disease, blight or mildew, locusts or caterpillars, when enemies attacked the city gates, or if there was any plague or sickness.

2 Chronicles 6:29

ULT

29 any prayer, any supplication which is by any person or by all your people Israel which they know each his own plague and his own sorrow, and he spreads out his hands toward this house,

UST

29 and then if your Israelite people earnestly plead, or if even just one person does so—if they stretch out their hands toward this temple and pray to you because they know the weakness and sorrow in their own hearts—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:30

ULT

30 then you yourself hear from the heavens, your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to each according to all his ways; because you know his heart, for you yourself, only you, know the heart of the sons of mankind,

UST

30 then listen from your home in heaven and forgive them. You alone know what each person is thinking, so reward each person according to everything that he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:31

ULT

31 in order that they may fear you, by walking in your ways all the days that they live on the face of the ground that you gave to our fathers.

UST

31 Do this in order that they might honor you and conduct their lives as you want them to, all the time that they live in this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:32

ULT

32 And also to the foreigner who is not from your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land because of your great name, and your strong hand, and your outstretched arm, and they come and pray toward this house,

UST

32 There will be some foreigners who do not belong to your Israelite people who have come here from countries far away because they have heard that you are very great and powerful. If they turn toward this temple and pray,

Why should Yahweh do what the foreigner asks of him when he came and prayed toward Yahweh's house? (vv32-33)

Yahweh should do what the foreigner asked of him so that all the people groups on earth might know Yahweh's name, fear him, and know the house which is called by his name.

2 Chronicles 6:33

ULT

33 and you yourself hear from the heavens, from your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, like your people Israel, and to know that your name is called toward this house that I have built.

UST

33 then from your home in heaven please listen to their prayer and do for them what they request you to do. Do that in order that all the people groups in the world will honor and obey you, as your people of Israel do. And do this so that they will know that you are present in this temple that I have built.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:34

ULT

34 When your people go out to battle against their enemies in the way which you send them, and they pray to you toward the way of this city that you have chosen it and the house that I have built for your name,

UST

34 When you send your people to go and attack their enemies, if they pray to you, no matter where they are, and if they turn toward this city that you have chosen and toward this temple that I have caused to be built to honor you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:35

ULT

35 then hear from the heavens their prayer, and their supplication, and do their judgment.

UST

35 then will you please listen from heaven to their prayers. Listen to what they plead for you to do, and give them help.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:36

ULT

36 When they sin against you—for there is no person who does not sin—and you are angry with them and give them before an enemy, and their captors take them captive, to a land, distant or near,

UST

36 It is true that everyone sins. So when your people sin against you, and you become angry with them, you might allow their enemies to capture them and take them to their countries, even to countries that are far away.

What request did Solomon make of Yahweh? (vv36-39)

Solomon requested that Yahweh would listen to the confession of the people of Israel and forgive them of their sins after they had sinned, been taken captive to the land of their enemy, and repented of their sins.

2 Chronicles 6:37

ULT

37 and they turn back their heart in the land where they are captive there, and they turn and they seek favor from you in the land of their captivity, saying, ‘We have sinned; we have committed iniquity, and we have done evil,’

UST

37 When that happens, while they are in those distant countries, if they say ‘We have sinned; we have done things that are wrong and have done things that are very wicked,’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:38

ULT

38 and they turn to you with all their heart and with all their being in the land of their captivity, where they took them captive, and they pray toward the way of their land which you gave to their fathers, and the city that you chose, and toward the house that I have built for your name,

UST

38 suppose that they repent very sincerely and pray facing this land that you gave their ancestors, and facing this city that you chose, and facing this temple that I have built for you to be present in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:39

ULT

39 then hear from the heavens, from your dwelling place, their prayer and their supplication, and do their judgment, and forgive your people who sinned against you.

UST

39 Then from your home in heaven listen to their prayer, and listen to them while they plead for your help, and do what they ask you to do, and forgive your people who have sinned against you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:40

ULT

40 Now, my God, please let your eyes be open, and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

UST

40 Now, my God, look at us as we pray to you in this place, and please listen to us.

What did Solomon want Yahweh to do? (vv40-42)

Solomon wanted Yahweh to be attentive to the prayers of the people, clothe his priests with salvation, and let his saints rejoice in his goodness.

2 Chronicles 6:41

ULT

41 And now arise, Yahweh God, to your resting place, you and the Box of your strength. Your priests, Yahweh God, may they be clothed in salvation, and your faithful ones rejoice in goodness.

UST

41 Yahweh our God, come and stay in this place with the sacred chest, the chest that shows that you are powerful. Yahweh God, cause your priests to know clearly that you have rescued them. Cause us your people to rejoice because of all the good things that you do for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 6:42

ULT

42 Yahweh God, do not turn away the face of your anointed ones. Remember the covenant faithfulnesses of David your servant.”

UST

42 Yahweh God, do not reject me, the king whom you have appointed to be the king of Israel; do not forget how faithfuly were to David, your servant, because of your covenant with him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7

2 Chronicles 7:1

ULT

[1] And when Solomon finished praying, then the fire came down from the heavens and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of Yahweh filled the house.

UST

[1] When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from the sky and burned up the animals that the people had sacrificed, as well as the other offerings. And the power and light of Yahweh filled the temple.

What happened when Solomon finished his prayer to Yahweh?

When Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven to consume the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glory of Yahweh filled the house.

2 Chronicles 7:2

ULT

[2] And the priests were not able to go into the house of Yahweh because the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.

UST

[2] The light was extremely bright, with the result that the priests could not enter the temple of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:3

ULT

[3] And all the sons of Israel were seeing the fire come down and the glory of Yahweh on the house, and they bowed down their faces to the ground on the stone pavement, and they worshiped and gave thanks to Yahweh, “Truly he is good; truly his covenant faithfulness is forever.”

UST

[3] When all the Israelite people who were there saw the fire coming down and the light of Yahweh above the temple, they prostrated themselves with their faces touching the stone pavement. They worshiped and thanked Yahweh, saying, ‘Yahweh is always good to us; he will love us forever, as he promised to do.’

What was the response of the people of Israel when the fire came down and the glory of Yahweh filled the house?

The people of Israel bowed with their faces to the ground, worshiped, and gave thanks to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 7:4

ULT

4 And the king and all the people were offering sacrifice before Yahweh.

UST

4-5 Then the king and all the people who were there dedicated the temple to Yahweh by offering more sacrifices to him. King Solomon offered twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats to be sacrificed.

Why did King Solomon and all the people offer sacrifices to Yahweh? (vv4-5)

King Solomon and the people offered sacrifices to Yahweh to dedicate the house of God

2 Chronicles 7:5

ULT

5 And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep. And the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

UST

4-5 Then the king and all the people who were there dedicated the temple to Yahweh by offering more sacrifices to him. King Solomon offered twenty-two thousand cattle and 120,000 sheep and goats to be sacrificed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:6

ULT

6 And the priests at their posts were standing; and the Levites with instruments of song of Yahweh which David the king had made to give thanks to Yahweh, “For his covenant faithfulness is forever,” when David praised by the hand of them. And the priests were trumpeting in front of them, and all Israel was standing.

UST

6 The priests stood in their positions, and the other descendants of Levi stood in their positions holding the musical instruments to praise Yahweh, instruments that King David had ordered to be made for praising Yahweh and thanking him. They sang, “He faithfully loves us forever.” Opposite the other descendants of Levi the priests stood, blowing their trumpets, while all the Israelite people were standing and listening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:7

ULT

[7] And Solomon consecrated the middle of the courtyard which is before the house of Yahweh. For he did there the burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings because the bronze altar which Solomon made was not able to contain the burnt offerings, and the grain offering, and the fats.

UST

[7] Solomon dedicated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple. Then he presented offerings to be completely burned there along with the fat of the animals to be sacrificed to maintain fellowship with Yahweh. The priests burned them there in the courtyard because in addition to those things there were offerings of flour, with the result that there was not enough space on the bronze altar to burn all those sacrifices.

Why did Solomon offer burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings in the middle of the courtyard?

The burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings were offered by Solomon in the middle of the courtyard because the bronze altar he made was not able to hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.

2 Chronicles 7:8

ULT

[8] And Solomon did the feast at that time, seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the brook of Egypt.

UST

[8] Solomon and the other people celebrated the Festival of Shelters for seven days. There was a huge group of people who celebrated with him. Some of them came from as far away as Lebohamath in the far north and from the border of Egypt in the far south.

Why was Solomon able to send the people of Israel away to their homes with glad and joyful hearts after the festival? (vv8-10)

The people were sent away by Solomon with glad and joyful hearts because of the goodness that Yahweh had shown to David, Solomon, and his people Israel.

2 Chronicles 7:9

ULT

9 And they did on the eighth day an assembly, for the dedication of the altar they did, seven days, and the feast, seven days.

UST

9 On the eighth day they gathered again to worship Yahweh. They had celebrated the dedication of the altar for seven days and the Festival of Shelters for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:10

ULT

10 And on the 23rd day of the seventh month, he sent away the people to their tents joyful and good of heart on account of the goodness which Yahweh did for David, and for Solomon, and for Israel his people.

UST

10 Then on the next day Solomon sent them to their homes. They were very joyful because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for David and Solomon and for all his Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:11

ULT

11 And Solomon finished the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And all that came into the heart of Solomon to do in the house of Yahweh and in his house, he succeeded.

UST

11 In this way, Solomon’s workers finished building the temple and Solomon’s palace. And Solomon finished doing everything else that he had planned to do.

What was carried out by Solomon in the house of Yahweh and in Solomon’s own house?

Everything was carried out that came into Solomon’s heart to do in the house of Yahweh and in his own house.

2 Chronicles 7:12

ULT

12 And Yahweh appeared to Solomon in the night, and he said to him, “I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place for myself for a house of sacrifice.

UST

12 Then Yahweh appeared to him one night in a dream and said to him, “I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this temple to be the place where my people will offer sacrifices to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:13

ULT

13 If I restrain the heavens and there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people,

UST

13 When I prevent any rain from falling, or when I command locusts to eat all the crops, or when I send a plague among my people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:14

ULT

14 and my people, whom my name is called over them, humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn back from their evil ways, then I myself will hear from the heavens, and I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.

UST

14 then if the people who belong to me, are sorry for their sins and stop doing them, and if they plead with me for me to forgive, then I will indeed listen from heaven. I will forgive them for having sinned, and I will cause them to prosper again.

What did the people of Israel need to do in order for Yahweh to hear their prayer, forgive their sin, and heal their land?

The people who were called by Yahweh’s name needed to humble themselves, pray, seek Yahweh’s face and turn from their wicked ways.

2 Chronicles 7:15

ULT
15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer of this place.

UST
15 I will listen to them when they pray to me in this place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:16

ULT
16 And now I have chosen and I have consecrated this house for my name to be there until forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all the days.

UST
16 I have decided to be present in this temple, and I have set apart it for myself. I will protect it for all time.

Why did Yahweh choose and consecrate his house?
Yahweh chose and consecrated his house so that his name might be there forever.

2 Chronicles 7:17

ULT
17 And you, if you walk before me just as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and my statutes and my judgments you keep,

UST
17 And as for you, if you obey me as David, your father, did, and if you do all that I command you to do, and if you obey all my laws and decrees,

What conditions did Yahweh set forth for the people of Israel to meet in order for a descendant of David to always be on the throne of his kingdom? (vv17-18)
Yahweh said that the people of Israel must obey all that he had commanded them and keep his statutes and decrees.

2 Chronicles 7:18

ULT

18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, just as I cut with David your father, saying, ‘There will not be cut off from you a man ruling in Israel.’

UST

18 I will make sure that your descendants will always be kings, which is what I promised to David your father, when I told him, ‘Persons from your descendants will always be the kings of Israel.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:19

ULT

19 But if you all turn yourselves, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I placed before you all, and walk and serve other gods and worship them,

UST

19 What will I do to you Israelites when you stop worshiping me? What will I do when you disobey the decrees and commands I have given to you? And what will I do when you start worsshiping other gods?

What would happen if the people of Israel would disobey Yahweh’s statutes and commandments and worship other gods? (vv19-20)

If the people of Israel would disobey Yahweh’s statues and commandments and worship other gods, then he would uproot them from the ground he had given them and the house he had consecrated and make them a joke among all the peoples.

2 Chronicles 7:20

ULT

20 then I will remove them from upon my ground which I gave to them. And this house which I consecrated for my name, I will cast out from before my face, and I will make it a proverb and a taunt among all the peoples.

UST

20 This is what I will do: I will cause you to be driven away from this land that I have given to you, and I will reject the temple that I have set apart for myself. I will make people from all the other people groups laugh about what happened to house where Yahweh was worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 7:21

ULT

21 And this house which was exalted to all who pass by it will be devastated, and they will say, ‘Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?’

UST

21 Although this temple is now so magnificent, when that happens, all the people who pass by will be appalled, and they will say, ‘Why has Yahweh done terrible things like this to this country and to this temple?’

What response would be given to the people who passed by the temple and were shocked at what Yahweh had done to the land and his house? (vv21-22)

The response would be that Yahweh had brought all this disaster upon the land and his house because his people disobeyed him and laid hold of other gods, bowing down to worship them.

2 Chronicles 7:22

ULT

22 And they will say, ‘On account of which they forsook Yahweh, the God of their fathers who brought them out from the land of Egypt, and they laid hold of other gods and worshipped them and served them. On account of thus, he brought on them all this misery.’”

UST

22 And others will reply, ‘It happened because they rejected Yahweh, the God to whom their ancestors belonged, the one who brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and they have chosen to worship other gods and try to please them. And that is why Yahweh has caused them to experience all these disasters.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8

2 Chronicles 8:1

ULT
1 And it happened at the end of 20 years, in which Solomon built the house of Yahweh and his house,

UST
1 Solomon's workers took twenty years to build the temple and his palace.

What did Solomon do while he was building the house of Yahweh and his own house? (vv1-2)
During the time Solomon built the house of Yahweh and his own house, he was also rebuilding the towns which Hiram had given to him and he made the people of Israel live there.

2 Chronicles 8:2

ULT
2 and the cities which Huram gave to Solomon, Solomon built them. And he caused to dwell there the sons of Israel.

UST
2 Then his workers rebuilt the cities that King Hiram had given back to him, and Solomon sent Israelites to live in those cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:3

ULT
3 And Solomon went to Hamathzobah and he prevailed over it.

UST
3 Solomon's army then went to the town of Hamathzobah and captured it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:4

ULT
4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness and all the cities of stores which he built in Hamath.

UST
4 They also rebuilt walls around the city of Tadmor in the wilderness, and in the region of Hamath, for all the towns where they kept supplies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:5

ULT
5 And he built Beth Horon the Upper and Beth Horon the Lower, fortified cities with walls, doors, and a bar,

UST
5 They rebuilt the cities of Upper Beth Horon and Lower Beth Horon, and built walls around them with gates and bars for the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:6

ULT
6 and Baalath and all the cities of stores which were to Solomon, and all the cities of the chariots and the cities of the horsemen, and all the desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his kingdom.

UST
6 They also rebuilt the city of Baalath and all the cities where supplies were kept, and the cities where Solomon's chariots and horses were kept. Solomon's workers built whatever he wanted them to build, in Jerusalem and in Lebanon, and in other places in the area that he ruled.

In general where and for what purpose did Solomon build?
Solomon built for his own pleasure in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and in all the lands under his rule.

2 Chronicles 8:7

ULT

[7] All the people who were left from the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not from Israel,

UST

[7] Solomon forced people from many other groups who were not Israelites to work for him as if they were slaves. They were people from the Heth, Amor, Periz, Hiv, and Jebus people groups.

What happened to the people of the land who did not belong to Israel? (vv7-8)

Solomon made the people who did not belong to Israel forced laborers.

2 Chronicles 8:8

ULT

[8] from their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel had not brought to an end—and Solomon brought them up for forced laborers, until this day.

UST

[8] They were descendants of groups whom the Israelites had not completely destroyed. Solomon forced them to become his laborers, and they are still that at this present time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:9

ULT

[9] But, from the sons of Israel which Solomon did not make to be laborers for his work, rather, they were men of battle, and chiefs of his officers, and chiefs of his chariots and his horsemen.

UST

[9] But Solomon did not force Israelites to work for him. Israelites became his soldiers and commanders of his chariots and his chariot drivers.

What jobs did Solomon give the people of Israel? (vv9-10)

Solomon made the people of Israel his soldiers, his commanders, his officers, and the commanders of his chariot forces and horsemen.

2 Chronicles 8:10

ULT

10 and these, the chiefs of supervisors who were to King Solomon, 250 ruling over the people.

UST

10 They were also King Solomon's chief officials. There were 250 of them, and they supervised the workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:11

ULT

11 And the daughter of Pharaoh Solomon brought up from the city of David to the house that he built for her, for he said, "My wife must not dwell in the house of David, the king of Israel, because sacred are the places where the Box of Yahweh has come into them."

UST

11 Solomon brought his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt, to the place that his workers had built for her in the place outside Jerusalem called the city of David. He said, "I do not want my wife to live in the palace that my father King David's workers built, because the sacred chest was in that palace for a while, and any place where the sacred chest has been is holy."

Why did Solomon bring the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to a house he had built for her?

Solomon brought the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to a house, because the ark of Yahweh was in the city and so it was a holy place.

2 Chronicles 8:12

ULT

12 Then Solomon brought up burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar of Yahweh that he had built before the porch.

UST

12 On the altar that Solomon's workers had built in front of the entrance to the temple, Solomon brought many offerings that were to be completely burned.

How did Solomon offer burnt offerings to Yahweh on the altar he built in front of the portico? (vv12-13)

Solomon offered burnt offerings to Yahweh just as the daily schedule required, following the directions found in the commandment of Moses.

2 Chronicles 8:13

ULT

13 And by the matter day by day to bring up, according to the commandment of Moses, for the Sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the appointed times three times in the year: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths.

UST

13 He did that obeying what sacrifices Moses had declared should be made every day, on the Sabbath days, to celebrate each day on which there was a new moon, and on the three other festivals that were celebrated each year: the Festival of Bread with No Yeast, the Festival of Harvest, and the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:14

ULT

14 And he appointed according to the judgment of David his father the divisions of the priests over their service, and the Levites over their charge to praise and to minister in front of the priests, for the matter of the day in its day, and the gatekeepers in their divisions for gate and gate, for thus was the commandment of David, the man of God.

UST

14 Obeying what his father David had commanded, Solomon appointed the groups of priests for their work, and he appointed the descendants of Levi to lead the people while they sang to praise Yahweh, and while they assisted the priests in their daily work. He also appointed groups of them to guard all the gates, because that was also what David, God's servant, had commanded.

What were the responsibilities of the priests and the Levites?

The priests and the Levites were appointed by Solomon to their positions in order to praise God and to serve before the priests as the daily schedule required.

How faithful were the gatekeepers in carrying out their responsibilities? (vv14-15)

The gatekeepers obeyed the commands of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter.

2 Chronicles 8:15

ULT

15 And they did not turn from the commandment of the king regarding the priests and the Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasuries.

UST

15 The priests and other descendants of Levi obeyed completely everything that the king commanded, including the order to take care of the storerooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:16

ULT

16 And all the work of Solomon was completed, from the day of the foundation of the house of Yahweh and until its completion. Complete was the house of Yahweh.

UST

16 They did all the work of building the temple that Solomon told them to do, until it was all completed. In the way they finished building the temple.

What was the sign that all of Solomon's work on the house of Yahweh had been accomplished?
The house of Yahweh was completely finished and put into use.

2 Chronicles 8:17

ULT

17 Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber and to Eloth on the edge of the sea, in the land of Edom.

UST

17 Then some of Solomon's men went to the cities of Ezion Geber and Elath on the coast of the Sea of Reeds, next to a region that belonged to the Edom people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 8:18

ULT

18 And Huram sent to him by the hand of his servants ships, and servants who knew the sea. And they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir. And they took from there 450 talents of gold, and they brought to King Solomon.

UST

18 King Hiram sent him from the city of Tyre some ships that were commanded by his officers. They were men who were experienced sailors. These men went in the ships with Solomon's men to the region of Ophir and brought back about fifteen metric tons of gold, which they delivered to King Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9

2 Chronicles 9:1

ULT

1 And the queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon, and she came to test Solomon with difficult questions in Jerusalem with very great wealth and camels carrying spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke with him about all that was in her heart.

UST

1 The queen who ruled the Sheba area in Arabia heard that Solomon had become famous, so she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him questions that were difficult to answer. She came with a large group of servants, and she brought camels that were loaded with spices, and valuable gems. When she arrived, she shared her thoughts with him.

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Jerusalem?

The queen of Sheba came to Jerusalem because she heard of Solomon's fame and wanted to test him with hard questions.

How did Solomon respond when the queen of Sheba asked him all the questions that were on her heart? (vv1-2)

Solomon answered all the questions that the queen of Sheba asked of him.

2 Chronicles 9:2

ULT

2 And Solomon declared to her all her matters; and a matter was not concealed from Solomon which he did not declare to her.

UST

2 Solomon answered all her questions. He explained everything that she asked about, even things that were very difficult.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:3

ULT

3 And the queen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he built,

UST

3 The queen realized that Solomon was very wise. She saw his palace,

What was the response from the queen of Sheba when she saw Solomon's wisdom and all the buildings, food, clothing, and servants he had in his possession? (vv3-4)
When the queen of Sheba saw all the possessions which Solomon had, there was no more spirit in her.

2 Chronicles 9:4

ULT

4 and the food of his table, and the seating of his servants, and the standing of his ministers and their attire, and his cupbearers and their attire, and his burnt offering that he brought up to [1] the house of Yahweh, and there was not still breath in her.

UST

4 she saw the food that was served on his table every day, she saw where his officials lived, their uniforms, the servants who served the food and wine, and the sacrifices that he took to the temple to be offered. She was extremely amazed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:5

ULT

5 And she said to the king, "True was the word that I heard in my land concerning your words and concerning your wisdom.

UST

5 She said to the king, "Everything that I heard in my own country about you and about how wise you are is true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:6

ULT

6 But I did not believe their words until when I came, and my eyes saw. And behold, it was not told to me half of the greatness of your wisdom you have added on to the report that I heard.

UST

6 But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it myself. You are extremely wise and rich, even more than what people told me.

What was the queen of Sheba's assessment of king Solomon?

The queen of Sheba told King Solomon that his wisdom and wealth exceeded what she had heard about him.

2 Chronicles 9:7

ULT

7 How blessed are your men! And how blessed are these servants of yours, who are standing before you continually and are hearing your wisdom. [2]

UST

7 The men who work for you are very fortunate! Your servants who are constantly standing in front of you and listening to the wise things that you say are also fortunate!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:8

ULT

8 Let Yahweh your God be blessed, who delighted in you to place you on his throne, to be king for Yahweh your God, because your God loved Israel to establish them forever. And he has placed you over them to be king, to do justice and righteousness!"

UST

8 I praise Yahweh your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by appointing you to be the king of Israel for him. God has always loved the Israelite people, and he desires to assist them forever, so he has appointed you to be their king, in order that you will rule them fairly and righteously."

What did the queen of Sheba say to remind Solomon how he had come to be on the throne of Israel as their king?

The queen of Sheba reminded Solomon that Yahweh had made him king over Israel and had placed him on the throne because Yahweh loved Israel and wanted to establish it forever.

2 Chronicles 9:9

ULT

[9] And she gave to the king 120 talents of gold and spices in great abundance and precious stone. And there was not like that spice which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

UST

[9] Then the queen gave to Solomon about four metric tons of gold and a large amount of spices and gemstones. Never had King Solomon received more spices than the queen gave him at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:10

ULT

[10] And also the servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from Ophir, brought algum wood and precious stone.

UST

[10-12] King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her more than she had given to him. Then she and those who came with her returned to her own land. The men of Hiram worked with the men of Solomon to bring gold from Ophir. They also brought a large amount of algum wood. The wood was used to make steps for the house of Yahweh, and they also used the wood to make harps and lyres for those who played music. No one in all the land of Judah had ever seen anything like the quality of the algum wood that was used to make the steps and the instruments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:11

ULT

[11] And the king made the algum wood into staircases for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king, and lyres and harps for the singers. And there was not seen like them before in the land of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:12

ULT

12 And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she asked besides that which she brought to the king. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

UST

10-12 King Solomon gave to the queen from Sheba everything that she wanted. He gave her more than she had given to him. Then she and those who came with her returned to her own land. The men of Hiram worked with the men of Solomon to bring gold from Ophir. They also brought a large amount of algum wood. The wood was used to make steps for the house of Yahweh, and they also used the wood to make harps and lyres for those who played music. No one in all the land of Judah had ever seen anything like the quality of the algum wood that was used to make the steps and the instruments.

What was the outcome of the queen of Sheba's trip to see King Solomon?

King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba everything she asked for in addition to what she had brought to the king, and then she left and went back to her own land.

2 Chronicles 9:13

ULT

13 And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold,

UST

13 Each year there was brought to Solomon about twenty-two metric tons of gold. That was in addition to the taxes paid to him by the merchants and traders.

How much gold came to Solomon in one year?

The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents.

2 Chronicles 9:14

ULT

14 besides from the traveling men and the traders who brought in; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the land were bringing gold and silver to Solomon.

UST

14 Also, the kings of Arabia and the governors of the districts in Israel brought gold and silver to Solomon.

Who brought gold to Solomon?

The traders, the merchants, all the kings of Arabia and the governors in the country brought gold to Solomon.

2 Chronicles 9:15

ULT
15 And King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold; 600 of beaten gold he brought up for one large shield.

UST
15 King Solomon's workers took this gold and hammered it into thin sheets and covered two hundred large shields with those thin sheets of gold; they put about six and one-half kilograms of gold on each shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:16

ULT
16 And 300 shields of beaten gold; 300 gold he brought up for one shield. And the king placed them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

UST
16 His workers made three hundred smaller shields. They covered each of them with one and three-quarters kilograms of gold. Then the king put those shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

How many gold shields did Solomon make?
King Solomon made five hundred shields of beaten gold.

2 Chronicles 9:17

ULT
17 And the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold.

UST
17 His workers also made for him a large throne. Part of it was covered with ivory and part of it was covered with very fine gold.

What was King Solomon's throne made of?
King Solomon's throne was made of ivory overlaid with the finest gold.

2 Chronicles 9:18

ULT

18 And six steps to the throne, and a footstool with gold to the throne was fastened. And hands from this and from this on the place of the seat and two lions standing beside the hands.

UST

18 There were six steps in front of the throne. There was a gold footstool that was attached to the throne. At each side of the throne there was an armrest, and alongside each armrest there was a statue of a lion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:19

ULT

19 And 12 lions were standing there on six steps, from this and from this; it had not been done thus for any kingdom.

UST

19 So there were twelve statues of lions. No throne like that had ever existed in any other kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:20

ULT

20 And all the vessels of drink of King Solomon were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were refined gold. Nothing of silver; it was not thought in the days of Solomon for anything.

UST

20 All of Solomon's cups were made of gold, and all the various dishes in the House of the Forest of Lebanon were made of gold. They did not make things from silver, because during the years that Solomon ruled, silver was not considered to be valuable.

Why were none of King Solomon's drinking cups made of silver?

None of King Solomon's drinking cups were made of silver because silver was not considered valuable in Solomon's day.

2 Chronicles 9:21

ULT
21 For the ships belonging to the king went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram. Once every three years the ships of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, ivories, and apes and baboons.

UST
21 The king had a fleet of ships capable of sailing far out on the ocean. It sailed along with Hiram's merchant fleet. Every three years the fleet brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and baboons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:22

ULT
22 And King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

UST
22 King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on the earth.

Why did all the earth seek the presence of Solomon? (vv22-23)
All the earth sought the presence of Solomon because of his riches, and in order to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart.

2 Chronicles 9:23

ULT
23 And all the kings of the earth were seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God placed in his heart.

UST
23 Kings from all over the world wanted to come and listen to the wise things that Solomon said, things that God had put into his mind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:24

ULT

24 And they were bringing each his gift, items of silver and items of gold, and garments, armor, and spices, and horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

UST

24 All the people who came to him brought presents: things made from silver or gold; they also brought robes, weapons, spices, horses, and mules. The merchants continued to do this every year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:25

ULT

25 And there were to Solomon 4,000 stalls for horses and chariots, and 12,000 horsemen; and he placed them in chariot cities and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST

25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for his horses and chariots, and twelve thousand men who rodes horses. Solomon put some of them in Jerusalem and some of them in other cities where he kept his chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:26

ULT

26 And it happened he was ruling over all the kings from the River and until the land of the Philistines, and until the border of Egypt.

UST

26 Solomon ruled over all the kings in the area from the Euphrates River in the northeast, to the region of Philistia in the west, and to the border of Egypt in the south.

What kings did Solomon rule over?

King Solomon ruled over all the kings from the Euphrates River to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 9:27

ULT
27 And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and the cedars he made as sycamore trees that were in the lowlands, in abundance.

UST
27 During the years that Solomon was king, he caused silver to become as common in Jerusalem as stone; and he caused cedar trees in the foothills of Judah to become as plentiful as sycamore fig trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:28

ULT
28 And they were bringing out horses from Egypt to Solomon and from all the lands.

UST
28 Solomon's agents brought horses to the land of Judah from Egypt and from many other lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:29

ULT
29 And the remainder of the matters of Solomon, the first things and the last things, are they not written in the words of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the Seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

UST
29 Lists of all the other things that Solomon did are written in the scrolls written by the prophet Nathan, and by the prophet Ahijah from the city of Shiloh, and in the scroll in which was written the visions of the prophet Iddo (a scroll in which Iddo's visions about Jeroboam son of Nebat were also written).

How long did Solomon reign as king in Jerusalem over all Israel? (vv29-30)
Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years.

2 Chronicles 9:30

ULT

30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel 40 years.

UST

30 Solomon ruled in Jerusalem over all of Israel for forty years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 9:31

ULT

31 And Solomon lied down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam, his son, reigned in his place.
9:4 [1] to say, .
9:7 [2] , assuming that the text should read as in 1 Kings 10:8.

UST

31 Then Solomon died; they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called ‘the city of David.’ And his son Rehoboam became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10

2 Chronicles 10:1

ULT
1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for to Shechem all Israel had come to make him king.

UST
1 All the people of northern Israel went to the city Shechem in order to appoint Rehoboam to be their king. So Rehoboam also went there.

Why was all of Israel coming to Shechem?
All of Israel was coming to Shechem to make Rehoboam their king.

2 Chronicles 10:2

ULT
2 And it happened when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard, for he was in Egypt where he had fled from the face of King Solomon. And Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

UST
2 Now Jeroboam son of Nebat had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. While he was in Egypt he heard about the people wanting to appoint Rehoboam to be their king, and so he returned to Israel from Egypt.

What stood in the way of Rehoboam becoming the king of all Israel?
Jeroboam's return from exile in Egypt stood in the way of Rehoboam becoming king of all Israel.

2 Chronicles 10:3

ULT
3 And they sent and they called to him, and Jeroboam and all Israel came. And they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

UST
3 So the leaders of the northern tribes summoned Jeroboam, and he went with them to talk to Rehoboam. They said to Rehoboam,

What request did Jeroboam and all Israel make of Rehoboam? (vv3-4)
Jeroboam and all Israel asked Rehoboam to lighten the heavy yoke that King Solomon had put on them.

2 Chronicles 10:4

ULT

4 “Your father hardened our yoke. But now, lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he gave to us, and we will serve you.”

UST

4 “Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, but if you charge us fewer taxes than we were paying to him, and if you make us work not so much we will serve you faithfully.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, “Yet three days and return to me.” And the people went.

UST

5 He replied, “Come back three days from now, and I will give you my answer.” So those leaders and Jeroboam left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:6

ULT

6 And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing before Solomon his father when he was alive, saying, “How do you all advise to bring back an answer to this people?”

UST

6 Then King Rehoboam consulted his older men who had advised his father Solomon while he was still alive. He asked them, “What shall I say to answer these men?”

What did the old men, who had stood before Solomon when he was alive, advise King Rehoboam to do? (vv6-7)

The old men advised King Rehoboam to be good to the people and please them with good words, and then they would always be his servants.

2 Chronicles 10:7

ULT

[7] And they spoke to him, saying, “If you are good to this people and are favorable to them, and speak to them good words, then they will be for you servants all the days.”

UST

[7] They replied, “If you will be kind to these people and do things that will please them, and if you say kind things to them when you answer them, they will always serve you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:8

ULT

[8] But he abandoned the advice of the elders who had advised him, and he consulted the young men who had grown with him, standing before him.

UST

[8] But he did not agree with what the older men advised him to do. Instead, he consulted the younger men who had grown up with him, who were now his advisors.

What did Rehoboam do after he ignored the advice the old men gave him? (vv8-9)

Rehoboam consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, by asking them how he should respond to the request to lighten the load of the people.

2 Chronicles 10:9

ULT

[9] And he said to them, “What do you all advise, that we may bring back an answer to this people who spoke to me, saying, ‘Lighten from the yoke that your father gave us’?”

UST

[9] He said to them, “What do you say that I should answer the men who are asking me to reduce the work and taxes that my father required from them?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:10

ULT

10 And the young men who had grown with him spoke, saying, “Thus you shall say to the people who spoke to you, saying ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you yourself lighten from on us.’ Thus you shall say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father.

UST

10 The young men who had grown up with him replied, “Those men have said that your father forced them to work very hard for him, so they want you to reduce the work and taxes that your father required from them. But this is what you should tell them: ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist.’

What advice did the young men who had grown up with Rehoboam give him concerning the request of the people to lighten their load? (vv10-11)

The young men advised Rehoboam to tell the people that although my father burdened you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke.

2 Chronicles 10:11

ULT

11 So now, my father loaded on you all a heavy yoke, but I myself will add to your yoke. My father rebuked you all with whips, but I with scorpions.’”

UST

11 My father required you people to work hard and pay high taxes, but I will make the loads you carry even heavier. My father whipped you with leather whips, but I will whip you with scorpions.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:12

ULT

12 And Jeroboam came and all the people to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king spoke saying, “Return to me on the third day.”

UST

12 Three days later, Jeroboam and all the leaders came to King Rehoboam again, as he had instructed them to do.

What happened when Jeroboam and all the people of Israel came to Rehoboam on the third day? (vv12-14)

King Rehoboam ignored the advice of the old men and answered them roughly by following the advice of the young men.

2 Chronicles 10:13

ULT
13 And the king answered them harshly. And King Rehoboam abandoned the advice of the elders.

UST
13 The king ignored the advice of the older men and spoke harshly to the Israelite leaders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:14

ULT
14 And he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, “I will make heavy your yoke, and I myself will add to it. My father rebuked you all with whips, but I with scorpions.”

UST
14 He told them what the younger men had advised. He said, “My father put heavy burdens of work and taxes on you, but I will put heavier burdens on you. It was as though he beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:15

ULT
15 And the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs from God, in order that Yahweh would establish his word that he spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

UST
15 So the king did not pay any attention to the people’s leaders. All this happened in order that what Yahweh wanted would occur, what he had told the prophet Ahijah about Jeroboam becoming king of the ten tribes out of the twelve.

Why did King Rehoboam not listen to the people of Israel?
The king’s decision not to listen to the people of Israel was a turn of events brought about by Yahweh to carry out the word he had spoken by Ahijah to Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 10:16

ULT

16 And all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, and the people answered the king, saying, “What for us is a portion with David? And no inheritance with the son of Jesse. Each to your tents, Israel! Now, see your house, David.” And all Israel went to his tents.

UST

16 When the Israelite leaders realized that the king did not pay any attention to what they said, they shouted, “We do not want anything to do with this descendant of King David! We will not pay attention to what this grandson of Jesse says! You people of Israel, let us go home! As for this descendant of David, he can look after his family himself!” So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.

What was Israel’s response to King Rehoboam’s statement that he would make their yoke heavier?

When Israel heard from King Rehoboam, the people of Israel said they did not have any share in David, told the people of Israel to go back to their tents, and told Rehoboam to see to his own house.

2 Chronicles 10:17

ULT

17 But the sons of Israel dwelling in the cities of Judah, and Rehoboam reigned over them.

UST

17 And after that, the only Israelite people whom Rehoboam ruled over were those who lived in the territory of the tribe of Judah, in the countryside and in the cities, towns, and villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 10:18

ULT

18 And King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the forced labor, but the sons of Israel stoned him with stones and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up in the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

UST

18 Then King Rehoboam went with Adoniram to talk to the Israelite people. Adoniram was the man who supervised all the men who were forced to work for Rehoboam. But the Israelite people killed him by throwing stones at him. When that happened, King Rehoboam quickly got in his chariot and escaped to Jerusalem.

How did the people of Israel respond when King Rehoboam sent Adoniram, who was over the forced laborers, to them?

The people of Israel stoned Adoniram to death and King Rehoboam fled in his chariot to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 10:19

ULT

19 And Israel has rebelled against the house of David until this day.

UST

19 Ever since that time, the people of the northern tribes of Israel have been rebelling against the descendants of King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11

2 Chronicles 11:1

ULT

1 And Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, and he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, 180,000 chosen who do battle, to fight against Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehoboam.

UST

1 When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he gathered 180,000 of the best soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He wanted them to fight against the northern tribes of Israel and defeat them, in order that he could rule all twelves tribes again.

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah and Benjamin to fight against Israel when he arrived in Jerusalem?
Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin in order to restore the kingdom to himself.

2 Chronicles 11:2

ULT

2 But the word of Yahweh was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

UST

2 But Yahweh spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said this to him:

What message from Yahweh did Shemaiah deliver to Rehoboam and all of Israel? (vv2-4)
The message from Yahweh was that they must not attack or fight against their brothers.

2 Chronicles 11:3

ULT

3 “Say to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

UST

3 “Go and tell this to Solomon’s son Rehoboam, the king of Judah, and to all the Israelite people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:4

ULT

4 ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Do not go up and do not fight with your brothers. Return, each to his house, for from with me, this thing is.”” And they listened to the words of Yahweh and returned from going against Jeroboam.

UST

4 ‘Yahweh says that you must not go to fight against the people of Israel; it is as though they are your own relatives. All of you must go home. What has happened is what Yahweh wanted to happen.’” So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and they all paid attention to what Yahweh had commanded them to do; they did not attack Jeroboam and his soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:5

ULT

5 And Rehoboam dwelled in Jerusalem, and he built cities for fortification in Judah.

UST

5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem, and his workers built walls around several of the cities and towns in Judah to protect them against enemy attacks.

Why did Rehoboam build cities in Judah? (vv5-10)

Rehoboam built cities in Judah for defense.

2 Chronicles 11:6

ULT

6 And he built Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

UST

6 In the area that belonged to the tribes of Judah and Benjamin they built walls around Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:7

ULT
[7] and Beth Zur, and Soko, and Adullam,

UST
[7] Beth Zur, Soko, Adullam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:8

ULT
[8] and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

UST
[8] Gath, Mareshah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:9

ULT
[9] and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

UST
[9] Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:10

ULT
[10] and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which were in Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities.

UST
[10] Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:11

ULT

11 And he strengthened the fortifications. And he placed in them leaders and storehouses of food and oil and wine,

UST

11 He also appointed an army commander in each of those cities and towns, and gave them supplies of food, olive oil, and wine.

What were some of the accomplishments of Rehoboam? (vv11-12)

Rehoboam fortified the fortresses, put commanders in them, and put shields and spears in every city.

2 Chronicles 11:12

ULT

12 and in each, city by city, large shields and spears, and he very much strengthened them greatly. And to him were Judah and Benjamin.

UST

12 He put shields and spears in all the cities and made them well-protected. So he continued to control the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:13

ULT

13 And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel presented themselves to him from all their territories.

UST

13 The priests and other descendants of Levi throughout Israel supported Rehoboam.

Why did the Levites leave their pasture lands and property in order to come to Judah and Jerusalem? (vv13-14)

The Levites left their pastureland and property because Jeroboam and his sons had driven them away, so that they could no longer perform priestly duties for Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 11:14

ULT

14 For the Levites left their open lands and their property. And they went to Judah and to Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons rejected them from serving as priests to Yahweh.

UST

14 The descendants of Levi abandoned their property and their pastureland, and they came to Jerusalem and to other places in Judah, because Jeroboam and his sons would not allow them to do the work of priests of Yahweh.

How did Jeroboam replace the priests and Levites who moved to Judah? (vv14-15)

Jeroboam appointed for himself priests for the shrines and the idols of calves and goats that he had made.

2 Chronicles 11:15

ULT

15 And he established for himself priests for the high places and for the goats and for the calves which he had made.

UST

15 Instead, Jeroboam appointed the priests that he wanted to work at the altars he commanded to be built on the hills all around the cities, to offer sacrifices to the idols that he commanded to be made that resembled goats and calves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:16

ULT

16 And after them from all the tribes of Israel, the ones giving their heart to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST

16 And people from every tribe in Israel who wanted to worship Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, went with the descendants of Levi to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did people from the tribes of Israel do to strengthen Rehoboam and the kingdom of Judah? (vv16-17)

People, who set their hearts to seek Yahweh, came from all the tribes of Israel to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 11:17

ULT

17 And they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and they made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

UST

17 They caused the kingdom of Judah to be strong, and for three years they were happy that Solomon's son Rehoboam was the king. During that time they conducted their lives righteously as David and Solomon had done previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:18

ULT

18 And Rehoboam took for himself a wife: Mahalath, the daughter of Jerimoth, the son of David, Abihail, the daughter of Eliab, the son of Jesse.

UST

18 Rehoboam married Mahalath. She was the daughter of David's son Jerimoth, and her mother was Abihail, the daughter of Eliab and granddaughter of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:19

ULT

19 And she bore to him sons: Jeush, and Shemariah, and Zaham.

UST

19 Rehoboam and Mahalath had three sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:20

ULT
20 And after her, he took Maacah, the daughter of Absalom; and she bore to him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

UST
20 Later Rehoboam married Maacah, the daughter of Absalom, and they had four sons: Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:21

ULT
21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah, the daughter of Absalom, more than all his wives and his concubines, for he lifted 18 wives and 60 concubines, and he fathered 28 sons and 60 daughters.

UST
21 Rehoboam loved Maacah more than he loved any other of his wives and slave wives. Altogether he had eighteen wives and sixty slave wives, and twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 11:22

ULT
22 And Rehoboam appointed to be head Abijah the son of Maacah, to be leader among his brothers; for he caused to make him king.

UST
22 Rehoboam appointed his son Abijah to be the leader of his older and younger brothers, because he wanted to appoint Abijah to be the next king.

What was one way in which Rehoboam ruled wisely? (vv22-23)
Rehoboam ruled wisely by scattering all his sons throughout all the land of Judah and Benjamin to every fortified city.

2 Chronicles 11:23

ULT

23 And he dealt wisely, and he scattered all his sons to all the lands of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities. And he gave to them provisions in abundance, and he asked for a multitude of wives.

UST

23 He very wisely sent some of his other sons to other cities in the areas of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and to other cities that had walls around them. He gave them plenty of supplies and many wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12

2 Chronicles 12:1

ULT

[1] And it happened when the reign of Rehoboam was established and when he had become strong, he abandoned the law of Yahweh—and all Israel with him.

UST

[1] After Rehoboam had obtained complete control of his kingdom, he and all the other people in Judah stopped obeying the laws of Yahweh.

What wrong thing did Rehoboam do when his reign was established?
Rehoboam and all Israel abandoned the law of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:2

ULT

[2] And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak, the king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem, because they were unfaithful to Yahweh.

UST

[2] As a result, after Rehoboam had been king for almost five years, Yahweh sent Shishak, the king of Egypt, with his army to attack Jerusalem.

Why did Shishak, king of Egypt, come up against Jerusalem?
Shishak came up against Jerusalem because the people had been unfaithful to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:3

ULT

[3] With 1200 chariots, and 60,000 horsemen, and there was no number for the people who came with him from Egypt: Libyans, Sukkites, and Cushites.

UST

[3] He brought with his army twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand soldiers who rode horses and a very large number of troops from two regions in Libya, and from Ethiopia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:4

ULT

[4] And he captured the fortified cities that belonged to Judah, and he came to Jerusalem.

UST

[4] They captured many of the cities in Judah that had walls around them, and they came as far as Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:5

ULT

[5] And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the chiefs of Judah who had gathered to Jerusalem because of Shishak. And he said to them, “Thus says Yahweh: You all yourselves have abandoned me, and I myself have also abandoned you all into the hand of Shishak.”

UST

[5] Then the prophet Shemaiah came to Rehoboam and the other leaders of Judah who had gathered in Jerusalem because they were afraid of the army of Shishak. Shemaiah said to them, “Yahweh says this: ‘You have abandoned me; so now I am abandoning you, to allow you to be captured by the army of Shishak.’”

What was the response of Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah when Shemaiah the prophet told them they had been given over into Shishak’s hand because they had forsaken Yahweh? (vv5-6)
Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah humbled themselves and proclaimed that Yahweh was righteous.

2 Chronicles 12:6

ULT

[6] And the chiefs of Israel and the king humbled themselves. And they said, “Righteous is Yahweh.”

UST

[6] Then the king and the other Israelite leaders humbled themselves and said, “What Yahweh is doing to us is just.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:7

ULT

7 And when Yahweh saw that they had humbled themselves, the word of Yahweh was to Shemaiah, saying, “They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them; and I will give to them like a little for escape, and my rage will not pour out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

UST

7 When Yahweh realized that they had humbled themselves, he gave this message to Shemaiah: “Because they have humbled themselves, I will not allow them to be destroyed. Instead, I will soon rescue them. I will not use Shishak’s army to completely destroy the people of Jerusalem,

How did Yahweh respond when he saw that Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah had humbled themselves?

Yahweh rescued them to some extent, but still allowed them to become servants under Shishak.

2 Chronicles 12:8

ULT

8 Nevertheless, they will be to him for servants, and they will know my service and the service of the kingdoms of the lands.”

UST

8 but they will conquer Jerusalem and force the people there to do what Shishak wants them to do. As a result, the people of Jerusalem will learn that it is better to serve me than to serve the kings of other countries.”

Why did Yahweh allow the leaders of Judah to become the servants of Shishak?

Yahweh allowed them to become servants of Shishak so they could understand what it was to serve him as well as to serve the rulers of other countries.

2 Chronicles 12:9

ULT

9 And Shishak, the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king. Everything he took; and he took the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

UST

9 When Shishak's army attacked Jerusalem, they took away the valuable things that were in the temple of Yahweh and in the king's palace. They took everything that was valuable, including the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made.

What did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?

Shishak took away the treasures in the house of Yahweh and the king's house, as well as the shields of gold that Solomon made.

2 Chronicles 12:10

ULT

10 And King Rehoboam made in their place shields of bronze, and he appointed over the hand of the chiefs of the runners, the keepers of the entrance of the house of the king.

UST

10 So King Rehoboam's workers made bronze shields to be used instead of the gold ones, and gave the bronze shields to the commanders of the men who guarded the entrance to the his palace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:11

ULT

11 And it happened as often as the king came into the house of Yahweh, the runners came and carried them and brought them back to the chamber of the runners.

UST

11 After that, whenever the king went to the temple, the guards went with him, carrying those bronze shields. Then when the king left, they would return the shields to the guards' room.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:12

ULT

12 And when he humbled himself, the anger of Yahweh turned from him, and did not destroy to completion. And also, in Judah there were good matters.

UST

12 Because Rehoboam humbled himself, Yahweh stopped being angry with him, and did not get rid of him. Instead, he caused good things to happen in Judah.

Why was Yahweh's anger turned away from Rehoboam?

Yahweh's anger was turned away because Rehoboam humbled himself and there was still some good to be found in Judah.

2 Chronicles 12:13

ULT

13 And King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and he reigned. For a son of 41 years Rehoboam was in his reigning, and 17 years he reigned in Jerusalem, the city that Yahweh had chosen to put his name there from all the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother, Naamah the Ammonitess.

UST

13 King Rehoboam again obtained complete control in Jerusalem, and continued to be the king of Judah. He was forty-one years old when he became the king. He ruled for seventeen years in Jerusalem, which is the city that Yahweh had chosen from all the tribes in Israel to be the place in which people were to worship him.

Why was it said that "King Rehoboam did what was evil"? (vv13-14)

It was said that Rehoboam did what was evil because he did not fix his heart to seek Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 12:14

ULT

14 And he did evil, for he did not establish his heart to seek Yahweh.

UST

14 Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah. She was from the Ammon people group. Rehoboam did evil things because he did not try to find out what Yahweh wanted him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:15

ULT

15 And the matters of Rehoboam, the first things and the last things, are they not written in the words of Shemaiah the prophet and Iddo the seer, according to genealogy? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days.

UST

15 An account of all the things that Rehoboam did while he was the king, and lists of the members of his family, are in the scrolls written by the prophets Shemaiah and Iddo. The armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam were constantly fighting each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 12:16

ULT

16 And Rehoboam lied down with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David. And Abijah his son reigned in his place.

UST

16 When Rehoboam died, he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Abijah became the king.

What happened after Rehoboam died and was buried in Jerusalem?

Abijah his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 13

2 Chronicles 13:1

ULT
1 In the 18th year of King Jeroboam, then Abijah reigned over Judah.

UST
1 When Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost eighteen years, Abijah became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:2

ULT
2 Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother, Macaiah, the daughter of Uriel from Gibeah. And war was between Abijah and between Jeroboam.

UST
2 He ruled in Jerusalem for three years. His mother was Micaiah, the daughter of Uriel from the city of Gibeah. There was a war between the armies of Abijah and Jeroboam.

Against whom did Abijah fight?
Abijah fought against Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 13:3

ULT
3 And Abijah began the battle with an army of mighty ones of battle, 400,000 chosen men. And Jeroboam deployed against him in battle 800,000 chosen men, mighty ones of strength.

UST
3 Abijah went into the battle, taking 400,000 of his capable soldiers, and Jeroboam prepared to fight them, taking 800,000 of his capable troops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:4

ULT

4 And Abijah rose on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hills of Ephraim, and he said, “Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel!

UST

4 Abijah stood on the top of Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country that belonged to the tribe of Ephraim, and he shouted, “Jeroboam and all you other people of Israel, listen to me!

Where is Mount Zemaraim?

Mount Zemaraim is in the hill country of Ephraim.

2 Chronicles 13:5

ULT

5 Is it not to you all to know that Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons, a covenant of salt?

UST

5 You certainly know that Yahweh, whom we Israelites are to worship, made a covenant with David by which he promised that his descendants would always rule over Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:6

ULT

6 But Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon, the son of David, arose, and he rebelled against his lord.

UST

6 But Jeroboam, who was only an official of David’s son King Solomon, rebelled against his king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:7

ULT

7 And empty men, sons of wickedness, assembled about him, and they strenghtened themselves over Rehoboam, the son of Solomon. And Rehoboam was young and tender of heart, and he did not strengthen himself before them.

UST

7 And when Solomon's son Rehoboam became king and was still young and inexperienced, a group of worthless scoundrels gathered around you and rebelled against him.

Who gathered to Jeroboam?

Worthless men, base fellows, gathered to Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 13:8

ULT

8 And now, you all are saying to strengthen self before the kingdom of Yahweh, by the hand of the sons of David, and you all are a great abundance, and with you all are calves of gold which Jeroboam made for you all for gods.

UST

8 And now you are planning to fight against the kingdom that Yahweh established to be governed by David's descendants. It is true that you have a huge army, and you and your soldiers have brought with you the golden statues of calves that Jeroboam's workers made to be your gods.

According to Abijah, who said he could resist the ruling might of Yahweh?

According to Abijah, Jeroboam said he could resist the ruling might of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:9

ULT

9 Did you all not drive out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and make for yourselves priests like the peoples of the lands? Any who comes to fill his hand with a young bull, a son of a herd, and seven rams, and he will be a priest of what are not gods.

UST

9 But you drove out the priests that Yahweh appointed, men who are descendants of Aaron the first high priest. You also drove out the descendants of Levi, and you appointed the priests that you wanted, like the people of other countries do. And so one may even come to set himself apart for the work of a priest, even sacrificing a young bull and seven rams as a sign of his ordination and his dedication to become a priest. But what kind of priest is he? He is consecrated to serve idols that are not gods at all!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:10

ULT

10 But us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not abandoned him. And priests, are ministering to Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, in the work.

UST

10 As for us, Yahweh is our God, and we have not abandoned him. Our priests who serve Yahweh are descendants of Aaron, and the descendants of Levi assist them.

Who had not forsaken Yahweh?

Abijah's nation, Judah, had not forsaken him.

2 Chronicles 13:11

ULT

11 And they are making sacrifices to Yahweh, burnt offerings, morning by morning and evening by evening, and spiced incense, and a line of bread on the pure table, and the gold lampstand and its lamps to burn evening by evening. For we are keeping the charge of Yahweh, our God, but you all yourselves have abandoned him.

UST

11 Every morning and every evening they present to Yahweh offerings to be completely burned on the altar, and they burn fragrant incense. Each week they place on the sacred table the bread to display before Yahweh, and each morning they light the lamps that are on the gold lampstand. We are obeying what Yahweh our God requires us to do. But you have abandoned him; you no longer worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:12

ULT

12 And behold, with us, at our head, is God, and his priests and the trumpets of shouting to raise a shout against you all. Sons of Israel, do not fight against Yahweh, the God of your fathers, for you will not succeed."

UST

12 Yahweh is with us; he is our leader. The priests whom he has appointed will blow their trumpets to signal that we are ready to fight a battle against you. You Israelite men, do not fight against Yahweh, the God to whom your ancestors belonged, because you will not be successful against him."

Who would not succeed if they fought against Yahweh?

The people of Israel would not succeed if they fought against Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:13

ULT

13 But Jeroboam had caused to circle around an ambush to come from behind them; and they were before Judah, and the ambush from behind them.

UST

13 While he was speaking, Jeroboam sent some of his troops around the army of Judah. So while the soldiers who were with Jeroboam were in front of the army of Judah, the other soldiers of Israel were behind the army of Judah.

What was Jeroboam's plan for the battle?

Jeroboam prepared an ambush behind them; his army was in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

2 Chronicles 13:14

ULT

14 And Judah turned, and behold, to them was the battle before them and behind. And they cried out to Yahweh, and the priests were blowing trumpets.

UST

14 When the soldiers of Judah turned and saw that they were going to be attacked from the front and from the rear, they cried out to Yahweh. The priests blew their trumpets,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:15

ULT

15 And the men of Judah raised a shout; and it happened when the men of Judah raised a shout, then God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

UST

15 and the men of Judah shouted a loud battle cry. Then Yahweh enabled Abijah and the army of Judah to defeat Jeroboam and the army of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:16

ULT
16 And the sons of Israel fled from before Judah, and God gave them into their hand.

UST
16 The soldiers of Israel fled from the soldiers of Judah, and God enabled the army of Judah to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:17

ULT
17 And Abijah and his people struck them a great striking, and they fell slain from Israel, 500,000 chosen men.

UST
17 Abijah and his troops struck the capable soldiers of Israel and killed 500,000 of them, the best soldiers there were in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:18

ULT
18 And the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, and the sons of Judah were strong because they relied on Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST
18 So the soldiers of Israel were defeated, and the soldiers of Judah won the battle because they trusted in Yahweh, the God to whom their ancestors belonged.

Why did the people of Judah win?
The people of Judah won because they relied on Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 13:19

ULT
19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam; and he captured from him cities: Bethel and its daughters, and Jeshanah and its daughters, and Ephron and its daughters.

UST
19 Abijah's army pursued the army of Jeroboam, and they captured from the people of Israel the cities of Bethel, Jeshanah, and Ephron, and the surrounding villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:20

ULT
20 And the strength of Jeroboam did not hold again in the days of Abijah; and Yahweh struck him down, and he died.

UST
20 During the remaining time that Abijah ruled, Jeroboam did not become powerful again. Then Yahweh caused him to become very ill, and he died.

How did Jeroboam die?
Yahweh struck him, and he died.

2 Chronicles 13:21

ULT
21 And Abijah strengthened himself; and he lifted to himself 14 wives, and he fatherered 22 sons and 16 daughters.

UST
21 But Abijah became more powerful. He married fourteen wives and had twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 13:22

ULT

22 And the remainder of the matters of Abijah, and his ways, and his words are written in the writing of the prophet Iddo.

UST

22 An account of the other things that Abijah did while he was the was king, including what he said and what he did, is in the scroll written by the prophet Iddo.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14

2 Chronicles 14:1

ULT

[1] And Abijah lied down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa, his son, reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

UST

[1] When Abijah died, he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. His son Asa became the king. While Asa was ruling, there was peace in Judah for ten years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:2

ULT

[2] And Asa did the good and the right in the eyes of Yahweh his God.

UST

[2] Asa did things that Yahweh his God considers to be right and good.

What actions of Asa were proof that he did what was good and right in the eyes of Yahweh? (vv2-3)

Asa took away the foreign altars and the shrines, broke down the sacred stone pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles.

2 Chronicles 14:3

ULT

[3] And he took away the foreign altars and the high places, and he shattered the pillars, and he cut to pieces the Asherim.

UST

[3] His workers got rid of the altars to worship foreign gods that were at the hilltops where the idols were worshiped. They smashed the stone pillars and cut down the poles that were there for the goddess Asherah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:4

ULT
4 And he said to Judah to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

UST
4 Asa commanded the people of Judah to worship only Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped, and to seek his will and obey his commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:5

ULT
5 And he took away from all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom was quiet before him.

UST
5 His workers destroyed all the places where idols were worshiped on the hilltops, and the altars for burning incense to idols, in every town in Judah. As a result, there was peace while Asa ruled the kingdom of Judah.

Why was the land quiet and there were no wars during the reign of Asa? (vv5-6)
The land was quiet and there were no wars during the reign of Asa because Yahweh had given him peace.

2 Chronicles 14:6

ULT
6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land was quiet. And there was not with him war in these years, because Yahweh had given rest to him.

UST
6 His workers built cities and constructed walls around them. No army attacked Judah during those years, because Yahweh enabled them to have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:7

ULT

7 And he said to Judah, “Let us build these cities and let us surround with a wall, and towers, doors, and bars; still the land is before us because we have sought Yahweh our God. We have sought, and he has given rest to us all around.” And they built, and they succeeded.

UST

7 Asa said to the people of Judah, “We should protect these towns by building walls around them, with watchtowers and gates that have bars. This country still belongs to us because we have requested Yahweh our God to help us. We requested him for his help, and he has given us peace in our entire country.” So they built buildings and succeeded in what they did.

Why did Asa make plans to build walled cities?

Asa made plans to build walled cities because Yahweh had given them the land along with peace on every side.

2 Chronicles 14:8

ULT

8 And there was to Asa an army carrying large shield and spear; from Judah, 300,000. And from Benjamin, ones carrying shield and drawing bow, 280,000. All these were mighty ones of strength.

UST

8 Asa had an army of 300,000 men from Judah. They all carried large shields and spears. He also had 280,000 men from the tribe of Benjamin in his army. They also carried shields, and also bows and arrows. They were all brave soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:9

ULT

9 And Zerah the Cushite came out against them with an army of 1,000 thousands and 300 chariots; and he came to Mareshah.

UST

9 Zerah, a man from Ethiopia, attacked Judah with an army of one million men and three hundred chariots. He came to Mareshah, southwest of Jerusalem.

What was Asa’s response when the vast army of Zerah the Ethiopian came against the people of Israel? (vv9-11)

Asa cried out to Yahweh for his help by acknowledging that he and his army were coming in Yahweh’s name against the vast army of Zerah.

2 Chronicles 14:10

ULT
10 And Asa went out before him, and they deployed for battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

UST
10 Asa went with his army to fight against them, and both armies took their positions in the Zephathah Valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:11

ULT
11 And Asa called to Yahweh his God and said, “Yahweh, it is nothing for you to help between many and one without strength. Help us, Yahweh our God, for on you we rely, and in your name we have come against this multitude. Yahweh, our God you are; do not let man prevail against you.”

UST
11 Then Asa cried out to Yahweh his God, saying, “Yahweh, there is no one like you who can help those who have very little power to resist large armies. We have come to fight against this huge army. Yahweh, you are our God; do not allow anyone to defeat you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:12

ULT
12 And Yahweh struck down the Cushites before Asa and before Judah; and the Cushites fled.

UST
12 Then Yahweh enabled Asa and the army of Judah to defeat the army from Ethiopia. They fled,

Who struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah?
Yahweh struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah.

2 Chronicles 14:13

ULT

13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them until Gerar. And there fell from the Cushites so that there was none to them something living; for they were broken before Yahweh and before his camp. And they carried away very much plunder.

UST

13 and Asa and his army pursued them to the southwest as far as Gerar. A huge number of the soldiers from Ethiopia were killed, with the result that those who were not killed were unable to fight anymore. They were completely defeated by Yahweh and his army, and the men of Judah carried away a great amount of their possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 14:14

ULT

14 And they struck all the cities around Gerar, for the dread of Yahweh was on them. And they plundered all the cities, for great spoils was in them.

UST

14 The men of Judah were able to destroy the villages near to the city of Gerar because Yahweh had caused the people there to become terrified and unable to fight. The army of Judah took away all the valuable things from those villages.

What did the army do to the villages around Gerar?

The army destroyed and plundered the villages around Gerar.

2 Chronicles 14:15

ULT

15 And also the tents of cattle they struck; and they took captive sheep in abundance, and camels, and they returned to Jerusalem.

UST

15 They also attacked the places where the local people who took care of domestic animals had set up their tents, and they took away large flocks and herds of sheep and goats and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15

2 Chronicles 15:1

ULT
1 And Azariah the son of Oded, on him came the Spirit of God.

UST
1 The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded.

What message from God did Azariah deliver to King Asa? (vv1-2)
The message was that Yahweh was with Asa, while Asa was with Yahweh, but if Asa left Yahweh, Yahweh would leave Asa.

2 Chronicles 15:2

ULT
2 And he went out before Asa, and he said to him, “Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Yahweh is with you all, when you all are with him. And if you all seek him, he will be found by you all; but if you all abandon him, he will abandon you all.

UST
2 Azariah went to talk with Asa and said to him, “Asa and all you men of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, listen to me. Yahweh is with you whenever you are with him. If you request him to help you, he will help you, but if you abandon him, he will abandon you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:3

ULT
3 And many days were to Israel without the true God, and without a priest teaching, and without the law.

UST
3 For many years the Israelite people did not have the true God, and they did not have priests or God’s laws.

What was Israel without for a long time?
Israel was without the true God, a teaching priest, and the law for a long time.

2 Chronicles 15:4

ULT

[4] But they turned in their distress to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and they sought him, and he was found by them.

UST

[4] But when they experienced trouble, they turned to Yahweh, our God, and requested him to help them. And he helped them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:5

ULT

[5] And in those times there was no peace for one going out, nor for one coming in; for great dismay was upon all the inhabitants of the lands.

UST

[5] At that time, people were not safe when they traveled, because all the people who lived in those countries were experiencing many difficulties.

In those times, what were on all the inhabitants of the lands?

In those times, great troubles were on all the inhabitants of the lands.

2 Chronicles 15:6

ULT

[6] And they were beaten down, nation by nation, and city by city, for God confused them in all distress.

UST

[6] The people of various nations were crushed by armies of other nations, and people in some cities were crushed by armies from other cities, because God was allowing them to experience many difficulties.

How did God trouble the inhabitants of the lands?

God troubled the inhabitants of the lands with all kinds of suffering.

2 Chronicles 15:7

ULT

[7] But you all, be strong, and do not let your hands grow slack, for there is reward for your work."

UST

[7] But you people, you must be strong and do not become discouraged, because God will reward you for what you do to please him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:8

ULT

[8] And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he strengthened himself and caused to pass away the abhorrences from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities that he had captured from the hill country of Ephraim. And he restored the altar of Yahweh which was before the porch of Yahweh.

UST

[8] Asa was encouraged when he heard what Azariah son of Oded, prophesied. Asa commanded his workers to remove all the detestable idols from everywhere in the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and from the towns that his soldiers had captured in the hills of the tribe of Ephraim. Asa's workers repaired the altar where people offered sacrifices to Yahweh that was in front of the entrance to the temple in Jerusalem.

What did Asa rebuild when he heard the prophet's message?

Asa rebuilt the altar of Yahweh when he heard the prophet's message.

2 Chronicles 15:9

ULT

[9] And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the sojourners with them from Ephraim and Manasseh, and from Simeon; for they fell on him from Israel in abundance when they saw that Yahweh his God was with him.

UST

[9] He gathered together all the people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and many people had come from the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were living among them. He was able to do that because many people had left those tribes in Israel, when they realized that Yahweh was helping him.

Why did great numbers of people come to King Asa from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon?

They came because they saw that Yahweh was with King Asa.

2 Chronicles 15:10

ULT
10 And they gathered at Jerusalem in the third month, in the 15th year of the reign of Asa.

UST
10 After Asa had been ruling for almost fifteen years, in the third month of that year, those people gathered in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:11

ULT
11 And they sacrificed to Yahweh in that day from the plunder they brought: 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep.

UST
11 At that time they sacrificed to Yahweh seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep and goats, from the animals that they had captured when they defeated the army of Ethiopia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:12

ULT
12 And they entered into a covenant to seek Yahweh, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their being.

UST
12 They solemnly made an agreement to worship very sincerely Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped.

What did the people make a covenant to do?
The people made a covenant to seek Yahweh with all their heart and with all their soul.

2 Chronicles 15:13

ULT

13 And any who does not seek Yahweh, the God of Israel, will be killed, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

UST

13 They promised to execute all those who would not worship Yahweh, including those who were important and who were not important, both men and women.

What would happen to anyone who refused to seek Yahweh?

Anyone who refused to seek Yahweh would be put to death.

2 Chronicles 15:14

ULT

14 And they swore to Yahweh with a great voice, and with a shout, and with trumpets and with horns.

UST

14 They shouted and blew trumpets and other horns while they solemnly promised to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:15

ULT

15 And all Judah rejoiced about the oath, for with all their heart they swore, and with all their will they sought him, and he was found by them. And Yahweh gave rest to them all around.

UST

15 All the people who were living in Judah were happy to promise to do that because they had solemnly promised to do it very sincerely. They eagerly asked Yahweh to guide them, and he helped them. So he enabled them to have peace throughout their country.

What did Yahweh give the people after they swore to him with all their heart?

Yahweh gave the people peace all around them.

2 Chronicles 15:16

ULT

16 And also Maacah, the mother of King Asa, he took her away from being queen, because she made to Asherah an abominable image. And Asa cut down her abominable image, and crushed and burned at the brook Kidron.

UST

16 King Asa's grandmother Maacah had made a disgusting pole for worshiping the goddess Asherah. So Asa commanded his workers to cut down that pole, chop it into pieces, and burn it in the Kidron Valley. He did not allow Maacah to continue to influence the people because she was the mother of the previous king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:17

ULT

17 But the high places they did not take away from Israel. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was undivided all his days.

UST

17 Although Asa's workers did not get rid of places where people worshiped idols, and those high places remained on the hills throughout Asa's reign. But still, Asa was determined to do what pleased Yahweh all during the years that he was alive.

What was the condition of King Asa's heart?

King Asa's heart was completely devoted to Yahweh all his days.

2 Chronicles 15:18

ULT

18 And he brought the sacred things of his father and his sacred things into the house of God, silver and gold and items.

UST

18 He ordered his workers to bring into God's temple all the silver and gold and other valuable items that he and his father had dedicated to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 15:19

ULT

19 And war was not until the 35th year of the reign of Asa.

UST

19 There were no more wars in Judah until Asa had been ruling Judah almost thirty-five years.

What did not occur until Asa's thirty-fifth year of reigning?

There was no war until Asa's thirty-fifth year of reigning.

2 Chronicles 16

2 Chronicles 16:1

ULT

[1] In the 36th year of the reign of Asa, Baasha, the king of Israel, went up against Judah and built Ramah, so as to not allow one to go out or come in to Asa, the king of Judah.

UST

[1] When Asa had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-six years, King Baasha of Israel went with his army to attack Judah. They captured the town of Ramah north of Jerusalem and started to build a wall around it, in order to prevent any people from entering or leaving the area in Judah that King Asa ruled.

Why did Baasha, king of Israel, act aggressively against Judah by building up Ramah?

Baasha acted aggressively so he might not allow anyone to leave or enter into the land of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16:2

ULT

[2] And Asa brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And he sent to Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, who was dwelling in Damascus, saying,

UST

[2] So Asa told his workers to take all the silver and gold that was in the storerooms of the temple and in his own palace, and take and give it to Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, who was ruling in Damascus. He sent him a message, saying,

Why did Asa bring the silver and gold out of the storerooms and send it to Benhadad, king of Aram? (vv2-3)

Asa sent the silver and gold to Ben Hadad to encourage him to break his treaty with Baasha and establish a treaty with Asa.

2 Chronicles 16:3

ULT

3 “A covenant between me and between you, and between my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, the king of Israel, and he will go up from against me.”

UST

3 “I want there to be a peace treaty between me and you, like there was between my father and your father. Look, I am sending you much silver and gold. So please cancel the treaty that you have made with Baasha, the king of Israel, in order that he will take his soldiers away from attacking mine, because he will be afraid of your army.”

Why did Asa want Ben Hadad to break his treaty with Baasha?

Asa wanted Ben Hadad to break the treaty so that Baasha would leave Asa alone.

2 Chronicles 16:4

ULT

4 And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa and he sent the chiefs of the armies which belonged to him against the cities of Israel. And they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel Maim [1] , and all the stores of the cities of Naphtali.

UST

4 Ben Hadad agreed to do what King Asa suggested. He sent the commanders of his armies with their soldiers to attack some of the towns in Israel. They captured Ijon, Dan, Abel Maim, and all the cities in the tribe of Naphtali where supplies were kept.

What happened when Baasha stopped building up Ramah due to the attacks from Ben Hadad? (vv4-6)

Asa and all Judah carried away the stones and timbers which Baasha was using to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

2 Chronicles 16:5

ULT

5 And it happened when Baasha heard, then he ceased building Ramah, and he stopped his work.

UST

5 When Baasha heard about that, he commanded his troops to stop fortifying Ramah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:6

ULT

[6] And King Asa took all Judah. And they carried away the stones of Ramah and its wood with which Baasha had been building, and he built with them Geba and Mizpah.

UST

[6] Then King Asa gathered all the men of Judah, and they took away from Ramah all the stones and timber that Baasha's men had been using to build the wall around that town. They took those materials to the cities of Geba and Mizpah north of Jerusalem and built walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:7

ULT

[7] And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa, the king of Judah, and he said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Aram, and you did not rely on Yahweh your God, therefore the army of the king of Aram escaped from your hand.

UST

[7] At that time the prophet Hanani went to King Asa and said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on Yahweh our God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from you.

Why did Hanani the seer rebuke Asa? (vv7-8)

Hanani rebuked Asa because he relied on a treaty with the king of Aram instead of relying on Yahweh as he did against the Ethiopians.

2 Chronicles 16:8

ULT

[8] Were not the Cushites and the Lubites an abundant army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on Yahweh, he gave them into your hand.

UST

[8] Remember that the huge armies from Ethiopia were very powerful. But when you relied on Yahweh, he enabled your army to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:9

ULT

[9] For Yahweh, his eyes, are going quickly in all the earth to strengthen himself with their heart undivided to him. You have acted foolishly regarding this. For from now, there will be with you wars."

UST

[9] That happened because Yahweh sees what is happening all over the earth, and he strengthens those who completely trust him. You have done a very foolish thing, so from now on other armies will be fighting your army."

Why do the eyes of Yahweh run everywhere throughout the whole earth?

The eyes of Yahweh run everywhere to show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him.

2 Chronicles 16:10

ULT

[10] And Asa was angry at the seer; and he put him in the house of the stocks, for in rage with him regarding this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

UST

[10] Asa was very angry with the prophet because of what the prophet had said. So he commanded his officials to put Hanani in prison. At that same time, he started to treat some of his people very cruelly.

What was Asa's reaction to the rebuke of Hanani?

Asa was angry with Hanani and put him into prison.

2 Chronicles 16:11

ULT

[11] And behold, the matters of Asa, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

UST

[11] All the things that Asa did while he was ruling, from the time he started to rule until he died, are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:12

ULT
12 And Asa became sick in the 39th year of his reign, in his feet, until increasing his sickness. And yet, in his sickness, he did not seek Yahweh, but among the healers.

UST
12 When Asa had been ruling for almost thirty-nine years, he was afflicted with a disease in his feet. The disease was very severe, but in spite of that, he did not request help from Yahweh. Instead he sought help only from doctors.

How did Asa react to the severe disease of his feet?
Asa did not seek help from Yahweh, but only from physicians.

2 Chronicles 16:13

ULT
13 And Asa lied down with his fathers, and he died in the 41st year of his reign.

UST
13 Asa had been ruling for about forty-one years when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 16:14

ULT
14 And they buried him in his graves, which he hollowed out for himself in the city of David. And they laid him on a bed which he filled with spices and kinds of mixtures with an ointment mixture of a work. And they burned for him a great burning until abundance.
16:4 *[1]*

UST
14 People buried him in the tomb that his workers had made for him in the part of Jerusalem called “the city of David.” They laid his corpse on a bed covered with spices and various perfumes that had been mixed together. They also lit a huge fire to honor him.

How was Asa honored after his death?
The people laid Asa on a bier filled with various spices and made a very great fire in his honor.

2 Chronicles 17

2 Chronicles 17:1

ULT
1 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and he strengthened himself against Israel.

UST
1 Then Asa's son Jehoshaphat became the king of Judah, and he enabled his army to become very strong, with the result that they could resist attacks from the army of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:2

ULT
2 And he placed a force in all the unassailable cities of Judah, and he placed garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had captured.

UST
2 He put soldiers in all the cities in Judah around which they had built walls, and he put soldiers in other places in Judah and in the towns in the tribe of Ephraim that soldiers of his father Asa had captured.

Where did Jehoshaphat place forces?
Jehoshaphat placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 17:3

ULT
3 And Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of David his father, and he did not seek the Baals. *[1]*

UST
3 Yahweh helped Jehoshaphat because in his earlier years, when he first began his rule, he did the things that pleased Yahweh just as his ancestor King David had done. Jehoshaphat did not worship Baal.

Why was Yahweh with Jehoshaphat?
Yahweh was with Jehoshaphat because he walked in the first ways of his father David.

2 Chronicles 17:4

ULT

4 Instead, the God of his father he sought, and in his commandments he walked and not according to the work of Israel.

UST

4 Instead, he sought advice from the God whom his father had worshiped, and he obeyed God's commands and he did not do the evil things that the kings of Israel kept doing.

Whose behavior did Jehoshaphat not walk after, because he walked in God's commandments?

He walked in God's commandments, not after the behavior of Israel.

2 Chronicles 17:5

ULT

5 And Yahweh established the kingdom in his hand, and all Judah gave tribute to Jehoshaphat. And there was to him wealth and glory in abundance.

UST

5 Yahweh enabled him to completely control his kingdom. All the people of Judah brought gifts to him, with the result that he became very rich and was greatly honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:6

ULT

6 And his heart was high in the ways of Yahweh. And also, he took away the high places and the Asherim from Judah.

UST

6 He was completely devoted to doing what pleased Yahweh. His workers got rid of the places on hilltops were idols were worshiped and the places where poles were set up and used to worship the goddess Asherah all throughout Judah.

On what was Jehoshaphat's heart fixed?

Jehoshaphat's heart was fixed on Yahweh's ways.

2 Chronicles 17:7

ULT

7 And in the third year of his reign he sent his chiefs, Ben-Hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

UST

7 When he had been ruling Judah for almost three years, he sent some of his officials—Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Micaiah—to teach the people in various cities in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:8

ULT

8 And with them the Levites: Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-Adonijah, the Levites; and with them, Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

UST

8 With them he sent several descendants of Levi—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tob-Adonijah, along with two priests, Elishama and Jehoram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:9

ULT

9 And they taught in Judah, and with them, the scroll of the law of Yahweh. And they went around in all the cities of Judah, and they taught among the people.

UST

9 They took with them a scroll on which was written the laws of Yahweh and they taught them to the people in all the towns throughout Judah.

What book did the officials and Levites and priests have when they taught in Judah?

They taught in Judah, having the book of the law of Yahweh with them.

2 Chronicles 17:10

ULT

10 And the dread of Yahweh was on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, and they did not fight with Jehoshaphat.

UST

10 The people in all the kingdoms surrounding Judah became very afraid of what Yahweh might do to punish them if they fought against Judah, so they did not try to fight Jehoshaphat's army.

What did the monarchies around Judah not do because the terror of Yahweh fell on them?

The terror of Yahweh fell on them that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 17:11

ULT

11 And some of the Philistines were bringing to Jehoshaphat tribute, and a silver load. Also, the Arabians were bringing to him flocks, 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.

UST

11 Some people from Philistia brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, and they also brought to him the silver that he demanded that they pay to him. Some Arabs brought to him 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:12

ULT

12 And it happened Jehoshaphat was walking and becoming increasingly great. And he built in Judah palaces and cities of stores.

UST

12 Jehoshaphat continued to become more powerful. His workers built forts and places to store supplies in various towns in Judah.

What two things did Jehoshaphat build in Judah?

Jehoshaphat built fortresses and store cities in Judah.

2 Chronicles 17:13

ULT

13 And much work was to him in the cities of Judah, and men of battle, mighty ones of strength in Jerusalem.

UST

13 Then they put large amounts of supplies in those storehouses. Jehoshaphat also placed in Jerusalem soldiers who were experienced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:14

ULT

14 And these were their mustering according to the house of their fathers: for Judah, chiefs of thousands, Adnah the chief, and with him mighty ones of strength, 300,000;

UST

14 The leaders and numbers from each tribe were as follows: From the tribe of Judah, Adnah was the leader of the soldiers, and he commanded 300,000 soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:15

ULT

15 and on his hand, Jehohanan the chief and with him 280,000;

UST

15 His assistant was Jehohanan, who commanded 280,000 soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:16

ULT
16 and on his hand Amasiah the son of Zichri, who freely offered himself to Yahweh, and with him 200,000 mighty ones of strength.

UST
16 Next was Zicri's son Amasiah, who volunteered to serve Yahweh in this way; he commanded 200,000 courageous soldiers.

What did Amasiah, the son of Zichri, willingly offer?
Amasiah willingly offered to serve Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 17:17

ULT
17 And from Benjamin: a mighty one of strength, Eliada, and with him, ones armed with bow and shield, 200,000;

UST
17 From the tribe of Benjamin, Eliada, who was a brave soldier, was the leader of the soldiers; he commanded 200,000 men who had bows, arrows, and shields.

What kind of man was Eliada from Benjamin?
Eliada was a powerful man of courage.

2 Chronicles 17:18

ULT
18 and on his hand, Jehozabad and with him 180,000 equipped for war.

UST
18 Next was Jehozabad, who commanded 180,000 men who had weapons for fighting battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 17:19

ULT

19 These ministered to the king, besides those whom the king placed in the cities of fortification in all Judah.
17:3 [1] , and some modern versions leave it out.

UST

19 Those were the soldiers who served the king in Jerusalem, in addition to the men whom the king had placed in the other cities in Judah that had walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18

2 Chronicles 18:1

ULT

1 And it was to Jehoshaphat wealth and glory in abundance; and he became son-in-law to Ahab.

UST

1 Jehoshaphat became very wealthy and was greatly honored. But then he arranged for one of his family to marry someone from the family of King Ahab of Israel.

How did Jehoshaphat ally himself with Ahab?
Jehoshaphat allied himself with Ahab by having one of his family marry his daughter.

2 Chronicles 18:2

ULT

2 And he went down at the end of years to Ahab in Samaria, and Ahab sacrificed for him sheep and oxen in abundance and for the people who were with him. And he incited him to go up against Ramoth Gilead.

UST

2 Several years later, he went down from Jerusalem to Samaria to visit Ahab. Ahab welcomed him, and the people who had come with him by slaughtering many sheep and cattle for a feast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:3

ULT

3 And Ahab, the king of Israel, said to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, “Will you go with me to Ramoth Gilead?” And he said to him, “Like me, like you, and like your people, my people, and with you in battle.”

UST

3 Then he asked Jehoshaphat, “Will you and your army go with my army to attack the city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead?” Jehoshaphat replied, “My soldiers and I are at your orders. We will go to war when you tell us to go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:4

ULT

4 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please seek as the day the word of Yahweh.”

UST

4 Then he added, “But we should ask Yahweh first, to find out what he wants us to do.”

What did Jehoshaphat tell the king of Israel to do to find his answer?

Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please first seek the word of Yahweh for your answer.”

2 Chronicles 18:5

ULT

5 And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men. And he said to them, “Should we go against Ramoth Gilead in battle, or should I refrain?” And they said, “Go up, and God will give into the hand of the king.”

UST

5 So the king of Israel gathered all his four hundred prophets and asked them, “Should we go to fight the people of Ramoth, or should we not?” They replied, “Yes, go and attack them because God will enable your army to defeat them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:6

ULT

6 And Jehoshaphat said, “Is there not here another prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek from him?”

UST

6 But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there no prophet of Yahweh here whom we can ask?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:7

ULT

7 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Still one man to seek Yahweh from him. But I myself hate him for nothing does he prophesy about me that is good, but all his days evil. He is Micaiah the son of Imlah.” And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say thus.”

UST

7 The king of Israel replied, “There is still one man here, whom we can ask to find out what Yahweh wants, His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him because he never says that anything good about me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me.” Jehoshaphat replied, “King Ahab, you should not say that!”

Why did the king of Israel hate Micaiah the son of Imlah?

The king of Israel hated Micaiah because he never prophesied anything good about the king, but only hardships.

2 Chronicles 18:8

ULT

8 And the king of Israel called to one officer, and he said, “Hasten Micaiah the son of Imlah.”

UST

8 So the king of Israel told one of his officials to summon Micaiah immediately.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:9

ULT

9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, each on his throne, clothed with robes. And they were sitting at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

UST

9 Now the king of Israel and the king of Judah were sitting there on thrones, wearing their royal robes. They were sitting by the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were busy saying words of prophecy to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:10

ULT

10 And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah made for himself horns of iron, and he said, “Thus says Yahweh: With these you will gore Aram until they are finished.”

UST

10 One of them whose name was Zedekiah son of Kenaanah, had made from iron something that resembled the horns of a bull. He proclaimed to Ahab, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘With horns like these, your army will keep attacking the army of Aram like a bull attacks another animal, until you completely destroy them.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:11

ULT

11 And all the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, “Go up to Ramoth Gilead and succeed. And Yahweh will give into the hand of the king.”

UST

11 All the other prophets of Ahab agreed. They said, “Yes! If you attack Ramoth in Gilead, you will be successful, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat them.”

Who did the prophets say had given Ramoth Gilead into the hand of the king?

They all prophesied saying that Yahweh had given Ramoth Gilead into the hand of the king.

2 Chronicles 18:12

ULT

12 And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Behold, the words of the prophets, one mouth, good to the king. And please let your word be as one from them, and speak good.”

UST

12 The messenger who went to summon Micaiah said to him, “Listen to me! All the other prophets are predicting the same thing. You had better do as they are doing!”

What did the messenger tell Micaiah the words of the prophets declared to the king?

The messenger told Micaiah that the words of the prophets declared good things to the king with one mouth.

2 Chronicles 18:13

ULT

13 And Micaiah said, “As Yahweh lives, surely that which my God says, it I will speak.”

UST

13 But Micaiah said, “As surely as Yahweh lives, I will tell him only what he tells me to say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:14

ULT

14 And he came to the king, and the king said to him, “Micaiah, should we go against Ramoth Gilead for battle, or should I refrain?” And he said, “Go up and succeed. And they will be given into your hand.”

UST

14 When Micaiah arrived, the king of Israel asked him, “Should we go to attack Ramoth, or not?” Micaiah replied, “Sure, go! Yahweh will enable your army to defeat them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:15

ULT

15 And the king said to him, “How many times must I myself make you swear that you will speak not to me, only truth in the name of Yahweh?”

UST

15 But King Ahab wished to appear reverent toward Yahweh in front of Jehoshaphat. He said to Miciaiah, “I keep telling you to say only what Yahweh tells you to say!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:16

ULT

16 And he said, “I saw all Israel scattered on the hills, like sheep which do not have to them one who shepherds. And Yahweh said, ‘No master to these; they will turn, each to his house in peace.’”

UST

16 Then Micaiah replied, “The truth is that in a vision I saw all the troops of Israel scattered on the mountains. They seemed to be like sheep that did not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, ‘Their master has been killed. So tell them all to go home peacefully.’”

To what did Micaiah compare Israel when he saw them scattered on the mountains?

Micaiah said that he saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep who have no shepherd.

2 Chronicles 18:17

ULT

17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not say to you, he will not prophesy about me good, but only evil?”

UST

17 Ahab turned to Jehoshaphat and said, “I told you that Micaiah never says anything good will happen to me! He only predicts bad things for me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:18

ULT

18 And he said, “Therefore, hear the word of Yahweh: I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne and all the host of heaven standing on his right and his left.

UST

18 But Micaiah continued, saying, “Listen to what Yahweh showed to me! In a vision I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, with all the armies of heaven standing around him, on his right side and on his left side.

When Micaiah saw Yahweh on his throne where were the hosts of heaven?

Micaiah saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven were standing on his right hand and on his left.

2 Chronicles 18:19

ULT

19 And Yahweh said, ‘Who will entice Ahab, the king of Israel, so he will go up, and he will fall at Ramoth Gilead?’ And this speaker said thus, and this speaker thus.

UST

19 And Yahweh said, ‘Who can persuade Ahab, the king of Israel, to go to fight against the people of Ramoth, in order that he may be killed there?’ Some suggested one thing, and others suggested something else.

What was Yahweh asking to happen when Ahab went up to Ramoth Gilead?

Yahweh was asking for one to entice Ahab, king of Israel, so that he would go up and fall at Ramoth Gilead.

2 Chronicles 18:20

ULT

20 And the spirit went out, and he stood before Yahweh. And he said, ‘I myself will entice him.’ And Yahweh said to him, ‘With what?’

UST

20 Finally one spirit forward and said, ‘I can do it!’ Yahweh asked him, ‘How will you do it?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:21

ULT

21 And he said, ‘I will go out and I will become a spirit of deception in the mouth of all his prophets.’ And he said, ‘You will entice, and also you will be able. Go out and do thus.’

UST

21 The spirit replied, ‘I will go and inspire all of Ahab’s prophets to tell lies.’ Yahweh said, ‘You will be successful; go and do it!’

To whom was the spirit going to become a lying spirit?

The spirit said that he would go out and become a lying spirit in the mouth of all Ahab’s prophets.

2 Chronicles 18:22

ULT

22 And now, behold, Yahweh placed a spirit of deception in the mouth of these your prophets, and Yahweh, he has spoken against you disaster.”

UST

22 So now I tell you that Yahweh has caused your prophets to lie to you. Yahweh has decided that something terrible will happen to you.”

What did Micaiah say Yahweh had decreed for the king of Israel?

Micaiah said that Yahweh had decreed disaster for him.

2 Chronicles 18:23

ULT

23 And Zedekiah the son of Kenaanah, drew near, and he struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, “Where is this, the way the Spirit of Yahweh passed over from me to speak with you?”

UST

23 Then Zedekiah walked over to Micaiah and slapped him on his face. He said, “Do you think that Yahweh’s spirit left me in order to speak to you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:24

ULT

24 And Micaiah said, “Behold, you will see on that day, when you go chamber by chamber to hide yourself.”

UST

24 Micaiah replied, “You will find out for yourself to which of us Yahweh’s spirit has truly spoken on the day when you go into a room of some house to hide from the Aramean soldiers!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:25

ULT
25 And the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah and return him to Amon, the chief of the city, and to Joash, the son of the king,

UST
25 King Ahab commanded his soldiers, “Arrest Micaiah and take him to Amon, the governor of this city, and to my son Joash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:26

ULT
26 and say, ‘Thus says the king: Put this in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of oppression and water of oppression, until my returning in peace.’”

UST
26 Tell them that I have commanded that they should put this man in prison and give him only bread and water. Do not give him anything else to eat until I return safely from the battle!”

Where was Micaiah to be until the king of Israel returned safely?
The king said to put Micaiah in prison until he returned safely.

2 Chronicles 18:27

ULT
27 And Micaiah said, “If you certainly return in peace, Yahweh did not speak with me.” And he said, “Hear, O peoples, all of them!”

UST
27 Micaiah replied, “If you return safely, it will be clear that it was not Yahweh who told me what to say to you!” Then he said to all those who were standing there, “Do not forget what I have said to King Ahab!”

If the king returned safely, what did that mean about Micaiah’s words?
Micaiah said that if the king returned safely, then Yahweh had not spoken by him.

2 Chronicles 18:28

ULT
28 And the king of Israel went up, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, against Ramoth Gilead.

UST
28 So the king of Israel and the king of Judah led their armies to Ramoth in Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:29

ULT
29 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “I will disguise myself and go into the battle, and now put on your garments.” And the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into the battle.

UST
29 King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “I will put on different clothes, in order that no one will recognize that I am the king. But you should wear your royal robe.” So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they both went into the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:30

ULT
30 And the king of Aram had commanded the chiefs of the chariots which were to him, saying, “Do not fight the small or the great, but with the king of Israel alone.”

UST
30 The king of Aram had told his soldiers who were driving the chariots, “Attack only the king of Israel! Do not attack anyone else.”

Who had the king of Aram told the captains to attack?
The king of Aram told the captains of his chariots not to attack the soldiers, but instead, to attack only the king of Israel.

2 Chronicles 18:31

ULT

31 And it happened when the chiefs of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, and they said, “It is the king of Israel.” And they turned against him to fight. And Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh helped him, and God incited them from him.

UST

31 So when the soldiers who were driving the Aramean chariots saw Jehoshaphat wearing the royal robes, they thought, “He must be the king of Israel!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:32

ULT

32 And it happened when the chiefs of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, and they turned back from after him.

UST

32 So they turned to attack him. But when Jehoshaphat cried out, Yahweh helped him, and they realized that he was not the king of Israel. And God caused them to stop pursuing him.

What did the commanders do when they realized Jehoshaphat was not the king of Israel?
When the commanders saw that he was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him.

2 Chronicles 18:33

ULT

33 And a man drew the bow in his innocence and struck the king of Israel between the joinings and between the armor. And he said to the charioteer, “Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I have been seriously wounded.”

UST

33 But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at Ahab, without knowing who he was. The arrow struck Ahab between the places where the parts of his armor joined together. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, “Turn the chariot around and take me out of here! I have been severely wounded!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 18:34

ULT

34 And the battle went up that day, and the king of Israel was set up in the chariot opposite Aram until the evening. And he died at the time of the going of the sun.

UST

34 The battle continued all the day. Ahab was sitting propped up in his chariot, facing the Aramean soldiers. And late in the afternoon, when the sun was setting, he died.

What time of day was it when Ahab died?

About the time that the sun was going down, Ahab died.

2 Chronicles 19

2 Chronicles 19:1

ULT
1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace, to Jerusalem.

UST
1 When King Jehoshaphat returned safely to his palace in Jerusalem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:2

ULT
2 But Jehu, the son of Hanani the seer, went out to his face, and he said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should the wicked you help and the ones who hate Yahweh you love? And because of this, upon you is wrath from before Yahweh.

UST
2 the prophet Jehu son of the prophet Hanani, went out of the city to meet the king, and said to him, “It was not right for you to help a wicked man and to love those who hate Yahweh. Because of what you have done, Yahweh is angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:3

ULT
3 However, good things have been found with you, for you removed the Asherah from the land, and you established your heart to seek God.”

UST
3 But you have done some good things; you got rid of the poles in this country for worshiping the goddess Asherah, and you have been determined to do what pleases God.”

What good was found in Jehoshaphat’s heart?
Some good was found in Jehoshaphat, that he had fixed his heart to seek God.

2 Chronicles 19:4

ULT

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt in Jerusalem. And he turned and he went out among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephraim. And he brought them back to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST

4 Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem. But one time, like he had done once previously, he went out among all the people in the country, from the city of Beersheba in the far south to the hill country of the tribe of Ephraim in the far north, and he convinced them to return to worshiping Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:5

ULT

5 And he appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, for city and city.

UST

5 He appointed judges throughout Judah, in each of the cities that had walls around them.

Where did Jehoshaphat place judges?

Jehoshaphat placed judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 19:6

ULT

6 And he said to the judges, “See what you all are doing. For not for man do you all judge but for Yahweh; and with you all in the matter of judgment.

UST

6 He told them, “Make your decisions carefully, because you are judging cases not in order to please people, but to please Yahweh. And he will be watching you whenever you make a decision.

Where did Jehoshaphat say Yahweh was when the judges passed judgement?

He told the judges that Yahweh was with them in the act of judging.

2 Chronicles 19:7

ULT

[7] And now, let the dread of Yahweh be upon you all. Watch and act for there is not with Yahweh our God injustice or lifting of faces or taking a bribe."

UST

[7] So now revere Yahweh and judge cases carefully and do not forget that Yahweh our God never acts unjustly, and that he never does what people want because they offer him money."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:8

ULT

[8] And also in Jerusalem Jehoshaphat appointed from the Levites and the priests, and from the heads of fathers for Israel, for the judgment of Yahweh, and for dispute. And they returned to Jerusalem.

UST

[8] In Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat also appointed some priests and other descendants of Levi and some leaders of Israelite families to be judges. He told them to do what Yahweh's laws said was right when they settled disputes. Those men lived in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 19:9

ULT

[9] And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you will do in the fear of Yahweh in trustworthiness and with a complete heart.

UST

[9] He told them this: "You must always do your work faithfully, honoring Yahweh.

What kind of heart did Jehoshaphat say the judges in Jerusalem should have in reverence for Yahweh?

Jehoshaphat instructed them that in reverence for Yahweh, judge faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

2 Chronicles 19:10

ULT

10 And any dispute that comes to you all from your brothers, the ones dwelling in their cities, between blood to blood, between law to command, to statutes, and to judgments, and you all must caution them, so they will not be guilty to Yahweh, and there will be wrath on you all and on your brothers. Thus you will do, and you all will not be guilty.

UST

10 In every dispute that your fellow Israelites who live in the cities want you to settle, you must warn them to not sin against Yahweh by telling lies during the trial—regardless of whether the trial is about murder, or about various laws, or about various royal decress. If you do not warn them, God will punish you. Do this so that he does not become angry with you or your fellow Israelites.

What would not come down on them if the people did not sin against Yahweh?

The people were told not to sin against Yahweh, so that anger would not come down on them.

2 Chronicles 19:11

ULT

11 And behold, Amariah the head priest is over you all for any matter of Yahweh. And Zebadiah, the son of Ishmael, is the leader of the house of Judah for any matter of the king. And officials of the Levites are before you all. Be strong and act! And let Yahweh be with the good!”

UST

11 Amariah, the high priest, will supervise you in any matter that Yahweh is concerned about, and Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the leader of the tribe of Judah, will supervise you in any matter that I am concerned about. And the descendants of Levi will assist you. Act courageously, and I pray that Yahweh will help those who do their work well.”

With whom did Jehoshaphat pray that Yahweh abides?

Jehoshaphat prayed for Yahweh to be with those who were good.

2 Chronicles 20

2 Chronicles 20:1

ULT

1 And it happened after this, the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon, and with them some Meunites came against Jehoshaphat for battle. [1]

UST

1 Later armies from Moab and Ammon and some soldiers from region of Meun, near Edom, came to fight against Jehoshaphat's army.

For what reason did the people of Moab, Ammon, and the Meunites come against Jehoshaphat?
They came against Jehoshaphat to do battle.

2 Chronicles 20:2

ULT

2 And they came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Aram. And behold, they are in Hazezon Tamar," that is, Engedi. [2]

UST

2 Some men came and told Jehoshaphat, "A huge army is coming to attack your army. They are coming from the region of Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. They have already come to Hazezon Tamar!" Another name for that place is Engedi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:3

ULT

3 And he feared, and Jehoshaphat set his face to seek Yahweh. And he proclaimed a fast over all Judah.

UST

3 Jehoshaphat became very afraid, so he decided to ask Yahweh what he should do. He also proclaimed that all the people of Judah should fast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:4

ULT

4 And Judah gathered to seek from Yahweh; also from all the cities of Judah, they came to seek Yahweh.

UST

4 The people of Judah gathered together to request Yahweh to help them. They came to Jerusalem from every town in Judah to seek help from Yahweh.

Where did the people of Judah come from to seek Yahweh?
The people came to seek Yahweh from all the cities of Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:5

ULT

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Yahweh, before the new court.

UST

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in front of the people of Judah in front of the new courtyard of the temple,

Where did Jehoshaphat stand in the assembly of the people?
Jehoshaphat stood at the house of Yahweh, in front of the new courtyard.

2 Chronicles 20:6

ULT

6 And he said, “Yahweh, the God of our fathers, are you not he, the God in the heavens? And you rule in all the kingdoms of the nations. And in your hand are power and might and none stands himself with you.

UST

6 and he prayed this: “Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors belonged to, you rule from heaven. You rule over all the kings and nations on earth. You can do anything; no one can successfully oppose you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:7

ULT

7 Did you yourself our God not drive out the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham, the one who loved you, forever?

UST

7 Our God, you drove out the people who lived in this land while your Israelite people advanced into it, and you certainly gave it to us who are descendants of Abraham, so that the land would belong to us forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:8

ULT

8 And they have dwelled in it, and they built for you in it a sanctuary for your name, saying,

UST

8 Our ancestors lived here and built a temple at which to worship you. At that time they prayed:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:9

ULT

9 ‘If disaster comes on us—the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this house, and before you for your name is in this house. And we will cry to you from our distress, and you will hear and deliver.’ [3]

UST

9 ‘If we experience disasters, either from our enemies attacking us, or from disease or hunger, we will assemble at this temple in your presence, for you agreed to be present here. We will plead with you because of the things we are suffering, and you will hear us and will rescue us.’

What promise of Yahweh did Jehoshaphat repeat when the people cried to him in their affliction?

Jehoshaphat said that when the people cry to Yahweh in their affliction, he would hear them and save them.

2 Chronicles 20:10

ULT

10 And now behold the sons of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir whom you did not give to Israel to enter against them when they were coming from the land of Egypt, for they turned from against them, and they did not destroy them.

UST

10 You would not allow our Israelite ancestors to enter the countries of Ammon, Moab, or Edom when they were traveling from Egypt to Canaan. So our ancestors turned away from those areas and did not attack the people there and did not destroy them. But now they are coming here to attack us.

What did Yahweh not let Israel do to Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir when they came out of Egypt?

Yahweh would not let Israel invade them when they came out of the land of Egypt.

2 Chronicles 20:11

ULT

11 And behold they are repaying us, to come to drive us out from your posession which you caused us to possess.

UST

11 We did good things for them. But now look at how they are repaying us by trying to drive out us from the land that you gave to our ancestors to belong to them and their descendants forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:12

ULT

12 Our God, will you not judge them, for there is not in us strength before this great multitude coming against us. And we ourselves do not know what we should do, but on you are our eyes.”

UST

12 So, our God, please punish them. We cannot defeat the enormous army that is coming to attack us. We do not know what to do, but we are depending on you to help us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:13

ULT

13 And all Judah was standing before Yahweh, even their children, their wives, and their sons.

UST

13 All the men of Judah and their wives, children, and babies were standing there in the presence of Yahweh while Jehoshaphat prayed.

What part of the people of Judah stood before Yahweh?

All Judah stood before Yahweh, with their little ones, wives, and children.

2 Chronicles 20:14

ULT

14 And Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite from the sons of Asaph, the Spirit of Yahweh was on him in the midst of the assembly.

UST

14 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Jahaziel son of Zechariah, who was son of Benaiah, who was son of Jeiel, who was son of Mattaniah. He was a descendant of Levi and a descendant of Asaph. He stood up in front of the whole group that was gathered there,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:15

ULT

15 And he said, “Give attention, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat. Thus says Yahweh to you all, ‘You yourselves, do not fear; and do not be dismayed from before this great multitude, for not to you all is the battle but to God.

UST

15 and said, “King Jehoshaphat and all you who live in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah, listen! This is what Yahweh says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this huge army that is coming to attack you, because it is not you who will win this battle. It is God who will win it.

Why did Yahweh say not to fear or be discouraged by the great army against them?

Yahweh told them not to fear or be discouraged because of this great army, for the battle did not belong to them, but to God.

2 Chronicles 20:16

ULT

16 Tomorrow, go down against them. Behold, they are coming up by the Ascent of Ziz. And you will find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

UST

16 Tomorrow march down toward them. They will be climbing up through the pass of Ziz north of En Gedi. You will meet them at the end of the gorge near wilderness of Jeruel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:17

ULT

17 Not to you all is it to fight in this. Station yourselves, stand and see the deliverance of Yahweh with you all, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow, go out before them, and Yahweh is with you all.'"

UST

17 But you will not need to fight this battle. You soldiers from Jerusalem and other places in Judah, just take your positions, and then stand still and watch what will happen. You will see Yahweh rescue you. Do not be afraid or discouraged. March toward them tomorrow, and Yahweh will be with you.'"

What did Yahweh say the people would see when they stood still in their positions?

Yahweh told them to stand still, and see the rescue of Yahweh with them.

2 Chronicles 20:18

ULT

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed down, face to the earth. And all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before Yahweh to worship Yahweh.

UST

18 Jehoshaphat prostrated himself with his face touching the ground, and all the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah who were there knelt down to worship Yahweh.

What did Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do in worship before Yahweh?

All Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before Yahweh, worshiping him.

2 Chronicles 20:19

ULT

19 And the Levites, from the sons of the Kohathites and from the sons of the Korahites, stood up to praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, with a great voice upwards.

UST

19 Then some descendants of Levi who were descendants of Kohath and Korah stood up and loudly praised Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites belonged to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:20

ULT

20 And they rose early in the morning, and they went out to the wilderness of Tekoa. And when they went, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Believe in Yahweh your God, and be confirmed. Believe in his prophets and succeed.”

UST

20 Early the next morning the army left to go to the desert near the town of Tekoa. While they were leaving, Jehoshaphat stood up and said to them, “You people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, listen to me! Trust in Yahweh our God; if you do that, you will be strong. Trust in what his prophets have said; if you do that, you will be successful.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:21

ULT

21 And he consulted with the people, and he appointed ones who sing to Yahweh and ones who praise the holy majesty as they went out before the equipped. And they were saying, “Give thanks to Yahweh, for his covenant faithfulness is forever.”

UST

21 Then, after consulting with the people’s leaders, Jehoshaphat assigned some persons to sign praise ot Yahweh for his greatness, and for these individuals to lead the entire army to the enemy. They were singing, “Thank Yahweh, because he faithfully loves us forever.”

As the army went out, why did Jehoshaphat say to give thanks to Yahweh?

As they went out preceding the army, Jehoshaphat told them to say, “Give thanks to Yahweh; for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.”

2 Chronicles 20:22

ULT

22 And at the time they began in cry of jubilation and praise, Yahweh placed ambushers against the sons of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who were coming to Judah. And they were struck.

UST

22 While they began to sing and praise Yahweh, Yahweh caused some enemy soldiers to unexpectedly attack the others from Ammon and Moab and Edom. They defeated the others in their army.

What did Yahweh do when the people of Judah began to sing and praise?

When they began to sing and praise, Yahweh set men in ambush against their enemies.

2 Chronicles 20:23

ULT

23 And the sons of Ammon and Moab stood against the inhabitants of Mount Seir, to devote to destruction and to destroy. And when they finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped a man against his neighbor for destruction.

UST

23 Then the soldiers from Ammon and Moab attacked the soldiers from Edom and completely annihilated them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Edom, they slaughtered each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:24

ULT

24 And Judah came to the watchtower of the wilderness, and they turned toward the multitude. And behold, corpses fallen to the earth! And there none who escaped.

UST

24 When the soldiers from Judah came to the place where they could look down over the wilderness, they looked toward that huge army of their enemies, and they saw only corpses lying on the ground. No one had survived.

What did the people of Judah see when they looked out on the enemy's army?

When they looked out on the army, they were dead, fallen to the ground.

2 Chronicles 20:25

ULT

25 And Jehoshaphat and his people came to plunder the spoils, and they found among them in abundance goods, and corpses, and precious items. And they took for themselves, so there was no carrying away. And there were three days of plundering the spoils, for it was great. [4]

UST

25 So Jehoshaphat and his soldiers went to take the possessions of their enemies, and they saw that there was a lot of equipment and clothing and other valuable things; there was more than they could carry away. There were very many things, with the result that it took three days for them to collect them all.

How long did it take the people to carry off the plunder from the army?

It took the people three days to carry off the plunder, because there was so much of it.

2 Chronicles 20:26

ULT

26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berakah. For there they blessed Yahweh. Therefore they called the name of that place “Valley of Berakah” until today.

UST

26 The following day they gathered in Berakah Valley and praised Yahweh there. That is why that valley is still called Berakah, which means praise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:27

ULT

27 And they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem and Jehoshaphat at their head, to return to Jerusalem with joy, for Yahweh had made them rejoice over their enemies.

UST

27 Then while Jehoshaphat led them, all the soldiers who were from Jerusalem and other places in Judah returned to Jerusalem. They were happy because Yahweh had enabled them to defeat their enemies.

Why did Jehoshophat and his people return to Jerusalem with joy?

They returned to Jerusalem with joy for Yahweh had made them rejoice over their enemies.

2 Chronicles 20:28

ULT
28 And they came to Jerusalem with harps and with lyres and with trumpets to the house of Yahweh.

UST
28 When they arrived at Jerusalem, they went to the temple, playing harps, lutes, and trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:29

ULT
29 And the dread of God was on all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Yahweh had fought with the enemies of Israel.

UST
29 People in the kingdoms of the nearby countries became very afraid when they heard how Yahweh had fought against the enemies of the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:30

ULT
30 And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was quiet, and his God gave rest to him all around.

UST
30 Then there was peace in the kingdom that Jehoshaphat ruled, because God had enabled him to have peace throughout the country.

What did God give Jehoshaphat that made his kingdom quiet?
Jehoshaphat's kingdom was quiet, for his God gave him peace all around him.

2 Chronicles 20:31

ULT

31 And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. The son of 35 years when he became king, and 25 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother, Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

UST

31 Jehoshaphat continued to rule Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king of Judah, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-five years. His mother's name was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:32

ULT

32 And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and he did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

32 He did things that were pleasing to Yahweh, like his father Asa had done, and he did not stop doing those things.

What had Jehoshaphat done in the eyes of Yahweh?

Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 20:33

ULT

33 However, the high places did not turn aside. And still the people did not establish their heart to the God of their fathers.

UST

33 But he did not get rid of the places where idols were worshiped on the hills in the countryside, and most of the people still not erious about obeying the God whom their ancestors had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:34

ULT

34 And the remainder of the matters of Jehoshaphat, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written in the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is taken up on the scroll of the kings of Israel.

UST

34 A record of the other things that Jehoshaphat did while he ruled, from the beginning until he died, is in the scrolls written by the prophet Jehu son of Hanani. They are also in the scroll on which was written a record of the activities of the kings of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:35

ULT

35 And after this Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, allied himself with Ahaziah, the king of Israel; he made himself guilty in so doing.

UST

35 Later, Jehoshaphat made a treaty with Ahaziah, the king of Israel, who was a very wicked king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:36

ULT

36 And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish. And they made ships at Ezion Geber.

UST

36 They agreed that their workers would build a fleet of ships to use to buy and sell things with other countries. After those ships were built at Ezion Geber,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 20:37

ULT

37 And Eliezer the son of Dodavahu from Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, “When you allied yourself with Ahaziah, Yahweh broke through your works.” And the ships were broken, and they were not able to go to Tarshish.

20:1 [1] represents a correction to the Hebrew text, which reads, . It is thought that was original, and that a copyist changed it to . But this last reading makes no sense, because Ammonites have already been mentioned in this verse. However, different versions deal with this problem in different ways.

20:2 [2] , some ancient and modern versions have .

20:9 [3] , some ancient and modern versions read .

20:25 [4] , some ancient and modern versions read . Instead of , some ancient manuscripts and most modern versions read .

UST

37 Eliezer son of Dodavahu of the city of Mareshah, prophesied against Jehoshaphat. He said, “You have made an alliance with Ahaziah, who is a wicked king. Therefore, Yahweh will destroy the ships that your workers have made.” And the ships were wrecked, and were never able to sail to other countries.

What was prophesied against Jehoshaphat, because he allied himself with Ahaziah?

Because Jehoshaphat had allied himself with Ahaziah, Yahweh destroyed his projects.

2 Chronicles 21

2 Chronicles 21:1

ULT

1 And Jehoshaphat laid down with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram, his son, reigned in his place.

UST

1 Then Jehoshaphat died and was buried where his ancestors were buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. His son Jehoram became the next king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:2

ULT

2 And to him brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariahu, and Michael, and Shephatiah. All these, the sons of Jehoshaphat, the king of Israel.

UST

2 Jehoram's younger brothers were Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azariah, Michael, and Shephatiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:3

ULT

3 And their father gave to them many gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things with fortified cities in Judah. And the kingdom he gave to Jehoram for he was the firstborn.

UST

3 Before Jehoshaphat died, he had given them large gifts of silver and gold and other valuable things. He also appointed them to rule various cities in Judah that had walls around them. But he appointed Jehoram to be the king of Judah, because Jehoram was his oldest son.

Why did Jehoshaphat give the throne to Jehoram?

Jehoshaphat gave the throne to Jehoram because Jehoram was his firstborn.

2 Chronicles 21:4

ULT

[4] And Jehoram rose over the kingdom of his father and he strengthened himself. And he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the chiefs of Israel.

UST

[4] After Jehoram was completely in control of his father's kingdom, he caused all of his younger brothers to be killed, along with some of the leaders of the nation.

What did Jehoram do to his brothers after he was established as king?
When Jehoram had firmly established himself as king, he killed all his brothers with the sword.

2 Chronicles 21:5

ULT

[5] A son of 32 years Jehoram was when he became king, and eight years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

[5] Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:6

ULT

[6] And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was to him a wife, and he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

[6] But he did many of the evil things that the kings of Israel had done. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, things that the family of Ahab had done, because he married one of Ahab's daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:7

ULT

[7] But Yahweh was not willing to destroy the house of David on account of the covenant which he had cut with David; and just as he said to give to him a lamp and to his sons all the days.

UST

[7] However, because of the covenant that Yahweh had made with King David, Yahweh did not want to get rid of the descendants Judah.

Why did Yahweh not wish to destroy the house of David?

Yahweh did not wish to destroy the house of David because of the covenant he had made with David.

2 Chronicles 21:8

ULT

[8] In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they caused to reign over themselves a king.

UST

[8] While Jehoram was ruling, the people in the region of Edom rebelled against the king of Judah and appointed their own king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:9

ULT

[9] And Jehoram passed over with his chiefs and all his chariots with him. And it happened he rose at night and he struck Edom surrounding him and the chiefs of the chariots.

UST

[9] So Jehoram and his officers and his men in chariots went to Edom. There, the army of Edom surrounded them. However, Jerhoram and his army attacked them and broke free from them; then they escaped during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:10

ULT

10 And Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah until this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time from under his hand, for he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers.

UST

10 But the king of Judah was never able to regain control of Edom, and Edom is still not controlled by Judah. The people in the city of Libnah between Judah and Philistia also rebelled against Judah. Those things happened because Jehoram stopped obeying Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors belonged to.

Why did Libnah revolt from the power of Judah?

They revolted from Judah's power, because Jehoram had forsaken Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 21:11

ULT

11 Also, he himself made the high places in the hills of Judah, and he caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit adultery, and he drove Judah away.

UST

11 On the hilltops in Judah he had also built high places, where they worshiped idols. He caused the people of Judah to stray away from Yahweh by worshiping foreign gods.

What did Jehoram build in the mountains of Judah?

Jehoram also built shrines in the mountains of Judah.

2 Chronicles 21:12

ULT

12 And a writing came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father: 'Because you did not walk in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father and in the ways of Asa, the king of Judah,

UST

12 One day, Jehoram received a letter from the prophet Elijah. Elijah had written this:

> "This is what Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, says: 'You have not done things that please me like your father Jehoshaphat did or what King Asa did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:13

ULT

13 but you walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and he caused Judah to commit adultery and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, like the house of Ahab committed adultery, and also your brothers, the house of your father, the ones better than you, you have killed.

UST

13 Instead, you have continually done the evil things that the kings of Israel have done. You have encouraged the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to stop worshiping Yahweh and to be unfaithful to him. And you have killed your brothers, men who were better than you are.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:14

ULT

14 Behold, Yahweh is striking a great striking among your people, and among your sons, and among your wives, and among all your goods,

UST

14 So now Yahweh is about to cause disasters to strike very severely the people in your kingdom and even your own children and your wives, and everything that you own.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:15

ULT

15 and you with many sicknesses, with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out from the sickness, days upon days."

UST

15 And you yourself will have an intestinal disease that will continue to become worse, and you will suffer from it until you die."

What did Elijah say would happen to Jehoram's intestines in his sickness?

Jehoram would have much sickness until his intestines fell out because of the sickness.

2 Chronicles 21:16

ULT

16 And Yahweh stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who were at the hand of the Cushites.

UST

16 Then Yahweh stirred up some men from the Philistia people group and some Arabs who lived near the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, where people from Ethiopia had settled, to come against Jehoram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:17

ULT

17 And they came up against Judah, and they broke it up. And they captured all the goods that were found in the house of the king, and also his sons and his wives, and there was not left to him a son except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

UST

17 Their army invaded Judah and took away from Jerusalem all the valuable things that they found in the king's palace; they also took away his sons and wives. His youngest son, Jehoahaz, was the only one of his sons whom they did not take away.

What did the Philistines and Arabians carry away from the king's house?

They carried away all the wealth that was found in the king's house.

2 Chronicles 21:18

ULT

18 And after all this, Yahweh struck him in his intestines with a sickness for which there is no cure.

UST

18 After that happened, Yahweh caused Jehoram to be afflicted with an intestinal disease that no doctor could cure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 21:19

ULT

19 And it happened from days to days, and at the time of the going out for the end of days, two, his intestines came out with his sickness, and he died with evil diseases. And his people did not make for him a burning like the burning of his fathers.

UST

19 About two years later, while he had great pain, he died because of that disease. The people of Judah had made bonfires to honor his ancestors when they died, but they did not make a bonfire for Jehoram.

What did his people not do for Jehoram that they had done for his ancestors?
His people made no fire in his honor as they had done for his ancestors.

2 Chronicles 21:20

ULT

20 A son of 32 he was when he became king; and eight years he reigned in Jerusalem, and he went with no delight. And they buried him in the city of David, but not in the grave of the kings.

UST

20 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years. No one regretted it when he died. His corpse was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, but he was not buried where the other kings of Judah had been buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22

2 Chronicles 22:1

ULT

[1] And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah, his youngest son, king in his place, for all the older the band had killed coming with the Arabians to the camp. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, reigned.

UST

[1] The people of Jerusalem appointed Jehoram's youngest son Ahaziah to be their king, because the men from Philistia who had invaded Judah with some Arabs had killed all of Jehoram's other sons. So Ahaziah started to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:2

ULT

[2] A son of 42 years was Ahaziah when he became king, and one year he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri.

UST

[2] Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled in Jerusalem for one year. His mother's name was Athaliah, a granddaughter of King Omri of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:3

ULT

[3] Also he himself walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his advisor to do wickedly.

UST

[3] King Ahab conducted his life just like the members of Ahab's family had done, because his mother encouraged him to do things that are wrong.

In whose ways did Ahaziah walk because of the advice of his mother?

Ahaziah walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother was his adviser in doing wicked things.

2 Chronicles 22:4

ULT

4 And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the house of Ahab, for they themselves were to him advisors after the death of his father, for destruction to him.

UST

4 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like the descendants of Ahab had done, because after Ahaziah's father died, they became his advisors. And Ahaziah died as a result of heeding their bad advice.

How did Ahaziah act in Yahweh's sight, as the house of Ahab was doing?

Ahaziah did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, as the house of Ahab was doing.

2 Chronicles 22:5

ULT

5 Also, with their counsel he walked, and he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, for battle against Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. And the Arameans struck Joram.

UST

5 Before he died, he did what they encourage him to do by going with Joram son of King Ahab of Israel, to fight against the army of Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead. Joram was wounded there by the Arameans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:6

ULT

6 And he returned to get healed in Jezreel because of the strikings that they struck him at Ramah when he fought Hazael, the king of Aram. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was wounded.

UST

6 After he was wounded, Joram went back to the city of Jezreel to recover from his battle wounds. Then King Ahaziah went down to Jezreel to see Joram son of King Ahab, because he had been wounded.

Why did Ahaziah go to visit Joram, the son of Ahab?

Ahaziah went down to Jezreel to see him because Joram had been wounded.

2 Chronicles 22:7

ULT

[7] And from God was the downfall of Ahaziah for going to Joram. And when he came, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh anointed him to cut off the house of Ahab.

UST

[7] God caused Ahaziah to die as a result of his going to visit Joram. When Ahaziah arrived, he went with Joram to meet Jehu son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had appointed to kill all the descendants of Ahab.

What did God bring about through Ahaziah's visit to Joram?

The destruction of Ahaziah was brought about by God through his visit to Joram.

2 Chronicles 22:8

ULT

[8] And it happened when Jehu was judging on the house of Ahab, and he found the chiefs of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah, ones ministering to Ahaziah, and he killed them.

UST

[8] While Jehu and the men who were with him were killing Ahab's descendants, they found the leaders of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's relatives who had been working for Ahaziah, and they killed all of them also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:9

ULT

[9] And he sought Ahaziah; and they captured him, and he was hiding himself in Samaria. And they brought him to Jehu, and they killed him. And they buried him, for they said, "The son of Jehoshaphat is he, who sought Yahweh with all his heart." And there was none belonging to the house of Ahaziah to retain power for the kingdom.

UST

[9] Then Jehu went to find Ahaziah, and his soldiers found Ahaziah while he was hiding in the city of Samaria. They brought him to Jehu and executed him. Then they buried his corpse, because they said, "He deserves to be buried, because he was a descendant of Jehoshaphat, who tried hard to please Yahweh." After that, there were no descendants of Ahaziah who were powerful enough to become the kings of Judah.

What did Jehu recall of Ahaziah's father?

Jehu said that Ahaziah was a son of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with all his heart.

2 Chronicles 22:10

ULT

10 And Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son died, and she arose, and she destroyed all the seed of the kingdom of the house of Judah.

UST

10 When Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, saw that her son had been killed, she commanded that all the members of Ahaziah's family who might become king must be executed.

What did Ahaziah's mother do when she saw that he was dead?

When she saw that her son was dead, she arose and killed all the royal children in the house of Judah.

2 Chronicles 22:11

ULT

11 But Jehoshabeath, [1] the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and she stole him from the midst of the sons of the king who were being killed, and she placed him and his nurse in the room of beds. And Jehoshabeath the daughter of the king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoida the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from the face of Athaliah, and she did not kill him.

UST

11 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Jehoram, took Joash, Ahaziah's very young son, away from the other sons of the king who were about to be murdered, and she hid him and his nursemaid in a bedroom in the temple. Because Jehosheba, who was the daughter of King Jehoram and the wife of the high priest Jehoiada, was Ahaziah's sister, she was able to hide the child, with the result that Athaliah could not kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 22:12

ULT

12 And he was with them in the house of God, hiding himself six years. And Athaliah was reigning over the land.
22:11 [1] Jehoshaba in some versions.

UST

12 He remained hidden there for six years while Athaliah ruled Judah.

How long was Joash hidden in the house of God while Athaliah reigned?

Joash was hidden in the house of God for six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.

2 Chronicles 23

2 Chronicles 23:1

ULT

1 And in the seventh year, Jehoiada strengthened himself and took the chiefs of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri with him into the covenant.

UST

1 The next year, Jehoiada decided that it was necessary to do something. So he made an agreement with the army commanders of groups of one hundred soldiers: Azariah son of Jeroham, Ishmael son of Jehohanan, Azariah son of Obed, Maaseiah son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat son of Zicri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:2

ULT

2 And they went around in Judah, and they gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah and the heads of the fathers of Israel. And they came to Jerusalem.

UST

2 They went throughout Judah and gathered the descendants of Levi and the leaders of Israelite families from all the cities. When they came to Jerusalem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:3

ULT

3 And all the assembly cut a covenant in the house of God with the king. And he said to them, “Behold, the son of the king will reign, just as Yahweh spoke concerning the sons of David.

UST

3 the whole group went to the temple and made an agreement with the young king there. Jehoiada said to them, “This is the son of the previous king of Judah. So he is the one who must rule, like Yahweh promised that the descendants of King David must do.

What made Jehoiada bold to speak to the leaders that the king’s son would reign?

Jehoiada said the king’s son would reign, as Yahweh had said concerning the descendants of David.

2 Chronicles 23:4

ULT

[4] This is the thing that you must do: A third from you all who come in on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, will be gatekeepers at the threshold.

UST

[4] So this is what you must do: One-third of you priests and other descendants of Levi who are starting to work on the Sabbath day must guard the temple doors.

What work was assigned to the priests and Levites serving on the Sabbath?
Those who come to serve on the Sabbath would be guards at the doors.

2 Chronicles 23:5

ULT

[5] And a third at the house of the king, and a third at the Gate of the Foundation. And all the people will be in the courts of the house of Yahweh.

UST

[5] One-third of you must guard the king's palace, and one-third of you must guard the Foundation Gate. All the other people will be in the courtyard outside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:6

ULT

[6] And do not let one enter the house of Yahweh, except the priests and the ministering ones from the Levites; they are entering for sacred are they. And all the people must keep the charge of Yahweh.

UST

[6] Only the priests and the descendants of Levi who work there are allowed to enter the temple, because they are set apart for that work. All the others must remain in the courtyard, obeying what Yahweh has commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:7

ULT

7 And the Levites will surround the king all around, each and his weapon in his hand. And the one going into the house will be killed. And they will be with the king in his coming in and his going out.”

UST

7 You descendants of Levi must stand around the young king, each of you with your weapon in your hand. You must kill anyone else who tries to enter the temple. And stay close to the king, wherever he goes.”

When were the Levites told to stay with the king?
They were told to stay with the king when he came in and when he went out.

2 Chronicles 23:8

ULT

8 And the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And each took his men, those coming in on the Sabbath, with those going out on the Sabbath, for Jehoiada the priest did not release the divisions.

UST

8 So the descendants of Levi and all the men of Judah did what Jehoiada had told them. He did not allow anyone to go home after he finished his work on that day. Each commander took his men, the ones who were finishing their work on that Sabbath day and those who were starting their work on that day.

How completely did the Levites and all Judah follow Jehoiada’s command?
They served in every way in the manner in which Jehoiada the priest commanded.

2 Chronicles 23:9

ULT

9 And Jehoiada the priest gave to the chiefs of the hundreds the spears and the shields and the large shields which belonged to King David which were in the house of God.

UST

9 Then Jehoiada gave each of the commanders the spears and the large and small shields that had been put there in the temple by King David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:10

ULT

10 And he stationed all the people, and each, his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, at the altar and at the house, about the king all around.

UST

10 He commanded all the guards to stand in their positions, each with his sword in his hand, all around the king—near the altar and near the temple, from the north side to the south side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:11

ULT

11 And they brought out the son of the king, and they placed on him the crown and the testimony. And they made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him. And they said, “May the king live!”

UST

11 Then Jehoiada and his sons brought Joash out. They put a crown on his head and gave him a scroll on which were written the rules that the kings needed to obey, and they proclaimed that he was now the king. They anointed him with olive oil and shouted, “We desire that the king will live for many years!”

What did they give to the king’s son when they put the crown on him?

They brought out the king’s son, put the crown on him, and gave him the covenant decrees.

2 Chronicles 23:12

ULT

12 And Athaliah heard the sound of the people running and praising the king, and she came to the people at the house of Yahweh.

UST

12 When Athaliah heard the noise being made by the people running toward the king and cheering, she ran to the temple.

What noise made Athaliah come to the people in the house of Yahweh?

When she heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 23:13

ULT

13 And she looked, and, behold, the king was standing by his pillar at the entrance, and the chiefs and the trumpets were by the king. And all the people of the land were joyful and blowing trumpets, and the singers with the articles of the song and leading the praising. And Athaliah ripped to pieces her clothes, and she said, “Conspiracy! Conspiracy!”

UST

13 She saw the young king there standing alongside the pillar at the entrance of the temple, which is the place at the temple where the kings usually stood. The army commanders and trumpet players were standing beside the king, and all the people of Judah were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, and singers with their musical instruments were leading the people while they praised God. Then Athaliah tore her robes and started screaming, “You are committing treason!”

What did Athaliah do while shouting out “Treason!”?

She tore her clothes and shouted, “Treason!”

2 Chronicles 23:14

ULT

14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the chiefs of the hundreds who were appointed over the army, and he said to them, “Bring her out to before the house of the ranks; and the one who goes after her, let him be killed with the sword.” For the priest had said, “Do not kill her in the house of Yahweh.”

UST

14 Jehoiada the high priest said to the army commanders, “Kill her, but do not kill her at the temple of Yahweh!” Then he said to them, “Bring Athaliah out between your ranks and kill anyone who tries to follow her!”

What did Jehoiada command to be done to anyone who followed Athaliah?

Jehoiada said to let anyone who followed her be killed with the sword.

2 Chronicles 23:15

ULT

15 And they laid hands on her, and she went into the entrance of the Horse Gate of the house of the king. And they put her to death there.

UST

15 She tried to flee, but they seized her as she reached the Horse Gate, before the palace, and they killed her there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:16

ULT

16 And Jehoiada cut a covenant between himself, and between all the people, and between the king, to become a people for Yahweh.

UST

16 Then Jehoiada made an agreement that he and the king and all the other people would be Yahweh's people.

What covenant did Jehoiada make between himself, the people, and the king?
Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, all the people, and the king, that they should be Yahweh's people.

2 Chronicles 23:17

ULT

17 And all the people entered the house of Baal, and they tore it down, and its altars and its images they smashed, and Mattan, the priest of Baal, they killed before the altars.

UST

17 Then all the people who were there went to the temple of Baal and tore it down. They smashed the altars of Baal. They also killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, in front of those altars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:18

ULT

18 And Jehoiada set the musterings of the house of Yahweh by the hand of the priests, the Levites whom David assigned over the house of Yahweh, to offer the burnt offerings of Yahweh, as is written in the law of Moses, with joy and with song, by the hands of David.

UST

18 Then Jehoiada appointed the priests, who were also descended from Levi, to take care of the temple. They were part of the group to whom King David had given various work at the temple, to sacrifice the animals that were to be completely burned on the altar, doing what was written in the laws that Moses had given to them. He also told them to rejoice and sing, which was also what David had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 23:19

ULT

19 And he stationed gatekeepers at the gates of the house of Yahweh, and unclean in any way did not enter.

UST

19 He also put gatekeepers at the gates of the temple in order that anyone who was unacceptable to God would not be allowed to enter.

Whom did Jehoiada keep from entering the house of Yahweh by setting guards at the gates?

Jehoiada set guards at the gates of the house of Yahweh, so that no one that was unclean in any way should enter.

2 Chronicles 23:20

ULT

20 And he took the chiefs of the hundreds, and the majestic ones, and the rulers among the people, and all the people of the land. And he brought down the king from the house of Yahweh; and they came into the midst of the Upper Gate of the house of the king, and they sat the king on the throne of the kingdom. [1]

UST

20 Jehoiada took with him the army commanders, the important men, the leaders and many others, and brought the king down from the temple. They went into the palace through the Upper Gate, and put the king on his throne.

Where did Jehoiada and the people set the king after coming through the Upper Gate?

The people came through the Upper Gate to the king's house and sat the king on the throne of the kingdom.

2 Chronicles 23:21

ULT

21 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they put to death with the sword.
23:20 [1] .

UST

21 Then all the people of Judah rejoiced. And there was quiet throughout the city, because Athaliah had been killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24

2 Chronicles 24:1

ULT
1 A son of seven years was Joash when he became king; and 40 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Zibiah from Beersheba.

UST
1 Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled in Jerusalem for forty years. His mother's name was Zibiah; she was from the city of Beersheba.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:2

ULT
2 And Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the days of Jehoiada the priest.

UST
2 Joash did what pleased Yahweh all during the years that Jehoiada was the high priest.

How long did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh?
Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the days of Jehoiada, the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:3

ULT
3 And Jehoiada lifted up for him two wives, and he fathered sons and daughters.

UST
3 Jehoiada chose two women to be Joash's wives. And they bore Joash sons and daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:4

ULT

[4] And it happened after this, there was with the heart of Joash to restore the house of Yahweh.

UST

[4] Some years later, Joash decided that the temple should be repaired.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:5

ULT

[5] And he gathered the priests and the Levites, and he said to them, “Go out to the cities of Judah and gather from all Israel enough money to make strong the house of your God year by year. And you all yourselves, hasten to the matter.” But the Levites did not hasten.

UST

[5] He summoned the priests and other descendants of Levi and said to them, “Go to the cities of Judah and collect from the people the tax money that they are required to pay each year, and use that money to pay for repairing the temple. Do it immediately.” But the descendants of Levi did not do it immediately.

For what work did Joash send the priests and Levites out to gather money from all Israel?
Joash sent them to gather from all Israel money to repair the house of their God.

2 Chronicles 24:6

ULT

[6] And the king called for Jehoiada the head, and he said to him, “Why did you not seek after the Levites to bring in from Judah and from Jerusalem the tribute of Moses, the servant of Yahweh, and of the assembly of Israel for the tent of the testimony?”

UST

[6] So the king summoned Jehoiada and said to him, “Why have you not required the descendants of Levi to bring to Jerusalem from various places in Judah the annual tax that Moses said that the people of Judah must pay, for taking care of the sacred tent?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:7

ULT

[7] For wicked Athaliah, her sons had broken into the house of God and also, all the sacred things of the house of Yahweh, they used for the Baals.

UST

[7] The temple needed to be repaired because the sons of that wicked woman Athaliah had entered into the temple and had wrecked some of the things, and had also used some of the sacred items that were in it for the worship of Baal.

What had the sons of Athaliah taken from the house of Yahweh and given to the Baals?
They had given all the dedicated furnishings of the house of Yahweh to the Baals.

2 Chronicles 24:8

ULT

[8] And the king commanded, and they made one chest. And they placed it by the gate of the house of Yahweh outside.

UST

[8] So, obeying what the king commanded, the descendants of Levi made a chest and placed it outside the temple, at one of the entrances.

Where was the chest the king had commanded to be made placed?
The king commanded, and they made a chest and placed it outside at the entrance to the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 24:9

ULT

[9] And they gave voice in Judah and in Jerusalem to bring in to Yahweh the tribute of Moses, the servant of God, over Israel in the wilderness.

UST

[9] Then the king sent letters everywhere in Judah, requesting everyone to bring their tax money to the temple, as Moses had required the Israelite people to do when they were in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:10

ULT

10 And all the chiefs and all the people rejoiced. And they brought in and they threw into the chest until completed.

UST

10 All the officials and the other people agreed, and they brought their contributions gladly. They put the money into the chest until it was full.

What part of the people rejoiced and brought money to put into the chest?

All the leaders and all the people rejoiced and brought money in and put it into the chest.

2 Chronicles 24:11

ULT

11 And it happened at the time one brings in the chest to the oversight of the king by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was an abundance of money, then a scribe of the king would come, and the officer of the head priest. And they would empty the chest, and they would carry it, and they would return it to its place. Thus they did day by day, and they gathered money in abundance.

UST

11 Whenever the descendants of Levi brought the chest to the king's officials, and they saw that there was a lot of money in it, the king's secretary and the assistant to the high priest would take all the money from the chest and then put the chest back in its place. They did this frequently, and they collected a huge amount of money.

As the officials emptied the chest day after day what did they gather?

They emptied the chest day after day, gathering large amounts of money.

2 Chronicles 24:12

ULT

12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to the ones doing the work of the service of the house of Yahweh. And they were hiring stonemasons and craftsmen to restore the house of Yahweh, and also for craftsmen of iron and bronze to make strong the house of Yahweh.

UST

12 The king and Jehoiada gave the money to the men who were supervising the work of repairing the temple. Those men hired stoneworkers and carpenters to repair the temple. They also hired men who worked with iron and bronze to repair the things in the temple that were broken.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:13

ULT

13 And the doers of the work did, and the restoration of the work went up by their hand. And they made stand the house of God according to its measurement, and they strengthened it.

UST

13 The men who did the repair work worked hard, and the work of repairing the temple progressed. They rebuilt the temple to make it as it was originally, and they made it stronger.

How did the workmen set up the house of God as they repaired it?
The workmen set up the house of God in its original design and strengthened it.

2 Chronicles 24:14

ULT

14 And when they finished, they brought in before the king and Jehoiada the remainder of the money. And they made items for the house of Yahweh, items of ministry and of burnt offerings and pans and items of gold and silver. And they were offering up burnt offerings at the house of Yahweh regularly all the days of Jehoiada.

UST

14 When they had finished the repair work, they brought to the king and to Jehoiada the money that they had not used for the repairs. That money was used to make things to use for performing the sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar, and to make bowls and other gold and silver things for the temple. As long as Joash lived, the people continually brought to the temple sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:15

ULT

15 And Jehoiada grew old and was full of days, and he died, a son of 130 years at his death.

UST

15 Jehoiada became very old. He died when he was 130 years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:16

ULT

16 And they buried him in the city of David with the kings, because he did good in Israel and toward God and his house.

UST

16 He was buried where the kings had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. He was buried there because of the good things that he had done in Judah for God and for God's temple.

Why was Jehoiada buried among the kings in the city of David?
They buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, toward God, and to God's house.

2 Chronicles 24:17

ULT

17 And after the death of Jehoiada, the chiefs of Judah came and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them.

UST

17 After Jehoiada died, the leaders of Judah went to Joash, bowed in front of him, and persuaded him to do what they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:18

ULT

18 And they abandoned the house of Yahweh, the God of their fathers, and they served the Asherim and the idols. And there was wrath on Judah and Jerusalem on account of this, their guilt.

UST

18 So they and the other people stopped worshiping at the temple, and they started worshiping the poles dedicated to the goddess Asherah and other idols. Because they were doing those sinful things, God was very angry with the people of Jerusalem and with the people in other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:19

ULT

[19] And he sent among them prophets to bring them back to Yahweh. And they testified against them, but they did not listen.

UST

[19] Although Yahweh sent prophets to persuade them to return to him, and although the prophets testified about the evil things that they had done, the people would not pay attention.

What did the people do when Yahweh sent prophets to testify against them?
Yahweh sent prophets who testified against the people, but they refused to listen.

2 Chronicles 24:20

ULT

[20] And the Spirit of God clothed Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest. And he stood above the people, and he said to them, “Thus says God: Why are you passing over the commands of Yahweh, and you do not prosper? Because you all abandoned Yahweh, then he has abandoned you all.”

UST

[20] Then God’s Spirit came upon Zechariah son of Jehoiada the high priest. He stood up front of the people and said, “This is what God says: Why are you violating Yahweh’s commandments? You will not be able prosper if you do that. Since you have stopped obeying Yahweh, he will stop taking care of you.”

Why did Zechariah tell the people Yahweh had forsaken them?
Zechariah told the people that since they had forsaken Yahweh, Yahweh had also forsaken them.

2 Chronicles 24:21

ULT

[21] But they conspired against him, and they stoned him with stones by the command of the king in the court of the house of Yahweh.

UST

[21] But the people planned to kill Zechariah. And the king permitted them to kill him. They killed him by throwing stones at him in the temple courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:22

ULT

22 And King Joash did not remember the covenant faithfulness that Jehoiada, his father did with him, and he killed his son. And when he died, he said, “May Yahweh see and seek.”

UST

22 King Joash forgot about how Zechariah’s father Jehoiada had been kind to him. So he commanded them to kill Jehoiada’s son Zechariah, who said as he was dying, “I hope that Yahweh will see what you are doing to me and punish you for doing it.”

How did King Joash ignore the kindness that Zechariah’s father had done to him?

In this manner, Joash, the king, ignored the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah’s father, had done to him. Instead, he killed Jehoiada’s son.

2 Chronicles 24:23

ULT

23 And it happened at the turn of the year, the army of Aram came up against him, and they came to Judah and Jerusalem. And they destroyed all the chiefs of the people from the people. And all the plunder they sent to the king of Damascus.

UST

23 Near the end of that year, the army of Aram marched to attack the army of Joash. They invaded Judah and attacked Jerusalem and killed all the leaders of the people. They seized many valuable things and sent them to their king in Damascus, their capital city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:24

ULT

24 Indeed with a small amount of men the army of Aram came, yet Yahweh gave into their hand a very large army because they abandoned Yahweh, the God of their fathers. And they did judgment on Joash.

UST

24 The army of Aram that came to Judah was very small, but Yahweh allowed them to defeat the large army of Judah, because he was punishing Joash and the other people of Judah for having abandoned him, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did Yahweh give the small army of the Arameans because Judah had forsaken him?

The Arameans had come with a small army, but Yahweh gave them victory over a very great army, because Judah had forsaken Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 24:25

ULT

25 And when they went from him, for they left him with many wounds, his servants conspired against him on account of the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest. And they killed him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the graves of the kings.

UST

25 Before the battle ended, Joash was severely wounded. Then his officials decided to kill him for murdering Zechariah son of Jehoiada the high priest. They killed him while he was in his bed. They buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, but they did not bury him in the place where the other kings had been buried.

Why did the servants of Joash plot against him?

Joash's own servants plotted against him because of the murder of the sons of Jehoiada, the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:26

ULT

26 And these were the ones who conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath, the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith, the Moabitess.

UST

26 Those who conspired to kill him were Zabad son of Shimeath, who was a woman from the Ammon people group, and Jehozabad son of Shimrith, who was a woman from the Moab people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 24:27

ULT

27 And his sons, and many oracles against him, and the establishing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the exposition of the scroll of the Kings. And Amaziah his son became king in his place.

UST

27 An account of the things that were done by the sons of Joash and the many prophecies about Joash and what he did to repair the temple are written in the commentary on the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. Then after Joash died, Amaziah his son became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25

2 Chronicles 25:1

ULT

[1] A son of 25 years, Amaziah became king. And 29 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jehoaddan from Jerusalem.

UST

[1] Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddan. She was from Jerusalem.

How old was Amaziah when he began to reign and how long did he reign?

Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned for twenty-nine years.

2 Chronicles 25:2

ULT

[2] And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, only not with a complete heart.

UST

[2] Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not want to do them very much.

What was the condition of Amaziah's heart?

Amaziah's heart was not perfectly devoted to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 25:3

ULT

[3] And it happended when the kingdom was strong upon him, then he killed his servants, the ones who struck down the king, his father.

UST

[3] As soon as he was in complete control of his kingdom, he caused others to execute the officials who had murdered his father.

Why did Amaziah not kill the children of the servants who had murdered his father, the king? (vv3-4)

Amaziah did not kill the children of the servants who had murdered his father because the laws in the book of Moses said that the children must not die for the fathers, but that every person must die for his own sin.

2 Chronicles 25:4

ULT

4 But their sons he did not put to death for as it is written in the law, in the scoll of Moses, whom Yahweh commanded saying, “Fathers must not die on account of their sons, and sons must not die on account of their fathers, but each for his sin, they must die.”

UST

4 But he did not order their sons to be executed; he obeyed what was in the laws that Moses had written. In those laws Yahweh had commanded, “People must not be executed because of what their children have done, and children must not be executed for what their parents have done. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:5

ULT

5 And Amaziah gathered Judah, and he appointed them according to the house of the fathers, for chiefs of thousands and for chiefs of hundreds for all of Judah and Benjamin. And he mustered them from a son of 20 years and upward. And he found them, 300,000 chosen, going out to war grasping spear and large shield.

UST

5 Amaziah summoned the men of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to come to Jerusalem, and there he put them into groups, each clan in a group by themselves. Then he appointed officers to command each group. Some officers commanded one hundred men, and some commanded one thousand men. They counted the men who were at least twenty years old; altogether there were 300,000 men. They were all men who were ready to be in the army, and able to fight well, using spears and shields.

How did Amaziah add to the 300,000 chosen men from Judah and Benjamin that were registered by their ancestor’s houses? (vv5-6)

Amaziah hired 100,000 fighting men from Israel to add to the 300,00 chosen men from Judah.

2 Chronicles 25:6

ULT

6 And he hired from Israel 100,000 mighty ones of strength for 100 talents of silver.

UST

6 Amaziah also hired 100,000 capable soldiers from Israel; he paid paid almost 3,300 kilograms (or about three and one-third metric tons) of silver for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:7

ULT

[7] But a man of God came to him, saying, “O King, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for Yahweh is not with Israel, all the sons of Ephraim.

UST

[7] But a prophet came to him and said, “Your Majesty, you must not allow those soldiers from Israel to march with your soldiers, because Yahweh does not help the people of the tribe of Ephraim or from anywhere else in Israel.

Why did the man of God tell the king he should not let the army of Israel go with him?
The man of God told the king the army of Israel should not go with him because Yahweh was not with Israel.

2 Chronicles 25:8

ULT

[8] But if you go, act, be strong in battle; God will cause you to fall before the enemy, for there is power in God to help and to cause to fall.”

UST

[8] Even if your soldiers go and fight courageously in battles, God will cause your enemies to defeat you; do not forget that God has the power to help armies or to cause them to be defeated.”

What did the man of God say would happen even if Amaziah was courageous and strong in battle?
The man of God said that God would throw him down before the enemy.

2 Chronicles 25:9

ULT

[9] And Amaziah said to the man of God, “And what will we do with the 100 talents that I have given to the troop of Israel?” And the man of God said, “There is to Yahweh to give to you much more than this.”

UST

[9] Amaziah asked that prophet, “If I do that, what about 3,300 kilograms of silver that I paid to hire those soldiers from Israel?” The prophet replied, “Yahweh is able to pay you back more money than you paid to hire those soldiers.”

How did the man of God answer Amaziah’s question about what to do about the one hundred talents that he had given to the army of Israel?
The man of God told Amaziah that Yahweh was able to give him much more than that.

2 Chronicles 25:10

ULT

10 And Amaziah separated them, the troop that had come to him from Ephraim to go to their place. And their anger burned greatly against Judah, and they returned to their place in the burning of anger.

UST

10 So Amaziah told those soldiers from Israel to return home. They left to go home, but they were very angry with the king of Judah for not allowing them to stay and fight.

Why was the anger of the army from Ephraim kindled against Judah?

Their anger was kindled against Judah because Amaziah separated the army and sent them home.

2 Chronicles 25:11

ULT

11 And Amaziah, he strengthened himself, and he led out his people. And he went to the Valley of Salt. And he struck down the sons of Seir, 10,000.

UST

11 Then Amaziah became brave, and he led his army to the Valley of Salt. There they killed ten thousand soldiers from the Edom people group.

What happened to the ten thousand men of Seir when Amaziah led his people out to the Valley of Salt?

Amaziah led his people out to the Valley of Salt and he defeated ten thousand men of Seir.

2 Chronicles 25:12

ULT

12 And 10,000 alive the sons of Judah took captive. And they brought them to the head of the cliff, and they threw them from the head of the cliff. And all of them were dashed to pieces.

UST

12 The army of Judah also captured ten thousand other soldiers, took them to the top of a cliff, and threw them all down over the cliff, with the result that their bodies were all smashed to pieces.

What did the army of Judah do to the additional ten thousand men of Seir who they carried away alive?

The army of Judah threw the men of Seir down from the top of the cliff.

2 Chronicles 25:13

ULT

13 But the sons of the troop that Amaziah sent back from going with him to battle, and they raided against the cities of Judah from Samaria and until Beth Horon. And they struck down from them 3,000 and they plundered much plunder.

UST

13 While that was happening, the soldiers from Israel whom Amaziah had sent home raided cities and towns in Judea, from the city of Samaria to the city of Beth Horon. They killed three thousand people and took away a great amount of valuable things.

What did the army of Israel do to the cities of Judah from Samaria to Bethhoron?

The army of Israel attacked the cities, struck down three thousand of the people and took much plunder.

2 Chronicles 25:14

ULT

14 And it happened after Amaziah had come from striking the Edomites, and he brought the gods of the sons of Seir, and set them up for himself to be gods. And before them he bowed down and to them he made sacrifices.

UST

14 When Amaziah returned to Jerusalem after his army had slaughtered the soldiers from Edom, he brought the idols that his enemies had worshiped. He set them up to be his own gods. Then he bowed down to worship them and offered sacrifices to them.

What did Amaziah do with the gods that he brought back from the people of Seir?

Amaziah set the gods up to be his own gods, bowed down before them, and burned incense to them.

2 Chronicles 25:15

ULT

15 And the anger of Yahweh burned against Amaziah. And he sent to him a prophet, and he said to him, “Why do you seek the gods of the people who did not deliver their people from your hand?”

UST

15 Because of that, Yahweh was very angry with Amaziah. He sent a prophet to him, who said, “Why do you worship these foreign gods who were not even able to save their own people when your army attacked them?”

What did the prophet sent by Yahweh ask Amaziah about the gods of the people of Seir?

The prophet asked Amaziah why he sought after the gods of a people whose gods did not even save their own people from the hand of Amaziah.

2 Chronicles 25:16

ULT

16 And it happened when he was speaking with him, and he said to him, “For a counselor to the king have we placed you? Stop yourself! Why should they strike you down?” And the prophet stopped. And he said, “I know that God has counselled to destroy you because you have done this and you did not listen to my counsel.”

UST

16 While he was still speaking, the king said to him, “We certainly did not appoint you to be one of my advisors. So stop talking! If you say anything more, I will tell my soldiers to kill you!” So the prophet said, “I know that God has determined to get rid of you, because you have begun to worship idols, and have not heeded my advice.” Then the prophet said nothing more.

What did the prophet say was God’s reason for his decision to destroy Amaziah?

The reason God decided to destroy Amaziah was that Amaziah had done this deed and had not listened to the advice of the prophet.

2 Chronicles 25:17

ULT

17 And Amaziah, the king of Judah, took counsel and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, “Come, let us meet each other face to face.”

UST

17 Some time later Amaziah, the king of Judah, consulted his advisors. Then he sent a message to Jehoash, the king of Israel. He wrote, “Come and meet me face to face in battle.”

What was the message that Amaziah sent to Jehoash, king of Israel?

Amaziah sent a message asking Jehoash to come and meet with Amaziah face to face in battle.

2 Chronicles 25:18

ULT

18 And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, “A bramble that was in Lebanon sent to a cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son for a wife,’ but an animal passed over the field that was in Lebanon and trampled the bramble.

UST

18 But Jehoash replied this to King Amaziah: “One time a thistle growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son in order that he can marry her.’ But a wild animal in Lebanon came along and trampled the thistle under his feet.

Why did the messengers of Jehoash tell Amaziah that he should stay at home? (vv18-19)

The messengers of Jehoash told Amaziah to stay at home because both Amaziah and Judah would fall.

2 Chronicles 25:19

ULT

19 You have said, Behold, you have struck down Edom, and your heart has lifted you to boast. Now, sit in your house. Why excite yourself in evil and fall, you and Judah with you?”

UST

19 What I mean is that you are saying to yourself that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so you have become very proud. You can be proud of your victory, but you should not fight me. If you do, you will only make trouble for yourself. I will defeat you, and Judah with you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:20

ULT

20 But Amaziah did not listen, because from God it was, in order to give them into the hand because they sought the gods of Edom.

UST

20 But Amaziah paid no attention to Jehoash’s message. This happened because God wanted Jehoash’s army to defeat them, because they were worshiping the gods of Edom.

Why would God hand over the people of Judah into the hand of their enemies?

God would hand them over to their enemies because they had sought advice from the gods of Edom.

2 Chronicles 25:21

ULT

21 And Joash, the king of Israel, went up, and he and Amaziah, the king of Judah, looked at each other face to face at Beth Shemesh, which belonged to Judah.

UST

21 So Jehoash’s army attacked. Their two armies faced each other at the city of Beth Shemesh in Judah.

What was the result when Jehoash, king of Israel, and Amaziah, king of Judah, met each other face to face at Beth Shemesh? (vv21-22)

The result was that Judah was struck down before Israel and every man fled home.

2 Chronicles 25:22

ULT
22 And Judah was struck down before Israel, and each fled to his tent.

UST
22 The army of Judah was badly defeated by the army of Israel, and all the soldiers of Judah fled to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:23

ULT
23 And Amaziah, the king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, Joash, the king of Israel, seized at Beth Shemesh. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and he broke through the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim until the gate of the Corner, 400 cubits.

UST
23 King Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there. Then he brought Amaziah to Jerusalem, and his soldiers tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section that was one-hundred and eighty meters long.

To what place did Jehoash return after he tore down the wall of Jerusalem and took many valuable objects from the temple and palace, along with hostages? (vv23-24)
Jehoash returned to Samaria after he tore down the wall of Jerusalem and took all the valuables and hostages.

2 Chronicles 25:24

ULT
24 And with all the gold and the silver and all the items that were found in the house of God with Obed Edom, and the treasures in the house of the king, and the sons of the hostages, he returned to Samaria.

UST
24 His soldiers also carried away the gold, silver, and other valuable objects from the temple that the descendants of Obed Edom had been guarding. They also took away the valuable things in the palace, and they took to Samaria some prisoners whom they had captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 25:25

ULT

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived after the death of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, 15 years.

UST

25 King Jehoash of Israel died, and King Amaziah of Judah lived for fifteen years after that.

For how many years did Amaziah, king of Judah, live after the death of Jehoash, king of Israel?

Amaziah lived fifteen years after the death of Jehoash.

2 Chronicles 25:26

ULT

26 And the remainder of the matters of Amaziah, the first things and the last things, behold, are they not written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel?

UST

26 An account of all the other things that Amaziah did while he was the king of Judah is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

Where are other matters written concerning Amaziah?

Other matters concerning Amaziah are written in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 25:27

ULT

27 And from the time that Amaziah turned from after Yahweh, and they bound against him a conspiracy in Jerusalem. And he fled to Lachish. And they sent after him to Lachish, and they put him to death there.

UST

27 From the time that Amaziah started to disobey Yahweh, some men in Jerusalem planned to kill him. He was able to escape to the city of Lachish, but those who wanted to kill him sent another group of people to Lachish and killed him there.

What was begun against Amaziah after he turned away from following Yahweh?

After Amaziah turned away from following Yahweh, a conspiracy was begun against him.

Where was Amaziah buried after he was killed in Lachish? (vv27-28)

Amaziah was buried with his ancestors in the City of Judah.

2 Chronicles 25:28

ULT

28 And they carried him on horses, and they buried him with his fathers in a city of Judah.

UST

28 They put his corpse on a horse and brought it back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried in what is called the city of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26

2 Chronicles 26:1

ULT

[1] And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, and he was a son of 16 years. And they made him king in the place of his father Amaziah.

UST

[1] All the people took Uzziah and made him their king, in the place of his father Amaziah. Uzziah was sixteen years old at that time.

Who made Uzziah king after the death of his father Amaziah?
The people of Judah took Uzziah and made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

2 Chronicles 26:2

ULT

[2] He himself built Eloth, and he restored it to Judah after the lying down of the king with his fathers.

UST

[2] While he was the king, after his father King Amaziah had died, he had his workers rebuild the city of Elath and brought that city under the protection of Judah.

What did Uzziah do to the town of Eloth after he became king?
Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah.

2 Chronicles 26:3

ULT

[3] A son of 16 years was Uzziah when he became king. And 52 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jekoliah from Jerusalem.

UST

[3] Uzziah ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah; she was from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:4

ULT

4 And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, according to all that Amaziah his father had done.

UST

4 Uzziah did the things that Yahweh said were good, like his father Amaziah had done.

How did Uzziah follow the example of his father in his relationship to Yahweh? (vv4-5)

Uzziah did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh and set himself to seek God.

2 Chronicles 26:5

ULT

5 And he was seeking God in the days of Zechariah, the one instructing to see God [1] . And in the days of his seeking Yahweh, God caused him to prosper.

UST

5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah. Zechariah is the one who taught him to give honor to God. For as long as he sought Yahweh, God made him successful.

What happened to Uzziah as long as he sought Yahweh?

As long as Uzziah sought Yahweh, God made him prosper.

2 Chronicles 26:6

ULT

6 And he went out, and he fought against the Philistines. And he broke through the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod. And he built cities in Ashdod and among the Philistines.

UST

6 Uzziah and his army went to attack the army of Philistia. They tore down the walls of the cities of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod. Then they rebuilt the cities near Ashdod and in other places in Philistia.

What was the result of God helping Uzziah as he fought against his enemies? (vv6-8)

God helped Uzziah fight against his enemies, and his fame spread to other lands, and he became very powerful.

2 Chronicles 26:7

ULT

[7] And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians who dwelled in Gurbaal, and the Meunites.

UST

[7] God helped them to fight the army of Philistia and the Arabs who lived in the city of Gur Baal, and the descendants of Meun who had come to that area from Edom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:8

ULT

[8] And the Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah. And his name went as far as the border of Egypt because he was becoming strong increasingly.

UST

[8] Even the Ammon people group paid taxes to Uzziah each year. So Uzziah became famous as far as the border of Egypt, because he had become very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:9

ULT

[9] And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, and at the Valley Gate, and at the Angle, and he made them strong.

UST

[9] Uzziah's workers built watchtowers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the place where the wall turns, and they placed weapons in those towers.

What did Uzziah build at the gates in Jerusalem and in the wilderness? (vv9-10)

Uzziah built towers at the corner gates of Jerusalem and at the turning wall. He also built watch towers in the wilderness.

2 Chronicles 26:10

ULT

10 And he built towers in the wilderness, and he dug out many cisterns, for much cattle was to him, both in the lowlands and in the plains, and plowmen and vinedressers in the hills and in Carmel, for a lover of the ground he was.

UST

10 They also built watchtowers in the wilderness and dug many wells. They did that to provide water for a lot of the king's cattle that were in the foothills and in the plains. Uzziah was very interested in farming, so he also stationed workers to take care of his fields, vineyards in the hills, and in the fertile areas.

Why did Uzziah build watch towers, and why did he dig cisterns in the wilderness?

Uzziah built watch towers and dug cisterns in the wilderness because he had cattle and people who farmed and he loved farming.

2 Chronicles 26:11

ULT

11 And there was to Uzziah an army of doers of battle who went out for war according to the troop by the numbering of the mustering by the hand of Jeiel, the scribe, and Maaseiah, the official, under the hand of Hananiah, from the chiefs of the king.

UST

11 Uzziah's army was trained for fighting battles. They were in groups that were always ready to go into battles. Jeiel, the king's secretary, and Maaseiah, one of the army officers, counted the men and placed them in groups. Hananiah, one of the king's officials, was their commander.

How did Uzziah's army make war?

Uzziah's army made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.

2 Chronicles 26:12

ULT

12 All the number of the heads of the fathers according to the mighty ones of strength, 2,600.

UST

12 The total number of the family leaders who led the strongest soldiers in battle was 2,600 in number.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:13

ULT
13 And under their hand, an army of war 307,500 doers of battle with strength of power to help the king against the enemy.

UST
13 In the groups that those leaders commanded there was a total of 307,500 well-trained soldiers. It was a very powerful army, ready to fight the king's enemies.

How did Uzziah's army make war?
Uzziah's army made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy.

2 Chronicles 26:14

ULT
14 And Uzziah prepared for them—for all the army—shields, and spears, and helmets, and armor, and bows, and stones of slings.

UST
14 Uzziah gave to each soldier a shield, a spear, a helmet, a vest made of iron plates, a bow and arrows, and a sling for throwing stones.

What was invented by skillful men in Jerusalem as Uzziah equipped his army? (vv14-15)
In Jerusalem, Uzziah built engines that were invented by skillful men.

2 Chronicles 26:15

ULT
15 And he made in Jerusalem war machines, invention of an inventor, to be on the towers and on the corners to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name went out as far as a distance, for he did wondrously to be helped until when he was strong.

UST
15 In Jerusalem his skilled workers made machines to put on the watchtowers and on the corners of the walls, to shoot arrows and to hurl large stones. He became very famous even in distant places, because God helped him very much and enabled him to become very powerful.

How far did Uzziah's fame spread when he was greatly helped by Yahweh, until he became very powerful?
Uzziah's fame spread to distant lands.

2 Chronicles 26:16

ULT

[16] But at his strength, his heart was high until destroying, and he acted unfaithfully against Yahweh, his God, and he went into the temple of Yahweh to sacrifice on the altar of incense.

UST

[16] But because Uzziah was very powerful, he became very proud, and that caused him to be punished. He disobeyed what Yahweh his God had commanded. He went into the temple to burn incense on the altar where God had said that only the priests should burn incense.

How did Uzziah trespass against Yahweh, his God, when he became powerful?
Uzziah trespassed against Yahweh when he went into the house of Yahweh to burn incense on the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 26:17

ULT

[17] And Azariah, the priest, went in after him, and with him the priests of Yahweh, 80 sons of strength.

UST

[17] Azariah, the high priest, and eighty other brave priests followed him into the temple.

Why did Azariah and the eighty priests go in after Uzziah, and why did Azariah say that Uzziah had trespassed when he burned incense in the sanctuary? (vv17-18)
The priests told Uzziah that it is only the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense in the sanctuary, so Uzziah had trespassed when he burned incense to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 26:18

ULT

[18] And they stood against Uzziah the king, and they said to him, “Not for you, Uzziah, to sacrifice to Yahweh, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, the ones consecrated to sacrifice. Go out from the sanctuary, for you acted unfaithfully, and not for you for honor from Yahweh God.”

UST

[18] They rebuked him and said to him, “Uzziah, it is not right for you to burn incense to Yahweh because you are not set apart to serve as a priest, and only a priest can burn incense to Yahweh. The priests are the descendants of Aaron our first high priest, and you are not one of them! You must leave immediately, because you have disobeyed Yahweh our God, and he will not honor you for what you have done!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:19

ULT

19 And Uzziah raged, and in his hand was a censer to sacrifice. And when he raged against the priests, and the leprosy, it appeared on his forehead before the priests in the house of Yahweh from beside the altar of incense.

UST

19 Now Uzziah was holding in his hand a pan for burning incense, and he became very angry with the priests. While he was expressing his anger, while he stood beside the altar of incense in front of the priests, suddenly spots of leprosy appeared on his forehead.

What happened to Uzziah as he was holding a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he was angry with the priests?

While Uzziah was holding a censer, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead.

2 Chronicles 26:20

ULT

20 And Azariah the head priest turned to him, and all the priests, and, behold, he was leprous on his forehead. And they hastened him from there. And also, he himself hastened to go out, for Yahweh afflicted him.

UST

20 When Azariah the high priest and all the other priests who were there looked at him, they saw the leprosy on his forehead, so they quickly took him outside. And truly the king was eager to leave the temple, because he knew that it was Yahweh who had caused him to have that leprosy, and he did not want it to become worse.

Why did leprosy break out on Uzziah's forehead?

Leprosy broke out on Uzziah's forehead because Yahweh had struck him.

2 Chronicles 26:21

ULT

21 And Uzziah the king was leprous until the day of his death. And he dwelled in the house of separation, being leprous, for he was cut off from the house of Yahweh. And Jotham his son was over the house of the king, judging the people of the land.

UST

21 King Uzziah had leprosy until he died. Because he had leprosy, he lived in a house that was not near other houses, and he was not allowed to enter the courtyard of the temple. His son Jotham supervised the palace and ruled the people of Judah.

Why did Uzziah have to live in a separate house until the day of his death?

Uzziah had to live in a separate house because he was a leper and he was cut off from the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 26:22

ULT

22 And the remainder of the matters of Uzziah, the first things and the last things, Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet wrote.

UST

22 A record of all the other things that Uzziah did while he was the king of Judah was written by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 26:23

ULT

23 And Uzziah laid down with his fathers. And they buried him with his fathers in the field of the grave that belonged to the kings, for they said, “Leprous is he.” And Jotham his son became king in his place.
26:5 [1] , or or . Scholars are divided.

UST

23 Because Uzziah was a leper, when he died they would not bury him in the royal tombs. Instead, they buried him in a nearby cemetery that the kings owned. Then his son Jotham became the king of Judah.

Who became king after Uzziah died and was buried with his ancestors?

Jotham, Uzziah’s son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 27

2 Chronicles 27:1

ULT

1 A son of 25 years was Jotham when he became king. And 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

UST

1 Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerushah, the daughter of the priest Zadok.

How old was Jotham when he became king of Judah and how long did he reign?

Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 27:2

ULT

2 And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, according to all that Uzziah his father did, except he did not go into the temple of Yahweh. And yet the people were acting corruptly.

UST

2 Jotham obeyed Yahweh and did what Yahweh approved. He followed the example of his father Uzziah in everything he did. (He did not, however, go into the Temple of Yahweh to burn incense as his father had done.) Yet the people of Judah continued to do the things that showed how sinful they had become.

How did the people of Judah behave even though Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh?

The people of Judah still behaved in evil ways, even though Jotham did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 27:3

ULT

3 He himself built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh, and on the wall of Ophel he built in abundance.

UST

3 Jotham’s workers rebuilt the Upper Gate of the temple, and they did a lot of work to repair the wall near the hill of Ophel.

What did Jotham build in Jerusalem?

Jotham built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh, and he built much on the hill of Ophel.

2 Chronicles 27:4

ULT

4 And cities he built in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he built fortresses and towers.

UST

4 They built cities in the hills of Judah, and they built forts and towers for defense in the forests.

What did Jotham build in the hill country and forests of Judah?

Jotham built cities in the hill country, and castles and towers in the forests of Judah.

2 Chronicles 27:5

ULT

5 And he himself fought with the king of the sons of Ammon, and he was strong over them. And the sons of Ammon gave to him in that year 100 talents of silver, 10,000 kors of wheat, and 10,000 barley. This the sons of Ammon brought back to him, and in the second year and the third.

UST

5 During the time that he was the king of Judah, his army attacked and defeated the army of the Ammon people group. Then, every year during the next three years, he required them to pay to him about three and one-third metric tons of silver, 2,200 kiloliters of wheat, and 2,200 kiloliters of barley.

Why did the people of Ammon give Jotham silver, wheat, and barley?

The people of Ammon gave Jotham silver, wheat, and barley because he fought with them and defeated them.

2 Chronicles 27:6

ULT

6 And Jotham strengthened himself for he established his ways before Yahweh his God.

UST

6 Jotham faithfully obeyed Yahweh his God, and as a result he became a very powerful king.

Why did Jotham become powerful?

Jotham became powerful because he walked firmly before Yahweh his God.

2 Chronicles 27:7

ULT
7 And the remainder of the matters of Jotham, and all his battles and his ways, behold, they are written on the scroll of the king of Israel and Judah.

UST
7 A record of everything else that Jotham did during the time that he was the king, including the wars that his army fought, is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 27:8

ULT
8 A son of 25 years he was when he became king; and 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST
8 After he had ruled Judah for sixteen years, he died when he was forty-one years old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 27:9

ULT
9 And Jotham laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

UST
9 He was buried in Jerusalem, and his son Ahaz became the next king of Judah.

Where was Jotham buried when he died?
Jotham was buried in the city of David.

Who became king of Judah after the death of Jotham?
Ahaz, Jotham's son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 28

2 Chronicles 28:1

ULT

1 A son of 20 years was Ahaz when he became king, and 16 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like David his father.

UST

1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His ancestor King David had been a good king, but Ahaz was not like David. He constantly disobeyed Yahweh

What did Ahaz not do as David his ancestor had done?
Ahaz did not do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, as David his ancestor had done.

2 Chronicles 28:2

ULT

2 And he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel; and also metal images he made for the Baals.

UST

2 and was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He made idols of the god Baal by having craftsmen cast them in metal.

What did Ahaz make as he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel?
Ahaz made cast metal figures for the Baals.

2 Chronicles 28:3

ULT

3 And he himself offered incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. And he caused his sons to burn in fire, according to the abominations of the nations that Yahweh drove away from before the sons of Israel.

UST

3 He burned incense in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. He even killed some of his own sons in fires as sacrifices. That imitated the disgusting customs that the people groups who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had drive out when the Israelites were advancing through the land.

What did Ahaz do to his children in addition to making figures of Baal, offering incense, and following after the wickedness of the people groups which Yahweh had driven out before the people of Israel?
Ahaz put his children in fire as burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 28:4

ULT

[4] And he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places and on the hills and under every leafy tree.

UST

[4] He offered sacrifices to idols at the houses built upon hilltops and under every big green tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:5

ULT

[5] And Yahweh his God gave him into the hand of the king of Aram. And he struck him, and they took captive from him many captives. And they brought to Damascus. And also into the hand of the king of Israel he gave, and he struck him a great striking.

UST

[5] Therefore Yahweh his God allowed his army to be defeated by the army of the king of Aram. They captured many soldiers of Judah and took them as prisoners to Damascus. The army of the king of Israel also defeated the army of Judah and killed very many of their soldiers.

What was the cause of the defeats of Ahaz at the hand of the Arameans and also at the hand of the king of Israel? (vv5-6)

Ahaz was defeated by the Arameans and the king of Israel because he and his people had forsaken Yahweh, the God of their ancestors.

2 Chronicles 28:6

ULT

[6] And Pekah the son of Remaliah killed in Judah 120,000 in one day, all sons of strength, when they abandoned Yahweh the God of their fathers.

UST

[6] In one day the army of Remaliah's son, King Pekah of Israel, killed 120,000 fine soldiers in Judah. That happened because the people of Judah had abandoned Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:7

ULT

[7] And Zicri, a mighty one of Ephraim, killed Maaseiah, the son of the king, and Azrikam, the leader of the house, and Elkanah, the second of the king.

UST

[7] Zicri, a warrior from the tribe of Ephraim, killed King Ahaz's son Maaseiah, Azrikam, who was in charge of the palace, and Elkanah, the king's assistant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:8

ULT

[8] And the sons of Israel took captive from their brothers 200,000 wives, sons, and daughters. And also much plunder they plundered from them. And they brought the plunder back to Samaria.

UST

[8] The soldiers of Israel captured 200,000 of the people of Judah, including many wives and sons and daughters of the soldiers of Judah. They also seized and took back to Samaria many valuable things.

What did the army of Israel take back to Samaria?

The army of Israel took captives from their kinsmen, and they also took much plunder which they carried back to Samaria.

2 Chronicles 28:9

ULT

[9] And there, a prophet of Yahweh was, Oded his name. And he went out before the army coming to Samaria. And he said to them, "Behold, in wrath, Yahweh, the God of your fathers was against Judah; he gave them into your hand. But you all killed them in rage; up to the heavens it reached.

UST

[9] But a prophet of Yahweh, whose name was Oded, was in Samaria. He went out of the city to meet the army as it was returning. He said to them, "Yahweh, the God to whom your ancestors belonged, was angry with the people of Judah, so he has handed them over to you, and you have slaughtered so many in a towering rage.

Who went out to meet the army coming into Samaria?

Obed, a prophet of Yahweh, came out to meet the army.

What was the accusation that Obed brought against the army?

Obed accused the army of slaughtering the people of Judah in a rage that reached up to heaven.

2 Chronicles 28:10

ULT

10 And now the sons of Judah and Jerusalem you all are saying to subjugate as male slaves and as female slaves for yourselves. Are you surely not with wrongdoings of your own against Yahweh your God?

UST

10 And now you want to sin by causing men and women from Judah to become your slaves, but you have certainly offended Yahweh, our God, in this matter.

What did Obed tell the army of Israel to do with the prisoners they had taken as slaves from Jerusalem? (vv10-11)
Obed told the army to send the prisoners back, because Yahweh's fierce wrath was on them.

2 Chronicles 28:11

ULT

11 And now, hear me and bring back the captives whom you all took captive from your brothers. For the burning anger of Yahweh is upon you all."

UST

11 So listen to me! Send back to Judah your fellow countrymen whom you have captured, because Yahweh is extremely angry with you for what you did to them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:12

ULT

12 And men rose from the heads of the sons of Ephraim—Azariah the son of Jehohanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai—against the ones coming from the army.

UST

12 Then some of the leaders of the tribe of Ephraim—Azariah son of Johanan, Berekiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai—rebuked those who were returning from the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:13

ULT

13 And they said to them, “Do not bring the captives here, for wrongdoing of Yahweh against us you all are saying to add upon our sins and upon our wrongdoings. For much is the guilt to us and the burning anger upon Israel.”

UST

13 They said to them, “You must not bring those prisoners here! If you do that, Yahweh will consider that we are guilty of sinning. We are already guilty of committing many sins; do you want to cause us to be even more guilty by committing another sin? God is already very angry with us people of Israel!”

What did the leaders of the people of Ephraim say was the reason they should not bring the prisoners to Samaria?

The leaders said it would add to their sins against Yahweh and bring his fierce wrath against Israel.

2 Chronicles 28:14

ULT

14 And the armed ones released the captives and the spoils before the chiefs and all the assembly.

UST

14 So, while their leaders and others were watching, the soldiers released the prisoners, and also gave back to them the valuable things that they had captured.

What did the leaders do with the prisoners when the armed men left the prisoners before them? (vv14-15)

The leaders clothed them, gave them sandals, gave them food to eat and drink, treated their wounds, put the weak on donkeys, and took them back to their families in Jericho.

2 Chronicles 28:15

ULT

15 And the men who were marked by names rose and they grasped among the captives, and all their naked persons they clothed from the plunder. And they clothed them, and they gave them sandals. And they fed them, and they gave them drink. And they poured on them, and they led them on donkeys all who stumble. And they brought them to Jericho, the City of Palms, near their brothers. And they returned to Samaria.

UST

15 The leaders assigned some men to take care of the prisoners. These men took some of the clothes that the soldiers had taken from the people of Judah and gave those clothes to the people who were naked. They also gave to the prisoners sandals and other clothes, as well as things to eat and drink, and they gave them olive oil to rub on their wounds. They gave donkeys to those who were very weak, in order that they could ride on them. Then they led them all to Jericho, the city that had many palm trees. Finally those men returned to Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:16

ULT

16 At that time, King Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him.

UST

16 About that time, King Ahaz sent a message to the king of Assyria requesting help.

What made it necessary for King Ahaz to send messengers to the kings of Assyria asking for help? (vv16-18)

It was necessary for Ahaz to ask the kings of Assyria for help because the Edomites had attacked Judah and the Philistines had invaded the cities of the lowlands and of the Negev of Judah.

2 Chronicles 28:17

ULT

17 And again the Edomites had come, and they struck Judah. And they took captive captives.

UST

17 He did that because the army from the Edom people group had come again and attacked Judah and taken away many of the people of Judah as prisoners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:18

ULT

18 And the Philistines had raided among the cities of the lowlands and the Negev of Judah. And they captured Beth Shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soko and its daughters, and Timnah and its daughters, and Gimzo and its daughters. And they dwelled there.

UST

18 At the same time, men from Philistia raided towns in the foothills and in the southern Judean wilderness. They captured the cities of Beth Shemesh, Aijalon, and Gederoth, as well as those of Soko, Timnah, and Gimzo with its nearby villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:19

ULT

19 For Yahweh humbled Judah because of Ahaz, the king of Israel; for he caused to break loose in Judah and to act faithlessly in faithlessness against Yahweh.

UST

19 Yahweh allowed those things to happen in order to humble King Ahaz, because he had encouraged the people of Judah to do wicked things and had disobeyed Yahweh very much.

What did Ahaz do which caused Yahweh to bring Judah low?

Judah was brought low because Ahaz had acted wickedly and had sinned against Yahweh very heavily.

2 Chronicles 28:20

ULT

20 And Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came against him. And he harassed him, and he did not strengthen him.

UST

20 Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, sent his army saying that they would help Ahaz, but instead of helping him, they caused him trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:21

ULT

21 For Ahaz divided up the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and the chiefs. And he gave to the king of Assyria, but it was not a help to him.

UST

21 Ahaz's soldiers took some of the valuable things from the temple and from the king's palace and from other leaders of Judah, and sent them to the king of Assyria to pay him to help them, but the king of Assyria refused to help Ahaz.

Why did Ahaz plunder the house of Yahweh and the houses of the king and the leaders?

Ahaz plundered the house of Yahweh and the houses of the king and the leaders in order to give the valuable things to the kings of Assyria.

2 Chronicles 28:22

ULT

22 And in the time of his harassment, and he added to act faithlessly against Yahweh, this King Ahaz.

UST

22 While King Ahaz was experiencing those troubles, he disobeyed Yahweh even more.

What brought on the ruin Ahaz and all of Israel? (vv22-23)

Ahaz sinned against Yahweh and sacrificed to the gods of Damascus.

2 Chronicles 28:23

ULT

23 And he sacrificed to the gods of Damascus, those striking him, and he said, "Because the gods of the kings of Aram, they were helping them, to them I will sacrifice, and they will help me." But they themselves were to him a cause to fall and to all Israel.

UST

23 He offered sacrifices to the gods that were worshiped in Damascus, whose army had defeated his army. He thought, "The gods that are worshiped by the kings of Aram have helped them, so I will offer sacrifices to those gods in order that they will help me." But worshiping those gods caused Ahaz and all of Israel to be ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:24

ULT

24 And Ahaz gathered the items of the house of God and cut up the items of the house of God. And he shut the doors of the house of Yahweh. And he made for himself altars in every corner in Jerusalem.

UST

24 Ahaz gathered all the furnishings that were used in the temple and broke them into pieces. He locked the doors of the temple and set up altars for worshiping idols at every street corner in Jerusalem.

What did Ahaz do to the furnishings of the house of God?

Ahaz cut the furnishings to pieces and shut the doors of the house of Yahweh.

What was the result of Ahaz making altars for himself in every corner of Jerusalem, and making shrines to burn sacrifices to other gods in every city of Judah? (vv24-25)

The result of Ahaz's actions was that he provoked to anger Yahweh, the God of his ancestors.

2 Chronicles 28:25

ULT

25 And in every city and city of Judah he made high places to make sacrifices to other gods. And he provoked to anger Yahweh, the God of his fathers.

UST

25 In every city in Judah, his workers built houses on the hilltops, and there they burned sacrifices to other gods, and that caused Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped, to be very angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 28:26

ULT

26 And the remainder of his matters and all his ways, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

UST

26 A record of the other things that Ahaz did while he was the king, from when he started to rule until he died, is written in the book of the kings ofJudah and Israel.

Where are the rest of Ahaz's deeds recorded?

The rest of Ahaz's deeds are recorded in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 28:27

ULT

27 And Ahaz laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem, but they did not bring him to the graves of the kings of Israel. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.

UST

27 Ahaz died and was buried in Jerusalem, but he was not buried in the tombs where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

Who became king after Ahaz died and was buried in Jerusalem?

Hezekiah, Ahaz's son, became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 29

2 Chronicles 29:1

ULT

[1] Hezekiah became king as a son of 25 years, and 29 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

UST

[1] Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

What example did Hezekiah follow when he began to reign at the age of twenty-five? (vv1-2)

Hezekiah followed the example of his ancestor David and did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:2

ULT

[2] And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father did.

UST

[2] Hezekiah did things that Yahweh considered to be right, like his ancestor King David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:3

ULT

[3] He, in the first year of his reigning, in the first month, himself opened the doors of the house of Yahweh, and he made them strong.

UST

[3] During the first month of the first year that Hezekiah was ruling Judah, he unlocked the doors of the temple, and his workers repaired them.

What did Hezekiah tell the Levites to do after he had opened the doors of the house of Yahweh and had repaired them? (vv3-5)

Hezekiah told the Levites to consecrate themselves, consecrate the house of Yahweh, and carry away the filthiness from the holy place.

2 Chronicles 29:4

ULT
4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and he gathered them into the plaza to the east.

UST
4 Then he gathered the priests and other descendants of Levi in the courtyard on the east side of the temple,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:5

ULT
5 And he said to them, “Hear me, Levites! Now, consecrate yourselves and consecrate the house of Yahweh, the God of your fathers, and bring out the defilement from the holy place.

UST
5 and he said to them, “You descendants of Levi, listen to me! Set yourselves apart, and prepare the house of Yahweh so it is a place that honors Yahweh, whom your ancestors worshiped; carry out all the filthiness that is in the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:6

ULT
6 For our fathers acted unfaithfully, and they did evil in the eyes of Yahweh our God. And they have abandoned him. And they turned their faces from the tabernacle of Yahweh, and they turned the back.

UST
6 Our ancestors disobeyed God; they did many things that he says are evil, and they did things that are not pleasing to him. They abandoned this place where Yahweh lives, and they have stopped worshiping him.

What did Hezekiah say that their ancestors did in the sight of Yahweh?
Hezekiah said that their ancestors trespassed and did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh their God.

What did their ancestors not do in the place where Yahweh lived? (vv6-7)
Their ancestors did not burn incense or offer burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:7

ULT

7 Also, they shut the doors of the porch. And they extinguished the lamps, and incense they did not offer and burnt offerings they did not offer in the holy place of the God of Israel.

UST

7 They locked the doors of the temple and extinguished the lamps. They did not burn any incense, and they did not offer any sacrifices that were to be completely burned on the altar in the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:8

ULT

8 And the wrath of Yahweh was on Judah and Jerusalem. And he gave them to be a terror, to be a horror, and to be a hissing, just as you all are seeing with your eyes.

UST

8 Therefore, Yahweh has become very angry with us people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, and he has caused other people to become frightened and horrified of us. And they ridicule us. You know this very well.

What was the result of Yahweh's wrath falling on Judah and Jerusalem?

Yahweh made Judah and Jerusalem to be an object of terror, horror, and scorn.

2 Chronicles 29:9

ULT

9 And behold, our fathers fell by the sword, and our sons, and our daughters, and our wives are in captivity on account of this.

UST

9 That is why our fathers have been killed in battles, and our sons and daughters and our wives have been captured and taken to other countries.

What happened to their fathers, sons, daughters, and wives because of the wrath of Yahweh?

Their fathers fell by the sword and their sons, daughters, and wives were brought into captivity because of the wrath of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:10

ULT

[10] Now with my heart to cut a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel, so that his burning anger may turn from us.

UST

[10] But now I intend to make a covenant with Yahweh, our God, in order that he will no longer be angry with us.

What did Hezekiah propose to do so that Yahweh's fierce anger might turn away from them?

Hezekiah proposed that they make a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:11

ULT

[11] My sons, now, do not be negligent for you all Yahweh has chosen to stand before him, to minister to him, and to be to him ones ministering and ones offering sacrifices."

UST

[11] You who are like my sons, do not waste any time. Do immediately what Yahweh wants you to do. Yahweh has chosen you to stand in his presence and offer sacrifices and burn incense."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:12

ULT

[12] And the Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of the Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah;

UST

[12] Then these descendants of Levi started to work in the temple. From the descendants of Kohath there were Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah. From the descendants of Merari there were Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel. From the descendants of Gershon there were Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:13

ULT
13 and from the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeuel; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

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13 From the descendants of Elizaphan there were Shimri and Jeiel. From the descendants of Asaph there were Zechariah and Mattaniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:14

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14 and from the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

UST
14 From the descendants of Heman there were Jehiel and Shimei. From the descendants of Jeduthun there were Shemaiah and Uzziel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:15

ULT
15 And they gathered their brothers, and they consecrated themselves, and they entered, according to the commandment of the king with the words of Yahweh, to cleanse the house of Yahweh.

UST
15 Those men gathered their fellow descendants of Levi and together they prepared themselves for the work of the priesthood. They took all the steps to prepare themselves so they could serve the king in Yahweh's house, because the king was following Yahweh's commands. And the Levites entered the temple to clean it up.

What did the Levites do after they gathered their brothers?
The Levites and their brothers, dedicated themselves to Yahweh, and went in to cleanse the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:16

ULT

16 And the priests entered the inner part of the house of Yahweh to cleanse; and they brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Yahweh to the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took to bring out to the brook Kidron outside.

UST

16 The worked within the temple to purify it. They brought out into the courtyard of the temple everything that they had found in the temple that was not pleasing to Yahweh. Then the descendants of Levi took those things down to the Kidron Valley and burned them there.

What did the priests do with all the filth that they found in the temple of Yahweh as they cleansed it?

The priests took all the filth and carried it out to the brook Kidron.

2 Chronicles 29:17

ULT

17 And they began on the first of the first month to consecrate. And on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of Yahweh, and they consecrated the house of Yahweh for eight days. And on the 16th day of the first month they finished.

UST

17 The priests and other descendants of Levi started this work on the first day of the first month and finished setting apart for the honor of Yahweh, the courtyard of the temple on the eighth day of that month, and they finished the work of setting the temple apart for the honor of Yahweh, one week later.

How long did it take the priests to sanctify the house of Yahweh?

The priests began on the first day of the first month and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

2 Chronicles 29:18

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18 And they came within to Hezekiah, the king, and they said, “We have cleansed all the house of Yahweh, the altar of burnt offerings and all its items, and the table of the arrangement and all its items,

UST

18 Then they went to King Hezekiah and reported this: “We have purified all parts of the temple, and the altar where sacrifices are completely burned, and all the items used at the altar, the table on which the priests display the bread before Yahweh, and the things used at that table.

What did the priests tell Hezekiah they had prepared and sanctified in addition to cleansing all the house of Yahweh? (vv18-19)

In addition to cleansing all the house of Yahweh, the priests prepared and sanctified all the implements that King Ahaz threw away when he trespassed during his reign.

2 Chronicles 29:19

ULT

19 and all the items which King Ahaz rejected in his reign in his unfaithfulness. We have prepared, and we have consecrated, and, behold, they are before the altar of Yahweh.”

UST

19 Ahaz ruled over us, he disobeyed what Yahweh had commanded, and he threw away many of the tools and implements from the temple many things that should be there, but now we have brought them back, we dedicated them to Yahweh’s service, and then we placed them in front of the altar of Yahweh, where they can be seen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:20

ULT

20 And Hezekiah the king rose early and gathered the chiefs of the city. And he went up to the house of Yahweh.

UST

20 Early the next morning, King Hezekiah gathered together the city officials, and they went to the courtyard of the temple.

What did Hezekiah command the priests to do with the animals they brought as a sin offering for Judah? (vv20-21)

Hezekiah told the priests to offer the animals on the altar of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 29:21

ULT

21 And they brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats of female goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he said to the sons of Aaron, the priests, to cause to go up to the altar of Yahweh.

UST

21 They took with them seven bulls, seven rams, seven male lambs, and seven male goats to be an offering in order that Yahweh would forgive the sins of all the people in the kingdom of Judah, and in order to purify the temple. The king commanded that the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, should offer those animals to be sacrifices to Yahweh on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:22

ULT

22 And they slaughtered the cattle, and the priests took the blood, and they scattered on the altar. And they slaughtered the rams, and they scattered the blood on the altar. And they slaughtered the lambs, and they scattered the blood on the altar.

UST

22 So first the priests slaughtered those bulls, and took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. Then they slaughtered the rams and sprinkled their blood on the altar. Then they slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled their blood on the altar.

Why did the priests kill the animals and splash their blood on the altar? (vv22-24)

The priests killed the animals and splashed their blood on the altar to make atonement for all Israel. A burnt offering and a sin offering had to be made for all Israel.

2 Chronicles 29:23

ULT

23 And they brought near the goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.

UST

23 The goats that were slaughtered to be an offering in order that Yahweh would forgive the sins of the people were brought to the king and the others who were there. Then the king and those who were present laid their hands on those goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:24

ULT

24 And the priests slaughtered them, and they made a sin offering with their blood on the altar to atone for all Israel, because “For all Israel,” the king said, “are the burnt offering and the sin offering.”

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24 Then the priests slaughtered those goats and splashed their blood on the altar, to atone for the sins of Israel. The priests did that because the king had commanded that offerings that would be completely burned on the altar and other sacrifices should be made for all the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:25

ULT

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of Yahweh with cymbals, with harps, and with lyres, according to the commandment of David and Gad, the seer of the king, and Nathan the prophet, for by the hand of Yahweh was the commandment by the hand of his prophets.

UST

25 The king then told the descendants of Levi to stand in the temple with their cymbals, harps, and lyres, obeying what David and his prophets Gad and Nathan had commanded. Those were things that Yahweh had told his prophets that the descendants of Levi should do.

From whom did the command come for arranging the Levites and their instruments in the house of Yahweh?

The command came from Yahweh by means of his prophets.

2 Chronicles 29:26

ULT

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David and the priests with the trumpets.

UST

26 So the descendants of Levi went and stood in the temple, and began to play the musical instruments that King David had given to them. And the priests began to blow their trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:27

ULT
[27] And Hezekiah said to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And at the time the burnt offering began, the song of Yahweh began and the trumpets, and by the hands of the instruments of David, the king of Israel.

UST
[27] Then Hezekiah told some of the priests to slaughter the animals that would be completely burned on the altar. When they started to slaughter the animals, the people started to sing to praise Yahweh, while the other descendants of Levi were playing their instruments.

How long did the singing and playing of music continue as all the assembly worshiped and the burnt offering began? (vv27-28)
The singing and music continued until the burnt offering was finished.

2 Chronicles 29:28

ULT
[28] And the whole assembly was worshipping, and the song was singing, and the trumpets were sounding, all until the burnt offering was finished.

UST
[28] All the people who were there bowed to worship Yahweh, while the singers sang and the trumpeters played. They continued to do this until they had finished slaughtering all the animals that would be completely burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:29

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[29] And when the burnt offering was finished, the king bowed down and all who were found with him, and they worshiped.

UST
[29] When they finished making those offerings, the king and all those who were there knelt down and worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:30

ULT

30 And King Hezekiah said, and the chiefs, to the Levites to praise Yahweh according to the words of David and Asaph the seer. And they praised with joy, and they bowed down, and they worshiped.

UST

30 Then King Hezekiah and his officials commanded the descendants of Levi to praise Yahweh, singing the songs composed by David and Asaph the prophet. So they sang songs joyfully, and bowed their heads to worship.

What was the attitude of the Levites as they sang praises to Yahweh using the words of David and Asaph?

The Levites sang praises with gladness and they bowed down and worshiped.

2 Chronicles 29:31

ULT

31 And Hezekiah answered, and he said, “You yourselves have filled your hand to Yahweh. Come near and bring in sacrifices and thanksgivings to the house of Yahweh.” And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thanksgivings, and all inclined of heart, burnt offerings.

UST

31 Then Hezekiah said, “You have now set yourselves apart for the honor of Yahweh. So come close to the temple and bring animals to be sacrificed, and also bring the other offerings to thank Yahweh for what he has done for you.” Then those who wanted to bring animals to be completely burned on the altar brought them.

What did the assembly bring into the house of Yahweh?

The assembly brought in sacrifices and thank offerings, and all who had a willing heart brought burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 29:32

ULT

32 And the number of the burnt offering that the assembly brought in was 70 bulls, 100 rams, 200 lambs, for the burnt offering to Yahweh was all these.

UST

32 Altogether they brought seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and two hundred male lambs to be completely burned on the altar.

What kinds of animals did the assembly bring to be used as burnt offerings? (vv32-33)

The assembly brought bulls, rams, lambs, oxen, and sheep to be used as burnt offerings.

2 Chronicles 29:33

ULT
33 And the consecrated were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

UST
33 The other animals that they brought were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep and goats that were set apart for the honor of Yahweh, to be sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 29:34

ULT
34 Except the priests were too few and they were not able to skin all the burnt offerings, so their brothers, the Levites, made them strong until the work was finished, and until the priests consecrated themselves, for the Levites were right of heart to consecrate themselves more than the priests.

UST
34 There were not enough priests to remove the skins from the animals that would be completely burned on the altar. So the descendants of Levi stepped in to helped the priests until the work was finished. The Levites were more hard-working and dedicated that the priests were.

Why did the priests have to ask the Levites to help skin the burnt offerings?
The priests had to ask the Levites to help them skin the burnt offerings because the priests were too few to do the work themselves.

2 Chronicles 29:35

ULT
35 And also, there were burnt offerings in abundance with the fat of the peace offerings and with the drink offerings for the burnt offering. And the service of the house of Yahweh was established.

UST
35 In addition to the all the offerings that were completely burned on the altar, the priests burned the fat of the accompanying animals that were sacrificed to maintain good fellowship with Yahweh; there were also offerings of wine. In this way the worship at the temple began again.

What did Hezekiah and all the people do when the service of the house of Yahweh was set in order? (vv35-36)
Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced.

2 Chronicles 29:36

ULT

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, over God having prepared for the people, for in suddenness the matter happened.

UST

36 And Hezekiah and all the other people of Judah celebrated, because God had enabled them to do all the repair work very quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30

2 Chronicles 30:1

ULT

[1] And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and also letters he wrote to Ephraim and Manasseh to come to the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem to do a Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

[1-3] King Hezekiah, his officials, and all the other people who had gathered in Jerusalem wanted to celebrate the Passover festival. But they were not able to celebrate it at the usual time, because many of the priests had still not been able to perform all the rites of purity for themselves, so they were not allowed to do the work of that festival. Also, not everyone had come to Jerusalem to celebrate it. So they decided to celebrate the festival the following month.

To where did Hezekiah send messengers and to whom did he write letters?

Hezekiah sent messengers to all of Israel and Judah, and wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh.

What did Hezekiah's message tell them?

The message told them they should come to Jerusalem to the house of Yahweh to celebrate the Passover.

2 Chronicles 30:2

ULT

[2] And the king consulted, and his chiefs, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to do the Passover in the second month.

Who were they that consulted together, to celebrate the Passover in the second month?

They were the king, his leaders, and all the assembly in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:3

ULT

3 for they were not able to do it at that time because the priests had not consecrated themselves sufficiently, and the people had not assembled to Jerusalem.

UST

1-3 King Hezekiah, his officials, and all the other people who had gathered in Jerusalem wanted to celebrate the Passover festival. But they were not able to celebrate it at the usual time, because many of the priests had still not been able to perform all the rites of purity for themselves, so they were not allowed to do the work of that festival. Also, not everyone had come to Jerusalem to celebrate it. So they decided to celebrate the festival the following month.

Why could they not celebrate the Passover right away?

They could not celebrate the Passover right away, because there were not sufficient numbers of consecrated priests, nor had the people gathered in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:4

ULT

4 And the matter was right in the eyes of the king and in the eyes of all the assembly.

UST

4 The king and all the other people who had gathered thought that this was a good plan.

How did this plan appear to the king and all the assembly?

The plan appeared to be right in their eyes.

2 Chronicles 30:5

ULT

5 And they caused to stand a word to cause a voice to pass over among all Israel, from Beersheba and to Dan to come to do a Passover to Yahweh, the God of Israel, in Jerusalem; for they had not in abundance done as was written.

UST

5 So they decided to send messages to all the cities and villages in Judah and in Israel, from Beersheba in the far south to Dan in the far north, including places in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, to invite people to come to the temple in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover to honor Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worshiped. Many of the people had not previously celebrated that festival, even though it had been written in the law of Moses that they should do that.

What did the king and all the assembly establish and make?

They established a decree and made a proclamation.

To where did the proclamation go?

The proclamation went throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan.

What did the proclamation say?

The proclamation said the people should come to celebrate the Passover of Yahweh in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:6

ULT

6 And runners went with letters from the hand of the king and his chiefs among all Israel and Judah and according to the command of the king, saying, “Sons of Israel, return to Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the escaped remaining of you all from the palm of the kings of Assyria.

UST

6 Obeying what the king commanded, messengers went throughout Judah and Israel, taking messages that had been written by the king and his officials. This is what they wrote:

> “You Israelite people, you who survived after being slaves of the kings of Assyria, return to Yahweh, the God whom our great ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worshiped, in order that he may return to you. Your fathers and your fellow countrymen did not faithfully obey Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped.

By what means did the proclamation go?

The proclamation went with couriers by letters from the king and his leaders to all of Israel and Judah.

2 Chronicles 30:7

ULT

[7] And do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who acted unfaithfully against Yahweh, the God of their fathers. And he made them to be a horror, just as you all are seeing.

UST

[7] Do not act like they did, because what they did caused Yahweh to punish them so severely that other people were horrified when they heard of what he had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:8

ULT

[8] Now, do not harden your neck like your fathers; give hand to Yahweh and come to his sanctuary which he has consecrated forever, and serve Yahweh your God, that he may turn from you all his burning anger.

UST

[8] Do not be stubborn as our ancestors were. Do what Yahweh desires. Come to Jerusalem to the temple, which he has set apart for his honor forever. Do what pleases Yahweh our God, in order that he will no longer be angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:9

ULT

[9] For in your turning back to Yahweh, your brothers and your sons will have mercies before their captors and return this land. For gracious and compassionate is Yahweh your God, and he will not turn away his face from you all, if you return to him.”

UST

[9] If you return to Yahweh, the people who have captured our brothers and sisters and our children will act kindly toward them, and allow them to return to this land. Do not forget that Yahweh our God is kind and merciful. If you return to him, he will no longer reject you.”

What did the proclamation say would happen if the people turned back to Yahweh?

The brothers and children would find compassion before those who had taken them as prisoners, and would come back into Israel.

2 Chronicles 30:10

ULT

10 And the runners were passing from city to city in the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and until Zebulun, but they were mocking them and ridiculing them.

UST

10 The messengers went to all the cities in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, as far north as the tribe of Zebulun, and gave them this message, but most of the people there scorned them and ridiculed them.

Where did the couriers go and how did the people respond?

The couriers went from city to city throughout Ephraim and Manasseh all the way to Zebulun, but the people responded to them with laughing and mocking.

2 Chronicles 30:11

ULT

11 However, men from Asher and Manasseh and from Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

UST

11 But some of the people of the tribes of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun acknowledged their sin and went to Jerusalem.

Who humbled themselves and what did they do?

Certain men of Asher, Manasseh, and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:12

ULT

12 Also on Judah was the hand of God to give them one heart to do the command of the king and the chiefs by the word of Yahweh.

UST

12 Also in Judah God made the people want together to obey Yahweh, which is what the king and his officials had told them to do in the message that they sent.

What did the hand of God do and what happened?

The hand of God came on Judah and they had one heart to carry out the command.

2 Chronicles 30:13

ULT

13 And many people gathered in Jerusalem to do the Feast of the Unleavened Bread in the second month, a very abundant assembly.

UST

13 So a huge crowd of people gathered in Jerusalem in the second month of the year, to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

How many gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread in the second month?

Many people, a very great assembly, gathered in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:14

ULT

14 And they rose, and they took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the incense altars they took away, and they threw into the brook Kidron.

UST

14 They removed the altars of Baal in Jerusalem and took away the altars for burning incense to honor other gods; they burned them all in the Kidron Valley.

What did those gathered in Jerusalem do? (vv14-15)

They took away the altars, all the altars for incense, and threw them into the Kidron. Then they killed the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the second month.

2 Chronicles 30:15

ULT

15 And they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the 14th of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and they consecrated themselves, and they brought in the burnt offerings to the house of Yahweh.

UST

15 They slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of that month. The priests and the other descendants of Levi who had not performed the rituals to purify themselves, they were ashamed; and they set about to make themselves qualified for the service to Yahweh, and they brought to the temple animals to be completely burned on the altar in the house of Yahweh.

What did the priests and Levites who were ashamed do?

They consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings into the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 30:16

ULT

16 And they stood at their stations according to their judgment, according to the law of Moses, the man of God. The priests were scattering the blood from the hand of the Levites,

UST

16 Then they stood in the places that Moses had written in his law that they should stand in. Then the descendants of Levi gave to the priests bowls containing blood of the animals that were being sacrificed, and the priests sprinkled the altar with some of the blood.

How did they stand and what did the priests do?

They stood in their divisions following the law of Moses, and the priests sprinkled blood.

2 Chronicles 30:17

ULT

17 for many were in the assembly who had not consecrated themselves. And the Levites were over the slaughtering of the Passover lambs for all were not clean to consecrate to Yahweh.

UST

17 Many people in the crowd had not purified themselves, and therefore they were not able to kill the lambs and dedicate them to Yahweh. So it was necessary for the descendants of Levi to kill the lambs for them.

Why did the priests sprinkle the blood they received from the Levites?

Because many had not consecrated themselves, the Levites were in charge of slaughtering the Passover lambs, and the priests received it from them to sprinkle.

2 Chronicles 30:18

ULT

18 For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not purified themselves, but they ate the Passover, against what is written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May Yahweh who is good atone for

UST

18 Although most of the people who had come from the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Issachar had not purified themselves, they ate the food of the Passover Festival anyway, ignoring the rules written by Moses. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying “Yahweh, you always do what is good; I pray that you will forgive everyone

Why did Hezekiah pray for the people of Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, and for what did he pray? (vv18-19)

Many of the people had not purified themselves and ate the Passover meal against the written instructions. So Hezekiah prayed for Yahweh to pardon those who set their hearts to seek God, although they were not purified by the standards of the sanctuary.

2 Chronicles 30:19

ULT

19 everyone who prepares his heart to seek God, Yahweh, the God of his fathers, but not according to the purifying of the holy place.”

UST

19 who sincerely wants to honor you, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, even if they have not purified themselves by obeying the sacred laws that you gave to us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:20

ULT

20 And Yahweh listened to Hezekiah, and he healed the people.

UST

20 And Yahweh heard what Hezekiah prayed; he forgave the people, and did not punish them.

What did Yahweh do in response to the prayer?

Yahweh listened to Hezekiah and healed the people.

2 Chronicles 30:21

ULT

21 And the sons of Israel who were found in Jerusalem did the Feast of the Unleavened Bread seven days with great joy. And the Levites and the priests were praising Yahweh day by day, with instruments of might to Yahweh.

UST

21 The Israelite people who were there in Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days. They rejoiced greatly as they celebrated, while the priests and other descendants of Levi sang to Yahweh every day and played musical instruments to praise God.

What did the people of Israel, the Levites, and the priests do?

The people kept the Festival for seven days with great joy. The Levites and priests praised Yahweh singing with loud instruments.

2 Chronicles 30:22

ULT

22 And Hezekiah spoke to the heart of all the Levites, who were insightful with good insight of Yahweh. And they ate the appointed seven days, sacrificing sacrifices of peace offerings and confessing to Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

UST

22 Hezekiah thanked all the descendants of Levi for doing this work for Yahweh, and for very skillfully leading the people who were worshiping. For those seven days the people ate the Passover food and brought offerings to maintain fellowship with Yahweh and praised Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors had worshiped.

How did Hezekiah speak to the Levites who understood the service of Yahweh, and what did they do?

Hezekiah encouraged them and they ate throughout the festival for seven days, offering fellowship sacrifices, and making confession to Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 30:23

ULT
23 And all the assembly consulted to do seven days after them, and they did seven days joyfully.

UST
23 Then the whole group decided to celebrate for seven more days; so they celebrated joyfully for seven more days.

What did the whole assembly decide to do when Hezekiah gave the assembly one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep, and the leaders gave one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats? (vv23-24)
The whole assembly decided to celebrate for another seven days, and they did with joy.

2 Chronicles 30:24

ULT
24 For Hezekiah the king of Judah contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 7,000 sheep; and the chiefs contributed to the assembly 1,000 bulls and 10,000 sheep. And many priests consecrated themselves.

UST
24 King Hezekiah provided one thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep to be slaughtered for the people to eat during the festival, and the officials also gave them one thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep and goats. Many priests set themselves apart for serving Yahweh and to honor him, at this festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 30:25

ULT
25 And they rejoiced, all the assembly of Judah and the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly who came from Israel, and the sojourners who came from the land of Israel and the inhabitants of Judah.

UST
25 All the people of Judah rejoiced, including the priests and other descendants of Levi and all the people from Israel who had come, and including some from other countries who were living in Israel and some from other countries who were living in Judah.

Who were all those that rejoiced in the celebration?
All the assembly of Judah, the priests, the Levites, and all the people who came together from Israel, the foreigners who came from Israel and those who lived in Judah rejoiced.

2 Chronicles 30:26

ULT

[26] And there was great joy in Jerusalem, for from the days of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel, there was not like this in Jerusalem.

UST

[26] Everyone in Jerusalem was very joyful, because nothing like this had happened in Jerusalem since the time when David's son Solomon was the king of Israel.

How was the celebration described?

There was great joy in Jerusalem, and since the time of Solomon, there had not been anything like it in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:27

ULT

[27] And the priests, the Levites, rose, and they blessed the people. And their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy dwelling in the heavens.

UST

[27] The priests and the other descendants of Levi stood up to bless the people, and God heard them, because their prayers reached up to heaven, the holy place where God lives.

What did the priests and Levites do next in the celebration?

They blessed the people and their voice was heard and their prayer went up to heaven.

2 Chronicles 31

2 Chronicles 31:1

ULT

[1] And when all this was finished, all Israel who were to be found went out to the cities of Judah, and they shattered the pillars. And they cut to pieces the Asherim, and they tore down the high places and the altars from all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until finished. And all the sons of Israel returned, each to his possession, to their cities.

UST

[1] After the festival ended, the Israelites who were there went to all the cities in Judah and smashed the stones for worshiping idols, and cut down the poles for worshiping the goddess Asherah. They destroyed the high places where idols were worshiped, and the altars of Baal throughout the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and also in the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. After destroying all of them, they returned to their own cities and towns.

What did the Israelites do after celebrating the Festival of the Unleavened Bread?

The people of Israel went out to the cities of Judah, broke the sacred stone pillars, cut down the Asherah poles, broke down the shrines and altars in Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all.

Where did the people of Israel go after they did this?

They returned to their own land and city.

2 Chronicles 31:2

ULT

[2] And Hezekiah appointed the divisions of the priests and the Levites according to their divisions, each according to the mouth of his service, for the priests and for the Levites for burnt offering and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise at the gates of the camp of Yahweh.

UST

[2] Hezekiah divided the priests and other descendants of Levi into groups. He appointed some of the groups to offer sacrifices that would be completely burned on the altar and offerings to maintain fellowship with Yahweh. He appointed some groups to do other work at the temple: Some to lead the people in their worship, some to thank Yahweh, and some to sing songs to praise Yahweh at the gates of the temple.

What did Hezekiah assign the priests and the Levites to do after he organized them by their divisions?

Hezekiah assigned them to make burnt offerings, fellowship offerings, to serve, to give thanks, and to praise at the gates of Yahweh’s temple.

2 Chronicles 31:3

ULT

3 And the portion of the king was from his property for burnt offerings, for the burnt offerings of the morning and the evening and the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and for the new moons and for the appointed times, as is written in the law of Yahweh.

UST

3 The king contributed some of his own funds to buy animals that would be sacrificed in the morning and in the evening of each day, and on the Sabbath days, to celebrate the new moons, and during the other feasts, according to what was written in the laws that Yahweh gave to Moses.

What portion did Hezekiah assign and when was it to be offered?

The portion was to be a king's portion from his own possessions, and the burnt offerings were for the morning, evening, Sabbath days, the new moons, and the fixed festivals.

2 Chronicles 31:4

ULT

4 And he said to the people, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, in order that they might be strong in the law of Yahweh.

UST

4 Hezekiah told the people living in Jerusalem to give to the priests and the other descendants of Levi the portions of meat that should be given to them, in order that they could devote all their time to obeying the laws of Yahweh.

What did Hezekiah command the people of Jerusalem to do so the priests and Levites might concentrate on obeying the law of Yahweh?

The people were to give a portion for the priests and Levites.

2 Chronicles 31:5

ULT

[5] And when the word broke through, the sons of Israel gave in abundance firstfruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and all the produce of the field. And the tithe of all the abundance they brought in.

UST

[5] As soon as he told that to them, they generously gave the first part of their harvest of grain, and the first part of the new wine that they produced, and olive oil and honey, and of the crops that grew in their fields. They brought to the temple a tenth of all their crops.

What happened when the command went out to the people?

The people of Israel gave the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey, and from the harvest of the field to all in abundance. They also gave the tithe of all things.

2 Chronicles 31:6

ULT

[6] And the sons of Israel and Judah, the inhabitants in the cities of Judah, also they, the tithe of cattle and sheep, and the tithe of sacred things consecrated to Yahweh their God, they brought in, and they gave heaps, heaps.

UST

[6] The men of Israel and Judah who were living in various cities in Judah also brought a tenth of their cattle and sheep and goats, and a tenth of other things that they had set them apart for the honor of Yahweh their God, and they piled up all those things in heaps.

What did the people in the cities of Judah do about the command?

The people in the cities of Judah brought the tithe of oxen, sheep, and a tithe of things that were consecrated to Yahweh, laying them in heaps.

2 Chronicles 31:7

ULT

[7] In the third month, they began the heaps to establish, and in the seventh month they finished.

UST

[7] They started to do that in the third month and finished doing it in the seventh month.

What were the months when the people laid the heaps?

The people laid the heaps beginning in the third month and finishing the heaps in the seventh month.

2 Chronicles 31:8

ULT

8 And Hezekiah and the chiefs came, and they saw the heaps. And they blessed Yahweh and his people Israel.

UST

8 When Hezekiah and his officials saw the heaps, they praised Yahweh and requested God to bless the people.

Who blessed Yahweh and the people when they saw the heaps?

Hezekiah and the leaders blessed Yahweh and the people.

2 Chronicles 31:9

ULT

9 And Hezekiah sought the priests and the Levites about the heaps.

UST

9 But Hezekiah asked the priests and other descendants of Levi, “What are these heaps of things?”

How did Azariah, the chief priest, answer Hezekiah when he asked the priests and the Levites about the heaps? (vv9-10)

Azariah answered that the people brought the tithes and put them in these large heaps. He told Hezekiah that they had eaten enough, and these heaps were left over because Yahweh had blessed the people.

2 Chronicles 31:10

ULT

10 And Azariah, the head priest, of the house of Zadok, said to him, and he said, “From the beginning of the bringing of the contribution to the house of Yahweh we ate, and were full and had left over in abundance, for Yahweh has blessed his people, and this abundance is left.”

UST

10 Then Azariah the high priest, a descendant of Zadok, replied, “Since the time that the people started to bring their offerings to the temple, we have had even more food than we need. This has happened because Yahweh has greatly blessed our fellow Israelites, with the result that all this is left over after we priests and other descendants of Levi took all that we need!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:11

ULT

11 And Hezekiah said to prepare the chambers in the house of Yahweh, and they prepared.

UST

11 Then Hezekiah ordered that they should prepare storerooms at the temple to hold these supplies.

What did Hezekiah command to be prepared and what did the people do? (vv11-12)

Hezekiah commanded storerooms be prepared in the house of Yahweh. Then the people prepared them and brought in the offerings, tithes, and consecrated things.

2 Chronicles 31:12

ULT

12 And they brought in the contribution and the tithe and the sacred things in faithfulness. And over them as a leader was Konaniah the Levite, and Shimei his brother, second.

UST

12 Then they brought into the storerooms all the tithes and offerings and things and the things dedicated to Yahweh which the people had brought. One of the descendants of Levi whose name was Konaniah was in charge of those things, and his younger brother Shimei was his assistant.

Who did Hezekiah and Azariah appoint to be managers in charge of the storerooms?

Hezekiah and Azariah appointed Conaniah manager in charge with Conaniah's brother, Shimei, as manager second in charge.

2 Chronicles 31:13

ULT

13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismakiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers under the hand of Konaniah and Shimei his brother, by the arrangement of Hezekiah, the king, and Azariah, the leader over the house of God.

UST

13 Those two men supervised Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismakiah, Mahath and Benaiah while they did the work. They were appointed by King Hezekiah; Azariah was in charge of everything that was done in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:14

ULT

14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the gatekeeper to the east was over the free will offering of God, to give the contribution of Yahweh and the most holy things,

UST

14 Kore son of Imnah, another descendant of Levi, who guarded the east gate of the temple, was in charge of the offerings to God that were made voluntarily. He distributed to the priests and other descendants of Levi the offerings and other things that were dedicated to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:15

ULT

15 and by his hand Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, and Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests in faithfulness to give to their brothers in divisions, like great, like small,

UST

15 Eden, Miniamin, Jeshua, Shemaiah, Amariah and Shecaniah faithfully assisted him in the towns where the priests lived. They distributed those things to the groups of their fellow priests; they distributed them to everyone, including those who were young and those who were old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 31:16

ULT

16 regardless of their genealogy, to males from a son of three years and upward, to all who came into the house of Yahweh, by the matter of a day in its day, for their service by their charges according to their divisions, *[1]*

UST

16 They also distributed things to the males who were at least three years old, those whose names were on the scrolls where lists of family names were written. They were males who were allowed to enter the temple to perform their tasks each day, the tasks that each group had been assigned to do.

To whom did Kore and those with him distribute the offerings?

They distributed to those males three years old and up, division by division, who were counted in the genealogies that entered the house of Yahweh that did the work in their positions.

2 Chronicles 31:17

ULT

[17] and the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers and the Levites from a son of 20 years and upward by their charges according to their divisions,

UST

[17] The names of the priests were on the scrolls where their families" names were written. They also distributed things to groups of descendants of Levi, those who were at least twenty years old.

Who was counted next to receive the offerings?

They gave to the Levites twenty years old and up that were filling their positions division by division.

2 Chronicles 31:18

ULT

[18] and to the genealogy with all their children, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, to all the assembly, for in their faithfulness they were consecrating themselves in holiness.

UST

[18] They included all their little children and wives and other sons and daughters whose names were on the scrolls where the family names were written, because they also faithfully had set themselves apart for the honor of Yahweh and his requirements for holiness.

What had the people done before receiving the offerings from Kore and those with him?

The people had consecrated themselves before the distribution to all their little ones, their wives, and their sons and daughters, who were counted in their genealogies.

2 Chronicles 31:19

ULT

19 And for the sons of Aaron, the priests, in the fields of open land of their cities, in each city and city, were men who were marked by names to give portions to every male among the priests, and to all genealogically among the Levites.

UST

19 Hezekiah also appointed other men to distribute portions of those offerings to the priests and other descendants of Levi who were living in the pasturelands around the towns of Judah. But they gave things only to those who were descendants of Aaron the first high priest, whose names were on the scrolls containing the names of their families.

What was done for the priests who were counted in the genealogies as being among the Levites?

There were men assigned to give portions to all the males who were in the fields of the villages that belonged to the cities or in every city.

2 Chronicles 31:20

ULT

20 And Hezekiah did like this in all Judah. And he did what is good, and what is right, and faithful before Yahweh his God.

UST

20 That is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah. He always faithfully did things that Yahweh his God says are right and good.

Where did Hezekiah accomplish this and how was it done?

Hezekiah accomplished this throughout all Judah and it was done good, right, and faithful before Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 31:21

ULT

21 And in every deed that he began in the service of the house of God, and by the law, and by the commandment to seek his God, with all his heart he did and succeeded.
31:16 [1] , some modern versions have .

UST

21 In everything that he did for the worship in the temple, and as he obeyed God's laws and commands, he tried to find out what his God wanted, and he worked energetically. So he was successful.

In what way did Hezekiah perform each project, and what was the result?

Hezekiah performed all these projects with all his heart, and he succeeded.

2 Chronicles 32

2 Chronicles 32:1

ULT

1 After these things and faithfulness, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came. And he came into Judah. And he encamped against the fortified cities. And he said to capture them for himself.

UST

1 After King Hezekiah had obeyed Yahweh's instructions and had done all those things, King Sennacherib of Assyria came with his army and invaded Judah. He commanded his soldiers to surround the cities that had walls around them, thinking that they would break through those walls and conquer those cities.

What did Sennacherib, king of Assyria, do to Judah?

He entered Judah and attacked the cities.

2 Chronicles 32:2

ULT

2 And Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and his face was to battle against Jerusalem.

UST

2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come with his army and that they intended to attack Jerusalem,

With what did Hezekiah ask his leaders to help? (vv2-4)

He asked them to stop up all the springs and streams so the king of Assyria would not find water.

2 Chronicles 32:3

ULT

3 And he consulted with his chiefs and his mighty ones to stop up the waters of the springs that were outside the city; and they helped him.

UST

3-4 he consulted with his officials and army leaders. They said to themselves, "Why should allow the king of Assyria and his army to come and find plenty of water to drink?" So they decided to stop the water from flowing outside the city. A large group of men gathered together and blocked all the springs and the stream that flowed through that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:4

ULT

4 And many people gathered, and they stopped up all the springs and the stream that was flowing in the midst of the land, saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find many waters?”

UST

3-4 he consulted with his officials and army leaders. They said to themselves, “Why should allow the king of Assyria and his army to come and find plenty of water to drink?” So they decided to stop the water from flowing outside the city. A large group of men gathered together and blocked all the springs and the stream that flowed through that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:5

ULT

5 And he strengthened himself. And he built all the broken wall, and he brought up the towers and the other outer wall. And he strengthened the Millo in the city of David. And he made weapons in abundance and shields. [1]

UST

5 Then they worked hard to repair all the sections of the city wall that had been broken, and they built watchtowers on the walls higher. They strengthened the Millo, a massive supporting wall on the east side of the city of David. They also made a large number of weapons and shields.

What did Hezekiah do to guard against the enemy’s attack?

He built up the walls and made a large amounts of weapons.

2 Chronicles 32:6

ULT

6 And he placed chiefs of battle over the people. And he gathered them to himself to the plaza at the city gate. And he spoke to their heart, saying,

UST

6 Hezekiah appointed army commanders, and he gathered them in front of him in the square at one of the city gates, and he encouraged them by saying this to them:

What encouraging words did Hezekiah give to his people? (vv6-8)

He told them to be strong, of good courage, and not be afraid because Yahweh, who is greater than their enemy, will help them fight.

2 Chronicles 32:7

ULT

[7] “Be strong and be courageous. Do not be afraid, and do not be dismayed from before the king of Assyria and from before all the multitude that is with him, for with us is one greater than with him.

UST

[7] “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the huge army that is with him, because Yahweh is with us, and his power is greater than their power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:8

ULT

[8] With him, an arm of flesh, but with us, Yahweh, our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people leaned on the words of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.

UST

[8] They have to rely on the power of humans, but we have Yahweh our God to help us and to fight battles for us.” So the people became more confident because of what Hezekiah, the king of Judah, said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:9

ULT

[9] After this, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, sent his servants to Jerusalem (and he was by Lachish, and all his military strength was with him) to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and to all Judah who was in Jerusalem, saying,

UST

[9] Later, when Sennacherib and all his soldiers were surrounding the city of Lachish, he sent some officers to Jerusalem to give this message to King Hezekiah and to all the people of Judah who were there:

Why did Sennacherib send his servants to Jerusalem? (vv9-10)

He wanted to know what Hezekiah was relying on for a victory.

2 Chronicles 32:10

ULT

10 "Thus says Sennacherib, the king of Assyria: On what are you all trusting and dwelling in siege in Jerusalem?

UST

10 "I am Sennacherib, the great king of Assyria, and this is what I say: While you are staying in Jerusalem, my soldiers are surrounding the city. So what are you depending on to keep you safe?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:11

ULT

11 Is not Hezekiah misleading you all, to give you all to die by famine and by thirst, saying, 'Yahweh our God will deliver us from the palm of the king of Assyria'?

UST

11 Hezekiah says to you, 'Yahweh our God will save us from being defeated by the army of you.' He wants you to die from having no food or water.

How did Sennacherib try to persuade the people that Hezekiah was misleading them?

He said they might die of famine and thirst and questioned whether Yahweh would rescue them.

2 Chronicles 32:12

ULT

12 Did not he, Hezekiah, take away his high places and his altars and he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, saying, 'Before one altar you all must worship, and on it you all must make sacrifice'?

UST

12 Hezekiah is the one who told his men to get rid of that god's high places on the hills, and his altars in the countryside, saying to you people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, 'You must worship at only one altar and burn sacrifices on only that altar.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:13

ULT

13 Do you all not know what I have done, I and my fathers, to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands surely able to deliver their land from my hand?

UST

13-14 Do you people not know what I and my ancestors have done to all the people groups in other countries? We destroyed them all, and their gods could not save them from me.

What did Sennacherib and his ancestors do to other people and their lands? (vv13-14)

Because their gods could not help them, they were completely destroyed.

2 Chronicles 32:14

ULT

14 Who is among all the gods of these nations whom my fathers devoted to destruction who is able to deliver his people from my hand, that your God is able to deliver you all from my hand?

UST

13-14 Do you people not know what I and my ancestors have done to all the people groups in other countries? We destroyed them all, and their gods could not save them from me.

Why did Sennacherib say the Israelites should not believe Hezekiah? (vv14-15)

Sennacherib wanted to mislead the people into believing that God would not rescue them from his powerful hand.

2 Chronicles 32:15

ULT

15 And now do not let Hezekiah deceive you all and do not let him mislead you all like this. And do not believe him for any god of any nation or kingdom has not been able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers. Also, indeed, your God will not deliver you all from my hand.”

UST

15 So do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you like this. Do not believe what he says, because no god of any nation or kingdom has ever been able to rescue his people from being conquered by my army and the armies of my ancestors. So certainly your god will not be able to rescue you from my power.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:16

ULT

16 And again his servants spoke against Yahweh God and against Hezekiah, his servant.

UST

16 Sennacherib's officers said more things to insult Yahweh their God and Hezekiah, who served God well.

What did Sennacherib do to mock Yahweh? (vv16-17)

He wrote letters to speak against Yahweh, to remind the people of Jerusalem of the past, and that Hezekiah's God will not rescue them.

2 Chronicles 32:17

ULT

17 And letters he wrote to taunt Yahweh, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, "Like the gods of the nations of the lands who did not deliver their people from my hand, thus the God of Hezekiah will not deliver his people from my hand."

UST

17 King Sennacherib wrote more letters insulting Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites belonged to. He wrote, "No god of any of these nations I have conquered could save his people from me. Similarly, the god of Hezekiah will not save his people from my power."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:18

ULT

18 And they called in a great voice in Judean against the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten them and to dismay them, in order that they might capture the city.

UST

18 Then the officers shouted in the Hebrew language to the people who were on the wall, in order to cause them to be very terrified, thinking that as a result the army of Assyria could capture the city without a battle.

Why did Sennacherib's servants cry in the Jews' language to the people of Jerusalem?

The servants wanted to frighten the people so they might capture the city.

2 Chronicles 32:19

ULT

19 And they spoke about the God of Jerusalem as against the gods of the peoples of the land, the work of the hands of man.

UST

19 They belittled the God worshiped by the people of Jerusalem like they belittled the gods of the other people groups of the world, gods which indeed were only idols fashioned by craftsmen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:20

ULT

20 And Hezekiah, the king, prayed, and Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, about this, and they cried out to the heavens.

UST

20 Then King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah cried out to God, praying very earnestly about this.

How did Yahweh respond when Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed and cried out to heaven? (vv20-21)

He sent an angel, who killed the fighting men and the officers.

2 Chronicles 32:21

ULT

21 And Yahweh sent an angel, and he wiped out all the mighty ones of the army and leaders and chiefs in the camp of the king of Assyria. And he returned with shame on faces to his land. And he came to the house of his god, and some of the ones coming forth from his inward parts, there they caused him to fall by the sword.

UST

21 And that night Yahweh sent an angel who killed all the soldiers of Assyria and their leaders and their officers in the place where the king of Assyria and his army had set up their tents. So the king of Assyria left, and returned to his own country, very disgraced. And one day when he went into the temple of his god, some of his sons struck him with their swords and killed him.

What happened to Sennacherib after the angel killed his army?

Sennacherib returned embarrassed to his own land, where his children killed him.

2 Chronicles 32:22

ULT

22 And Yahweh saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all. And he gave them rest all around. [2]

UST

22 That is how Yahweh guided and rescued Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from the power of Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, and from the power of all their other enemies. That is how he gave them peace with all the countries near them.

How was Hezekiah exalted? (vv22-23)

Yahweh saved Hezekiah from Sennacherib and others. Precious gifts were brought to Yahweh and Hezekiah by many.

2 Chronicles 32:23

ULT

23 And many were bringing gifts to Yahweh to Jerusalem and precious things to Hezekiah the king of Judah. And he was lifted up in the eyes of all the nations from after that.

UST

23 Many people brought offerings for Yahweh to Jerusalem, and also brought valuable gifts for King Hezekiah. And from that time, Hezekiah was highly respected by the people of all the other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:24

ULT

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And he prayed to Yahweh, and he spoke to him. And a sign he gave to him.

UST

24 About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. But he prayed to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered him. He performed a miracle and healed Hezekiah.

What happened to Hezekiah when he didn’t give thanks to Yahweh when he was deathly sick? (vv24-26)

God’s anger came on him, and Judah and Jerusalem. After he and the people of Jerusalem humbled themselves, Yahweh’s anger did not come on them for the rest of Hezekiah’s life.

2 Chronicles 32:25

ULT

25 But according to the benefit to him Hezekiah did not return, for his heart was high. And there was on him wrath and on Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

25 But Hezekiah was very proud, and he did not thank Yahweh for acting kindly toward him. Therefore Yahweh was angry with him and punished him and the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:26

ULT

26 And Hezekiah humbled himself from the height of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the wrath of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

UST

26 Then Hezekiah said that he was sorry about being proud, and the people of Jerusalem also said that they were sorry for their sins. So Yahweh did not punish them during the remaining years that Hezekiah was their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:27

ULT

27 And there was to Hezekiah very many riches and glory, and treasuries he made for himself for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all desirable items,

UST

27 Hezekiah became very rich and was greatly honored. His workers made storerooms for his silver and gold, for his very valuable stones, and for spices and shields and other valuable things.

After Hezekiah humbled himself what did God give him? (vv27-29)

God abundantly blessed him with precious stones, much harvest, many animals, and cities.

2 Chronicles 32:28

ULT

28 and storehouses for produce of grain, and new wine, and oil, and stalls for all beasts and beasts, and flocks for the stalls.

UST

28 His workers also built buildings to store the grain and wine and olive oil that people produced and brought to him. They also made stalls for various kinds of cattle, and pens for his flocks of sheep and goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:29

ULT

29 And cities he made for himself and livestock of sheep and cattle in abundance, for God gave to him very much property. [3]

UST

29 They built cities and acquired for the king great many flocks of sheep and goats and herds of cattle, because God had enabled him to become very rich.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:30

ULT

30 And this same Hezekiah stopped up the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon, and he directed them down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah succeeded in all his work.

UST

30 Hezekiah was the one who told his workers to block the place where the water flows out of the spring of Gihon, and to build a tunnel through which the water flowed to the west side of the area called the city of David. He was able to do everything that he wanted to do.

Why did God leave Hezekiah to himself after Hezekiah succeeded in all his projects? (vv30-31)

God wanted to test him and know what was in his heart.

2 Chronicles 32:31

ULT

31 And thus, when the envoys of the chiefs of Babylon sent to him to seek the sign that was in the land, God left him to test him, to know all in his heart.

UST

31 But when messengers who were sent by the rulers of Babylon came and asked about the miracle that God had performed in the land, it was then that God left Hezekiah alone in order to test him. God tested him so that he would know everything that was in Hezekiah's heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 32:32

ULT

32 And the remainder of the matters of Hezekiah, and his covenant faithfulnesses, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, on the scroll of the kings of Judah and Israel.

UST

32 A record of the other things that happened while Hezekiah was ruling, and the things that he did to please God, is written on the scroll of the vision of Isaiah the prophet. It is also written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.

Where are Hezekiah's good deeds written?

They are written in The Vision of Isaiah the Prophet and in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 32:33

ULT

33 And Hezekiah laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the graves of the sons of David. And honor they did for him in his death, all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

32:5 [1] , some ancient and modern versions have, , that is, on the wall.

32:22 [2] , some ancient and modern versions have . The original reading is uncertain.

32:29 [3] , some modern versions have , and some other modern versions leave out the word entirely.

UST

33 When Hezekiah died, he was buried in the tombs where the most respected kings of Judah were buried. Everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah honored him. Then his son Manasseh became the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33

2 Chronicles 33:1

ULT
1 A son of 12 years was Manasseh when he became king; and 55 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST
1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for fifty-five years.

What kind of a king was Manasseh for fifty-five years? (vv1-3)
He did evil things in the sight of Yahweh, rebuilt idols that Hezekiah had torn down, and worshiped the stars of heaven.

2 Chronicles 33:2

ULT
2 And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh had driven out from before the sons of Israel.

UST
2 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people groups that Yahweh had expelled from Israel as his people advanced into the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:3

ULT
3 And he turned and built the high places that Hezekiah his father had torn down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and he made Asheroth, and he bowed down to all the host of the heavens, and he served them.

UST
3 He commanded his workers to rebuild the high places upon the hills for worshiping idols, the same ones that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He told them to set up poles to honor the god Baal, and to make poles to honor the goddess Asherah. He also bowed down to worship all the stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:4

ULT

4 And he built altars in the house of Yahweh, about which Yahweh had said, “In Jerusalem, my name will be forever.”

UST

4 He directed his workers to build altars for foreign gods in the temple itself, about which Yahweh had said, “It is here in Jerusalem that I want people to worship me, forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:5

ULT

5 And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

UST

5 He directed that altars for worshiping all the stars be built in both of the courtyards outside the temple

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:6

ULT

6 And he himself caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and he practiced soothsaying, and divination, and he practiced magic, and he dealth with mediums and spirists. He multiplied doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh to provoke him to anger.

UST

6 He even sacrificed some of his own sons by burning them in a fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. He performed rituals to practice sorcery. He asked fortune tellers for advice. He performed witchcraft. He talked to people who consulted the spirits of people who had died to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh says are very evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

What did he do to provoke God to anger?

Manasseh offered his children as burnt offerings, performed sorcery, and consulted with those that talked with the dead.

2 Chronicles 33:7

ULT

[7] And he put the image of the idol which he made in the house of God of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will set my name forever.

UST

[7] Manasseh took the carved idol that his workers had made and put it in the temple. That is the temple concerning which God had said to David and to his son Solomon, “My temple will be here in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen where I want people to worship me, forever.

What did Manasseh do to lead the people of Judah and Jerusalem to do evil?
He broke the commandments by placing the carved figure in the house of God.

2 Chronicles 33:8

ULT

[8] And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from upon the soil that I appointed for your fathers, only if they are careful to do all that I commanded them, all the law, and the statutes, and the judgments by the hand of Moses.”

UST

[8] If they will obey all the laws and decrees and regulations that I told Moses to give to them, I will not again force the Israelite people to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:9

ULT

[9] And Manasseh led astray Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to do evil more than the nations that Yahweh had exterminated from before the sons of Israel.

UST

[9] But Manasseh led the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah to do things that are wrong, with the result that they did more evil than had been done by the people in the people groups that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelite people advanced through the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:10

ULT
[10] And Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they did not pay attention.

UST
[10] Yahweh spoke to Manasseh and the people of Judah, but they paid no attention.

What happened to Manasseh when Yahweh spoke to him and the people? (vv10-11)
Because they paid no attention, Yahweh had the army of the king of Assyria put Manasseh in chains and take him to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 33:11

ULT
[11] And Yahweh brought against them the chiefs of the army which belonged to the king of Assyria. And they captured Manasseh in chains, and they bound him in bronze, and they took him to Babylon.

UST
[11] So Yahweh caused the army commanders of Assyria and their soldiers to come to Jerusalem, and they captured Manasseh. They put a hook in his nose, put bronze chains on his feet, and took him to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:12

ULT
[12] And when he was in distress, he entreated the face of Yahweh, his God, and he humbled himself much from before the God of his fathers.

UST
[12] There, while he was suffering, he humbled himself greatly in the presence of Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors worshiped, and pleaded with Yahweh to help him.

What did Manasseh do so that God would bring him back to Jerusalem? (vv12-13)
He humbled himself, prayed, and begged God.

2 Chronicles 33:13

ULT

13 And he prayed to him; and he was entreated by him, and he heard his supplication, and he brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. And Manasseh knew that Yahweh, he is God.

UST

13 When he prayed, Yahweh heard him and pitied him. So he allowed him to return to Jerusalem and to rule his kingdom again. Then Manasseh realized that Yahweh is God, who can do anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:14

ULT

14 And after this, he built an outer wall for the city of David, on the west of Gihon, in the valley, and at the entrance of the Fish Gate, and around the hill, and he made it very high. And he put chiefs of the army in all the fortified cities in Judah.

UST

14 Later, Manasseh's workers rebuilt the eastern section of the outer wall around Jerusalem, and they made it higher. That section extended from spring of Gihon north to the Fish Gate, and around the part of the city that they called Ophel Hill. Manasseh also appointed army officers to guard each of the cities in Judah that had walls around them.

After Manasseh prayed, what action did he take to show his remorse? (vv14-15)

He built a high wall around Judah and took away foreign gods, the idol that he had placed in God's house, and all the altars he had built.

2 Chronicles 33:15

ULT

15 And he took away the foreign gods, and the idol from the house of Yahweh, and all the altars that he built on the mountain of the house of Yahweh and in Jerusalem. And he threw them outside the city.

UST

15 Manasseh's workers removed from the temple the idols and the figures of gods of other nations. He also told them to remove the altars that they had previously built on Mount Zion and in other places in Jerusalem. He had all those things thrown out of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:16

ULT

16 And he built the altar of Yahweh, and he sacrificed on it sacrifices of peace offerings and thank offerings. And he said to Judah to serve Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

16 Then he told them to repair the altar of Yahweh, and he offered sacrifices to restore fellowship with Yahweh and to thank him. And he told the people of Judah that they must worship only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:17

ULT

17 However, the people were still sacrificing on the high places, only to Yahweh, their God.

UST

17 The people continued to offer sacrifices at the high places on the hills, but only to Yahweh their God.

To whom did the people offer sacrifices at the shrines?

They offered sacrifices only to Yahweh at the shrines.

2 Chronicles 33:18

ULT

18 And the remainder of the matters of Manasseh, and his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers, those speaking to him in the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel, behold, they are on the words of the kings of Israel.

UST

18 The other things that happened while Manasseh was ruling, including his prayer to God and the messages from Yahweh that the prophets spoke to him, are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

How were Manasseh's prayers and important matters preserved?

Manasseh's important matters, prayers, and words of the seers are recorded with the deeds of the kings of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:19

ULT

19 And his prayer and how he was entreated by him, and all his sin, and his unfaithfulness, and the places where he built in them high places, and he raised Asherim and idols before he humbled himself—behold, they are written in the Words of Hozai. [1]

UST

19 What Manasseh prayed and how God pitied him because of what he pleaded to God for—also his sins and ways in which he disobeyed God—also the list of places where he built the houses on the hills for idol worship and set up poles to honor the goddess Asherah and other idols before he humbled himself—these are all written in what the prophets wrote.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:20

ULT

20 And Manasseh laid down with his fathers, and they buried him in his house. And Amon, his son, became king in his place.

UST

20 Manasseh died and was buried in his palace. Then his son Amon became the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:21

ULT

21 A son of 22 years was Amon when he became king; and two years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for two years.

What kind of king was Amon during his two-year reign? (vv21-23)

He was more evil than his father, he worshiped carved figures, and he did not humble himself before Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 33:22

ULT
22 And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh, his father, had done. And to all the idols that Manasseh his father made, Amon sacrificed, and he served them.

UST
22 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done. Amon worshiped all the idols that Manasseh's workers had made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:23

ULT
23 And he did not humble himself from before Yahweh, as Manasseh his father humbled himself, for this Amon multiplied guilt.

UST
23 But he did not humble himself and turn to Yahweh like his father did. So he became more sinful than his father had been.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 33:24

ULT
24 And his servants conspired against him, and they put him to death in his house.

UST
24 Then Amon's officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in his palace.

After King Amon's servants killed him, what did the people of the land do to those who killed him?
The people of the land killed all the servants who put Amon to death.

2 Chronicles 33:25

ULT

25 But the people of the land struck down all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah, his son, king in his place.

33:19 [1] , which is the reading of the original text. But many modern versions correct it to read . Also, a few modern versions have .

UST

25 But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34

2 Chronicles 34:1

ULT

1 A son of eight years was Josiah when he became king; and 31 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

1 Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years.

Although King Josiah was only eight years old when he became king, what did he do during his reign that pleased Yahweh? (vv1-3)
He sought after God, he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the shrines, idols, and carved figures.

2 Chronicles 34:2

ULT

2 And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he walked in the ways of David his father, and he did not turn to the right or to the left.

UST

2 He did things that were pleasing to Yahweh, and conducted his life like his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:3

ULT

3 And in the eighth year of his reigning, and he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of David, his father. And in the 12th year, he began to cleanse Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the idols, and the metal images.

UST

3 When he had been ruling for almost eight years, while he was still a boy, he began to worship God as his ancestor King David had done. Four years later, he began to get rid of all the houses that were built on the hills for idol worship, and they were all around Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. They also took down the poles that were to give honor the goddess Asherah and the carved idols and metal statues of gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:4

ULT

4 And they tore down before him the altars of the Baals, and the incense altars which were above them he cut to pieces. And the Asherim and the idols and the metal images he shattered, and he crushed, and he scattered over the faces of the graves of those who sacrificed to them.

UST

4 While he directed them, his workers tore down the altars where people worshiped Baal. They smashed the altars that were near those altars, where people burned incense. They smashed the poles to honor the goddess Asherah and the idols carved from wood or stone and metal statues. They smashed them to bits and scattered the bits over the graves of those who had offered sacrifices to them.

How did Josiah cleanse Judah and Jerusalem? (vv4-5)

He destroyed the altars, broke the Asherah poles, carved figures, and cast metal figures and the dust he scattered on the graves. The bones of the priests he burned on their altars.

2 Chronicles 34:5

ULT

5 And the bones of the priests he burned on their altars. And he cleansed Judah and Jerusalem,

UST

5 They burned the bones of the priests who had offered sacrifices; they burned them on their own altars. In that way Josiah caused Jerusalem and other places in Judah to be acceptable places to worship Yahweh again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:6

ULT

6 and in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, and unitl Naphtali, in the hills of their houses all around.

UST

6 In the towns in the tribes of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far north as the tribe of Naphtali and in the ruins around all those towns,

What did Josiah do in the land of Israel before he returned to Jerusalem? (vv6-7)

He repeated the cleansing that he did in Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 34:7

ULT

[7] And he tore down the altars, and the Asherim and the idols he beat to pieces to grinding, and all the incense altars he cut to pieces in all the land of Israel. And he returned to Jerusalem.

UST

[7] Josiah's workers tore down the pagan altars and the poles to honor the goddess Asherah, and crushed the idols to powder, idols that craftsmen had carved. They also smashed to pieces all the altars for burning incense throughout Israel. Then Josiah returned to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:8

ULT

[8] And in the 18th year of his reigning, to cleanse the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah, the chief of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the secretary, to make strong the house of Yahweh his God.

UST

[8] When Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he decided to do something else to cause the land and the temple to be acceptable places to worship Yahweh. So he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the governor of the city and Joah son of Joahaz, the secretary, to repair the temple of Yahweh.

Where did the money come from that would be used to repair the house of Yahweh? (vv8-9)

The money had been collected from the people of Jerusalem and entrusted to the high priest.

2 Chronicles 34:9

ULT

[9] And they came to Hilkiah, the great priest, and they gave the money that had been brought to the house of God, that the Levites gathered, the keepers of the threshold, from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

[9] They went to Hilkiah the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought to the temple. That was the money that the descendants of Levi who guarded the doors of the temple had collected from the people of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim and other places in Israel, and also from all the people in Jerusalem and other places in the tribes of Judah and Benjamin—all the people of the land who survived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:10

ULT

10 And they gave to the hand of the doer of the work, the ones appointed over the house of Yahweh. And they gave it to the doers of the work who were working on the house of Yahweh to repair and to make strong the house.

UST

10 Then Hilkiah gave some of the money to the men who had been appointed to supervise the work of repairing the temple. The supervisors paid the men who did the repair work.

To whom was the money distributed and for what was it used? (vv10-11)

Carpenters and builders bought stone and timber to repair the temple.

2 Chronicles 34:11

ULT

11 And they gave to the craftsmen and the builders to buy cut stone and woods for the braces, and to make beams for the houses that the kings of Judah had destroyed.

UST

11 They also gave some of the money to the carpenters and builders to buy the cut stones and the timber for the joists and the beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had allowed to decay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:12

ULT

12 And the men were working with faithfulness in the work. And over them were appointed Jahath, and Obadiah, the Levites from the sons of Merari, and Zechariah, and Meshullam, from the sons of the Kohathites, to direct, and the Levites, all who understand about the instruments of song.

UST

12 The workers did their work faithfully. Their supervisors were Jahath and Obadiah, who were descendants of Levi's son Merari, and Zechariah and Meshullam, who were descendants of Levi's son Kohath. All the descendants of Levi, who played musical instruments well,

What roles did the Levites play in the repair of the temple? (vv12-13)

Some were supervisors, secretaries, administrators, and gate guards; others were good musicians and directed the faithful workmen.

2 Chronicles 34:13

ULT

13 And over the burden bearers and directors for every doer of the work for service and service, and from the Levites, were scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

UST

13 supervised all the workers as they did their various jobs. Some of the descendants of Levi were secretaries; some kept records, and some guarded the temple gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:14

ULT

14 And when they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of Yahweh, Hilkiah the priest found the scroll of the law of Yahweh by the hand of Moses.

UST

14 While they were giving to the supervisors the money that had been taken to the temple, Hilkiah the high priest found a scroll on which was written the laws that Yahweh had given to Moses to give to the people.

What did the priest find when he brought out the money that had been brought into the house of Yahweh?

The high priest found the book of the law of Yahweh that had been given through Moses.

2 Chronicles 34:15

ULT

15 And Hilkiah answered, and he said to Shaphan the scribe, “The scroll of the law I have found in the house of Yahweh.” And Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan.

UST

15 So Hilkiah said to Shaphan, “I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!” Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:16

ULT

[16] And Shaphan brought the scroll to the king, and brought further to the king word, saying, “All that was given by the hand of your servants they are doing.

UST

[16] Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, “Your officials are doing everything that you told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:17

ULT

[17] And they poured out the money that was found in the house of Yahweh, and they gave it to the hand of those appointed and to the hand of the doers of the work.”

UST

[17] They have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the men who will repair the temple.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:18

ULT

[18] And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, “A scroll Hilkiah the priest gave to me.” And Shaphan read from it before the king.

UST

[18] Then Shaphan said to the king, “I have also brought to you a scroll that Hilkiah gave to me.” And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:19

ULT

19 And it happened when the king heard the words of the law, and he tore his clothes.

UST

19 When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

What did the king do after hearing the words of the law?

King Josiah tore his clothes.

2 Chronicles 34:20

ULT

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah, the servant of the king, saying,

UST

20 Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiah, to Shaphan's son Ahikam, to Micah's son Abdon, to Shaphan, and to Asaiah, the king's special advisor:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:21

ULT

21 "Go, seek Yahweh on behalf of me, and on behalf of the one who remains in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the scroll that has been found. For great is the rage of Yahweh that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of Yahweh to do like all that is written on this scroll." *[1]*

UST

21 "Go and ask Yahweh for me, and for all his people who are still alive in Judah and Israel, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed what Yahweh said; they did not obey the laws that are written on this scroll."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:22

ULT

22 And Hilkiah went, and those of the king, to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the garments. And she was dwelling in Jerusalem in the Second. And they spoke to her about this.

UST

22 So Hilkiah and the others went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the Second District of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:23

ULT

23 And she said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: Say to the man who sent you all to me,

UST

23 When they told her what the king had said, she said to them, “This is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites say we worship, says: ‘Go back and tell the king who sent you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:24

ULT

24 ‘Thus says Yahweh: Behold, I am bringing disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants all the curses written on the scroll that they read before the king of Judah,

UST

24 that this is what Yahweh says: “Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here. I will send on them the curses that were written in the scroll that was read to the king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:25

ULT

25 because they abandoned me and burned incense to other gods in order to provoke me to anger in all the works of their hands. And my rage will pour out on this place, and it will not be quenched.' [2]

UST

25 I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry because of all the idols that they have made.'"

Why will God's anger be poured out on the people and not cease?

They have forsaken him by worshiping other gods as their ancestors had done.

2 Chronicles 34:26

ULT

26 But to the king of Judah, the one who sent you all to seek Yahweh, thus you all shall say to him, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel about the words that you heard:

UST

26 The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want. Go and tell him that this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelites worship, say about what you read:

Because Josiah's heart was tender, what happened when he humbled himself after hearing God's words? (vv26-28)

God said he would give him peace, and he would not see any of the disasters that God would bring on the people and land.

2 Chronicles 34:27

ULT

27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words concerning this place and concerning its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me, and you have torn your clothes, and you wept before me, and also I myself have heard—declares Yahweh—

UST

27 'Because you heeded what was written in the scroll, and you humbled yourself when you heard what I said to warn about what would happen to this city and the people who live here, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have listened to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:28

ULT

28 behold, I myself will gather you to your fathers. And you will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the disaster that I am bringing on this place and on its inhabitants.'" And they brought back word to the king.

UST

28 So I will allow you to die in peace, without seeing me punish this place and the people living in it.'" So they took her reply back to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:29

ULT

29 And the king sent, and he gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

29 Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and other places in Judea.

Why did Josiah have all the people, great and small, gather together? (vv29-30)

Josiah read to them from the book of the covenant.

2 Chronicles 34:30

ULT

30 And the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and each man of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, from the great to the small. And he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant, the one that was found in the house of Yahweh.

UST

30 They went up together to the temple with the leaders of Judah and many other people of Jerusalem and the priests and other descendants of Levi, from the least important to the most important ones. And while they listened, the king read to them everything that was in the scroll containing God's laws that had been found in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:31

ULT

31 And the king stood in his place, and he cut the covenant before Yahweh, to walk after Yahweh, and to keep his commandments, and his testimony, and his statutes, with all his heart and with all his being, to do the words of the covenant that were written on this scroll.

UST

31 Then the king stood next to the pillar at the entrance to the temple, where kings stood when they announced something important, and while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey, with his entire inner being, Yahweh and all his commands and regulations and decrees that were written on the scroll.

What covenant did Josiah make with Yahweh? (vv31-32)

He made a covenant before Yahweh to keep his commandments.

2 Chronicles 34:32

ULT

32 And he made stand each one found in Jerusalem and Benjamin. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem acted according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

UST

32 Then the king said that everyone who lived in Jerusalem and from the tribe of Benjamin should promise that they also would obey those laws. And they did that, agreeing that they would obey the agreement that God, whom their ancestors had worshiped, had made with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 34:33

ULT

33 And Josiah took away all the abominations from all the lands that belonged to the sons of Israel. And he caused to serve each one found in Israel, to serve Yahweh, their God. All his days, they did not turn away from after Yahweh, the God of their fathers.

34:21 [1] , some versions have, .

34:25 [2] , some versions have, .

UST

33 Josiah instructed his workers to remove all the disgusting idols from all the land of the Israelite people, and he commanded that all those from Israel who were there should worship only Yahweh their God. As long as Josiah was alive, the people did what was pleasing to Yahweh, the God whom their ancestors worshiped.

What did the people of Israel do to obey Josiah?

They worshiped Yahweh and did not turn away from him.

2 Chronicles 35

2 Chronicles 35:1

ULT

[1] And Josiah did a Passover in Jerusalem to Yahweh. And they slaughtered the Passover on the 14th of the first month.

UST

[1] Josiah commanded that the people should celebrate the Passover Festival in Jerusalem. So they slaughtered the lambs for the Passover on the 14th day of the first month.

How did Josiah keep the Passover in Jerusalem? (vv1-2)

He had the Passover lambs killed and placed the priests in their positions in the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 35:2

ULT

[2] And he appointed the priests over their charges, and he strengthened them for the service of the house of Yahweh.

UST

[2] Josiah assigned to the priests to the tasks that they should perform at the temple, and encouraged them do their work well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:3

ULT

[3] And he said to the Levites who are teaching all Israel, who are sacred to Yahweh, “Place the Holy Box in the house that Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel built; not to you all a burden on your shoulder. Now serve Yahweh your God and his people Israel.

UST

[3] The descendants of Levi were the ones who taught all the Israelite people; they had been set apart for Yahweh. Josiah said to them, “Put the sacred chest in the temple that the workers of David’s son King Solomon of Israel built. But carry it on poles; do not carry it on your shoulders. And do well your work for Yahweh your God and for his Israelite people.

Where did Josiah tell the people to put the holy ark instead of carrying it on their shoulders?

They were told to put the holy ark in the house that Solomon built.

2 Chronicles 35:4

ULT

4 And prepare by the house of your fathers, according to your divisions, by the writing of David, the king of Israel, and by the writing of Solomon, his son.

UST

4 Divide yourselves into your traditional clans, obeying the instructions that King David and his son Solomon wrote.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:5

ULT

5 And stand in the holy place, according to the division of the house of the fathers of your brothers, the sons of the people, and the portion of the house of a father of the Levites.

UST

5 Then stand in the temple area, with each of you in your own Levite clan, ready to help your fellow Israelites when they bring their offerings to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:6

ULT

6 And slaughter the Passover, and consecrate yourselves, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Moses."

UST

6 Slaughter the lambs for the Passover. Do this for your fellow Israelites. Perform the rituals to set yourselves apart for God's honor and to serve Yahweh and do his work. Prepare the sacrifices, doing what Yahweh told Moses to tell you that you should do."

How were the people to get ready for the Passover?

The people were to kill the Passover lambs and consecrate themselves in obedience to God's word.

2 Chronicles 35:7

ULT

[7] And Josiah raised to the sons of the people a flock of lambs and sons of female goats, the entirety for the Passovers, for all who are found, for the number, 30,000. And oxen, 3,000. These were from the property of the king.

UST

[7] Josiah provided from his own flocks and herds thirty thousand young sheep and goats for the Passover sacrifices. He also provided three thousand bulls from his own herds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:8

ULT

[8] And his chiefs, for a free will offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites, they raised. Hilkiah, and Zechariah, and Jehiel, leaders in the house of God, to the priests they gave for the Passovers, 2,600, and oxen, 300.

UST

[8] His officials also voluntarily contributed animals for the people and the priests and the other descendants of Levi. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the officials who were in charge of the temple, gave to the priests 2,600 lambs and three hundred cattle to be sacrifices for the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:9

ULT

[9] And Konaniah, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, and Jeiel, and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, raised to the Levites for the Passovers, 5,000 and oxen, 300.

UST

[9] Also, Konaniah, along with his younger brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah, Jeiel, and Jozabad, the leaders of the descendants of Levi, provided five thousand lambs and five hundred cattle for the other descendants of Levi, to be sacrifices for the Passover.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:10

ULT

10 And the service was prepared, and the priests stood at their places, and the Levites by their divisions, according to the commandment of the king.

UST

10 Everything for the Passover was arranged: The priests and the other descendants of Levi stood in their places in their groups, as the king had commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:11

ULT

11 And they slaughtered the Passover, and the priests scattered from their hand, and the Levites were skinning.

UST

11 Then they slaughtered the Passover lambs. The priests sprinkled the blood from the bowls that were handed to them, while the other descendants of Levi removed the skins from the animals.

How did the people of Israel offer their sacrifices to Yahweh? (vv11-12)

They killed the Passover lamb, splashed the blood, skinned the lambs, and offered the burnt offerings to Yahweh, as was written in the book of Moses.

2 Chronicles 35:12

ULT

12 And they took away the burnt offering, in order to place them according to the divisions of the house of fathers, for the sons of the people to bring near to Yahweh according to what is written in the scoll of Moses. And thus for the oxen.

UST

12 They set aside the animals to be completely burned on the altar, in order to give them to the various family groups to offer to Yahweh, obeying the instructions that were written in the laws God gave Moses. They did the same thing with the cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:13

ULT

13 And they cooked the Passover in fire according to the judgment. And the consecrated things they cooked in pots, and in kettles, and in pans, and they brought to all the sons of the people.

UST

13 Obeying those regulations, they roasted over the fire the lambs for the Passover. And they boiled the meat of the sacred offerings in pots and kettles and pans, and served the meat immediately to all the people who were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:14

ULT

14 And after they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were offering the burnt offering and the fat portions until night, and the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

UST

14 After that, they prepared meat for themselves and for the priests, because the priests were busy until nighttime, sacrificing the offerings to be completely burned and burning the fat parts of the offerings. So the descendants of Levi prepared meat for themselves and for the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, the first high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:15

ULT

15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, the seer of the king, and the gatekeepers for gate and gate. It was not for them to turn aside from their place because their brothers, the Levites, prepared for them.

UST

15 The musicians, who were descendants of Asaph, stood in their places, as had been commanded by King David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king’s prophet. The men who guarded the gates of the temple did not need to leave their places, because their fellow descendants of Levi prepared food for them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:16

ULT

16 And all the service of Yahweh was prepared on that day to do the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of Yahweh, according to the commandment of King Josiah.

UST

16 So on that day everything that needed to done for worshiping Yahweh was done. They celebrated the Passover Festival, and they presented offerings to be completely burned on the altar, which was what Josiah had commanded.

What did the people of Israel do after the Passover celebration? (vv16-17)

They celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

2 Chronicles 35:17

ULT

17 And the sons of Israel who were found did the Passover at that time and the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days.

UST

17 The Israelites who were there celebrated the Passover on that day, and for seven days they celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:18

ULT

18 And a Passover was not done like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet, and all the kings of Israel did not do like the Passover that Josiah did, and the priests and the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were found and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

18 The Passover Festival had not been celebrated like that in Israel since the time that the prophet Samuel lived. And none of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated the Passover like Josiah did, along with the priests, the other descendants of Levi, and all the other people of Judah and Israel who were there with the people who lived in Jerusalem.

Why was this celebration of the Passover so special?

It was special because this is the first time it had been held in Israel since the days of the prophet Samuel.

2 Chronicles 35:19

ULT
19 In the 18th year of the reign of Josiah, this Passover was done.

UST
19 They celebrated this Passover Festival when Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:20

ULT
20 After all this, when Josiah prepared the house, Necho, the king of Egypt, went up to fight against Carchemish near the Euphrates. And Josiah went out to meet him.

UST
20 After Josiah had done all those things to restore the worship at the temple, King Necho of Egypt went with his army to attack the city of Carchemish alongside the Euphrates River, and Josiah marched with his army to fight against them.

What was the message that the king of Egypt brought to Josiah? (vv20-21)
He said God had commanded him to fight against Carchemish and that Josiah should not interfere.

2 Chronicles 35:21

ULT
21 And he sent to him messengers, saying, “What to me and to you, King of Judah? Not against you yourself today, but against the house of my battle. And God said for me to hurry. Stop yourself from God, who is with me, and let him not destroy you.”

UST
21 Necho sent some messengers to Josiah, to tell him, “You are the king of Judah, and there is certainly no reason for you to fight me; we are attacking the army of Babylonia. God has told me to hurry. So stop opposing God, who is for me. If you do not stop, God will get rid of you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:22

ULT

22 But Josiah did not turn his face from him, but, in order to fight with him, he disguised himself. And he did not listen to the words of Necho, the mouth of God. And he came to fight on the plain of Megiddo.

UST

22 But Josiah would not listen to him. Instead, he disguised himself in order to be able to attack the army of Egypt without anyone recognizing him. He did not pay any attention to what God had told Necho to say. Instead, he and his army went to fight Necho's army at the plain of Megiddo.

What was Josiah's reaction to the message from the king of Egypt?

He did not listen to the king's words, but instead, Josiah disguised himself so he could fight.

2 Chronicles 35:23

ULT

23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, "Cause me to pass over for I am badly wounded."

UST

23 Some archers shot King Josiah. He told his officers, "Take me away from here because I am badly wounded."

What happened to Josiah on the battle field? (vv23-24)

He was shot by archers and his servants took him to Jerusalem, where he later died.

2 Chronicles 35:24

ULT

24 And his servants carried him away from the chariot, and they made him ride on the second chariot which belonged to him. And they brought him to Jerusalem. And he died, and he was buried in the graves of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem were mourning on account of Josiah.

UST

24 So they took him out of his chariot and put him in another chariot that he had brought with him, and they took him to Jerusalem, where he died. He was buried in the tombs where his ancestors had been buried, and all the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah mourned for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 35:25

ULT

25 And Jeremiah sang a dirge for Josiah, and all the male singers and the female singers said in their dirges about Josiah until today. And they placed for a statute over Israel; and behold, they are written in the Laments.

UST

25 The prophet Jeremiah composed a song to lament for Josiah, and all the men and women singers in Israel still mourn for Josiah by singing that song. That became a custom in Israel; the words of that song are written in a scroll of funeral songs.

What are the songs of lament that have become customary in Israel?

They are songs that have been sung to lament for Josiah and are still sung.

2 Chronicles 35:26

ULT

26 And the remainder of the matters of Josiah and his covenant faithfulnesses as is written in the law of Yahweh—

UST

26-27 A record of the other things that happened while Josiah ruled, from the time he started to rule until he died, including how he faithfully was devoted to honoring God by obeying all that was written in the laws of Yahweh, is written in the book of the kings ofIsrael and Judah.

Where are the matters of Josiah and his good deeds recorded? (vv26-27)

They are contained in The Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

2 Chronicles 35:27

ULT

27 and his matters, the first things and the last things, behold, they are written in the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah.

UST

26-27 A record of the other things that happened while Josiah ruled, from the time he started to rule until he died, including how he faithfully was devoted to honoring God by obeying all that was written in the laws of Yahweh, is written in the book of the kings ofIsrael and Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36

2 Chronicles 36:1

ULT

1 And the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and they made him king in the place of his father in Jerusalem.

UST

1 Then the people of Judah chose Josiah's son Jehoahaz and appointed him to be the king in Jerusalem.

After Josiah died, who became king of Jerusalem? (vv1-2)

The people of the land made Josiah's son, Jehoahaz, king and he reigned for three months.

2 Chronicles 36:2

ULT

2 A son of 23 years was Joahaz [1] when he became king. And three months he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

2 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:3

ULT

3 And the king of Egypt removed him at Jerusalem, and he imposed a fine on the land, 100 talents of silver and a talent of gold.

UST

3 The king of Egypt captured him and prevented him from ruling any longer. He also forced the people of Judah to pay to him a tax of three and one-third metric tons of silver and thirty-three kilograms of gold.

How did Eliakim become king of Judah and Jerusalem? (vv3-4)

His brother, the king of Egypt, removed Jehoahaz after three months and made Eliakim king, changing his name to Jehoiakim.

2 Chronicles 36:4

ULT

[4] And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem. And he turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Joahaz his brother Necho took, and he brought him to Egypt.

UST

[4] The king of Egypt appointed Jehoahaz's younger brother Eliakim to be the king of Judah. He changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But Necho seized Jehoahaz and took him to Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:5

ULT

[5] A son of 25 years was Jehoiakim when he became king, and 11 years he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh his God.

UST

[5] Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

What kind of ruler was Jehoiakim in his reign of eleven years?

Jehoiakim was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:6

ULT

[6] Against him Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up, and he bound him with bronze to bring him to Babylon.

UST

[6] Then the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon attacked Jehoiakim's army. They captured Jehoiakim, fastened him with bronze chains, and took him to Babylon.

What did King Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylon, do to the king of Judah?

He attacked him, bound him in chains, and took him to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:7

ULT

7 and some of the items of the house of Yahweh Nebuchadnezzar brought to Babylon, and he placed them in his temple at Babylon.

UST

7 Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers also took valuable things from the temple. They took them to Babylon and put them in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace there.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do to the house of Yahweh?

He carried some of the objects in the house of Yahweh to Babylon, and put them in his palace.

2 Chronicles 36:8

ULT

8 And the remainder of the matters of Jehoiakim, and the abominations that he did, and what was found against him, behold, they are written on the scroll of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoiachin, his son, became king in his place.

UST

8 A record of the other things that happened while Jehoiakim was ruling, the disgusting things that he did and the evil things that people said that he did, is written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. After he was taken to Babylon, his son Jehoiachin became the king of Judah.

Who became king after Jehoiakim?

His son, Jehoiachin, became king after him.

2 Chronicles 36:9

ULT

9 A son of eight years was Jehoiachin when he became king; and three months and ten days he reigned in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST

9 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months and ten days. He did many things that Yahweh said were evil.

What kind of king was Jehoiachin?

In his short reign, he did evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:10

ULT

10 And in the return of the year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent and he brought him to Babylon, with the desirable items of the house of Yahweh And he made Zedekiah, his brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

10 During the spring of the next year, King Nebuchadnezzar sent soldiers to bring him to Babylon. They also took to Babylon many valuable things from the temple of Yahweh. Then Nebuchadnezzar appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Zedekiah, to be the king of Judah.

How did King Nebuchadnezzar treat this Jehoiachin?

He brought Jehoiachin to Babylon along with more valuable things from the house of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:11

ULT

11 A son of 21 years was Zedekiah when he became king; and 11 years he reigned in Jerusalem.

UST

11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became the king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:12

ULT

12 And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh his God; he did not humble himself from before Jeremiah the prophet from the mouth of Yahweh.

UST

12 He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not humble himself when the prophet Jeremiah spoke to him a message from Yahweh to warn him.

How did Zedekiah respond to Yahweh?

He did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and he did not humble himself before the prophet Jeremiah, who spoke from the mouth of Yahweh.

2 Chronicles 36:13

ULT

13 And also against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God, he rebelled. And he stiffened his neck, and he hardened his heart from turning to Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

13 He would not return to Yahweh, the God that the people of Israel said that they worshiped. Zedekiah also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had forced him to solemnly promise using God's name to be loyal to him. Zedekiah became very stubborn.

How did Zedekiah rebel against King Nebuchadnezzar?

He hardened his heart against Yahweh and turned away from King Nebuchadnezzar.

2 Chronicles 36:14

ULT

14 Also, all the chiefs of the priests and the people multiplied doing acts of unfaithfulness like all the abominations of the nations. And they defiled the house of Yahweh which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

UST

14 Furthermore, all the leaders of the priests and also the people of Judah became more wicked again, doing all the disgusting things that the people of the other nations did, and causing the temple in Jerusalem that Yahweh had caused to be holy to become an unacceptable place to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:15

ULT

15 And Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent to them by the hand of his messengers, rising early and sending, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling.

UST

15 Yahweh, the God whom the ancestors of the people of Judah worshiped, gave messages to his prophets many times, and the prophets gave those messages to the people of Judah. Yahweh did that because he pitied his people and did not want his temple to be destroyed.

How did the people respond to the compassion that Yahweh continued to show them? (vv15-16)

They mocked God's messengers, despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets.

2 Chronicles 36:16

ULT

16 But they were deriding the messengers of God, and despising his words, and mocking his prophets, until the wrath of Yahweh went up against his people, until there was no healing.

UST

16 But the people continually made fun of God's messengers. They despised God's messages. They ridiculed his prophets, until finally God became extremely angry with his people, with the result that nothing could stop him from destroying Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:17

ULT

17 And he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, and he killed their young men with the sword in the house of their holy place, and he did not spare a young man or a virgin, old or aged. All he gave into his hand.

UST

17 He incited the king of Babylonia to attack Judah with his army. They killed the young men with their swords, even in the temple. They did not spare anyone, either young men or young women or old people. God enabled the army of Nebuchadnezzar to defeat all of them.

How did God deal with the mockers?

He had the young men killed by the king of the Chaldeans, and all the others were given over to the king.

2 Chronicles 36:18

ULT

18 All the items of the house of God, great things and small things, and the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and the treasures of the king and his chiefs—the entirety he brought to Babylon.

UST

18 His soldiers took to Babylon all the things that were used in God's temple, big things and little things, all the valuable things, and the valuable things that belonged to the king and his officials.

What did the king of the Babylonians do to Jerusalem and what did he take to Babylon? (vv18-19)

He destroyed the house of God, the wall of Jerusalem, all its palaces, and the beautiful things in it. Then he took all the furnishings and treasures to Babylon.

2 Chronicles 36:19

ULT

19 And they burned the house of God, and they tore down the wall of Jerusalem; and all of its palaces they burned with fire, and all the precious objects, destroyed.

UST

19 They burned the temple, and they broke down the wall surrounding Jerusalem. They burned all the palaces in Jerusalem and destroyed all the remaining valuable things there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:20

ULT

20 And the remaining from the sword he led into exile to Babylon, and they became to him and to his sons servants until the reign of the kingdom of Persia

UST

20 Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon the remaining people who had not been killed with their swords, Those people became the king's slaves and his son's slaves, until the army of Persia conquered Babylonia.

What happened to those that escaped the killing? (vv20-21)

They became servants for the king and his sons, which fulfilled Yahweh's words to Jeremiah.

2 Chronicles 36:21

ULT

21 to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land restored its Sabbaths. All the days of its being desolate, it kept to fulfill 70 years.

UST

21 Moses had said that every seventh year the people must not plant their fields; they must allow the soil to rest. But the people had not done that. So after the army of Babylonia destroyed Judah, the soil was allowed to rest. That continued for seventy years, fulfilling what Yahweh had told Jeremiah would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Chronicles 36:22

ULT

22 And in the first year of Cyrus, the king of Persia, to complete the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah. Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and he caused voice to pass through all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying,

UST

22 During the first year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, in order that what Yahweh told Jeremiah would happen would occur, Yahweh motivated Cyrus to write this and proclaim it throughout his kingdom:

What did Cyrus, king of Persia, proclaim and put in writing? (vv22-23)

He said Yahweh had commanded him to build a house of God in Jerusalem and that God would be with them when they go up to the land.

2 Chronicles 36:23

ULT

23 "Thus says Cyrus, the king of Persia: 'All the kingdoms of the earth Yahweh, the God of the heavens, has given to me. And he himself has charged me to build for him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you all from all his people, may Yahweh his God, be with him, and let him go up.'"
36:2 *[1]* Jehoahaz in 36:1.

UST

23 "I, Cyrus, the king of Persia, declare that Yahweh, the God who rules in heaven, has enabled me to become the ruler of all the kingdoms of this world. And he has appointed me to command that my workers build a temple for him in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. I am allowing any of his people among you to go to Jerusalem. And I will pray that Yahweh will be with them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra

Ezra 1

Ezra 1:1

ULT

1 Now in year one of Cyrus, the king of Persia, in order to accomplish the word of Yahweh from the mouth of Jeremiah, Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, the king of Persia. So he caused a sound to pass throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying:

UST

1 During the first year after Cyrus, king of Persia, {conquered the kingdom of Babylon,} Yahweh motivated Cyrus to write a message. Yahweh did this in order to fulfill a prophecy that Jeremiah had spoken. Cyrus sent messengers throughout his empire with copies of the message and he ordered them to proclaim it as they went. This is what they proclaimed:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:2

ULT

2 “Thus says Cyrus, the king of Persia: Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he himself has appointed me to build for him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

UST

2 “I, King Cyrus, rule the Persian Empire, and I say this: Yahweh, the God who is in heaven, has made me ruler over the great kingdoms of this part of the world. Now he has assigned me to {make sure that his people} build a temple for him in {the city of} Jerusalem in {the province of} Judah.

Who did Yahweh appoint to build for him a house in Jerusalem?
Yahweh appointed Cyrus to build for him a house in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:3

ULT

[3] Whoever among you is from all his people, may his God be with him, and may he go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and may he build the house of Yahweh, the God of Israel. He is the God who is in Jerusalem.

UST

[3] All you people who belong to God may go up to Jerusalem in Judah to rebuild this temple for Yahweh. He is the God who is in Jerusalem, the God whom the people of Israel worship. And may God give you success!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:4

ULT

[4] And every one who is remaining in all of the places where he is sojourning there, let the men of his place lift him with silver and with gold, and with goods and with livestock, along with the freewill offering for the house of God, which is in Jerusalem."

UST

[4] There are other people who are living around the Israelites in the places where the Israelites have been living since their ancestors were exiled here. Those people must contribute silver and gold to the Israelites who go. They must also give to the Israelites animals and {any} supplies {that they might need}. They should also give them other gifts that they can use to help build the temple of God in Jerusalem."

Who would provide silver and gold and goods and livestock for the Jewish people who were returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple?

The Jewish people returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple were to be provided silver and gold and goods and livestock by the Jewish men who had been living in the same region.

Ezra 1:5

ULT

[5] Then the heads of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, that is, all whose spirit God had stirred up, arose to go up to build the house of Yahweh, which is in Jerusalem.

UST

[5] Then God motivated some of the priests and Levites and {some of} the clan leaders from {the tribes of} Judah and Benjamin to return to Jerusalem. Those whom God motivated got ready to return to Jerusalem and build the temple for him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:6

ULT

[6] And all those around them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with livestock, and with precious gifts, apart from all that was freely offered.

UST

[6] Many of their neighbors helped them by giving them silver and golden things, animals, and supplies for the journey. They also gave them other valuable gifts, and they gave them money to buy things for building the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:7

ULT

[7] And the king Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of Yahweh that Nebuchadnezzar had brought out from Jerusalem and had put in the house of his gods.

UST

[7] King Cyrus also commanded {his servants} to bring out the valuable things that King Nebuchadnezzar{'s soldiers} had taken from the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem and had put in the temples of their gods {in Babylon}.

Where had Nebuchadnezzar put the objects belonging to Yahweh's house?

Nebuchadnezzar had put the objects belonging to Yahweh's house in the house of his own gods.

Ezra 1:8

ULT

[8] And Cyrus, the king of Persia, brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer. And he counted them out to Sheshbazzar, the ruler of Judah.

UST

[8] {Specifically,} King Cyrus of Persia commanded Mithredath, his treasurer, {to command his servants} to bring out all of these items and to give each one of them to Sheshbazzar, the leader of {the group that was going to return to} Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:9

ULT

[9] And this was their number: 30 basins of gold, 1000 basins of silver, 29 knives,

UST

[9] This is a list of the items {that Cyrus donated}: 30 gold basins, 1,000 silver basins, 29 knives,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:10

ULT

[10] 30 bowls of gold, 410 bowls of silver of a second kind, and 1000 other vessels.

UST

[10] 30 gold bowls, 410 secondary silver bowls, and 1,000 other utensils.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 1:11

ULT

[11] All the vessels of gold and of silver were 5400. Sheshbazzar brought up all this with the going up of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem.

UST

[11] All together, Cyrus gave 5, 400 silver and gold items to Sheshbazzar to take with him when he and the others returned from {the kingdom of} Babylon to Jerusalem.

How many gold and silver items did Sheshbazzar bring when the exiles went from Babylon to Jerusalem?

Sheshbazzar brought 5,400 gold and silver items when the exiles went from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

Ezra 2:1

ULT

1 Now these are the sons of the province, the ones who went up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had exiled to Babylon. And they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, a man to his city;

UST

1 {Many years ago, the army of} King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had captured many Israelite people and taken them away to the kingdom of Babylon. Now, these Israelite people began to return to Judah. Some returned to Jerusalem, and some returned to other places in Judah. Each of them went to the towns where their ancestors had lived. This is a list of the groups who returned.

Who had exiled the Jewish people living in Babylon?

King Nebuchadnezzar had exiled the Jewish people living in Babylon.

Ezra 2:2

ULT

2 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. This is the number of the men of the people of Israel.

UST

2 The leaders of those people who returned were Zerubbabel, Joshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The groups of people who returned to Judah are listed next.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:3

ULT

3 The sons of Parosh were 2, 172.

UST

3 2, 172 descendants of Parosh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:4

ULT
4 The sons of Shephatiah were 372.

UST
4 372 descendants of Shephatiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:5

ULT
5 The sons of Arah were 775.

UST
5 775 descendants of Arach,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:6

ULT
6 The sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab were 2, 812.

UST
6 2, 812 descendants of Pahath-Moab, from the families of Jeshua and Joab,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:7

ULT
7 The sons of Elam were 1, 254.

UST
7 1, 254 descendants of Elam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:8

ULT
8 The sons of Zattu were 945.

UST
8 945 descendants of Zattu,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:9

ULT
9 The sons of Zakkai were 760.

UST
9 760 descendants of Zaccai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:10

ULT
10 The sons of Bani were 642.

UST
10 642 descendants of Bani,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:11

ULT
11 The sons of Bebai were 623.

UST
11 623 descendants of Bebai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:12

ULT
12 The sons of Azgad were 1, 222.

UST
12 1, 222 descendants of Azgad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:13

ULT
13 The sons of Adonikam were 666.

UST
13 666 descendants of Adonikam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:14

ULT
14 The sons of Bigvai were 2,056.

UST
14 2, 056 descendants of Bigvai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:15

ULT
15 The sons of Adin were 454.

UST
15 454 descendants of Adin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:16

ULT
16 The sons of Ater, of Hezekiah were 98.

UST
16 98 descendants of Ater, who descended from Hezekiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:17

ULT
17 The sons of Bezai were 323.

UST
17 323 descendants of Bezai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:18

ULT
18 The sons of Jorah were 112.

UST
18 112 descendants of Jorah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:19

ULT
19 The sons of Hashum were 223.

UST
19 223 descendants of Hashum,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:20

ULT
20 The sons of Gibbar were 95.

UST
20 95 descendants of Gibbar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:21

ULT
21 The sons of Bethlehem were 123.

UST
21 {The following is a list of people whose ancestors had lived in these towns in Judah:} 123 from Bethlehem,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:22

ULT
22 The men of Netophah were 56.

UST
22 56 from Netophah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:23

ULT
23 The men of Anathoth were 128.

UST
23 128 from Anathoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:24

ULT
24 The sons of Azmaveth were 42.

UST
24 42 from Azmaveth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:25

ULT
25 The sons of Kirjath-Arim, Kephirah, and Beeroth were 743.

UST
25 743 from Kiriath Arim, Kephirah, and Beeroth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:26

ULT
26 The sons of the Ramah and Geba were 621.

UST
26 621 from Ramah and Geba,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:27

ULT
27 The men of Michmas were 122.

UST
27 122 from Michmas,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:28

ULT
28 The men of Bethel and the Ai were 223.

UST
28 223 from Bethel and Ai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:29

ULT
29 The sons of Nebo were 52.

UST
29 52 from Nebo,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:30

ULT
30 The sons of Magbish were 156.

UST
30 156 from Magbish,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:31

ULT
31 The sons of the other Elam were 1, 254.

UST
31 1, 254 from the other Elam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:32

ULT
32 The sons of Harim were 320.

UST
32 320 from Harim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:33

ULT
33 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono were 725.

UST
33 725 from Lod, Hadid, and Ono,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:34

ULT
34 The sons of Jericho were 345.

UST
34 345 from Jericho,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:35

ULT
35 The sons of Senaah were 3, 630.

UST
35 3, 630 from Senaah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:36

ULT
36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah of the house of Jeshua were 973.

UST
36 These are the priests who returned: 973 descendants of Jedaiah (that is, those who descended through Jeshua),

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:37

ULT
37 The sons of Immer were 1,052.

UST
37 1, 052 descendants of Immer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:38

ULT
38 The sons of Pashhur were 1, 247.

UST
38 1, 247 descendants of Pashur,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:39

ULT
39 The sons of Harim were 1,017.

UST
39 1, 017 descendants of Harim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:40

ULT
40 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah, were 74.

UST
40 These are the descendants of Levi who returned: 74 descendants of Jeshua and Kadmiel, who were from the family of Hodaviah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:41

ULT
41 The singers: the sons of Asaph were 128.

UST
41 128 musicians who were descendants of Asaph,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:42

ULT
42 The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, and the sons of Shobai were 139 in all.

UST
42 139 gatekeepers who were descendants of the gatekeepers Shallum, Ater, Talmon, Akkub, Hatita, and Shobai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:43

ULT
43 The temple servants: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

UST
43 The following is a list of the temple workers who returned. They were the descendants of these men: Ziha, Hasupha, Tabbaoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:44

ULT
44 the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, the sons of Padon,

UST
44 Keros, Siaha, Padon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:45

ULT
45 the sons of Lebanah, the sons of Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,

UST
45 Lebanah, Hagabah, Akkub,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:46

ULT
46 the sons of Hagab, the sons of Shalmai, and the sons of Hanan,

UST
46 Hagab, Shalmai, Hanan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:47

ULT
47 the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar, the sons of Reaiah,

UST
47 Giddel, Gahar, Reaiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:48

ULT
48 the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda, the sons of Gazzam,

UST
48 Rezin, Nekoda, Gazzam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:49

ULT
49 the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah, the sons of Besai,

UST
49 Uzza, Paseah, Besai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:50

ULT
50 the sons of Asnah, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,

UST
50 Asnah, Meunim, Nephusim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:51

ULT
51 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

UST
51 Bakbuk, Hakupha, Harhur,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:52

ULT
52 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

UST
52 Bazluth, Mehida, Harsha,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:53

ULT
53 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,

UST
53 Barkos, Sisera, Temah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:54

ULT
54 the sons of Neziah, and the sons of Hatipha.

UST
54 Neziah, and Hatipha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:55

ULT
55 The sons of the servants of Solomon: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Hassophereth, the sons of Peruda,

UST
55 The following descendants of King Solomon’s servants returned {to Jerusalem}. They were the descendants of these men: Sotai, Hassophereth, Peruda,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:56

ULT
56 the sons of Jaalah, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

UST
56 Jaalah, Darkon, Giddel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:57

ULT
57 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth Hazzebaim, and the sons of Ami.

UST
57 Shephatiah, Hattil, Pochereth Hazzebaim, and Ami.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:58

ULT
58 All the temple servants and the sons of the servants of Solomon were 392.

UST
58 Altogether, there were 392 descendants of temple workers and Solomon's servants who returned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:59

ULT
59 And these were the ones who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer; but they were not able to tell the house of their fathers or their seed, whether they were from Israel.

UST
59 There was another group that returned {to Judah} from {the towns of} Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cerub, Addon, and Immer {in Babylonia}. But they could not prove that they were genuine Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:60

ULT
60 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda were 652.

UST
60 This group included 652 people who were descendants of Delaiah, Tobiah, and Nekoda.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:61

ULT
61 And from the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah; the sons of Hakkoz; and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, so he was called by their name.

UST
61 The descendants of the priests in this group included people belonging to Habaiah's clan, Hakkoz's clan, and Barzillai's clan. Barzillai had married a woman who was a descendant of Barzillai from the region of Gilead. He had taken the name of his father-in-law's clan for himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:62

ULT
62 These ones sought their record among the ones who were enrolled by genealogy, but they were not found. And they were desecrated from the priesthood.

UST
62 The people in this group searched in the documents that listed the names {of the descendants} from the {various Israelite} clans, but they did not find {their names there}. So the officials did not permit them to do the work that priests did.

Why were some of the the priests' descendants excluded from the priesthood?
They were excluded from the priesthood because they could not find a record of their geneology.

Ezra 2:63

ULT
63 And the Tirshatha said to them that they must not eat from the holiest holy food until a priest stood with Urim and with Thummim.

UST
63 The governor told these men that they could not eat the shares of the sacrifices that only the priests could eat until a {high} priest could consult Yahweh by using the sacred lots {to determine that they truly were descendants of priestly families. Only if the high priest determined that these men truly were priests could they eat the most sacred food}.

When could the priests' descendants eat the holiest holy food?
The priests' descendants could eat the holiest holy food after a priest stood with the Urim and Thummim.

Ezra 2:64

ULT
64 All the assembly, as one, was 42, 360:

UST
64 Altogether in this group, 42, 360 Israelite people returned to Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:65

ULT
65 apart from their male servants and their female servants, these were 7, 337; and for them were 200 men who sang and women who sang.

UST
65 The Israelites also brought along with them 7, 337 male and female servants and 200 male and female musicians.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:66

ULT

66 Their horses were 736. Their mules were 245.

UST

66 The Israelites also brought with them {from Babylonia} 736 horses, 245 mules,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:67

ULT

67 Their camels were 435. Their donkeys were 6, 720.

UST

67 435 camels, and 6, 720 donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:68

ULT

68 And when some from the heads of the fathers came to the house of Yahweh which is in Jerusalem, they freely gave for the house of God to cause it to stand upon its place.

UST

68 When they arrived at {the ruins of} the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem, some of the clan leaders gave money for the supplies needed to rebuild the temple in the same place where the old temple had been.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:69

ULT

69 They gave according to their ability to the treasury of the work: 61000 gold darics, and 5000 silver minas, and 100 tunics of the priests.

UST

69 Each one gave as much as he was able to give for the work {on the temple}. Altogether, they gave 61,000 gold coins, 5,000 silver bars, and 100 robes for the priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 2:70

ULT

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some from the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple servants dwelt in their cities. So all Israel was in their cities.

UST

70 So all of these priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants, and other people returned to live in the towns and villages {of the province of Judah}. They settled in the places where their ancestors had lived.

Who lived in their cities?

The priests, and the Levites, and some from the people, and the ones who sang, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim lived in their cities.

Ezra 3

Ezra 3:1

ULT

1 Then the seventh month came and the sons of Israel were in their cities. And the people were gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

UST

1 After the Israelite people {returned and} began to live in their towns, in the autumn of that year, they all gathered together in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:2

ULT

2 Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and they built the altar of the God of Israel to offer up burnt up offerings on it as is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.

UST

2 Then Joshua son of Jehozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates all began to rebuild the altar of the God of Israel. They did that so that they could sacrifice burnt offerings on it. They wanted to follow what the prophet Moses had written in the laws that God had given to him.

What did Jeshua, the priests, and Zerubbabel and his brothers rise up to do?

They rose up to build the altar of the God of Israel so that burnt offerings could be offered on it.

Ezra 3:3

ULT

[3] And they set up the altar on its foundation, for dread was on them because of the peoples of the lands. Then they offered up on it burnt up offerings to Yahweh, burnt up offerings at the morning and at the evening.

UST

[3] Even though they were afraid of the people who were already living in that area, they rebuilt the altar at the same place where the previous altar had been. They began to offer sacrifices to Yahweh on it every morning and every evening.

How often did Jeshua and the priests and Zerubbabel and his brothers offer burnt offerings to Yahweh?

They offered burnt offerings to Yahweh in the morning and in the evening.

Ezra 3:4

ULT

[4] Then they performed the Festival of Huts as is written, with a burnt up offering day by day, by number according to the ordinance of the matter of the day, on its day.

UST

[4] {Fifteen days after they started to offer these sacrifices,} the people celebrated the Festival of Shelters. {Moses had commanded them to do this in the decrees that God had given to him.} Each day the priests offered the sacrifices that were required for that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:5

ULT

[5] And after this was a continual burnt up offering, and for the new moons, and for all the consecrated appointed times of Yahweh, and for everyone who freely offered a freewill offering to Yahweh.

UST

[5] From then on, they presented the regular burnt offerings and the {other required} offerings{. These were} for the New Moon festivals and the other festivals that they celebrated as special times each year to honor Yahweh. They also brought other offerings to Yahweh just because they wanted to{, not because they were required to bring them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:6

ULT

6 From day one of the seventh month they began to offer up burnt up offerings to Yahweh, but the temple of Yahweh had not been founded.

UST

6 But even though they started bringing burnt offerings to Yahweh at the beginning of autumn, they had not yet started rebuilding the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:7

ULT

7 And they gave silver to the masons and to the carpenters, and food, and drink, and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring trees of cedar from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the permission of Cyrus, the king of Persia, given to them.

UST

7 So the {leaders of the} Israelites hired stone-cutters and carpenters {to do the construction work}. They also bought logs of cedar trees from the people of {the cities of} Tyre and Sidon. To pay for the logs, the Israelites sent grain, wine, and olive oil to those people. Since King Cyrus had said that the Israelites could buy these things, the people of Tyre and Sidon {agreed. They} brought the logs down from the mountains in Lebanon {to the Mediterranean seacoast} and then floated them along the coast to {the city of} Joppa. {Then they brought the logs inland from Joppa up to Jerusalem.}

Who gave permission for cedar trees to be sent from Lebanon to Joppa by sea?

Cyrus, king of Persia, gave permission for cedar trees to be sent from Lebanon to Joppa by sea.

Ezra 3:8

ULT

8 Then in the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all the ones who came from captivity to Jerusalem began, and they appointed the Levites from a son of 20 years and above to act as overseers for the work of the house of Yahweh.

UST

8 The Israelites started to rebuild the temple in the second month of the second year after they had returned to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Joshua the son of Jozadak, their fellow leaders the priests and the Levites, and all the people who had come from where their enemies had taken them to Jerusalem supported this project. The leaders assigned the Levites who were twenty years old and older to supervise this work of rebuilding the temple for Yahweh.

When did the work begin?

The work began in the second month of the second year after the Israelites came to the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 3:9

ULT

9 And Jeshua, his sons and his brothers, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, stood as one to act as overseers for the ones doing the work at the house of God, the sons of Henadad, their sons, and their brothers the Levites. *[1]*

UST

9 Jeshua, his sons, and his other relatives, and Kadmiel and his sons together helped to supervise those who were doing the work on the temple. They were all descendants of Judah. The sons and grandsons of Henadad along with the rest of their fellow Levites {joined in the work}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:10

ULT

10 Then the ones who were building laid the foundation of the temple of Yahweh. And they caused to stand the clothed priests with the trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with the cymbals, to praise Yahweh in accordance with the hands of David, the king of Israel.

UST

10 When the builders finished laying the foundation of the temple of Yahweh, the priests and the Levites did what King David had told Asaph and the other musicians to do {many years previously} in order to praise Yahweh. The priests put on their robes and stood in their places, blowing their trumpets. Then the Levites who were descendants of Asaph clashed their cymbals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 3:11

ULT

11 Then they sang in response, praising and giving thanks to Yahweh: “For he is good, for his covenant faithfulness to Israel is to eternity!” And all the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the foundation of the house of Yahweh had been laid.

UST

11 Then the Levites praised Yahweh and thanked him by singing this song about him: “He is very good to us! He will continue to be faithful and kind to us Israelites {and he will love us} forever.” Then all the people shouted loudly. They praised Yahweh because they had finished laying the foundation of his temple.

How did all the people respond after the temple’s foundations had been laid?

All the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the temple’s foundation had been laid.

Ezra 3:12

ULT

12 But many from the priests and the Levites, and the heads of the fathers, the old men who had seen the first house, at the founding of this house in their eyes, were weeping with a loud voice. Yet many with a shout, with joy, were lifting up a voice.

UST

12 Many of the old priests, Levites, and leaders of families remembered seeing the first temple. They cried aloud when they saw the workers lay the foundation of this temple {because they thought that this temple would not be as big or as beautiful as the first temple}. But the other people shouted joyfully in loud voices.

How did the people who had seen the first temple respond after seeing the foundation of the second temple?

They wept with a loud voice.

Ezra 3:13

ULT

13 So the people could not differentiate the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people. For the people were shouting a great shout, and the sound was heard as far as from a remote place. 3:9 *[1]*

UST

13 Since the shouting was so loud, no one could tell the difference between the people who were shouting joyfully and the people who were crying sorrowfully. All the noise was so loud that even people far away could hear it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4

Ezra 4:1

ULT

1 Now the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exile were building a temple for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

1 The enemies of {the people of the tribes of} Judah and Benjamin learned that the Israelites who had returned from Babylon were rebuilding the temple for Yahweh, the God whom the people of Israel worship.

What did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin hear that the people who had been exiled were doing?

The enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people who had been exiled were building a temple for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

Ezra 4:2

ULT

2 So they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the fathers and they said to them, “Let us build with you, for, like you, we seek your God and to him we have been sacrificing since the days of Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria, the one who caused us to come up here.”

UST

2 So they approached Zerubbabel the governor and the other clan leaders and {deceptively} said to them, “We want to help you to build the temple. After all, we also worship your God. We have been offering sacrifices to him since the time that Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria, brought us here.”

For how long did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin say that they themselves had been sacrificing to Yahweh?

Judah and Benjamin’s enemies said that they themselves had been sacrificing to Yahweh since the days of Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria.

Ezra 4:3

ULT

[3] But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of the fathers of Israel said to them, “It is not for you and for us to build a house for our God, but we ourselves together will build for Yahweh, the God of Israel, just as the king Cyrus, the king of Persia, has commanded us.”

UST

[3] But Zerubbabel, Joshua, and the other Jewish clan leaders replied, “We will not allow you to help us build a temple for our God. No, we alone will build it for Yahweh, the God whom Israel worships, because that is what King Cyrus of Persia told us to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:4

ULT

[4] And it happened that the people of the land were making the hands of the people of Judah weak, and making them afraid to build,

UST

[4] Then the people who had been living in that land {before the Israelites returned there} started doing things to make the Jews discouraged and afraid to continue building {the temple}.

What were the people of the land doing to the people of Judah? (vv4-5)

The people of the land were making the hands of the people of Judah weak, and making them afraid to build, and hiring counselors against them to frustrate their plans.

Ezra 4:5

ULT

[5] and hiring counselors against them to frustrate their plans all the days of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and until the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.

UST

[5] They bribed government officials to prevent the Jews from fulfilling their plans {to rebuild the temple and the city}. They did that all during the time that Cyrus was king of Persia, and continued to do it during {the time of the kings after him, including} the time when Darius was king of Persia.

For how long did the people of the land make the hands of the people of Judah weak and make them afraid to build and hire counselors against them to frustrate their plans?

They people of the land did this to the people of Judah all the days of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and until the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.

Ezra 4:6

ULT

6 Now in the reign of Ahasuerus, [1] in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against those who dwelled in Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

6 These enemies of the Jews continued to accuse them during the time that {Darius' son} Ahasuerus was king. When Ahasuerus became king, they wrote a letter to him in which they accused the people living in the province of Judah and the city of Jerusalem {of planning to rebel against the government}.

What did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin write at the beginning of Ahasuerus' reign?

At the beginning of Ahasuerus' reign, the enemies wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

Ezra 4:7

ULT

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel and the rest of his companions wrote to Artaxerxes, the king of Persia, and the script of the letter was written in Aramaic and was interpreted in Aramaic.

UST

7 Then again during the time of Artaxerxes, {who was the next} king of Persia, the enemies of the Jews wrote a letter to him. Some men named Bishlam, Mithredath, and Tabeel were the leaders of this group. They had someone write the letter for them in the Aramaic language, using the Aramaic alphabet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:8

ULT

8 Rehum, a lord of decree, and Shimshai the scribe wrote one letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows:

UST

8 Rehum, the high commissioner, and Shimshai, the provincial secretary, agreed that they could write the letter to King Artaxerxes {with their authority} to protest about what was happening in Jerusalem. This is what they wrote:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:9

ULT

[9] Then Rehum, a lord of decree, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, the judges and the rulers, the officials, the Persians, the Erechites, the Babylonians, the Susaites (that is, the Elamites),

UST

[9] From Rehum the high commissioner, Shimshai the provincial secretary, and others with us who are judges and other government officials{. We represent the people} from {the areas of} Persia, Erech, Babylon, and Susa in the district of Elam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:10

ULT

[10] and the rest of the nations whom Ashurbanipal the great and the noble caused to be exiled and caused them to dwell in the cities of Samaria, and the rest of Beyond-the-River. And now:

UST

[10] as well as the other people groups whom the great and glorious Ashurbanipal had deported and sent to live in cities in Samaria and in the rest of the province west of the {Euphrates} River. Therefore:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:11

ULT

[11] (This is a copy of the letter that they sent to him.) “To Artaxerxes the king; your servants, men of Beyond-the-River; and now:

UST

[11] (This is what they wrote in the letter that they sent to him:) This letter is for King Artaxerxes. It comes from the officials serving you who live in the province west of the Euphrates River. Therefore:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:12

ULT

12 let it be known to the king that the Jews who went up from near you have come to us at Jerusalem. Rebuilding the rebellious and evil city, they are completing the walls and repairing the foundations.

UST

12 "Your Majesty, we want you to know that the Jews who left from your territories are now living near us. They are rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. These people are wicked and want to rebel against you. Therefore, they are now rebuilding the walls {of that city} and repairing the foundations {of its buildings}.

What did the enemies tell the king about Jerusalem?

The enemies told the king that Jerusalem was a rebellious city.

Ezra 4:13

ULT

13 Now let it be known to the king that if that city is built and the walls are completed, they will not give tax, tribute, or custom, and the revenue of the kings will suffer harm.

UST

13 It is important for you to know that if they rebuild this city and finish building its walls, they will stop paying any taxes. As a result, there will be less money in your treasury.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:14

ULT

14 Now, because we have eaten the salt of the palace, and it is not appropriate for us to see the nakedness of the king, on account of this we have sent and made known to the king,

UST

14 So, because we are loyal to you, and because we do not want anyone to humiliate you, for these reasons we are sending this information to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:15

ULT

15 so that he may search in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will discover in the book of the records and learn that that city is a rebellious city and one that has caused harm to kings and provinces, and they have made revolt in its midst since the ancient days. On account of this, that city was destroyed.

UST

15 We suggest that you {order your officials to} search among the records that your predecessors kept. {If you do that,} you will find out that the people in this city have always rebelled against their rulers. You will find out that these people have withheld taxes from kings and from rulers of provinces. You will find out that from long ago the leaders of this city have started rebellions. That is the reason why {the Babylonian army} destroyed this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:16

ULT

16 We are making known to the king that if that city is built and the walls are completed, because of this there will be no share for you in Beyond-the-River."

UST

16 We want you to know that if they rebuild this city and finish building its walls, then you will no longer be able to control {any of the people in} this province west of the {Euphrates} River."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:17

ULT

17 The king sent the answer: "To Rehum, a lord of decree, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and the rest of Beyond the River: Peace. And now:

UST

17 {After} the king {read this letter, he} sent this reply to them: "To you, Rehum, the high commissioner, and Shimshai, the provincial secretary, and your colleagues in Samaria and in other parts of the province that is west of the {Euphrates} River, I send my greetings. Therefore:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:18

ULT

18 The letter that you sent to us has been carefully read aloud before me.

UST

18 My officials carefully read out loud to me the letter that you sent to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:19

ULT

19 So from me was set a decree, and they searched and discovered that that city since the ancient days has risen up against kings and rebellion and revolt have been made in it.

UST

19 Then I ordered my officials to search {the records}. I have found out that {what you said is true.} The people of Jerusalem have repeatedly revolted against their rulers, beginning a long time ago.

After the letter that the enemies sent to the king was read to him, what did the king do?

After the letter that the enemies sent to the king was read to him, the king ordered that the book of the records be searched to see if what the enemies had written about Jerusalem's past history of rebellion was true.

Ezra 4:20

ULT

20 And mighty kings were over Jerusalem, even rulers over all of Beyond the River; and tax, tribute, and custom were paid to them.

UST

20 {In the past,} powerful kings ruled in Jerusalem. They also ruled over the whole province west of the {Euphrates} River. They forced the people there to pay them all kinds of taxes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:21

ULT

21 Now, set a decree to stop these men, so that city may not be rebuilt until the decree is set from me.

UST

21 Therefore, you must command those Jews to stop rebuilding the city. They will only be allowed to resume if I tell them that they may rebuild it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:22

ULT

22 And be careful of negligence of action concerning this. Why should the damage increase to the harm of the kings?”

UST

22 Do this immediately, because I do not want those people to do anything more that will cause me to lose {any territory or income}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:23

ULT

23 Then from when the copy of the letter of Artaxerxes the king was read aloud before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in a hurry to Jerusalem against the Jews, and they stopped them by an arm and strength.

UST

23 Then King Artaxerxes sent {messengers with} a copy of the letter to Rehum and Shimshai the provincial secretary and their colleagues. As soon as the messengers finished reading it out loud to them, Rehum and Shimshai and their colleagues went quickly to the Jews in Jerusalem, and they forced the Jews to stop rebuilding {the city}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 4:24

ULT

24 At that time the work of the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.
4:6 [1] .

UST

24 {Because the enemies of the Jews kept opposing them so strongly in these ways,} the Jews had stopped rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. They did not do any more work to rebuild the temple until the second year after Darius had become the king of Persia.

For how long did the work on the house of God in Jerusalem stop?

The work on the house of God in Jerusalem stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius, king of Persia.

Ezra 5

Ezra 5:1

ULT

1 Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.

UST

1 At that time two prophets were giving messages from God to the Jews living in Jerusalem and in other cities in Judah{, saying that they should continue rebuilding the temple}. Those prophets were Haggai and Zechariah, the son of Iddo. They spoke their messages representing the God whom the people of Israel worshiped, the one who ruled them.

What did the prophets Haggai and Zechariah do?

They prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel.

Ezra 5:2

ULT

2 Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, arose and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.

UST

2 So Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak led many other people to start rebuilding the temple of God in Jerusalem again. God's prophets Haggai and Zechariah were with them and helping them.

What did the Jewish elders Zerubbabel and Jeshua arise and do?

The Jewish elders Zerubbabel and Jeshua arose and began to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 5:3

ULT

3 At that time, Tattenai, the governor of Beyond-the-River, and Shethar-Bozenai, and their companions came to them and spoke to them thus, "Who set for you a decree to build this house and to complete this structure?"

UST

3 But then Tattenai, the governor of the province west of the Euphrates River, and Shethar-Bozenai went to Jerusalem together with some of their officials and said to the people, "Who has permitted you to do all this work to rebuild this temple?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:4

ULT

4 Then accordingly we said to them, “What are the names of the men who are building this building?”

UST

4 They also asked the Jews to tell them the names of the men who were working on this temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:5

ULT

5 But the eye of God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until the report came to Darius and then they returned the letter concerning this matter.

UST

5 However, God was taking care of the Jewish leaders, and their enemies did not make them stop {building the temple}. Instead, the enemies sent King Darius a report and waited for him to send back a decree about it. {The decree would either allow the Jewish leaders to finish their work on the temple, or else it would command them to stop their work completely}.

Did the Jewish elders stop their work of building the temple while they were waiting for King Darius to respond to the letter that Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions sent?

The elders of the Jews did not stop their work of rebuilding God’s house in Jerusalem while they were waiting for King Darius to respond to the letter that was sent to him.

Ezra 5:6

ULT

6 A copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor of Beyond-the-River, and Shethar-Bozenai and his companions, the officials who were in Beyond-the-River, sent to Darius the king.

UST

6 This is a copy of the report that Tattenai, governor of the province of Beyond-the-River, Shethar-Bozenai, and their associates, {who were} the officials of the province of Beyond-the-River, sent to King Darius.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:7

ULT

[7] They sent a report to him and thus was written within it: “To Darius the king: All peace.

UST

[7] When they sent the report to him, this is what they wrote in it: “King Darius, we hope everything is going well for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:8

ULT

[8] Let it be known to the king that we went to Judah, the province, to the house of the great God, and it is being built of large stones, and timber is being placed in the walls. And this work is being done diligently and is succeeding in their hand.

UST

[8] We want you to know that we went to the temple of the great God in the province of Judah. The people are building it with huge stones, and they are putting wooden beams in the walls. They are doing this work very carefully, and they are making good progress.

How did Tattenai, Shethar Bozenai, and their fellow officials describe the work on the house of God?

They wrote that the work was being done diligently and was succeeding.

Ezra 5:9

ULT

[9] Then we asked these elders, we said thus to them, ‘Who set a decree for you to build this house and to complete this structure?’

UST

[9] So we asked the Jewish leaders, ‘Who has permitted you to rebuild this temple?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:10

ULT

10 And also we asked of them their names, to let you know, so that we could write down the names of the men who were at their head.

UST

10 We also asked them for the names of their leaders so that we could write them down and so that we could inform you who their leaders were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:11

ULT

11 And thus is the answer they returned us, saying, ‘We are servants of him who is the God of heaven and earth, and we are building the house that was built many years before this, and a great king of Israel built it and completed it.

UST

11 This is what they told us in reply. They said, ‘We serve the God who created heaven and earth. We are rebuilding his temple, which a great king of Israel originally completed many years ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:12

ULT

12 However, because of this, that our fathers caused the God of heaven to be angry, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and he destroyed this house and caused the people to be exiled to Babylon.

UST

12 But our ancestors did things that caused God, who is in heaven, to become very angry. So God allowed {the armies of} Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, a Chaldean, to conquer them. His armies destroyed that temple, and they took many of the Israelite people to Babylon.

Why did the God of heaven give the ancestors of the Jews into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon?

The God of heaven gave the Jews into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon because their ancestors caused him to be angry by sinning against him.

Ezra 5:13

ULT

13 But in year one of Cyrus, the king of Babylon, Cyrus the king set a decree to build this house of God.

UST

13 However, during the first year that Cyrus ruled as king of Babylon, he decreed that our people could rebuild the temple for God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:14

ULT

14 And also the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out from the temple that was in Jerusalem and had brought them to the temple of Babylon—Cyrus the king took them out from the temple of Babylon and they were given to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had set as governor.

UST

14 There had been a lot of containers made of gold and silver in the temple of God. Nebuchadnezzar took them from the temple in Jerusalem and brought them to a temple {for his god} in Babylon. Later, King Cyrus removed those containers from that temple in Babylon and gave them to a man named Sheshbazzar, whom he appointed as governor {of Judah}.

What items did King Cyrus give to Sheshbazzar the governor?

King Cyrus gave Sheshbazzar the gold and silver vessels belonging to the house of God.

Ezra 5:15

ULT

15 Then he said to him, “Take away these vessels. Go deposit them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its place.”

UST

15 King Cyrus told Sheshbazzar to take these containers and put them back in the temple in Jerusalem. He also decreed that the Jews should rebuild the temple at the place where it had been before.

What did Cyrus the king command Sheshbazzar to do with the silver and gold vessels that belonged to God’s house?

King Cyrus commanded Sheshbazzar to take the silver and gold vessels and deposit them in God’s temple in Jerusalem.

Ezra 5:16

ULT

16 Then that Sheshbazzar came; he laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem. And from then even until now it is being built, but it is not complete.’

UST

16 So Sheshbazzar came here to Jerusalem and {supervised the men who} laid the foundation of this temple. And since that time, the people have been working on the temple, but they have not finished it yet.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 5:17

ULT

17 And now, if it is good to the king, let a search be made in the house of the treasures of the king which is there in Babylon, if it is that a decree was set by Cyrus the king to build this house of God in Jerusalem. And let him send to us the will of the king concerning this.”

UST

17 Therefore, your Majesty, please order your officials to search in the place in Babylon where you keep the royal records. Have them find out whether or not it is true that King Cyrus decreed that the Jews should rebuild this temple of God in Jerusalem. Then please tell us what you would like us to do about this matter.”

What did Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and his companions request that the king do?

They requested that the king search in the house of the treasures of the king to see if Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6

Ezra 6:1

ULT

[1] Then Darius the king set a decree and they searched in the house of the books where the treasures had been deposited there in Babylon.

UST

[1] So King Darius commanded his servants to search in the places where he kept important records there in the kingdom of Babylon.

How did King Darius respond to the request that a search be made to see if Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem?

Darius the king responded to the request by making a decree that a search be made in the house of the books where the treasures had been deposited to see if it was true that King Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:2

ULT

[2] And one scroll was found in the fortress at Ecbatana that is in the province of Media, and the record was written within it thusly:

UST

[2] They {searched, and they} found a scroll {that contained the information that they wanted to know} in the fortress city of Ecbatana in the province of Media. This is what that scroll said:

What was found when King Darius ordered a search be made in the house of archives in Babylon?

A scroll was found in the fortress at Ecbatana in the province of Media.

Ezra 6:3

ULT

3 “In year one of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king set a decree about the house of God in Jerusalem: ‘Let the house be built, a place where sacrifices are sacrificed, and let its foundations be raised. Its height will be 60 cubits. Its width will be 60 cubits,

UST

3 “During the first year that King Cyrus ruled the empire, he sent out a decree concerning the temple of God that was in Jerusalem. He said, ‘I command that the Jews shall build a new temple in the same place where they had previously offered sacrifices. They must make the temple 27 meters high and 27 meters wide.

What did King Cyrus do in his first year as king?

King Cyrus made a decree regarding the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:4

ULT

4 with three layers of large stone and a layer of new timber. And let the cost be given from the house of the king.

UST

4 They must build the temple from large stones. {After putting down} three layers of stones, {the workers must put} a layer of new timber {on top of them}. I will pay for this work with money from the royal treasury.

According to the decree of King Cyrus how was the cost of building God’s house in Jerusalem to be paid for?

The cost for building God’s house in Jerusalem was to be paid for by the house of the king.

Ezra 6:5

ULT

5 And also, the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out from the temple that was in Jerusalem and had brought to Babylon, must be returned. And let each go to the temple that is in Jerusalem, to its place. So you must put them in the house of God.'"

UST

5 I also give back {to the Jews} the gold and silver containers that had belonged to the temple of God but that Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon. The Jews must take these and return them to the temple in Jerusalem. The Jews must put each one back in its original place in the temple of God.'"

According to King Cyrus' decree, what was to be brought back to the house of God?

According to King Cyrus' decree, the gold and silver vessels belonging to the house of God in Jerusalem that Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon were to be brought back to the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:6

ULT

6 "Now Tattenai, the governor of Beyond-the-River, Shethar-Bozenai, and their companions, the officials who are in Beyond-the-River: be far away from there.

UST

6 {After learning this from the scroll, King Darius had a scribe write that information in a letter that he sent to the leaders of the enemies of the Jews in Jerusalem. He also included this message:} "This is a message for you, Tattenai, the governor of {the province} west of the {Euphrates} River, for you, Shethar-Bozenai, and for all of your associates, who are the officials of that province: Stay away from there!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:7

ULT

7 Leave alone the work of that house of God. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build that house of God on its place.

UST

7 Allow them to continue the work of rebuilding that temple of God. Allow the governor of the Jews and their elders to lead their people in building this new temple on the same site as the former temple.

After King Darius read the decree of Cyrus what did Darius write to Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions regarding the work that was being done on the house of God in Jerusalem?

Darius commanded Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions to leave the work on God's house alone and to stay far away from it so that it could be built successfully.

Ezra 6:8

ULT

8 And from me is set a decree for what it is that you shall do with these elders of the Jews to build that house of God. And from the treasures of the king (that is, the tribute of Beyond-the-River) let the expense be given to those men diligently, so that it does not stop.

UST

8 Furthermore, I command you to help these leaders of the Jews {in the following ways} as they rebuild this temple of God. You must be sure to give these men funds so that they can continue the building work. Take the money from my treasury, from the tribute you collect in {the province} west of the {Euphrates} River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:9

ULT

9 And whatever is needed (whether sons of bulls, or rams, or lambs for burnt up offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, according to the command of the priests who are in Jerusalem), let it be given to them day by day (that is, without neglect),

UST

9 The priests in Jerusalem need animals to sacrifice as burnt offerings to the God who is in heaven. This may include young bulls or rams or lambs. They may also need wheat, salt, wine, and olive oil {to go with those sacrifices}. Make sure that you diligently give them whatever they demand of those things every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:10

ULT

10 so that they may be offering sweet-smelling sacrifices to the God of heaven and praying for the life of the king and his sons.

UST

10 When you do that, they will be able to offer sacrifices that please the God who is in heaven, and they will be able to pray that God will bless me and my sons.

Why did Cyrus say that he wanted the Jews to be given whatever they needed for building the house of God?

Cyrus said he wanted the Jews to be given whatever they needed to build the house of God so that the Jews could offer sweet-smelling sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

Ezra 6:11

ULT

11 And from me is set a decree that, for any man who changes this edict, a beam shall be pulled from his house, and, being erect, he shall be impaled on it. And his house shall be made a rubbish heap on account of this.

UST

11 This is what I command about anyone who disobeys this decree. My soldiers will pull a beam from his house {and sharpen one end of it}. Then they will bury the other end of the beam in the ground so that it stands upright. Then they will pick that person up and ram his body onto the {sharpened} beam. Then they will completely destroy that person's house until only a pile of rubble is left, because he disobeyed me.

What did Darius decree must happen to the person who changes the edict?

Darius decreed that a beam must be pulled from the person's house and the beam placed upright and the person who had changed the edict be impaled on the beam and their house be made into a rubbish heap.

Ezra 6:12

ULT

12 And may the God who has caused his name to dwell there overthrow any king or people who stretches out his hand to change, to destroy that house of God which is in Jerusalem. I, Darius, have set a decree. Let it be done diligently."

UST

12 God himself has chosen that city of Jerusalem as the place where people will honor him. May he get rid of any king or any nation that tries to change this decree or destroy that temple in Jerusalem! I, Darius, make this decree. You must completely obey it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:13

ULT

13 Then Tattenai, the governor of Beyond-the-River, Shethar-Bozenai, and their companions did thus diligently, according to what Darius the king had sent.

UST

13 Tattenai, the governor of the province west of the Euphrates River, and Shethar-Bozenai and their associates {read the message from King Darius and} immediately obeyed what the message from King Darius commanded them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:14

ULT

14 And the elders of the Jews were building and prospering by the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and completed by the decree of the God of Israel and by the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes, the king of Persia.

UST

14 So the Jewish leaders continued to progress in their work of rebuilding {the temple}. The messages that the prophets Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo preached encouraged them greatly. The people worked until they completed {the temple}, just as their God had commanded them to do, and just as the Persian kings Cyrus and Darius had decreed, and as the Persian king Artaxerxes {would decree later}.

How did Haggai and Zechariah assist the Jewish elders in the work of rebuilding the temple?

Haggai and Zechariah prophesied and this helped the elders of the Jews prosper in their work of rebuilding the temple.

Ezra 6:15

ULT

15 And this house was done by day three of the month of Adar, which was year six of the reign of Darius the king.

UST

15 The people finished building this temple on the third day of the month of Adar, during the sixth year that King Darius ruled {the kingdom of Persia}.

When was the work of rebuilding the temple completed?

The work of rebuilding the temple was completed on day three of the month of Adar in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

Ezra 6:16

ULT

16 And the sons of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the sons of the exile performed the dedication of this house of God with joy.

UST

16 Then the people of Israel, {that is,} the priests, the Levites, and everyone else who had returned from Babylonia, joyfully dedicated this temple to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:17

ULT

17 And they offered for the dedication of this house of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and 12 bucks of goats for a sin offering for all Israel, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

UST

17 During the ceremony to dedicate this temple to God, they sacrificed 100 young bulls, 200 rams, and 400 lambs. They also sacrificed 12 male goats as an offering so that God would forgive the sins of all the people, because that was how many tribes there were in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:18

ULT

18 And they caused the priests to stand in their divisions, and the Levites in their sections, for the service of the God who is in Jerusalem, according to the writing of the book of Moses.

UST

18 Then the Jewish leaders divided the priests and Levites into groups that would take turns serving in the temple of God in Jerusalem. They did this according to what Moses had written {many years previously} in the law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:19

ULT
19 So the sons of the exile performed the Passover on day 14 of the first month.

UST
19 On the fourteenth day of the first month, the Jews who had returned from Babylonia celebrated the Passover Festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:20

ULT
20 For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves as one, all of them were pure. And they slaughtered the Passover for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers, the priests, and for themselves.

UST
20 {To qualify themselves for offering the sacrifices,} all the priests and Levites had already purified themselves by performing the proper rituals. Then they slaughtered the lambs for the benefit of everyone who had returned from Babylonia, for the other priests, and for themselves.

For whom did the priests and Levites slaughter the Passover lamb?
The priests and Levites slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers, the priests, and for themselves.

Ezra 6:21

ULT
21 And the sons of Israel ate, the ones who had returned from the exile and every one who separated himself to them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land in order to seek Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST
21 All of the Israelite people celebrated the Passover. This included the Israelites who had returned from Babylonia and the people who had separated themselves from the people of the area around them who worshiped other gods. They separated themselves from those people and joined the Israelites so that they could worship Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 6:22

ULT

22 Then they performed the Festival of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, because Yahweh had caused them to be joyful, and had caused the heart of the king of Assyria to turn toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

UST

22 Then for the next seven days, they joyfully celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread. They were joyful because Yahweh had caused the king of Assyria to be favorable to them. As a result, the king had helped them to rebuild the temple of God, the God whom Israel worshiped.

Why did the Jews joyfully celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

The Jews joyfully celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread because Yahweh had caused them to be joyful, and had caused the heart of the king of Assyria to turn toward them, to strengthen their hands in their work of rebuilding the house of God.

Ezra 7

Ezra 7:1

ULT
1 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes, the king of Persia: Ezra (the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah,

UST
1 Many years later, during the time when Artaxerxes was the king of Persia, {there was a man named} Ezra{. He} was a descendant of Seraiah, who was the son of Azariah, who was the son of Hilkiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:2

ULT
2 the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub,

UST
2 Hilkiah was the son of Shallum, who was the son of Zadok, who was a descendant of Ahitub,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:3

ULT
3 the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,

UST
3 who was a descendant of Amariah, who was the son of Azariah, who was a descendant of Meraioth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:4

ULT
4 the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki,

UST
4 who was the son of Zerahiah, who was the son of Uzzi, who was the son of Bukki,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:5

ULT

5 the son of Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the head priest),

UST

5 who was the son of Abishua, who was the son of Phinehas, who was the son of Eleazar, who was the son of Aaron, the {first} Supreme Priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:6

ULT

6 this Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses that Yahweh, the God of Israel, had given. And the king granted to him all his request according to the hand of Yahweh his God upon him.

UST

6 This man Ezra knew the laws of Moses very well. Those were the laws that Yahweh had given to the people who worship him, the Israelite people. {Ezra asked the king for many things and} the king gave Ezra everything that he asked for because Yahweh, the God whom Ezra worshiped, caused all of it to go well for him. Then Ezra traveled from Babylon {to Jerusalem}.

What was Ezra's occupation?

He was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses.

Ezra 7:7

ULT

7 And some from the sons of Israel and from the priests, and the Levites, and the ones who sang, and the gatekeepers, and the temple servants went up to Jerusalem in year seven of Artaxerxes the king.

UST

7 Many Israelite people came with Ezra to Jerusalem, including some priests, some Levites, some musicians, some gatekeepers, and some {of the descendants of} men who worked in the temple. That was during the seventh year that Artaxerxes was the king of Persia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:8

ULT

[8] And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king.

UST

[8] Ezra {and the group with him} arrived in Jerusalem in the fifth month of the seventh year that Artaxerxes was king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:9

ULT

[9] For on the first of the first month was the beginning of the ascent from Babylon. And on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.

UST

[9] Consider this: They started out from Babylon on the first day of the first month. They arrived safely in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month of that year. God certainly acted very kindly toward them.

Why did Ezra arrive in Jerusalem safely after a long journey from Babylon?

Ezra arrived in Jerusalem safely after a long journey from Babylon because the good hand of his God was on him.

Ezra 7:10

ULT

[10] For Ezra had made his heart firm to seek the law of Yahweh, and to do it, and to teach statute and ordinance in Israel.

UST

[10] {God made Ezra's journey successful} because Ezra had devoted himself to studying the laws of Yahweh and understanding how to obey them. He had also devoted himself to teach everything in those laws to the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:11

ULT

11 Now this is a copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of Yahweh and his statutes for Israel:

UST

11 King Artaxerxes gave a letter to Ezra the priest and scribe who studied what Yahweh had commanded in the law that Yahweh had given to Israel. This is what the letter said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:12

ULT

12 “Artaxerxes, the king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven: Peace. And now:

UST

12 “This letter is from Artaxerxes, the greatest of the kings. I am giving it to Ezra the priest, who has carefully studied the law that the God who is in heaven gave {to the Israelite people}. Greetings. This is what I want you to know:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:13

ULT

13 from me is set a decree that everyone in my kingdom who freely offers to go to Jerusalem with you, from the people ‘Israel’ and its priests and the Levites, may go.

UST

13 I am commanding that any of the Israelite people in my kingdom may go with you to Jerusalem if they want to go. That includes priests and Levites.

Who was allowed to go to Jerusalem with Ezra?

King Artaxerxes made a decree that everyone in his kingdom who freely offered to go to Jerusalem with Ezra from the people Israel and from the priests and Levites could go with Ezra.

Ezra 7:14

ULT

14 Because it was sent from before the king and his seven counselors to inquire about Judah and about Jerusalem by the law of your God which is in your hand,

UST

14 I, the king, and my seven advisors are sending you to investigate whether the people of Judah and Jerusalem are following the law of your God that you carry.

Why did the king and his seven counselors send the Israelites back to Jerusalem?

The king and his seven counselors sent the Israelites back to Jerusalem to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem and to bring the silver and gold that the king and his counselors had freely offered and to bring all the silver and gold that they found in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests.

Ezra 7:15

ULT

15 and to bring silver and gold that the king and his counselors have freely offered to the God of Israel whose dwelling is in Jerusalem,

UST

15 We are also telling you to take with you the silver and gold that I and my advisors will give to you. We give it freely to the God of Israel who has a temple in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:16

ULT

16 with all the silver and the gold that you find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests who freely give for the house of God, which is in Jerusalem:

UST

16 You should also take any silver and gold that {the people in} the entire province of Babylonia may give to you. Add that to the money that the Israelite people and the priests freely give for you to use at the temple of their God in Jerusalem.

Why did the king and his seven counselors send the Israelites back to Jerusalem?

The king and his seven counselors sent the Israelites back to Jerusalem to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem and to bring the silver and gold that the king and his counselors had freely offered and to bring all the silver and gold that they found in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests.

Ezra 7:17

ULT

17 therefore, diligently you shall buy with this money bulls, rams, lambs, and their grain offerings and their drink offerings; and you shall offer them on the altar of the house of your God, which is in Jerusalem.

UST

17 Then carefully use this money to buy the bulls, rams, and lambs that the priests will burn on the altar of the temple of your God in Jerusalem. Also buy the grain and wine that go with these offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:18

ULT

18 And you may do whatever seems good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, according to the will of your God.

UST

18 If there is any silver or gold left over {after you buy all of those things}, you and your companions may use it to buy whatever you think that your God wants you to buy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:19

ULT

19 And the vessels that were given to you for the service of the house of your God, deliver in full before the God of Jerusalem.

UST

19 We have also given to you some {valuable} containers for the priests to use in the temple of your God. Take all of them to your God in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:20

ULT

20 And the rest of what is needed for the house of your God that falls to you to give, you may give from the house of the treasures of the king.

UST

20 If you need to supply any other things for the temple of your God, I permit you to get the money {to pay for those things} from the royal treasury.

How were the Jews to pay for additional things they might need for the house of God?

King Artaxerxes decreed that the Jews should take anything else that they needed for the house of their God from Artaxerses' treasury.

Ezra 7:21

ULT

21 And from me myself, Artaxerxes the king, is set a decree for all the treasurers who are in Beyond-the-River: that all that Ezra (the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven) may ask of you, let it be done diligently;

UST

21 And I, King Artaxerxes, personally command this to all the treasurers in the province west of the Euphrates River: Ezra is a priest who has carefully studied the laws of the God who is in heaven. If there is anything that he requests, give it to him quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:22

ULT

22 as much as 100 silver kikkars, and as much as 100 cors of wheat, and as much as 100 baths of wine, and as much as 100 baths of oil, and salt which is not written.

UST

22 Give him up to three and one-third metric tons of silver, up to 500 bushels of wheat, up to two and one-fifth kiloliters of wine, up to the same amount of olive oil, and all the salt that he requests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:23

ULT

23 Everything that is from the decree of the God of heaven shall be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons?

UST

23 Be sure that you provide everything that the God who is in heaven requires for his temple. We certainly do not want this God to be angry with me or with my descendants{, who will later be kings, because I did not provide what he required}.

Why did Artaxerxes say that the treasurers should do exactly what the God of Heaven decreed regarding the temple?

King Artaxerxes said that the treasurers should do exactly what the God of Heaven decreed regarding the temple so that God's wrath would not come against the kingdom of Artaxerxes and his sons.

Ezra 7:24

ULT

24 And to you is made known that there is no authority to set tax, tribute, or custom upon all the priests, and the Levites, the singers, the gatekeepers, the temple servants, and the servants of that house of God.

UST

24 By means of this letter, I also prohibit you from collecting tax payments of any kind from any of the priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, or any men who work in the temple. They are exempt from taxes {because} they serve in the temple of this God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:25

ULT

25 And as for you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who are in Beyond-the-River, all who know the laws of your God. And you shall teach those who do not know.

UST

25 Now I will address you, Ezra. The God whom you worship has made you wise. Therefore, I want you to appoint men who can settle disputes between people and interpret God's laws for all {of the Jews} in the province west of the Euphrates River. They must do this for all of those who know the laws of this God, and all of you must teach God's laws to those who do not know them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:26

ULT

26 And everyone who will not do the law of your God and the law of the king, judgment shall be exacted from him diligently, whether for death, whether for banishment, whether for confiscation of goods, or for imprisonment.”

UST

26 {You and the men whom you appoint} must make sure to severely punish everyone who does not obey my law or the law of the God whom you worship. You may decide whether to execute them or to send them out of the country or to take away all of their property or to put them in prison.”

What did King Artaxerxes decree should be done to every person who did not obey the law of Ezra’s God and the law of the king?

Artaxerxes decreed that whoever would not obey the law of Ezra’s God and the law of the king should be punished diligently, either by death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or by imprisonment.

Ezra 7:27

ULT

27 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of our fathers, who gave according to this in the heart of the king, to glorify the house of Yahweh, which is in Jerusalem,

UST

27 {When I, Ezra, read this letter, I said,} “Praise Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped! He has caused the king to want to honor his temple in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 7:28

ULT

28 and caused covenant faithfulness to extend to me before the face of the king, and his counselors, and before all the mighty officials of the king. And as for me, I gained strength according to the hand of Yahweh my God upon me, and I gathered from Israel heads to go up with me.

UST

28 God also acted very kindly to me by causing the king and his advisors and all of his powerful officials to want to help me. When I saw how Yahweh, the God whom I worship, was making all of my plans succeed, I boldly asked some of the Israelite leaders to go {to Jerusalem} with me.”

What caused Ezra to be strengthened?

Ezra was strengthened because he realized that the hand of Yahweh his God was on him to help him.

Ezra 8

Ezra 8:1

ULT

1 Now these are the heads of their fathers and their enrollment by genealogy, the ones who went up with me from Babylon in the reign of Artaxerxes the king:

UST

1 “This is a list of the names of the clan leaders, along with the names of their clans, who traveled {to Jerusalem} with me from Babylonia when Artaxerxes was king {of Persia}:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:2

ULT

2 From the sons of Phinehas: Gershom. From the sons of Ithamar: Daniel. From the sons of David: Hattush,

UST

2 Gershom from the clan descended from {Aaron’s grandson} Phinehas. Daniel from the clan descended from {Aaron’s son} Ithamar. Hattush from the clan descended from {King} David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:3

ULT

3 from the sons of Shecaniah. From the sons of Parosh: Zechariah, and with him were 150 males enrolled by genealogy.

UST

3 {Hattush was also} a descendant of Shecaniah. Zechariah and 150 other men from the clan descended from Parosh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:4

ULT

4 From the sons of Pahath-Moab: Eliehoenai, the son of Zerahiah, and with him were 200 males.

UST

4 Eliehoenai son of Zerahiah and 200 other men from the clan descended from Pahath-Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:5

ULT

5 From the sons of ... Shecaniah the son of Jahaziel, and with him were 300 males. *[1]*

UST

5 Shecaniah son of Jahaziel and 300 other men from the clan descended from {Zattu}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:6

ULT

6 And from the sons of Adin: Ebed, the son of Jonathan, and with him were 50 males.

UST

6 Ebed son of Jonathan and 50 other men from the clan descended from Adin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:7

ULT

7 And from the sons of Elam: Jeshaiah, the son of Athaliah, and with him were 70 males.

UST

7 Jeshaiah son of Athaliah and 70 other men from the clan descended from Elam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:8

ULT

8 And from the sons of Shephatiah: Zebadiah, the son of Michael, and with him were 80 males.

UST

8 Zebadiah son of Michael and 80 other men from the clan descended from Shephatiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:9

ULT

9 From the sons of Joab: Obadiah, the son of Jehiel, and with him were 218 males.

UST

9 Obadiah son of Jehiel and 218 other men from the clan descended from Joab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:10

ULT

10 And from the sons of ... Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah, and with him were 160 males. *[2]*

UST

10 Shelomith son of Josiphiah and 160 other men from the clan descended from {Bani}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:11

ULT

11 And from the sons of Bebai: Zechariah, the son of Bebai, and with him were 28 males.

UST

11 Zechariah son of Bebai and 28 other men from the clan descended from {another man whose name was} Bebai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:12

ULT

12 And from the sons of Azgad: Johanan, the son of Hakkatan, and with him were 110 males.

UST

12 Johanan son of Hakkatan and 110 other men from the clan descended from Azgad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:13

ULT

13 And from the last sons of Adonikam, and these were their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, and with them were 60 males.

UST

13 Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah and 60 other men from the clan descended from Adonikam. They were the last three leaders from the clan descended from Adonikam {that had not returned earlier with Zerubbabel}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:14

ULT

14 And from the sons of Bigvai: Uthai and Zaccur, and with him were 70 males.

UST

14 Uthai and Zaccur and 70 other men from the clan descended from Bigvai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:15

ULT

15 And I gathered them to the river, the one that goes to Ahava, and we encamped there three days. And I examined the people and the priests, but I did not find there any from the sons of Levi.

UST

15 {This is an account of how we traveled to Jerusalem.} I gathered together all of these Israelites at the canal that goes from Babylon to Ahava. We set up our tents and stayed there for three days. {During that time} I interviewed the people and the priests and discovered that there were no Levites among us.

When Ezra examined the people and the priests by the river that flowed to Ahava, what could Ezra not find?

When Ezra examined the people and the priests by the river that flowed to Ahava, he could not find any descendants of Levi.

Ezra 8:16

ULT

16 Then I sent for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, the heads; and for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding.

UST

16 So I summoned Eliezer, Ariel, Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, {another man named} Elnathan, Nathan, Zechariah, and Meshullam, who were all leaders of the people. I also summoned Joiarib and {a third man named} Elnathan, who were wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:17

ULT

17 And I commanded them to go to Iddo, the head at the place Kasiphia. And I put in their mouth words to speak to Iddo and his brothers, the temple servants in the place Kasiphia, to bring to us those who minister for the house of our God.

UST

17 I sent them all to Iddo, a Levite leader who was living in a place called Kasiphia. I told them what to say to Iddo and to his fellow Levites, the {descendants of} temple workers whom he oversaw there. I wanted them to send us some men who would {go with us to} work in the temple of our God.

Why did Ezra send men to go to Iddo and his brothers?

Ezra sent men to Iddo and his brothers because he wanted Iddo and his brothers to send him Levites who could minister in the house of God.

Ezra 8:18

ULT
18 And according to the good hand of our God upon us, they brought to us: a man of insight from the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, even Sherebiah, and his sons and his brothers were 18;

UST
18 Because God acted kindly toward us, they brought us a very wise man named Sherebiah and 18 of his sons and other relatives. He was a descendant of Mahli, who was a grandson of Levi, the son of Israel.

How did Ezra describe Sherebiah?
Ezra described Sherebiah as a man of insight.

Ezra 8:19

ULT
19 and Hashabiah, and with him, Jeshaiah, from the sons of Merari, whose brothers and their sons were 20;

UST
19 {They} also {sent to us} Hashabiah, along with Jeshaiah, and 20 of his brothers and their sons. Both men were descendants of Merari {the son of Levi}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:20

ULT
20 and 220 temple servants from the temple servants whom David with the officials had given for the service of the Levites. All of them were designated by names.

UST
20 They also sent 220 other men to work in the temple. King David and his officials had apppointed the ancestors of these men to assist the Levites. I listed the names of all of these men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:21

ULT

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river Ahava, to afflict ourselves before the face of our God to seek from him a straight way for us, and for our children, and for all our property.

UST

21 There alongside the Ahava Canal, I announced a time for all of us to abstain from eating food {and to pray}. {I told them that this was a time} to humble ourselves in the presence of our God and to pray that God would protect us, our children, and our possessions while we traveled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:22

ULT

22 For I was ashamed to ask from the king an army and horsemen to help us from an enemy on the way. For we had spoken to the king, saying, “The hand of our God is for good upon all those who seek him, but his might and his nose are against all those who forsake him.”

UST

22 Previously we had told the king that our God takes care of all those who truly trust in him, but that he powerfully punishes everyone who refuses to obey him. So I would have been ashamed to ask the king to send soldiers and men riding on horses to protect us from our enemies while we were traveling along the road.

Why did Ezra not ask the king for an army or horsemen to protect the Jews against their enemies as they traveled to Jerusalem?

Ezra did not ask the king for an army or horsemen to protect the Jews against their enemies as they traveled because he was ashamed to ask since the Jews had told the king that the hand of their God is for good upon all those who seek him, and that God’s might and nose are against all who forsake him.

Ezra 8:23

ULT

23 So we fasted and sought from our God concerning this, and he was entreated by us.

UST

23 So we abstained from eating food and we asked our God to protect us. We prayed to him, and he answered our prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:24

ULT

24 Then I separated 12 from the leaders of the priests to Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and with them ten from their brothers.

UST

24 I chose 12 of the leaders of the priests and brought them together with Sherebiah and Hashabiah and ten of the other Levites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:25

ULT

25 And I weighed out to them the silver and the gold and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God that the king, and his counselors, and his officials, and all Israel (the ones who were found) had offered.

UST

25 I assigned to each of them a portion of the gifts of silver and gold and the other valuable items {to transport to Jerusalem}. These were the items that the king and his advisors and other officials, and the Israelite people who were living in Babylonia, had contributed for the temple of our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:26

ULT

26 And I weighed out to their hand 650 kikkars of silver, and vessels of silver of 100 kikkars, 100 kikkars of gold,

UST

26 As I gave these various items to those men, I weighed each of the items. This was the total: about 21 and one half metric tons of silver, items made from silver that altogether weighed three and one third metric tons, three and one third metric tons of gold,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:27

ULT
27 and 20 bowls of gold of 1000 darics, and two good, gleaming vessels of bronze, precious as gold.

UST
27 20 gold bowls that altogether weighed about eight and one-half kilograms, and two items made of beautiful polished bronze that were as valuable as ones made of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:28

ULT
28 And I said to them, “You are holy to Yahweh, and the vessels are holy. And the silver and the gold are a freewill offering to Yahweh, the God of your fathers.

UST
28 I said to those priests and Levites, ‘I have set you apart from the others to serve Yahweh in a special way. The people have also set apart these valuable things for only him. The people also gave the silver and the gold voluntarily as an offering to Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:29

ULT
29 Watch and keep until you weigh them out before the face of the leaders of the priests and the Levites and the leaders of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yahweh.”

UST
29 So guard them carefully. When we arrive in Jerusalem, weigh them out where the leading priests and Levites and the other leaders of the Israelite clans can see them. {They will then put them} in the storerooms in the temple of Yahweh.’

How long were the twelve men to watch over the gold and silver?
The twelve men were to watch over the gold and silver until they weighed them out before the face of the leaders of the priests and the Levites and the leaders of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yahweh.

Ezra 8:30

ULT

30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem, to the house of our God.

UST

30 So these priests and Levites said that they would be responsible to transport all of the {gifts of} silver and gold and other valuable items to the temple of our God in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:31

ULT

31 Then we set out from the river Ahava on day 12 of the first month to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the palm of the enemy and ambush on the way.

UST

31 On the twelfth day of the first month, we left the Ahava Canal and started to travel to Jerusalem. Our God took care of us, and while we traveled, he prevented any enemies from attacking or robbing us.

How did Ezra say that God's hand was upon him and the rest of the Jews as they traveled to Jerusalem?

Ezra said that the hand of God was on him and his fellow Jews in that God protected them from the hand of their enemies and from ambush as they traveled to Jerusalem.

Ezra 8:32

ULT

32 So we came to Jerusalem, and we stayed there three days.

UST

32 After we arrived in Jerusalem, we rested for three days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:33

ULT

33 And on the fourth day, the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed out: in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth, the son of Uriah, the priest, and with him was Eleazar, the son of Phinehas (and with them were Jozabad, the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah, the son of Binnui, the Levites);

UST

33 Then on the fourth day we went to the temple of our God. There the priests and Levites weighed out the silver and gold and the other items and gave them to the leaders there. The leaders there were two priests, Meremoth the son of Uriah and Eleazar the son of Phinehas, and two Levites, Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah the son of Binnui.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:34

ULT

34 by number and weight of everything. And all the weight was written at that time.

UST

34 They counted everything, and wrote down how much each item weighed, and wrote a description of each one as they received it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:35

ULT

35 The ones who had come from the captivity, the sons of the exile, offered burnt up offerings to the God of Israel: 12 bulls for all Israel, 96 rams, 77 lambs, 12 male goats of a sin offering. The whole was a burnt up offering to Yahweh.

UST

35 The Babylonian soldiers had captured our ancestors and taken them away to Babylon, but now we who are their descendants have safely returned {to Israel}. So we offered sacrifices of burnt offerings to our God: 12 bulls, {one} for {each of the 12 tribes of} the Israelite people, 96 rams, and 77 lambs. We also sacrificed 12 male goats to atone for the sins {that all of the Israelite people had committed}. We offered all of these sacrifices to Yahweh by putting them on the fire {of the altar}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 8:36

ULT

36 And they gave the laws of the king to the satraps of the king and the governors of Beyond-the-River. And they lifted the people and the house of God.
8:5 [1]
8:10 [2]

UST

36 Some of us who had returned from Babylonia took the letter that the king had given to us to the governors of the king's provinces and to the officials of the province west of the Euphrates River. {After they read the letter,} they did what the king commanded for us {Israelite} people and for the temple of God."

To whom were the king's decrees given?

The king's decrees were given to the satraps of the king and the governors of Beyond-the-River.

Ezra 9

Ezra 9:1

ULT

1 Now as soon as these things were finished, the leaders came to me, saying, “The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands according to their abominations, of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, the Ammonite, the Moabite, the Egyptian, and the Amorite.

UST

1 “After that, {some of} the {Jewish} leaders came to me and said, ‘Many Israelites and {even some} priests and Levites have not kept themselves from doing what the other people who are living in this land do. They are doing the same disgusting things that those people do. Those people are from the Canaanite, Hittite, Perizzite, Jebusite, Ammonite, Moabite, Egyptian, and Amorite people groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:2

ULT

2 For they have lifted from their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so they have mixed the seed of holiness with the peoples of the lands. And the hand of the leaders and the rulers has been first in this unfaithfulness.”

UST

2 Specifically, some Israelite men have married women from these groups, and they have allowed their sons to do the same thing. So they are making us, God’s sacred people, to be no longer distinct from the other groups that live here. In fact, some of our leaders and officials have been the first ones to betray God in this way!’

In what way did the people of Israel not separate themselves from the people of other lands?

The people of Israel did not separate themselves from the people of other lands in that they married non-Israelites and allowed their sons to marry non-Israelites.

Ezra 9:3

ULT

[3] And as soon as I heard this matter, I tore my garment and my robe. And I pulled out some from the hair of my head and my beard, and I sat down appalled.

UST

[3] When I heard that, {I was so sad and angry that} I tore my clothes and my robe. I even pulled out some hair from my head and my beard. Then I sat down. I was very dismayed.

How did Ezra respond to the people's unfaithfulness?

Ezra tore his garment and his robe and pulled out some of the hair of his head and beard, and sat down appalled.

Ezra 9:4

ULT

[4] And all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles were gathered to me. And I was sitting appalled until the offering of the evening.

UST

[4] Many of the Jews still respected God's commandment {not to marry foreign women}, and they were upset and afraid because some of those who had returned from Babylonia had disobeyed it. They gathered around me as I sat there dismayed until the time of the evening sacrifice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:5

ULT

[5] And at the offering of the evening I arose from my humilation, and when I tore my garment and my robe. And I knelt down on my knees, and spread out my palms to Yahweh my God.

UST

[5] When it was time to offer the evening sacrifice, I stopped sitting there, silently showing how ashamed and sad I felt. Still wearing those torn clothes, I got on my knees and opened my hands {in prayer} to Yahweh, my God,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:6

ULT

6 And I said, “My God, I am ashamed and humiliated to raise my face to you, my God. For our iniquities have multiplied to above the head, and our guilt has grown up as far as to the heavens.

UST

6 and this is what I prayed: ‘God, I belong to you. Yet I am very ashamed even to approach you in prayer. This is because the sins that we Israelites have committed are very bad. It is as though our sins are so many that they have risen up in a heap that is higher than our heads. We are so guilty for committing those sins that it is as though the heap of them has risen all the way up to you in heaven.

Why was Ezra too ashamed and disgraced to raise his face to Yahweh?

Ezra was too ashamed and disgraced to raise his face to Yahweh because his people’s iniquity and guilt were great.

Ezra 9:7

ULT

7 From the days of our fathers until this day we are in great guilt. And in our iniquities, we ourselves, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands by sword, by captivity, and by plunder, and by shame of face, as this day.

UST

7 Since the time of our ancestors until now, we{, the Jewish people,} have been very guilty of sinning {against you}. That is the reason why you, God, allowed {the armies of} the kings of other lands to do whatever they wanted to do with our people and with our kings and our priests. They killed {many of} them, they captured {many of} them, they robbed {many of} them, and they caused them all to be disgraced, just as we are today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:8

ULT

8 But now, according to a little moment, favor has come from with Yahweh our God to leave for us survivors and to give to us a peg in his holy place, for our God to brighten our eyes and to give us a little reviving in our slavery.

UST

8 But for just a little while now, Yahweh our God, you have been kind to us. You have allowed some of us to survive. You have given us a secure home in your sacred place. You have made us joyful and given us some freedom, even though the Persian king is still our master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:9

ULT

9 For we are slaves, yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery. But he has extended to us covenant faithfulness before the face of the kings of Persia to give to us reviving, to raise up the house of our God and to cause its ruins to stand, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

UST

9 Yes, we are like slaves, but even so, you have not abandoned us. Instead, you have caused the kings of Persia to act very kindly toward us. They have given us some freedom and allowed us to rebuild your temple, which had been destroyed. They have allowed us to live safely here in the province of Judah and the city of Jerusalem.

What did God extend to the Jewish people in their effort to build God's house?
God extended covenant faithfulness to the Jewish people in their effort to build his house.

Ezra 9:10

ULT

10 So now, our God, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken your commandments,

UST

10 Our God, there is nothing that we can say now to defend ourselves after all {of the sinful things that we have done}. We have continued to disobey your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:11

ULT

11 which you commanded by the hand of your servants, the prophets, saying, 'The land that you are entering to possess is a land of impurity by the impurity of the peoples of the lands, by their abominations that have filled it from mouth to mouth with their uncleanness.

UST

11 They are the commands that you gave to your servants, the prophets, to tell to us. They told us that it was as though the land that we would occupy was a filthy land because the people who live there do disgusting things. They said that those people continually do shameful things, making it seem like the land is full of filth from one end to the other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:12

ULT

12 So now, neither give your daughters to their sons nor lift their daughters for your sons, nor shall you seek their peace or their good until eternity, so that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and cause your sons to inherit it until eternity.’

UST

12 {They said,} ‘Therefore do not allow your daughters to marry their sons! Do not allow your sons to marry their daughters! Do not ever try to cause things to go well for those people! If you obey these instructions, your nation will be strong. You will enjoy the good crops that grow on the land, and the land will belong to your descendants forever.’

Why did God not want the Israelites to intermarry with the people of the land?

God did not want the Israelites to intermarry with the people of the land because the people had made the land impure by their impure behavior and by doing things that were an abomination to God.

Ezra 9:13

ULT

13 Yet after all that has come upon us because of our evil deeds and because of our great guilt (although you, our God, you have restrained it to lower than our iniquities, and you have given to us a survival such as this),

UST

13 But you punished us because we became very guilty for doing wicked things. Still, you, our God, have not punished us as much as we deserve for you to punish us. I say this because you have allowed this group of us to survive.

What did God hold back?

God held himself back from fully judging the Jewish people as their sins deserved and he graciously allowed them to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

Ezra 9:14

ULT

14 should we return to breaking your commandments and to intermarrying with the peoples of these abominations? Would you not be angry with us as far as completion, so that there is neither remnant nor survivors?

UST

14 However, some of us are again disobeying your commands. Some of us have married women from the people groups that do those detestable things. If we continue to do that, you will be so angry with us that you will destroy us completely, leaving none of us to survive!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 9:15

ULT

15 Yahweh, the God of Israel, you are righteous, for we are left as survivors, as this day. Behold us, before your face in our guilt, for there is none to stand before your face on account of this.”

UST

15 Yahweh, God of Israel, you always do the right thing! Because of that, you have continually allowed some of us to survive, just as you have done with this group now. But we acknowledge that we are guilty of disobeying you and so because of what we have done, we do not deserve even to pray to you.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10

Ezra 10:1

ULT

1 And when Ezra prayed, and when he confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the face of the house of God, an extremely great assembly from Israel, men and women and children, gathered to him. Indeed the people wept an abundant weeping.

UST

1 Ezra prostrated himself on the ground in front of the temple as he cried and prayed {to God}. He was confessing {to God the sins that the people had committed}. While he was doing that, a very large crowd of Israelites gathered around him, consisting of men, women, and children. They all cried very, very much {because they had sinned against God}.

What did Ezra do as he prayed and confessed?
As Ezra prayed and confessed, he wept and threw himself down before God's house.

Ezra 10:2

ULT

2 Then Shekaniah, the son of Jehiel, from the sons of Elam, answered and said to Ezra, "We ourselves have acted unfaithfully against our God and have caused foreign women from the peoples of the land to dwell. But now, there is hope for Israel concerning this.

UST

2 Then Shecaniah, the son of Jehiel from the clan of Elam, spoke. He said this to Ezra: "We have disobeyed our God. Some of us have married women who are not Israelites. They come from the other people groups that live around us. But we can still hope {that Yahweh will be merciful to} us Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:3

ULT

[3] So now, let us cut a covenant with our God to cause all the women to go out, and the ones who were born from them, by the counsel of my lord and the ones who tremble at the commandment of our God. And let it be done according to the law.

UST

[3] Here is what I suggest. We should do what God told us to do in his laws. We should make an agreement with our God that we will divorce our foreign wives and send them away with their children. We will do everything according to what you, sir, and the others who greatly respect what our God has commanded, tell us to do.

What covenant did Shekaniah say the Israelites should make?

Shekaniah said that they should make a covenant with their God to send away all the foreign women and their children.

Ezra 10:4

ULT

[4] Arise, for the matter is on you, and we are with you. Be strong and do."

UST

[4] Since you are our leader, get going, and be courageous, and do {what is necessary to fix this problem}. We will do whatever you say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:5

ULT

[5] And Ezra arose and caused the leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear an oath to do according to this word. So they swore an oath.

UST

[5] So Ezra acted {to fix the problem}. He demanded that all of the Israelite people, including the leaders of the priests and the Levites, solemnly declare that they would do what Shekaniah said that they should do. So they all solemnly promised {to do that}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:6

ULT

[6] And Ezra rose up from before the face of the house of God, and he went to the chamber of Jehohanan, the son of Eliashib. And he went there. He did not eat bread and he did not drink water, but was mourning on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

UST

[6] Then Ezra went away from in front of the temple and went to the room where Jehohanan the grandson of Eliashib lived. Ezra continued to grieve because some of the Israelites who had returned from Babylonia had not faithfully obeyed God's laws. So while he was there, he did not eat or drink anything.

Why did Ezra not eat any bread or drink any water?

Ezra did not eat any bread or drink any water because he was mourning the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

Ezra 10:7

ULT

[7] And they caused a sound to pass throughout Judah and Jerusalem for all the sons of the exile to gather to Jerusalem.

UST

[7] Then the leaders sent a message to all the people in the province of Judan and the city of Jerusalem. They told them that all the Jews who had returned from Babylonia had to come to Jerusalem immediately.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:8

ULT

[8] And for all who did not come in three days according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his property would be devoted to the ban. And he himself would be separated from the assembly of the exiles.

UST

[8] The leaders announced the following penalties for anyone who did not arrive within three days. They would take away all the property belonging to that person, and they would banish that person from the community of Israelites.

What was to happen to any Israelite who did not come to Jerusalem within three days?

Any Israelite who did not come to Jerusalem within three days was to have all his property devoted to the ban and was to be separated from the assembly of the exiles.

Ezra 10:9

ULT

[9] So all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered to Jerusalem in three days. It was the ninth month, on 20 in the month. And all the people sat in the open place of the house of God, trembling on account of the matter and because of the rains.

UST

[9] So within three days, by the twentieth day of the ninth month, all the men from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin gathered in Jerusalem. They were sitting in the courtyard in front of the temple. They were trembling because it was raining hard and {because they were worried that they would be punished} for what they had done.

What two things caused the people who stood in the open place of God's house to tremble?

All the people who stood in the open place of God's house trembled on account of the matter and because of the rains.

Ezra 10:10

ULT

[10] And Ezra the priest rose up and said to them, "You yourselves have acted unfaithfully and have caused foreign wives to dwell, to add to the guilt of Israel.

UST

[10] Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "Some of you have sinned very badly {against God}. Specifically, you have married women who are not Israelites. By doing that, you have made us Israelite people more guilty than we were before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:11

ULT

[11] But now, give praise to Yahweh, the God of your fathers, and do his will, and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women."

UST

[11] So now, confess your sin to Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors worshiped, and do what he commands. {That is,} separate yourselves from the people of other nations by divorcing your foreign wives."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:12

ULT

12 Then all the assembly answered and said in a loud voice, “Thus, according to your word, it is on us to do.

UST

12 The whole group answered, shouting loudly, “Yes, we must do what you have said.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:13

ULT

13 However, the people are many, and the time is rain showers and there is no strength to stand in the outdoors. And the work is neither for one day nor for two, for we have done much to rebel in this matter.

UST

13 {Then one of them said,} “But we are a very large group, and it is raining hard. We cannot continue to stand outside in this rain. Also, since many of us have committed this sin, it will take a long time to make things right again.

Why did the Israelites want more time to send away the foreign women?

The Israelites wanted more time to send away the foreign women because the people were many, they had done much to rebel in this matter, and therefore, it would take them more than a day or two to complete the process. It was the rainy season, and they did not have the strength needed to stand in the outdoors to complete the process.

Ezra 10:14

ULT

14 Let our leaders stand for all the assembly. And let all who are in our cities, the ones who have caused foreign women to dwell, come at appointed times, and with them the elders of city by city and its magistrates, until the burning of the nose of our God is turned back from us as far as it concerns this matter.”

UST

14 So please allow our leaders to decide what we should all do. Tell everyone in each city who has married a woman who is not an Israelite to come at a time that you decide. They should each come with the elders and judges from their own city. If we do that, our God will stop being angry with us because of what we have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:15

ULT

15 Only Jonathan, the son of Asahel, and Jahzeiah, the son of Tikvah, stood against this. And Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite supported them.

UST

15 {Within the crowd,} Jonathan son of Asahel and Jahzeiah son of Tikvah said that they disagreed with this plan. Then Meshullam and Shabbethai, a descendant of Levi, said that they agreed with Jonathan and Jahzeiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:16

ULT

16 So the sons of the exile did thus, and men (the heads of the fathers by the house of their fathers, and all of them by names) were separated to Ezra the priest. And they sat down on day one of the tenth month to seek out the matter.

UST

16 But {they were the only ones who opposed the plan; all of} the others who had returned from Babylonia said that they would do it. So Ezra the priest chose men who were leaders from each of the clans and wrote down their names. On the first day of the tenth month these men met to investigate the matter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:17

ULT

17 And they finished with all the men, the ones who had caused foreign women to dwell, by day one of the first month.

UST

17 By the first day of the first month {of the next year} they had finished determining which men had married women who were not Israelites.

How long did it take to search out the matter of Israelite men who had taken foreign women as wives?

It took from day one of the tenth month until day one of the first month of the following year to search out the matter fully.

Ezra 10:18

ULT

18 And some were found from the sons of the priests who had caused foreign women to dwell: from the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brothers: Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

UST

18 They determined that some of the descendants of the priests had married foreign women. These included some descendants of Joshua the son of Jozadak and of his brothers. Their names were Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and Gedaliah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:19

ULT

19 So they gave their hand to cause their wives to go out, and, being guilty ones, a ram of the flock for their guilt.

UST

19 They solemnly promised to divorce their wives and they each offered a ram as a sacrifice to atone for their sins.

What did the Israelite men who were guilty of taking foreign women as wives do?

The guilty Israelite men promised to send away their foreign wives, and they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt.

Ezra 10:20

ULT

20 And from the sons of Immer: Hanani and Zebadiah.

UST

20 In the clan of Immer there were Hanani and Zebadiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:21

ULT
21 And from the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.

UST
21 In the clan of Harim there were Maaseiah, Elijah, Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uzziah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:22

ULT
22 And from the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

UST
22 In the clan of Pashhur there were Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:23

ULT
23 And from the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (that is, Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

UST
23 The Levites who had married foreign women were Jozabad, Shimei, Kelaiah (whose other name was Kelita), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:24

ULT
24 And from the singers: Eliashib. And from the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

UST
24 There was Eliashib the musician. Among the temple guards there were Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:25

ULT

25 And these were from Israel. From the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malkijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malkijah, and Benaiah. [1]

UST

25 This is a list of the names of the other Israelites {who had married foreign wives}: In the clan of Parosh there were Ramiah, Izziah, Malkijah, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malkijah, and Benaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:26

ULT

26 And from the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah.

UST

26 In the clan of Elam there were Mattaniah, Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and Elijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:27

ULT

27 And from the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

UST

27 In the clan of Zattu there were Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:28

ULT

28 And from the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

UST

28 In the clan of Bebai there were Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:29

ULT
29 And from the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluk, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, Jeremoth. [2]

UST
29 In the clan of Bani there were Meshullam, Malluk, Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal Jeremoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:30

ULT
30 And from the sons of Pahath-Moab: Adna, and Kelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

UST
30 In the clan of Pahath-Moab there were Adna, Kelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:31

ULT
31 And from the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah, Malkijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

UST
31 In the clan of Harim there were Eliezer, Ishijah, Malkijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:32

ULT
32 Benjamin, Malluk, Shemariah.

UST
32 Benjamin, Malluk, and Shemariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:33

ULT
33 From the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

UST
33 In the clan of Hashum there were Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:34

ULT
34 From the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

UST
34 In the clan of Bani there were Maadai, Amram, Uel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:35

ULT
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Keluhi,

UST
35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Keluhi,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:36

ULT
36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

UST
36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:37

ULT
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu,

UST
37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasu.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:38

ULT
38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, [3]

UST
38 In the clan of Binnui there were Shimei,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:39

ULT
39 and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

UST
39 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:40

ULT
40 Maknadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

UST
40 Maknadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:41

ULT
41 Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

UST
41 Azarel, Shelemiah, Shemariah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:42

ULT
42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph.

UST
42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:43

ULT
43 From the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benaiah.

UST
43 In the clan of Nebo there were Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and Benaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezra 10:44

ULT
44 All of these had lifted foreign women. And there were women among them, and they bore sons. *[4]*
10:25 *[1]*
10:29 *[2]*
10:38 *[3]*
10:44 *[4]*

UST
44 All of those men had married women who were not Israelites. Some of those women had borne children{, so when the men sent the women away, they also sent their children with them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1

Nehemiah 1:1

ULT

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hakaliah: And it happened in the month of Kislev, in year 20, that I myself was in Susa the citadel.

UST

1 I am Nehemiah, son of Hakaliah. {I am writing this account.} My story begins in the month of Kislev during the twentieth year of the reign of King Artaxerxes {over the Persian Empire}. I was in the capital city of Susa.

Who wrote the book of Nehemiah?
Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah wrote the book of Nehemiah.

When did Nehemiah ask Hanani and some people from Judah about the Jews who had escaped, the remnant of the Jews who were there, and about Jerusalem? (vv1-2)
He asked them in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year.

Nehemiah 1:2

ULT

2 And Hanani, one of my brothers, came, he and men from Judah. And I asked them about the Jews who escaped, who were left behind from the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

UST

2 Hanani, one of my brothers, came to see me, along with some other people from the province of Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had escaped and remained in Judah {many years earlier} when soldiers had forced many Jews to go {to Babylon}. I also asked about {the condition of} the city of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 1:3

ULT

3 And they said to me, “The ones left behind, who were left behind from the captivity there in the province, are in great evil and in reproach. And the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”

UST

3 They said to me, “The Jews who escaped the exile and remained in the province of Judah are in a desperate situation. {The Babylonian soldiers} broke down the wall of Jerusalem {to get into the city}, and {they} burned down all of its gates. The people {living there} are defenseless.”

What did Hanani and some people from Judah reply?

They replied that those who remained in the province were in great evil and reproach because Jerusalem’s wall was broken down and its gates were burned with fire.

Nehemiah 1:4

ULT

4 And it happened that, when I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and I mourned for days. And I was fasting and praying before the face of the God of heaven.

UST

4 When I heard about these things, I sat down and cried. I could not stop mourning for days. I went without food, and I prayed to the God who is in heaven.

What did Nehemiah do when he heard about the condition of Jerusalem?

He sat down and wept, and he mourned for days. He also fasted and prayed.

What did Nehemiah request while praying before the God of heaven?

Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would listen to his prayer. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would remember the word he commanded Moses, promising to gather the scattered Israelites if they returned to him and kept his commandments. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would give him success and grant him mercy.

Nehemiah 1:5

ULT

5 And I said, “Ah! Yahweh, the God of heaven, the great and fearsome God, who keeps the covenant and covenant faithfulness to those who love him and to those who keep his commandments:

UST

5 I said, “O Yahweh, you are the God who is in heaven. You are the great and awesome God. You always keep your promises faithfully to those who love you and obey your commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 1:6

ULT

6 Please let your ear be attentive and your eyes opened to listen to the prayer of your servant that I am praying before your face today, day and night, on account of the sons of Israel, your servants. And I am confessing on account of the sins of the sons of Israel that we have sinned against you. Even I and the house of my father, we have sinned.

UST

6 Now please pay careful attention and listen to my prayer that I am praying to you now, as I have been constantly, for the people of Israel, your chosen people. I must confess the sins that we, the people of Israel, have committed against you. Both I and my family have also sinned.

What did Nehemiah confess while praying before the God of heaven? (vv6-7)

Nehemiah confessed the sins of the people of Israel and his own sins and the sins of his family. Nehemiah said they had acted very corruptly against Yahweh and had not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Nehemiah 1:7

ULT

7 With extreme corruption we have acted corruptly against you. And we have not kept the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments that you commanded Moses your servant.

UST

7 We have acted very wickedly toward you. {Many years ago} you gave us your Law through your servant Moses. But we have not obeyed your Law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 1:8

ULT

8 Please remember the word that you commanded Moses your servant, saying, ‘If you yourselves act unfaithfully, I myself will scatter you among the peoples.

UST

8 Please call to mind the promise that you made to your servant Moses. You told him, ‘If you Israelites do not obey my commandments, I will take you from your land and make you live among the other nations.

What did Nehemiah request while praying before the God of heaven? (vv8-11)

Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would listen to his prayer. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would remember the word he commanded Moses, promising to gather the scattered Israelites if they returned to him and kept his commandments. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would give him success and grant him mercy.

Nehemiah 1:9

ULT

9 But if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, although your banished ones are at the extremity of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause my name to dwell there.’

UST

9 But if you become loyal to me again and start obeying my commandments once more, then I will bring you back to {your homeland of Judah}. That is the place {from} which I chose to start making myself famous throughout the world. I will do this no matter how far you have been taken away.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 1:10

ULT

10 And they are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand.

UST

10 We are your chosen people, whom you rescued {from slavery in Egypt}. {You did that easily because} you are so very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 1:11

ULT

11 Ah! My Lord, please let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants, the ones who delight to fear your name. And please cause your servant to succeed today, and give him mercies before the face of this man.” Now as for me, I was a cupbearer for the king.

UST

11 O my Lord, please pay careful attention to my prayer and to the prayers of {my fellow Israelites}. We are eager to honor you. Please grant that the king {will agree to the request that I hope to make soon}.” At that time, I was {an important official who served the wine at} the king’s {table}.

To whom did Nehemiah serve as cupbearer?

Nehemiah served as cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 2

Nehemiah 2:1

ULT

1 And it happened that, in the month of Nisan, in year 20 of Artaxerxes the king, wine was before his face. And I lifted the wine, and I gave it to the king, and I was not unpleasant before his face.

UST

1 I prayed like this for four months. Then one day in the month of Nisan, still in the twentieth year of the reign of Artaxerxes, something happened. {When it was time to serve} the wine, I took some and gave it to the king. I had never before looked sad in his presence.

At what date did Nehemiah, when he was sad, give wine to the king?

Nehemiah gave wine to the king in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes.

Nehemiah 2:2

ULT

2 And the king said to me, “Why is your face unpleasant? Now as for you, you are not sick. This is nothing except unpleasantness of heart.” And I was extremely much afraid.

UST

2 {No one was supposed to look unhappy in the king’s presence. But the king noticed that I did look sad.} So he asked me, “Why are you sad? I can tell that you are not sick. You must be unhappy about something.” This made me very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:3

ULT

3 And I said to the king, “May the king live to eternity! Why should not my face be unpleasant, when the city, the house of the graves of my fathers, is desolate, and its gates have been consumed by fire.”

UST

3 I replied to the king, “Your Majesty, I hope you will live {a very long time}! {I am sorry, but I cannot help being sad.} I am sad because the city of Jerusalem, the place where my ancestors are buried, lies in ruins. {Our enemies} have burned down its gates.”

Why was Nehemiah sad?

He was sad because Jerusalem, the city of the graves of his fathers, was desolate and its gates had been consumed by fire.

Nehemiah 2:4

ULT

4 And the king said to me, “For what is this you are seeking?” And I prayed to the God of heaven.

UST

4 The king replied to me, “What do you want {me to do for you}?” {Before I answered him}, I prayed to the God who is in heaven.

When the king asked what Nehemiah wanted him to do, what did Nehemiah do?

Nehemiah prayed to the God of heaven.

What did Nehemiah want the king to give him permission to do? (vv4-5)

Nehemiah wanted permission from the king to go to Judah to rebuild the city.

Nehemiah 2:5

ULT

5 And I said to the king, “If it is good to the king, and if your servant is good before your face, that you would send me to Judah, to the city of the graves of my fathers, and I will build it.”

UST

5 Then I replied to the king, “If it seems like a good {idea} to you, and if you are pleased with me, then {please} allow me to go to Judah, to Jerusalem. {I would like} to {help my people} rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:6

ULT

6 And the king said to me, with the queen sitting beside him, “Until when will be your journey? And when will you return?” And it was good before the face of the king, and he sent me, and I gave to him a time.

UST

6 {I was able to speak freely because this was a private meal,} with the queen sitting next to the king. The king asked me, “How long would you be away?” I told him how long I would be gone. That was acceptable to him, and he gave me permission to go. So I told him what day {I wanted to leave}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:7

ULT

7 And I said to the king, “If it is good to the king, let letters be given to me for the governors of Beyond-the-River, that they will bring me across as far as where I enter into Judah;

UST

7 I also said to the king, “If it seems like a good {idea} to you, {please} give me letters {that I can show} to the governors of {the province} Beyond the River. In these letters, {please tell them} to give me {safe} passage through their province to Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:8

ULT

8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the forest that belongs to the king, that he will give to me timbers to lay the beams of the gates of the citadel, which is for the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house into which I will enter.” And the king gave to me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

UST

8 {Please} also {write} a letter {for me} to Asaph, the man who takes care of your royal forest {in that area}. {Please tell} him to give me timber to make the beams to support the gates of the fortress that is near the temple. {Please} also {tell him to give me timber} for the city wall and for the house that I will live in.” God was with me and helping me, and so the king agreed to {all of} my {requests}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:9

ULT

9 And I came to the governors of Beyond-the-River, and I gave to them the letters of the king. And the king sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.

UST

9 {When I left to travel to Judah,} the king sent along some army officers and soldiers riding on horses {to protect me}. When I reached {the province} Beyond the River, I went {to see} its governors. I showed them the letters the king had given me, {and they gave me safe passage}.

When the king sent Nehemiah with officers of the army and horsemen, why were Sanballat and Tobiah displeased? (vv9-10)

Sanballat and Tobiah were displeased that someone had come who wanted to seek good for the people of Israel.

Nehemiah 2:10

ULT

10 And Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah, the servant, the Ammonite, heard. And it was evil to them, a great evil, that someone had come to seek good for the sons of Israel.

UST

10 {One of the people I showed my letters to was} Sanballat the Horonite. {He was the governor of Samaria, the area right next to Judah.} He and his deputy, Tobiah the Ammonite, became very upset when they learned that someone had come to help the people of Israel. {They did not want to see Judah become strong again, because that would be a threat to Samaria.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:11

ULT

11 And I came to Jerusalem, and I was there three days.

UST

11 But I made it {safely} to Jerusalem {despite their opposition}. I stayed there for three days,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:12

ULT

12 And I arose in the night, myself and a few men with me, and I did not tell anyone what my God had been giving to my heart to do for Jerusalem. Now there was no animal with me except the animal upon which I was riding.

UST

12 I did not say {publicly} what God was leading me to do for Jerusalem. Instead, I got up {secretly} in the night {to inspect the city walls}. I brought {only} a few other men with me. {So that we could work quietly,} the only animal I brought with me was the one that I was riding.

When Nehemiah arose in the night, who did he tell what God had put into his heart to do for Jerusalem?

At that time, Nehemiah did not tell anyone what his God had put into his heart to do for Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2:13

ULT

13 And I went out at the gate of the valley at night, even to the face of the spring of the dragon, and to the gate of dung. And I was looking intently at the walls of Jerusalem, seeing that they were broken down, and its gates had been consumed by fire. [1]

UST

13 That night we went out through the Valley Gate and went past the Dragon Well to the Rubbish Gate. We made a careful inspection of the walls of Jerusalem. We {noted where our enemies} had broken down the walls, and {where} they had burned up the wooden gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:14

ULT

14 And I crossed to the gate of the spring and to the pool of the king, but there was no place for the animal under me to pass.

UST

14 Then we came to the Fountain Gate and the Royal Pool. {The opening there was so narrow that} the animal I was riding could not get through.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:15

ULT

15 And I was going up by the wadi at night, and I was looking intently at the wall. And I turned back, and I came in at the gate of the valley, and I returned.

UST

15 So we followed {the path of} the {Kidron} Brook, {even though} it was night. {From there} we were able to look {up} at the wall {and see its condition}. {This route} brought us back {to where we started}. We re-entered {the city} through the Valley Gate, and I went back {home without being seen}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:16

ULT

16 Now the prefects did not know where I had gone or what I was doing. And until this time I had not yet told the Jews, or the priests, or the nobles, or the prefects, or the rest of the doers of the work.

UST

16 The city officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing. To that point I had not said {anything about it} to the Jewish leaders, the priests, the leading citizens, or the city officials. {I had not approached} anyone {about} doing the work {of rebuilding the walls}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:17

ULT

17 And I said to them, "You see the evil that we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates have been burned by fire. Come, and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be a reproach."

UST

17 {But} now I said to them, "You see what a desperate situation we are in. You see that Jerusalem lies in ruins, and {our enemies} have burned down its gates. {We need to} do something {about this!} {I challenge all of you to} join me in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Then we will not have to feel ashamed any more."

When Nehemiah told the rulers, the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the rest who did the work that the good hand of his God was on him and about the words the king had spoken to him, what did they say and do? (vv17-18)

They said that they would rise and build, and they strengthened their hands for the good work.

Nehemiah 2:18

ULT

18 And I declared to them the hand of my God, that it was good upon me, and also the words of the king that he had spoken to me. And they said, "We will rise up and build." And they strengthened their hands for good.

UST

18 Then I told them how God had been with me and had been helping me. I also told them how the king had given me permission to come. {When they heard this,} they said, "Let's get going and start building!" They encouraged one another {and committed themselves} to the project.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 2:19

ULT

19 And Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah, the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard, and they mocked us, and they despised us. And they said, “What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?”

UST

19 Then Sanballat the Horonite, his deputy Tobiah the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard {that we had started to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem}. They ridiculed us mercilessly. They said, “What you are doing is not going to amount to anything! {But} you should not be rebelling against the king {like that}!”

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem when they heard about the work, and mocked and ridiculed the workers? (vv19-20)

Nehemiah responded by saying that God would give them success, that they were God’s servants, and that Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem had no share, no right, and no memorial in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2:20

ULT

20 And I returned them a word, and I said to them: “The God of heaven, he will cause us to succeed, and we ourselves, his servants, will rise up and build. But for you there is neither share nor right nor memorial in Jerusalem.”
2:13 *[1]*

UST

20 But I answered them {firmly}. I said, “The God who is in heaven is the one who will enable us to complete this project. We are his chosen people. We are going to start rebuilding. But you have absolutely nothing to do with what happens in Jerusalem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3

Nehemiah 3:1

ULT

1 And Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the gate of sheep. They themselves consecrated it and erected its doors. And they consecrated it as far as the tower of the hundred and as far as the tower of Hananel.

UST

1 {These are the names of the people who helped to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.} Eliashib the Supreme Priest and his fellow priests began by rebuilding the Sheep Gate. They dedicated this gate {to God, as a symbolic way of dedicating the entire wall.} Then they set the doors of the Sheep Gate in place. They rebuilt the wall as far as the Tower of 100 Soldiers and {beyond that} to the Tower of Hananel. Then they dedicated that part of the wall {to God} as well.

Who built and consecrated the Sheep Gate?

Eliashib built and consecrated the Sheep Gate along with his brothers, the priests.

Nehemiah 3:2

ULT

2 And the men of Jericho built at his hand. And Zaccur the son of Imri built at his hand.

UST

2 Next to them, people from Jericho rebuilt {part of the wall}. Next to them, Zaccur, the son of Imri, rebuilt {part of the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:3

ULT

3 And the sons of Hassenaah built the gate of fish. They themselves laid its beams and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

UST

3 The sons of Hassenaah rebuilt the Fish Gate. They framed it with {wooden} beams, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars {for locking the gate}.

Who built the Fish Gate?

The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate.

Nehemiah 3:4

ULT

4 And Meremoth, the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, strengthened at their hand. And Meshullam, the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel, strengthened at their hand. And Zadok the son of Baana strengthened at their hand.

UST

4 Next to them, Meremoth, the son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz, repaired {part of the wall}. Next to him, Meshullam, the son of Berekiah and grandson of Meshezabel, repaired {part of the wall}. Next to him, Zadok the son of Baana repaired {part of the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:5

ULT

5 And the Tekoites strengthened at their hand, but their nobles did not bring their necks to the service of their lords.

UST

5 Next to him, some people from Tekoa repaired {part of the wall}. But the leading citizens of Tekoa were too proud to do the work that the leaders {of Judah had asked them to do}.

Whose nobles refused to do the work ordered by their lords?

The nobles of the Tekoites refused to do the work.

Nehemiah 3:6

ULT

6 And Joiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah, strengthened the gate of old. They themselves laid its beams and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

UST

6 Joiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah, repaired the Old Gate. They framed it with {wooden} beams, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars {for locking the gate}.

Who repaired the Old Gate?

Joiada and Meshullam repaired the Old Gate.

Nehemiah 3:7

ULT

[7] And Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite, men of Gibeon and the Mizpah, strengthened at their hand, to the seat of authority of the governor of Beyond-the-River.

UST

[7] Next to them, Melatiah from {the city of} Gibeon, Jadon from {the town of} Meronoth, and other men from Gibeon and from the {city of} Mizpah repaired {part of the wall}. They repaired it as far as the residence of the governor of {the province} Beyond the River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:8

ULT

[8] Uzziel, the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths, strengthened at his hand. And Hananiah, a son of the perfumers, strengthened at his hand. And they restored Jerusalem as far as the broad wall.

UST

[8] Next to them, Uzziel the son of Harhaiah repaired {part of the wall}. He was one of the goldsmiths, {the workers who made jewelry and other objects from gold}. Next to him, Hananiah repaired {part of the wall}. He was one of the workers who made perfumes. They rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.

Who repaired Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall?

Uzziel and Hananiah repaired that portion of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3:9

ULT

[9] And Rephaiah, the son of Hur, the administrator for half of the district of Jerusalem, strengthened at their hand.

UST

[9] Next to them, Rephaiah the son of Hur repaired {part of the wall}. Rephaiah ruled half of the district of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:10

ULT

10 And Jedaiah the son of Harumaph strengthened at their hand, even in front of his house. And Hattush the son of Hashabneiah strengthened at his hand.

UST

10 Next to him, Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired {the part of the wall} near his house. Next to him, Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired {part of the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:11

ULT

11 Malkijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-Moab, strengthened a second section along with the tower of ovens.

UST

11 Malkijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section {of the wall}, along with the Tower of the Ovens.

Who repaired another section along with the Tower of Ovens?

Malkijah (the son of Harim) and Hasshub repaired another section and the Tower of Ovens.

Nehemiah 3:12

ULT

12 And Shallum, the son of Hallohesh, the administrator for half of the district of Jerusalem, strengthened at his hand, he and his daughters.

UST

12 Next to them, Shallum the son of Hallohesh repaired {part of the wall}. Shallum ruled the {other} half of the district of Jerusalem. His daughers worked with him on the repairs.

Who helped Shallum repair the walls?

His daughters helped him.

Nehemiah 3:13

ULT

13 Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah strengthened the gate of the valley. They themselves built it and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the gate of dung.

UST

13 Hanun and some people from {the city of} Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt the gate, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars {for locking the gate}. They also repaired 1500 feet of the wall, as far as the Rubbish Gate.

Who repaired the Valley Gate as far as the Dung Gate?

Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate and the entire portion of wall between the Valley Gate and the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 3:14

ULT

14 And Malkijah, the son of Recab, the administrator for the district of Beth-Hakkerem, strengthened the gate of dung. He himself was building it and erecting its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

UST

14 Malkijah. the son of Rechab, repaired the Rubbish Gate. Malkijah ruled the district of Beth-Hakkerem. He rebuilt the gate, he set its doors in place, and he installed bolts and bars {for locking the gate}.

Who repaired the Dung Gate?

Malkijah (the son of Recab) repaired the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 3:15

ULT

15 And Shallun, the son of Kol-Hozeh, the administrator for the district of the Mizpah, strengthened the gate of the spring. He himself was building it and covering it and erecting its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and the wall of the pool of the Siloam at the garden of the king even as far as the stairs descending from the city of David. *[1]*

UST

15 Shallun the son of Kol-Hozeh repaired the Fountain Gate. Shallun ruled the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt the gate and put a roof over it, he set its doors in place, and he installed bolts and bars {for locking the gate}. Near the Pool of Siloam he also repaired the wall next to the royal garden, as far as the steps that went down from the City of David.

Who repaired the Fountain Gate and the wall of the Pool of Siloam?

Shallun repaired the Fountain Gate and the wall of the Pool of Siloam.

Nehemiah 3:16

ULT

16 After him, Nehemiah, the son of Azbuk, the administrator for half of the district of Beth-Zur, strengthened as far as in front of the graves of David, and as far as the pool that was made, and as far as the house of the mighty men.

UST

16 Next to him, Nehemiah the son of Azbuk repaired {the wall} as far as the place opposite the tombs in {the City of} David, to the reservoir that the people had made and the army barracks. Nehemiah ruled half of the district of Beth-Zur.

Who repaired from the place across from the tombs of David to the house of the mighty men?

Nehemiah the son of Azbuk repaired that section.

Nehemiah 3:17

ULT

17 After him, the Levites strengthened: Rehum the son of Bani; at his hand, Hashabiah, the administrator for half of the district of Keilah, strengthened for his district;

UST

17 Next to him, some Levites repaired {parts of the wall}. One of them was Rehum the son of Bani. Next to them, Hashabiah, who ruled half of the district of Keilah, repaired {a section of the wall} on behalf of the people of his district.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:18

ULT

18 after him, their brothers strengthened, Binnui, the son of Henadad, the administrator for half of the district of Keilah.

UST

18 {Some other Levites} repaired the next {section of the wall}. Next to them, Binnui the son of Henadad, who ruled the other half of the district of Keilah, repaired {more of the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:19

ULT

19 And at his hand, Ezer, the son of Jeshua, the administrator for the Mizpah, was strengthening a second section opposite the ascent to the armory at the angle.

UST

19 Next to him, Ezer the son of Jeshua repaired another section {of the wall}. Ezer ruled the {city of} Mizpah. {He started} from a place in front of the steps that went up to the building for storing weapons, {and he finished} at the place where the wall bends slightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:20

ULT

20 After him, Baruch the son of Zabbai burned, and strengthened a second section from the angle as far as the opening of the house of Eliashib the high priest. [2]

UST

20 Next to him, Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section with great enthusiasm, from the bend in the wall as far as the door of the house of Eliashib the Supreme Priest.

Who repaired from the angle to the door of the house of Elisahib the high priest?

Baruch repaired it.

Nehemiah 3:21

ULT

21 After him, Meremoth, the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz, strengthened a second section, from the opening of the house of Eliashib even as far as the end of the house of Eliashib.

UST

21 Next to him, Meremoth, the son of Uriah and grandson of Hakkoz, repaired another section, from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of that house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:22

ULT
22 And after him, the priests, the men of the valley, strengthened.

UST
22 Next to him, some priests from the area around {Jerusalem} repaired {a section of the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:23

ULT
23 After him, Benjamin and Hasshub strengthened in front of their house. After him, Azariah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, strengthened beside his house.

UST
23 Next to them, Benjamin and Hasshub repaired {a section} opposite their house. Azariah, the son of Maaseiah and grandson of Ananiah, repaired the next {section}, beside his house.

Which section of the wall did Benjamin and Hasshub repair?
They repaired the section in front of their own house.

Nehemiah 3:24

ULT
24 After him: Binnui the son of Henadad strengthened a second section from the house of Azariah as far as the angle and as far as the corner;

UST
24 Next to him, Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the bend in the wall as far as the bulwark.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:25

ULT

25 Palal the son of Uzai, from opposite the angle and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king which is by the court of the guard; after him, Pedaiah the son of Parosh.

UST

25 {Next to him,} Palal the son of Uzai {repaired a section}. He began at the place opposite the bend in the wall {where} the watchtower is taller than the upper palace that King {Solomon built}. That is near the courtyard where the guards live. Next to him, Pedaiah the son of Parosh {repaired a section}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:26

ULT

26 And the Nethinim were dwelling in the Ophel, as far as in front of the gate of water to the east and the projecting tower.

UST

26 The temple servants who lived on Ophel {Hill} {repaired the wall} as far as the eastern side of the Water Gate, {where there is} a tall tower.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:27

ULT

27 After him, the Tekoites strengthened a second section from in front of the high projecting tower even as far as the wall of the Ophel.

UST

27 Next to them, the people from Tekoa repaired another section, from opposite the very tall watchtower as far as the wall at Ophel {Hill}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:28

ULT

28 The priests strengthened from above the gate of horses, a man to the front of his house.

UST

28 A group of priests repaired {the wall} starting at the Horse Gate. Each one repaired {the section} in front of his own house.

Who did the repairs on the section above the Horse Gate?

The priests repaired that section. Each of the priests repaired in front of his own house.

Nehemiah 3:29

ULT

29 After him, Zadok the son of Immer strengthened in front of his house. And after him, Shemaiah, the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the gate of the east, strengthened.

UST

29 Next to them, Zadok the son of Immer repaired {the section} in front of his house. Then Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, who was the gatekeeper at the East Gate, repaired the next {section}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:30

ULT

30 After him, Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, with Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, strengthened a second section. After him, Meshullam the son of Berechiah strengthened in front of his chamber. [3]

UST

30 Next to him, Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, repaired another section. Next to them, Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired {the section} opposite the rooms {where} he {lived}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:31

ULT

31 After him, Malkijah, a son of the goldsmiths, strengthened as far as the house of the Nethinim and the merchants in front of the gate of mustering, even as far as the upper chamber of the corner. [4]

UST

31 Malkijah, who was {another} one of the goldsmiths, repaired the next {section}, as far as the building used by the temple servants and the merchants. That building was opposite the Appointment Gate. He {rebuilt the wall} as far as the upper apartments {of this building}, which were on the corner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 3:32

ULT

32 And the goldsmiths and the merchants strengthened between the upper chamber of the corner to the gate of sheep.
3:15 [1]
3:20 [2]
3:30 [3]
3:31 [4]

UST

32 Some of the {other} goldsmiths, along with some merchants, repaired {the last section of the wall} from the corner apartments to the Sheep Gate.

Who repaired the wall between the upper changes of the corner and the Sheep Gate?

The goldsmiths and the merchants repaired that section.

Nehemiah 4

Nehemiah 4:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that, when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, it burned him, and he was very angry. And he mocked at the Jews.

UST

[1] When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the {city} wall, he became furious, and he mocked the Jews.

Who mocked the Jews when they heard the Jews were building the wall? (vv1-3)
Sanballat and Tobiah mocked the Jews.

Nehemiah 4:2

ULT

[2] And he spoke before the face of his brothers and the army of Samaria, and he said, “What are the feeble Jews doing? Will they restore for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish in a day? Will they bring to life the stones from piles of dust, when they have been burned?”

UST

[2] He spoke to the {other provincial} officials and army officers. He said, “These weak Jews will not be able to accomplish anything! They will never restore {the city! Their God} will not help them. They do not realize what a long time it would take to repair {that wall. The only way} they can get stones {is} by pulling them out of rubbish heaps. And {the Babylonians} burned {the city, so those} stones are probably weak {anyway}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:3

ULT

[3] And Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him. And he said, “Yes, if a fox goes up on what they are building, then he would break down their wall of stones!”

UST

[3] Tobiah the Ammonite was standing beside Sanballat. He made fun of the Jews by saying, “Right! The wall that they are building {is so weak} that if a fox walked across the top {of it}, it would fall down!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:4

ULT

4 Hear, our God, that we are a contempt, and cause their taunts to return on their heads! And give them for plunder in a land of captivity.

UST

4 {When I heard about what they were saying, I prayed to God and said,} "O our God, listen {to the way} they are mocking us! Make {them fail in their attempts to stop us,} so that {other} people will mock them! Allow their enemies to capture them and force them to go to a foreign land!

Why did Nehemiah ask God not to cover over the iniquity of Sanballat and Tobiah? (vv4-6)

Nehemiah asked God not to cover their iniquity because they had contempt for the Jews and provoked the builders to anger.

Nehemiah 4:5

ULT

5 And do not cover over their iniquity, and do not wipe out their sin from before your face, for they have provoked anger before the front of the builders.

UST

5 {They are guilty, and they have sinned against you.} Do not take away their guilt, and do not ignore their sin! {I am asking this} because they are also causing others to be angry at the people who are rebuilding the wall!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:6

ULT

6 So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together up to half of it. And the heart of the people was for working.

UST

6 But we kept building the wall, {and after some time,} we finished the wall around the whole city to about half the necessary height. Everyone was determined to accomplish this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:7

ULT

7 And it happened that, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the health of the walls of Jerusalem was going up and the breaks were beginning to be closed, it burned them extremely.

UST

7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the men from {the land of} Arabia, the men from {the nation of} Ammon, and the men from {the city of} Ashdod heard that we were continuing to repair the wall of Jerusalem and to fill in the gaps, they became furious.

When Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites came to fight against Jerusalem, what did the builders and people do? (vv7-9)
They prayed to their God and set a guard as protection.

Nehemiah 4:8

ULT

8 And all of them together conspired to come to fight against Jerusalem and to make confusion for it.

UST

8 All of them together made a plan to come and fight against the people of Jerusalem. They wanted to make the people inside the city confused {and divided}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:9

ULT

9 And we prayed to our God. And we set up a guard on account of them, by day and by night against their faces.

UST

9 But we prayed to our God {to protect us}, and we stationed lookouts {on the walls} at all times to watch out for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:10

ULT

10 And Judah said, “The strength of the burden-bearers is failing, and there is much rubble. And as for us, we are not able to build the wall.”

UST

10 Then the people of Judah started saying, “The people who are carrying {the stones} are getting worn out. There is too much rubbish. We are not going to be able to {finish} rebuilding the wall.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:11

ULT

11 And our adversaries said, “They will not know, and they will not see until when we come into their midst and kill them. And we will cause the work to stop.”

UST

11 Then our enemies {started} saying, “Before {the Jews} know we are coming, we will rush {down} on them and kill them and stop their work {on the wall}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:12

ULT

12 And it happened that, when the Jews dwelling beside them came, they said to us ten times, “From all the places where you turn, they are on us!” *[1]*

UST

12 And when some of the Jews who lived near {our enemies} came {to Jerusalem}, they pleaded with us repeatedly, “Let {our men} return {home so} they {can defend} us!”

What did Nehemiah do after the Jews warned him of the schemes being made against them? (vv12-14)

After learning of the schemes against them, Nehemiah positioned people in the lowest parts of the wall, in the bare areas. He positioned each family with their weapons. Nehemiah told the people to not be afraid of their enemies, but to remember the great and fearsome Lord and to fight for their families and homes.

Nehemiah 4:13

ULT

13 And I stationed from the lowest of places behind the wall, in the bare places; and I stationed the people by families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

UST

13 But I put {guards} behind the wall at the places where it was low or where there were gaps. I also had people from each family group stand {guard} with their swords, spears, and bows and arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:14

ULT

14 And I looked, and I rose up, and I said to the nobles, and to the prefects, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of their faces. Remember my great and fearsome Lord! And fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses.”

UST

14 After I had inspected {everything}, I summoned the leading citizens and the city officials and many of the other people, and I said to them, “Do not be afraid of our enemies! The Lord is great and awesome, {so} think about {what he can do}. And fight to {protect} your families, your sons and daughters, your wives, and your homes!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:15

ULT

15 And it happened that, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had frustrated their counsels, all of us returned to the wall, a man to his work.

UST

15 When our enemies learned that we had found out about {their plan}, they realized that God had kept them {from launching a surprise attack}. {They decided not to attack us.} So we all went back to {working on} the wall. Each person continued doing {the same} work {as before}.

What did the enemies hear?

They heard that the workers knew their plans and that God had frustrated their plans.

Nehemiah 4:16

ULT

16 And it happened that, from that day, half of my young men were doing the work, and half of them were grasping, even the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the breastplates. And the officials were behind all the house of Judah.

UST

16 But after that, {only} half of my servants worked {on the wall}. The other half of them {stood guard} armed with spears, shields, bows and arrows, and metal armor. Officers {stood} behind the workers and guards {to encourage everyone and to give orders in case there was an attack}.

What were the young men doing?

Half of them were working on rebuilding the wall and half of them were holding their weapons and armor.

Nehemiah 4:17

ULT

17 Those who were building the wall, and those who were carrying burdens, the loaders, they were doing the work with one of his hands and one grasping weaponry.

UST

17 Those who were building the wall and those who carried the heavy loads {always} had their weapons with them {so that they would be prepared to fight off an attack}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:18

ULT

18 And the builders: a man girded his sword to his loins and built. And the one who blew the ram's horn was beside me.

UST

18 Each builder worked with his sword strapped to his side. {I stationed} someone next to me who would blow a ram's horn {if we needed a signal}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:19

ULT

19 And I said to the nobles and to the prefects and to the rest of the people, “The work is great and vast, and we are separated on the wall, a man far from his brother.

UST

19 Then I said to the leading citizens, the city officials, and many of the other people, “We are working over a very wide area, and we are far apart from each other along the wall.

What reason did Nehemiah give for sounding the ram’s horn as a signal to fight? (vv19-20)

Nehemiah explained that the workers were separated on the wall, far from one another.

Nehemiah 4:20

ULT

20 At the place where you hear the sound of the ram’s horn, you shall gather to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

UST

20 But wherever you hear {the man} sounding the ram’s horn, gather around us at that place. Our God will fight for us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:21

ULT

21 So we were doing the work. And half of them were grasping spears from the rising of the dawn until the coming out of the stars.

UST

21 So we continued to work {on rebuilding the wall}. Half of the men {served as guards} and kept their weapons ready at {all} times.

Why did some people not go to their homes to sleep? Why did some people not change their clothes? (vv21-23)

Some people did not go to their homes or change their clothes so that they could spend the night in the middle of Jerusalem, being a guard during the night and a worker in the day.

Nehemiah 4:22

ULT

22 Also, at that time I said to the people, “Let a man and his young man lodge the night in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be for us by night a guard and by day a worker.”

UST

22 At that time, I also said to the people, “Each {worker} and his servant must spend the night inside Jerusalem {and not go home if they live outside the city}. {That way} the city will have plenty of defenders {even} at night, and they can {still} work {on the wall} during the daytime.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 4:23

ULT

23 And neither I, nor my brothers, nor my young men, nor the men of the guard who were behind me, none of us stripped off our clothes, or a man his weapon at the water. [2]
4:12 [1]
4:23 [2]

UST

23 {During that time} none of us took off our clothes. I did not, and my brothers, my servants, and my personal bodyguard did not. Each of us {always had} our weapons {with us}, {even when we were washing ourselves}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5

Nehemiah 5:1

ULT

1 And there was a great outcry of the people and their wives against their brothers, the Jews.

UST

1 {Around this same time,} many of the men and their wives complained bitterly about what their fellow Jews were doing to them.

Why did the men and women raise a great outcry against their fellow Jews? (vv1-5)
They raised an outcry because some of them had to mortgage their property in order to get grain, some of them had to put their children in bondage as slaves, and some of them had to borrow silver in order to pay the kings taxes on their fields and vineyards.

Nehemiah 5:2

ULT

2 And there were those who said, “Our sons and our daughters, we are many. And let us take grain, so we can eat, and we can live.”

UST

2 Some of them began, “We have many children. We need to get {a lot of} food to feed them {all}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:3

ULT

3 And there were those who said, “We are mortgaging our fields and our vineyards and our houses so we can get grain during the famine.”

UST

3 Others added, “We have had to promise to give someone our fields, vineyards, and houses if we do not pay back the money {he} has loaned us. We had {to borrow the money} to buy food during this time when food is scarce.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:4

ULT

4 And there were those who said, “We have borrowed silver for the tribute of the king on our fields and our vineyards.

UST

4 Still others said, “We have had to borrow money to {pay} the taxes that the king {commanded us to pay} on our fields and our vineyards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:5

ULT

5 And now, our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our sons are as their sons. And behold, we are putting our sons and our daughters into bondage as slaves. There are those even of our daughters who have been put into bondage, and there is nothing to God in our hand, for our fields and our vineyards belong to others.”

UST

5 {This is how bad things have gotten.} We are selling our children into slavery. In fact, we have even sold some of our daughters. Our creditors took the fields and vineyards {we pledged as security for loans}, so there was nothing {else} we could do. But we are Jews, just like the people who are doing these things to us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:6

ULT

6 And it burned me extremely when I heard their outcry and these words.

UST

6 I got very angry when I heard these things that they were complaining about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:7

ULT

7 And my heart reigned over me, and I contended with the nobles and with the prefects. And I said to them, “You are lending interest, a man against his brother!” And I put forth a great assembly against them.

UST

7 I thought hard about what to do. Then I brought charges against the leading citizens and the city officials. I called together a large group of people {to hear} the charges against them. I told these leaders, “You are charging interest {on loans} to your fellow Jews. {You know that is forbidden in the Law of Moses}.”

What did Nehemiah do when he heard the outcry of the Jewish men and women against their fellow Jews?

He contended with the nobles and with the prefects and said to them, “You are lending interest, a man against his brother!” And he put forth a great assembly against them.

Nehemiah 5:8

ULT

8 And I said to them, “We ourselves, according to our ability, have bought back our brothers, the Jews, the ones who were sold to the nations. But even you yourselves are selling your brothers, and they are being bought back by us!” Then they were silent, and they did not find a word.

UST

8 I said to them, “Whenever our fellow Jews have had to sell themselves into slavery to people from {other} nations, to {the best of} our ability we have been buying them back. But you are actually selling your fellow Jews into slavery to get back the money they owe you. These are some of the very people we have been buying back!” They knew that these charges were true, so there was absolutely nothing they could say in response.

Although the men and women were buying back from slavery their Jewish brothers who had been sold to the nations, what were the nobles and the prefects doing?

They were selling their brothers and sisters, who were then being bought back by other Jewish men and women.

Nehemiah 5:9

ULT

9 And I said, “This thing that you are doing is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies? [1]

UST

9 Then I said to them, “What you are doing is wrong! You certainly ought to obey God and do what is right! Otherwise, our enemies will mock us even more.

Why did Nehemiah command the nobles and the prefects to return the property they taken from the people? (vv9-11)

He commanded them to do that because what they were doing was not good.

Nehemiah 5:10

ULT

10 Also, even I, my brothers, and my young men are lending against them silver and grain. Please, let us forsake this interest!

UST

10 I myself, my relatives, and my servants have been lending money and grain {to anyone in need without charging interest}. All of us should stop charging interest on loans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:11

ULT

11 Please, even today, return to them their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and a hundred of the silver and the grain, the new wine, and the oil that you are lending against them.”

UST

11 Give them back their fields, vineyards, olive orchards, and houses. Do it right away! And pay back the 12% annual {interest you have been collecting} on the money, grain, wine, and olive oil that you have lent them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:12

ULT

12 And they said, “We will return, and we will seek nothing from them. Thus we will do according to what you say.” And I called the priests, and I caused them to swear to do according to this word.

UST

12 These leaders replied, “Yes, we will do what you say. We will give back {their fields, vineyards, olive orchards, and houses}. And we will stop {charging} them {interest}.” Then I called the priests, and I made the leaders swear {to God in front of them} that they would do what they had promised.

How did the nobles and the prefects respond to Nehemiah’s command? (vv12-13)

They said they would return what they had taken, that they would not take anything more, and that they would do as Nehemiah commanded.

Nehemiah 5:13

ULT

13 Also, I shook out my bosom, and I said, “Thus may God shake out from his house and from his labor every man who does not cause this word to stand. And thus may he be shaken out and emptied.” And all the assembly said, “Amen!” And they praised Yahweh, and the people did according to this word.

UST

13 I also shook out the folds of my robe and said to them, “In this same way, may God fling anyone who does not keep this oath away from everything he owns. Yes, may that person lose everything!” Then everyone who was there said, “We agree!” And they praised Yahweh. After that none of the Jews took houses or fields to guarantee loans, and none of them charged interest any more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:14

ULT

14 Also, from the day that he appointed me to be their governor in the land of Judah, from year 20 even until year 32 of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, I myself did not eat the bread of the governor, nor did my brothers.

UST

14 Here is something else I did to help the people. Artaxerxes, the king {of Persia}, had appointed me to be the governor of {the province of} Judah during the twentieth year {of his reign}. During the twelve years from the time that he appointed me until the thirty-second year of his reign, I did not accept the governor's food allowance, and {I did not use it to feed} my relatives. {I knew that the people were poor and could not afford to pay for it.}

Why did neither Nehemiah nor his brothers take the food provided for the governor during the 12 years he was Judah's governor? (vv14-15)
He did not do so because he feared God, and because the former governors had laid heavy burdens on the people.

Nehemiah 5:15

ULT

15 But the former governors who were before my face had been heavy on the people, and they took from them bread and wine, after forty silver shekels. Also, their young men had acted dominantly over the people. But I myself did not do thus, from the face of the fear of God.

UST

15 The governors before me had made life very difficult for the people. They had demanded that the people supply them with bread and wine and forty silver shekels every day. Even their servants oppressed the people. But I respected and honored God, and so I did not oppress them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:16

ULT

16 Yes, also I held fast to the work of this wall, and we did not buy a field. And all my young men were gathered there for the work.

UST

16 I devoted myself to the work of {rebuilding} the wall. {My relatives and I} did not buy any property, {even though we could have gotten it cheaply because the poor were so desperate}. I also assigned all of my servants to work {on the wall}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:17

ULT

17 Now the Jews and the prefects were 150 men at my table, with the ones coming to us from the nations that were around us.

UST

17 {As governor,} I {was responsible for} feeding 150 Jewish leaders and city officials. I also entertained {Jewish} visitors who came from nearby countries.

Who ate at Nehemiah's table?

Those who ate at Nehemiah's table were the Jews and the prefects, 150 men, and also those who came to Nehemiah from among the nations who were around them.

Nehemiah 5:18

ULT

18 And what was made for one day was one bull, six choice sheep, and birds were made for me, and between ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. So with this I did not seek the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy on this people.

UST

18 Each day {I told my servants} to prepare {for us} one ox, six good sheep, and various kinds of poultry. I paid for these myself. Every ten days I also brought in an abundant supply of various kinds of wine. But {I knew that} the people were struggling to survive, and so {I paid for all of these things at my own expense}. I did not accept the governor's food allowance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 5:19

ULT

19 Remember me, my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.
5:9 *[1]*

UST

19 My God, think of me, and reward me for all the good that I have done for the people of Judah.

Why did Nehemiah ask God to call him to mind for good?

Nehemiah asked God to do this because of all that he (Nehemiah) had done for the people.

Nehemiah 6

Nehemiah 6:1

ULT

1 And it happened, when it was heard by Sanballat and Tobiah, and by Geshem the Arabian, and by the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall and a break was not remaining in it (although until that time I had not set up the doors in the gates),

UST

1 Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arabian, and our other enemies learned that we had finished rebuilding the wall, and that there were now no more gaps in it. (However, we had not yet put the doors in the gates.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:2

ULT

2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, “Come, and let us appoint a time to meet together among the villages in the valley of Ono.” And they were thinking to do evil to me.

UST

2 So Sanballat and Geshem sent me {a message that} said, “We want to arrange to meet with you in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.” But {I knew that they were saying this because} they wanted to harm me.

When Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem asked Nehemiah to meet with them in the plain of Ono, what was their intention?

Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem intended to do evil to Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 6:3

ULT

3 And I sent messengers to them, saying, “I am doing a great work, and I am not able to go down. Why should the work stop while I abandon it and go down to you?”

UST

3 So I sent messengers to tell them, “The work I am doing {here} is very important. I am not able to travel {while it is going on}. There is no reason for me to stop the work and leave it so that I can meet with you.”

How did Nehemiah respond to the requests of their enemies?

Nehemiah sent messengers to them saying, “I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?”

Nehemiah 6:4

ULT

4 And they sent to me according to this word four times, and I turned them back according to this word.

UST

4 They sent me the same message four times, and {each time} I refused them for this same reason.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:5

ULT

5 Then Sanballat sent his young man to me a fifth time according to this word, and an opened letter was in his hand.

UST

5 Then Sanballat sent one of his servants to me bringing the same request for a fifth time. This time the message was written, but it was not sealed. Sanballat {left the letter unsealed so that others would find out what it said, because he wanted to pressure me to meet with him}.

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's fifth message?

Nehemiah responded by saying that Sanballat had invented the reports in his own heart.

What did Sanballat say in his fifth message? (vv5-6)

He said that all the nations had reported that Nehemiah and the Jews were planning to rebel, and the king would certainly hear these reports.

Nehemiah 6:6

ULT

6 In it was written, "It is heard among the nations, and Gashmu is saying, that you and the Jews are thinking to rebel, therefore you are building the wall. And you are becoming a king over them, according to these words.

UST

6 The letter said, "{The people in} the countries {around us} are saying, and Geshem confirms {that it is true}, that you and the Jewish people are planning to rebel {against King Artaxerxes}. That is why you are rebuilding the wall. {They are also} saying that you intend to become the king of the Jews yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:7

ULT

7 And also, you have set up prophets to call out concerning you in Jerusalem, saying, ‘A king is in Judah!’ And now, it will be heard by the king according to these words. So now, come, and let us consult together.”

UST

7 {These people are} also {saying that} you have appointed prophets to make a proclamation about you in Jerusalem. They are saying, ‘The Jews {now} have a king {of their own}!’ King Artaxerxes will certainly hear these reports, {and when he does, he will be very angry with you}. So we really should meet together and talk {about this}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:8

ULT

8 And I sent to him, saying, “No such thing has been done according to these words that you are saying, but you are inventing them out of your own heart.”

UST

8 I sent {a message} back to him saying, “None of these things that you are saying are true. You are just making them up yourself.”

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat’s fifth message?

Nehemiah responded by saying Sanballat had invented the reports in his own heart.

What did Nehemiah pray when he realized that Sanballat and Jews’ enemies were trying to make the work stop and the Jews afraid? (vv8-9)

Nehemiah prayed that God would strengthen his hands.

Nehemiah 6:9

ULT

9 For all of them were frightening us, saying, “Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done.” So now, strengthen my hands.

UST

9 I knew that they were all {just trying to} frighten us. They thought, “{The Jews will become so afraid that} they will stop working {on the wall}, and they will never finish {rebuilding it}.” So {I prayed, “O God,} give me courage.{”}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:10

ULT

10 Now as for me, I entered the house of Shemaiah, the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, and he was confined. And he said, “Let us appoint a time to meet in the house of God, in the midst of the temple. And let us shut the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you. Yes, at night they are coming to kill you.”

UST

10 {Around this time} I went to visit Shemaiah, the son of Delaiah and grandson of Mehetabel. {I went to see him in his home, because} he was not leaving {his house}. He was a priest, and he was trying to show that it was not safe for Jewish leaders to go out in public. He told me, “{We are not safe even here.} We need to go into the temple and lock the doors, because people are trying to kill you. One night they are going to come and kill you.”

Why did Nehemiah refuse to meet Shemaiah, the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, in the temple? (vv10-11)

Nehemiah refused because he thought a man like himself should neither run away to save his own life nor hide in the temple.

Nehemiah 6:11

ULT

11 And I said, “Should a man such as I run away? And who, such as I, is it that could go in to the temple and live? I will not go in!”

UST

11 I responded, “I am not the kind of man who would run away! Besides, I am the governor, {and everyone knows me,} so I could not save my life by {trying to} hide in the temple. I refuse to do it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:12

ULT

12 And I recognized, and behold, God had not sent him. But he spoke the prophecy against me, for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

UST

12 All of a sudden I realized that God had not given Shemaiah a prophetic message for me. Instead, he was saying these things because Tobiah and Sanballat had paid him {to say them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:13

ULT

13 For this purpose he was hired, so that I would be afraid, and I would do thus and sin. And it might become an evil name to them, so that they could reproach me.

UST

13 {They} had paid him the money specifically to {say things that} would scare me. They were hoping they could make me sin {by abandoning my responsibilities and hiding in the temple}. {If I had done that,} they would have ruined my reputation and discredited me.

What would have happened if Nehemiah had gone into the temple?

He would have sinned and given himself a bad name, and Sanballat and Tobiah might have reproached him.

Nehemiah 6:14

ULT

14 My God, remember Tobiah, and Sanballat according to these deeds of his, and also Noadiah the prophetess, and the rest of the prophets who are frightening me.

UST

14 {So I prayed,} “My God, treat Tobiah and Sanballat the way they deserve for what they have done. Do the same for the female prophet Noadiah and all the other prophets who are {trying to} make me afraid.”

What did Nehemiah pray the second time?

He prayed God would remember Tobiah, and Sanballat according to their deeds, as well as the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 6:15

ULT

15 And the wall was finished on 25 of Elul, on day 52.

UST

15 We finished {rebuilding} the wall on the twenty-fifth {day} of the month of Elul, after {working on it} for 52 days.

Why did Nehemiah’s enemies become afraid and fall in their own esteem when the wall was finished? (vv15-16)

They became afraid because they knew the work was done with the help of the Jews’ God.

Nehemiah 6:16

ULT

16 And it happened that, when all our enemies heard, all the nations that were around us were afraid, and they fell extremely in their eyes. And they knew that this work was done by our God.

UST

16 When all of our enemies learned that we had completed the rebuilding in such a short time, they realized that our God must have helped {us}. This made the people in the countries around us lose all of their confidence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:17

ULT

17 Also, in those days, the nobles of Judah were multiplying their letters going to Tobiah, and those belonging to Tobiah were coming to them.

UST

17 During this time, the leading citizens of Judah were writing many letters to Tobiah {to give him information about me}, and he was sending letters back to them {with instructions}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:18

ULT

18 For many in Judah were masters of oath to him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah. And Jehohanan his son had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

UST

18 Tobiah was married to the daughter of {a powerful and influential member of the community,} Shecaniah the son of Arah. His son Jehohanan was married to the daughter of {another powerful and influential man,} Meshullam the son of Berechiah. And so, for those reasons, many people in Judah had sworn oaths to {be loyal to} Tobiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 6:19

ULT

19 Also, they were saying his good deeds before my face, and they were taking out my words to him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me.

UST

19 {The people who were loyal to Tobiah} would also {come and} tell me what good things he was doing, and then they would report to him everything I said {in response}. Tobiah also sent me many letters to try to make me afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7

Nehemiah 7:1

ULT

1 And it happened that, when the wall was built and I had set up the doors, the gatekeepers and the ones who sang and the Levites were appointed.

UST

1 Once we had finished rebuilding the wall and we had put the doors in the gates, we assigned the gatekeepers and singers and Levites to their tasks.

When did Nehemiah give his brother Hanani charge over Jerusalem? (vv1-2)

Nehemiah gave Hanani charge of Jerusalem after he (Nehemiah) had finished the wall, set up the doors, and appointed the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites.

Nehemiah 7:2

ULT

2 And I gave Hanani, my brother, and Hananiah, the official for the citadel, charge over Jerusalem. For he was according to a faithful man, and he feared God more than many.

UST

2 I appointed two men to {help me} govern Jerusalem, my brother Hanani and Hananiah, the commander of the fortress {in Jerusalem}. I appointed Hananiah because he was trustworthy, and because he showed God more reverence and respect than most people do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:3

ULT

3 And I said to them, “Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun becomes hot. And while they are still standing, let them shut the doors, and they must bar them. And set up watches for those who dwell in Jerusalem, a man in his watch, and a man in front of his house.”

UST

3 I told them, “Do not open the gates of Jerusalem until broad daylight. {That way we will be able to see anything our enemies are doing.} Have the gatekeepers close {the gates} and put the bars across the doors while they are still guarding {the gates before they go home for the night}.” I also told them, “Have the men who live in Jerusalem take turns keeping watch in their own neighborhoods.”

When were the gates of Jerusalem supposed to be opened?

The gates were supposed to be opened when the sun became hot.

Nehemiah 7:4

ULT

4 Now the city was wide on two hands and great, and the people were few in the midst of it. And there were no built houses.

UST

4 The city of Jerusalem covered a large area, but {at that time} not many people lived in the city, and they had not yet built houses {for themselves}.

Although the city was wide and large, were there people and houses within it?

There were few people within the city, and no built houses.

Nehemiah 7:5

ULT

5 And my God gave to my heart, and I gathered together the nobles and the prefects and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy for the ones who came up at the first. And I found written in it:

UST

5 So {as a first step towards filling Jerusalem with people again}, God led me to gather together the leading citizens and the city officials and the other people {living in the city} to register them according to their family histories. I also found a book containing the records of the first group of people who had returned {to Jerusalem} from the exile. This is what those records said.

What did God put into Nehemiah's heart to do?

God put into Nehemiah's heart to gather together the nobles, the prefects, and the people to be enrolled by genealogy.

Nehemiah 7:6

ULT

6 "These are the sons of the province, the ones who went up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon exiled. And they returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, a man to his city,

UST

6 "These are {the names of} the people from Judah who returned home from exile. Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had taken {their ancestors} away {to Babylon}. But they returned to Jerusalem and to {other places in} Judah. They returned to the {same} towns where their {ancestors had lived}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:7

ULT

7 the ones who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel:

UST

7 The people who came back were following Zerubbabel, Joshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah. {This is a list of} the number of men from {each} Israelite {clan who returned}:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:8

ULT
8 The sons of Parosh were 2, 172.

UST
8 2172 men from {the clan of} Parosh;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:9

ULT
9 The sons of Shephatiah were 372.

UST
9 372 men from {the clan of} Shephatiah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:10

ULT
10 The sons of Arah were 652.

UST
10 652 men from {the clan of} Arah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:11

ULT
11 The sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons of Jeshua and Joab, were 2, 818.

UST
11 2818 men from {the clan of} Pahath-Moab, who are descendants of Jeshua and Joab;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:12

ULT
12 The sons of Elam were 1, 254.

UST
12 1254 men from {the clan of} Elam;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:13

ULT
13 The sons of Zattu were 845.

UST
13 845 men from {the clan of} Zattu;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:14

ULT
14 The sons of Zakkai were 760.

UST
14 760 men from {the clan of} Zakkai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:15

ULT
15 The sons of Binnui were 648.

UST
15 648 men from {the clan of} Binnui;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:16

ULT
16 The sons of Bebai were 628.

UST
16 628 men from {the clan of} Bebai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:17

ULT
17 The sons of Azgad were 2, 322.

UST
17 2322 men from {the clan of} Azgad;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:18

ULT
18 The sons of Adonikam were 667.

UST
18 667 men from {the clan of} Adonikam;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:19

ULT
19 The sons of Bigvai were 2,067.

UST
19 2067 men from {the clan of} Bigvai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:20

ULT
20 The sons of Adin were 655.

UST
20 655 men from {the clan of} Adin;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:21

ULT
21 The sons of Ater, of Hezekiah, were 98.

UST
21 98 men from {the clan of} Ater who were descendants of Hezekiah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:22

ULT
22 The sons of Hashum were 328.

UST
22 328 men from {the clan of} Hashum;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:23

ULT
23 The sons of Bezai were 324.

UST
23 324 men from {the clan of} Bezai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:24

ULT
24 The sons of Hariph were 112.

UST
24 112 men from {the clan of} Hariph;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:25

ULT
25 The sons of Gibeon were 95.

UST
25 95 men from {the clan of} Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:26

ULT
26 The men of Bethlehem and Netophah were 188.

UST
26 {Some other} men {also returned, whose ancestors had lived in these towns}: 188 men from Bethlehem and Netophah;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:27

ULT
27 The men of Anathoth were 128.

UST
27 128 men from Anathoth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:28

ULT
28 The men of Beth Azmaveth were 42.

UST
28 42 men from Beth-Azmaveth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:29

ULT
29 The men of Kiriath Jearim, Kephirah, and Beeroth were 743.

UST
29 743 men from Kiriath-Jearim, Kephirah and Beeroth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:30

ULT
30 The men of Ramah and Geba were 621.

UST
30 621 men from Ramah and Geba;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:31

ULT
31 The men of Michmas were 122.

UST
31 122 men from Michmas;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:32

ULT
32 The men of Bethel and Ai were 123.

UST
32 123 men from Bethel and Ai;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:33

ULT
33 The men of the other Nebo were 52.

UST
33 52 men from a {small town} called Nebo;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:34

ULT
34 The sons of the other Elam were 1, 254.

UST
34 1254 men from a {small town} called Elam;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:35

ULT
35 The sons of Harim were 320.

UST
35 320 men from Harim;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:36

ULT
36 The sons of Jericho were 345.

UST
36 345 men from Jericho;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:37

ULT
37 The sons of Lod, Hadid, and Ono were 721.

UST
37 721 men from Lod, Hadid, and Ono;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:38

ULT
38 The sons of Senaah were 3, 930.

UST
38 3930 men from Senaah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:39

ULT
39 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, were 973;

UST
39 These priests also returned: 973 men from {the clan of} Jedaiah who are descendants of Jeshua;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:40

ULT
40 the sons of Immer were 1,052;

UST
40 1052 men from {the clan of} Immer;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:41

ULT
41 the sons of Pashhur were 1, 247;

UST
41 1247 men from {the clan of} Pashhur;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:42

ULT
42 the sons of Harim were 1,017.

UST
42 1017 men from {the clan of} Harim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:43

ULT
43 The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the sons to Hodevah, were 74. *[1]*

UST
43 These Levites also returned: 74 men from the clan of Jeshua and {the clan of} Kadmiel, all of them descendants of Hodevah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:44

ULT
44 The ones who sang: the sons of Asaph were 148.

UST
44 148 members of the {sacred} choir {also returned}. All of them were from the clan of Asaph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:45

ULT
45 The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, the sons of Shobai, were 138.

UST
45 138 {temple} gatekeepers {also returned}. They were from the clan of Shallum, the clan of Ater, the clan of Talmon, the clan of Akkub, the clan of Hatita, and the clan of Shobai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:46

ULT
46 The Nethinim were: the sons of Ziha, the sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

UST
46 Some temple workers also returned. They were from the clan of Ziha, the clan of Hasupha, the clan of Tabbaoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:47

ULT
47 the sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the sons of Padon,

UST
47 the clan of Keros, the clan of Sia, the clan of Padon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:48

ULT
48 the sons of Lebana, the sons of Hagaba, the sons of Shalmai,

UST
48 the clan of Lebanah, the clan of Hagabah, the clan of Shalmai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:49

ULT
49 the sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel, the sons of Gahar,

UST
49 the clan of Hanan, the clan of Giddel, the clan of Gahar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:50

ULT
50 the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

UST
50 the clan of Reaiah, the clan of Rezin, the clan of Nekoda,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:51

ULT
51 the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza, the sons of Paseah,

UST
51 the clan of Gazzam, the clan of Uzza, the clan of Paseah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:52

ULT
52 the sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim, the sons of Nephushesim,

UST
52 the clan of Besai, the clan of Meunim, the clan of Nephushesim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:53

ULT
53 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

UST
53 the clan of Bakbuk, the clan of Hakupha, the clan of Harhur,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:54

ULT
54 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

UST
54 the clan of Bazlith, the clan of Mehida, the clan of Harsha,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:55

ULT
55 the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera, the sons of Temah,

UST
55 the clan of Barkos, the clan of Sisera, the clan of Temah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:56

ULT
56 the sons of Neziah, the sons of Hatipha.

UST
56 the clan of Neziah, and the clan of Hatipha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:57

ULT
57 The sons of the servants of Solomon were: the sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth, the sons of Perida,

UST
57 Some descendants of the laborers that King Solomon {first conscripted also returned}. These were from the clan of Sotai, the clan of Sophereth, the clan of Perida,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:58

ULT
58 the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Giddel,

UST
58 the clan of Jaalah, the clan of Darkon, the clan of Giddel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:59

ULT
59 the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of Hattil, the sons of Pochereth Hazzebaim, the sons of Amon.

UST
59 the clan of Shephatiah, the clan of Hattil, the clan of Pochereth-Hazzebaim, and the clan of Amon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:60

ULT

60 All the Nethinim and the sons of the servants of Solomon were 392.

UST

60 Altogether, there were 392 descendants of the {temple} workers and {conscripted} laborers {who returned}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:61

ULT

61 And these are the ones who went up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer, but they were not able to tell the house of their fathers and their seed, whether they were from Israel.

UST

61 Another group also returned {that came from the towns of} Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer {in Babylonia}. But they could not prove that they were descendants of Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:62

ULT

62 The sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, were 642.

UST

62 These 642 men were from the clan of Delaiah, the clan of Tobiah, and the clan of Nekoda.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:63

ULT

63 And from the priests: the sons of Habaiah; the sons of Hakkoz; the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and he was called by their name.

UST

63 Some priests {also returned who were} from the clan of Hobaiah, the clan of Hakkoz, and the clan of Barzillai. Barzillai had married a woman who was a descendant of a man named Barzillai from the region of Gilead. He had taken the family name of his wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:64

ULT

64 These ones sought their record among the ones who were enrolled by genealogy, but it was not found. And they were desecrated from the priesthood.

UST

64 These {priests} searched the records that contained the names of the Israelite ancestors, but they could not find the names of their families. {They did not qualify to be priests because they could not trace their family history,} so they were not allowed to have {the rights and duties of} priests.

What was done concerning the priests who could not find their genealogical records? What did the Tirshatha restrict them from doing?

The priests who could not find their genealogical records were desecrated from the priesthood. The Tirshatha said that they should not be allowed to eat the holy food from the sacrifices until a priest stood with Urim and Thummim.

Nehemiah 7:65

ULT

65 And the Tirshatha said to them that they must not eat from the holiest holy food until the priest stood with Urim and Thummim.

UST

65 The governor told them that they must not eat any of the share of food taken from the sacrifices and kept for the priests. They would have to wait until the priest {in charge of the temple} had begun his duties and could ask {God} what to do {about this situation}.

What was done concerning the priests who could not find their genealogical records? What did the Tirshatha restrict them from doing?

The priests who could not find their genealogical records were desecrated from the priesthood. The Tirshatha said they should not be allowed to eat the priest's share of food from the sacrifices.

When might the priests who could not prove their genealogy be included in the priesthood again?

They might be included when there was a priest to stand with Urim and Thummim.

Nehemiah 7:66

ULT
66 All the assembly, as one, was 42, 360:

UST
66 Altogether, 42360 people {returned to Judea}.

How many people were counted in the enrollment of the assembly?
The whole assembly was counted to be 42,360 people.

Nehemiah 7:67

ULT
67 apart from their male servants and their female servants, these were 7, 337; and for them, the men who sang and the women who sang were 245.

UST
67 There were also 7337 male servants and female servants, and 245 male singers and female singers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:68

ULT
68 The horses were 736. The mules were 245. [2]

UST
68 {The Israelites also brought back from Babylonia} 736 horses, 245 mules,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:69

ULT
69 The camels were 435. The donkeys were 6, 720.

UST
69 435 camels, and 6720 donkeys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:70

ULT

70 And some from the extremity of the heads of the fathers gave to the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasury 1,000 gold darics, 50 basins, 530 tunics of priests.

UST

70 Some of the leaders of the ancestral clans gave {gifts} for the work {of rebuilding the temple}. The governor gave into the treasury more than 8 kilograms of gold, 50 bowls {to be used in the temple}, and 530 robes for the priests.

Who gave gifts for the work? (vv70-72)

Some of the heads of ancestors' families gave gifts, as did both the Tirshatha and the rest of the people.

Nehemiah 7:71

ULT

71 And some from the heads of the fathers gave to the treasury of the work 20,000 gold darics and 2, 200 silver minas.

UST

71 Some of the leaders of the ancestral clans also gave into the {temple} treasury for the work {of rebuilding the temple a total of} 153 kilograms of gold, and 1460 kilograms of silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:72

ULT

72 And what the remnant of the people gave was 20,000 gold darics, and 2,000 silver minas, and 67 tunics of priests."

UST

72 And the remainder of the people gave {a total of} 153 kilograms of gold, 1330 kilograms of silver, and 67 robes for the priests."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 7:73

ULT

73 And the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the ones who sang, and some from the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities. And the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in their cities.

7:43 [1]

7:68 [2]

UST

73 So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the {temple} workers, and many ordinary people {started to} live in the {towns and} cities {of Judea where} their {ancestors had lived}. All these people were Israelites. By the seventh month {all of} the Israelites had gone to their cities and had started living in them.

When did the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, temple servants, and people live in their cities?

They lived in their cities by the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8

Nehemiah 8:1

ULT

[1] And all the people gathered as one man to the open area that is before the face of the gate of water. And they said to Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Yahweh had commanded Israel.

UST

[1] A huge crowd of people gathered together in the plaza that was near the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the scroll of the law that Moses {had written down}, and which Yahweh had given to the people of Israel {for them to obey its rules and commands}.

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast? (vv1-2)
The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law.

Nehemiah 8:2

ULT

[2] And Ezra the priest brought the law before the face of the assembly of both men and women and all who were understanding to hear, on day one of the seventh month.

UST

[2] Ezra the priest, {who served God by offering sacrifices in the temple,} brought out the law {and presented it} before all the people, to both men and women, and {children} who were old enough to understand what he read. He did this on the first day of the seventh month {of that year}.

Who gathered together to listen to the book of the law? (vv2-3)
Men, women, and anyone who could understand gathered to listen to it.

Nehemiah 8:3

ULT

3 And he read it aloud before the face of the open area that is before the face of the gate of water, from the light until the middle of the day, in front of the men and the women, and the ones who were understanding. And the ears of all the people listened to the book of the law.

UST

3 So he read aloud from the book in the plaza that was near the Water Gate throughout the whole morning. He read it in front of all the people, both men and women and {children} who {were old enough} to understand what he read. And all the people listened carefully to the laws that were written {on the scroll}.

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast?

The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law of Moses.

Nehemiah 8:4

ULT

4 And Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood: Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and from his left, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malkijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, Meshullam.

UST

4 Ezra the scribe stood on top of a {high} wooden platform that the people had built for this purpose. At his right side stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah. At his left side stood Pedaiah, Mishael, Malkijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:5

ULT

5 And Ezra opened the book before the eyes of all the people, for he was higher than all the people. And as soon as he opened it, all the people stood.

UST

5 Ezra {stood on the platform} above all the people so that everyone could see him. He opened the scroll, and as he did that all the people stood up.

Who read from the book of the law?

Ezra and the Levites read from the book of the law.

Nehemiah 8:6

ULT

6 And Ezra blessed Yahweh the great God. And all the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” with their hands uplifted. And they knelt and prostrated themselves to Yahweh, nostrils to the ground.

UST

6 Then Ezra praised Yahweh, the great God, and all the people lifted up their hands {to show that they were praying with him}. {At the end of his prayer} they said, “We agree!” Then they all bowed down with their faces touching the ground, and they worshiped Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:7

ULT

7 And Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites were causing the people to understand the law. And the people were in their place.

UST

7 Then Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, who were all Levites, explained the meaning of the laws {of Moses} to the people who were standing there.

Who read from the book of the law? (vv7-8)

Ezra and the Levites read from the book of the law.

Why did the Levites read carefully and set the interpretation of the book of the law? (vv7-8)

They did those things so that the people could understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:8

ULT

8 And they read aloud carefully from the book, from the law of God, and set the interpretation. And they understood the reading. [1]

UST

8 They read clearly from the scroll of the law of God, and they explained what it meant, so that the people understood what {Ezra and the others} were reading.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:9

ULT

9 And Nehemiah, who was the Tirshatha, and Ezra, the priest, the scribe, and the Levites who were causing the people to understand, said to all the people: “Today is holy; it belongs to Yahweh your God. Do not mourn and do not weep.” For all the people were weeping after they heard the words of the law.

UST

9 Then the people began to cry from sadness when they heard what the law said. So Nehemiah (who was the governor), Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were explaining the meaning to the people, said to all the people, “Today is a festival day on which you are supposed to worship Yahweh your God. Do not mourn or cry!”

Why did Nehemiah, Ezra, and the Levites command all of the people to celebrate with great joy and not to mourn, weep, or grieve? (vv9-10)

They commanded the people to celebrate and not to mourn, weep, or grieve because the day was holy to Yahweh their God and because the joy of Yahweh was their strength.

Nehemiah 8:10

ULT

10 And he said to them, “Go, eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared, for today is holy, belonging to our Lord. And do not grieve, for, the joy of Yahweh, it is your strength.”

UST

10 Then Nehemiah said to them, “{Now} go home, eat some good food, and drink something sweet. And share some of it with those who are not able to afford {rich food and drink}, because today is a holy day set apart {to worship} our Lord. So do not grieve, because the joy that Yahweh gives will strengthen you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:11

ULT

11 And the Levites caused all the people to be silent, saying, “Hush, for today is holy. And do not grieve.”

UST

11 The Levites also told the people {who were crying} to stop, saying, “Today is a holy day! So, shhh. Do not grieve.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:12

ULT

12 And all the people went to eat and to drink and to send away portions and to make a great rejoicing, for they understood the words that had been made known to them.

UST

12 So all the people went {home} to eat and drink and share what they had. And they were very happy, because they understood {the meaning of} the words that {Ezra had read and} the others had explained to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:13

ULT

13 And on the second day, the heads of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites were gathered to Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law.

UST

13 On the next day, the clan leaders of all the people and the priests and the Levites met together with Ezra the scribe. They wanted {to study} carefully what was written in the law {that Yahweh had given to Moses}. They wanted to understand it {better}.

What insight did the leaders of the ancestors' families, the priests, and the Levites gain when they came together to learn from Ezra? (vv13-14)

They learned that Yahweh had commanded the people of Israel to live in tents during the festival of the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8:14

ULT

14 And they found written in the law that Yahweh commanded by the hand of Moses: that the sons of Israel should live in huts during the feast in the seventh month;

UST

14 They learned that the law said that Yahweh had told Moses to command the Israelite people to live in shelters during a festival in the seventh month. {This was so that they would remember that their ancestors had lived in shelters when they walked in the wilderness after leaving Egypt.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:15

ULT

15 and that they should cause others to hear and cause a sound to pass throughout all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, “Go out to the mountain, and bring branches of olive, and branches of oil trees, and branches of myrtle, and branches of palms, and branches of leafy trees, to make huts, as it is written.”

UST

15 {They} also {learned} that they should publicly proclaim, in all their towns and in Jerusalem, that the people should go into the hills and cut branches. These should be from olive trees, wild olive trees, myrtle trees, palm trees, and shade trees. They must bring these branches and make shelters {to live in during the festival}. That was what the scroll instructed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 8:16

ULT

16 And the people went out and brought and made huts for themselves, a man on his roof, and in their courtyards, and in the courtyards of the house of God, and in the open area of the gate of water, and in the open area of the gate of Ephraim.

UST

16 So the people went out {of the towns and cut branches} and brought {them} to make shelters for themselves. They built shelters on the {flat} roofs {of their houses}, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of the temple, in the plaza near the Water Gate, and in the plaza near the Ephraim Gate.

Where did the people make their huts to celebrate the festival?

The people made their huts on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God, in the open place by the Water Gate, and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

Nehemiah 8:17

ULT

17 And all the assembly, the ones who returned from the captivity, made huts, and they dwelt in the huts. For the sons of Israel had not done thus from the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day. And there was extremely great rejoicing.

UST

17 All of the Israelite people who had returned from Babylon built shelters and lived in them {for one week}. Now the Israelite people had never celebrated {that festival} like this since Joshua the son of Nun {led them into this territory}. This was the {first} time they were doing it. And the people were very happy.

Where did the people make their huts to celebrate the feast?

The people made their huts on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God, in the open place by the Water Gate, and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

When was the last time the people of Israel had obeyed the command of Yahweh to celebrate the feast?

The last time the feast had been celebrated was in the days of Joshua the son of Nun.

Nehemiah 8:18

ULT

18 And he read aloud from the book of the law of God, day by day, from the first day to the last day. And they made a seven-days feast, and on the eighth day an assembly, according to the ordinance.
8:8 *[1]*

UST

18 Every day during that week {Ezra} read aloud {to the people} from the scroll of the law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days. On the eighth day, they called for all the people to come together {so they could hold a ceremony to bring the festival to an end}. That was what the scroll instructed.

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast?

The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law.

Nehemiah 9

Nehemiah 9:1

ULT

[1] And on day 24 of this month the sons of Israel were gathered in fasting and in sackcloth, and dust was upon them.

UST

[1] Two days later, the Israelite people gathered together again. {To show that they were sorry for their sins,} they went without food, they wore {clothes made from} rough cloth, and they put dirt on their {heads}.

In general, what were the people of Israel doing as they gathered together on the twenty-fourth day of the same month? (vv1-2)

The people of Israel were fasting, wearing sackcloth, and putting dust on their heads. The Israelites separated themselves from all the foreigners, and they stood and confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors.

Nehemiah 9:2

ULT

[2] And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all the sons of a foreigner. And they stood, and they confessed concerning their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

UST

[2] The descendants of Israel separated themselves away from all the descendants of foreigners. They stood there and confessed their own sins and the wicked things their ancestors had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:3

ULT

[3] And they rose up in their place, and they read aloud the book of the law of Yahweh their God a fourth of the day, and a fourth of the day were confessing and prostrating themselves to Yahweh their God.

UST

[3] They stood in place and {listened to someone} read from the scroll of the law of Yahweh their God for three hours. Then for another three hours they confessed their sins and bowed down and worshiped Yahweh their God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:4

ULT

4 And Jeshua rose up on the stairs of the Levites, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, Kenani. And they cried out with a loud voice to Yahweh their God.

UST

4 {Some of} the Levites stood up on the stairs, including Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, another {man} named Bani, and Kenani. And they cried out {sorrowfully} in a loud voice to Yahweh their God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:5

ULT

5 And the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, Pethahiah, said: "Rise up! Bless Yahweh your God from eternity to eternity! And may they bless your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

UST

5 Then some Levites spoke. They were named Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah. They said, "Stand up and praise Yahweh your God, who has always {lived} and will {live} forever! Yahweh, we praise your glorious name! Your name is more important than everything else that is good and wonderful!

What did the people say about Yahweh? (vv5-6)

The people said he alone was Yahweh. The people said that Yahweh had made the heavens, the heavens of the heavens, the earth, the seas, and all that was in them. The people said that Yahweh gave life to everything.

Nehemiah 9:6

ULT

6 You alone are he, Yahweh: you yourself made the heavens, the heavens of the heavens and all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you cause all of them to live; and the host of the heavens prostrates themselves to you. [1][2]

UST

6 You are Yahweh, and no one else. You made the heavens that are above everything, and all that lives in the heavens {above the earth}. You made the earth and everything that is on it, and you made the seas and everything that is in them. You are the one who causes all living things to be alive. Everything that {lives} in the heavens {above the earth} worships you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:7

ULT

[7] You are he, Yahweh, the God who chose Abram. Also, you brought him out from Ur of the Chaldees. Also, you made his name ‘Abraham.’

UST

[7] You are Yahweh! You are the God who chose Abram and brought him out of {the city of} Ur, where the Chaldean people {lived}. You changed his name to Abraham.

What else did the people say of Yahweh concerning Abram? (vv7-8)

The people said that Yahweh had chosen Abram, changed his name to Abraham, found his heart faithful, and made the covenant with him to give his descendants the land.

Nehemiah 9:8

ULT

[8] Also, you found his heart faithful before your face: and cut with him the covenant, to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give to his seed; and you have caused your words to stand, for you are righteous.

UST

[8] You saw that he was faithful to you in his inner being. You made a promise to him {pledged with blood}, promising that you would give a land {to him} and to his descendants. This was the land where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, and the Girgashites {lived}. And you did what you promised, because you {always} do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:9

ULT

[9] And you saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and you heard their cry at the sea of reeds.

UST

[9] You saw how {the Egyptians} mistreated our ancestors in Egypt. You heard them cry out {to you for help} when they were beside the Red Sea.

How did the people say that Yahweh kept his promise to them? (vv9-10)

The people told how Yahweh brought their forefathers out of Egypt, showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and his people, and saved their forefathers at the Red Sea.

Nehemiah 9:10

ULT

10 And you gave signs and wonders to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all the people of his land, because you knew that they were acting presumptuously toward them. And you made for yourself a name, as it is this day.

UST

10 You knew that {the leaders of Egypt} were treating {our ancestors} very arrogantly. So you performed miracles for Pharaoh and his officials and all the people of Egypt. {These proved you are the true God.} You made yourself famous, and you are still famous!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:11

ULT

11 And you split open the sea before their face, and they passed through the midst of the sea on the dry land. And you cast their pursuers into the depths, like a stone in mighty waters.

UST

11 You divided the sea in front of {your people Israel}, and they {walked} through the middle of the sea on dry land. But you drowned {the soldiers of the Egyptian army} under the waters. They sank as a stone sinks in deep water!

What did the people say that Yahweh did for the Israelites at the Red Sea?

Yahweh parted the sea so they could pass through on dry ground, and then he brought the sea back onto those that were pursuing them.

Nehemiah 9:12

ULT

12 And you led them with a pillar of cloud by day, and with a pillar of fire by night to shine for them on the way in which they should go.

UST

12 During the day you led {your people} by a cloud {that looked like a huge} pillar. At night you led them by a fire {that looked like a huge} pillar. It shone on the path in front of them to show them where they should walk.

What other ways did they say Yahweh took care of the Israelites? (vv12-13)

Yahweh led them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night. Also, Yahweh gave them his ten commandments at Mount Sinai.

Nehemiah 9:13

ULT

13 And you came down on the mountain of Sinai and spoke with them from heaven. And you gave to them just judgments and laws of truth, good statutes and commandments.

UST

13 When {our ancestors} were at Sinai Mountain, you appeared to them and spoke to them from heaven. You gave them honest instructions and trustworthy laws. You gave them good rules and commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:14

ULT

14 And you made known to them your holy sabbath. And you charged them with commandments, and statutes, and a law, by the hand of Moses your servant.

UST

14 You taught them about your Sabbath {day of rest}. It is set apart {from the other days of the week}. You gave commands and rules and laws for the people by your servant Moses.

What else did the people say Yahweh provided to their forefathers? (vv14-15)

Yahweh made his holy Sabbath known to them, gave them bread from heaven, water from a rock, and told them to possess the land he had promised them.

Nehemiah 9:15

ULT

15 And you gave to them bread from heaven for their hunger, and you brought out for them water from a rock for their thirst. And you said to them to go in to possess the land that you had raised your hand to give to them.

UST

15 When they were hungry, you gave them bread from heaven. When they were thirsty, you gave them water from a rock. You told them to go and take the land {of Canaan}, which you had promised with a vow to give them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:16

ULT

16 But they and our fathers, they acted presumptuously. And they stiffened their neck and did not listen to your commandments.

UST

16 But our ancestors were proud and stubborn. They refused to obey what you commanded them {to do}.

How did the Israelites and their ancestors act toward God? (vv16-17)

The Israelites were disrespectful and stubborn. They refused to listen, rebelled, and appointed a leader to return them to their slavery.

Why did God not abandon the Israelites when they were disrespectful, stubborn, rebellious, and disobedient? (vv16-17)

God did not abandon the Israelites because he is a God who is full of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in covenant faithfulness.

Nehemiah 9:17

ULT

17 And they refused to hear, and they did not remember your wonderful deeds that you performed with them. And they stiffened their neck and in their rebellion chose a head in order to return to their servitude. But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate, long of nostrils and abounding in covenant faithfulness, and you did not forsake them.

UST

17 They refused to obey you. They did not consider all the miracles that you had performed for them. They became stubborn and rebelled against you. They appointed a leader to take {them} back {to Egypt}, where they would be slaves {again}! But you are a God who forgives us. You act kindly and mercifully {toward us}. You do not become angry quickly. Instead, you faithfully love {us} very much. So you did not leave {our ancestors} alone {in the desert}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:18

ULT

18 Even when they made for themselves a calf image and said, ‘This is your God who brought you up from Egypt,’ and they performed great blasphemies,

UST

18 Indeed {you did not leave them alone}, even though they made an idol for themselves {that resembled} a calf. They said {about the idol}, ‘This is our god, who brought us up out of Egypt.’ By doing that they insulted you greatly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:19

ULT

19 still you, in your great mercies, did not forsake them in the wilderness. He did not take away the pillar of cloud from over them by day to lead them on the way, nor the pillar of fire by night to shine for them and on the way in which they should go.

UST

19 But because you always act mercifully, you did not leave them alone in the desert. During the daytime, the cloud {that looked like a huge} pillar above them continued to lead them in the way {you wanted them to go}. And during the night, the fire {that looked like a huge} pillar shone on the path in front of them to show them where to walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:20

ULT

20 And you gave your good spirit to give them insight. And you did not withhold your manna from their mouth, and you gave them water for their thirst.

UST

20 You gave them your good Spirit to instruct them. You continued to give them manna when they were hungry, and you gave them water when they were thirsty.

How did the people say God provided for their forefathers for forty years in the wilderness?

Yahweh gave his good Spirit to instruct them. Yahweh gave them food and water; also, their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

Nehemiah 9:21

ULT

21 And you sustained them forty years in the wilderness; they did not lack. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

UST

21 For forty years you took care of them in the desert. During all that time, they had everything they needed. Their clothes did not wear out. Their feet did not swell up, {even though they were continually walking}.

How did the people say God provided for their forefathers for forty years in the wilderness?

Yahweh gave his Spirit to instruct them. He provided food and water; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

Nehemiah 9:22

ULT

22 And you gave to them kingdoms and peoples, and you allocated to them as far as the corners. And they took possession of the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og, the king of Bashan.

UST

22 You helped {our ancestors} to defeat {the armies of great} kings {who ruled} many people. {By doing that,} you allowed {our ancestors} to settle in every part {of this land}. They took over the land that King Sihon ruled from {the city of} Heshbon and the land that King Og ruled in the Bashan {area}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:23

ULT

23 And you multiplied their sons like the stars of the heavens. And you brought them to the land that you said to their fathers to enter in order to possess it.

UST

23 You gave so many children to {our ancestors} that they were like the stars {in the sky}. You brought them into this land, which you had told their parents to enter and take for themselves {so that they could live there}.

What did the people say happened after their forefathers were in the wilderness? (vv23-24)

The people said that Yahweh multiplied their families, told them to go in and possess the land he had promised them, and subdued the Canaanites.

Nehemiah 9:24

ULT

24 And the sons went in and possessed the land, and before their face you subdued the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites. And you gave them into their hands, and their kings, and the peoples of the land, to do with them according to their will.

UST

24 Their children went in and took the land. You enabled them to defeat the people who were living there. They were {the descendants of} Canaan. You enabled them to conquer their kings and all the people who {lived} there. They were able to do whatever they wanted to those people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:25

ULT

25 And they captured fortified cities and fat ground. And they possessed houses full of all good things, hewn cisterns, vineyards, and olive orchards, and food trees in abundance. And they ate and were satisfied and grew fat and reveled in your great goodness.

UST

25 {Our ancestors} captured cities that had walls around them. They took possession of fertile fields. They took possession of houses that were already full of all kinds of good things, and wells that someone had already dug. They took possession of many vineyards and groves of olive trees and fruit trees. They ate all that they wanted and became fat. They enjoyed {all} the many good things you did {for them}.

How did the Israelites live after taking possession of the land God had promised them?

The Israelites took the land. They ate and were satisfied and grew fat. They reveled in God's great goodness.

Nehemiah 9:26

ULT

26 And they disobeyed and rebelled against you, and they cast your law behind their back. And they killed your prophets, who testified against them in order to bring them back to you. And they performed great blasphemies.

UST

26 But they turned against you. They rejected your law. They killed the prophets who warned them that they should return to {obeying} you. They {said and} did very evil things {against you}.

What did the people say Yahweh did to their forefathers and ancestors after they became disobedient and rebelled against him? (vv26-27)

Yahweh handed them over to their enemies, who made them suffer.

Nehemiah 9:27

ULT

27 And you gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they harassed them. And in the time of their distress they cried out to you, and you yourself heard from heaven. And, according to your many mercies, you gave to them saviors, and they saved them from the hand of their adversaries.

UST

27 So you allowed their enemies to defeat them. But when their enemies caused them to suffer, they called out to you. You heard them from heaven, and because you are very merciful, you sent them people to help them. Those {leaders} rescued them from their enemies.

When the Israelites cried out to God, what did God do for them because of his great mercies?

God rescued them from their enemies many times.

Nehemiah 9:28

ULT

28 And after rest belonged to them, they returned to doing evil before your face. And you left them to the hand of their enemies, and they oppressed them. And they returned and cried out to you, and you yourself heard from heaven and delivered them many times according to your mercies.

UST

28 But when there was {a time of} peace {again}, {our ancestors} again did evil things that you {hated}. So you allowed their enemies to conquer {them} and rule over them. But {whenever} they returned to you and cried out to you again {to help them}, you heard them from heaven. You rescued them many times, because you {always} act mercifully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:29

ULT

29 And you testified against them to bring them back to your law. But as for them, they acted presumptuously and did not listen to your commandments. And, concerning your judgments, they sinned against them, which, if a person does, then he will live by them. And they gave a stubborn shoulder, and stiffened their neck, and did not hear.

UST

29 You warned them that they should return to {obeying} your laws {again}. But they became proud {and stubborn}. They would not listen to your commands. They sinned by disobeying your decrees, even though a person lives by obeying them. They purposely ignored what you commanded them to do. They became stubborn and refused to obey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:30

ULT

30 And you continued with them many years, and you testified against them with your spirit by the hand of your prophets, but they did not give an ear. And you gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands.

UST

30 You were patient with them for a long time. You warned them by {the messages} your Spirit gave to your prophets. But they did not listen {to those messages}. So again you allowed {the armies} of the nations nearby to defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:31

ULT

31 But, in your many mercies, you did not make a complete end of them, and you did not forsake them. For you are a gracious and merciful God.

UST

31 But because you act very mercifully, you did not destroy them completely. You never left them alone. Yes, you are a very gracious and merciful God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:32

ULT

32 So now, our God, the great, mighty, and fearsome God, who keeps the covenant and covenant faithfulness, do not let all the hardship be little before your face, that has found us, our kings, our leaders, and our priests, and our prophets, and our fathers, and all your people from the days of the kings of Assyria until this day.

UST

32 Our God, you are great and mighty and awesome! You {always} fulfill {your} promises and {always} faithfully love {us}! So now {we are praying}: Do not ignore all our difficulties. Consider all the troubles that our kings, our leaders, our priests, our prophets, our ancestors, and all of your people have experienced. We have been experiencing these troubles since {the armies of} the kings of Assyria {conquered us} until now. We are still experiencing them today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:33

ULT

33 And you are righteous concerning all that has come upon us. For you have acted faithfully; but as for us, we have acted wickedly.

UST

33 {We know that} you have acted fairly in {letting} all these things happen to us. Yes, you have treated {us} as {we} deserve. But we have done evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:34

ULT

34 And our kings, our leaders, our priests, and our fathers have not done your law. And they have not attended to your commandments or to your testimonies that you testified against them.

UST

34 {In the past,} our kings, our leaders, our priests and our {other} ancestors did not obey your laws. They did not listen to your commands or the warnings that you gave them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:35

ULT

35 And as for them, they did not serve you in their kingdom, and in your great goodness that you gave to them, and in the wide and fat land that you gave before their face. And they did not turn away from their evil deeds.

UST

35 They had their own kings. They {enjoyed} the many good things that you provided in this large and fertile land that you gave them. But {even then,} they did not serve you. They would not stop doing evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:36

ULT

36 Behold us today; we are servants. And the land that you gave to our fathers, to eat its fruit and its goodness; behold us, we are servants in it!

UST

36 Consider our situation! Today we {live like} slaves here in this land that you gave to our ancestors. You gave them this land so that they could enjoy all the good things that grow here. But consider us now! We are {like} slaves on this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 9:37

ULT

37 And its great produce belongs to the kings whom you have given to be over us in our sins, and to be ruling over our bodies and over our livestock, according to their will. And we are in great distress.

UST

37 The kings whom you have allowed to rule over us are enjoying {all} the good things that grow here. This is because we have sinned. They rule over our bodies and our cattle. They do whatever they please. We feel great distress.

Why did the rich yield from the Israelite's land go to the kings God had set over them?

The rich yield of the land went to their kings because of the Israelite's sins.

Why were the Israelites in great distress?

The Israelites were in great distress because their kings ruled over their bodies and their livestock as the kings pleased.

Nehemiah 9:38

ULT

38 And in all of this, we are cutting a faithful covenant, and writing even on a sealed document our leaders, our Levites, our priests.”
9:6 [1]
9:6 [2]

UST

38 Because of all this, we {the Israelite people} are making a solemn agreement. We are writing it on a scroll. We will write down {the names of} our leaders, our Levites, and our priests. Then we will seal the scroll.”

What did the Israelites do because of their great distress?

The Israelites made a firm covenant in writing with Yahweh.

Whose names were written on the sealed covenant?

The names of the Israelites’ leader, Levites, and priests were written on the sealed covenant.

Nehemiah 10

Nehemiah 10:1

ULT

[1] And on the sealed documents were: Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son of Hakaliah, and Zedekiah,

UST

[1] These are {the names of} the people who signed the agreement: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hakaliah; Zedekiah the scribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:2

ULT

[2] Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

UST

[2] {The priests who signed the agreement included:} Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:3

ULT

[3] Pashhur, Amariah, Malkijah,

UST

[3] Pashhur, Amariah, Malkijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:4

ULT

[4] Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluk,

UST

[4] Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluk,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:5

ULT
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

UST
5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:6

ULT
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

UST
6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:7

ULT
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

UST
7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:8

ULT
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These were the priests.

UST
8 Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. Those are {the names of} the priests {who signed the agreement}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:9

ULT
9 And the Levites were: even Jeshua, the son of Azaniah; Binnui, from the sons of Henadad; Kadmiel;

UST
9 The Levites {who signed the agreement} were: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui from the clan of Henadad, Kadmiel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:10

ULT
10 also their brothers, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

UST
10 {Some of} their associates also {signed the agreement, including}: Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:11

ULT
11 Mika, Rehob, Hashabiah,

UST
11 Mika, Rehob, Hashabiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:12

ULT
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

UST
12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:13

ULT
13 Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

UST
13 Hodiah, Bani, and Beninu.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:14

ULT
14 The heads of the people were: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

UST
14 The Israelite leaders {who signed the agreement} were: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, and Bani,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:15

ULT
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

UST
15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:16

ULT
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

UST
16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:17

ULT
17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

UST
17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:18

ULT
18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

UST
18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:19

ULT
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, *[1]*

UST
19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:20

ULT
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

UST
20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:21

ULT
21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

UST
21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:22

ULT
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

UST
22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:23

ULT
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

UST
23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:24

ULT
24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

UST
24 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:25

ULT
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

UST
25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:26

ULT
26 Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

UST
26 also Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:27

ULT
27 Malluk, Harim, Baanah.

UST
27 Malluk, Harim, and Baanah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:28

ULT

28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the ones who sing, the Nethinim, and all the ones who were separating themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters, all who were knowing, being able to understand,

UST

28 The rest of the people {joined in this solemn agreement. This included} the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, and the {temple} workers. {It also included} everyone who agreed only to worship and obey the God of Israel, along with their wives and their sons and daughters who were {old enough} to understand what they were {doing}.

Who pledged themselves to the law of God that was given to Moses? (vv28-29)

Those that pledged themselves were the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all the others who bound themselves to God's law.

Nehemiah 10:29

ULT

29 were clinging to their brothers, their nobles, and were entering into a curse and into an oath: to walk in the law of God, which was given by the hand of Moses the servant of God; and to keep and to do all the commandments of Yahweh our Lord, and his judgments and his statutes;

UST

29 They {all} joined with their leaders, who were important people, and together they all made a solemn agreement to obey {all} the laws that God had given by Moses his servant. They agreed that they would strictly obey everything that Yahweh our God had commanded, yes, {all of} his instructions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:30

ULT

30 and that we would not give our daughters to the peoples of the land, and we would not take their daughters for our sons;

UST

30 This is what {they promised to do}: "We will not give our daughters {in marriage} to people {who live} in this land {who do not worship Yahweh}. We will not allow our sons to marry their daughters.

What promises did they make to God? (vv30-31)

They promised not to give their daughters to or let their sons take daughters from the people from whom they had separated. They promised not to buy any goods on the Sabbath, or any holy day. They promised they would let their fields rest every seventh year.

Nehemiah 10:31

ULT

31 and, on the sabbath or on a holy day, we would not take from the peoples of the land, the ones bringing goods and all kinds of grain to sell on the day of the sabbath; and we would leave alone the seventh year and interest of every hand.

UST

31 People from other groups {who live} in this land might bring merchandise and all kinds of food to sell on Sabbath days. But we will not buy anything from them on a Sabbath {day} or any other sacred day. Every seventh year, we will let {the fields} rest {and not plant any crops. That same year} we will not make anyone pay back {anything they owe} to another person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:32

ULT

32 Also, we caused to stand for us commandments to give over us a third of a shekel in a year for the service of the house of our God:

UST

32 We each also agreed to a pledge that {every} year we would pay 4 grams of silver for the {supplies} needed for the temple.

What commands did they accept? (vv32-33)

They would give money, bread, grain, and provide for all the offerings and feasts each year for the service of the house of God.

Nehemiah 10:33

ULT

33 for the bread in rows and the continual offering, and for the continual burnt offering, the sabbaths, the new moons, for the appointed times, and for the holy things, and for the sin offerings to cover over for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.

UST

33 {Here is a list of those supplies.} The {sacred} bread that is placed {before God}. The grain that is {burned on the altar} each day. {The animals that} are completely burned up {on the altar} each day. The sacred offerings for the Sabbath days and for celebrating each new moon and other {festivals} that {God} told {us to celebrate}. {Other} offerings that are dedicated {to God}. {The animals} to be sacrificed to atone for the sins of the Israelite people. Anything else {that is needed} for the work of {taking care of} the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:34

ULT

34 And we cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people: concerning the offering of pieces of wood, to bring them to the house of our God, for the house of our fathers at the appointed times year by year, for burning on the altar of Yahweh our God as written in the law;

UST

34 We have cast lots to determine when each clan of the priests, the Levites, and {the rest of} the people will bring an offering of wood to the temple. Each clan will do this at an appointed time every year. {The Levites will use} the wood to burn {the sacrifices} on the altar that belongs to Yahweh our God. He commanded this in the law {he gave through Moses}.

Why did the priests, the Levites, and the people cast lots for the wood offering?

This would select which family would bring the wood into the house of God at selected times each year.

Nehemiah 10:35

ULT

35 and to bring the firstfruits of our soil and the firstfruits of all the fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of Yahweh;

UST

35 We will also bring {an offering} to the temple every year from the first {grain} that we {harvest} and from all the first fruit that {grows on} all our trees.

What did they promise to bring to the house of Yahweh?

They promised to bring the firstfruits of the harvests as well as the firstborn of their sons and their livestock.

Nehemiah 10:36

ULT

36 and the firstborns of our sons and our livestock, as written in the law, even the firstborns of our herds and our flocks, to bring them to the house of our God, to the priests, the ones who minister in the house of our God.

UST

36 We will also do something else that God commanded. We will bring our firstborn sons to the temple {for dedication}, and our firstborn calves and lambs and goats {as sacrifices}, to the priests who minister in the temple.

What did they promise to bring to the house of Yahweh?

They promised to bring the firstfruits of their harvests and the firstborn of their sons and their livestock.

Nehemiah 10:37

ULT

37 And we will bring: the first of our dough and our offerings, and the fruit of every tree, wine, and oil, for the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and a tithe of our soil for the Levites. And they, the Levites, will be the ones receiving tithes in all the cities of our labor.

UST

37 We will also bring supplies to the priests that {they} can store in the temple. These will include the first grain that we {harvest}, the first flour we {make}, the first fruit from all {our} trees, and the first wine and olive oil {that we produce}. We will also bring 10 percent of our harvest to the Levites. We will allow them to collect this 10 percent right in all the towns where we work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 10:38

ULT

38 And a priest who is a son of Aaron will be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes. And the Levites will bring a tithe of the tithe to the house of our God, to the chambers of the house of the treasury.

UST

38 A priest, one of the descendants of Aaron, will be with the Levites {and supervise} them when they collect that 10 percent. Then the Levites must bring 10 percent of what they have received to the temple. {The priests will put it} in the storerooms and it will support {them}.

Who had to be with the Levites when the Levites received the tithes?

A priest who was a descendant of Aaron had to be with the Levites.

Nehemiah 10:39

ULT

39 For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring to the chambers the offerings of grain, wine, and oil. And there shall be the vessels for the sanctuary, and the priests, the ones who are ministering, and the gatekeepers, and the ones who sing. And we shall not neglect the house of our God.
10:19 *[1]*

UST

39 That is how it will work. The Israelites and the Levites will bring their offerings of grain, wine, and olive oil to those storerooms. That is where {the priests} will store the equipment for the temple. And that is where {they will keep the food supplies} for the priests, the gatekeepers, and the singers who are serving at that time. We promise that we will keep taking care of the temple.”

Where did the people of Israel and descendants of Levi bring the contributions of the harvest?

They brought the contributions to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary were kept.

Nehemiah 11

Nehemiah 11:1

ULT

[1] And the leaders of the people dwelt in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine hands were in the cities.

UST

[1] So the {Israelite} leaders settled in Jerusalem {with their families}. The rest of the people cast lots to select one family out of ten to live in Jerusalem. That was the city set apart {for God}. The remaining nine families lived in the {other} towns.

Who lived in the holy city of Jerusalem?

The leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, and the rest of the people cast lots to see which one person out of ten people would live there.

Nehemiah 11:2

ULT

[2] And the people blessed all the men, the ones who freely offered to dwell in Jerusalem.

UST

[2] The people {asked God to} bless all those who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:3

ULT

[3] And these are the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. And in the cities of Judah they dwelt, a man on his property, in their cities: Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the sons of the servants of Solomon.

UST

[3] These are {the names of} the provincial officials who settled in Jerusalem. But in the towns of Judah, everyone lived on his own family property in their towns. This included the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, the temple servants, and the descendants of the servants of Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:4

ULT

4 And some from the sons of Judah and from the sons of Benjamin dwelt in Jerusalem. Those from the sons of Judah were: Athaiah, the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, from the sons of Perez;

UST

4 But some of the people of Judah and some of the people of Benjamin stayed and lived in Jerusalem. Here are {the names of} the leaders who lived in Jerusalem. From the descendants of Judah, one of them was Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, a descendant of Perez.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:5

ULT

5 and Maaseiah, the son of Baruch, the son of Kol-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, a son of the Shiloni. *[1]*

UST

5 Another one was Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Kol-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, who was one of the descendants of Shelah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:6

ULT

6 All the sons of Perez, the ones dwelling in Jerusalem, were 468 men of strength.

UST

6 Altogether 468 men who were descendants of Perez lived in {the city of} Jerusalem. These men were {very} brave and skilled in combat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:7

ULT

[7] And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu, the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah;

UST

[7] These are the descendants of Benjamin {who decided to live in Jerusalem}. One of them was Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:8

ULT

[8] and after him, Gabbai, Sallai, 928.

UST

[8] Two men who assisted him were Gabbai and Sallai. Altogether 928 people {from the tribe of Benjamin settled in Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:9

ULT

[9] And Joel the son of Zichri was the overseer for them. And Judah, the son of Hassenuah, was the second over the city.

UST

[9] Their leader was Joel the son of Zichri. Judah the son of Hassenuah was {the official who was} second in command in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:10

ULT

[10] From the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib; Jakin;

UST

[10] The priests {who settled in Jerusalem} included Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:11

ULT

11 Seraiah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the leader of the house of God;

UST

11 Another priest was Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub. He was in charge of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:12

ULT

12 and their brothers, who were doing the work for the house, were 822; and Adaiah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malkijah;

UST

12 Another 822 of their associates {settled in Jerusalem and} performed work for the temple. Another priest {who settled in Jerusalem} was Adaiah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malkijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:13

ULT

13 and his brothers, the heads of fathers, were 242; and Amashsai, the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer;

UST

13 Another 242 of his associates, including the leaders of their ancestral clans, {settled in Jerusalem}. {Another priest who settled there} was Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:14

ULT

14 and their brothers, mighty men of strength, were 128. And Zabdiel the son of Haggedolim was overseer for them. [2]

UST

14 Another 128 of their associates who were strong men {settled in Jerusalem}. Their leader was Zabdiel the son of Haggedolim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:15

ULT

15 And from the Levites: Shemaiah, the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

UST

15 One of the Levites {who settled in Jerusalem} was Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:16

ULT

16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, from the heads of the Levites, were over the work outside of the house of God;

UST

16 Two others were Shabbethai and Jozabad, who supervised the work outside the temple and were leaders of the Levites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:17

ULT

17 and Mattaniah, the son of Mika, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the head of the beginning who offered the thanksgiving prayer; and Bakbukiah, second from his brothers; and Abda, the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. [3][4]

UST

17 Another Levite {who settled in Jerusalem} was Mattaniah, who directed the temple choir when they sang the prayers to thank God. He was the son of Mika, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph. His assistant choir director was Bakbukiah. Another Levite was Abda, the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:18

ULT

18 All the Levites in the holy city were 284.

UST

18 Altogether, 284 Levites settled in {Jerusalem}, the city set apart {for God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:19

ULT

19 And the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brothers, the ones who guarded at the gates, were 172.

UST

19 The gatekeepers {who settled in Jerusalem} included Akkub, Talmon, and 172 of their associates who kept watch at the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:20

ULT

[20] And the rest of Israel, the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, a man in his inheritance.

UST

[20] The rest of the Israelite people, including the priests and the Levites, all lived on their own property in all the other towns in Judea.

Where were the remainder of Israel, the priests, and the Levites living?
They were living in all the towns of Judah, on their own inherited property.

Nehemiah 11:21

ULT

[21] And the Nethinim were dwelling in the Ophel, and Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

UST

[21] The {temple} workers lived on Ophel {Hill in Jerusalem}; and Ziha and Gishpa supervised them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:22

ULT

[22] And the overseer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi, the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mika, from the sons of Asaph, the ones who sang, who were over the work of the house of God.

UST

[22] The man who supervised the Levites who lived in Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mika. Uzzi was one of the descendants of Asaph. These were the singers responsible for the music in the temple {services}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:23

ULT

23 For the commandment of the king was upon them, that support for the ones who sang was a daily matter in its day.

UST

23 Now the king {of Persia} had said {that his kingdom would provide support} for the singers. The king had said to give them whatever they needed to maintain the singing in the temple services.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:24

ULT

24 And Pethahiah, the son of Meshezabel, from the sons of Zerah, the son of Judah, was at the hand of the king for every matter of the people.

UST

24 Pethahiah was the {ambassador} to the king {of Persia} for any matter pertaining to the {Israelites}. He was the son of Meshezabel, who was one of the descendants of Zerah, the son of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:25

ULT

25 And for the villages in their fields, some from the sons of Judah dwelt: in Kiriath Arba and its daughters; and in Dibon and its daughters; and in Jekabzeel and its villages;

UST

25 Some of the descendants of Judah did not settle in Jerusalem. They lived in {towns and} villages near their farms. These included {the city of} Kiriath-Arba and its neighboring villages, {the city of} Dibon and its neighboring villages, and {the town of} Jekabzeel and its neighboring villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:26

ULT
26 and in Jeshua; and in Moladah; and in Beth-Palet;

UST
26 {Some descendants of Judah} also {lived} in {the town of} Jeshua, {the town of} Moladah, {the town of} Beth-Pelet,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:27

ULT
27 and in Hazar-Shual; and in Beersheba and its daughters;

UST
27 {the town of} Hazar-Shual, and {the city of} Beersheba and its neighboring villages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:28

ULT
28 and in Ziklag; and Mekonah and its daughters;

UST
28 {Some} also {lived} in {the town of} Ziklag, {the town of} Mekonah and its neighboring villages,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:29

ULT
29 and in En-Rimmon; and in Zorah; and in Jarmuth;

UST
29 {the town of} En-Rimmon, {the town of} Zora, {the town of} Jarmuth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:30

ULT

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; Lachish and its fields; Azekah and its daughters. And they encamped from Beersheba as far as the valley of Hinnom:

UST

30 {the towns of} Zanoah and Adullam and the nearby villages, {the city of} Lachish and the nearby farms, and {the town of} Azekah and the nearby villages. {All of} those people settled {in the territory of Judah, in the area} between Beersheba {in the south} and the Valley of Hinnom {in the north}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:31

ULT

31 and the sons of Benjamin from Geba, at Mikmash, and Aija, and Bethel and its daughters,

UST

31 Some people who were descendants of Benjamin {settled in these cities and towns}: Geba, Michmas, Aija, Bethel and its neighboring villages,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:32

ULT

32 Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

UST

32 Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:33

ULT

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

UST

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:34

ULT
34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

UST
34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:35

ULT
35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of the craftsmen;

UST
35 Lod, and Ono the Valley of Craftsmen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 11:36

ULT
36 and some from the Levites, who were divisions of Judah, in Benjamin.
11:5 [1]
11:14 [2]
11:17 [3]
11:17 [4]

UST
36 Some Levites who had previously lived in {the territory of} Judah {went and settled} in {the land that had belonged to the old tribe of} Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12

Nehemiah 12:1

ULT
[1] And these are the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

UST
[1] These are {the names of} the priests and Levites who returned {from Babylonia} with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and with Joshua {the Supreme Priest}. The priests included Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:2

ULT
[2] Amariah, Malluk, Hattush,

UST
[2] Amariah, Malluk, Hattush,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:3

ULT
[3] Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

UST
[3] Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:4

ULT
[4] Iddo, Ginnethon, Abijah,

UST
[4] Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:5

ULT
5 Mijamin, Moadiah, Bilgah,

UST
5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:6

ULT
6 Shemaiah and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

UST
6 Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:7

ULT
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the heads of the priests and their brothers in the days of Jeshua.

UST
7 Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah. All those men were leaders of the priests, their associates, during the time when Joshua {was the Supreme Priest}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:8

ULT
8 And the Levites were: Jeshua; Binnui; Kadmiel; Sherebiah; Judah; Mattaniah, he and his brothers were over the thanksgiving songs;

UST
8 The Levites {who returned} included Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah. Mattaniah and his associates led {the people in singing songs} to thank {God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:9

ULT
9 and Bakbukiah and Unni, their brothers, were opposite them in the service watches.

UST
9 Their associates Bakbukiah and Unni {stood} opposite them during the worship services {and led a choir that sang responses}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:10

ULT
10 And Jeshua fathered Joiakim; and Joiakim fathered Eliashib; and Eliashib, Joiada;

UST
10 Joshua {the Supreme Priest} was the father of Joiakim. Joiakim was the father of Eliashib. Eliashib was the father of Joiada.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:11

ULT
11 and Joiada fathered Jonathan; and Jonathan fathered Jaddua.

UST
11 Joiada was the father of Jonathan. Jonathan was the father of Jaddua.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:12

ULT
12 And in the days of Joiakim priests were the heads of the fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah;

UST
12 When Joiakim was {the Supreme Priest}, these priests were the leaders of their clans. Meraiah was the leader of the clan of Seraiah. Hananiah was the leader of the clan of Jeremiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:13

ULT
13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan;

UST
13 Meshullam was {the leader of the clan} of Ezra. Jehohanan was {the leader of the clan} of Amariah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:14

ULT
14 of Malluk, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; [1]

UST
14 Jonathan was {the leader of the clan} of Malluchi. Joseph was {the leader of the clan} of Shecaniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:15

ULT
15 of Harim, Adna; of Meremoth, Helkai;

UST
15 Adna was {the leader of the clan} of Harim. Helkai was {the leader of the clan} of Meraioth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:16

ULT
16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam;

UST
16 Zechariah was {the leader of the clan} of Iddo. Meshullam was {the leader of the clan} of Ginnethon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:17

ULT
17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai;

UST
17 Zichri was {the leader of the clan} of Abijah. Piltai was {the leader of the clan} of Miniamin and {the clan} of Moadiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:18

ULT
18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan;

UST
18 Shammua was {the leader of the clan} of Bilgah. Jehonathan was {the leader of the clan} of Shemaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:19

ULT
19 of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

UST
19 Mattenai was {the leader of the clan} of Joiarib. Uzzi was {the leader of the clan} of Jedaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:20

ULT
20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;

UST
20 Kallai was the {leader of the clan} of Sallai. Eber was {the leader of the clan} of Amok.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:21

ULT
21 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

UST
21 Hashabiah was {the leader of the clan} of Hilkiah. Nethanel was {the leader of the clan} of Jedaiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:22

ULT
22 In the days of Eliashib, the Levites Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were written as heads of fathers: also the priests, during the reign of Darius the Persian.

UST
22 {Some scribes} wrote down {the names of} the clan leaders of the Levites during the time when Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua were {Supreme Priests}. They wrote down {the names of} the clan leaders of the priests when Darius was king of Persia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:23

ULT
23 The sons of Levi, the heads of fathers, were written in the book of the events of days even until the days of Johanan, the son of Eliashib.

UST
23 {Scribes} recorded {the names of} the clan leaders of the Levites in their record books up until the time when Johanan the descendant of Eliashib was {the Supreme Priest}.

In what book were the descendants of Levi and their leaders of families recorded?
They were recorded in the Book of the Events of Days until the days of Johanan.

Nehemiah 12:24

ULT

24 And the heads of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua, the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers opposite them, service watch by service watch, to praise and give thanks by the commandment of David, the man of God.

UST

24 Hashabiah, Serebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel were Levite leaders {who directed one choir}. Their associates {stood} opposite them {directing another choir}. The singers praised {God} and gave thanks {to him}, with one group facing the other. This was what King David, the man who served God faithfully, had instructed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:25

ULT

25 Mattaniah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were guardians, gatekeepers, a guard at the storehouses of the gates.

UST

25 Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were gatekeepers. They {stood} guard at the storerooms near the gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:26

ULT

26 These were in the days of Joiakim, the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor and Ezra, the priest, the scribe.

UST

26 They did that {work} during the time when Joiakim, the son of Jeshua and grandson of Jozadak, was {the Supreme Priest}. They did it {again} during the time when Nehemiah {served} as governor and Ezra {served} as priest and scribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:27

ULT

27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to perform the dedication with rejoicing, and with thanksgivings, and with song, cymbals, lyres, and harps.

UST

27 When {we} dedicated the wall around Jerusalem, we summoned the Levites from all the places {where} they were {living}. We brought them to Jerusalem to assist in dedicating the wall by rejoicing and giving thanks and by singing {accompanied by} cymbals and harps and other stringed instruments.

Why did the people seek out the Levites at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem?
The people brought the Levites to Jerusalem to perform the dedication ceremony.

Nehemiah 12:28

ULT

28 And the sons of the ones who sang gathered themselves, both from the circle around Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophati,

UST

28 We summoned the Levites who {were used to} singing {together}. They came to Jerusalem from nearby areas where they had settled around the city. They also came from places around {the village of} Netophah {southeast of Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:29

ULT

29 and from Beth-Gilgal and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the ones who sang had built villages for themselves around Jerusalem.

UST

29 They also came from {three places northeast of} Jerusalem, Beth-Gilgal and the areas around Geba and Azmaveth. {We summoned} those singers because they had built villages to live in near Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:30

ULT

30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

UST

30 The priests and Levites performed rituals to make themselves acceptable {to God}. Then they performed {similar} rituals to purify the other people, the gates, and the wall.

What did the priests and Levites do for the celebration?

The priests and Levites purified themselves, and then purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

Nehemiah 12:31

ULT

31 And I caused the officials of Judah to go up on top of the wall. And I caused to stand two great thanksgiving groups, and processions to the right hand on top of the wall toward the gate of dung.

UST

31 Then I gathered the leaders of Judah together on top of the wall. I assigned them {to lead} two large groups that would march {around the city} on top of the wall, thanking {God}. {As they faced the city, one group} walked to the right toward the Rubbish Gate.

Where did the leaders of Judah go on the day of celebration?

The leaders went up to the top of the wall.

What were the two large choirs that Nehemiah appointed supposed to do?

The two large choirs were supposed to give thanks.

Where did the first choir go?

One choir went to the right on the wall toward the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 12:32

ULT

32 And after them went Hoshaiah with half of the officials of Judah,

UST

32 Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah marched behind that group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:33

ULT

33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

UST

33 {The people who marched with that group} included Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:34

ULT

34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah.

UST

34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, and Jeremiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:35

ULT

35 And some from the sons of the priests had trumpets: Zechariah, the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph;

UST

35 Some descendants of the priests {also marched with that group} playing musical instruments. They included Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:36

ULT

36 and his brothers, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel and Judah, Hanani, with the instruments of song of David, the man of God. And Ezra the scribe was before their face.

UST

36 Some associates {of Zechariah} also {marched and played musical instruments}. They included Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, and Hanani. They all were playing {the same kinds of} musical instruments that King David, the man who served God faithfully, {had told the Levite musicians to play many years previously}. Ezra the scribe {marched} in front of this group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:37

ULT

37 And by the gate of the spring and opposite them, they went up on the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall on top of the house of David and as far as the gate of water, east.

UST

37 When the people in this group reached the Fountain Gate, they went up the steps that were in front of them to {the area known as} the City of David. Then they went along the top of the wall past the location of the {royal} palace of David, and then to the Water Gate, on the east {side of the temple}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:38

ULT

38 And the second thanksgiving group, the one proceeding to the opposite direction, and I after it, with half of the people on top of the wall, on top of the tower of ovens even as far as the broad wall,

UST

38 The other group of those who were {singing and} thanking {Yahweh} marched to the left on top of the wall. I followed them with half of the people. We marched past the Tower of the Ovens to the Broad Wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:39

ULT

39 and on top of the gate of Ephraim, and above the gate of old, and above the gate of fish and the tower of Hananel and the tower of the hundred, even as far as the gate of sheep: and they stood in the gate of the guard.

UST

39 From there {we marched} past the Ephraim Gate, the Jeshanah Gate, the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, and the Tower of the Hundred Soldiers to the Sheep Gate. We finished marching near a gate that {leads into the temple area}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:40

ULT

40 And the two thanksgiving groups stood at the house of God: also I, and half of the prefects with me;

UST

40 Both of the groups {reached} the temple {as they were singing and} giving thanks. They stood {in their places there}. I was there with the half of the city officials who had come with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:41

ULT

41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, Hananiah, with trumpets;

UST

41 {My group} included the priests Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah. All of them were blowing trumpets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:42

ULT

42 and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malkijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the ones who sang made themselves heard, with Jezrahiah the overseer.

UST

42 {Others who were blowing trumpets} included Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang with Jezrahiah who was their leader.

Who directed the singers?

The singers sang with Jezrahiah as overseer.

Nehemiah 12:43

ULT

43 And on that day they sacrificed great sacrifices, and they rejoiced, for God had made them glad with great rejoicing. Yes, even the women and the children rejoiced, so the rejoicing of Jerusalem was heard from far away.

UST

43 The people offered many sacrifices that day. They {all} rejoiced because God had made them very happy. The women and the children rejoiced along with the men, so the sound of the celebration in Jerusalem was so loud that people far away could hear it.

Why did they offer great sacrifices that day, and rejoice?

They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced, because God had made them rejoice with great rejoicing.

Nehemiah 12:44

ULT

44 And on that day men were appointed over the chambers for the storehouses, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and for the Levites. For Judah rejoiced over the priests and over the Levites, the ones who were standing.

UST

44 On that day {we} appointed men to be in charge of the storerooms. That was where {the priests} kept the money and the food and the grain and the tithes. {The people} brought these things from the fields near the cities into the storerooms for the priests and the Levites, as Moses had commanded in the law. {The people of} Judah did all this because they were so happy about the priests and the Levites serving {in the temple}.

Who was assigned to work the fields near the towns?

The men who were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms were assigned to work the fields near the towns.

Nehemiah 12:45

ULT

45 And they kept the service watch of their God and the service watch of purification, also the ones who sang and the gatekeepers, according to the commandment of David and Solomon his son.

UST

45 The priests and the Levites served God by performing rituals to purify things. The singers and the gatekeepers also {did their work} as King David and his son Solomon had declared they should.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:46

ULT

46 For in the days of David and Asaph, from ancient time there was a head of the ones who sang, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. [2]

UST

46 {We did all this} because that was how it was in the days of old, when David was {king} and Asaph was {in charge of the temple musicians}. There was someone to lead the singers, and they sang songs to praise and thank God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 12:47

ULT

47 And in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel was giving the portions of the ones who sang and the gatekeepers, as a daily matter in its day. And they were consecrating for the Levites, and the Levites were consecrating for the sons of Aaron.
12:14 [1]
12:46 [2]

UST

47 During the time when Zerubbabel was {the governor}, the people all contributed the food that the singers and temple gatekeepers needed each day. They did the same during the time when Nehemiah was {the governor}. They gave a tenth {of their crops} to the Levites, and the Levites gave a tenth {of that} to the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, {the first Supreme Priest}.

When did all Israel give the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers?

In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers.

Nehemiah 13

Nehemiah 13:1

ULT

[1] On that day it was read in the book of Moses, in the ears of the people, and it was found written in it, that no Ammonite or Moabite shall enter into the assembly of God until eternity.

UST

[1] Then someone read out loud to the people from a scroll {that contained the law that God gave to} Moses. They learned that the {law} said that no one from the Ammonite or Moabite {people groups} should ever join the {Israelite} people {when they gathered together to worship God}.

Why should an Ammonite and a Moabite not come into the assembly of God, forever? (vv1-2)

An Ammonite and a Moabite should not come into the assembly of God forever because they had not come to the people of Israel with bread and water, but had hired Balaam to curse Israel.

Nehemiah 13:2

ULT

[2] For they did not meet the sons of Israel with bread and with water. And he hired Balaam against them to curse them, but our God overturned the curse to a blessing.

UST

[2] {The law said this} because {the people of Ammon and the people of Moab} did not give any food or water to the Israelites {while they were traveling through their areas after leaving Egypt}. Instead, they paid Balaam to get him to curse the Israelites. But our God turned that attempt to curse Israel into a blessing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:3

ULT

[3] And it happened that, as soon as they heard the law, they separated all the mixed company from Israel.

UST

[3] So the people obeyed that law. They sent away all the people whose ancestors had come from other countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:4

ULT

4 Now, before the face of this, Eliashib the priest, nearly-related to Tobiah, was being put in the chamber of the house of our God.

UST

4 When he became the {Supreme} Priest, Eliashib got control of the storerooms in the temple. Now he was related to Tobiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:5

ULT

5 And he made for him a great chamber, and there previously they were putting offerings: the frankincense; and the vessels; and the tithes of the grain, the wine, and the oil, the commandment for the Levites, and the ones who sang, and the gatekeepers; and the offerings of the priests.

UST

5 He allowed {Tobiah} to have a large room in which the priests used to store supplies. These included the grain offerings and the incense, the equipment for the temple, and the tithes of grain and wine and olive oil. {God} had commanded {the people to bring} these to the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers. This room had also held the offerings for the priests.

What did Eliashib prepare for Tobiah?

Eliashib prepared for Tobiah a large storeroom.

Nehemiah 13:6

ULT

6 And during all this I was not in Jerusalem. For I had gone to the king in year 32 of Artaxerxes, the king of Babylon. And at an end of days I requested leave from the king.

UST

6 During that time I was not in Jerusalem, because in the thirty-second year that Artaxerxes was the king of Babylonia, I had gone back {to report to the king what I had been doing}. After I had been there a while, I asked the king to allow me to return {to Jerusalem}.

Where did Nehemiah go in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes?

In the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah returned from Jerusalem to the king.

Nehemiah 13:7

ULT

[7] And I came to Jerusalem. And I understood about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah by making for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

UST

[7] When I arrived in Jerusalem, I discovered the evil thing that Eliashib had done for Tobiah by allowing him to use this room in the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:8

ULT

[8] And it was extremely evil to me, and I cast out all the things of the house of Tobiah from the storeroom to the outside.

UST

[8] That grieved me very much. I threw everything that belonged to Tobiah out of that room.

Why did Nehemiah throw all the household articles of Tobiah out of the storeroom?

Nehemiah threw all the household articles of Tobiah out of the storeroom because Nehemiah thought it was very wrong for Tobiah to be staying there.

Nehemiah 13:9

ULT

[9] And I spoke, and they purified the chambers. And I returned to there the vessels of the house of God, with the offering and the incense.

UST

[9] Then I commanded {the priests to perform a ritual to cleanse} that room and make it pure again. I also {ordered} the equipment for the temple and the grain offerings and incense {to be} put back in that room {where they belonged}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:10

ULT

10 And I knew that the portions of the Levites had not been given, and the Levites and the ones who sang, who did the work, had fled, a man to his field.

UST

10 I also learned that the singers and the other Levites who were responsible for the {temple} services had left Jerusalem. They had returned to their own fields because the people had stopped giving them {10 percent of their} harvests, {since Tobiah had occupied the storeroom}.

Why did the Levites and singers hurry to leave the temple?

Because the people were no longer faithfully supporting God's work by giving portions to the Levites, and therefore the Levites left the temple as did the singers.

Nehemiah 13:11

ULT

11 And I contended with the prefects, and I said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them and caused them to stand at their stations.

UST

11 So I rebuked the city officials. I told them, "You have neglected {the work of} the temple!" Then I brought {the Levites and the singers} back to the temple and told them to do their work {again}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:12

ULT

12 And all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, and the wine, and the oil to the treasuries.

UST

12 Then all {the people of} Judah started bringing their tithes of grain, wine, and olive oil to the {temple} storerooms {once again}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:13

ULT

13 And I appointed treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah from the Levites; and at their hand was Hanan, the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were considered faithful, and it was for them to apportion to their brothers.

UST

13 I appointed some {men} to be in charge of the storerooms. They were Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah the Levite. I also appointed Hanan the son of Zaccur and grandson of Mattaniah to assist them. I appointed these {men} because {everyone} knew that they were trustworthy and would distribute {the offerings fairly} to their associates.

Who was counted as trustworthy?

Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, Pedaiah, and Hanan were counted as trustworthy.

Nehemiah 13:14

ULT

14 Remember me, my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my faithful kindness that I have done for the house of my God and for its service watches.

UST

14 "My God, please bless me for this. Yes, bless me for the good things that I have done for your temple and for the temple services!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:15

ULT

15 In those days I saw in Judah ones treading winepresses on the sabbath, and ones bringing in grain-heaps, and ones loading onto donkeys, yes, even wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of loads, and ones bringing to Jerusalem on the day of the sabbath. And I protested on the day of their selling provisions.

UST

15 During that time, I saw {some people} in Judea {who were working} on the Sabbath day. Some were pressing grapes to make wine. Others were taking their grain and loading it on donkeys. Others were also loading {bags of} wine, baskets of grapes, figs, and many other things onto donkeys and bringing them into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. I warned them not to sell {food to the people of Judea} on {Sabbath} days.

When were people in Judah treading winepresses?

People in Judah were treading winepresses on the Sabbath.

Nehemiah 13:16

ULT

16 And the Tyrians who dwelt in it were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and were selling them on the sabbath to the sons of Judah, even in Jerusalem.

UST

16 I also saw some people from {the city of} Tyre who were living there in {Jerusalem} bringing fish and other things into Jerusalem to sell to the people of Judah on the Sabbath day.

What did men from Tyre do on the Sabbath?

Men from Tyre brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and they sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah and in the city.

Nehemiah 13:17

ULT

17 And I contended with the nobles of Judah. And I said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, and profaning the day of the sabbath?

UST

17 So I rebuked the Jewish leading citizens. I said to them, “This is a very evil thing that you are doing! You are making the Sabbath day into something {God never wanted} it to be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:18

ULT

18 Did not your fathers do thus, and our God brought all this evil on us and on this city? And you are increasing wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.”

UST

18 You know that your ancestors did these same things, and God {punished} our nation {by} bringing great trouble to this city! But {now} you too are breaking {the laws} for the Sabbath day. You are going to cause {God} to be angry with {the nation of} Israel {again}. {He will punish us} even more!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:19

ULT

19 And it happened that, when the gates of Jerusalem grew dark before the face of the sabbath, I spoke, and the doors were shut, and I said that they should not open them until after the sabbath. And I caused some from my young men to stand at the gates; a load could not enter on the day of the sabbath.

UST

19 So I commanded {the gatekeepers} to shut the doors of the gates of the city when it started to get dark on Friday evening. I commanded them not to open the gates until Saturday evening. I also stationed some of my men at the gates {so they would make sure that} no one brought things to sell into {the city in between those times}, on the Sabbath day.

How did Nehemiah prevent people from coming into Jerusalem on the Sabbath?

As soon as it became dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, Nehemiah commanded that the doors be shut and that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. He stationed some of his servants at the gates so no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day.

Nehemiah 13:20

ULT

20 And the ones who traded and the ones who sold all kinds of goods to sell lodged outside of Jerusalem a time or two.

UST

20 One or two times traders and merchants selling all kinds of things camped outside the city on the night {before the Sabbath day}. {They were hoping} to sell {something the next day}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:21

ULT

21 And I testified against them, and I said to them, “Why are you lodging in front of the wall? If you repeat, I will stretch out a hand on you!” From that time, they did not come on the sabbath.

UST

21 I warned them. I said to them, “It is useless for you to camp here outside the walls on Friday night. If you do this again, I will arrest you by force!” After that, they did not come on Sabbath days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:22

ULT

22 And I said to the Levites that they should purify themselves and come keep the gates to consecrate the day of the sabbath. Remember me concerning this also, my God, and have pity on me according to the greatness of your covenant faithfulness.

UST

22 I also commanded the Levites to {perform a ritual to} purify themselves and then {take up stations} to guard the city gates. I wanted them to ensure that Sabbath days were kept holy {by not allowing merchants to enter the city on that holy day}. “My God, please bless me for doing this too! And be kind to me, because your kindness is so great.”

Who came and guarded the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day?

The Levites came and guarded the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Nehemiah 13:23

ULT

23 In those days I also saw Jews who had given a dwelling to Ashdodite, Ammonite, and Moabite women.

UST

23 During that time, I also learned that many of the Jewish men had married women from {the city of} Ashdod, and from the Ammonite and Moabite {people groups}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:24

ULT

24 And their sons, half were speaking Ashdodite, and none of them were knowing to speak Hebrew, but according to the tongue of people group by people group.

UST

24 So half of their children spoke a foreign language, and they did not know how to speak Hebrew. They spoke whatever language {their} foreign {parent spoke}.

What did half the children speak?

Half the children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of one of the other peoples.

Nehemiah 13:25

ULT

25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck some of their men, and pulled out their hair. And I caused them to swear an oath by God: “If you give your daughters to their sons, or if you lift from their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves!

UST

25 So I rebuked those men. I {asked God} to curse them. I struck some of them {with my fists}. I pulled out their hair. Then I forced them to make a solemn promise, knowing that God was listening. I made them promise that they would {never} again allow their daughters to marry foreign men. I also made them promise that they and their sons would not marry foreign women.

How did Nehemiah confront the Jews who married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab?

Nehemiah confronted them, and he cursed them, and he hit some of them and pulled out their hair.

Nehemiah 13:26

ULT

26 Did not Solomon, the king of Israel, sin concerning these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him: and he was beloved by his God, and God gave him as king over all Israel. The foreign women caused even him to sin.

UST

26 {I said to them,} “You know that Solomon, the king of Israel, sinned as a result of {marrying foreign women who worshiped idols}! You know that he was greater than any of the kings of other nations. God loved him, and God set him as the king over all {the people of} Israel. But his foreign wives caused even him to sin!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:27

ULT

27 Should we then listen to you, to do all this great evil, to act unfaithfully toward our God and give a dwelling to foreign women?” [1]

UST

27 {I am grieved} to hear this about you! You have married foreign wives {who worship idols}. You have commited a great sin against our God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:28

ULT

28 And one from the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite. And I caused him to flee from beside me.

UST

28 A man who was a son of Joiada and a grandson of Eliashib the Supreme Priest had married the daughter of {our enemy} Sanballat the Horonite. So I forced this man to leave {Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:29

ULT

29 Remember them, my God, on account of the defiling of the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

UST

29 "My God, these {men} have brought shame to the priesthood. {They have broken} the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. Punish them as they deserve!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:30

ULT

30 And I purified them from everything foreign. And I caused the service watches to stand: for the priests and for the Levites, a man in his work;

UST

30 I took away everything from {the priests} that came from other nations and religions. I also established regulations for the priests and for the Levites {so they would know} what work each of them was supposed to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nehemiah 13:31

ULT

31 and for the offering of pieces of wood at the appointed times; and for the firstfruits. Remember me, my God, for good.
13:27 *[1]*

UST

31 {I} also {arranged} for the people to bring their offerings of wood at the set times {to burn on the altar}, and to bring the first part of what they harvested {of each crop during the year}. “My God, please consider that I {have done all these things}, and bless me {for doing them}.”

How did Nehemiah want God to remember him?

Nehemiah wanted God to remember him for good.

Esther

Esther 1

Esther 1:1

ULT
1 Now it happened in the days of Ahasuerus (he was Ahasuerus, the one who ruled from India even as far as Ethiopia, 127 provinces);

UST
1 This {is the story of something that} happened during the time that {a king named} Ahasuerus ruled {the land of Persia}. The empire of this King Ahasuerus had 127 provinces and included all of the territory between India {in the east} and Ethiopia {in the west}.

Over how much territory did Ahasuerus reign?
Ahasuerus ruled from India even as far as Ethiopia, 127 provinces.

Esther 1:2

ULT
2 in those days, as the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his royalty, which was in Susa the citadel:

UST
2 At that time King Ahasuerus was ruling his empire from Susa, the capital city {of Persia}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:3

ULT

[3] in year three of his reign, he made a feast for all his officials and his administrators, the army of Persia and Media, the noblemen, and the officials of the provinces before his face,

UST

[3] During the third year that Ahasuerus ruled his empire, he hosted a feast for all of his officials and for every important person who worked for him. He also invited the officers who served in the {combined} army of {the kingdoms of} Persia and Media, the wealthy landowners, and the officials of the provinces. The king was present in person {to host the feast}.

Who was in the king's presence?

The officials of the provinces were "before his face," meaning that they were in the king's presence.

Esther 1:4

ULT

[4] when he displayed the wealth of the glory of his kingdom and the splendor of the beauty of his greatness for many days, 180 days.

UST

[4] Ahasuerus entertained his guests fabulously because he wanted to demonstrate that his empire was extremely wealthy and that he was a very rich and powerful king. {The feast lasted} for six months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:5

ULT

[5] And when those days were fulfilled, the king made a feast for all the people who were found in Susa the citadel, from the greatest even to the least, for seven days, in the courtyard of the garden of the palace of the king.

UST

[5] At the end of those six months, {after that feast was over,} the king hosted a {second} feast. This feast was for all of the people in the royal stronghold in Susa, including both rich and poor. He held this feast in the courtyard of his palace garden. It lasted for a whole week.

For whom did the king give the feast that lasted seven days?

The king made a feast for all the people who were found in Susa the citadel, from the greatest even to the least.

Esther 1:6

ULT

[6] Linens cotton and blue were hanging by cords of byssus and purple on rings of silver and pillars of marble. Couches of gold and silver were on the pavement of porphyry and alabaster and pearl and precious stone.

UST

[6] {In the courtyard,} white and blue curtains were hanging from white and purple cords attached to silver rings on marble pillars. The guests reclined on couches made of gold and silver. These were set on a mosaic floor that was made of red marble, white marble, and pearl bordered with black marble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:7

ULT

[7] And the serving was in vessels of gold, with vessels differing from other vessels, and the wine of royalty was abundant according to the hand of the king.

UST

[7] The attendants served wine in golden cups. {The king was so rich that he had a great many of these cups,} and no two of them were alike. The king had the attendants serve great amounts of his own royal wine to the guests.

Why was there much royal wine?

The wine of royalty was abundant according to the hand of the king. And the drinking was according to the law, “There is no compulsion.”

Esther 1:8

ULT

[8] And the drinking was according to the law “There is no compulsion,” for thus the king had established for every overseer of his house to do according to the desire of man by man.

UST

[8] Ahasuerus gave his guests a special privilege. He made the attendants who served the wine follow this rule: “No one has to drink if they do not want to.” All the guests could drink as little or as much as they wanted.

What were the king’s orders to all the overseers of his palace?

And the drinking was according to the law, “There is no compulsion,” for thus the king had established for every overseer of his house, to do according to the desire of man by man.

Esther 1:9

ULT

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast of women in the palace of royalty that belonged to the king Ahasuerus.

UST

9 {While the king was entertaining the men in the courtyard,} Queen Vashti, {his wife,} was hosting a feast for the women. She hosted it inside the royal palace where King Ahasuerus lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:10

ULT

10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was pleased by the wine, he said to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Karkas (the seven eunuchs who served before the face of the king Ahasuerus),

UST

10 On the seventh day, when King Ahasuerus was feeling good from drinking wine, he called the seven {castrated} guardians who served him personally. (Their names were Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Karkas.)

What did the king tell the seven officials who served before him?

To bring Vashti the queen before the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty.

Esther 1:11

ULT

11 to bring Vashti the queen to the face of the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty, for she was pleasing of appearance.

UST

11 Queen Vashti was a very beautiful woman. Ahasuerus wanted the people and officials who served in the royal court to see how beautiful she was. So the king told his seven personal servants to bring Queen Vashti to him. He told them to have her wear her royal crown.

What did the king tell the seven officials who served before him?

The king said to bring Vashti the queen to the face of the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty.

Esther 1:12

ULT

12 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king that was by the hand of the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry, and his rage burned within him.

UST

12 But when the guardians came and told Queen Vashti what the king had commanded, she refused to come. {The guardians reported this to the king, and} the king became very enraged.

Why did the king become very angry?

The king became very angry because the queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king that was by the hand of the eunuchs.

Esther 1:13

ULT

13 Then the king said to the wise men, who were knowers of the times (for thus was the manner of the king before the face of all those who were knowers of law and judgment,

UST

13 It was the habit of the king to consult with certain advisors who knew the law and could make good decisions. So he spoke to those advisors, who knew the right way to do things.

With whom did the king confer?

The king consulted with the wise men, who were knowers of the times.

Esther 1:14

ULT

14 and the ones near to him were Karshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Mersena, Memukan, seven officials of Persia and Media who were seers of the face of the king, the ones who sat first in the kingdom):

UST

14 The king’s closest advisors were Karshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memukan. These seven officials were from various places in {the kingdoms of} Persia and Media. They advised the king personally. They were the most powerful officials in the empire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:15

ULT

15 “According to law, what is to be done with the queen Vashti on account of this, that she did not perform the command of the king Ahasuerus by the hand of the eunuchs?”

UST

15 The king said to them, “I sent those guardians to Queen Vashti with a command, but she did not obey me. According to the law, what should we do with her?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:16

ULT

16 And Memukan replied before the face of the king and the officials, “Not toward the king alone has Vashti the queen done wrong, but toward all the officials and toward all the peoples who are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

UST

16 Then Memukan answered the king, {speaking loud enough that} both he and his officials could hear. He said, “Queen Vashti has done wrong, and not only against the king. She has also done wrong against all the officials and people groups in all the provinces that King Ahasuerus rules!

According to Memucan, against whom did Vashti do wrong?

Vashti the queen did wrong not only toward the king alone, but toward all the officials and toward all the people who were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

Esther 1:17

ULT

17 For the matter of the queen will go out to all the women in order to make their husbands despised in their eyes when they say, ‘The king Ahasuerus said to bring Vashti the queen before his face, but she did not come.’

UST

17 This is what will happen. Women all over the empire will hear about what the queen did. They will say, ‘King Ahasuerus commanded his servants to bring Queen Vashti to him, but she did not come! {So if even the queen can disobey the king, why should I have to obey my husband?}’ Then women will stop respecting their husbands.

What did Memukan say the women of Persia and Media would do?

Memukan said that what the queen did would become known to all the women in the kingdom of king Ahasuerus and that when the women of the kingdom found out what the queen had done they would despise their own husbands and say, “King Ahasuerus commanded his servants to bring Queen Vashti to him, but she did not come!”

Esther 1:18

ULT

18 Now this day, the noblewomen of Persia and Media who have heard the matter of the queen will speak to all the officials of the king. And there will be contempt and wrath enough!

UST

18 Even today, the leading women of Persia and Media will hear what the queen did. They will start to disobey {their husbands, even though they are} officials of the king. They will treat them with disrespect, and this will make their husbands angry with them. That will be bad enough by itself, {even if the news does not spread any farther}.

What did Memucan say the noble women of Persia and Media would do before the end of that very day?

For the matter of the queen will go out to all the women, in order to make their husbands despised in their eyes when they say, ‘The king Ahasuerus said to bring Vashti the queen before him, but she did not come.’ Now this day, the noblewomen of Persia and Media who have heard the matter of the queen will speak to all the officials of the king; and there will be contempt and wrath enough!

Esther 1:19

ULT

19 If it is good to the king, let a decree of royalty go out from before his face, and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media (which do not pass away) that Vashti shall never come before the face of the king Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royalty to her female neighbor, the woman who is better than she.

UST

19 If it pleases you {to do so}, O king, you should personally issue a royal decree and have scribes add it to the laws of Persia and Media, which no one can change. {This decree should say} that Vashti can never come into your presence again. Then you should choose a different woman to be your queen, one who will obey you.

To whom would the king give Vashti’s position as queen?

The king would give his position to her female neighbor, the woman who is better than she.

Esther 1:20

ULT

[20] And the decree of the king will be heard that he will make for all his kingdom, though it is great. Then all the women will give honor to their husbands, from the greatest to the least.”

UST

[20] That way, even though your empire is very large, everyone in it will hear about your decree {and know that if any wife disobeys her husband, he can banish and divorce her just as you did to Vashti.} Then all the women will respect and obey their husbands. This will be true of every husband in the empire.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:21

ULT

[21] And the word seemed good in the eyes of the king and the officials. And the king acted according to the word of Memukan.

UST

[21] This seemed like a good idea to the king and his officials. So King Ahasuerus followed the advice of Memukan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 1:22

ULT

[22] And he sent letters to all the provinces of the king, to province by province according to its own writing, and to people by people according to its own tongue: that every man should be ruling in his house and speaking according to the tongue of his people.

UST

[22] The king sent letters to every province in his empire. He wrote to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. The letters said that men should be the masters over their wives and children. They also said that a husband should be able to give orders to his wife in his own native language {and that she should understand and obey}.

What did the king order?

The king sent letters that every man should be ruling in his house and speaking according to the tongue of his people.

Esther 2

Esther 2:1

ULT

1 After these things, when the rage of the king Ahasuerus subsided, he remembered Vashti and what she had done, and what had been decided concerning her.

UST

1 Some time later, when King Ahasuerus no longer felt so angry, he started to miss Vashti. But when she disobeyed his command, he had made a decree that she could never come into his presence again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:2

ULT

2 And the young men of the king who served him said, “Let them seek for the king young women who are virgins and pleasing of appearance.

UST

2 So some of the young men who attended the king said to him, “{Your majesty, you should get a new wife} for yourself. You could tell your servants to look for young virgins who are very beautiful.

What did the king’s young men recommend?
The king’s young men recommended that they seek for the king young women who were virgins and pleasing of appearance.

Esther 2:3

ULT

3 And let the king appoint administrators in all the provinces of his kingdom. Then let them gather every young woman who is a virgin and pleasing of appearance to Susa the citadel, to the house of women into the hand of Hegai (the eunuch of the king who is overseer of the women). Then give their ointments.

UST

3 Also, you could assign officers in each province of your empire to bring every virgin who is very beautiful here to your capital city of Susa. They could stay in the harem for virgins under the custody of Hegai, the {castrated} royal guardian who takes care of the young women who live there. He could arrange for them to receive beauty treatments.

Under whose care would the virgins be put?

The virgins would be put into the hand of Hegai, the eunuch of the king who is overseer of the women. This means Hegai was the one who was responsible to take care of the virgins.

Esther 2:4

ULT

4 And let the young woman who is pleasing in the eyes of the king become queen instead of Vashti." And the word was pleasing in the eyes of the king, so he did thus.

UST

4 Then you could decide which young woman you liked the best, and you could make her queen instead of Vashti." The king liked what they suggested, so he did it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:5

ULT

5 A man, a Jew, was in Susa the citadel, and his name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish (a man, a Benjamite,

UST

5 At that time, there was a Jewish man named Mordecai living in the capital city of Susa. He was from the tribe of Benjamin. His father was named Jair, his grandfather was named Shimei, and his great-grandfather was named Kish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:6

ULT

[6] who had been exiled from Jerusalem with the exiles who had been exiled along with Jeconiah, the king of Judah, who Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled).

UST

[6] Many years earlier, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had taken Kish away from Jerusalem and brought him to Babylon along with many other captives. Nebuchadnezzar took them away from Jerusalem at the same time that he took King Jeconiah of Judah away from Jerusalem and brought him to Babylon.

Who had taken Kish from Jerusalem?

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had taken Kish from Jerusalem.

Esther 2:7

ULT

[7] And he was fostering Hadassah (she is Esther), the daughter of his uncle, because there was not for her a father or a mother. Now the young woman was beautiful of form and pleasing of appearance. And at the death of her father and her mother, Mordecai had taken her for him as a daughter.

UST

[7] Now Mordecai was taking care of his cousin, who was an orphan. Her {Hebrew} name was Hadassah, and her {Persian} name was Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai had adopted her as his own daughter. Esther was now a young woman, and she was exceptionally attractive.

What was Esther's other name?

Esther's other name was Hadassah.

How was Esther related to Mordecai?

Esther was the daughter of Mordecai's uncle.

Esther 2:8

ULT

8 And it happened that, when the decree of the king and his law were heard, and when many young women were gathered to Susa the citadel into the hand of Hegai, Esther was taken to the palace of the king, into the hand of Hegai (who was overseer of the women).

UST

8 And so this is what happened: Messengers went {throughout the empire} and proclaimed the new law that the king had spoken. At the same time, the officers {whom the king had appointed in each province} brought many {beautiful} young women to the capital city of Susa and put them under the custody of Hegai. He was the man who took care of the young women {who lived in the harem for virgins}. {Because Esther was exceptionally attractive,} the officers also brought her to the king's palace and put her under the custody of Hegai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:9

ULT

9 And the young woman was pleasing in his eyes, and she lifted kindness before his face. And he quickly gave her ointments, gave her portions of food, and gave her seven young women chosen from the house of the king. And he transferred her and her young women to the best of the house of women.

UST

9 Hegai was very impressed with Esther, and he treated her favorably. He quickly arranged for Esther to receive her beauty treatments and her allotment of food. He also chose seven female servants from the king's palace and assigned them to be her personal attendants. He also moved Esther and her attendants to the best rooms in the harem for virgins.

With what did Hegai provide Esther?

Hegai quickly gave her ointments, portions of food, and seven young women chosen from the house of the king.

Esther 2:10

ULT

10 Esther had not declared her people or her ancestry, for Mordecai had laid a charge upon her that she should not tell it.

UST

10 Mordecai had warned Esther that she should not tell anyone what people group she was from. So she did not tell anyone that she was a Jew or who her relatives were.

Why had Esther not told anyone who her people or relatives were?

Esther had not declared her people or her ancestry, for Mordecai had laid a charge upon her that she should not tell it.

Esther 2:11

ULT

11 And always, day by day, Mordecai was walking about before the face of the courtyard of the house of women in order to know the peace of Esther and what was being done with her.

UST

11 Mordecai wanted to know how Esther was doing and what was happening to her. So each and every day, he would walk around in front of the courtyard of the harem for virgins. That way he could ask people who were going in and out of the harem how she was doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:12

ULT

12 Now when the turn came for young woman by young woman to go to the king Ahasuerus, it was after her 12 months, according to the law of women. For thus the days of their beautification would be fulfilled: six months by oil of myrrh, then six months by perfumes and by the ointments of women.

UST

12 Each young woman in the harem, one at a time, was going to {have sexual relations with} King Ahasuerus {and become one of his concubines}. But before her turn came, each woman received a full year of beauty treatments, using techniques that had been developed for women {in Persia}. This is how the beauty treatments were completed: For the first six months, {a woman’s attendants would rub her body every day} with olive oil mixed with myrrh. For the next six months, {her attendants would rub her body every day} with perfumes and lotions designed for women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:13

ULT

13 Then at this, the young woman would go to the king. Anything that she said would be given to her, to go with her from the house of women to the house of the king.

UST

13 This is the way that they would prepare a young woman to go {and have sexual relations} with the king {and become one of his concubines}. She could take whatever clothing and jewelry she wanted from the harem for virgins and wear them when she went to the king's palace.

When a young woman went to the king, what was given to her?

Anything that she said would be given to her.

Esther 2:14

ULT

14 In the evening she would go, and in the morning she would return to the second house of women, into the hand of Shaashgaz (the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the concubines). She would not go to the king again unless the king had delighted in her and she was called by name.

UST

14 The king's servants would bring her {to the king's private rooms} in the evening. The next morning, they would bring her to the other harem, the one for concubines. There a man named Shaashgaz would take charge of her, because he was the {castrated} royal guardian who took care of the concubines. {The young woman would live there for the rest of her life.} She would not go and see the king again unless he asked for her by name because he had enjoyed being with her.

When would a girl return to the king?

She would not go to the king again unless the king had delighted in her and she was called by name.

Esther 2:15

ULT

15 Now when the turn of Esther (the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for him as a daughter) came to go to the king, she did not seek anything except what Hegai (the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the women) said. And Esther was a lifter of favor in the eyes of everyone who saw her.

UST

15 Eventually, {the evening came when} it was the turn for Esther, whom Mordecai had adopted as his daughter, to go to the king. She was the daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle. When Esther went to the king, she only asked for what Hegai, the royal guardian in charge of the harem for virgins, recommended that she should wear. Everyone who saw Esther was very impressed with her.

For what did Esther ask?

She did not ask for anything except what Hegai, the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the women, said.

Esther 2:16

ULT

16 And Esther was taken to the king Ahasuerus, to the palace of his royalty, in the tenth month (which is the month of Tebeth), in year seven of his reign.

UST

16 The king's servants brought Esther to King Ahasuerus in his royal palace during the tenth month of the year (the month of Tebeth), in the seventh year of his reign {as king of Persia}.

When was Esther taken to King Ahasuerus?

So Esther was taken to the king Ahasuerus, to the house of his royalty, in the tenth month (which is the month of Tebeth), in the seventh year of his reign.

Esther 2:17

ULT

17 And the king loved Esther more than all the women and she lifted favor and kindness before his face more than all the virgins. And he set a crown of royalty on her head, and he made her queen instead of Vashti.

UST

17 The king loved Esther more than any of the other women. He treated her more kindly and more favorably than any of the other young women {who had become his concubines}. So King Ahasuerus put a royal crown on her head, and he made her the queen instead of Vashti.

Why did the king set the royal crown on Esther's head and make her queen?

And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she lifted favor and kindness before his face more than all the virgins. So he set a crown of royalty on her head, and he made her queen instead of Vashti.

Esther 2:18

ULT

18 And the king made a great feast for all his officials and his servants, the feast of Esther. And he made a holiday for the provinces, and he gave gifts according to the hand of the king.

UST

18 Then the king hosted a great feast and invited all of his officials and servants. It was a feast to celebrate Esther {becoming the queen}. He proclaimed that this would be a time to celebrate for people in all of the provinces of his empire {when they would not have to pay taxes}, and he generously gave gifts {to people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:19

ULT

19 Now when virgins were being gathered a second time, Mordecai was then sitting at the gate of the king.

UST

19 {Later,} Ahasuerus had his officers bring more virgins {to Susa}. During this time, Mordecai {was working for the king, and he} sat at the king's gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:20

ULT

20 Esther had not yet declared her ancestry (that is, her people), according to the charge that Mordecai had laid upon her. And Esther continued to do the command of Mordecai according to how she was with him in her fostering.

UST

20 Esther had still not told anyone what people group she was from, because Mordecai had warned her not to tell anyone. In fact, she continued to follow all of Mordecai's instructions, just as she had done when she was growing up in his house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:21

ULT

21 In those days, when Mordecai was sitting at the gate of the king, Bigthan and Teresh (two eunuchs of the king who were guardians of the doorway) became angry; and they sought to stretch out a hand against the king Ahasuerus.

UST

21 During that time, when Mordecai was {doing his work} at the king's gate, two of the king's guards who protected the doorway {to the king's private rooms} became angry {with the king}. They planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. Their names were Bigthan and Teresh.

What did Bigthan and Teresh seek to do to King Ahasuerus?

Bigthan and Teresh, two eunuchs of the king who were guardians of the doorway, became angry. And they sought to stretch out a hand to the king Ahasuerus.

Esther 2:22

ULT

22 And the matter was made known to Mordecai, and he declared it to Esther the queen. And Esther spoke to the king in the name of Mordecai.

UST

22 But Mordecai found out about what they were planning. He told Queen Esther about it, and she told the king. She explained that Mordecai had given her the information.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 2:23

ULT

23 And the matter was sought out and was found out, and the two of them were hanged on a pole. And it was written in the book of the events of days before the face of the king.

UST

23 So the king's officials investigated Mordecai's report and discovered that it was true. So the king ordered his servants to hang those two men from wooden poles {until they died}. In the king's presence, the king's scribes recorded an account of this in the royal chronicles.

What happened to Bigthan and Teresh?

The two of them were hung on a tree.

Esther 3

Esther 3:1

ULT

[1] After these things, the king Ahasuerus made Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, great. And he lifted him up and placed his seat of authority from over all the officials who were with him.

UST

[1] Some time later, King Ahasuerus promoted {one of his officials,} Haman, the son of Hammedatha, who was a descendant of Agag. The king gave Haman a very important position, more important than any of his other officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:2

ULT

[2] And all the servants of the king who were at the gate of the king were bowing down and prostrating themselves to Haman, for thus the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would neither bow down nor would he prostrate himself.

UST

[2] The king {wanted to show that he had given Haman an important position. So he} commanded all of his other servants who were at the king's gate to bow down all the way to the ground to honor Haman {whenever he walked by}. But Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman, {because as a Jew he would not worship anyone except Yahweh}.

Who were kneeling and prostrating themselves to Haman?

All the servants of the king were at the gate of the king and were bowing down and prostrating themselves to Haman.

Esther 3:3

ULT

[3] And the servants of the king who were at the gate of the king said to Mordecai, "Why are you trespassing the command of the king?"

UST

[3] The other servants at the king's gate {saw that Mordecai refused to bow down, and they} asked him, "Why are you disobeying the king's command?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:4

ULT

4 And it happened that, when they spoke to him day after day, he did not listen to them. So they told Haman to see if the words of Mordecai would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew. *[1]*

UST

4 Mordecai told them that he was a Jew, {and that Jews only worship Yahweh}. The other servants warned Mordecai every day {that he would be punished severely if he kept disobeying the king and not honoring his most important official}. But Mordecai still refused to bow down. So they told Haman about it to see if he would allow Mordecai to keep refusing to bow down {because he was a Jew}.

What did Mordecai refuse to do?

Mordecai would neither bow down nor would he prostrate himself.

Esther 3:5

ULT

5 And Haman saw that Mordecai would neither bow down nor prostrate himself to him. And Haman was filled with rage.

UST

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai would not bow down to him, he became furious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:6

ULT

6 And it was despised in his eyes to stretch out a hand against Mordecai alone, for they had told him the people of Mordecai. And Haman sought to annihilate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus.

UST

6 The other servants told Haman that {Mordecai was not bowing down to him because} Mordecai was a Jew. So Haman decided it would not be enough just to kill Mordecai alone. Haman decided that he would try to kill all the Jews in the entire empire of Ahasuerus.

Who did Haman want to kill?

Haman sought to annihilate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Esther 3:7

ULT

7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in year 12 of the king Ahasuerus, a Pur (which is “the lot”) was cast before the face of Haman from day to day and from month to month: the twelfth, which is the month of Adar.

UST

7 So Haman had his servants cast a Pur (that is, a lot) while he watched {to determine the best month and the best day of the month to kill the Jews}. They did that in the first month, the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year that Ahasuerus reigned {as king of Persia}. The lot selected the twelfth month of that year, the month of Adar, {as the time for Haman to carry out his plan}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:8

ULT

8 And Haman said to the king Ahasuerus, “He has one people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws are different from every people, and the laws of the king they do not obey. And there is no profit to the king to leave them untouched.

UST

8 Then Haman went to King Ahasuerus and said, “Your Majesty, there is a certain group of people who live among the other peoples in your empire. They are in every province. They have their own set of laws, and so they do not obey your laws. It is not good for you to allow them to live in your empire.

When they threw lots, what month did they chose?

In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of the king Ahasuerus, a Pur (which is “the lot”) was cast before the face of Haman from day to day and from month to month: the twelfth, which is the month of Adar.

Esther 3:9

ULT

9 If it is good to the king, let it be written to destroy them, and I will weigh out 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of the doers of the work, to bring into the treasuries of the king."

UST

9 If you approve of this plan, O king, then write a decree saying that all of the Jews must die. {When they are dead, we can take all of their goods, and from that} I will give 300 tons of silver to your administrators for them to put into your royal treasuries."

How much money was Haman willing to put into the king's treasury if the king would give a command to kill the Jews?

Haman said he would pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of the doers of the work, to bring into the treasuries of the king.

Esther 3:10

ULT

10 And the king removed his signet ring from on his hand, and he gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of the Jews.

UST

10 The king {liked what Haman said. So he} gave Haman the ring that he wore that had his official seal on it. {With that, Haman could make laws as if he were the king himself.} Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, had become the enemy of the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:11

ULT

11 And the king said to Haman, "The silver is given to you, and the people, to do with them as is good in your eyes."

UST

11 The king told Haman, "You can keep the money for yourself, and you can do whatever you want to do with those people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:12

ULT

12 And the scribes of the king were called in the first month, on day 13 of it, and it was written according to all that Haman commanded: to the satraps of the king, and to the governors who were over province by province, and to the officials of people by people, province by province according to its writing, and people by people according to its tongue. In the name of the king Ahasuerus it was written, and it was sealed with the signet ring of the king.

UST

12 On the thirteenth day of the first month of that same year, Haman called in the royal scribes, and he dictated a letter to them. He told them to send copies to the royal officials, the governors of each province, and the leaders of each people group. The scribes translated the letter so it could be sent to each province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. To show that he was sending the letter under the king's own authority, Haman sealed each copy of the letter with the ring that had the king's official seal on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:13

ULT

13 And letters were sent by the hand of runners to all of the provinces of the king, to annihilate, to slaughter, and to destroy all the Jews from young even to old, children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of month 12 (which is the month of Adar), and to plunder their spoils.

UST

13 Couriers delivered the letters to the officials in every province in the empire. The letters said to completely destroy all the Jews, including the children and women, on a single day. That was to be the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, {in that same year}. The letters also said that those who killed the Jews could take everything that belonged to them.

How were documents delivered to all the king's provinces?

And letters were sent by the hand of runners to all of the provinces of the king.

Esther 3:14

ULT

14 A copy of the writing, to be given as a law in every province by province, was uncovered for all the peoples to be ready for this day.

UST

14 The letter told the officials to post copies where everyone could see them. That way all the people in every single province would know that the king had commanded this, and they would get ready {to do what the letter said to do} when the day came.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 3:15

ULT

15 The runners went out, hurrying by decree of the king, and the law was given in Susa the citadel. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was in confusion.
3:4 *[1]*

UST

15 As the king had commanded, couriers rushed {with the letters to every province in the empire}. A herald also proclaimed what the letter said in the capital city of Susa. The king and Haman relaxed and drank together. But everyone who lived in Susa was very upset {about what was going to happen}.

How did Susa respond to the decree?

The city of Susa was in confusion.

Esther 4

Esther 4:1

ULT

1 Now when Mordecai knew about all that had been done, Mordecai tore his garments and put on sackcloth and ashes. And he went out into the midst of the city and cried out a great and bitter outcry.

UST

1 When Mordecai found out about Haman's plan {to kill all the Jews, as signs of grief} he tore his clothes and put on rough sackcloth and threw ashes over himself. Then he started walking towards the city center, {towards the king's palace}, crying out in anguish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:2

ULT

2 And he came only as far as before the face of the gate of the king because no one was to come into the gate of the king while wearing sackcloth.

UST

2 But no one who was wearing sackcloth was allowed inside the king's gate. So when Mordecai reached the gate, he had to stay just outside of it.

How far did Mordecai go? Why?

And he came only as far as before the face of the gate of the king, because no one was to come into the gate of the king while wearing sackcloth.

Esther 4:3

ULT

3 And in every province by province, any place where the decree of the king and his law reached, there was great mourning by the Jews, and fasting and weeping and lamenting; sackcloth and ashes were laid out by the multitudes.

UST

3 In every province of the empire, the letter that said to destroy the Jews {was announced in public. When} the Jews {heard about it, they} mourned greatly. They went without food and wailed loudly. Many of them also put on sackcloth and threw ashes on themselves and lay on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:4

ULT

4 When the young female attendants of Esther came with her eunuchs and they told her, even the queen was seized with extreme fear. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and to take off his sackcloth from upon him, but he did not accept.

UST

4 Esther's female attendants came with her guardians and told her {that Mordecai was sitting outside the gate wearing sackcloth. When she heard about this,} Queen Esther herself became very afraid. She sent Mordecai some good clothes to wear instead of the sackcloth, but he refused to put them on.

When Esther sent garments to clothe Mordecai, how did he respond?
And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and to take off his sackcloth from upon him, but he did not accept.

Esther 4:5

ULT

5 And Esther called for Hathak, from the eunuchs of the king whom he had caused to stand before her face. She commanded him concerning Mordecai to know what this was and on account of what this was.

UST

5 The king had assigned some of the royal guardians to Esther personally. So Esther called for one of them, a man named Hathak. She told him to go out and speak with Mordecai and find out why he was so distressed {that he was sitting at the king's gate wearing sackcloth}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:6

ULT

6 And Hathak went out to Mordecai, to the open place of the city that was before the face of the gate of the king.

UST

6 So Hathak went out to {speak with} Mordecai, who was in the plaza in front of the king's gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:7

ULT

[7] And Mordecai reported to him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of silver that Haman had said to weigh out into the treasuries of the king against the Jews to destroy them.

UST

[7] Mordecai told Hathak everything that Haman was planning to do {to the Jews}. He even told him how much money Haman said the king would get for his treasuries {if the king commanded people} to kill all of the Jews.

What did Mordecai report to Hathak?

And Mordecai reported to him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of silver that Haman had said to weigh out into the treasuries of the king, against the Jews, to destroy them.

Esther 4:8

ULT

[8] Also he gave to him a copy of the writing of the law that had been given in Susa to annihilate them, in order to show Esther and to inform her and to lay a charge upon her to go to the king to implore his favor and to seek from before his face concerning her people.

UST

[8] Mordecai also gave Hathak a copy of the letter that the heralds had read out loud in Susa and that said that people must kill all of the Jews. He told Hathak to show the letter to Esther so that she would know exactly what it said. He also told him to urge her to go to the king personally and to beg him desperately to save her people from destruction.

Why did Mordecai give Hathak a copy of the decree that was issued in Susa for the Jews' destruction?

Also he gave to him a copy of the writing of the law that had been given in Susa to annihilate them, in order to show Esther, and to inform her, and to lay a charge upon her to go to the king to implore his favor and to plead from before his face concerning her people.

Esther 4:9

ULT

[9] And Hathak went and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

UST

[9] So Hathak returned to Esther and told her what Mordecai had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:10

ULT

10 And Esther spoke to Hathak and commanded him to say to Mordecai:

UST

10 Then Esther told Hathak to go back to Mordecai with this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:11

ULT

11 “All the servants of the king and the people of the provinces of the king are knowing that for any man or woman who goes to the king, to the inner court, who has not been called, his law is one: to cause to die, apart from when the king holds out to him the scepter of gold; then he will live. But as for me, I have not been called to come to the king these 30 days.”

UST

11 “There is a law {about going to the king} that applies to {everyone in the kingdom}, both men and women. If anyone goes into the inner courtyard of the palace, {where the king can see them}, and the king has not summoned them, that person will die. Only if the king holds out his golden scepter to them, then they will live. Everyone in the whole empire knows this law. {So I cannot go and speak to the king as you have requested.} The king has not called for me in over a month, {and if I go without being summoned, I could be put to death}.”

What happened if any man or woman went to the king inside the inner courtyard without being summoned?

The law was that any man or woman would die who went to the king inside the inner court without first being called unless the king held out to him or her the scepter of gold, in which case the person was allowed to live.

Esther 4:12

ULT

12 And they told to Mordecai the words of Esther.

UST

12 So {Hathak} went back to Mordecai and told him what Esther had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:13

ULT

13 And Mordecai said to return to Esther: “Do not think to yourself to escape in the palace of the king, different from all the Jews.

UST

13 Mordecai told {Hathak} to tell this to Esther: “Do not imagine that just because you live there in the king’s palace that you will be safe when they kill all the other Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:14

ULT

14 For if you indeed remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and the house of your father will perish. And who knows if you have arrived at royalty for such a time as this?”

UST

14 If you say nothing at all now, someone from some other place will rescue the Jews, but you and your relatives will not survive. Who knows, perhaps it was for just such a time as this that you became queen.”

What did Mordecai say would happen if Esther remained silent at that time?

For if you, indeed, remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and the house of your father will perish.

Esther 4:15

ULT

15 And Esther said to return to Mordecai:

UST

15 {After Hathak told this to} Esther, she told him to go back to Mordecai and say this to him:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 4:16

ULT

16 “Go, gather all the Jews who are found in Susa. And fast on account of me, neither eating nor drinking for three days, both night and day. Also, I myself and my young female attendants will fast likewise. Then, in such circumstances, I will go to the king, which is not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

UST

16 “Gather together all the Jews who live here in Susa and tell them to fast and pray for my sake. Tell them to not eat or drink anything for three days and three nights. My female attendants and I will also fast in the same way. At the end of the three days, I will go to {talk to} the king, even though doing that is against the law. I will do that even if it costs me my life.”

What did Esther tell Mordecai to do?

Go, gather all the Jews who are found in Susa. And fast on account of me, neither eating nor drinking for three days, both night and day. Also, I myself and my young female attendants will fast likewise. Then, in such circumstances, I will go to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.

Esther 4:17

ULT

17 And Mordecai went and did according to the whole charge that Esther had laid upon him.

UST

17 So {after Hathach told this to} Mordecai, he went and did everything that Esther had told him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5

Esther 5:1

ULT

1 And it happened on the third day that Esther put on royalty and stood in the inner court of the palace of the king, opposite to the house of the king. Now the king was sitting on the throne of his royalty in the palace of royalty opposite to the entrance of the palace.

UST

1 Three days later, Esther {and her servants prepared a grand banquet. Then she} put on her royal robes, and she {went and} stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, across from the king's house. He was in the royal palace, sitting on the royal throne and facing the entrance of the room.

Where was the inner courtyard of the king's palace?
The inner courtyard of the king's palace was opposite to the house of the king.

Esther 5:2

ULT

2 And it happened that, as soon as the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she lifted favor in his eyes. And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold that was in his hand, so Esther approached and touched the head of the scepter.

UST

2 As soon as the king noticed Queen Esther standing there in the courtyard, he was very pleased to see her. So he held out his golden scepter to her, {to show that she could safely approach him}. So Esther came up {to the throne} and touched the top of the scepter.

When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, why did he hold out to her the golden scepter?
As soon as the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she lifted favor in his eyes.

Esther 5:3

ULT

3 And the king said to her, “What is to you, Esther the queen? And what is your request? As much as half of the kingdom, and let it be given to you.”

UST

3 Then the king asked her, “Why have you come here, Queen Esther? What do you want? {Tell me, and} I will give you anything you ask for, no matter how great it is.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:4

ULT

4 And Esther said, “If it is good to the king, let the king come with Haman today to the banquet that I have made for him.”

UST

4 Esther replied, “If it pleases you, O king, please come with Haman today to the banquet that I have prepared for you.”

What did Esther request from the king?

If it is good to the king, let the king come with Haman today to the banquet that I have made for him.

Esther 5:5

ULT

5 And the king said, “Bring Haman quickly in order to do the word of Esther.” And the king came with Haman to the banquet that Esther had made.

UST

5 The king said to his servants, “{Go and} get Haman and bring him quickly so that we can do what Esther has asked us to do!” So the king and Haman went to the banquet that Esther {and her servants} had prepared {for them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:6

ULT

6 And the king said to Esther during the banquet of wine, “What is your petition? And let it be given to you. And what is your request? As much as half of the kingdom, and let it be done.”

UST

6 While they were drinking wine, the king said to Esther, “Now please tell me what you {really} want. I will give you anything {you ask for}, no matter how great it is. I truly mean what I am saying.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:7

ULT

7 And Esther answered and said, “My petition and my request:

UST

7 Esther answered, “This is what I {really} want:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:8

ULT

8 if I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it is good to the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king come with Haman to the banquet that I will make for them, and tomorrow I will do according to the word of the king.”

UST

8 if you are pleased with me, and if you are pleased, O king, to give me what I want, please come with Haman to {another} banquet that I will prepare for you tomorrow. I will answer your question then.”

What did Esther request from the king the second time?

If I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it is good to the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king come with Haman to the banquet which I will make for them, and tomorrow I will do according to the word of the king.

Esther 5:9

ULT

[9] And Haman went out that day joyful and pleased of heart. But as soon as Haman saw Mordecai at the gate of the king, that he neither rose up nor trembled from him, then Haman was filled with rage on account of Mordecai.

UST

[9] Haman was feeling very happy as he left {the banquet that day}. But then he saw Mordecai sitting at the king's gate. Mordecai did not stand up to show respect for Haman or tremble fearfully in front of him. This made Haman furious with Mordecai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:10

ULT

[10] But Haman restrained himself and went to his house. Then he sent and brought his friends and Zeresh his wife.

UST

[10] But {even though} Haman {was so angry, he} kept himself from showing that he was angry. {Instead,} he went home and gathered together his friends with his wife Zeresh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:11

ULT

[11] And Haman recounted to them the glory of his wealth and the multitude of his sons and all about how the king had made him great and how he had lifted him over the officials and administrators of the king.

UST

[11] and he boasted to them about how rich he was and about how many sons he had. {He} also {boasted} about how the king had promoted him many times and given him a position above all of his other officials and administrators.

What did Haman recount to his family?

Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his wealth and the multitude of his sons and all about how the king had made him great and how he had lifted him over the officials and administrators of the king.

Esther 5:12

ULT

12 And Haman said, “In addition, Esther the queen did not bring anyone with the king to the banquet that she had made except me. And also for tomorrow, I am called by her with the king.

UST

12 Then Haman added, “And that is not all! I was the only one Queen Esther invited to come with the king to a banquet that she prepared {for us today}. And she has also invited only me {to attend another banquet} with the king tomorrow.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 5:13

ULT

13 But all of this is not equal for me to every time that I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the gate of the king.”

UST

13 Then Haman said, “But I still cannot be happy as long as I keep seeing that Jew, Mordecai, sitting there at the king’s gate {and refusing to honor me}.”

What did Haman feel was more important to him than being invited to the banquets?

But all of this is not equal for me to every time that I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the gate of the king.

Esther 5:14

ULT

14 And Zeresh his wife, with all of his friends, said to him, “Let them make a pole 50 cubits high. And in the morning speak to the king, and let them hang Mordecai on it. Then go with the king to the banquet joyful.” And the word was good before the face of Haman, and he made the pole.

UST

14 So Haman’s wife Zeresh and his friends who were there suggested, “Have your servants set up a pole 25 meters high. Then tomorrow morning speak to the king and tell him that you want to hang Mordecai on it. Then {once you have executed Mordecai,} you can go to the banquet with the king in a good mood.” Haman thought that this was a good plan, so he {told his servants to} set up the pole.

What did Zeresh tell Haman to make? Why?

Let them make a tree fifty cubits high. And in the morning speak to the king, and let them hang Mordecai on it.

Esther 6

Esther 6:1

ULT

[1] That night the sleep of the king fled away. And he said to bring the book of records of the events of days, and they were being called out before the face of the king.

UST

[1] That night the king was unable to sleep. So he told {the young men who attended him} to bring in the royal chronicles. One {of the young men got the chronicles and} began to read them out loud to the king.

Why did the king command servants to bring the records of the events of his reign?

That night the sleep of the king fled away. And he said to bring the book of records of the events of days.

Esther 6:2

ULT

[2] And it was found written that Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the eunuchs of the king who were from the guardians of the doorway, that they had sought to stretch out a hand against the king Ahasuerus.

UST

[2] The chronicles said that Bigthan and Teresh, two of the royal guardians who protected the doorway {to the king's private quarters}, had planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. The chronicles also said that Mordecai {had discovered their plot and} had let the king know about it. {By doing that, Mordecai saved the king's life.}

What was found written in the book of records that was read to the king?

It was found written that Mordecai had reported that Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who guarded the door, had conspired to kill the King.

Esther 6:3

ULT

[3] And the king said, “What honor or greatness was done for Mordecai on account of this?” And the young men of the king who served him said, “Not a thing has been done with him.”

UST

[3] Then the king asked, “In what great way did I honor Mordecai for saving my life?” The young men who attended him replied, “No one did anything for him.”

What had been done to give honor or recognition to Mordecai for telling the king about Bigthana and Teresh?
Nothing had been done to give honor or recognition to Mordecai for telling the king about Bigthana and Teresh.

Esther 6:4

ULT

[4] And the king asked, “Who is in the court?” Now Haman had come into the outer court of the house of the king to say to the king to hang Mordecai on the pole that he had prepared for him.

UST

[4] At that moment, Haman entered the outer courtyard of the king’s house. He had come to tell the king that he wanted to hang Mordecai on the pole that he had set up for Mordecai. The king {wanted to consult someone about the best way to honor Mordecai, so he} asked, “Who is out in the courtyard?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:5

ULT

[5] And the young men of the king said to him, “Behold, Haman is standing in the courtyard.” And the king said, “Let him come.”

UST

[5] The young men replied, “O king, Haman is standing in the courtyard.” The king said, “Bring him in.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:6

ULT

[6] And Haman came, and the king said to him, “What is one to do for the man in whose honor the king is delighted?” Then Haman said in his heart, “For whom would the king delight to do honor more than me?”

UST

[6] When Haman came in, the king asked him, “What should I do for the man whom I would really like to honor?” Haman thought to himself, “Certainly I am the person whom the king would like to honor more than anyone else!”

When the king asked Haman what should be done for the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring, about whom did Haman think the king was talking?
Then Haman said in his heart, “For whom would the king delight to do honor more than me?”

Esther 6:7

ULT

[7] And Haman said to the king, “For a man whom the king delights to honor:

UST

[7] Haman replied to the king, “If you really want to honor someone,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:8

ULT

[8] let them bring a garment of royalty with which the king has clothed himself, and a horse on which the king has ridden and which has been given a crown of royalty for its head.

UST

[8] tell your servants to bring one of your own royal robes that you have already worn yourself. Have them also bring a horse that you have already ridden yourself and put a royal crown on its head {to show that it belongs to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:9

ULT

9 And give this garment and this horse into the hand of a man from the most noble officials of the king. And let them clothe the man whom the king delights to honor, and cause him to ride on the horse in the open square of the city, and proclaim before his face, ‘Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king delights to honor!’”

UST

9 Then, {on your behalf,} have one of your most noble officials present the man with the robe and the horse. Have your servants clothe the man whom you really want to honor {with the robe}. Have them seat that man on the horse and then lead the horse through the public square of the city. Have them shout out {to everyone} in front of them, ‘The king is doing this because he really wants to honor this man!’”

Who would dress the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring, and lead him on the horse through the city streets?

A man from the most noble officials of the king would do these things.

Esther 6:10

ULT

10 And the king said to Haman, “Hurry, take the garment and the horse, according to how you have spoken, and do thus for Mordecai the Jew, the man who sits at the gate of the king. Do not allow a word to fall of all that you have spoken.”

UST

10 The king {liked this plan, so he} replied to Haman, “Go quickly! Take the robe and the horse and do what you have just described for Mordecai the Jew. He {is one of my servants who} sits by the gate to the palace. Make sure that you do absolutely everything that you have said.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:11

ULT

11 And Haman took the garment and the horse, and he clothed Mordecai and caused him to ride in the open place of the city and called out before his face, “Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king delights to honor!”

UST

11 So Haman {did what the king commanded. He} got the robe and the horse. He put the robe on Mordecai, seated him on the horse, and then led the horse through the public square of the city. As he did, he shouted out to everyone in front of him, “The king is doing this because he really wants to honor this man!”

Who dressed Mordecai and led him on the horse through the city streets?

So Haman took the garment and the horse, and he clothed Mordecai and paraded him in the open square of the city, and called out before his face, “Thus shall it be done for the man in whose honor the king is delighted!”

Esther 6:12

ULT

12 And Mordecai returned to the gate of the king, but Haman hurried to his house, mourning with a covering of head.

UST

12 Then Mordecai went back to {his place at} the king’s gate. But Haman hurried to his house, covering {his} head {because he felt so} humiliated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 6:13

ULT

13 And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, “If Mordecai, before whose face you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Jews, then you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before his face.”

UST

13 Haman {gathered} all his friends {together once again. He} told them and his wife Zeresh everything that had happened to him {that day. Some of his friends were also} his advisors{, and they} and his wife Zeresh told him, “Mordecai has begun to defeat you. Since he is one of the Jewish people, you will not win against him. Instead, he will certainly defeat you.”

About what did Haman’s wise men and his wife warn him?

If Mordecai, before whose face you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Jews, then you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before his face.

Esther 6:14

ULT

14 They were still speaking with him when the eunuchs of the king arrived. And they hurried to bring Haman to the banquet that Esther had made.

UST

14 While they were still talking together, {some of} the royal guardians arrived to bring Haman quickly to the banquet that Esther {and her servants} had prepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 7

Esther 7:1

ULT

[1] And the king came with Haman to drink with Esther the queen.

UST

[1] So the king and Haman went to the {second} banquet that Queen Esther {had arranged for them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 7:2

ULT

[2] And the king said to Esther again on the second day during the banquet of wine, “What is your petition, Esther the queen? And let it be given to you. And what is your request? As much as half of the kingdom, and let it be done.”

UST

[2] At that second banquet, while they were drinking wine, the king asked Esther again, “Now please tell me what you really want, Queen Esther. {Tell me,} and I will do it for you. {I will give you} anything you ask for, no matter how great it is.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 7:3

ULT

[3] And Esther the queen answered and said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, O king, and if it is good to the king, let my life be given to me at my petition and my people at my request.

UST

[3] Then Queen Esther replied, “If you are pleased with me, O king, I hope you will be willing to do what I ask. Please allow me to live, and please save my people. That is what I am asking for.

What did Esther ask from King Ahasuerus?

Let my life be given to me at my petition, and my people at my request.

Esther 7:4

ULT

4 For we have been sold, I and my people, for annihilation, for slaughter, and for destruction. Now if we had
been sold as slaves and female servants, I would have kept silent, because the distress would not have been
equal to a burden of the king."

UST

4 {I am appealing to you} because someone has turned my people and me over {to our enemies}, and they
are going to destroy us completely. If someone had sold the men and {even} the women to be slaves, I would
not have said anything about that to you, because that would not have been important enough to bother
you, the king, with that."

What did Esther say she would have done if her people had only been sold into slavery?

Now if we had been sold as slaves and female servants, I would have kept silent.

Esther 7:5

ULT

5 And the king Ahasuerus spoke and said to Esther the queen, "Who is he, this man? Where is this man, he
whose heart is full to do thus?"

UST

5 Then King Ahasuerus responded to Queen Esther, "Who has done this? Where is the man who has dared to
do such a thing?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 7:6

ULT

6 Esther answered, "A man, an adversary, and an enemy—this evil Haman!" Then Haman was terrified from
before the face of the king and the queen.

UST

6 Esther responded, "The man who is our bitter enemy is this evil man Haman!" This made Haman terrified to
be in the presence of the king and the queen.

Who did Esther describe as an "adversary" and "enemy?"

A man, an adversary, and an enemy is this evil Haman!

Esther 7:7

ULT

7 And the king rose up in his rage from the banquet of wine to the garden of the palace. But Haman remained in order to seek for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.

UST

7 The king became so angry that he got up and left the banquet of wine. He went {outside} into the palace garden {to decide what to do}. But Haman stayed {inside} to beg Queen Esther to save his life because he recognized that the king wanted to execute him.

What did Haman do when the king got up in a rage from the banquet of wine?

Haman remained in order to beg for his life from Esther the queen.

Esther 7:8

ULT

8 Now when the king returned from the garden of the palace to the house of the banquet of wine, Haman was fallen on the couch on which Esther was. And the king said, “Is it also to subdue the queen with me in the house?” The word was going out from the mouth of the king when they covered the face of Haman.

UST

8 {As he was pleading for his life,} Haman knelt down very close to Esther as she was {reclining} on a {banqueting} couch. When the king returned from the palace garden to the room where they had been drinking wine, {he saw this}. The king exclaimed, “He is even trying to rape the queen in my presence and in my own house!” As soon as the king said this, {some of his servants} covered Haman’s face {as a sign that he would be executed}.

After Haman fell on the couch where Esther was, what did the king think Haman was doing?

The king thought Haman was trying to subdue the queen with me. This means that he thought Haman was trying to rape her.

Esther 7:9

ULT

9 And Harbona, one from the eunuchs before the face of the king, said, “Also, behold, the pole that Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, is standing at the house of Haman 50 cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on it.”

UST

9 Then Harbona, who was one of the guardians who served the king personally, said, “O king! Haman has also set up a pole twenty-five meters high at his house because he wants to hang Mordecai on it. But Mordecai saved your life.” The king said, “Hang Haman on it!”

Where did the king say to hang Haman?

The king said to hang Haman on the tree that Haman made for Mordecai, which was standing at the house of Haman 50 cubits high.

Esther 7:10

ULT

10 And they hanged Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai, and the rage of the king subsided.

UST

10 So they hung Haman on the pole that he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king stopped being so angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8

Esther 8:1

ULT

[1] On that day, the king Ahasuerus gave to Esther the queen the house of Haman, the adversary of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the face of the king because Esther told what he was to her.

UST

[1] That same day, King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther all the property that had belonged to Haman. He had been the enemy of the Jews. Esther told the king that Mordecai was {her cousin and that he had been like a father} to her. When he learned that, {the king summoned} Mordecai to come to him.

Why did Mordecai begin to serve before the king?

And Mordecai came before the face of the king, because Esther told what he was to her.

Esther 8:2

ULT

[2] And the king removed his signet ring, which he had caused to pass from Haman, and he gave it to Mordecai. And Esther placed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

UST

[2] {When the king sentenced Haman to death,} the king took back from Haman the ring that had the king's official seal on it {and the king was wearing it again.} The king now took the ring off and gave it to Mordecai, {to show that Mordecai would have the power to act with the king's authority.} Esther also put Mordecai in charge of all the property that had belonged to Haman.

Why was Mordecai in charge of Haman's estate?

And Esther placed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Esther 8:3

ULT

3 And Esther repeated her action, and she spoke before the face of the king. She fell before the face of his feet and wept and implored favor from him to take away the evil of Haman the Agagite and his plot that he had plotted against the Jews.

UST

3 Then Esther came to speak to the king again. {To show him how desperately she was pleading,} Esther knelt down and put her face right on top of his feet. She cried as she begged him to stop the terrible plan of Haman the Agagite to destroy the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:4

ULT

4 And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold, so Esther rose up and stood before the face of the king.

UST

4 The king held out his golden scepter toward Esther, so she got up {off the floor} and stood facing the king.

What did the king do so that Esther could arise and stand before him?

And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold, so Esther rose up and stood before the face of the king.

Esther 8:5

ULT

5 And she said, “If it is good to the king, and if I have found favor before his face, and the word is proper before the face of the king, and I am good in his eyes, let it be written to bring back the letters, the plot of Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king.

UST

5 Then Esther said, “Your majesty, if you think that it is the right thing to do, and if you are pleased with me, please write a new letter revoking the letters that Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, sent out. His letters said to destroy all the Jews everywhere in your empire.

What letters had Haman written?

Haman had written letters to destroy the Jews who were in all of the provinces of the king.

Esther 8:6

ULT

6 For how could I bear to see the evil that my people would find? And how could I bear seeing the destruction of my kindred?”

UST

6 {I am asking this} because I cannot bear to see the terrible thing that is about to happen to my people. They are my kindred. I cannot bear to see people destroy them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:7

ULT

7 And the king Ahasuerus said to Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, “Behold, I have given the house of Haman to Esther, and they have hanged him on the pole on account of this, that he stretched out his hand against the Jews.

UST

7 King Ahasuerus replied to Queen Esther and Mordecai the Jew, “As you know, I have given to Esther all the property that belonged to Haman, and I had my servants hang Haman on a wooden pole because he wanted to kill all the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:8

ULT

8 So, in the name of the king, you write for the Jews as is good in your eyes, and seal it with the signet ring of the king. For there is none to take back a writing that has been written in the name of the king and has been sealed with the signet ring of the king.”

UST

8 {You also know that} no one can revoke a letter that has my name and my official seal on it, {such as the letter that Haman wrote}. So this is what you should do. Write {a new letter} to help the Jews, as you think best. {I give you permission to} put my name on it and to seal {the letter} with the ring that has my official seal on it.”

Why did Esther need to write another decree for the Jews in the name of the king?

Esther needed to write another decree because there was none to take back a writing that had been written in the name of the king and had been sealed with the signet ring of the king.

Esther 8:9

ULT

9 And the scribes of the king were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third of it. And according to all that Mordecai commanded, it was written to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and officials of the provinces that were from India even as far as Ethiopia: 127 provinces, province by province according to its writing, and people by people according to its tongue, and to the Jews according to their writing and according to their tongue.

UST

9 So the king sent for his scribes. {They came and} they wrote a letter saying everything that Mordecai told them {to write}. {They wrote this letter} on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan, {in the twelfth year that Ahasuerus reigned as king of Persia}. The letter addressed the Jews {in the empire}, but they also sent {copies of the letter} to the royal officials, and to the governors and leaders in each province. The empire {of Ahasuerus} had 127 provinces, extending all the way from India {in the east} to Ethiopia {in the west}. The scribes wrote to {people in} every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. They wrote {especially} to the Jews, in their alphabet and in their own language.

When were the king's scribes called?

So the scribes of the king were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third of it.

Esther 8:10

ULT

10 And he wrote in the name of the king Ahasuerus, and he sealed with the signet ring of the king. And he sent letters (by the hand of runners on horses, riders of the royal pack horses, sons of the mares)

UST

10 Mordecai signed {each copy of the letter} with the name of King Ahasuerus, and he sealed {each one} with the ring that had the king's official seal on it. Couriers on horseback delivered the letters. They rode fast horses that were only for the king's service. These horses were born in the king's own stables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:11

ULT

11 that the king gave to the Jews who were in every city, city by city: to gather and to stand for their life, to annihiliate, and to slaughter, and to destroy any strength of a people or province that would attack them, children and women, and plunder their spoil;

UST

11 {Each copy of the letter said} that the king permits the Jews throughout the empire to join together and to fight to protect themselves. {The king's letter} also {permits them} to completely destroy any group of armed men from any people or province who would attack them. {The letter} also {permits them} to kill the women and children {of those who would attack them}, and to take the possessions of the people {whom they kill}.

What did the king give the Jews permission to do?

The king gave the Jews in every city the legal right to gather together and defend their lives, to annihiliate and to slaughter and to destroy any group of a people or province that would attack them including their women and children and women, and to plunder their spoil.

Esther 8:12

ULT

12 on one day in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth of month 12, which is the month of Adar.

UST

12 {The letter permitted all the Jews} in every province throughout the empire {to do this} on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, {in that same year}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:13

ULT

13 A copy of the writing was to be given as a law in every province by province, being uncovered for all the peoples, and for the Jews to be prepared for that day to take revenge from their enemies.

UST

13 {The letter told the officials} in every single province to display copies of the letter where everyone could see them so that people would know that the king had commanded this, and so that the Jews would be ready to fight back against their enemies when the day came.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:14

ULT

14 The runners, the riders of the royal pack horses, went out hastened and hurried by the word of the king. And the law was given in Susa the citadel.

UST

14 The king commanded the couriers to deliver the letters as quickly as possible. {He sent them out} on his own fast horses. The king's officials also proclaimed the new law {and displayed copies of the letter} in the capital city of Susa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:15

ULT

15 And Mordecai went out from before the face of the king in a garment of royalty of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a robe of fine linen and purple, and the city of Susa cheered and rejoiced.

UST

15 The king gave Mordecai {special things to wear to show that he was now his most important official. He gave him} a blue and white royal garment, a large golden crown, and a purple robe made of fine linen. Mordecai put these on and left the palace. {When} the people of Susa {saw him, they} shouted joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:16

ULT

16 For the Jews there was light and joy and rejoicing and honor.

UST

16 The Jews in Susa were very happy, and other people honored them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 8:17

ULT

17 In every province by province and in every city by city, any place where the word of the king and his law came, there was joy and rejoicing for the Jews, a feast and a good day. And many from the peoples of the land became Jews because dread of the Jews had fallen upon them.

UST

17 In every single province and in every single city, wherever {the couriers} brought the letter announcing the king's decree, the Jews rejoiced greatly and had big celebrations. Many people from other groups in the empire became very afraid of the Jews, so they became Jews themselves.

Why did many from among the variety of peoples of the land become Jews?

Many from the peoples of the land became Jews because dread of the Jews had fallen upon them.

Esther 9

Esther 9:1

ULT

[1] Now in month 12, which is the month of Adar, on day 13 of it, when the word of the king and his law had reached the time to be done, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to dominate them: but being overturned, it happened that the Jews themselves dominated those who hated them.

UST

[1] On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month {of that year}, the month of Adar, it was time for everyone to do what the letters from the king said that he had decreed for them to do. The enemies of the Jews had expected to destroy the Jews on that day. But just the opposite happened. Instead, it was the Jews who destroyed their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:2

ULT

[2] The Jews assembled themselves in their cities in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus to stretch out a hand against those seeking their evil. But a man did not stand to their face, for sudden fear of them had fallen on all the peoples.

UST

[2] Throughout the empire, the Jews joined together in their cities to defend themselves against those who wanted to harm them. No one was able to fight back against them because everyone in the empire had become very afraid of them, {so no one helped anyone who attacked the Jews}.

Why could no one stand against the Jews?

But a man did not stand to their face, for sudden fear of them had fallen on all the peoples.

Esther 9:3

ULT

[3] And all the officials of the provinces, and the satraps and the governors and those doing the work that was for the king were lifting up the Jews, for dread of Mordecai had fallen on them.

UST

[3] All the leaders in each province, the royal officials, the governors, and everyone who worked for the king helped the Jews because they had become very afraid of Mordecai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:4

ULT

4 For Mordecai was great in the palace of the king, and the report of him was going out into all the provinces, for the man Mordecai was progressing and becoming great.

UST

4 They were afraid of Mordecai because he was a very important royal official. Throughout the empire, everyone was hearing about how great he was because Mordecai kept becoming more and more powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:5

ULT

5 And the Jews struck to all their enemies a strike of sword and slaughter and destruction. And they did to those who hated them according to their pleasure.

UST

5 {On the day when they were allowed to defend themselves}, the Jews took their weapons and fought against all of their enemies. The Jews destroyed them completely. They were able to do everything that they wanted to do against their enemies.

What did the Jews do to their enemies?

And the Jews struck to all their enemies a strike of sword and slaughter and destruction, and they did to those who hated them according to their pleasure.

Esther 9:6

ULT

6 And in Susa the citadel the Jews slaughtered and destroyed 500 men.

UST

6 In the capital city of Susa the Jews killed 500 men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:7

ULT

[7] And Parshandatha and Dalphon and Aspatha

UST

[7] {The Jews} also {killed the ten sons of Haman. The names of his sons were} Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:8

ULT

[8] and Poratha and Adalia and Aridatha

UST

[8] Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:9

ULT

[9] and Parmashta and Arisai and Aridai and Vaizatha,

UST

[9] Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizatha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:10

ULT

[10] the ten sons of Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the adversary of the Jews, they slaughtered. But they did not stretch out their hand to the plunder.

UST

[10] These were the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. The Jews killed them, but they did not take the things that belonged to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:11

ULT

11 On that day, the report of the number of those who were killed in Susa the citadel came to the face of the king.

UST

11 At the end of the day, someone came in and reported to the king how many people the Jews had killed in the capital city of Susa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:12

ULT

12 And the king said to Esther the queen, “In Susa the citadel the Jews have slaughtered and destroyed 500 men, with the ten sons of Haman. In the rest of the provinces of the king, what have they done? Now what is your petition? And it will be given to you. And what is your request? Again, and it will be done.”

UST

12 So the king said to Queen Esther, “Here in the capital city of Susa the Jews have killed 500 men, including the ten sons of Haman. In the rest of my empire, they must have killed many more than that! So, what else do you want? Tell me, and I will do it for you. I will do whatever you ask, so please tell me what you want.”

Who did the Jews kill?

In Susa the citadel the Jews have slaughtered and destroyed five hundred men, with the ten sons of Haman.

Esther 9:13

ULT

13 And Esther said, “If it is good to the king, let it be given also tomorrow to the Jews who are in Susa to do according to the law of today, and let the ten sons of Haman hang on the pole.”

UST

13 Esther replied, “If it seems like a good plan to you, O king, then please allow the Jews who {live here} in Susa to do again tomorrow what you allowed them to do today. Also, command {your servants} to hang {the bodies of} Haman’s ten sons on wooden poles.”

What happened to the bodies of Haman’s ten sons?

“Let the ten sons of Haman hang on the tree.” And the king said for this to be done. And a law was given in Susa, and they hanged the ten sons of Haman.

Esther 9:14

ULT

14 And the king said for this to be done. And a law was given in Susa, and they hanged the ten sons of Haman.

UST

14 The king did as {Esther} asked. He issued a decree {allowing the Jews} in Susa {to fight against their enemies again the next day}, and {he ordered his servants} to hang {the bodies of} Haman's ten sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:15

ULT

15 And the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves also on day 14 of the month of Adar, and they killed 300 men in Susa. But they did not stretch out their hand to the plunder.

UST

15 And so on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, the Jews who {lived} in Susa joined together again and killed 300 {more} men in Susa. But {once again} they did not take the things that belonged to those men.

How many men did the Jews kill on the fourteenth day of the month Adar?

So the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves also on day 14 of the month of Adar, and they killed 300 men in Susa.

Esther 9:16

ULT

16 And the rest of the Jews who were in the provinces of the king assembled themselves and stood for their lives, and they rested from their enemies, and they slaughtered 75,000 of those who hated them. But they did not stretch out their hand to the plunder.

UST

16 The Jews who {lived} in the other parts of the empire, who had joined together to fight for their lives {on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar}, had defeated their enemies and killed 75,000 of them {on that day}. But they did not take the things that had belonged to their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:17

ULT

17 On day 13 of the month of Adar, then they rested. On the fourteenth of it, then they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

UST

17 {After defeating their enemies} on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, they rested on the fourteenth day. They devoted the fourteenth day as a day to celebrate joyfully.

What did the rest of the Jews who were in the provinces of the king do on the fourteenth day of the month Adar?

On the fourteenth day of the month of Adar they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

Esther 9:18

ULT

18 But the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And they rested on the fifteenth of it, and they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

UST

18 But the Jews who {lived} in Susa joined together {to fight against their enemies} on both the thirteenth and fourteenth days of the month {of Adar}. They rested on the fifteenth day. They devoted that day to celebrating joyfully.

Why do the Jews in Susa observe the fifteenth day of the month Adar as a day of gladness and feasting?

But the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And they rested on the fifteenth of it, and they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

Esther 9:19

ULT

19 Therefore, the Jews, the ones of the open country, the ones who dwell in the cities of the open areas, make day 14 of the month of Adar for rejoicing and for feasting and a good day and for the sending of gifts, a man to his friend.

UST

19 That is why the Jews who live in rural villages observe this holiday on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar {rather than on the fifteenth day}. They do this by celebrating joyfully and by giving gifts to one another.

What do the Jews of the open country, the ones who dwell in the cities of the open areas, do on day 14 of the month of Adar?

They make day 14 of the month of Adar a day for rejoicing and for feasting and a good day, and for the sending of gifts, a man to his friend.

Esther 9:20

ULT

20 And Mordecai wrote these things. And he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, the near ones and the far ones,

UST

20 Mordecai wrote down everything that had happened. Then he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the empire, everywhere that they lived.

How often did Mordecai obligate the Jews to keep the fourteenth and the fifteenth day of Adar? (vv20-21)

Mordecai obligated the Jews to keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar “every year by year,” meaning every single year.

Esther 9:21

ULT

21 to set up for them to be making day 14 of the month of Adar and day 15 of it, every year by year,

UST

21 He established {a holiday on} the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar. He told the Jews to observe it every single year

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:22

ULT

22 as the days when the Jews rested on them from their enemies and as the month when it had turned for them from sorrow into joy and from mourning into a good day, in order to make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending of gifts, a man to his friend and gifts to the needy.

UST

22 because those were the days when the Jews rested and no longer had to fight their enemies. That was the month when everything had changed for them. They had been deeply distressed {because their enemies were going to destroy them}. But then they became very happy {after they were safe from all their enemies}. {So Mordecai told them} to observe those days with joyful celebration and by giving gifts to one another. {Mordecai} also {told them that} they should help the poor on those days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:23

ULT

23 And the Jews accepted what they had begun to do and what Mordecai had written to them.

UST

23 The Jews were already celebrating those days that way. So they {readily} agreed to do what Mordecai had instructed them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:24

ULT

24 For Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had plotted concerning the Jews to annihilate them. And he had cast a Pur (which is “the lot”) to vex them and to destroy them.

UST

24 {They would celebrate those days to remember} how Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had tried to destroy them. He had thrown a Pur (that is, a lot) {to find out what would be the best day} to attack the Jews and destroy them completely.

What does Pur mean?

The name Pur means “the lot.”

Esther 9:25

ULT

25 But when she came to the face of the king, he said with the letter, “Let his evil plot that he plotted concerning the Jews return on his head, and let them hang him and his sons on the pole.”

UST

25 {They would also remember how Esther dared to} come before the king {even though he did not summon her}. Then the king {allowed Mordecai to} send a letter {throughout the empire} saying that the king would make Haman’s evil plan to destroy the Jews happen to Haman instead. The king also ordered his servants to hang Haman on a wooden pole. When the Jews in Susa killed his ten sons, the king had his servants hang their bodies, as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:26

ULT

26 Therefore, they called these days “Purim,” on account of the name of Pur. Therefore, on account of all the words of this letter and what they had seen concerning this and what had come upon them,

UST

26 The {Persian} word {for “lot”} is “Pur.” That is why {the Jews} gave the name Purim to this celebration. Because of all of the amazing things that they had just experienced and because {Mordecai then} wrote {to them to tell them to observe this holiday},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:27

ULT

27 the Jews set up and accepted for themselves and for their seed and for all those who unite themselves to them (and it will not pass away) to be making these two days according to their writing and according to their appointed time every year by year.

UST

27 the Jews agreed to establish those two days as holidays and to observe them in the way that {Mordecai} had told them, on those specific days. They agreed that they and their descendants and everyone who became part of the Jewish people {would celebrate this festival of Purim} every year, forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:28

ULT

28 And these days are remembered and are made in every generation by generation, family by family, province by province, and city by city. And these days of Purim will not pass away from the midst of the Jews, and their remembrance will not come to an end from their seed.

UST

28 So that is why every Jewish family in every generation {since} has celebrated these days as holidays, everywhere they have lived. The Jewish community and its descendants will always faithfully observe this festival of Purim.

Why would the Jews and their descendants never cease to faithfully observe these days of Purim?

So these days are remembered and are made in every generation by generation, family by family, province by province, and city by city. And these days of Purim will not pass away from the midst of the Jews, and their remembrance will not come to an end from their seed.

Esther 9:29

ULT

29 And Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew wrote with all power to set up this second letter of Purim.

UST

29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with {help from} Mordecai the Jew, wrote a second letter about Purim. Because Esther was the queen, she was able to command the Jews to obey {what Mordecai had written} about Purim {in his letter}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:30

ULT

30 And he sent letters to all the Jews, to 127 provinces, the kingdom of Ahasuerus, words of peace and truth

UST

30 They sent {copies of this second} letter to all the Jews throughout the entire empire of Ahasuerus. It encouraged them that {their situation was now} peaceful and secure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:31

ULT

31 to set up these days of Purim at their appointed times according to what Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had set up for them and according to what they had set up concerning their lives and concerning their seed, the matters of the fasts and their outcry.

UST

31 {In this second letter,} Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther confirmed that Purim should be celebrated on the {fourteenth and fifteenth} days {of the month of Adar}. {They also confirmed} that the Jews should continue the times of fasting and mourning that the Jews had established for themselves and their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 9:32

ULT

32 And the decree of Esther set up these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

UST

32 Esther issued a decree establishing Purim {as a holiday for the Jews}, and the {royal scribes} wrote it down in the book {of laws}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Esther 10

Esther 10:1

ULT

1 And the king Ahasuerus set a tribute on the land and the islands of the sea.

UST

1 Then King Ahasuerus imposed a tax {on everyone} throughout his empire, even {on those living} on the islands of the {Mediterranean} Sea.

Where did King Ahasuerus impose a tax?

Then the king Ahasuerus set a tribute on the land and the islands of the sea.

Esther 10:2

ULT

2 And all the deeds of his power and his might, with the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had made him great, are they not written in the book of the events of days for the kings of Media and Persia?

UST

2 {The king's scribes} made a record in the royal chronicles of Media and Persia of all the great things that King Ahasuerus accomplished because he was so powerful. {They} also {wrote} there in a complete way the great {things that} Mordecai {did} because the king had promoted him to a very important position.

Where were all the achievements of King Ahasuerus' power and might written?

And all the deeds of his power and his might, with the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had made him great, are they not written in the book of the events of days for the kings of Media and Persia?

Esther 10:3

ULT

3 For Mordecai the Jew was second to the king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and favored by the multitude of his brothers, seeking good for his people and speaking peace to all its seed.

UST

3 Mordecai the Jew was able to do so much because he was the most powerful person in the empire after King Ahasuerus. He was also a leader among his own people. All of his fellow Jews respected him. He worked {hard} to make sure that the Jews would always prosper.

What was the rank of Mordecai the Jew?

Mordecai the Jew was second to the King Ahasuerus.

Why was Mordecai great among the Jews and popular with his many Jewish brothers?

For Mordecai the Jew was second to the King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and favored by the multitude of his brothers, seeking good for his people and speaking peace to all its seed.

Job

Job 1

Job 1:1

ULT
1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and Job was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned from evil.

UST
1 In the land named Uz, there was a man named Job. He obeyed God and always avoided doing evil things.

How is Job's character described?
He was blameless and upright, and honored God and turned from evil.

Job 1:2

ULT
2 There were born to him seven sons and three daughters.

UST
2 He had seven sons and three daughters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:3

ULT
3 He possessed seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred pairs of oxen, and five hundred donkeys and a great many servants. He was the man who was the greatest of all the people of the East.

UST
3 He owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, one thousand oxen, and five hundred donkeys. He also had many servants. This was the man who was the richest in all the area east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:4

ULT

4 On each son's assigned day, he would give a feast in his house. They would send and call for their three sisters to eat and drink with them.

UST

4 Job's sons often held feasts in their houses. Whenever each one made a feast, he would invite all his brothers and sisters to come and eat together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:5

ULT

5 When the days of the feast were over, Job would send for them and he would consecrate them. He would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings for each of his children, for he would say, "It may be that my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Job always did this.

UST

5 After each celebration, Job would summon them. He would ask Yahweh to purify them from any action they might have committed during their feasting that would make them unacceptable to him. He would get up early in the morning, kill animals, and burn them on the altar {as sacrifices}, one for each {of his children}. {For} Job {always said}, "Perhaps my children have sinned and said something evil about God in their hearts."

After Job's sons held feasts with their brothers and sisters in their houses, what would Job do?

Job would consecrate them to God, offer burnt offerings, and pray for them.

Job 1:6

ULT

6 Then it was the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh. Satan also came with them.

UST

6 {One} day, the angels came and gathered together in front of Yahweh, and Satan came, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:7

ULT

7 Yahweh said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, “From wandering on the earth, from going back and forth on it.”

UST

7 Yahweh asked Satan, “Where have you just come from?” Satan replied, “I have come from the earth, where I been traveling back and forth {to see what is happening}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:8

ULT

8 Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and turns from evil.”

UST

8 Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you noticed Job, {who worships me}? No one else on earth honors me and lives in such a right way as he does. He always refuses to do anything evil.”

Why did Yahweh say Satan should consider Job?

There was no one like Job in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

Job 1:9

ULT

9 Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, “Does Job fear God without reason?

UST

9 Satan replied to Yahweh, “What you say is true, but Job honors you only because of what you have done for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:10

ULT
10 Have you not put a barrier around him, around his house, and around all that is his from every side? You have blessed the deeds of his hands, and his cattle have burst forth in the land.

UST
10 You have always protected him, his family, and everything he owns. You make him succeed in whatever work he tries to do, and he has very much livestock all over his land.

How did Satan say Yahweh had protected Job?
He made a hedge around Job, around his house, and around all that he had on every side.

Job 1:11

ULT
11 But now stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and see if he does not curse you to your face."

UST
11 But if you attacked what he owns and took it away, he would curse you in front of everyone."

What did Satan think would cause Job to renounce God?
He said to Job would renounce God is God attacked all Job's possessions.

Job 1:12

ULT
12 Yahweh said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not stretch out your hand." Then Satan went away from the presence of Yahweh.

UST
12 Yahweh replied to Satan, "So this is what you want me to do! All right, I will permit you to take away everything that he has. But do not harm him in his own body." Satan agreed and then left Yahweh in order to {plan how he would attack Job}.

What did Yahweh give Satan permission to do?
He gave Satan permission to take everything from Job, but not to lay a hand on his person.

Job 1:13

ULT

13 It came about that on a certain day, his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house.

UST

13 One day after that, Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the home of their oldest brother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:14

ULT

14 A messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them.

UST

14 {While they were doing that, a} messenger arrived at Job's home and said to him, "While your oxen were plowing the fields and the donkeys were grazing nearby,

What did the messenger tell Job the Sabeans had done to him? (vv14-15)

They killed all Job's servants in the field and took away all the oxen and donkeys.

Job 1:15

ULT

15 Then the Sabeans fell on them and took them away. As for the servants, they have struck them with the edge of the sword. I alone have escaped to tell you."

UST

15 a group of men from the people group of Sheba came and attacked us. They killed all your servants who were working in the fields and took away all the oxen and donkeys! I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:16

ULT

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants. I alone have escaped to tell you.”

UST

16 While he was still talking to Job, another messenger arrived. He said to Job, “Lightning from the sky struck and killed all the sheep and all the men who were taking care of them! I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened.”

What did the second messenger tell Job had happened to his sheep?

The fire of God fell from then heavens and burned them up along with the servants.

Job 1:17

ULT

17 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three groups, attacked the camels, and have taken them away. As for the servants, they have struck them with the edge of the sword. I alone have escaped to tell you.”

UST

17 While he was still talking to Job, a third messenger arrived. He said to Job, “Three groups of robbers from the region of Chaldea came and attacked us. They stole all the camels and killed all the men who were taking care of them. I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened.”

What the third messenger tell Job had happened to his camels?

Three groups of robbers came and attacked them. They stole all the camels and killed all the men that were caring for them.

Job 1:18

ULT

18 While he was yet speaking, another also came and said, “Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house.

UST

18 While he was still talking to Job, a fourth messenger arrived. He said to Job: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in the home of their oldest brother.

What news did the fourth messenger bring to Job? (vv18-19)

Job’s sons and daughters were feasting in their brother’s home when a great wind came and struck the house, which collapsed on them and killed them.

Job 1:19

ULT
19 A strong wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house. It fell on the young people, and they died. I alone have escaped to tell you.”

UST
19 Suddenly a very strong wind came from the desert and struck the house. The house collapsed on your sons and daughters and killed them all! I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 1:20

ULT
20 Then Job rose, tore his robe, shaved his head, lay facedown on the ground, and worshiped God.

UST
20 Then Job stood up and tore his robe and shaved his head {because he was very sad}. Then he laid down on the ground to worship God.

What did Job do after he got all these messages?
Job tore his robe, shaved his head, lay facedown on the ground, and worshipped God.

Job 1:21

ULT
21 He said, “I was naked when I came out of my mother’s womb, and I will be naked when I will return there. It is Yahweh who gave, and it is Yahweh who has taken away. May the name of Yahweh be blessed.”

UST
21 He said, “When I was born, I was wearing no clothes. When I die, I will not take any clothes with me. It is Yahweh who gave me everything that I possessed, and it is Yahweh who has taken it all away. But we must always praise Yahweh!”

What did Job say about his condition after these events?
He said he came naked from his mother’s womb, and would return naked.

What did Job say that Yahweh had done to him?
Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away.

Job 1:22

ULT

22 In all this matter, Job did not sin, nor did he accuse God of wrongdoing.

UST

22 {So in spite of all the things that happened to Job,} he did speak not {like a foolish man}—he did not sin by saying that what God had done was wrong.

How did Job show that he was not a foolish man?

Job did not sin, nor did he foolishly accuse God.

Job 2

Job 2:1

ULT

1 Then it was the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Yahweh. Satan also came with them to present himself before Yahweh.

UST

1 On another day, the angels came again and gathered together in front of Yahweh; Satan also came again.

Who came with the sons of God when they presented themselves before Yahweh?
Satan also came and presented himself.

Job 2:2

ULT

2 Yahweh said to Satan, “From where have you come?” Then Satan answered Yahweh and said, “From wandering on the earth, from going back and forth on it.”

UST

2 Yahweh asked Satan, “Where have you come from this time?” Satan replied, “I have come from the earth, where I have been traveling back and forth to see what is happening.”

What did Satan tell Yahweh that he had been doing?
He said he was going to and fro on the earth, and walking back and forth on it.

Job 2:3

ULT

3 Yahweh said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil. He still holds fast to his integrity, although you misled me against him, to destroy him without cause.”

UST

3 Yahweh asked Satan, “You have you noticed my servant Job, who worships me, have you not? He continues to honor me; he is very exceptional, for he lives in a way that is more right than anyone else on the earth. He does this even though you persuaded me to attack him for no reason.”

How did Yahweh say that Job continued to do after Satan’s attacks?
Job held fast to his integrity.

Job 2:4

ULT

4 Satan answered Yahweh and said, “Skin for skin, indeed; a man will give all he has for his life.

UST

4 Satan replied to Yahweh, “He praises you only because you have helped him. People will give up everything they have to save their own lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 2:5

ULT

5 But stretch out your hand now and touch his bones and his flesh, and see if he does not curse you to your face.”

UST

5 But if you harm his body, he will surely curse you in front of everyone!”

What does Satan want to do to Job now so that Job will curse God?

Satan wants to touch Job’s bones and his body to hurt him.

Job 2:6

ULT

6 Yahweh said to Satan, “See, he is in your hand; it is only his life that you must spare.”

UST

6 Yahweh replied to Satan, “All right, you may do to him whatever you like, but do not cause him to die.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 2:7

ULT

7 Then Satan went away from the presence of Yahweh. He struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his feet to his head.

UST

7 So Satan left, and he caused Job to suffer with very painful boils, from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet.

How did Satan afflict Job's body?

He afflicted Job with severe boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.

Job 2:8

ULT

8 Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself with, and he sat down in the middle of ashes.

UST

8 Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped the boils on his skin, and he sat in ashes to mourn and wail.

What did Job do to deal with the pain of his affliction?

He took a potshard and scraped himself as he sat in ashes.

Job 2:9

ULT

9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die."

UST

9 His wife said to him, "Are you still trying to be loyal to God? You should curse God, and then go ahead and die."

What did Job's wife want him to do?

Job's wife wanted him to curse God and die.

Job 2:10

ULT

10 But he said to her, “You talk as a foolish woman talks. Should we receive the good from God and not receive the bad?” In all this matter, Job did not sin with his lips.

UST

10 But Job replied, “You talk like people talk who do not know God. We should not only accept the good things that God does for us. We should also accept the bad things.” So in spite of all these things that happened to Job, he did not offend God by saying anything against him.

What accusation did Job make to his wife?

He accused her of thinking they should receive good at the hand of God but not evil.

Job 2:11

ULT

11 Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that had come on him, each of them came from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They set a time to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

UST

11 Among Job’s friends were Eliphaz from the town of Teman, Bildad from the land of Shuah, and Zophar from the land of Naamah. When they heard about all the terrible things that had happened to Job, they left their homes and went together to Job to mourn with him and to comfort him.

What did Job’s three friends do when they heard what happened to Job?

They came to mourn with him and comfort him.

Job 2:12

ULT

12 When they lifted up their eyes at a distance, they did not recognize him. They raised their voices and wept; each tore his robe and threw dust into the air and upon his own head.

UST

12 But when they saw Job from a distance, they almost did not recognize him. They wailed loudly, they tore their robes, and they threw dust into the air that settled on their heads. They did this to show how sorry they were for him.

How did the three friends of Job show their grief when they saw him? (vv12-13)

They raised their voices and wept, tore their robes, threw dust on their heads, and sat on the ground in silence for seven days and nights.

Job 2:13

ULT

13 Then they sat with him on the ground for seven days and seven nights. No one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

UST

13 Then they sat on the ground with Job for seven days. None of them said anything to him, because they saw that he was suffering greatly, and they did not think that anything that they could say would lessen his pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3

Job 3:1

ULT
1 After this, Job opened his mouth and cursed the day he was born.

UST
1 Finally, Job spoke, and he cursed the day that he was born.

What did Job say about the day he was born? (vv1-3)
He cursed the day he was born and asked that it would perish.

Job 3:2

ULT
2 He said,

UST
2 He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:3

ULT
3 “May the day on which I was born perish, the night that said, ‘A boy has been conceived.’

UST
3 “I wish that the day when I was born could be eradicated, the night when I was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:4

ULT

4 May that day be dark; may not God from above call it to mind, neither may the sun shine on it.

UST

4 I wish that the day when I was born could have been dark. I wish that God who is in heaven would forget about that day, and that the sun would not have shone on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:5

ULT

5 May darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own. May a cloud live over it; may everything that makes the day black truly terrify it.

UST

5 I wish that thick darkness would have filled that day, and that death would have come over it like a shadow and blotted out all light, and caused the people then to be terrified.

What does Job want to claim the day he was born?

He wants that day to be claimed by darkness and the shadow of death.

Job 3:6

ULT

6 As for that night, may thick darkness seize it. May it not rejoice among the days of the year; may it not come into the number of the months.

UST

6 I wish that the night when I was born would be erased from the calendar, that it would never again appear as one night in any month, and that it would not be included in any calendar.

What does Job want to seize the night he was conceived?

Job wants that night to be seized by thick darkness.

Job 3:7

ULT

[7] See, may that night be barren; may no joyful voice come into it.

UST

[7] I wish that no child would again be born on that date, and that no one would again be happy then.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:8

ULT

[8] May they curse that day, those who know how to wake up Leviathan.

UST

[8] The magicians who are able to awaken the great sea monster—I want them to curse the day I was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:9

ULT

[9] May the stars of that day's dawn be dark. May that day look for light, but find none; neither may it see the eyelids of the dawn,

UST

[9] I wish that the stars that shone early in the morning on that day after I was born may not shine again. If only those stars had wished in vain for light to shine, and that they had not shone on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:10

ULT

[10] because it did not shut up the doors of my mother's womb, and because it did not hide trouble from my eyes.

UST

[10] That was an evil day because my mother's womb was not closed; instead, I was born, and I have now experienced all these terrible things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:11

ULT
11 Why did I not die when I came out from the womb? Why did I not give up my spirit when my mother bore me?

UST
11 I wish that I had died when I was born; I wish I had perished when I came out from my mother's womb.

What did Job wish had happened when he came out of the womb?
He wishes he had died and given up his spirit.

Job 3:12

ULT
12 Why did her knees welcome me? Why did her breasts receive me so that I should suck?

UST
12 I wish that my mother had never welcomed me. I wish that she had not nursed me at her breasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:13

ULT
13 For now I would have been lying down quietly. I would have slept and been at rest

UST
13 If I had died at the time when I was born, I would now be asleep, resting peacefully.

What does Job say he would be doing now if he had died at birth? (vv13-14)
He would be sleeping and at rest with kings and counselors of the earth.

Job 3:14

ULT
14 with kings and counselors of the earth, who built up tombs for themselves that are now in ruins.

UST
14 I would be resting with kings who built beautiful tombs which are now in ruins, and I would be resting with their officials who have also died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:15

ULT
15 Or I would have been lying with princes who once had gold, who had filled their houses with silver.

UST
15 I would be resting with princes who were wealthy, whose palaces were filled with gold and silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:16

ULT
16 Or perhaps I would have been stillborn, like infants that never see the light.

UST
16 I wish that I had been buried like a child who had died in its mother's womb and never lived to see the light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:17

ULT
17 There the wicked cease from trouble; there the weary are at rest.

UST
17 After wicked people die, they do not cause any more troubles; those who are very tired now will rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:18

ULT
18 There the prisoners are at ease together; they do not hear the voice of the slave driver.

UST
18 Those who were in prison rest peacefully after they die; they no longer have slave drivers who curse them.

From what are prisoners and servants released in death? (vv18-19)
The prisoner is released from the voice of the slave driver, and the servant is free from his master.

Job 3:19

ULT
19 Both small and great people are there; the servant is free from his master there.

UST
19 Rich people and poor people are alike after they die, and those who were slaves no longer have to obey their masters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:20

ULT
20 Why is light given to him who is in misery? Why is life given to the one who is bitter in soul,

UST
20 Why does God allow those who are suffering greatly like me to continue to remain alive? Why does he allow them to live, those who are very miserable?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:21

ULT
[21] to one who longs for death without it coming; to one who digs for death more than for hidden treasure?

UST
[21] They long to die, but they do not die. They desire to die more than people desire to find hidden treasure.

To whom does Job say that death will not come?
It does not come to the one who longs for death, and who searches for it more than those who search for hidden treasure.

Job 3:22

ULT
[22] Why is light given to one who rejoices very much and is glad when he finds the grave?

UST
[22] When they finally die and are buried, they are very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:23

ULT
[23] Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, a man whom God has hedged in?

UST
[23] I do not understand why God keeps alive anyone whom he keeps from being happy, anyone whom he forces to live in misery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:24

ULT
24 For my sighing happens instead of eating; my groaning is poured out like water.

UST
24 I cry very much; as a result, I cannot eat; I groan as easily as a river flows with water.

How does Job describe his groaning?
His groaning is poured out like water.

Job 3:25

ULT
25 For the thing that I feared has come on me; what I was afraid of has come to me.

UST
25 Things that I always worried might happen to me—these things have happened to me; things that I always dreaded have come upon me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 3:26

ULT
26 I am not at ease, I am not quiet, and I have no rest; trouble comes instead.”

UST
26 Now I have no peace in my heart; I have no quietness; I cannot rest; instead, I have only troubles.”

What is the things that Job has feared that has come upon him?
He is not at ease or quiet, and has no rest.

Job 4

Job 4:1

ULT
[1] Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

UST
[1] Then Eliphaz replied to Job. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:2

ULT
[2] If anyone tries to speak with you, will you be impatient? But who can stop himself from speaking?

UST
[2] “Will you please allow me to say something to you? I am not able to remain silent any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:3

ULT
[3] See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened weak hands.

UST
[3] In the past, you have instructed many people, and you have encouraged those for whom it was difficult to trust in God.

What good things does Eliphaz say Job has done for others?
Job had instructed many, and strengthened weak hands.

Job 4:4

ULT
4 Your words have supported him who was falling; you have made feeble knees firm.

UST
4 In the past, when you spoke to others who were suffering, you helped them; they were able to rejoice again because of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:5

ULT
5 But now trouble has come to you, and you are weary; it touches you, and you are troubled.

UST
5 But now, when you yourself suffer from disasters, you become discouraged. The disasters hit you, and you are stunned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:6

ULT
6 Is not your fear your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

UST
6 You say that you honor God; so you should be trusting in him, for him not to let you suffer. If you really had not sinned, you would have been confident that God would not let these disasters happen to you!

What does Eliphaz say is Job's confidence and hope in time of trouble?
Job's fear of God is his confidence, and the integrity of his ways is his hope.

Job 4:7

ULT
7 Think about this, please: Who has ever perished when innocent? Or when were the upright people ever cut off?

UST
7 Think about this: No innocent people ever die when they are still young! God never kills innocent people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:8

ULT
8 According to what I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap it.

UST
8 I have seen this happen: if farmers plant bad seeds, they do not harvest good crops; anyone who starts trouble for others later brings trouble on himself.

Who has perished and are consumed by the breath of God and his anger? (vv8-9)
Those who plow iniquity sow trouble perish and are consumed.

Job 4:9

ULT
9 By the breath of God they perish; by the blast of his anger they are consumed.

UST
9 These people die when God commands them to, because he is very angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:10

ULT
10 The roaring of the lion, the voice of the fierce lion, the teeth of the young lions—they are broken.

UST
10 Even though wicked people may be very powerful like young lions, God destroys them.

What does Eliphaz says is broken?
The voice of the fierce lion and the teeth of young lions are broken.

Job 4:11

ULT
11 The old lion perishes for lack of victims; the cubs of the lioness are scattered everywhere.

UST
11 They will die like older lions that starve to death when there are no animals left to eat. Their children will scatter from each other like young lions that separate from each other to find food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:12

ULT
12 Now a certain matter was secretly brought to me, and my ear received a whisper about it.

UST
12 I heard a message that someone came and whispered to me.

How did Eliphaz secretly receive a certain message? (vv12-13)
He heard a whisper in his ear and saw visions in the night.

Job 4:13

ULT
13 Then came thoughts from visions in the night, when deep sleep falls on people.

UST
13 He spoke to me at night when I was having a bad dream that disturbed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:14

ULT
14 It was at night when fear and trembling came upon me, and all my bones shook.

UST
14 It caused me to be afraid and tremble; it caused all my bones to shake.

What came upon Eliphaz when he received the message?
Fear and trembling came on him.

Job 4:15

ULT
15 Then a spirit passed before my face, and the hair of my flesh stood up.

UST
15 A ghost glided past my face and caused the hair on the back of my neck to stand straight up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:16

ULT
16 The spirit stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, and I heard a voice that said,

UST
16 It stopped, but I could not see what it really looked like. But I knew that there was some being in front of me, and it said in a quiet voice,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:17

ULT
17 “Can a mortal man be more righteous than God? Can a man be more pure than his Maker?

UST
17 ‘No human being can be more righteous than God. No man can be better than God, who made him.

What did the voice ask about mortal men?
It asked if a mortal man can be more righteous than God, and more pure than his maker?

Job 4:18

ULT
18 See, if God puts no trust in his servants; if he accuses his angels of folly,

UST
18 God cannot be sure that his own angels will always do what is right; he declares that some of them have done wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:19

ULT
19 how much more is this true of those who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed sooner than a moth?

UST
19 So he certainly cannot trust human beings whom he has made from dust and clay, human beings, whom disaster crushes as easily as you can crush a moth!

How does Eliphaz describe mortal men?
They live in houses of clay, whose foundation is the dust, and who are crushed sooner than a moth.

Job 4:20

ULT
20 Between morning and evening they are destroyed; they perish forever without anyone noticing them.

UST
20 People are sometimes in good health in the morning, but by the evening they are dead. They are gone forever and no one even pays attention.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 4:21

ULT
21 Are not their tent cords plucked up among them? They die; they die without wisdom.

UST
21 Their families and possessions are like tents that collapse suddenly when you pull up their stakes; they perish suddenly without anyone ever knowing why.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5

Job 5:1

ULT
1 Call out now; is there anyone who will answer you? To which of the holy ones will you turn?

UST
1 "Job, no one will stop you from calling out for someone to help you, but I am certain that no angel will come to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:2

ULT
2 For anger kills the foolish man; jealousy kills the silly one.

UST
2 Foolish people die because they are resentful; people whom others easily deceive—these people die because they envy others.

What does Eliphaz say will happen to a foolish and silly man?
Anger kills the foolish man, and jealousy kills the silly one.

Job 5:3

ULT
3 I have seen a foolish person taking root, but suddenly I cursed his home.

UST
3 I have seen foolish people who seemed to be successful, but suddenly they experienced disaster because I cursed their home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:4

ULT

[4] His children are far from safety; they are crushed in the city gate. There is no one to rescue them.

UST

[4] Their sons are never safe; they always lose to their opponents in court, because there is no one to defend them.

What happens to the children of the foolish person in the city gate?
They are crushed in the gate.

Job 5:5

ULT

[5] The hungry eat up their harvest; they even take it from among the thorns. The thirsty pant for their wealth.

UST

[5] Hungry people steal the crops that foolish people harvest; they even steal the crops that grow among thorns, and greedy people take away the wealth of those foolish people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:6

ULT

[6] For difficulties do not come out from the soil; neither does trouble sprout from the ground.

UST

[6] But it is not the farmland that makes bad things happen; troubles do not grow up from the ground like plants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:7

ULT

[7] Instead, mankind is born for trouble, just as sparks fly upward.

UST

[7] People make trouble for themselves from the time that they are born; this is as certain as the fact that sparks shoot up from a fire.

From where does trouble really come?
Mankind makes his own trouble.

Job 5:8

ULT

[8] But as for me, I would turn to God himself; to him I would commit my cause—

UST

[8] If I were suffering like you are, I would ask God for help and tell him what I am complaining about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:9

ULT

[9] he who does great and unsearchable things, marvelous things without number.

UST

[9] He does great things, things that we cannot understand; we cannot even count the marvelous things that he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:10

ULT
[10] He gives rain on the earth, and sends water on the fields.

UST
[10] He sends rain on the ground; he makes it rain on our fields.

What does God give to the earth and the fields?
He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields.

Job 5:11

ULT
[11] He does this in order to set up on high those who are low; to raise to safety those who mourn.

UST
[11] He defends those who are humble, and puts those who mourn into places where they are safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:12

ULT
[12] He breaks the plans of the crafty people, so that their hands cannot achieve success.

UST
[12] He causes crafty people to not be able to do what they plan to do, with the result that they achieve nothing.

What does God do the schemes of crafty people?
He frustrates their schemes so that their hands cannot carry out their plots.

Job 5:13

ULT
13 He traps wise people in their own crafty actions; the plans of twisted people are hurried to their end.

UST
13 The people who think they are wise—he makes their own traps catch them; the result is that they do not succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:14

ULT
14 They encounter darkness in the daytime, and grope at noonday as if it were night.

UST
14 It is as though even in the daytime they were living in darkness and were groping around trying to find the road at noontime like people do at night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:15

ULT
15 But he saves the poor person from the sword in their mouths and the needy person from the hand of mighty people.

UST
15 But God saves helpless people from the wicked who say evil things about them; he saves poor people from powerful people harming them.

From what does God save the needy and poor person?
He saves the poor person from the sword in their mouths, and saves the needy person from the hand of the mighty people.

Job 5:16

ULT
16 So the poor person has hope, and injustice shuts her own mouth.

UST
16 So poor people confidently expect that good things will happen to them; but God stops wicked people from saying evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:17

ULT
17 See, blessed is the man whom God corrects; therefore, do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

UST
17 But those whom God corrects are fortunate; so do not despise it when God, who can do anything, disciplines you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:18

ULT
18 For he wounds and then binds up; he wounds and then his hands heal.

UST
18 He wounds people, but then he puts bandages on those wounds; he hurts people, but he also heals them.

Why is the man happy whom God corrects and chastens?
He is happy because God after he wounds, he binds up wounds, and his hands heal.

Job 5:19

ULT
19 He will rescue you out of six troubles; indeed, in seven troubles, no evil will touch you.

UST
19 He will rescue you many times from your troubles, with the result that nothing evil will happen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:20

ULT
20 In famine he will ransom you from death, and in war from the hands of the sword.

UST
20 When there is little food to eat, he will not allow you to die, and when there is a war, your enemies will not kill you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:21

ULT
21 You will be hidden from the scourge of the tongue; and you will not be afraid of destruction when it comes.

UST
21 God will protect you when people say false, evil things about you; you will not be afraid when many things around you perish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:22

ULT
22 You will laugh at destruction and famine, and you will not be afraid of beasts of the earth.

UST
22 You will be able to laugh when that happens and when there is nothing to eat, and you will not be afraid of wild animals.

At what will the man whom God corrects laugh?
He will laugh at destruction and famine.

Job 5:23

ULT
23 For you will have a covenant with the stones in your field, and the beasts of the field will be at peace with you.

UST
23 You will not worry about having big rocks in your fields that will make plowing difficult, and you will not worry that wild animals might attack you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:24

ULT
24 You will know that your tent is in safety; you will visit your sheepfold and you will not miss anything.

UST
24 You will know that things will go well for you in your home; when you look at your livestock, you will see that they are all there.

What will the man whom God corrects find when he visits his sheepfold?
He will find that nothing will be missing.

Job 5:25

ULT
25 You will also know that your seed will be great, that your offspring will be like the grass on the ground.

UST
25 You will be certain that you will have many descendants, who will be as numerous as blades of grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 5:26

ULT

26 You will come to your grave at a full age, like a stack of grain bundles that goes up at its time.

UST

26 You will become very old before you die, like sheaves of grain continue to grow until it is time to harvest and thresh them.

How long will the man whom God corrects live?

He will come to his grave at a full age.

Job 5:27

ULT

27 See, we have examined this matter; it is like this; listen to it, and know it for yourself.”

UST

27 My friends and I have thought carefully about these things, and we know that they are true, so pay attention to what I have said!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6

Job 6:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered and said,

UST
1 Then Job spoke again to Eliphaz:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:2

ULT
2 “Oh, if only my anguish were weighed; if only all my calamity were laid in the balance!

UST
2 “If all my troubles and misery could be put on a scale and weighed,

How does Job describe his anguish and his calamity?
If his anguish and calamity were weighed, they would be heavier than the sand of the seas.

Job 6:3

ULT
3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas. That is why my words were reckless.

UST
3 they would be heavier than all the sand along the ocean shores. That is why I spoke very rashly about the day that I was born.

How does Job describe his anguish and his calamity?
Ff his anguish and calamity were weighed, they would be heavier than the sand of the seas.

Job 6:4

ULT

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are in me, my spirit drinks up the poison; the terrors of God have arranged themselves in array against me.

UST

4 It is as though Almighty God has shot me with arrows. It is as though those arrows have poison on their tips, and that poison has gone into my spirit. The things that God has done to me are like soldiers lined up to attack me.

What has the Almighty done to Job with his arrows?
His arrows are in Job, and Job's spirit drinks up the poison.

Job 6:5

ULT

5 Does the wild donkey bray in despair when he has grass? Or does the ox low in hunger when it has fodder?

UST

5 Just like a wild donkey does not complain by braying when it has plenty of grass to eat, and an ox does not complain by bellowing when it has food to eat, I would not complain if you were really helping me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:6

ULT

6 Can that which has no taste be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

UST

6 People complain when they must eat food that has no salt or food that is slimy and tasteless; that is what your words are like, Eliphaz.

What food does Job say has no taste?
He says the white of an egg does not have any taste.

Job 6:7

ULT
7 I refuse to touch them; they are like disgusting food to me.

UST
7 I do not want to eat food like that, because it disgusts me, and I do not like what you have said to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:8

ULT
8 Oh, that I might have my request; oh, that God would grant me the thing I long for:

UST
8 I wish that God would do for me what I have asked of him:

What one request does Job long for God to grant him? (vv8-9)
He wants God to crush him and cut him loose from his life.

Job 6:9

ULT
9 that it would please God to crush me once, that he would let loose his hand and cut me off from this life!

UST
9 I wish that he would crush me and let me die. I wish that he would reach out his hand and take away my life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:10

ULT

10 May this still be my consolation— even if I exult in pain that does not lessen: that I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

UST

10 If he would do that, I would be comforted because I would know that in spite of the great pain that I have suffered, I have always obeyed what God, the Holy One, has commanded.

What is Job's consolation?
His consolation is that he has not have denied the words of the Holy One.

Job 6:11

ULT

11 What is my strength, that I should try to wait? What is my end, that I should prolong my life?

UST

11 But now I do not have enough strength to endure all these things. And since I have nothing to hope for in the future, it is difficult for me to be patient now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:12

ULT

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh made of bronze?

UST

12 I am not strong like rocks are, and my body is not made of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:13

ULT
13 Is it not true that I have no help in myself, and that wisdom has been driven out of me?

UST
13 So I am not able to help myself; I am not wise enough for that.

What has been driven from Job?
Wisdom has been driven out of him.

Job 6:14

ULT
14 To the person who is about to faint, faithfulness should be shown by his friend; even to him who forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

UST
14 When a man has many troubles, his friends should be kind to him, even if he stops honoring Almighty God.

To whom should a friend show faithfulness?
A friend should show faithfulness to the person who is about to faint.

Job 6:15

ULT
15 But my brothers have been as faithful to me as a desert streambed, as channels of water that pass away to nothing,

UST
15 But you, my friends, are not dependable. You are like streams in the wilderness: They spill over their banks in the spring

How does Job compare his brothers to a desert streambed? (vv15-17)
They pass away to nothing, they vanish when they thaw, and they melt when it is hot.

Job 6:16

ULT
16 which are darkened because of ice over them, and because of the snow that hides itself in them.

UST
16 when the melting ice and snow make them overflow,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:17

ULT
17 When they thaw out, they vanish; when it is hot, they melt out of their place.

UST
17 but when the dry season comes, there is no water flowing in those streams, and the channels dry up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:18

ULT
18 The caravans that travel by their way turn aside for water; they wander into barren land and then perish.

UST
18 The caravans of merchants turn off their road to search for water, but there is no water in those streambeds, so the merchants die in the desert.

What happened to the caravans when they looked for water in these streams? (vv18-20)
They wandered into barren land and then perished. They were disappointed and deceived.

Job 6:19

ULT
19 Caravans from Tema looked there, while companies of Sheba hoped in them.

UST
19 The men in those caravans searched for some water because they were sure that they would find some.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:20

ULT
20 They were disappointed because they had been confident of finding water. They went there, but they were deceived.

UST
20 But they did not find any, so they were very disappointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:21

ULT
21 For now you friends are nothing to me; you see my dreadful situation and are afraid.

UST
21 Similarly, you friends have not helped me at all! You have seen that terrible things have happened to me, and you are afraid that God might do similar things to you.

Why were Job's friends nothing to him?
They saw his dreadful situation and were afraid.

Job 6:22

ULT
22 Did I say to you, 'Give something to me' or, 'Offer me a gift from your wealth'

UST
22 After I lost all my wealth, I did not ask any of you for money. I did not plead with any of you to spend some of your money to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:23

ULT
23 or, 'Save me from my adversary's hand' or, 'Ransom me from the hand of my oppressors'?

UST
23 I never asked any of you to rescue me from my enemies, and I did not ask you to save me from those who oppressed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:24

ULT
24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace; make me understand where I have been wrong.

UST
24 Answer me now, and then I will be quiet; tell me what wrong things I have done!

What does Job say he will do if his friends would teach him?
He will hold his peace.

Job 6:25

ULT
25 How painful are truthful words! But your arguments, how do they actually rebuke me?

UST
25 When people speak what is true, it can be painful for the listener to hear honest words. But what have all your arguments proven about me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:26

ULT
26 Do you plan to ignore my words, treating the words of a desperate man like the wind?

UST
26 I am a man who has nothing to hope for, but you try to correct me, and you think what I say is as useless as the wind!

What does Job say his friends plan to do with his words?
They plan to ignore his words, and to treat them like the wind.

Job 6:27

ULT
[27] Indeed, you cast lots for a fatherless child, and haggle over your friend like merchandise.

UST
[27] You do not sympathize with me at all for the things that I am suffering. You will do anything to get something for yourselves! You would even play a game to see who gets an orphan as a prize!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:28

ULT
[28] Now, therefore, please look at me, for surely I would not lie to your face.

UST
[28] Please look at me! I will not lie while I am talking straight to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 6:29

ULT
[29] Relent, I beg you; let there be no injustice with you; Indeed, relent, for my cause is just.

UST
[29] Stop saying that I have sinned, and stop criticizing me unjustly! You should realize that I have not done things that are wrong.

Why does Job say his friends should relent in their attacks on him?
Job's cause is just.

Job 6:30

ULT
[30] Is there evil on my tongue? Cannot my mouth detect malicious things?

UST
[30] Do you think that I am lying? No, I am not lying, because I know what is right to say, and what is wrong."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7

Job 7:1

ULT
1 Does not man have hard labor on earth? Are not his days like the days of a hired man?

UST
1 “People need to work hard on this earth like soldiers do; all during the time that we are alive, we need to work as hard as any hired worker.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:2

ULT
2 Like a slave earnestly desires the shadows of evening, like a hired man looks for his wages—

UST
2 We are like slaves who keep wanting to be in the cool of evening, and we are like workers who keep waiting to be paid.

To what does Job compare his months of misery and trouble-filled nights? (vv2-3)
He compares them to a slave desiring the evening, or a hired man looking for his wages?

Job 7:3

ULT
3 so I have been made to endure months of misery; I have been given trouble-filled nights.

UST
3 God has given to me many months in which I think that it is useless to remain alive; he has assigned to me many nights during which I feel miserable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:4

ULT

4 When I lie down, I say to myself, ‘When will I get up and when will the night be gone?’ I am full of tossing to and fro until the day’s dawning.

UST

4 When I lie down at night I say, ‘How long will it be until I get up?’ But the nights are long, and I toss on my bed until the dawn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:5

ULT

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; the sores in my skin harden up and then dissolve and run afresh.

UST

5 My body is covered with maggots and scabs; pus oozes out of my open sores.

What covers Job’s flesh?

Worms and clods of dust cover his flesh.

Job 7:6

ULT

6 My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle; they pass without hope.

UST

6 My days pass as quickly as a weaver’s shuttle; when one day ends, I never expect that things will be better the next day.

What image does Job use to describe the speed of his days?

His days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle.

Job 7:7

ULT
7 God, call to mind that my life is only a breath; my eye will no more see good.

UST
7 God, do not forget that my life is as short as a single breath; I think that I will never again experience being happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:8

ULT
8 The eye of God, who sees me, will see me no more; God's eyes will be on me, but I will not exist.

UST
8 God, you see me now, but some day you will not see me anymore. You will search for me, but I will be gone because I will be dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:9

ULT
9 As a cloud is consumed and vanishes away, so he who goes down to Sheol will come up no more.

UST
9 Like a cloud passes and disappears, people die and descend to the place where dead people are, and they do not return;

To what does Job compare the man who goes down to sheol?
He is like a cloud that is consumed and vanishes away.

Job 7:10

ULT
10 He will return no more to his house; neither will his place know him again.

UST
10 they never return to their houses, and the people who are still alive do not remember them anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:11

ULT
11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

UST
11 So I will not be silent; while I am suffering, I will speak; I will complain to God about what has happened to me because I am very angry.

In what way will Job speak and complain?
He will speak in the anguish of his spirit and complain in the bitterness of his soul.

Job 7:12

ULT
12 Am I the sea or a sea monster that you place a guard over me?

UST
12 God, why do you watch closely what I am doing? Do you think that I am a dangerous sea monster?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:13

ULT
13 When I say, ‘My bed will comfort me, and my couch will ease my complaint,’

UST
13 When I lie down at night, I say to myself, ‘I will go to sleep and stop suffering; my pain will be less while I am sleeping.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:14

ULT
14 then you scare me with dreams and terrify me through visions,

UST
14 But then you give me dreams that cause me to be afraid; you give me visions that terrify me;

What does God do to Job when Job goes to bed?
God scares him with dreams and terrifies him through visions.

Job 7:15

ULT
15 so that I would choose strangling and death rather than preserving these bones of mine.

UST
15 these things make me wish that someone would strangle me to death, rather than for me to continue to be alive when I am only a bunch of bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:16

ULT
16 I loathe my life; I would not wish to always be alive; let me alone for my days are useless.

UST
16 I detest continuing to be alive; I do not want to live for many more years. Allow me to be alone, because I will be alive for only a very short time.

Why did Job want God to leave him alone?
Job said his days are useless.

Job 7:17

ULT
17 What is man that you should pay attention to him, that you should set your mind on him,

UST
17 We human beings are not very important; so why do you pay so much attention to us?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:18

ULT
18 that you should observe him every morning and test him every moment?

UST
18 You look at us every morning to see what we are doing, and you examine us every moment to see if we are doing what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:19

ULT
19 How long will it be before you look away from me, before you let me alone long enough for me to swallow down my own saliva?

UST
19 When will you stop looking at me and leave me alone for a little time, long enough to swallow my own spit?

What does Job ask God to let him alone long enough to do?
He asks to be left alone long enough to swallow his own saliva.

Job 7:20

ULT
20 Even if I have sinned, what would that do to you, you who watch men? Why have you made a target of me, so that I am a burden for you?

UST
20 Why do you watch me constantly? If I sin, that certainly does not harm you! Why have you set me up like a target to shoot at? Do you consider me to be a heavy load that you are forced to carry?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 7:21

ULT

21 Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now will I lie down in the dust;
you will seek me carefully, but I will not exist.”

UST

21 If I have sinned, are you not able to forgive me for the wrong things that I have done? Soon I will lie in my
grave; you will search for me, but you will not find me because I will be dead and gone.”

What does Job think God will not do?

Job thinks God will not pardon his transgression and take away his iniquity.

Job 8

Job 8:1

ULT
1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Bildad, from the Shuah area, spoke to Job. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:2

ULT
2 “How long will you say these things? How long will the words of your mouth be a mighty wind?

UST
2 “Job, how much longer will you talk like this? What you say is as useless as a big wind.

To what did Bildad compare the words of Job’s mouth?
He compared them to a mighty wind.

Job 8:3

ULT
3 Does God pervert justice? Does the Almighty pervert righteousness?

UST
3 Almighty God certainly never does anything unfairly. He always does what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:4

ULT

4 Your children have sinned against him; we know this, for he gave them into the hand of their sins.

UST

4 Your children have sinned against him; this is evident because he has punished them for those evil things.

How did Bildad say he knew that Job's children sinned?

He said he knew this because God had handed Job's children over to their sin.

Job 8:5

ULT

5 But suppose you diligently sought God and presented your request to the Almighty.

UST

5 But now, if only you will earnestly request Almighty God to help you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:6

ULT

6 If you are pure and upright, then he would surely stir himself on your behalf and restore you to your rightful place.

UST

6 If only you were pure and honest! Then he will surely do something good for you and reward you by giving your family back to you and making you prosper.

How does Bildad say that God would bless Job if he was pure and upright?

He would reward Job with a home that truly belonged to him.

Job 8:7

ULT
[7] Even though your beginning was small, still your final condition would be much greater.

UST
[7] Even though you were not very prosperous before, during the last stage of your life you would become very wealthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:8

ULT
[8] Please ask the former generations, and give your attention to what our ancestors learned.

UST
[8] I request you to think about what happened long ago and to consider what our ancestors found out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:9

ULT
[9] (We were only born yesterday and know nothing because our days on earth are a shadow.)

UST
[9] It seems as though we were born only yesterday and we know very little; our time here on the earth disappears quickly, like a shadow that is here and then gone.

To what does Bildad compare our days on earth?
He says they are a shadow.

Job 8:10

ULT
[10] Will they not teach you and tell you? Will they not speak words from their hearts?

UST
[10] So why not allow your ancestors to teach you anything? Let them tell you what they learned!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:11

ULT
[11] Can papyrus grow without a marsh? Can reeds grow without water?

UST
[11] Papyrus certainly does not grow away from marshland; reeds certainly cannot grow where there is no water.

What do papyrus and reeds require in order to grow?
Papyrus requires a marsh, and reeds need water to grow.

Job 8:12

ULT
[12] While they are still green and not cut down, they wither before any other plant.

UST
[12] If the water dries up while they are blossoming, they wither more quickly than any other plant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:13

ULT
[13] So also are the paths of all who forget God; the hope of the godless will perish.

UST
[13] Those who do not pay attention to what God says are like those reeds; godless people stop confidently expecting that good things will happen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:14

ULT
14 His confidence will break apart, and his trust is as weak as a spider's web.

UST
14 The things they confidently expect to happen do not happen; things they trust will help them are as weak as a spider's web.

To what does Bildad compare the trust of godless men?
Their trust is as fragile as a spider's web.

Job 8:15

ULT
15 He leans on his house, but it will not support him; he takes hold of it, but it does not stand.

UST
15 If they think they will be safe because they are wealthy, they will not be safe; the things they think will keep them safe—those things will disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:16

ULT
16 Under the sun he is green, and his shoots go out over his entire garden.

UST
16 Godless people are like plants that are watered before the sun rises: their shoots spread all over the gardens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:17

ULT
17 His roots are wrapped about the heaps of stone; they look for good places among the rocks.

UST
17 The roots of those plants twist around the piles of stones and cling tightly to the rocks.

What do the roots do that represent a person that forgets God?
His roots are wrapped around the heaps of stone and look for good places among the rocks.

Job 8:18

ULT
18 But if this person is destroyed out of his place, then that place will deny him and say, ‘I never saw you.’

UST
18 But if a gardener pulls those plants out, it is as though the place where they were planted says, ‘They were never here!’ That is what happens to wicked people who do not pay attention to what God says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:19

ULT
19 See, this is the “joy” of such a person’s behavior; other plants will sprout out of the same soil in his place.

UST
19 Truly, this is all the joy that evil people have: other people just come and take their places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 8:20

ULT
20 See, God will not cast away an innocent man; neither will he take the hand of evildoers.

UST
20 So, I tell you, Job, God will not reject you if you honor him, but he does not help evil people.

How does God treat the innocent man and the evildoers differently?
He will not cast away an innocent man, but will not take the hand of evildoers.

Job 8:21

ULT
21 He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, your lips with shouting.

UST
21 He will always enable you to laugh and to shout joyfully.

With what will God fill the mouth and lips of the innocent man?
He will fill his mouth with laughter and his lips with shouting.

Job 8:22

ULT
22 Those who hate you will be clothed with shame; the tent of the wicked will be no more.”

UST
22 But those who hate you will be very ashamed, and the homes of wicked people will disappear.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9

Job 9:1

ULT
[1] Then Job answered and said,

UST
[1] Then Job replied,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:2

ULT
[2] “I truly know that this is so. But how can a person be in the right with God?

UST
[2] “Yes, yes, I know. But how can anyone say to God, ‘I am innocent’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:3

ULT
[3] If he wants to argue with God, he cannot answer him once in a thousand times.

UST
[3] If someone wanted to argue with God about that, God could ask him a thousand questions and that person would not be able to answer any of them!

What would happen is a man tried to argue with God?
The man could not answer God once in a thousand times.

Job 9:4

ULT
[4] God is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who has ever hardened himself against him and succeeded?—

UST
[4] God is very wise and powerful; no one who has tried to argue against him has ever been able to win.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:5

ULT
[5] he who removes the mountains without warning anyone when he overturns them in his anger—

UST
[5] He even moves mountains in earthquakes without telling anyone in advance. When he is angry, he turns the mountains upside down.

What does God do to the mountains when he is angry?
He removes the mountains without warning and overturns them.

Job 9:6

ULT
[6] he who shakes the earth out of its place and sets its supports trembling.

UST
[6] He sends earthquakes that shake the ground; he causes the columns that support the earth to shake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:7

ULT
[7] It is the same God who tells the sun not to rise, and it does not, and who covers up the stars,

UST
[7] Some days he speaks to the sun, and it does not rise, and some nights he prevents the stars from shining.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:8

ULT
[8] who by himself stretches out the heavens and tramples down the waves of the sea,

UST
[8] He alone stretched [stretches] out the sky; he alone puts his feet on the waves and stops their violence.

What does God trample down?
He tramples down and subdues the waves of the sea.

Job 9:9

ULT
[9] who makes the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades, and the constellations of the south.

UST
[9] He set in their places the groups of stars— the Bear, Orion, the Pleiades, and the groups of stars in the southern sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:10

ULT
[10] He does great and unsearchable things, and wonderful things that cannot be counted.

UST
[10] He does great things that we cannot understand; he does more marvelous things than we are able to count.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:11

ULT
11 See, he goes by me, and I do not see him; he passes on also, but I do not perceive him.

UST
11 He passes by where I am, but I cannot see him; he moves further on, but I do not see him go.

Does Job see God when he passes by?
God goes by him and Job does not see or perceive him.

Job 9:12

ULT
12 If he takes something away, who can stop him? Who can say to him, ‘What are you doing?’

UST
12 If he wants to snatch someone away, no one could stop him; no one dares ask him, ‘Why are you doing that?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:13

ULT
13 God will not withdraw his anger; the helpers of Rahab bow beneath him.

UST
13 God will not very easily stop being angry; he defeated the servants of Rahab, the great sea monster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:14

ULT
14 How much less could I answer him, could I choose words to reason with him?

UST
14 If God took me to court, what could I say to answer him?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:15

ULT
15 Even if I were righteous, I could not answer him; I could only plead for mercy with my judge.

UST
15 Even though I would be innocent, I would not be able to answer him. All I could do would be to request God, my judge, to act mercifully toward me.

Even if Job was righteous, how would he need to address God?
Job could not answer him, but could only plead for mercy.

Job 9:16

ULT
16 Even if I called and he answered me, I would not believe that he was listening to my voice.

UST
16 If I summoned him to come to the courtroom and he said that he would come, I would not believe that he would pay attention to what I would say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:17

ULT
17 For he breaks me with a tempest and multiplies my wounds without cause.

UST
17 He sends storms to batter me, and he bruises me many times without any reason.

Why does Job believe God has multiple his wounds?
Job believed God multiplied his wounds without cause.

Job 9:18

ULT
18 He does not allow me to regain my breath; but he fills me with bitterness.

UST
18 It is as though he will not let me get my breath because he causes me to suffer all the time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:19

ULT
19 If it is a matter of strength, behold, he is mighty! If it is a matter of justice, who can summon him?

UST
19 If I tried to wrestle with him, there would be no way to defeat him, because he is stronger than I am. If I called him to appear in court, there is no one who could force him to go there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:20

ULT
20 Though I am in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; and though I am blameless, my words would prove me to be guilty.

UST
20 Even though I was innocent, anything I said would cause him to punish me; even though I had not done anything wrong, he would still prove that I was guilty.

Is it possible for Job to be righteous and perfect?
No, even then, his mouth would condemn him and prove him guilty.

Job 9:21

ULT
21 I am blameless, but I do not care any more about myself; I despise my own life.

UST
21 I have not done anything wrong, but that is not important anymore because I do not care what happens to me. I despise living.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:22

ULT

22 It makes no difference, which is why I say that he destroys blameless people and wicked people together.

UST

22 Nothing is important to me because God will get rid of all of us, both those who are innocent and those who are wicked.

Does Job think God treats righteous and wicked people differently?

He says God destroys both perfect people and wicked people together.

Job 9:23

ULT

23 When a whip suddenly kills, he mocks the despair of the innocent.

UST

23 When people experience disaster and it causes them to suddenly die, God laughs at it, even if they are innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:24

ULT

24 The earth is given into the hand of wicked people; God covers the faces of its judges. If it is not he who does it, then who is it?

UST

24 God has allowed wicked people to control what happens in the world. It is as though he had caused judges to be blind, no longer able to judge fairly. If it is not God who has done that, who, then, has done it?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:25

ULT
25 My days are swifter than a running messenger; my days flee away; they see no good anywhere.

UST
25 My days pass very quickly, like a fast runner who passes one by; it is as though the days run away, and nothing good ever happens to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:26

ULT
26 They are as fast as papyrus reed boats, and as fast as the eagle that swoops down on its victim.

UST
26 My life goes by very rapidly, like a swiftly sailing boat made from reeds or like an eagle that swoops down to seize an animal.

To what three things does Job compare the speed of his days?
They are swifter than a running messenger, they are as fast as reed boats, and as fast as the swooping eagle.

Job 9:27

ULT
27 If I said that I would forget about my complaints, that I would take off my sad face and be happy,

UST
27 If I smile and say to God, ‘I will forget what I am complaining about; I will stop looking sad and try to be cheerful,’

Why did Job say it would be in vain to forget about his complaints? (vv27-29)
God would not consider him innocent, but Job would be condemned.

Job 9:28

ULT
28 I would be afraid of all my sorrows because I know that you will not consider me innocent.

UST
28 then I become afraid because of all that I am suffering because I know that God does not consider that I am innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:29

ULT
29 I will be condemned; why, then, should I try in vain?

UST
29 He will condemn me anyway, so why should I keep trying in vain to defend myself?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:30

ULT
30 If I washed myself with snow water and made my hands ever so clean,

UST
30 If I washed myself with snow or cleansed my hands with lye to get rid of my guilt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:31

ULT
31 God would plunge me in a ditch, and my own clothes would be disgusted with me.

UST
31 he would still throw me into a filthy pit; as a result it would be as though even my clothes would detest me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:32

ULT
32 For God is not a man, as I am, that I could answer him, that we could come together in court.

UST
32 God is not a human, as I am, so there is no way that I could answer him to prove that I am innocent if we went together to have a trial in a courtroom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 9:33

ULT
33 There is no judge between us who might lay his hand upon us both.

UST
33 There is no one to mediate, no one who has authority over both of us.

What does Job say that no judge would be able to do?
No judge could lay his hand on both Job and God.

Job 9:34

ULT
34 There is no other judge who could take God's rod off me, who could keep his terror from frightening me.

UST
34 I wish someone else could stop God from making me suffer, and that he would not continue to terrify me.

What does Job say no other judge could do?
There is no other judge who can take God's rod from Job, or keep God's terror from frightening Job.

Job 9:35

ULT

35 Then would I speak up and not fear him. But as things are now, I cannot do that.

UST

35 If he did that, I would declare that I am innocent without being afraid of him because I know within myself that I really have not done what is wrong like God thinks that I have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10

Job 10:1

ULT
1 I am weary of my life; I will give free expression to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.

UST
1 I detest living any longer. I will not stop saying why I am complaining. Since I am very unhappy, I will speak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:2

ULT
2 I will say to God, ‘Do not merely condemn me; show me why you accuse me.

UST
2 I will say to God, ‘Do not just say that you must punish me; in addition, tell me what wrong you saw that I have done.

Why does Job want God to show him, instead of merely condemning him?
He wants God to show Job why he accuses him.

Job 10:3

ULT
3 Is it good to you that you should oppress me, to despise the work of your hands while you smile on the plans of the wicked?

UST
3 Does it please you to oppress me, to abandon me, whom you created, and, at the same time, to help wicked people to do the things that they plan to do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:4

ULT
4 Do you have eyes of flesh? Do you see like a man sees?

UST
4 Do you understand things the way that we humans do?

What kind of eyes does Job ask God if he has?
Job asks him if he has eyes of flesh and sees like a man sees.

Job 10:5

ULT
5 Are your days like the days of mankind or your years like the years of people,

UST
5 Do you live for only a few years, like [as] we do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:6

ULT
6 that you inquire after my iniquity and search after my sin,

UST
6 So why do you continue to search for my faults and to hunt for my sins?

What does Job say that God inquires and searches after?
God inquires after Job's iniquity and searches after his sin.

Job 10:7

ULT
7 although you know I am not guilty and there is no one who can rescue me from your hand?

UST
7 You know that I am not guilty, and that no one can rescue me from your power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:8

ULT
[8] Your hands have framed and fashioned me together round about, yet you are destroying me.

UST
[8] With your hands you created me and shaped my body, but now you are deciding that you should not have done that, and you are destroying me instead.

What had God's hands done for Job?
They had framed and fashioned Job, together round about.

Job 10:9

ULT
[9] Call to mind, I beg you, that you have fashioned me like clay; will you bring me into dust again?

UST
[9] Do not forget that you made me from a piece of clay; are you going to cause me to become soil again?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:10

ULT
[10] Have you not poured me out like milk and curdled me like cheese?

UST
[10] You certainly formed me when I was conceived, and you put me together inside my mother's womb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:11

ULT
[11] You have clothed me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews.

UST
[11] You fastened my bones together with sinews, and then you covered them with flesh inside my skin.

With what did God clothe Job?
He clothed him with skin and flesh.

Job 10:12

ULT
12 You have granted me life and covenant faithfulness; your help has guarded my spirit.

UST
12 You have caused me to be alive; you have faithfully loved me, and you have carefully preserved me.

What has God granted to Job?
God granted him life and covenant faithfulness.

Job 10:13

ULT
13 Yet these things you hid in your heart— I know that this is what you were thinking:

UST
13 But you kept secret what you were planning to do to me; I am certain that you were planning to do these things to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:14

ULT
14 that if I sinned, you would notice it; you would not acquit me of my iniquity.

UST
14 You were watching to see if I would sin, so that, if I did sin, you would refuse to forgive me.

What would God do if Job sinned?
God will notice his sin, and not acquit him of his iniquity.

Job 10:15

ULT
15 If I have acted wickedly, woe to me; and even if I acted righteously, I could not lift up my head, since I am filled with disgrace— see my affliction!

UST
15 If I am a wicked man, I hope that terrible things will happen to me. But even if I am righteous, I still must bow my head and feel ashamed because I am very disgraced and feel miserable.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:16

ULT
16 If my head were lifted up, you would stalk me like a lion; and again you would show yourself with marvellous acts of power against me.

UST
16 And if I am proud, you hunt me like a lion hunts for some animal to kill, and you act powerfully to injure me.

What would God do to Job if Job's head were lifted up?
God would hunt him down like a lion.

Job 10:17

ULT
17 You bring new witnesses against me and increase your anger against me; you attack me with fresh armies.

UST
17 You constantly find more witnesses to testify that I have done what is wrong, and you continually become more angry with me. It is as though you are [were] always bringing new troops to attack me.

Who does God bring against Job?
God brings new witnesses against him.

Job 10:18

ULT
18 Why, then, have you brought me out of the womb? I wish I had given up my spirit and that no eye had ever seen me.

UST
18 God, why did you allow me to be born? I wish had died when I was born, and that no one had ever seen me.

What does Job wish had happened to him?
He wishes he had given up his spirit and that no eye had ever seen him.

Job 10:19

ULT
19 I would have been as though I had never existed; I would have been carried from the womb to the grave.

UST
19 I think it would have been better if I had been carried directly from my mother's womb to the grave than for me to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:20

ULT
20 Are not my days only a few? Stop then, let me alone, so that I may have a little rest

UST
20 I think that there are only a few days for me to remain alive; so allow me to be alone, in order that I may have a little peace

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 10:21

ULT
21 before I go from where I will not return, to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death,

UST
21 before I go to the place from which I will never return, [a place] where it is always gloomy and very dark,

Where is Job going, from which he will not return?
He is going to the land of darkness and to the shadow of death.

Job 10:22

ULT
22 the land that is as dark as midnight, the land of the shadow of death, without any order, where the light is like midnight.'"

UST
22 a place of darkness and dark shadows where everything is confused [and] where even the small light there is like darkness.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11

Job 11:1

ULT
[1] Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

UST
[1] Then Zophar, the friend from the region of Naamah, said this to Job:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:2

ULT
[2] “Should not such a multitude of words be answered? Should this man, so full of talk, be believed?

UST
[2] “Should no one answer all that you have said? Just because you talk a lot, that fact should not persuade us to declare that you are innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:3

ULT
[3] Should your boasting make others remain silent? When you mock, will no one make you feel ashamed?

UST
[3] Job, should your babbling really cause us to be silent? When you make fun of what we think, certainly there should be someone to rebuke you and cause you to be ashamed!

What did Zophar think Job had done to their teaching?
He thought Job had mocked his friends teaching.

Job 11:4

ULT
4 For you say to God, ‘My beliefs are pure, I am blameless in your eyes.’

UST
4 You say, ‘What I say is true; God knows that I am innocent.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:5

ULT
5 But, oh, that God would speak and open his lips against you;

UST
5 But I wish that God would talk and say something to answer you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:6

ULT
6 that he would show you the secrets of wisdom! For he is great in understanding. Know then that God demands from you less than your iniquity deserves.

UST
6 God knows everything about everything, so I wish that he would tell you the secrets that he knows because he is wise. It would be good if you realized that God is punishing you less than you deserve!

What does Zophar say that God has demanded from Job?
He said God has demanded less from Job than his iniquity deserved.

Job 11:7

ULT

[7] Can you understand God by searching for him? Can you comprehend the Almighty perfectly?

UST

[7] Tell me, will you ever be able to find out the things about God that are very difficult to understand? Will you be able to find out everything that there is to know about Almighty God?

Does Zophar think that Job could possibly understand God? (vv7-9)

Zophar thinks that it is impossible because God is high as the heaven, deeper than sheol, longer than the earth, and wider than the sea.

Job 11:8

ULT

[8] The matter is as high as heaven; what can you do? It is deeper than Sheol; what can you know?

UST

[8] What there is to know about God is greater than the distance from earth to heaven; so there is no way that you can understand it all. It is greater than the distance from here to the place of the dead; so it is impossible for you to know it all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:9

ULT

[9] Its measure is longer than the earth, and wider than the sea.

UST

[9] What there is to know about God is wider than the earth and wider than the ocean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:10

ULT
10 If he passes through and shuts anyone up, if he calls anyone to judgment, then who can stop him?

UST
10 If God comes to you and puts you in prison and then brings you to a trial, who can stop him?

Does Zophar think that it is possible for anyone to stop God? (vv10-11)
It is impossible to stop God because he knows false people and notices iniquity.

Job 11:11

ULT
11 For he knows false people; when he sees iniquity, does he not notice it?

UST
11 He knows which people are worthless; and when he sees people doing wicked things, he certainly does not ignore them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:12

ULT
12 But foolish people have no understanding; they will get it when a wild donkey gives birth to a man.

UST
12 Stupid people like you will start to become wise when wild donkeys start giving birth to people.

When does Zophar say foolish people will have understanding?
They will have understanding when a wild donkey gives birth to a man.

Job 11:13

ULT
13 But suppose that you had set your heart right and had reached out with your hands toward God;

UST
13 Job, repent and make your heart humble; reach out your hands toward God and plead with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:14

ULT
14 suppose that iniquity were in your hand, but that then you put it far away from you, and did not let unrighteousness live in your tents.

UST
14 If you have done evil things, stop doing them; and do not allow any people in your house to do wicked deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:15

ULT
15 Then you would certainly lift up your face without a sign of shame; indeed, you would be steadfast and would not fear.

UST
15 If you do that, surely you will be able to carry your head high, because you will not be ashamed; you will be strong and not afraid of anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:16

ULT
16 You would forget your misery; you would remember it only like waters that have flowed away.

UST
16 You will forget all your troubles; they will be like the water that has all flowed away and dried up.

What does Zophar say would happen to Job's misery if he truly put away his iniquity?
Job would forget his misery and remember it only like waters that have flowed away.

Job 11:17

ULT
17 Your life would be brighter than the noonday; though there were darkness, it would become like the morning.

UST
17 Your troubles will be ended, like the darkness ends at the dawn; it will be as though the sun were shining brightly on you, like it shines at noon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:18

ULT
18 You would be secure because there is hope; indeed, you would find safety about you and would take your rest in safety.

UST
18 You will feel safe, because you will be confident that good things will happen to you; God will protect you and allow you to rest safely each night.

Why would Job be secure if he put away his iniquity?
He would be secure because there would be hope.

Job 11:19

ULT
19 Also you would lie down in rest, and none would make you afraid; indeed, many would seek your favor.

UST
19 You will lie down to sleep, and no one will make you afraid. And many people will come and request you to be kind to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 11:20

ULT

20 But the eyes of wicked people will fail; they will have no way to flee; their only hope will be a last gasp of life.”

UST

20 But wicked people will not be able to understand why bad things are happening to them; they will not have any way to escape from their troubles. The only thing that they will want to do is to die. “

What does Zophar say is the only hope of wicked people?

Their only hope will be a last gasp of life.

Job 12

Job 12:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered and said,

UST
1 Then Job said to his three friends,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:2

ULT
2 “No doubt you are the people; wisdom will die with you.

UST
2 “There is no doubt that you are the people to whom everyone should listen, and that when you die, there will be no more wise people alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:3

ULT
3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed, who does not know such things as these?

UST
3 But I have as much good sense as you do; I am no less wise than you are. Certainly everyone knows all that you have said.

How does Job compare himself to his friends?
He says he also has understanding and is not inferior to them.

Job 12:4

ULT

4 I am something for my neighbor to laugh at— I, one who called on God and who was answered by him! I, a just and blameless man—I am now something to laugh at.

UST

4 My friends all laugh at me now. Previously I habitually requested God to help me, and he always answered me. I am righteous, and I honor God, but now everyone laughs at me.

What do Job's neighbors think of him now?
They laugh at him.

Job 12:5

ULT

5 In the thought of someone who is at ease, there is contempt for misfortune; he thinks in a way that brings more misfortune to those whose foot is slipping.

UST

5 It is easy for people like you, who have no troubles, to laugh at people like me; you make us who are already suffering to have even more troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:6

ULT

6 The tents of robbers prosper, and those who provoke God feel secure; their own hands are their gods.

UST

6 Meanwhile, bandits live peacefully, and no one threatens those who cause God to become angry; the god they worship is their own strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:7

ULT
[7] But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; ask the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you.

UST
[7] But ask the wild animals what they know about God; if they could speak they would teach you. If you could ask the birds, they would tell you.

Who does Job think could teach his friends? (vv7-8)
The beasts, the birds, the earth, and the fish of the sea could teach his friends.

Job 12:8

ULT
[8] Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; the fish of the sea will declare to you.

UST
[8] If you could ask the creatures that crawl on the ground, or the fish in the sea, they would tell you about God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:9

ULT
[9] Which animal among all these does not know that the hand of Yahweh has done this?

UST
[9] All of them certainly know that it is Yahweh who has done this.

What do all of the animals know?
They know that the hand of Yayweh has given them life.

Job 12:10

ULT
10 In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

UST
10 He directs the lives of all living creatures; he gives breath to all us humans to enable us to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:11

ULT
11 Does not the ear test words just as the palate tastes its food?

UST
11 When we hear what people like you say, we think carefully about what they say to determine what is good and what is bad, like we taste food to know what is good and what is bad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:12

ULT
12 With aged men is wisdom; in length of days is understanding.

UST
12 Old people are usually very wise; because they have lived a long time, they understand much.

What does Job say about aged men and understanding?
Aged men have wisdom, and in length of days is understanding.

Job 12:13

ULT
13 With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.

UST
13 And God is wise and very powerful; he has good sense and understands everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:14

ULT
14 See, he breaks down, and it cannot be built again; if he imprisons someone, there can be no release.

UST
14 If he tears something down, no one can rebuild it; if he puts someone in prison, no one can open the door to let that person to escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:15

ULT
15 See, if he withholds the waters, they dry up; and if he sends them out, they overwhelm the land.

UST
15 When he prevents rain from falling, everything dries up. When he causes a lot of rain to fall, the result is that there are floods.

What does God do with the waters?
He with holds them and they dry up, and he sends them out and they overwhelm the land.

Job 12:16

ULT
16 With him are strength and wisdom; people who are deceived and the deceiver are both in his power.

UST
16 He is the one who is truly strong and wise; he rules over those who deceive others and those whom they deceive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:17

ULT
17 He leads counselors away barefoot in sorrow; he turns judges into fools.

UST
17 He sometimes causes the king’s officials to lose their wisdom and grieve because of it’ and he causes judges to become foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:18

ULT
18 He takes off the chain of authority from kings; he wraps a cloth about their waists.

UST
18 He takes from kings the ornaments that they wear and puts loincloths around their waists, causing them to become slaves.

What does God take from kings?
He takes off the chain of authority from them.

Job 12:19

ULT
19 He leads priests away barefoot in sorrow and overthrows mighty people.

UST
19 He also makes priests grieve, and he takes power away from those who rule others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:20

ULT
20 He removes the speech of those who had been trusted and takes away the understanding of the elders.

UST
20 He sometimes causes those whom others trust to be unable to speak, and he causes old men to no longer have good sense.

What does Job say about God does to the trustworthy and the elders?
He removes the speech of the trustworthy, and takes away the understanding of elders.

Job 12:21

ULT
21 He pours contempt upon princes and unfastens the belt of strong people.

UST
21 He causes people to despise those who rule, and he causes those who are powerful to become weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:22

ULT
22 He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings deep shadows into the light.

UST
22 He shows to us things that were secret, even things that were in the world of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 12:23

ULT
23 He makes nations strong, and he also destroys them; He enlarges nations, and he also leads them along as prisoners.

UST
23 He causes some nations to become very great, and later he destroys them; he causes the territory of some nations to become much larger, and later he brings others to defeat them and take them prisoner.

What does Job say about God does to nations?
He makes them strong or destroys them, and enlarges them or leads them along as prisoners.

Job 12:24

ULT

24 He takes away understanding from the leaders of the people of the earth; he causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.

UST

24 He causes some rulers to become foolish, and then he causes them to wander around, lost, as if they were in the wilderness with no way out.

What happens to the leaders of the people of the earth when God takes away their understanding?

He causes them them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.

Job 12:25

ULT

25 They grope in the dark without light; he makes them stagger like a drunk man.

UST

25 It is as if they were feeling around in the darkness, without any light; as if they were drunk, not knowing what they should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13

Job 13:1

ULT
1 See, my eye has seen all this; my ear has heard and understood it.

UST
1 "I have seen everything that you have seen, and I have heard and understood all that you have said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:2

ULT
2 What you know, the same I also know; I am not inferior to you.

UST
2 What you know, I also know; I do not know less than you.

How does Job say his knowledge compares to that of his friends?
Job says that he know the same as they know, and he is not inferior to them.

Job 13:3

ULT
3 However, I would rather speak with the Almighty; I wish to reason with God.

UST
3 But I would like to speak with Almighty God, not with you; I would like to argue with him and show him that I am innocent.

Who would Job like to talk to instead of his friends and why?
He would rather speak to the Almighty because Job wants to reason with God.

Job 13:4

ULT
4 But you whitewash the truth with lies; you are all physicians of no value.

UST
4 As for you, you tell lies and do not allow people to know unpleasant truth, like someone who covers up the bad surface of a wall with whitewash. You are all like doctors who sell people useless medicine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:5

ULT
5 Oh, that you would altogether hold your peace! That would be your wisdom.

UST
5 I wish that you would be silent; that would be wiser than anything you have said to me.

What does Job say his friends do with truth?
They whitewash the truth with lies.

Job 13:6

ULT
6 Hear now my own reasoning; listen to the pleading of my own lips.

UST
6 Listen to what I will say to you now; listen while I am saying what is true about myself.

What does Job want his friends to hear?
He wants them to listen to the pleading of his lips.

Job 13:7

ULT
7 Will you speak unrighteously for God, and will you talk deceitfully for him?

UST
7 You are telling lies to help God; you are saying what is false in order to help him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:8

ULT
8 Will you show him partiality? Will you argue the case for God?

UST
8 You would really like to be kind to him by defending what he does, would you not? It is as if you were trying to prove in a court that he is innocent!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:9

ULT
9 Will it be good for you when he searches you out? Could you deceive him as you might deceive men?

UST
9 But if he, sitting as the judge, looked closely at you, he would find that what you are doing for him is bad! You have deceived other people, but do not think that you can lie about him in court and say that you are defending him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:10

ULT
10 He would surely reprove you if in secret you showed partiality.

UST
10 If you say clever things to persuade God to take your side, he will surely rebuke you.

Would God approval if Job's friends showed favoritism to God?
No, he would reprove them if they showed favoritism to him.

Job 13:11

ULT
11 Will not his majesty terrify you, and the dread of him fall upon you?

UST
11 He will certainly bring the full force of his power against you; you will become very afraid of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:12

ULT
12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs made of ashes; your defenses are defenses made of clay.

UST
12 What you have said—the things that you think are so wise—are as useless as ashes; what you say to defend how you think is no better than clay that quickly crumbles.

What does Job think about his friends' sayings and defenses?
He says their sayings are proverbs made of ashes, and their defenses are made of clay.

Job 13:13

ULT
13 Hold your peace, let me alone, so that I may speak, let come what may on me.

UST
13 So be quiet and allow me to speak; after that, it will not matter what happens to me.

What does Job ask his friends to do so that he may speak?
Job asks them to hold their peace and let him alone.

Job 13:14

ULT
14 I will take my own flesh in my teeth; I will take my life in my hands.

UST
14 I am ready to risk my life; I am even willing to risk that God will execute me for what I say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:15

ULT
15 See, if he kills me, I will have no hope left; nevertheless, I will defend my ways before him.

UST
15 If he kills me, then I will not have anyone else whom I can confidently expect to help me, but I am going to defend my behavior in his presence anyway.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:16

ULT
16 This will be the reason for my deliverance, for no godless person would come before him.

UST
16 No wicked person would dare to stand in the presence of God, but because I say that I have not done things that are wrong, perhaps, if I can prove that to God, he will declare me innocent.”

Why does Job think that he would be acquitted?
He does not come before God like a godless man.

Job 13:17

ULT
17 God, listen carefully to my speech; let my declaration come to your ears.

UST
17 “God, listen very carefully to what I say; pay attention to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:18

ULT
18 See now, I have set my defense in order; I know that I am innocent.

UST
18 I am ready to argue that I am innocent, and I know that you also will declare that I am not guilty.

What has Job set in order?
He has set his defense in order.

Job 13:19

ULT
19 Who is the one who would argue against me in court? If you came to do so, and if I were proved wrong, then I would be silent and give up my life.

UST
19 I certainly do not think that you or anyone else will say that what I say is false; if you did so, then I would speak no more, and I would die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:20

ULT
20 God, do only two things for me, and then I will not hide myself from your face:

UST
20 I am requesting you to do two things for me; if you do them, I will not try to hide from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:21

ULT
21 withdraw your oppressive hand from me, and do not let your terrors make me afraid.

UST
21 The first thing that I request is that you stop punishing me, and the second thing that I request is that you stop terrifying me.

What does Job want God to withdraw from him?
Job wants God to withdraw his oppressive hand from Job.

Job 13:22

ULT
22 Then call me, and I will answer; or let me speak to you, and you answer me.

UST
22 Speak first, and then I will reply; or allow me to speak first, and then you reply.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:23

ULT
23 How many are my iniquities and sins? Let me know my transgression and my sin.

UST
23 What have I done that is wrong? What sins have I committed? Show me how I have disobeyed you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:24

ULT
24 Why do you hide your face from me and treat me like your enemy?

UST
24 Why do you refuse to be friendly to me? Why do you act toward me as though I were your enemy?

Who does God treat Job like?
He treats Job like his enemy.

Job 13:25

ULT

25 Will you persecute a driven leaf? Will you pursue dry stubble?

UST

25 I am as insignificant as a leaf that the wind blows. Why are you trying to make me afraid? Why are you making me suffer? After all, I am as useless as a bit of dry chaff!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:26

ULT

26 For you write down bitter things against me; you make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.

UST

26 It seems that you are writing things to accuse me of having sinned, and that you are writing down even the bad things I did when I was young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:27

ULT

27 You also put my feet in the stocks; you closely watch all my paths; you examine the ground where the soles of my feet have walked

UST

27 It is as though you have put my feet in stocks and that you were watching me wherever I walk; it is as though you were following my footprints to see where I have gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 13:28

ULT

28 although I am like a rotten thing that wastes away, like a garment that moths have eaten.

UST

28 Because of this, my body is falling apart like rotten wood, like a piece of cloth that the larvae of moths are eating.

What useless things does Job say he is like?

He is like a rotten thing that wastes away, like a garment that moths have eaten.

Job 14

Job 14:1

ULT
1 Man, who is born of woman, lives only a few days and is full of trouble.

UST
1 We humans are very frail. We are born, and we live only a short time; we experience much trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:2

ULT
2 He sprouts from the ground like a flower and is cut down; he flees like a shadow and does not last.

UST
2 We disappear quickly, like flowers that grow from the ground quickly and then wither and die. We are like shadows that disappear when the sun stops shining.

How does Job say man is like a flower?
Man sprouts from the ground like a flower, and is cut down.

Job 14:3

ULT
3 Do you look at any of these? Do you bring me into judgment with you?

UST
3 Yahweh, why do you keep watching me to see if I am doing something that is wrong? Do you want to take me to court to judge me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:4

ULT
4 Who can bring something clean out of something unclean? No one.

UST
4 No one can bring something acceptable to God out of something that is not acceptable to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:5

ULT
5 Man's days are determined. The number of his months is with you; you have appointed his limits that he cannot pass.

UST
5 You have decided how long our lives will be. You have decided how many months we will live, and we cannot live longer than the time that you have decided.

Who decides the lifespan of man?
God has determined his days and the number of his months.

Job 14:6

ULT
6 Look away from him that he may rest, so that he may enjoy his day like a hired man if he can do so.

UST
6 So please stop examining us, and allow us to be alone so that we might enjoy our life of hard labor, if a hired worker can possibly do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:7

ULT
[7] There can be hope for a tree; if it is cut down, it might sprout again, so that its tender stalk does not disappear.

UST
[7] If we cut a tree down, sometimes we hope that it will sprout again and grow new branches.

What does Job say about a tree that has been cut down?
There can be hope for a tree that has been cut down, for it can sprout again.

Job 14:8

ULT
[8] Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground,

UST
[8] Its roots in the ground may be very old, and its stump may decay,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:9

ULT
[9] yet even if it only smells water, it will bud and send out branches like a plant.

UST
[9] but if some water falls on it, it may bud and send up shoots like a young plant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:10

ULT
[10] But man dies; he becomes weak; indeed, man stops breathing, and then where is he?

UST
[10] But when we people lose all our strength and die, we stop breathing, and then we are gone forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:11

ULT
11 As water disappears from a lake, and as a river loses water and dries up,

UST
11 Just as water evaporates from a lake, or as a riverbed dries up,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:12

ULT
12 so people lie down and do not rise again. Until the heavens are no more, they will not awake nor be roused out of their sleep.

UST
12 people lie down and die and do not get up again. Until the heavens do not exist any longer; people who die do not wake up, and no one can wake them up.

Does Job say a man can live again?
He says that that people do not rise up again, and will not be roused out of their sleep.

Job 14:13

ULT
13 Oh, that you would hide me away in Sheol away from troubles, and that you would keep me in private until your wrath is over, that you would set me a fixed time to stay there and then call me to mind!

UST
13 Yahweh, I wish that you would put me safely in the place of the dead and forget about me, so that I do not suffer any more until you are no longer angry with me. I wish that you would decide how much time I would spend there, and then remember that I am there.

Where does Job wish would God would hide him?
Job wants God to hide him away in sheol away from troubles.

Job 14:14

ULT
14 If a man dies, will he live again? If so, I would wish to wait all my weary time there until my release should come.

UST
14 When we humans die, we will certainly not live again. If I knew that we would live again, I would wait patiently for you to release me from my sufferings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:15

ULT
15 You would call, and I would answer you. You would have a desire for the work of your hands.

UST
15 You would call me, and I would answer. You would be eager to see me, one of the creatures that you had made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:16

ULT
16 You would number and care for my footsteps; you would not keep track of my sin.

UST
16 You would carefully see where I went, and you would not be interested in seeing whether I sinned or not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:17

ULT
17 My transgression would be sealed up in a bag; you would cover up my iniquity.

UST
17 The record of my sins would be sealed in a small bag, and you would cover them.

How would God treat Job’s transgression and iniquity if God’s wrath was finished?
God would seal up Job’s transgression in a bag, and cover up Job’s iniquity.

Job 14:18

ULT
18 But even mountains fall and come to nothing; even rocks are moved out of their place;

UST
18 But, just as mountains crumble and rocks fall down from a cliff,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:19

ULT
19 the waters wear down the stones; their flooding washes away the dust of the earth. Like this, you destroy the hope of man.

UST
19 and just as water slowly wears away the stones, and just as floods wash away soil, you eventually destroy us; you do not allow us to continue to hope that we will keep on living.

What amazing thing can water do over time?
It can wear down the stones.

Job 14:20

ULT
20 You always defeat him, and he passes away; you change his face and send him away to die.

UST
20 You always defeat us, and then we die. You cause our faces to look ugly after we die, and you send us away.

How does it affect a dead man if his sons are honored or brought low?
If they come to honor, he does not know it, and if they are brought low, he does not see it happen.

Job 14:21

ULT

21 If his sons are honored, he does not know it; and if they are brought low, he does not see it.

UST

21 When we die, we do not know if our sons will grow up and do things that will cause other people to honor them. Or if they become disgraced, we do not know that either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 14:22

ULT

22 He feels only the pain of his own body, and he mourns for himself.

UST

22 We will feel our own pain; we will not feel anything else; we will be sorry for ourselves, not for anyone else.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15

Job 15:1

ULT
1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Eliphaz replied to Job:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:2

ULT
2 “Should a wise man answer with useless knowledge and fill himself with the east wind?

UST
2 “If you were truly wise, you would not have replied to us by claiming that you know a lot; what you are saying is just a lot of hot air.

With what should a wise man not fill himself?
He should not fill himself with the east wind.

Job 15:3

ULT
3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk or with speeches with which he can do no good?

UST
3 You should not be saying things that do not benefit anyone; you should not say things that do no one any good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:4

ULT
4 Indeed, you diminish respect for God; you obstruct devotion to him,

UST
4 You are teaching others not to respect God, and you are keeping them from honoring him.

How does Eliphaz think that Job's statements dishonored God?
He thinks Job diminishes respect for God, and obstructs devotion to him.

Job 15:5

ULT
5 for your iniquity teaches your mouth; you choose to have the tongue of a crafty man.

UST
5 You are wicked, and that is why you say what you do; you talk like deceptive people talk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:6

ULT
6 Your own mouth condemns you, not mine; indeed, your own lips testify against you.

UST
6 Everything that you say shows that God should punish you; it is not necessary for me to prove that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:7

ULT
7 Are you the first man that was born? Were you brought into existence before the hills?

UST
7 Tell me, why do you think you know so much? You do not think that you were the first person who was ever born, do you? You do not think that you were born before God created the mountains, do you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:8

ULT
8 Have you heard the secret knowledge of God? Do you limit wisdom to yourself?

UST
8 Were you listening when God made all his plans? Do you think that you are the only person who is wise?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:9

ULT
9 What do you know that we do not know? What do you understand that is not also in us?

UST
9 What do you know that we others do not know? You do not understand anything that is not also clear to us.

Does Eliphaz think that Job knows something that the other friends do not know?
He does not thing that Job knows what they do not know, or that he understands what is not also in them.

Job 15:10

ULT
10 With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men who are much older than your father.

UST
10 My friends and I are also wise; we acquired wisdom from old gray-haired people, from people who were born before your father was.

Which people does Eliphaz say agree with Job's friends?
The gray-headed and very aged men who are older than Job's father are with Eliphaz and his friends.

Job 15:11

ULT
11 Are the consolations of God too small for you, the words that are gentle toward you?

UST
11 God wants to comfort you and to speak gently to you; that should be enough for you, but it is not enough, is it?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:12

ULT
12 Why does your heart carry you away? Why do your eyes flash,

UST
12 Why do you allow yourself to be excited by your emotions? Why do your eyes flash with anger?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:13

ULT
13 so that you turn your spirit against God and bring out such words from your mouth?

UST
13 You are angry with God, and so you say harsh things against him.

What does Eliphaz think Job's spirit has done?
He thinks Job's has turned his spirit against God.

Job 15:14

ULT
14 What is man that he should be clean? What is he who is born of a woman that he should be righteous?

UST
14 How can any person, including you, be sinless? How can anyone on the earth be completely righteous?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:15

ULT
15 See, God puts no trust even in his holy ones; indeed, the heavens are not clean in his sight;

UST
15 God does not even trust his angels; he does not consider the heavens to be completely pure.

How does God view his holy ones and the heavens?
He puts no trust even in his holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in his sight.

Job 15:16

ULT
16 how much less clean is one who is abominable and corrupt, a man who drinks iniquity like water!

UST
16 So he certainly does not trust disgusting people, those who commit evil deeds as often as they drink water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:17

ULT
17 I will show you; listen to me; I will announce to you the things I have seen,

UST
17 Job, listen to what I tell you. I will declare to you what I know,

From whom did Eliphaz get the things he will announce to Job? (vv17-18)
The things he has seen are things that wise men passed down from their fathers, and things that ancestors did not hide.

Job 15:18

ULT
18 the things that wise men have passed down from their fathers, the things that their ancestors did not hide.

UST
18 things that wise men have told me, truths that their ancestors did not keep hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:19

ULT
19 These were their ancestors, to whom alone the land was given, and among whom no stranger ever passed.

UST
19 (God gave this land to those ancestors who were truly wise; no one from another country came and caused them to think wrongly about God.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:20

ULT
20 The wicked man twists in pain all his days, the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor to suffer.

UST
20 Wicked people suffer with great pain all the time that they are alive; that is what happens to those who oppress others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:21

ULT
21 A sound of terrors is in his ears; while he is in prosperity, the destroyer will come upon him.

UST
21 They constantly hear sounds that terrify them; while they are prospering, robbers attack them.

When will they destroyer come upon the wicked man?
The destroyer will come upon him while he is in his prosperity.

Job 15:22

ULT
22 He does not think that he will return out of darkness; the sword waits for him.

UST
22 Wicked people do not really think that they will escape from darkness; they are sure that someone is waiting to kill them with a sword.

What waits for the wicked man?
The sword waits for the wicked man.

Job 15:23

ULT
23 He goes to various places for bread, saying, ‘Where is it?’ He knows that the day of darkness is at hand.

UST
23 They wander around, searching for food, saying ‘Where can I find some?’ They know that they will soon experience disasters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:24

ULT
24 Distress and anguish make him afraid; they prevail against him, as a king ready for battle.

UST
24 Because they are afraid of those things happening to them, they worry that these things will attack them as a king’s army waits to attack its enemies and causes them to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:25

ULT
25 Because he has reached out with his hand against God and has behaved proudly against the Almighty,

UST
25 These things happen to them because they shook their fists against Almighty God and thought that they were strong enough to defeat him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:26

ULT
26 this wicked man runs at God with a stiff neck, with a thick shield.

UST
26 They stubbornly rush to attack God thinking that a strong shield will protect them.

With what does the wicked man run against God?
He runs at God with a stiff neck and a thick shield.

Job 15:27

ULT
27 This is true, even though he has covered his face with his fat and gathered fat on his loins,

UST
27 But they are so fat that they are unable to fight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:28

ULT
28 and has lived in desolate cities; in houses which no man inhabits now and which were ready to become heaps.

UST
28 They have lived in cities that have been abandoned, cities which God declared would become a heap of ruins.

What will happen to the cities and houses of the wicked man?
They are ready to become heaps.

Job 15:29

ULT
29 He will not be rich; his wealth will not last and his possessions will not spread over the land.

UST
29 But they will not remain rich very long; Others will take everything that they own, and even their shadows will disappear from the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:30

ULT
30 He will not depart out of darkness; [1] a flame will dry up his stalks; at the breath of God's mouth he will go away. [2]

UST
30 They will not escape from the darkness of death; they will be like trees whose branches burn up. When God gives the command, they will die.

What will cause the wicked to go away?
He will go away at the breath of God's mouth.

Job 15:31

ULT
31 Let him not trust in useless things, deceiving himself; for uselessness will be his reward.

UST
31 If they are very foolish, with the result that they trust in things that are really worthless, then things that are worthless will be all that they get.

What reward will the wicked man have for trusting in useless things?
Uselessness will be his reward.

Job 15:32

ULT
32 It will happen before his time should come to die; his branch will not be green.

UST
32 While they are still young, they will disappear; they will be like branches that wither and never become green again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:33

ULT
33 He will drop his unripe grapes like a grapevine; he will cast off his flowers like the olive tree.

UST
33 They will be like vines whose grapes fall off before they are ripe, like olive trees whose blossoms fall off before they produce any fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 15:34

ULT
34 For the company of godless people will be barren; fire will consume their tents of bribery.

UST
34 Groups of wicked people will not have any descendants, and fires will completely burn up the homes of those who took money from bribes.

What will happen to the company of godless people?
It will be barren, and fire will consume their tents of bribery.

Job 15:35

ULT

35 They conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity; their womb conceives deceit.”

15:30 [1] , because they believe that this expression was mistakenly copied from 15:22.

15:30 [2] , which some modern versions, including the ULT and UST, interpret as meaning the breath of God’s mouth. However, other modern versions follow an ancient Greek reading, .

UST

35 They plan to cause trouble and to do evil things, and in their hearts they are always preparing to deceive people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16

Job 16:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered and said,

UST
1 Job replied to Eliphaz and the others,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:2

ULT
2 “I have heard many such things; you are all miserable comforters.

UST
2 “I have heard things like that before; all of you, instead of helping me, are only causing me to feel more miserable.

What did Job say about the comfort of his friends? (vv2-3)
Job said they were miserable comforters using useless words.

Job 16:3

ULT
3 Will useless words ever have an end? What is wrong with you that you answer like this?

UST
3 Will your speeches, which are only wind, never end? Eliphaz, what bothers you that makes you continue replying like this to me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:4

ULT
4 I also could speak as you do, if you were in my place; I could collect and join words together against you and shake my head at you in mockery.

UST
4 If it were you three and not I who were suffering, I could, in your place, say the things that you are saying. I could make great speeches to criticize you, and I could shake my head at you to ridicule you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:5

ULT
5 I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the quivering of my lips will bring you relief!

UST
5 Then you would see whether my words encouraged you or not; you would see whether they made you feel your pain less.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:6

ULT
6 If I speak, my grief is not lessened; if I keep from speaking, how am I helped?

UST
6 But now, if I talk, my pain does not decrease, and if I am silent, my pain still certainly does not go away.

How does Job's speaking affect his grief?
If he speaks, his grief is not lessened, and if he keeps from speaking, his is not helped.

Job 16:7

ULT
7 But now, God, you have made me weary; you have made all my family desolate.

UST
7 God, you have now taken away all my strength; you have destroyed all my family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:8

ULT

[8] You have made me dry up, which itself is a witness against me; the leanness of my body rises up against me, and it testifies against my face.

UST

[8] You have shriveled me up, and people think that shows me to be a sinner. They see that I am only skin and bones, and they think that proves that I am guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:9

ULT

[9] God has torn me in his wrath and persecuted me; He grinds his teeth in rage; my enemy fastens his eyes on me as he tears me apart.

UST

[9] Because God is very angry with me and hates me, it is as though he were a wild animal that tore me apart with his teeth because he was my enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:10

ULT

[10] People have gaped with open mouth at me; they have hit me reproachfully on the cheek; they have gathered together against me.

UST

[10] People gape at me with their mouths open to sneer at me; they have struck me on the face to ridicule me, and they crowd around me to threaten me.

How are other people treating Job as God attacks him?

They gape at Job with open mouth, hit him reproachfully on the cheek, and gather together against him.

Job 16:11

ULT
11 God hands me over to ungodly people, and throws me into the hands of wicked people.

UST
11 It is as though God has handed me over to people who refuse to honor him and has put me into the power of the wicked.

To whom has God given Job?
God handed him over to ungodly, and threw him into the hands of wicked people.

Job 16:12

ULT
12 I was at ease, and he broke me apart. Indeed, he has taken me by the neck and dashed me to pieces; he has also set me up as his target.

UST
12 Previously, I was living peacefully, but he crushed me; it is as though he grabbed my neck and smashed me to pieces; it is as though he set me up like a target.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:13

ULT
13 His archers surround me all around; God pierces my kidneys and does not spare me; he pours out my bile on the ground.

UST
13 It is as though I were a target, and that people were surrounding me and shooting arrows at me. God's arrows pierce my kidneys and cause the bile from my liver to spill onto the ground; God does not pity me at all.

How has God injured Job?
He has pierced Job's kidneys and poured out his bile on the ground.

Job 16:14

ULT
14 He smashes through my wall again and again; he runs upon me like a warrior.

UST
14 It is as though I were a wall that he is breaking through time after time; he rushes at me like a soldier who is attacking his enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:15

ULT
15 I have sewn sackcloth on my skin; I have thrust my horn into the ground.

UST
15 Because I am mourning, I wear pieces of rough cloth that I have sewed together, and I sit here in the dirt, very depressed.

What has Job done to his skin to show his grief?
He has sewn sackcloth on his skin.

Job 16:16

ULT
16 My face is red with weeping; on my eyelids is the shadow of death

UST
16 My face is red because I have cried very much, and there are dark circles around my eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:17

ULT
17 although there is no violence in my hands, and my prayer is pure.

UST
17 All this has happened to me even though I have not acted violently toward anyone, and even though I always pray sincerely to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:18

ULT
18 Earth, do not cover up my blood; let my cry have no resting place.

UST
18 When I die, I want the ground to act as though I had been murdered; I want it to cry out against those who killed me, and I do not want anyone to stop me while I am demanding that God act justly toward me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:19

ULT
19 Even now, see, my witness is in heaven; he who vouches for me is on high.

UST
19 But even now, I know that there is someone in heaven who will testify for me, and he will say that what I have done is right.

Who is Job's witness and able to vouch for Job?
Job's witness is in heaven, and the one who is for him is on high.

Job 16:20

ULT
20 My friends scoff at me, but my eye pours out tears to God.

UST
20 My three friends scorn me, but my eyes are full of tears while I cry out to God.

Who does Job turn to as his friends scoff at him?
Job pours out his tears to God.

Job 16:21

ULT

21 I ask for that witness in heaven to argue for this man with God as a man does with his neighbor!

UST

21 I pray that the one who knows what I have done would come to plead with God for me as a person pleads for his friend.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 16:22

ULT

22 For when a few years have passed, I will go to a place from where I will not return.

UST

22 I say this because within a few years I will die; I will walk along the road to a place from which I will never return.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17

Job 17:1

ULT
1 My spirit is consumed, and my days are over; the grave is ready for me.

UST
1 “My time to live is almost ended; I have no strength left; those who have dug my grave are waiting for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:2

ULT
2 Surely there are mockers with me; my eye must always see their provocation.

UST
2 Those who are around me are making fun of me; I must always see them mocking me.”

What must Job always see?
He must always see the provocation of the mockers who are with him.

Job 17:3

ULT
3 Give now a pledge, be a guarantee for me with yourself; who else is there who will help me?

UST
3 “God, it is as though I were in prison; please pay the money in order that I may be released, because there is certainly no one else who will help me.

What pledge does Job want God to make to Job?
He wants God to pledge to be a guarantee with himself for Job.

Job 17:4

ULT
4 For you, God, have kept their hearts from understanding; therefore, you will not exalt them over me.

UST
4 You have prevented my friends from understanding what is true about me, but you will not allow them to triumph over me, saying that I have done wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:5

ULT
5 He who denounces his friends for a reward, the eyes of his children will fail.

UST
5 Our ancestors said, 'It often happens that when someone betrays his friends in order to get some of their property, it is that person's children who will be punished for it;' so I desire that will be true of these friends of mine who are lying about me.

Whose evil deed will cause the eyes of his children to fail?
The one who denounces his friends for a reward will cause the eyes of his children to fail.

Job 17:6

ULT
6 But he has made me a byword of the people; they spit in my face.

UST
6 But now people use that saying of our ancestors when they talk about me; they spit to insult me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:7

ULT

[7] My eye is also dim because of sorrow; all my body parts are as thin as shadows.

UST

[7] My eyes have become dim because I am very sad, and my arms and legs are as thin as shadows.

What has happened to Job's eye and his body because of sorrow?

His eye is dim and all his body parts are as thin as shadows.

Job 17:8

ULT

[8] Upright men will be stunned by this; the innocent man will stir himself up against godless men.

UST

[8] People who are truly righteous will be shocked when they see what has happened to me; they will be angry at those who refuse to honor God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:9

ULT

[9] The righteous man will keep to his way; he who has clean hands will grow stronger and stronger.

UST

[9] Those who are truly righteous will continue to do what is right, and those who live righteously will continue to become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:10

ULT
10 But as for you all, come on now; I will not find a wise man among you.

UST
10 But all you friends of mine, I do not find even one among you who is wise.

Does Job think that he can find a wise man among his friends?
Job does knows that he will not find a wise man among them.

Job 17:11

ULT
11 My days are past; my plans are shattered, and so are the desires of my heart. *[1]*

UST
11 My time to live is almost ended; I have not been able to do the things that I planned to do. As for the things I have most desired, there is no hope of them happening.

Does Job have plans for the future?
Job's plans are over, as are the wishes of his heart.

Job 17:12

ULT
12 These people, these mockers, change the night into day; light is near to darkness.

UST
12 My friends do not know when it is night and when it is day; when it is night, they claim that it is daylight; when it is becoming dark, they claim that it is getting light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:13

ULT
13 If the only home I hope for is Sheol; and if I have spread my couch in the darkness;

UST
13 I know that my home will be the place where dead people are, where I will sleep in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:14

ULT
14 and if I have said to the pit, ‘You are my father,’ and to the worm, ‘You are my mother or my sister,’

UST
14 I can say to the grave, ‘Where I am buried, that place will be like a father to me.’ I can say to the maggots, ‘You will be like a mother or younger sisters to me because that is where I will always be.’

What has become Job’s father, mother, and sister?
The pit has become his father, and the worm is his mother and sister.

Job 17:15

ULT
15 where then is my hope? As for my hope, who can see any?

UST
15 There is certainly no more hope left for me. No one expects that I will have any more happiness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 17:16

ULT
16 Will hope go down with me to the gates of Sheol when we descend to the dust?”
17:11 [1] or . Others have

UST
16 After I descend to the place where the dead are, I will not be able to expect anything good there. I and the things I hope for will go down together into the soil.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18

Job 18:1

ULT
1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Bildad replied again:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:2

ULT
2 “When will you stop your talk? Consider, and afterwards we will speak.

UST
2 “Please stop talking! If you would stop talking and listen, we could tell you something.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:3

ULT
3 Why are we regarded as beasts, stupid in your sight?

UST
3 Why do you think that we are as stupid as cattle and as unrighteous?

How did Bildad think Job viewed his friends?
Bildad thought Job regarded them as beasts, and thought they were stupid.

Job 18:4

ULT
4 You who tear at yourself in your anger, should the earth be forsaken for you or should the rocks be removed out of their places?

UST
4 By being very angry, you are only hurting yourself. Do you think that everyone on the earth must leave to prove that you are right, or do you think that God must move the rocks in the mountains to please you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:5

ULT
5 Indeed, the light of the wicked person will be put out; the spark of his fire will not shine.

UST
5 What will happen is that the lives of wicked people like you end as quickly as we can put out a light or extinguish the flame of a fire.

What will happen to the light of the wicked person?
His light will be put out, and the spark of his fire will not shine.

Job 18:6

ULT
6 The light will be dark in his tent; his lamp above him will be put out.

UST
6 When the lamps above them in their tents are extinguished, there will be no light in those tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:7

ULT
7 The steps of his strength will be made short; his own plans will cast him down.

UST
7 While they are alive, they walk confidently, but later it will be as though they stumbled and fell, because they themselves do not pay attention to the advice that they give to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:8

ULT
[8] For he will be thrown into a net by his own feet; he will walk into a pitfall.

UST
[8] It will be as though they had walked into their own net or had fallen into a pit that they themselves dug.

What will throw the wicked man into a net?
He will be thrown into a net by his own feet, and he will walk into a pitfall.

Job 18:9

ULT
[9] A trap will take him by the heel; a snare will lay hold on him.

UST
[9] It will be as though a trap had grabbed their heels and held them fast,

What will catch the wicked man? (vv9-10)
He will be caught by a trap, a snare, and a noose.

Job 18:10

ULT
[10] A noose is hidden for him on the ground; and a trap for him in the way.

UST
[10] as though the end of a rope that was hidden on the ground had sprung up and seized them when they walked on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:11

ULT
11 Terrors will make him afraid on every side; they will chase him at his heels.

UST
11 Everywhere they go, there will be things that cause them to be terrified; it will be as though those things were pursuing them and biting at their heels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:12

ULT
12 His wealth will turn into hunger, and calamity will be ready at his side.

UST
12 They will become hungry, with the result that they will be strong no longer. They will continually experience disasters.

What will happen to the wealth of the wicked man?
His wealth turn into hunger.

Job 18:13

ULT
13 The parts of his body will be devoured; indeed, the firstborn of death will devour his parts.

UST
13 Diseases will spread all over their skin; diseases will cause their bodies to decay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:14

ULT
[14] He is torn from the safety of his tent and marched off to the king of terrors.

UST
[14] When they die, they will be snatched away from their tents and brought to the one who rules over the dead.

Where will the wicked man no longer live?
He will be torn out of his tent, his home in which he now trusts.

Job 18:15

ULT
[15] People not his own will live in his tent after they see that sulfur is scattered within his home.

UST
[15] Then other people will live in their tents, but only after they sprinkle sulfur on those tents to get rid of the disease!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:16

ULT
[16] His roots will be dried up beneath; above will his branch be cut off.

UST
[16] Because they will die and leave no descendants, they will be like trees whose roots have dried up and whose branches have all withered.

What image does Bildad use to describe what will happen to the wicked man?
He describes the wicked man as a tree whose roots will dry up beneath the ground, and whose branch will be cut off above.

Job 18:17

ULT
17 His memory will perish from the earth; he will have no name in the street.

UST
17 No one on the earth will remember them anymore; no one on any street will even remember their names.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:18

ULT
18 He will be driven from light into darkness and be chased out of this world.

UST
18 They will have to leave the earth, where there is light, and rush into the place where it is dark.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 18:19

ULT
19 He will have no son or son's son among his people, nor any remaining kinfolk where he had stayed.

UST
19 They will have no children or grandchildren, no descendants where they will have previously lived.

Will the wicked man have any descendants?
He will have no son or son's son among his people, nor any remaining kinfolk where he had stayed.

Job 18:20

ULT
[20] Those who live in the west will be horrified at what happens to him one day; those who live in the east will be frightened by it.

UST
[20] People from the east to the west who hear about what happened to them, everyone, will be shocked and horrified.

How do the people respond to what happens to the wicked man?
The people who live in the west will be horrified and the people who live in the east will be frightened.

Job 18:21

ULT
[21] Surely such are the homes of unrighteous people, the places of those who do not know God.”

UST
[21] This is what happens to unrighteous people like you, people who do not know God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19

Job 19:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered and said,

UST
1 Then Job replied:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:2

ULT
2 “How long will you make me suffer and break me into pieces with words?

UST
2 “How long will you three torment me and discourage me by calling me wicked?

Into what does Job say his friends have broken him?
Job says they have broken him into pieces of wood.

Job 19:3

ULT
3 These ten times you have reproached me; you are not ashamed that you have treated me harshly.

UST
3 You have insulted me many times; are you not ashamed for saying these things to me?

How many times have Job’s friends reproached him?
They have reproached him ten times.

Job 19:4

ULT
4 If it is indeed true that I have erred, my error remains my own concern.

UST
4 Even if it were true that I had done wrong, I have not injured you!

Whose concern should it be if Job had erred?
Job says the error should be his own concern.

Job 19:5

ULT
5 If indeed you will exalt yourselves above me and use my humiliation against me,

UST
5 If you truly think that you are better than I am, and if you argue that I must be guilty because I am suffering,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:6

ULT
6 then you should know that God has done wrong to me and has caught me in his net.

UST
6 you should realize that it is God who has caused me to suffer. It is as though he has a net and that he has caught me in it.

How does Job say God has treated him?
Job says God has dome wrong to Job and caught him in God's net.

Job 19:7

ULT
[7] See, I cry out, “Violence!” but I get no answer. I call out for help, but there is no justice.

UST
[7] I cry out, ‘People are murdering me!’, but no one answers me. I call out loudly, but there is no one, not even God, who acts fairly toward me.

What happens when Job calls out for help because he has been wronged?
He is not heard and there is no justice.

Job 19:8

ULT
[8] He has walled up my way so that I cannot pass, and he has set darkness in my path.

UST
[8] It is as though God has blocked my road, and I cannot go anywhere; it is as though he has forced me to try to find the road in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:9

ULT
[9] He has stripped me of my glory, and he has taken the crown from my head.

UST
[9] He has taken away my good reputation; it is as though he has removed a crown from my head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:10

ULT
[10] He has broken me down on every side, and I am gone; he has pulled up my hope like a tree.

UST
[10] He batters me from every side, and I will soon die. I no longer expect him to do anything good for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:11

ULT
11 He has also kindled his wrath against me; he regards me as one of his adversaries.

UST
11 He attacks me because he is very angry at me; he considers me to be his enemy.

How has God regarded Job?
He has regarded Job as one of his adversaries.

Job 19:12

ULT
12 His troops come on together; they cast up siege mounds against me and encamp around my tent.

UST
12 It is as though he were sending his army to attack me; they surround my tent and get ready to attack me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:13

ULT
13 He has put my brothers far from me; my acquaintances are wholly alienated from me.

UST
13 God has caused my brothers to abandon me, and for all those who know me to act like strangers to me.

What has happened to all of Job's family and friends? (vv13-14)
God has put his brothers far from him, his acquaintances are alienated, his kinsfolk fail him, and his close friends have forgotten him.

Job 19:14

ULT
14 My kinsfolk have failed me; my close friends have forgotten me.

UST
14 All my relatives and good friends have left me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:15

ULT
15 Those who once stayed as guests in my house and my female servants regard me as a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.

UST
15 The people who were guests in my house have forgotten me, and my female servants consider that I am a foreigner whom they do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:16

ULT
16 I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer although I entreat him with my mouth.

UST
16 When I summon my servants, they do not answer; When I plead with them to come to help me, they do not come.

How does Job's servant respond to Job when he calls him?
His servant him gives me no answer although he entreats him with his mouth.

Job 19:17

ULT
17 My breath is offensive to my wife; I am even disgusting to those who were born from my mother's womb.

UST
17 My breath smells very bad to my wife so she stays away from me, and my brothers detest me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:18

ULT
18 Even young children despise me; if I rise to speak, they speak against me.

UST
18 Even young children despise me; when I stand up to talk to them, they laugh at me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:19

ULT
[19] All my familiar friends abhor me; those whom I love have turned against me.

UST
[19] My dearest friends detest me, and those whom I love very much have turned against me.

What have those whom Job loves responded to him?
Those whom he loves have turned against him.

Job 19:20

ULT
[20] My bones cling to my skin and to my flesh; I survive only by the skin of my teeth.

UST
[20] My body is only skin and bones; I am barely alive.

How does Job survive?
He survives only by the skin of his teeth.

Job 19:21

ULT
[21] Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, my friends, for the hand of God has touched me.

UST
[21] I plead with you, my three friends, pity me because God has struck me very hard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:22

ULT
[22] Why do you pursue me like God does? Will you ever be satisfied with my flesh?

UST
[22] Why do you cause me to suffer, also? Do you think you are God? Why do you never get enough of accusing me of doing wrong?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:23

ULT
23 Oh, that my words were now written down! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

UST
23 I wish that someone would take these words of mine and write them permanently in a book in order that people can read them.

What does Job want to happen to his words? (vv23-24)
He wants them to be written down and inscribed in a book, or engraved with pen and lead in the rock forever.

Job 19:24

ULT
24 Oh, that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

UST
24 Or else, I wish that someone would carve my words on a rock with a chisel in order that they would last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:25

ULT
25 But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at last he will stand on the earth;

UST
25 But I know that the one who vindicates me in court is alive, and that some day he will stand here on the earth and make the final decision about whether I deserve to be punished.

What does Job say he knows?
He knows that his Redeemer lives, and that at last his Redeemer will stand on the earth.

Job 19:26

ULT
26 after my skin, that is, this body, is destroyed, then in my flesh I will see God.

UST
26 And even after diseases have destroyed my body, still, in my body I will see God.

What does Job say will happen when his body is destroyed?
Job in his flesh will see God.

Job 19:27

ULT
27 I will see him with my own eyes—I, and not someone else. My heart fails within me.

UST
27 I will see him myself; I will see him with my own eyes! My emotions overwhelm me as I think about that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:28

ULT
28 If you say, ‘How we will persecute him! The root of his troubles lies in him,’

UST
28 If you three men say, ‘This is how we will cause him to suffer!’ and you say, ‘He is the one who has caused his own troubles,’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 19:29

ULT

29 then be afraid of the sword, because wrath brings the punishment of the sword, so that you may know there is a judgment.”

UST

29 you should fear that God will punish you; he punishes those like you with whom he is angry; and when that happens, you will know that there is someone who judges people.”

What does wrath bring?

Wrath brings the punishment of the sword.

Job 20

Job 20:1

ULT
1 Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Zophar replied again:

Why did Zophar answer Job quickly? (vv1-3)
He answered Job quickly because of his worry and that there is a spirit beyond his understanding that answers him. He has heard Job's rebuke and says it puts him to shame.

Job 20:2

ULT
2 "My thoughts make me answer quickly because of the worry that is in me.

UST
2 "I am very troubled about what you have said, so I want to reply very quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:3

ULT
3 I hear a rebuke that dishonors me, but a spirit from my understanding answers me.

UST
3 By saying these things you have insulted me, but something within my understanding suggests to me how I may reply to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:4

ULT

[4] Do you not know this fact from ancient times, when God placed man on earth:

UST

[4] Do you not know that from long ago, ever since God first put people on the earth,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:5

ULT

[5] the triumph of a wicked man is short, and the joy of a godless man lasts only for a moment?

UST

[5] that wicked people like you do not continue to rejoice for a long time, and that people who refuse to honor God are happy only for a moment?

How long does the joy of a godless man last?

The joy of the godless only lasts for a moment.

Job 20:6

ULT

[6] Though his height reaches up to the heavens, and his head reaches to the clouds,

UST

[6] Although their reputations reach up to the sky, and their fame goes up as high as the clouds,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:7

ULT
[7] yet such a person will perish permanently like his own feces; those who have seen him will say, ‘Where is he?’

UST
[7] they will disappear forever, like their own excrement, and those who knew them will ask, ‘Where did they go?’

How will the wicked man perish?
He will perish permanently like his own feces.

Job 20:8

ULT
[8] He will fly away like a dream and will not be found; indeed, he will be chased away like a vision of the night.

UST
[8] They will disappear as a dream does, and they will exist no more. They will vanish like dreams that people have during the night.

How will the wicked man go away?
He will fly away like a dream, and be chased away like a vision of the night.

Job 20:9

ULT
[9] The eye that saw him will see him no more; his place will see him no longer.

UST
[9] Those people who now see those wicked people will never see them again; even the people who lived with them will not see them anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:10

ULT
10 His children will apologize to poor people; his hands will have to give back his wealth.

UST
10 Their children will be forced to return the valuable things that they stole from poor people.

What will the wicked man's children do?
His children will apologize to poor people.

Job 20:11

ULT
11 His bones are full of youthful strength, but it will lie down with him in the dust.

UST
11 The bodies of the wicked were once young and strong, but they will die and be buried in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:12

ULT
12 Although wickedness is sweet in his mouth, although he hides it under his tongue,

UST
12 Although doing wicked things was like having sweet food in their mouths that they wanted to continue tasting,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:13

ULT
13 although he holds it there and does not let it go but keeps it still in his mouth—

UST
13 and although they did not want to stop doing those things,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:14

ULT
14 the food in his intestines turns bitter; it becomes the poison of asps inside him.

UST
14 those evil things will someday become like poison that they swallow, or like the poison from snakes.

What happens to wickedness inside the wicked man?
It will cause the food in his intestines to turn bitter, and will becomes like the poison of asps inside him.

Job 20:15

ULT
15 He swallows down riches, but he will vomit them up again; God will cast them out of his stomach.

UST
15 Wicked people pile up wealth for themselves, but they do not keep it forever, just like people do not keep down the food that they vomit. God takes their wealth from them.

What will happen to the riches that the wicked man swallows down?
He will vomit them up again.

Job 20:16

ULT
16 He will suck the poison of asps; the viper’s tongue will kill him.

UST
16 Doing evil deeds is like swallowing snake poison; doing evil will kill the wicked as the bite of a poisonous snake will kill people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:17

ULT
17 He will not enjoy the streams, the torrents of honey and butter.

UST
17 The wicked will not remain alive to see the abundant blessings from God, which are like a stream that flows.

What will the wicked man not live to enjoy?
He will not live to enjoy looking on rivers and flowing streams of honey and butter.

Job 20:18

ULT
18 He will give back the fruit of his labor and will not be able to eat it; he will not enjoy the wealth earned by his commerce.

UST
18 They will be forced to give back the things that they stole from the poor; they will not be able to continue to enjoy those things. They will not remain happy because of what they got from their business

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:19

ULT
19 For he has oppressed and neglected poor people; he has violently taken away houses that he did not build.

UST
19 because they oppressed poor people and refused to help them, and they took other people's houses by cheating them.

Why will the wicked man not rejoice?
He has oppressed and neglected the poor people, and has violently taken away houses that he did not build.

Job 20:20

ULT
[20] Because he has known no satisfaction himself, he will not be able to save anything in which he takes pleasure.

UST
[20] They were always greedy and never satisfied. So when they ate, they ate so much that they never saved anything that they enjoyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:21

ULT
[21] There is nothing left that he did not devour; therefore his prosperity will not be permanent.

UST
[21] When they finished eating their food, there was never anything left over because they had greedily eaten it all; but now their prosperity will end.

Why will the prosperity of the wicked man not be permanent?
It will not be permanent because there is nothing left that he did not devour.

Job 20:22

ULT
[22] In the abundance of his wealth he will fall into trouble; the hand of everyone who is in poverty will come against him.

UST
[22] When they are still very wealthy, they will suddenly experience trouble. The full power of everyone who lives in misery will crush them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:23

ULT
23 When he is about to fill his stomach, God will throw the fierceness of his wrath on him; God will rain it down on him while he is eating.

UST
23 When the wicked people are filling their stomachs, God will show that he is very angry with them, and he will punish them; he will bring down suffering on them like the rain that falls on the ground.

What will God do to the wicked man who is about to fill his belly?
God will rain down the fierceness of his wrath on him while he is eating.

Job 20:24

ULT
24 Although that man will flee from the iron weapon, a bow of bronze will shoot him.

UST
24 They will try to escape from people who will attack them with iron weapons, but arrows with bronze points will pierce them.

What will happen when the wicked man flees from the iron weapon?
A bow of bronze will shoot him.

Job 20:25

ULT
25 He pulls it out of his back and the gleaming point comes out of his liver. Terrors come over him.

UST
25 The arrows will go completely through their bodies and stick out of their backs; the shiny points of the arrows will have blood dripping from them, and those wicked people will be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:26

ULT
26 Complete darkness is reserved for his treasures; a fire not fanned will devour him; it will consume what is left in his tent.

UST
26 Their valuable possessions will all be destroyed; a fire started by God, not by humans, will burn them up and will destroy the things that are left in their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 20:27

ULT
27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity, and the earth will rise up against him as a witness.

UST
27 The angels in heaven will reveal the sins that those wicked people have committed, and people on earth will stand up and testify against them.

What will the heavens and the earth do against the wicked man?
The heavens will reveal his iniquity and the earth will be a witness against him.

Job 20:28

ULT
28 The wealth of his house will vanish; his goods will flow away on the day of God's wrath.

UST
28 On the day when God punishes people, all the possessions in the wicked people's houses will be carried away, as if a flood had come.

What will happen to the wicked man on the day of God's wrath?
The wealth of his house will vanish and his goods will flow away.

Job 20:29

ULT

29 This is the wicked man’s portion from God, the heritage reserved for him by God.”

UST

29 That is what will happen to wicked people like you; that is what God has decreed for them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21

Job 21:1

ULT
[1] Then Job answered and said,

UST
[1] Then Job replied in this way:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:2

ULT
[2] “Listen carefully to my words, and let this be the comfort you offer to me.

UST
[2] “Listen to what I say, all of you; that is the only thing that you can do that will comfort me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:3

ULT
[3] Put up with me, and I also will speak; after I have spoken, mock on.

UST
[3] Be patient with me, and allow me to speak. Then, after I am finished speaking, you can continue to make fun of me.

What does Job think his friends will do after he has spoken?
He thinks they will continue to mock him.

Job 21:4

ULT
4 As for me, is my complaint to a person? Why should I not be impatient?

UST
4 It is certainly not people against whom I am complaining, but God! And it is certainly right for me to be impatient!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:5

ULT
5 Look at me and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth.

UST
5 Look at me! Does what you see not cause you to be appalled and to put your hands over your mouths and say no more?

How will people respond when they look at Job?
They will be astonished and lay their hands upon their mouths.

Job 21:6

ULT
6 When I think about my sufferings, I am terrified, and trembling seizes my body.

UST
6 When I think about what has happened to me, I am frightened and my entire body shakes.

What happens to Job when he thinks about his sufferings?
He is troubled and horror takes hold of his flesh.

Job 21:7

ULT
[7] Why do wicked people continue to live, become old, and grow mighty in power?

UST
[7] But allow me to ask this: ‘Why do wicked people continue to live, and become prosperous, and not die until they are very old?’

What does Job ask about wicked people?
Job asks why do they continue to live, become old, and grow mighty in power?

Job 21:8

ULT
[8] Their descendants are established with them in their sight, and their offspring are established before their eyes.

UST
[8] They see their children around them, and they watch them while they grow up and start to live in their own houses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:9

ULT
[9] Their houses are safe from fear; neither is the rod of God on them.

UST
[9] Wicked people live in their own houses without being afraid, and God does not punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:10

ULT
10 Their bull breeds; it does not fail to do so; their cow gives birth and does not lose her calf prematurely.

UST
10 Their bulls always mate with the cows successfully, and the cows always give birth to calves and never miscarry.

What happens to the bull and the cow of the wicked?
The bull doesn't fail to breed and the cow doesn't lose her calf prematurely.

Job 21:11

ULT
11 They send out their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

UST
11 Wicked people send their young children outside to play, and the children jump around happily like lambs in a pasture.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:12

ULT
12 They sing to the tambourine and harp and rejoice with the music of the flute.

UST
12 The children sing to the sound of tambourines and lyres, and they are happy to hear the sound of flutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:13

ULT
13 They spend their days in prosperity, and they go down quietly to Sheol.

UST
13 Wicked people enjoy having good things all the time that they are alive, and they die quietly and go down to the place of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:14

ULT
14 They say to God, ‘Depart from us for we do not wish any knowledge of your ways.

UST
14 While they are alive, they say to God, ‘Leave us alone; we do not care about how you desire us to conduct our lives!

What do the wicked say to God?
They tell God to depart from them, for they do not wish any knowledge of his ways.

Job 21:15

ULT
15 What is the Almighty, that we should worship him? What advantage would we get if we prayed to him?’

UST
15 Why do you, Almighty God, think that we should serve you? What advantage do we get if we pray to you?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:16

ULT
16 See, is not their prosperity in their own hands? I have nothing to do with the advice of wicked people.

UST
16 Wicked people think that they have become prosperous because of what they have done, but I do not want to have anything to do with their thinking.

How does Job respond to the advice of wicked people?
He has nothing to do with their advice.

Job 21:17

ULT
17 How often is it that the lamp of wicked people is put out, or that their calamity comes upon them? How often does it happen that God distributes sorrows to them in his anger?

UST
17 How often does it happen that wicked people die, without experiencing disasters? Does God ever punish them because he is angry with them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:18

ULT
18 How often is it that they become like stubble before the wind or like chaff that the storm carries away?

UST
18 He does not blow them away as wind blows away straw; they are never carried off by a whirlwind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:19

ULT
19 You say, ‘God lays up one’s guilt for his children to pay.’ Let him pay it himself, so that he might know his guilt.

UST
19 You say, ‘When people have committed sins, God waits and punishes their children because of those sins;’ I say that God should punish those who sin, not their children, in order that the sinners may know that it is because of their own sins that they are being punished.

Who does Job want to pay for the guilt of the wicked person?
Job wants the wicked person to pay for his guilt, and not his children, so that he would know his guilt.

Job 21:20

ULT
20 Let his eyes see his own destruction, and let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

UST
20 I hope that wicked people will live to experience God destroying them, that they will experience Almighty God punishing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:21

ULT
21 For what does he care about his family after him when the number of his months is cut off?

UST
21 After wicked people are dead, they are not at all concerned for their families who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:22

ULT
22 Can anyone teach God knowledge since he judges even those who are high?

UST
22 Since God judges everyone, even those who are in heaven, who can teach him anything?

Can anyone teach God knowledge?
No, for he judges even those who are high.

Job 21:23

ULT
23 One man dies in his full strength, being completely quiet and at ease.

UST
23 Some people die while they are very healthy, while they are peaceful and not afraid of anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:24

ULT
24 His body is full of milk, and the marrow of his bones is moist.

UST
24 Their bodies are fat; their bones are strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:25

ULT
25 Another man dies in bitterness of soul, one who has never experienced anything good.

UST
25 Other people die being very miserable; they have never experienced good things happening to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:26

ULT
26 They lie down alike in the dust; the worms cover them both.

UST
26 They die and are buried, and maggots cover their bodies. Everyone dies, so it is clear that dying is not always the punishment for being wicked.

What happens to both the man who dies in full strength and the one who dies in bitterness of soul?
They both lie down alike in the dust and the worms cover them both.

Job 21:27

ULT
27 See, I know your thoughts, and the ways in which you wish to wrong me.

UST
27 Listen, I know what you three are thinking, and I know the evil things that you plan to do to me.

What does Job know about his friends' thoughts and ways?
He knows their thoughts and the ways in which they wish to wrong him.

Job 21:28

ULT
28 For you say, 'Where now is the house of the prince? Where is the tent in which the wicked man once lived?'

UST
28 You say, 'What happened to the tents in which wicked people were living? The houses of evil rulers have been destroyed!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:29

ULT
29 Have you never asked traveling people? Do you not know the evidence they can tell,

UST
29 Have you never asked people who travel much? Do you not believe their reports about what they have seen,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:30

ULT
30 that the wicked man is kept from the day of calamity, and that he is led away from the day of wrath?

UST
30 that wicked people usually do not suffer at the time when there are great disasters; that when God punishes people, someone rescues the wicked? that wicked people are the ones whom someone else rescues when God punishes people?

What have traveling people seen happen to the wicked man?
They have seen that the wicked man is kept from the day of calamity, and that he is led away from the day of wrath.

Job 21:31

ULT
31 Who will condemn the wicked man's way to his face? Who will repay him for what he has done?

UST
31 There is no one who accuses wicked people, and there is no one who pays them back for all the evil things that they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:32

ULT
32 Yet he will be borne to the grave; men will keep watch over his tomb.

UST
32 When the corpses of wicked people are carried to their graves, people are put there to guard those graves.

What will men do for the tomb of the wicked man?
Men will keep watch over his tomb.

Job 21:33

ULT

33 The clods of the valley will be sweet to him; all people will follow after him, as there were innumerable people before him.

UST

33 A huge number of people go to the grave site; some go in front of the procession and some come behind, and the wicked ones who have died surely feel good when people throw clods of dirt on their graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 21:34

ULT

34 How then do you comfort me with nonsense, since in your answers there is nothing but falsehood?”

UST

34 So how can you comfort me by talking nonsense? Every reply that you give me is full of lies!”

With what does Job say Zophar was trying to comfort him?

Job says Zophar was comforting him with nonsense.

Job 22

Job 22:1

ULT
1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Eliphaz replied, saying this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:2

ULT
2 “Can a man be useful to God? Can a wise man be useful to him?

UST
2 “No one can be useful to God! People who are wise can be useful to themselves, but not to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:3

ULT
3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty if you are righteous? Is it gain to him if you make your ways blameless?

UST
3 If you were righteous, that would not please Almighty God, would it? If you lived a perfect life, that would not help him, would it?

What does Eliphaz ask Job if his righteousness can do for the Almighty?
He asks if it brings any pleasure to the Almighty if Job is righteous.

Job 22:4

ULT

4 Is it because of your reverence for him that he rebukes you and takes you to judgment?

UST

4 Do you honor God, and is that why he punishes you? Is that the reason that he puts you on trial?

How does Eliphaz mock Job's reverence for God?

He mockingly says that because Job was reverent to God, he rebukes Job.

Job 22:5

ULT

5 Is not your wickedness great? Is there no end to your iniquities?

UST

5 No, it certainly must be because you are extremely wicked. It must be that no one can count the evil things that you have done!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:6

ULT

6 For you have demanded guarantee of a loan from your brother for no reason, and you have stripped away clothing from the naked.

UST

6 You must have lent money to others and wrongly forced them to give you things to guarantee that they would pay that money back to you; you must have taken all their clothes and left them with nothing to wear.

What does Eliphaz accuse Job of doing to the naked?

He says that Job has stripped the naked of their clothing.

Job 22:7

ULT
7 You have not given water to weary people to drink; you have withheld bread from hungry people

UST
7 You must not have given water to those who were thirsty, and you must have refused to give food to those who were hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:8

ULT
8 although you, a mighty man, possessed the earth, although you, an honored man, lived in it.

UST
8 Because you were very powerful, you must have taken over all the people's land, and then you began to live on that land, even though others honored you very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:9

ULT
9 You have sent widows away empty; the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

UST
9 When widows came to you for help, you must have sent them away without giving them anything, and you must have oppressed orphans.

What does Eliphaz accuse Job of doing to widows?
He claims Job has sent widows away empty.

Job 22:10

ULT
10 Therefore, snares are all around you, and sudden fear troubles you.

UST
10 Because you did all those things, now there are traps that will catch you; now things appear that terrify you and cause you to tremble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:11

ULT
11 There is darkness, so that you cannot see; an abundance of waters covers you.

UST
11 It is as though it had become very dark, with the result that you cannot see anything, and it is as though a flood covered you.

What does Eliphaz say the darkness has done to Job?
He says that there is darkness, so that Job cannot see.

Job 22:12

ULT
12 Is not God in the heights of heaven? Look at the height of the stars, how high they are!

UST
12 But consider this, Job: God lives high up in the heavens. From there he looks down on the highest stars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:13

ULT
13 You say, ‘What does God know? Can he judge through the thick darkness?

UST
13 So why do you say, ‘God knows nothing about what we are doing’? And why do you say, ‘Dark clouds keep him from seeing us, so he cannot judge us’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:14

ULT
14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he does not see us; he walks on the vault of heaven.’

UST
14 Do you think that while he walks on the dome that covers the sky, where there are thick clouds around him, he cannot see what we do?’

What does Eliphaz claim Job says about God not seeing people?
Job says, “Thick clouds are a covering to God, so that he does not see people.”

Job 22:15

ULT
15 Will you keep the old way that wicked men have walked—

UST
15 Will you, Job, continue to conduct your life in the old way that evil people have done for many years?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:16

ULT
16 those who were snatched away before their time, those whose foundations have washed away like a river,

UST
16 They suddenly died while they were still young; they disappeared like everything disappears when there is a flood.

What happens to the foundations of wicked men?
The wicked men’s foundations have washed away like a river.

Job 22:17

ULT
17 those who said to God, ‘Depart from us’; those who said, ‘What can the Almighty do to us?’

UST
17 They kept saying to God, ‘Leave us alone,’ ‘Allow us to be alone,’ and they also said defiantly, ‘Almighty God can do nothing to harm us!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:18

ULT
18 Yet he filled their houses with good things; the plans of wicked people are far from me.

UST
18 Yet it was God who filled their houses with good things; so I cannot agree at all to follow what the wicked plan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:19

ULT
19 Righteous people see their fate and are glad; innocent people laugh them to scorn.

UST
19 When righteous people see that God punishes wicked people, they are glad, and they laugh at those wicked people.

How do the righteous act when they see the fate of the wicked?
The righteous see their fate and are glad.

Job 22:20

ULT
20 They say, ‘Surely those who rose up against us are cut off; fire has consumed their possessions.’

UST
20 They say, ‘Now our enemies have been destroyed, and fire has burned up anything left of their wealth.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:21

ULT
[21] Now agree with God and be at peace with him; in that way, good will come to you.

UST
[21] So, Job, be reconciled to God and make peace with him; if you do that, good things will happen to you.

What will happen if Job is at peace with God?
If Job is at peace with God, good will come to him.

Job 22:22

ULT
[22] Receive, I beg you, instruction from his mouth; store up his words in your heart.

UST
[22] Allow him to teach you, and put his words into your mind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:23

ULT
[23] If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up, if you put unrighteousness far away from your tents.

UST
[23] If you humble yourself and return to God, he will restore you; if you stop doing all the evil things that you have been doing in your house,

What does Eliphaz say will happen if Job returns to the Almighty?
If Job returns to the Almighty, he will be built up.

Job 22:24

ULT
[24] Lay your treasure down in the dust, the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks,

UST
[24] and if you throw away your gold, the fine gold from the dry stream beds in Ophir land,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:25

ULT
25 and the Almighty will be your treasure, precious silver to you.

UST
25 then Almighty God will be to be as precious to you as your gold and your silver have been.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:26

ULT
26 For then you will take pleasure in the Almighty; you will lift up your face to God.

UST
26 Then you will be happy because of God, and you will be able to approach him confidently.

What will happen when Job takes pleasure in the Almighty?
When Job takes pleasure in the Almighty, he will lift up his face to God.

Job 22:27

ULT
27 You will make your prayer to him, and he will hear you; you will pay your vows to him.

UST
27 You will pray to him, and he will do what you request him to do; you will do the things that you promised him that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:28

ULT
28 You will also decree anything, and it will be confirmed for you; light will shine on your paths.

UST
28 Everything that you decide to do will be successful; it will be as though a light were shining on the road in front of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 22:29

ULT
29 God humbles a proud man, and he saves the one with lowered eyes.

UST
29 God humbles those who are proud, but he saves those who are downcast.

What does God do to the proud?
God humbles the proud.

Job 22:30

ULT
30 He will rescue even the man who is not innocent; who will be rescued through the cleanness of your hands.”

UST
30 God rescues those who are not innocent; they will be rescued because you do what is right.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23

Job 23:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered and said,

UST
1 Then Job replied and said this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:2

ULT
2 “Even today my complaint is bitter; my hand [1] is heavy because of my groaning.

UST
2 “Today I am again complaining bitterly to God; I continue to groan, but I suffer even more.

What does Job say is heaveir than his groaning?
Job said that his suffering is heavier than his groaning.

Job 23:3

ULT
3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him! Oh, that I might come to his place!

UST
3 I wish that I knew where I could meet with him so that I could go to the place where he lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:4

ULT
4 I would lay my case in order before him and fill my mouth with arguments.

UST
4 If I could do that, I would tell him why I know that I am innocent; I would tell him many reasons for that.

What would Job do before God if he could find him?
He would lay his case in order before God and fill his mouth with arguments.

Job 23:5

ULT
5 I would learn the words with which he would answer me and would understand what he would say to me.

UST
5 Then I would find out and understand what he would reply to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:6

ULT
6 Would he argue against me in the greatness of his power? No, he would pay attention to me.

UST
6 Would he use his great power to argue with me? No, he would listen to me carefully.

Does Job think God would against him in the greatness of God's power if he could stand before him?
No, he thinks God would pay attention to him.

Job 23:7

ULT
[7] There the upright person might argue with him. In this way I would be acquitted forever by my judge.

UST
[7] I am an honest man, so I would be able to discuss things with him fairly, and then he would declare that I am innocent, and he would not trouble me again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:8

ULT
[8] See, I go eastward, but he is not there, and westward, but I cannot perceive him.

UST
[8] However, I have gone to the east, and he is not there; I have gone to the west, but I have not found him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:9

ULT
[9] To the north, where he is at work, but I cannot see him, and to the south, where he hides himself so that I cannot see him.

UST
[9] I have gone north and I have gone south, but I have not seen him anywhere for he keeps himself from me.

What does Job say God is doing in the south?
Job says in the south, God hides himself so that Job cannot see him.

Job 23:10

ULT
10 But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come out like gold.

UST
10 He knows how I have conducted my life; when he has finished testing me, he will see that I am as pure as gold whose impurities have all been burned out.

What result does Job expect from God's testing him?
When God has tested Job, he will come out like gold.

Job 23:11

ULT
11 My foot has held fast to his steps; I have kept to his way and turned not aside.

UST
11 I have faithfully walked on the road that he showed me; I have not turned away from obeying him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:12

ULT
12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food.

UST
12 I have always obeyed what he commanded; I have hidden away in my inner being the words that he has spoken.

What has Job done with the words of God's mouth?
Job has treasured up in his heart the words of God's mouth.

Job 23:13

ULT
13 But he is one of a kind, who can turn him back? What he desires, he does.

UST
13 He never changes. There is no one who can stop him from doing what he desires. Whatever he wants to do, he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:14

ULT
14 For he carries out his decree against me; there are many like them.

UST
14 He will finish doing the things that he has planned for me, and I am sure that he has thought about doing many things for me.

What does God carry out for Job?
God carries out his decrees for Job.

Job 23:15

ULT
15 Therefore, I am terrified in his presence; when I think about him, I am afraid of him.

UST
15 So I am terrified when I am in front of him; when I think about what he can do, I am very afraid.

How does Job feel when he thinks about God?
When Job thinks about him, he is afraid of him.

Job 23:16

ULT
16 For God has made my heart weak; the Almighty has terrified me.

UST
16 Almighty God has made me very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 23:17

ULT
17 I have not been brought to an end by darkness, because of the thick darkness that covers the gloom of my face.
23:2 [1]

UST
17 The thick darkness in front of me has not make me silent, even that terrible darkness that covers my face has not kept me from speaking.”

What covers Job’s face?
The thick darkness cover’s Job’s face.

Job 24

Job 24:1

ULT

[1] Why are times for judging wicked people not set by the Almighty? Why do not those who are faithful to God see his days of judgment come?

UST

[1] “Why does Almighty God not set a time when he will judge evil people? The people who obey God never seem to see him judge the evil people.

What times does Job think are not set by the Almighty?

Job asks why times for judging the wicked are not set by the Almighty.

Job 24:2

ULT

[2] There are wicked people who remove boundary markers; there are wicked people who take away flocks by force and put them in their own pastures.

UST

[2] Some evil people remove the boundary markers of other people’s land, in order to take their land; they seize other people’s sheep and put them in their own pastures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:3

ULT

[3] They drive away the donkey of those without fathers; they take the widow’s ox as security.

UST

[3] Some take away the donkeys that belong to orphans, and they take widows’ oxen to guarantee that the widows will pay back the money that they loaned to those widows.

What do the wicked do to the donkey of the fatherless?

They drive away the donkey of the fatherless.

Job 24:4

ULT
4 They force needy people out of their path; poor people of the earth all hide themselves from them.

UST
4 Some shove poor people off the road, and they force poor people to find places to hide from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:5

ULT
5 See, these poor people go out to their work like wild donkeys in the wilderness, looking carefully for food; perhaps the Arabah will provide them food for their children.

UST
5 The result is that poor people have to search for food in the desert plain like wild donkeys do.

What do the poor hope the Arabah will provide?
They hope the Arabah will provide them food for their children.

Job 24:6

ULT
6 Poor people reap in the night in other people's fields; they glean grapes from the harvest of those wicked people.

UST
6 The poor people harvest leftover grain in other people's fields, and gather leftover grapes from vineyards that belong to wicked men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:7

ULT
[7] They lie naked all night without clothing; they have no covering in the cold.

UST
[7] During the night they have nothing to cover their bodies, nothing to keep them warm.

What do the poor lack in the cold?
They have no covering in the cold.

Job 24:8

ULT
[8] They are wet with the showers of the mountains; they lie next to large rocks because they have no shelter.

UST
[8] When it rains in the mountains, they become very wet, so they huddle under the rock ledges to protect themselves from the rain.

What do the poor embrace for lack of shelter?
They embrace a rock for lack of shelter.

Job 24:9

ULT
[9] There are wicked people who pluck orphans from their mothers' breast, and wicked people who take children as security from poor people.

UST
[9] Some evil men snatch poor, fatherless infants away from their mothers; they say 'I will return your babies to you when you repay the money that I lent to you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:10

ULT
10 But the poor people go about naked without clothing; although they go hungry, they carry bundles of grain belonging to other people.

UST
10 But the poor people walk around with no clothes on; they are hungry while they are working to carry other people's bundles of grain to the places where their grain will be threshed.

What do the poor do for others even though they go hungry?
Even though they go hungry, they carry others' sheaves of grain.

Job 24:11

ULT
11 The poor people make oil within the walls of those wicked men; they tread the wicked men's winepresses, but they themselves suffer thirst.

UST
11 Poor people are hired by these wicked people to make olive oil for them; they tread on grapes to make juice for wine, but they are not allowed to drink any of it when they are thirsty.

What do the poor do for others even though they suffer thirst?
They tread the wicked men's winepresses, but they suffer thirst.

Job 24:12

ULT
12 From out of the city the dying groan, and the throat of the wounded cries out for help. But God does not ascribe blame

UST
12 In the cities, people who are wounded and dying cry out to God for help, but God ignores their prayers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:13

ULT
13 Some of these wicked people rebel against the light; they know not its ways, nor do they stay in its paths.

UST
13 Some wicked people avoid the light because they do evil things in the dark; they do not walk on roads that are lit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:14

ULT
14 Before daylight the murderer rises and he kills poor and needy people; in the night he is like a thief.

UST
14 Murderers steal things during the night, and then they rise before dawn in order that they may go out again and kill poor and needy people.

What is the murderer like in the night?
In the night, the muderer is like a thief.

Job 24:15

ULT
15 Also, the eye of the adulterer waits for the twilight; he says, ‘No eye will see me.’ He disguises his face.

UST
15 Those who want to commit adultery wait for evening to come; they say, ‘I do not want anyone to see me,’ so they keep their faces covered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:16

ULT
16 In the darkness wicked people dig into houses; but they shut themselves up in the daytime; they do not care for the light.

UST
16 It is during the night that robbers break into houses to steal things, but during the day they hide because they want to avoid being seen in the light.

Why do the wicked shut themselves up in daytime?
The wicked do not care for the light.

Job 24:17

ULT
17 For all of them, thick darkness is like the morning; for they are friends with the terrors of thick darkness.

UST
17 All of those people want to do their evil deeds at night, not in the morning when it is light, because they are not afraid of the things that happen during the night that terrify others.

With what terrors are the wicked comfortable?
They are comfortable with the terrors of the thick darkness.

Job 24:18

ULT
18 Swiftly they pass away, however, like foam on the surface of the waters; their portion of the land is cursed; no one goes to work in their vineyards.

UST
18 However, those wicked people will disappear very quickly, and God will curse the land that they owned; no one will go any longer to work in their vineyards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:19

ULT
[19] As drought and heat melt away the snow into waters, so Sheol takes away those who have sinned.

UST
[19] Just as the snow melts away when it is hot and there is no rain, those who have sinned will disappear into the place where the dead people are.

Who does sheol consume?
Sheol consumes those who have sinned.

Job 24:20

ULT
[20] The womb that bore him will forget him; the worm will feed sweetly on him; he will be remembered no more; in this way, wickedness will be broken like a tree.

UST
[20] Not even their mothers will remember them; wicked people will be destroyed like trees that are cut down, and maggots will eat their corpses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:21

ULT
[21] The wicked one devours the barren women who have not borne children; he does no good to the widow.

UST
[21] The wicked mistreat women who have been unable to give birth to children who would have grown up to take care of them; the wicked they never help widows.

Who does the wicked one devour?
The wicked one devours the barren women who have not born children.

Job 24:22

ULT
22 Yet God drags away the mighty people by his power; he rises up and does not strengthen them in life.

UST
22 But God, by his power, gets rid of mighty people. He causes the wicked people to die.

Who does God drag away?
God drags away the mighty by his power.

Job 24:23

ULT
23 God allows them to think they are secure, and they are happy about that, but his eyes are on their ways.

UST
23 God allows them to think that they are secure and safe, but he is watching them all the time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 24:24

ULT
24 These people are exalted; still, in only a little while, they will be gone; indeed, they will be brought low; they will be gathered up like all the others; they will be cut off like the tops of ears of grain.

UST
24 They prosper for a little while, and then suddenly they are gone; God will make them die like all the other people; they will be like stalks of grain that the farmers have cut off.

What will happen to the mighty in a little while?
In only a little while, the mighty will be gone.

Job 24:25

ULT

25 If it is not so, who can prove me to be a liar; who can make my speech worth nothing?”

UST

25 If this is not true, is there anyone who will show that I am a liar and prove me wrong?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 25

Job 25:1

ULT
1 Then Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

UST
1 Then Bildad also replied:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 25:2

ULT
2 “Dominion and fear are with him; he makes order in his high places of heaven.

UST
2 “God is very powerful; everyone should honor him very much; he causes everything to be peaceful high up in heaven, with no confusion at all.

Where does God make order?
God makes order in his high places of heaven.

Job 25:3

ULT
3 Is there any end to the number of his armies? Upon whom does his light not shine?

UST
3 Can anyone count the angels who are in his army in heaven? Is there any person on whom his light does not shine?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 25:4

ULT

[4] How then can man be righteous with God? How can he who is born of a woman be clean, acceptable to him?

UST

[4] So how can God consider any person to be righteous? How can he accept any human being?

Of whom does Bildad ask can they be clean and acceptable to God?

He asks if one who is born of a woman can be clean and acceptable to God.

Job 25:5

ULT

[5] See, even the moon has no brightness to him; the stars are not pure in his sight.

UST

[5] Consider this: God does not even think that the full moon is bright, and he does not even accept the stars in the heavens as worthy of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 25:6

ULT

[6] How much less man, who is a worm— a son of man, who is a worm!”

UST

[6] So what about humans? They are as insignificant as maggots. God does not think more highly of people than he thinks of worms.”

To what does Bildad compare a son of man?

He says that a son of man is a worm.

Job 26

Job 26:1

ULT
[1] Then Job answered and said,

UST
[1] Job replied to Bildad:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:2

ULT
[2] “How you have helped one who has no power! How you have saved the arm that has no strength!

UST
[2] “I am a very weak and helpless man; you do not really think that you have helped me at all, do you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:3

ULT
[3] How you have advised one who has no wisdom and announced to him sound knowledge!

UST
[3] You certainly do not think that you have given me good advice, do you?—me, who am not wise at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:4

ULT
[4] With whose help have you spoken these words? Whose spirit was it that came out from you?

UST
[4] Who helped you to say all those great things? Who inspired you to speak like you did?

How does Job think Bildad’s spoke his own words?
No, Job wants to know who helped Bildad speak his words.

Job 26:5

ULT
5 The dead are made to tremble, those who are beneath the waters and all who dwell in them.

UST
5 The spirits of dead people tremble with fear, those who are under the waters and everyone who dwells with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:6

ULT
6 Sheol is naked before God; destruction itself has no covering against him.

UST
6 God knows all about those who are in the place of the dead; there is nothing down there that prevents God from seeing what is there.

What has no covering before God?
Destruction itself has no covering against God.

Job 26:7

ULT
7 He stretches out the northern skies over the empty space, and he hangs the earth over nothing.

UST
7 God stretches out heaven over the empty spaces, and he places the earth in that huge empty space, but it is not resting on anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:8

ULT
[8] He binds up the waters in his thick clouds, but the clouds are not torn under them.

UST
[8] He fills the thick clouds with water and prevents that water from bursting the clouds.

Where does God bind up the waters?
He binds up the waters in his thick clouds.

Job 26:9

ULT
[9] He covers the surface of the moon and spreads his clouds on it.

UST
[9] He causes clouds to obscure the moon.

What does God spread on the face of the moon?
He encloses the face of the moon and spreads his clouds on it.

Job 26:10

ULT
[10] He has engraved a circular boundary on the surface of the waters as the line between light and darkness.

UST
[10] He separates the light from the darkness and puts the horizon to mark the place where the night ends and the daytime begins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:11

ULT
11 The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at his rebuke.

UST
11 When he is angry, it is as though he rebuked the pillars that hold up the sky. They are shocked, and they tremble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 26:12

ULT
12 He calmed the sea with his power; by his understanding he shattered Rahab.

UST
12 By his power he calmed the sea; by his skill he destroyed Rahab, the huge sea monster.

What did God calm with his power?
He calmed the sea with his power.

Job 26:13

ULT
13 By his breath he made the skies clear; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.

UST
13 By his breath he caused the sky to be bright; by his hand he killed the great dragon in the sea as it was fleeing from him.

By what did God clear the heavens of storms?
By his breath, he cleared the heavens of storms.

Job 26:14

ULT

14 See, these are but the fringes of his ways; how small a whisper do we hear of him! Who can understand the thunder of his power?”

UST

14 But those events show only a small amount of his power; it is as though we were hearing only whispers of his powerful voice. When we hear thunder, we say, ‘Who can really understand how great his power is?’”

What measure of God’s voice do we hear?

We hear but a small whisper of him.

Job 27

Job 27:1

ULT
1 Job resumed speaking and he said,

UST
1 Job continued speaking to his three friends:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:2

ULT
2 “As surely as God lives, who has taken away my justice, the Almighty, who made my life bitter,

UST
2 “Almighty God has refused to treat me justly. He has caused me to feel bitter. But just as surely as he lives,

What does Job say God has taken away from him?
God has taken away his justice.

Job 27:3

ULT
3 while my life is yet in me, and the breath from God is in my nostrils, this is what I will do.

UST
3 I will say this as long as God’s Spirit enables me to breathe!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:4

ULT
4 My lips will not speak wickedness, neither will my tongue speak deceit;

UST
4 I will not lie! I will not say anything to deceive anyone.

What does Job vow his lips will not speak?
Job vows that surely his lips will not speak unrighteousness.

Job 27:5

ULT
5 I will never admit that you three are right; until I die I will never deny my integrity.

UST
5 I will never admit that what you three have said is true; until the day that I die, I will insist that I have not done things that are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:6

ULT
6 I hold fast to my righteousness and will not let it go; my thoughts will not reproach me so long as I live.

UST
6 I will say that I am innocent, and I will never say anything different; my inner being will never reproach me as long as I live.

How long will Job's thoughts not reproach him?
His thoughts will not reproach him so long as he lives.

Job 27:7

ULT
[7] Let my enemy be like a wicked man; let him who rises up against me be like an unrighteous man.

UST
[7] I want God to punish my enemies like he will punish all wicked people; I want him to punish those who oppose me like he punishes all unrighteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:8

ULT
[8] For what is the hope of a godless man when God cuts him off, when God takes away his life?

UST
[8] When it is time for God to get rid of godless people and to cause them to die, there is absolutely nothing good that they can confidently expect to happen to them.

What does Job say God does when he cuts off a godless man's life?
When God cuts off his life, God takes away his soul.

Job 27:9

ULT
[9] Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?

UST
[9] When they experience troubles, God will not hear them call out to him for help, will he?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:10

ULT
[10] Will he delight himself in the Almighty and call upon God at all times?

UST
[10] Will they be happy about what Almighty God does? Will they begin to pray to him frequently? Certainly not!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:11

ULT
11 I will teach you concerning the hand of God; I will not conceal the thoughts of the Almighty.

UST
11 I will teach you three something about God's power; I will reveal to you what he is thinking.

What does Job say he will not conceal of the Almighty?
Job said that he would not conceal the thoughts of the Almighty.

Job 27:12

ULT
12 See, all of you have seen this yourselves; why then have you spoken all this nonsense?

UST
12 You three have seen for yourselves powerful things that God has done; so I do not understand why you have been saying such nonsense to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:13

ULT
13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, the heritage of the oppressor that he receives from the Almighty:

UST
13 I will tell you what Almighty God does to wicked people, what he does to people who mistreat others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:14

ULT
14 If his children multiply, it is for the sword; his offspring will never have enough food.

UST
14 Even if they have many children, those children will die in wars, or they will die because they do not have enough food to eat.

Of what will the wicked man's offspring not have enough?
His offspring will never have enough food.

Job 27:15

ULT
15 Those who survive him will be buried by plague, and their widows will make no lament for them.

UST
15 Their children who are still alive after they themselves die will perish from diseases, and the wives they leave behind will not even mourn for them.

What will the wicked man's widow not do for him?
His widow will make no lament for him.

Job 27:16

ULT
16 Though the wicked man heaps up silver like the dust, and heaps up clothing like clay,

UST
16 Sometimes wicked people accumulate a huge amount of silver and pile up clothes as potters pile up clay,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:17

ULT
17 he may heap up clothing, but righteous people will put it on, and innocent people will divide up the silver among themselves.

UST
17 but those wicked people will die, and then righteous people will wear those clothes, and honest people will get their silver and divide it among themselves.

What will happen to the silver of the wicked man?
The innocent will divide up his silver among themselves.

Job 27:18

ULT
18 He builds his house like a spider, like a hut that a guard makes.

UST
18 The houses that they build are as weak as spider webs; they are like flimsy huts that watchmen live in while they guard people's fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:19

ULT
19 He lies down in bed rich, but he will not keep doing so; he opens his eyes, and everything is gone.

UST
19 The wicked people are rich when they lie down at night, but when they wake up in the morning, they find out that their money has disappeared.

What does the wicked man see when he opens his eyes after he lies down rich?
He opens his eyes, and everything is gone.

Job 27:20

ULT
20 Terrors overtake him like waters; a storm takes him away in the night.

UST
20 Things that terrify them come to them like a flood that they do not expect; during the night a whirlwind carries them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 27:21

ULT
21 The east wind carries him away, and he leaves; it sweeps him out of his place.

UST
21 It is as though the wind from the east had picked them up and carried them away from their homes, and they disappear forever.

What does the east wind do as it carries the wicked man away?
The east wind carries him away, and it sweeps him out of his place.

Job 27:22

ULT
22 It throws itself at him and does not stop; he tries to flee out of its hand.

UST
22 That wind strikes them without pitying them while they are running away, trying to escape from its force.

What does the wicked man try to do when the east wind does not stop?
He tries to flee out of its hand.

Job 27:23

ULT

23 It claps its hands at him and hisses him from his place.

UST

23 That wind is like someone clapping his hands at them to mock them, howling at them and forcing them to run away.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28

Job 28:1

ULT
1 Surely there is a mine for silver, a place where they refine gold.

UST
1 “It is true that there are places where men dig to find silver, and there are places where people refine gold that they have dug.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:2

ULT
2 Iron is taken out of the earth; copper is smelted out of the stone.

UST
2 People dig iron ore out of the ground, and they also smelt copper.

From where is copper smelted?
Copper is smelted out of the stone.

Job 28:3

ULT
3 A man sets an end to darkness and searches out, to the farthest limit, the stones in obscurity and thick darkness.

UST
3 Men use lamps while they work far down under the ground to search for the ore inside the mines where it is very dark.

What does man search out to the farthest limit?
Man searches out, to the farthest limit, the stones in obscurity and thick darkness.

Job 28:4

ULT
4 He breaks open a shaft away from where people live, places that are forgotten by anyone's foot. He hangs far away from people; he swings to and fro.

UST
4 They dig shafts in places that are far from where people live, where travelers do not go. They work far away from other people, swinging back and forth on ropes as they descend into the mine shafts.

Where does man break open a shaft?
He breaks open a shaft away from where people live.

Job 28:5

ULT
5 As for the earth, out of which comes bread, it is turned up below as if by fire.

UST
5 Food grows on the surface of the ground, but down under the ground, where there is no food, the miners make fires to break apart the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:6

ULT
6 Its stones are the place where sapphires are found, and its dust contains gold.

UST
6 The stones that are dug from under the ground contain sapphires, and the dirt contains bits of gold.

What is contained in the dust of the earth?
The earth's dust contains gold.

Job 28:7

ULT
[7] No bird of prey knows the path to it, nor has the falcon's eye seen it.

UST
[7] Some birds have very good eyes, but even hawks do not know where the mines are, and falcons have not seen those places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:8

ULT
[8] The proud animals have not walked such a path, nor has the fierce lion passed there.

UST
[8] Lions or other proud wild animals have never gone to those places.

What has not walked through the path of man's shaft?
The proud animals have not walked such a path, nor has the fierce lion passed there.

Job 28:9

ULT
[9] A man lays his hand on the flinty rock; he overturns mountains by their roots.

UST
[9] Miners dig very hard rock; it is as though they turned the mountains upside down to get the ore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:10

ULT
[10] He cuts out channels among the rocks; his eye sees every valuable thing there.

UST
[10] They cut tunnels through the rocks, and they find precious things.

What does man see in the channels he cuts among the rocks?
His eye sees every valuable thing there.

Job 28:11

ULT
11 He ties up the streams so they do not run; what is hidden there he brings out to the light.

UST
11 They dam up small streams to stop the water from flowing, and they bring up into the light things that are hidden in the ground and in the streams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:12

ULT
12 Where will wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding?

UST
12 But wisdom: Where can people find that? Where can we find out how to truly understand things?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:13

ULT
13 Man does not know its price; neither is it found in the land of the living.

UST
13 Humans do not know what wisdom is truly worth; no one can find it here on this earth where they are living.

Where are wisdom and understanding not found?
Both of these are not found in the land of the living.

Job 28:14

ULT
14 The deep waters under the earth say, ‘It is not in me’; the sea says, ‘It is not with me.’

UST
14 It is as though the water that is under the earth and water that is in the seas said, ‘I do not have it!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:15

ULT
15 It cannot be gotten for gold; neither can silver be weighed as its price.

UST
15 People cannot buy wisdom by paying for it with silver or gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:16

ULT
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with precious onyx or sapphire.

UST
16 Wisdom is worth much more than fine gold from the land of Ophir, much more than very valuable stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:17

ULT
17 Gold and crystal cannot equal it in worth; neither can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.

UST
17 It is worth much more than gold or beautiful quartz; wisdom is more expensive than the finest jewels, and it is worth more than a vase made with pure gold.

What cannot equal the worth of wisdom and understanding?
Gold and crystal cannot equal both of these in worth.

Job 28:18

ULT
18 No mention is worth making of coral or jasper; indeed, the price of wisdom is more than rubies.

UST
18 Wisdom is worth more than coral or crystal quartz; the price of wisdom is higher than the price of rubies.

The price of wisdom is more than what jewel?
The price of wisdom is more than rubies.

Job 28:19

ULT
[19] The topaz of Cush does not equal it; neither can it be valued in terms of pure gold.

UST
[19] The prices of topaz from Ethiopia and of pure gold are lower than the value of wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:20

ULT
[20] From where, then, comes wisdom? Where is the place of understanding?

UST
[20] So from where does wisdom come? Where can we find out how to truly understand things?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:21

ULT
[21] Wisdom is hidden from the eyes of all living things and is kept hidden from the birds of the heavens.

UST
[21] No living humans can see it; and birds cannot see it while they are up in the sky.

From whose eyes is wisdom hidden?
Wisdom is hidden from the eyes of all living things.

Job 28:22

ULT
[22] Destruction and Death say, ‘We have heard just a rumor about it with our ears.’

UST
[22] It is as though the places where people go after they die said, ‘We have only heard rumors about where to find wisdom.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:23

ULT
23 God understands the way to it; he knows its place.

UST
23 God is the only one who knows how to find wisdom; he knows where it is

Who knows wisdom's place?
God understands the way to wisdom and he knows its place.

Job 28:24

ULT
24 For he looks to the very ends of the earth and sees under all the heavens.

UST
24 because he can see things even in the most remote places on the earth; he can see everything that is below the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:25

ULT
25 He made the force of the wind and parceled out the waters by measure.

UST
25 He decided how strongly the winds should blow, and how much rain should be in the clouds.

What did God parcel out by measure?
He parceled out the waters by measure.

Job 28:26

ULT
26 He made a decree for the rain and a path for the thunder.

UST
26 He decided where rain should fall, and what path lightning should take from the clouds down to the ground.

For what did God make a decree?
He made a decree for the rain.

Job 28:27

ULT
27 Then he saw wisdom and announced it; he established it, indeed, and he examined it.

UST
27 At that time he saw wisdom and decided that it is very valuable. He examined it and approved it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 28:28

ULT
28 To people he said, ‘See, the fear of the Lord—that is wisdom; to depart from evil is understanding.’”

UST
28 And then he said to human beings, ‘Listen! If you have much respect for me, you will be able to become wise; to truly understand everything, you must first turn away from doing what is evil.’”

What did God tell people is wisdom?
To people God said, “See, the fear of the Lord—that is wisdom.”

Job 29

Job 29:1

ULT
[1] Job resumed speaking and said,

UST
[1] Job spoke again and said this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:2

ULT
[2] “Oh, that I were as I was in the past months when God cared for me,

UST
[2] “I wish that I could be as I was previously during the years when God took care of me.

Does Job recall a time when God cared for him?
Job remembers that in the past months God had cared for him.

Job 29:3

ULT
[3] when his lamp shined on my head, and when I walked through darkness by his light.

UST
[3] During those years, it was as though God’s lamp shone on me and gave me light while I walked in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:4

ULT
4 Oh, that I were as I was in the ripeness of my days when the friendship of God was on my tent,

UST
4 At that time I was young and strong, and because God was my friend, he protected where I lived.

What was on Job's tent in the ripeness of his days?
Job remembers the ripeness of his days, when the friendship of God was on his tent.

Job 29:5

ULT
5 when the Almighty was yet with me, and my children were around me,

UST
5 Almighty God was with me during those years when all my children were around me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:6

ULT
6 when my way was covered with cream, and the rock poured out for me streams of oil!

UST
6 My herds provided me with plenty of milk, and streams of oil flowed from the rock where my servants pressed the olives.

What had the rock poured out for Job in the past?
When the almighty was with Job, the rock poured out for him streams of oil.

Job 29:7

ULT
7 When I went out to the city gate, when I sat in my place in the city square,

UST
7 Whenever I went to the place where the elders gathered at the city gate, I sat down with them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:8

ULT
[8] the young men saw me and kept their distance from me in respect, and the aged people rose and stood for me.

UST
[8] and when the young men saw me, they stepped aside respectfully, and the old men also stood respectfully.

How did the young men show respect for Job in the city square?
They saw Job and kept their distance from him in respect.

Job 29:9

ULT
[9] The princes used to refrain from talking when I came; they would lay their hand on their mouths.

UST
[9] The leaders of the people used to stop talking,

What did the princes do in the past when Job came?
They used to refrain from talking when he came.

Job 29:10

ULT
[10] The voices of the noblemen were hushed, and their tongue clung to the roof of their mouths.

UST
[10] and even the most important men became quiet and stopped talking in order to hear me speak to them.

What happened to the tongue of the noblemen when Job came?
Their tongue clung to the roof of their mouths.

Job 29:11

ULT
11 For after their ears heard me, they would then bless me; after their eyes saw me, they would then give witness to me and approve of me

UST
11 When they all heard what I told them, they said good things about me. When they saw me, they always praised me

What would the noblemen do after their eyes saw Job?
They would then give witness to Job and approve of him.

Job 29:12

ULT
12 because I rescued the one who was poor when he cried out, and the one who had no father when he had no one to help him.

UST
12 because I had helped those who were poor when they cried out for help, and because I aided those who had no fathers, those who had no one else to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:13

ULT
13 The blessing of him who was about to perish came on me; I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

UST
13 Those who were suffering and about to die praised me, and I caused widows to sing joyfully, because I helped them.

What did Job cause the widow's heart to do?
He caused her heart to sing for joy.

Job 29:14

ULT
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.

UST
14 I always acted justly; my actions were like a robe that I wore and like a turban that was wrapped around my head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:15

ULT
15 I was eyes to blind people; I was feet to lame people.

UST
15 It was as though I myself saw for blind people and walked for people who were lame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:16

ULT
16 I was a father to needy people; I would examine the case even of one whom I did not know.

UST
16 I was like a father to the poor people, and in the courts I defended those who were strangers to me.

What had Job done even for the person he did not know?
He would examine the case even of one whom he did not know.

Job 29:17

ULT
17 I broke the jaws of the unrighteous man; I plucked the victim out from between his teeth.

UST
17 I made wicked people stop oppressing others; it was like someone who breaks the teeth of wild animals and forces them to drop their victims from their teeth.

Who would Job pluck from the teeth of the unrighteous?
He plucked the victim out from between the teeth of the unrighteous.

Job 29:18

ULT
18 Then I said, ‘I will die in my nest; I will multiply my days like the grains of sand.

UST
18 At that time I thought, ‘Surely I will live in peace until I am very old, and I will die at home with my family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:19

ULT
19 My roots are spread out to the waters, and dew lies all night on my branches.

UST
19 I am like a tree whose roots reach down into the water and whose branches become wet with dew each night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:20

ULT
20 The honor in me is always fresh, and the bow of my strength is always new in my hand.’

UST
20 People always honor me, and I am always strong like a new bow.’

What does Job say is always new in his hand?
The bow of his strength is always new in his hand.

Job 29:21

ULT
21 To me men listened; they waited for me; they stayed silent to hear my advice.

UST
21 When I spoke, people waited to hear what I would say; they remained silent until I advised them what they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:22

ULT
22 After my words were done, they did not speak again; my speech dropped like water on them.

UST
22 After I finished speaking, they did not say anymore; it was as though my words fell on their ears like drops of rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:23

ULT
23 They always waited for me as they waited for rain; they opened their mouth wide to drink in my words, as they would do for the latter rain.

UST
23 They waited for me to speak as they wait for rain; they liked what I said as farmers appreciate the final rain in the spring before the dry season.

What did men wait to drink in like rain from Job?
They opened their mouth wide to drink in his words as they would for the latter rain.

Job 29:24

ULT
24 I smiled on them when they did not expect it; they did not reject the light of my face.

UST
24 When they were sad, I smiled at them to encourage them; they became encouraged when they saw my cheerful face.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 29:25

ULT
25 I selected their way and sat as their chief; I lived like a king in his army, like one who comforts mourners.

UST
25 I was their leader, and I decided what things would be good for them to do; I was among them like a king who is among his troops; I was like someone who comforts others who are mourning.”

To what does Job compare himself at a funeral?
He say that he is like one who comforts mourners at a funeral.

Job 30

Job 30:1

ULT

[1] Now those who are younger than I have nothing but mockery for me— these young men whose fathers I would have refused to allow to work beside the dogs of my flock.

UST

[1] “But now, men who are younger than I am make fun of me— men whose fathers I greatly despised— their fathers, whom I would not even have allowed to help my dogs guard my sheep.

Who has nothing but mockery for Job?

Those who are younger than Job have nothing but mockery for him.

Job 30:2

ULT

[2] Indeed, the strength of their fathers’ hands, how could it have helped me— men in whom the strength of their mature age had perished?

UST

[2] They were men who were old and weak; what could I gain from having these men work for me, even when they thought they were strong?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:3

ULT

[3] They were thin from poverty and hunger; they gnawed at the dry ground in the darkness of wilderness and desolation.

UST

[3] They were very poor and hungry, so that they chewed on roots at night in dry and desolate places.

What made the young men’s fathers thin?

They were thin from poverty and hunger.

Job 30:4

ULT
4 They plucked saltwort and bushes' leaves; the roots of the broom tree were their food.

UST
4 They pulled up plants in the desert and ate them; they warmed themselves by burning the roots of broom trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:5

ULT
5 They were driven out from among people who shouted after them as one would shout after a thief.

UST
5 Everyone shouted at them, "Stop, thief!" and drove them from their area.

From where were the young men's fathers driven out?
Their fathers were driven out from among people.

Job 30:6

ULT
6 So they had to live in river valleys, in holes of the earth and of the rocks.

UST
6 They were forced to live in riverbeds, in holes in the ground, and in the sides of cliffs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:7

ULT
7 Among the bushes they brayed like donkeys and they gathered together under the nettles.

UST
7 In the bushes they howled like animals because they were hungry, and they huddled together under thornbushes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:8

ULT
[8] They were the sons of fools, indeed, sons of nameless people! They were driven out of the land with whips.

UST
[8] They were people without good sense, whose names no one knows; they were driven out from the land where they were born.

Of whom does Job say the young men's fathers are descendants.
Job says that they were descendants of fools, indeed, of worthless men.

Job 30:9

ULT
[9] But now I have become the subject of their taunting song; I have become a byword for them.

UST
[9] Now their children sing songs to make fun of me. They tell jokes about me.

What had Job become for the sons of the worthless men?
Job had become their subject for a song of mockery.

Job 30:10

ULT
[10] They abhor me and stand far off from me; they do not refrain from spitting in my face.

UST
[10] They are disgusted with me, and they stay away from me, but when they see me, they are happy to spit in my face.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:11

ULT
11 For God has unstrung the string to my bow and afflicted me, and those who taunt me cast off restraint before my face.

UST
11 It seems as though God had cut my bowstring and caused me to be unable to defend myself; he has humbled me, and my enemies have done to me whatever they wanted.

What do the people now lose in front of Job?
These people lose all self-control in front of him.

Job 30:12

ULT
12 Upon my right hand rise the rabble; they drive me away and pile up against me their siege mounds.

UST
12 Gangs of these people attack me and force me to run away; they prepare to destroy me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:13

ULT
13 They destroy my path; they push forward disaster for me, men who have no one to hold them back.

UST
13 They prevent me from escaping, and there is no one to keep them from attacking me.

Why are the men able to push forward disaster for Job?
They push forward disaster for him, for they have no one to hold them back.

Job 30:14

ULT
14 They come against me like an army through a wide hole in a city wall; in the midst of the destruction they roll themselves in on me.

UST
14 It is as though I were a city wall and they had broken through it, as though they had come crashing down on me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:15

ULT
15 Terrors are turned upon me; my honor is driven away as if by the wind; my prosperity passes away as a cloud.

UST
15 I am very terrified; my dignity has been blown away by the wind, and my prosperity has disappeared as clouds disappear.

What does Job say is driven away by the wind?
His honor is driven away as if by the wind.

Job 30:16

ULT
16 Now my life is pouring out from within me; many days of suffering have laid hold on me.

UST
16 Now I am about to die; I suffer every day.

What has laid hold of Job as his life is pouring out within him?
Many days of suffering have laid hold on him.

Job 30:17

ULT
17 In the night my bones in me are pierced; the pains that gnaw at me take no rest.

UST
17 My bones ache during the nights, and the pain that torments me never stops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:18

ULT
18 God's great force has seized my clothing; it wraps around me like the collar of my tunic.

UST
18 It is as though God had grabbed my clothes and choked me by the collar of my coat.

What does Job say has seized his clothing?
God's great force has seized my clothing.

Job 30:19

ULT
19 He has thrown me into the mud; I have become like dust and ashes.

UST
19 He has thrown me into the mud; I am not worth anything more than dust and ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:20

ULT
20 I cry to you, God, but you do not answer me; I stand up, and you merely look at me.

UST
20 I cry out to you, God, but you do not answer me; I stand up and pray, but you do not pay any attention.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:21

ULT
21 You have changed and become cruel to me; with the strength of your hand you persecute me.

UST
21 You act very cruelly toward me; with all of your power you cause me to suffer.

How does Job say God persecutes him as he has changed and become cruel?
God has changed and become cruel to him; with the power of his hand God persecutes him.

Job 30:22

ULT
22 You lift me up to the wind and cause it to drive me along; you throw me back and forth in a storm. *[1]*

UST
22 You allow the wind to lift me up and blow me away; and you make a violent storm blow me around.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:23

ULT
23 For I know that you will bring me to death, to the house appointed for all the living.

UST
23 I know that you will cause me to die, which is what happens to everyone who is alive.

What does Job know is destined for all living things?
He knows that God will bring him to death, to the house destined for all living things.

Job 30:24

ULT
24 However, does no one reach out with his hand to beg for help when he falls? Does no one in trouble call out for help?

UST
24 When people experience disasters, they sit on a pile of ruins and cry out for help; they certainly cry out for help.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:25

ULT
25 Did not I weep for him who was in trouble? Did I not grieve for the needy man?

UST
25 I myself wept for people who were experiencing troubles, and I felt sorry for poor people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:26

ULT
26 When I hoped for good, then evil came; when I waited for light, darkness came instead.

UST
26 However, when I expected good things to happen to me, evil things happened; when I waited for light, I experienced darkness instead.

What came when Job waited for light?
When he waited for light, darkness came instead.

Job 30:27

ULT
27 My heart is troubled and does not rest; days of affliction have come on me.

UST
27 I am very distressed all the time; I suffer every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:28

ULT
28 I have gone about like one who was living in the dark, but not because of the sun; I stand up in the assembly and cry for help.

UST
28 I go about very discouraged; I stand up and plead for people to help me.

Where did Job stand to call for help?
He stood up in the assembly and cried for help.

Job 30:29

ULT
29 I am a brother to jackals, a companion of ostriches.

UST
29 My wailing is as sad as jackals and ostriches in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:30

ULT
30 My skin is black and falls away from me; my bones are burned with heat.

UST
30 My skin has become dark and is peeling off, and I have a fever which causes my body to feel as though it were burning up with a fever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 30:31

ULT

31 Therefore my harp is tuned for songs of mourning, my flute for the singing of those who wail.
30:22 [1] .

UST

31 Previously, I played joyful music on my harp and with my flute, but now I play only the sad music of those who mourn.”

For what kind of music does Job say his harp is tuned?

Job says that his harp is tuned for songs of mourning.

Job 31

Job 31:1

ULT
[1] I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then should I look with desire on a virgin?

UST
[1] "I made to myself a solemn promise that I would not look at a young woman and want to sleep with her.

What desire does Job say is subdued by a covenant with his eyes?
Job has made a covenant with his eyes to not look with desire on a virgin.

Job 31:2

ULT
[2] For what is the portion from God above, the inheritance from the Almighty on high?

UST
[2] If I did not do what I promised, what would God who is in heaven give me? Almighty God would certainly not give me any reward!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:3

ULT
[3] I used to think that calamity is for unrighteous people, and that disaster is for doers of wickedness.

UST
[3] Previously I thought that surely it was unrighteous people who would experience calamities, and that it was those who do what is wrong who would experience disasters.

For whom did Job use to think calamity was reserved?
Job used to think that calamity was for the unrighteous.

Job 31:4

ULT
4 Does not God see my ways and count all my steps?

UST
4 God certainly sees everything that I do, so why is he causing me to suffer? It is as though he were counting every step that I take.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:5

ULT
5 If I have walked with falsehood, if my foot has hurried to deceit,

UST
5 I solemnly declare that I have never acted wickedly and have never tried to deceive people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:6

ULT
6 let me be weighed in an even balance so that God will know my integrity.

UST
6 I request only that God judge me fairly; if he does that, he will know that I am innocent.

What does Job ask to be done so that God would know his integrity?
He asks to be weighed in an even balance, so that God would know his integrity.

Job 31:7

ULT
7 If my step has turned aside from the way, if my heart has gone after my eyes, if any spot has stuck to my hands,

UST
7 If it were true that I had turned away from walking on the right paths, or that I had seen wrong things to do and then did them, or that my hands were stained because I had sinned,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:8

ULT
8 then let me sow, and let another eat, and let my crops be uprooted.

UST
8 then I hope that when I plant seeds, someone else will harvest the crops and eat them, and that others will uproot the crops that I have planted.

What does Job ask to happen to the harvest, if he has turned out of the right way?
He says to let the harvest be uprooted out of his field.

Job 31:9

ULT
9 If my heart has been deceived by a woman, if I have lain in wait at my neighbor's door,

UST
9 If it is true that I have been attracted by some other man's wife, or that I have hidden myself and waited outside the door to her house,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:10

ULT
10 then let my wife grind grain for another, and let others bow down on her.

UST
10 I hope another man will sleep with my own wife and that she will sleep with him.

What does Job say should be the judgement if he was attracted to another woman?
Job says to let his wife grind grain for another man.

Job 31:11

ULT
11 For that would be a terrible crime; indeed, it would be a crime to be punished by judges.

UST
11 For me to do that would be a terrible sin, and the judges would decide that I should be punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:12

ULT
12 For that is a fire that consumes as far as Abaddon, and it would burn all my harvest to the root.

UST
12 My adultery would produce in me a fire like the fire that burns people in hell, and it would burn up everything that I own.

What kind of fire does Job say this crime is like?
Job says that it is a fire that consumes everything for sheol.

Job 31:13

ULT
13 If I ignored the plea for justice from my male or female servant when they argued with me,

UST
13 If it is true that I have ever refused to listen to one of my male or female servants when they complained to me about something,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:14

ULT
14 what then would I do when God rises up to accuse me? When he comes to judge me, how would I answer him?

UST
14 I hope that God would stand up and declare that he will punish me; when he does that, what could I do? If he asked me about what I have done, what would I answer?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:15

ULT

15 Did the one who made me in the womb not make them also? Did not the same one mold us all in the womb?

UST

15 God, who created me, certainly also created my servants; surely he is the one who formed them and me in our mothers' wombs, so we all should behave toward each other in the same way.

What did God do for both the servants and for Job?

God made and molded them all in the womb.

Job 31:16

ULT

16 If I have withheld poor people from their desire, or if I have caused the eyes of the widow to grow dim from crying,

UST

16-18 From the time I was young I have taken care of orphans; All my life I have never given the widowed mothers a reason to lose hope. So if it is true that I ate all my food myself and did not share some of it with orphans, or that I refused to give poor people the things that they wanted, or that I caused widows to live in despair, then you do to me whatever you must do to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:17

ULT

17 or if I have eaten my morsel alone and not allowed those without fathers to eat it also—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:18

ULT
18 because from my youth the orphan grew up with me as with a father, and I have guided his mother, a widow, from my own mother's womb.

UST
16-18 From the time I was young I have taken care of orphans; All my life I have never given the widowed mothers a reason to lose hope. So if it is true that I ate all my food myself and did not share some of it with orphans, or that I refused to give poor people the things that they wanted, or that I caused widows to live in despair, then you do to me whatever you must do to me.

How does Job say he has treated the orphan from his youth?
He says the orphan grew up with him as with a father.

Job 31:19

ULT
19 If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing, or if I have seen that a needy man had no clothing;

UST
19 If I had seen people die from cold because they had no clothes, or that I had seen poor people who did not have clothes to keep them warm,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:20

ULT
20 if his heart has not blessed me because he has not been warmed with the wool of my sheep,

UST
20 and they were not able to become warm from clothes made from the wool of my sheep and they thanked me for it,

What should be offered to warm the needy with no clothing?
They should have been warmed with the wool of his sheep.

Job 31:21

ULT

21 if I have lifted up my hand against fatherless people because I saw my support in the city gate, then bring charges against me!

UST

21 or if it is true that I threatened to strike any orphan because I knew that the elders at the city gates would approve of me, then do to me whatever you must do to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:22

ULT

22 If I have done these things, then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder blade, and let my arm be broken from its joint.

UST

22 For if those things were true about me, I hope that my shoulder blade would be torn out and my arm be torn from my shoulder.

What part of his body does Job say should come off if he has failed to have compassion?
Job says to let his shoulder fall from the shoulder blade.

Job 31:23

ULT

23 For I dreaded destruction from God; because of his majesty, I was not able to do those things.

UST

23 I always feared that God would cause me to experience a great disaster if I did any of those evil things, and I would not have been able to endure the powerful things that he would do to punish me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:24

ULT
24 If I have made gold my hope, and if I have said to fine gold, ‘You are what I am confident in’;

UST
24 If it is true that I trusted in my gold,

What could people say to fine gold?
They could say to fine gold, “You are my confidence.”

Job 31:25

ULT
25 if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, because my hand had gotten many possessions, then bring charges against me!

UST
25 or that I rejoiced because I had acquired many things and had become very rich,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:26

ULT
26 If I have seen the sun when it shone, or the moon walking in its brightness,

UST
26 or that I looked at the sun when it was shining, or that I looked at the beautiful moon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:27

ULT
27 and if my heart has been secretly attracted, so that my mouth has kissed my hand in worship of them—

UST
27 and I had been tempted to worship them by kissing my hand to honor them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:28

ULT
28 this also would be a crime to be punished by judges, for I would have denied the God who is above.

UST
28 those things also would be sins for which the judges would say that I must be punished because I would have been rejecting God by doing those things.

Who would Job be denying if he worshipped the sun or moon?
If he worshiped them he would have denied the God who is above.

Job 31:29

ULT
29 If I have rejoiced at the destruction of anyone who hated me or congratulated myself when disaster overtook him, then bring charges against me!

UST
29-30 It is not true that I sinned by requesting God to curse people who hated me and to cause them to die because I was angry with them. It is not true that I was glad when they were ruined or that I rejoiced when they experienced disasters. No!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:30

ULT
30 Indeed, I have not even allowed my mouth to sin by asking for his life with a curse.

UST
29-30 It is not true that I sinned by requesting God to curse people who hated me and to cause them to die because I was angry with them. It is not true that I was glad when they were ruined or that I rejoiced when they experienced disasters. No!

How has Job not suffered his mouth to sin?
Job has not suffered his mouth to sin by asking for the life of those who hate him with a curse.

Job 31:31

ULT
31 If the men of my tent have never said, ‘Who can find one who has not been filled with Job’s food?’

UST
31-32 No one can truthfully that I did not welcome travelers to stay in my house, or that I did not open my doors to them, but that I forced them to sleep in the streets! All the men who work for me certainly know that I have given food to anyone who needed it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:32

ULT
32 (even the foreigner has never had to stay in the city square, because I have always opened my doors to the traveler), and if that is not so, then bring charges against me!

UST
31-32 No one can truthfully that I did not welcome travelers to stay in my house, or that I did not open my doors to them, but that I forced them to sleep in the streets! All the men who work for me certainly know that I have given food to anyone who needed it!

What had Job always done for the traveler?
He had always opened his doors to the traveler.

Job 31:33

ULT
33 If, like mankind, I have hidden my sins by hiding my guilt inside my tunic

UST
33 Some people try to hide their sins, but I have never done that;

How does Job say mankind has hidden his sins?
He has hidden his sins by hiding his guilt inside his tunic.

Job 31:34

ULT
34 (because I feared the great multitude, because the contempt of families terrified me, so that I kept silent and would not go outside), then bring charges against me!

UST
34 and I never remained silent and refused to go outside because I was afraid of what people would say about me, and that they would hate me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:35

ULT
35 Oh, if only I had someone to hear me! See, here is my signature; let the Almighty answer me! If only I had the indictment that my opponent has written!

UST
35 I wish that there was someone who would hear what I am saying! I solemnly declare that all that I have said is true. I wish that those who oppose me would write down on a scroll the evil things that they say that I did.

What does Job want to have that his opponent has written?
Job desired the indictment that his opponent had written.

Job 31:36

ULT
36 Surely I would carry it openly on my shoulder; I would put it on like a crown.

UST
36 If they did that, I would wear that scroll on my shoulder or on top of my head, in order that everyone could see it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:37

ULT
37 I would declare to him an accounting for my steps; as a confident prince I would go up to him.

UST
37 I would tell God everything that I have done, and I would approach him like a ruler would, without being afraid.

How would Job go up to his opponent if he had their indictment?
He would go up to him as a confident prince.

Job 31:38

ULT
38 If my land ever cries out against me, and its furrows weep together,

UST
38 If it is true that I have stolen land, so that its furrows were like someone who shouted out to accuse me;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:39

ULT
39 if I have eaten its harvest without paying for it or have caused its owners to lose their lives,

UST
39 or that I have eaten the crops that grew in someone else's fields without paying for those crops, so that the farmers who grew those crops died from hunger;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 31:40

ULT

40 then let thorns grow instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley.” The words of Job are finished.

UST

40 then I wish that thorns would grow in my fields instead of wheat, and that bad weeds would grow instead of barley!” That is the end of what Job said to his three friends.

If Job has caused landowners to lose their lives, what does he call to grow instead of crops?

Job said to let thorns grow instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley.

Job 32

Job 32:1

ULT
1 So these three men stopped answering Job because he was righteous in his own eyes.

UST
1 Then those three men stopped replying to Job because they could not convince Job that he had done anything wrong.

What did Job's three friends do when they could not convince Job that he had done anything wrong?
They stopped answering Job.

Job 32:2

ULT
2 Then was kindled the anger of Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite, of the family of Ram; it was kindled against Job because he justified himself rather than God.

UST
2 Then Elihu son of Barakel, a descendant of Buz, from the clan of Ram, became very angry at Job. He was angry because Job continued to claim that he was innocent, and that God had been wrong to punish him.

What emotion was kindled in Elihu when Job continued to justify himself rather than God?
Elihu's anger was kindled against Job.

Job 32:3

ULT
3 Elihu's anger was also kindled against his three friends because they had found no answer to Job, and yet they had condemned Job.

UST
3 He was also angry with Job's three friends because they had declared that Job must have done many things that were wrong, but they could not convince him.

Why was Elihu's anger kindled against Job's three friends? (vv3-5)
He was angry with Job's friends because they had found no answer to Job and yet they had condemned Job.

Job 32:4

ULT
4 Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because the other men were older than he.

UST
4 Now Elihu was younger than the others, so he waited until they had finished speaking before he replied to Job.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:5

ULT
5 However, when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouths of these three men, his anger was kindled.

UST
5 But when Elihu realized that the three men had no more to say to Job, he became angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:6

ULT
6 Then Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite spoke up and said, “I am young, and you are very old. That is why I held back and did not dare to tell you my own opinion.

UST
6 This is what he said: “I am young, and you all are much older than I am. So I was timid, and I was afraid to tell you what I was thinking.

Why was Elihu timid and afraid to tell Job and his friends what he was thinking? (vv6-7)
Elihu was young and the others were all very old and should be able to teach wisdom.

Job 32:7

ULT
7 I said, “Length of days should speak; a multitude of years should teach wisdom.

UST
7 I said to myself, ‘Let those who are much older speak because older people should be able to say things that are wise.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:8

ULT
8 But there is a spirit in a man; the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.

UST
8 However, the Spirit of Almighty God is within people, and it is he who enables them to be wise.

Who does Elihu say gives understanding to man?
The breath of the Almighty gives man understanding.

Job 32:9

ULT
9 It is not only the great people who are wise, nor the aged people alone who understand justice.

UST
9 Not all people become wise when they are old; not all old people understand what is right.

Why does Elihu say the others should listen to him and allow him to declare what he knows? (vv9-10)
It is not only the great who are wise, and it not the aged alone who understand justice.

Job 32:10

ULT
10 Therefore I say to you, ‘Listen to me; I will also tell you my knowledge.’

UST
10 That is why I say to you now, ‘Listen to me, and allow me to declare what I know.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:11

ULT
11 See, I waited for your words; I listened to your arguments while you were thinking about what to say.

UST
11 I waited for you all to speak; I wanted to hear the wise things that you would say. I waited while you thought carefully about what you should say.

What were Job’s friends not able to do even though Elihu waited for them to speak, and paid attention carefully? (vv11-12)
Job’s friends were not able to convince Job or respond to his words.

Job 32:12

ULT
12 Indeed, I paid attention to you, but, see, there was not one of you who could convince Job or who could respond to his words.

UST
12 I paid attention carefully, but surprisingly, none of you was able to prove that what Job said was wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:13

ULT
13 Be careful not to say, ‘We have found wisdom!’ God will have to defeat Job; mere man cannot do it.

UST
13 So do not say to yourselves, ‘We have discovered what is wise!’ It is God who must refute Job because you three have not been able to do that.

Who does Elihu say must refute Job when the three friends, who thought they were wise, were not able to do that?
It is God who must refute Job.

Job 32:14

ULT
14 For Job has not directed his words against me, so I will not answer him with your words.

UST
14 Job was replying to you, not to me, so I will not reply to him by saying what you three have said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:15

ULT
15 These three men are dumbfounded; they can answer Job no longer; they have not a word more to say.

UST
15 I tell myself this: These three men are confused because they have nothing more to say to Job; they have nothing more to say to him.

What does Elihu decide to do because the three friends were dumbfounded and could not answer Job? (vv15-16)
Elihu decided that because the friends had not a word more to say, he will not wait any longer.

Job 32:16

ULT
16 Should I wait because they are not speaking, because they stand there silent and answer no more?

UST
16 But because you do not speak, I certainly will not wait any longer; you merely stand there and do not reply anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:17

ULT
17 No, I also will answer on my part; I will also tell them my knowledge.

UST
17 So now I also will reply to Job and tell him what I know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:18

ULT
18 For I am full of words; the spirit in me compels me.

UST
18 I have plenty to say, and my spirit forces me to say it.

What is it that compels Elihu to share his knowledge with Job?
The spirit compels Elihu to share his knowledge.

Job 32:19

ULT
19 See, my breast is like fermenting wine that has no vent; like new wineskins, it is ready to burst.

UST
19 My inner being is like a container of wine that is stretching more and more from the fermentation, and it will soon burst.

What does Elihu say he is feeling like within his breast?
He says his breast feels like wine in new wineskins that are ready to burst.

Job 32:20

ULT
20 I will speak so that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.

UST
20 I must speak in order that I can rest from trying to hold in my words; I must say something to reply to you all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 32:21

ULT
21 I will not show favoritism; neither will I give honorific titles to any man.

UST
21 I will speak fairly, not favoring any of you, and I will not try to flatter anyone.

What does Elihu say his Maker would do to him if he were to speak and give honorific titles to any man? (vv21-22)
Elihu says that his Maker would soon take him away.

Job 32:22

ULT

22 For I do not know how to give such titles; if I did so, my Maker would soon take me away.

UST

22 I really do not know how to flatter people; if I did that, God would soon destroy me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33

Job 33:1

ULT
1 So now, Job, I beg you, hear my speech; listen to all my words.

UST
1 “Now, Job, listen carefully to all that I am going to say.

Why does Elihu beg Job to listen to the words he will speak? (vv1-3)
Elihu begs Job to listen because he will speak the uprightness of his heart.

Job 33:2

ULT
2 See now, I have opened my mouth; my tongue has spoken in my mouth.

UST
2 I am ready to tell you what I think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:3

ULT
3 My words come from the uprightness of my heart; my lips speak pure knowledge.

UST
3 In my inner being I know that I am speaking honestly and that I am speaking sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:4

ULT
4 The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty has given me life.

UST
4 Almighty God has created me as well as you, and with his breath he has caused me to live.

Who has made Elihu and what has given him life?
The Spirit of God made Elihu and the Almighty gave him life.

Job 33:5

ULT
5 If you can, answer me; set your words in order before me and stand up.

UST
5 So answer what I say if you can; think carefully what you will reply to me.

What does Elihu ask Job to do if Job could answer Elihu?
He asks Job to set his words in order and stand up before Elihu.

Job 33:6

ULT
6 See, I am just as you are in God's sight; I also have been formed out of the clay.

UST
6 God considers that you and I are both the same; he formed both of us from clay.

What reason does Elihu give that Job should not be afraid of him or feel pressure from Elihu? (vv6-7)
Elihu tells Job that they are the same in God's sight and were both formed out of the clay.

Job 33:7

ULT
7 See, terror of me will not make you afraid; neither will my pressure be heavy upon you.

UST
7 So you do not need to be afraid of me; I will not speak against you harshly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:8

ULT
8 You have certainly spoken in my hearing; I have heard the sound of your words saying,

UST
8 I have heard you speak, and this is what you have said:

What had Elihu heard Job saying? (vv8-9)
Elihu heard Job saying that he was clean, without transgression, innocent and there was no sin in him.

Job 33:9

ULT
9 ‘I am clean and without transgression; I am innocent, and there is no sin in me.

UST
9 ‘I am innocent, and I have not committed any sins; I am pure, and I have not done things that are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:10

ULT
10 See, God finds opportunities to attack me; he regards me as his enemy.

UST
10 But God finds reasons to accuse me, and he considers that I am his enemy.

Who does Job blame for finding opportunities to attack him, and for regarding him as an enemy?
Job blames God for doing these things.

Job 33:11

ULT
11 He puts my feet in stocks; he watches all my paths.’

UST
11 It is as though he had put my feet in stocks, and he watches everything that I do.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:12

ULT
12 See, in this you are not right—I will answer you, for God is greater than man.

UST
12 However, what you have said is wrong, and I will tell you what you have said that is wrong. God is much greater than any human.

How does Elihu say God compares to man?
Elihu says God is greater than man.

Job 33:13

ULT
13 Why do you struggle against him? He does not account for any of his doings.

UST
13 So, why are you arguing against God? He does not have to tell us why he does anything.

Why does Elihu say it is useless to struggle against God?
God does not have to account for any of his doings.

Job 33:14

ULT
14 For God speaks once— yes, twice, though man does not notice it.

UST
14 God does, indeed, speak to us in various ways, but we do not pay any attention to what he says.

How does Elihu say that God speaks to man? (vv14-15)
God speaks in a dream and in a vision during the night while men are sleeping.

Job 33:15

ULT
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumber on the bed—

UST
15 Sometimes he speaks to us at night in dreams and visions when we are on our beds, heavily asleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:16

ULT
16 then God opens the ears of men, and frightens them with threats,

UST
16 He reveals things to us in those times; he terrifies us by warning us about things.

Why does God open the ears of men and frighten them with threats? (vv16-17)
God does this in order to pull man back from sinful purposes and keep pride from him.

Job 33:17

ULT
17 in order to pull man back from his sinful purposes, and keep pride from him.

UST
17 He tells us those things in order that we may stop doing evil deeds and to prevent us from becoming proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:18

ULT
18 God keeps man's life back from the pit, his life from crossing over to death.

UST
18 He does not want us to be destroyed; he wants to prevent us from dying while we are still young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:19

ULT
19 Man is punished also with pain on his bed, with constant agony in his bones,

UST
19 God also corrects us by forcing us to lie on our beds, suffering much pain and fever in our bones.

What does Elihu say is the reason that man has pain on his bed, agony in his bones, and no desire for food or delicacies? (vv19-20)
Elihu says that this is because man is being punished.

Job 33:20

ULT
20 so that his life abhors food, and his soul abhors delicacies.

UST
20 The result is that we do not desire any food, not even very special food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:21

ULT
21 His flesh is consumed away so that it cannot be seen; his bones, once not seen, now stick out.

UST
21 Our bodies become very thin so that we look like a skeleton, and our bones stick out so others can count them.

What does Elihu say happens to a man who is being punished by God? (vv21-22)
A man's flesh is consumed, his bones stick out and his soul draws close to the pit.

Job 33:22

ULT
22 Indeed, his soul draws close to the pit, his life to those who wish to destroy it.

UST
22 We know that we will soon die and go to the place where dead people are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:23

ULT
23 But if there is an angel who can be a mediator for him, one out of a thousand, to tell a man what is right for him,

UST
23 Yet sometimes an angel may come to one of us, one of the thousands of angels who come to intervene between us and God, to tell us what are the right things for us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:24

ULT
24 to be gracious to him and say, ‘Save this person from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom for him.’

UST
24 The angel is kind to us and says to God, ‘Please release that person, so that he does not descend to the place where dead people are! Do that because I have found a way for you to keep him from dying!

What could an angel mediator say to God to save a person from going down to the pit?
The angel could ay to God, “I have found a ransom for him.”

Job 33:25

ULT
25 Then his flesh will become fresher than a child’s; it is restored to the days of his youth.

UST
25 Please let his body be strong again; please allow him to be strong like he was when he was young!’

What will happen to the flesh of the person who is saved from going down to the pit?
His flesh will become fresher than a child’s.

Job 33:26

ULT
26 He will pray to God, and God will be kind to him, so that he sees God’s face with joy. God will give the person his triumph.

UST
26 If that happens, that person will pray to God, and God will accept him; he will enter God’s presence joyfully, and then he will tell others how God saved him from dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:27

ULT
27 Then that person will sing in front of other people and say, ‘I sinned and perverted that which was right, but my sin was not punished.

UST
27 He will sing as he says to everyone, ‘I sinned, and I did things that were not right, but God did not punish me in the way that I deserved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:28

ULT
28 God has rescued my soul from going down into the pit; my life will continue to see light.’

UST
28 He has saved me from dying and going to the place where dead people are, and I will continue to enjoy being alive.’

What will happen to the life of a person who admits his sin and is rescued from the pit by God?
That person’s life will continue to see light.

Job 33:29

ULT
29 See, God does all these things with a person, twice, yes, even three times,

UST
29 God does all these things for us many times;

Why does Elihu say that God rescues a person from the pit? (vv29-30)
God does this so that a person may be enlightened with the light of life.

Job 33:30

ULT
30 to bring his soul back from the pit, so that he may be enlightened with the light of life.

UST
30 he preserves us from dying and going to the place where the dead are, in order that we can continue to enjoy being alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:31

ULT
31 Pay attention, Job, and listen to me; be silent and I will speak.

UST
31 So Job, listen to me; do not say anything more; just allow me to speak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:32

ULT
32 If you have anything to say, answer me; speak, for I wish to prove that you are in the right.

UST
32 After I speak, if you have something more that you want to say to me, say it, because I would like to find a way to declare that you are innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 33:33

ULT

33 If not, then listen to me; remain silent, and I will teach you wisdom.”

UST

33 However, if you have nothing more that you want to say, then just listen to me, and I will teach you how to become wise.”

What does Elihu want to teach Job if Job will pay attention and listen to him and remain silent?

Elihu wants to teach Job wisdom.

Job 34

Job 34:1

ULT
[1] Moreover, Elihu continued to speak:

UST
[1] Then Elihu continued by saying this:

Who does Elihu want to listen to his words and hear him? (vv1-3)
Elhu wants the wise men and those who have knowledge to listen to him.

Job 34:2

ULT
[2] “Listen to my words, you wise men; hear me, you who have knowledge.

UST
[2] “You men who think that you are very wise, listen to me; listen to what I am saying, you men who say that you know so much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:3

ULT
[3] For the ear tries words as the palate tastes food.

UST
[3] When we hear people talk, we think carefully about what they say to know what is good and what is bad, as we taste food to know what is good to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:4

ULT
4 Let us choose for ourselves what is just: let us discover among ourselves what is good.

UST
4 We must decide who is saying what is right, and we must find out together for ourselves what is good.

What does Elihu want others to choose and discover for themselves?
Elihu wants them to choose what is just and discover what is good.

Job 34:5

ULT
5 For Job has said, ‘I am righteous, but God has taken away my rights.

UST
5 Job has said, ‘I am innocent, but God has refused to judge me fairly.

What does Job say that God has taken away from him even though he is without sin and what is incurable?
Job says that God has taken away his rights.

Job 34:6

ULT
6 Regardless of my rights, I am considered to be a liar. My wound is incurable, although I am without sin.’

UST
6 Even though I have always done what is right, he is lying about me. Even though I have not done what is wrong, he has caused me to suffer, and I will certainly die because of this.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:7

ULT
[7] What man is like Job, who drinks up mockery like water,

UST
[7] Is there any person like Job, who insults others as easily as people accept a drink of water?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:8

ULT
[8] who goes around in the company of those who do evil, and who walks with wicked men?

UST
[8] He habitually associates with people who do what is evil and spends time with wicked people.

In whose company does Elihu say Job goes around?
He says Job goes around in the company of those who do evil.

Job 34:9

ULT
[9] For he has said, ‘It is no use to a person to take pleasure in doing what God wants.’

UST
[9] He certainly does these things, because he has said, ‘It is useless for people to try to please God.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:10

ULT
10 So listen to me, you men of understanding: far be it from God that he should do wickedness; far be it from the Almighty that he should commit sin.

UST
10 So, you men who claim that you understand everything, listen to me! Almighty God would never consider doing anything that is wicked or wrong!

What does Elihu tell the men of understanding that God does not do? (vv10-12)
God does not do wickedness, commit sin, or pervert justice.

Job 34:11

ULT
11 For he pays back a person's work; he makes every man come upon the reward of his own ways.

UST
11 He pays back people for what they have done; he gives them what they deserve for the way that they have conducted their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:12

ULT
12 Indeed, God does nothing wicked, nor does the Almighty ever pervert justice.

UST
12 Truly, Almighty God never does what is wicked; he never calls wrongdoing right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:13

ULT
13 Who put him in charge over the earth? Who put the whole world under him?

UST
13 No one gave him the authority to rule everything on the earth; no one put him in control of the whole world. He has always had that authority.

What does Elihu say would happen if God ever gathered back to himself his spirit and his breath? (vv13-15)
All flesh would perish and mankind would return to dust again.

Job 34:14

ULT
14 If he ever set his intentions only on himself, and if he ever gathered back to himself his spirit and his breath,

UST
14 If he ever thought only about himself and not about us also, and if he ever stopped making us live,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:15

ULT
15 then all flesh would perish together; mankind would return to dust again.

UST
15 everyone would die immediately, and their corpses would soon become soil again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:16

ULT
16 If now you have understanding, listen to this; listen to the sound of my words.

UST
16 So, Job, if you say that you understand everything, listen to what I am saying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:17

ULT
17 Can one who hates justice govern? Will you condemn God, who is righteous and mighty?

UST
17 God could certainly never hate what is right and still rule the world. So you really cannot criticize God, who is righteous and powerful, and you cannot say that what he has done is wrong, can you?

Who does Elihu's question imply that Job is condemning?
He implies Job is condemning God who is righteous and mighty.

Job 34:18

ULT
18 God, who says to a king, 'You are vile,' or says to nobles, 'You are wicked'?

UST
18 He tells some kings that they are worthless, and he says to some officials that they are wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:19

ULT
19 God, who does not show favoritism to leaders and does not acknowledge rich people more than poor, for they all are the work of his hands.

UST
19 He does not favor rulers more than he favors others; he does not favor rich people more than poor people because he created all of them.

Who does Elihu say are the works of God's hands?
Leaders, rich and poor, are all the work of God's hands.

Job 34:20

ULT
20 In a moment they will die; at midnight people will be shaken and will pass away; mighty people will be taken away, but not by human hands.

UST
20 They often die suddenly; he strikes them at midnight and they die; he gets rid of important people without the help of any humans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:21

ULT
21 For God’s eyes are upon a person’s ways; he sees all his steps.

UST
21 He sees everything that people do; when we walk, he watches every step that we take.

What does Elihu say that God sees.
Elihu says that God sees a person’s ways and all his steps.

Job 34:22

ULT
22 There is no darkness, no thick gloom where the doers of iniquity may hide themselves.

UST
22 There is no gloom or darkness in which wicked people can hide from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:23

ULT
23 For God does not need to examine a person further; there is no need for any person to go before him in judgment.

UST
23 God does not need to set a time when we will stand in front of him in order that he may judge us. He already knows everything about us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:24

ULT
24 He breaks mighty men into pieces for their ways that need no further investigation; he puts others in their places.

UST
24 He destroys important people without needing to investigate what they have done, and he appoints others to take their places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:25

ULT
25 In this way he has knowledge of their deeds; he overthrows these people in the night; they are destroyed.

UST
25 Because he already knows what they have done, he removes them at night and gets rid of them.

What does God do in the night to mighty men whose ways and deeds he knows?
God overthrows them in the night and they are destroyed.

Job 34:26

ULT
26 In the open sight of others, he kills them for their wicked deeds like criminals

UST
26 He strikes them because of the wicked things that they have done; many people see him do it.

What will God do to those who do wicked deeds like criminals and make the cry of the poor come to him?
God will kill them in the open sight of others.

Job 34:27

ULT
[27] because they turned away from following him and refused to acknowledge any of his ways.

UST
[27] He strikes them down because they turned away from doing what he wanted them to do and did not pay attention to any of his commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:28

ULT
[28] In this way, they made the cry of poor people come to him; he heard the cry of afflicted people.

UST
[28] They mistreated poor people; those poor people cried out to God for help, and he heard them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:29

ULT
[29] When he stays silent, who can condemn him? If he hides his face, who can perceive him? He rules over nation and individual alike,

UST
[29] Yet even if God decides to do nothing to punish wicked people, no one can criticize him. God controls all nations and all people.

Over whom does God rule?
God rules over the nation and the individual alike.

Job 34:30

ULT
[30] so that a godless man may not rule, so that there may be no one to entrap people.

UST
[30] He does this so that those who rule over us may honor him, so that our rulers do not oppress us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:31

ULT
31 Suppose someone says to God, ‘I am certainly guilty, but I will not sin any longer;

UST
31 Job, have you or anyone else ever said to God, ‘I have certainly committed sin, but I will not sin anymore;

What is Elihu suggesting that Job should admit to God? (vv31-32)
Elihu suggests that Job should admit that he is guilty and has committed sin, but will do it no longer.

Job 34:32

ULT
32 teach me what I cannot see; I have committed sin, but I will do it no longer.’

UST
32 so teach me what sins I have committed; if I have done anything that is evil, I will not do it anymore’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:33

ULT
33 Do you think that God will punish that person’s sin, since you dislike what God does? You must choose, not I. So say what it is that you know.

UST
33 Job, you object to what God has done to you, but do you think that he will do what you want him to do? It is you who must choose what you should say to God, not I; tell me what you are thinking about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:34

ULT
34 Men of understanding will say to me— indeed, every wise man who hears me will say,

UST
34 People who have good sense, those who are wise and who listen to what I say, will say to me,

What will men of understanding say about Job? (vv34-35)
They will say that Job speaks without knowledge and wisdom.

Job 34:35

ULT
35 ‘Job speaks without knowledge; his words are without wisdom.’

UST
35 ‘Job is speaking ignorantly; what he says is nonsense.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:36

ULT
36 If only Job were put on trial in the smallest details of his case because of his talking like wicked men.

UST
36 To you friends of Job, I say this: I think that a court should thoroughly try Job, because he answers us, his friends, as wicked men would answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 34:37

ULT

37 For he adds rebellion to his sin; he claps his hands in mockery in our midst; he piles up words against God.”

UST

37 To add to the other sins that he has committed, he is rebelling against God; he shows us that he does not honor God; he makes long speeches saying that God has punished him unjustly.”

What does Elihu say Job is adding to his sin because of his talking like wicked men?
He says that Job is adding rebellion to his sin.

Job 35

Job 35:1

ULT
[1] Moreover Elihu continued, saying,

UST
[1] Then Elihu also said this:

How does Elihu imply Job compares himself to God? (vv1-2)
Elihu implies that Job thinks he is innocent, and that he is more righteous than God.

Job 35:2

ULT
[2] “Do you think this is just when you say, ‘My right before God’?

UST
[2] “Job, do you really think that you have done nothing wrong? You say, ‘God knows that I am innocent,’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:3

ULT
[3] For you ask, ‘What use is it to me?’ and, ‘Would I be better off if I had sinned?’

UST
[3] and you also say, ‘What good have I received for not sinning? What benefit have I received that I would not have had, even if I had sinned?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:4

ULT
4 I will answer you, both you and your friends.

UST
4 Well, I will answer you, and I will answer your three friends, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:5

ULT
5 Look up at the sky, and see it; see the sky, which is higher than you.

UST
5 Job, look up at the sky; look at the clouds that are high above you and realize that God is far above everything, entirely out of your reach.

What does Elihu tell Job and his friends to look up and see?
Elihu tells them to look up and see the sky.

Job 35:6

ULT
6 If you have sinned, what harm do you do to God? If your transgressions pile up high, what do you do to him?

UST
6 If you have sinned, that cannot harm God at all. Even if you do wrong things many, many times, that certainly does not hurt him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:7

ULT
7 If you are righteous, what can you give to him? What will he receive from your hand?

UST
7 In the same way, if you are righteous, does that help God? No, nothing you do can help him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:8

ULT
8 Your wickedness may hurt a man, as you are a man, and your righteousness might benefit another son of man.

UST
8 It is other people who can suffer because of the wicked things that you do; In the same way, you might help others if you do good things for them.

What effect could Job's wickedness or his rightousness have on another man?
Job's wickedness could hurt a man and his righteousness could benefit another son of man.

Job 35:9

ULT
9 Because of many acts of oppression, people cry out; they call for help from the arms of mighty men.

UST
9 People cry out because of the many things that others do to make them suffer; they call for help because of the things that powerful people do to them.

Why do people cry out for help from the arms of mighty men?
They cry out for help because of the many acts of oppression.

Job 35:10

ULT
10 But no one says, 'Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night,

UST
10 But no one calls out to God and says, 'Why does God, my creator, not help me? He should enable me to sing joyful songs, instead of very sad songs, during the night.

What things does Elihu say that God can do for people even though no one acknowledges it? (vv10-11)
God gives songs in the night, teaches us, and makes us wise.

Job 35:11

ULT
11 who teaches us more than he teaches the beasts of the earth, and who makes us wiser than the birds of the sky?’

UST
11 He should be able to teach us more than he teaches the wild animals; he should enable us to become wiser than all the birds are!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:12

ULT
12 There they cry out, but God gives no answer because of the pride of evil men.

UST
12 People cry out for help, but God does not answer them because those who cry out are proud and evil people.

Why does Elihu say that God does not give an answer when people cry out to him?
Elihu says that God does not give an answer when people cry out because of the pride of evil men.

Job 35:13

ULT
13 God will certainly not hear a foolish cry; the Almighty will pay no attention to it.

UST
13 It is useless for them to cry out because God, the Almighty One, does not pay any attention to what they say.

What will God certainly not hear?
He will certainly not hear a foolish cry.

Job 35:14

ULT
14 How much less will he answer you if you say that you do not see him, that your case is before him, and that you are waiting for him!

UST
14 So when you complain that you cannot see God, and you tell him that you are waiting for him to decide whether or not you have done wrong, he will not listen to you, either!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:15

ULT
15 Now you say that his anger does not punish, and he does not take even a litte notice of transgression.

UST
15 Furthermore, you say that because he does not pay attention when people commit sins, he does not become angry and punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 35:16

ULT
16 So Job opens his mouth only to speak foolishness; he piles up words without knowledge.”

UST
16 My friends, you see that Job has said things that are completely useless, that he says many things without knowing what in the world he is talking about.”

What does Elihu accuse Job of doing when Job opens his mouth?
He says Job opens his mouth to speak foolishness and to pile up words without knowledge.

Job 36

Job 36:1

ULT
1 Elihu continued on and said,

UST
1 Elihu finished speaking by saying this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:2

ULT
2 “Permit me to speak a little longer, and I will show you some things because I have a little more to say in defense of God.

UST
2 “Job, be patient with me a little longer because I have something else to teach you. I have something else to say in order to prove that God does no wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:3

ULT
3 I will obtain my knowledge from far off; I will acknowledge that righteousness belongs to my Maker.

UST
3 I will tell you what I have learned from many sources, in order to show that God, my creator, is just.

To whom does Elihu acknowledge that righteousness belongs?
Elihu acknowledges that righteousness belongs to his Maker.

Job 36:4

ULT
4 For indeed, my words will not be false; someone who is mature in knowledge is with you.

UST
4 I will not say anything to you that is false; I, who am standing in front of you, am someone who understands things very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:5

ULT
5 See, God is mighty, and despises no one; he is mighty in strength of understanding.

UST
5 Really, God is very powerful, and he does not despise anyone, and he understands everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:6

ULT
6 He does not preserve the life of wicked people but instead does what is right for those who suffer.

UST
6 He does not allow wicked people to remain alive—contrary to what you have claimed, and he always acts justly toward those who are suffering.

What does God do for those who those who suffer?
He does what is right for those who suffer.

Job 36:7

ULT
7 He does not withdraw his eyes from righteous people but instead sets them on thrones like kings forever, and they are lifted up.

UST
7 He always watches over those who are righteous; he makes them prosper, as if they were kings, and he causes others to honor them forever.

What does God do for the righteous?
He sets them on thrones like kings forever, and they are lifted up.

Job 36:8

ULT
8 If they are bound in chains and trapped in cords of suffering,

UST
8 However, if people who commit crimes are caught, or if they suffer in prison for having done wrong,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:9

ULT
9 then he reveals to them what they have done, and their transgressions and their pride.

UST
9 then God shows them what they have done; he shows them the sins that they have committed, and he shows them that they have been arrogant.

What does God reveal to those who are bound in chains and trapped in cords of suffering?
He reveals to them what they have done, their transgressions, and how they behaved arrogantly.

Job 36:10

ULT
10 He also opens their ears to his instruction, and commands them to turn back from iniquity.

UST
10 He causes them to listen to what he is warning them, and he commands them to turn away from doing what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:11

ULT
11 If they listen to him and worship him, they will spend their days in prosperity, their years in contentment.

UST
11 If they listen to him and serve him, they will prosper and be happy for all the years that they continue to live.

What will happen to listen to God and worship him?
They will spend their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.

Job 36:12

ULT
12 However, if they do not listen, they will perish by the sword; they will die because they have no knowledge.

UST
12 But if they do not listen to him, they will die violently because they understand nothing about God and what he wants them to do.

What will happen to the people who do not listen to God?
They will perish by the sword and die because they have no knowledge.

Job 36:13

ULT
13 Those who are godless in heart store up their anger; they do not cry out for help even when God ties them up.

UST
13 People who fail to honor God continue being angry, and they do not cry out for help even when God is punishing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:14

ULT
14 They die in their youth; their lives end among the cultic prostitutes.

UST
14 They die while they are still young, disgraced because of their immoral behavior.

What does the godless person who stores up anger and does not cry out to God for help?
They will die in their youth and their lives will end in disgrace.

Job 36:15

ULT
15 God rescues afflicted people by means of their afflictions; he opens their ears by means of their oppression.

UST
15 God actually rescues people by causing them to suffer; by afflicting them, he causes them to listen to what he is telling them.

How does Elihu say God uses affliction and oppression? (vv15-16)
God uses affliction to rescue the afflicted and oppression to open their ears.

Job 36:16

ULT

16 Indeed, he would like to draw you out of distress into a broad place where there is no hardship and where your table would be set with food full of fatness.

UST

16 Job, I think that God wants to bring you out of your troubles and allow you to live without distress; he wants your table to be full of very nice food.

What does Elihu say that God would like to do for Job?

God would like to draw Job out of his distress into a broad place where there is no hardship.

Job 36:17

ULT

17 But you are full of judgment on wicked people; judgment and justice have laid hold of you.

UST

17 However, now he is punishing you as he would punish the wicked; God has judged you very rightly.

What has filled Job?

He is full of the judgment on the wicked.

Job 36:18

ULT

18 Do not let your anger entice you to mockery, or the greatness of a ransom to turn you aside.

UST

18 Do not let your anger give you an excuse to mock other people, and do not let a large amount of money paid as a bribe compel you to ruin your life.

What things could lead Job to deception and turn him aside from justice?

Wealth could lead Job to deception and a bribe could turn him aside from justice.

Job 36:19

ULT
19 Can your wealth benefit you, so that you will not be in distress, or can all the force of your strength help you?

UST
19 If that happens, it certainly will not help you to cry out when you are distressed; none of your strength will help you in that case.

What things will not be able to help Job out of his distress?
Job's wealth and the force of his strength will not help him out of his distress.

Job 36:20

ULT
20 Do not desire the night, to commit sin against others, when peoples are cut off in their place.

UST
20 Do not wish that it would be nighttime in order that you might mistreat others without anyone knowing it; night is the time when even entire people groups are destroyed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:21

ULT
21 Be careful that you do not turn to sin because you are being tested by suffering so that you will stay away from sinning.

UST
21 Be careful not to begin doing evil deeds, because God has caused you to suffer to prevent you from doing evil.

Why does Elihu say that Job is being tested by suffering?
Job is being tested by suffering so that he will stay away from sinning.

Job 36:22

ULT
22 See, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him?

UST
22 Truly, people praise God because he is so powerful; there is certainly no teacher who teaches what he teaches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:23

ULT
23 Who has ever instructed him about his way? Who can ever say to him, ‘You have committed unrighteousness?’

UST
23 No one has told him what he should do, and no one has said to him, ‘You have done what is wrong!’

What can no one say about God?
No one can say that God has committed unrighteousness.

Job 36:24

ULT
24 Remember to praise his deeds, of which people have sung.

UST
24 People have always sung songs to praise him, so you also should never forget to praise him for what he has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:25

ULT
25 All people have looked on those deeds, but they see those deeds only from far away.

UST
25 All people have seen what he has done, but we understand those things only a little.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:26

ULT
26 See, God is great, but we do not understand him well; the number of his years is incalculable.

UST
26 How great God is! We are not able to know how great he is, and we do not understand how old he is.

What is it about God that we cannot calculate?
We cannot calculate the number of his years.

Job 36:27

ULT
27 For he draws up the drops of water that he distills as rain from his vapor, *[1]*

UST
27 He draws water up from the earth and puts it in clouds and causes it to become rain;

How does God cause rain to fall? (vv27-28)
He draws up the drops of water that distill as rain from his vapor, which the clouds pour down and drop in abundance on mankind.

Job 36:28

ULT
28 which the clouds pour down and drop in abundance on mankind.

UST
28 the rain pours down from the sky and causes abundant showers to fall on everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:29

ULT
29 Indeed, can anyone understand the extensive spread of the clouds and the thunder from his hut?

UST
29 No one can understand how the clouds move across the sky or how it thunders in the sky where God lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:30

ULT
30 See, he spreads his lightning around him and covers the roots of the sea.

UST
30 He causes lightning to flash all around him, but he causes the oceans to remain dark.

Why does Elihu say that God spreads lightning and covers the sea with darkness? (vv30-31)
He spreads lightning around himself and covers the sea with darkness in order to feed people and give food in abundance.

Job 36:31

ULT
31 In this way he judges the peoples and gives food in abundance.

UST
31 By providing plenty of rain for everyone, he gives them abundant food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 36:32

ULT
32 He fills his hands with the lightning until he commands it to strike its mark.

UST
32 It is as though he were holding the lightning in his hands, and then he commands it to strike where he wants it to.

What tells people and cattle of the coming storm? (vv32-33)
The noise of the lightning bolts hitting their targets tells people and cattle of the coming storm.

Job 36:33

ULT

33 Its thunder warns of the storm, the cattle can also hear it is coming.
36:27 [1] .

UST

33 When we hear his thunder, we know that there will be a storm, and the cattle know it, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37

Job 37:1

ULT
[1] Indeed, my heart trembles at this; it is moved out of its place.

UST
[1] “My heart pounds when I think about that.

What makes Elihu’s heart tremble? (vv1-2)
The noise of God’s voice and the sound from his mouth causes Elihu’s heart to tremble.

Job 37:2

ULT
[2] Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, the sound that goes out from his mouth.

UST
[2] Listen, all of you, to the thunder, which is like God’s voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:3

ULT
[3] He sends it out under the whole sky, and he sends out his lightning to the edges of the earth.

UST
[3] He sends thunder all across the sky, and he sends lighting to the most distant places on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:4

ULT
4 A voice roars after it; he thunders with the voice of his majesty; he does not restrain the lightning bolts when his voice is heard.

UST
4 After the lightning flashes, we hear the thunder, which is like God's powerful voice; when he speaks, he does not keep back the lightning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:5

ULT
5 God thunders marvelously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend.

UST
5 When God speaks, it causes us to fear him and admire him, as thunder does; he does amazing things that we cannot understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:6

ULT
6 For he says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'; likewise to the rain shower, 'Become a great shower of rain.'

UST
6 He commands the snow to fall on the ground, and often he makes it rain very hard.

What does God tell the snow and the rain to do?
HE tells the snow to fall to the earth, and the rain to become a great shower of rain.

Job 37:7

ULT
7 He stops the hand of every man from working, so that all people whom he has made may see his deeds.

UST
7 When God does that, it prevents people from working, in order that all people may know that he is the one who does these things.

Why does God stop the hand of every man from working?
God stops them so that all people may see his deeds.

Job 37:8

ULT
8 Then the beasts go into hiding and stay in their dens.

UST
8 When it rains, the animals go into their hiding places, and they stay there until the rain stops.

For what reason do the beasts go into hiding and stay in their dens? (vv8-9)
They hide and stay in their dens because of the storms that come.

Job 37:9

ULT
9 The storm comes from its chamber in the south and the cold from the scattering winds in the north.

UST
9 The storms come from the place in the south where they start, and the cold winds come from the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:10

ULT
10 By the breath of God ice is given; the expanse of the waters is frozen like metal.

UST
10 In the winter water freezes when he commands it, and the lakes become ice.

What is given by the breath of God?
By the breath of God ice is given.

Job 37:11

ULT
11 Indeed, he weighs down the thick cloud with moisture; he scatters his lightning through the clouds.

UST
11 God fills the clouds with moisture, and lightning flashes everywhere from the clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:12

ULT
12 He swirls the clouds around by his guidance, so that they may do whatever he commands them above the surface of the whole world.

UST
12 He guides the clouds and causes them to move back and forth in order that they may accomplish all that he commands them to do all over the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:13

ULT
13 He makes all of this happen; sometimes it happens for correction, sometimes for his land, and sometimes as acts of covenant faithfulness.

UST
13 Sometimes God sends rain to punish us, sometimes to water the land that he has made, and sometimes because he wants to be very kind to us.

For what reasons does God give guidance to the clouds and cause them to do whatever he commands?
He makes this happen sometimes for correction, sometimes for his land, and sometimes as acts of covenant faithfulness.

Job 37:14

ULT
14 Listen to this, Job; stop and think about God's marvelous deeds.

UST
14 Job, listen to this; stop and think about the wonderful things that God does.

About what does Elihu want Job to stop and think?
He wants Job to stop and think about God's marvelous deeds.

Job 37:15

ULT
15 Do you know how God establishes the clouds and makes the lightning bolts to flash in them?

UST
15 Do you know how God commands the lightning to flash down from his clouds?

What happens when God forces his will on the clouds?
God makes lightning bolts flash in the clouds.

Job 37:16

ULT
16 Do you understand the floating of the clouds, the marvelous deeds of God, who is perfect in knowledge?

UST
16 Do you know how God decides where to place the clouds in the sky? Can you understand all the wonderful things that God does, and how he knows everything and he knows them completely?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:17

ULT
17 Do you understand how your garments become hot when the land is still because the wind comes from the south?

UST
17 No, you just sweat there in your hot clothing because even the clothes you wear become very hot. Your clothing becomes hot because the heat builds up when the wind comes from the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:18

ULT
18 Can you spread out the sky as he can— the sky, which is as strong as a mirror of cast metal?

UST
18 Can you stretch out the skies like God does and make them as hard as a metal mirror?

What image does Elihu use to describe the sky?
He says the sky is as strong as a mirror of cast metal.

Job 37:19

ULT
19 Teach us what we should say to him, for we cannot lay out our arguments in order because of the darkness of our minds.

UST
19 Job, you know so much! So tell us what we should say to God; we do not know anything about how we should defend ourselves.

Why does Elihu say that he and others cannot lay out their arguments before God?
They cannot lay out their arguments before God because of the darkness of their minds.

Job 37:20

ULT
20 Should he be told that I wish to speak with him? Would a person wish to be swallowed up?

UST
20 Should I ask someone to tell God that I want to speak to him? No, because if I did that, he might destroy me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:21

ULT
21 Now, people cannot look at the sun when it is bright in the sky after the wind has passed through and has cleared it of its clouds.

UST
21 You know that people cannot look directly at the sun when it shines brightly in the sky after the wind has blown the clouds away; likewise we certainly cannot look at the brightness of God.

What is it that people cannot look at when the sky is clear?
People cannot look at the sun when it is bright in the sky.

Job 37:22

ULT
22 Out of the north comes golden splendor— over God is fearsome majesty.

UST
22 God comes out of the north with a light that shines like gold; his glory causes us to be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 37:23

ULT
23 As for the Almighty, we cannot find him! He is great in power; he does not oppress justice and abundant righteousness.

UST
23 Almighty God has very great power, and we do not know how to go near to him. He always acts righteously, and he will never mistreat us.

What does Elihu say that the Almighty does not do to his people?
The Almighty does not oppress people.

Job 37:24

ULT
24 Therefore, people fear him. He does not pay any attention to those who are wise in their own minds.”

UST
24 That is the reason that we have an awesome respect for him; he does not pay attention to those who proudly, but wrongly, think that they are wise.”

To whom does Elihu say that the Almighty does not pay attention?
The Almighty does not pay attention to those who are wise in their own minds.

Job 38

Job 38:1

ULT
1 Then Yahweh called to Job out of a fierce storm and said,

UST
1 Then Yahweh spoke to Job from inside a powerful storm. He said to him,

Out of what did Yahweh speak to Job?
Yahweh spoke to Job out of a fierce storm.

Job 38:2

ULT
2 “Who is this who brings darkness to plans by means of words without knowledge?

UST
2 “Who are you to bring confusion to what I plan to do? You are speaking ignorantly!

By what means did someone bring darkness to Yahweh’s plans?
Job brought darkness to Yahweh’s plans by means of words without knowledge.

Job 38:3

ULT
3 Now gird up your loins like a man for I will ask you questions, and you must answer me.

UST
3 I want to ask you some questions, so act like a man and get ready to answer my questions.

What does Yahweh tell Job he must do when Yahweh questions him?
Job must gird up his loins like a man and answer Yahweh’s questions.

Job 38:4

ULT

[4] Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me, if you have so much understanding.

UST

[4] Where were you when I started to create the earth? Since you know so much, tell me where you were at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:5

ULT

[5] Who determined its dimensions? Tell me, if you know. Who stretched the measuring line over it?

UST

[5] If it was not I who decided how large the earth would be, then who decided? Do you know who stretched a line around the earth to measure it? Since you think that you know so much, you should surely know that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:6

ULT

[6] On what were its foundations laid? Who laid its cornerstone

UST

[6-7] What supports the pillars on which the earth rests? When the stars that shine early in the morning sang together, and someone put in place the stone that causes the earth to stay in its place, and all the angels shouted joyfully when they saw that happen, who laid that cornerstone?

What sang together and who shouted for joy when Yahweh laid the cornerstone of the earth? (vv6-7)

The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy when the cornerstone was laid.

Job 38:7

ULT
7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

UST
6-7 What supports the pillars on which the earth rests? When the stars that shine early in the morning sang together, and someone put in place the stone that causes the earth to stay in its place, and all the angels shouted joyfully when they saw that happen, who laid that cornerstone?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:8

ULT
8 Who shut up the sea with doors when it burst out, as if it had come out of the womb—

UST
8 When the seas poured out from under the earth, who prevented the water from flooding over the land?

To what does Yahweh compare the sea bursting out after it was shut up with doors?
God compares the sea bursting out of doors to coming out of the womb.

Job 38:9

ULT
9 when I made clouds its clothing, and thick darkness its swaddling bands?

UST
9 It was I, not you, who caused clouds to come over the seas and caused it to become very dark under those clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:10

ULT
10 That was when I marked out for the sea my boundary, and when I placed its bars and doors,

UST
10 I set limits for the seas, and I put barriers so that the water would not come over the land.

What did Yahweh put in place to mark out the boundary of the sea so that it could come only so far and no farther? (vv10-11)
Yahweh put in place bars and doors to mark a boundary for the sea.

Job 38:11

ULT
11 and when I said to it, ‘You may come this far, but no farther; here is where I will put a boundary to the pride of your waves.’

UST
11 I pointed to the shore and said to the water, ‘I permit you to come up to here, but I do not permit you to come any farther. Your powerful waves must stop here!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:12

ULT
12 Have you given orders to the morning, or caused the dawn to know its place,

UST
12 Job, have you ever commanded the morning to begin? Have you ever told the sun to start rising and begin a new day?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:13

ULT
13 so that it might take hold of the edges of the earth and shake the wicked out of it?

UST
13 Have you ever told the dawn to spread out over the whole earth with the result that wicked people run away from the light?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:14

ULT
14 The earth is changed in appearance like clay changes under a seal; all things on it stand out clearly like the folds of a piece of clothing.

UST
14 When it becomes light after the dawn, the hills and the valleys become clear like a seal gives an image to the clay under it, or like the folds in a cloth.

How is the earth is changed in appearance like clay changes under a seal?
The light of dawn changes the earth so that all things on it stand out clearly like the folds of a piece of clothing.

Job 38:15

ULT
15 From wicked people their ‘light’ is taken away; their uplifted arm is broken.

UST
15 When it becomes daylight, the wicked do not have the darkness that they like; in the daylight they no longer are able to hurt anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:16

ULT

16 Have you gone to the sources of the waters of the sea? Have you walked in the lowest parts of the deep?

UST

16 Job, have you traveled to the springs in the bottom of the ocean from which the water in the seas comes? Have you investigated the very bottom of the oceans?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:17

ULT

17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?

UST

17 Has someone shown you the gates to the place where dead people are, the gates to the place where it is very dark among those who are dead?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:18

ULT

18 Have you understood the earth in its expanse? Tell me, if you know it all.

UST

18 Do you know how big the earth is? Tell me, if you know all these things!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:19

ULT
19 Where is the way to the resting place of light— as for darkness, where is its place?

UST
19 Where is the road to the place where light comes from? Can you tell me where darkness lives?

What does Yahweh say to mock Job about his lack of knowledge about the way to the resting place of light and darkness? (vv19-21)
Yahweh mocks Job by saying that undoubtedly Job should know about this because the number of Job's days is so large.

Job 38:20

ULT
20 Can you lead light and darkness to their places of work? Can you find the way back to their houses for them?

UST
20 Can you take the light and the darkness to the places where they must do their work every day? Do you know where the road is that goes back to their homes?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:21

ULT
21 Undoubtedly you know, for you were born then; the number of your days is so large!

UST
21 I am sure that you know these things because you were born before the time when all things were created; you must be very old!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:22

ULT
22 Have you entered the storehouses for the snow, or have you seen the storehouses for the hail,

UST
22 Have you entered the place where I store the snow and the place where I keep the hail?

For what reason does Yahweh say he has kept storehouses for the snow and the hail? (vv22-23)
Yahweh has kept these storehouses for times of trouble and for days of battle and war.

Job 38:23

ULT
23 these things that I have kept for times of trouble, for days of battle and war?

UST
23 I store the snow and the hail in order that I can use them when people are fighting on earth, in times when they are fighting wars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:24

ULT
24 What is the path to where the lightning bolts are distributed or to where the winds are scattered from the east over the earth?

UST
24 Where is the road to the place from which I cause the lightning to flash? Where is the place from where the east wind begins to blow over all the earth?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:25

ULT
25 Who has created the channels for the floods of rain, or who has made a path for the thunder,

UST
25 Who created the channels in which the rain comes down from the sky? Who makes the roads for the thunder in the air?

Why does Yahweh cause it to rain on the wilderness in which there is no person? (vv25-27)
He causes it to rain in order to meet the needs of the barren and lonely regions and to make the tender grass sprout up.

Job 38:26

ULT
26 to cause it to rain on lands where no person exists, and on the wilderness, in which there is no one,

UST
26 Who causes rain to fall in the desert, in places where no one lives?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:27

ULT
27 to satisfy the devastated and desolate places, and to make the ground sprout with grass?

UST
27 Who sends the rain that gives moisture to barren areas, areas where nothing has grown, so that grass begins to grow again?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:28

ULT
28 Does the rain have a father, or, who fathers the drops of dew?

UST
28 Does the rain have a father? Does the dew also have a father?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:29

ULT
29 Out of whose womb did the ice come? Who bore the white frost out of the sky?

UST
29 From whose womb does ice come in the winter? Who gives birth to the frost that comes down from the sky?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:30

ULT
30 The waters hide themselves and become like stone; the surface of the deep becomes frozen.

UST
30 In the winter, the water freezes and becomes as hard as a rock, and the surface of lakes becomes frozen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:31

ULT
31 Can you fasten chains on the Pleiades, or undo the cords of Orion?

UST
31 Job, can you fasten the chains that hold the stars together in the cluster of the Pleiades stars? Can you unfasten the cords of the stars in Orion?

What does Yahweh asks Job if he can do to Pleiades and Orion?
He asks Job if he can fasten chains on Pleiades or undo the cords of Orion.

Job 38:32

ULT
32 Can you lead the constellations to appear at their proper times? Can you guide the Bear with its children?

UST
32 Can you tell the stars and planets when they should shine? Can you guide the stars in the groups of the Big Bear and the Little Bear?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:33

ULT
33 Do you know the regulations of the sky? Could you set in place the sky's rule over the earth?

UST
33 Do you know the laws that the stars must obey? Can you cause those same laws to rule everything here on the earth?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:34

ULT
34 Can you raise your voice up to the clouds, so that an abundance of rainwater may cover you?

UST
34 Can you shout commands up to the clouds and make rain pour down on you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:35

ULT
35 Can you send out bolts of lightning that they may go out, that they say to you, 'Here we are'?

UST
35 Can you cause flashes of lightning to come down and strike where you want them to strike? Do those flashes say to you, 'Where do you want us to strike?'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:36

ULT
36 Who has put wisdom in the clouds or has given understanding to the mists?

UST
36 Who enables the clouds to know when they should cause rain to fall?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:37

ULT
37 Who can number the clouds by his skill? Who can pour out the water skins of the sky

UST
37 Who is skilled enough to be able to count the clouds? Who can tilt the containers of water in the sky to cause the rain to fall

What happens to the dust and clods of earth when Yahweh pours out water on them? (vv37-38)
The dust runs into a hard mass and the clods of earth clump tightly together.

Job 38:38

ULT
38 when the dust runs into a hard mass and the clods of earth clump tightly together?

UST
38 so that the dry ground becomes hard as the dry clods become wet and stick together?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:39

ULT
39 Can you hunt down a victim for a lioness or satisfy the appetite of her young lion cubs

UST
39-40 When a lioness and her cubs crouch in their dens or hide in a thicket, waiting for some animal to pass by that they can kill, can you find animals for the lioness to kill so that she and her cubs can eat the meat and not be hungry anymore?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 38:40

ULT

[40] when they are crouching in their dens and sheltering in hiding to lie in wait?

UST

[39-40] When a lioness and her cubs crouch in their dens or hide in a thicket, waiting for some animal to pass by that they can kill, can you find animals for the lioness to kill so that she and her cubs can eat the meat and not be hungry anymore?

Where do the young lion cubs wait for their food?

They are crouch in their dens and shelter in hiding to lie in wait.

Job 38:41

ULT

[41] Who provides victims for the ravens when their young ones cry out to God and stagger about for lack of food?

UST

[41] Who provides dead animals for the raven, when its young are calling out to me for food, when they are so weak because of their lack of food that they stagger around in their nests?

Why do the young ones of the ravens stagger about?

They stagger about for lack of food.

Job 39

Job 39:1

ULT

[1] Do you know at what time the wild goats in the rocks bear their young? Can you watch when the deer are having their fawns?

UST

[1] "Job, do you know at what time of the year the female mountain goats give birth? Have you watched the wild deer while their calves were being born?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:2

ULT

[2] Can you count the months that they gestate? Do you know the time when they bear their young?

UST

[2] Do you know how many months pass from the time they become pregnant until their calves are born?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:3

ULT

[3] They crouch down and birth their young, and then they finish their labor pains.

UST

[3] When they give birth, they crouch down, and then their labor pangs are done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:4

ULT
4 Their young ones become strong and grow up in the open fields; they go out and do not come back again.

UST
4 The young calves grow up in the open fields, and then they leave their mothers and do not return to them again.

What happens to the young deer after they grow up in the open fields?
They go out and do not come back again.

Job 39:5

ULT
5 Who let the wild donkey go free? Who has untied the bonds of the swift donkey,

UST
5 Who allows the wild donkeys to go wherever they want away from the cities?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:6

ULT
6 whose home I have made in the Arabah, his house in the salt land?

UST
6 I am the one who has freed them and put them in the desert plain, in places where grass does not grow.

Where has Yahweh made the home of the donkey?
He has made his home in the Arabah, and his house in the salt land.

Job 39:7

ULT
[7] He laughs in scorn at the noises in the city; he does not hear the driver's shouts.

UST
[7] They do not like the noise in the cities; in the desert they do not have to listen to the shouts of those who forced them to work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:8

ULT
[8] He roams over the mountains as his pastures; there he looks for every green plant to eat.

UST
[8] They go over the hills to find food; there they search for grass to eat.

Where does the wild donkey find food?
He roams over the mountains where he looks for every green plant to eat.

Job 39:9

ULT
[9] Will the wild ox be happy to serve you? Will he consent to stay by your manger?

UST
[9] Will a wild ox agree to work for you? Will it allow you to keep it penned up at night in the place where you put feed for your animals?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:10

ULT
[10] Can you use ropes to hold the wild ox in the furrows? Will he harrow the valleys as he follows after you?

UST
[10] Can you fasten a rope on it so that it will plow furrows in your fields, your fields in the valley?

What does Yahweh ask Job to make the wild ox do with a rope?
He asks Job if with a rope, he can make the wild ox to plow the furrows or harrow the valleys for him.

Job 39:11

ULT
[11] Will you trust him because his strength is great? Will you leave your work to him to do?

UST
[11] Since it is very strong, can you for that reason trust it to work for you? Can you go away after you tell it what work it should do and assume that it will do that work?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:12

ULT
[12] Will you depend on him to bring your grain home, to gather the grain for your threshing floor?

UST
[12] Can you rely on it to come back from the field bringing your grain to the place where you thresh it?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:13

ULT
[13] The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are they the pinions and plumage of love?

UST
[13] Think also about the ostriches. They joyfully flap their wings, but they have no love for their own young.

What does the ostrich wave proudly?
The wings of the ostrich wave proudly.

Job 39:14

ULT
14 For she leaves her eggs on the earth, and she lets them keep warm in the dust;

UST
14 Ostriches lay their eggs on top of the ground and then walk away, leaving the eggs to be warmed in the sand.

What does the ostrich do with her eggs?
She leaves her eggs on the earth, and lets them keep warm in the dust.

Job 39:15

ULT
15 she forgets that a foot might crush them or that a wild beast might trample them.

UST
15 Ostriches never think about the possibility that some wild animal may step on the eggs and crush them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:16

ULT
16 She deals roughly with her young ones as if they were not hers; she does not fear that her labor might have been in vain,

UST
16 Ostriches act cruelly toward their chicks; they act as though the chicks belonged to some other ostrich. They are not concerned if their chicks die, that they may have laid their eggs for nothing.

Why does the ostrich not fear that her labor might have been in vain?
Yahweh has deprived her of wisdom and not given her any understanding.

Job 39:17

ULT
17 because God has deprived her of wisdom and has not given her any understanding.

UST
17 That is because I did not allow ostriches to be wise. I did not enable them to be intelligent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:18

ULT
18 When she runs swiftly, she laughs in scorn at the horse and its rider.

UST
18 However, when they get up and begin to run, they scornfully laugh at horses with their riders because the horses cannot run as fast as the ostriches!

What does Yahweh say the ostrich does when she runs?
She laughs in scorn at the horse and its rider.

Job 39:19

ULT
19 Have you given the horse his strength? Did you clothe his neck with his flowing mane?

UST
19 Also, think about horses. Job, are you the one who made the horses to be strong? Are you the one who put flowing manes on their necks?

What clothes the neck of the horse?
A flowing mane clothes his neck.

Job 39:20

ULT
[20] Have you ever made him jump like a locust? The majesty of his snorting is fearsome.

UST
[20] Are you the one who enabled them to leap forward like locusts? When they snort, they cause people to be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:21

ULT
[21] He paws in might and rejoices in his strength; he rushes out to meet the weapons.

UST
[21] They paw the ground, rejoicing because they are very strong, as they prepare to rush into battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:22

ULT
[22] He mocks fear and is not dismayed; he does not turn back from the sword.

UST
[22] It is as if they were laughing at the thought of being afraid. They are not afraid of anything! They do not run away when the soldiers in the battle are fighting each other with swords.

How does the horse react to the sword?
He does not turn back from the sword.

Job 39:23

ULT
[23] The quiver rattles against his flank, along with the flashing spear and the javelin.

UST
[23] The quivers containing the riders' arrows rattle against the horses' sides, and the spears and javelins flash in the light of the sun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:24

ULT
24 He swallows up ground with fierceness and rage; at the trumpet's sound, he cannot stand in one place.

UST
24 The horses run very quickly, and they speedily cover the ground; they rush into battle as soon as the trumpet is blown.

What can the horse not do at the sound of the trumpet?
He cannot stand in one place.

Job 39:25

ULT
25 Whenever the trumpet sounds, he says, 'Aha!' He smells the battle from far away— the thunderous shouts of the commanders and the outcries.

UST
25 They neigh joyfully when they hear someone blowing the trumpet. They can smell a battle even when they are far away, and they understand what it means when the commanders shout their commands to their soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:26

ULT
26 Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars, that he stretches out his wings for the south?

UST
26 Think about big birds. Are you the one who enabled hawks to spread their wings and fly to the south for the winter?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:27

ULT
27 Is it at your orders that the eagle mounts up and makes his nest in high places?

UST
27 Do eagles fly high up into the cliffs to make their nests because you commanded them to do that?

Where does the eagle make his nest and his home? (vv27-28)
He makes his nest in high places, and his home on the peaks of the cliffs.

Job 39:28

ULT
28 He lives on cliffs and makes his home on the peaks of cliffs, a stronghold.

UST
28 They live in holes in those cliffs. They are safe in those high pointed rocks because no animals can reach them there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:29

ULT
29 From there he searches for victims; his eyes see them from very far away.

UST
29 As they watch carefully from there, they see animals far away that they can kill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 39:30

ULT
30 His young also drink up blood; where killed people are, there he is.”

UST
30 After an eagle kills an animal, the baby eagles drink the blood of that animal; they gather wherever there are dead people lying on the ground.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40

Job 40:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh continued to speak to Job; he said,

UST
[1] Then Yahweh said to Job,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:2

ULT
[2] “Should anyone who wishes to criticize try to correct the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer.”

UST
[2] “Do you still want to argue with me, the Almighty One? Since you criticize me, you should be able to answer my questions!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:3

ULT
[3] Then Job answered Yahweh and said,

UST
[3] Then Job replied to Yahweh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:4

ULT
4 “See, I am insignificant; how can I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth.

UST
4 “Now I realize that I am completely worthless. So how could I answer those questions? I will put my hand over my mouth and not say anything.

How did Job do to show that he was too insignificant to answer Yahweh?
Job put his hand over his mouth.

Job 40:5

ULT
5 I spoke once, and I will not answer; indeed, twice, but I will proceed no further.”

UST
5 I have already said more than I should have said, so now I will say nothing more.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:6

ULT
6 Then Yahweh answered Job out of a fierce storm and said,

UST
6 Then Yahweh again spoke to Job from inside a powerful storm. He said,

From what did Yahweh answer Job?
Yahweh answered Job from out of a fierce storm.

Job 40:7

ULT

7 “Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will ask you questions, and you must answer me.

UST

7 “I want to ask you some questions, so act like a man and get ready to answer my questions.

What did Yahweh tell Job to do to prepare to answer Yahweh?

He told Job to gird up his loins like a man.

Job 40:8

ULT

8 Will you actually say that I am unjust? Will you condemn me so you may claim you are right?

UST

8 Are you going to accuse me and say that I am unjust? Are you going to say that what I have done is wrong, in order that you can say that what you have done is right?

Why did Yahweh say that Job was condemning Yahweh?

He said Job condemned Yahweh so that Job could claim he was right.

Job 40:9

ULT

9 Do you have an arm like God’s? Can you thunder with a voice like him?

UST

9 Do you have the same amount of power as I do? Can your voice sound as loud as thunder, as mine can?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:10

ULT
[10] Now clothe yourself in glory and dignity; array yourself in honor and majesty.

UST
[10] If you can do that, then put on the robes that show that you are glorious and are greatly honored!

With what does Yahweh challenge Job to clothe himself?
He challenges Job to cloth himself with glory, dignity, honor and majesty.

Job 40:11

ULT
[11] Scatter around the excess of your anger; look at everyone who is proud and bring him down.

UST
[11] Show that you are very angry; show that you have the right to humble people who are very proud!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:12

ULT
[12] Look at everyone who is proud and bring him low; trample down wicked people where they stand.

UST
[12] Humble those proud people just by looking at them angrily! Crush wicked people quickly!

What does Yahweh tell Job to do to the wicked people?
Yahweh tells Job to trample them down where they stand.

Job 40:13

ULT
[13] Bury them in the earth together; imprison their faces in the hidden place.

UST
[13] Bury them in the ground! Send them to the place where dead people are, where they will not be able to get out!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:14

ULT
[14] Then will I also acknowledge about you that your own right hand can save you.

UST
[14] If you do that, I will congratulate you and say that truly you can save yourself by your own ability.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:15

ULT
[15] Look now at the behemoth, which I made when I made you; he eats grass like an ox.

UST
[15] Think also about hippopotamuses. I made you, and I made them also. They eat grass, like oxen do.

What does the behemoth eat?
He eats grass like an ox.

Job 40:16

ULT
[16] See now, his strength is in his loins; his power is in his belly's muscles.

UST
[16] Their legs are very strong, and the muscles of their bellies are very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:17

ULT
[17] He makes his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are joined together.

UST
[17] Their tails are stiff like the branches of a cedar tree. The muscles of their thighs are close together.

What is the tail of the behemoth like?
His tail is like a cedar.

Job 40:18

ULT
18 His bones are like tubes of bronze; his legs are like bars of iron.

UST
18 Their thigh bones are like tubes made of bronze, and the bones of their legs are like bars made of iron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:19

ULT
19 He is the chief of the creatures of God. Only God, who made him, can defeat him.

UST
19 Hippopotamuses are among the strongest of the animals that I made, and I, who created them, am the only one who can kill them.

Who can defeat the behemoth?
Only God can defeat the behemoth.

Job 40:20

ULT
20 For the hills provide him with food; the beasts of the field play nearby.

UST
20 On the hills grows food for them to eat while many other wild animals play nearby.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:21

ULT
21 He lies under the lotus plants in the shelter of the reeds, in the marshes.

UST
21 They lie down in the water under the lotus plants; they hide in tall reeds in the swamps.

Where does the behemoth lie?
He lies under the lotus plants in the shelter of the reeds.

Job 40:22

ULT
22 The lotus plants cover him with their shade; the willows of the brook are all around him.

UST
22 The hippopotamuses find shade under the lotus plants, and they are surrounded by willow trees growing in the streams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 40:23

ULT
23 See, if a river floods its banks, he does not tremble; he is confident, though the Jordan should surge up to his mouth.

UST
23 They are not disturbed by raging, flooding rivers; they are not even disturbed when rivers like the Jordan River rush over them.

What does the behemoth think when the river floods and the Jordan surges?
He does not tremble and he is confident.

Job 40:24

ULT
24 Can anyone capture him with a hook, or pierce his nose through with a snare?

UST
24 No one can catch them with hooks or by piercing their noses with the teeth of a trap!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41

Job 41:1

ULT
1 Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or tie up his jaws with a cord?

UST
1 “Think also about crocodiles. Can you catch them with a fishhook or fasten their jaws with a rope?

With what does Yahweh ask Job if he can draw out leviathan?
Yahweh asks Job if he can draw out the leviathan with a fishhook.

Job 41:2

ULT
2 Can you put a rope into his nose, or pierce his jaw through with a hook?

UST
2 Can you put ropes through their noses to control them or thrust hooks through their jaws?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:3

ULT
3 Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak soft words to you?

UST
3 Will they plead with you to act mercifully toward them or use sweet talk in order that you will not harm them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:4

ULT
[4] Will he make a covenant with you, that you should take him for a servant forever?

UST
[4] Will they make an agreement with you to work for you, to be your slaves as long as they live?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:5

ULT
[5] Will you play with him as you would with a bird? Will you tie him up for your servant girls?

UST
[5] Can you make them into pets like you do birds? Can you put a leash around their necks so that your servant girls can play with them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:6

ULT
[6] Will the groups of fishermen bargain for him? Will they divide him up to trade among the merchants?

UST
[6] Will men who partner in selling fish try to sell them in the market? Will they cut a crocodile up into pieces and sell the meat?

What does Yahweh ask Job if the fishermen would do with leviathan?
He asks Job if the fishermen would bargain for leviathan or divide him up to trade among the merchants.

Job 41:7

ULT
[7] Can you fill his hide with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?

UST
[7] Can you pierce crocodiles through their hides by throwing fishing spears at them? Can you pierce their heads with a harpoon?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:8

ULT
[8] Put your hand on him just once, and you will remember the battle and do it no more.

UST
[8] If you grab one of them with your hands, it will give you a battle that you will never forget, and you will never try to do it again!

What will happens if a person puts his hand on leviathan?
It someone puts his hand on the leviathan just once, he will remember the battle and do it no more.

Job 41:9

ULT
[9] See, the hope of anyone who does that is a lie; will not anyone be thrown down to the ground just by the sight of him?

UST
[9] It is useless to even hope to subdue them. Anyone who tries to subdue one of them will fall to the ground out of fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:10

ULT
[10] None is so fierce that he dare stir Leviathan up; who, then, is he who can stand before me?

UST
[10] No one dares to make a crocodile angry. So, since I am much more powerful than they are, who would dare to cause me to be angry?

Since no one is fierce enough to dare stir leviathan up, can anyone stand before Yahweh?
No one dares to stir leviathan up, so there is no one who can stand before Yahweh.

Job 41:11

ULT
11 Who has first given anything to me in order that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole sky is mine.

UST
11 Also, everything on the earth is mine. Therefore, no one is able to give anything to me and require me to pay money for it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:12

ULT
12 I will not keep silent concerning Leviathan's legs, nor about the matter of his strength, nor about his graceful form.

UST
12 I will tell you about how strong crocodiles' legs are and how strong their well formed bodies are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:13

ULT
13 Who can strip off his outer covering? Who can penetrate his double armor?

UST
13 Can anyone strip off their hides? Can anyone pierce through their double layer of armor?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:14

ULT
14 Who can open the doors of his face— ringed with his teeth, which are a terror?

UST
14 Can anyone pry open their jaws, which have terrible teeth in them?

How more does Yahweh describe leviathan's mouth?
He says it is the doors of his face that are ringed with his teeth, which are a terror.

Job 41:15

ULT
15 his back is made up of rows of shields, tight together as with a close seal.

UST
15 They have rows of scales on their back which are as hard as rock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:16

ULT
16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.

UST
16 The scales are very close together; not even air can get between them.

How close are the scales on the back of leviathan?
One is so near to another that no air can come between them.

Job 41:17

ULT
17 They are joined to each other; they stick together, so that they cannot be pulled apart.

UST
17 The scales are joined very closely to each other, and they cannot be separated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:18

ULT
18 Light flashes out from his snorting; his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning dawn.

UST
18 When crocodiles sneeze, the tiny drops of water that come out of their noses sparkle in the sunlight. Their eyes are red like the rising sun.

How does Yahweh say leviathan's eyes are like?
His eyes are like eyelids of the morning.

Job 41:19

ULT
[19] Out of his mouth go burning torches, sparks of fire leap out.

UST
[19] It is as though sparks of fire poured out of their mouths.

What comes out of leviathan's mouth?
Out of leviathan's mouth go burning torches, and sparks of fire leap out.

Job 41:20

ULT
[20] Out of his nostrils goes smoke like a boiling pot on a fire that has been fanned to be very hot.

UST
[20] Smoke pours out of their nostrils as steam comes out of a pot that is put over a very, very hot fire.

How is the smoke from leviathan's nostrils like?
It is like a boiling pot on a fire that has been fanned to be very hot.

Job 41:21

ULT
[21] His breath kindles coals into flame; fires go out from his mouth.

UST
[21] Their breath can cause coals to blaze and flames to shoot out from their mouths.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:22

ULT
[22] In his neck is strength, and terror dances in front of him.

UST
[22] Their necks are very strong; wherever they go, they make people very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:23

ULT
23 The folds of his flesh are joined together; they are firm on him; they cannot be moved.

UST
23 The folds in their flesh are very close together and are very hard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:24

ULT
24 His heart is as hard as a stone— indeed, as hard as a lower millstone.

UST
24 They are fearless because the inner parts of their bodies are as hard as a rock, as hard as the lower millstone on which people grind grain.

What is leviathan's heart like?
His heart is as hard as a lower millstone.

Job 41:25

ULT
25 When he raises himself up, even the gods become afraid; because of fear, they draw back.

UST
25 When they rise up, they cause even very strong people to be terrified. As a result, people fall back.

What do the gods do when leviathan raises himself up?
They become afraid and draw back.

Job 41:26

ULT
26 If a sword strikes him, it does nothing— and neither does a spear, an arrow, or any other pointed weapon.

UST
26 People cannot injure them with swords; spears, arrows, or other weapons with sharp points cannot injure them, either.

What happens when a sword, spear, arrow or any pointed weapon strikes leviathan?
They do nothing to him.

Job 41:27

ULT
27 He thinks of iron as if it were straw, and of bronze as if it were rotten wood.

UST
27 They certainly are not afraid of weapons made of straw or rotten wood, but they are not even afraid of weapons made of iron or bronze!

What does leviathan think of iron and bronze?
He thinks of iron as if it were straw and bronze as if it were rotten.

Job 41:28

ULT
28 An arrow cannot make him flee; to him sling stones become chaff.

UST
28 Shooting arrows at them does not cause them to run away. Hurling stones at them from a sling is like hurling bits of chaff at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:29

ULT
29 Clubs are regarded as straw; he laughs at the whirring flight of a spear.

UST
29 They are not afraid of clubs anymore than they would be afraid of men throwing bits of straw at them, and they laugh when they hear a spear coming at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:30

ULT
30 His lower parts are like sharp pieces of broken pottery; he leaves a spreading trail in the mud as if he were a threshing sledge.

UST
30 Their bellies are covered with scales that are as sharp as broken pieces of pottery. When they drag themselves through the mud, their bellies tear up the ground like a plow.

What kind of trail does leviathan leave?
He leaves a spreading trail in the mud as if he were a threshing sledge.

Job 41:31

ULT
31 He makes the deep to foam up like a pot of boiling water; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment.

UST
31 They stir up the water and cause it to foam as they churn through it.

What does he make the deep to do?
He makes the deep to foam up like a boiling pot of water.

Job 41:32

ULT
32 He makes a shining wake behind him; one would think the deep had gray hair.

UST
32 As they go through the water, their wakes glisten. People who see it would think that the foam had become white hair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 41:33

ULT
33 On earth there is no equal to him, who has been made to live without fear.

UST
33 There are no creatures on earth that I have created as fearless as crocodiles.

Why does leviathan have no equal on earth?
He s has been made to live without fear.

Job 41:34

ULT
34 He sees everything that is proud; he is king over all the sons of pride.”

UST
34 They are the proudest of all the creatures; they are like kings over all the other wild animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42

Job 42:1

ULT
1 Then Job answered Yahweh and said,

UST
1 Then Job replied to Yahweh. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:2

ULT
2 “I know that you can do all things, that no purpose of yours can be stopped.

UST
2 “I know that you can do everything and that no one can stop you from doing what you want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:3

ULT
3 ‘Who is this who without knowledge conceals plans?’ Indeed, I have spoken things that I did not understand, things too difficult for me to understand, which I did not know about.

UST
3 You asked me, ‘Who are you to bring confusion to what I plan to do? You are speaking ignorantly!’ It is true that I spoke about things that I did not understand, things that are very amazing, things about which I know nothing.

What did Job acknowledge that he had spoken?
He had spoken things that he did not understand, things too difficult for him to understand, which he did not know about.

Job 42:4

ULT
4 You said to me, ‘Listen, now, and I will speak; I will ask you things, and you will tell me.’

UST
4 You said to me, ‘Listen while I talk to you. I want to ask you some questions, so prepare yourself to answer them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:5

ULT
5 I had heard about you by my ear’s hearing, but now my eye sees you.

UST
5 I had heard about you previously by rumor, but now it is as though I have seen you with my own eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:6

ULT
6 So I despise myself; I repent in dust and ashes.”

UST
6 Therefore I am ashamed of what I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show that I am sorry for what I said.”

How did Job respond to Yahweh after seeing him with his eye?
Job despised himself and repented in dust and ashes.

Job 42:7

ULT

7 It came about that after he had said these words to Job, Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done.

UST

7 After Yahweh said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz, “I am angry with you and your two friends, Bildad and Zophar, because you did not say true things about me, as my servant Job did.

What did Yahweh say that Eliphaz and his two friends had done wrong?

They had not said right things about Yahweh, as Job had done.

Job 42:8

ULT

8 Now therefore, take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer, so that I may not deal with you after your folly. You have not said what is right about me, as my servant Job has done.”

UST

8 So now you must take to Job seven young bulls and seven rams and kill them and burn them on the altar as a sacrifice for yourselves. Then Job will pray for you, and I will do what he requests me to do. I will forgive you for speaking wrongly about me. I will not punish you, even though you deserve to be punished, because what you said about me was not right.”

What did Yahweh tell Eliphaz to give as an offering?

He told Eliphaz to take seven bulls and seven rams to offer for themselves as a burnt offering.

Whose prayer did Yahweh say he would accept?

Yahweh said he would accept Job’s prayer.

Job 42:9

ULT

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as Yahweh had commanded them, and Yahweh accepted Job.

UST

9 So Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar did what Yahweh commanded them to do, and Yahweh did what Job requested him to do for the three of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:10

ULT
10 When Job prayed for his friends, Yahweh restored his fortunes. Yahweh gave him twice as much as he had possessed before.

UST
10 After Job prayed for his three friends, Yahweh healed him and caused him to become rich again. Yahweh gave him twice as many things as he had before.

What happened after Job prayed for his friends?
Yahweh restored his fortunes, and gave him twice of what he had possessed before.

Job 42:11

ULT
11 Then all Job's brothers, and all his sisters, and all who knew him before, came to him and ate food with him in his house. They showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the disasters that Yahweh had brought upon him, and each of them gave Job a piece of silver and a ring of gold.

UST
11 Then all his brothers and sisters, and all the people who had known him before, came to his house, and they had a feast together. They consoled him because of all the troubles that Yahweh had allowed to happen to him. Each of them gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring.

What did every person give to Job when they came to comfort him?
They each gave him a piece of silver and a ring of gold.

Job 42:12

ULT
12 Yahweh blessed the final end of Job's life more than the first; he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

UST
12 Then Yahweh blessed Job in the second half of his life more than he had blessed him in the first half of his life. He now acquired fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

How did Yahweh bless Job at the end of his life?
Yahweh blessed Job more than the first part of Job's life.

Job 42:13

ULT
13 He also had seven sons and three daughters.

UST
13 And he also had seven more sons and three more daughters.

How many more sons and daughters did Yahweh give to Job?
He had seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:14

ULT
14 He named the first daughter Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-Happuch.

UST
14 He named the first daughter Jemimah, he named the second daughter Keziah, and he named the third daughter Keren Happuch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:15

ULT
15 In all the land no women were found as beautiful as Job's daughters. Their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers.

UST
15 In all of the land of Uz, there were no young women who were as beautiful as the daughters of Job, and Job declared that they would inherit some of his possessions, just as their brothers would inherit some.

What was unique about Job's daughters?
There were no woman in the land as beautiful as Job's daughters, and he gave them an inheritance with their brothers.

Job 42:16

ULT

16 After this, Job lived 140 years; he saw his sons and his sons' sons, up to four generations.

UST

16 After that, Job lived 140 more years. Before he died, he saw his great-great-grandchildren.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Job 42:17

ULT

17 Then Job died, being old and full of days.

UST

17 He was very old when he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms

Psalms 1

Psalms 1:1

ULT

[1] Blessed is the man who does not walk in the advice of the wicked, or stand in the pathway with sinners, or sit in the assembly of mockers.

UST

[1] How fortunate are those who do not do what the wicked people advise them to do, who do not imitate the behavior of sinful people, and who do not join with people who ridicule God.

Where does the blessed man not walk?
He does not walk in the advice of the wicked.

Where does the blessed man not stand?
He does not stand in the pathway with sinners.

Where does the blessed man not sit?
He does not sit in the assembly of mockers.

Psalms 1:2

ULT

[2] But his delight is in the law of Yahweh, and on his law he meditates day and night.

UST

[2] Instead, those with whom Yahweh is pleased delight in understanding what he teaches us. They read and think every day and every night about what Yahweh teaches.

In what does the blessed man delight?
He delights in the law of Yahweh.

When does the blessed man meditate on the law?
He meditates on it day and night.

Psalms 1:3

ULT

[3] He will be like a tree planted by the streams of water that produces its fruit in its season, whose leaves do not wither; whatever he does will prosper.

UST

[3] They constantly do things that please God, just as fruit trees that have been planted along the banks of a stream produce fruit at the right time every year. Like trees that never wither, they succeed in everything that they do.

What is the blessed man like?

He is like a tree planted by the streams of water.

What will happen to everything the blessed man does?

Whatever he does will prosper.

Psalms 1:4

ULT

[4] The wicked are not so, but are instead like the chaff that the wind drives away.

UST

[4] But wicked people are not like that! Wicked people are as worthless as chaff that is blown away by the wind.

What are wicked people like?

They are like the chaff that the wind drives away.

Psalms 1:5

ULT

[5] So the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

UST

[5] Therefore, when God judges all mankind, he will condemn the wicked. Furthermore, the wicked will not be present when Yahweh gathers all the righteous people together.

What will happen to wicked people in the judgment?

They will not stand in the judgment.

Psalms 1:6

ULT

6 For Yahweh knows of the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

UST

6 For Yahweh guides and protects righteous people, but the path that the wicked walk on leads them to where God will destroy them forever.

Who approves of the way of the righteous?

Yahweh approves of the way of the righteous.

What will happen to the way of the wicked?

The way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 2

Psalms 2:1

ULT
1 Why do the nations conspire, and why do the peoples make plots in vain?

UST
1 Why do the leaders of nations rage against Yahweh? Why do people plan to rebel against him, even though it is in vain?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:2

ULT
2 The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire together against Yahweh and against his anointed,

UST
2 The kings of the nations on earth prepare to revolt; the rulers plot together to fight against Yahweh and against his Anointed One.

Who are the rulers conspiring against?
They are conspiring against Yahweh and against his Messiah.

Psalms 2:3

ULT
3 “Let us break their bonds and let us cast their cords away from us.”

UST
3 They shout, “We should free ourselves from their control; we should not let them rule over us any longer!”

What do the rulers want to tear off and throw off?
They want to tear off the shackles Yahweh and his Messiah put on them and throw off their chains.

Psalms 2:4

ULT
4 He who sits in the heavens sneers; the Lord mocks them.

UST
4 But the one who sits on his throne in heaven laughs at them; the Lord ridicules those rulers.

Who sits in the heavens and mocks the nations who rebel?
The Lord mocks them.

Psalms 2:5

ULT
5 Then he will speak to them in his anger and terrify them in his fury,

UST
5 Then, because he is angry with them, he rebukes them. He causes them to be terrified when they realize that he will furiously punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:6

ULT
6 “I myself have anointed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”

UST
6 Yahweh says, “I have put my king on a throne on Zion, my sacred hill in Jerusalem.”

Who has the Lord anointed?
The Lord has anointed his king on Zion, his holy mountain.

Psalms 2:7

ULT
7 I will announce a decree of Yahweh. He said to me, “You are my son! Today I have fathered you.

UST
7 His king says, “I will proclaim what Yahweh has decreed. He said to me, ‘You are my son; today I have become your father.

What decree does Yahweh give to the writer?
Yahweh says, “You are my son! This day I have become your father.”

Psalms 2:8

ULT
8 Ask of me, and I will give the nations as your inheritance and for your possession the farthermost regions of the earth.

UST
8 Request me to give you the nations so that they belong to you permanently, and I will give them to you. Even the most remote nations will be yours.

What will Yahweh do with the nations and farthermost regions of the earth?
Yahweh will give them as an inheritance and possession.

Psalms 2:9

ULT
9 You will break them with an iron rod; like a jar of a potter, you will smash them to pieces.”

UST
9 You will strike them down with an iron rod; like the potter crashes his pot into pieces when he throws it on the ground, that is how you will break them up into small pieces.

What will happen to the nations?
They will be broken and smashed.

Psalms 2:10

ULT
10 So now, you kings, act prudently; be instructed, you rulers of the earth.

UST
10 So then, you kings and other rulers on the earth, act wisely! Listen to what Yahweh is warning you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 2:11

ULT
11 Serve Yahweh in fear and rejoice with trembling.

UST
11 Worship Yahweh; fervently honor him. Rejoice about the things he has done, but tremble before him!

How should the kings and rulers respond to Yahweh's decree?
They should worship Yahweh in fear and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:12

ULT
12 Kiss the son lest he be angry, and you die in the way because his anger burns for just a moment. How blessed are all those who seek refuge in him.

UST
12 Bow down humbly before his son! If you do not do that, he will be angry, and he will suddenly kill you. Do not forget that he can, in one moment, show that he is very angry! But how fortunate are all those who request him to protect them.

Why should the kings give allegiance to Yahweh's son?
They should give him allegiance so that he will not be angry and they will not die.

What happens to all those who take shelter in the son?
They are blessed.

Psalms 3

Psalms 3:1

ULT
1 Yahweh, how many are my enemies! Many have risen against me.

UST
1 Yahweh, I have many enemies! There are many people who oppose me.

What have David's enemies done to him?
They have turned away and attacked him.

Psalms 3:2

ULT
2 Many say about me, "There is no help for him from God." *Selah*

UST
2 Many people are saying about me, "God will certainly not help him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 3:3

ULT
3 But you, Yahweh, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

UST
3 But Yahweh, you are like a shield that protects me. You greatly honor me, and you encourage me.

To what does David compare Yahweh?
Yahweh is a shield around him, his glory, and the one who lifts his head.

Psalms 3:4

ULT
4 I lift up my voice to Yahweh, and he answers me from his holy hill. *Selah*

UST
4 I cry out to you, Yahweh, and you answer me from Zion, your sacred hill.

What does Yahweh do when David lifts his voice to him?
He answers from his holy hill.

Psalms 3:5

ULT
5 I lay down and slept; I awoke, for Yahweh protected me.

UST
5 At night I lay down and slept, and I woke up in the morning because you, Yahweh, took care of me all during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 3:6

ULT
6 I will not be afraid of the multitudes of people who have set themselves against me on every side.

UST
6 There may be thousands of enemy soldiers who surround me, but I am not afraid.

Who will David not fear because of Yahweh's protection?
David will not be afraid of people who have set themselves against him.

Psalms 3:7

ULT

7 Rise up, Yahweh! Save me, my God! For you will hit all my enemies on the jaw; you will break the teeth of the wicked.

UST

7 Yahweh, arise! My God, come and rescue me again! You will insult my enemies by slapping them on their cheeks; when you strike them, you will destroy their power, with the result that they cannot hurt anyone.

What will Yahweh do to David's enemies?

He will hit all his enemies on the jaw; he will break the teeth of the wicked.

Psalms 3:8

ULT

8 Salvation comes from Yahweh. May your blessings be on your people. *Selah*

UST

8 Yahweh, you are the one who saves your people from their enemies. Yahweh, bless your people!

From whom does salvation come?

Salvation comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 4

Psalms 4:1

ULT

[1] Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness; give me room when I am hemmed in. Have mercy on me and listen to my prayer.

UST

[1] God, answer me when I pray to you. You are the one who shows people that I am right to trust in you. You rescued me when I was in great trouble. Act mercifully toward me and listen to me while I pray.

Who does David ask to answer when he calls?
David prays for the God of his righteousness to answer when he calls.

Psalms 4:2

ULT

[2] You people, how long will you turn my honor into shame? How long will you love that which is worthless and seek after lies? *Selah*

UST

[2] How long will you people shame me instead of honoring me? You people love to falsely accuse me.

What are the people doing to David's honor?
They are turning his honor into shame.

Psalms 4:3

ULT

[3] But know that Yahweh has set apart the faithful ones for himself. Yahweh will hear when I call to him.

UST

[3] All those who honor Yahweh— he has chosen them to belong to him. Yahweh will listen to me when I pray to him.

Who does Yahweh set apart?
He sets apart the godly for himself.

Psalms 4:4

ULT

4 Tremble in fear, but do not sin! Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent. *Selah*

UST

4 You should be afraid of Yahweh, but do not allow your fear to cause you to sin. While you lie on your bed, silently examine what you are thinking in your inner being.

How does David say to meditate?

He says, “Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent.”

Psalms 4:5

ULT

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in Yahweh.

UST

5 Also, offer to Yahweh the proper sacrifices and continue trusting in him.

What kind of sacrifices does David say to offer?

He says to offer the sacrifices of righteousness.

In whom does David say to trust?

He says to trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 4:6

ULT

6 Many say, “Who will show us anything good?” Yahweh, lift up the light of your face on us.

UST

6 Some people ask, “Will somone please bring good things to us?” But I say, “Yahweh, continue to act kindly toward us.

What will many say?

Many will say, “Who will show us anything good?”

What does David ask Yahweh to lift up?

He asks Yahweh to lift up the light of his face on them.

Psalms 4:7

ULT

7 You have given my heart more gladness than others have when their grain and new wine abound.

UST

7 You have caused me to be very happy; I am happier than people who have harvested a great amount of grain and grapes.

What has Yahweh given David's heart?

Yahweh has given his heart more gladness than others have when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalms 4:8

ULT

8 It is in peace that I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Yahweh, make me safe and secure.

UST

8 It is in peace and security that I will lie down at night and sleep soundly because I know that it is only you, Yahweh, who will keep me safe."

Who makes David safe and secure when he lies down in peacful sleep?

Yahweh alone makes David safe and secure.

Psalms 5

Psalms 5:1

ULT
[1] Listen to my call to you, Yahweh; think about my groanings.

UST
[1] Yahweh, listen to me while I pray! Pay attention to me when I am groaning because I am suffering very much.

Who is David asking to listen to his call and think about his groanings?
David is asking Yahweh to listen to his call and think about his groanings.

Psalms 5:2

ULT
[2] Listen to the sound of my call, my King and my God, for it is to you that I pray.

UST
[2] You are my king and my God. When I call to you to request you to help me, listen to me because you are the one to whom I pray.

What names does David use for the one who listens to the sound of his call?
David calls him, “my King and my God.”

Psalms 5:3

ULT
[3] Yahweh, in the morning you hear my cry; in the morning I will bring my petition to you and wait expectantly.

UST
[3] You listen to me when I pray to you each morning, and I wait for you to reply.

What will David do in the morning?
He will bring his petition to Yahweh and wait expectantly.

Psalms 5:4

ULT
4 Certainly you are not a God who approves of evil; evil people will not be your guests.

UST
4 You are not a god who is pleased with wicked people; you will never welcome those who do what is evil.

What does God certainly not do?
He certainly does not approve of evil, and evil people will not be his guests.

Psalms 5:5

ULT
5 The arrogant will not stand in your presence; you hate all who behave wickedly.

UST
5 You do not allow those who are proud to come to you to worship you. You hate all those who do evil things.

Who will not stand in God's presence?
The arrogant will not stand in God's presence.

Who does God hate?
God hates all who behave wickedly.

Psalms 5:6

ULT
6 You will destroy liars; Yahweh despises violent and deceitful men.

UST
6 You get rid of liars, and you despise those who murder others and those who deceive others.

What will God do to liars?
God will destroy liars.

Who does Yahweh despise?
Yahweh despises violent and deceitful men.

Psalms 5:7

ULT

7 But as for me, because of your great covenant faithfulness, I will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward your holy temple.

UST

7 Yahweh, because you greatly and faithfully love me, I come into your temple. I have an awesome respect for you and I will bow down to worship you at your sacred temple.

Why will David come into Yahweh's house?

David will come into Yahweh's house because of Yahweh's great covenant faithfulness.

How will David bow down toward Yahweh's holy temple?

David will bow down in reverence.

Psalms 5:8

ULT

8 Oh Lord, lead me in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your path straight before me.

UST

8 Yahweh, because you act righteously toward me, show me what is right for me to do. Because I have many enemies, show me clearly how to live in the right way.

Why does David ask the Lord to lead him in righteousness?

David asks the Lord to lead him in the Lord's righteousness because of David's enemies.

Psalms 5:9

ULT

9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inward being is wicked; their throat is an open tomb; they flatter with their tongue.

UST

9 My enemies never say what is true; in their inner beings they want to destroy others. They speak threats of violence and death. They use their tongues to say good things to please people.

How does David describe his enemies?

David describes his enemies as having no truth in their mouth, their inward being is wicked, their throat is an open sepulchre and they flatter with their tongue.

Psalms 5:10

ULT
10 Declare them guilty, God; may their schemes be their downfall! Drive them out for their many transgressions, for they have rebelled against you.

UST
10 O God, declare that they are guilty and punish them. Cause them to experience the same disasters that they plan to cause to happen to others. Get rid of them because they have committed many sins, and they have rebelled against you.

What is David asking God to do to David's enemies because of their many transgressions and rebellion against God?
David is asking God to declare that his enemies are guilty.

Psalms 5:11

ULT
11 But may all those who take refuge in you rejoice; let them always shout for joy because you defend them; let them be joyful in you, those who love your name.

UST
11 But cause that all those who go to you to be protected will rejoice; cause them to sing joyfully to you forever. Protect those who love you; they are truly happy because of what you do for them.

Why should those who take refuge in God shout for joy?
They should shout for joy because God defends them.

Psalms 5:12

ULT
12 For you will bless the righteous, Yahweh; you will surround them with favor as with a shield.

UST
12 Yahweh, you always bless those who act righteously; you protect them as a soldier protects himself with his shield.

What will Yahweh do for the righteous?
Yahweh will bless the righteous and surround them with his favor as with a shield.

Psalms 6

Psalms 6:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

UST
[1] Yahweh, do not correct me when you are angry with me; do not punish me when you are upset.

What is David asking Yahweh not to do?
He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger or discipline him in his wrath.

Psalms 6:2

ULT
[2] Have mercy on me, Yahweh, for I am frail; heal me, Yahweh, for my bones are shaking.

UST
[2] Yahweh, act kindly toward me and heal me because I have become weak. My body shakes because I am experiencing so much sorrow.

What is David asking Yahweh to do because David is frail?
David asks Yahweh to have mercy on him and to heal him.

Psalms 6:3

ULT
[3] My soul also is very troubled. But you, Yahweh—how long will this continue?

UST
[3] Yahweh, I am greatly troubled in my inner being. How long must I endure this?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 6:4

ULT

4 Return, Yahweh! rescue me. Save me because of your covenant faithfulness!

UST

4 Yahweh, please come and rescue me. Save me because you always keep the promises of your covenant.

Why should Yahweh rescue and save David?

Because of Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 6:5

ULT

5 For in death there is no remembrance of you. In Sheol who will give you thanks?

UST

5 I will not be able to praise you after I die; no one in the place where the dead are praise you.

What will not be remembered in death?

In death there is no remembrance of Yahweh.

Psalms 6:6

ULT

6 I am weary with my groaning. All night I drench my bed with tears; I wash my couch away with my tears.

UST

6 I am exhausted because of my pain. I cry all night long so that my bed and my pillow are drenched by my tears.

What does David do to his bed because he is weary and groaning?

All night he drenches it with his tears.

Psalms 6:7

ULT

7 My eyes grow dim from grief; they grow weak because of all my adversaries.

UST

7 Because I cry so much, I cannot see well. My eyes have become weak because I constantly cry in fear of my enemies.

What happens to David's eyes because of his grief and because of all his adversaries?
His eyes grow dim and weak.

Psalms 6:8

ULT

8 Get away from me, all you who practice iniquity; for Yahweh has heard the sound of my weeping.

UST

8 You people who do evil things, get away from me, because Yahweh heard me when I was crying!

Why should those who practice iniquity get away from David? (vv8-9)
Because Yahweh has heard the sound of his weeping and his appeal for mercy and has accepted his prayer.

Psalms 6:9

ULT

9 Yahweh has heard my appeal for mercy; Yahweh has accepted my prayer.

UST

9 Yahweh heard me when I called out for him to help me, and he will answer my prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 6:10

ULT

10 All my enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled. They will turn back and be suddenly humiliated.

UST

10 When that happens, all my enemies will be ashamed; they will be the ones who are terrified. They will turn away from me and suddenly leave me because they will be disgraced.

What will happen to David's enemies?

All his enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled and they will turn back and be suddenly humiliated.

Psalms 7

Psalms 7:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh my God, I take refuge in you! Save me from all who chase me, and rescue me.

UST
[1] Yahweh my God, I come to you to protect me. Rescue me, save me from all those who are pursuing me in order to harm me.

In whom does David take refuge?
David takes refuge in Yahweh his God.

What is David asking Yahweh to do?
David is asking Yahweh to save him from those who chase him, and to rescue him.

Psalms 7:2

ULT
[2] Otherwise, they will rip me apart like a lion, tearing me in pieces with no one else able to bring me to safety.

UST
[2] If you do not do that, they will tear me into pieces like a lion does when it attacks the animals it wants to kill; no one will save me from them.

What is only Yahweh able to do for David?
No one but Yahweh is able to bring David to safety.

Psalms 7:3

ULT
[3] Yahweh my God, if I have done this, and there is guilt on my hands—

UST
[3] Yahweh my God, suppose that I have done anything that is wrong,

What did David say that he did not do?
David tells Yahweh that he never did what his enemies said he did and there is no injustice on his hands.

Psalms 7:4

ULT

4 if I have done evil to him who was at peace with me, or senselessly harmed my enemy without cause, then hear my words.

UST

4 or that I have done evil to some friend, or that, for no good reason, I have harmed my enemies.

What does David say he has not done to anyone at peace with him or who is against him?

David says he has never done wrong to anyone at peace with him or senselessly harmed any who are against him.

Psalms 7:5

ULT

5 Then let my enemy pursue my life and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and lay my honor in the dust. *Selah*

UST

5 Then allow my enemies to pursue me and capture me. Allow them to trample me into the ground and leave me lying dead in the dirt.

What does David say Yahweh should do to him if David is not telling the truth?

David says Yahweh should let David's enemy pursue David's life and overtake it, trample his living body, and leave him dishonored in the dust.

Psalms 7:6

ULT

6 Arise, Yahweh, in your anger; stand up against the rage of my enemies; wake up for my sake and carry out the righteous decrees that you have commanded for them.

UST

6 Yahweh, because you are very angry with those who pursue me, arise and attack the ones attacking me! Do to them what you have said is just!

What is David asking Yahweh to do in Yahweh's anger?

David is asking Yahweh to arise and stand up against David's enemies.

What does David ask Yahweh to do for David's sake?

David asks Yahweh to wake up and carry out the righteous decrees that Yahweh commanded.

Psalms 7:7

ULT

[7] The countries are assembled all around you; take once more your rightful place over them.

UST

[7] The people of all nations gather around you to attack you, but you will rule them from where you are in heaven.

What does David want Yahweh to do about the countries?

David wants Yahweh to take his rightful place over the countries.

Psalms 7:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh, judge the nations; vindicate me, Yahweh, because I am righteous and innocent, Most High.

UST

[8] Yahweh, judge the people of all nations! Yahweh, show that I have done nothing wrong.

Who does David want Yahweh to judge?

David wants Yahweh to judge the nations.

Psalms 7:9

ULT

[9] May the evil deeds of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous people, righteous God, you who examine hearts and minds.

UST

[9] God, you know what every person is thinking in his inner being and because you are righteous, you always do what is just. So now stop evil people from doing wicked deeds, and defend all of us who are righteous!

What does David say the righteous God does?

David says God examines hearts and minds.

Psalms 7:10

ULT
10 My shield comes from God, the one who saves the upright in heart.

UST
10 God, you protect me as a shield protects soldiers; you rescue all those who are righteous in their inner being.

Where does David's shield come from?
David's shield comes from God.

Who does God save?
God saves the upright in heart.

Psalms 7:11

ULT
11 God is a righteous judge, a God who is indignant each day.

UST
11 You judge everyone correctly, and every day you punish wicked people who insult your law.

How does David describe God?
David describes God as a righteous judge who is indignant each day.

Psalms 7:12

ULT
12 If a person does not repent, God will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.

UST
12 Whenever your enemies do not repent, it is as though you sharpen your sword and put a string on your bow to get ready to kill them.

What will God do if a person does not repent?
God will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.

Psalms 7:13

ULT
13 He prepares to use weapons against him; he makes his arrows flaming shafts.

UST
13 You are preparing your weapons to kill those whom you strike; the arrows that you will shoot have flaming tips.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 7:14

ULT
14 Think about the one who is pregnant with wickedness, who conceives destructive plans, who gives birth to harmful lies.

UST
14 Wicked people plot their lies and evil things, they plan and take delight in their thoughts like a pregnant woman who is planning to give birth.

How does David describe wickedness in the one who does not repent?
David describes him as pregnant with wickedness, one who conceives destructive plans and gives birth to harmful lies.

Psalms 7:15

ULT
15 He digs a pit and hollows it out and then falls into the hole he has made.

UST
15 But when they dig a deep pit to trap others, they themselves will fall into it.

What happens to the wicked man who digs a pit?
He falls into the hole he has made.

Psalms 7:16

ULT
16 His own destructive plans return to his own head, for his violence comes down on his own head.

UST
16 They themselves will experience the trouble that they want to cause others to have; they will hurt themselves by the violent things that they want to do to others.

What happens to the destructive plans of the wicked man?
His plans return to his own head and his violence comes down on his own head.

Psalms 7:17

ULT
17 I will give thanks to Yahweh for his justice; I will sing praise to Yahweh Most High.

UST
17 I praise Yahweh because he always acts righteously; I sing to praise Yahweh, the one who is much greater than any other god.

For what will David give thanks to Yahweh?
He will give thanks to Yahweh for his justice.

To whom will David sing praise?
David will sing praise to Yahweh Most High.

Psalms 8

Psalms 8:1

ULT

1 Yahweh our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth, you who reveal your glory in the heavens above.

UST

1 Yahweh our Lord, people all over the world know that you are very great! We see your greatness every time we look toward the heavens!

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificant.

Psalms 8:2

ULT

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants you have established praise [1] because of your enemies, so that you might silence both the enemy and the avenger.

UST

2 You have taught little children and infants to praise you; they cause your enemies and those who try to get revenge on you to be silent.

What did Yahweh create out of the mouth of babies and infants?

Yahweh created praise.

Why did Yahweh create praise?

He created praise in order to silence both the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 8:3

ULT

[3] When I look up at your heavens, which your fingers have made, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

UST

[3] I look up at the sky at night and see the things that you have made— the moon and the stars that you have set in place.

What did David look up at that caused him to think the human race was not important?

He looked up at the heavens, the moon, and the stars.

Psalms 8:4

ULT

[4] Of what importance is the human race that you notice them, or mankind that you pay attention to them?

UST

[4] It is amazing to me that you think about people, that you are concerned about us humans!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 8:5

ULT

[5] Yet you have made them only a little lower than the heavenly beings and have crowned them with glory and honor.

UST

[5] You made the angels in heaven to be only a little more important than we are; you caused us to be like kings!

How does the human race compare to the heavenly beings?

Yahweh made humans only a little lower than the heavenly beings.

WIth what did Yahweh crown humans?

He crowned them with glory and honor.

Psalms 8:6

ULT
[6] You make him to rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet:

UST
[6] You put us in charge of everything that you made; you gave us authority over all things—

What did Yahweh make mankind to do?
Yahweh made mankind to rule over the works of Yahweh's hands.

Psalms 8:7

ULT
[7] all sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field,

UST
[7] the sheep and the cattle, and even the wild animals,

What are some things that Yahweh put under mankind's feet? (vv7-8)
He put all sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, and everything that passes through the currents of the seas under mankind's feet.

Psalms 8:8

ULT
[8] the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, everything that passes through the currents of the seas.

UST
[8] the birds, the fish, and everything else that swims in the seas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 8:9

ULT

9 Yahweh our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth!
8:2 [1] or, .

UST

9 Yahweh our Lord, people all over the world know that you are very great!

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificent.

Psalms 9

Psalms 9:1

ULT
1 I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart; I will tell about all your marvelous deeds.

UST
1 Yahweh, I will praise you with all of my inner being. I will tell others about all the wonderful things that you have done.

How will David give thanks to Yahweh and of what will he tell?
He will give thanks to Yahweh with his whole heart and tell about all his marvelous deeds.

Psalms 9:2

ULT
2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, Most High!

UST
2 I will sing to celebrate what you, who are much greater than all other gods, have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 9:3

ULT
3 When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before you.

UST
3 When my enemies realize that you are very powerful, they stumble, and then they are killed.

When David's enemies turn back, what happens to them?
The enemies stumble and perish before Yahweh.

Psalms 9:4

ULT

4 For you have defended my just cause; you sit on your throne, a righteous judge!

UST

4 You sit on your throne to judge people, and you have judged fairly concerning me.

What has the rightous judge done for David?

The rightous judge sits on his throne and has defended David's just cause.

Psalms 9:5

ULT

5 You rebuked the nations; you have destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name forever and ever.

UST

5 You rebuked the people of other nations, and you have gotten rid of the wicked people; you have erased their names forever.

What did the rightous judge do to the nations and the wicked?

He terrified the nations with his battle cry, destroyed the wicked, and blotted out their memory forever.

Psalms 9:6

ULT

6 The enemy crumbled like ruins when you overthrew their cities. All remembrance of them has perished.

UST

6 Our enemies have disappeared; you destroyed their cities, and people do not even remember them anymore.

What happened to the enemy when the righteous judge overthrew their cities?

The enemy crumbled like ruins and all remembrance of them perished.

Psalms 9:7

ULT
7 But Yahweh remains forever; he has established his throne for justice.

UST
7 But Yahweh rules forever. He judges people while he sits on his throne.

Who remains forever and establishes his throne for justice?
Yahweh remains forever and establishes his throne for justice.

Psalms 9:8

ULT
8 He will judge the world with righteousness, and he will execute judgment for the nations with fairness.

UST
8 He will judge all the people in the world justly; he will be fair when he judges the people of every nation.

How does Yahweh judge the world and what does he do for the nations?
Yahweh judges the world fairly and makes just decisions for the nations.

Psalms 9:9

ULT
9 Yahweh also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

UST
9 Yahweh will be a refuge for those who are oppressed; he will be like a shelter for them when they have trouble.

What will Yahweh be for the oppressed?
Yahweh will be a stronghold for the oppressed in times of trouble.

Psalms 9:10

ULT
10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Yahweh, do not abandon those who seek you.

UST
10 Those who know Yahweh trust in him; he never abandons those who come to him for help.

What does David ask Yahweh do for those who seek him?
David asks Yahweh not to abandon those who seek him.

Psalms 9:11

ULT
11 Sing praises to Yahweh, who rules in Zion; tell the nations what he has done.

UST
11 Yahweh rules on Mount Zion; praise him and sing to him. Tell the people of all the nations the marvelous things that he has done.

What does David say the people are to do to Yahweh, who rules in Zion?
They are to sing praises to Yahweh and tell the nations what Yahweh has done.

Psalms 9:12

ULT
12 For the God who avenges bloodshed remembers; he does not forget the cry of the oppressed.

UST
12 He does not forget to punish those who have murdered others; he will punish them, and he will not ignore people who are crying because they are suffering.

What does the God not forget?
He does not forget the cry of the oppressed.

Psalms 9:13

ULT

13 Have mercy on me, Yahweh; see how I am oppressed by those who hate me, you who can snatch me from the gates of death.

UST

13 Yahweh, act mercifully toward me! Look at the ways that my enemies have injured me. Do not allow me to die because of these injuries.

What is David asking Yahweh to do for him?

He is asking Yahweh to have mercy on him.

By whom is David oppressed?

David is oppressed by those who hate him.

Psalms 9:14

ULT

14 Oh, that I might proclaim all your praise. In the gates of the daughter of Zion I will rejoice in your salvation!

UST

14 I want to live in order that I can praise you at the gates of Jerusalem and to rejoice because you rescued me.

Where will David rejoice in salvation?

David will rejoice in salvation in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

Psalms 9:15

ULT

15 The nations have sunk down into the pit that they made; their feet are caught in the net that they hid.

UST

15 It is as though the wicked people of many nations have dug a pit for me to fall into, but they have fallen into that same pit. It is as though they have spread out a net to catch me, but their feet have been caught in that same net.

What has happened to the nations?

The nations have sunk down into the pit that they made and their feet are caught in the net that they hid.

Psalms 9:16

ULT

16 Yahweh has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked is ensnared by his own actions.
Selah

UST

16 Because of what you have done, people know that you make justice happen; you allow wicked people to be trapped by the same evil things that they themselves do.

Who has made himself known and executed judgment?

Yahweh has made himself known and executed judgment.

Psalms 9:17

ULT

17 The wicked are turned back and sent to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

UST

17 Wicked people will all die and be buried in their graves; their spirits will go to be with all those who have forgotten about you.

Where are the wicked sent?

They are sent to sheol, which is the destiny of all the nations that forget God.

Psalms 9:18

ULT

18 For the needy will not always be forgotten, nor will the hope of the oppressed be forever dashed.

UST

18 But you will not forget those who are needy; what they confidently expect will never be in vain.

What will not happen to the needy and the oppressed?

The needy will not always be forgotten nor will the hopes of the oppressed be forever dashed.

Psalms 9:19

ULT

19 Arise, Yahweh; do not let man win against you; may the nations be judged in your sight.

UST

19 Yahweh, do not allow our enemies to conquer us just because they are strong; You see what the people do and you bring justice to them all.

What does David want Yahweh to prevent man from doing?

David wants Yahwah to arise and not let man conquer them.

Psalms 9:20

ULT

20 Terrify them, Yahweh; may the nations know that they are mere men. *Selah*

UST

20 Yahweh, teach them that they must be afraid of you and honor you. Cause them to know that they are only human beings.

What is David asking Yahweh to do to the nations?

He is asking Yahweh to terrify them and make them know that they are mere men.

Psalms 10

Psalms 10:1

ULT

[1] Why, Yahweh, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?

UST

[1] Yahweh, why do you keep yourself far away from us? Why do you not pay attention when we have troubles?

How does the writer feel that Yahweh is treating him?

The writer feels that Yahweh is standing far off and hiding himself.

Psalms 10:2

ULT

[2] Because of their arrogance, wicked people chase the oppressed; but please let the wicked be trapped by their own schemes that they have devised.

UST

[2] Proud, wicked people, have a terrible desire within them to make poor people suffer. God, make them fall into their own traps, so that what they did to others may be done to them!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to the wicked people?

The writer asks Yahweh to let the wicked be trapped by their own schemes.

Psalms 10:3

ULT

[3] For the wicked person boasts of his deepest desires; he blesses the greedy and insults Yahweh.

UST

[3] The wicked person boasts about the evil things he wants to do. He desires to own the things that others have, and he does not want them to own more things than he has. He boasts about all the things he owns, while he curses you, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:4

ULT

4 The wicked man has a raised face; he does not seek God. He never thinks about God because he does not care at all about him.

UST

4 The wicked person is so proud he never looks for God and if he did look for God, he would not find him. He is too proud to even think about God.

Why does the wicked man not seek God?

The wicked man does not seek God because he is so proud.

Psalms 10:5

ULT

5 He is secure at all times, but your righteous decrees are too high for him; he snorts at all his enemies.

UST

5 But, looking at the life of the wicked man, it seems that everything he does is successful. He cannot even understand your commands, God, and then he mocks his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:6

ULT

6 He says in his heart," I will never fail; throughout all generations I will not meet adversity."

UST

6 In his mind he thinks, "Nothing bad can happen to me! As long as I live, I will never have troubles."

What does the wicked man say in his heart?

The wicked man says, "I will never fail; throughout all generations I will not meet adversity."

Psalms 10:7

ULT

[7] His mouth is full of curses and lies and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and evil.

UST

[7] When he speaks he always curses and tells lies, and he makes threats against others. When he talks, he only speaks about hurting or destroying other people.

What fills the mouth of the wicked man?

His mouth is full of curing and deceptive, harmful words.

Psalms 10:8

ULT

[8] He waits in ambush near the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes look for some helpless victim.

UST

[8] He makes plans to attack the people living in the villages, people who have done nothing wrong. He waits in places where he can hide while he keeps looking for more people he can attack, people who cannot defend themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:9

ULT

[9] He lurks in secret like a lion in the thicket; he lies in wait to catch the oppressed. He catches the oppressed when he pulls in his net.

UST

[9] He waits for his victims like a lion who crouches down, and just like the lion, he hides in the bushes. He is like the hunter who spreads out the net so he can catch helpless people and drag them away.

What animal if the wicked man like?

He is like a lion that lurks in secret in the thicket and lies in wait to catch the oppressed.

Psalms 10:10

ULT

10 His victims are crushed and beaten down; they fall into his strong nets.

UST

10 The helpless people are crushed by the wicked person's plans and all the things he does. He is powerful, and when he opposes the helpless people, he always takes away from them whatever he wants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:11

ULT

11 He says in his heart, "God has forgotten; he covers his face; he will not bother to look."

UST

11 The wicked person says, "God cannot remember what I did. His eyes are covered, and he cannot see anything that I have done."

What does the wicked man say in his heart about God?

The wicked man says, "God has forgotten; he covers his face; he will not bother to look."

Psalms 10:12

ULT

12 Arise, Yahweh! Lift up your hand, God! Do not forget the oppressed.

UST

12 Yahweh, arise! God, strike him down! Do not forget those who are suffering!

How does the writer want Yahweh to respond to the wicked man?

He wants Yahweh to lift up his hand in judgment and to not forget the oppressed.

Psalms 10:13

ULT

13 Why does the wicked man reject God and say in his heart, “You will not hold me accountable”?

UST

13 Why does the most wicked person curse you, God, and turn away from you? Does he think, “God can never punish me”?

What does the wicked man say in his heart to God?

He says, “You will not hold me accountable.”

Psalms 10:14

ULT

14 You have taken notice, for you always see the one who inflicts the misery and sorrow. The helpless entrusts himself to you; you rescue the fatherless.

UST

14 God, you do see the trouble and the distress that the wicked person causes. And you will strike the wicked man and punish him for all that he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:15

ULT

15 Break the arm of the wicked and evil man. Make him account for his evil deeds, which he thought you would not discover.

UST

15 God, destroy the power of the person who is wicked and evil! Make him pay for those evil things he did, those things that he thought God would not find out about him.

What did the wicked and evil man think about his evil deeds?

He thought God would not discover them.

Psalms 10:16

ULT
16 Yahweh is King forever and ever; the nations are driven out of his land.

UST
16 Yahweh is king forever! He will drive out foreign people from his land.

How does Yahweh respond to the needs of the oppressed?
He strengthen's their heart, listens to their prayer, and defends them.

Psalms 10:17

ULT
17 Yahweh, you have heard the needs of the oppressed; you strengthen their heart, you listen to their prayer;

UST
17 Yahweh, when the people who suffer cry out to you, you listen. You hear them when they pray and you encourage them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 10:18

ULT
18 You defend the fatherless and the oppressed so that no man on the earth will cause terror again.

UST
18 You defend the orphans and oppressed people when the strong and the wicked work to do them harm. And so, no one has to worry or be terrified anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 11

Psalms 11:1

ULT

[1] To the Chief Musician A psalm of David I take refuge in Yahweh; how will you say to me, “Flee like a bird to the mountain”?

UST

[1] I trust that Yahweh will protect me. So I do not fly off to the mountains like birds do.

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh.

What will the people say to David about his soul?

They will tell him to flee like a bird to the mountain.

Psalms 11:2

ULT

[2] For see! The wicked prepare their bows. They make ready their arrows on the strings to shoot in the darkness at the upright in heart.

UST

[2] It is true that wicked people have hidden in the darkness, that they have pulled back their bowstrings and aimed their arrows to shoot them at people who honor Yahweh.

How do the wicked prepare to attack the upright in heart?

They prepare their bows and make ready their arrows.

Psalms 11:3

ULT

[3] For if the foundations are ruined, what can the righteous do?

UST

[3] When wicked people do not suffer for disobeying the laws, what can righteous people do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 11:4

ULT
4 Yahweh is in his holy temple; his eyes watch, his eyes examine the children of mankind.

UST
4 But Yahweh is sitting on his throne in his sacred temple in heaven, and he sees everything that people do.

What is Yahweh doing in his holy temple?
His eyes are watching and examining the children of men.

Psalms 11:5

ULT
5 Yahweh examines both the righteous and the wicked, but he hates those who love to do violence.

UST
5 Yahweh examines what righteous people do and what wicked people do, and he hates those who love to injure others.

Who does Yahweh examine?
He examines the righteous and the wicked

Who does Yahweh hate?
He hates those who love to do violence.

Psalms 11:6

ULT
6 He rains burning coals and brimstone upon the wicked; a scorching wind will be their portion from his cup!

UST
6 He will send down from the sky flaming coals and burning sulfur on the wicked; he will send scorching hot winds to punish them.

What does Yahweh do to the wicked?
He rains burning coals and brimstone upon them and pours out a scorching wind from his cup.

Psalms 11:7

ULT

7 For Yahweh is righteous, and he loves righteousness; the upright will see his face.

UST

7 Yahweh does everything that is right, and he loves those who do what is right; such people will come into his presence.

What does Yahweh think of righteousness?

He loves righteousness.

What will happen to the upright?

The upright will see Yahweh's face.

Psalms 12

Psalms 12:1

ULT

[1] Help, Yahweh, for the faithful ones have disappeared; those who have integrity have vanished from the children of men.

UST

[1] Yahweh, help us! It seems like people who honor you are no more, that those who are loyal to you have all vanished.

Why is David asking for Yahweh's help?

David is asking for Yahweh's help because the godly have disappeared and the faithful have vanished.

Psalms 12:2

ULT

[2] Everyone says empty words to his neighbor; everyone speaks with flattering lips and a double heart.

UST

[2] Everyone tells lies to other people; they deceive others by flattering them, but they tell lies.

How does everyone speak to his neighbor?

Everyone says empty words to his neighbor, and speaks with flattering lips and a double heart.

Psalms 12:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh, cut off all flattering lips, every tongue declaring great things.

UST

[3] Yahweh, we wish that you would cut off their tongues so that they cannot continue to boast.

What does David want Yahweh to do to the flattering lips?

David wants Yahweh to cut off all flatterings lips and every tongue declaring great things.

Psalms 12:4

ULT

4 These are those who have said, “With our tongues will we prevail. When our lips speak, who can be master over us?”

UST

4 They say, “By telling lies we will get what we want; we control what we say, so no one can tell us what we should do!”

What flattering thing have some said?

Some have said, “With our tongues will we prevail. When our lips speak, who can be lord over us?”

Psalms 12:5

ULT

5 “Because of violence against the poor, because of the groans of the needy, I will arise,” says Yahweh. “I will provide the safety for which they long.”

UST

5 But Yahweh replies, “I have seen the violent things that they have done to helpless people; I have heard those people groaning, so I will arise and rescue the people who are wanting me to help them.”

What will Yahweh do for the poor and the needy?

Yahweh will arise and provide safety for which they long.

Psalms 12:6

ULT

6 The words of Yahweh are pure words, like silver purified in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

UST

6 Yahweh, you always do what you have promised to do; what you have promised is as precious and pure as silver that has been heated seven times in a furnace to get rid of all the impure material.

What are the words of Yahweh like?

Yahweh’s words are pure words like silver purified in a furnace and refined seven times.

Psalms 12:7

ULT

[7] You are Yahweh! You keep them. You preserve the godly people from this wicked generation and forever.

UST

[7] Yahweh, we know that you will protect us who honor you from those wicked people,

What does David ask Yahweh to do for godly people?

He asks Yahweh to forever keep and preserve them from this wicked generation.

Psalms 12:8

ULT

[8] The wicked walk on every side when evil is exalted among the children of mankind.

UST

[8] those who strut around proudly, while people praise them for doing evil deeds.

What causes the wicked to walk on every side?

The wicked walk on every side when evil is exalted among the sons of men.

Psalms 13

Psalms 13:1

ULT

[1] How long, Yahweh, will you keep forgetting about me? How long will you hide your face from me?

UST

[1] Yahweh, how long will you continue to forget about me? Will you hide yourself from me forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 13:2

ULT

[2] How long must I worry and have grief in my heart all day? How long will my enemy triumph over me?

UST

[2] How long must I endure anguish within myself? Must I be miserable every day? How long will my enemies continue to defeat me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 13:3

ULT

[3] Look at me and answer me, Yahweh my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death.

UST

[3] Yahweh my God, look at me and answer me. Restore my strength, or I will die.

How does David ask Yahweh to respond to his prayer?

He asks Yahweh to look at him, answer him, and enlighten his eyes.

What does David fear will happen if Yahweh does not answer?

David fears he will sleep in death.

Psalms 13:4

ULT

4 Do not let my enemy say, “I have defeated him,” so that my enemy may not say, “I have prevailed over my adversary”; otherwise, my enemies will rejoice when I am brought down.

UST

4 Do not allow my enemies to boast and to say, “We have defeated him!” Do not allow them to defeat me, with the result that they will rejoice about it!

What does David not want his enemies to say about him?

He does not want them to say they have defeated him and prevailed over their adversary.

What will happen if David is defeated?

His enemies will rejoice when he is brought down.

Psalms 13:5

ULT

5 But I have trusted in your covenant faithfulness; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

UST

5 But I trust that you will faithfully love me; I will rejoice when you rescue me.

In what has David trusted?

David has trusted in Yahweh’s covenant faithfulness.

In what does David’s heart rejoice?

His heart rejoices in Yahweh’s salvation.

Psalms 13:6

ULT

6 I will sing to Yahweh because he has treated me very generously.

UST

6 Yahweh, you have done many good things for me, so I will sing to you.

Why will David sing to Yahweh?

David will sing because Yahweh has treated him very generously.

Psalms 14

Psalms 14:1

ULT

[1] To the chief musician A psalm of DavidA A fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.

UST

[1] Only foolish people say to themselves, “There is no God!” People who say those things only do corrupt deeds; there is not one of them who does what is good.

What does a fool say in his heart?

A fool says, “There is no God.”

Psalms 14:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh looks down from heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

UST

[2] From heaven Yahweh looks down at everyone; he looks to see if anyone is very wise, wise enough to desire to know him.

Why does Yahweh looks down on the sons of mankind?

He looks down to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

Psalms 14:3

ULT

[3] They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is no one who does good, no, not one.

UST

[3] Everyone turns away from Yahweh. They are depraved and do disgusting, filthy things. No one does what is good.

Who has turned aside and become filthy?

Everyone has turned aside and all have become filthy.

Psalms 14:4

ULT

4 Do they not know anything, those who commit iniquity, those who eat up my people as they eat bread, but who do not call on Yahweh?

UST

4 Will those evil people never learn what God will do to punish them? They act violently toward Yahweh's people and want to consume them like one who eats food consumes it, and they never pray to Yahweh.

Who does not call on Yahweh?

Those who commit iniquity and who eat up David's people as they eat bread, and do not call on Yahweh.

Psalms 14:5

ULT

5 They tremble with dread, for God is with the righteous assembly!

UST

5 But some day they will become very terrified because God helps those who act righteously and will punish those who reject him.

Why do those who do not call on Yahweh tremble with dread?

They tremble with dread because God is with the righteous assembly.

Psalms 14:6

ULT

6 You want to humiliate the poor person even though Yahweh is his refuge.

UST

6 Those who do evil may prevent helpless people from doing what they plan to do, but Yahweh protects them.

Who is the refuge of the poor person?

Yahweh is his refuge.

Psalms 14:7

ULT

7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When Yahweh brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

UST

7 Out of Zion Yahweh will come and rescue the Israelite people! He will make his people free again and will bring them back to their home. On that day all of us Israelite people will rejoice, and we, who are also called the descendants of Jacob, will be happy.

What does David want to come from Zion?

David wants the salvation of Israel to come from Zion.

When will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad?

When Yahweh brings back his people from the captivity.

Psalms 15

Psalms 15:1

ULT

[1] To the chief musician A psalm of David Yahweh, who may stay in your tabernacle? Who may live on your holy hill?

UST

[1] Yahweh, who are allowed to enter your sacred tent? Who are allowed to live on your sacred mountain?

What kind of person may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill? (vv1-2)

The person who walks blamelessly, does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill.

Psalms 15:2

ULT

[2] Whoever walks blamelessly, does what is right and speaks truth from his heart.

UST

[2] Only those who always do what is right and do not sin may do that, those who always speak the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 15:3

ULT

[3] He does not slander with his tongue, he does not harm others, and he does not insult his neighbor.

UST

[3] They do not slander others. They do not do to others things that are wrong, and they do not say bad things about anyone.

What does this blameless person not do with his tongue?

He does not slander with his tongue.

Psalms 15:4

ULT

[4] The worthless person is despised in his eyes, but he honors those who fear Yahweh. He swears to his own disadvantage and does not take back his promises.

UST

[4] People who honor God hate those whom he has rejected, but they respect those who have a fearful respect for Yahweh. They do what they have promised to do even if it causes them trouble to do that.

Who does this blameless person despise?
He despises the worthless person.

Who does this blameless person honor?
He honors those who fear Yahweh.

When this person swears to his own disadvantage, what does he not do?
He does not take back his promises.

Psalms 15:5

ULT

[5] He does not charge interest when he lends money. He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

UST

[5] They lend money to others without charging interest, and they never accept bribes in order to lie about people who have not done anything wrong. Those who do those things will always live in safety.

When this blameless person lends money, what does he not do?
He does not charge interest.

What does this blameless person not take bribes to do?
He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent.

What will never happen to the blameless person who does these things?
He will never be shaken.

Psalms 16

Psalms 16:1

ULT
1 A song of David Protect me, God, for I take refuge in you.

UST
1 God, protect me because I go to you to keep me safe!

What does David ask God to do for him?
David wants God to protect him because he takes refuge in God.

Psalms 16:2

ULT
2 You say to Yahweh, “You are my Lord; my goodness is nothing apart from you.

UST
2 I said to Yahweh, “You are my Lord; all the good things that I have come from you.”

What does David recognize about his relationship to Yahweh?
David recognizes that Yahweh is his Lord, and that David’s goodness is nothing apart from Yahweh.

Psalms 16:3

ULT
3 As for the holy ones who are in the land, they are noble people; all my delight is in them.

UST
3 People who try to be holy who live in this land are wonderful; I delight to be with them.

Who are the saints on the earth?
They are the noble people in whom David delights.

Psalms 16:4

ULT

4 Their troubles will increase, those who seek out other gods. I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood
or lift up their names with my lips.

UST

4 Those who choose to worship other gods will have many things that cause them to be sad. I will not join
them when they make sacrifices to their gods; I will not even join them in speaking the names of their gods.

What will happen to those who seek out other gods?

Trouble will be increased to those who seek out other gods.

In what ways will David not worship other gods?

He will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their gods, or lift up their names with his lips.

Psalms 16:5

ULT

5 Yahweh is the portion of my inheritance and my cup. You hold onto my lot.

UST

5 Yahweh, you are the one whom I have chosen, and you give me great blessings. You protect me and control
what happens to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 16:6

ULT

6 Measuring lines have been laid for me in pleasant places; surely a pleasing inheritance is mine.

UST

6 Yahweh has given me a wonderful place in which to live; I am delighted with all the things that he has given
me.

What does David recognize that Yahweh does for him?

Yahweh holds David’s destiny, gives him pleasant places, and a pleasing inheritance.

Psalms 16:7

ULT
7 I will bless Yahweh, who counsels me; even at night my mind instructs me.

UST
7 I will praise Yahweh, the one who teaches me; even at night he tells my heart what is right for me to do.

Why does David bless Yahweh? (vv7-8)
David blesses Yahweh because Yahweh counsels him.

Psalms 16:8

ULT
8 I set Yahweh before me continually, for he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

UST
8 I know that Yahweh is always with me. Nothing will take me from his side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 16:9

ULT
9 Therefore my heart rejoices, and my glory is joyful. Surely my flesh will dwell in security.

UST
9 Therefore I am glad; I am honored to praise him, and I can rest securely

How does David's heart respond to Yahweh?
David's heart is glad, and will exalt in Yahweh.

Psalms 16:10

ULT

10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol. You will not let your faithful one see the pit.

UST

10 because you, Yahweh, will not allow me to remain in the place where the dead people are, and you will not allow me, someone who has been faithful to the covenant, to stay there.

What will Yahweh not allow to happen to the one who has covenant faithfulness?

Yahweh will not let him see the pit.

Psalms 16:11

ULT

11 You teach me the path of life; abundant joy is in your face; pleasures are at your right hand forever!”

UST

11 You will show me the road that leads to where I receive eternal life, and you will make me joyful when I am with you. I will have pleasure forever when I am at your right hand.

What benefits does David get from Yahweh?

Yahweh teaches David the path of life, gives him joy, and delights that comes from abiding in Yahweh’s right hand forever.

Psalms 17

Psalms 17:1

ULT
[1] A prayer of David Listen to my plea for justice, Yahweh; pay attention to my call for help! Give ear to my prayer from lips without deceit.

UST
[1] Yahweh, listen to me while I plead with you to act justly toward me. Hear me while I call out to you to help me. Pay attention to what I say while I pray because I am speaking honestly.

What does David ask God to do for him?
David asks Yahweh to listen to his plea for justice, pay attention to his call for help, and give ear to his prayer.

Psalms 17:2

ULT
[2] Let my vindication come from your presence; let your eyes see what is right!

UST
[2] You are the one who is able to declare that I am innocent; please agree to do what is right for me.

What does David pray will come from Yahweh's presence?
David prays that his vindication will come from Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 17:3

ULT
[3] If you test my heart, if you come to me in the night, you will purify me and will not find any evil plans; my mouth will not transgress.

UST
[3] If you come to me at night to learn what I think, if you see what I think in my heart, you will know that I have determined to never tell any lies; you will find that I do not think evil things.

What will happen to David if Yahweh comes to him in the night?
Yahweh will purify him and not find any evil plans or transgressions in his mouth.

Psalms 17:4

ULT

4 As for the deeds of mankind, it is at the word of your lips that I have kept myself from the ways of the lawless.

UST

4 I have not acted like those who do not honor you; I have always acted in the power of what you have instructed me; I have not acted like those who do not know your law.

How has David kept himself from the ways of the lawless?

It is at the word of Yahweh's lips that David has kept himself from lawless ways.

Psalms 17:5

ULT

5 My steps have held firmly to your tracks; my feet have not slipped.

UST

5 I have always done what you told me to do; I have never failed to do those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:6

ULT

6 I call to you, for you answer me, God; turn your ear to me and listen when I speak.

UST

6 O God, I am praying to you because you answer me; please listen to what I am saying.

Why does David call on God?

David calls on God because God answers him.

Psalms 17:7

ULT

[7] Show your covenant faithfulness in a wonderful way, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their enemies!

UST

[7] Continue to show me your love as you promised you would do. By your great power you protect all who trust in you; you keep them safe from their enemies.

What does David ask God to show him?

He asks God to show his covenant faithfulness to him in a wonderful way.

Who does God save by his right hand?

He saves those who take refuge in him from their enemies.

Psalms 17:8

ULT

[8] Protect me like the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings

UST

[8] Protect me as carefully as people protect their own eyes; protect me like birds protect their babies under their wings.

How does David describe the way God protects him from the wicked enemies who assault him? (vv8-9)

God will protect David like the apple of God's eye by hiding David under the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 17:9

ULT

[9] from the presence of the wicked ones who assault me, my enemies who surround me.

UST

[9] Do not allow wicked people to attack me, those enemies of mine who surround, wanting to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:10

ULT
10 They have no mercy on anyone; their mouths speak with pride.

UST
10 They are proud of their riches and success, but they have no mercy on anyone.

How does David describe his enemies?
He says his enemies have no mercy on anyone, and their mouths speak with pride.

Psalms 17:11

ULT
11 They have surrounded my steps. They set their eyes to strike me to the ground.

UST
11 They have hunted for me and found me. They surround me, watching for an opportunity to throw me to the ground and kill me.

What have David's enemies done to him?
They have surrounded his steps and set their eyes to strike him to the ground.

Psalms 17:12

ULT
12 They are like a lion eager for a victim, like a young lion crouching in hidden places.

UST
12 They are like lions that are ready to tear apart the animals that they capture; They are like young lions that are hiding, waiting to jump on their prey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 17:13

ULT

13 Arise, Yahweh! Attack them! Throw them down on their faces! Rescue my life from the wicked by your sword!

UST

13 Yahweh, arise, attack my enemies, and defeat them! With your sword save me from those wicked people!

What does David ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to arise, attack his enemies, and throw them down on their faces.

Psalms 17:14

ULT

14 Rescue me from men by your hand, Yahweh, from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone! You will fill the bellies of your treasured ones with riches; they will have many children and will leave their wealth to their children.

UST

14 Yahweh, by your power rescue me from those people who are interested only in things here in this world. But you provide plenty of food for those whom you love dearly; their children also have many things that their grandchildren will inherit.

From whom is David asking Yahweh to rescue his him by his hand?

He is asking Yahweh to rescue him from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone.

How will Yahweh provide for his treasured ones?

Yahweh will fill their bellies with riches so that they will have many children to whom they will leave their wealth.

Psalms 17:15

ULT

15 As for me, I will see your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied, when I awake, with a sight of you.

UST

15 Yahweh, because I act in the right way, I will be with you one day. When I awake after I die, I will see you face to face, and then I will be happy.

What does David expect to happen when he sees Yahweh's face in righteousness?

He will be satisfied with a sight of Yahweh.

Psalms 18

Psalms 18:1

ULT
1 I love you, Yahweh, my strength.

UST
1 Yahweh, I love you, the one who enables me to be strong.

What emotion does David express toward Yahweh?
He says, “I love you.”

Psalms 18:2

ULT
2 Yahweh is my rock, my fortress, the one who brings me to safety; he is my God, my rock; I take refuge in him. He is my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my stronghold.

UST
2 Yahweh is like a huge rock; when I am on top of it, my enemies cannot reach me. He is like a strong fortress; I run into it to be safe. He protects me like a shield protects a soldier; he is the one whom I trust to keep me safe; he defends me by his great power!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:3

ULT
3 I will call on Yahweh who is worthy to be praised, and I will be saved from my enemies.

UST
3 I called out to Yahweh, who deserves for me to praise him, and he rescued me from my enemies.

What will happen when David calls on Yahweh?
David will be saved from his enemies.

Psalms 18:4

ULT
4 The cords of death surrounded me, and the rushing waters of worthlessness overwhelmed me.

UST
4 All around me were dangerous situations in which I might die; it was as though there were huge waves that almost crashed on me and killed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:5

ULT
5 The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death trapped me.

UST
5 It was as though the place where dead people are had ropes that were wrapped around me, or it was as though there was a trap that would seize and kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:6

ULT
6 In my distress I called to Yahweh; I called for help to my God. He heard my voice from his temple; my call for help went into his presence; it went into his ears.

UST
6 But when I was very distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and far off in his temple he heard me. He listened to me when I cried out for help.

Where was Yahweh when he heard David's voice?
Yahweh heard David's voice from his temple.

Psalms 18:7

ULT

[7] Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations of the mountains also trembled and were shaken because God was angry.

UST

[7] Then Yahweh became angry, and the earth quaked, and the mountains shook to their very foundations!

Why were the foundations of the mountains shaken?

They were shaken because God was angry.

Psalms 18:8

ULT

[8] Smoke went up from out of his nostrils, and blazing fire came out of his mouth. Coals were ignited by it.

UST

[8] He was so angry that it was as though smoke poured out from his nostrils, as though burning coals came out of his mouth!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:9

ULT

[9] He opened the heavens and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet.

UST

[9] He opened the sky and came down with a black cloud under his feet.

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens?

He rode on a cherub and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.

Psalms 18:10

ULT
10 He rode on a cherub and flew; he glided on the wings of the wind.

UST
10 He flew, riding on the back of an angel traveling fast, which the wind was blowing along.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:11

ULT
11 He made darkness a tent around him, heavy rainclouds in the skies.

UST
11 Darkness was all around him like a blanket; dark clouds, full of water moisture, covered him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:12

ULT
12 Hailstones and coals of fire fell from the lightning before him.

UST
12 Hailstones and flashes of lightning were around him; hail and burning coals fell down from the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:13

ULT
13 Yahweh thundered in the heavens! The voice of the Most High shouted hailstones and coals of fire [1]

UST
13 Then Yahweh shouted loudly from the sky, and to his enemies, it sounded like thunder. Yahweh, the Supreme God, rained hailstones on them and caused lightning to flash against them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:14

ULT
14 He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies; many lightning bolts dispersed them.

UST
14 He shot his arrows at them and caused them to scatter; his flashes of lightning caused them to become very confused.

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies?
He shot his arrows and scattered them.

Psalms 18:15

ULT
15 Then the water channels appeared; the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, Yahweh, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.

UST
15 The bottom of the ocean became visible, and the water uncovered the foundations of the earth when Yahweh rebuked his enemies with the breath that came in his anger!

What exposed the foundations of the world?
Yahweh's battle cry and the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

Psalms 18:16

ULT
16 He reached down from above; he took hold of me! He pulled me out of the surging water.

UST
16 It was as though he reached down from heaven and grabbed me and pulled me up out of the deep ocean.

Out of what did Yahweh pull David?
He pulled David out of the surging water.

Psalms 18:17

ULT
17 He rescued me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

UST
17 He rescued me from my strong enemies who hated me; they were very strong, and I could not defeat them by myself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:18

ULT
18 They came against me on the day of my distress but Yahweh was my support!

UST
18 When I was distressed, they attacked me, but Yahweh defended me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:19

ULT
19 He set me free in a wide open place; he saved me because he was pleased with me.

UST
19 He made me completely safe; he rescued me because he was pleased with me.

Why did Yahweh save David?
Yahweh saved David because Yahweh was pleased with him.

Psalms 18:20

ULT
20 Yahweh has rewarded me because of my righteousness; he has restored me because my hands were clean.

UST
20 Yahweh has rewarded me because I do what is right; he has blessed me because I am innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:21

ULT
21 For I have kept the ways of Yahweh and have not wickedly turned away from my God.

UST
21 I have obeyed Yahweh's laws; I have not abandoned him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:22

ULT
22 For all his righteous decrees have been before me; as for his statutes, I have not turned away from them.

UST
22 I have followed his decrees; I have not stopped obeying them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:23

ULT
23 I have also been innocent before him, and I have kept myself from sin.

UST
23 He knows that I have not done what is wrong and that I have kept myself from sinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:24

ULT
24 Therefore Yahweh has restored me because of my righteousness, because my hands were clean before his eyes.

UST
24 So he rewards me because I do what is right; he knows that I have not committed sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:25

ULT
25 To the one who is faithful, you show yourself to be faithful; to a man who is blameless, you show yourself to be blameless.

UST
25 Yahweh, you are faithful to those who faithfully do your covenant; you always do what is good to those who do not do evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:26

ULT
26 To anyone who is pure, you show yourself pure; but you are clever toward anyone who is twisted.

UST
26 You are kind to those who are honest toward others, but you act wisely toward those who act dishonestly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:27

ULT
27 For you save afflicted people, but you bring down those with proud, uplifted eyes!

UST
27 You save those who are humble, but you humiliate those who are proud.

What does Yahweh do to afflicted people?
He saves afflicted people.

What does Yahweh do to those with proud, uplifted eyes?
He brings down those with proud, uplifted eyes.

Psalms 18:28

ULT
28 For you give light to my lamp; Yahweh my God lights up my darkness.

UST
28 You keep me alive, and you will continue to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:29

ULT
29 For by you I can run over a barricade; by my God I can leap over a wall.

UST
29 You enable me to be strong, so that I can attack and defeat a line of enemy soldiers; with your help I can scale the walls that surround my enemies' cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:30

ULT
30 As for God—his way is perfect! The word of Yahweh is pure! He is a shield to everyone who takes refuge in him.

UST
30 Everything that Yahweh my God does is perfect. We can depend on him to do what he promises. He is like a shield to protect all those who go to him to be safe.

How does David describe Yahweh's way?
He says Yahweh's way is perfect.

Psalms 18:31

ULT
31 For who is God except Yahweh? Who is a rock except our God?

UST
31 Yahweh is the only one who is God; only he is like a huge rock on top of which we can be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:32

ULT

32 It is God who puts strength on me like a belt, who places the blameless person on his path.

UST

32 God is the one who enables me to be strong and who keeps me safe on the roads that I walk on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:33

ULT

33 He makes my feet swift like a deer and places me on the heights!

UST

33 He enables me to walk swiftly without stumbling as a deer walks in the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:34

ULT

34 He trains my hands for war and my arms to bend a bow of bronze.

UST

34 He teaches me how to use a strong bow in order that I can use it to fight in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:35

ULT

35 You have given me the shield of your salvation. Your right hand has supported me, and your favor has made me great.

UST

35 Yahweh, you protect and save me with your shield; you are strong and have therefore kept me safe. I have become strong because you have helped me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:36

ULT
36 You have made a wide place for my feet beneath me so that my feet have not slipped.

UST
36 You have made a safe path for me, with the result that now I do not slip.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:37

ULT
37 I pursued my enemies and caught them; I did not turn back until they were destroyed.

UST
37 I pursued my enemies and caught them; I did not stop until I had defeated them all.

What did David do to his enemies?
David pursued his enemies and caught them.

Psalms 18:38

ULT
38 I smashed them so that they were unable to rise; they have fallen under my feet.

UST
38 When I strike them, they are not able to get up again; they lie on the ground, defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:39

ULT
39 For you put strength on me like a belt for battle; you put under me those who rise up against me.

UST
39 You have enabled me to be strong in order that I can fight battles and defeat my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:40

ULT
40 You gave me the back of my enemies' necks; I annihilated those who hated me.

UST
40 You delivered my enemies to me, for me to strike them on their necks. I have gotten rid of all those who hated me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:41

ULT
41 They called for help, but no one saved them; they called out to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.

UST
41 They shouted for someone to help them, but no one saved them. They shouted out to Yahweh, but he did not help them.

What happened when David's enemies called to Yahweh?
Yahweh did not answer them.

Psalms 18:42

ULT
42 I beat them into fine pieces like dust before the wind; I threw them out like mud in the streets.

UST
42 I crushed them to powder, and they became like the dust that the wind blows away; I threw them out like people throw dirt out into the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:43

ULT
43 You rescued me from the disputes of people. You have made me the head over nations. People that I have not known serve me.

UST
43 You enabled me to defeat those who fought against me and appointed me to be the ruler of many nations; people whom I did not know about previously are now slaves in my kingdom.

Over what has Yahweh made David the head?
Yahweh made David the head over nations.

Psalms 18:44

ULT
44 As soon as they heard of me, they obeyed me; foreigners were forced to bow to me.

UST
44 When foreigners hear about me, they cringe and they obey me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:45

ULT
45 The foreigners came trembling out of their strongholds.

UST
45 They are no longer courageous, and from their holes where they were hiding they come to me trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:46

ULT
46 Yahweh lives; may my rock be praised. May the God of my salvation be exalted.

UST
46 Yahweh is alive! Praise the one who is like a huge rock on top of which I am safe! Exalt the God who saves me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:47

ULT
47 He is the God who executes vengeance for me, who subdues the nations under me.

UST
47 He enables me to get revenge on my enemies; he causes me to defeat nations and to rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:48

ULT
48 I am set free from my enemies! Indeed, you lifted me above the ones who rose against me! You rescued me from violent men.

UST
48 it is Yahweh who rescues me from my enemies. He has lifted me up high so that violent men could not reach me and harm me.

From whom is David set free?
He is set free from his enemies.

Psalms 18:49

ULT
49 Therefore I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name!

UST
49 So I praise him, and I tell the nations the great things that he has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 18:50

ULT

50 God gives great victory to his king, and he shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever.

18:13 [1] this expression may be an accidental repetition from the previous verse.

UST

50 He has enabled me, his king, to powerfully defeat my enemies; he faithfully loves me as he promised in his covenant. He loves me, David, the one he has chosen to be king, and he will faithfully love my descendants forever.

To whom does Yahweh show his covenant loyalty?

He shows his covenant loyalty to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever.

Psalms 19

Psalms 19:1

ULT
[1] The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies make his handiwork known!

UST
[1] When people look at everything that God has placed in the skies, they can see that he is very great; they can see the great things that he has created.

What do the heavens declare and the skies make known?
The heavens declare God's glory and the skies make his handiwork known.

Psalms 19:2

ULT
[2] Day after day speech pours out; night after night it reveals knowledge.

UST
[2] Day after day it is as though the sun proclaims the glory of God, and night after night it is as though the moon and stars say that they know that God made them.

What does the speech that pours out reveal?
The speech that pours out reveals knowledge.

Psalms 19:3

ULT
[3] There is no speech or spoken words; their voice is not heard.

UST
[3] They do not really speak; they do not say any words. There is no sound from them for anyone to hear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:4

ULT

4 Yet their words go out over all the earth, and their speech to the end of the world. He has pitched a tent for the sun among them.

UST

4 But what they declare about God goes throughout the world, and even people who live in the most distant places on earth can know it. The sun is in the skies where God placed it;

Where do the words and speech of the heavens and the skies go?

Their words go out over all the earth, to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:5

ULT

5 The sun is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and like a strong man who rejoices when he runs his race.

UST

5 it rises each morning like a bridegroom who is happy as he comes out of his bedroom after his wedding. It is like a strong athlete who is very eager to start running in a race.

What is the sun like?

The sun is like a bridegroom, and like a strong man.

Psalms 19:6

ULT

6 The sun rises from the one horizon and crosses the sky to the other; nothing escapes its heat.

UST

6 The sun rises at one side of the sky and goes across the sky and sets on the other side; nothing can hide from its heat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:7

ULT
7 The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Yahweh is reliable, making the simple wise.

UST
7 The instructions that Yahweh has given us are perfect; they revive us. We can be sure that the things that Yahweh has told us will never change, and by learning them people who have not been previously taught will become wise.

What does the law of Yahweh do?
The law of Yahweh restores the soul.

What do the decrees of Yahweh do?
The decrees of Yahweh give wisdom to the inexperienced.

Psalms 19:8

ULT
8 The instructions of Yahweh are right, making the heart glad; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, bringing light to the eyes.

UST
8 Yahweh's laws are fair; when we obey them, we become joyful. The commands of Yahweh are clear, and by reading them we start to understand how God wants us to behave.

What do the instructions of Yahweh do?
They make the heart joyful.

What do the commands of Yahweh do?
They give insight to the eyes.

Psalms 19:9

ULT
9 The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever; the righteous decrees of Yahweh are true and altogether right!

UST
9 It is good for people to revere Yahweh; that is something that they will do forever. What Yahweh has decreed is fair, and it is always right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 19:10

ULT

10 They are of greater value than gold, even more than much fine gold; they are sweeter than honey and the dripping honey from the honeycomb.

UST

10 The things that God has decided are more valuable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey that drips from honeycombs.

How do the righteous decrees of Yahweh compare to gold?

They are of greater value than gold, even much more than much find gold.

Psalms 19:11

ULT

11 Yes, by them your servant is warned; in obeying them there is great reward.

UST

11 Furthermore, by reading them I learn what things are good to do and what things are evil, and they promise a great reward to us who obey them.

What do the righteous decrees of Yahweh do for Yahweh's servant?

By them his servant is warned, they cause him to obey and receive great reward.

Psalms 19:12

ULT

12 Who can discern all his own errors? Cleanse me from hidden faults.

UST

12 But there is no one who can know all his errors; so Yahweh, forgive me for these things which I do that I do not realize are wrong.

From what does David ask to be cleansed?

He asks to be cleansed from hidden faults.

Psalms 19:13

ULT

13 Keep your servant also from arrogant sins; let them not rule over me. Then I will be perfect, and I will be innocent from many transgressions.

UST

13 Keep me from doing things that I know are wrong; do not let me keep doing the evil things I want to do. If you do that, I will no longer be guilty for committing such sins, and I will not commit the great sin of rebelling terribly against you.

What happens when the servant does not let his arrogant sins rule over him?

He will be perfect and innocent from many transgressions.

Psalms 19:14

ULT

14 May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable in your sight, Yahweh, my rock and my redeemer.

UST

14 O Yahweh, you are like a huge rock on top of which I can be safe; you are the one who protects me. I hope that the things that I say and what I think will always please you.

What does David want to be acceptable in Yahweh's sight.

David wants the words of his mouth and the thoughts of his heart to be acceptable in Yahweh's sight.

Psalms 20

Psalms 20:1

ULT

[1] May Yahweh help you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you

UST

[1] We desire that Yahweh may help you when you call out to him when you have troubles! We desire that God, whom our ancestor Jacob honored, may keep you safe from your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:2

ULT

[2] and send help from the holy place to support you from Zion.

UST

[2] We desire that he may reach out from his sacred temple and help you and aid you from where he lives on Mount Zion.

From where does David want God to send help and support?

He asks that Yahweh send help from the sanctuary and support from Zion.

Psalms 20:3

ULT

[3] May he call to mind all your offerings and accept your burnt sacrifice. *Selah*

UST

[3] We desire that he may accept all the offerings that you give him to be burned on the altar and all your other offerings.

What does David want Yahweh to call to mind and to accept?

David asks that Yahweh call to mind all of the offerings and accept their burnt sacrifices.

Psalms 20:4

ULT

4 May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

UST

4 We desire that he may give to you what you desire in your heart, and that you may be able to accomplish all that you desire to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:5

ULT

5 Then we will rejoice in your victory, and, in the name of our God, we will raise banners. May Yahweh grant all your petitions.

UST

5 When you defeat your enemies, we will shout joyfully. We will lift up a banner proclaiming that it is God who has helped you. May Yahweh do for you all that you request him to do.

In what does David say they will rejoice?

David says they will rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 20:6

ULT

6 Now I know that Yahweh will rescue his anointed one; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the strength of his right hand that can rescue him.

UST

6 I know now that Yahweh rescues me, the one whom he has chosen to be king. From his holy place in heaven he will answer me, and he will save me by his great power.

Who does David say that Yahweh will rescue?

David knows that Yahweh will rescue his anointed.

Psalms 20:7

ULT
7 These trust in chariots and others in horses, but we will remember the name of Yahweh our God.

UST
7 Some kings trust that because they have chariots they will be able to defeat their enemies, and some trust that their horses will enable them to defeat their enemies, but we will trust in the power of Yahweh our God.

In what do other people trust?
Some trust in chariots and others in horses.

What does David and his people do in order to gain victory?
They call on Yahweh their God.

Psalms 20:8

ULT
8 They will be brought down and fall, but we will rise and stand upright!

UST
8 Some will stumble and fall down, but we will be strong and not be moved.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 20:9

ULT
9 Yahweh, rescue the king; help us when we call.

UST
9 Yahweh, help the king defeat our enemies! Answer us when we call out to you to help us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21

Psalms 21:1

ULT

[1] The king rejoices in your strength, Yahweh! How greatly he rejoices in the salvation you provide!

UST

[1] Yahweh, the man you made king is glad because you have caused him to be strong. He rejoices because you have enabled him to defeat his enemies.

In what does the king rejoice?
He rejoices in Yahweh's strength and in the salvation Yahweh provides.

Psalms 21:2

ULT

[2] You have given him his heart's desire and have not held back the request of his lips. *Selah*

UST

[2] You have given him everything he most desired, and you have not refused to do what he requested you to do.

What has Yahweh done for the king?
Yahweh has given the king his heart's desire and has not held back the request of his lips.

Psalms 21:3

ULT

[3] For you bring him rich blessings; you placed on his head a crown of purest gold.

UST

[3] You have done so many wonderful things for him. You placed a gold crown on his head.

What has Yahweh brought to the king and placed on his head?
He has brought the king rich blessings and placed a crown of purest gold on his head.

Psalms 21:4

ULT
4 He asked you for life; you gave it to him; you gave him the length of his days forever and ever.

UST
4 He asked you to let him live for a long time, and you have enabled him to live for a long time.

What did Yahweh give the king after the king asked for it?
Yahweh gave the king life and long days forever and ever.

Psalms 21:5

ULT
5 His glory is great because of your victory; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty.

UST
5 His power as king is very great because you have allowed him to win victories over his enemies.

Why is the king's glory great?
His glory is great because of Yahweh's victory.

What has Yahweh bestowed upon the king?
Yahweh has bestowed splendor and majesty.

Psalms 21:6

ULT
6 For you grant him lasting blessings; you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

UST
6 You will bless him forever, and you have caused him to be joyful in your presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21:7

ULT

[7] For the king trusts in Yahweh; through the covenant faithfulness of the Most High he will not be moved.

UST

[7] Yahweh, you are God Almighty, and the king trusts in you. Because you faithfully love him, disastrous things will never happen to him.

Why will the king not be moved?

He will not be moved because he trusts in Yahweh through the Most High's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 21:8

ULT

[8] Your hand will seize all your enemies; your right hand will seize those who hate you.

UST

[8] You will enable him to kill all his enemies, all those who hate him.

Who will the hand of Yahweh seize?

His hand will seize all the enemies who hate Yahweh.

Psalms 21:9

ULT

[9] At the time of your anger, you will burn them up as in a fiery furnace. Yahweh will consume them in his wrath, and the fire will devour them.

UST

[9] When you appear, you will throw them into a fiery furnace. Because you are angry with them, you will swallow them up; the fire will burn them up.

What will Yahweh do to his enemies?

He will burn them up, and they will be consumed in his wrath.

Psalms 21:10

ULT
10 You will destroy their offspring from the earth and their descendants from among the human race.

UST
10 You will remove their children from this earth; their descendants will all disappear.

What will Yahweh do to the offspring of his enemies?
He will destroy their offspring and their descendants.

Psalms 21:11

ULT
11 For they intended evil against you; they conceived a plot with which they will not succeed!

UST
11 They wanted to harm you, but what they plan will never succeed.

Why will Yahweh destroy his enemies?
He will destroy them because they intended evil against him.

Why will the plot of Yahweh's enemies not succeed? (vv11-12)
It will not succeed because Yahweh will turn them back and draw his bow against them.

Psalms 21:12

ULT
12 For you will turn them back; you will draw your bow before them.

UST
12 You will cause them to run away by shooting arrows at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 21:13

ULT
13 Be exalted, Yahweh, in your strength; we will sing and praise your power.

UST
13 Yahweh, show us that you are very strong! When you do that, we will sing and praise you because you are very powerful.

How will the people exalt Yahweh?
They will sing and praise his power.

Psalms 22

Psalms 22:1

ULT

[1] My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far from saving me and far from the words of my anguish?

UST

[1] My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why do you stay so far from me, and why do you not listent to me? Why do you not hear me when I am suffering and groaning?

What is David asking God?

David is asking why God has abandoned him, why he is so far from David.

Psalms 22:2

ULT

[2] My God, I cry out in the daytime, but you do not answer, and at night I am not silent!

UST

[2] My God, every day I call to you during the daytime, but you do not answer me. I call to you during the night; I am not silent at all.

What does David do in the daytime and at night?

David cries out in the daytime and at night David is not silent.

Psalms 22:3

ULT

[3] Yet you are holy; you sit as king with the praises of Israel.

UST

[3] But you are holy. You sit on your throne as king, and we the people of Israel praise you.

How does David refer to God?

David refers to God as Holy, sitting as king with the praises of Isreal.

Psalms 22:4

ULT
4 Our ancestors trusted in you; they trusted in you, and you rescued them.

UST
4 Our ancestors trusted in you. Because they trusted in you, you rescued them.

What did David's ancestors do and how did God respond? (vv4-5)
They trusted in God, he rescued them, and they were not disappointed.

Psalms 22:5

ULT
5 They cried to you and they were rescued. They trusted in you and were not disappointed.

UST
5 When they called out to you for help, you saved them. They trusted in you, and they were not disappointed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:6

ULT
6 But I am a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.

UST
6 But you have not rescued me! People despise me and consider that I am not a man; they think that I am a worm! Everyone scorns me and despises me.

How does David describe himself?
David says he is a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.

Psalms 22:7

ULT

7 All those who see me taunt me; they mock me; they shake their heads at me.

UST

7 Everyone who sees me makes fun of me. They sneer at me and insult me by shaking their heads at me as though I were an evil man. They say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:8

ULT

8 They say, “He trusts in Yahweh; let Yahweh rescue him. Let him rescue him, for he delights in him.”

UST

8 “He trusts in Yahweh, so Yahweh should save him! He says that Yahweh is very pleased with him; if that is so, Yahweh should rescue him!”

What do the people that taunt and mock David say to him?

They say, “He trusts in Yahweh; let Yahweh rescue him.”

Psalms 22:9

ULT

9 For you brought me from the womb; you made me trust you when I was on my mother’s breasts.

UST

9 You, God, have been with me since I was in my mother’s womb, and you taught me to trust you when I was at my mother’s breasts.

How long has David trusted God? (vv9-10)

David trusted Yahweh when he was on his mother’s breasts and since he was in his mother’s womb.

Psalms 22:10

ULT
10 I have been thrown on you from the womb; you are my God since I was in my mother's womb!

UST
10 It was as though you had adopted me right when I was born. You have been my God ever since I was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:11

ULT
11 Do not be far away from me, for trouble is near; there is no one to help.

UST
11 So do not stay far from me now because enemies who will cause me much trouble are near me, and there is no one else who can help me.

What is David asking God to do for him?
He is asking God to not be far away from him because trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Psalms 22:12

ULT
12 Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

UST
12 My enemies surround me like a herd of wild bulls. Fierce people, like those strong bulls that graze on the hills in the region of Bashan, surround me.

What is surrounding David like a roaring lion? (vv12-13)
Many strong bulls of Bashan surround him with mouths wide open against him.

Psalms 22:13

ULT
13 They open their mouths wide against me like a roaring lion ripping its victim.

UST
13 They are like roaring lions that are attacking the animals that they want to eat; they rush toward me to kill me; they are like lions that have their mouths open, ready to chew their victims to pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:14

ULT
14 I am being poured out like water, and all my bones are dislocated. My heart is like wax; it melts away within my inner parts.

UST
14 I am completely exhausted, and all my bones are out of their joints. I no longer expect that God will save me; I am completely discouraged.

How does David describe himself? (vv14-15)
He says he is being poured out like water, all his bones are dislocated, his heart is like wax, his strength has dried up, his tongue sticks to the roof of his mouth.

Psalms 22:15

ULT
15 My strength has dried up like a piece of pottery; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust of death.

UST
15 My strength is all dried up like a broken piece of a clay jar that has dried in the sun. I am so thirsty that my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. God, I think that you are about to let my body die and become dust!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:16

ULT
16 For dogs have surrounded me; a company of evildoers has encircled me; they have pierced my hands and my feet.

UST
16 My enemies are like wild dogs that surround me. A group of evil men has encircled me, ready to attack me. They have pierced through my hands and my feet.

What has surrounded David and encircled him?
Dogs have surrounded him and a company of evildoers encircled him, having pierced his hands and feet.

Psalms 22:17

ULT
17 I can count all my bones. They look and stare at me.

UST
17 I am so weak and thin that I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat about what has happened to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:18

ULT
18 They divide my garments among themselves, they cast lots for my clothes.

UST
18 They looked at the clothes that I was wearing and gambled to determine which piece each of them would get.

What was done to the garments and the clothes?
The garments were divided and lots were cast for the clothes.

Psalms 22:19

ULT
[19] Do not be far away, Yahweh; please hurry to help me, my strength!

UST
[19] Yahweh, be concerned for me! You who are my source of strength, come quickly and help me!

What does David request of Yahweh?
He requests Yahweh to not be far away.

Psalms 22:20

ULT
[20] Rescue my soul from the sword, my only life from the claws of wild dogs.

UST
[20] Rescue me from those who want to kill me with their swords. Save my life from the power of those who are like wild dogs.

From what does David want to be rescued and saved? (vv20-21)
He wants his soul rescued from the sword, his precious life from the paws of the dogs, the horns of the wild oxen, and be saved from the lion's mouth.

Psalms 22:21

ULT
[21] Save me from the lion's mouth; rescue me from the horns of the wild oxen.

UST
[21] Snatch me away from my enemies who are like lions with jaws open and ready to chew me up! Grab me away from those men who are like wild oxen that attack other animals with their horns!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 22:22

ULT
22 I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

UST
22 If you save me from them, I will declare to my fellow Israelites how great you are. I will praise you among the group of your people gathered together to worship you.

What will David declare to his brothers and where will he praise Yahweh?
He will declare Yahweh's name to his brothers and praise him in the midst of the assembly.

Psalms 22:23

ULT
23 You who fear Yahweh, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Stand in awe of him, all you descendants of Israel!

UST
23 You people who have an awesome respect for Yahweh, praise him! All you who are descended from Jacob, honor Yahweh! All you Israelite people, revere him!

Who should praise, honor, and stand in awe of Yahweh?
All who fear Yahweh, all descendants of Jacob, and all descendants of Israel should praise, honor, and stand in awe of him.

Psalms 22:24

ULT
24 For he has not despised or abhorred the suffering of the afflicted one; Yahweh has not hidden his face from him; when the afflicted one cried to him, he heard.

UST
24 He does not despise or ignore those who are suffering; he does not hide his face from them. He has listened to them when they cried out to him for help.

When did Yahweh hear the afflicted one?
He heard the afflicted one when he cried to him.

Psalms 22:25

ULT
25 My praise will be because of you in the great assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.

UST
25 Yahweh, in the great gathering of your people, I will praise you for what you have done. In the presence of those who have an awesome respect for you, I will offer the sacrifices that I promised.

Where will David praise and fulfill his vows?
He will praise Yahweh in the great assembly and fulfill his vows before those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 22:26

ULT
26 The oppressed will eat and be satisfied; those who seek Yahweh will praise him. May your hearts live forever.

UST
26 The poor people whom I have invited to the meal will eat as much as they want. All who come to worship Yahweh will praise him. I pray that God will enable you all to live a long and happy life!

Who will eat, be satisfied, and praise Yahweh?
The oppressed will eat, be satisifed and those who seek Yahweh will praise him.

Psalms 22:27

ULT
27 All the peoples of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh; all the families of the nations will bow down before you.

UST
27 I pray that people in all nations, even in the remote areas, will think about Yahweh and turn to him, and that people from all the clans in the world will bow down before him.

What will all the peoples of the earth and what will the famiies of the nations do?
The peoples of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.

Psalms 22:28

ULT
28 For the kingdom is Yahweh's; he is the ruler over the nations.

UST
28 For Yahweh is the king! He rules all the nations.

Over what does Yahweh rule?
Yahweh rules over the nations.

Psalms 22:29

ULT
29 All the prosperous people of the earth will feast and will worship; all those who are descending into the dust will bow before him, those who cannot preserve their own lives.

UST
29 All the rich people on the earth will celebrate and bow before him. Some day they will die, for they cannot avoid it, but they will prostrate themselves on the ground in his presence.

Who will bow before Yahweh?
All those who are descending into the dust, who cannot preserve their own souls, will bow before him.

Psalms 22:30

ULT
30 A generation to come will serve him; they will tell the next generation of the Lord.

UST
30 People in the future generations will also serve Yahweh. They will tell their children about what Yahweh has done.

What will future generations do? (vv30-31)
They will come and tell to a people not yet born what he has done.

Psalms 22:31

ULT

31 They will come and tell of his righteousness; they will tell to a people not yet born what he has done!

UST

31 People who are not yet born, who will live in future years, will learn how Yahweh rescued his people. People will tell them, “Yahweh did it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 23

Psalms 23:1

ULT
1 [A Psalm of David] Yahweh is my shepherd; I will lack nothing.

UST
1 Yahweh, you care for me like a shepherd cares for his sheep, so I have everything that I need.

Who is David's shepherd?
David's shepherd is Yahweh.

Psalms 23:2

ULT
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside tranquil water.

UST
2 You enable me to rest in peace as when a shepherd leads his sheep to places where there is plenty of green grass for them to eat, as when he lets them lie down beside streams where the water is flowing slowly.

Where does Yahweh make David lie down?
Yahweh makes David lie down in green pastures.

Where does Yahweh lead David?
Yahweh leads David beside tranquil water.

Psalms 23:3

ULT
3 He brings back my life; he guides me along right paths for the sake of his name.

UST
3 You renew my strength. You show me how to live in the right way, in order that I can honor you.

What does Yahweh restore?
Yahweh restores David's soul.

Where does Yahweh guide David?
Yahweh guides David along right paths.

Psalms 23:4

ULT

4 Even though I walk through a valley of darkest shadow, I will not fear harm since you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

UST

4 Even when I am walking in very dangerous places where I might die, I will not be afraid of anything because you are with me. You protect me like a shepherd protects his sheep.

When David walks through a valley of darkest shadow, who is with him?

Yahweh is with David.

Psalms 23:5

ULT

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup runs over.

UST

5 You prepare a great feast for me in a place where my enemies can see me. You welcome me as a guest whom you honor. You have given me very many blessings!

What does Yahweh prepare before David?

Yahweh prepares a table in the presence of David's enemies.

What does Yahweh annoint?

Yahweh annoints David's head with oil.

Psalms 23:6

ULT

6 Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me all the days of my life; and I will live in the house of Yahweh for the length of my days!

UST

6 I am certain that you will be good to me and act mercifully toward me as long as I live; then, O Yahweh, I will live in your home forever.

What will pursue David all the days of his life?

Goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue David.

Where will David live all the days of his life?

David will live in the house of Yahweh for a very long time.

Psalms 24

Psalms 24:1

ULT
[1] The earth is Yahweh's, and its fullness, the world, and all who live in it.

UST
[1] The earth and everything in it belongs to Yahweh; all the people in the world belong to him, too;

Who founded the earth?
Yahweh founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

Psalms 24:2

ULT
[2] For he has founded it upon the seas and established it on the rivers.

UST
[2] he built the land on the water, above the water that is deep below.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:3

ULT
[3] Who will ascend the mountain of Yahweh? Who will stand in his holy place?

UST
[3] Who will be allowed to go up onto Mount Zion in Jerusalem, in order to stand and worship in Yahweh's holy temple?

Who will ascend the mountain of Yahweh and stand in Yahweh's holy place? (vv3-4)
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart; who have not lifted up their soul to what is false, and who have not sworn deceitfully will ascend Yahweh's mountain and stand in his holy place.

Psalms 24:4

ULT

4 The one with clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up my life as a falsehood, and has not sworn an oath in order to deceive.

UST

4 Only those whose actions and thoughts are pure, who have not worshiped idols, and who do not tell lies when they have solemnly promised to tell the truth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:5

ULT

5 He will receive a blessing from Yahweh and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

UST

5 Yahweh will bless them. When God judges them, he will rescue them and say that they have done nothing wrong.

Who will receive a blessing from Yahweh? (vv5-6)

The generation of those who seek him, those who seek the face of the God of Jacob, will receive a blessing.

Psalms 24:6

ULT

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, those who seek the face of Jacob. *Selah*

UST

6 They are the people who come to God, they are the ones who desire to worship God, and serve the God of Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:7

ULT
[7] Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of glory may come in!

UST
[7] Open up the temple gates in order that our glorious king may enter!

Why are the gates to be lifted up?
So that the King of glory may come in.

Psalms 24:8

ULT
[8] Who is this King of glory? Yahweh, strong and mighty; Yahweh, mighty in battle.

UST
[8] Do you know who the glorious king is? It is Yahweh, the one who is very strong; It is Yahweh, who conquers all his enemies in battles!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:9

ULT
[9] Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, everlasting doors, so that the King of glory may come in!

UST
[9] Open up the temple gates in order that our glorious king may enter!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 24:10

ULT
[10] Who is this King of glory? Yahweh of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

UST
[10] Do you know who the glorious king is? It is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies; he is our glorious king!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25

Psalms 25:1

ULT
[1] David To you, Yahweh, I lift up my life!

UST
[1] Yahweh, I give myself to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:2

ULT
[2] My God, I trust in you. Do not let me be humiliated; do not let my enemies rejoice triumphantly over me.

UST
[2] My God, I trust in you. Do not allow my enemies to defeat me and shame me. Do not allow my enemies to defeat me and rejoice over me.

For what does David ask God?
David asks God to not let him be humiliated, and to not let his enemies rejoice over him.

Psalms 25:3

ULT
[3] May no one who hopes in you be disgraced may those who act treacherously without cause be ashamed!

UST
[3] Do not allow any of those who trust in you to be ashamed. Cause those who act treacherously toward others to be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:4

ULT

[4] Make known to me your ways, Yahweh; teach me your paths.

UST

[4] Yahweh, show me the way that I should conduct my life, teach me how to act in the manner that you want me to act.

What does David ask Yahweh to make known to him? (vv4-5)

David requests Yahweh to make known to him Yahweh's ways.

Psalms 25:5

ULT

[5] Guide me into your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; I hope in you all day long.

UST

[5] Teach me to conduct my life by obeying your truth because you are my God, the one who saves me. All during the day I trust in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:6

ULT

[6] Call to mind, Yahweh, your acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness; for they have always existed.

UST

[6] Yahweh, do not forget how you have acted mercifully to me and have faithfully loved me because of your covenant with me; that is the way that you have acted toward me from long ago.

What does David ask Yahweh to call to mind? (vv6-7)

David asks Yahweh to call to mind his acts of compassion and of covenant faithfulness, but not to think about the sins of David's youth or his rebelliousness.

Psalms 25:7

ULT

7 Do not think about the sins of my youth or my rebelliousness; Call me to mind with covenant faithfulness because of your goodness, Yahweh!

UST

7 Forgive me for all the sinful things I did and the ways that I rebelled against you when I was young; I request this because you faithfully love your people and do good things for them, as you promised in your covenant. Yahweh, do not forget me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:8

ULT

8 Yahweh is good and upright; therefore he teaches sinners the way.

UST

8 Yahweh is good and fair, so he shows sinners how they should conduct their lives.

What does Yahweh do because he is good and upright? (vv8-9)

He teaches sinners the way, guides the humble with justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Psalms 25:9

ULT

9 He guides the humble in what is right and he teaches them his way.

UST

9 He shows humble people what is right for them to do and teaches them what he wants them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:10

ULT

10 All the paths of Yahweh are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his solemn commands.

UST

10 He always faithfully loves us and does what he has promised for those who obey his covenant and who do what he requires.

From what are the paths of Yahweh made?

They are made from covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Psalms 25:11

ULT

11 For your name's sake, Yahweh, pardon my sin, for it is great.

UST

11 Yahweh, forgive me for all my sins, which are many, in order that I may honor you.

Why should Yahweh pardon David's sin?

He should pardon David for the sake of Yahweh's name.

Psalms 25:12

ULT

12 Who is the man who fears Yahweh? The Lord will instruct him in the way that he should choose.

UST

12 To all those who have an awesome respect for you, you show them the right way to conduct their lives.

What will Yahweh do for the man who fears Yahweh? (vv12-13)

The Lord will instruct him in the way he should choose.

Psalms 25:13

ULT
13 His life will go along in goodness; and his descendants will inherit the land.

UST
13 They will always be prosperous, and their descendants will continue to live in this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:14

ULT
14 The friendship of Yahweh is for those who honor him, and he makes his covenant known to them.

UST
14 Yahweh is a friend of those who have an awesome respect for him, and he teaches them the covenant that he made with them.

What does Yahweh do for those who honor him?
He gives them his friendship and makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 25:15

ULT
15 My eyes are always on Yahweh, for he will free my feet from the net.

UST
15 I always request Yahweh to help me, and he rescues me from danger.

Why does David always keep his eyes on Yahweh?
Because Yahweh will free David's feet from the net.

Psalms 25:16

ULT
16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me; for I am alone and afflicted.

UST
16 Yahweh, pay attention to me and be merciful to me because I am alone, and I am greatly distressed because I am suffering.

When David is alone and afflicted, what does he request of Yahweh?
David asks Yahweh to turn toward him and have mercy on him.

Psalms 25:17

ULT
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; draw me out from my distress!

UST
17 I have many troubles that make me afraid; rescue me from them.

When David's heart is troubled what does he ask of Yahweh? (vv17-19)
David asks Yahweh to see his affliction and his toils, to forgive his sins, and to see his enemies who hate him and are cruel to him.

Psalms 25:18

ULT
18 See my affliction and my toils; forgive all my sins.

UST
18 Note that I am distressed and troubled, and forgive me for all my sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:19

ULT
19 See my enemies, for they are many; they hate me with cruel hatred.

UST
19 Note that I have many enemies; you see that they hate me very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:20

ULT
20 Protect my life and rescue me; do not let me be humiliated, for I take refuge in you!

UST
20 Protect me and rescue me from them; do not allow them to defeat me with the result that I would be ashamed; I have gone to you to get refuge.

Why will David not be humiliated?
Because he takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 25:21

ULT
21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I hope in you.

UST
21 Protect me because I do what is good and honest and because I trust in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 25:22

ULT
22 Rescue Israel, God, from all of his troubles!

UST
22 God, rescue us Israelite people from all of our troubles!

From what does David ask God to rescue Israel?
He asks God to rescue Israel from all of its troubles.

Psalms 26

Psalms 26:1

ULT
[1] David Judge me, Yahweh, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in Yahweh without wavering.

UST
[1] Yahweh, show that I am innocent. I always do what is right; I have trusted in you and never doubted that you would help me.

How does David say that he has walked?
David says he has walked with integrity and has trusted in Yahweh without wavering.

Psalms 26:2

ULT
[2] Examine me, Yahweh, and test me; test the purity of my inner parts and my heart!

UST
[2] Yahweh, examine what I have done and test me; thoroughly evaluate what I think in my inner being.

What does David ask Yahweh to examine and test?
He asks Yahweh to test the purity of his inner parts and heart.

Psalms 26:3

ULT
[3] For your covenant faithfulness is before my eyes, and I walk about in your faithfulness.

UST
[3] I never forget that you are true to your covenant and faithfully love me; I conduct my life according to your faithfulness.

What is before David's eyes?
Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is before David's eyes.

Psalms 26:4

ULT
4 I do not associate with deceitful people, nor do I mingle with dishonest people.

UST
4 I do not spend my time with liars, and I stay away from hypocrites.

With whom does David not associate or mingle?
Davied does not associate with deceitful people or mingle with dishonest people.

Psalms 26:5

ULT
5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I do not live with the wicked.

UST
5 I do not like to be with evil people, and I avoid wicked people.

What does David hate?
David hates the assembly of evildoers.

With whom does David not live?
He does not live with the wicked.

Psalms 26:6

ULT
6 I wash my hands in innocence, and I go around your altar, Yahweh,

UST
6 Yahweh, I wash my hands to show that I am innocent. As I join with others marching around your altar,

What does David do as he goes around Yahweh's altar? (vv6-7)
He sings a loud song of praise and reports all of Yahweh's wonderful deeds.

Psalms 26:7

ULT
7 to sing a loud song of praise and report all your wonderful deeds.

UST
7 we sing songs to thank you, and we tell others the wonderful things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 26:8

ULT
8 Yahweh, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory lives!

UST
8 Yahweh, I love to be in the house where you live, in the place where your glory appears.

How does David feel about the house where Yahweh lives?
He loves the house where Yahweh lives.

Psalms 26:9

ULT
9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, or my life with people who are bloodthirsty,

UST
9 Do not get rid of me like you get rid of sinners; do not cause me to die like you cause those who murder people to die,

What does David asking Yahweh not to do?
David asks Yahweh not to sweep his soul away with the sinners, or his life with bloodthirsty men.

Psalms 26:10

ULT
10 in whose hands there is a plot, and whose right hand is full of bribes.

UST
10 people who are ready to do wicked things and those who are always taking bribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 26:11

ULT

11 But as for me, I will walk in integrity; redeem me and have mercy on me.

UST

11 But as for me, I always try to do what is right. So act kindly toward me and rescue me.

How does David say that he will walk?

David says that he will walk in integrity.

Psalms 26:12

ULT

12 My foot stands on level ground; in the assemblies will I bless Yahweh!

UST

12 I stand in places where I am safe, and when all your people gather together, I praise you.

Where does David's foot stand and where will he bless Yahweh?

His foot stands on level ground and he will bless Yahweh in the assemblies.

Psalms 27

Psalms 27:1

ULT

[1] David Yahweh is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? Yahweh is my life's refuge; whom should I dread?

UST

[1] Yahweh is the one who gives me life and the one who saves me, so I do not need to be afraid of anyone. Yahweh is the one to whom I go for refuge, so I will never be afraid.

Why should David not fear anyone?
David should not fear anyone since Yahweh is his light, his salvation, and his life's refuge.

Psalms 27:2

ULT

[2] When evildoers approached me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies stumbled and fell.

UST

[2] When those who do evil come near me to destroy me, they stumble and fall down.

What happened when evildoers drew near to David?
His adversaries and enemies stumbled and fell.

Psalms 27:3

ULT

[3] Though an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; though war rises up against me, even then I will remain confident.

UST

[3] Even if an army surrounds me, I will not be afraid. Even if they attack me, I will trust in God.

In what situations will David not fear but rather remain confident?
His heart will not fear even though an army encamps against him and war rises up against him.

Psalms 27:4

ULT

4 One thing have I asked of Yahweh, and I will seek that: that I may live in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to see the beauty of Yahweh and to meditate in his temple.

UST

4 There is one thing that I have requested from Yahweh; this is the one thing that I desire: that I may worship in Yahweh's house every day during my life, that I may see how wonderful Yahweh is, and that I may ask him what he wants me to do.

What has David asked of Yahweh?

David has asked that he may live in the house of Yahweh all the days of his life, to see the beauty of Yahweh, and to meditate in his temple.

Psalms 27:5

ULT

5 For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his shelter; in the cover of his tent he will conceal me. He will lift me high on a rock!

UST

5 He will protect me when I have troubles; he will keep me safe in his sacred tent. He will set me safely on a high rock.

What will Yahweh do for David in the day of trouble?

Yahweh will shelter him in his booth, hide him in the cover of his tent, and lift him high on a rock.

Psalms 27:6

ULT

6 Then my head will be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tent! I will sing and make songs to Yahweh!

UST

6 Then I will triumph over my enemies. I will shout joyfully as I offer sacrifices in his sacred tent, and I will praise Yahweh as I sing.

How will David offer worship to Yahweh?

David will offer sacrifices of joy, sing, and make songs to Yahweh.

Psalms 27:7

ULT

[7] Hear, Yahweh, my voice when I cry out! Have mercy on me, and answer me!

UST

[7] Yahweh, listen to me while I call to you. Act kindly toward me and answer my prayer.

What does David ask Yahweh to do?

David asks Yahweh to hear his voice, to have mercy on him, and to answer him.

Psalms 27:8

ULT

[8] My heart says about you, “Seek his face!” I seek your face, Yahweh!

UST

[8] Within my inner being I desire to worship you, so, Yahweh, I will come to your temple to pray to you.

What does David’s heart say about Yahweh?

David’s heart says, “Seek his face!”

Psalms 27:9

ULT

[9] Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger! You have been my helper; do not forsake me or abandon me, God of my salvation!

UST

[9] I am your servant; do not be angry with me, or turn away from me. You have always helped me. You are the one who has saved me, so do not abandon me now.

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to hide his face from him, not to strike his servant in anger, nor to forsake or abandon him.

Psalms 27:10

ULT
10 Even if my father and my mother forsake me, Yahweh will take me in.

UST
10 Even if my father and mother desert me, Yahweh always takes care of me.

In what situation will Yahweh take David in?
Yahweh will take David in even if his father and mother forsake him.

Psalms 27:11

ULT
11 Teach me your way, Yahweh! Lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

UST
11 Yahweh, teach me to do what you want me to do, and lead me on a safe path because I have many enemies.

How does David ask Yahweh to do because of David's enemies?
David asks Yahweh to teach him Yahweh's ways and to lead him on a level path because of his enemies.

Psalms 27:12

ULT
12 Do not give me up to the desires of my enemies, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and they breathe out violence!

UST
12 Do not allow my enemies to do to me what they want; they say many false things about me and threaten to do violent things to me.

Why does David ask that Yahweh not give his soul to his enemies?
David asks that Yahweh not give his soul to his enemies because false witnesses have risen up against him, and they breathe out violence.

Psalms 27:13

ULT

13 What would have happened to me if I had not believed that I would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living?

UST

13 I would have died if I had not trusted you to be good to me as long as I live.

What did David believe that helped him?

He believed that he would see the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living.

Psalms 27:14

ULT

14 Wait for Yahweh; be strong, and let your heart be courageous! Wait for Yahweh!

UST

14 So trust in Yahweh! Be strong and courageous, and wait expectantly for him to help you!

What does David encourage the people to do?

David encourages the people to wait for Yahweh, to be strong, and to let their heart be courageous.

Psalms 28

Psalms 28:1

ULT

[1] David To you, Yahweh, I cry out; my rock, do not ignore me. If you do not respond to me, I will join those who go down to the grave.

UST

[1] Yahweh, I call out to you; You are like a huge rock on top of which I am safe. Do not refuse to answer me because if you are silent, I will soon be with those who are in their graves.

To whom does David cry out?
David cries out to Yahweh, his rock.

What will happen to David if Yahweh does not respond to him?
David will join those who go down to the grave.

Psalms 28:2

ULT

[2] Hear the sound of my pleading when I call for help from you, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy place!

UST

[2] Listen to me when I call out for you to help me, when I lift up my hands as I face your very holy place in your sacred tent.

Who does David want to hear the sound of his pleading?
David wants Yahweh to hear the sound of his pleading.

Psalms 28:3

ULT

[3] Do not drag me away with the wicked, those who do iniquity, who speak peace with their neighbors but have evil in their hearts.

UST

[3] Do not drag me away with wicked people, with those who do wicked deeds, with those who pretend to act peacefully toward others while in their inner beings, they hate them.

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to drag him away with the wicked.

Psalms 28:4

ULT

[4] Give them what their deeds deserve and repay them what their wickedness demands, repay them for the work of their hands and render to them their due.

UST

[4] Punish those people in the way that they deserve for what they have done; punish them for their evil deeds.

What does David ask Yahweh to give the wicked?

David asks Yahweh to give them what their deeds deserve and to repay them for what their wickedness demands.

Psalms 28:5

ULT

[5] Because they do not understand the deeds of Yahweh or the work of his hands, he will tear them down and never rebuild them.

UST

[5] Yahweh, they do not pay attention to the wonderful things that you have done and that you have created; so get rid of them permanently and do not let them appear again!

What does the wicked not understand?

The wicked does not understand the ways of Yahweh or the work of his hands.

Psalms 28:6

ULT

[6] Blessed be Yahweh because he has heard the sound of my pleading!

UST

[6] Praise Yahweh because he has heard me when I called out for him to help me!

What has Yahweh heard?

Yahweh has heard the sound of David's pleading.

Psalms 28:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and I will praise him with singing.

UST

[7] Yahweh makes me strong and protects me like a shield; I trust in him, and he helps me. So I was glad in my inner being, and from my inner being I praise him as I sing to him.

Who is David's strength and shield?

Yahweh is David's strength and shield.

In whom does David's heart trust?

David's heart trusts in Yahweh and greatly rejoices.

Psalms 28:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh is the strength of his people, and he is the saving refuge of his anointed one.

UST

[8] Yahweh causes us to be strong and protects us; he saves me, the one he appointed to be king.

Who is the strength of his people?

Yahweh is the strength of his people.

Who is the saving refuge of his annointed one?

Yahweh is the saving refuge of his annointed one.

Psalms 28:9

ULT

9 Save your people and bless your inheritance. Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

UST

9 Yahweh, save your people; bless those who belong to you. Take care of them like a shepherd takes care of his sheep; take care of them forever.

Who does David want Yahweh to save and bless?

David wants Yahweh to save his people and bless his inheritance,

Psalms 29

Psalms 29:1

ULT

[1] A Psalm of David Ascribe to Yahweh, you sons of God, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

UST

[1] Mighty people, praise Yahweh! Praise him because he is very glorious and powerful.

Who does David say should acknowledge Yahweh has glory and power?

David says the sons of the mighty should acknowledge Yahweh's glory and power.

Psalms 29:2

ULT

[2] Ascribe to Yahweh the glory his name deserves. Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness!

UST

[2] Praise Yahweh with the glory his names deserves. Bow down and worship Yahweh because he is holy and his holiness shines out from him with wonderful beauty.

What does the name of Yahweh deserve?

Yahweh's name deserves honor.

Psalms 29:3

ULT

[3] The voice of Yahweh is heard over the waters; the God of glory thunders, Yahweh thunders over many waters.

UST

[3] Yahweh's voice is heard above the oceans; the glorious God thunders. He appears over the huge oceans.

To what does David compares the voice of Yahweh?

He compares the voice of Yahweh to thunder.

Psalms 29:4

ULT
4 The voice of Yahweh is powerful; the voice of Yahweh is majestic.

UST
4 His voice is powerful and majestic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:5

ULT
5 The voice of Yahweh breaks the cedars; Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

UST
5 Yahweh's voice breaks great cedar trees, the cedars that grow in Lebanon.

What does Yahweh break in pieces?
Yahweh breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

Psalms 29:6

ULT
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young ox.

UST
6 He causes earthquakes to shake the region of Lebanon as a young cow jumps; he causes Sirion (also called Mount Hermon) to shake as a young bull jumps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:7

ULT
7 The voice of Yahweh sends out flames of fire.

UST
7 Yahweh's voice tells the lightning to flash.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 29:8

ULT
8 The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness; Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

UST
8 His voice causes the desert to shake; he shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

What does Yahweh shake?
Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Psalms 29:9

ULT
9 The voice of Yahweh causes the oaks to twist and strips the forests bare. Everyone in his temple says, “Glory!”

UST
9 Yahweh’s voice makes the large trees shake, and strips the leaves from the trees while the people in the temple shout, “Praise God!”

What does everyone in Yahweh’s temple say?
Everyone in his temple says, “Glory!”

Psalms 29:10

ULT
10 Yahweh sits as king over the flood; Yahweh sits as king forever.

UST
10 Yahweh rules over the flood that covered the earth; he is our king who will rule forever.

How long will Yahweh sit as king?
Yahweh sits as king forever.

Psalms 29:11

ULT

11 Yahweh gives strength to his people; Yahweh blesses his people with peace.

UST

11 Yahweh enables his people to be strong, and he blesses them by causing things to go well for them.

What two things does Yahweh give his people?

Yahweh gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.

Psalms 30

Psalms 30:1

ULT
1 I will exalt you, Yahweh, for you have raised me up and have not allowed my enemies to rejoice over me.

UST
1 Yahweh, I praise you because you rescued me. You did not allow me to die or my enemies to gloat over me.

Why does David exalt Yahweh?
He exalts Yahweh because Yahweh has raised David up and not allowed David's enemies to rejoice over him.

Psalms 30:2

ULT
2 Yahweh my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

UST
2 Yahweh, my God, I called out for you to help me when I was wounded, and you healed me.

What did Yahweh do when David cried for help?
Yahweh healed David.

Psalms 30:3

ULT
3 Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you have kept me alive from going down to the grave.

UST
3 You saved me from death. I was nearly dead, but you caused me to become healthy again.

From where did Yahweh bring up David's soul?
Yahweh brought up David's soul from sheol.

Psalms 30:4

ULT

4 Sing praises to Yahweh, you his faithful ones! Give thanks when you remember his holiness.

UST

4 All you who are faithful to the covenant with Yahweh, sing to praise him! Remember what God, the holy one, has done and thank him!

What are the faithful told to do in remembrance of Yahweh's holiness?

The faithful are told to sing praise to Yahweh and to give him thanks.

Psalms 30:5

ULT

5 For his anger is only for a moment; but his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping comes for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

UST

5 When he becomes angry, he is angry for only a very short time, but he is good to us all of our lives. We may cry during the night, but the next morning we will be joyful.

How long does Yahweh's anger and favor last?

Yahweh's anger is only for a moment, but his favor is for a lifetime.

What happens after weeping comes for a night?

Joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 30:6

ULT

6 In confidence I said, "I will never be shaken."

UST

6 As for me, I was calm when I said to myself, "No one will defeat me!"

What did David say in confidence?

David said, "I will never be shaken."

Psalms 30:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh, by your favor you established me as a strong mountain; but when you hid your face, I was troubled.

UST

[7] Yahweh, because you were good to me, at first you caused me to be secure as though I were a high mountain. But then I thought that you had turned away from me, and I became afraid.

What happened to David when Yahweh hid his face?

When Yahweh hid his face, David was troubled.

Psalms 30:8

ULT

[8] I cried to you, Yahweh, and sought favor from my Lord!

UST

[8] So I called out to you, and I pleaded for you to help me.

What did David seek from the Lord?

David sought favor from the Lord.

Psalms 30:9

ULT

[9] What advantage is there in my death, if I go down to the grave? Will the dust praise you? Will it declare your trustworthiness?

UST

[9] I said, “Yahweh, what will you gain if I die? In what way will it benefit you if I go to the place where the dead people are? When I am dead I will certainly not be able to praise you, and I will not be able to tell others that you are trustworthy!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 30:10

ULT
10 Hear, Yahweh, and have mercy on me! Yahweh, be my helper.

UST
10 Yahweh, listen to me, and act mercifully to me! Yahweh, help me!”

What things is David asking Yahweh to do for him?
David is asking Yahweh to hear him, to have mercy on him, and be his helper.

Psalms 30:11

ULT
11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have removed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.

UST
11 But now you have healed me, and you have changed me from being sad to dancing joyfully. You have taken away the clothes that showed that I was very sad and given me clothes that showed that I was very joyful.

What has Yahweh done for David?
Yahweh has turned David’s mourning into dancing, removed his sackcloth and clothed him with gladness.

Psalms 30:12

ULT
12 So now my glory will sing praise to you and not be silent; Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

UST
12 So I will not be silent; I will sing out and praise you. Yahweh, you are my God, and I will thank you forever.

What will David’s honored heart do?
David’s heart will sing praise to Yahweh and not be silent. He will give thanks to Yahweh his God forever.

Psalms 31

Psalms 31:1

ULT
[1] In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; never let me be humiliated. Rescue me in your righteousness.

UST
[1] Yahweh, I have come to you to be protected; do not allow me to be defeated and disgraced. Since you always do what is fair, rescue me!

In whom does David take refuge?
David takes refuge in Yahweh.

What does David ask Yahweh to become for David? (vv1-2)
He asks Yahweh to become his rock of refuge and a stronghold to save him.

Psalms 31:2

ULT
[2] Listen to me; rescue me quickly; be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to save me.

UST
[2] Listen to me, and save me right now! Be like a huge rock on which I can be safe and like a strong fort in which I will be secure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 31:3

ULT
[3] For you are my rock and my fortress; therefore for your name's sake, lead and guide me.

UST
[3] Yes, you are like my huge rock and my fort; guide me and lead me because I worship you.

Why does David ask God to lead and guide him?
David asks God to lead and guide him for Yahweh's name sake.

Psalms 31:4

ULT

4 Pluck me out of the net that they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

UST

4 You are the one who protects me, so keep me from falling into the hidden traps that my enemies have set for me.

Why does David believe that Yahweh will pluck him out of the net his enemies have hidden for him?

Yahweh will pluck him out of the net because Yahweh is his refuge.

Psalms 31:5

ULT

5 Into your hands I entrust my spirit; you will redeem me, Yahweh, God of trustworthiness.

UST

5 Yahweh, you are a God whom I can trust, so I put myself into your care because you will rescue me.

Into what does David entrust his spirit?

David entrusts his spirit into the hands of Yahweh.

Psalms 31:6

ULT

6 I hate those who serve worthless idols, but I trust in Yahweh.

UST

6 Yahweh, I hate those who worship useless idols, but I trust in you.

Who does David hate?

He hates those who serve worthless idols.

Psalms 31:7

ULT

7 I will be glad and rejoice in your covenant faithfulness, for you saw my affliction; you knew the distress of my soul.

UST

7 I will be very glad because you faithfully love me. You see me when I have been afflicted, and you know when I have had troubles.

Why will David be glad and rejoice in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David will be glad and rejoice because Yahweh has seen his affliction and known the distress of his soul.

Psalms 31:8

ULT

8 You have not given me into the hand of my enemy. You have set my feet in a wide open place.

UST

8 You have not allowed my enemies to capture me; instead, you have rescued me from danger.

Where has Yahweh set David's feet?

Yahweh has set David's feet in a wide open place.

Psalms 31:9

ULT

9 Have mercy upon me, Yahweh, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weary with grief with my soul and my body.

UST

9 But now, Yahweh, act kindly toward me because I am distressed. Because I cry so much, I cannot see well, and I am completely exhausted.

Why does David want Yahweh to have mercy upon him?

He wants Yahweh to have mercy upon him because he is in distress and his eyes grow weary with grief.

Psalms 31:10

ULT

10 For my life is weary with sorrow and my years with groaning. My strength fails because of my sin, and my bones are wasting away.

UST

10 I have become very weak because I am so miserable; my life is getting shorter. I have become weak because of all my troubles; even my bones are becoming weaker.

Why does David's strength fail and his bones waste away?

His strength fails and his bones waste away because of his sin.

Psalms 31:11

ULT

11 Because of all my enemies, people disdain me; my neighbors are appalled at my situation, and those who know me are horrified. Those who see me in the street run from me.

UST

11 All of my enemies make fun of me, and even my neighbors despise me. Even my friends are afraid of me because they think that you are punishing me. When they see me on the streets, they run away.

How did people respond to David's situation?

People disdain him, his neighbors are appalled and horrified at his situation, and those who see him in the street run from him.

Psalms 31:12

ULT

12 I am forgotten as a dead man whom no one thinks about. I am like a broken pot.

UST

12 People have forgotten me like they forget people who are dead. They think I am as useless as a broken pot.

To what does David compare himself?

David says he is as forgotten as a dead man whom no thinks about, and that he is like a broken pot.

Psalms 31:13

ULT

13 For I have heard the whispering of many, terrifying news from every side as they plot together against me. They plot to take away my life.

UST

13 I have heard people slandering me, and they have terrified me. My enemies are making plans to kill me.

Why is David so troubled?

He has heard the whispering of many, terrifying news from every side as they plot together to take away his life.

Psalms 31:14

ULT

14 But I trust in you, Yahweh; I say, “You are my God.”

UST

14 But Yahweh, I trust in you. I say confidently that you are the God I worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 31:15

ULT

15 My times are in your hand. Rescue me from the hands of my enemies and from those who pursue me.

UST

15 My whole life is in your hands; save me from my enemies, from those who pursue me.

From whom does David ask God to rescue him?

He asks God to rescue him from his enemies and from those who pursue him.

Psalms 31:16

ULT

16 Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your covenant faithfulness.

UST

16 Act kindly toward me and rescue me because you always faithfully love me.

What does David ask God to do for his servant?

David asks God to make his face shine upon David, and to save him in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 31:17

ULT

17 Do not let me be humiliated, Yahweh; for I call out to you! May the wicked be humiliated! May they be silent in Sheol.

UST

17 Yahweh, I call out to you, so do not allow others to disgrace me. I wish that wicked people may be disgraced; I wish that they may go down to the place where the people are silent and dead.

What does David ask God to not let happen to David?

David asks Yahweh to not to let him be humiliated.

Psalms 31:18

ULT

18 May lying lips be silenced that speak against the righteous defiantly with arrogance and contempt.

UST

18 I wish that you may cause people who tell lies to be unable to speak. Do that to people who are proud and to those who arrogantly accuse others.

Why should lying lips be silenced?

They speak against the righteous defiantly with arrogance and contempt.

Psalms 31:19

ULT
19 How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who revere you, that you perform for those who take refuge in you before all the children of mankind!

UST
19 You have stored up many great and good things to do for those who have great respect for you. You do good things for those who go to you to be protected; everyone sees you doing that.

For whom is God's goodness stored up?
Yahweh's goodness is stored up for those who revere him.

Psalms 31:20

ULT
20 In the shelter of your presence, you hide them from the plots of men. You hide them in a shelter from the violence of tongues.

UST
20 You hide people in your presence where it is safe, and you protect them from others who plot to kill them. You hide them in safe places where their enemies cannot speak evil at them.

From what does Yahweh hide those who revere him?
He hides them from the plots of men and from the violence of tongues.

Psalms 31:21

ULT
21 Blessed be Yahweh, for he showed me his marvelous covenant faithfulness when I was in a besieged city.

UST
21 Praise Yahweh! When my enemies surrounded the city in which I was living, he showed me wonderfully that he faithfully loves me.

Why is Yahweh to be blessed?
Yahweh showed David his marvelous covenant faithfulness when David was in a beseiged city.

Psalms 31:22

ULT
22 Though I said in my haste, “I am cut off from your eyes,” yet you heard my plea for help when I cried to you.

UST
22 I was afraid and cried out in a hurry, “I have been separated from Yahweh!” but you heard me and answered my cry for help.

What did Yahweh do for David even though David said that he was cut off from God’s eyes?
Yahweh heard his plea for help when David cried to him.

Psalms 31:23

ULT
23 Love Yahweh, all you faithful ones. Yahweh protects the faithful, but he pays back the arrogant in full.

UST
23 You people who belong to Yahweh, love him! He protects those who are loyal to him, but he punishes the proud; he punishes them severely as they deserve.

What does Yahweh do for his faithful followers?
Yahweh protects the faithful but pays back the arrogant in full.

Psalms 31:24

ULT
24 Be strong and confident, all you who trust in Yahweh for help.

UST
24 You who confidently expect Yahweh to do great things for you, be strong and be courageous!

How advice does David give to those who trust in Yahweh?
He tells them to be strong and confident.

Psalms 32

Psalms 32:1

ULT

[1] A writing of David Blessed is the person whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

UST

[1] Those whom God has forgiven for rebelling against him and those whose sin God does not look at, these are the ones who are truly fortunate!

How does Yahweh bless people?

Yahweh blesses people by forgiving their transgression and covering their sin.

Psalms 32:2

ULT

[2] Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh reckons no guilt and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

UST

[2] Those whose record of sins Yahweh has erased and those who no longer do deceitful things, these are the ones who are truly fortunate!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:3

ULT

[3] When I remained silent, my bones were wasting away while I groaned all day long.

UST

[3] When I did not confess my sins, my body was very weak and sick, and I groaned all day long.

What happened to David when he remained silent? (vv3-4)

His bones wasted away and he groaned all day long. God’s hand was heavy on David and his strenghth withered.

Psalms 32:4

ULT

4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me. My strength withered as in summer drought. *Selah*

UST

4 Day and night, Yahweh, you punished me severely. My strength disappeared like water that evaporates on a hot summer day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:5

ULT

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I no longer hid my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

UST

5 Then I confessed my sins to you; I stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will tell Yahweh the wrong things that I have done." When I confessed them, you forgave me, so now I am no longer guilty for my sins.

What did God do when David acknowledged his sin and no longer hid his iniquity?

God forgave the guilt of David's sin.

Psalms 32:6

ULT

6 For this reason every one of your faithful followers should pray to you at a time of great distress. When the surging waters overflow, the waters will not reach them.

UST

6 Therefore the people who honor you should pray to you when they are in great trouble. If they do that, difficulties will not come on them like a great flood.

What should godly people do?

They should pray to Yahweh at a time of great distress.

What will happen to the godly who pray to Yahweh at a time of great distress?

When the surging waters overflow, they will not reach those people.

Psalms 32:7

ULT

7 You are my hiding place; you will guard me from trouble. You will surround me with the songs of victory.
Selah

UST

7 You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies; you protect me from troubles and enable me to shout, praising you for saving me from my enemies.

With what does God surround David?

God surrounds him with the songs of victory.

Psalms 32:8

ULT

8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go. I will instruct you with my eye upon you.

UST

8 Yahweh says to me, “I will instruct you about how you should conduct your life. I will teach you and watch over you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:9

ULT

9 Do not be like a horse or like a mule, which have no understanding; it is only with bridle and bit to control them that they will go where you want them to.

UST

9 Do not be stupid like horses and mules that do not understand anything; they need bits so they will go in the direction you want them to go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 32:10

ULT

10 The wicked have many sorrows, but Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surround the one who trusts in him.

UST

10 Wicked people will have many troubles that will make them sad, but those who trust in Yahweh will experience him faithfully loving them all the time.

What will happen to the one who trusts in Yahweh?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surrounding him.

Psalms 32:11

ULT

11 Be glad in Yahweh, and rejoice, you righteous; shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.

UST

11 So, all you righteous people, rejoice about what Yahweh has done for you; you whose heart are pure, be glad and shout joyfully!

What should the righteous and the upright in heart do for Yahweh?

The upright in heart should rejoice and shout for joy.

Psalms 33

Psalms 33:1

ULT
[1] Rejoice in Yahweh, you righteous; praise is appropriate for the upright.

UST
[1] You righteous people should shout joyfully to Yahweh because that is what he deserves.

In whom does the writer say the righteous should rejoice?
The righteous should rejoice in Yahweh.

Psalms 33:2

ULT
[2] Give thanks to Yahweh with the harp; sing praises to him with the harp of ten strings.

UST
[2] Praise Yahweh as you play songs on the harp. Praise him as you play harps that have ten strings.

With what instrument does the writer say to give thanks to Yahweh?
The writer says to give thanks to Yahweh with the harp.

Psalms 33:3

ULT
[3] Sing to him a new song; play skillfully and sing with joy.

UST
[3] Sing a new song to him; play those instruments well, and shout joyfully as you play them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:4

ULT

4 For Yahweh's word is upright, and everything he does is fair.

UST

4 Yahweh always does what he says that he will do; we can trust that everything that he does is right.

How does the writer describe Yahweh's word and actions?

Yahweh's word is upright and everything he does is fair.

Psalms 33:5

ULT

5 He loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

UST

5 He loves everything that we do that is just and right. Yahweh helps people all over the earth because he always loves them.

What does Yahweh love?

Yahweh loves righteousness and justice.

Psalms 33:6

ULT

6 By the word of Yahweh the heavens were made, and all the stars were made by the breath of his mouth.

UST

6 Yahweh created everything in the sky by commanding it. By what he commanded, he created all the stars.

What was made by the word of Yahweh?

The heavens were made by the word of Yahweh.

What was made by the breath of Yahweh's mouth?

All the stars were made by the breath of Yahweh's mouth.

Psalms 33:7

ULT
7 He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap; he puts the oceans in storehouses.

UST
7 He gathered all the water into one huge mass like someone scoops liquid into a container.

What does the writer say Yahweh does to the waters of the sea?
He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap.

Psalms 33:8

ULT
8 Let the whole earth fear Yahweh; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

UST
8 Everyone on the earth should honor Yahweh; everyone on the earth should honor him.

What does the writer say all the inhabitants of the world should do?
All the inhabitants of the world should stand in awe of Yahweh.

Psalms 33:9

ULT
9 For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood in place.

UST
9 When he spoke, he created the world. Everything started to exist when he commanded it to be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:10

ULT
10 Yahweh frustrates the alliances of nations; he overrules the plans of the peoples.

UST
10 Yahweh stops the other nations from doing the things they want to do. He prevents them from doing the evil things that they plan to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:11

ULT
11 The plans of Yahweh stand forever, the plans of his heart for all generations.

UST
11 But what Yahweh decides to do will last forever. What he plans to do will never change.

How long will Yahweh's plans stand?
The plans of Yahweh stand forever, the plans of his heart for all generations.

Psalms 33:12

ULT
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people whom he has chosen as his own inheritance.

UST
12 Yahweh blesses our nation, we who worship him; How fortunate are we, the nation that belongs to him forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:13

ULT
13 Yahweh looks from heaven; he sees all the people.

UST
13 Yahweh looks down from heaven and sees all people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:14

ULT
14 From the place where he lives, he looks down on all who live on the earth.

UST
14 From where he rules, he looks down on all the people who live on the earth.

On whom does Yahweh look down from where he lives?
Yahweh looks down on all the people, on all who live on the earth.

Psalms 33:15

ULT
15 He who shapes the hearts of them all observes all their deeds.

UST
15 He forms our inner beings, and he sees everything that we do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:16

ULT
16 No king is saved by a vast army; a warrior is not saved by his great strength.

UST
16 It is not because a king has a great army that he is able to win battles, and it is not because a soldier is very strong that he is able to defeat his enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:17

ULT
17 A horse is a false hope for victory; in spite of his great strength, he cannot rescue.

UST
17 It is foolish to think that because horses are very strong, they will be able to win a battle and save their riders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:18

ULT
18 See, Yahweh’s eye is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his covenant faithfulness

UST
18 Do not forget that Yahweh watches over those who honor him, those who confidently expect him to faithfully love them.

On whom is Yahweh’s eye?
Yahweh’s eye is on those who fear him.

Psalms 33:19

ULT
[19] to deliver their lives from death and to keep them alive in times of famine.

UST
[19] He saves them from dying before they should die; he preserves them when there is a famine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:20

ULT
[20] We wait for Yahweh; he is our help and our shield.

UST
[20] We trust Yahweh to help us; he protects us as a shield protects a soldier.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 33:21

ULT
[21] Our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

UST
[21] We rejoice because of what he has done for us; we trust in him because he is holy.

Why should our hearts rejoice in Yahweh?
Our hearts should rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

Psalms 33:22

ULT
[22] Let your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, be with us as we put our hope in you.

UST
[22] Yahweh, we pray that you will always faithfully love us while we confidently expect you to do great things for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34

Psalms 34:1

ULT
1 I will praise Yahweh at all times, his praise will always be in my mouth.

UST
1 I will always thank Yahweh; I will constantly praise him.

How often will David praise Yahweh?
David will praise Yahweh at all times.

Psalms 34:2

ULT
2 I will praise Yahweh! May the oppressed hear and rejoice.

UST
2 I will praise Yahweh for what he has done. All those who are oppressed should listen to me and rejoice.

Who does David want to hear when he praises Yahweh?
David wants the oppressed to hear it and rejoice.

Psalms 34:3

ULT
3 Praise Yahweh with me, let us lift up his name together.

UST
3 Join with me in telling others that Yahweh is great! You and I should together proclaim how glorious he is!

What is David asking people to do with him?
David is asking them to praise Yahweh and lift up his name together.

Psalms 34:4

ULT
4 I sought Yahweh and he answered me, and he gave me victory over all my fears.

UST
4 I prayed to Yahweh, and he answered my prayer; he rescued me from all those who caused me to be afraid.

What happened when David sought Yahweh?
Yahweh answered David and gave him victory over all his fears.

Psalms 34:5

ULT
5 Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces are not ashamed.

UST
5 Those who trust that he will help them will be joyful; they will never have to look down in disgrace.

What happens to those who look to Yahweh?
They are radiant and their faces are not ashamed.

Psalms 34:6

ULT
6 This oppressed man cried and Yahweh heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

UST
6 I was miserable, but I called out to Yahweh, and he heard me. He rescued me from all my troubles.

What did Yahweh do when he heard this oppressed man cry?
Yahweh saved him from all his troubles.

Psalms 34:7

ULT

[7] The angel of Yahweh camps around those who fear him and rescues them.

UST

[7] An angel from Yahweh guards those who have an awesome respect for him, and the angel rescues them.

What does the angel of Yahweh do when he camps around those who fear him?

The angel of Yahweh rescues them.

Psalms 34:8

ULT

[8] Taste and see that Yahweh is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

UST

[8] Try for yourself, and you will experience that Yahweh is good to you! How fortunate are those who trust him to protect them.

Who is the man who is blessed?

The man is blessed who takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 34:9

ULT

[9] Fear Yahweh, you his holy people. There is no lack for those who fear him.

UST

[9] All you who belong to him, have an awesome respect for him! Those who do that will always have the things that they need.

What to Yahweh's chosen people who fear him?

There is no lack for those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 34:10

ULT

10 The young lions sometimes lack food and suffer hunger, but those who seek Yahweh will not lack anything good.

UST

10 Lions are usually very strong, but sometimes even young lions are hungry and become weak. However, those who trust in Yahweh will have everything that they need.

What does David say about those who seek Yahweh?

Those who seek Yahweh will not lack anything good.

Psalms 34:11

ULT

11 Come, sons, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.

UST

11 You who are my students, come and listen to me, and I will teach you how to have an awesome respect for Yahweh.

What does David say to the children?

David says, “Come, listen and I will teach you the fear of Yahweh.”

Psalms 34:12

ULT

12 What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

UST

12 If any of you wants to enjoy life and have a good long life,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:13

ULT
13 Then keep your tongue from evil and keep your lips from speaking lies.

UST
13 do not speak what is evil! Do not tell lies!

What does David say a man who desire life should do? (vv13-14)
David says he should keep from speaking evil, keep from speaking lies, turn from evil, do good and seek peace and promote it.

Psalms 34:14

ULT
14 Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and go after it.

UST
14 Refuse to do evil; instead, do what is good! Always try hard to enable people to live peacefully with each other!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:15

ULT
15 The eyes of Yahweh are on the righteous and his ears are directed toward their cry.

UST
15 Yahweh carefully watches over those who act righteously; he always responds to them when they call to him for help.

How does Yahweh respond to the cry of the righteous?
His eyes are on the righteous and his ears are directed toward their cry.

Psalms 34:16

ULT
16 The face of Yahweh is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

UST
16 But Yahweh works against those who do what is evil. After they die, people here on earth will forget them completely.

What will Yahweh do to the evildoers, whom his is against?
He will wipe out their memory from the earth.

Psalms 34:17

ULT
17 The righteous cry out and Yahweh hears and he rescues them from all their troubles.

UST
17 Yahweh hears righteous people when they call out to him; he rescues them from all their troubles.

What does Yahweh do when the righteous cry out?
He hears and rescues them from all their troubles.

Psalms 34:18

ULT
18 Yahweh is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those who are crushed in spirit.

UST
18 Yahweh is always ready to help those who are discouraged; he rescues those who have no hope for anything good.

To Whom is Yahweh near?
He is near the brokenhearted.

Who does Yahweh save?
Yahweh saves those with a crushed spirit.

Psalms 34:19

ULT
19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but Yahweh delivers them out of them all.

UST
19 Righteous people may have many troubles, but Yahweh rescues them from all those troubles.

What happens to the righteous who have many troubles? (vv19-20)
Yahweh gives him victory over them all and protects all his bones.

Psalms 34:20

ULT
20 He keeps all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

UST
20 Yahweh protects them from being harmed; when their enemies attack them, they will not break any bones of those righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 34:21

ULT
21 Evil will kill the wicked. Those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

UST
21 Disasters will kill the wicked people, and Yahweh will punish those who oppose righteous people.

What will happen to the wicked?
Evil will kill the wicked.

What will happen to those who hate the righteous?
They will be condemned.

Psalms 34:22

ULT

22 Yahweh rescues the lives of his servants. None of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

UST

22 Yahweh will save those who serve him. He will not condemn those who trust in him.

What does Yahweh do for his servants who take refuge in him?

He redeems their souls and they will not be condemned.

Psalms 35

Psalms 35:1

ULT
[1] David Yahweh, work against those who work against me; fight against those who fight against me.

UST
[1] Yahweh, fight against those who fight against me! Fight with my enemies when they fight me!

What does David ask Yahweh to do for him?
David asks Yahweh to work against those who work against him, and fight against those who fight against him.

Psalms 35:2

ULT
[2] Grab your small shield and large shield; rise up and help me.

UST
[2] Be like a shield to protect me and come to help me!

What weapons does David ask Yahweh to use to help him? (vv2-3)
He asks Yahweh to use his small and large shield, his spear, and his battle axe.

Psalms 35:3

ULT
[3] Use your spear and battle ax against those who chase me; say to my soul, “I am your salvation.”

UST
[3] Lift up your spear and throw it at those who pursue me! Promise me that you will enable me to defeat my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:4

ULT

4 May those who seek my life be shamed and dishonored. May those who plan to harm me be turned back and confounded.

UST

4 Those who are trying to kill me—make others disgrace and dishonor them. Push back and confuse those who are planning to do evil things to me.

What does David want to happen to those who plan to harm him?

David wants them to be turned back and confounded.

Psalms 35:5

ULT

5 May they be as chaff before the wind, as the angel of Yahweh drives them away.

UST

5 Send your angel to pursue them and to make them disappear like chaff that the wind blows away.

Who does David want to drive away his enemies?

He wants the angel of Yahweh to drive them away.

Psalms 35:6

ULT

6 May their way be dark and slippery, as the angel of Yahweh chases them.

UST

6 Cause the path on which they run to be dark and slippery as your angel pursues them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:7

ULT

[7] Without cause they set their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.

UST

[7] Although I did not do anything wrong to them, they dug a deep pit for me to fall into; they hid a net in which they would catch me.

What did David's enemies do without cause?

They set their net and dug a pit for David.

Psalms 35:8

ULT

[8] Let destruction overtake them by surprise. Let the net that they have set catch them. Let them fall into it, to their destruction.

UST

[8] Cause them to suddenly experience disaster! Cause their own nets to trap them. Cause them to fall into the pits that they have dug for me, and make them die in them!

What does David want to happen to his enemies?

David wants destruction to overtake them by surprise, for them to be caught in their own nets, and for them to fall to their destruction.

Psalms 35:9

ULT

[9] But I will be joyful in Yahweh and rejoice in his salvation.

UST

[9] Then I will rejoice in what you, Yahweh, have done for me; I will be glad that you have rescued me.

In what will David rejoice?

He will rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 35:10

ULT
10 All my bones will say, “Yahweh, who is like you, who rescues the oppressed from those who are too strong for them and the poor and needy from those who try to rob them?”

UST
10 With my whole inner being I will say, “There is no one like Yahweh! No one else can rescue helpless people from powerful people. No one else can rescue weak and needy people from those who want to rob them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:11

ULT
11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up; they accuse me falsely.

UST
11 People who tell lies stand in court and accuse me of doing things that I do not know anything about.

Why is David sorrowful? (vv11-12)
He is sorrowful because unrighteous witnesses rise up to accuse him falsely, and repay him evil for good.

Psalms 35:12

ULT
12 They repay me evil for good. I am sorrowful.

UST
12 In return for my doing good things for them, they do evil things to me, with the result that I feel that I am alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:13

ULT
13 But, when they were sick, I wore sackcloth; I fasted for them with my head bowed on my chest.

UST
13 When they were ill, I showed that I was sad. I did not eat any food, and I bowed my head as I prayed for them.

How did David respond to his enemies' troubles? (vv13-14)
David wore sackcloth, fasted for them, went about in grief and bent down in mourning for them.

Psalms 35:14

ULT
14 I went about in grief as for my brother; I bent down in mourning as for my mother.

UST
14 I mourned and bowed my head as I prayed as though it were a friend or my mother for whom I was grieving.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:15

ULT
15 But when I stumbled, they rejoiced and gathered together; they gathered together against me, and I was surprised by them. They tore at me without stopping.

UST
15 But when I had troubles, they were all happy about it. They unexpectedly gathered around to make fun of me. Strangers kept striking me; they would not stop.

How did the enemies respond to David's troubles? (vv15-16)
They rejoiced, gathered against him, tore at him, taunted him, and gnashed at him with their teeth.

Psalms 35:16

ULT
16 With no respect at all they mocked me; they grind their teeth at me in rage.

UST
16 People who respect no one ridiculed me and snarled at me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:17

ULT
17 Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destructive attacks, my life from the lions.

UST
17 Lord, how long will you only watch them doing this? Rescue me from their attacks; Save me from being killed by these men who are attacking me as lions attack other animals!

When will David thank Yahweh in the assembly? (vv17-18)
He will thank Yahweh when his soul is rescued from their destructive attacks.

Psalms 35:18

ULT
18 Then I will thank you in the great assembly; I will praise you among many people.

UST
18 Then, when many of your people gather, I will praise you, and I will thank you in front of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:19

ULT
19 Do not let my deceitful enemies rejoice over me; do not let them carry out their wicked schemes.

UST
19 Do not allow my enemies, who tell lies about me, defeat me and then rejoice about it! Do not allow those who hate me when there is no reason to hate me to laugh about how I suffer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:20

ULT
[20] For they do not speak peace, but they devise deceitful words against those in our land who live in peace.

UST
[20] They do not speak peacefully to people; instead, they look for ways to tell lies about people in our land who do no harm to anyone.

What do David's enemies do instead of speaking peace?
They devise deceitful words against those who live in peace.

Psalms 35:21

ULT
[21] They open their mouths wide against me; they said, "Aha, Aha, our eyes have seen it."

UST
[21] They shout at me in order to accuse me; they say, "We saw the wrong things that you did!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:22

ULT
[22] You have seen it, Yahweh, do not be silent; Lord, do not be far from me.

UST
[22] Yahweh, you have seen these things, so do not be silent! Do not stay far from me!

What does David want Yahweh to do since he has seen David's troubles? (vv22-23)
He wants Yahweh to not be silent, to not be far away, and to arouse and awake to his defense.

Psalms 35:23

ULT
[23] Arouse yourself and awake to my defense; My God and my Lord, defend my cause.

UST
[23] Arise, my God, plead my case in court, and successfully defend me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:24

ULT

24 Defend me, Yahweh my God, because of your righteousness; do not let them rejoice over me.

UST

24 Yahweh, my God, because you are righteous, prove that I am innocent so that my enemies will not be able to gloat that I was judged to be guilty.

Why does David say Yahweh should defend him?

He says Yahweh should defend him because of Yahweh's righteousness.

Psalms 35:25

ULT

25 Do not let them say in their heart, "Aha, we have what we wanted." Do not let them say, "We have devoured him."

UST

25 Do not allow them to be able to say to themselves, "Yes, we have gotten rid of him just like we desired!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:26

ULT

26 May they be put to shame and may they be confounded who rejoice at my distress. May those who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and dishonor.

UST

26 Cause those who rejoice about my misfortunes to be completely confused and disgraced; cause those who boast that they are much greater than I am to be disgraced and dishonored!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:27

ULT

27 Let those who desire my vindication shout for joy and be glad; may they say continually, “Yahweh be praised, he who delights in the welfare of his servant.”

UST

27 But cause those who desire that you declare me innocent to be happy and shout joyfully; cause them to always say, “Yahweh is great! He is delighted to cause things to go well for those who serve him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 35:28

ULT

28 Then I will tell of your justice and praise you all day long.

UST

28 Then I will proclaim that you act in the right way, and I will praise you all the time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 36

Psalms 36:1

ULT
[1] An evil man speaks of his transgression from deep in his heart, there is no fear of God before his eyes.

UST
[1] A continual desire to sin is in the inner beings of wicked people. They consider that they do not need to have an awesome respect for God.

How does sin speak in the heart of the wicked man?
Sin speaks like an oracle in the heart of the wicked man.

Psalms 36:2

ULT
[2] For he comforts himself, thinking that his sin will not be discovered and be hated.

UST
[2] Because they want to believe good things about themselves, they do not think that God knows and hates their sins.

How does the wicked man comfort himself?
He thinks that his sin will not be discovered and be hated.

Psalms 36:3

ULT
[3] His words are sinful and deceitful; he does not want to be wise and do good.

UST
[3] Everything that they say is deceitful and full of lies; they no longer do what is good and are no longer wise.

What are the wicked man's words like?
His words are sinful and deceitful.

What does the wicked man not want to be?
He does not want to be wise and to do good.

Psalms 36:4

ULT
4 While he lies in bed, he plans ways to sin; he sets out on an evil way; he does not reject evil.

UST
4 While they are lying on their beds, they plan to do things to harm others; they are determined to do things that are not good, and they never refuse to do what is evil.

What does the wicked man do while he lies in bed?
He plans ways to sin while he lies in bed.

Psalms 36:5

ULT
5 Your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, reaches to the heavens; your loyalty reaches to the clouds.

UST
5 Yahweh, your faithful love for us reaches as high as the heavens; your faithfulness in doing what you have promised extends up to the clouds.

What reaches to the heavens and to the clouds?
Yahweh's covenant faithfulness reached to the heavens, and his loyalty reaches to the clouds.

Psalms 36:6

ULT
6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep. Yahweh, you preserve both mankind and the animals.

UST
6 Your righteous behavior is as permanent as the highest mountains; your acting justly will continue as long as the deepest oceans will continue. You take care of people and you take care of animals.

What is Yahweh's justice like?
His justice is like the highest mountains and the deepest sea.

What does Yahweh preserve?
Yahweh preserves both mankind and the animals.

Psalms 36:7

ULT

7 How precious is your covenant faithfulness, God! Humanity takes refuge under the shadow of your wings.

UST

7 God, your faithful love for us is very precious. You protect us like birds protect their baby birds under their wings.

Who takes refuge under the shadow of God's wings?

Humanity takes refuge under the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 36:8

ULT

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; you let them drink from the river of your delights.

UST

8 You provide for us plenty of food from the abundant supply that you have; your great gifts flow to us like a river.

What will abundantly satisfy humanity?

The richness of the food of God's house will satisfy humanity.

Psalms 36:9

ULT

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we will see light.

UST

9 You are the one who causes everything to live; your light is what enables us to know the truth about you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 36:10

ULT
10 Extend your covenant faithfulness fully to those who know you, your defense to the upright of heart.

UST
10 Continue to faithfully love those who are faithful to you, and protect those who act righteously.

To whom does David ask God to extend his covenant faithfulness?
David asks God to extend God's covenant faithfulness fully to those who know God.

Psalms 36:11

ULT
11 Do not let the foot of the arrogant man come near to me. Do not let the hand of the wicked drive me away.

UST
11 Do not allow proud people to attack me, or allow wicked people to chase me away.

What does David ask God not to let happen?
David asks God not to let the foot of the arrogant man come near him, and the hand of the wicked to drive him away.

Psalms 36:12

ULT
12 Over there the evildoers have fallen; they are knocked down and are not able to get up.

UST
12 Look where evil people have fallen on the ground, defeated; they were thrown down, and they will never rise again.

What will happen to the evildoers who have fallen?
They are knocked down and not able to get up.

Psalms 37

Psalms 37:1

ULT
[1] David Do not be irritated because of evildoers; do not be envious of those who act unrighteously.

UST
[1] Do not be bothered by what wicked people do. Do not desire to have the things that people who do wrong have

Why does David say to not be irritated because of evildoers? (vv1-2)
He says to not be irritated because of evildoers because they will soon dry up as the grass and wither as the green plants.

Psalms 37:2

ULT
[2] For they will soon dry up as the grass and wither as the green plants.

UST
[2] because they will soon disappear like grass withers in the hot sun and dries up. Just like some green plants come up but die during the hot summer, evil people will soon die also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:3

ULT
[3] Trust in Yahweh and do what is good; settle in the land and graze in faithfulness.

UST
[3] Trust in Yahweh and do what is good. If you do that, then you will live safely in the land he has given you, and that land will be a place where you can be faithful to God as you live your lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:4

ULT

4 Then delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

UST

4 Be delighted with all that Yahweh does for you; if you do that, he will give you the things that you desire most.

Why does David say to delight in Yahweh?

He says to delight in Yahweh so he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:5

ULT

5 Give your ways to Yahweh; trust in him, and he will act on your behalf.

UST

5 Commit to Yahweh all the things that you plan to do; trust in him, and he will do whatever is needed to help you.

Why does David say to trust in Yahweh? (vv5-6)

He says to trust in Yahweh so that he will act on your behalf, display your justice like the daylight, and your innocence like the day at noon.

Psalms 37:6

ULT

6 He will display your justice like the daylight and your innocence like the day at noon.

UST

6 He will show as clearly as the sunlight that you are innocent; he will show as clearly as the sun at noontime that all the things that you have decided are just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:7

ULT

7 Be still before Yahweh and wait patiently for him. Do not be angry if someone succeeds in what he does, or when he makes evil plots.

UST

7 Be quiet in Yahweh's presence and wait patiently for him to do what you want him to do. Do not be bothered when what evil men do is successful, when they are able to do the wicked things that they plan.

What does David say we should do before Yahweh?

He says to be still before him and wait patiently for him, and to not worry if someone tries to make his evil ways succeed.

Psalms 37:8

ULT

8 Do not be angry and frustrated. Do not worry. This only makes trouble.

UST

8 Do not be angry about what wicked people do. Do not want to punish them yourself. Do not be envious of such people because you will only harm yourself if you try to do that.

Why does David say to not be angry and frustrated or to worry about evildoers? (vv8-10)

They will be cut off and disappear, but those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the land.

Psalms 37:9

ULT

9 Evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the land.

UST

9 Someday Yahweh will get rid of wicked people, but those who trust in him will live safely in the land that he has given to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:10

ULT
10 In a little while the evil man will disappear; you will look at his place, but he will be gone.

UST
10 Soon the wicked will disappear. You will look for them, but they will be gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:11

ULT
11 But the meek will inherit the land and will delight in great prosperity.

UST
11 But those who are humble will live safely in their land. They will happily enjoy living peacefully and having the other good things that Yahweh gives them.

What will happen to the meek?
They will inherit the land and delight in great prosperity.

Psalms 37:12

ULT
12 The wicked man plots against the righteous and he grinds his teeth in rage against him.

UST
12 Wicked people plan to harm righteous people; they snarl at them like wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:13

ULT
13 The Lord laughs at him, for he sees that his day is coming.

UST
13 But Yahweh laughs at them because he knows that someday he will judge and punish the wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:14

ULT

14 The wicked have drawn out their swords and have bent their bows to cast down the oppressed and needy, to kill those who are upright.

UST

14 Wicked people pull out their swords and they put strings on their bows, ready to kill people who are poor and to slaughter those who live righteously.

What will happen to the wicked who have tried to kill those who are upright? (vv14-15)

The swords of the wicked will pierce their own hearts and their bows will be broken.

Psalms 37:15

ULT

15 Their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

UST

15 But they will be killed by their own swords, and their bows will be broken.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:16

ULT

16 Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked people.

UST

16 It is good to be righteous even if you do not have many possessions, but it is bad to be wicked even if you are very wealthy

Why is the little that the righteous have better than the abundance of many wicked people? (vv16-17)

The little that the righteous have is better because the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yahweh will support the righteous people.

Psalms 37:17

ULT
17 For the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yahweh supports the righteous people.

UST
17 because Yahweh will completely remove the strength of wicked people, but he will sustain people who live righteously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:18

ULT
18 Yahweh watches over the blameless day by day, and their heritage will be forever.

UST
18 Day by day Yahweh protects those who have not done any evil things; the things that Yahweh gives them will last forever.

How will Yahweh provide for the blameless? (vv18-19)
The blameless will not be ashamed when times are bad, they will have enough to eat, and their heritage will be forever.

Psalms 37:19

ULT
19 They will not be ashamed when times are bad. When famine comes, they will have enough to eat.

UST
19 They will survive when calamities occur; when there are famines, they will still have plenty to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:20

ULT
20 But evil men will perish. Yahweh's enemies will be like the glory of the pastures; they will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.

UST
20 But wicked people will die; just as the beautiful wild flowers in the fields die under the hot sun and disappear like smoke, Yahweh will cause his enemies to suddenly disappear.

What will happen to Yahweh's enemies?
His enemies will be like the glory of the pastures which will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.

Psalms 37:21

ULT
21 The wicked person borrows but does not repay, but the righteous person is generous and gives.

UST
21 The wicked people borrow money, but they are not able to repay it; righteous people, in contrast, have enough money to give generously to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:22

ULT
22 Those who are blessed by God will inherit the land; those who are cursed by him will be cut off.

UST
22 Those whom Yahweh has blessed will live safely in the land that he has given to them, but he will get rid of those people whom he has cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:23

ULT
23 It is by Yahweh that a man's steps are established, the man whose way is commendable in God's sight.

UST
23 Yahweh protects those who do what is pleasing to him, and he will enable them to walk confidently wherever they go;

What is the benefit of having Yahweh establish a man's steps? (vv23-24)
Even though he stumbles, he will not fall down for Yahweh is holding him with his hand.

Psalms 37:24

ULT
24 Though he stumbles, he will not fall down, for Yahweh is holding him with his hand.

UST
24 even if they stumble, they will not fall down because Yahweh holds them by his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:25

ULT
25 I was young and now am old; I have never seen the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.

UST
25 I was young previously, and now I am an old man, but in all those years, I have never seen that righteous people have been abandoned by Yahweh, nor have I seen that their children needed to beg for food.

What has David not seen happen to the righteous person?
He has not seen that the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.

Psalms 37:26

ULT
26 All the day long he is gracious and lends, and his children become a blessing.

UST
26 Righteous people are generous and happily lend money to others, and their children are a blessing to them.

How does the righteous person act?
He is gracious all the day long and lends.

Psalms 37:27

ULT
27 Turn away from evil and do what is right; then you will be safe forever.

UST
27 Turn away from doing evil, and do what is good. If you do that, you and your descendants will live in your land forever.

What should people do to be safe forever?
They should turn away from evil and do what is right.

Psalms 37:28

ULT
28 For Yahweh loves justice and does not abandon his faithful ones. They are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

UST
28 This will happen because Yahweh likes to see people doing what is just, and he will never forsake righteous people. He will protect them forever; but he will get rid of the children of wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:29

ULT
29 The righteous will inherit the land and live there forever.

UST
29 Righteous people will own the land that Yahweh promised to give to them, and they will live there forever.

What will the righteous inherit?
They will inherit the land and live there forever.

Psalms 37:30

ULT
30 The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.

UST
30 Righteous people give wise advice to others, and they encourage other people to live rightly.

What does the mouth of the righteous person speak?
The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.

Psalms 37:31

ULT
31 The law of his God is in his heart; his feet will not slip.

UST
31 They fill their minds with God’s laws; they do not stray from walking on God’s path.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:32

ULT
32 The wicked person watches the righteous person and seeks to kill him.

UST
32 Those who are evil wait in ambush for righteous people in order to kill them as they walk by.

What will happen to the righteous person whom the wicked person seeks to kill? (vv32-33)
Yahweh will not abandon him into the wicked person's hand nor condemn him when he is judged.

Psalms 37:33

ULT
33 Yahweh will not abandon him into the evil person's hand or condemn him when he is judged.

UST
33 But Yahweh will not abandon righteous people and let them fall into their enemies' hands. He will not allow righteous people to be condemned when someone takes them to a judge to be put on trial.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:34

ULT
34 Wait for Yahweh and keep his way, and he will raise you up to possess the land. You will see when the wicked are cut off.

UST
34 Be patient and trust that Yahweh will help you, and walk on his paths. If you do that, he will honor you by giving you the land that he promised, and when he gets rid of the wicked, you will see it happen.

What will happen to those who wait for Yahweh?
Yahweh will raise them up to possess the land.

Psalms 37:35

ULT
35 I have seen the wicked and terrifying person spread out like a green tree in its native soil.

UST
35 I have seen that wicked people who act like tyrants sometimes prosper like trees that grow well in fertile soil,

What will happen to the wicked and terrifying person? (vv35-36)
He will spread out like a green tree in its native soil, but later he will not be found.

Psalms 37:36

ULT
36 But when I passed by again, he was not there. I looked for him, but he could not be found.

UST
36 but when I looked later, they were gone! I searched for them, but Yahweh had caused them to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:37

ULT
37 Observe the man of integrity, and mark the upright; there is a good future for a man of peace.

UST
37 Notice the people who have not done evil things, those who act righteously; their descendants will have peace in their inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:38

ULT
38 Sinners will be totally destroyed; the future for the wicked man is cut off.

UST
38 But Yahweh will get rid of the wicked; he will also get rid of their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 37:39

ULT

39 Salvation of the righteous comes from Yahweh; he protects them in the times of trouble.

UST

39 Yahweh rescues righteous people; in times of trouble he protects them.

What does Yahweh do for the righteous? (vv39-40)

Yahweh protects them in time of trouble, and helps and rescues them.

Psalms 37:40

ULT

40 Yahweh helps them and rescues them. He rescues them from evil men and saves them because they have taken refuge in him.

UST

40 Yahweh helps them and saves them; he rescues them from being attacked by wicked people because they go to him to be protected.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38

Psalms 38:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger; do not punish me in your wrath.

UST
[1] Yahweh, when you are angry with me, do not rebuke me and punish me!

What does David ask Yahweh not to do in his anger?
He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger, or punish him in his wrath.

Psalms 38:2

ULT
[2] For your arrows pierce me, and your hand presses me down.

UST
[2] Now it is as though you have shot your arrows at me and wounded me; it is as though you have struck me and knocked me down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:3

ULT
[3] My whole body is sick because of your anger; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

UST
[3] Because you have been angry with me, I am suffering great pain. Because of my sin, my whole body is diseased.

Why does David say, “There is no health in my bones?”
He says there is no health in his bones because of his sin.

Psalms 38:4

ULT

4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; they are a burden too heavy for me.

UST

4 All my sins are like a flood that covers my head; they are like a load that is very heavy; I cannot carry them.

What has overwhelmed David?

His iniquities have overwhelmed him.

Psalms 38:5

ULT

5 My wounds are infected and smell because of my foolish sins.

UST

5 Because I have done foolish things, I have sores that have become worse, and they stink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:6

ULT

6 I am stooped over and humiliated every day; I go about mourning all day long.

UST

6 Sometimes I am bent over, and sometimes I lie prostrate; I mourn all day.

What does David do all day long?

He goes about mourning all day long.

Psalms 38:7

ULT
[7] For within me, I am filled with burning; there is no health in my flesh.

UST
[7] My body is burning with fever, and I am very ill.

With what is David overcome?
He is overcome with shame.

Psalms 38:8

ULT
[8] I am numb and utterly crushed; I groan because of the anguish of my heart.

UST
[8] I am completely exhausted, and I have no strength. I am very distressed in my inner being, and I groan with pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:9

ULT
[9] Lord, you understand my heart's deepest yearnings, and my groanings are not hidden from you.

UST
[9] Yahweh, you know that I desire you to heal me; you hear me while I am groaning.

What does David say the Lord understands?
He says the Lord understands his heart's deepest yearnings.

Psalms 38:10

ULT
[10] My heart pounds, my strength fades, and my eyesight dims.

UST
[10] My heart pounds heavily, and all my strength is gone. I am no longer able to see well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:11

ULT
11 My friends and companions shun me because of my condition; my neighbors stand far off.

UST
11 My friends and neighbors stay away from me because of my sores; even my own family stays far from me.

Why do David's friends and companions shun him?
David's friends and companions shun him because of his condition.

Psalms 38:12

ULT
12 Those who seek my life lay snares for me. They who seek my harm speak destructive words and say deceitful words all day long.

UST
12 Those who want to kill me set traps to catch me; those who want to harm me discuss the ways that they can get rid of me; they plot against me all day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:13

ULT
13 But I, I am like a deaf man and hear nothing; I am like a mute man who says nothing.

UST
13 Now I act like a deaf man and do not listen to what they say. I act like a man who cannot talk, and I say nothing to reply to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:14

ULT
14 I am like a man who does not hear and who has no reply.

UST
14 I act like a man who does not answer when people talk to him because he cannot hear anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:15

ULT
15 Surely I wait for you, Yahweh; you will answer, Lord my God.

UST
15 But Yahweh, I trust in you. My Lord God, you will answer me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:16

ULT
16 For I said "Hear me, so that they will not gloat over me. If my foot slips, they will do terrible things to me.

UST
16 I said to you, “Do not cause me to die so that my enemies will rejoice! If troubles overwhelm me, my enemies will do very bad things to me!”

What does David fear his enemies will do if his foot slips?
If David’s foot slips, his enemies will do terrible things to him.

Psalms 38:17

ULT
17 For I am about to stumble, and I am in constant pain.

UST
17 I say that because I am about to fall down, and I constantly have pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:18

ULT
18 I confess my guilt; I am concerned about my sin.

UST
18 I confess the wrong things that I have done; I am very sorry for the sins that I have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:19

ULT
19 But my enemies are numerous; those who hate me wrongfully are many.

UST
19 My enemies are healthy and strong; there are many people who hate me for no reason.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 38:20

ULT
20 They repay me evil for good; they hurl accusations at me although I have pursued what is good.

UST
20 Those who do evil things to me in return for my doing good things to them oppose me because I try to do what is right.

How do his enemies repay the good he has done?
They repay David evil for good and they hurl accusations at him.

Psalms 38:21

ULT
21 Do not abandon me, Yahweh; my God, do not stay far away from me.

UST
21 Yahweh, do not abandon me! My God, do not stay far from me!

What names does David use when he asks Yahweh for help? (vv21-22)
He calls him, “Yahweh”, “God”, “Lord”, and “my salvation.”

Psalms 38:22

ULT
22 Come quickly to help me, Lord, my salvation.

UST
22 Lord, you are the one who saves me; Quickly come and help me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 39

Psalms 39:1

ULT
[1] I decided, “I will watch what I say so that I do not sin with my tongue. I will muzzle my mouth while in the presence of an evil man.”

UST
[1] I said to myself, “I will be careful not to sin by the things that I say. I will not say anything to complain to you while wicked people are near to me and can hear me.”

What did David decide he will do?
David decided to watch what he says and he to muzzle his mouth while in the presence of an evil man.

Psalms 39:2

ULT
[2] I kept silent; I kept back my words even from saying anything good, and my pain grew worse.

UST
[2] So I was completely silent, and I did not even talk about things that were good; but it was useless because I began to suffer even more.

What happened when David kept silent and kept back his words from saying anything good? (vv2-3)
David’s pain grew worse and his heart became hot like a fire.

Psalms 39:3

ULT
[3] My heart became hot; when I thought about these things, it burned like a fire. Then finally I spoke.

UST
[3] I became very anxious in my inner being. As I thought about my troubles, I became more worried. Then finally I said this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 39:4

ULT

4 “Yahweh, make me know when will be the end of my life and the extent of my days. Show me how transient I am.

UST

4 “Yahweh, show me how long I will live. Tell me when I will die. Tell me how many years I will live!

What does David want to know about his life?

David wants to know when will his life end, the extent of his days, and how transient he is.

Psalms 39:5

ULT

5 See, you have made my days only the width of my hand, and my lifetime is like nothing before you. Surely every man is a single breath. *Selah*

UST

5 It seems that you have caused me to live only a short time; my lifetime seems nothing to you. The time that all we humans live is as short as a puff of air.

What does David say his life is like before Yahweh?

David’s lifetime is like nothing before Yahweh.

Psalms 39:6

ULT

6 Surely every man walks about like a shadow. Surely everyone hurries about to accumulate riches although they do not know who will receive them.

UST

6 Then we disappear like a shadow does. It seems that all that we do is for nothing. We sometimes get a lot of money, but we do not even know who will get it after we die.

What does everyone hurry about to do?

Everyone who hurries about to accumulate riches.

Psalms 39:7

ULT

7 Now, Lord, for what am I waiting? You are my only hope.

UST

7 So now, Yahweh, I can expect to receive nothing from anyone else. You are the only one from whom I confidently expect to receive blessings.

What is David's only hope?

The Lord is David's only hope.

Psalms 39:8

ULT

8 Rescue me from my sins; do not make me the reproach of fools.

UST

8 Deliver me from the sins that I have committed. Do not allow foolish people to make fun of me.

What victory does David ask Yahweh to give him?

David ask Yahweh to give him victory over all his sins.

Of what does David not want to be the object?

David does not want to be the object of insults of fools.

Psalms 39:9

ULT

9 I am silent and cannot open my mouth, because it is you who has done it.

UST

9 I did not say anything when you punished me because I knew that you were the one who caused me to suffer.

How does David respond to what the Lord did?

David is silent and does not open his mouth.

Psalms 39:10

ULT
10 Stop wounding me; I am overwhelmed by the blow of your hand.

UST
10 But now, please stop punishing me! If you do not do that, I am about to die because of how you make me suffer.

By what is David overwhelmed?
David is overwhelmed by the blow of the Lord's hand.

Psalms 39:11

ULT
11 When you discipline people for sin, you consume the things they desire like a moth; surely all people are nothing but vapor. *Selah*

UST
11 When you rebuke someone and punish him for the sin that he has committed, you destroy the things he loves like moths eat away at clothing. Our lives disappear like a puff of air.

What happens when the Lord disciplines people for sin?
The Lord consumes their strength like a moth and they are nothing but vapor.

Psalms 39:12

ULT
12 Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and listen to me; listen to my weeping! Do not be deaf to me, for I am like a foreigner with you, a refugee like all my ancestors were.

UST
12 Yahweh, listen to me while I pray; pay attention to me while I cry out to you. Help me while I am crying. I am here on the earth for only a short time, like all my ancestors.

Why does David ask Yahweh to listen to his weeping and to not be deaf to him?
He asks Yahweh to listen because David is like a foreigner with him and a refugee like all his ancestors were.

Psalms 39:13

ULT

13 Turn your gaze from me so that I may smile again before I die.”

UST

13 Now please allow me to be alone and do not punish me anymore so that I may smile and be happy for a while before I die.”

What does David ask Yahweh to do before David dies?

He asks Yahweh to turn his gaze from David so that David may smile again.

Psalms 40

Psalms 40:1

ULT
1 I waited patiently for Yahweh; he listened to me and heard my cry.

UST
1 I waited patiently for Yahweh to help me, and he listened to me when I called out to him.

What did Yahweh do after David waited patiently for him?
Yahweh listened to David and heard his cry.

Psalms 40:2

ULT
2 He brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and he set my feet on a rock and made my steps secure.

UST
2 When I had many troubles, it was as though I was in a deep pit. But he lifted me up out of the mud and slime of that pit; he set my feet on a solid rock and enabled me to walk safely.

What else did Yahweh do for David?
Yahweh brought David out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set his feet on a rock.

Psalms 40:3

ULT
3 He has put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God. Many will see it and honor him and will trust in Yahweh.

UST
3 He has given me a new song to sing, a song to praise him who is our God. Many people will find out what he has done for me, and they will revere and trust him.

What will many do because God has put a new song of praise in David's mouth?
Many will see it and honor Yahweh and trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 40:4

ULT

4 Blessed is the man who makes Yahweh his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from him to lies.

UST

4 How fortunate are those who trust Yahweh to protect them, those who do not trust in idols or join with those who worship those false gods.

Who is blessed?

The man who makes Yahweh his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from God is blessed.

Psalms 40:5

ULT

5 Many, Yahweh my God, are the wonderful deeds that you have done, and your thoughts which are about us cannot be numbered; if I declared and spoke of them, they would be more than could be counted.

UST

5 O Yahweh, my God, you have done many wonderful things! No one can list all the wonderful things that you have planned for us. If I tried to tell others about all those wonderful things, I would not be able to because there would be too many for me to mention.

How does David describe God's deeds and thoughts?

God's wonderful deeds are many and his thoughts about us cannot be numbered.

Psalms 40:6

ULT

6 You have no delight in sacrifice or offering, but you have opened my ears; you have not required burnt offerings or sin offerings.

UST

6 Sacrifices and other offerings are not the things that delight you most. But you have enabled me to hear your commands. Animals burned on the altar and other offerings for our sins are not what you require most.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:7

ULT

7 Then said I, “See, I have come; it is written about me in the scroll of the document.

UST

7 So I said to you, “Yahweh, here I am, to obey the laws that have been written in the scroll, things that you want me to do.”

What is written about David in the scroll of the document? (vv7-8)

It is written that he delights to do God’s will and that God’s laws are in his heart.

Psalms 40:8

ULT

8 I delight to do your will, my God; your laws are in my heart.”

UST

8 O my God, I enjoy doing what you desire; I am always thinking about your laws within my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:9

ULT

9 I have proclaimed good news of your righteousness in the great assembly; Yahweh, you know that my lips have not kept back from doing this.

UST

9 When all your people were gathered together, I told them about how you do what is right and how you rescue us. Yahweh, you know that I have not refused to tell that to them.

What has David proclaimed in the great assembly?

He has proclaimed good news of God’s righteousness in the great assembly.

Psalms 40:10

ULT

10 I have not concealed your righteousness in my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your covenant faithfulness or your trustworthiness from the great assembly.

UST

10 I have not kept within me the news that you always act justly; when many of your people have gathered
together to worship you, I have told them that you are faithful to us and save us. I have not concealed that
you faithfully love us and act loyally toward us.

What has David not concealed?

He has not concealed God's righteousness in his heart nor God's covenent faithfulness nor trustworthiness from the great assembly.

Psalms 40:11

ULT

11 Do not keep back your acts of mercy from me, Yahweh; let your covenant faithfulness and your
trustworthiness always preserve me.

UST

11 Yahweh, do not stop acting mercifully toward me. Because you faithfully love me and are loyal to me,
protect me always.

What does David pray that Yahweh will do for him?

David prays that Yahweh not keep back his acts of mercy from David but rather let Yahweh's covenent faithfulness and his trustworthiness always preserve David.

Psalms 40:12

ULT

12 Troubles that cannot be numbered surround me; my iniquities have caught up with me so that I am no
longer able to see anything; they are more than the hairs on my head, and my heart has failed me.

UST

12 I have many troubles; I cannot count them. I am now suffering the things that happened because I sinned.
I can no longer see because of my tears. The sins that I have committed are more than the hairs on my head.
I am very discouraged.

Why is David afraid?

He is afraid because troubles that cannot be numbered surround him and his iniquities have overtaken him. His heart has failed him.

Psalms 40:13

ULT
13 Be pleased, Yahweh, to rescue me; hurry to help me, Yahweh.

UST
13 O Yahweh, please save me! Come quickly to help me!

What does he pray that Yahweh will be pleased to do?
He prays that Yahweh will be pleased to rescue him.

Psalms 40:14

ULT
14 Let them be ashamed and completely disappointed who pursue my life to take it away. Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who delight in hurting me.

UST
14 Humble those who are happy about my troubles, and cause them to be disgraced. Chase away those who are trying to get rid of me.

What does David pray will happen to those who pursue his life?
He prays that they be put to shame and confused, turned back and brought to dishonor.

Psalms 40:15

ULT
15 Let them be shocked because of their shame, those who say to me, “Aha, aha!”

UST
15 I hope that those who make fun of me will be dismayed when you defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 40:16

ULT

16 But may all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let everyone who loves your salvation say continually, “May Yahweh be praised.”

UST

16 But I hope that all those who go to worship you will be very joyful. I hope that those who love you because you saved them will shout repeatedly, “Yahweh is great!”

What does David pray for those who seek God and love his salvation?

He prays that they rejoice and be glad in God, and that they say continually, “May Yahweh be praised.”

Psalms 40:17

ULT

17 I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks about me. You are my help and you come to my rescue; do not delay, my God.

UST

17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but I know that the Lord has not forgotten me. O my God, you are the one who saves and helps me, so please come quickly and help me!

How does David describe the Lord?

The Lord thinks about him, is his help, and comes to David’s rescue.

Psalms 41

Psalms 41:1

ULT

[1] Blessed is he who is concerned for the weak; in the day of trouble, Yahweh will rescue him.

UST

[1] How fortunate are those who provide for the poor; Yahweh will rescue those people when they have troubles.

Who does David say is the one who is blessed?

The one who is concerned for the weak is blessed.

What will Yahweh do for the blessed person? (vv1-2)

Yahweh will rescue him, preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth.

Psalms 41:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; Yahweh will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.

UST

[2] Yahweh will protect them and allow them to live for a long time. He will enable them to be happy in the land of Israel and will rescue them from their enemies.

What will Yahweh not do to the blessed person?

Yahweh will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.

Psalms 41:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering; you will make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.

UST

[3] When they are sick, Yahweh will strengthen them and will heal them.

What will Yahweh do for the blessed person on the bed of suffering?

Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering and make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.

Psalms 41:4

ULT
4 I said, “Yahweh, have mercy on me! Heal me, for I have sinned against you.”

UST
4 When I was sick, I said, “Yahweh, act mercifully toward me and heal me; I know that I am sick because I have sinned against you.”

Why did David ask Yahweh to have mercy on him?
He asked Yahweh to have mercy on him because he had sinned against Yahweh.

Psalms 41:5

ULT
5 My enemies speak evil against me, saying, ‘When will he die and his name perish?’

UST
5 My enemies say cruel things about me; they say, “How soon will he die, and then everyone will forget about him?”

What evil do his enemies speak against David?
They ask when he will die and and his name perish.

Psalms 41:6

ULT
6 If my enemy comes to see me, he says worthless things; his heart gathers up my disaster for itself; when he goes away from me, he tells others about it.

UST
6 When my enemies come to me, they pretend to be concerned about me. They eagerly listen to all the bad news about me. Then they go away and tell everyone what is happening to me.

What does David’s enemy say to him?
His enemy says worthless things.

Psalms 41:7

ULT
7 All who hate me whisper together against me; against me they hope for my hurt.

UST
7 All those who hate me whisper to others about me, and they hope that very bad things will happen to me.

What do those who hate David whisper and hope for?
Those who hate David whisper together against him and hope for his hurt.

Psalms 41:8

ULT
8 They say, “An evil disease holds on tightly to him; now that he is lying down, he will rise up no more.”

UST
8 They say, “He will soon die because of his being sick; he will never get up from his bed before he dies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 41:9

ULT
9 Indeed, even my own close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

UST
9 Even a very close friend, whom I trusted very much, who often ate with me, has betrayed me.

What has David’s own close friend in whom he trusted done?
His own close friend has lifted his heel against him.

Psalms 41:10

ULT
10 But you, Yahweh, have mercy on me and raise me up so that I may pay them back.

UST
10 But Yahweh, act mercifully to me, and enable me to become healthy again. When you do that, I will be able to pay back my enemies.

What has Yahweh done for David?
Yahweh had mercy on him and raised him up so that he may pay back the ones who hate him.

Psalms 41:11

ULT
11 By this I know that you delight in me, for my enemy does not triumph over me.

UST
11 If you enable me to do that, with the result that my enemies do not defeat me, I will know that you are pleased with me.

How does David know that Yahweh delights in him?
David knows this because his enemy does not triumph over him.

Psalms 41:12

ULT
12 As for me, you support me in my integrity and will keep me before your face forever.

UST
12 I will know that it is because I have done what is right that you have helped me, and I will know that you will enable me to be with you forever.

How does Yahweh support David?
Yahweh supports him in his integrity and will keep him before Yahweh's face forever.

Psalms 41:13

ULT

13 May Yahweh, the God of Israel be praised from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

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UST

13 Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship; Praise him forever! Amen! I desire that it will be so!

Book Two

When may Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh may be praised from everlasting to everlasting.

Psalms 42

Psalms 42:1

ULT
1 As the deer pants after streams of water, so I thirst for you, God.

UST
1 O God, I need you very much as a deer needs to drink water from a cool stream.

How does the writer's soul pant after God?
His soul pants after God as the deer pants after streams of water.

Psalms 42:2

ULT
2 I thirst for God, for the living God, when will I come and appear before God?

UST
2 I desire to be with you, the all-powerful God. I say to myself, "When will I be able to go back to the temple in Israel and worship in your presence again?"

What does the writer's say about his soul?
His soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalms 42:3

ULT
3 My tears have been my food day and night, while my enemies are always saying to me, "Where is your God?"

UST
3 Every day and every night I weep; the only thing I have to drink is my tears; and while I do that, my enemies are always asking me, "Why does your God not help you?"

What have the writer's tears become for him?
His tears have been his food day and night.

Psalms 42:4

ULT

4 These things I call to mind as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise, a multitude celebrating a festival.

UST

4 I pray earnestly to God as I remember when I used to go with the crowd of people to the temple in Jerusalem. I used to lead them as we walked along; we were all shouting joyfully and singing to thank God for what he had done; we were a large group who were celebrating.

What things does the writer call to mind?

He calls to mind how he went with the throng and led them to the house of God with the voice of joy and praise.

Psalms 42:5

ULT

5 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation.

UST

5 So now I say to myself, “Why am I in a panic? I confidently expect God to bless me, and again I will praise him, my God, the one who saves me.”

What does the writer tell his soul to do?

He tells his soul to hope in God, for he will yet praise God for the help of God’s presence.

Psalms 42:6

ULT

6 My God, my soul is bowed down within me, therefore I call you to mind from the land of the Jordan, from the three peaks of Mount Hermon, and from the hill of Mizar.

UST

6 But now, Yahweh, I was panicking, so I think about you. You are there in Israel where the Jordan River rushes down from the bottom of the peaks of Mount Hermon and from Mount Mizar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 42:7

ULT
7 Deep calls to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

UST
7 But here, the great sorrow that I feel is like water that you send down; it is like a waterfall that tumbles down and floods over me.

What has gone over the writer?
All God's waves and billows have gone over the writer.

Psalms 42:8

ULT
8 Yet Yahweh will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime; in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

UST
8 I desire that Yahweh will show me each day that he faithfully loves me, in order that each night I may sing to him and pray to him, the God who causes me to live.

What will Yahweh command in the daytime?
Yahweh will command his covenant faithfulness in the daytime.

What will happen in the night?
In the night God's song will be with the writer, a prayer to the God of his life.

Psalms 42:9

ULT
9 I will say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

UST
9 I say to God, who is like a huge rock on top of which I am safe, "Why have you forgotten me? You know the hardships that my enemies bring on me."

What will the writer ask God, his rock?
He will ask why God has forgotten him, and why he must mourn because of the oppression of the enemy.

Psalms 42:10

ULT

10 As with a sword in my bones, my adversaries rebuke me, while they always say to me, “Where is your God?”

UST

10 They are always making fun of me; they keep asking, “Why does your God not help you?” When they insult me like that, it is like wounds that shatter my bones.

To what does the writer compare the rebukes of his adversaries?

He says they are like wounds that shatter his bones.

Psalms 42:11

ULT

11 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation and my God.

UST

11 But I say to myself, “Why am I in a panic? I will confidently expect God to bless me, and I will praise him again, my God, the one who saves me.”

What will the writer expect God to do?

He will confidently expect God to bless him.

Psalms 43

Psalms 43:1

ULT
1 Bring me justice, God, and plead my cause against a nation that is not faithful. Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

UST
1 God, declare that I am innocent. Defend me when people say things against me—those people who do not honor you! Rescue me from people who deceive me and say things about me that are not true.

What does the writer ask God to do for him?
He asks God to judge him and to plead his cause against an ungodly nation.

Psalms 43:2

ULT
2 For you are the God of my strength. Why have you rejected me? Why do I go about in mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

UST
2 You are God, the one who protects me; why have you abandoned me? It does not seem right that I should always have to be sad because of my enemies acting cruelly toward me.

Why should God judge him and plead his cause?
God should judge him because God is the God of his strength.

Psalms 43:3

ULT
3 Oh, send out your light and your truth, let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

UST
3 Speak true words that help me to live. Give a command that will allow me to go back to Zion, your sacred hill in Jerusalem, and to your temple where you live.

What does the writer ask God to let his light and truth do?
He asks God to let his light and truth lead him and bring him to God’s holy hill and tabernacles.

Psalms 43:4

ULT

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy. I will praise you with the harp, God, my God.

UST

4 When you do that, I will go to your altar to worship you, my God, who causes me to be very joyful. There I will praise you, the God whom I worship, and I will play my harp.

Where will the writer go when God bring him to the tabernacle?

He will go to the altar of God.

What will the writer do on his harp?

He will praise God on his harp.

Psalms 43:5

ULT

5 Why are you bowed down, my soul? Why are you upset within me? Hope in God, for again I will praise him who is my salvation and my God.

UST

5 So why am I sad and discouraged? I confidently expect God to bless me, and again I will praise him, my God, the one who saves me.

Why should the writer’s soul not be discouraged nor disquieted within himself?

His soul should hope in God for he will yet praise God, who is his help and his God.

Psalms 44

Psalms 44:1

ULT

1 We have heard with our ears, God, our fathers have told us what work you did in their days, in the days of old.

UST

1 God, we ourselves have heard what our parents and grandparents told us. They told us about the miracles that you performed long ago.

What have the writers heard with their ears?

They have heard what work God did in their days, in the days of old.

Psalms 44:2

ULT

2 You drove out the nations with your hand, but you planted our people; you afflicted the peoples, but you spread our people out in the land.

UST

2 They told us how you expelled the ungodly people and enabled us to live in their land. They told us that you punished those ungodly people and enabled your own people to possess the land.

What did God do with his hand?

God drove out the nations with his hand and planted the people of Israel.

Psalms 44:3

ULT

3 For they did not obtain the land for their possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, because you were favorable to them.

UST

3 It was not by using their own swords that they conquered the people that lived in that land, and it was not by their own power that they were victorious; it was only by your power that they did those things; and they were sure that you were with them, showing that you were pleased with them.

How did the Israelites obtain the land and save themselves?

They did not obtain the land for their possession by their own sword or by their own arm, but by God's right arm because he was favorable to them.

Psalms 44:4

ULT
4 God, You are my King; command victory for Jacob.

UST
4 You are my king and my God; Make us, your people, able to defeat our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:5

ULT
5 Through you we will push down our adversaries; through your name we will tread them under, those who rise up against us.

UST
5 It is by your power that we knock our enemies down and tramp on them.

What will the Israelites do through God?
They will push down their adversaries and through God's name tread them under.

Psalms 44:6

ULT
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither will my sword save me.

UST
6 I do not trust that I can save myself by using my bow and arrows and my sword.

In what will the writer not trust?
He will not trust in his bow, neither will his sword save him.

Psalms 44:7

ULT
7 But you have saved us from our adversaries, and have put to shame those who hate us.

UST
7 No, it is you who have rescued us from our enemies; it is you who have caused those who hate us to become ashamed because they were defeated.

From what has God saved them?
God has saved them from their adversaries and put to shame those who hate them.

Psalms 44:8

ULT
8 In God we have made our boast all the day long, and we will give thanks to your name forever. *Selah*

UST
8 We have always been proud about what God has done for us, and we will thank him forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:9

ULT
9 But now you have thrown us off and brought us dishonor, and you do not go out with our armies.

UST
9 But now you have rejected us and caused us to be disgraced; when our armies march out to fight a battle, you no longer go with them.

What has God now done?
God has now thrown them off and brought them dishonor, and does not go out with their armies.

Psalms 44:10

ULT
10 You make us turn back from the adversary; and those who hate us take spoil for themselves.

UST
10 You have caused us to run away from our enemies, with the result that they captured the things that belonged to us.

What does God make the Israelites do?
God makes them turn back from the adversary.

What do those who hate the Israelites do?
Those who hate them take spoil for themselves.

Psalms 44:11

ULT
11 You have made us like sheep to be slaughtered and have scattered us among the nations.

UST
11 You have allowed us to become like sheep that were ready to be slaughtered; you scattered us far away among other nations.

What has God made the Israelites like?
God has made them like sheep destined for food and has scattered them among the nations.

Psalms 44:12

ULT
12 You sell your people for nothing; you have not increased your wealth by doing so.

UST
12 It is as though you sold us, your people, to our enemies for a very small price, although you did not gain any profit from selling us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:13

ULT
13 You make us a rebuke to our neighbors, scoffed and mocked by those around us.

UST
13 People who live in nations near us make fun of us; they laugh at us and deride us.

What does God make the Israelites to their neighbors?
God makes them a rebuke to their neighbors, a scoffing and a derision to those who are around them.

Psalms 44:14

ULT
14 You make us an insult among the nations, a shaking of the head among the peoples.

UST
14 They make jokes using the name of our country, they shake their heads to indicate that they despise us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:15

ULT
15 All the day long my dishonor is before me, and the shame of my face has covered me

UST
15 All day I am disgraced; from seeing my face, people know that I am ashamed.

Why is the writer’s dishonor before him all the day long?
His dishonor is before him, and the shame of his face has covered him because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 44:16

ULT
16 because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.

UST
16 I hear what those who sneer at me and revile me say; I am ashamed in front of my enemies and those who want to harm me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:17

ULT
17 All this has come on us; yet we have not forgotten you or dealt falsely with your covenant.

UST
17 All these things have happened to us even though we have not forgotten you, and we are not the ones who disobeyed the covenant you made with our ancestors.

What have the Israelites not done?
They have not forgotten God nor dealt falsely with God's covenant.

Psalms 44:18

ULT
18 Our heart has not turned back; our steps have not gone from your way.

UST
18 We have not stopped being loyal to you, and we have not stopped doing what you want us to do.

What have the Israelites' heart and steps not done?
Their heart has not turned back nor have their steps gone from God's way.

Psalms 44:19

ULT

[19] Yet you have severely broken us in the place of jackals and covered us with the shadow of death.

UST

[19] But it is as though you have allowed us to be helpless among wild animals and you have abandoned us in a deep dark ravine.

What has God done anyway?

God has severely broken them in the place of jackals and covered them with the shadow of death.

Psalms 44:20

ULT

[20] If we have forgotten the name of our God or spread out our hands to a strange god,

UST

[20] If we had forgotten to worship our God, or if we had spread out our hands to worship a foreign god,

What would God surely search out? (vv20-21)

God would search out whether they have forgotten the name of their God or spread out their hands to a strange god.

Psalms 44:21

ULT

[21] would not God search this out? For he knows the secrets of the heart.

UST

[21] you certainly would have known that because you know even what we secretly think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:22

ULT
22 Indeed, for your sake we are being killed all day long; we are considered to be sheep for the slaughter.

UST
22 But it is because we belong to you that our enemies are constantly killing us. They act toward us as though we were only sheep that they were going to slaughter.

What are the Israelites considered to be for God's sake?
They are consiered to be sheep for the slaughter.

Psalms 44:23

ULT
23 Awake, why do you sleep, Lord? Arise, do not throw us off permanently.

UST
23 So Yahweh, arise! Why are you asleep? Get up! Do not reject us forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:24

ULT
24 Why do you hide your face and forget our affliction and our oppression?

UST
24 Why are you not looking at us? Why are you forgetting that we are suffering, that our enemies are oppressing us?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 44:25

ULT

25 For we have sunk down into the dust; our bodies cling to the earth.

UST

25 We are in complete panic; we cannot do anything; we are as good as dead.

What have the Israelites' souls done?

Their souls have melted away into the dust and their bodies cling to the earth.

Psalms 44:26

ULT

26 Rise up for our help and redeem us for the sake of your covenant faithfulness.

UST

26 Do something! Come and help us! Rescue us because you love us as you promised to do.

What does the writer pray that God would do?

He prays that God might rise up for their help and redeem them for the sake of God's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 45

Psalms 45:1

ULT

[1] My heart overflows on a good subject; I will read aloud the words I have composed about the king; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

UST

[1] In my inner being I am aroused by something beautiful to write about, a song that I will sing to the king. The words of this song will be written by me, a skilled writer.

What will the writer read aloud?

He will read aloud the words he has composed about the king.

Psalms 45:2

ULT

[2] You are fairer than the children of mankind; grace is poured onto your lips; therefore we know that God has blessed you forever.

UST

[2] O King, you are the most handsome man in the world, and you always speak eloquently! So we know that God has always blessed you.

How does the writer describe the king?

The king is fairer than the children of men, grace is poured onto his lips, and God has blessed him forever.

Psalms 45:3

ULT

[3] Put your sword on your side, mighty one, in your glory and your majesty.

UST

[3] You who are a mighty warrior, put on your sword! You are glorious and majestic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:4

ULT

4 In your majesty ride on triumphantly because of trustworthiness, meekness, and righteousness; your right hand will teach you fearful things.

UST

4 Ride on like a great king to defend the truth that you speak and the fair decisions that you make! Because you fight in many battles, you will learn to do deeds that your enemies will fear.

Why should the king ride on triumphantly?

The king should ride on triumphantly because of trustworthiness, meekness, and righteousness.

Psalms 45:5

ULT

5 Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under you; your arrows are in the hearts of the king's enemies.

UST

5 Your arrows are sharp, and they pierce the hearts of your enemies. Soldiers of many nations will fall at your feet.

How are the king's arrows described?

His arrows are sharp and in the hearts of the king's enemies.

Psalms 45:6

ULT

6 Your throne, God, is forever and ever; a scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.

UST

6 The kingdom that God will give to you will remain forever. You rule over people justly.

How is God's throne and a scepter of justice described?

His throne is forever and ever, and a scepter of justice is the scepter of God's kingdom.

Psalms 45:7

ULT

7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness more than your companions.

UST

7 You love right actions, and you hate evil actions. Therefore God, your God, has chosen you to be king and has caused you to be happier than any other king.

What has the king loved and hated?

He has loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Psalms 45:8

ULT

8 All your garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia; out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made you glad.

UST

8 The perfume of various spices is on your robes. Musicians entertain you in ivory palaces by playing stringed instruments.

Of what do all of the king's garments smell?

All of his garments smell of myrhh, aloes, and cassia.

Psalms 45:9

ULT

9 Kings' daughters are among your honorable women; at your right hand stands the queen clothed in gold of Ophir.

UST

9 Among your wives are daughters of other kings. At your right hand stands your bride, the queen, wearing beautiful ornaments of gold that comes from Ophir.

Where are kings' daughters and the queen?

Kings' daughters are among God's honorable women and at God's right hand stands the queen clothed in gold of Ophir.

Psalms 45:10

ULT
10 Listen, daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your own people and your father's house.

UST
10 Now I will say something to your bride: "Listen to me carefully! Forget the people who live in your home country, forget your relatives!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:11

ULT
11 In this way the king will desire your beauty; he is your master; revere him.

UST
11 Because you are very beautiful, the king will desire to be with you. He is your master, so you must obey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:12

ULT
12 The daughter of Tyre will be there with a gift; the rich among the people will beg for your favor.

UST
12 The people from the city of Tyre will bring gifts to you; their rich people will try to persuade you to do favors for them.

What will the rich do?
The rich among the people will beg for a favor.

Psalms 45:13

ULT
13 The royal daughter in the palace is all glorious; her clothing is worked with gold.

UST
13 You, the king's bride, enter the palace wearing beautiful robes made from gold thread."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 45:14

ULT
14 She will be led to the king in embroidered dress; the virgins, her companions who follow her, will be brought to you.

UST
14 O king, while she is wearing a gown that has many colors, her woman servants will lead her to you. She will have many other young women who accompany her.

Where will the royal daughter be led?
She will be led to the king in embroidered dress.

Psalms 45:15

ULT
15 They will be led by gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the king's palace.

UST
15 They will be very joyful as they are led along to enter your palace.

How and where will the virgins be led?
They will be led by gladness and rejoicing; they will enter into the king's palace.

Psalms 45:16

ULT
16 In the place of your fathers will be your children, whom you will make princes in all the earth.

UST
16 Someday, your sons and your grandsons will become kings, just as your ancestors were. You will enable them to become rulers in many countries.

Who will be in the place of the king's fathers?
In the place of your fathers will be your children, whom you will make princes in all the earth.

Psalms 45:17

ULT

17 I will make your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the peoples will give you thanks forever and ever.

UST

17 As for me, I will enable people in every generation to remember the great things that you have done, and people will praise you forever.

What will be made of the king's name?

It will be a name to be remembered in all generations.

Psalms 46

Psalms 46:1

ULT

[1] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

UST

[1] God is the one who protects us and causes us to be strong; he is always ready to help us when we have troubles.

How does the writer describe God?
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:2

ULT

[2] Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas,

UST

[2] So, even if the earth shakes, we will not be afraid. Even if the mountains fall into the middle of the sea,

What will the Israelites not do, even though the earth should change and the mountains should be shaken into the heart of the seas?
Therefore, they will not fear.

Psalms 46:3

ULT

[3] though its waters roar and rage, and though the mountains tremble with their swelling. *Selah*

UST

[3] and if the water in the sea roars and foams, and if the hills shake violently, we will not be afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 46:4

ULT
4 There is a river whose streams make the city of God happy, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

UST
4 Blessings that come from God are like a river that makes everyone in the city joyful, there where we worship him. It is the city where the temple of God, who is greater than any other god, exists.

What makes the city of God happy?
There is a river, the streams of which make the city happy.

Psalms 46:5

ULT
5 God is in the middle of her; she will not be moved; God will help her, and he will do so at the dawn of morning.

UST
5 God is in this city, and it will never be destroyed; he will come to help the people in that city at dawn every day.

What will the city of God not do?
The city will not be moved.

Psalms 46:6

ULT
6 The nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken; he lifted up his voice, and the earth melted.

UST
6 Sometimes the people of many nations are terrified; kingdoms are overthrown; God speaks loudly like thunder, and the earth melts.

What happened to the earth when God lifted up his voice after the nations raged and the kingdoms were shaken?
The earth melted.

Psalms 46:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

UST

[7] But Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is with us; the God whom Jacob worshiped is our refuge.

Where and what is Yahweh of hosts, the God of Jacob?

Yahweh of hosts is with Israel, and the God of Jacob is their refuge.

Psalms 46:8

ULT

[8] Come, behold the deeds of Yahweh, the destruction he has caused on earth.

UST

[8] Come and see the things that Yahweh does! Come and see the things he has destroyed all over the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 46:9

ULT

[9] He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and cuts the spear into pieces; he burns up the shields.

UST

[9] He stops wars all over the world; he breaks bows and arrows; he destroys spears; he burns up shields.

What does Yahweh do to wars?

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth, and he breaks the bow, cuts the spear into pieces, and burns up the shields.

Psalms 46:10

ULT
10 Be quiet and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted on the earth.

UST
10 God says, “Be quiet and remember that I am God! People of all nations will honor me. People all over the earth will honor me.”

What does God tell the people to do?
Be quiet and know that he is God.

What will happen to God among the nations?
He will be exalted among the nations and on the earth.

Psalms 46:11

ULT
11 Yahweh of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

UST
11 So never forget that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is with us; the God whom Jacob worshiped is our refuge.

What is the God of Jacob for Israel?
He is their refuge.

Psalms 47

Psalms 47:1

ULT
[1] Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with the sound of triumph.

UST
[1] You people all over the world, clap your hands! Shout joyfully to praise God!

Why should everyone clap their hands and shout to God with the sound of triumph? (vv1-2)
They should clap and shout because Yahweh Most High is terrifying and a great King over all the earth.

Psalms 47:2

ULT
[2] For Yahweh Most High is terrifying; he is a great King over all the earth.

UST
[2] Yahweh, who is much greater than any other god, is awesome; he is a king who rules over all the world!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:3

ULT
[3] He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet.

UST
[3] He enabled us to defeat the armies of the people groups that lived in Canaan.

What does Yahweh do to peoples and nations?
He subdues peoples under the Israelites and the nations under their feet.

Psalms 47:4

ULT
4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom he loved. *Selah*

UST
4 He chose for us this land where we now live; we Israelite people, whom he loves, are proud that we own this land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:5

ULT
5 God has gone up with a shout, Yahweh with the sound of a trumpet.

UST
5 God has gone up into his temple. The people shouted joyfully and blew trumpets as he went up.

How has God gone up?
God has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet.

Psalms 47:6

ULT
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

UST
6 Sing songs to praise our God! Sing to praise him! Sing to God, our king!

Why should everyone sing praises to God? (vv6-7)
They should sing praises because God is the King over all the earth.

Psalms 47:7

ULT
7 For God is the King over all the earth; sing praises with understanding.

UST
7 God is the one who rules over everything in the world; sing a psalm to him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 47:8

ULT

8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

UST

8 God sits on his sacred throne as he rules over the people of all ethnic groups.

Where does God reign?

God reigns over the nations.

Where does God sit?

God sits on his holy throne.

Psalms 47:9

ULT

9 The princes of the peoples have gathered together to the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

UST

9 The rulers of those people groups gather in front of God’s people, the people descended from Abraham. God has more power than the weapons of all the kings on the earth; he is great, and all people everywhere will honor him.

Where have the princes of the peoples gathered together?

They have gathered together to the people of the God of Abraham.

Why have the princes gathered to the people of Abraham?

They have gathered to the people of Abraham because he is greatly exalted.

Psalms 48

Psalms 48:1

ULT
1 Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God on his holy mountain.

UST
1 Yahweh is great, and he deserves to be greatly praised in the city where he lives, which is built on Zion, his sacred hill.

How does the writer describe Yahweh?
Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised.

Psalms 48:2

ULT
2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

UST
2 That city on a high hill is beautiful; it is the city where the true God, the great king, lives, and it causes people all over the world to rejoice when they see it.

How is Mount Zion described?
Mount Zion is beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth.

Psalms 48:3

ULT
3 God has made himself known in her palaces as a refuge.

UST
3 God is in the strong towers there, and he shows that he protects the people in that city.

How has God made himself known?
God has made himself known as a refuge.

Psalms 48:4

ULT
4 For, see, the kings assembled themselves; they passed by together.

UST
4 Many kings gathered with their armies to attack our city,

What happened when the kings assembled themselves together and saw Mount Zion? (vv4-6)
They were amazed, dismayed, and hurried away; trembling took hold of them there.

Psalms 48:5

ULT
5 They saw it, then they were amazed; they were dismayed, and they hurried away.

UST
5 but when they saw it, they were amazed; they became terrified, and ran away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:6

ULT
6 Trembling took hold of them there, pain as when a woman is in labor.

UST
6 Because they were very afraid, they trembled like a woman who is about to give birth to a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:7

ULT
7 With the east wind you break the ships of Tarshish.

UST
7 They shook as ships sailing from Tarshish shake in a strong wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:8

ULT

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of Yahweh of hosts, in the city of our God; God will establish it forever. *Selah*

UST

8 We had heard that this city was glorious, and now we have seen that it is. It is the city in which Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, lives. It is the city that God will preserve forever.

What will God do for the city of Yahweh of hosts?
God will establish it forever.

Psalms 48:9

ULT

9 We have thought about your covenant faithfulness, God, in the middle of your temple.

UST

9 God, here in your temple we think about how you love us as you promised to do.

What have the Israelites thought about in the middle of God's temple?
They have thought about God's covenent faithfulness.

Psalms 48:10

ULT

10 As your name is, God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

UST

10 People all over the earth will praise you because you rule powerfully and justly.

How does the writer describe God's right hand?
His right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalms 48:11

ULT
11 Let Mount Zion be glad, let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your righteous decrees.

UST
11 The people who live at Mount Zion should be happy! The people in all the cities of Judah should rejoice because you judge people fairly.

Why should Mount Zion be glad and the daughters of Judah rejoice?
It should be glad and they should rejoice because of God's righteous decrees.

Psalms 48:12

ULT
12 Walk around Mount Zion, go round about her; count her towers,

UST
12 You Israelite people should walk around Mount Zion and count the towers there;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 48:13

ULT
13 notice well her walls, and look at her palaces so that you may tell it to the next generation.

UST
13 notice the walls there and examine their strongest parts so that you can tell your children about them.

Why should the Israelites walk around Mount Zion, count her towers, and look at her palaces?
They should do these things so that they may tell it to the next generation.

Psalms 48:14

ULT

14 For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide to death.

UST

14 Say to your children, “This is the city of our God, the one who lives forever; he will guide us during all of our lives.”

What will God be for the Israelites?

He will be their guide until death.

Psalms 49

Psalms 49:1

ULT
[1] Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you inhabitants of the world,

UST
[1] You people of all people groups, listen! You people all over the world,

Who does the writer tell to hear and to give ear? (vv1-2)
He tells to all the peoples to give hear, and all the inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together, to give ear.

Psalms 49:2

ULT
[2] both low and high, rich and poor together.

UST
[2] important people and unimportant people, rich people and poor people, everyone, listen to what I am saying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:3

ULT
[3] My mouth will speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart will be of understanding.

UST
[3] For what I am thinking is very sensible, and what I say will enable you to become wise.

What will the writer's mouth speak?
His mouth will speak wisdom.

What will be the meditation of the writer's heart?
The meditation of his heart will be of understanding.

Psalms 49:4

ULT
4 I will incline my ear to a parable; I will begin my parable with the harp.

UST
4 I think about wise words to tell you, and while I play my harp, I explain what they mean.

To what will the writer incline his ear and how will he begin it?
He will incline his ear to a parable which he will begin with the harp.

Psalms 49:5

ULT
5 Why should I fear the days of evil, when iniquity surrounds me at my heels?

UST
5 I do not worry when I am in trouble, when I am surrounded by my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:6

ULT
6 Why should I fear those who trust in their wealth and boast about the amount of their riches?

UST
6 These are evil men who trust that things will always go well for them because they are wealthy and who boast about being very rich.

What can those who trust in their wealth not do? (vv6-7)
None of them can by any means redeem his brother nor give God a ransom for him.

Psalms 49:7

ULT

7 It is certain that no one can redeem his brother or give God a ransom for him,

UST

7 They may be rich, but no one can pay God money so that he can live forever! No one can pay God enough so that God will allow him to continue to live

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:8

ULT

8 For the redemption of one’s life is costly, and no one can pay what we owe.

UST

8 because that cost is too much, and he will never be able to pay enough.

How does the writer describe the redemption of one’s life?

The redemption of one’s life is costly and always costs too much.

Psalms 49:9

ULT

9 No one can live forever so that his body should not decay.

UST

9 No one can pay God enough money so that he will live forever and never die and be buried!

Who can live forever?

No one can live forever so that his body should not decay.

Psalms 49:10

ULT
10 For he will see decay. Wise men die; the fool and the brute alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

UST
10 We see that foolish and stupid people die, but we see that wise people also die; they all leave their wealth, and others inherit it.

What happens to wise men, the fool, and the brute alike?
Wise men die; the fool and the brute alike perish and leave their wealth to others.

Psalms 49:11

ULT
11 Their inner thought is that their families will continue forever, and the places where they live, to all generations; they call their lands after their own names.

UST
11 They once had houses on land that they owned, but now their graves are their homes forever, the place where they will stay for all time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:12

ULT
12 But man, having wealth, does not remain alive; he is like the beasts that perish.

UST
12 Even if people are great, that cannot prevent them from dying; people all die, the same as the animals do.

What happens to mankind?
Man, having wealth, does not remain alive.

Psalms 49:13

ULT
13 This, their way, is their folly; yet after them, men approve of their sayings. *Selah*

UST
13 That is what happens to those who foolishly trust in what they have accomplished, to those who are delighted in all that they possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:14

ULT
14 Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol, and death will be their shepherd. The upright will rule over them in the morning, and their bodies will be consumed in Sheol, with no place for them to live.

UST
14 They are certain to die just like sheep when a shepherd leads them away to be slaughtered. In the morning the righteous people will rule over them, and then those wealthy people will die and their bodies will quickly decay in their graves; they will be where dead people are, far from their homes.

Who will be mankind's shepherd?
Death will be their shepherd.

What will happen to mankind in the morning?
The upright will have power over them in the morning.

Psalms 49:15

ULT
15 But God will redeem my life from the power of Sheol; he will receive me. *Selah*

UST
15 But it is certain that God will rescue me so that I am not held fast in the place of the dead; he will take me to himself.

What will God do for the writer?
God will redeem his soul from the power of sheol; he will receive him.

Psalms 49:16

ULT
16 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, and the glory of his house increases.

UST
16 So do not be dismayed when someone becomes rich and the houses where they live become more and more luxurious;

When does the writer say not to be afraid?
People should not be afraid when one becomes rich, when the power of his house increases.

Why does the writer say not to be afraid? (vv16-17)
He says not to be afraid because when the rich one dies, he will take nothing away, and his power will not descend with him.

Psalms 49:17

ULT
17 For when he dies he will take nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.

UST
17 for when he dies, he will take nothing with him; his wealth will not go with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 49:18

ULT
18 He blessed his soul while he lived— and men praise you when you live for yourself—

UST
18 While a rich person is alive, he congratulates himself, and people praise him for being successful,

When do men praise other people?
Men praise other people who live for themselves.

Psalms 49:19

ULT
19 he will go to the generation of his fathers and they will never see the light again.

UST
19 but he will die and join his ancestors, who will never see daylight again.

To whom will the rich go?
He will go to the generation of his fathers.

What will the rich and his fathers not see?
They will never see the light again.

Psalms 49:20

ULT
20 One who has wealth but no understanding is like the beasts, which perish.

UST
20 Even if someone is great, that cannot prevent him from dying; he will die, the same as the animals do.

What is a person who has wealth but no understanding like?
He is like the beasts, which perish.

Psalms 50

Psalms 50:1

ULT

[1] A Psalm of Asaph The Mighty One, God, Yahweh, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

UST

[1] God, the all-powerful one, speaks; he summons all people, from the east to the west.

What three names of God does Asaph use to refer to God?

He uses the names “Mighty One”, “God”, and “Yahweh”.

Psalms 50:2

ULT

[2] Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shone.

UST

[2] His glory shines from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, an extremely beautiful city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:3

ULT

[3] Our God comes and does not stay silent; a fire devours before him, and it is very stormy around him.

UST

[3] Our God comes to us, and he is not silent. A great fire is in front of him, and a storm is around him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:4

ULT
4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people:

UST
4 He comes to judge his people. He shouts to the angels in heaven and to the people on the earth.

Why does God call to the heavens above and to the earth?
He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people.

Psalms 50:5

ULT
5 “Gather my faithful ones together to me, those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

UST
5 He says, “Summon those who faithfully worship me, those who made a covenant with me by offering sacrifices to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:6

ULT
6 The heavens will declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah*

UST
6 The angels in heaven declare, “God is righteous, and he is the supreme judge.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:7

ULT
7 “Israel, I will testify against you. Hear, my people, and I will speak; I am God, your God.

UST
7 God says, “My people, listen! You Israelite people, listen, as I, your God, say what you have done that is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:8

ULT
8 I will not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.

UST
8 I am not rebuking you for making sacrifices to me, for the offerings that you always burn on the altar for me.

What does God tell his people that he will not reprove?
God tells them that he will not reprove them for their sacrifices.

Psalms 50:9

ULT
9 I will take no bull out of your house, or male goats out of your folds.

UST
9 But I do not really need the bulls from your barns and the goats from your pens that you sacrifice,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:10

ULT
10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

UST
10 because all the animals in the forest belong to me, and all the cattle on a thousand hills also belong to me.

Why does God say that he will take no bull or goat from his people?
God says that every beast of the forest is his, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalms 50:11

ULT
11 I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

UST
11 I know and own all the birds in the mountains, and all the creatures that move around in the fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:12

ULT
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and everything in it.

UST
12 So if I were hungry, I would not tell you to bring me some food because everything in the world belongs to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:13

ULT
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

UST
13 I do not eat the flesh of the bulls that you sacrifice, and I do not drink the blood of the goats that you offer to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:14

ULT
14 Offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

UST
14 The sacrifice that I really want is that you thank me and do all that you have promised to do.

What does Asaph say everyone should offer and to pay to God?
Everyone should offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay their vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:15

ULT
15 Call on me in the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will glorify me.”

UST
15 Pray to me when you have troubles. If you do that, I will rescue you, and then you will praise me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:16

ULT
16 But to the wicked God says, “What have you to do with declaring my statutes, that you have taken my covenant in your mouth,

UST
16 But I say this to the wicked people: Why do you recite my commandments or talk about the covenant that I made with you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:17

ULT
17 since you hate instruction and throw my words away?

UST
17 For you have refused to allow me to discipline you, and you have rejected what I told you to do.

What does God say the wicked hate and throw away?
God says that the wicked hate instruction and throw away his words.

Psalms 50:18

ULT
18 When you see a thief, you agree with him; you participate with those who commit adultery.

UST
18 Every time that you see a thief, you become his friend, and you spend much time with those who commit adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:19

ULT
19 You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue expresses deceit.

UST
19 You are always talking about doing wicked things, and you are always trying to deceive people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:20

ULT
20 You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

UST
20 You are always accusing members of your own family and slandering them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 50:21

ULT
21 You have done these things, but I have kept silent, so you thought that I was someone just like yourself. But I will reprove you and bring up, right before your eyes, all the things you have done.

UST
21 You did all those things, and I did not say anything to you, so you thought that I was a sinner just like you. But now I rebuke you and accuse you, right in front of you.

What does God say that the wicked think about him when God keeps silent?
They thought that he was someone just like them.

Psalms 50:22

ULT
22 Give this careful consideration, you who forget God, otherwise I will tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to come to help you!

UST
22 So, all you who have ignored me, pay attention to this, because if you do not, I will tear you to pieces, and there will be no one to rescue you.

Who will help the wicked when God tears them in pieces?
There will be no one to come to help them.

Psalms 50:23

ULT

23 The one who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving praises me, and to anyone who plans his path in the right way I will show God's salvation."

UST

23 The sacrifice that truly honors me is to thank me for what I have done; and I will save those who always do the things that I want them to."

To whom will God show his salvation?

God will show his salvation to whoever offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving and plans his path in the right way.

Psalms 51

Psalms 51:1

ULT

[1] Have mercy on me, God, because of your covenant faithfulness; for the sake of the multitude of your merciful actions, blot out my transgressions.

UST

[1] O God, act mercifully toward me because you love me faithfully; because you are very merciful, forget the ways that I disobeyed you!

Why does David say that God should have mercy on him?

He says God should have mercy because of his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 51:2

ULT

[2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

UST

[2] Make me acceptable to you again, even though I did wrong things; forgive the guilt of my sin and accept me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:3

ULT

[3] For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

UST

[3] I say that because I know the ways that I have disobeyed you; I cannot forget them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:4

ULT

4 Against you, you only, I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight; you are right when you speak; you are correct when you judge.

UST

4 You, you only, are the one I have really sinned against, and you have seen the evil things that I have done. When you say that I am guilty, you are right, and when you judge me, you justly say that I deserve to be punished.

Against whom does David say he has sinned?

He says he has sinned against God, and only against God.

Psalms 51:5

ULT

5 See, I was born in iniquity; as soon as my mother conceived me, I was in sin.

UST

5 I have been a sinner since the day that I was born; truly, I have been like that since my mother conceived me.

When does David say that his sin began?

He says he was born in iniquity, and as soon as his mother conceived him, he was in sin.

Psalms 51:6

ULT

6 See, you desire trustworthiness in my inner self; and you teach me wisdom in the secret place within.

UST

6 What you desire is that in my inner being I desire what is true in order that you can teach me how to act wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:7

ULT
[7] Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

UST
[7] Forgive the guilt of my sins, and after that happens, I will be completely acceptable to you; if you forgive me, then I will be absolutely right with you.

What does David ask God to do so that he may be purified?
He asks God to purify him with hyssop so he will be clean, and to wash him so he will be whiter than snow.

Psalms 51:8

ULT
[8] Make me hear joy and gladness so that the bones that you have broken may rejoice.

UST
[8] Allow me to rejoice again; you have made me immeasurably sad, but now let me rejoice again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:9

ULT
[9] Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

UST
[9] Do not continue to remember the sins that I have committed; forget the evil things that I have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:10

ULT
[10] Create in me a clean heart, God, and renew a right spirit within me.

UST
[10] O God, make me want to do the things that you approve of. Make me want to do only what is right.

What does David ask God to create and renew in him?
He asks God to create in him a clean heart, and to renew a right spirit within him.

Psalms 51:11

ULT
11 Do not drive me away from your presence, and do not take your holy Spirit from me.

UST
11 Do not reject me as one of your people, and do not make your holy Spirit leave me.

What does David ask God to not do to him?
He asks God not to drive him away from his presence, and to not take his holy Spirit from him.

Psalms 51:12

ULT
12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit.

UST
12 Make me happy again by rescuing me from my guilt, and always help me by making me sincerely want to obey you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:13

ULT
13 Then will I teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to you.

UST
13 If you do that, I will teach other sinners what you want them to do; they will repent and obey you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:14

ULT
14 Forgive me for shedding blood, God of my salvation, and I will shout for the joy of your righteousness.

UST
14 O God, you are the one who saves me; forgive me for being guilty of causing someone who was not my enemy to die. When you do that, I will sing joyfully about your being very good and righteous.

What sin does David ask God to forgive?
He asks God to forgive him for shedding blood.

Psalms 51:15

ULT
15 Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will express your praise.

UST
15 O Yahweh, help me to speak in order that I may praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:16

ULT
16 For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you have no pleasure in burnt offerings.

UST
16 When people only bring sacrifices to you, that does not please you. If that were enough to please you, I would do the same. But you are not pleased with burnt offerings alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:17

ULT
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. You, God, will not despise a broken and a contrite heart.

UST
17 The sacrifice that you really want is for people to be truly humble and sorry for having sinned. O God, you will not refuse that kind of sacrifice.

What are the sacrifices of God?
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. He will not despise a broken and a contrite heart.

Psalms 51:18

ULT
18 Do good in your good pleasure to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

UST
18 O God, be good to the people who live in Jerusalem; make them able to rebuild the city walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 51:19

ULT
19 Then will you delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then our people will offer bulls on your altar.

UST
19 When that happens, they will bring you the proper sacrifices: normal animal sacrifices and sacrifices to be completely burned. They will burn young bulls on your altar, and you will be pleased.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52

Psalms 52:1

ULT
[1] Why are you proud of making trouble, you mighty man? The covenant faithfulness of God comes every day.

UST
[1] You proud man, you think that you are strong; you boast about the trouble that you make for others, but God faithfully protects people from you every day.

What comes from God every day?
The covenant faithfulness of God comes every day.

Psalms 52:2

ULT
[2] Your tongue plans destruction like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

UST
[2] All during the day you plan to get rid of others; what you say is like a sharp blade, and you are always deceiving others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52:3

ULT
[3] You love evil more than good and lying rather than speaking righteousness. *Selah*

UST
[3] You like doing what is evil more than you like doing what is good, and you like telling lies more than you like telling the truth.

What does the mighty man love more than good?
He loves evil more than good.

Psalms 52:4

ULT

4 You love all words that devour others, you deceitful tongue.

UST

4 You, the one who says things to deceive people, you like to say things that hurt people!

What kind of words does the mighty man love?

He loves all words that devour others.

Psalms 52:5

ULT

5 God will likewise destroy you forever; he will take you up and pluck you out of your tent and root you out of the land of the living. *Selah*

UST

5 But God will get rid of you forever; he will grab you and drag you from your home and take you away from this world where people are alive.

What will God do to the mighty man?

God will destroy him forever.

Psalms 52:6

ULT

6 The righteous will also see it and fear; they will laugh at him and say,

UST

6 When righteous people see that, they will be awestruck, and they will laugh at what happened to you, and say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 52:7

ULT

7 “See, this is a man who did not make God his refuge, but he trusted in the abundance of his wealth, and he was strong when he destroyed others.”

UST

7 “Look what happened to the man who would not ask God to protect him; he trusted that his great wealth would save him; he grew more powerful by wickedly hurting other people.”

In what did the man trust?

He trusted in the abundance of his riches.

Psalms 52:8

ULT

8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in God’s house; I will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.

UST

8 But I am secure because I worship in God’s temple; I am like a strong green olive tree. I trust in God, who faithfully loves us forever.

In what will David place his own trust?

He will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.

Psalms 52:9

ULT

9 I will give you thanks forever for what you have done. I will wait for your name, because it is good, in the presence of your faithful ones.

UST

9 God, I will always thank you for everything you have done. I will wait patiently because you are so good, especially when I stand before your faithful people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53

Psalms 53:1

ULT
[1] A fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt and have done abominable iniquity; there is no one who does good.

UST
[1] Only foolish people say to themselves, “There is no God!” People who say that are corrupt; they commit terrible sins; there is not one of them who does what is good.

What does the fool say in his heart?
He says, “There is no God.”

Psalms 53:2

ULT
[2] God looks down from heaven on the children of mankind to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

UST
[2] God looks down from heaven and sees humans; he looks to see if any man is very wise and seeks to know God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53:3

ULT
[3] They have all turned away. Together they have become corrupt. There is not one who does good, not even one.

UST
[3] But everyone has turned away from God. They are depraved and do disgusting, filthy things. No one does what is good.

When God looks down on the sons of mankind, does he find anyone who understands and seeks after him?
No, they have all become filthy, and there is no one who does good.

Psalms 53:4

ULT

4 Do those who commit iniquity have no understanding— those who devour my people as if they were eating bread and they do not call on God?

UST

4 Will all these evil people never learn what God will do to them? They hurt Yahweh's people with terrible violence. They had no guilt in what they did. They had the same expression on their faces as people eating bread at dinner. And what is worse is that they never prayed to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 53:5

ULT

5 They were in great fear, although no reason to fear was there; for God will scatter the bones of whoever will camp against you; such people will be put to shame because God has rejected them.

UST

5 But someday those people will become very terrified, although they have nothing to fear. For God will cause those who attack you to die, and he will scatter their bones. They have rejected God, so he will cause them to be defeated and completely disgraced.

Why will people who do not call on God will be put to shame?

They will be put to shame because God has rejected them.

Psalms 53:6

ULT

6 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When God brings back his people from the captivity, then Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad!

UST

6 I wish that God would come and rescue the Israelite people! God, when you bless your people again, all the Israelite people, all the descendants of Jacob, will rejoice.

From where did David hope that salvation for Israel would come?

He hoped that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion!

Psalms 54

Psalms 54:1

ULT
1 Save me, God, by your name, and judge me in your might.

UST
1 God, by your power save me from my enemies, and show people that I have not done anything that is wrong!

By what did David ask God to save him?
He asked God to save him by God's name.

Psalms 54:2

ULT
2 Hear my prayer, God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

UST
2 God, listen to my prayer; listen to what I say to you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 54:3

ULT
3 For strangers have risen up against me, and pitiless men have sought after my life; they have not set God before them. *Selah*

UST
3 because strangers are trying to attack me; proud men are wanting to kill me, men who have no respect for you.

Who has risen up and sought David's soul?
Strangers have risen up against him, and pitiless men have sought after his soul.

Psalms 54:4

ULT
4 See, God is my helper; the Lord is the one who upholds me.

UST
4 But God is the one who helps me; Yahweh defends me from my enemies.

Who sustains David's soul?
The Lord is the one who sustains his soul.

Psalms 54:5

ULT
5 He will repay my enemies with evil; in your faithfulness, destroy them!

UST
5 He will cause the evil things that they want to do to me to happen to them instead; because you faithfully do what you have promised to me, destroy them.

What will God repay David's enemies?
He will repay the evil to them.

Psalms 54:6

ULT
6 I will sacrifice to you with a freewill offering; I will give thanks to your name, Yahweh, for it is good.

UST
6 Yahweh, I will gladly give an offering to you because I want to, and I will thank you, for you are good to me;

Why will David give thanks to the name of Yahweh?
He will give thanks to his name for it is good.

Psalms 54:7

ULT

7 For he has rescued me from every trouble; my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

UST

7 you have rescued me from all my troubles, and I have seen that you have defeated my enemies.

How has David looked on his enemies?

His eye has looked in triumph on his enemies.

Psalms 55

Psalms 55:1

ULT
1 Give ear to my prayer, God; and do not hide yourself from my plea.

UST
1 God, listen to my prayer, and do not turn away from me while I am pleading with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:2

ULT
2 Pay attention to me and answer me; I have no rest in my troubles

UST
2 Listen to me and answer me because I am overwhelmed by all my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:3

ULT
3 because of the voice of my enemies, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they bring trouble on me and persecute me in anger.

UST
3 My enemies terrify me; wicked people oppress me. They cause me to have great troubles; they are angry with me, and they hate me.

Why does David have no rest in his troubles?
He has no rest because of the voice of his enemies, and because of the oppression of the wicked.

Psalms 55:4

ULT
4 My heart trembles within me, and the terrors of death have fallen on me.

UST
4 I am terrified, and I am very much afraid that I will die.

What kind of terrors have fallen on David?
The terrors of death have fallen on him.

Psalms 55:5

ULT
5 Fearfulness and trembling have come on me, and horror has overwhelmed me.

UST
5 I am very fearful and I tremble; I am completely terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:6

ULT
6 I said, “Oh, if only I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away and be at rest.

UST
6 I said, “I wish that I had wings like a dove! If I had wings, I would fly away and find a place to rest.

Why does David with that he had wings like a dove?
If he had wings like a dove, he could fly away and be at rest.

Psalms 55:7

ULT
7 See, then I would wander far away; I would stay in the wilderness. *Selah*

UST
7 I would fly far away and live in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:8

ULT
8 I would hurry to a shelter from the stormy wind and tempest.”

UST
8 I would quickly find a safe place where my enemies could not strike me like a strong wind and rainstorm.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:9

ULT
9 Devour them, Lord, confuse their language! For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

UST
9 Lord, confuse my enemies and cause their plans to fail. I saw them hurting others by their violence and causing riots throughout the city.

What does David ask the Lord to do to David’s enemies?
He asks the Lord to destroy them, and to confuse their languages.

Psalms 55:10

ULT
10 Day and night they go about on its walls; wickedness and trouble are in the middle of it.

UST
10 During each day and night they march around on top of its walls, committing crimes and causing trouble.

What is found in the middle of the city? (vv10-11)
Iniquity, mischief and wickedness are in the middle of the city.

Psalms 55:11

ULT
11 Wickedness is in the middle of it; oppression and deceit do not leave its streets.

UST
11 They destroy things everywhere. They oppress people and defraud people in the marketplaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:12

ULT

12 For it was not an enemy who rebuked me, then I could have borne it; neither was it he who hated me who raised himself up against me, then I would have hidden myself from him.

UST

12 If it were an enemy who was making fun of me, I could endure it. If it were someone who hates me, who despises me, I could hide from him.

Who rebuked David and raised himself up against David? (vv12-13)

David's companion and close friend rebuked David and raised himself up against him.

Psalms 55:13

ULT

13 But it was you, a man equal to myself, my companion and my close friend.

UST

13 But it is someone who is just like me, my companion, someone who was my friend who is doing this to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:14

ULT

14 We had sweet fellowship together; we walked in the house of God with the throng.

UST

14 We previously had many good talks together; we walked around together in God's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:15

ULT
15 Let death come suddenly on them; let them go down alive to Sheol, for wickedness is where they live, right among them.

UST
15 I desire that my enemies will go down alive to the place where the dead people are. I want this because they do evil things in their homes.

What does David want to come suddenly upon his enemies?
He want death to come suddenly on them, and for them to go down alive to sheol.

Psalms 55:16

ULT
16 As for me, I will call on God, and Yahweh will save me.

UST
16 But I will ask Yahweh, my God, to help me, and he will save me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:17

ULT
17 In the evening, morning and at noonday I complain and moan; he will hear my voice.

UST
17 Each morning, noontime, and evening I tell him what I am concerned about, and I moan, and he hears my voice.

What does David do at evening, morning and noonday?
He complains and moans to God.

Psalms 55:18

ULT
18 He will safely rescue my life from the battle that was against me, for those who fought against me were many.

UST
18 He saves my life and makes me safe when I am fighting a terrible battle against my enemies. There are many enemies coming to fight against me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:19

ULT
19 God, the one who rules from eternity, will hear them and humiliate them. *Selah* They never change, and they do not fear God.

UST
19 God is the one who has ruled everything forever, and he will put those who fought against me in their place. He will cause my enemies to be defeated and disgraced because they do not change their evil behavior and because they do not have any respect for God.

Why will God hear and respond to David's enemies?
He will hear and respond because they do not change, and they do not fear God.

Psalms 55:20

ULT
20 My friend has raised his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has not respected the covenant that he had.

UST
20 My companion, whom I mentioned previously, betrayed his friends and broke the agreement that he made with them.

What did David's friend to do the covenant that he made?
He has not respected the covenant that he made.

Psalms 55:21

ULT

21 His mouth was smooth as butter, but his heart was hostile; his words were softer than oil, yet they were actually drawn swords.

UST

21 What he said was as easy to listen to as butter is easy to swallow, but in his inner being he hated people; his words were as soothing as olive oil, but they hurt people as sharp swords do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:22

ULT

22 Place your burdens on Yahweh, and he will sustain you; he will never allow a righteous person to totter.

UST

22 Put your troubles in Yahweh's hands, and he will take care of you; he will never allow disaster to destroy righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 55:23

ULT

23 But you, God, will bring the wicked down into the pit of destruction; bloodthirsty and deceitful men will not live even half as long as others, but I will trust in you.

UST

23 God, you will cause murderers and liars to die before they have lived half as long as they expect to live; but as for me, I will trust in you.

To where will God bring the wicked down?

He will bring the wicked down into the pit of destruction.

Psalms 56

Psalms 56:1

ULT
[1] Be merciful to me, God, for men are attacking me! All the day long those who fight me press their assault.

UST
[1] God, act mercifully toward me because men are attacking me! All day long an enemy presses closer and closer to me because they want to take my life.

Why does David ask God to be merciful to him?
He asks God to be merciful because someone wishes to swallow him up.

Psalms 56:2

ULT
[2] My enemies trample me all day long; for there are many who arrogantly fight against me.

UST
[2] All day long my enemies seek to crush the life from me, there are many enemies attacking me!

When do David's enemies wish to swallow him up?
David's enemies wish to swallow him up all the day long.

Psalms 56:3

ULT
[3] When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you.

UST
[3] But whenever I am afraid, I trust in you.

David vows to do what when he is afraid?
When David is afraid, he will put his trust in God.

Psalms 56:4

ULT

4 In God, whose word I praise— in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid; what can mere man do to me?

UST

4 God, I praise you because you do what you have promised; I trust in you, and then I am not afraid. Ordinary humans certainly cannot harm me!

What is the result of David's trust in God?

David put his trust in God so he will not be afraid.

Psalms 56:5

ULT

5 All the day long they twist my words; all their thoughts are against me for evil.

UST

5 All day long my enemies claim that I said things that I did not say; they are always thinking of ways to harm me.

What do David's enemies do with David's words?

They twist David's words.

What are David's enemies thoughts toward David?

All their thoughts are against David for evil.

Psalms 56:6

ULT

6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, and they mark my steps, just as they have waited for my life.

UST

6 In order to cause trouble for me, they hide and watch everything that I do, waiting for an opportunity to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:7

ULT

7 Do not let them escape doing iniquity. Bring down the peoples in your anger, God.

UST

7 So, God, punish them for the wicked things that they are doing; show that you are angry by defeating those people!

How does David ask God to bring down David's enemies?

David asks God to bring them down in God's anger.

Psalms 56:8

ULT

8 You number my wanderings and put my tears into your bottle; are they not in your book?

UST

8 You have counted all the times that I have been wandering alone; it is as though you have put all my tears in a bottle so that you can see how much I have cried. You have counted my tears and written the number in your book.

What does David ask God to do what with his tears?

David asks God to put David's tears in God's bottle.

Psalms 56:9

ULT

9 Then my enemies will turn back on the day that I call to you; this I know, that God is for me.

UST

9 When I call out to you, my God, my enemies will be defeated; I know that will happen because you are fighting for me.

When will David's enemies turn back?

David's enemies will turn back on the day that he calls to God.

Psalms 56:10

ULT
10 In God—whose word I praise, in Yahweh—whose word I praise,

UST
10 I praise you that you do what you have promised; Yahweh, I will always praise you for that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:11

ULT
11 in God I trust, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?

UST
11 I trust in you, and as a result, I will not be afraid. I know that humans cannot really harm me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 56:12

ULT
12 The duty to fulfill my vows to you is on me, God; I will give thank offerings to you.

UST
12 I will bring to you the offering that I promised; I will bring an offering to you to thank you

What does David vow to give to God?
David vows that he will give thank offerings to God.

Psalms 56:13

ULT

13 For you have rescued my life from death; you have kept my feet from falling, so that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

UST

13 because you have rescued me from being killed; you have kept me from stumbling. And so I will continue to live with God every day in his light that gives me life.

Where does David walk before God?

David walks before God in the light of the living.

Psalms 57

Psalms 57:1

ULT

[1] Be merciful to me, God, be merciful to me, for I take refuge in you until these troubles are over. I stay under your wings for protection until this destruction is over.

UST

[1] God, act mercifully toward me! Act mercifully toward me because I am coming to you to protect me. I request you to protect me as little birds are protected under their mother's wings until the storm is ended.

Why does David ask God to be merciful to him?

He asks God to be merciful to him, for his soul takes refuge in God.

For how long does David take refuge in God?

David takes refuge in God until these troubles are over.

Psalms 57:2

ULT

[2] I will cry to God Most High, to God, who does all things for me.

UST

[2] God, you who are greater than all other gods, I cry out to you, the one who enables me to be all that you desire.

What does David say God does for him?

David says God does all things for him.

Psalms 57:3

ULT

[3] He will send help from heaven and save me, he is angry with those who crush me. *Selah* God will send me his loving kindness and his faithfulness.

UST

[3] You will answer me from heaven and rescue me, but you will cause those who oppress me to be defeated and disgraced! God will always faithfully love me as he has promised me.

What does David say God will send out to him?

David says that God will send out to him God's covenant faithfulness and his trustworthiness.

Psalms 57:4

ULT

4 My life is among lions; I am among those who are ready to devour me. I am among people whose teeth are spears and arrows, and whose tongues are sharp swords.

UST

4 Sometimes I am surrounded by my enemies, who are as ready to kill me as lions are to kill people; they are like lions that chew to bits the animals that they kill. But my enemies are human, and they have spears and arrows, not teeth; they say false things about me.

Among whom does David lie?

He lies among those who are set on fire.

Psalms 57:5

ULT

5 Be exalted, God, above the heavens; let your glory be above all the earth.

UST

5 God, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David ask God to let his glory be?

David asked God to let God's glory be above all the earth.

Psalms 57:6

ULT

6 They spread out a net for my feet; I was distressed. They dug a pit in front of me. They themselves have fallen into the middle of it! *Selah*

UST

6 It is as if my enemies have spread a net to seize me, and I became very distressed. It is as if they have dug a deep pit along the path where I walk, but they themselves fell into it!

What happened to those who dug a pit in front of David?

They themselves have fallen into the middle of it.

Psalms 57:7

ULT

[7] My heart is fixed, God, my heart is fixed; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.

UST

[7] God, I am very confident in you. I will sing to you, and I will praise you while I sing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 57:8

ULT

[8] Wake up, my honored heart; wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.

UST

[8] It is an honor to wake up and praise you. I will arise before the sun rises and praise you while I play my big harp or my lyre.

What musical instruments does David call to wake up?

David calls to the lute and harp to wake up.

Psalms 57:9

ULT

[9] I will give thanks to you, Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

UST

[9] Lord, I will thank you among all the people; and I will sing songs of praise about you to many people groups.

Where will David give thanks to the Lord?

David will give thanks to the Lord among the peoples.

Where will David sing praise to the Lord?

David will sing praises to the Lord among the nations.

Psalms 57:10

ULT

10 For great is your unfailing love, reaching to the heavens; and your faithfulness to the clouds.

UST

10 For your love for us is as great as the distance from the earth to the sky, and your faithfulness to us goes up to the clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 57:11

ULT

11 Be exalted, God, above the heavens; may your glory be exalted over all the earth.

UST

11 God, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David asks for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks for God's glory to be exalted over all the earth.

Psalms 58

Psalms 58:1

ULT
[1] Do you indeed rulers speak righteousness you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, you people?

UST
[1] When you rulers speak, you never say what is right; you people never justly decide disputes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:2

ULT
[2] No, you commit wickedness in your heart; you distribute violence throughout the land with your hands.

UST
[2] No, in your inner beings you think only about doing what is wrong, and you commit violent crimes everywhere in this land of Israel.

What does David say the sons of men distribute through the lands?
They distribute violence through the land with their hands.

Psalms 58:3

ULT
[3] The wicked go astray even when they are in the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

UST
[3] Wicked people do wrong things and tell lies from the time that they are born.

When does David say the wicked go astray?
They go astray as soon as they are born.

Psalms 58:4

ULT
4 Their poison is like a snake's poison; they are like a deaf adder that stops up its ears,

UST
4 What wicked people say injures people like the venom of a snake. They refuse to listen to commands; it is as though they were deaf cobras.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:5

ULT
5 that pays no attention to the voice of charmers, no matter how skillful they are.

UST
5 As a result, like a snake that does not respond when a charmer plays a flute or when someone sings magic songs, they do not pay attention when others rebuke them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:6

ULT
6 Break their teeth in their mouths, God; break out the great teeth of the young lions, Yahweh.

UST
6 God, as for these enemies who want to attack me like young lions, break the teeth in their mouths!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:7

ULT
7 Let them melt away as water that runs off; when they shoot their arrows, let them be as though they had no points.

UST
7 Cause them to disappear as water disappears in dry ground! Cause the arrows that they shoot to have no heads!

What does David ask God to do when the wicked shoot their arrows?
David asks God to let the arrows be as though they had no points.

Psalms 58:8

ULT

8 Let them be like a snail that melts and passes away, like the untimely-born child of a woman that never sees the sunlight.

UST

8 Cause them to become like snails that disappear in the slime; cause them to be like a baby that is born dead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:9

ULT

9 Before your pots can feel the thorn's burning heat, he will take them away with a whirlwind, the green thorns and the burning thorns alike.

UST

9 I hope that you will get rid of them as fast as thornbushes are blown away after they are cut.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 58:10

ULT

10 The righteous will rejoice when he sees God's vengeance; he will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked,

UST

10 People who do what is right will rejoice when they see God punish the wicked people; they will wash their feet in the blood of wicked people.

When will the righteous rejoice?

The righteous will rejoice when he sees God's vengeance.

Psalms 58:11

ULT

11 so that men will say, “Truly, there is a reward for the righteous person; truly there is a God who judges the earth.”

UST

11 Then people will say, “It is true that there is a reward for righteous people; and there is indeed a God who judges people justly here on the earth!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59

Psalms 59:1

ULT
1 Rescue me from my enemies, my God; set me on high away from those who rise up against me.

UST
1 God, save me from my enemies! Protect me from those who want to attack me!

How does David ask God to rescue him from his enemies?
He asks God to set him on high away from those who rise up against him.

Psalms 59:2

ULT
2 Keep me safe from the workers of iniquity, and save me from the bloodthirsty men.

UST
2 Keep me safe from men who want to do what is wicked, from men who are murderers!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:3

ULT
3 For, see, they wait in ambush to take my life. The powerful men gather themselves together against me, but not because of my transgression or my sin, Yahweh.

UST
3 Look! They are waiting to kill me! Fierce men have gathered to assault me. Yahweh, they are doing that even though I have not done what is wrong!

Who gather themsleves together against David?
The mighty evildoers gather themselves together against David.

Psalms 59:4

ULT

4 They prepare to run at me although I am without fault; awake and help me and see.

UST

4 It is not because I have committed any sin against them that they run and get ready to attack me. Please look at my situation and help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:5

ULT

5 You, Yahweh God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise and punish all the nations; do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. *Selah*

UST

5 Yahweh my God, commander of the angel armies, the one we Israelites worship, arise and punish the people of all the nations who do not honor you; do not act mercifully toward those wicked people who have acted treacherously toward us.

Who does David ask Yahweh to not be merciful to?

He asks Yahweh to not be merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Psalms 59:6

ULT

6 They return at evening, they howl like dogs and go around the city.

UST

6 They return each evening, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl around this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:7

ULT
[7] See, they belch out with their mouths; swords are in their lips, for they say, “Who hears us?”

UST
[7] They loudly say terrible things; they say things that destroy as much as swords do, because they are saying, “No one will hear us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:8

ULT
[8] But you, Yahweh, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision.

UST
[8] But Yahweh, you laugh at them. You scoff at the people of the pagan nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:9

ULT
[9] God, my strength, I will pay attention to you; you are my high tower.

UST
[9] God, I have confidence in you because you are very strong; you are my refuge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:10

ULT
[10] My God will meet me with his covenant faithfulness; God will let me see my desire on my enemies.

UST
[10] Because you love me, you will come to save me as you have promised; you will allow me to watch while you defeat my enemies.

How does David expect his God to meet him?
God will meet him with his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 59:11

ULT

11 Do not kill them, or my people will forget. Scatter them by your power and make them fall, Lord our shield.

UST

11 But do not kill them immediately; it is good that my people should not forget how you punished them! Instead, Lord, you who are like a shield that protects us, scatter them by your power, and then defeat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:12

ULT

12 For the sins of their mouths and the words of their lips, let them be captured in their pride, and for the curses and lies that they express.

UST

12 Because what they say is sinful, allow them to be trapped for being proud. Because they are always cursing and telling lies,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:13

ULT

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them so that they will be no more; let them know that God rules in Jacob and to the ends of the earth. *Selah*

UST

13 because you are angry, get rid of them; destroy them completely so that people will know that you rule over us, your Israelite people, and that you rule over all the earth.

How does David ask God to consume his enemies?

He asks God to consume them in wrath, and to consume them so that they will be no more.

Psalms 59:14

ULT
14 At evening they return, howling like dogs going around the city.

UST
14 They return each evening, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl around this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:15

ULT
15 They wander about looking for food and they growl like a dog if they are not satisfied.

UST
15 They roam around, searching for food and if they do not find enough, they growl like dogs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 59:16

ULT
16 But I will sing about your strength, and in the morning I will sing about your steadfast love! For you have been my high tower and a refuge in the day of my distress.

UST
16 But as for me, I will sing about your power; every morning I will sing joyfully about your faithfully loving us. I will sing about how you protected me when I was very distressed.

How does David sing about God's strength?
He says God has been his high tower and a refuge in the day of his distress.

Psalms 59:17

ULT
17 To you, my strength, I will sing praises; for God is my high tower, the God of covenant faithfulness.

UST
17 God, you are the one who enables me to be strong; you are my refuge; you faithfully love me, just as you have promised in your covenant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60

Psalms 60:1

ULT
[1] God, you have cast us off; you have broken through our defenses; you have been angry; restore us again.

UST
[1] I prayed, “God, you have rejected us Israelites! Because you have been angry with us, you have enabled our enemies to break through our ranks. Please enable us to be strong again!

What has God done to the Israelies?
He has cast them off, broken them down, and has been angry with them.

Psalms 60:2

ULT
[2] You have made the land tremble; you have torn it apart; heal its fissures, for it is shaking.

UST
[2] It was as though you made a big earthquake in which the ground split open. So now, make us strong again, because it is as though our country is falling apart.

What has God done to the land?
He has made the land tremble and torn it apart.

Psalms 60:3

ULT
[3] You have made your people see difficult things; you have made us drink the wine of staggering.

UST
[3] You have caused us, your people, to suffer very much; it is as though you had taken away our strength by making us drink strong wine.

What has God shown to his people and made them drink?
He has shown them severe things and made them drink the wine of staggering.

Psalms 60:4

ULT

4 For those who honor you, you have set up a banner to be displayed against those who carry the bow. *Selah*

UST

4 But you have raised a battle flag for those who honor you. They will show your banner when they face the enemies' arrows.

To whom has God given a banner?

He gave a banner to those that honor him.

Psalms 60:5

ULT

5 So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.

UST

5 Answer our prayers and enable us by your power to defeat our enemies so that we, the people you love, will be saved."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:6

ULT

6 God has spoken in his holiness, "I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.

UST

6 Then God answered my prayer and spoke from his temple, saying, "Because I have conquered your enemies, I will divide the city of Shechem, and I will distribute among my people the land in Succoth Valley.

What will God do to Shechem and the valley of Succoth?

He will divide Shechem and apportion out the valley of Succoth.

Psalms 60:7

ULT
7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.

UST
7 The region of Gilead is mine; the people of the tribe of Manasseh are mine; the tribe of Ephraim is like my helmet; and the tribe of Judah is like the scepter with which I rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:8

ULT
8 Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my shoe; I will shout in triumph because of Philistia.”

UST
8 The region of Moab is like my washbasin; I throw my sandal into the region of Edom to show that it belongs to me; I shout triumphantly because I have defeated the people of all the region of Philistia.

What will God do to Edom?
He will throw his shoe over Edom.

Psalms 60:9

ULT
9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?

UST
9 Because I want to defeat the people of Edom, who will lead my army to their capital city that has strong walls around it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 60:10

ULT
10 But you, God, have you not rejected us? You do not go into battle with our army.

UST
10 So, God, it seems that you have truly abandoned us; it seems that you do not go with us when our armies march out to fight our enemies.

What did God not do for the army?
He did not go into battle with them.

Psalms 60:11

ULT
11 Give us help against the enemy, for man's help is futile.

UST
11 We need you to help us when we fight against our enemies because the help that humans can give us is worthless.

How will the Israelites be able to triumph? (vv11-12)
They will triumph with God's help, for he will trample down the enemy.

Psalms 60:12

ULT
12 We will triumph with God's help; he will trample down our enemies.

UST
12 But with you helping us, we will win; you will enable us to defeat our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61

Psalms 61:1

ULT
1 Hear my cry, God; attend to my prayer.

UST
1 God, listen to me and answer my prayer.

What does David ask God to do for him?
David asks God to hear his cry, and to attend to his prayer.

Psalms 61:2

ULT
2 From the ends of the earth will I call to you when my heart is faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

UST
2 While I am discouraged and far from my home, I am calling out to you. Lead me to a place that will be like a high rock on top of which I will be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61:3

ULT
3 For you have been a refuge for me, a strong tower from the enemy.

UST
3 You have been my refuge; you have been like a strong tower in which my enemies cannot attack me.

What has God been like for David?
God has been a refuge and a strong tower from the enemy for David.

Psalms 61:4

ULT

4 Let me live in your tabernacle forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings. *Selah*

UST

4 Allow me to live close to your sacred tent all during my life! Allow me to be safe as a little bird is safe under its mother's wings.

Where will David live and take refuge?

David will live in God's tabernacle forever and take refuge in the hiding place under God's wings.

Psalms 61:5

ULT

5 For you, God, have heard my vows, you have given me the inheritance of those who honor your name.

UST

5 God, you heard me when I solemnly promised to give offerings to you; you have given to me the blessings that belong to those who have an awesome respect for you.

What did God do for David when he heard his vows?

God gave him the inheritance of those who honor God's name.

Psalms 61:6

ULT

6 You will prolong the king's life; his years will be like many generations.

UST

6 I am the king of Israel; please allow me to live and rule for many years, and allow my descendants to rule also.

What will God do for the king's life?

God will prolong the king's life so that his years will be like many generations.

Psalms 61:7

ULT

7 Oh prepare mercy and truth which may preserve him. He will remain before God forever.

UST

7 Allow us to rule forever while you observe us; watch over us while you faithfully love us and do for us what you promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 61:8

ULT

8 I will sing praise to your name forever so that I may perform my vows every day.

UST

8 If you do that, I will always sing to praise you while I offer to you each day the sacrifices that I promised to give to you.

Why will David sing praise to God's name forever?

David will sing praise to God's name forever so that he may perform his vows every day.

Psalms 62

Psalms 62:1

ULT
1 I wait in silence for God alone; my salvation comes from him.

UST
1 God is the only one who can give me peace in my inner being, and he is the one who saves me from my enemies.

Why does David wait in silence for God alone?
David waits in silence for God because his salvation comes from God.

Psalms 62:2

ULT
2 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be greatly moved.

UST
2 Only he is like a huge rock on which I can be safe; he is like a fortress high up that my enemies cannot climb.

What does David say God is to him?
David says God alone is his rock and salvation, and his high tower.

Psalms 62:3

ULT
3 How long, all of you, will you attack a man, that you may tip him over like a leaning wall or a shaky fence?

UST
3 When will you, my enemies, stop attacking me? I feel that I am as weak against you as a leaning wall or a broken-down fence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:4

ULT

4 They consult with him only to bring him down from his honorable position; they love to tell lies; they bless him with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him. *Selah*

UST

4 My enemies plan to remove me from my important position so that people no longer honor me. They delight in telling lies. They bless people by what they say, but in their inner beings they curse those people.

How do they treat a man in his honorable position?

They consult with him only to bring him down, they love to tell lies, and they bless him with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him.

Psalms 62:5

ULT

5 I wait in silence for God alone; for my hope is set on him.

UST

5 God is the only one who gives me peace in my inner being; he is the one whom I confidently expect to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:6

ULT

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my high tower; I will not be moved.

UST

6 Only he is like a huge rock on which I can be safe; he is like a shelter; my enemies can never reach me there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:7

ULT

7 With God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength and my refuge are in God.

UST

7 God is the one who saves me and honors me. He is like a huge, strong rock on which I can find shelter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 62:8

ULT

8 Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

UST

8 You my people, always trust in him. Tell him all your troubles because we go to him for safety.

What does David tell the people to do?

He tells the people to trust in God at all times and to pour out their heart before God.

Psalms 62:9

ULT

9 Surely men of low standing are vanity, and men of high standing are a lie; they will weigh lightly in the scales; weighed together, they are lighter than nothing.

UST

9 People who are considered to be unimportant are as unreliable as a breath of air; people who are considered to be important also really amount to nothing. If you put them all on a scale, it would be as if they weighed less than a puff of air.

How does David describe men of low and high standing?

Men of low standing are vanity, and men of high standing are a lie, weighed together they are lighter than nothing.

Psalms 62:10

ULT

10 Do not trust in oppression or robbery; and do not hope uselessly in riches, for they will bear no fruit; do not fix your heart on them.

UST

10 Do not trust in money gained by extorting it from others; do not try to gain anything by robbing others. If you become very wealthy, do not trust in your money.

On what does David say people should not fix their hearts?

He says they should not trust in oppression or robbery and not hope uselessly in riches, because they will bear no fruit.

Psalms 62:11

ULT

11 God has spoken once, twice have I heard this: power belongs to God.

UST

11 I have heard God say more than once that he is the one who really has power,

What has David heard when God has spoken?

David has heard that power belongs to God.

Psalms 62:12

ULT

12 Also to you, Lord, belongs covenant faithfulness, for you pay back every person for what he has done.

UST

12 and that he is the one who faithfully loves us, as he promised. He rewards every one of us according to the deeds that we do.

To whom does covenant faithfulness belong?

Covenant faithfulness belongs to the Lord because the Lord pays back every person for what he has done.

Psalms 63

Psalms 63:1

ULT
1 God, you are my God! I earnestly search for you, my soul thirsts for you, and my flesh longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

UST
1 God, you are the God whom I worship. I greatly desire to be with you as a person in a dry hot wilderness greatly desires some water.

How does David seek God?
He seeks God earnestly, his soul thirsts for him, and his flesh longs for God.

Psalms 63:2

ULT
2 So I have looked on you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory.

UST
2 I have been with you in your temple In order to see that you are loving and powerful.

When David looks for God in the sanctuary, what does he see?
He sees God's power and glory.

Psalms 63:3

ULT
3 Because your covenant faithfulness is better than life, my lips will praise you.

UST
3 You always love me, as you promised in your covenant; this is worth more than my entire life, so I will always praise you.

What will David do because of God's covenant faithfulness? (vv3-4)
David's lips will praise God, he will bless God while he lives, and he will lift up his hands in God's name.

Psalms 63:4

ULT
4 So I will bless you with my life; I will lift up my hands in your name.

UST
4 I will praise you all the time that I live; I will lift up my hands to you while I pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:5

ULT
5 It will be like when my throat is satisfied with fatty meats and rich foods; with joyful lips my mouth will praise you,

UST
5 You fill me up and you meet every need I have. My response to you is much like when I eat a delicious banquet of rich foods and the food fills me. I will have great happiness when I praise you with the words that I speak about you.

What satisfies David's soul and causes him to praise God? (vv5-6)
He is satisfied and praises when he thinks about God on his bed and mediates on him in the night.

Psalms 63:6

ULT
6 when I remember you on my bed and meditate on you in the night hours.

UST
6 While I lie on my bed, I think about you. I think about you all during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:7

ULT
7 For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

UST
7 For you have always helped me, and I sing joyfully knowing that you protect me as a bird protects her young under her wings.

Where does David rejoice?
He rejoices in the shadow of God's wings.

Psalms 63:8

ULT
8 My soul clings to you; your right hand supports me.

UST
8 I follow you closely, and your hand protects me.

What supports David?
God's right hand supports David.

Psalms 63:9

ULT
9 But those who seek to destroy my life will go down into the lowest parts of the earth;

UST
9 But those who are trying to kill me will die and descend into the place of the dead;

What will happen to those who seek to destroy David's soul? (vv9-10)
They will go into the lower parts of the earth, they will be given over to the power of the sword, and given to jackals.

Psalms 63:10

ULT

10 they will be given over to the power of the sword, and they will become food for the jackals.

UST

10 they will be killed in battles and their corpses will be eaten by dogs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 63:11

ULT

11 But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by him will exult, but the mouth of those who speak lies will be shut.

UST

11 But I, the king of Israel, will rejoice in what God has done; and all those who ask God to confirm their word will praise him, but he will not allow liars to say anything.

What will happen to those who swear by God?

Those that swear by him will be proud of him.

What will happen to those who speak lies?

Those who speak lies will have their mouths stopped up.

Psalms 64

Psalms 64:1

ULT
[1] Hear my voice, God, listen to my complaint; preserve my life from fear of my enemies.

UST
[1] God, listen to me as I tell you the things about which I am worried. I am afraid of my enemies; please save me from them.

What is David asking of God to hear?
He wants God to hear his voice and to listen to his complaint.

Psalms 64:2

ULT
[2] Hide me from the secret plotting of evildoers, from the commotion of the doers of iniquity.

UST
[2] Protect me from what wicked men are planning to do to me; protect me from that group of men who do what is evil.

From what does David ask God to hide him?
He asks God to hide him from the secret plotting of evildoers and from the commotion of the doers of iniquity.

Psalms 64:3

ULT
[3] They have sharpened their tongues like swords; they have aimed their arrows, bitter words,

UST
[3] The hostile things they say are like sharp swords; their cruel words are like arrows.

What have David's enemies done to their tongues?
They have sharpened their tongues as swords.

Psalms 64:4

ULT

4 so that they may shoot from secret places at someone who is innocent; suddenly they shoot at him and fear nothing.

UST

4 They are not afraid of anyone; they lie about people and slander those who have done no wrong. They are like someone who suddenly jumps up from where he is hiding and shoots arrows at his enemies.

At whom do David's enemies shoot?

They shoot at someone who is innocent.

Psalms 64:5

ULT

5 They encourage themselves in an evil plan; they consult privately together in order to set traps; they say, "Who will see us?"

UST

5 They encourage each other about doing the evil things that they are planning to do; they talk with each other about where they can set traps to catch people. They say, "No one will see what we are doing

What do David's enemies say when they consult privately together to plan evil and set traps?

They say, "Who will see us?"

Psalms 64:6

ULT

6 They invent sinful plans; "We have finished," they say, "a careful plan." The inner thoughts and hearts of man are deep.

UST

6 because we have planned very well the things that we are going to do." What people can think and plan in their inner beings is truly amazing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 64:7

ULT

7 But God will shoot them; suddenly they will be wounded with his arrows.

UST

7 But it will be as though God will shoot his arrows at them, and suddenly they will be wounded.

How will God respond to David's enemies?

God will shoot them and suddenly and they will be wounded with his arrows.

Psalms 64:8

ULT

8 They will be made to stumble, since their own tongues are against them; all who see them will wag their heads.

UST

8 Because what they say proves they are guilty, God will get rid of them. Everyone who sees what has happened to them will shake their heads to mock them.

Because of God's actions, what will happen to the enemy?

The enemy will be made to stumble and all who see them will wag their heads.

Psalms 64:9

ULT

9 All people will fear and will declare God's deeds. They will wisely think about what he has done.

UST

9 Then everyone will be afraid to sin because of what might happen to them also; they will tell others what God has done, and they themselves will think much about it.

How will all people respond when God judges David's enemies?

All people will fear, declare God's deeds, and think wisely about what God has done.

Psalms 64:10

ULT

10 The righteous will be glad about Yahweh and will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will take pride in him.

UST

10 Righteous people should rejoice because of what Yahweh has done; they should go to him to find refuge; and all those who honor him will praise him.

What will the righteous and all the upright in heart do?

The righteous will be glad about Yahweh and will take refuge in him; all the upright in heart will take pride in him.

Psalms 65

Psalms 65:1

ULT
[1] For you, God in Zion, our praise waits; our vows will be carried out to you.

UST
[1] God, it is right for us to praise you in Jerusalem and to do what we have promised you that we would do

To whom does David say their vows will be carried?
Their vows will be carried to God in Zion.

Psalms 65:2

ULT
[2] You who hear prayer, to you all flesh will come.

UST
[2] because you answer our prayers. People everywhere will come to you

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:3

ULT
[3] Iniquities prevail against us; as for our transgressions, you will forgive them.

UST
[3] Our many sins are like a very heavy burden to us, but you forgive us.

What does David say God will do about their transgressions?
He says God will forgive their transgressions.

Psalms 65:4

ULT

4 Blessed is the man whom you choose to bring near to you so that he may live in your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

UST

4 How fortunate are those whom you have chosen to always be in your temple courtyards. We will be satisfied with all the blessings that you will give us because we worship you in your sacred temple.

Who does David say is the blessed man?

Blessed is the man whom God chooses to bring near and live in his courts; he will be satisfied with the goodness of God's house.

Psalms 65:5

ULT

5 In righteousness you will answer us by doing amazing things, God of our salvation; you who are hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far across the sea.

UST

5 God, when we pray to you, you answer us and save us by doing awesome deeds; you are the one who rescues us; people who live in very remote places on the earth, on the other side of the oceans, trust in you.

How will God of their salvation answer their prayer?

God will answer in righteousness by doing amazing things.

Psalms 65:6

ULT

6 For it is you who made the mountains firm, you who are belted with strength.

UST

6 You are the one who put the mountains in their places, showing that you are very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:7

ULT

7 It is you who quiet the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the commotion of the peoples.

UST

7 You are the one who calms the seas when they roar, and stop the waves from pounding on the shore; you also calm people when they cause a lot of trouble.

What does God quiet?

He quiets the roaring seas, the roaring waves, and the commotion of the peoples.

Psalms 65:8

ULT

8 Those who live in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid of the evidence of your deeds; you make the east and the west rejoice.

UST

8 People who live in very remote places on the earth are awed by the miracles that you perform; because of what you do, people who live far to the west and far to the east shout joyfully.

Who is afraid of the evidence of God's deeds?

Those who live in the uppermost parts of the earth are afraid of the evidence of God's deeds.

Psalms 65:9

ULT

9 You come to help the earth; you water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide mankind grain when you have prepared the earth.

UST

9 You take care of the soil and send rain, causing many good things to grow; you fill the streams with water and cause grain to grow. This is what you have determined would happen.

How does David say God helps the earth?

God waters it, enriches it, and prepares the earth to provide mankind with grain.

Psalms 65:10

ULT
10 You water its furrows abundantly; you settle down the furrows' ridges; you make them soft with rain showers; you bless the sprouts between them.

UST
10 You send plenty of rain on the fields that have been plowed, and you fill the furrows with water. With showers you soften the hard clods of soil, and you bless the soil by causing young plants to grow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:11

ULT
11 You crown the year with your goodness, and your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

UST
11 Because you bless the soil, there are very good crops at harvest season; wherever you have gone, good crops are very abundant.

What happens to the earth behind God's chariot?
The tracks behind his chariot drop fatness down to the earth.

Psalms 65:12

ULT
12 The pastures in the wilderness drip with dew, and the hills are clothed with joy.

UST
12 The pastures in the wilderness are wet with the morning dew, it is as though the hills are singing joyful songs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 65:13

ULT

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, and they sing.

UST

13 The meadows are covered with sheep and goats, and the valleys are full of grain; it is as though they also sing and shout joyfully.

With what are the pastures clothed, and the valleys covered?

The pastures are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are covered over with grain.

Psalms 66

Psalms 66:1

ULT
[1] To the chief musician. A song. A psalm. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

UST
[1] Tell everyone on the earth that they should sing joyfully to praise God!

What does the writer tell all the earth to do?
He tells everyone to make a joyful noise to God, sing out the glory of his name, and make his praise glorious.

Psalms 66:2

ULT
[2] Sing out the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

UST
[2] They should sing songs that say that God is very great, and they should tell everyone that he is very glorious!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:3

ULT
[3] Say to God, “How terrifying are your deeds! By the greatness of your power your enemies will submit to you.

UST
[3] They should say to God, “The things that you do are awesome! Your power is very great, with the result that your enemies cringe in front of you.”

What will cause God’s enemies to submit to him?
The greatness of God’s power will cause his enemies to submit to him.

Psalms 66:4

ULT
4 All the earth will worship you and will sing to you; they will sing to your name.” *Selah*

UST
4 Everyone on the earth will worship God, sing to praise him, and honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:5

ULT
5 Come and see the works of God; he is fearsome in his deeds toward the sons of mankind.

UST
5 Come and think about what God has done! Think about the awesome things that he has done among people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:6

ULT
6 He turned the sea into dry land; they went through the river on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

UST
6 He caused the sea to become dry land, with the result that our ancestors were able to walk right through it. There we rejoiced because of what he had done.

What miraculous deed did God do for the children of men?
He turned the sea into dry land so that the people went through the river on foot.

Psalms 66:7

ULT
7 He rules forever by his might; his eyes observe the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah*

UST
7 He rules forever by his power, and he keeps watching all the nations to see what evil things they do. The nations that want to rebel against him should not be proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:8

ULT
8 Give blessing to God, you people, let the sound of his praise be heard.

UST
8 You people of all nations, praise our God! Praise him loudly in order that people will hear you as you praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:9

ULT
9 He keeps us among the living, and he does not permit our feet to slip.

UST
9 He has kept us alive, and he has not allowed us to fall into disaster.

What does God do for his people in life?
He keeps their souls in life and does not allow their feet to be moved.

Psalms 66:10

ULT
10 For you, God, have tested us; you have tested us as silver is tested.

UST
10 God, you have tested us; you have allowed us to experience great difficulties to make our lives become pure as people put precious metals in a hot fire to burn out what is impure.

How has God tested his people and where has he brought them?
God has tested them as silver is tested.

Psalms 66:11

ULT
11 You brought us into a net; you laid a heavy burden on our backs.

UST
11 It is as if you allowed us to fall into traps, and you forced us to endure difficult things that were like heavy loads to carry on our backs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:12

ULT
12 You made people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a spacious place.

UST
12 You allowed our enemies to trample on us; we experienced difficulties walking through fires and floods, but now you have made us safe.

Where did God bring his people out?
He brought them out into a spacious place.

Psalms 66:13

ULT
13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows

UST
13 I will bring to your temple offerings that are to be completely burned on the altar; I will offer to you what I promised.

With what will the writer come into God' house?
He will come into God's house with burnt offerings.

Psalms 66:14

ULT
14 which my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in distress.

UST
14 When I was experiencing much trouble, I said that I would bring offerings to you if you rescued me; and you did rescue me, so I will bring to you what I promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:15

ULT
15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fat animals with the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls and goats. *Selah*

UST
15 I will bring sheep to be burned on the altar, and I will also sacrifice bulls and goats; when they are burning, you will be pleased as the smoke rises up to you.

What will the writer offer to God?
He will offer burnt offerings of fat animals, the sweet aroma of rams, and bulls and goats.

Psalms 66:16

ULT
16 Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will declare what he has done for my soul.

UST
16 All you people who have a reverential respect for God, come and listen, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

What will the writer declare to all who fear God?
He will declare what God has done for his soul.

Psalms 66:17

ULT
17 I cried to him with my mouth, and he was praised with my tongue.

UST
17 I called out to him to help me, and I praised him while I was speaking to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:18

ULT
18 If I had seen sin within my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me.

UST
18 If I had ignored the sins that I had committed, the Lord would not have paid any attention to me.

What will the Lord do if the writer looks at iniquity in his heart?
The Lord will not hear him if the writer looks at iniquity in his heart.

Psalms 66:19

ULT
19 But God has truly heard; he has paid attention to the voice of my prayer.

UST
19 But because I confessed my sins, God has listened to me and has paid attention to my prayers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 66:20

ULT
20 Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer or his covenant faithfulness from me.

UST
20 I praise God because he has not ignored my prayers; he continues to love me as he promised in his covenant to do.

From what has God not turned away?
He has not turned away from the writer's prayer and from his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 67

Psalms 67:1

ULT
1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and cause his face to shine on us *Selah*

UST
1 God, act mercifully toward us and bless us; act kindly toward us.

Why should God be merciful to his people and bless them? (vv1-2)
He should bless them so that his ways may be known on the earth, and his salvation among all nations.

Psalms 67:2

ULT
2 so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

UST
2 Do this in order that everyone in the world may know what you want them to do, and the people of all nations may know that you have the power to save them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 67:3

ULT
3 Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you.

UST
3 God, I desire that all people groups may praise you; I want them all to praise you!

Who should praise God?
All the peoples should praise God.

Psalms 67:4

ULT

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you will judge the peoples with uprightness and govern the nations on earth. *Selah*

UST

4 I desire that the people of all nations will be glad and sing joyfully because you judge the people groups equally, and you guide all the nations in the world.

Why should the nations be glad and sing?

The nations should be glad and sing because God will judge the peoples with justice and govern the nations on earth.

Psalms 67:5

ULT

5 Let the peoples praise you, God; let all the peoples praise you.

UST

5 God, I desire that the people groups may praise you; I want them all to praise you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 67:6

ULT

6 The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, will bless us.

UST

6 Good crops have grown on our land; God, our God, has blessed us.

Why has the earth yielded its harvest?

The earth yielded its harvest because God has blessed the peoples.

Psalms 67:7

ULT

7 May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him.

UST

7 Because God has blessed us, I desire that all people everywhere on the earth may have an awesome respect for him.

What should happen because God has blessed the peoples?

All the ends of the earth should honor him.

Psalms 68

Psalms 68:1

ULT
[1] Let God arise; let his enemies be scattered; let those also who hate him flee before him.

UST
[1] God, arise and scatter your enemies, and cause those who hate you to run away from you.

What does David want to happen to God's enemies and to those who hate God?
He wants God's enemies to be scattered, and those who hate God to flee before him.

Psalms 68:2

ULT
[2] As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish in the presence of God.

UST
[2] As wind blows smoke away, you chase your enemies away. As wax melts when it is near a fire, may you cause wicked people to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:3

ULT
[3] But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God; may they rejoice and be happy.

UST
[3] But may the righteous people be joyful; may they rejoice when they are in God's presence; may they be happy and very joyful.

What should the righteous do?
The righteous should be glad, rejoice, sing and be happy before Yahweh.

Psalms 68:4

ULT

[4] Sing to God! Sing praises to his name! Praise the one who rides through the plains of the Jordan River valley! Yahweh is his name! Rejoice before him!

UST

[4] Sing to God; sing to praise him; sing a song for him who rides in the desert plains; his name is Yahweh; be glad when you are in his presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:5

ULT

[5] A father of the fatherless, a judge of the widows, is God in the holy place where he lives.

UST

[5] God, who lives in his sacred temple, is like a father to those who are orphans, and he is the one who protects widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:6

ULT

[6] God puts the lonely into families; he brings out the prisoners to live in prosperity; but the rebellious live in a parched land.

UST

[6] He provides families for those who have no one to live with. He frees prisoners and enables them to be successful, but those who rebel against him will be forced to live in a very hot and dry land.

What does God do for the lonely and the prisoners?

He puts the lonely into familes, and brings out the prisoners with singing.

Psalms 68:7

ULT

[7] God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*

UST

[7] God, you led your people out of Egypt, and then you marched with them through the desert.

What did the earth and heavens do when God went out before his people? (vv7-8)

The earth trembled and the heavens dropped rain in God's presence.

Psalms 68:8

ULT

[8] The earth trembled; the heavens also dropped rain in God's presence, in the presence of God when he came to Sinai, in the presence of God, the God of Israel.

UST

[8] After you did that, the earth shook at Mount Sinai when you appeared to your people, and rain poured down from the sky, and your people worshiped you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:9

ULT

[9] You, God, sent a plentiful rain; you strengthened your inheritance when it was weary.

UST

[9] You caused plenty of rain to fall there in the wilderness, and so you enabled good crops to grow again on that land that you gave to us Israelites.

What did God send for his people? (vv9-10)

God sent a plentiful rain to strengthen his inheritance when it was weary.

Psalms 68:10

ULT
10 Your people lived in it; You, God, gave from your goodness to the poor.

UST
10 Your people built homes there; because you were good to them, you provided food for those who were poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:11

ULT
11 The Lord gave the orders, and those who announced them were a great army.

UST
11 The Lord spoke this message, and many people took his message to other places.

What did the great army announce?
The army announced the Lord's orders.

Psalms 68:12

ULT
12 Kings of armies flee, they flee, and the women waiting at home divide the plunder:

UST
12-13 They proclaimed, "Many kings and their armies are running away from our army!" When our army brought back to their homes the things that they captured, the women who were at home divided up those things among themselves and among their families. They got statues of pigeons whose wings were covered with silver and whose feathers were covered with pure yellow gold. But some of the people stayed with the sheep and did not go to fight in the battle. Why did you not go?

What do the women waiting at home do after the kings of armies flee? (vv12-13)
They divide the plunder of silver and gold doves.

Psalms 68:13

ULT

13 Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, And her feathers with yellow gold

UST

12-13 They proclaimed, “Many kings and their armies are running away from our army!” When our army brought back to their homes the things that they captured, the women who were at home divided up those things among themselves and among their families. They got statues of pigeons whose wings were covered with silver and whose feathers were covered with pure yellow gold. But some of the people stayed with the sheep and did not go to fight in the battle. Why did you not go?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:14

ULT

14 The Almighty scattered kings there, it was as when it snowed on Mount Zalmon.

UST

14 When Almighty God scattered the enemy kings and their armies, it reminded me of a snowstorm on Mount Zalmon!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:15

ULT

15 A mighty mountain is the hill country of Bashan; a high mountain is the hill country of Bashan.

UST

15 There is a very high mountain in the Bashan hills, a mountain that has many peaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:16

ULT

16 Why do you look in envy, you high hill country, at the mountain which God desires for the place he will live? Indeed, Yahweh will live in it forever.

UST

16 But the people who live near that mountain should not envy those who live near Mount Zion, the mountain on which God chose to live! Yahweh will live there forever!

At what is the hill country looking in envy?

The hill country is looking in envy at the mountain which God desires for the place where he will live forever.

Psalms 68:17

ULT

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them in the holy place, as at Sinai.

UST

17 After we defeated all our enemies, it was as though the Lord, surrounded by many thousands of strong chariots, descended from Mount Sinai and came into the sacred temple in Jerusalem.

How many chariots of God are there?

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, thousands upon thousands.

Psalms 68:18

ULT

18 You have ascended on high; you have led away captives; you have received gifts from among men, even from those who fought against you, so that you, Yahweh God, might live there.

UST

18 He ascended the sacred mountain where his temple is and took with him many people who had been captured in battles; he received gifts from the enemies whom he had defeated. He received gifts even from those who had rebelled against him, and Yahweh, our God, will live there in his sacred temple forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:19

ULT
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burdens, the God who is our salvation. *Selah*

UST
19 Praise the Lord, who helps us carry our heavy loads every day; he is the one who saves us.

What does the Lord do for his people daily?
The Lord daily bears their burdens.

Psalms 68:20

ULT
20 Our God is a God who saves; Yahweh the Lord is the one who is able to rescue us from death.

UST
20 Our God is the God who saves us; He is Yahweh, our Lord, the one who allows us to escape from dying in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:21

ULT
21 But God will strike through the heads of his enemies, through the hairy scalps of those who walk in offenses against him.

UST
21 But God will smash the heads of his enemies, the long-haired skulls of those who continue to behave sinfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:22

ULT
22 The Lord said, “I will bring my enemies back from Bashan; I will bring them back from the depths of the sea

UST
22 The Lord said, “I will bring back the corpses of my enemies who were killed in Bashan, and I will bring back those who sank deep in the ocean and drowned.

From where will the Lord bring back his people?
The Lord will bring his people from Bashan and from the depths of the sea.

Psalms 68:23

ULT
23 so that you may crush your enemies, dipping your foot in blood, and so that the tongues of your dogs may have their share from your enemies.”

UST
23 I will do that so that you may wash your feet in their blood, and your dogs can also lap up some of your enemies’ blood.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:24

ULT
24 They have seen your processions, God, the processions of my God, my King, into the holy place.

UST
24 God, many people see you march triumphantly into your sacred temple, celebrating that you have defeated your enemies. You march like a king does, and a large crowd walks with you.

What order did the procession of God take place into the sanctuary? (vv24-25)
The singers went first, the minstrels followed after, and in the middle were the unmarried girls playing small drums.

Psalms 68:25

ULT
25 The singers went first, the minstrels followed after, and in the middle were the unmarried girls playing tambourines.

UST
25 The singers are in front, and the people who play stringed instruments are at the rear, and young women who are beating their tambourines are between them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:26

ULT
26 Bless God in the assemblies; praise Yahweh, you who are from the fountain [1] of Israel.

UST
26 They are all singing, “You Israelite people, praise God when you gather together; praise Yahweh, all you who are descendants of Jacob!”

Who should bless and praise God in the assembly?
The true descendants of Israel should bless and praise God.

Psalms 68:27

ULT
27 There is first Benjamin, the smallest tribe, then the leaders of Judah and their multitudes, the leaders of Zebulun and the leaders of Naphtali.

UST
27 First come the people of the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe, and following them come the leaders of the tribe of Judah and their group, and following them come the leaders of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Who is the smallest tribe?
Benjamin is the smallest tribe.

Psalms 68:28

ULT

28 Your God, Israel, has decreed your strength; reveal to us your power, God, as you have revealed it in times past.

UST

28 You people of Israel, God made our tribes very strong. God, help us with your power as you helped us in the past.

What does David ask God to reveal to his people?

He asks God to reveal to them God's power as in times past.

Psalms 68:29

ULT

29 Reveal your power to us from your temple at Jerusalem, where kings bring gifts to you.

UST

29 Show us that you are strong, there where you are in your temple in Jerusalem; kings bring gifts to you there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:30

ULT

30 Shout in battle against the wild beasts in the reeds, against the peoples, that multitude of bulls and calves. Humiliate them and make them bring you gifts; scatter the peoples who love to wage war.

UST

30 Shout as you defeat your enemies, such as those in Egypt, who are like wild animals living in the reeds. Shout as you defeat the powerful nations, who are like herds of bulls. Shame them; make them bow down and give you gifts. Drive away and scatter the people groups who love to attack other nations.

What does David say to rebuke?

David says to rebuke the wild beast of the reeds and the bulls and calves of the peoples.

Psalms 68:31

ULT
31 Princes will come out of Egypt; Cush will hurry to reach out with her hands to God.

UST
31 Then the leaders of Egypt will bring gifts to you. then the people in Ethiopia will rush to lift up their hands to praise you.

Who will come out of Egypt?
Princes will come out of Egypt.

Psalms 68:32

ULT
32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth; *Selah* Sing praises to Yahweh.

UST
32 You people who are citizens of kingdoms all over the world, sing to God! Sing praises to Yahweh!

Who should sing to God?
The kingdoms of the earth should sing praises to Yahweh.

Psalms 68:33

ULT
33 To him who rides on the heaven of heavens, which exist from ancient times; see, he lifts up his voice with power.

UST
33 Sing to the God, the one who rides in the sky, the sky that he created long ago. Listen as he shouts with a very powerful voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 68:34

ULT

34 Ascribe strength to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the skies.

UST

34 Proclaim that God is very powerful; he is the king that rules over Israel, and in the skies he also shows that he is powerful.

To whom does David say strength should be ascribed?

David says ascribe strength to God.

Psalms 68:35

ULT

35 God, you are fearsome in your holy place; the God of Israel—he gives strength and power to his people. Blessed be God.
68:26 [1] or, .

UST

35 God is awesome as he comes out of his sacred temple; he is the God whom we Israelite people worship. He gives power and strength to his people. Praise God!

What does God give to his people?

He gives strength and power to his people.

Psalms 69

Psalms 69:1

ULT
1 Save me, God; for the waters have put my life in danger.

UST
1 O God, save me because I am in great danger. It is as though the flood water were up to my neck, and I were about to drown.

From what does David ask God to save him?
He asks God to save him from the deep waters that have come in to his soul.

Psalms 69:2

ULT
2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no place to stand; I have come into deep waters, where the floods flow over me.

UST
2 I continue to sink in the deep mud, and there is no solid ground for me to stand on. I am in deep water, and the flood is swirling around me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:3

ULT
3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God.

UST
3 I am exhausted from calling out for help; my throat is very dry. Because I have cried so much as I have waited for God to help me, my eyes are swollen from tears.

What is happening to David as he waits for his God?
He is weary from crying, his throat is dry, and his eyes fail.

Psalms 69:4

ULT

4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs on my head; those who would cut me off, being my enemies for wrong reasons, are mighty; what I did not steal, I have to give back.

UST

4 Those who hate me when there is no reason to hate me are more than the number of hairs on my head! Those who want to get rid of me are strong, and they tell lies about me. They demand that I return to them things that I did not steal!

How many are David's enemies who hate him?

His enemies are more than the hairs on his head.

Psalms 69:5

ULT

5 God, you know my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from you.

UST

5 O God, you see the sins that I have committed. You know that I have foolishly disobeyed your laws.

What does God know about David?

God knows about David's foolishness and his sins are not hidden from God.

Psalms 69:6

ULT

6 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame because of me, Lord Yahweh of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor because of me, God of Israel.

UST

6 O Yahweh God, commander of the angel armies, do not allow the wrong things that I have done cause those who trust in you to be disappointed. O God, whom we Israelite people worship, do not allow me to cause them to be shamed.

What does David not want to happen to those who wait for and seek God?

David asks that they not be put to shame or brought to dishonor because of David.

Psalms 69:7

ULT
7 For your sake I have borne rebuke; shame has covered my face.

UST
7 People have insulted me because I am devoted to you. They have thoroughly humiliated me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:8

ULT
8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children.

UST
8 Even my own older brothers act as if they do not know me; they treat me like a foreigner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:9

ULT
9 For the zeal of your house has eaten me up, and the rebukes of those who rebuke you have fallen on me.

UST
9 Some people have despised your temple; but because I have tried to keep your temple holy, people have caused trouble for me. So it is as though those who are insulting you are also insulting me.

What has eaten up David?
Zeal for God's house has eaten him up.

Psalms 69:10

ULT
10 When I wept and did not eat food, they insulted me.

UST
10 When I have humbled myself and fasted to show my sadness about the disgraceful things that they have done to your temple, they just insult me.

What did David do as a rebuke to himself?
He wept and punished his soul with fasting.

Psalms 69:11

ULT
11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became the object of a proverb to them.

UST
11 When I put on rough sackcloth to show that I am sad, they laugh at me.

When did David become the object of a proverb? (vv11-12)
He made sackcloth of his clothing.

Psalms 69:12

ULT
12 Those who sit in the city gate talk about me; I am a song of drunkards.

UST
12 Even the elders of the city say bad things about me. The drunkards of the city sing disgusting songs about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:13

ULT
13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, Yahweh, in the acceptable time; in the multitude of your mercy, hear me in the truth of your salvation.

UST
13 But Yahweh, I will continue praying to you. At the time that you choose, answer me and rescue me because you faithfully love me, as you have promised to do.

How does David want Yahweh to answer his prayer?
He asks Yahweh to answer him in the trustworthiness of Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 69:14

ULT
14 Pull me out of the mire, and do not let me sink; let me be taken away from those who hate me and rescued out of the deep waters.

UST
14 Do not allow me to sink anymore in the mud. Rescue me from those who hate me! Lift me up out of these deep waters!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:15

ULT
15 Do not let the floods of water overwhelm me, neither let the deep swallow me up. Do not let the pit shut its mouth on me.

UST
15 Do not allow the floods to swirl around me; do not allow the deep mud to swallow me; keep me from sinking into the pit of death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:16

ULT
16 Answer me, Yahweh, for your covenant faithfulness is good; because your mercies for me are many, turn to me.

UST
16 O Yahweh, answer my prayer and help me because you are good and I can depend on your love for me. You have not punished me for what I deserve. I know you will listen to me!

Why should Yahweh turn to David?
He should turn to David because Yahweh's mercies for David are many.

Psalms 69:17

ULT
17 Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress; answer me quickly.

UST
17 Do not hide yourself from me; answer me quickly because I am in great trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:18

ULT
18 Come to me and redeem me. Because of my enemies, ransom me.

UST
18 Come near to me and save me; rescue me from my enemies.

What does David want Yahweh to do because of David's enemies?
He wants Yahweh to draw near his soul and to redeem it.

Psalms 69:19

ULT
19 You know my rebuke, my shame, and my dishonor; my adversaries are all before you.

UST
19 You know that I am insulted and that people shame and dishonor me; you know who all my enemies are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:20

ULT
20 Rebuke has broken my heart; I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; I looked for comforters, but I found none.

UST
20 Their insults have deeply offended me, and I feel helpless. I searched for someone who would pity me, but there was no one. I wanted someone to encourage me, but there was no one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:21

ULT
21 They gave me poison for my food; in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

UST
21 Instead, they gave me food that tasted like poison, and when I was thirsty, they gave me sour wine to drink.

What did David's enemies give him to eat and drink?
They gave him poison for food and vinegar to drink.

Psalms 69:22

ULT
22 Let their table before them become a snare; when they think they are in safety, let it become a trap.

UST
22 I hope their own food will kill them; I hope that this will happen when they think that they are completely safe.

What does David want the table of his enemies to become?
He wants his enemies' table to become a snare and a trap for them.

Psalms 69:23

ULT
23 Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see; and always make their loins shake.

UST
23 I hope that their eyes become dim so that they cannot see anything and that their backs will become weaker and weaker.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:24

ULT
24 Pour out your indignation on them, and let the fierceness of your anger overtake them.

UST
24 Show them that you are very angry with them! Because of your great anger, chase them and catch them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:25

ULT
25 Let their place be a desolation; let no one live in their tents.

UST
25 Cause their towns to become abandoned; may there be no one to live in their tents.

What does David want to happen to his enemies' place?
He wants their placer to be a desolation, and no one to live in their tents.

Psalms 69:26

ULT
26 For they persecuted the one you struck down. They repeated the account of the pain of those you have wounded.

UST
26 Do this because they persecute those whom you have punished, they look at how those whom you have punished suffer, and they tell others about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:27

ULT
27 Accuse them of having committed iniquity after iniquity; do not let them come into your righteous victory.

UST
27 Keep making a record of all their sins, do not fail to punish them for the evil things that they have done.

Of what does David want Yahweh to accuse his enemies?
He wants Yahweh to accuse them of having committed iniquity after iniquity.

Psalms 69:28

ULT
28 Let them be blotted out of the Book of Life and not be written down along with the righteous.

UST
28 Erase their names from the book containing the names of those who have eternal life; do not include them in the list of righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:29

ULT
29 But I am poor and sorrowful; let your salvation, God, set me up on high.

UST
29 As for me, I have pain and am suffering. O God, protect me and rescue me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:30

ULT
30 I will praise the name of God with a song and will exalt him with thanksgiving.

UST
30 When God does that, I will sing as I praise God, and I will honor him by thanking him.

What will please God more than an ox or a bull? (vv30-31)
David’s praise to his name with a song and his thanksgiving will please Yahweh.

Psalms 69:31

ULT
31 That will please Yahweh better than an ox or a bull that has horns and hooves.

UST
31 My doing that will please Yahweh more than sacrificing oxen, more than offering him full grown bulls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:32

ULT
32 The meek have seen it and are glad; you who seek after God, let your hearts live.

UST
32 Oppressed people will see that God has rescued me, and they will be glad. I desire that all who request God to help them may be encouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 69:33

ULT
33 For Yahweh hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.

UST
33 Yahweh listens to those who are needy; he does not ignore those who have suffered for him.

How does Yahweh respond to the needy and his prisoners?
Yahweh hears the needy and does not despise his prisoners.

Psalms 69:34

ULT
34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

UST
34 I desire that everything will praise God— everything that is in heaven and on earth and all the creatures that are in the seas.

What does David say should praise God?
Heaven, earth, the seas, and everything that moves should praise God.

Psalms 69:35

ULT

35 For God will save Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah; the people will live there and have it as a possession.

UST

35 God will rescue the people of Jerusalem from their enemies, and he will rebuild the towns that are in Judah. His people will live there and again possess the land.

What will God do to Zion and the cities of Judah? (vv35-36)

God will save Zion and will rebuild the cities of Judah, and the people will live there and have it as a possession.

Psalms 69:36

ULT

36 His servants' descendants will inherit it; and those who love his name will live there.

UST

36 The descendants of his people will inherit it, and those who love him will live there safely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 70

Psalms 70:1

ULT
[1] Save me, God! Yahweh, come quickly and help me.

UST
[1] God, please save me! Yahweh, come quickly to help me!

What is David asking God to do?
David is asking God to save him and to come quickly and help him.

Psalms 70:2

ULT
[2] Let those who try to take my life be ashamed and humiliated; let them be turned back and brought to dishonor, those who take pleasure in my pain.

UST
[2] Disgrace those who are happy about my troubles, those who are trying to kill me. Chase them away; make everyone shame them, for they want to see me suffer.

What does David want God to do to those who seek after his soul? (vv2-3)
David wants God to put them to shame and confound them, to turn them backward and bring them to dishonor.

Psalms 70:3

ULT
[3] Let them be turned back because of their shame, those who say, “Aha, aha.”

UST
[3] I hope that you will cause them to become dismayed and ashamed because they have been happy about my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 70:4

ULT

4 Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation always say, “May God be praised.”

UST

4 But I hope that everyone who prays to you will rejoice because of you. I hope that everyone who waits for you to rescue them will say, “God is great!”

What does David want all those who seek Yahweh to do?

He want them to rejoice and be glad and say, “May God be praised.”

Psalms 70:5

ULT

5 But I am poor and needy; hurry to me, God; you are my help and you rescue me. Yahweh, do not delay.

UST

5 As for me, I am poor and needy; so God, come quickly to help me! Yahweh, you are the one who saves and helps me, so please come quickly!

What does David need from God because he is poor and needy?

David needs God to hurry to help and rescue him.

Psalms 71

Psalms 71:1

ULT
[1] In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

UST
[1] Yahweh, I have come to you to be safe; never allow me to become ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:2

ULT
[2] Rescue me and make me safe in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me.

UST
[2] Because you always do what is right, help me and rescue me; listen to me, and save me!

What does the writer tell Yahweh he wants him to do?
The writer wants him to rescue him, make him safe, turn his ear to him and save him.

Psalms 71:3

ULT
[3] Be to me a rock for refuge where I may always go; you have given a command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

UST
[3] Be like a huge rock on top of which I can be safe; be like a strong fortress in which I am safe. You have commanded your angels to rescue me.

What does the writer want Yahweh to be to him?
The writer wants Yahweh to be his rock and his fortress.

Psalms 71:4

ULT

4 Rescue me, my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel.

UST

4 God, rescue me from wicked people, from the power of unjust and evil men.

From whose hand does the writer want to be rescued?

He wants to be rescued from the hand of the wicked, and from the unrighteous and cruel man.

Psalms 71:5

ULT

5 For you are my hope, Lord Yahweh. I have trusted in you ever since I was a child.

UST

5 Yahweh, my Lord, you are the one whom I confidently expect to help me; I have trusted in you ever since I was young.

How long has the writer trusted in Yahweh?

He has trusted in Yahweh since he was a child.

Psalms 71:6

ULT

6 By you I have been supported from the womb; you are he who took me out of my mother's belly; my praise will be always about you.

UST

6 I have depended on you all my life; you have taken care of me since the day that I was born, so I will always praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:7

ULT

[7] I am an example to many people; you are my strong refuge.

UST

[7] The manner in which you have rescued me has been an example to many people because they realize that you have been my strong defender.

What has the writer become for many people?

He has become an example for many people.

Psalms 71:8

ULT

[8] My mouth will be filled with your praise, all the day with your honor.

UST

[8] I praise you all during the day, and I proclaim that you are glorious.

What does the writer do with his mouth all day?

He fills his mouth with praise and honor all the day.

Psalms 71:9

ULT

[9] Do not throw me away in my time of old age; do not abandon me when my strength fails.

UST

[9] Now when I have become an old man, do not reject me; do not abandon me now when I am not strong anymore.

What does the writer ask God not to do when the writer is old and his strength fails?

He asks Yahweh to not throw him away or abandon him.

Psalms 71:10

ULT

10 For my enemies are talking about me; those who watch for my life are plotting together.

UST

10 My enemies say that they want to kill me; they talk together and plan how they can do that.

What do the enemies of the writer say as they are plotting together against him? (vv10-11)

They say, “God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for these is no one to save him.”

Psalms 71:11

ULT

11 They say, “God has forsaken him; pursue and take him, for there is no one to save him.”

UST

11 They say, “God has abandoned him; so now we can pursue him and seize him because there is no one who will rescue him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:12

ULT

12 God, do not be far from me; my God, hurry to help me.

UST

12 God, do not stay far away from me; hurry to help me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:13

ULT
13 Let them be put to shame and destroyed, those who are hostile to my life; let them be covered with rebuke and dishonor, those who seek my hurt.

UST
13 Cause those who accuse me to be defeated and destroyed; cause those who want to harm me to be shamed and disgraced.

What does the writer want to happen to those who are hostile to his life.
He wants them to be put to shame and consumed, and covered with rebuke and dishonor.

Psalms 71:14

ULT
14 But I will always hope in you and will praise you more and more.

UST
14 But as for me, I will continually and confidently expect you to do great things for me, and I will praise you more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:15

ULT
15 My mouth will tell about your righteousness and your salvation all the day, although I cannot understand it.

UST
15 I will tell people that you do what is right; all during the day I will tell people how you have saved me, although what you have done is more than I can fully understand.

What will the writer proclaim with his mouth about Yahweh?
His mouth will tell of Yahweh's righteousness and salvation.

Psalms 71:16

ULT
16 I will come with the mighty acts of the Lord Yahweh; I will make mention of your righteousness, yours alone.

UST
16 Yahweh, my Lord, I will praise you for your mighty deeds; I will proclaim that only you always act justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:17

ULT
17 God, you have taught me from my youth; even now I declare your wonderful deeds.

UST
17 God, you have taught me many things ever since I was young, and I still tell people about your wonderful deeds.

Why should Yahweh not forsake the writer? (vv17-18)
Yahweh should not forsake him because the writer is declaring Yahweh's strength to the next generation, and his power to everyone who is to come.

Psalms 71:18

ULT
18 Indeed, even when I am old and gray-headed, God, do not forsake me, as I have been declaring your strength to the next generation, your power to everyone who is to come.

UST
18 Now, God, when I am old and my hair is gray, do not abandon me. Stay with me while I continue to proclaim to my children and grandchildren.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:19

ULT
19 Your righteousness also, God, is very high; you who have done great things, God, who is like you?

UST
19 God, you do many righteous deeds; it is as though they extend up to the sky. You have done great things; there is no one like you.

What does the writer say is very high?
God's righteousness is very high.

Psalms 71:20

ULT
20 You who made me see many troubles will revive us again and will bring us up again from the depths of the earth.

UST
20 You have caused us to have many troubles and to suffer much, but you will cause us to become strong again; when I am almost dead, you will keep us alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:21

ULT
21 May you increase my honor; turn again and comfort me.

UST
21 You will cause me to be greatly honored, and you will encourage me again.

For what does the writer give thanks with his harp? (vv21-22)
He gives thanks to God for God's trustworthiness.

Psalms 71:22

ULT

22 I will also give thanks to you with the harp for your trustworthiness, my God; to you I will sing praises with the harp, Holy One of Israel.

UST

22 I will also praise you while I play my harp; I will praise you, my God, for faithfully doing what you have promised to do. I will play hymns to praise you, the holy God whom we Israelites worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 71:23

ULT

23 My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you— even my soul, which you have redeemed.

UST

23 I will shout joyfully while I sing; with my entire inner being I will sing because you have rescued me.

What does the writer's tongue do all day long? (vv23-24)

It will talk about God's righteousness all day long.

Psalms 71:24

ULT

24 My tongue will also talk about your righteousness all day long; for they have been put to shame and are confused, those who sought my hurt.

UST

24 All during the day I will tell people that you act righteously because those who wanted to harm me will have been defeated and disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72

Psalms 72:1

ULT
1 A Psalm of Solomon Give the king your righteous decrees, God, your righteousness to the king's son.

UST
1 O God, enable the king whom you appointed in Israel to rule justly. Show him how to judge matters fairly

What does Solomon ask God to give to the king and his son?
Solomon asks God to give the king his righteous decrees, and to give his son God's righteousness.

Psalms 72:2

ULT
2 May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

UST
2 so that he may judge your people fairly and that he may govern your oppressed people justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:3

ULT
3 May the mountains produce peace for the people; may the hills produce righteousness.

UST
3 I desire that all over the country—even on the hills and mountains — people will live peacefully and righteously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:4

ULT

4 May he judge the poor of the people; may he save the children of the needy and break in pieces the oppressor.

UST

4 Help your king to defend the poor people and to rescue needy people and to defeat those who oppress them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:5

ULT

5 May they honor you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon lasts throughout all generations.

UST

5 I desire that your king may live as long as the sun shines, as long as the moon shines, forever.

How long does Solomon want the people to honor God?

He wants them to honor God while the sun endures and as long as the moon lasts throughout all generations.

Psalms 72:6

ULT

6 May he come down like rain on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

UST

6 I desire that his rule may be enjoyed by the people as they enjoy rain on the growing crops, as they enjoy the showers that fall on the land.

What does Solomon want the king days to be like?

He wants them to be like rain on the mown grass, and showers that water the earth.

Psalms 72:7

ULT

7 May the righteous flourish in his days, and may there be an abundance of peace till the moon is no more.

UST

7 I hope that people may live righteously during the years that he rules and that the people may live peacefully and prosperously as long as the moon shines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:8

ULT

8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

UST

8 I hope that the king of Israel may rule the people in all the area from one sea in the east to another in the west and from the Euphrates River to the most remote places on earth.

How far will the king's dominion reach?

His dominion will reach from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 72:9

ULT

9 May those who live in the wilderness bow down before him; may his enemies lick the dust.

UST

9 I hope that those who live in the wilderness may bow down before him and that his enemies may throw themselves on the ground in submission to our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:10

ULT
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the islands render tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

UST
10 I hope that the king of the land of Tarshish and the kings of the islands in the sea may pay taxes to the king of Israel. I hope that the king of Sheba to the south and the king of Seba to the southwest may bring him gifts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:11

ULT
11 Indeed, may all kings fall down before him; may all nations serve him.

UST
11 I hope that all the other kings in the world may bow before the king of Israel and that people of all nations may serve our king.

What will all kings and nations do before the king?
All the kings will fall down before him and serve him.

Psalms 72:12

ULT
12 For he helps the needy person who cries out and the poor person who has no other helper.

UST
12 He rescues poor people when they cry out for help, and he helps those who are needy and those who have no one to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:13

ULT
13 He has pity on the poor and needy, and he saves the lives of needy people.

UST
13 He pities those who are weak and needy; he saves the people's lives.

How does the king treat the poor and the needy?
He has pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he saves.

Psalms 72:14

ULT
14 He redeems their lives from oppression and violence, and their blood is precious in his sight.

UST
14 Our king rescues people from being oppressed and from being treated cruelly because their lives are precious to our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:15

ULT
15 May he live! May the gold of Sheba be given to him. May people always pray for him; may God bless him all day long.

UST
15 I hope that our king may live a long time! I hope that he may be given gold from Sheba. I desire that people may always pray for our king and praise him all the time, every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:16

ULT

16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the mountaintops may their crops wave. May the fruit of it be like Lebanon; may the people flourish in the cities like the grass of the field.

UST

16 I hope that the fields may produce plenty of grain everywhere, even on the tops of the hills in the land where he rules, like the grain that grows on the hills in Lebanon. I hope that the cities in Israel will be as full of people as the fields are full of grass.

What are the signs of God's blessing on the king?

The signs of blessing are an abundance of grain, and the people in the cities will flourish.

Psalms 72:17

ULT

17 May his name endure forever; may his name continue as long as the sun; may people be blessed in him; may all nations call him blessed.

UST

17 I desire that the name of the king may never be forgotten. I hope that people may remember him as long as the sun shines. I hope that all people will praise Yahweh, the God of Israel, just as he has blessed the king of Israel.

How long does Solomon ask that the king's name endure?

He asks that the king's name endure forever, and continue as long as the sun.

Psalms 72:18

ULT

18 May Yahweh God, the God of Israel, be blessed, who alone does wonderful things.

UST

18 Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship; he is the only one who does wonderful things.

What does Yahweh alone do?

He alone does wonderful things.

Psalms 72:19

ULT

19 May his glorious name be blessed forever, and may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

UST

19 Praise him forever! I desire that his glory may fill the whole world! Amen! May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 72:20

ULT

20 The prayers of David son of Jesse are finished.

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UST

20 This is the end of the prayers written by David, son of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73

Psalms 73:1

ULT
1 A Psalm of Asaph Surely God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.

UST
1 God truly is good to us Israelite people, to those who, with all their inner being, want to do all that he desires.

To whom is God good?
God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.

Psalms 73:2

ULT
2 But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my feet almost slipped out from under me

UST
2 As for me, I almost stopped trusting in God; I was almost guilty of committing a great sin against him

Why did Asaph's feet nearly slip? (vv2-3)
He nearly slipped because he was envious of the arrogant when he saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 73:3

ULT
3 because I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

UST
3 because I saw those who proudly said that they did not need God, and I wanted to be like them. I saw that they became wealthy even though they were wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:4

ULT

4 For they have no pain until their death, but they are strong and well fed.

UST

4 Those people do not suffer from sickness; they are always strong and healthy.

How did Asaph describe the arrogant and wicked? (vv4-5)

He said they had no pain, they are strong and well fed, they are free from burdens, and are not afflicted like other men.

Psalms 73:5

ULT

5 They are free from the burdens of other men; they are not afflicted like other men.

UST

5 They do not have the troubles that other people have; they do not have problems as others do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:6

ULT

6 Pride adorns them like a necklace around their neck; violence clothes them like a robe.

UST

6 So they are proud, as proud as a woman with a beautiful necklace. They are as proud of their violent actions as some people are proud of their beautiful robes.

What is pride and violence like to the wicked?

Pride is like a necklace around their neck, and violence clothes them like a robe.

Psalms 73:7

ULT

[7] Out of such blindness comes sin; evil thoughts pass through their hearts.

UST

[7] From their inner beings pour out evil deeds, and in their inner beings they are always thinking about more evil things to do.

What is the result of the blindness of the wicked?

Out of this blindness comes sin and evil thoughts.

Psalms 73:8

ULT

[8] They mock and speak wickedly; in their arrogance they threaten oppression.

UST

[8] They scoff at other people, and they talk about doing evil things to them; they are proud while they plan to oppress others.

What things do the wicked say? (vv8-9)

They mock, say evil things, threaten violence, and speak against heaven.

Psalms 73:9

ULT

[9] They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongues march through the earth.

UST

[9] They say evil things about God, who is in heaven, and they talk boastfully about things that they have done here on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:10

ULT
10 Therefore his people turn to them and abundant waters are drained out.

UST
10 The result is that people pay attention to them and listen to everything they say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:11

ULT
11 They say, “How does God know? Is there knowledge with the Most High?”

UST
11 Wicked people say to themselves, “God will certainly not know what we have done; people say that he is greater than any other god, but he cannot find out.”

What do the wicked say about God?
They say, “How does God know? Does God know what goes on?.”

Psalms 73:12

ULT
12 Take notice: these people are wicked; they are always carefree, becoming richer and richer.

UST
12 That is what wicked people are like; they never worry about anything, and they are always becoming richer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:13

ULT
13 Surely it is in vain that I have guarded my heart and washed my hands in innocence.

UST
13 So, God, I think it is useless that I have always done what you want me to and that I have not committed sins.

Why does Asaph feel he guarded his heart in vain? (vv13-14)
Asaph has been afflicted all day long and disciplined every morning.

Psalms 73:14

ULT
14 For all the day long I have been afflicted and disciplined every morning.

UST
14 During each day I have problems, and every morning you punish me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:15

ULT
15 If I had said, “I will say these things,” then I would have betrayed this generation of your children.

UST
15 But if I had said these things out loud in front of others, I would have been sinning against your people.

What will happen if Asaph says these things?
He will betray this generation of God’s children.

Psalms 73:16

ULT
16 Though I tried to understand these things, it was too difficult for me.

UST
16 When I tried to think completely about these things, it was too hard for me to understand them.

Where did Asaph go to gain understanding of these things? (vv16-17)
Aspha went to God's sanctuary.

Psalms 73:17

ULT
17 Then I went into God's sanctuary and came to understand their fate.

UST
17 But when I went to your temple, you spoke to me, and I understood what will happen to the wicked people after they die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:18

ULT
18 Surely you put them in slippery places; you bring them down to ruin.

UST
18 Now I know that you will surely put them in dangerous places where they will fall down and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:19

ULT
19 How they become a wilderness in a moment! They come to an end and are finished in awful terrors.

UST
19 They will be destroyed instantly; they will die in terrible ways.

What will the wicked become in a moment?
They will become a wilderness in a moment.

Psalms 73:20

ULT
20 They are like a dream after one wakes up; Lord, when you arise, you will think nothing of those dreams.

UST
20 They will disappear as quickly as a dream disappears when a person awakes in the morning; Lord, when you arise, you will cause them to disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:21

ULT
21 For my heart was grieved, and I was deeply wounded.

UST
21 When I felt sad in my inner being and my feelings were hurt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:22

ULT
22 I was ignorant and lacked insight; I was like a senseless animal before you.

UST
22 I was stupid and ignorant, and I behaved like an animal toward you.

What did Asaph say he was like before God?
He was like a senseless animal before God.

Psalms 73:23

ULT
23 Yet I am always with you; you hold my right hand.

UST
23 But I am always close to you, and you hold my hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:24

ULT
24 You will guide me with your advice and afterward receive me to glory.

UST
24 You guide me by teaching me, and at the end of my life, you will receive me and honor me.

What will God do for Asaph after he guides him with his advice?
Afterward, God will receive Asaph into glory.

Psalms 73:25

ULT
25 Whom have I in heaven but you? There is no one on earth that I desire but you.

UST
25 You are in heaven, and I belong to you; there is nothing on this earth that I desire more than that.

What is Asaph's only desire on earth?
The God of heaven is all he desires.

Psalms 73:26

ULT
26 My flesh and my heart grow weak, but God is the strength of my heart forever.

UST
26 My body and my mind may become very weak, but, God, you continue to enable me to be strong; I belong to you forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 73:27

ULT
27 Those indeed who are far from you will perish; you will destroy all those who are unfaithful to you.

UST
27 Those who remain far from you will be destroyed; you will get rid of those who abandon you.

Who will perish?
Those who are far from God will perish, and he will destroy all those who are unfaithful to him.

Psalms 73:28

ULT
28 But as for me, all I need to do is to approach God. I have made the Lord Yahweh my refuge. I will declare all your deeds.

UST
28 But as for me, it is wonderful to be near to God and to have Yahweh protect me and to proclaim to others all that he has done for me.

What is the one thing that Asaph needs to do?
He needs to draw near to God.

Psalms 74

Psalms 74:1

ULT

1 A writing of Asaph God, why have you rejected us forever? Why does your anger burn against the sheep of your pasture?

UST

1 God, why have you abandoned us? Will you keep rejecting us forever? Why are you angry with us since we are like sheep in your pasture and you are like our shepherd?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:2

ULT

2 Call to mind your people, whom you purchased in ancient times, the tribe whom you have redeemed to be your own heritage, and Mount Zion, where you live.

UST

2 Do not forget your people whom you chose long ago, the people whom you freed from being slaves in Egypt and caused to become your tribe. Do not forget Jerusalem, which is your home on this earth.

What does Asaph ask God to remember that he did for his people in ancient times?
God redeemed them in ancient times, and purchased them to be his own heritage.

Psalms 74:3

ULT

3 Come look at the complete ruins, all the damage that the enemy has done in the holy place.

UST

3 Walk along and see where everything has been totally ruined; our enemies have destroyed everything in the sacred temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:4

ULT

4 Your adversaries roared in the middle of your appointed place; they set up their battle flags.

UST

4 Your enemies shouted triumphantly in this sacred place; they erected their banners to show they had defeated us.

What damage did the enemy do in the sanctuary? (vv4-6)
They set up their battle flags, hacked with axes, smashed and broke the engravings.

Psalms 74:5

ULT

5 They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.

UST

5 They cut down all the engraved objects in the temple as woodsmen cut down trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:6

ULT

6 They smashed and broke down all the engravings; they broke them with axes and hammers.

UST

6 Then they smashed all the carved wood with their axes and hammers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:7

ULT

[7] They set your sanctuary on fire; they desecrated where you live, knocking it to the ground.

UST

[7] Then they burned your temple to the ground; they caused that place where you were worshiped to be unfit for people to worship in.

What else did they do to the sanctuary?

They set it on fire, and desecrated it by knocking it to the ground,

Psalms 74:8

ULT

[8] They said in their hearts, “We will destroy them all.” They burned up all of your meeting places in the land.

UST

[8] They said to themselves, “We will destroy the Israelites completely,” and they also burned down all the other places where we gathered to worship you.

What did the enemy do to the meeting places?

They burned them all of the meeting places in the land.

Psalms 74:9

ULT

[9] We do not see any more signs; there is no prophet any more, and no one among us knows how long this will last.

UST

[9] All our sacred symbols are gone; there are no prophets now, and no one knows how long this situation will continue.

What did God’s people not see anymore?

They did not see any more miraculous signs, there is no prophet any more.

Psalms 74:10

ULT
10 How long, God, will the enemy throw insults at you? Will the enemy blaspheme your name forever?

UST
10 God, how long will our enemies make fun of you? Will they insult you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:11

ULT
11 Why do you hold back your hand, your right hand? Take your right hand from your garment and destroy them.

UST
11 Why do you refuse to help us? Why do you keep your hand inside your cloak instead of using it to destroy our enemies?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:12

ULT
12 Yet God has been my king from ancient times, bringing salvation on the earth.

UST
12 God, you have been our king during all the years since we came out of Egypt, and you have enabled us to defeat our enemies in the land of Israel.

What are signs that God has been Asaph's king since ancient times? (vv12-13)
God divided the sea and smashed the heads of sea monsters.

Psalms 74:13

ULT
13 You divided the sea by your strength; you smashed the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.

UST
13 By your power you caused the sea to divide; it was as though you had smashed the heads of the rulers of Egypt who were like huge sea dragons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:14

ULT
14 You crushed the heads of leviathan; you fed him to those living in the wilderness.

UST
14 It was as though you crushed the head of the king of Egypt and gave his body to the animals in the desert to eat.

What did God to to the leviathan?
He crushed the heads of leviathan, and fed him to those living in the wilderness.

Psalms 74:15

ULT
15 You broke open springs and streams; you dried up flowing rivers.

UST
15 You caused springs and streams to flow, and you also dried up rivers that had never dried up previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:16

ULT
16 The day is yours, and the night is yours also; you set the sun and moon in place.

UST
16 You created the days and the nights, and you put the sun and the moon in their places.

What did God set in place? (vv16-17)
He set the sun and moon in place, and set all the borders of the earth.

Psalms 74:17

ULT
17 You have set all the borders of the earth; you have made summer and winter.

UST
17 You determined where the oceans end and the land begins, and you created the summer season and the winter season.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:18

ULT
18 Call to mind how the enemy hurled insults at you, Yahweh, and that a foolish people has blasphemed your name.

UST
18 Yahweh, do not forget that your enemies laugh at you and that it is foolish people who despise you.

What does the enemy do that Asaph wants Yahweh to remember?
The enemy hurled insults at Yahweh and blasphemed his name.

Psalms 74:19

ULT
19 Do not give the life of your dove to a wild animal. Do not forget forever the life of your oppressed people.

UST
19 Do not abandon your helpless people into the hands of their cruel enemies; do not forget your suffering people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:20

ULT
20 Remember your covenant, for the dark regions of the land are full of places of violence.

UST
20 Continue thinking about the covenant that you made with us; remember that there are violent people in every dark place on the earth.

Why does Asaph ask God to remember his covenant?
He wants Yahweh to remember his covenant because the earth is full of violence.

Psalms 74:21

ULT
21 Do not let the oppressed be turned back in shame; let the poor and oppressed praise your name.

UST
21 Do not allow your oppressed people to be disgraced; help those poor and needy people in order that they will again praise you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 74:22

ULT
22 Arise, God; defend your own honor; call to mind how fools insult you all day long.

UST
22 God, arise and defend yourself by defending your people! Do not forget that foolish people laugh at you all during the day!

What does Asaph want God to defend?
Asaph wants God to arise and defend his own honor.

Psalms 74:23

ULT

23 Do not forget the voice of your adversaries or the uproar of those who continually defy you.

UST

23 Do not forget that your enemies shout angrily at you; the uproar that they make while they oppose you never stops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75

Psalms 75:1

ULT
[1] We give thanks to you, God; we give thanks, for you reveal your presence; people tell of your wondrous works.

UST
[1] We give thanks to you; our God, we thank you. You are close to us, and we proclaim to others the wonderful things that you have done for us.

For what do the people give thanks?
They give thanks because God reveals his presence.

Psalms 75:2

ULT
[2] At the appointed time I will judge fairly.

UST
[2] You have said, "I have appointed a time when I will judge people, and I will judge everyone fairly.

What will God do at the appointed time? (vv2-3)
He will judge fairly, and make steady the earth's pillars.

Psalms 75:3

ULT
[3] Though the earth and all the inhabitants shake in fear, I make steady the earth's pillars. *Selah*

UST
[3] When the earth shakes and all the creatures on the earth tremble, I am the one who will keep its foundations steady.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:4

ULT
4 I said to the arrogant, “Do not be arrogant,” and to the wicked, “Do not lift up the horn.

UST
4 I say to people who boast, ‘Stop bragging!’ and I say to wicked people, ‘Do not proudly do things to show how great you are!’”

What does Asaph tell the arrogant and wicked not to do? (vv4-5)
He tells them not to be arrogant or confident of victory, and not to speak with their head held high.

Psalms 75:5

ULT
5 Do not lift up your horn to the heights; do not speak with an insolent neck.”

UST
5 Do not be arrogant, and do not speak so boastfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:6

ULT
6 It is not from the east or from the west, and it is not from the wilderness that lifting up comes.

UST
6 The one who judges people does not come from the east or from the west, and he does not come from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 75:7

ULT

[7] But God is the judge; he brings down one and he lifts up another.

UST

[7] God is the one who judges people; he shames and punishes some, and he honors others.

What does Asaph say about God?

God is judge and brings one down and raises up another.

Psalms 75:8

ULT

[8] For Yahweh holds in his hand a cup full of foaming wine, which is mixed with spices, and pours it out. Surely all the wicked of the earth will drink it to the last drop.

UST

[8] It is as though Yahweh held a cup in his hand; it is filled with wine that has spices mixed in it to cause those who drink it to become more drunk; and when Yahweh pours it out, he will force all the wicked people to drink it; they will drink every drop of it; yes, he will punish them fully.

What will the wicked do with the cup of foaming wine in Yahweh's hand?

They will drink it to the last drop.

Psalms 75:9

ULT

[9] But I will continually tell what you have done; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

UST

[9] But as for me, I will never stop saying what the God whom Jacob worshiped has done; I will never stop singing to praise him.

How will Asaph praise the God of Jacob?

He will continually tell what God has done and sing praises to him.

Psalms 75:10

ULT

10 He says, “I will cut off all the horns of the wicked, but the horns of the righteous will be raised up.”

UST

10 He promises this: “I will destroy the power of wicked people, but I will increase the power of righteous people.”

What does God say he will do to the horns of the wicked and the righteous?

He will cut off the horns of the wicked and raise up the horns of the righteous.

Psalms 76

Psalms 76:1

ULT
[1] God has made himself known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

UST
[1] God has made the people in Judah to know him; the Israelite people honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:2

ULT
[2] His tent is in Salem; his dwelling place is in Zion.

UST
[2] In Jerusalem is where he resides; he lives on Mount Zion.

Where is the dwelling place of the God of Judah?
His dwelling place is in Zion.

Psalms 76:3

ULT
[3] There he broke the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword, and the other weapons of war. *Selah*

UST
[3] There he broke the flaming arrows that his enemies shot, and he also broke their shields and swords and other weapons that they used in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:4

ULT

4 You shine brightly and reveal your glory, as you descend from the mountains, where you killed your victims.

UST

4 God, you are powerful! You are like a great king as you return from the mountains where you defeated your enemies.

As he descends from the mountains, what does God look like?

God shines brightly and reveals his glory.

Psalms 76:5

ULT

5 The bravehearted were plundered; they fell asleep. All the warriors were helpless.

UST

5 Their brave soldiers were killed, and then those who killed them took away everything that those soldiers had. Those enemies died; indeed, none of them were able to fight any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:6

ULT

6 At your rebuke, God of Jacob, both rider and horse fell asleep.

UST

6 When you, the God whom Jacob worshiped, rebuked your enemies, their horses and their riders fell down dead.

What happened when the God of Jacob rebuked his enemies?

At his rebuke, both horse and rider died.

Psalms 76:7

ULT

[7] You, yes you, are to be feared; who can stand in your sight when you are angry?

UST

[7] Truly, you cause everyone to be afraid. When you are angry and you punish people, no one can endure it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:8

ULT

[8] From heaven you made your judgment heard; the earth was afraid and silent

UST

[8] From heaven you proclaimed that you would judge people, and then everyone on the earth was afraid and did not say anything more

What happened when God's judgment came from heaven?

When his judgment came, the earth was afraid and silent.

Psalms 76:9

ULT

[9] when you, God, arose to execute judgment and to save all the oppressed of the earth. *Selah*

UST

[9] when you arose to declare that you would punish wicked people and rescue all those whom they had oppressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 76:10

ULT
10 Surely your angry judgment against humanity will bring you praise; you gird yourself with what is left of your anger.

UST
10 When you punish those with whom you are angry, your people will praise you, and your enemies who survive will worship you on your festival days.

What will God's angry judgment of his enemies bring him?
His angry judgment of his enemies will bring him praise.

Psalms 76:11

ULT
11 Make vows to Yahweh your God and keep them. May all who surround him bring gifts to him who is to be feared.

UST
11 So give to Yahweh the offerings that you promised to give to him; all the people of nearby people groups should also bring gifts to him, the one who is awesome.

What should people about the vows they make to Yahweh their God?
They should keep their vows.

Psalms 76:12

ULT
12 He cuts off the spirit of the princes; he is feared by the kings of the earth.

UST
12 He humbles the leaders, and terrifies all the kings.

How do the princes and kings respond to Yahweh?
He humbles the spirit of the princes, and he is feared by the kings.

Psalms 77

Psalms 77:1

ULT
1 I will call out with my voice to God; I will call with my voice to God, and my God will hear me.

UST
1 I will cry out to God; I will cry aloud to him, and he will listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:2

ULT
2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; at night I stretched my hands out, and they would not become tired. My soul refused to be comforted.

UST
2 At the time that I had trouble, I prayed to the Lord; all during the night I lifted up my hands while I prayed, but nothing could comfort me.

What did Asaph do in the day of his trouble? (vv2-3)
He sought the Lord, prayed all night, and reached out his hands.

Psalms 77:3

ULT
3 I thought of God as I groaned; I thought about him as I grew faint. *Selah*

UST
3 When I thought about God, I despaired; when I meditated about him, I grew discouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:4

ULT
4 You held my eyes open; I was too troubled to speak.

UST
4 All during the night he prevented me from sleeping; I was so worried that I did not know what to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:5

ULT
5 I thought about the days of old, about times long past.

UST
5 I thought about days that had passed; I remembered what had happened in previous years.

What did Asaph think about when he could not sleep at night?
He thought about the days of old, about times long past.

Psalms 77:6

ULT
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, And my spirit makes diligent search.

UST
6 I spent all the night thinking about things; I meditated, and this is what I asked myself:

What did Asaph recall to mind during the night?
He called to mind the song he once sang.

Psalms 77:7

ULT
7 Will the Lord reject me forever? Will he never again show me favor?

UST
7 "Will the Lord always reject me? Will he never again be pleased with me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:8

ULT

8 Was his covenant faithfulness gone forever? Had his promise failed forever?

UST

8 Has he stopped faithfully loving me? Will he not do for me what he promised to do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:9

ULT

9 Had God forgotten to be gracious? Had his anger shut off his compassion? *Selah*

UST

9 God promised to act mercifully toward me; has he forgotten that? Because he is angry with me, has he decided not to be kind to me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:10

ULT

10 I said, “This is my sorrow: the changing of the right hand of the Most High toward us.”

UST

10 I said, “What causes me to be sad the most is that it seems that God, who is greater than any other god, is no longer using his power for us.”

What is Asaph’s sorrow?

His sorrow is the changing of the Almighty’s right hand toward him and his people.

Psalms 77:11

ULT
11 But I will call to mind your deeds, Yahweh; I will think about your wonderful deeds of old.

UST
11 But then, Yahweh, I recall your great deeds; I remember the wonderful things that you did in the past.

Which deeds of Yahweh does Asaph think about?
He thinks about Yahweh's wonderful deeds of old.

Psalms 77:12

ULT
12 I will ponder all your deeds and will reflect on them.

UST
12 I meditate on all that you have done, and I think about your mighty acts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:13

ULT
13 Your way, God, is holy; what god compares to our great God?

UST
13 God, everything that you do is amazing; there is certainly no god who is great like you are!

How is God different from all other gods? (vv13-15)
God is extraordinary, he does wonders, he reveals his strength, and he gives his people victory.

Psalms 77:14

ULT
14 You are the God who does wonders; you have revealed your strength among the peoples.

UST
14 You are God, the one who performs miracles; you showed to the people of many people groups that you are powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:15

ULT
15 You gave your people victory by your great power— the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

UST
15 By your power you rescued your people from Egypt; you saved those who were descendants of Jacob and his son Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:16

ULT
16 The waters saw you, God; the waters saw you, and they were afraid; the depths trembled.

UST
16 It was as though the waters saw you and became very afraid, and even the deepest part of the water shook.

How did nature react to God. (vv16-17)
The waters were afraid and trembled. The clouds poured water and the skies thundered.

Psalms 77:17

ULT
17 The clouds poured down water; the cloudy skies also gave voice; your arrows flew about.

UST
17 Rain poured down from the clouds; it thundered very loudly, and lightning flashed in all directions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:18

ULT
18 Your thunderous voice was heard in the wind; the lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

UST
18 Thunder crashed in the whirlwind—your voice! Lightning lit up, and the earth shook violently.

Where did God's path go? (vv18-20)
His path went through the sea, and his way through the surging waters, but his footprints were not seen.

Psalms 77:19

ULT
19 Your path went through the sea and your way through the surging waters, but your footprints were not seen.

UST
19 Then you walked through the sea in a path that you made through the deep water, but your footprints could not be seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 77:20

ULT
20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

UST
20 You led your people as a shepherd leads his flock of sheep while Moses and Aaron were the leaders of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78

Psalms 78:1

ULT
1 A writing of Asaph Hear my teaching, my people, listen to the words of my mouth.

UST
1 My friends, listen to what I am going to teach you; pay careful attention to what I will say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:2

ULT
2 I will open my mouth in parables; I will sing about hidden things about the past.

UST
2 I am going to give you some sayings that wise people have said. They will be sayings about things that happened long ago, things that were difficult to understand.

How will Asaph teach his people?
Asaph will open his mouth in parables and sing about hidden things about the past.

Psalms 78:3

ULT
3 These are things that we have heard and learned, things that our ancestors have told us.

UST
3 These are things that we have heard and known previously, things that our parents and grandparents told us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:4

ULT

4 We will not keep them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of Yahweh, his strength, and the wonders that he has done.

UST

4 We will tell these things to our children, but we will also tell our grandchildren about Yahweh's power and the glorious things that he has done.

What will Asaph pass on to the next generation?

Asaph will tell the next generation about the praise worthy deeds of Yahweh, his strength, and the wonders that he has done.

Psalms 78:5

ULT

5 For he established covenant decrees in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel. He commanded our ancestors that they were to teach them to their children.

UST

5 He gave laws and commandments to the Israelite people, those who are the descendants of Jacob, and he told our ancestors to teach them to their children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:6

ULT

6 He commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees, the children not yet born, who should tell them in turn to their own children.

UST

6 He commanded this so that their children would also know them and so that they would teach them to their own children.

Why did Yahweh command Asaph's ancestors to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children?

Yahweh commanded this so that the generation to come might know his decrees so that the children not yet born should tell them in turn to their own children.

Psalms 78:7

ULT

[7] Then they would place their hope in God and not forget his deeds but keep his commandments.

UST

[7] In that way, they also would trust in God and would not forget the things that he has done; instead, they would obey his commandments.

Why was it important for Asaph's ancestors to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children? (vv7-8)

It was important for them to teach Yahweh's decrees to their children so the children would not be like their ancestors who were a stubborn and rebellious generation.

Psalms 78:8

ULT

[8] Then they would not be like their ancestors, who were a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose hearts were not right, and whose spirits were not committed and faithful to God.

UST

[8] They would not be like their ancestors, who were very stubborn and kept rebelling against God; they did not continue firmly trusting in God, and they did not worship him alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:9

ULT

[9] The Ephraimites were armed with bows, but they turned back on the day of battle.

UST

[9] The soldiers of the tribe of Ephraim had bows and arrows, but they ran away from their enemies on the day that they fought with their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:10

ULT
10 They did not keep the covenant with God, and they refused to obey his law.

UST
10 They did not do what they had agreed with God that they would do; they refused to obey his laws.

How did Israel do that was wrong in God's sight?
They did not keep the covenant with God, and refused to obey his law.

Psalms 78:11

ULT
11 They forgot his deeds, the wonderful things that he had shown them.

UST
11 They forgot what he had done; they forgot about the miracles that they had seen him perform.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:12

ULT
12 They forgot the marvelous things he did in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the land of Zoan.

UST
12 While our ancestors were watching, God performed miracles in the area around the city of Zoan in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:13

ULT
13 He divided the sea and led them across it; he made the waters to stand like walls.

UST
13 Then he caused the Sea of Reeds to divide, causing the water on each side to pile up like a wall, with the result that our ancestors walked through it on dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:14

ULT
14 In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all the night with the light of fire.

UST
14 He led them by a bright cloud during the day and by a fiery light during the night.

How did God lead Israel?
He led them in the daytime with a cloud and at night with the light of fire.

Psalms 78:15

ULT
15 He split the rocks in the wilderness, and he gave them water abundantly, enough to fill the depths of the sea.

UST
15 He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave to our ancestors plenty of water from deep inside the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:16

ULT
16 He made streams flow out of the rock and made the water flow like rivers.

UST
16 He caused a stream of water to flow from the rock; the water flowed like a river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:17

ULT
17 Yet they continued to sin against him, rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness.

UST
17 But our ancestors continued to sin against God; in the wilderness they rebelled against the one who is greater than any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:18

ULT
18 They challenged God in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.

UST
18 By demanding that God give them the food that they desired, they tried to find out if he would always do what they requested him to do.

How did Israel challenge God?
They challenged God in their hearts by asking for food to satisfy their appetites.

Psalms 78:19

ULT
19 They spoke against God; they said, “Can God really lay out a table for us in the wilderness?

UST
19 They insulted God by saying, “Can God supply food for us here in this desert?

What did Israel speak against God?
They spoke against God saying, “Can God really lay out a table for us in the wilderness?”

Psalms 78:20

ULT
20 See, when he struck the rock, waters gushed out and streams overflowed. But can he give bread also? Will he provide meat for his people?”

UST
20 It is true that he struck the rock, with the result that water gushed out, but can he also provide bread and meat for us, his people?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:21

ULT
21 When Yahweh heard this, he was angry; so his fire burned against Jacob, and his anger attacked Israel,

UST
21 So when Yahweh heard that, he became very angry, and he sent a fire to burn up some of his Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:22

ULT
22 because they did not believe in God and did not trust in his salvation.

UST
22 He did that because they did not trust in him, and they did not believe that he would rescue them.

Why did Yahweh become angry and attack Israel in his anger?
Yahweh became angry with Israel because they did not believe in him and trust in his salvation.

Psalms 78:23

ULT
23 Yet he commanded the skies above and opened the doors of the sky.

UST
23 But God spoke to the sky above them and commanded it to open like a door,

How did God provide for Israel even though they did not believe in him? (vv23-24)
God provide for them by raining down manna and meat in abundance for them to eat so they were full.

Psalms 78:24

ULT
24 He rained down manna for them to eat, and gave them the grain from heaven.

UST
24 and then food fell down like rain, food that they named “manna.” God gave them grain from heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:25

ULT
25 People ate the bread of angels. He sent them food in abundance.

UST
25 So the people ate the food that angels eat, and God gave to them all the manna that they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:26

ULT
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the sky, and by his power he guided the south wind.

UST
26 Later, he caused the wind to blow from the east, and by his power he also sent wind from the south,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:27

ULT
27 He rained down meat on them like dust, birds as numerous as the sands of the sea.

UST
27 and the wind brought birds which were as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:28

ULT
28 They fell in the middle of their camp, all around their tents.

UST
28 God caused those birds to fall in the middle of their camp. There were birds all around their tents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:29

ULT
29 So they ate and were full. He gave them what they craved.

UST
29 So the people cooked the birds and ate the meat; their stomachs were full because God had given them what they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:30

ULT
30 But they had not yet filled up; their food was still in their mouths.

UST
30 But they had not yet eaten all that they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:31

ULT
31 Then God's anger attacked them and killed the strongest of them. He brought down the young men of Israel.

UST
31 At that point, God was still very angry with them, and he caused their strongest men to die; he got rid of many of the finest young Israelite men.

What did God do to Israel in his anger?
He attacked and killed the strongest of them, and brought down the young men.

Psalms 78:32

ULT
32 Despite this, they continued to sin and did not believe his wonderful deeds.

UST
32 In spite of all this, the people continued to sin; in spite of all the miracles that God had performed, they still did not trust that he would take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:33

ULT
33 Therefore God cut short their days; their years were filled with terror.

UST
33 So he made them terrified all their lives; he made them die young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:34

ULT
34 Whenever God afflicted them, they would start to seek him, and they would return and look earnestly for him.

UST
34 Whenever God caused some of the Israelites to die, the others would repent; they would be sorry and seriously ask God to save them.

How did the people of Israel respond whenever God afflicted them?
They would start to seek him, and would return and look earnestly for him.

Psalms 78:35

ULT
35 They would call to mind that God was their rock and that the Most High God was their rescuer.

UST
35 They would remember that God was like a huge rock on which they would be safe, and that he, who was greater than any other god, was the one who protected them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:36

ULT
36 But they would flatter him with their mouth and lie to him with their words.

UST
36 But they tried to deceive God by what they said; their words were all lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:37

ULT
37 For their hearts were not firmly fixed on him, and they were not faithful to his covenant.

UST
37 They were not loyal to him; they ignored the covenant that he had made with them.

What was the condition of Israel's hearts before God?
Their hearts were not firmly fixed on God, and they were not faithful to his covenant.

Psalms 78:38

ULT
38 Yet he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them. Yes, many times he held back his anger and did not stir up all his wrath.

UST
38 But God acted mercifully toward his people. He forgave them for having sinned and did not get rid of them. Many times he refrained from becoming angry with them and restrained himself from furiously punishing them.

How did God show mercy to the people of Israel?
He forgave their iniquity and did not destroy them because he remembered they were made of flesh.

Psalms 78:39

ULT
39 He called to mind that they were made of flesh, a wind that passes away and does not return.

UST
39 He remembered that they were only humans who die, humans who disappear as quickly as a wind that blows by and then is gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:40

ULT

40 How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the barren regions!

UST

40 Many times our ancestors rebelled against God in the wilderness and made him very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:41

ULT

41 Again and again they challenged God and offended the Holy One of Israel.

UST

41 Many times they did evil things to find out if they could do those things without God punishing them. They frequently caused the holy God of Israel to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:42

ULT

42 They did not think about his power, how he had rescued them from the enemy

UST

42 They forgot about his great power, and they forgot about the time when he rescued them from their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:43

ULT

43 when he performed his terrifying signs in Egypt and his wonders in the region of Zoan.

UST

43 They forgot about when he performed many miracles in the area near the city of Zoan in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:44

ULT
44 He turned the Egyptians' rivers to blood so that they could not drink from their streams.

UST
44 He caused the Nile River to become red like blood so that the people of Egypt had no water to drink.

What did God do to the Egyptians' rivers?
He turned the Egyptians' rivers to blood, so they could not drink from their streams.

Psalms 78:45

ULT
45 He sent swarms of flies that devoured them and frogs that overran their land.

UST
45 He sent among the people of Egypt swarms of flies that bit them, and he sent frogs that ate up everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:46

ULT
46 He gave their crops to the grasshopper and their labor to the locust.

UST
46 He sent locusts to eat their crops and the other things that grew in their fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:47

ULT
47 He destroyed their vines with hail and their sycamore trees with more hail.

UST
47 He sent hail that destroyed the grapevines, and he sent more hail that ruined the figs on the sycamore trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:48

ULT
48 He rained hail on their cattle and hurled lightning bolts at their livestock.

UST
48 He sent hail that killed their cattle and lightning that killed their sheep and cows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:49

ULT
49 The fierceness of his anger lashed out against them. He sent wrath, fury, and trouble like agents who bring disaster.

UST
49 Because God was fiercely angry with the people of Egypt, he caused them to be very distressed. The disasters that struck them were like a group of angels that destroyed everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:50

ULT
50 He leveled a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death but gave them over to the plague.

UST
50 He did not lessen his anger with them, and he did not spare their lives; he sent a plague that killed many of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:51

ULT
51 He killed all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of their strength in the tents of Ham.

UST
51 In that plague he caused all the firstborn sons of the people of Egypt to die.

What did God do to the firstborn of the Egyptians?
He killed all the firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of their strength.

Psalms 78:52

ULT
52 He led his own people out like sheep and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.

UST
52 Then he led his people out of Egypt as a shepherd leads his sheep, and he guided them while they walked through the wilderness.

How did God lead his own people?
He led them out like sheep, and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.

Psalms 78:53

ULT
53 He led them secure and unafraid, but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

UST
53 He led them safely, and they were not afraid, but their enemies were drowned in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:54

ULT
54 Then he brought them to the border of his holy land, to this mountain that his right hand acquired.

UST
54 Later he brought them to Canaan, his sacred land, to Mount Zion, and by his power he enabled them to conquer the people who were living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:55

ULT
55 He drove out the nations from before them and assigned them their inheritance. He settled the tribes of Israel in their tents.

UST
55 He expelled the people groups while his people were advancing; he assigned part of the land for each tribe to possess, and he gave the houses of those people to the Israelites.

What did God do to the nations?
He drove out the nations before the Israelites and assigned their inheritance to Israel.

Psalms 78:56

ULT
56 Yet they challenged and defied the Most High God and did not keep his solemn commands.

UST
56 However, the Israelites rebelled against God, who is greater than any other God, and they did many evil things to see if they could do those things without God punishing them; they did not obey his commandments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:57

ULT
57 They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their fathers; they were as undependable as a faulty bow.

UST
57 Instead, as their ancestors did, they rebelled against God and were not loyal to him; they were as unreliable as a bow that breaks when you try to shoot with it.

How did the people of Israel act like their fathers?
They were unfaithful and acted treacherously like their fathers.

Psalms 78:58

ULT
58 For they made him angry with their high places and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.

UST
58 Because they worshiped carved images of their gods on the tops of hills, they caused God to become angry.

With what did Israel make God angry?
They made him angry with their pagan shrines and provoked him to jealous anger with their idols.

Psalms 78:59

ULT
59 When God heard this, he was angry and completely rejected Israel.

UST
59 He saw what they were doing and became very angry, so he rejected the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:60

ULT
60 He abandoned the sanctuary of Shiloh, the tent where he had lived among people.

UST
60 He no longer appeared to them at Shiloh in the sacred tent where he had lived among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:61

ULT
61 He allowed his strength to be captured and gave his glory into the enemy’s hand.

UST
61 He allowed their enemies to capture the sacred chest, which was the symbol of his power and his glory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:62

ULT
62 He handed his people over to the sword, and he was angry with his heritage.

UST
62 Because he was angry with his people, he allowed their enemies to kill them.

To what did God hand over his people? (vv62-63)
He handed them over to the sword, and fire devoured their young men.

Psalms 78:63

ULT
63 Fire devoured their young men, and their young women had no wedding songs.

UST
63 Young men were killed in battles, with the result that the young women had no one to marry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:64

ULT
64 Their priests fell by the sword, and their widows could not weep.

UST
64 Many priests were killed by their enemies' swords, and the people did not allow the priests' widows to mourn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:65

ULT
65 Then the Lord awakened as one from sleep, like a warrior who shouts because of wine.

UST
65 Later, it was as though the Lord awoke from sleeping; he was like a strong man who became angry because he drank a lot of wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:66

ULT
66 He drove his adversaries back; he put them to everlasting shame.

UST
66 He pushed his enemies back and caused them to be very ashamed for a long time because they had been defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:67

ULT
67 He rejected the tent of Joseph, and he did not chose the tribe of Ephraim.

UST
67 But he did not set up his tent where the people of the tribe of Ephraim lived; he did not choose their area to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:68

ULT
68 He chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion that he loved.

UST
68 Instead he chose the area where the tribe of Judah lived; he chose Mount Zion, which he loves.

Which tribe did God chose from Israel?
God chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion that he loved.

Psalms 78:69

ULT
69 He built his sanctuary like the heavens, like the earth that he has established forever.

UST
69 He decided to have his temple built there, high up, like his home in heaven; he caused it to be firm, like the earth, and intended that his temple would last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:70

ULT
70 He chose David, his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds.

UST
70 He chose David, who served him faithfully, and took him from the pastures

Who did God choose to be the shepherd of Israel?
He chose David, his servant, and took him form the sheepfolds.

Psalms 78:71

ULT
71 He took him from following the ewes with their young, and he brought him to be shepherd of Jacob, his people, and of Israel, his heritage.

UST
71 where he was taking care of his father’s sheep, and appointed him to be the leader of the Israelites, the people who would always belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 78:72

ULT
72 David shepherded them with the integrity of his heart, and he guided them with the skill of his hands.

UST
72 David took care of the Israelite people sincerely and wholeheartedly, and he guided them skillfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79

Psalms 79:1

ULT

[1] A Psalm of Asaph God, foreign nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.

UST

[1] God, other people groups have invaded your own land. They have desecrated your temple, and they have destroyed all the buildings in Jerusalem.

What happened when the foreign nations came into Israel?
They defiled the temple, they turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.

Psalms 79:2

ULT

[2] They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the skies, the bodies of your faithful ones to the beasts of the earth.

UST

[2] Instead of burying the corpses of your people whom they killed, they allowed the vultures to eat the flesh of those corpses, and they also allowed wild animals to eat the corpses of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:3

ULT

[3] They have shed their blood like water around Jerusalem, and there was none to bury them.

UST

[3] When they killed your people, your people's blood flowed like water through the streets of Jerusalem, and there was almost no one left to bury their corpses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:4

ULT
4 We have become a reproach for our neighbors, mocking and derision to those who are around us.

UST
4 The people groups that live in countries that surround our land insult us; they laugh at us and mock us.

What has Israel become to their neighbors?
They have become a reproach for their neighbors to make, and a mocking and derision to those around them.

Psalms 79:5

ULT
5 How long, Yahweh? Will you stay angry forever? How long will your jealous anger burn like fire?

UST
5 Yahweh, how long will this continue? Will you be angry with us forever? Will your anger be like a fire burning within you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:6

ULT
6 Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name.

UST
6 Instead of being angry with us, be angry with the people groups that do not know you! Be angry with kingdoms whose people do not pray to you

On whom does Asaph ask God to pour out his wrath?
He asks God to pour out his wrath on the nations that do not know God and on the kingdoms that do not call upon God's name.

Psalms 79:7

ULT

7 For they have devoured Jacob and destroyed his villages.

UST

7 because they have killed Israelite people and they have ruined your country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:8

ULT

8 Do not hold the sins of our forefathers against us; may your merciful actions come to us, for we are very low.

UST

8 Do not punish us because of the sins that our ancestors committed! Act mercifully toward us now because we are very discouraged.

What does Asaph not want God to hold against Israel?

He wants God to not hold the sins of their forefathers agains them.

Psalms 79:9

ULT

9 Help us, God of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of your name; save us and forgive our sins for your name's sake.

UST

9 God, you have saved us many times, so help us now; rescue us and forgive us for having sinned so that other people will honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:10

ULT
10 Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” May the blood of your servants that was shed be avenged on the nations before our eyes.

UST
10 It is not right that the other people groups say about us, “If their God is very powerful, why does he not help them?” Allow us to see you punishing the people of other nations in return for their shedding our blood and killing many of us, your people.

What does Asaph not want the nations to say?
He does not want the nations to say, “Where is their God?”

Psalms 79:11

ULT
11 May the groans of the prisoners come before you; with the greatness of your power keep the children of death alive.

UST
11 Listen to your people groaning while they are in prison, and by your great power, free those whom our enemies say they will certainly execute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:12

ULT
12 Pay back into the laps of our neighboring countries seven times as much as the insults with which they have insulted you, Lord.

UST
12 In return for their having often insulted you, punish them seven times as much!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 79:13

ULT

13 So we your people and sheep of your pasture will give you thanks forever. We will tell your praises to all generations.

UST

13 After you do that, we, whom you take care of as a shepherd takes care of his sheep, will continue praising you; we will continue to praise you from generation to generation forever.

What does Asaph say that Israel is to God?

He says they are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Psalms 80

Psalms 80:1

ULT

1 Pay attention, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock; you who sit above the cherubim, shine on us!

UST

1 Yahweh, you who lead us as a shepherd leads his flock of sheep, you who sit on your throne in the Very Holy Place in the temple, above the figures of winged creatures, come and do powerful things for us Israelite people.

What is the writer asking the Shepherd of Israel to do?
The writer is asking him to pay attention and to shine on them.

Psalms 80:2

ULT

2 In the sight of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your power; come and save us.

UST

2 Show yourself to the people of the tribes of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh! Show us that you are powerful and come and rescue us!

What is the writer asking the Shepherd of Israel to do in the sight of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh?
He is asking the Spherd of Israel to stir up his power and come and save them.

Psalms 80:3

ULT

3 God, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

3 God, cause our nation to be strong like it was before; act kindly toward us so that we may be saved from our enemies!

What is the writer asking God to do?
He is asking God to restore them, shine his face on them and they will be saved

Psalms 80:4

ULT

4 Yahweh God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people when they pray?

UST

4 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, how long will you be angry with us, your people, when we pray to you?

What was Yahweh's response when his people prayed?

He was angry at his people when they prayed.

Psalms 80:5

ULT

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in great quantities.

UST

5 It is as though the only food and drink that you have given us is a cup full of our tears!

What has Yahweh given them eat and to drink?

He has fed them with tears and given them tears to drink.

Psalms 80:6

ULT

6 You make us something for our neighbors to argue over, and our enemies laugh about us among themselves.

UST

6 You have allowed the people groups that surround us to argue with each other to decide which part of our land each of them will take; they laugh at us.

What are Israel's neighbors and enemies doing to them?

Their neighbors are arguing over them and their enemies are laughing about them.

Psalms 80:7

ULT

[7] God of hosts, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

[7] God, Commander of the angel armies, make our nation strong as it was before! Act kindly toward us so that we may be saved!

What will happen when the God of hosts restores them and shines his face on them?
They will be saved.

Psalms 80:8

ULT

[8] You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out nations and transplanted it.

UST

[8] Our ancestors were like a grapevine that you brought out of Egypt; you drove out the other people groups from this land, and you put your people in their land.

What did the God of hosts do with the vine that he brought out of Egypt?
He drove out nations and transplanted it.

Psalms 80:9

ULT

[9] You cleared the land for it; it took root and filled the land.

UST

[9] As people clear ground to plant a grapevine, you cleared out the people who were living in this land for us to live in it. As the roots of a grapevine go deep down into the ground and spread, you enabled our ancestors to prosper and start living in towns all over this land.

What did God do to prepare for planting the vine?
God cleared the land for it.

Psalms 80:10

ULT
10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the cedars of God by its branches.

UST
10 As huge grapevines cover the hills with their shade and as their branches are taller than big cedar trees,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 80:11

ULT
11 It sent out its branches as far as the sea and its shoots to the Euphrates River.

UST
11 your people ruled all of Canaan, from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Euphrates River in the east.

What did the vine's branches cover?
The vine covered the mountains and the highest cedars.

How far did the vine send out its branches and shoots?
The vine sent its branches as far as the sea and sent its shoots to the Euphrates River.

Psalms 80:12

ULT
12 Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by along the road pluck its fruit?

UST
12 So why have you abandoned us and allowed our enemies to tear down our walls? You are like someone who tears down the fences around his vineyard, so that all the people who pass by can steal the grapes;

What will happen since the walls of the vine are broken down?
All who pass by will pluck its fruit.

Psalms 80:13

ULT
13 The boars out of the forest ruin it, and the beasts of the field feed on it.

UST
13 wild pigs can trample the vines, and wild animals can also eat the grapes.

What will the boars and beasts do to the vine?
The boars ruin it and the beasts feed on it.

Psalms 80:14

ULT
14 Turn back, God of hosts; look down from heaven and take notice and take care of this vine.

UST
14 You who are the commander of the angel armies, turn to us! Look down from heaven and see what is happening to us! Come and rescue us who are like your grapevine,

What does the writer ask the God of hosts to do for the vine?
He asks the God of hosts to turn back, look down from heaven, take notice and take care of this vine.

Psalms 80:15

ULT
15 This is the root that your right hand planted, the shoot that you made to grow.

UST
15 who are like the young vine that you planted and caused to grow!

Who planted the root of the vine and made the shoot grow?
The right hand of the God of hosts planted the root and made the shoot grow.

Psalms 80:16

ULT
16 It has been burned and cut down; they perish because of your rebuke.

UST
16 Our enemies have torn down and burned everything in our land; look at them angrily and get rid of them!

What is happening to the vine?
The vine is burned and cut down.

What does the writer want to happen to the enemies of the God of hosts?
The writer want the enemies of the God of hosts to perish because of his rebuke.

Psalms 80:17

ULT
17 May your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man whom you made strong for yourself.

UST
17 But strengthen us people whom you have chosen, us Israelite people, whom you previously caused to be very strong.

What does the writer want God to do to the man of God's right hand?
The writer wants God's hand to be on that man.

What did God do for the son of man?
God made him strong for himself.

Psalms 80:18

ULT
18 Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

UST
18 When you do that, we will never turn away from you again; revive us, and then we will praise you.

What will the people do if God revives them?
They will call on God's name.

Psalms 80:19

ULT

19 Yahweh God of hosts, restore us; make your face shine on us, and we will be saved.

UST

19 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, restore us; act kindly toward us and rescue us from our enemies!

What will happen if Yahweh, the God of hosts shines on the people?

If Yahweh shines on them, they will be saved.

Psalms 81

Psalms 81:1

ULT
1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout out for joy to the God of Jacob.

UST
1 Sing songs to praise God, who enables us to be strong when we fight our enemies; shout joyfully to God, whom we descendants of Jacob worship!

What does the writer tell everyone to do to God?
He tells them to sing aloud and to shout out for joy.

Psalms 81:2

ULT
2 Sing a song and play the tambourine, the pleasant lyre with the harp.

UST
2 Start playing the music, and beat the tambourines; play nice music on the harps and lyres.

What instruments does the writer tell the people to play as they sing a song?
The people should play the tambourine and the pleasant lyre with the harp.

Psalms 81:3

ULT
3 Blow the trumpet on the day of the new moon, on the day of the full moon, when our feast day begins.

UST
3 Blow the trumpets during the festival to celebrate each new moon, each time the moon is full, and during our other festivals.

When should the people blow the ram's horn?
They should blow it on the day of the new moon, the day of the full moon, when their feast day begins.

Psalms 81:4

ULT
4 For it is a statute for Israel, a decree given by the God of Jacob.

UST
4 Do that because that is a decree for us Israelite people; it is a command that God made for the descendants of Jacob.

Who gave the statute and decree for Israel?
The God of Jacob gave them for Israel.

Psalms 81:5

ULT
5 He issued it as a regulation in Joseph when he went against the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice that I did not recognize:

UST
5 He made it a law at the time when God led the descendants of Joseph out of the land of Egypt. I heard a voice I did not recognize, and it said:

Why did the God of Jacob issue a statute and decree for Israel?
He issued it as a regulation in Joseph.

Psalms 81:6

ULT
6 “I removed the burden from his shoulder; his hands were freed from holding the basket.

UST
6 “After the rulers of Egypt forced you Israelites to work as slaves, I took those heavy burdens off your backs, and I enabled you to lay down those heavy baskets of bricks that you were carrying.

What did God remove from the shoulder of the people?
God removed the burden.

Psalms 81:7

ULT

7 In your distress you called out, and I helped you; I answered you from a dark thundercloud. I tested you at the waters of Meribah. *Selah*

UST

7 When you were greatly distressed, you called out to me, and I rescued you; I answered you out of a thundercloud. Later I tested whether you would trust me to give you water when you were in the desert at Meribah.

What happened when the people called out in their distress?

God helped them, and answered them and tested them.

Psalms 81:8

ULT

8 Listen, my people, for I will warn you, Israel, if you would only listen to me!

UST

8 You who are my people, listen while I warn you! I wish that you Israelite people would pay attention to what I say to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 81:9

ULT

9 There must be no foreign god among you; you must not worship any foreign god.

UST

9 You must not have any idols of other gods among you; you must never bow to worship any of them!

What did God say about foreign gods?

God said there must be no foreign god among Israel and they must not worship any foreign god.

Psalms 81:10

ULT
10 I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

UST
10 I am Yahweh, your God; It was not any of those gods who brought you out of Egypt; I am the one who did it! So request what you want me to do for you, and I will do it.

What does Yahweh say he did for Israel?
He brought them out of Egypt.

Why did God tell the Israelites to open their mouth wide?
He told them to open it so he would fill it.

Psalms 81:11

ULT
11 But my people did not listen to my words; Israel did not obey me.

UST
11 But my people would not listen to me; they would not obey me.

What did Yahweh's people, Israel, not do?
They did not listen to Yahweh's words or obey him.

Psalms 81:12

ULT
12 So I gave them over to their own stubborn way so that they might do what seemed right to them.

UST
12 So because they were very stubborn, I allowed them to do whatever they wanted to do.

Why did Yahweh give his people over to their own stubborn way?
He gave them over so that they might do what seemed right to them.

Psalms 81:13

ULT
13 Oh, that my people would listen to me; oh, that my people would walk in my paths.

UST
13 I wish that my people would listen to me, that the Israelite people would behave as I want them to do.

What does Yahweh long for his people to do?
Yahweh wants his people to listen to him and walk in his paths.

Psalms 81:14

ULT
14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their oppressors.

UST
14 If they did that, I would quickly defeat their enemies; I would strike dead those who are oppressing them.

What would Yahweh do if his people would listen to him and walk in his paths?
He would quickly subdue their enemies and turn his hand against their oppressors.

Psalms 81:15

ULT
15 May those who hate Yahweh cringe in fear before him! May they be humiliated forever.

UST
15 Then all those who hate me would cringe before me, and then I would punish them forever.

What does the writer want to happen to those who hate Yahweh?
He wants them to cringe in fear and be humiliated forever.

Psalms 81:16

ULT

16 I would feed Israel with the finest wheat; I would satisfy you with honey out of the rock.”

UST

16 But I would give you Israelites very good wheat, and I would fill your stomachs with wild honey.”

What does Yahweh say he would do for Israel?

Yahweh would feed them with the finest wheat and satisfy them with the honey out of the rock.

Psalms 82

Psalms 82:1

ULT
1 A Psalm of Asaph God stands in the divine assembly; in the midst of the gods he renders judgment.

UST
1 God stands in heaven in a meeting of all the spirits whom he has placed in charge of what he created. He tells them that he has decided this:

Where does God stand to render judgment?
He stands in the divine assembly and in the midst of the gods.

Psalms 82:2

ULT
2 How long will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked? *Selah*

UST
2 "You must stop judging people unfairly; you must no longer make decisions that favor wicked people!

What does Asaph ask God?
He asks God how long God will you judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked?

Psalms 82:3

ULT
3 Defend the poor and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and destitute.

UST
3 You must defend people who are poor and orphans; you must act fairly toward those who are needy and those who have no one to help them.

What does Asaph ask God to do for the poor and fatherless and the afflicted and destitute?
He asks God to defend them and maintain their rights.

Psalms 82:4

ULT
4 Rescue the poor and needy; take them out of the hand of the wicked.

UST
4 Rescue them from the power of the wicked people!”

What does Asaph ask God to do for the poor and needy?
He asks God to rescue them and take them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:5

ULT
5 They neither know nor understand; they wander around in the darkness; all the foundations of the earth crumble.

UST
5 Those rulers do not know or understand anything! They are very corrupt, and as a result of their corrupt behavior, it is as though the foundation of the world is being shaken!

Where do those who neither know nor understand and wander?
They wander around in darkness.

Psalms 82:6

ULT
6 I said, “You are gods, and all of you sons of the Most High.

UST
6 I previously said to them, “You think you are gods! It is as though you are all my sons,

How does Asaph say the sons of the Most High will die? (vv6-7)
They will die like men and fall like one of the princes.

Psalms 82:7

ULT

7 Nevertheless you will die like men and fall like one of the princes.”

UST

7 but you will die as people do; your lives will end as the lives of all rulers end.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 82:8

ULT

8 Arise, God, judge the earth, for you have an inheritance in all the nations.

UST

8 God, arise and judge everyone on the earth because all the people groups belong to you!

Why is Asaph asking God to arise and judge the earth?

He asks God to judge because he will inherit all the nations.

Psalms 83

Psalms 83:1

ULT
[1] God, do not be silent! Do not ignore us and remain unmoved, God.

UST
[1] God, do not continue to be silent! Do not be quiet and say nothing

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:2

ULT
[2] Look, your enemies are making a commotion, and those who hate you have raised their heads.

UST
[2] because your enemies are rioting against you; those who hate you are rebelling against you!

What are God's enemies doing?
They are making a commotion, and have raised their heads.

Psalms 83:3

ULT
[3] They conspire against your people and plan together against your protected ones.

UST
[3] They are secretly planning to do things to harm us, your people; they are conspiring together against the people whom you protect.

Who do the enemies of God conspire against and plan against?
They conspire against God's people and plan against God's protected ones.

Psalms 83:4

ULT

4 They have said, “Come, and let us destroy them as a nation. Then the name of Israel will no longer be remembered.”

UST

4 They say, “Come, we must destroy their nation so that no one will remember that Israel ever existed!”

What do God’s enemies say they will do to Israel?

They said, “Let us destroy them as a nation.”

What would happen to the name of Israel if God’s enemies destroyed them?

Israel would no longer be remembered.

Psalms 83:5

ULT

5 They schemed together with one strategy; they made an alliance against you—

UST

5 They have agreed on what they want to do to destroy Israel, and they have agreed to attack you together.

Against whom have God’s enemies schemed?

They schemed against God and made an alliance.

Psalms 83:6

ULT

6 the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, of Moab and the Hagrites,

UST

6 Your enemies are the people who live in the tents of Edom— the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, they conspire together with

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:7

ULT
7 Gebal, Ammon, Amalek; and also Philistia and the inhabitants of Tyre.

UST
7 the people of Gebal, and the Ammonites, and the Amalekites, and the Philistines, and the people of the city of Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:8

ULT
8 Assyria also has joined with them; they have become an arm for the descendants of Lot. *Selah*

UST
8 The people of Assyria have joined them; they are strong allies of the Moab and Ammon people groups, who are descendants of Abraham's nephew Lot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:9

ULT
9 Do to them as you did to Midian, as you did to Sisera and to Jabin at the Kishon River.

UST
9 God, do to those people things as you did to the Midian people group, as you did to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon.

What does Asaph ask God to do to his enemies, as he did to Midian, Sisera and Jabin? (vv9-10)
He asks that they perish at Endor and become like manure for the earth.

Psalms 83:10

ULT

[10] They perished at Endor and became like manure for the earth.

UST

[10] You destroyed them at the town of Endor, and their corpses lay on the ground and decayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:11

ULT

[11] Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, and all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna.

UST

[11] Do to them things like you did to kings Oreb and Zeeb; defeat their leaders like you defeated Zebah and Zalmunna,

What did the nobles and the princes of the enemies say about Israel? (vv11-12)

They said, “Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God.”

Psalms 83:12

ULT

[12] They said, “Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God.”

UST

[12] who said, “We will take for ourselves the land that the Israelites say belongs to God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:13

ULT
[13] My God, make them like the whirling dust, like chaff before the wind,

UST
[13] My God, cause them to disappear quickly like whirling dust, like chaff that the wind blows away!

What things does Asaph want God to make his enemies like? (vv13-14)
He wants God to make them like whirling dust, chaff before the wind, fire that burns the forest, and the flame that sets the mountains on fire.

Psalms 83:14

ULT
[14] like the fire that burns the forest, and like the flame that sets the mountains on fire.

UST
[14] As a fire completely burns a forest and as flames burn in the mountains,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 83:15

ULT
[15] Chase them with your strong wind, and terrify them with your windstorm.

UST
[15] expel them with your storms and cause them to be terrified by your big storms!

How does Asaph want God to chase and terrify his enemies?
He wants God to chase them with God’s strong wind and terrify them with God’s windstorm.

Psalms 83:16

ULT
16 Fill their faces with shame so that they might seek your name, Yahweh.

UST
16 Cause them to be very ashamed so that they will admit that you are very powerful.

Why does Asaph ask Yahweh to fill the enemies faces with shame?
He asks God to fill the enemies with shame so they might seek Yahweh's name.

Psalms 83:17

ULT
17 May they be put to shame and be terrified forever; may they perish in disgrace.

UST
17 Cause them to be forever disgraced because of being defeated, and cause them to die while they are still disgraced.

What does Asaph desire to happen to God's enemies?
He desires that they be put to shame, be terrified forever and perish in disgrace.

Psalms 83:18

ULT
18 Then they will know that you alone, Yahweh, are honored as the Most High over all the earth.

UST
18 Cause them to know that you, whose name is Yahweh, are the supreme ruler over everything on the earth.

What will God's enemies know about Yahweh?
They will know that Yahweh alone is the Most High over all the earth.

Psalms 84

Psalms 84:1

ULT

[1] How lovely is the place where you live, Yahweh of hosts!

UST

[1] Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, your temple is very beautiful!

What does the writer say about the place where Yahweh of hosts lives?

He says the place where Yahweh of hosts lives is lovely.

Psalms 84:2

ULT

[2] I long for the courts of Yahweh, my desire for it has made me exhausted. My heart and all of my being call out to the living God.

UST

[2] I would like to be there; Yahweh, I desire that very much. With all my inner being I sing joyfully to you, the all-powerful God.

For what does the writer long?

He longs for the courts of Yahweh.

To whom does the writers heart and whole being call out?

His heart and whole being calls out to the living God.

Psalms 84:3

ULT

3 Even the sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest for herself where she may lay her young near your altars, Yahweh of hosts, my King, and my God.

UST

3 Even sparrows and swallows have built nests near your temple; they take care of their young babies near the altars where people offer sacrifices to you, Commander of the angel armies, my king and my God.

Where has the sparrow found her house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young?

They have found their house and nest near the altars of Yahweh of hosts.

What other names does the writer use for Yahweh of hosts?

He uses the names of my King and my God.

Psalms 84:4

ULT

4 Blessed are they who live in your house; they praise you continually. *Selah*

UST

4 How fortunate are those who are always in your temple, constantly singing to praise you.

What happens to those who live in Yahweh's house?

They are blessed and they praise Yahweh continually.

Psalms 84:5

ULT

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways up to Zion.

UST

5 How fortunate are those whom you make strong, those who desire very much to make the trip up to Mount Zion.

What happens to the man whose strength is in Yahweh?

The man whose strength is in Yahweh is blessed.

Psalms 84:6

ULT

6 Passing through the Valley of Tears, they find springs of water to drink. The early rains cover it with blessings. [1]

UST

6 While they travel through the dryValley of Tears, you cause it to become a place where there are springs of water, where the rains in the autumn fill the valley with water, a blessing from you.

Where do the blessed find springs of water to drink?

They find springs of water to drink as they pass through the Valley of Weeping.

Psalms 84:7

ULT

7 They go from strength to strength; every one of them appears before God in Zion.

UST

7 As a result, those who travel through there become stronger knowing that they will appear in your presence on Mount Zion.

Where does the blessed people appear?

They appear before God in Zion.

Psalms 84:8

ULT

8 Yahweh God of hosts, hear my prayer; God of Jacob, listen to what I am saying! *Selah*

UST

8 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, listen to my prayer; God, whom we descendants of Jacob worship, hear what I am saying!

Who does the writer want to hear his prayer?

He wants Yahweh God of hosts to hear his prayer.

Who does the writer want to listen to what he is saying?

He wants the God of Jacob to listen to what he is saying.

Psalms 84:9

ULT

[9] God, watch over our shield; show concern for your anointed.

UST

[9] God, act kindly toward our king, the one who protects us, the one whom you have chosen to rule us.

What does the writer want God to watch over and for whom does he want God to show concern?

He wants God to watch over their shield and show concern for God's anointed.

Psalms 84:10

ULT

[10] For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to live within the tents of the wicked.

UST

[10] For me, spending one day in your temple is better than spending a thousand days somewhere else; standing at the entrance to your temple, ready to go inside, is better than living in the tents where wicked people live.

A day in Yahweh's courts is better than what?

A day in Yahweh's courts is better that a thousand years elsewhere.

What would the writer rather be in the house of his God than to live within the tents of the wicked?

He would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of his God.

Psalms 84:11

ULT

11 For Yahweh God is our sun and shield; Yahweh will give grace and glory; he does not withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.

UST

11 Yahweh our God is like the sun that shines on us and like a shield that protects us; he acts favorably toward us and honors us. Yahweh does not refuse to give any good thing to those who do what is right.

What is Yahweh God to the writer?

Yahweh God is our sun and shield.

What will Yahweh give?

Yahweh will give grace and glory.

What does Yahweh not withhold from those who walk in integrity.

Yahweh does not withhold any good thing from those who walk in integrity.

Psalms 84:12

ULT

12 Yahweh of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in you.
84:6 [1] .

UST

12 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, how fortunate are those who trust in you!

What happens to the man who trusts in Yahweh of hosts?

The man who trusts in Yahweh is blessed.

Psalms 85

Psalms 85:1

ULT

[1] Yahweh, you have showed favor to your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.

UST

[1] Yahweh, you have acted kindly toward us people who live in this land; you have enabled us Israelite people to become prosperous again.

What has Yahweh done for the well-being of Jacob?
Yahweh has shown favor to their land and restored the well-being of Jacob.

Psalms 85:2

ULT

[2] You have forgiven the sin of your people; you have covered all their sin. *Selah*

UST

[2] You forgave us, your people, for the sins that we had committed; you pardoned us for all our sins.

What has Yahweh done about the sins of his people?
He has forgiven his people and covered all their sins.

Psalms 85:3

ULT

[3] You have withdrawn all your wrath; you have turned back from your hot anger.

UST

[3] You stopped being angry with us and turned away from severely punishing us.

What has Yahweh done with his wrath and hot anger?
He has withdrawn all his wrath and turned back from his hot anger.

Psalms 85:4

ULT

4 Restore us, God of our salvation, and let go of your displeasure with us.

UST

4 Now, God, the only one who can save us, stop being angry with us and help us.

Of what does the writer ask God to let go?

He ask God to let go of his displeasure with his people.

Psalms 85:5

ULT

5 Will you be angry with us forever? Will you remain angry throughout future generations?

UST

5 Will you continue to be angry with us forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 85:6

ULT

6 Will you not revive us again? Then your people will rejoice in you.

UST

6 Please enable us to prosper again so that we, your people, will rejoice about what you have done for us.

What will God's people do if God revives them again?

God's people will rejoice in God.

Psalms 85:7

ULT

7 Show us your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, grant us your salvation.

UST

7 Yahweh, by rescuing us from our troubles, show us that you faithfully love us.

What is the writer asking God to show and grant his people?

He is asking Yahweh to show his covenant faithfulness and grant his salvation.

Psalms 85:8

ULT

8 I will listen to what Yahweh God says, for he will make peace with his people, his faithful ones. Yet they must not turn again to foolish ways.

UST

8 I want to listen to what Yahweh our God says because he promises that he will enable us, his people, to live peacefully if we do not return to doing foolish things.

What does the writer say will happen when he listens to what Yahweh God says?

God will make peace with his people, his faithful followers.

What must the people do to make peace with God?

God's people must not turn again to foolish ways.

Psalms 85:9

ULT

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him; then glory will remain in our land.

UST

9 He is surely ready to save those who have an awesome respect for him, so that his glory will remain in our land.

What will remain in the land when God's salvation is near to those who fear him?

Glory will remain in the land.

Psalms 85:10

ULT
10 Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

UST
10 When that happens, he will both faithfully love us and faithfully do for us what he promised to do; we will act righteously, and he will give us peace, which will be like a kiss that he gives us.

What have met together and what have kissed each other?
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness have met together and righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Psalms 85:11

ULT
11 Trustworthiness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

UST
11 Here on earth, we will be loyal to God, and from heaven, God will act justly toward us.

What will sprout up from the ground and what will look down from the sky?
Trustworthiness will sprout up and victory will look down.

Psalms 85:12

ULT
12 Yes, Yahweh will give his good blessings, and our land will yield its crops.

UST
12 Yes, Yahweh will do good things for us, and there will be great harvests in our land.

What will happen when Yahweh gives his good blessings?
Their land will yield its crops.

Psalms 85:13

ULT

13 Righteousness will go before him and make a way for his footsteps.

UST

13 Yahweh always acts righteously; he acts righteously wherever he goes.

What will go before Yahweh and make a way for his footsteps?

Righteousness will go before Yahweh.

Psalms 86

Psalms 86:1

ULT
1 A Prayer of David. Incline your ear and listen, Yahweh, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

UST
1 Yahweh, listen to what I say and answer me because I am weak and needy.

Why does David ask Yahweh to listen to and answer him?
He asks Yahweh to answer him because David is poor and oppressed.

Psalms 86:2

ULT
2 Protect me, for I am faithful; my God, save your servant who trusts in you.

UST
2 Prevent me from dying now because I am loyal to you; save me because I serve you and I trust in you, my God.

What does David ask God to do for him when he is loyal and trusts in God?
David asks God to protect him and save him.

Psalms 86:3

ULT
3 Be merciful to me, Lord, for I cry out to you all day long.

UST
3 Lord, act kindly toward me because I cry out to you all during each day.

What does David asks when he cries out to the Lord?
David asks the Lord to be merciful to him.

Psalms 86:4

ULT

4 Make your servant glad, for to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.

UST

4 Lord, cause me to be glad, because I pray to you.

When David lifts up his soul to the Lord, what is he asking from the Lord?
David asks the Lord to make his servant glad.

Psalms 86:5

ULT

5 You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and you show great mercy to all those who cry out to you.

UST

5 Lord, you are good to us, and you forgive us; you faithfully love very much all those who pray to you.

What happens to all those who cry out to the Lord who is good?
The Lord is ready to forgive and show them great mercy.

Psalms 86:6

ULT

6 Yahweh, listen to my prayer; hear the sound of my pleas.

UST

6 Yahweh, listen to my prayer; hear me when I cry out to you to help me.

Who does David ask to listen to his prayer and hear the sound of his pleas?
David asks Yahweh to listen and hear.

Psalms 86:7

ULT
7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

UST
7 When I have troubles, I call out to you because you answer me.

What will Yahweh do when David calls on him in his day of trouble?
Yahweh will answer David.

Psalms 86:8

ULT
8 There is no one who compares to you among the gods, Lord. There are no deeds like your deeds.

UST
8 Lord, among all the gods whom the heathen nations worship, there is no one like you; not one of them has done the great things that you have done.

Who compares to the Lord among the gods?
There is no one who compares to the Lord.

Psalms 86:9

ULT
9 All the nations that you have made will come and bow before you, Lord. They will honor your name.

UST
9 Lord, someday people from all the nations that you have established will come and bow down in front of you, and they will praise you.

What will all the nations do before the Lord?
All the nations will come and bow before the Lord and honor the Lord's name.

Psalms 86:10

ULT
10 For you are great and do wonderful things; you only are God.

UST
10 You are great, and you do wonderful things; only you are God.

Who only does great and wonderful things?
Only God does great and wonderful things.

Psalms 86:11

ULT
11 Teach me your ways, Yahweh. Then I will walk in your truth. Unite my heart to reverence you.

UST
11 Yahweh, teach me what you want me to do so that I may conduct my life according to what you say, all of which is right. Cause me to have an awesome respect for you with all my inner being.

What does David ask Yahweh to teach him?
David asks Yahweh to teach him Yahweh's ways.

What will happen when Yahweh teaches David?
David will walk in Yahweh's truth.

Psalms 86:12

ULT
12 Lord my God, I will praise you with my whole heart; I will glorify your name forever.

UST
12 Lord, my God, I will thank you with all my inner being, and I will praise you forever.

What does David tell God he will do?
David will praise God and glorify God's name forever.

Psalms 86:13

ULT
13 For great is your covenant faithfulness toward me; you have rescued my life from the depths of Sheol.

UST
13 You faithfully love me very much as you have promised; you have prevented me from dying and going to the place where dead people are.

What does David say God's covenant faithfulness toward him has done?
God has rescued David's soul from the depths of sheol.

Psalms 86:14

ULT
14 God, the arrogant have risen up against me. A gang of violent men seek my life. They have no regard for you.

UST
14 But God, proud men are trying to attack me; a gang of cruel men are wanting to kill me; they are men who do not have any respect for you.

What does David say the arrogant and violent men have done?
They have risen up against David, seek his life and have no regard for God.

Psalms 86:15

ULT
15 But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

UST
15 But Lord, you always act mercifully and kindly; you do not become angry quickly; you faithfully love us very much and always do for us what you have promised to do.

How does David describe the Lord?
David describes the Lord as a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Psalms 86:16

ULT

16 Turn toward me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant; save the son of your servant woman.

UST

16 Look down toward me and act mercifully to me; cause me to be strong and save me, the one who serves you faithfully as my mother did.

What does David ask the Lord to do for him?

David asks the Lord to turn toward him, have mercy on him, give his strength and save him.

Psalms 86:17

ULT

17 Show me a sign of your favor. Then those who hate me will see it and be put to shame because you, Yahweh, have helped me and comforted me.

UST

17 Yahweh, do something to show me that you are being good to me so that those who hate me will see that you have encouraged me and helped me; as a result, they will be ashamed.

What will happen when Yahweh shows David a sign of his favor?

Those who hate David will see God's favor and be put to shame.

What does David say Yahweh as done for him?

Yahweh has helped David and comforted him.

Psalms 87

Psalms 87:1

ULT
[1] A Psalm of the sons of Korah A Song On the holy mount stands the city he founded;

UST
[1] The city is established on his holy mountain.

Where is the Lord's city established?
It is established on the holy mountains.

Psalms 87:2

ULT
[2] Yahweh loves the gates of Zion more than all the tents of Jacob.

UST
[2] Yahweh loves that city, Jerusalem, more than he loves any other place in Israel.

How much does Yahweh love the gates of Zion?
He loves them more than all the tents of Jacob.

Psalms 87:3

ULT
[3] Glorious things are said of you, city of God. *Selah*

UST
[3] All you people in Jerusalem, other people say wonderful things about your city.

What things are said of the city of God?
Glorious things are said of the city of God.

Psalms 87:4

ULT

4 “I mention Rahab and Babylon to my followers. See, there are Philistia, and Tyre, along with Cush— and will say, ‘This one was born there.’”

UST

4 And Yahweh said, “I will talk of Rahab and Babyon and the people there who know me. There are some who know me among the people of Egypt and Babylonia, and they live in the lands of Philistia and Tyre and Ethiopia, and they will say, ‘Our home is Jerusalem and our land is Zion.’”

To whom did the writer mention Rahab and Babylon?

He mentioned them to his followers.

Psalms 87:5

ULT

5 Of Zion it will be said, “Each of these was born in her; and the Most High himself will establish her.”

UST

5 Concerning Zion, people will say, “All of these people who were born far away, they call Jerusalem their home, and Almighty God will cause that city to remain strong.”

What will the Most High do for Zion?

The Most High himself will establish her.

Psalms 87:6

ULT

6 Yahweh writes in the census book of the nations, “This one was born there.” *Selah*

UST

6 Yahweh will write a list of the names of the people of various groups who belong to him, and he will say that he considers them all to be citizens of Jerusalem.

What does Yahweh note as he registers the peoples?

He notes, “This one was born there.”

Psalms 87:7

ULT

7 So also the singers and the dancers say together, “All my fountains are in you.”

UST

7 They will all dance and sing, saying, “Jerusalem is the source of all our blessings.”

What do the singers and dancers say?

They say, “All my springs of water are in you.”

Psalms 88

Psalms 88:1

ULT
1 Yahweh, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you.

UST
1 Yahweh God, you who rescue me, all during each day I call out to you to help me, and I cry out to you during each night also.

When does the writer cry out to Yahweh, the God of his salvation?
The writer cries out day and night before Yahweh.

Psalms 88:2

ULT
2 Let my prayer come before you; pay attention to my cry.

UST
2 Listen to my prayer while I cry out to you for help!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do for him?
He asks Yahweh to listen to his prayer and pay attention to his cry.

Psalms 88:3

ULT
3 For I am filled with troubles, and my life has reached Sheol.

UST
3 I have experienced many troubles, and I am about to die and go where dead people are.

What is the problem with the writer's soul and life?
His soul is full of troubles and his life is nearing sheol.

Psalms 88:4

ULT

4 People treat me like those who go down into the pit; I am a man with no strength.

UST

4 Because I have no more strength, other people believe that I will soon die.

How does the writer describe himself when people treat him like those who go down to the pit?

He describes himself as a man with no strength.

Psalms 88:5

ULT

5 I am abandoned among the dead; I am like the dead who lie in the grave, about whom you care no more because they are cut off from your power.

UST

5 I am like a corpse that has been abandoned; I am like dead people who lie in their graves, people who have been completely forgotten because you do not take care of them anymore.

What does the writer say happens to him when he is like the dead who lie in the grave?

He says that Yahweh cares for the dead no more because they are cut off from Yahweh's power.

Psalms 88:6

ULT

6 You place me in the lowest part of the pit, in the dark and deep places.

UST

6 It is as though you have thrown me into a deep, dark pit, into a place where they throw corpses.

Where does the writer say that Yahweh has placed him?

He says Yahweh has placed him in the lowest part of the pit.

Psalms 88:7

ULT

7 Your wrath lies heavy on me, and all your waves crash over me. *Selah*

UST

7 It seems as though you are very angry with me, and it is as though you have crushed me as ocean waves crash down on people.

What lies heavy on the writer?

Yahweh's wrath lies heavy on the writer.

Psalms 88:8

ULT

8 Because of you, my acquaintances avoid me. You have made me a shocking sight to them. I am hemmed in and I cannot escape.

UST

8 You have caused my friends to avoid me; I have become repulsive to them. It is as though I were in a prison and cannot escape.

What has Yahweh done to make the writer's acquaintenances avoid him?

Yahweh has made the writer a shocking sight to his acquaintances.

Psalms 88:9

ULT

9 My eyes grow weary from trouble; All day long I call out to you, Yahweh; I spread out my hands to you.

UST

9 My eyes cannot see well because I cry very much. Yahweh, every day I call out to you to help me; I lift up my hands to you while I pray.

From what do the writer's eyes to grow weary?

His eyes grow weary from trouble.

Psalms 88:10

ULT

[10] Will you do wonders for the dead? Will those who have died rise and praise you? *Selah*

UST

[10] You certainly do not perform miracles for dead people! Their spirits do not arise to praise you!

What questions does the writer ask Yahweh about the dead and those who have died?

He asks Yahweh if he will do wonders for the dead, and if they will rise up and praise Yahweh.

Psalms 88:11

ULT

[11] Will your covenant faithfulness be proclaimed in the grave, your loyalty in the place of the dead?

UST

[11] Corpses in the grave certainly do not tell about your faithfully loving us, and in the place where people are finally destroyed, no one tells about what you faithfully do for us.

What does the writer asks Yahweh about his covenant faithfulness, loyalty, wonderful deeds and righteousness? (vv11-12)

The writer asks Yahweh if they will be proclaimed in the grave, in the place of the dead, in the darkness and in the place of forgetfulness.

Psalms 88:12

ULT

[12] Will your wonderful deeds be known in the darkness, or your righteousness in the place of forgetfulness?

UST

[12] No one in the deep, dark pit ever sees the miracles that you perform, and no one in the place where people have been completely forgotten tells about your being good to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 88:13

ULT
13 But I cry to you, Yahweh; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

UST
13 But as for me, Yahweh, I cry out to you to help me; each morning I pray to you.

When does the writer's prayer come before Yahweh?
His prayer comes before Yahweh in the morning.

Psalms 88:14

ULT
14 Yahweh, why do you reject me? Why do you hide your face from me?

UST
14 Yahweh, why do you reject me? Why do you turn away from me?

What has Yahweh done to the writer?
Yahweh has rejected the writer and hidden his face from him.

Psalms 88:15

ULT
15 I have always been afflicted and on the verge of death since my youth. I have suffered from your terrors; I am in despair.

UST
15 All the time since I was young, I have suffered and have often almost died; I am in despair because of enduring the terrible things that you have done to me.

How long has the writer been afflicted and on the verge of death.
The writer has been afflictd and on the verge of death since his youth.

Psalms 88:16

ULT
16 Your angry actions have passed over me, and your terrifying deeds have annihilated me.

UST
16 I feel that you have crushed me because of your being angry with me; the terrible things that you are doing to me are almost destroying me.

What does the writer say Yahweh's angry actions and terrifying deeds have done?
Yahweh's actions have passed over and his deeds have annihilated the writer.

Psalms 88:17

ULT
17 They surround me like water all the day long; they have all encircled me.

UST
17 It is as though they surround me like a flood; they are closing in on me from all sides.

What have Yahweh's actions and deeds done to the writer all day long?
They surrounded the writed like water and encircled him.

Psalms 88:18

ULT
18 You have removed every friend and acquaintance from me. My only acquaintance is the darkness.

UST
18 You have caused even my friends and others whom I love to avoid me, and it is as though the only friend that I have is darkness.

What does the writer say is his only acquaintance?
He says his only acquaintance is the darkness.

Psalms 89

Psalms 89:1

ULT
[1] I will sing of Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness forever. I will proclaim your truthfulness to future generations.

UST
[1] Yahweh, I will sing forever about the ways you faithfully love me; people not yet born will hear that you faithfully do all that you have promised.

Of what will the writer sing forever?
He will sing of Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

What will the writer proclaim to future generations?
He will proclaim Yahweh's truthfulness.

Psalms 89:2

ULT
[2] For I have said, "Covenant faithfulness has been established forever; your truthfulness you have established in the heavens."

UST
[2] I will tell people that you will faithfully love us forever, and that your being faithful to do what you have promised is as permanent as the sky.

Where has Yahweh's truthfulness been established?
It has been established in the heavens.

Psalms 89:3

ULT
[3] "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have made an oath to David my servant.

UST
[3] Yahweh said, "I have made an agreement with David, whom I chose to serve me. I have made this solemn agreement with him:

With whom has a covenant and an oath been made?
The covenant has been made with the chosen one and an oath has been made to David.

Psalms 89:4

ULT

4 I will establish your descendants forever, and I will establish your throne through all generations.” *Selah*

UST

4 ‘I will enable various ones of your descendants to always be kings; the line of kings descended from you will never end.’”

How long will the descendants and the throne be established?

The descendants will be established forever and the throne through all generations.

Psalms 89:5

ULT

5 The heavens praise your wonders, Yahweh; your truthfulness is praised in the assembly of the holy ones.

UST

5 Yahweh, I desire that all those beings who are in heaven will praise you for the wonderful things that you do, and that all your holy angels will sing about how you faithfully do what you promise.

For what will the heavens praise Yahweh?

The heavens will praise Yahweh for his wonders.

For what will the assembly of the holy ones praise Yahweh?

They will praise Yahweh for his truthfulness.

Psalms 89:6

ULT

6 For who in the skies can be compared to Yahweh? Who among the sons of the gods is like Yahweh?

UST

6 There is no one in heaven who can be compared with you, Yahweh. There are no angels in heaven who are equal to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:7

ULT

7 He is a God who is greatly honored in the council of the holy ones and is awesome among all who surround him.

UST

7 When your holy angels gather together, they declare that you must be revered; they say that you are more awesome than all the angels that surround your throne!

How does God compare to those who surround him?

He is more awesome than all who surround him.

Psalms 89:8

ULT

8 Yahweh God of hosts, who is strong like you, Yahweh? Your truthfulness surrounds you.

UST

8 O Yahweh God, commander of the angel armies, there is no one who is as powerful as you are; your faithfully doing all that you promise is like a cloak that always surrounds you.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's truthfulness?

It surrounds Yahweh.

Psalms 89:9

ULT

9 You rule the raging sea; when the waves surge, you calm them.

UST

9 You rule over the powerful seas; when their waves rise up, you calm them.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's rule of the raging sea?

He says that when the waves surge, Yahweh calms them.

Psalms 89:10

ULT
10 You crushed Rahab as one who is killed. You scattered your enemies with your strong arm.

UST
10 You are the one who crushed and killed the great sea monster named Rahab. You defeated and scattered your enemies with your great power.

What did Yahweh do to Rahab?
He crushed her as one who is killed.

What did Yahweh use to scatter his enemies?
He used his strong arm.

Psalms 89:11

ULT
11 The heavens belong to you, and the earth also. You made the world and all it contains.

UST
11 The heavens are yours, and the earth is yours; everything on the earth is yours because you created it all.

What belongs to Yahweh who made the world and all it contains?
The heavens and the earth belong to Yahweh.

Psalms 89:12

ULT
12 You created the north and the south. Tabor and Hermon rejoice in your name.

UST
12 You created everything from the north to the south. Mount Tabor and Mount Hermon joyfully praise you.

What did Yahweh create?
Yahweh created the north and the south.

Psalms 89:13

ULT
13 You have a mighty arm and a strong hand, and your right hand is high.

UST
13 You are very powerful; you are extremely strong.

What does the writer say about Yahweh's arm and hand?
Yahweh has a mighty arm and a strong hand, and his right hand is high.

Psalms 89:14

ULT
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness come before you.

UST
14 You rule over people fairly and justly; you are always faithfully loving us and doing what you promised.

What is the foundation of Yahweh's throne?
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Yahweh's throne.

What comes before Yahweh?
Covenant faitfhulness and trustworthiness come before Yahweh.

Psalms 89:15

ULT
15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! Yahweh, they walk in the light of your face.

UST
15 Yahweh, how fortunate are those who worship you with joyful shouts in their festivals, who live knowing that you are always watching over them.

What happens to the people who worship Yahweh? (vv15-16)
They are blessed and walk in the light of Yahweh's face, they rejoice in Yahweh's name, and in Yahweh's righteousness they exalt.

Psalms 89:16

ULT
16 They rejoice in your name all day long, and in your righteousness they exalt you.

UST
16 Every day, throughout the day, they rejoice in what you have done, and they praise you for being very good to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:17

ULT
17 You are their majestic strength, and by your favor our strength is made victorious.

UST
17 You give us your glorious strength; because you act in our favor, we defeat our enemies.

How does Yahweh's majestic strength and favor benefit the people?
The people are victorious

Psalms 89:18

ULT
18 For our shield belongs to Yahweh; our king belongs to the Holy One of Israel.

UST
18 Yahweh, you gave us the one who protects us; you, the holy God whom we Israelites worship, he gave us our king.

What belongs to Yahweh and what is he called?
The people's shield belongs to Yahweh and is called the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 89:19

ULT

19 Long ago you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones; [1] you said, “I have set a crown on a mighty one.” [2] I have raised up one chosen from among the people.

UST

19 Long ago you spoke in a vision to one of your servants, saying, “I have crowned a famous soldier; I chose him from among all the people to be a king.

What did Yahweh say in a vision to his faithful ones?

He said that he set a crown on a mighty one and raised up one chosen from among the people.

Psalms 89:20

ULT

20 I have chosen David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

UST

20 That man is David, the one who will serve me faithfully, and I anointed him with sacred olive oil to make him king.

What did Yahweh say he will do for his chosen servant David? (vv20-23)

He said he had anointed him, will support him, and will strengthen him.

Psalms 89:21

ULT

21 My hand will support him. Also my arm will be with him to strengthen him.

UST

21 My strength will always be with him; with my power, I will make him strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:22

ULT
22 No enemy will deceive him; no son of wickedness will oppress him.

UST
22 His enemies will never find ways to outwit him, and wicked people will never defeat him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:23

ULT
23 I will crush his enemies before him; I will kill those who hate him.

UST
23 I will crush his enemies in front of him and get rid of those who hate him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:24

ULT
24 My truth and my covenant faithfulness will be with him; by my name he will win victories.

UST
24 I will always be loyal to him and faithfully love him and enable him to defeat his enemies.

What will be with David and how will he be victorious?
Yahweh's truth and covenant faithfulness will be with David and by Yahweh's name David will be victorious.

Psalms 89:25

ULT
25 I will place his hand over the sea and his right hand over the rivers.

UST
25 I will cause his kingdom to include all the land from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:26

ULT
26 He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

UST
26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, the one who protects and saves me.’

What will David call out to Yahweh?
He will call Yahweh his Father, his God, and the rock of his salvation.

Psalms 89:27

ULT
27 I also will place him as my firstborn son, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

UST
27 I will give him the rights as my firstborn son; he will be the greatest king on the earth.

What will Yahweh do for David who he places as his firstborn son and most exalted of the kings of the earth? (vv27-28)
Yahweh will extend and secure his covenant faithfulness to David forever.

Psalms 89:28

ULT
28 I will extend my covenant faithfulness to him forever; and my covenant with him will be secure.

UST
28 I will always be loyal to him, and my agreement to bless him will last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:29

ULT
29 I will make his descendants endure forever and his throne as enduring as the skies above.

UST
29 I will establish a line of his descendants that will never end, various ones of his descendants will always be kings.

How long will David's descendants and throne endure?
His descendants will endure forever and his throne will endure as the skies above.

Psalms 89:30

ULT
30 If his children forsake my law and do not walk in my regulations,

UST
30 But if some of his descendants disobey my laws and do not behave as my commands say that they should,

What will Yahweh do to David's children if they forsake Yahweh's law, disobey his decrees, break his rules and do not keep his commands? (vv30-32)
Yahweh will punish their rebellion with a rod and their iniquity with blows.

Psalms 89:31

ULT
31 if they break my rules and do not keep my commands,

UST
31 if they disregard my requirements and do not do the right things that I have told them to do,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:32

ULT
32 then will I punish their rebellion with a rod and their iniquity with blows.

UST
32 I will punish them severely and cause them to suffer for doing wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:33

ULT
33 But I will not remove my steadfast love from him or be unfaithful to my promise.

UST
33 But I will not stop faithfully loving David, and I will always do what I promised him.

What promises does Yahweh make to David? (vv33-34)
Yahweh promises not to remove his covenant faithfulness or be unfaithful to his promise. He will not break his covenant or change the words of his lips.

Psalms 89:34

ULT
34 I will not break my covenant or change the words of my lips.

UST
34 I will not break the agreement that I made with him; I will not change even one word that I spoke to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:35

ULT
35 Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness— I will not lie to David:

UST
35 Once I made a solemn promise to David, and that will never change; because I am God, I will never lie to David.

By what does Yahweh swear once and for all.
Yahweh swears by his holiness.

Psalms 89:36

ULT
36 his descendants will continue forever and his throne as long as the sun before me.

UST
36 I promised that the line of kings descended from him will go on forever; it will last as long as the sun shines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:37

ULT
37 It will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky." *Selah*

UST
37 That line will be as permanent as the moon that is always watching everything here on earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:38

ULT
38 But you have refused and rejected; you have been angry with your anointed king.

UST
38 But Yahweh, now you have rejected him! You are very angry with the king whom you appointed.

What does the writer now say about how David is being treated by Yahweh?
The writer says that Yahweh has refused and rejected and is angry with the anointed king.

Psalms 89:39

ULT
39 You have renounced the covenant of your servant. You have desecrated his crown on the ground.

UST
39 It seems that you have broken the agreement that you made with your servant, David; it seems as though you have thrown his crown into the dust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:40

ULT
40 You have broken down all his walls. You have ruined his strongholds.

UST
40 You have torn down the walls that protect his city and allowed all his forts to become ruins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:41

ULT
41 All who pass by have robbed him. He has become an object of disgust to his neighbors.

UST
41 All those who pass by plunder his possessions; his neighbors laugh at him.

What does the writer say is happening to the anointed king?
He is being robbed and has become an object of disgust to his neighbors.

Psalms 89:42

ULT
42 You have raised the right hand of his enemies; you have made all his enemies rejoice.

UST
42 You have enabled his enemies to defeat him; you have made them all happy.

What have the anointed king's enemies done?
They have raised their right hand and have been made to rejoice.

Psalms 89:43

ULT
43 You turn back the edge of his sword and have not made him stand when in battle.

UST
43 You have caused his sword to become useless, and you have not helped him in his battles.

What happened when the anointed king went into battle?
The edge of the king's sword was turned back and he was made unable to stand in battle.

Psalms 89:44

ULT
44 You have brought his splendor to an end; you have brought down his throne to the ground.

UST
44 You have caused his splendor to end and knocked his throne to the ground.

What has happened to the king's spendor and throne?
His splendor has been brought to an end and his throne has been brought down to the ground.

Psalms 89:45

ULT
45 You have shortened the days of his youth. You have covered him with shame. *Selah*

UST
45 You have caused him to become old when he is still young and caused him to be very shamed.

What has happened to the days of the anointed king?
His days have been shortened and he has been covered with shame.

Psalms 89:46

ULT
46 How long, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself, forever? How long will your anger burn like fire?

UST
46 O Yahweh, how long will this continue? Will you hide yourself from us forever? How long will your anger against us burn like a fire?

What does the writer ask Yahweh about his anger?
He asks how long will Yahweh will hide himself and his anger will burn like fire.

Psalms 89:47

ULT
47 Oh, think about how short my time is, and for what uselessness you have created all the children of mankind!

UST
47 Do not forget that life is very short; Do not forget that you have created all of us to die uselessly.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to think about?
He asks Yahwe to think about how short his time is and for what uselessness Yahweh has created all the sons of men.

Psalms 89:48

ULT

48 Who can live and not see death, or rescue his own life from the hand of Sheol? *Selah*

UST

48 No one can keep on living and never die; no one can bring himself back from the place of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:49

ULT

49 Lord, where are your former acts of covenant faithfulness that you swore to David in your truthfulness?

UST

49 Yahweh, you promised long ago that you would faithfully love me; why are you not doing that? You solemnly promised this to David!

What does the writer ask the Lord about his former acts of covenant faithfulness?

The writer asks the Lord, “Where are your former acts of covenant faithfulness?”

Psalms 89:50

ULT

50 Call to mind, Lord, the mocking directed against your servants and how I bear in my heart so many insults from the nations.

UST

50 Yahweh, do not forget that people insult us! Heathen people curse me!

What does the writer tell the Lord to call to mind? (vv50-51)

His tells the Lord that Yahweh’s enemies hurl insults and mock the footsteps of Yahweh’s anointed one.

Psalms 89:51

ULT

51 Your enemies hurl insults, Yahweh; they mock the footsteps of your anointed one.

UST

51 Yahweh, your enemies insult your chosen king! They insult him wherever he goes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 89:52

ULT

52 Blessed be Yahweh forever. Amen and Amen.

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89:19 [1] instead of .
89:19 [2] . Some translate the word for as , and that is how the ULT has translated the word here.

UST

52 I hope that Yahweh will be praised forever! Amen! May it be so!

How long does the writer say Yahweh will be blessed?

Yahweh will be blessed forever.

Psalms 90

Psalms 90:1

ULT
[1] A Prayer of Moses a man of God Lord, you have been our refuge throughout all generations.

UST
[1] Lord, you have always been like a home for us.

How long has the Lord been a refuge for Moses and the people?
The Lord has been a refuge throughout all generations.

Psalms 90:2

ULT
[2] Before the mountains were formed, or you formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

UST
[2] Before you created the mountains, before you formed the earth and everything that is in it, you were eternally God, and you will be God forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:3

ULT
[3] You return man to dust, and you say, “Return, you descendants of mankind.”

UST
[3] When people die, you cause their corpses to become soil again; you change their corpses to become dirt like that from which the first man was created.

To what does the Lord return man?
He returns man to the dust.

Psalms 90:4

ULT

4 For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

UST

4 When you consider time, a thousand years are as short as one day that passes; you consider that they are as short as a few hours in the night.

What are a thousand years like in the sight of the Lord?

They are as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Psalms 90:5

ULT

5 You sweep them away as with a flood and they sleep; in the morning they are like the grass that sprouts up.

UST

5 You cause people to die suddenly; they live only a short time as a dream lasts only a short time. They are like grass that grows up.

To what are the descendants of mankind like? (vv5-6)

They are like the grass that sprouts up, blooms and grows up, and then withers and dries up.

Psalms 90:6

ULT

6 In the morning it blooms and grows up; in the evening it withers and dries up.

UST

6 In the morning the grass sprouts and grows well, but in the evening it dries up and completely withers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:7

ULT

[7] Truly, we are consumed in your anger, and in your wrath we are terrified.

UST

[7] Similarly, because of the sins that we commit, you become angry with us; you terrify us and then you destroy us.

Why is mankind consumed in the Lord's anger and terrified in his wrath? (vv7-8)

They are consumed and terrified because the Lord has set their iniquities before himself, and their hidden sins in the light of his presence.

Psalms 90:8

ULT

[8] You have set our iniquities before you, our hidden sins in the light of your presence.

UST

[8] It is as though you place our sins in front of you; you spread out even our secret sins where you can see them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:9

ULT

[9] For our life passes away under your wrath; our years quickly pass like a sigh.

UST

[9] Because you are angry with us, you cause our lives to end; the years that we live pass as quickly as a sigh does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:10

ULT
10 Our years are seventy, or even eighty if we are healthy; but even our best years are marked by trouble and sorrow. Yes, they pass quickly, and we fly away.

UST
10 People live for only seventy years; if they are strong, some of them live for eighty years. But even during good years we have much pain and troubles; our lives soon end, and we die.

How many are the years of mankind if they are healthy?
Their years are eighty if healthy.

Psalms 90:11

ULT
11 Who knows the intensity of your anger, and your wrath that is equal to the fear of you?

UST
11 No one has really experienced the powerful things you can do to them when you are angry with them, and people are not afraid that you will punish them because of your being angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:12

ULT
12 So teach us to consider our life so that we might live wisely.

UST
12 So teach us to realize that we live for only a short time in order that we may use our time wisely.

What does Moses ask the Lord to teach mankind?
He asks the Lord to teach mankind to consider their lives, so that they may live wisely.

Psalms 90:13

ULT

13 Turn back, Yahweh! How long will it be? Have pity on your servants.

UST

13 Yahweh, how long will you be angry with us? Pity us who serve you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:14

ULT

14 Satisfy us in the morning with your covenant faithfulness so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

UST

14 Each morning, show us that it is enough for us if you love us faithfully as you have promised you would do. Show us this so that we may shout joyfully and be happy all during the years that we live.

With what does Moses want the Lord to satisfy mankind in the morning?

He wants the Lord to satisfy mankind with the Lord's covenant faithfulness, so that they may rejoice and be glad all their days.

Psalms 90:15

ULT

15 Make us glad in proportion to the days you afflicted us and to the years we have experienced trouble.

UST

15 Cause us to be now as happy for as many years as you afflicted us and we experienced troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 90:16

ULT

16 Let your servants see your work, and let our children see your majesty.

UST

16 Enable us to see the great things that you do, and enable our descendants to see your glorious power also.

What does Moses want the Lord to let his servants see?

He wants the Lord to let his servants see his work and their children see his majesty.

Psalms 90:17

ULT

17 May the favor of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands; indeed, prosper the work of our hands.

UST

17 Lord, our God, give us your blessings and enable us to be successful; yes, cause us to be successful in everything that we do!

How does the Lord show his favor to mankind?

He prospers the work of their hands.

Psalms 91

Psalms 91:1

ULT
1 He who lives in the shelter of the Most High will stay in the shadow of the Almighty.

UST
1 Those who live under the protection of God Almighty, will be able to rest safely under his care.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:2

ULT
2 I will say of Yahweh, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

UST
2 I will declare to Yahweh, “You protect me; you are like a fort in which I am safe. You are my God, the one in whom I trust.”

What does the writer say of Yahweh?
The writer says, “He is my shelter and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Psalms 91:3

ULT
3 For he will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

UST
3 He will rescue you from all hidden traps and save you from deadly diseases.

What will Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him? (vv3-4)
Yahweh will rescue him from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague and cover him with his wings.

Psalms 91:4

ULT

4 He will cover you with his wings, and under his wings you will find refuge. His trustworthiness is a shield and protection.

UST

4 He will shield you as a bird protects her young under her wings. You will be safe in his care. His faithfully doing what he has promised is like a shield that will protect you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:5

ULT

5 You will not be afraid of terror in the night, or of the arrow that flies by day,

UST

5 You will not be afraid of things that happen during the night that could terrorize you or of arrows that your enemies will shoot at you during the day.

What does the one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid of? (vv5-6)

The one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid of terror in the night, or the the arrow that flies by day, the plagues that roam around in the darkness, and the disease that comes at noontime.

Psalms 91:6

ULT

6 or of the plague that roams around in the darkness, or of the disease that comes at noontime.

UST

6 You will not be afraid of plagues that demons cause when they attack people at night or of other evil forces that kill people at midday.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:7

ULT

7 A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not reach you.

UST

7 Even if a thousand people fall dead alongside you, even if ten thousand people are dying around you, you will not be harmed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:8

ULT

8 You will only observe and see the punishment of the wicked.

UST

8 Look and see that wicked people are being punished!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:9

ULT

9 For Yahweh is my refuge! Make the Most High your refuge also.

UST

9 Yahweh protects me; trust God Almighty to shelter you, too.

What is Yahweh for the writer?

Yahweh is the refuge for the writer.

Psalms 91:10

ULT
10 No evil will overtake you; no affliction will come near your home.

UST
10 If you do, nothing evil will happen to you; no plague will come near your house

Why will no evil overtake nor affliction come near the home of the one who trusts in Yahweh? (vv10-11)
No evil will overtake nor affliction come near the one who trusts in Yahweh because Yahweh will direct his angels to protect and guard him in all his ways.

Psalms 91:11

ULT
11 For he will direct his angels to protect you, to guard you in all your ways.

UST
11 because Yahweh will command his angels to protect you in whatever you are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:12

ULT
12 They will lift you up with their hand so that you will not hit your foot on a stone.

UST
12 They will hold you up with their hands so that you will not hurt your foot on a big stone.

How will the angels protect and guard the one who trusts in Yahweh? (vv12-13)
The angels will lift him up with their hand so he will not slip and fall on a stone.

Psalms 91:13

ULT
13 You will crush lions and adders under your feet; you will trample on young lions and serpents.

UST
13 You will be kept safe from being harmed by your enemies; it will be as though you were killing strong lions and poisonous snakes by stepping on them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:14

ULT
14 Because he is devoted to me, I will rescue him. I will protect him because he is loyal to me.

UST
14 Yahweh says, “I will rescue those who love me; I will protect them because they acknowledge that I am Yahweh.

What does Yahweh do for the one who is devoted to him? (vv14-16)
Yahweh will rescue him, protect him, answer him when he calls, give him victory and honor when he is in trouble, satisfy him with long life, and show him Yahweh’s salvation.

Psalms 91:15

ULT
15 When he calls to me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble; I will give him victory and will honor him.

UST
15 When they call out to me, I will answer them. I will help them when they are experiencing trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 91:16

ULT

16 I will satisfy him with the length of his days, and show him my salvation.

UST

16 I will reward them by enabling them to live a long time, and I will save them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92

Psalms 92:1

ULT
[1] It is a good thing to give thanks to Yahweh and to sing praises to your name, Most High,

UST
[1] Yahweh, it is good for people to thank you and to sing praise to you who are greater than any other god.

What does the writer consider to be a good thing?
It is a good thing to give thanks and sing praises to the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 92:2

ULT
[2] to proclaim your covenant faithfulness in the morning and your truthfulness every night,

UST
[2] It is good to proclaim every morning that you faithfully love us and to sing songs each night that declare that you always do what you have promised to do,

When does there writer say to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and truthfulness?
He says to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness in the morning and his truthfulness every night.

Psalms 92:3

ULT
[3] with a harp of ten strings and with the melody of the lyre.

UST
[3] accompanied by musicians playing harps that have ten strings and by the sounds made by a lyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:4

ULT

4 For you, Yahweh, have made me glad through your deeds. I will sing for joy because of the deeds of your hands.

UST

4 Yahweh, you have caused me to be glad; I sing joyfully because of what you have done.

How has the writer responded to the great deeds of Yahweh? (vv4-5)

Yahweh's great deeds have made him glad so that he will sing for joy.

Psalms 92:5

ULT

5 How great are your deeds, Yahweh! Your thoughts are very deep.

UST

5 Yahweh, the things that you do are great! But it is difficult to understand all that you think.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:6

ULT

6 A brutish person does not know, nor does a fool understand this:

UST

6 There are things that you do that foolish people cannot know about, things that stupid people cannot understand.

What kind of person does not know and understand such joy?

Such joy is not known by a brutish person nor a fool.

Psalms 92:7

ULT

[7] When the wicked sprout like the grass, and even when all the evildoers thrive, still they are doomed to eternal destruction.

UST

[7] They do not understand that although the number of wicked people increases as blades of grass do and that those who do what is evil prosper, they will be completely destroyed.

What is the destiny of the wicked who sprout like the grass and all the evildoers who thrive?

The wicked who sprout like the grass and all the evildoers who thrive are still doomed to eternal destruction.

Psalms 92:8

ULT

[8] But you, Yahweh, will reign forever.

UST

[8] But Yahweh, you will be king forever.

Why do all the evildoers, who are Yahweh's enemies, scatter? (vv8-9)

All the evildoers are scattered because Yahweh will reign forever.

Psalms 92:9

ULT

[9] Indeed, look at your enemies, Yahweh! Indeed, look at your enemies. They will perish! All those who do evil will be scattered.

UST

[9] Yahweh, your enemies will certainly die, and those who do wicked things will be defeated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:10

ULT
10 You have lifted up my horn like the horn of the wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil.

UST
10 But you have caused me to be as strong as a wild ox; you have caused me to be very joyful.

How has Yahweh exalted the writer's horn and anointed him with fresh oil? (vv10-11)
Yahweh has exalted and anointed the writer by allowing him to see the downfall of his enemies and hear the doom of his evil foes.

Psalms 92:11

ULT
11 My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies; my ears have heard of the doom of my evil foes.

UST
11 I have seen you defeat my enemies, and I have heard those evil men wail while they were being slaughtered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:12

ULT
12 The righteous will flourish like the palm tree; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

UST
12 But righteous people will prosper like palm trees that grow well, like the cedar trees that grow in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 92:13

ULT
13 They are planted in the house of Yahweh; they flourish in the courts of our God.

UST
13 They are like the trees that people plant at the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem, the trees that are close to the courtyard of the temple of our God.

Where are the righteous planted?
They are planted in the house of Yahweh.

Psalms 92:14

ULT
14 They bear fruit even when they are old; they stay fresh and green,

UST
14 Even when righteous people become old, they do many things that please God. They remain strong and full of energy like trees that remain full of sap.

What do the righteous do to proclaim that Yahweh is just? (vv14-15)
The righteous bear fruit when they are old and stay fresh and green.

Psalms 92:15

ULT
15 to proclaim that Yahweh is just. He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

UST
15 That shows that Yahweh is just; he is like a huge rock on which I am safe, and he never does anything that is wicked.

Why is Yahweh the rock of the writer?
Yahaweh is his rock because there is no unrighteousness in Yahweh.

Psalms 93

Psalms 93:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh reigns; he is robed in majesty; Yahweh has clothed and girded himself with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

UST
[1] Yahweh, you have become the King! The majesty and the power that you have are like robes that a king wears. You put the world firmly in place, and it will never be moved out of its place.

In what is Yahweh robed and clothed?
Yahweh is robed in majesty and clothed with strength which he wears like a belt.

Psalms 93:2

ULT
[2] Your throne is established from ancient times; you are from everlasting.

UST
[2] You started to rule as king a very long time ago; you have always existed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 93:3

ULT
[3] The oceans rise, Yahweh; they have lifted up their voice; the oceans' waves crash and roar.

UST
[3] Yahweh, when you created the world, you separated the water from the chaotic mass and formed oceans, and the waves of the waters of those oceans still roar,

How have the oceans lifted up their voice?
The oceans rise and their waves crash and roar.

Psalms 93:4

ULT

[4] Above the crashing of many waves, the mighty breakers of the sea, Yahweh on high is mighty.

UST

[4] but you are greater than the roar of those oceans, more powerful than the ocean waves! You are Yahweh, the one who is greater than any other god!

Who is above the crashing of many waves and the mighty breakers of the sea?

Yahweh on high is mighty and above the many crashing waves and mighty breakers of the sea.

Psalms 93:5

ULT

[5] Your solemn commands are very trustworthy; holiness adorns your house, Yahweh, for the length of your days.

UST

[5] Yahweh, your laws never change, and your temple has always been holy. That will be true forever.

How does the writer describe Yahweh's commands and holiness?

The writer says that Yahweh's commands are very trustworthy and holiness adorns Yahweh's house forever.

Psalms 94

Psalms 94:1

ULT
1 Yahweh, God who avenges, God who avenges, shine over us.

UST
1 Yahweh, you are able to get revenge on your enemies. So show them that you are going to punish them!

What does the writer ask Yahweh God to do? (vv1-2)
The writer asks Yahweh God to shine over his people and give to the proud what they deserve.

Psalms 94:2

ULT
2 Rise up, judge of the earth, give to the proud what they deserve.

UST
2 You are the one who judges all people on the earth; so arise and give them what they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:3

ULT
3 How long will the wicked, Yahweh, how long will the wicked rejoice?

UST
3 Yahweh, how long will those wicked people be glad? It is not right that they continue being glad!

How do the wicked rejoice in what they say? (vv3-4)
The wicked rejoice by pouring out arrogant, defiant and boastful speeches.

Psalms 94:4

ULT

4 They pour out their arrogant words; all those who do evil boast.

UST

4 They do evil things, and they boast about doing them; how long will they be allowed to continue doing that?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:5

ULT

5 They crush your people, Yahweh; they afflict the nation that belongs to you.

UST

5 Yahweh, it is as though those wicked people were crushing us, your people; they oppress the nation that you have made and that belongs to you alone.

What is the behavior of the wicked? (vv5-6)

The wicked crush Yahweh's people and they kill the widow, the alien and the fatherless.

Psalms 94:6

ULT

6 They kill the widow and foreigner who lives in their country, and they murder the fatherless.

UST

6 They murder widows and orphans and people from other countries who think it is safe to live in our land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:7

ULT

[7] They say, “Yahweh will not see, the God of Jacob does not take notice of it.”

UST

[7] Those wicked people say, “Yahweh does not see anything; the God whom those Israelites worship does not see the evil things that we do.”

What does the wicked say?

The wicked says that Yahweh will not see nor take notice of what we do.

Psalms 94:8

ULT

[8] Understand, you stupid people! You fools, when will you ever learn?

UST

[8] You evil people who rule Israel, you are foolish and stupid; when will you become wise?

What is the question the writer asks of the fools?

He asks them, “When will you ever learn?”

Psalms 94:9

ULT

[9] He who made the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see?

UST

[9] God made our ears; do you think that he cannot hear what you say? He created our eyes; do you think that he cannot see the evil things that you do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:10

ULT
10 He who disciplines the nations, does he not correct? He is the one who gives knowledge to man.

UST
10 He corrects the leaders of other nations; do you think that he will not punish you? He is the one who knows everything; why do you think that he does not know what you do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:11

ULT
11 Yahweh knows the thoughts of men, that they are vapor.

UST
11 Yahweh knows everything that people are thinking; he knows that what they think is evil and useless.

What does Yahweh know about the thoughts of men?
Yahweh knows that the thoughts of men are corrupt.

Psalms 94:12

ULT
12 Blessed is the one whom you instruct, Yahweh, the one whom you teach from your law.

UST
12 Yahweh, how fortunate are those who allow you to discipline them, those who want you to teach them your laws.

What does Yahweh do for the one who is blessed? (vv12-13)
Yahweh teaches his law and gives rest in times of trouble to the one who is blessed.

Psalms 94:13

ULT
13 You give him rest in times of trouble until a pit is dug for the wicked.

UST
13 When those people have had troubles, you cause those troubles to cease, and someday it will be as though you will dig pits for the wicked people, and that they will fall into those pits and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:14

ULT
14 For Yahweh will not forsake his people or abandon his inheritance.

UST
14 Yahweh will not abandon his people; he will not desert those who belong to him.

What promise does the writer give to Yahweh's people?
The writer says that Yahweh will not forsake his people nor abandon his inheritance.

Psalms 94:15

ULT
15 For judgment will again be righteous; and all the upright in heart will follow it.

UST
15 Someday judges will decide matters fairly for people, and all honest people will be pleased about that.

What is the result of Yahweh's promise?
The result of Yahweh's promise is that justice will prevail and all the upright will follow it.

Psalms 94:16

ULT
16 Who will rise up to defend me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the wicked?

UST
16 But when wicked people oppressed me, no one defended me! No one stood up to testify for me against those evil people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:17

ULT
17 Unless Yahweh had been my help, I would soon be lying down in the place of silence.

UST
17 If Yahweh had not helped me at that time, I would have been executed; my life would have gone to the place where dead people say nothing.

What provision from Yahweh was a help to the writer? (vv17-18)
The provision was Yahweh's covenant faithfulness which held the writer up when he said, "my foot is slipping."

Psalms 94:18

ULT
18 When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, held me up.

UST
18 I said, "I am falling into disaster," but, Yahweh, you held me up by faithfully loving me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:19

ULT
19 When cares within me are many, your consolations make me happy.

UST
19 Whenever I am very worried, you comfort me and cause me to be happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:20

ULT
20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with you, one who creates injustice by statute?

UST
20 You have nothing to do with wicked judges, those who establish laws that allow people to do what is not right.

How do the wicked rulers create injustice by statute? (vv20-21)
The wicked rulers create injustice by conspiring against the righteous and condemning the innocent to death.

Psalms 94:21

ULT
21 They conspire together to take the life of the righteous and they condemn the innocent to death.

UST
21 They plan to get rid of righteous people, and they declare that innocent people must be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 94:22

ULT
22 But Yahweh has been my high tower, and my God has been the rock of my refuge.

UST
22 But Yahweh has become like my fortress; my God is like a huge rock on which I am protected.

How has Yahweh encouraged the writer?
Yahweh has encouraged the writer by being his high tower and the rock of his refuge.

Psalms 94:23

ULT

23 He will bring on them their own iniquity and will cut them off in their own wickedness. Yahweh our God will cut them off.

UST

23 He will punish those wicked leaders in return for the things that they have done; he will get rid of them because of the sins that they have committed; yes, Yahweh our God will wipe them out.

What will Yahweh do to the wicked rulers?

Yahweh will bring on them their own iniquity and cut them off in their own wickedness.

Psalms 95

Psalms 95:1

ULT
1 Oh come, let us sing to Yahweh; let us sing joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

UST
1 Come, sing to Yahweh; sing joyfully to the one who protects us and saves us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:2

ULT
2 Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving; let us sing to him with psalms of praise.

UST
2 We should thank him as we come before him and sing joyful songs as we praise him.

How does the writer encourage everyone to enter?
The writer encourages everyone to enter Yahweh's presence with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:3

ULT
3 For Yahweh is a great God and a great King superior to all gods.

UST
3 Because Yahweh is a great God, he is a great king who rules over all other gods.

How does Yahweh compare to other gods?
Yahweh is a great God and a great King who is superior to all gods.

Psalms 95:4

ULT

[4] In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his.

UST

[4] He rules over the whole earth from the deepest places to the highest mountains.

How is Yahweh superior to all gods? (vv4-5)

Yahweh is superior to all gods in that the heights of the mountains and the seas which he made are his and his hands formed the dry land.

Psalms 95:5

ULT

[5] The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

UST

[5] The seas are his because he made them. He is the one who made the dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:6

ULT

[6] Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Yahweh, our Creator:

UST

[6] We should come, worship, and bow down before him. We should kneel before Yahweh, the one who made us.

Why should everyone worship by bowing down and kneeling before Yahweh? (vv6-7)

Everyone should worship Yahweh because he is their God and they are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalms 95:7

ULT
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Today—oh, that you would hear his voice!

UST
7 He is our God, and we are the people whom he protects, like sheep that a shepherd takes care of. I desire that today you may hear what Yahweh is saying to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:8

ULT
8 “Do not harden your heart, as at Meribah, or as on the day of Massah in the wilderness,

UST
8 He says, “Do not become stubborn as your ancestors did at Meribah, and as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 95:9

ULT
9 where your forefathers tested me and tried me, though they had seen my deeds.

UST
9 There your ancestors wanted to see if they could do evil things without my punishing them. Even though they had seen me perform many miracles, they tested whether I would continue to be patient with them.

How did the forefathers of Israel respond to Yahweh?
They challenged his authority and tried his patience, though they had seen his deeds.

Psalms 95:10

ULT

10 For forty years I was angry with that generation and said, ‘This is a people whose hearts wander astray; they have not known my ways.’

UST

10 For forty years I was angry with those people, and I said, ‘Those people are unreliable. They refuse to obey my commands.’

How did Yahweh describe the people who challenged his authority?

Yahweh said, “This is a people whose hearts wander astray; they have not known my ways.”

Psalms 95:11

ULT

11 Therefore I vowed in my anger that they would never enter into my resting place.”

UST

11 So because I was very angry; I solemnly said about them, ‘They will never enter the land of Canaan where I would have allowed them to rest!’”

What did Yahweh vow in his anger?

Yahweh vowed in his anger that the people who challenged his authority would never enter into Yahweh’s resting place.

Psalms 96

Psalms 96:1

ULT
1 Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song; sing to Yahweh, all the earth.

UST
1 Sing to Yahweh a new song! You people throughout the earth, sing to Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:2

ULT
2 Sing to Yahweh, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day.

UST
2 Sing to Yahweh and praise him! Every day proclaim to others that he has saved us.

What does the writer encourage everyone to announce?
The writer encourages everyone to announce Yahweh's salvation day after day.

Psalms 96:3

ULT
3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all the nations.

UST
3 Tell about his glory to all people groups; tell all people groups the marvelous things that he has done.

Why should everyone declare Yahweh's glory and his marvelous deeds among the nations? (vv3-4)
Everyone should declare Yahweh's glory and his marvelous deeds because Yahweh is great, and greatly to be praised, and to be feared above all other gods.

Psalms 96:4

ULT
4 For Yahweh is great and is to be praised greatly. He is to be feared above all other gods.

UST
4 Yahweh is great, and he deserves to be praised very much; he should be revered more than all the gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:5

ULT
5 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but it is Yahweh who made the heavens.

UST
5 All the gods the other people groups worship are only idols, but Yahweh is truly great; he created the skies!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:6

ULT
6 Splendor and majesty are in his presence. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

UST
6 God shows his splendor and majesty; they shine out from where he rules. Strength and beauty are in his holy house.

What attributes are in Yahweh's presence?
The attributes in Yahweh's presence are splendor, majesty, strength and beauty.

Psalms 96:7

ULT
7 Ascribe to Yahweh, you clans of peoples, ascribe praise to Yahweh for his glory and strength.

UST
7 You people in nations all over the earth, praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh for his glorious power!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:8

ULT

[8] Give to Yahweh the glory that his name deserves. Bring an offering and come into his courts.

UST

[8] Praise Yahweh as he deserves to be praised; bring an offering and come to his temple.

What should everyone do to ascribe to Yahweh the glory due to his name?

Everyone should bring an offering and come into his courts.

Psalms 96:9

ULT

[9] Bow down to Yahweh in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

UST

[9] Bow down before Yahweh because his holiness shines out from him with wonderful beauty. Everyone on earth should be very afraid in his presence, because he is good and powerful, completely different than us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:10

ULT

[10] Say among the nations, “Yahweh reigns.” The world also is established; it cannot be shaken. He judges the peoples fairly.

UST

[10] Say to all the people groups, “Yahweh is the king! He put the world in its place, and nothing will ever be able to move it. He will judge all the people groups fairly.”

What did the writer encourage everyone to say among the nations?

The writer encouraged everyone to say, “Yahweh reigns.”

How does Yahweh judge the peoples?

Yahweh judges the peoples fairly.

Psalms 96:11

ULT

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and that which fills it shout with joy.

UST

11 All the beings that are in the heavens should be glad, and all the people on the earth should rejoice. The oceans and all the creatures that are in the oceans should roar to praise Yahweh.

Why should the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice? (vv11-13)

The heavens should be glad and the earth rejoice because Yahweh is coming.

Psalms 96:12

ULT

12 Let the fields rejoice and all that is in them. Then let all the trees in the forest shout for joy

UST

12 The fields and everything that grows in them should rejoice. When they do that, it will be as though all the trees in the forests are singing joyfully

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 96:13

ULT

13 before Yahweh, for he is coming. He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his faithfulness.

UST

13 in front of Yahweh. That will happen when he comes to judge everyone on the earth. He will judge all the people fairly according to what he knows is true.

What will Yahweh do when he comes?

When Yahweh comes he will judge the earth, the world with righteousness, and the people with his faithfulness.

Psalms 97

Psalms 97:1

ULT
1 Yahweh reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad.

UST
1 Yahweh is the king! I want everyone on the earth to be glad and the people who live on the islands in the oceans to also rejoice about that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:2

ULT
2 Clouds and darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

UST
2 There are very dark clouds around him; he rules completely, justly, and fairly.

What is the foundation of Yahweh's throne?
The foundation of Yahweh's throne is righteousness and justice.

Psalms 97:3

ULT
3 Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.

UST
3 He sends fire in front of him, and he completely burns all his enemies in that fire.

What is the result of the fire that goes before Yahweh?
The fire that goes before Yahweh consumes his adversaries on every side.

Psalms 97:4

ULT
4 His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

UST
4 All around the world he sends lightning to flash; people on the earth see it, and it causes them to be afraid and to tremble.

What happens in Yahweh's presence? (vv4-5)
Yahweh's lightning lights up the world, the earth sees and trembles, and the mountains melt like wax in Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 97:5

ULT
5 The mountains melt like wax before Yahweh, the Lord of the whole earth.

UST
5 The mountains melt like wax in front of Yahweh, in front of the one who is the Lord, who rules over all the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:6

ULT
6 The skies declare his justice, and all the nations see his glory.

UST
6 The angels in heaven proclaim that he acts righteously, and all the people groups see his glory.

What declares Yahweh's justice and glory?
The skies declare Yahweh's justice and all the nations see his glory.

Psalms 97:7

ULT

7 All those who worship carved figures will be shamed, those who boast in worthless idols— bow down to him, all you gods!

UST

7 Everyone who worships idols should be ashamed; all those who are proud of their false gods should realize that their gods are useless. All those gods will bow down to worship Yahweh.

Who will be shamed by Yahweh?

All those who worship carved figures and boast in worthless idols will be shamed by Yahweh.

Psalms 97:8

ULT

8 Zion heard and was glad, and the towns of Judah rejoiced because of your righteous decrees, Yahweh.

UST

8 The people of Jerusalem heard that God is just, and they rejoiced; people in the other cities in Judah also rejoiced because Yahweh judges and punishes wicked people.

Why did Zion hear and the towns of Judah rejoice?

Zion heard and the towns of Judah rejoiced because of Yahweh's righteous decrees.

Psalms 97:9

ULT

9 For you, Yahweh, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods.

UST

9 Yahweh is the supreme King over all the earth; he has very great power, and none of the other gods has any power.

What does the writer say about Yahweh?

The writer says that Yahweh is most high above all the earth and exalted far above all gods.

Psalms 97:10

ULT
10 You who love Yahweh, hate evil! He protects the lives of his faithful ones, and he takes them out of the hand of the wicked.

UST
10 Yahweh loves those who hate what people do that is evil; he protects the lives of his people, and he rescues them when the wicked people try to harm them.

What does Yahweh do for his saints?
Yahweh protects the lives of his saints and takes them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 97:11

ULT
11 Light is sown for the righteous and gladness for those with honest hearts.

UST
11 He makes the righteous people truly live; he causes those who are righteous in their inner beings to rejoice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 97:12

ULT
12 Be glad in Yahweh, you righteous; and give thanks when you remember his holiness.

UST
12 You righteous people, rejoice about what Yahweh has done, and thank him, our holy God!

What does the writer encourage the righteous to do?
The writer encourages the righteous to be glad in Yahweh and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalms 98

Psalms 98:1

ULT
1 Oh, sing to Yahweh a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have given him victory.

UST
1 Sing to Yahweh a new song because he has done wonderful things! By his power he has defeated his enemies.

What has given victory to Yahweh's people?
Yahweh's right hand and holy arm have given his people victory.

Psalms 98:2

ULT
2 Yahweh has made known his salvation; he has openly showed his justice to all the nations.

UST
2 Yahweh has declared to people that he has defeated his enemies; he has revealed that he has punished his enemies, and people in all the world have seen that he has done it.

What has Yahweh openly showed to all the nations?
He has openly showed his justice to all the nations.

Psalms 98:3

ULT
3 He calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness for the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.

UST
3 As he promised to us Israelite people, he has faithfully loved us and been loyal to us. People who live in very remote places in all the earth have seen that our God has defeated his enemies.

What does Yahweh call to mind?
Yahweh calls to mind his covenant loyalty and faithfulness for the house of Israel.

Who will see the victory of Israel's God?
All the ends of the earth will see the victory of Israel's God.

Psalms 98:4

ULT

[4] Shout for joy to Yahweh, all the earth; burst into song, sing for joy, and sing praises.

UST

[4] All you people everywhere should sing joyfully to Yahweh; praise him while you sing and shout joyfully!

What should be the response of everyone to Yahweh's provision?
Everyone should shout for joy and burst into song, singing Yahweh's praises.

Psalms 98:5

ULT

[5] Sing praises to Yahweh with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

UST

[5] Praise Yahweh while you play the lyres, playing delightful music.

What instruments should the house of Israel use to sing praises and make a joyful noise before Yahweh? (vv5-6)
The house of Israel should use the harp, trumpets, and the sound of the horn.

Psalms 98:6

ULT

[6] With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, Yahweh.

UST

[6] Some of you should blow trumpets and other horns while others shout joyfully to Yahweh, our king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 98:7

ULT
7 Let the sea shout and everything in it, the world and those who live in it!

UST
7 The oceans and all the creatures that are in the oceans should roar to praise Yahweh. Everyone on the earth should sing!

How does the writer encourage Yahweh's creation to respond to his coming? (vv7-8)
The writer says the sea and everything in it and the world and those who live in it should shout, and the rivers should clap their hands and the mountains should shout for joy.

Psalms 98:8

ULT
8 Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the mountains shout for joy.

UST
8 It should seem as though the rivers were clapping their hands to praise Yahweh and that the hills were singing together joyfully in front of Yahweh

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 98:9

ULT
9 Yahweh is coming to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness and the nations with fairness.

UST
9 because he will come to judge everyone on the earth! He will judge all the people groups in the world justly and fairly.

How will Yahweh judge the world?
Yahweh will judge the world with righteousness and the nations with fairness.

Psalms 99

Psalms 99:1

ULT
1 Yahweh reigns; let the nations tremble. He sits enthroned above the cherubim; the earth quakes.

UST
1 Yahweh is the supreme king, so all the people groups should tremble in his presence! He sits on his throne in the temple above the statues of winged creatures, so the earth should quake!

How should the nations respond to Yahweh's reign?
The nations should tremble in response to Yahweh's reign.

Why does the earth quake?
The earth quakes because Yahweh sits enthroned above the cherubim.

Psalms 99:2

ULT
2 Yahweh is great in Zion; he is exalted above all the nations.

UST
2 Yahweh is a mighty king in Jerusalem; he is also the supreme ruler of all the people groups.

Why is Yahweh exhalted above all the nations?
Yahweh is exalted because he is great in Zion.

Psalms 99:3

ULT
3 Let them praise your great and awesome name; he is holy.

UST
3 They should praise him because he is very great; he is holy!

Why should the nations praise Yahweh's great and awesome name?
The nations should praise Yahweh's name because he is holy.

Psalms 99:4

ULT

4 The king is strong, and he loves justice. You have established fairness; you have done righteousness and justice in Jacob.

UST

4 He is a mighty king who loves what is just; he has acted justly and fairly in Israel.

How does the writer describe the king?

The writer says the king is strong and he loves justice.

Psalms 99:5

ULT

5 Praise Yahweh our God and worship at his footstool. He is holy.

UST

5 Praise Yahweh, our God! Worship him in front of his footstool, the sacred chest in his temple, where he rules people. He is holy!

How does the writer say that the nations should respond to Yahweh?

The writer says that the nations should praise Yahweh and worship at his footstool because he is holy.

Psalms 99:6

ULT

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those who called on his name. They called to Yahweh, and he answered them.

UST

6 Moses and Aaron were two of his priests; Samuel also was someone who prayed to him. Those three cried out to Yahweh to help them, and he answered them.

Who were some of those men who prayed to Yahweh and he answered them?

Some of those men who prayed to Yahweh and he answered them were Moses, Aaron, and Samuel.

Psalms 99:7

ULT

[7] He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud. They kept his solemn commands and the statutes that he gave them.

UST

[7] He spoke to Moses and Aaron from the cloud that was like a huge pillar; they obeyed all the laws and commandments that he gave to them.

How did the men who prayed to Yahweh respond to what he said?

The men who prayed kept Yahweh's solemn commands and the statutes that he gave them.

Psalms 99:8

ULT

[8] You answered them, Yahweh our God. A forgiving God you were to them, but one who punished their sinful deeds.

UST

[8] Yahweh, our God, you answered your people when they cried out to you to help them; you are a God who forgave them for the sins that they had committed, even though you punished them for the things that they did that were wrong.

What did Yahweh do for the men who prayed to him?

Yahweh forgave them though he punished their sinful deeds.

Psalms 99:9

ULT

[9] Praise Yahweh our God, and worship at his holy hill, for Yahweh our God is holy.

UST

[9] Praise Yahweh, our God, and worship him at the temple on his sacred hill; it is right to do that because Yahweh, our God, is holy!

What does the writer encourage everyone to do?

The writer says to praise Yahweh and worship at his holy hill because he is holy.

Psalms 100

Psalms 100:1

ULT
[1] Shout joyfully to Yahweh, all the earth.

UST
[1] Everyone in the world should shout joyfully to Yahweh!

Who does the writer invite to shout joyfully to Yahweh?
He invites all the earth to shout joyfully to Yahweh.

Psalms 100:2

ULT
[2] Serve Yahweh with gladness; come before his presence with joyful singing.

UST
[2] We should worship Yahweh gladly! We should come before him singing joyful songs.

How should people come into Yahweh's presence?
They should come before his presence with joyful singing.

Psalms 100:3

ULT
[3] Know that Yahweh is God; he made us, and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

UST
[3] We should acknowledge that Yahweh is God; it is he who made us, and so we belong to him. We are the people that he takes care of; we are like sheep that their shepherd cares for.

Why does image does the writer use to show how people belong to Yahweh?
He says they are Yahweh's people and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:4

ULT

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

UST

4 Enter the gates of his temple thanking him; enter the courtyard of the temple singing songs to praise him! Thank him and praise him

How should people enter into Yahweh's gates and courts?

They should enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

Psalms 100:5

ULT

5 For Yahweh is good; his covenant faithfulness endures forever and his truthfulness through all generations.

UST

5 because Yahweh always does good things for us. He faithfully loves us as he promised us, and he is faithful.

What does the writer says endures forever?

He says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 101

Psalms 101:1

ULT

[1] A Psalm of David I will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice; to you, Yahweh, I will sing praises.

UST

[1] Yahweh, I will sing to you! I will sing about your faithful and just loyalty to us.

Of what two qualities will David sing?

He will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice.

Psalms 101:2

ULT

[2] I will walk in the way of integrity. Oh, when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity within my house.

UST

[2] I promise that while I rule people, I will behave in such a way that no one will be able to criticize me. Yahweh, when will you come to help me? I will do things that are right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 101:3

ULT

[3] I will not put wrongdoing before my eyes; I hate worthless evil; it will not cling to me.

UST

[3] I will not allow anyone who does what is evil to come to me. I hate the deeds of those who turn away from you; I will completely avoid those people.

What has David not put before his eyes?

He has not put wrong doing before his eyes.

Psalms 101:4

ULT

4 Perverse people will leave me; I am not loyal to evil.

UST

4 I will not be dishonest, and I will not have anything to do with evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 101:5

ULT

5 I will destroy whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I will not tolerate anyone who has a proud demeanor and an arrogant attitude.

UST

5 I will get rid of anyone who secretly slanders someone else, and I will not let anyone near me who is proud and arrogant.

Who will David destroy?

He will destroy whoever secretly slanders his neighbor.

Psalms 101:6

ULT

6 I will look to the faithful of the land to sit at my side. Those who walk in the way of integrity may serve me.

UST

6 I will approve of people in this land who are loyal to God, and I will allow them to live with me. I will allow to serve me those who behave in such a way that no one can criticize them.

What kind of people does David want to sit at his side and serve him?

David wants the faithful of the land to sit at his side, and those who walk in integrity to serve him.

Psalms 101:7

ULT

7 Deceitful people will not remain within my house; liars will not be welcome before my eyes.

UST

7 I will not allow anyone who deceives others to work in my palace, and no one who tells lies will be allowed to continually come to work for me.

Who will David not allow to remain within his house?

He will not allow deceitful people to remain within his house.

Psalms 101:8

ULT

8 Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked from the land; I will remove all evildoers from the city of Yahweh.

UST

8 Every day I will try to get rid of all the wicked people in this land; I will expel them from this city, which is Yahweh's city.

How often does David say that he will destroy all the wicked from the land?

Morning by morning, he will destroy all the wicked.

Psalms 102

Psalms 102:1

ULT

[1] Hear my prayer, Yahweh; let my cry come near to you.

UST

[1] Yahweh, listen to what I am praying; hear me while I cry out to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:2

ULT

[2] Do not hide your face from me in my time of trouble. Listen to me. When I call out to you, answer me quickly.

UST

[2] Do not turn away! Listen to me, and answer me quickly now when I am calling out to you!

What does the afflicted pray for Yahweh not to do in his time of trouble?

The afflicted prays for Yahweh not to hide his face from him in his time of trouble.

Psalms 102:3

ULT

[3] For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like fire.

UST

[3] My life is ending like smoke that disappears; I have a big fever which burns my body as a fire burns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:4

ULT

4 My heart is crushed, and I am like grass that has withered. I forget to eat any food.

UST

4 I feel as though I am drying up like grass that has been mown, and I do not even think about eating any food.

To what does the afflicted compare his crushed heart?

The afflicted says that he is like grass that has withered.

Psalms 102:5

ULT

5 With my continual groaning, I have become very thin.

UST

5 I groan loudly, and my bones can be seen under my skin because I have become very thin.

What has happened due to the afflicted's continual groaning?

With the afflicted's continual groaning, he has become very thin.

Psalms 102:6

ULT

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl in the ruins.

UST

6 I am like a lonely and despised vulture in the desert, like an owl by itself in the abandoned ruins of a building.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:7

ULT

7 I lie awake like a solitary bird, alone on the housetop.

UST

7 I lie awake at night; because there is no one to comfort me, I am like a lonely bird sitting on a housetop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:8

ULT

8 My enemies taunt me all day long; those who mock me use my name in curses.

UST

8 All during each day my enemies insult me; those who make fun of me mention my name and say, “May you be like him” when they curse people.

How do those who mock the afflicted use his name?

Those who mock the afflicted use his name in curses.

Psalms 102:9

ULT

9 I eat ashes like bread and mix my drink with tears.

UST

9-10 Because you are very angry with me, I sit in ashes while I am suffering greatly; those ashes fall on the bread that I eat, and what I drink has my tears mixed with it. It is as though you have picked me up and thrown me away!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:10

ULT
10 Because of your raging anger, you have lifted me up to throw me down.

UST
9-10 Because you are very angry with me, I sit in ashes while I am suffering greatly; those ashes fall on the bread that I eat, and what I drink has my tears mixed with it. It is as though you have picked me up and thrown me away!

How does the afflicted say he has been treated by Yahweh's anger?
The afflicted says that God has lifted him up to throw him down.

Psalms 102:11

ULT
11 My days are like a shadow that fades, and I have withered like grass.

UST
11 My time to remain alive is short like an evening shadow that will soon be gone. I am withering as grass withers in the hot sun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:12

ULT
12 But you, Yahweh, live forever, and your fame is for all generations.

UST
12 But Yahweh, you are our king who rules forever; people who are not yet born will remember you.

How long will the fame of Yahweh endure?
The writer says that Yahweh's fame is for all generations.

Psalms 102:13

ULT
13 You will rise up and have mercy on Zion. Now is the time to have mercy upon her; the appointed time has come.

UST
13 You will arise and act mercifully toward the people of Jerusalem; it is now time for you to do that; this is the time for you to be kind to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:14

ULT
14 For your servants hold her stones dear and feel compassion for the dust of her ruins.

UST
14 Even though the city has been destroyed, we who serve you still love the stones that were formerly in the city walls; because now there is rubble everywhere, we, your people, are very sad when we see it.

For what do the servants of Yahweh feel compassion?
Yahweh's servants feel compassion for the dust of Zion's ruins.

Psalms 102:15

ULT
15 The nations will respect your name, Yahweh, and all the kings of the earth will honor your glory.

UST
15 Yahweh, someday the people of other nations will have an awesome respect for you; all the kings on the earth will see that you are very glorious.

How will the kings of the earth show respect for Yahweh?
All the kings of the earth will honor Yahweh's glory.

Psalms 102:16

ULT
16 Yahweh will rebuild Zion and will appear in his glory.

UST
16 You will rebuild Jerusalem, and you will appear there with your glory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:17

ULT
17 At that time, he will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not reject their prayer.

UST
17 You will listen to the prayers of your people who are homeless, and you will not ignore them when they plead with you to help them.

To what action of the destitute will Yahweh respond?
Yahweh will respond to the prayer of the destitute.

Psalms 102:18

ULT
18 This will be written for future generations, and a people not yet born will praise Yahweh.

UST
18 Yahweh, I want to write these words so that people in future years will know what you have done, in order that people who are not born yet will praise you.

How does the writer show how far into the future Yahweh's praise will continue?
He writes that a people not yet born will praise Yahweh.

Psalms 102:19

ULT
19 For he has looked down from the holy heights; from heaven Yahweh has viewed the earth,

UST
19 They will know that you looked down from your own place in heaven and saw what was happening on the earth.

What does Yahweh view from heaven?
From heaven Yahweh has viewed the earth.

Psalms 102:20

ULT
20 to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those who were condemned to death.

UST
20 They will know that you hear prisoners groaning and that you will set free those who have been told, “You will be executed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:21

ULT
21 Then men will proclaim the name of Yahweh in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem

UST
21 As a result, people in Jerusalem will praise you for what you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:22

ULT
22 when the peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.

UST
22 Many people from other people groups and those who are citizens of other kingdoms will gather to worship you.

For what action are the peoples and kingdoms gathered together?
The peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.

Psalms 102:23

ULT
23 He has taken away my strength in the middle of life. He has shortened my days.

UST
23 But now you have caused me to become weak while I am still young; I think that I will not remain alive very long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:24

ULT
24 I said, “My God, do not take me away in the middle of life; you are here throughout all generations.

UST
24 I say to you, “My God, do not take me away from the earth now before I become old! You, on the other hand, live forever!

For what does the afflicted writer plead for God not to do?
The writer said, “My God, do not take me away in the middle of life.”

Psalms 102:25

ULT
25 In ancient times you set the earth in place; the heavens are the work of your hands.

UST
25 You created the world long ago, and you made the heavens with your own hands.

What does the writer say Yahweh did in ancient times.
The writer says that in ancient times Yahweh set the earth in place.

Psalms 102:26

ULT
26 They will perish, but you will remain; they will all grow old like a garment; like clothing, you will remove them, and they will disappear.

UST
26 The earth and the heavens will disappear, but you will remain. They will wear out as clothes wear out. You will get rid of them as people get rid of old clothes, and they will no longer exist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 102:27

ULT
27 But you are the same, and your years will have no end.

UST
27 But you are not like the things that you created because you are always the same; you never die.

How long will the years of Yahweh endure?
Yahweh's years will have no end.

Psalms 102:28

ULT

28 The children of your servants will live on, and their descendants will live in your presence.”

UST

28 Someday our children will live safely in Jerusalem, and their descendants will be protected as they live in your presence.”

Where does the writer say the descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live?

The descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live in his presence.

Psalms 103

Psalms 103:1

ULT
[1] Of David Bless Yahweh, my inner being! and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

UST
[1] I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh. I will praise him because he is holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:2

ULT
[2] Bless Yahweh, my soul! and do not forget all of his rewards.

UST
[2] I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh and never forget all the kind things he has done for me.

What does David not want to forget?
He does not want to forget all of Yahweh's good deeds.

Psalms 103:3

ULT
[3] He pardons all your sins; he heals all your diseases.

UST
[3] He forgives all my sins, and he heals me from all my diseases;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:4

ULT

4 He redeems your life from destruction; he crowns you with steadfastness and mercy.

UST

4 he keeps me from dying, and he blesses me by faithfully loving me and acting mercifully to me as he promised to do.

With what does David say Yahweh crowns his soul?

He crowns his soul with covenant faithfulness and acts of tender mercy.

Psalms 103:5

ULT

5 He satisfies you with good things; your youth is renewed like the eagle.

UST

5 He gives me good things during my entire life. He makes me feel young and strong like eagles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:6

ULT

6 Yahweh does what is right and what is just for all the oppressed.

UST

6 Yahweh judges justly all those who have been treated unfairly.

What does Yahweh do for all who are oppressed?

Yahweh does acts of justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalms 103:7

ULT

[7] He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.

UST

[7] Long ago he revealed to Moses what he planned to do; he showed to the ancestors of us Israelites the mighty things that he was able to do.

What did Yahweh make known to the descendants of Israel?

He made known his deeds to the descendants of Israel.

Psalms 103:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

UST

[8] Yahweh acts mercifully and kindly; he does not quickly get angry when we sin; he is always showing us that he faithfully loves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:9

ULT

[9] He will not always discipline, and he will not keep his anger forever.

UST

[9] He will not keep rebuking us, and he will not remain angry forever.

What does David say that Yahweh will not always do?

He says Yahweh will not always discipline, and is not always angry.

Psalms 103:10

ULT
10 He does not deal with us according to our sins, and he does not treat us according to our iniquities.

UST
10 He has not punished us for our sins as we deserved.

David says that Yahweh does not deal with us in what way?
Yahweh does not deal with us as our sins deserve.

Psalms 103:11

ULT
11 For as the skies are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

UST
11 The skies are very high above the earth, and Yahweh's faithful love for all those who revere him is just as great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:12

ULT
12 As far as the east is from the west, this is how far he has removed our transgressions from us.

UST
12 He has taken away the guilt for our sins and put it as far from us as the east is from the west.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:13

ULT
13 As a father has compassion on his children, so Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him.

UST
13 Just as parents act mercifully toward their children, Yahweh is kind to those who revere him.

In what special way does Yahweh have compassion on those who honor him?
Yahweh has compassion on those who honor him in the same way as a father has compassion on his children.

Psalms 103:14

ULT
14 For he knows our form; remembering that we are dust.

UST
14 He knows what our bodies are like; he remembers that he created us from dust and that we therefore quickly fail to do what pleases him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:15

ULT
15 As for man, his days are like grass; like the flower of the field he flourishes so.

UST
15 We humans do not live forever; we are like grass which withers and dies. We are like wild flowers that bloom for a short while;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:16

ULT
16 For the wind blows over it, and it is no more, and its place does not acknowledge it again.

UST
16 but then the hot wind blows over them, and they disappear; no one sees them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:17

ULT
17 But the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting on those who honor him, and His righteousness is to their children's children.

UST
17 But Yahweh will faithfully keep loving forever all those who revere him, as he promised. He will act fairly to our children and to their children;

How long does the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh last?
The covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting on those who honor him.

Psalms 103:18

ULT
18 To the ones who keep his covenant, and to the ones who remember his precepts in order to do them.

UST
18 he will act that way to all those who obey the covenant he made with them to bless them if they did what he told them to do, to all those who obey what he has commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:19

ULT
19 Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

UST
19 Yahweh has taken his seat in the heavens where he rules as king; from there he rules over everything.

Where has Yahweh established his throne?
Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens.

Psalms 103:20

ULT
20 Bless Yahweh, you his angels, you mighty warriors who do his word, obeying the voice of his word.

UST
20 You angels who belong to Yahweh, praise him! You are powerful creatures who do what he tells you to do; you obey what he commands.

Who are the ones with great strength who are called to bless Yahweh and obey his word?
His angels are called to obey his word.

Psalms 103:21

ULT

21 Bless Yahweh, all his hosts, his ministers who do his pleasure.

UST

21 Praise Yahweh, you armies of angels who serve him and do what he desires.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 103:22

ULT

22 Bless Yahweh, all his works, in all the places where he reigns. Bless Yahweh, my inner being!

UST

22 All you things that Yahweh has created, praise him; praise him in every place where he rules, everywhere! I also will praise Yahweh!

Who are the servants that David says carry out Yahweh's will?

All of Yahweh's angel armies carry out his will.

Psalms 104

Psalms 104:1

ULT

[1] I give praise to Yahweh with all my life, Yahweh my God, you are very magnificent; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

UST

[1] I tell myself that I should praise Yahweh. Yahweh, my God, you are very great! As a king has on his royal robes, you have honor and majesty all around you!

How does the writer say that Yahweh is clothed?

He says that Yahweh is clothed with splendor and majesty.

Psalms 104:2

ULT

[2] You cover yourself with light as with a garment; you spread out the heavens like a tent curtain.

UST

[2] You created light and you hide behind it. You spread out the whole sky as someone sets up a tent.

In what way does Yahweh spread out the heavens?

He spreads out the heavens like a tent curtain.

Psalms 104:3

ULT

[3] You lay the beams of your chambers on the clouds; you make the clouds your chariot; you walk on the wings of the wind.

UST

[3] You built your palace on the clouds. You made the clouds to be like chariots to carry you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:4

ULT

4 He makes the winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

UST

4 You caused the winds to be like your messengers, and flames of fire to be like your servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:5

ULT

5 He laid the foundations of the earth, and it will never be moved.

UST

5 You placed the world firmly on its foundation so that it can never be moved.

What does the writer say will never happen to the foundations of the earth that Yahweh laid?

The foundations of the earth will never be moved.

Psalms 104:6

ULT

6 You covered the earth with water like a garment; the water covered the mountains.

UST

6 Later, you covered the earth with a flood, like a blanket; and the water covered the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:7

ULT

[7] Your rebuke made the waters recede; at the sound of your thunderous voice they fled.

UST

[7] But when you rebuked the water, the oceans receded; your voice spoke like thunder, and then the waters rushed away.

What does the writer say made the waters to recede?

Yahweh's rebuke made the waters recede.

Psalms 104:8

ULT

[8] The mountains rose, and the valleys spread out into the places that you had appointed for them.

UST

[8] Mountains rose up from the water, and the valleys sank down to the levels that you had determined for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:9

ULT

[9] You have set a boundary for them that they will not cross; they will not cover the earth again.

UST

[9] Then you set a boundary for the oceans, a boundary that they cannot cross; their water will never again cover the whole earth.

Why will the waters not cover the earth again?

Yahweh set a boundary for them that they will not cross.

Psalms 104:10

ULT

10 He made springs flow into the valleys; the streams flow between the mountains.

UST

10 You make springs to pour water into ravines; their water flows down between the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:11

ULT

11 They supply water for all the animals of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

UST

11 Those streams provide water for all the animals to drink; the wild donkeys drink the water and are no longer thirsty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:12

ULT

12 By the heavens the birds build their nests; they sing among the branches.

UST

12 Birds make their nests alongside the streams, and they sing among the branches of the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:13

ULT

13 He waters the mountains from his water chambers in the sky. The earth is filled with the fruit of his labor.

UST

13 From the heavens you send rain down on the mountains, and you fill the earth with many good things that you create.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:14

ULT
14 He makes the grass grow for the cattle and plants for man to cultivate so that man may produce food from the earth.

UST
14 You make grass to grow for the cattle to eat, and you make plants to grow for people. In that way, animals and people get their food from what grows in the soil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:15

ULT
15 He makes wine to make man happy, oil to make his face shine, and food to sustain his life.

UST
15 We get grapes to make wine to drink and to make us cheerful; we get olives to make our face shine, and we get grain to make bread to give us strength.

What three things does the writer say Yahweh provides for man?
Yahweh provides wine to make man happy, oil to make his face shine, and food to sustain his life

Psalms 104:16

ULT
16 The trees of Yahweh get plenty of rain; the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.

UST
16 Yahweh, you send plenty of rain to water your trees, the cedar trees that you planted in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:17

ULT
17 There the birds make their nests. The stork makes the cypress tree her home.

UST
17 Birds make their nests in those trees, and storks make their nests in pine trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:18

ULT
18 The wild goats live on the high mountains; the mountain heights are a refuge for the hyraxes.

UST
18 High up in the mountains the wild goats live, and hyraxes live in the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:19

ULT
19 He appointed the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

UST
19 Yahweh, you made the moon to indicate the times for our festivals, and you made the sun that knows when to go down.

What did Yahweh appoint the moon and the sun to mark?
He appointed the moon to mark the seasons and the sun to know its time for setting.

Psalms 104:20

ULT
20 You make the darkness of the night when all the beasts of the forest come out.

UST
20 You bring darkness, and it becomes night when all the animals in the forest prowl around looking for food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:21

ULT
21 The young lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

UST
21 At night the young lions roar as they seek their prey, but they depend on you to give them food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:22

ULT
22 When the sun rises, they retreat and sleep in their dens.

UST
22 At dawn, they go back to their dens and lie down.

What happens to the young lions when the sun rises?
When the sun rises, they retreat and sleep in their dens.

Psalms 104:23

ULT
23 Meanwhile, people go out to their work and labor away until the evening.

UST
23 During the daytime, people go to their work; they work until it is evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:24

ULT
24 Yahweh, how many and varied are your works! With wisdom you made them all; the earth overflows with your works.

UST
24 Yahweh, you have made so many different kinds of things! You were very wise as you made them all. The earth is full of the creatures that you made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:25

ULT
25 Over there is the sea, deep and wide, teeming with innumerable creatures, both small and great.

UST
25 We see the ocean which is very vast! It is full of many kinds of living creatures, big ones and little ones.

With what does the deep and wide sea teem?
The sea teems with many creatures both great and small.

Psalms 104:26

ULT
26 The ships travel there, and Leviathan is also there, which you formed to play in the sea.

UST
26 We see the ships which sail along! We see the huge sea monster which you made to splash around in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:27

ULT
27 All these look to you to give them their food on time.

UST
27 All of these creatures depend on you to give them the food that they need.

To whom do all the sea creatures look to give them their food?
They all look to Yahweh to give them their food on time.

Psalms 104:28

ULT
28 When you give to them, they gather; when you open your hand, they are satisfied.

UST
28 When you give them the food that they need, they gather it. You give them what you have in your hand, and they eat it and are satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:29

ULT
29 When you hide your face, they are troubled; if you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

UST
29 But if you refuse to give food to them, they become terrified. When you cause them to stop breathing, they die; their bodies decay and become soil again.

What happens to the creatures if Yahweh hides his face or takes away their breath?
When he hide his face, they are troubled; if he take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

Psalms 104:30

ULT
30 When you send out your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the countryside.

UST
30 When you cause newborn creatures to begin to breathe, they start to live; You give new life to all the living creatures on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:31

ULT
31 May the glory of Yahweh last forever; may Yahweh enjoy his creation.

UST
31 May the glory of Yahweh last forever. May he rejoice about all the things that he has created.

What does the writer want Yahweh to do with his creation?
The writer wants Yahweh to enjoy his creation.

Psalms 104:32

ULT
32 He looks down on the earth, and it shakes; he touches the mountains, and they smoke.

UST
32 He makes the earth shake just by looking at it! By merely touching the mountains he makes them pour out fire and smoke!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:33

ULT
33 I will sing to Yahweh all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

UST
33 I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will praise my God until the day that I die.

What does the writer promise to sing for the rest of his life?
He promises to sing praise to his God as long as he lives.

Psalms 104:34

ULT

34 May my thoughts be sweet to him; I will rejoice in Yahweh.

UST

34 May Yahweh be pleased by all these things that I have thought about him because I rejoice about knowing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 104:35

ULT

35 May sinners vanish from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. I give praise to Yahweh with all my life. Praise Yahweh.

UST

35 However, may sinners disappear from the earth; may there be no more wicked people! But as for me, I will praise Yahweh! Praise him!

What does the writer hope will happen to sinners and the wicked on the earth?

He wants sinners to vanish from the earth and the wicked to be no more.

Psalms 105

Psalms 105:1

ULT
1 Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations.

UST
1 Give thanks to Yahweh; worship him and pray to him. Tell everyone in the world what he has done!

Where does the writer say to make known Yahweh's deeds?
The writer calls people to make known Yahweh's deeds among the nations.

Psalms 105:2

ULT
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; speak of all his marvelous deeds.

UST
2 Sing to him; praise him as you sing to him; tell others about his wonderful miracles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:3

ULT
3 Boast in his holy name; let the heart of those who seek Yahweh rejoice.

UST
3 Be proud of Yahweh, who alone is God. You people who worship Yahweh, rejoice!

Whose heart does the writer exhort to rejoice?
The writer calls the heart of those who seek Yahweh to rejoice.

Psalms 105:4

ULT
4 Seek Yahweh and his strength; seek his presence continually.

UST
4 Ask Yahweh to help you and give you his strength, and always seek to be with him!

How often should people seek the presence of Yahweh?
The writer calls people to seek his presence continually.

Psalms 105:5

ULT
5 Recall the marvelous things he has done, his miracles and the decrees from his mouth,

UST
5-6 You people who are descendants of God's servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, the people whom God has chosen, think about all the wonderful things that he has done; he performed miracles, and he punished all our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:6

ULT
6 you descendants of Abraham his servant, you people of Jacob, his chosen ones.

UST
5-6 You people who are descendants of God's servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, the people whom God has chosen, think about all the wonderful things that he has done; he performed miracles, and he punished all our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:7

ULT
7 He is Yahweh, our God. His decrees are on all the earth.

UST
7 He is Yahweh, our God. He rules and judges people throughout the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:8

ULT
8 He keeps in mind his covenant forever, the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.

UST
8 He never forgets the covenant that he made; he made a promise that will last for a thousand generations.

For how long does the writer say God keeps the word that he commanded?
The writer says that God keeps the word that he commanded for a thousand generations.

Psalms 105:9

ULT
9 He calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.

UST
9 That is the covenant that he made with Abraham, and he repeated that covenant with Isaac.

What covenant does the writer say God calls to mind?
God calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.

Psalms 105:10

ULT
10 This is what he confirmed to Jacob as a statute and to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

UST
10 Later he confirmed it again to Jacob as a covenant for the Israelite people that would last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:11

ULT

11 He said, “I will give you the land of Canaan as your share of your inheritance.”

UST

11 What he said was, “I will give you the region of Canaan; it will belong to you and your descendants forever.”

What everlasting covenant has Yahweh made with Israel?

Yahweh made an everlasting covenant with Israel to give them the land of Canaan as your share of their inheritance.

Psalms 105:12

ULT

12 He said this when they were only few in number, so very few, and were strangers in the land.

UST

12 He said that to them when there were only a few of them, a tiny group of people who were living in that land like strangers.

When does the writer say Yahweh made the covenant with Israel?

The writer says that Yahweh said this covenant when Israel was only few in number.

Psalms 105:13

ULT

13 They went from nation to nation and from one kingdom to another.

UST

13 They continued to wander from one place to another, from one kingdom to another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:14

ULT
14 He did not allow anyone to oppress them; he rebuked kings for their sakes.

UST
14 But he did not allow others to oppress them. He warned those kings by saying to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:15

ULT
15 He said, “Do not touch my anointed ones, and do not harm my prophets.”

UST
15 “Do not do harm to the people whom I have chosen! Do not harm my prophets!”

Whom did Yahweh tell kings not to touch?
Yahweh told them not to touch his anointed ones.

Psalms 105:16

ULT
16 He called for a famine on the land; he cut off the whole supply of bread.

UST
16 He sent a famine to Canaan, and as a result all the people had no food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:17

ULT
17 He sent a man ahead of them; Joseph was sold as a servant.

UST
17 So his people went to Egypt, but first he sent someone there. He sent Joseph, who had been sold to be a slave.

How did Yahweh send Joseph ahead of Israel?
He sent Joseph ahead of them to be sold as a servant.

Psalms 105:18

ULT
18 His feet were bound by shackles; on his neck was put an iron collar,

UST
18 Later, while Joseph was in prison in Egypt, they put his legs in shackles that hurt his feet, and they put an iron collar around his neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:19

ULT
19 until what he had said came to pass. The word of Yahweh tested him.

UST
19 Joseph was in prison until the time the events he predicted came to pass. This was how Yahweh tested Joseph.

How long was Joseph kept in iron chains?
Joseph was put in iron chains until the time that his prediction came true.

Psalms 105:20

ULT
20 The king sent servants to release him; the ruler of the people set him free.

UST
20 The king of Egypt sent servants, who set him free; this ruler released Joseph from prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:21

ULT
21 He put him in charge of his house as ruler of all his possessions

UST
21 Then he appointed him to take care of everything in the king's household, to take care of everything that the king possessed.

What term is used to describe the king putting Joseph in charge of his house?
Joseph was put in charge of the king's house as ruler of all the king's possessions.

Psalms 105:22

ULT
22 to instruct his princes as he wished and to teach his elders wisdom.

UST
22 Joseph was permitted to command the king's important servants to do anything that Joseph wanted them to do, and even to tell the king's advisors the things that they should do for the people of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:23

ULT
23 Then Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.

UST
23 Later, Joseph's father Jacob arrived in Egypt. He lived like a foreigner in the land that belonged to the descendants of Ham.

Where did Jacob live when he came to Egypt?
Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.

Psalms 105:24

ULT
24 Yahweh made his people fruitful, and made them stronger greatly than their enemies.

UST
24 Years later Yahweh caused the descendants of Jacob to become very numerous. As a result, their enemies, the Egyptians, considered that the Israelites were too strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:25

ULT
25 He caused their enemies to hate his people, to mistreat his servants.

UST
25 So Yahweh caused the rulers of Egypt to turn against the Israelite people, and they began to oppress his people.

Whom did God cause to hate his people Israel?
God caused Israel's enemies to hate God's people.

Psalms 105:26

ULT
26 He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

UST
26 But then Yahweh sent his servant Moses along with Moses' older brother Aaron, whom Yahweh had also chosen to be his servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:27

ULT
27 They performed his signs among the Egyptians, his wonders in the land of Ham.

UST
27 Those two performed amazing miracles among the people of Egypt in that land where the descendants of Ham lived.

Where did Moses and Aaron perform God's signs?
Moses and Aaron performed God's signs among the Egyptians.

Psalms 105:28

ULT
28 He sent darkness and made that land dark, but its people did not obey his commands.

UST
28 Yahweh sent darkness so that the people of Egypt could not see anything, but the rulers of Egypt refused to obey when Moses and Aaron commanded them to let the Israelite people leave Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:29

ULT
29 He turned their water into blood and killed their fish.

UST
29 Yahweh caused all the water in Egypt to become blood, and his doing that caused all the fish to die.

What did God do to the Egyptians' water and fish?
God turned the Egyptians' water into blood and killed their fish.

Psalms 105:30

ULT
30 Their land swarmed with frogs, even in the rooms of their rulers.

UST
30 Then he caused the land to become full of frogs; the king and his officials even had frogs in their bedrooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:31

ULT
31 He spoke, and swarms of flies and gnats came throughout their country.

UST
31 Then Yahweh commanded that flies come, and swarms of them descended on the people of Egypt, and gnats also swarmed across the whole country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:32

ULT
32 He turned their rain into hail, with fire flaming on their land.

UST
32 Yahweh sent rain, rain that became hail that fell upon them, and he sent wild fires that burned throughout their land.

What did God send with the hail and rain in Egypt?
God sent hail and rain, with lightning and thunder, to their land.

Psalms 105:33

ULT
33 He destroyed their vines and fig trees; he broke the trees of their country.

UST
33 The hail ruined their grapevines and fig trees and shattered all the other trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:34

ULT
34 He spoke, and the locusts came, young locusts, without number.

UST
34 He commanded locusts to come, and hordes of them came; so many came that they could not be counted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:35

ULT
35 The locusts ate up all of the vegetation in their land; They ate up all the crops of the ground.

UST
35 The locusts ate every green plant in the land, ruining all the crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:36

ULT
36 He killed every firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their strength.

UST
36 Then Yahweh killed the oldest son in every house of the people of Egypt.

What group of people did God kill in Egypt?
God killed every firstborn in their land, the first fruits of all their strength.

Psalms 105:37

ULT
37 He brought the Israelites out with silver and gold; none of his tribes stumbled on the way.

UST
37 Then he brought the Israelite people out from Egypt; they were carrying heavy loads of jewelry made of silver and gold that the people of Egypt had given to them. No one was left behind because of being sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:38

ULT
38 Egypt was glad when they went away, for the fear of them had fallen upon them.

UST
38 The people of Egypt were glad when the Israelite people left because they had become very afraid of the Israelites.

Why was Egypt glad when the Israelites went away?
Egypt was glad when the Israelites went away, for the Egyptians were afraid of them.

Psalms 105:39

ULT
39 He spread a cloud for a covering and made a fire to light up the night.

UST
39 Then Yahweh spread a cloud to cover the Israelites; and at night it became a big fire in the sky to give them light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:40

ULT
40 The Israelites asked for food, and he brought quail and satisfied them with bread from heaven.

UST
40 Later the Israelites asked for meat to eat, and Yahweh sent flocks of quail to them, and he gave them plenty of manna, food from the sky, each morning.

With what kind of food did God satisfy the Israelites?
God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

Psalms 105:41

ULT
41 He split the rock, and waters gushed from it; they flowed in the wilderness like a river.

UST
41 One day he caused a rock to open up, and water poured out for them to drink; it was like a river flowing in that desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:42

ULT
42 For he called to mind his holy promise that he made to Abraham his servant.

UST
42 He did that because he kept thinking about the sacred promise that he had given to his servant, Abraham.

Which holy promise did God call to mind regarding the Israelites?
God called to mind his holy promise that he made to Abraham his servant.

Psalms 105:43

ULT
43 He led his people out with joy, his chosen with shouts of triumph.

UST
43 So his people were joyful as he brought them out from Egypt; these people whom he had chosen were shouting joyfully as they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 105:44

ULT

44 He gave them the lands of the nations; they took possession of the wealth of the peoples

UST

44 He gave to them the land that belonged to the people groups that lived there in Canaan, and the Israelites took all their wealth.

Of what did God allow his people to take possession?

His people took possession of the wealth of the peoples.

Psalms 105:45

ULT

45 so that they might keep his statutes and obey his laws. Praise Yahweh.

UST

45 Yahweh did all these things so that his people would do all the things that he had commanded them to do. Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106

Psalms 106:1

ULT

[1] Praise Yahweh. Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

[1] Praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh because everything he does is good; he faithfully loves us forever as he promised us!

What does the writer say endures forever?
Yahweh's covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 106:2

ULT

[2] Who can recount the mighty acts of Yahweh or proclaim in full all his praiseworthy deeds?

UST

[2] Because Yahweh has done many great things, no one can tell all the great things that Yahweh has done, and no one can praise him enough.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:3

ULT

[3] Blessed are those who do what is right, and whose deeds are always just.

UST

[3] How fortunate are those who act fairly, those who always do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:4

ULT

4 Call me to mind, Yahweh, when you show favor to your people; help me when you save them.

UST

4 Yahweh, be kind to me when you help your people; help me when you rescue them.

When does the writer ask Yahweh call him to mind?

He asks Yahweh to call him to mind when Yahweh shows favor to his people.

Psalms 106:5

ULT

5 Then I will see the prosperity of your chosen, rejoice in the gladness of your nation, and glory with your inheritance.

UST

5 Allow me to see your people become prosperous again and to see all the people of your nation, Israel, become happy again; allow me to be happy with them! I want to praise you along with all those others who belong to you.

What will cause the writer to rejoice?

He will rejoice when he sees the prosperity of Yahweh's chosen.

Psalms 106:6

ULT

6 We have sinned like our ancestors; we have done wrong, and we have done evil.

UST

6 We and our ancestors have sinned; we have done what is wicked and evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:7

ULT

[7] Our fathers did not appreciate your marvelous deeds in Egypt; they ignored your many acts of covenant faithfulness; they were rebellious at the sea, the Sea of Reeds.

UST

[7] When our ancestors were in Egypt, they did not pay attention to the wonderful things that Yahweh did; they forgot about the many times that he showed that he faithfully loved them. Instead, when they were at the Sea of Reeds, they rebelled against God, who is greater than any other god.

How did the fathers of the writer respond to Yahweh's marvelous deeds?

The fathers did not appreciate Yahweh's marvelous deeds in Egypt.

Psalms 106:8

ULT

[8] Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake so that he might reveal his power.

UST

[8] But he rescued them for the sake of his own reputation so that he could show that he is very powerful.

Why did Yahweh save the writer's ancestors?

He saved them for his name's sake so that he might reveal his power.

Psalms 106:9

ULT

[9] He rebuked the Sea of Reeds, and it dried up. Then he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.

UST

[9] He rebuked the Sea of Reeds and it became dry, and then while he led our ancestors, they walked through it as though it were as dry as a desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:10

ULT
10 He saved them from the hand of those who hated them, and he rescued them from the hand of the enemy.

UST
10 In that way he rescued them from the power of their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:11

ULT
11 But the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.

UST
11 Then their enemies were drowned in the water of the Sea of Reeds; not one of them was left.

What happened to the adversaries of Israel?
The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them survived.

Psalms 106:12

ULT
12 Then they believed his words, and they sang his praise.

UST
12 When that happened, our ancestors believed that Yahweh had truly done for them what he had promised to do, and they sang to praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:13

ULT
13 But they quickly forgot what he had done; they did not wait for his instructions.

UST
13 But they soon forgot what he had done for them; they did things without waiting to find out what Yahweh wanted them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:14

ULT
14 They had insatiable cravings in the wilderness, and they challenged God in the desert.

UST
14 They intensely wanted food like they formerly ate in Egypt. They did evil things to find out whether God would punish them or not.

What did the people do when they had insatiable cravings in the wilderness.
They challenged God in the desert.

Psalms 106:15

ULT
15 So he gave them what they requested, but he sent a horrible disease upon them.

UST
15 So he gave them what they requested, but he sent a horrible disease upon them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:16

ULT
16 In the camp they became jealous of Moses and Aaron, the holy priest of Yahweh.

UST
16 Later when some of the men became jealous of Moses and his older brother Aaron, who was dedicated to serve Yahweh by being a priest,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:17

ULT
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the followers of Abiram.

UST
17 the ground opened up and swallowed Dathan and also buried Abiram and his family.

What did the earth do to Dathan and the followers of Abiram?
The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the followers of Abiram.

Psalms 106:18

ULT
18 Fire broke out among them; the fire consumed the wicked.

UST
18 God sent down from heaven a fire which burned up all the wicked people who supported them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:19

ULT
19 They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast metal figure.

UST
19 Then the Israelite leaders made a gold statue of a calf at Mount Sinai and worshiped it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:20

ULT
20 They traded the glory of God for the image of a bull that eats grass.

UST
20 Instead of worshiping our glorious God, they started to worship a statue of an ox that eats grass!

What did the people worship at Horeb?
They made a calf at Horeb and worshipped a cast metal figure.

Psalms 106:21

ULT
21 They forgot God their Savior, who had done great deeds in Egypt.

UST
21 They forgot about God, who had rescued them by the great miracles that he performed in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:22

ULT
22 He had done wonderful things in the land of Ham and mighty acts at the Sea of Reeds.

UST
22 They forgot about the wonderful things that he did for them in Egypt and the amazing things that he did for them at the Sea of Reeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:23

ULT
23 So he said he would destroy them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his anger from destroying them.

UST
23 Because of that, God said that he would get rid of the Israelites; but Moses, whom God had chosen to serve him, stood up to persuade God not to do that. As a result, God did not destroy them.

Why did God not decree the destruction of the Israelites?
Moses, his chosen one, intervened with him in the breach to turn Yahweh's anger away from destroying them.

Psalms 106:24

ULT
24 Then they despised the fruitful land; they did not believe his promise,

UST
24 Later, our ancestors refused to enter the beautiful land of Canaan because they did not believe that God would do as he promised and would enable them to take the land from the people who were living there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:25

ULT
25 but grumbled in their tents, and did not obey Yahweh.

UST
25 They stayed in their tents and grumbled and would not pay attention to what Yahweh said that they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:26

ULT
26 Therefore he raised his hand and swore to them that he would let them die in the desert,

UST
26 So he solemnly told them that he would cause them to die there in the wilderness,

What did God swear he would do when he raised his hand?
God swore to them that he would let them die in the desert, and scatter their descendants among the nations.

Psalms 106:27

ULT
27 scatter their descendants among the nations, and scatter them in foreign lands.

UST
27 that he would scatter their descendants among the people of other nations and groups who did not believe in him, and that he would allow them to die in those lands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:28

ULT
28 They worshiped the Baal of Peor and ate the sacrifices offered to the dead.

UST
28 Later the Israelite people started to worship the idol of Baal at Mount Peor, and they ate meat that had been sacrificed to Baal and those other lifeless gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:29

ULT
29 They provoked him to anger with their actions, and a plague broke out among them.

UST
29 Yahweh became very angry because of what they had done, so again he sent a terrible disease to attack them.

What happened to Israel when they provoked Yahweh to anger?
A plague broke out among them.

Psalms 106:30

ULT
30 Then Phinehas rose to intervene, and the plague subsided.

UST
30 But Phinehas stood up and punished the ones who had sinned greatly, and as a result the plague ended.

What happened when Phinehas rose to intervene for the people?
When Phinehas intervened, the plague subsided.

Psalms 106:31

ULT
31 It was counted to him as a righteous deed to all generations forever.

UST
31 People have remembered that righteous deed that Phinehas did, and in future years people will remember it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:32

ULT
32 They also angered Yahweh at the waters of Meribah, and Moses suffered because of them.

UST
32 Then at the springs of Meribah our ancestors caused Yahweh to become angry again, and as a result Moses had trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:33

ULT
33 They made Moses bitter, and he spoke rashly.

UST
33 They caused Moses to become very angry, and he said things that were foolish.

Why did Moses sin at the waters of Meribah?
The people made Moses bitter, and he spoke rashly.

Psalms 106:34

ULT
34 They did not destroy the nations as Yahweh had commanded them,

UST
34 Our ancestors did not destroy the other people groups as he told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:35

ULT
35 but they mingled with the nations and learned their ways

UST
35 Instead, the men took women from those people groups, and they started to do the evil things that those people did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:36

ULT
36 and worshiped their idols, which became a snare to them.

UST
36 Our ancestors worshiped the idols of those people, which resulted in their being destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:37

ULT
37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons.

UST
37 Some of the Israelites sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons that those idols represented.

What happened to the people when they mingled with the nations and worshipped their idols?
Their idols became a snare for them.

Psalms 106:38

ULT
38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, desecrating the land with blood.

UST
38 They killed children who had done nothing wrong, and offered them as sacrifices to the idols in Canaan. As a result, the land of Canaan was polluted by those murders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:39

ULT
39 They were defiled by their deeds; in their actions they were like prostitutes.

UST
39 So by their deeds they made it impossible for God to accept them; because they did not faithfully worship only God, they became like women who sleep with other men instead of sleeping only with their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:40

ULT
40 So Yahweh was angry with his people, and he despised his own people.

UST
40 So Yahweh became very angry with his people; he was completely disgusted with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:41

ULT
41 He gave them into the hand of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.

UST
41 As a result, he allowed people groups who did not believe in him to conquer them, so those who hated our ancestors started to rule over them.

What happened to Israel when Yahweh was angry with them and handed them over to the nations?
When Yahweh handed them over, those who hated them and ruled over them.

Psalms 106:42

ULT
42 Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection to their authority.

UST
42 Their enemies oppressed them and completely controlled them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:43

ULT
43 Many times he came to help them, but they kept rebelling and were brought low by their own sin.

UST
43 Many times Yahweh rescued his people, but they continued to rebel against him, and they were finally destroyed because of the sins that they committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:44

ULT
44 Nevertheless, he paid attention to their distress when he heard their cry for help.

UST
44 However, Yahweh always heard them when they cried out to him, and he listened to them when they were distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:45

ULT
45 He called to mind his covenant with them and relented because of his steadfast love.

UST
45 For their sake, he thought about the covenant that he had made to bless them; because he never stopped loving them very much, he changed his mind about punishing them more.

Why did Yahweh relent and pay attention to Israel in their distress?
He called to mind his covenant with them and relented because of his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 106:46

ULT
46 He caused all their conquerers to have pity on them.

UST
46 He caused all those who had taken the Israelites to Babylonia to feel sorry for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 106:47

ULT

47 Save us, Yahweh, our God. Gather us from among the nations so that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praises.

UST

47 Yahweh our God, rescue us and bring us back to Israel from among those people groups so that we may thank you and joyfully praise you.

For what reason should Yahweh gather Israel from among the nations?

He should gather them so that they may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praises.

Psalms 106:48

ULT

48 May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be praised from everlasting to everlasting. All the people said, “Amen.” Praise Yahweh.

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UST

48 Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, praise him now and forever! All the people should agree! Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107

Psalms 107:1

ULT
1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, and his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
1 Give thanks to Yahweh because he always does good things for us! His faithful love for us lasts forever, as he has promised us!

How long does Yahweh's covenant faithfulness last?
His covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 107:2

ULT
2 Let the redeemed of Yahweh speak out, those he has rescued from the hand of the enemy.

UST
2 Those whom Yahweh has saved should tell others that he has rescued them from their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:3

ULT
3 He has gathered them out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

UST
3 He has gathered those of you who were exiled to many lands; he has gathered you together from the east and the west, from the north and from the south.

From where has Yahweh gathered his redeemed?
He has gathered them out of foreign lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Psalms 107:4

ULT
4 They wandered in the wilderness on a desert road and found no city in which to live.

UST
4 Some of those who returned from those countries wandered in the desert; they were lost and had no homes to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:5

ULT
5 Because they were hungry and thirsty, they fainted from exhaustion.

UST
5 They were hungry and thirsty, and they even collapsed in exhaustion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:6

ULT
6 Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he rescued them out of their distress.

UST
6 When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

What did Yahweh do for his redeemed when they called out to him in their trouble?
He rescued them out of all their distress.

Psalms 107:7

ULT
7 He led them by a direct path so that they would go to a city to live in.

UST
7 He led them along a straight road where they walked safely to cities in Canaan where they could live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:8

ULT
8 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST
8 They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

For what should people praise Yahweh?
They should praise him for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity.

Psalms 107:9

ULT
9 For he satisfies the longings of those who are thirsty, and the desires of those who are hungry he fills up with good things.

UST
9 He gives thirsty people plenty of water to drink, and he gives hungry people plenty of good things to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:10

ULT
10 Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in affliction and chains.

UST
10 Some of them were in very dark prisons; they were prisoners, suffering because of chains fastened to their hands and feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:11

ULT
11 This was because they had rebelled against God’s word and rejected the instruction of the Most High.

UST
11 They were in prison because they had rebelled against the message of God; they were there because they had despised the advice given by God, who is greater than all other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:12

ULT
12 He humbled their hearts through hardship; they stumbled and there was no one to help them up.

UST
12 That is why God made them suffer hardships so that they would no longer be proud; when they got into trouble, there was no one who would help them.

How did Yahweh humble the hearts of the people?
He humbled their hearts through hardship.

Psalms 107:13

ULT
13 Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST
13 When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:14

ULT
14 He brought them out of darkness and gloom and broke their bonds.

UST
14 He broke the chains that were on their hands and feet and brought them out of those very dark prisons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:15

ULT
15 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST
15-16 He broke down the prison gates that were made of bronze; he cut through the prison bars that were made of iron. They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:16

ULT

16 For he has broken the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

UST

15-16 He broke down the prison gates that were made of bronze; he cut through the prison bars that were made of iron. They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

What kind of gates and bars has Yahweh broken for his people?

He has broken the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron.

Psalms 107:17

ULT

17 They were foolish in their rebellious ways and afflicted because of their sins.

UST

17 Some of them foolishly rebelled against God, so they suffered for their sins.

Why were the people afflicted?

They were afflicted because for their sins.

Psalms 107:18

ULT

18 They lost their desire to eat any food, and they came close to the gates of death.

UST

18 They did not want to eat any food, and they almost died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:19

ULT
19 Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST
19 When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:20

ULT
20 He sent his word and healed them, and he rescued them from their destruction.

UST
20 When he commanded that they be healed, they were healed; he saved them from dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:21

ULT
21 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST
21 They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:22

ULT
22 Let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving and proclaim his deeds in singing.

UST
22 They should give offerings to him to show that they are thankful, and they should sing joyfully about the miracles that he has performed.

What kind of sacrifices should people offer to Yahweh?
They should offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

Psalms 107:23

ULT
23 Some travel on the sea in ships and do business overseas.

UST
23 Some of them sailed in ships; they were selling things in cities far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:24

ULT
24 These saw the deeds of Yahweh and his wonders on the seas.

UST
24 As they were sailing, they also saw the miracles that Yahweh performed, the wonderful things that he did when they were on very deep seas.

What did the people who travel on the sea in ships and do business overseas see of Yahweh?
They saw the deeds of Yahweh and his wonders on the seas.

Psalms 107:25

ULT
25 For he commanded and aroused the windstorm that stirs up the seas.

UST
25 He gave orders to the winds, and they became strong and stirred up high waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:26

ULT
26 They reached up to the sky; they went down to the depths. Their lives melted away in distress.

UST
26 The ships in which they were sailing were tossed high in the air, and then they sank into the troughs between the high waves; then the sailors were terrified at the danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:27

ULT
[27] They swayed and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.

UST
[27] They stumbled about and staggered like drunken men, and they did not know what to do.

Why happened to men when the waves reached up to the heavens and then they dropped down to the depths?
The men's courage melted away because of the danger.

Psalms 107:28

ULT
[28] Then they called out to Yahweh in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.

UST
[28] When they were in trouble, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from being distressed.

What happened to the men when they called out to Yahweh in their trouble? (vv28-29)
He brought them out of their distress and calmed the storm.

Psalms 107:29

ULT
[29] He calmed the storm, and the waves were stilled.

UST
[29] He calmed the storm and he stilled the waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:30

ULT
[30] Then they rejoiced because they are quiet, so he brought them to their desired harbor.

UST
[30] They were very glad when it became calm; and Yahweh brought them safely into a harbor as they wished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:31

ULT
31 Oh that people would praise Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for humanity!

UST
31 They should praise Yahweh for loving them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:32

ULT
32 Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

UST
32 They should praise him among the Israelite people when they have gathered together, and they should praise him in front of the leaders of the country.

Where should people exalt and praise Yahweh?
They should exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Psalms 107:33

ULT
33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, springs of water into dry land,

UST
33 Sometimes Yahweh causes rivers to become dry, with the result that the land becomes a wilderness, and springs of water become dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:34

ULT
34 and a fruitful land into a barren place because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.

UST
34 Sometimes he causes land that has produced lots of crops to become salty wastelands, with the result that they do not produce crops. He does that because the people who live there are very wicked.

What did Yahweh do to a fruitful land because of the wickedness of the people?
He turned a fruitful land into a barren place because of the wickedness of its people.

Psalms 107:35

ULT
35 He turns the wilderness into a pool of water and dry land into springs of water.

UST
35 But sometimes he causes pools of water to appear in deserts, and he causes springs to flow in very dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:36

ULT
36 He settles the hungry there, and they build a city to live in.

UST
36 He brings hungry people into that land, to live there and to build cities there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:37

ULT
37 They sow fields and plant vineyards, that they may bring in a fruitful harvest.

UST
37 They plant seeds in their fields, and they plant grapevines that produce large crops of grapes.

What did the people plant in their city?
They planted fields and vineyards.

Psalms 107:38

ULT
38 He blesses them so they are very numerous. He does not let their cattle decrease in number.

UST
38 He blesses the people, and the women give birth to many children, and they have large herds of cattle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:39

ULT
39 They were diminished and brought low by painful distress and suffering.

UST
39 When the number of people became smaller and they were humiliated by their enemies by being oppressed and caused to suffer,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:40

ULT
40 He pours contempt on the leaders and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there are no roads.

UST
40 Yahweh shows contempt for the leaders who oppress them, and makes them to wander in a wilderness where there are no roads.

What happened to the leaders when Yahweh poured contempt on them?
He caused them to wander in the wilderness, where there are no roads.

Psalms 107:41

ULT
41 But he protects the needy from affliction and cares for his families like a flock.

UST
41 But he rescues poor people from being in misery and causes their families to increase in number like flocks of sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 107:42

ULT
42 The upright will see this and rejoice, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

UST
42 People who live rightly see God do these things, and they rejoice; wicked people hear about these things, too, but they have nothing to say against Yahweh in reply.

What will all wickedness do when the upright see Yahweh's protection and rejoice?
All wickedness will shut its mouth.

Psalms 107:43

ULT

43 Whoever is wise should take note of these things and meditate on Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

UST

43 Those who are wise should think carefully about these things; they should consider all the things that Yahweh has done to show that he faithfully loves them.

Who does the writer call upon to take note of these things?

The writer calls upon whoever is wise to take note of these things and meditate on Yahweh's acts of covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 108

Psalms 108:1

ULT
[1] My heart is fixed, God; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises also with my honored heart.

UST
[1] God, I am very confident in you. I will sing to praise you. It is an honor to wake up and praise you.

With what does David say he will sing praises?
David says that he will sing praises also with his honored heart.

Psalms 108:2

ULT
[2] Wake up, lute and harp; I will wake up the dawn.

UST
[2] I will arise before the sun rises, and I will praise you while I play my harp and my lyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:3

ULT
[3] I will give thanks to you, Yahweh, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

UST
[3] I prayed, “Yahweh, I will thank you among all the people groups; I will sing to praise you among the nations

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:4

ULT

4 For your covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens; and your trustworthiness reaches to the skies.

UST

4 because your faithful love for us reaches up to the heavens, and you are as faithful in keeping your promises as the clouds are high above the earth.

How great does David say is Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is great above the heavens.

Psalms 108:5

ULT

5 Be exalted, God, above the heavens, and may your glory be exalted over all the earth.

UST

5 Yahweh, show in the heavens that you are very great! Show your glory to people all over the earth!

Where does David ask for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks that God's glory be exalted over all the earth.

Psalms 108:6

ULT

6 So that those you love may be rescued, rescue us with your right hand and answer me.

UST

6 Answer our prayers and, by your power help us to defeat our enemies so that we, the people whom you love, may be saved."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:7

ULT
7 God has spoken in his holiness; “I will rejoice; I will divide Shechem and apportion out the Valley of Succoth.

UST
7 Yahweh answered our prayers and spoke from his temple, saying, “Because I have conquered your enemies, I will joyfully divide the city of Shechem, and I will distribute among my people the land in the Valley of Succoth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:8

ULT
8 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is my helmet; Judah is my scepter.

UST
8 The region of Gilead is mine; the people of the tribe of Manasseh are mine; and the tribe of Judah is like my scepter.

What has God spoken about Ephraim and Judah?
God said that Ephraim also is his helmet and Judah is his scepter.

Psalms 108:9

ULT
9 Moab is my washbasin; over Edom I will throw my shoe; I will shout in triumph because of Philistia.

UST
9 The region of Moab is like my washbasin; I throw my sandal over the region of Edom to show that it belongs to me; I shout triumphantly because I have defeated the people of the region of Philistia.”

How will God shout because of Philistia?
God will shout in triumph because of Philistia.

Psalms 108:10

ULT

10 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who will lead me to Edom?”

UST

10 Because we want to attack the people of Edom, who will lead my army to their capital city that has strong walls around it?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:11

ULT

11 God, have you not rejected us? You do not go into battle with our army.

UST

11 God, we do not want you to abandon us; we want you to go with us when our army marches out to fight our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 108:12

ULT

12 Give us help against the enemy, for man’s help is futile.

UST

12 We need you to help us when we fight against our enemies because the help that humans can give us is worthless.

Whose help does David say is futile?

David asks for God’s help because man’s help is futile.

Psalms 108:13

ULT

13 We will triumph with God's help; he will trample down our enemies.

UST

13 But with you helping us, we shall win; you will enable us to defeat our enemies.

How does David describe his triumph with God's help?

David says that his army will triumph with God's help, because God will trample down David's enemies.

Psalms 109

Psalms 109:1

ULT
1 To the chief musician. A Psalm of David. God whom I praise, do not be silent,

UST
1 God, you are the one whom I praise, so please answer my prayer

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:2

ULT
2 For the wicked and deceitful attack me; they speak lies against me.

UST
2 because wicked people slander me and tell lies about me.

Who does David say attacks him?
David says the wicked and deceitful attack him.

Psalms 109:3

ULT
3 They surround me and say hateful things, and they attack me without cause.

UST
3 They are constantly saying that they hate me, and they harm me for no reason.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:4

ULT

[4] In return for my love they accuse me, but I pray for them.

UST

[4] I show them that I love them and that I pray for them, but instead of being kind to me, they say that I have done evil things.

What do the wicked give in return for David's love?

David says that in return for his love they slander him.

Psalms 109:5

ULT

[5] They repay me evil for good, and they hate my love.

UST

[5] In return for my doing good things for them and loving them, they do evil things to me and hate me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:6

ULT

[6] Appoint a wicked man over such an enemy as these people; appoint an accuser to stand at his right hand.

UST

[6] So appoint a wicked judge who will judge my enemy, and bring in one of his enemies who will stand up and accuse him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:7

ULT

[7] When he is judged, may he be found guilty; may his prayer be considered sinful.

UST

[7] When the trial ends, cause the judge to declare that he is guilty and cause even his plea for mercy to be considered a sin.

What does David ask to happen when his enemy is judged?

David asks that when his enemy is judged, he may be found guilty.

Psalms 109:8

ULT

[8] May his days be few; may another take his office.

UST

[8] Then cause him to die soon; bring someone else to take over his work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:9

ULT

[9] May his children be fatherless, and may his wife be a widow.

UST

[9] Cause his children not to have a father anymore, and cause his wife to become a widow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:10

ULT
10 May his children wander about and beg, asking for handouts as they leave their ruined home.

UST
10 Cause his children to leave the ruined homes that they have been living in and to wander around begging for food.

What is David's request for the children of his enemies?
David asks for his enemy's children to wander about and beg, asking for handouts.

Psalms 109:11

ULT
11 May the creditor take all he owns; may strangers plunder what he earns.

UST
11 Cause all the people to whom he owed money to seize his property; cause strangers to take away everything that he worked to acquire.

What does David ask to happen to his enemy's earnings?
David asks for strangers to plunder what his enemy earns.

Psalms 109:12

ULT
12 May no one extend any kindness to him; may no one have pity on his fatherless children.

UST
12 Make sure that no one acts with any loyalty toward his memory for the sake of your covenant; make sure that no one pities his children.

Why does David ask Yahweh to deal kindly with him?
David asks Yahweh his Lord to deal kindly with him for Yahweh's name's sake.

Psalms 109:13

ULT
13 May his children be cut off; may their name be blotted out in the next generation.

UST
13 Cause all his children to die, so that no one will live to carry on his name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:14

ULT
14 May his ancestors' sins be mentioned to Yahweh; and may the sin of his mother not be forgotten.

UST
14 Yahweh, remember and do not forgive his ancestors for the evil things that they did, and do not even forgive the sins that his mother committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:15

ULT
15 May their guilt always be before Yahweh; may Yahweh cut off their memory from the earth.

UST
15 Think about his sins continually, but cause everyone living to completely forget who he was.

What is David's request from Yahweh for the memory of his enemy?
David asks that Yahweh cut off his enemy's memory from the earth.

Psalms 109:16

ULT

16 May Yahweh do this because this man never bothered to show any covenant faithfulness, but instead harassed the oppressed, the needy, and the disheartened to death.

UST

16 I pray these things because that man, my enemy, never acted toward anyone as your covenant says we must; he persecuted poor and needy people and even killed helpless people.

Why does David ask Yahweh to cut off their memory?

David prays that Yahweh would do this because this man never bothered to show any covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 109:17

ULT

17 He loved cursing; may it come back upon him. He had no desire for blessing; may no blessing come to him.

UST

17 He liked to curse people. So those terrible things that he requested to happen to others—cause them to happen to him! He did not want to bless others, so make sure that no one blesses him!

What does David ask for since his enemy hated blessing?

David says that since his enemy hated blessing, that no blessing may come to him.

Psalms 109:18

ULT

18 He clothed himself with cursing as his garment, and his curse came into his inner being like water, like oil into his bones.

UST

18 He often cursed other people, also; cause the terrible things that he wanted to happen to others to happen to him and enter his body as water does, as olive oil soaks into a person's bones when it is rubbed on his skin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:19

ULT
19 May his curses be to him like the clothes he wears to cover himself, like the belt he always wears.

UST
19 Cause those terrible things to cling to him like his clothes and be around him like the belt that he wears every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:20

ULT
20 May this be the reward of my accusers from Yahweh, of those who say evil things about me.

UST
20 Yahweh, I wish that you will punish all my enemies that way, those who say evil things about me.

From whom does David request the reward for his accusers?
David asks for this to be the reward of his accusers from Yahweh.

Psalms 109:21

ULT
21 Yahweh my Lord, deal kindly with me for your name's sake. Because your covenant faithfulness is good, save me.

UST
21 But Yahweh, my God, do good things for me in order that I may honor you; rescue me from my enemies because you faithfully love me as you promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:22

ULT
22 For I am oppressed and needy, and my heart is wounded within me.

UST
22 I request you to do this because I am poor and needy and my inner being is full of pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:23

ULT
23 I am fading away like the shadow of the evening; I am shaken off like a locust.

UST
23 I think that my time to remain alive is as short as an evening shadow that will soon disappear. I will be blown away as a locust is blown by the wind.

To what does David compare his fading away?
David says that he is fading away like the shadow of the evening.

Psalms 109:24

ULT
24 My knees are weak from fasting; My flesh is feeble from lack of fatness.

UST
24 My knees are weak because I have fasted very often, and my body has become very thin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:25

ULT
25 I am disdained by my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

UST
25 The people who accuse me make fun of me; when they see me, they insult me by shaking their heads at me.

What do David's accusers do when they see him?
David says that when they see him, his accusers shake their heads.

Psalms 109:26

ULT
26 Help me, Yahweh my God; save me by your covenant faithfulness.

UST
26 Yahweh, my God, help me! Because you faithfully love me, rescue me!

By what does David ask Yahweh to save him?
David ask Yahweh to save him by Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 109:27

ULT
27 May they know that this is your hand, that you, Yahweh, have done this.

UST
27 When you save me, cause my enemies to know that you are the one who has done it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:28

ULT
28 Though they curse me, please bless me; when they attack, may they be put to shame, but may your servant rejoice.

UST
28 They may curse me, but I ask that you bless me. Cause those who persecute me to be defeated and disgraced, but cause me to be glad!

What does David ask to happen when his accusers attack him?
David asks that when his accusers attack, they would be put to shame.

Psalms 109:29

ULT

29 May my adversaries be clothed with shame; may they wear their shame like a robe.

UST

29 Cause those who accuse me to be completely disgraced; cause other people to see that they are disgraced as easily as they see the clothes that they wear!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:30

ULT

30 With my mouth I give great thanks to Yahweh; I will praise him in the midst of a crowd.

UST

30 But I will thank Yahweh very much; I will praise him when I am among the crowd of people who are worshiping him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 109:31

ULT

31 For he will stand at the right hand of the one who is needy, to save him from those who judge him.

UST

31 I will do that because he defends poor people like me and because he saves us from those who have said that we must die.

What does David say will happen when Yahweh stands at right hand of the needy person?

Yahweh will save the needy person from those who condemn him.

Psalms 110

Psalms 110:1

ULT

[1] Of David, a song. The declaration of Yahweh to my lord, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

UST

[1] Yahweh said to my lord the king, “Sit here, close to me, in the place of highest honor until I completely defeat your enemies and make them like a stool for your feet!”

Where does Yahweh ask David’s master to sit, and for how long?

Yahweh asks him to sit at his right hand until he makes his enemies his footstool.

Psalms 110:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh will stretch out the scepter of your strength from Zion; rule in the midst of your enemies.

UST

[2] Yahweh will extend your power as king from Jerusalem to other lands; you will rule over all your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 110:3

ULT

[3] Your people voluntarily follow in holy splendor in the day of your strength; from the womb of the dawn your youth will be to you as dew.

UST

[3] On the day that you lead your armies into battle, many of your people will volunteer to join your army. Your youthful strength will act for you like the dew that waters the earth early in the morning.”

What will the people wear as they follow David’s master?

They will follow him in sacred garments.

Psalms 110:4

ULT

4 Yahweh has sworn, and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, after the manner of Melchizedek.”

UST

4 Yahweh has made a solemn promise and he will never change his mind; he has said to the king, “You will be a priest forever like Melchizedek.”

What has Yahweh sworn and will not change?

He has sworn to David’s master that, “You are a priest forever.”

Psalms 110:5

ULT

5 The Lord is at your right hand. He will crush kings on the day of his anger.

UST

5 The Lord stands at your right side; when he becomes angry, he will defeat many kings.

What will David’s master do to kings on the day of his anger?

He will kill kings on the day of his anger.

Psalms 110:6

ULT

6 He will judge the nations; he will fill corpses; he will crush the heads of many lands.

UST

6 He will judge and punish the people of many nations; many bodies of the killed enemy soldiers will lie on the ground. He will crush kings all over the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 110:7

ULT

7 He will drink from the stream along the path, Therefore, he will lift up the head.

UST

7 But the king will drink from the stream alongside the road; he will be refreshed after defeating his enemies.

What will David's master do after he drinks of the brook along the road?

He will lift his head up high after victory.

Psalms 111

Psalms 111:1

ULT
[1] Praise Yahweh. I will give thanks to Yahweh with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright, in their gathering.

UST
[1] Praise Yahweh! I will thank Yahweh with my entire inner being every time that those who do what is right come together.

Where will the writer says he will give thanks to Yahweh with his whole heart?
He will give thanks to Yahweh in the assembly of the upright, in their gathering.

Psalms 111:2

ULT
[2] The works of Yahweh are great, eagerly awaited by all those who desire them.

UST
[2] The things that Yahweh has done are wonderful! All those who are delighted with those things desire to study them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:3

ULT
[3] His work is majestic and glorious, and his righteousness endures forever.

UST
[3] Because he is a great king and does wonderful things, people greatly honor him and respect him; the righteous things that he does will endure forever.

How long will Yahweh's righteousness endure?
His righteousness endures forever.

Psalms 111:4

ULT
[4] He does wonderful things that will be remembered; Yahweh is gracious and merciful.

UST
[4] He has done wonderful things that people will always remember; Yahweh always acts kindly and mercifully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:5

ULT
[5] He gives food to his faithful followers. He will always call to mind his covenant.

UST
[5] He provides food for those who have an awesome respect for him; he never forgets the covenant that he made with our ancestors.

What will Yahweh always call to mind?
He will always call to mind his covenant.

Psalms 111:6

ULT
[6] He showed his powerful works to his people in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

UST
[6] By enabling his people to capture the lands that belonged to other people groups, he has shown to us, his people, that he is very powerful.

How did Yahweh show his powerful works to his people?
He showed his powerful works to the people in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Psalms 111:7

ULT

[7] The works of his hands are trustworthy and just; all his instructions are reliable.

UST

[7] He does everything fairly, as he has promised us, and we can depend on him to help us when he commands us to do things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 111:8

ULT

[8] They are established forever, to be observed faithfully and properly.

UST

[8] What he commands must be obeyed forever; and he acted in a true and righteous manner when he gave us those commands.

How are Yahweh's instructions to be observed?

All his instructions are to be observed faithfully and properly.

Psalms 111:9

ULT

[9] He has sent redemption to his people; he ordained his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name.

UST

[9] He rescued us, his people, from being slaves in Egypt, and he made a covenant with us that will last forever. He is holy and awesome!

How does the writer describe Yahweh's name?

The writer says, "Holy and awesome is his name."

Psalms 111:10

ULT

10 To honor Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; those who carry out his instructions have good understanding. His praise endures forever.

UST

10 Having an awesome respect for Yahweh is the way to become wise. All those who obey his commands will know what is good for them to decide to do. We should praise him forever!

What is the beginning of wisdom?

To honor Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

What do those who carry out Yahweh's instructions have?

Those who carry out his instructions have good understanding.

Psalms 112

Psalms 112:1

ULT

[1] Praise Yahweh. Blessed is the man who fears Yahweh, who greatly delights in his commandments.

UST

[1] Praise Yahweh! How fortunate are those who have an awesome respect for him, those who happily obey his commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:2

ULT

[2] His descendants will be powerful on earth; the descendants of the godly man will be blessed.

UST

[2] Their children will prosper in their land; God will bless their descedants.

What happens to the descendants of the man who obeys Yahweh and who greatly delights in his commandments?

His descendants will be powerful on earth and will be blessed.

Psalms 112:3

ULT

[3] Wealth and riches are in his house; his righteousness will endure forever.

UST

[3] Their families will be wealthy, and their righteous deeds will endure forever.

What is in the house of the man who obeys Yahweh?

Wealth and riches are in his house.

Psalms 112:4

ULT

4 Light shines in the darkness for the godly person; he is gracious, merciful, and just.

UST

4 For those who honor God, it is as if a light were shining on them in the darkness, on those who are kind, merciful and righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:5

ULT

5 It goes well for the man who deals graciously and lends money, who conducts his affairs with honesty.

UST

5 Things will go well for those who generously lend money to others and who conduct their businesses honestly.

For whom does the writer says things will go well?

It will go well for the man who deals graciously and lends money, and who conducts his affairs with honesty.

Psalms 112:6

ULT

6 For he will never be moved; the righteous person will be remembered forever.

UST

6 Righteous people will not be overwhelmed because of their troubles; other people will always treasure their memories of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:7

ULT
[7] He does not fear bad news; his heart is sure, trusting in Yahweh.

UST
[7] They are not afraid when they receive bad news; they confidently trust in Yahweh.

What does the righteous man do rather than fear bad news?
He does not fear, but he is confident, trusting in Yahweh.

Psalms 112:8

ULT
[8] His heart is tranquil, without fear, until he looks in triumph over his adversaries.

UST
[8] They are confident and not afraid because they know that they will see God defeat their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 112:9

ULT
[9] He generously gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; he will be exalted with honor.

UST
[9] They give things generously to poor people; their kind deeds will endure forever, and they will be exalted and honored.

What happens to the godly person who generously gives to the poor?
He will be exalted with honor.

Psalms 112:10

ULT

10 The wicked person will see this and be angry; he will grind his teeth in rage and he will melt away; the desire of the wicked people will perish.

UST

10 Wicked people see those things and are angry; they gnash their teeth angrily, but they will disappear and die. The wicked things that they want to do will never happen.

What happens to the wicked person who sees the blessing of the righteous person and is angry?

The wicked person will gnash with his teeth and melt away.

Psalms 113

Psalms 113:1

ULT
[1] Praise Yahweh. Praise him, you servants of Yahweh; praise the name of Yahweh.

UST
[1] Praise Yahweh! You people who serve Yahweh, praise him! Praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:2

ULT
[2] Blessed be the name of Yahweh, both now and forevermore.

UST
[2] Everyone should praise Yahweh now and forever!

When will the name of Yahweh be blessed?
His name will be blessed both now and forevermore.

Psalms 113:3

ULT
[3] From the rising of the sun to its setting, Yahweh's name should be praised.

UST
[3] People who live in the east and people who live in the west, everyone, should praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:4

ULT
4 Yahweh is exalted above all nations, and his glory reaches above the skies.

UST
4 Yahweh rules over all the nations, and high in the heavens he shows that his glory is very great.

Where does the glory of Yahweh reach?
His glory reaches above the skies.

Psalms 113:5

ULT
5 Who is like Yahweh our God, who has his seat on high,

UST
5 There is no one who is like Yahweh, our God, who lives in the highest heaven

Where is the seat of Yahweh? (vv5-6)
His seat is on high, from where he looks down at the sky and earth.

Psalms 113:6

ULT
6 who looks down at the sky and at the earth?

UST
6 and looks far down through the heavens and sees the people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:7

ULT
7 He raises up the poor out of the dirt and lifts up the needy from the ash heap,

UST
7 He lifts poor people up so that they no longer sit in the dirt; he lifts needy people up so that they no longer sit on heaps of ashes

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 113:8

ULT

8 so that he may seat him with princes, with the princes of his people.

UST

8 and causes them to be honored by sitting next to leaders, leaders who rule his own people.

Where does Yahweh seat the poor and the needy person when he raises him up?

Yahweh seats him with princes, with the princes of his people.

Psalms 113:9

ULT

9 He gives a home to the barren woman of the house, he makes her a joyful mother of children. Praise Yahweh!

UST

9 He also enables women who have no children to live in their houses as happy as mothers with children. Praise Yahweh!

What does Yahweh give the barren woman?

He gives the barren woman in the house a seat like a joyful mother of the children.

Psalms 114

Psalms 114:1

ULT
[1] When Israel left Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people who spoke a foreign language,

UST
[1] When the Israelite people left Egypt, when the descendants of Jacob left people who spoke a foreign language,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:2

ULT
[2] Judah became his holy place, Israel his kingdom.

UST
[2] the land of Judah became the place where people worshiped God; and Israel became the land that he ruled over.

When Israel left Egypt, what did Judah and Israel become?
Judah became his sanctuary, and Israel became his kingdom.

Psalms 114:3

ULT
[3] The sea looked and fled; the Jordan turned back.

UST
[3] When they came to the Sea of Reeds, it was as though the water saw them and ran away! When they came to the Jordan River, the water in the river stopped flowing so that the Israelites could cross it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:4

ULT

4 The mountains skipped like rams, the little hills like lambs.

UST

4 When they came to Mount Sinai and there was a big earthquake, it was as though the mountains skipped like goats and the hills jumped around like lambs.

What did the mountains and the hills do when the Israelites came to the land?

The mountains skipped like rams, and the hills skipped like lambs.

Psalms 114:5

ULT

5 Why did you flee, sea? Jordan, why did you turn back?

UST

5 If someone asks, “What happened at the Sea of Reeds that caused the water to run away? What happened that caused the water in the Jordan River to stop flowing?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:6

ULT

6 Mountains, why did you skip like rams? You little hills, why did you skip like lambs?

UST

6 What happened that caused the mountains to skip like goats and caused the hills to jump around like lambs?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 114:7

ULT

7 Tremble, earth, before the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

UST

7 Indeed, all the earth will tremble before the Lord! Everyone will tremble in the presence of the God whom Jacob worshiped!

Why does the writer say the earth should tremble?

The earth should tremble before the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Psalms 114:8

ULT

8 He turned the rock into a pool of water, the hard rock into a spring of water.

UST

8 He is the one who caused pools of water to flow from a rock for the Israelite people to drink, and he is the one who caused a spring to flow from a solid rock cliff!

Into what does the writer say Yahweh turned the rock and the hard rock?

He turned the rock into a pool of water, and the hard rock into a spring of water.

Psalms 115

Psalms 115:1

ULT

[1] Not to us, Yahweh, not to us, but to your name bring honor, for your covenant faithfulness and for your trustworthiness.

UST

[1] Yahweh, people should praise you alone; they must praise you, not us, because you faithfully love us and always do what you have promised to do.

For what reason does David pray that Yahweh would bring honor to Yahweh's name?
He asks Yahweh to bring honor to his hame for his covenant faithfulness and for his trustworthiness.

Psalms 115:2

ULT

[2] Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

UST

[2] It is not right that other people groups should say about us, "They claim that their God is very powerful, but if that is true, why does he not help them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:3

ULT

[3] Our God is in heaven; he does whatever he pleases.

UST

[3] Our God is in heaven, and he does whatever he wants!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:4

ULT

4 The nations' idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

UST

4 But their idols are only statues made of silver and gold, things that humans have made.

What does David says the nations' idols are?

He says their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

Psalms 115:5

ULT

5 Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

UST

5 Their idols have mouths, but they cannot say anything; they have eyes, but they cannot see anything.

What are the idols not able to do? (vv5-6)

They are not able to speak, or see, or hear, or smell.

Psalms 115:6

ULT

6 they have ears, but they do not hear; they have noses, but they do not smell.

UST

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear anything; they have noses, but they cannot smell anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:7

ULT
7 Those idols have hands, but do not feel; they have feet, but they cannot walk; nor do they speak from their mouths.

UST
7 They have hands, but they cannot feel anything; they have feet, but they cannot walk, and they cannot even make any sounds in their throats!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:8

ULT
8 Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.

UST
8 The people who make those idols are as powerless as those idols, and those who trust in those idols can accomplish nothing, just like their idols!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:9

ULT
9 Israel, trust in Yahweh; he is your help and shield.

UST
9 You, my fellow Israelite people, trust in Yahweh! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

Why should everyone trust in Yahweh? (vv9-11)
They should trust in Yahweh because his is their help and shield.

Psalms 115:10

ULT
10 House of Aaron, trust in Yahweh; he is your help and shield.

UST
10 You priests, descendants of Aaron, trust in Yahweh! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:11

ULT
11 You who honor Yahweh, trust in him; he is your help and shield.

UST
11 All you who have a reverential respect for Yahweh, trust in him! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:12

ULT
12 Yahweh takes notice of us and will bless us; he will bless the family of Israel; he will bless the family of Aaron.

UST
12 Yahweh has not forgotten us; he will bless us Israelite people! He will bless the priests,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:13

ULT
13 He will bless those who honor him, both young and old.

UST
13 and he will bless all those who have a reverential respect for him; he will bless important people and people who are considered to be unimportant, everyone!

How old must a person be for Yahweh to bless him?
Yahweh will bless those who honor him, both young and old.

Psalms 115:14

ULT
14 May Yahweh increase your numbers more and more, yours and your descendants’.

UST
14 I wish that Yahweh may give many children to you, my fellow Israelite people, and to your descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:15

ULT
15 May you be blessed by Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST
15 I wish that Yahweh, the one who made heaven and the earth, may bless all of you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:16

ULT
16 The heavens, even the heavens belong to Yahweh; but the earth he has given to the sons of men.

UST
16 The highest heavens belong to Yahweh, but he gave everything that is on the earth to us people.

To whom do the heavens and earth belong?
The heavens belong to Yahweh; but the earth he has given to mankind.

Psalms 115:17

ULT
17 The dead do not praise Yahweh, nor do any who go down into silence;

UST
17 Dead people are not able to praise Yahweh; when they descend into the place where dead people are, they are unable to speak and cannot praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 115:18

ULT
18 But we will bless Yahweh now and forevermore. Praise Yahweh.

UST
18 But we who are alive will thank him, now and forever. Praise Yahweh!

How long does David say people will bless Yahweh?
He says they will bless Yahweh now and forevermore.

Psalms 116

Psalms 116:1

ULT
1 I love Yahweh because he hears my voice and my pleas for mercy.

UST
1 I love Yahweh because he hears me when I cry to him for help.

For what reason does the writer say he loves Yahweh?
He loves Yahweh because Yahweh hears his voice and his pleas for mercy.

Psalms 116:2

ULT
2 Because he listened to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

UST
2 He listens to me, so I will call out to him all during my life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:3

ULT
3 The cords of death surrounded me, and the snares of Sheol confronted me; I felt anguish and sorrow.

UST
3 Everything around me caused me to think that I would die; I was very afraid that I would die and go to the place where dead people are. I was very distressed and afraid.

What did the writer feel when he was surrounded by the cords of death and confronted by the snares of sheol?
He felt anguish and sorrow.

Psalms 116:4

ULT
4 Then I called on the name of Yahweh: “Please Yahweh, rescue my life.”

UST
4 But then I called out to Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh, I plead with you to save me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:5

ULT
5 Yahweh is merciful and fair; our God is compassionate.

UST
5 Yahweh is kind and does what is right; he is our God, and he acts mercifully to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:6

ULT
6 Yahweh protects the naive; I was brought low, and he saved me.

UST
6 He protects those who are helpless; when I thought that I would die, he saved me.

Who does Yahweh protect?
Yahweh protects the naive.

Psalms 116:7

ULT
7 My soul can return to its resting place, for Yahweh has been good to me.

UST
7 I must encourage myself because Yahweh has done very good things for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:8

ULT
8 For you rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

UST
8 Yahweh has saved me from dying and has kept me from troubles that would cause me to cry. He has kept me from disaster.

From what was the writer's soul freed?
Yahweh freed his soul from death.

Psalms 116:9

ULT
9 I will walk before Yahweh in the land of the living.

UST
9 So here on the earth where people are still alive, I live, knowing that Yahweh is directing me.

Where does the writer say he will serve Yahweh?
He will serve Yahweh in the land of the living.

Psalms 116:10

ULT
10 I believed in him, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

UST
10 I continued to believe in Yahweh, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:11

ULT
11 In my confusion I said, "All men are liars."

UST
11 Even when I was distressed and said, "I cannot trust anyone," I continued to trust in Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:12

ULT
12 How can I repay Yahweh for all his kindnesses to me?

UST
12 So now I will tell you what I will offer to Yahweh because of all the good things that he has done for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:13

ULT
13 I will raise the cup of salvation, and call on the name of Yahweh.

UST
13 I will offer to him a cup of wine to thank him for saving me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:14

ULT
14 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh now in the presence of all his people.

UST
14 When I am together with many people who belong to Yahweh, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him.

Where does the writer say he will fulfill his vows to Yahweh?
He will fulfill his vows in the presence of all his people.

Psalms 116:15

ULT
15 Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his faithful ones.

UST
15 Yahweh is very grieved when one of his people dies.

What is precious in the sight of Yahweh?
Precious in the sight of Yahweh is the death of his saints.

Psalms 116:16

ULT

16 Yahweh, indeed, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your servant woman; you have taken away my bonds.

UST

16 I am one of those who serves Yahweh; I serve him like my mother did. He has ended my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:17

ULT

17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of Yahweh.

UST

17 So I will offer to him a sacrifice to thank him, and I will pray to him.

What does the writer say he will offer to Yahweh for taking away his bonds?

He says he will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Psalms 116:18

ULT

18 I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh now in the presence of all his people,

UST

18-19 When I am together with many of the people who belong to Yahweh in the courtyard outside his temple in Jerusalem, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him. Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 116:19

ULT

19 in the courts of Yahweh’s house, in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise Yahweh.

UST

18-19 When I am together with many of the people who belong to Yahweh in the courtyard outside his temple in Jerusalem, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him. Praise Yahweh!

In whose presence will the writer fulfill his vows to Yahweh?

He will fulfill his vows in the presence of all Yahweh’s people.

Psalms 117

Psalms 117:1

ULT

[1] Praise Yahweh, all you nations; exalt him, all you peoples.

UST

[1] You people of all nations, praise Yahweh! All you people groups, praise him

Who does this writer call upon to praise Yahweh?

He calls upon all the nations and all the peoples to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 117:2

ULT

[2] For his covenant faithfulness is great toward us, and the trustworthiness of Yahweh endures forever. Praise Yahweh.

UST

[2] because he faithfully loves us as he promised to do, and he will forever do for us what he promised that he would do. Praise Yahweh!

What is great toward his people?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is great toward his people.

How long does the trustworthiness of Yahweh endure?

The trustworthiness of Yahweh endures forever.

Psalms 118

Psalms 118:1

ULT
1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
1 Tell Yahweh that you thank him very much for the good things that he has done for you! He faithfully loves us, his people, forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:2

ULT
2 Let Israel now say, “His covenant faithfulness endures forever.”

UST
2 You Israelite people should repeatedly shout, “He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!”

What are the two reasons the writer says people should give thanks to Yahweh?
They should give thanks to Yahweh because he is good and because his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 118:3

ULT
3 Let the house of Aaron now say, “His covenant faithfulness endures forever.”

UST
3 You priests who are descendants of Aaron should repeatedly shout, “He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:4

ULT
4 Let the loyal followers of Yahweh say, “His covenant faithfulness endures for ever.”

UST
4 All you who revere him should repeatedly shout, “He faithfully loves us, his people, forever!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:5

ULT
5 In my distress I called out to Yahweh; Yahweh answered me and set me free.

UST
5 When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and he answered me and set me free from my worries.

How did the Yahweh respond when the writer called out to him?
Yahweh answered him and set him free.

Psalms 118:6

ULT
6 Yahweh is with me; I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?

UST
6 Yahweh is on my side, so I will not be afraid of anything. No one can do anything that will prevent God from blessing me forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:7

ULT
7 Yahweh is on my side as my helper; I will look in triumph on those who hate me.

UST
7 Yes, Yahweh is on my side, so I will look triumphantly at my enemies while he defeats them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:8

ULT
8 It is better to take shelter in Yahweh than to put confidence in man.

UST
8 It is better to trust in Yahweh than to depend on people.

The writer says it is better to take shelter in Yahweh than do what?
It is better to take shelter in Yahweh than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:9

ULT
9 It is better to take refuge in Yahweh than to put one's trust in a princes.

UST
9 It is better to trust Yahweh to protect us than to trust that influential people will protect us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:10

ULT
10 All the nations surrounded me; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST
10 Armies of many nations surrounded us, but Yahweh enabled us to defeat them by his power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:11

ULT
11 They surrounded me; yes, they surrounded me; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST
11 They completely surrounded us, but we defeated them all by Yahweh's power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:12

ULT

12 They surrounded me like bees; they disappeared as quickly as fire among thorns; in Yahweh's name I cut them off.

UST

12 They swarmed around me like angry bees; they were like a fire that flares up in a thornbush, but we defeated them by Yahweh's power.

What does the writer say all the nations were like when they surrounded him?
He said all the nations surrounded him like bees.

Psalms 118:13

ULT

13 They attacked me to knock me down, but Yahweh helped me.

UST

13 Our enemies attacked us fiercely and almost defeated us, but Yahweh helped us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:14

ULT

14 Yahweh is my strength and song, and he is the one who rescues me.

UST

14 Yahweh is the one who makes me strong, and he is the one about whom I always sing; he has saved us from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:15

ULT
15 The joyful shout of victory is heard in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.

UST
15 Listen to the joyful songs of victory being sung in the tents of the people who honor God! They sing, "Yahweh has defeated our enemies by his mighty power;

What kind of shout is heard in the tents of the righteous?
The joyful shout of victory is heard in the tents of the righteous.

Psalms 118:16

ULT
16 The right hand of Yahweh is exalted; the right hand of Yahweh does valiantly.

UST
16 he has raised his strong right arm to show he is happy over defeating his enemies. Yahweh has completely defeated them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:17

ULT
17 I will not die, but live and declare the deeds of Yahweh.

UST
17 I will not be killed in battle; I will live to proclaim the great things that Yahweh has done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:18

ULT
18 Yahweh has punished me harshly; but he has not handed me over to death.

UST
18 Yahweh has punished me severely, but he has not allowed me to die.

What has Yahweh not done when he punished the writer harshly?
Yahweh did not hand him over to death.

Psalms 118:19

ULT
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and I will give thanks to Yahweh.

UST
19 You gatekeepers, open for me the gates of the temple so that I may enter and thank Yahweh.

What will the writer do when Yahweh opens the gates of righteousness to him?
The writer will enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks to Yahweh.

Psalms 118:20

ULT
20 This is the gate of Yahweh; the righteous enter through it.

UST
20 Those are the gates through which we enter the temple to worship Yahweh; those who honor God enter through those gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:21

ULT
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me, and you have become my salvation.

UST
21 Yahweh, I thank you that you answered my prayer and that you saved me from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:22

ULT
22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

UST
22 Yahweh's chosen king is like a stone that the builders rejected when they were building a house, but that stone became the cornerstone.

What has happened to the stone that the builders rejected?
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Psalms 118:23

ULT
23 This is Yahweh's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

UST
23 This was done by Yahweh, and it is a wonderful thing for us to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:24

ULT
24 This is the day on which Yahweh has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

UST
24 This is the day on which we remember that Yahweh acted powerfully to defeat our enemies; we will rejoice and be glad today.

What will the people do on the day on which Yahweh has acted?
They will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:25

ULT
25 Please, Yahweh, give us victory! Please, Yahweh, send now success!

UST
25 Yahweh, we plead with you to keep rescuing us from our enemies. Yahweh, please help us accomplish what we want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:26

ULT
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh; we bless you from the house of Yahweh.

UST
26 Yahweh, bless the one who will come with your power. From the temple we bless all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 118:27

ULT
27 Yahweh is God, and he has given us light; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

UST
27 Yahweh is God, and he has caused his light to come to us. Come, bring animal sacrifice and tie it to the horns of the altar.

What does the writer say the people should do with the sacrifice?
They should bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

Psalms 118:28

ULT

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will exalt you.

UST

28 Yahweh, you are the God whom I worship, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will tell everyone that you are great!

What does the writer say he will do because Yahweh is his God?

He will give thanks to Yahweh, and will exalt him.

Psalms 118:29

ULT

29 Oh, give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good; for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST

29 Thank Yahweh because he does good things for us! He will faithfully love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119

Psalms 119:1

ULT
[1] Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk in the teaching of Yahweh.

UST
[1] How fortunate are those about whom no one can say truthfully that they have done things that are wrong, those who always obey the laws of Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:2

ULT
[2] Blessed are they who keep his testimonies, who seek him with all their heart.

UST
[2] How fortunate are those who obey his weighty commands, those who request him with their entire inner beings to help them to do that.

How does the writer say people should seek Yahweh?
They should seek him with all their heart.

Psalms 119:3

ULT
[3] Surely they do not practice injustice; they walk in his ways.

UST
[3] They do not do things that are wrong; they behave as Yahweh wants them to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:4

ULT
4 You have commanded your instructions so that we should carefully observe them.

UST
4 Yahweh, you have given us your principles of behavior, and you told us to obey them faithfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:5

ULT
5 Oh, that my path would be firmly established, keeping your statutes!

UST
5 I want so much to faithfully keep everything that you command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:6

ULT
6 Then I would not be ashamed when I look to all of your commandments.

UST
6 If I did that, I would not be ashamed when I thought about your commands.

What does the writer say would happen if he would be firmly established in the observance of Yahweh's statutes?
He says he would not be put to shame when he thinks of all Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:7

ULT
7 I will give thanks to you with an upright heart when I learn the judgments of your righteousness.

UST
7 When I learn all of your just regulations, I will praise you with a pure inner being.

With what does the writer give thanks to Yahweh?
He gives thanks with a sincere heart.

Psalms 119:8

ULT
8 I will keep your statutes; do not utterly leave me.

UST
8 I will obey all your statutes; do not desert me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:9

ULT
9 BETH How can a young man keep his path pure? By keeping your word.

UST
9 I know how a young person can live in a pure way; it is by obeying your commands.

How does the writer say a young person can keep his path pure?
A young person can keep his path pure by obeying Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:10

ULT
10 With my whole heart I seek you; Do not let me stray from your commandments.

UST
10 I try to serve you with my entire inner being; do not allow me to wander away from what you have commanded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:11

ULT
11 I have hidden your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you.

UST
11 I have memorized your commands so that I will not sin against you.

Why has the writer stored up Yahweh's word in his heart?
He has stored up Yahweh's word in his heart so that he might not sin against Yahweh.

Psalms 119:12

ULT
12 Blessed you are, Yahweh; teach me your statutes.

UST
12 Yahweh, I praise you; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:13

ULT
13 With my lips I have announced all the judgments of your mouth.

UST
13 I have announced to the people all the things that you have commanded us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:14

ULT
14 I rejoice in the way of your testimonies more than in all riches.

UST
14 I delight in obeying your requirements; I enjoy that more than being very rich.

In what does the writer rejoice more than in all riches?
He rejoices in the way of Yahweh's covenant decrees more than in all riches.

Psalms 119:15

ULT
15 I will meditate on your instructions and I will consider your paths.

UST
15 I will study everything you have commanded, and I will pay attention to how you have shown me to live.

What will the writer do with Yahweh's instructions?
He will meditate on Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:16

ULT
16 I delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

UST
16 I will be happy to obey your statutes, and I will not forget your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:17

ULT
17 GIMEL Deal kindly with your servant so that I may live and keep your word.

UST
17 Do good things for me, the one who serves you, so that I may continue to live and obey your words during all my life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:18

ULT
18 Uncover my eyes so that I may gaze on the marvelous works from your teaching.

UST
18 Help me to understand with my mind, to know the wonderful things that are written in your laws.

How will the writer see marvelous things in Yahweh's law?
He will see marvelous things in Yahweh's law when Yahweh opens his eyes.

Psalms 119:19

ULT
19 I am a foreigner in the land; do not hide your commandments from me.

UST
19 I am living here on the earth for only a short time; do not keep me from understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:20

ULT
20 My inner being is crushed with longing for your judgments at all times.

UST
20 In my inner being I strongly desire to know your decrees all the time.

What happens to the writer's soul as he longs to know Yahweh's righteous decrees?
His soul is crushed by longing to know Yahweh's righteous decrees.

Psalms 119:21

ULT
21 You rebuke the proud, who are cursed, who wander from your commandments.

UST
21 You rebuke those who are proud; you curse those who disobey your commands.

Who does the writer say is cursed and wanders from Yahweh's commandments?
The proud are cursed and wander from Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:22

ULT
22 Spare me from disgrace and humiliation, for I have kept your testimonies.

UST
22 Do not allow them to continue to insult and scorn me; I request this because I have obeyed your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:23

ULT
23 Even though rulers sit against me and slander, your servant meditates on your statutes.

UST
23 Rulers gather together and plan ways to harm me, but I will meditate on what you have commanded.

What does the writer do even though rulers plot and slander him?
He meditates on Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:24

ULT
24 Also, your testimonies are my pleasure. They are my counselors.

UST
24 I am delighted with your requirements; it is as though they were my advisors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:25

ULT
25 DALETH My inner being clings to the dust! Give me life according to your word.

UST
25 I think that I will soon die; save my life as you have promised me that you would.

By what means does the writer ask Yahweh to give him life?
He asks Yahweh to give him life by Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:26

ULT
26 I recounted my ways, and you answered me. Teach me your statutes.

UST
26 When I told you about all the things I did, you answered me; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:27

ULT

27 Make me understand the way of your instructions, so that I can meditate on your wondrous works.

UST

27 Help me to understand how you want me to behave, and then I will meditate on your amazing instructions.

Why does the writer want to understand the ways of Yahweh's instructions?

He wants to understand the ways of Yahweh's instructions so he can meditate on Yahweh's wondrous teachings.

Psalms 119:28

ULT

28 My inner being melts away from grief Lift me up by your word.

UST

28 I am very sad, with the result that I have no strength; enable me to be strong again as you promised me that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:29

ULT

29 Turn from me the path of deceit; graciously give me your teaching.

UST

29 Prevent me from telling lies, and be kind to me by teaching me your laws.

From what path does the writer ask Yahweh to turn the writer?

He asks Yahweh to turn him from the path of deceit.

Psalms 119:30

ULT
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have desired your judgments.

UST
30 I have decided that I will faithfully obey you; I am determined to follow your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:31

ULT
31 I cling to your testimonies; Yahweh, do not let me be shamed.

UST
31 Yahweh, I try to carefully cling to your requirements; do not abandon me or let me be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:32

ULT
32 I run in the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my heart.

UST
32 I will eagerly obey your commands because you have helped me understand better and better what you want me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:33

ULT
33 Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your statutes, and I will keep it to the end.

UST
33 Yahweh, teach me the meaning of your statutes, and then I will completely obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:34

ULT
34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your teaching; I will observe it with all my heart.

UST
34 Help me to understand your laws so that I may obey them with all my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:35

ULT
35 Guide me in the way of your commandments, for I delight in it.

UST
35 I am happy with your commands, so lead me along the paths that you have chosen for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:36

ULT
36 Incline my heart toward your testimonies and not toward unrighteous gain.

UST
36 Cause me to want to do what you command and not to want to become rich.

Where does the writer asks Yahweh to direct the writer's heart?
He asks Yahweh to direct his heart toward Yahweh's covenant decrees and away from unrighteous gain.

Psalms 119:37

ULT
37 Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things; in your ways, revive me.

UST
37 Do not allow me to look at things that are worthless; make me able to live as you want me to live.

From what does the writer ask Yahweh to turn the writer's eyes?
He asks Yahweh to turn the writer's eyes from looking at worthless things.

Psalms 119:38

ULT

38 Fulfill for your servant your promises. that he may fear you.

UST

38 Because I am one who serves you, do what you promised to do for me, which is what you also promise to do for all those who honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:39

ULT

39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your judgments are good.

UST

39 I become afraid when my enemies insult me; stop them! But you are right when you punish my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:40

ULT

40 Look, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, revive me.

UST

40 I very much desire to obey your principles of behavior; because you are righteous, allow me to continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:41

ULT

41 May your steadfast love come, oh Yahweh— your salvation, according to your promise;

UST

41 Yahweh, show me that you faithfully love me, and rescue me as you promised you would.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:42

ULT
42 then I will answer the one who mocks me with a word, for I trust in your word.

UST
42 After you do that, I will be able to reply to those who insult me because I trust in your word.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:43

ULT
43 Do not utterly take the word of truth from my mouth, for I hope in your judgments.

UST
43 Never prevent me from speaking your truth because I have confidence in your regulations.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to not take from his mouth?
He asks Yahweh to not take the word of truth from his mouth.

Psalms 119:44

ULT
44 I will observe your teaching continually, forever and ever.

UST
44 I will always obey your laws forever and ever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:45

ULT
45 I will walk in a broad path, for I seek your precepts.

UST
45 I will always be safe because I have tried to obey your principles of behavior.

Why does the writer say that he will walk securely?
He will walk securely because he seeks Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:46

ULT
46 I will speak of your testimonies before kings, and I will not be ashamed.

UST
46 I will tell to kings what you require, and because they are unable to prove me wrong, they will not cause me to be ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:47

ULT
47 I delight in your commandments, which I love.

UST
47 I am delighted to obey your commands, and I love them.

What does the writer says he dearly loves?
He dearly loves Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:48

ULT
48 I will lift up my hands to your commandments, which I love; I will meditate on your statutes.

UST
48 I respect your commandments, and I love them; I will meditate on everything you require us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:49

ULT
49 Remember your word to your servant because you have given me hope.

UST
49 Do not forget what you said you would do for me, the one who serves you, because what you have said has caused me to confidently expect good things from you.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to call to mind?
He asks Yahweh to call to mind his promise to his servant.

Psalms 119:50

ULT
50 This is my comfort in my affliction: that your promise keeps me alive.

UST
50 When I have been suffering, you comforted me; you did what you promised me, and that kept me alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:51

ULT
51 The proud utterly scoff at me, from your teaching I do not turned aside.

UST
51 Proud people are always making fun of me, but I do not turn away from obeying your laws.

Even though the proud have scoffed at him, what has the writer not done?
The writer has not turned away from Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:52

ULT
52 I remember your judgments from ancient times, Yahweh, and I comfort myself.

UST
52 Yahweh, when I think about your regulations that you gave to us long ago, I am comforted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:53

ULT
53 Hot anger has seized me because of the wicked who reject your teaching.

UST
53 When I see wicked people disregard your laws, I become very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:54

ULT
54 Your statutes are songs for me in the house where I temporarily live.

UST
54 While I have been living here on the earth for a short time, I have written songs about your statutes.

The writer says Yahweh's statutes have been his songs in what kind of house?
Yahweh's statutes have been the writer's songs in the house where he temporarily lives.

Psalms 119:55

ULT
55 I remember your name during the night, Yahweh, and I observe your teaching.

UST
55 Yahweh, during the night I think about you, and so I obey your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:56

ULT
56 This is for me because I keep your precepts.

UST
56 What I have always done is to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:57

ULT
57 Yahweh is my portion; I promise to observe your words.

UST
57 Yahweh, you are the one whom I have chosen, and I promise to obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:58

ULT
58 I entreat your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your promises.

UST
58 With all my inner being I plead with you to be good to me; act kindly to me as you promised that you would do.

With what did the writer request Yahweh's favor?
He earnestly requested Yahweh's favor with his whole heart.

Psalms 119:59

ULT
59 I examine my ways and turn my feet to your testimonies.

UST
59 I have thought about my behavior, and I have decided to return to obeying your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:60

ULT
60 I hurry and do not delay to observe your commandments.

UST
60 I hurry to obey your commands; I do not delay at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:61

ULT
61 The cords of the wicked ensnare me; I do not forget your teaching.

UST
61 Wicked people have tried to seize me as a hunter tries to catch an animal with a net, but I do not forget your laws.

What has the writer not forgotten when the cords of the wicked ensnared him?
He has not forgotten Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:62

ULT
62 In the middle of the night I rise to bring praise to you because of the judgments of your righteousness.

UST
62 In the middle of the night I awake, and I praise you for your commands because they are fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:63

ULT
63 I am a companion to all who fear you, and observe your precepts.

UST
63 I am a friend of all those who have an awesome respect for you, those who obey your principles of behavior.

The writer is a companion of what kind of people?
He is a companion of all who honor Yahweh, to all who observe his instructions.

Psalms 119:64

ULT
64 The earth is full of your steadfast love, Yahweh; teach me your statutes.

UST
64 Yahweh, you faithfully love people all over the earth; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:65

ULT
65 You do good to your servant, Yahweh, according to your word.

UST
65 Yahweh, you have done good things for me as you promised that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:66

ULT
66 Teach me good discernment and understanding, for I trust in your commandments.

UST
66 Teach me to think carefully before I decide what to do, and teach me other things that I need to know because I believe that it is right for us to obey your commands.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh to teach him proper discernment and understanding?
He asks Yahweh to teach him proper discernment and understanding because he has believed in Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:67

ULT
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I observe your promises.

UST
67 Before you afflicted me, I did things that were wrong, but now I obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:68

ULT
68 You are good, and you do good. Teach me your statutes.

UST
68 You are very good, and what you do is good; teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:69

ULT
69 The arrogant smear me with lies, but I myself keep your precepts with my whole heart.

UST
69 Proud people have told many lies about me, but as for me, I obey your principles of behavior.

What did the writer do when the arrogant smeared him with lies?
He kept Yahweh's instructions with his whole heart.

Psalms 119:70

ULT
70 Their hearts are unfeeling like fat, but I myself delight in your teaching.

UST
70 Those people are stubborn, but as for me, I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:71

ULT
71 It is good for me that I have suffered so that I would learn your statutes.

UST
71 It was good for me that you afflicted me because the result was that I learned your statutes.

Why does the writer say that it is good that he has suffered?
It was good for him to suffer so that he would learn Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:72

ULT
72 The teaching of your mouth is good to me, more than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

UST
72 The laws that you give to us are worth more to me than gold, more than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

The writer says that instruction from Yahweh's mouth is more precious to him than what?
Instruction from Yahweh's mouth is more precious to him than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.

Psalms 119:73

ULT
73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding so that I may learn your commandments.

UST
73 You created me and formed my body; help me to be wise so that I may learn your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:74

ULT
74 May those who fear you see me and rejoice because I hope in your word.

UST
74 Those who have an awesome respect for you will see what you have done for me, because they have confidence in the promises of your word.

Why does the writer say that those who honor Yahweh will be glad when they see the writer?
They will be glad when they see the writer because he found hope in Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:75

ULT
75 Yahweh, I know that your judgments are just, and in faithfulness you humble me.

UST
75 Yahweh, I know that your regulations are right and that you have made me suffer because you love me without end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:76

ULT
76 Let your steadfast love be my comfort, just as your promises to your servant.

UST
76 Comfort me by showing that you faithfully love me as you said to me that you would do.

How does the writer say that Yahweh afflicted him?
In faithfulness Yahweh afflicted him.

Psalms 119:77

ULT
77 May your grace come to me so that I may live, for your teaching is my delight.

UST
77 Act mercifully to me so that I may continue to live because I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:78

ULT
78 Let the proud be put to shame, for they have accused me falsely; but as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.

UST
78 Cause the proud people who falsely accuse me to be shamed; but as for me, I will continue meditating on what you have commanded I should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:79

ULT
79 May those who fear you turn to me, also those who know your testimonies.

UST
79 Cause those who have an awesome respect for you to come back to me so that they may learn what you command.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:80

ULT
80 May my heart be blameless with respect to your statutes, so that I may not be put to shame.

UST
80 Enable me to perfectly obey your statutes so that I may not be ashamed because of not doing that.

The writer asks that his heart may be blameless with respect to Yahweh's statutes so that what might not happen?
He wants his heart be blameless with respect to Yahweh's statutes so that the writer may not be put to shame.

Psalms 119:81

ULT
81 My inner being faints with longing for your salvation! I hope for your word.

UST
81 I am waiting for you to save me from my enemies; I confidently expect that you will tell me what you will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:82

ULT

82 My eyes faint with longing for your promise; saying, "When will you comfort me?"

UST

82 My eyes are tired from waiting a long time for you to do what you promised that you would do, and I ask, “When will you help me?”

What do the writers’ eyes long to see?

His eyes long to see Yahweh’s promise.

Psalms 119:83

ULT

83 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke; I do not forget your statutes.

UST

83 I have become as useless as a wineskin that is shriveled from hanging a long time in the smoke inside a house, but I have not forgotten your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:84

ULT

84 How long must your servant endure this; when will you act in pursuit of justice for me?

UST

84 How long must I wait? When will you punish those who persecute me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:85

ULT
85 The proud have dug pits for me, which is not according to your teaching.

UST
85 It is as though proud people, those who do not obey your laws, have dug deep pits for me to fall into.

How have the proud defied Yahweh's law?
The proud have dug pits for the writer, defying Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:86

ULT
86 All your commandments are true; they pursue me deceifully; help me.

UST
86 All your commands are trustworthy; but people are persecuting me by telling lies about me, so please help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:87

ULT
87 They have almost made an end to me in the land, but as for me, I do not reject your instructions.

UST
87 Those people almost killed me, but I have not stopped obeying your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:88

ULT
88 According to your steadfast love, keep me alive, so that I may observe the testimonies of your mouth.

UST
88 Because you faithfully love me, allow me to continue to live so that I may continue to obey your requirements that you have spoken.

The writer prays that Yahweh would keep him alive so that the writer may do what?
He asks Yahweh to keep him alive so that he may keep the covenant decrees that Yahweh's has spoken.

Psalms 119:89

ULT
89 Forever, Yahweh, your word stands in the heavens.

UST
89 Yahweh, your word will last forever; it is firmly fixed in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:90

ULT
90 Your faithfulness lasts from generation to generation; you have established the earth, and it stands.

UST
90 You will faithfully continue to act for people who are not yet born; you have put the earth in its place, and it remains firmly there.

How long does Yahweh's faithfulness last?
Yahweh's faithfulness lasts for all generations.

Psalms 119:91

ULT
91 They stand for your judgments today, for all things are your servants.

UST
91 To this day, all things on the earth remain because you decided that they should remain; everything on the earth serves you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:92

ULT
92 If your teaching had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my affliction.

UST
92 If I had not been delighted in obeying your laws, I would have died because of what I was suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:93

ULT
93 I will not forget your precepts forever, for through them you have preserved me alive.

UST
93 I will never forget your principles of behavior because as a result of my obeying them, you have enabled me to continue to live.

Why will the writer never forget Yahweh's instructions?
He will never forget Yahweh's instructions, for through them Yahweh has kept him alive.

Psalms 119:94

ULT
94 I am yours; save me, for I seek your precepts.

UST
94 I belong to you; save me from my enemies because I have tried to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:95

ULT
95 The wicked wait for me in order to destroy me, but I seek to understand your testimonies.

UST
95 Wicked men are waiting to kill me, but I will think about your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:96

ULT
96 I have seen an end for all perfection; your commandments are very broad.

UST
96 I have learned that there is a limit for everything, but your commands have no limit.

What is the only thing that does not have limits?
Yahweh's commandments are broad, beyond limits.

Psalms 119:97

ULT
97 Oh how I love your teaching! It is my meditation all day long.

UST
97 I love your laws very much. I meditate on them all during the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:98

ULT
98 Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for it is with me forever.

UST
98 Because I know your commands and because I think about them all the time, I have become wiser than my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:99

ULT
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

UST
99 I understand more than my teachers do because I meditate on what you command.

Why does the writer say he has more understanding than all his teachers?
He has more understanding than all his teachers, for he meditates on Yahweh's covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:100

ULT
100 I understand more than the elders; for I have kept your precepts.

UST
100 I understand more than many old people do because I obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:101

ULT
101 I have restrained my feet from every path of evil so that I might observe your word.

UST
101 I have avoided all evil behavior so that I may obey your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:102

ULT
102 I have not turned aside from your judgments, for you alone have instructed me.

UST
102 I have not refused to obey them because you have taught me while I have studied them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:103

ULT
103 How sweet are your promises to my taste, yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

UST
103 When I read your words, they are like honey that I eat; yes, they are even sweeter than honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:104

ULT
104 Through your precepts I gain understanding; therefore I hate every path of falsehood.

UST
104 Because I have learned your principles of behavior, I am able to understand many things; therefore I hate all evil things that some people do.

The writer says Yahweh's words are sweeter than what?
Yahweh's words are sweeter than honey to the writer's mouth!

Psalms 119:105

ULT
105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

UST
105 Your word is a lamp to guide me; it is like a light that shows me where to walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:106

ULT
106 I have sworn and have confirmed it, that I will observe your righteous judgments.

UST
106 I have solemnly promised, and I am solemnly promising it again, that I will always obey your regulations; they are all fair.

What one thing has the writer sworn and confirmed?
He has sworn and has confirmed that he will observe Yahweh's decrees.

Psalms 119:107

ULT
107 I am very afflicted; keep me alive, Yahweh, according to your word.

UST
107 Yahweh, I am suffering very much; cause me to be strong again as you have promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:108

ULT
108 Yahweh, please accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, and teach me your judgments.

UST
108 Yahweh, when I thank you while I pray, it is like a sacrifice to you; please accept it, and teach me your regulations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:109

ULT
109 My life is in my palm continually, yet I do not forget your teaching.

UST
109 My enemies are often trying to kill me, but I do not forget your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:110

ULT
110 The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts.

UST
110 Wicked people have tried to seize me as a hunter tries to catch little animals with a trap, but I have not disobeyed your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:111

ULT
111 I claim your testimonies as my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

UST
111 I have your requirements forever; because of them, I am joyful in my inner being.

What does the writer claim as his heritage forever and the joy of his heart?
He claims Yahweh's covenant decrees as his heritage forever, for they are the joy of his heart.

Psalms 119:112

ULT
112 I incline my heart to do your statutes forever, to the end!

UST
112 I have decided to always obey your commands, every one of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:113

ULT
113 I hate double-minded people, but I love your teaching.

UST
113 I hate people who only say they love you, but I love your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:114

ULT
114 You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.

UST
114 You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies, and you are like a shield behind which I am protected from them; I trust in your promises.

Since Yahweh is his hiding place and his shield, what is the writer waiting for?
The writer is waiting for Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:115

ULT
115 Get away from me, you evil doers, so that I may observe the commandments of my God.

UST
115 You evil people, go away from me so than I may obey my God's commands!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:116

ULT
116 Sustain me by your word so that I may live and do not make me ashamed of my expectation.

UST
116 Enable me to be strong as you promised that you would do, so that I may continue to live. I am confidently expecting that you will restore me; do not disappoint me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:117

ULT
117 Sustain me, and I will be saved; And, I will gaze on your statutes continually.

UST
117 Hold me up so that I may be safe and always pay attention to your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:118

ULT
118 You reject all those who stray from your statutes, for their deception is in vain.

UST
118 You reject all those who disobey your statutes; because they make deceitful plans and they do not keep their word.

Why does Yahweh rejects all those who stray from his statutes?
He rejects all those who stray from his statutes, for those people are deceptive and unreliable.

Psalms 119:119

ULT
119 You remove all the wicked of the earth like dross; therefore I love your testimonies.

UST
119 You get rid of all the wicked people on the earth as people get rid of trash; therefore I love your requirements.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:120

ULT
120 My body trembles in fear of you, and I fear of your judgments.

UST
120 I tremble because I am afraid of you; I am afraid because you punish those who do not obey your regulations.

In fear of what does the writer’s body tremble?
His body trembles in fear of Yahweh.

Psalms 119:121

ULT
121 I do justice and righteousness; do not abandon me to my oppressors.

UST
121 But I have done what is right and fair; so do not allow people to oppress me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:122

ULT
122 Ensure goodness for your servant; do not let the proud oppress me.

UST
122 Be responsible for doing good things for me, and do not allow proud people to oppress me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:123

ULT
123 My eyes faint for your salvation and for the promise of your righteousness.

UST
123 My eyes are tired from waiting a long time for you to rescue me, for you to save me as you promised that you would.

For what does the writer wait as his eyes grow tired?
He waits for Yahweh's salvation and for his righteous word.

Psalms 119:124

ULT
124 Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes.

UST
124 Do something for me to show that you faithfully love me, and teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:125

ULT
125 I am your servant; give me understanding so that I may know your testimonies.

UST
125 I am one who serves you; enable me to understand what you want me to know so that I may learn your requirements.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh for understanding?
He asks for understanding so that he might know Yahweh's covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:126

ULT
126 It is time for Yahweh to act, they break your teaching.

UST
126 Yahweh, now is the time for you to punish people because they have disobeyed your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:127

ULT
127 Therefore, I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold.

UST
127 Truly, I love your commands more than I love gold; I love them more than I love very pure gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:128

ULT
128 Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right in everything. I hate every path of falsehood.

UST
128 So I conduct my life by your principles of behavior, and I hate all the evil things that some people do.

What does the writer hate?
He hates every path of falsehood.

Psalms 119:129

ULT
129 Your testimonies are wonderful. Therefore, I obey them.

UST
129 Your requirements are wonderful, so I obey them with all my inner being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:130

ULT
130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the untrained.

UST
130 When someone explains your words, it is as though they are lighting a light; what they say causes even people who have not learned your laws to be wise.

What does the unfolding of Yahweh's words give?
The unfolding of Yahweh's words gives light, and understanding to the untrained.

Psalms 119:131

ULT
131 I open my mouth and pant, for I long for your commandments.

UST
131 I eagerly desire to know your commands as a dog pants with its mouth open, wanting to be fed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:132

ULT
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me according to justice, to those who love your name.

UST
132 Listen to me and act kindly to me as you do to all those who love you.

What does Yahweh always do for those who love his name?
Yahweh always turns to them and has mercy on them.

Psalms 119:133

ULT
133 Establish my footsteps in your promises; and do not let any iniquity rule over me.

UST
133 Guide me as you promised; do not allow evil people to control what I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:134

ULT
134 Ransom me from the oppression of man so that I may observe your precepts.

UST
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me so that I may obey your principles of behavior.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh redeem him from human oppression?
He asks Yahweh to redeem him so that he might observe Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:135

ULT
135 Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your statutes.

UST
135 Act kindly toward me and teach me your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:136

ULT
136 Channels of water run down from my eyes because they do not observe your teaching.

UST
136 I cry very much because many people do not obey your laws.

Why do streams of tears run down from the writer's eyes?
Streams of tears run down from his eyes because people do not observe Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:137

ULT
137 You are righteous, Yahweh, and your judgments are upright.

UST
137 Yahweh, you are righteous and your regulations are just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:138

ULT
138 You command your testimonies righteously and very faithfully.

UST
138 You did what was right when you gave us the laws of your covenant promise, and you can be trusted when you made those promises to us.

In what way has Yahweh given his covenant decrees?
Yahweh has given his covenant decrees righteously and faithfully.

Psalms 119:139

ULT
139 My jealousy has destroyed me because my adversaries forget your words.

UST
139 I am furious because my enemies disregard your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:140

ULT
140 Your promise is well refined, and your servant loves it.

UST
140 I have found that your promises are dependable, and I love them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:141

ULT
141 I am little and despised. I do not forget your instructions.

UST
141 I am not important, and people despise me, but I do not forget your principles of behavior.

What does the writer not do despite the fact that he is insignificant and despised?
He does not forget Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:142

ULT
142 Your righteousness is right forever, and your instruction is true.

UST
142 You are righteous and you will be righteous forever, and your laws will never be changed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:143

ULT
143 Distress and anguish have found me. your commandments are my delight.

UST
143 I constantly have troubles and I am worried, but your commands cause me to be happy.

What are Yahweh's commandments to the writer, even though distress and anguish have found him?
Though distress and anguish have found him, Yahweh's commandments are still his delight.

Psalms 119:144

ULT
144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

UST
144 Your requirements are always fair; help me to understand them so that I may continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:145

ULT
145 I cried out with my whole heart, “Answer me, Yahweh, I will keep your statutes.

UST
145 Yahweh, with all my inner being I call out to you; answer me and I will obey your statutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:146

ULT
146 I call to you; save me, so that I may observe your testimonies.

UST
146 I call out to you, “Save me, and I will keep your commandments.”

What will the writer do if Yahweh saves him?
He will observe Yahweh’s covenant decrees.

Psalms 119:147

ULT
147 I rise before the dawn and cry for help. I hope in your words.

UST
147 Each morning I arise before dawn and call to you to help me; I confidently expect you to do what you have promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:148

ULT
148 My eyes are open during the night watches in order to meditate on your promise.

UST
148 All during the night I am awake, and I meditate on your commands and your promises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:149

ULT
149 Hear my voice according to your steadfast love; Yahweh, according to your judgment preserve my life.

UST
149 Yahweh, because you faithfully love me, listen to me while I pray; keep me safe because I keep your regulations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:150

ULT
150 Those pursuing wickedness are coming near. They wander far from your teaching.

UST
150 Those evil people who oppress me are coming closer to me; they do not pay any attention to your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:151

ULT
151 You are near, Yahweh, and all your commandments are true.

UST
151 But Yahweh, you are near to me, and I know that your commands will never be changed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:152

ULT
152 Long ago I learned from your testimonies that you had established them forever.

UST
152 Long ago I found out about your requirements, and I know that you intended them to last forever.

What did the writer learn long ago from Yahweh's covenant decrees?
He learned that Yahweh had set his covenant decrees in place forever.

Psalms 119:153

ULT
153 Look on my affliction and rescue me, for I do not forget your teaching.

UST
153 Look at me, see that I am suffering very much, and heal me because I do not forget your laws.

Why does writer say that Yahweh should look on his affliction and help him?
Yahweh should help him because the writer does not forget Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:154

ULT
154 Plead my cause and redeem me; preserve me for your promise.

UST
154 Defend me when others accuse me and rescue me from them; allow me to continue to live as you promised that you would.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:155

ULT
155 Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not pursue your statutes.

UST
155 Wicked people do not obey your statutes, so you will certainly not save them.

Why is salvation far from the wicked?
Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not love Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:156

ULT
156 Your mercies are many, Yahweh; according to your judgments, preserve me.

UST
156 Yahweh, you have been merciful by helping me in many ways; allow me to continue to live as you have done until now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:157

ULT
157 My pursuers and my adversaries are many; from your testimonies I have not turned.

UST
157 Many people are my enemies; many people cause me to suffer, but I do not neglect your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:158

ULT
158 I see the treacherous and I despise it because they do not observe your promise.

UST
158 When I look at those who are not faithful to you, I am disgusted because they do not obey your requirements.

Why does the writer view the treacherous with disgust?
He views the treacherous with disgust because they do not observe Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:159

ULT
159 See that I love your precepts; Yahweh, according to your steadfast love, preserve me.

UST
159 Yahweh, notice that I love your principles of behavior; because you faithfully love me, allow me to continue to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:160

ULT
160 The head of your word is truth, and all of your righteous judgments lasts forever.

UST
160 I can rely on everything that you have said; all your regulations will endure forever.

How long does every one of Yahweh's decrees last?
Every one of Yahweh's decrees lasts forever.

Psalms 119:161

ULT
161 Commanders pursue me without cause, but from your word my heart trembles

UST
161 Rulers persecute me for no reason, but in my inner being I have a very awesome respect for your words.

Of what is the writer afraid when the princes persecute him without cause?
He is afraid of disobeying Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:162

ULT
162 I rejoice on account of your promise, like one who finds great plunder.

UST
162 I am happy about your words, as happy as someone who has found a great treasure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:163

ULT
163 I hate falsehood, and I loathe it. I love your instruction.

UST
163 I thoroughly hate all lies but I love your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:164

ULT
164 Seven times in a day I praise you on account of your righteous judgments.

UST
164 I praise you seven times a day for your commandments because they are all just.

How often does the writer praise Yahweh because of his righteous decrees?
He praises Yahweh seven times a day.

Psalms 119:165

ULT
165 Great peace is for those who love your instruction; there is no stumbling for them.

UST
165 Things go well for those who love your laws; nothing will make them abandon your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:166

ULT
166 I wait for your salvation, Yahweh, and I do your commandments.

UST
166 Yahweh, I confidently expect that you will rescue me from my troubles, and I obey your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:167

ULT
167 My life keeps your testimonies, and I love them greatly.

UST
167 I obey what you require us to do; I love it all very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:168

ULT
168 I keep your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you.

UST
168 I obey your principles of behavior, and you see everything that I do.

Why does the writer keep Yahweh's instructions and solemn commands?
He keeps Yahweh's instructions and solemn commands because Yahweh is aware of everything the writer does.

Psalms 119:169

ULT
169 My plea comes near to your face, Yahweh; give me understanding into your word.

UST
169 Yahweh, listen while I pray for you to help me; help me to understand your words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:170

ULT
170 May my supplication come before your face; according to your promise, rescue me.

UST
170 Hear me while I pray, and rescue me as you said you would.

What did Yahweh promise in his word to do?
Yahweh promised in his word to help the writer as his plea comes before Yahweh.

Psalms 119:171

ULT
171 May my lips pour out praise, for you teach me your statutes.

UST
171 I will always praise you because you teach me your rules.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:172

ULT
172 Let my tongue sing about your promise, for all your commandments are right.

UST
172 I will sing about your words because all your commands are just.

Why does the writer ask Yahweh to let his tongue sing about Yahweh's word?
He wants his tongue to sing about Yahweh's word because all Yahweh's commandments are right.

Psalms 119:173

ULT
173 Let your hand be for my help, for I have chosen your precepts.

UST
173 I request you to always be ready to help me because I have chosen to obey your principles of behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:174

ULT
174 I long for your salvation, Yahweh, and your teaching is my delight.

UST
174 Yahweh, I eagerly desire for you to rescue me from my enemies; I am delighted with your laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:175

ULT
175 May I live and praise you, and may your judgments help me.

UST
175 Allow me to continue to live in order that I can continue to praise you so that your regulations will continue to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 119:176

ULT

176 I have wandered off like a lost sheep; seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.

UST

176 I have sinned and turned away from you like a sheep that has left its flock; search for me because I have not forgotten your commands.

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do when the writer has wandered off like a lost sheep?

He asks Yahweh to seek his servant, for he has not forgotten Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 120

Psalms 120:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents In my distress I called out to Yahweh, and he answered me.

UST
[1] When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh and he answered me.

What did Yahweh do when the writer called out in distress?
The writer says that Yahweh answered him.

Psalms 120:2

ULT
[2] Rescue my life, Yahweh, from those who lie with their lips and deceive with their tongues.

UST
[2] I prayed, “Yahweh, rescue me from those who lie to me and try to deceive me!”

What is the writer asking Yahweh to do for his soul?
The writer is asking Yahweh to rescue his soul from those who lie with and deceive with their tongues.

Psalms 120:3

ULT
[3] What shall be given to you, and what more will he do to you, you who have a lying tongue?

UST
[3] You people who lie to me, I will tell you what God will do to you and what he will do to punish you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 120:4

ULT

4 He will punish you with the arrows of a warrior sharpened over burning coals of the broom tree.

UST

4 He will punish you when soldiers shoot sharp arrows at you; arrows that were hardened and made sharp over hot coals from the wood of a broom tree.

What is the writer telling the people that Yahweh will do to those with a deceitful tongue?
Yahweh will shoot them with sharp arrows and with arrowheads heated over the hot coals from wood of the broom tree.

Psalms 120:5

ULT

5 Woe is me because I temporarily live in Meshech; I lived previously among the tents of Kedar.

UST

5 It is terrible for me, living among cruel people like those who live in the regions of Meshech or Kedar.

Where does the writer say that he has temporarily lived and previously lived?
The writer says that he temporarily lived in Meshech and previously lived among the tents of Kedar.

Psalms 120:6

ULT

6 For too long I have lived with those who hate peace.

UST

6 I have lived for a long time among people who hate to live with others peacefully.

What does the writer say about peace? (vv6-7)
The writer says that he has lived for too long with those who hate peace and he is for peace.

Psalms 120:7

ULT

7 I am for peace, but when I speak, they are for war.

UST

7 Every time I talk about living together peacefully, they talk about starting a war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 121

Psalms 121:1

ULT
1 A Song of Ascents I will lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where will my help come?

UST
1 When we travel toward Jerusalem, I look up toward the hills and I ask myself, “Who will help me?”

What will the writer lift his eyes up to?
The writer says he will lift up his eyes to the mountains.

Psalms 121:2

ULT
2 My help comes from Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST
2 My answer is that Yahweh is the one who helps me; he is the one who made heaven and the earth.

From whom does the writer say his help comes?
The writer says his help comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 121:3

ULT
3 He will not allow your foot to slip; he who protects you will not slumber.

UST
3 He will not allow us to fall; God, who protects us, will not fall asleep.

How will Yahweh help the writer?
Yahweh will not allow the writer’s foot to slip and will protect him.

Psalms 121:4

ULT
4 See, the guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

UST
4 The one who protects us Israelite people never gets sleepy or sleeps.

What does the writer say the guardian of Israel never does?
The guardian of Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

Who is Israel's guardian and shade?
Yahweh is Israel's guardian and the shade at their right hand.

Psalms 121:5

ULT
5 Yahweh is your guardian; Yahweh is the shade at your right hand.

UST
5 Yahweh watches over us; he is like the shade that protects us from the sun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 121:6

ULT
6 The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

UST
6 He will not allow the sun to harm us during the day, and he will not allow the moon to harm us during the night.

What will not harm Israel?
The sun will not harm them by day nor the moon by night.

Psalms 121:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh will protect you from all harm, and he will protect your life.

UST

[7] Yahweh will protect us from being harmed in any manner; he will keep us safe.

Who will protect Israel from all evil, keep their soul, and protect them in all they do? (vv7-8)

Yahweh will protect them from all evil, keep their soul and protect them in all they do.

Psalms 121:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh will protect you in your going out and your coming in now and forevermore.

UST

[8] He will protect us from the time that we leave our houses in the morning until we return in the evening; he will protect us now and he will protect us forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 122

Psalms 122:1

ULT
1 A Song of Ascents of David I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of Yahweh.”

UST
1 I was glad when people said to me, “We should go to the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem!”

What was said to David to make him glad?
“Let us go to the house of Yahweh” was said to David.

Psalms 122:2

ULT
2 Jerusalem, our feet are standing within your gates!

UST
2 Now we are here, standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Where are the people’s feet standing?
Their feet are standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Psalms 122:3

ULT
3 Jerusalem, they have built as a city unitedly together.

UST
3 We can see that Jerusalem was a carefully built city. Every part of the city was built to fit together within the city as a whole.

How was Jerusalem built?
Jerusalem was built like a city that is compact together.

Psalms 122:4

ULT

4 The tribes go up to Jerusalem—the tribes of Yahweh— as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.

UST

4 We people of the tribes of Israel who belong to Yahweh can now go up there, as Yahweh commanded that we should do, so we can thank him.

Why did the tribes go up to Jerusalem?

The tribes go up to Jerusalem to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 122:5

ULT

5 For there thrones of judgment were set, thrones of the house of David.

UST

5 There are the thrones, the thrones that the kings of Israel sat when they ruled Israel. These are the thrones of the descendants of King David.

Why do the leaders sit on thrones in Jerusalem?

The leaders sit on thrones for judgement for the house of David.

Psalms 122:6

ULT

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May those who love you have peace.

UST

6 Pray that there will be peace in Jerusalem! “I pray that those who love Jerusalem will succeed in life.

What will happen to those who love Jerusalem?

Those who love Jerusalem will prosper.

Psalms 122:7

ULT

7 May there be peace within the walls that defend you, and may they have peace within your fortresses.”

UST

7 I pray that there may be peace inside the walls of the city and that people who are inside the palaces may be safe.”

What does David want to be within the walls and towers of Jerusalem?

He wants there to be peace within the walls and prosperity within the towers.

Psalms 122:8

ULT

8 For the sake of my brothers and my friends I will say, “May there be peace within you.”

UST

8 For the sake of my relatives and friends, “I pray that people will live peacefully inside Jerusalem.”

For whose sake will David say, “May there be peace in you.”?

David says this for the sake of his brothers and companions.

Psalms 122:9

ULT

9 For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God, I will seek good for you.

UST

9 And because I love the temple of Yahweh our God, “I pray that things will go well for the people who live in Jerusalem.”

Why does David say he will pray for Jerusalem’s good?

He will pray for Jerusalem’s good for he sake of the house of Yahweh.

Psalms 123

Psalms 123:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents To you I lift up my eyes, you who are enthroned in the heavens.

UST
[1] Yahweh, I look up toward you, up to heaven, from where you rule.

To whom does the writer lift up his eyes?
The writer lifts up his eye to the one who is enthroned in the heavens.

Psalms 123:2

ULT
[2] See, as the eyes of servants look to their master's hand, as the eyes of a maid look to her mistress's hand, so our eyes look to Yahweh our God until he has mercy on us.

UST
[2] As servants ask their masters for what they need and as maids ask their mistresses for what they need, we ask you, Yahweh our God, for what we need, until you act mercifully toward us.

How long do the eyes of the people look to Yahweh their God?
They look to Yahweh until he has mercy on them.

Psalms 123:3

ULT
[3] Have mercy on us, Yahweh, have mercy on us, for we are exceedingly filled with humiliation.

UST
[3] Yahweh, act very mercifully toward us because our enemies have acted very contemptuously toward us.

Why do the people ask Yahweh to have mercy on them? (vv3-4)
The people are filled with humiliation, they are more than full of the scoffing of the insolent and with the contempt of the proud.

Psalms 123:4

ULT

4 We are more than full of the scoffing of the insolent and with the contempt of the proud.

UST

4 Arrogant people have made fun of us for a long time, and proud people have oppressed us and have acted as though we were worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124

Psalms 124:1

ULT
1 A Song of Ascents of David “If Yahweh had not been on our side,” let Israel say now,

UST
1 You Israelite people, answer this question: What would have happened to us if Yahweh had not been helping us?

What would have happened if Yahweh had not been on the side of Israel when men rose up against them? (vv1-3)
If Yahweh had not been on the side of Israel, the men who rose up against them would have swallowed them up alive.

Psalms 124:2

ULT
2 “if it had not been Yahweh who was on our side when men rose up against us,

UST
2 When our enemies attacked us, if Yahweh had not been fighting for us,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:3

ULT
3 then they would have swallowed us up alive when their anger raged against us.

UST
3 we would have all been killed because they were very angry with us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:4

ULT

4 Then the water would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us.

UST

4 They would have been like a flood of water sweeping us away; it would have been as though the water had covered us,

What would the water, torrent and raging waters have done to Israel? (vv4-5)

The water would have swept them away, the torrent would have overwhelmed them, and the raging waters would have drowned them.

Psalms 124:5

ULT

5 Then the raging waters would have gone over us."

UST

5 and we would all have drowned in the flood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 124:6

ULT

6 Blessed be Yahweh, who has not allowed us to be torn by their teeth.

UST

6 But we praise Yahweh because he has not allowed our enemies to destroy us.

What did the people do after Yahweh did not allow them to be torn by their enemy's teeth?

The people blessed Yahweh.

Psalms 124:7

ULT

7 We have escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

UST

7 We have escaped from our enemies as a bird escapes from the trap that hunters have set; it is as though the trap that our enemies set for us was broken and we have escaped from it!

What is the escape of the Israelites like?

Their escape is like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers.

Psalms 124:8

ULT

8 Our help is in the name of Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.

UST

8 Yahweh is the one who helps us; he is the one who made heaven and the earth.

From where does David say the Israelite's help comes?

Their help comes from Yahweh who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 125

Psalms 125:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents Those who trust in Yahweh are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken, forever enduring.

UST
[1] Those who trust in Yahweh are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken or moved out of its place.

What are those who trust in Yahweh like?
They are like Mount Zion, unshakable and forever enduring.

Psalms 125:2

ULT
[2] As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people now and forever.

UST
[2] As the hills that surround Jerusalem protect it, so Yahweh protects us, his people, and he will protect us forever.

To what does the writer compare the way that Yahweh surrounds his people?
The writer compares the way Yahweh surrounds his people to the mountains that surround Jerusalem, now and forever.

Psalms 125:3

ULT
[3] The scepter of wickedness must not rest on the land alloted to the righteous. Otherwise the righteous might reach out their hands to do what is wrong.

UST
[3] Wicked people should not be allowed to rule over the land where righteous people live. If they did that, those righteous people would think of doing wrong themselves.

What must not rule in the land of the righteous?
The scepter of wickedness must not rule in the land of the righteous.

Psalms 125:4

ULT

4 Do good, Yahweh, to those who are good and to those who are upright in their hearts.

UST

4 Yahweh, do good things to those who do good things to others and to those who sincerely obey your commands.

To whom does the writer request that Yahweh do good?

He requests that Yahweh do good to those who are upright in their hearts.

Psalms 125:5

ULT

5 But as for those who turn aside to their crooked ways, Yahweh will lead them away with those who do evil. May peace be on Israel.

UST

5 But when you punish the Israelites who no longer obey you, you will punish them the same as you punish all the other evildoers. I wish that things may go well for people in Israel!

What will happen to those who turn aside to their crooked ways?

Yahweh will lead them away with the evildoers.

What does the writer want to be on Israel?

The writer wants there to be peace on Israel.

Psalms 126

Psalms 126:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents When Yahweh restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

UST
[1] When Yahweh made Jerusalem prosperous again, it was wonderful; it seemed as though we were dreaming.

What did it seem like when Yahweh restored well being to Zion?
It seemed like they were those who dream.

Psalms 126:2

ULT
[2] Then our mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with singing. Then they said among the nations, “Yahweh has done great things for them.”

UST
[2] We were extremely happy, and we continued shouting joyfully. Then the other people groups said about us, “Yahweh has done great things for them!”

What filled the mouth of the people when Yahweh restored well being to Zion? (vv2-3)
Their mouths were filled with laughter and our tongues with singing.

Psalms 126:3

ULT
[3] Yahweh did great things for us; how glad we were!

UST
[3] We said, “Yes, Yahweh truly has done great things for us, and we are very happy.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 126:4

ULT

4 Restore our fortunes, Yahweh, like the streams in the Negev.

UST

4 Restore us, O Yahweh, like the rains that fill the streams in the southern Judean wilderness. Enable our nation to become great again like it was before.

What does the writer request of Yahweh?

The writer requests that Yahweh restore their fortunes.

Psalms 126:5

ULT

5 Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.

UST

5 We cried when we planted seeds because it was hard work preparing the soil that had not been plowed for many years; now we want to shout joyfully because we are gathering a big harvest.

What will happen to those who sow in tears?

They will reap with shouts of joy.

Psalms 126:6

ULT

6 He who goes out weeping, carrying seed for sowing, will return again with shouts of joy, bringing his bundles of grain with him.

UST

6 Those who cried as they carried the bags of seeds to the fields will shout joyfully when they bring the crops to their houses at harvest time.

What will happen to the person who goes out weeping and carrying seed for sowing?

He will return with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalms 127

Psalms 127:1

ULT

[1] A Song of Ascents of Solomon If Yahweh is not the builder of the house, they work uselessly, those who build it. If it is not Yahweh who guards the city, the watchman stands guard uselessly.

UST

[1] If people are building a house without Yahweh helping them, they are building it in vain. Similarly, if Yahweh does not protect a city, it is useless for guards to stay awake at night.

What happens if Yahweh does not build the house and does not guard the city?

When Yahweh does not build the house those who build it work uselessly and if Yahweh does not guard the city the watchman stands guard uselessly.

Psalms 127:2

ULT

[2] It is useless for you to rise up early, to come home late, or to eat the bread of hard work, for Yahweh provides for his beloved as they sleep.

UST

[2] It is also useless to arise very early and go to sleep late at night so that you can work hard all day to earn money to buy food because Yahweh gives food to those whom he loves even while they sleep.

What does Yahweh give to his beloved?

Yahweh gives his beloved sleep.

Psalms 127:3

ULT

[3] See, children are a heritage from Yahweh, and the fruit of the womb is a reward.

UST

[3] Children are a gift that comes to parents from Yahweh; they are a reward from him.

What are a heritage and a reward from Yahweh?

Children are a heritage and the fruit of the womb is a reward from Yahweh.

Psalms 127:4

ULT

4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth.

UST

4 If a man has sons while he is still young, when they grow up, they will be able to help him defend his family as a soldier can defend himself if he has a bow and arrows in his hand.

What are the children of one's youth like?

Children are like arrows in the hand of the warrior.

Psalms 127:5

ULT

5 How blessed is the man that has his quiver full of them. He will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies in the gate.

UST

5 How fortunate is a man who has many sons; he is like a soldier who has many arrows in his quiver. If a man with his many grown sons is taken by his enemies to the place where they decide matters, his enemies will never be able to defeat that man because his sons will help to defend him.

When will the blessed man, who has his quiver full of children, not be put to shame?

He will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies in the gate.

Psalms 128

Psalms 128:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents Blessed is everyone who honors Yahweh, who walks in his ways.

UST
[1] How fortunate are you who have an awesome respect for him and do what he wants you to do.

What happens to those who honor Yahweh and walk in his ways?
Everyone who honors Yahweh and walks in his ways is blessed.

Psalms 128:2

ULT
[2] When you eat the labor of your hands, you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper.

UST
[2] You will be able to enjoy the food you provide yourself with; you will be fortunate and prosperous.

What does the writer say will happen to the person who enjoys what his hands have provided?
That person will be blessed and prosper.

Psalms 128:3

ULT
[3] Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in your house; your children will be like olive plants as they sit around your table.

UST
[3] Your wife will be like a grapevine that bears many grapes; she will give birth to many children. Your children who sit around your table; you will be like a strong olive tree that has many shoots growing up around it.

What does the writer say the wife of the blessed man is like?
She is like a fruitful vine.

What does the writer say the children of the blessed man will be like?
His children will be like olive plants.

Psalms 128:4

ULT
4 Yes, indeed, the man will be blessed who honors Yahweh.

UST
4 Like that, Yahweh will bless every man who has an awesome respect for him.

What will happen to the man who honors Yahweh?
The man who honors Yahweh will be blessed.

Psalms 128:5

ULT
5 May Yahweh bless you from Zion; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

UST
5 I wish that God in his temple on Mount Zion may help you greatly, and that you will see the people of Jerusalem prospering every day that you live!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do for the man who is blessed from Zion? (vv5-6)
The writer asks that the man from Zion may see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of his life and that he may live to see his children's children.

Psalms 128:6

ULT
6 May you live to see your children's children. May peace be on Israel.

UST
6 I wish that you may live many years and that you may have grandchildren and be able to see them. I wish that things may go well for people in Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129

Psalms 129:1

ULT
1 A Song of Ascents “Often since my youth they have attacked me,” let Israel say.

UST
1 I say that my enemies have afflicted me ever since I was young. Now I ask you, my fellow Israelites, to repeat those same words:

How long has Israel been under attack and not defeated? (vv1-2)
Israel has been under attack and not defeated since it’s youth.

Psalms 129:2

ULT
2 “Often since my youth they have attacked me, yet they have not defeated me.

UST
2 “Our enemies have afflicted us since our nation began, but they have not defeated us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:3

ULT
3 The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long.

UST
3 Our enemies struck us with whips that cut into our backs as a farmer uses a plow to cuts deep furrows into the ground.”

What did the plowers do on Israel’s back?
The plowers plowed on Israel’s back and made their furrows long.

Psalms 129:4

ULT
4 Yahweh is righteous; he has cut the ropes of the wicked.”

UST
4 But Yahweh is righteous, and he has freed us from being slaves to wicked people.

What has righteous Yahweh done for Israel?
Yahweh has cut the ropes of the wicked.

Psalms 129:5

ULT
5 May they all be put to shame and turned back, those who hate Zion.

UST
5 I wish that they may all be shamed because we will defeat them—all of Jerusalem’s enemies.

What does the writer want to happen to those who hate Zion?
He wants for them to all be put to shame and turned back.

Psalms 129:6

ULT
6 May they be like the grass on the housetops that withers before it grows up,

UST
6 I hope that they may be of no value, like grass that grows on the roofs of houses, that dries up and does not grow tall;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:7

ULT
7 that cannot fill the reaper’s hand or the chest of the one who binds bundles of grain together.

UST
7 no one wants to cut it and tie it up as bundles and carry it away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 129:8

ULT

8 May those who pass by not say, “May the blessing of Yahweh be on you; we bless you in the name of Yahweh.”

UST

8 People who pass by and see men harvesting grain usually greet them by saying to them, “We wish that Yahweh may bless you!” But this will not happen to the enemies of Israel. We, acting as Yahweh’s representatives, bless you, our fellow Israelites!

What does the writer not want those who pass by to say?

He does not want them to say, “May the blessing of Yahweh be on you; we bless you in the name of Yahweh.”

Psalms 130

Psalms 130:1

ULT
1 A Song of Ascents Out of the depths I cry to you, Yahweh.

UST
1 Yahweh, I have great troubles, so I call out to you.

What does the writer cry out to Yahweh? (vv1-2)
The writer the Lord to hear his voice and to be attentive to his pleas.

Psalms 130:2

ULT
2 Lord, hear my voice; let your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy.

UST
2 Yahweh, hear me while I call out to you to have mercy on me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:3

ULT
3 If you, Yahweh, would mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

UST
3 Yahweh, if you kept a record of the sins that we have committed, not one of us would escape from being condemned and punished!

Why does the writer say Yahweh should be revered? (vv3-4)
Yahweh should be revered because there is forgiveness with him.

Psalms 130:4

ULT

[4] But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be revered.

UST

[4] But you forgive us, with the result that we have an awesome respect for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:5

ULT

[5] I wait for Yahweh, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

UST

[5] Yahweh has said that he would help me; I trust what he said, and I wait eagerly for him to do that.

For whom does the writer’s soul wait and hope? (vv5-6)

His soul waits for Yahweh and in his word does he hope.

Psalms 130:6

ULT

[6] My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

UST

[6] I wait for Yahweh to help me more than watchmen wait for the morning to come; yes, I wait more eagerly than they do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 130:7

ULT

7 Israel, hope in Yahweh. Yahweh is merciful, for with Yahweh is abundant redemption.

UST

7 You, my fellow Israelites, confidently expect that Yahweh will bless us. He will bless us because he has mercy on us, and he is very willing to save us.

Why does the writer tell Israel to hope in Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Yahweh is merciful, willing to forgive, and he will redeem Israel from all sins.

Psalms 130:8

ULT

8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all his sins.

UST

8 It is he who will save us Israelite people from being punished for all the sins that we have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 131

Psalms 131:1

ULT

1 [A Song of the Ascents, of David] Yahweh, my heart does not boast nor do my eyes look too high, nor do I walk in great and marvelous things beyond me.

UST

1 Yahweh, I am not proud; I do not deserve to achieve impressive things in life. I do not worry about problems that are too difficult for me to solve.

How does David describe his heart and eyes?
His heart is not proud and his eyes are not haughty.

Psalms 131:2

ULT

2 Have I not stilled and quieted my inner being like a weaned child with his mother, my inner being within me is like a weaned child.

UST

2 Instead, I am calm and peaceful in my inner being like a small child who no longer nurses but is happy to be with its mother. In the same way, I am peaceful within my inner being.

What David's soul like?
His soul is stilled and quieted like a weaned child.

Psalms 131:3

ULT

3 Israel, hope in Yahweh from now on and forevermore.

UST

3 You, my fellow Israelites, confidently expect that Yahweh will do good things for you now and forever!

When does David tell Israel to hope in Yahweh?
He tells them to hope in Yahweh now and forever.

Psalms 132

Psalms 132:1

ULT
[1] A Song of Ascents Yahweh, for David's sake, remember all his afflictions.

UST
[1] Yahweh, do not forget King David and all the hardships he endured!

What did the writer ask Yahweh to remember? (vv1-2)
He asked Yahweh to call to mind David's afflictions, how he swore to Yahweh, and how he vowed to the mighty one of Jacob.

Psalms 132:2

ULT
[2] how he swore to Yahweh, how he vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob.

UST
[2] He made a solemn promise to you, the mighty God whom our ancestor Jacob worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:3

ULT
[3] Surely I will not enter the tent of my house nor go up to the spread of my bed,

UST
[3] He said, "I will not go home, I will not rest on my bed,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:4

ULT

4 Nor will I give sleep to my eyes or rest to my eyelids

UST

4 and I will not sleep at all

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:5

ULT

5 until I find a place for Yahweh, a tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

UST

5 until I build a place for Yahweh, a home for the mighty God whom Jacob worshiped.”

David vowed that he would not enter his house or sleep until he did what?

He said he would not sleep until he found a place for Yahweh, a tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

Psalms 132:6

ULT

6 Look, we heard about it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

UST

6 In Ephrathah we heard where the sacred chest was. So we went and found it near the city of Kiriath Jearim, and we took it to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:7

ULT

7 We will go into his tabernacle; we will worship at the footstool of his feet.

UST

7 Later we said, “Let us go to the sacred tent of Yahweh in Jerusalem; let us worship there in front of the throne where he is sitting.”

Where will the people go and what will they do when they get there?

They will go into God’s tabernacle and will worship at his footstool.

Psalms 132:8

ULT

8 Arise, Yahweh, to your resting place, you and the ark of your strength!

UST

8 Yahweh, come to the place where you live eternally, to the place where your sacred chest is, to the place that shows that you are very powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:9

ULT

9 May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your faithful ones shout for joy.

UST

9 I want that the righteous behavior of your priests will always be evident, and that your people will always shout joyfully.

How may the priests be clothed and who may shout for joy?

The priests may be clothed with integrity and God’s faithful ones may shout for joy.

Psalms 132:10

ULT
10 For your servant David's sake, do not turn away from the face of your anointed one.

UST
10 You chose David to serve you as king of Israel; do not reject him!

From whom should the faithful ones not turn?
They should not turn away from their anointed king.

Psalms 132:11

ULT
11 Yahweh swore a sure oath to David, he will not turn from it: "From the fruit of your belly I will set on your throne.

UST
11 Yahweh, you made a solemn promise to David, a promise that you will not break. You said, "I will cause your descendants to rule as kings like you.

What is the oath Yahweh swore to David?
Yahweh swore to be trustworthy to David.

Psalms 132:12

ULT
12 If your sons keep my covenant and the laws that I will teach them, their children also will sit on your throne forevermore."

UST
12 If they obey my covenant with them and obey all the commands that I will give them, the line of kings descended from you will never end."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:13

ULT
13 For Yahweh has chosen Zion, he has desired her as a dwelling for him.

UST
13 Yahweh has chosen Jerusalem; that is where he wants to rule from.

Where does the writer desire to rest and live forever? (vv13-14)
He desires to rest and live in Yahweh's chosen Zion.

Psalms 132:14

ULT
14 "This is my resting place forever. I will dwell here, for I desire her.

UST
14 He said, "This is the city where I will live forever; this is the place where I want to stay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:15

ULT
15 With wild game I will abundantly bless her. I will satisfy her poor with bread.

UST
15 I will give to the people of Jerusalem all that they need; I will give enough food to satisfy even the poor people there.

What will Yahweh do for Zion? (vv15-16)
He will abundantly bless her, satisfy her poor with bread, and clothe her priests with salvation.

Psalms 132:16

ULT
16 I will clothe her priests with salvation, her faithful ones will shout aloud for joy.

UST
16 I will cause the priests to behave in a manner worthy of ones whom I have saved; and all my people who live there will shout joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:17

ULT
17 There I will make a horn to sprout for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

UST
17 There in Jerusalem I will cause one of David's descendants to become a great king; he also will be my chosen king, It is there that I will make David's line of descendants continue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 132:18

ULT
18 I will clothe his enemies with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

UST
18 I will defeat his enemies and cause them to be very ashamed; but the crown that my king wears will always shine."

Who will Yahweh clothe with shame?
He will clothe his enemies with shame.

Psalms 133

Psalms 133:1

ULT

1 [A Song of the Ascents, Of David] Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together!

UST

1 It is very good and very pleasant for God's people to gather together in peace.

What does David say about brothers?

He says it is good and pleasant for them to remain together in unity.

Psalms 133:2

ULT

2 It is like fine oil on the head pouring down on the beard— Aaron's beard, which pours down on the collar of his robes.

UST

2 It is as delightful as the precious oil that ran down from the high priest Aaron's head onto his beard when Moses anointed him, that ran down onto the collar of his robes.

What does David say the unity of brothers is like? (vv2-3)

It is like the precious oil that flowed down the head, beard, and garments of Aaron. It is also like the dew of Hermon, which comes down upon the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 133:3

ULT

3 It is like the dew of Hermon which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there Yahweh commanded the blessing— life forevermore.

UST

3 Gathering together in peace is as delightful as the dew that falls on Mount Hermon and the dew that falls on Mount Zion. Yahweh has promised to bless his people there in Jerusalem by making their nation last forever.

Where did Yahweh decree the blessing of life forevermore?

He decreed life forevermore upon the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 134

Psalms 134:1

ULT

[1] A Song of the Ascents Behold, bless Yahweh, all you servants of Yahweh, you who stand in the night in the house of Yahweh.

UST

[1] All you people who serve Yahweh, who stand up and serve him at night in his temple, come and praise him!

What should all the servants of Yahweh do? (vv1-2)

They should come, bless Yahweh, and lift up their hands to the holy place.

Psalms 134:2

ULT

[2] Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless Yahweh.

UST

[2] Lift up your hands to pray to him in the temple and praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 134:3

ULT

[3] May Yahweh bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth.

UST

[3] I hope that Yahweh, who created heaven and the earth, may bless you from where he lives in the temple on Mount Zion!

Where will Yahweh, who made heaven and earth, bless his servents?

He will bless them from Zion.

Psalms 135

Psalms 135:1

ULT
[1] Praise Yahweh. Praise the name of Yahweh. Praise him, you servants of Yahweh,

UST
[1] Praise Yahweh! You who worship Yahweh, praise him!

Who should praise Yahweh? (vv1-2)
The servants of Yahweh, those who stand in Yahweh's house, and those in the courtyards should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 135:2

ULT
[2] you who stand in the house of Yahweh, in the courtyards of the house of our God.

UST
[2] You who stand at the temple of Yahweh our God in its courtyards, ready to serve him, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:3

ULT
[3] Praise Yahweh, for Yahweh is good; sing praises to his name, for it is pleasant.

UST
[3] Praise Yahweh because he does good things for us; sing to him because it is a joyful thing to do so.

Why should the servants of Yahweh praise and sing to him?
They should praise Yahweh for he is good, and they should sing for it is pleasant to do.

Psalms 135:4

ULT

4 For Yahweh has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his possession.

UST

4 He has chosen us, the descendants of Jacob; he has chosen us Israelites to belong to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:5

ULT

5 For I myself know that Yahweh is great, and our Lord is greater than all other gods.

UST

5 I say these things because I know that Yahweh is great; he is greater than all the gods.

What does the writer know about Yahweh? (vv5-6)

He knows that Yahweh is great, he is above all gods, and whatever Yahweh desires he does in heaven, earth and in the seas.

Psalms 135:6

ULT

6 All that Yahweh desires, he does in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all the ocean depths.

UST

6 Yahweh does whatever he desires to do in heaven, on the earth, and in the seas, down to the bottom of the seas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:7

ULT

[7] Causing the clouds to rise from the end of the earth, he makes lightning accompany the rain and bringing the wind out of his storehouse.

UST

[7] He is the one who causes clouds to appear from very distant places on the earth; he makes lightning bolts to flash with the rain, and he brings the winds from the places where he stores them.

What acts does Yahweh do that show his greatness?

Yahweh brings the clouds, makes lightening bolts accompany the rain, and brings the wind out of his storehouse.

Psalms 135:8

ULT

[8] He struck the firstborn of Egypt, from man to beast.

UST

[8] He is the one who killed all the firstborn males in Egypt, the firstborn of people and of animals.

What did Yahweh do to the Egyptians? (vv8-9)

He killed the firstborn man and animals of Egypt and he sent signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants.

Psalms 135:9

ULT

[9] He sent signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants.

UST

[9] There he performed many kinds of miracles to punish the king and all his officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:10

ULT
10 He struck many nations and killed mighty kings,

UST
10 He attacked many nations and killed the powerful kings who ruled them:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:11

ULT
11 Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

UST
11 Sihon, the king of the Amor people group, Og, the king of Bashan, and all the other kings in the land of Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:12

ULT
12 And he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance to Israel his people.

UST
12 Yahweh gave us their land, so that it would belong to us, his people Israel, forever.

What did Yahweh do with the land of the nations the Israelites attacked?
He gave their land as a heritage to Israel his people.

Psalms 135:13

ULT
13 Your name, Yahweh, endures forever; your renown, Yahweh, endures from generation to generation.

UST
13 Yahweh, your name will endure forever, and people who are not yet born will remember the great things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:14

ULT
14 For Yahweh judges his people, and he shows compassion on his servants.

UST
14 Yahweh declares that we, his people, are innocent, and he acts mercifully toward us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:15

ULT
15 The nations' idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

UST
15 But the idols that the other people groups worship are only statues made of silver and gold, things that humans have made.

What do the nations' idols look like? (vv15-17)
They are made of silver and gold, have mouths, eyes, and ears but they do not speak, see, hear, nor breathe.

Psalms 135:16

ULT
16 Those idols have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see;

UST
16 Their idols have mouths, but they cannot say anything; they have eyes, but they cannot see anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:17

ULT
17 they have ears, but they do not hear, nor is there breath in their mouths.

UST
17 They have ears, but they cannot hear anything, and they are not even able to breathe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:18

ULT
18 Those who make them are like them, as is everyone who trusts in them.

UST
18 The people who make those idols are as powerless as those idols, and those who trust in those idols can accomplish no more than their idols can!

Who made the nations' idols?
The men who are like them and trust in them made them.

Psalms 135:19

ULT
19 House of Israel, bless Yahweh; house of Aaron, bless Yahweh.

UST
19 My fellow Israelites, praise Yahweh! You priests who are descended from Aaron, praise Yahweh!

Who should bless Yahweh? (vv19-20)
The descendants of Israel, Aaron, Levi, and those that honor Yahweh should bless him.

Psalms 135:20

ULT
20 House of Levi, bless Yahweh; you who fear Yahweh, bless Yahweh.

UST
20 You men who are descended from Levi, you who assist the priests, praise Yahweh! All you who have a reverential respect for Yahweh, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 135:21

ULT

21 Blessed be Yahweh in Zion, he who lives in Jerusalem. Praise Yahweh.

UST

21 Praise Yahweh in the temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem where he lives! Praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136

Psalms 136:1

ULT
[1] Oh, give thanks to Yahweh; for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
[1] Thank Yahweh because he does good things for us; he will love us forever as he has promised.

Why should the people give thanks to Yahweh?
They should give thanks to him for he is good, and his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

Psalms 136:2

ULT
[2] Oh, give thanks to the God of gods, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
[2] Thank God, the one who is greater than all other gods; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:3

ULT
[3] Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
[3] Thank the Lord who is greater than all other lords; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:4

ULT
4 To him who alone does great wonders, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
4 He is the only one who performs great miracles; he will love us forever as he has promised.

What does Yahweh do that no one else does?
Yahweh alone does great wonders.

Psalms 136:5

ULT
5 to him who by wisdom made the heavens, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
5 He is the one who, by being very wise, created the heavens; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:6

ULT
6 To him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
6 He is the one who caused the ground to rise up above the deep waters; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:7

ULT
7 to him who made great lights, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
7 He is the one who created great lights in the sky; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:8

ULT
8 the sun to rule by day, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
8 He created the sun to shine in the daytime; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:9

ULT
9 the moon and stars to rule by night, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
9 He created the moon and stars to shine during the nighttime; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:10

ULT
10 to him who struck Egypt in their firstborn, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
10 He is the one who killed the firstborn males in Egypt; he will love us forever as he has promised.

Why did Yahweh do to the firstborn of Egypt?
He killed the firstborn of Egypt.

Psalms 136:11

ULT
11 and brought out Israel from among them, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
11 He led the Israelite people out of Egypt; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:12

ULT
12 with a strong hand and a raised arm, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
12 With his strong hand he led them out; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:13

ULT
13 to him who divided the Sea of Reeds into parts, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
13 He is the one who caused the Sea of Reeds to divide; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:14

ULT
14 and made Israel to pass through the middle of it, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
14 He enabled the Israelite people to walk through it on dry land; he will love us forever as he has promised.

What did Yahweh do for Israel when he divided the Red Sea?
He made the Isrealites to pass through the middle the Red Sea.

Psalms 136:15

ULT
15 and threw down Pharaoh and his army in the Sea of Reeds, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
15 But he caused the king of Egypt and his army to drown in it; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:16

ULT
16 to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
16 He is the one who led his people safely through the wilderness; he will love us forever as he has promised.

How was Yahweh faithful to his people?
He led his people through the wilderness.

Psalms 136:17

ULT
17 to him who struck down great kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
17 He killed powerful kings; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:18

ULT
18 to him who killed powerful kings, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
18 He killed kings who were famous; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:19

ULT
19 Sihon king of the Amorites, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
19 He killed Sihon, the king of the Amor people group; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:20

ULT
20 and Og king of Bashan, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
20 He killed Og, the king of the region of Bashan; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:21

ULT
21 to him who gave their land as an inheritance, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
21 He gave their lands to us, his people; he will love us forever as he has promised.

What did Yahweh do with the land of the great kings? (vv21-22)
He gave their land as an inheritance to Israel his servant.

Psalms 136:22

ULT
22 an inheritance to Israel his servant, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
22 He gave those lands to us people of Israel, who serve him; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:23

ULT
23 who remembered us in our low estate, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
23 He is the one who did not forget about us when our enemies had defeated us; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:24

ULT
24 and he rescued us from our adversaries, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever—

UST
24 He rescued us from our enemies; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:25

ULT
25 giving bread to all flesh, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
25 He is the one who gives food to all living creatures; he will love us forever as he has promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 136:26

ULT
26 Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven, for his covenant faithfulness endures forever.

UST
26 So thank God, who lives in heaven because he will love us forever as he has promised.!

Why does the writer say to give thanks to the God of heaven?
People should give thanks to him because of his faithfulness.

Psalms 137

Psalms 137:1

ULT
[1] Beside the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

UST
[1] When we had been taken to Babylonia far from Jerusalem, we sat down by the rivers there, and we cried when we thought about the temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

Where were the captives when they sat down and wept?
They were by the rivers of Babylon.

Psalms 137:2

ULT
[2] On the poplars there we hung our harps.

UST
[2] On the willow trees alongside the rivers we hung our harps because we did not want to play them anymore and because we were very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:3

ULT
[3] For there our captors demanded that we sing songs, and those who relentlessly mocked us said, “Sing to us from the songs of Zion.”

UST
[3] The soldiers who had captured us and taken us to Babylonia forced us to sing for them; they told us to entertain them; they said, “Sing for us one of the songs that you previously sang in Jerusalem!”

What did the captors require the captives to sing?
Their captors required them to be happy and sing songs of Zion.

Psalms 137:4

ULT

4 How could we sing a song about Yahweh in a foreign land?

UST

4 But we thought to ourselves, “We are sad because we have been punished by Yahweh and brought to this foreign land; we cannot sing songs about Yahweh while we are here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:5

ULT

5 If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand forget

UST

5 If I forget about Jerusalem, I hope that my right hand will wither so that I will be unable to play my harp!

What does the writer want happen if he forgets Jerusalem and thinks about Yahweh no more? (vv5-6)

He wants his right hand to forget his skill and his tongue to cling to the roof of his mouth.

Psalms 137:6

ULT

6 Let my tongue cling to my palate if I do not remember you, if I do not lift up Jerusalem over my chief pleasure.

UST

6 I hope that I will not be able to sing again if I forget about Jerusalem, if I do not consider that Jerusalem causes me to be more joyful than anything else does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 137:7

ULT

[7] Remember, Yahweh, the sons of Edom, on the day of Jerusalem, saying, “Tear it down, tear it down to its foundations.”

UST

[7] Yahweh, punish the people of the Edom people group for what they did on the day that the army of Babylon captured Jerusalem. Do not forget that they said, “Tear down all the buildings! Destroy them completely! Leave only the foundations!”

What did the writer want Yahweh to remember about the Edomites?

He wanted Yahweh to remember that on the day Jerusalem fell the Edomites said, “Tear it down, tear it down to its foundations”.

Psalms 137:8

ULT

[8] Daughter of Babylon, who will be destroyed— blessed be the one who repays you for what you have done to us.

UST

[8] You people of Babylon, you will certainly be destroyed! How fortunate are those who punish you for what you did to us;

Who does the writer want be blessed? (vv8-9)

He wants the person who destroys Babylon to be blessed.

Psalms 137:9

ULT

[9] Blessed be the one who seizes and dashes your little ones against the rocks.

UST

[9] How fortunate are those who take your babies and smash them to pieces on the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138

Psalms 138:1

ULT
[1] Of David I will give you thanks with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing praises to you.

UST
[1] Yahweh, I thank you with all my inner being. I sing to praise you, even though many people worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:2

ULT
[2] I will bow down toward the temple of your holiness, and I will give thanks to your name for your covenant faithfulness and for your trustworthiness. For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

UST
[2] When I look toward your sacred temple, I bow down and thank you because you faithfully love us and do all that you have promised. You have given cause for people everywhere to honor you and what you have said more than anything else.

What has Yahweh magnified above all?
He has magnified his word and his name above all.

Psalms 138:3

ULT
[3] On the day that I called and you answered me; you emboldened my life with power.

UST
[3] When I called out to you, you answered me; you enabled me to be strong and brave.

What did Yahweh do for David when he called to him?
Yahweh answered him, and encouraged and strengthened his soul.

Psalms 138:4

ULT

4 All the kings of the earth will give you thanks, Yahweh, for they will hear the words from your mouth.

UST

4 Yahweh, someday all the kings of this earth will praise you because they will have heard what you have said.

What will the kings of the earth do?

They will give thanks for Yahweh's words.

Psalms 138:5

ULT

5 Indeed, they will sing of the ways of Yahweh, for great is the glory of Yahweh.

UST

5 They will sing about what you have done; they will sing and say that you are very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:6

ULT

6 For though Yahweh is high, yet he sees the lowly, but the proud he knows from far off.

UST

6 Yahweh, you are supreme, but you take care of people who are considered to be unimportant. However, you do not show yourself to proud people as faithful.

For whom does Yahweh care?

He cares for the lowly.

Psalms 138:7

ULT

7 Though I walk in the middle of danger, you will preserve my life; you will reach out with your hand against the anger of my enemies, and your right hand will save me.

UST

7 When I am in the middle of many troubles, you save me. With your hand you rescue me from my enemies who are angry at me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 138:8

ULT

8 Yahweh is with me to the end; your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, endures forever. Do not forsake the ones whom your hands have made.

UST

8 Yahweh, you will do for me everything that you promised; you faithfully love us forever. Finish what you started to do for us, your Israelite people!

Who does David ask that Yahweh not forsake?

He asks that Yahweh not forsake the ones his hands made.

Psalms 139

Psalms 139:1

ULT
[1] For the choir director, a psalm of David. Yahweh, you have examined me, and you know.

UST
[1] Yahweh, you have examined what is in my inner being, and you know everything about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:2

ULT
[2] You know when I sit and when I rise; you understand my thoughts from far away.

UST
[2] You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even though you are far away from me, you know what I am thinking.

What does Yahweh understand from afar?
Yahweh understands David's thoughts from afar.

Psalms 139:3

ULT
[3] You have measured my path and my resting places; and you are familiar with all my ways.

UST
[3] From the time that I rise in the morning until I lie down to sleep at night, you know everything that I do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:4

ULT
4 For there is not a word on my tongue..., See, you know it completely, Yahweh.

UST
4 Yahweh, even before I say anything, you know everything that I am going to say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:5

ULT
5 Behind and before you encircle me and you place your hand upon me.

UST
5 You protect me on all sides; you put your hand on me to protect me with your power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:6

ULT
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me! it is high; I cannot reach it.

UST
6 I am not able to understand that you know everything about me. That is too hard for me to really understand.

How does David respond to the knowledge that Yahweh completely surrounds David?
That knowledge is too much for David, it is too high, and he cannot understand it.

Psalms 139:7

ULT
7 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

UST
7 Where could I go to escape from your Spirit? Where could I go to get away from you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:8

ULT

8 If I ascend up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there.

UST

8 If I go up to heaven, you will be there. If I lie down in the place where the dead people are, you will be there.

Where can David not go to escape from Yahweh's presence, because Yahweh is there?
He cannot go up to the heavens or make his bed in sheol, for Yahweh is there.

Psalms 139:9

ULT

9 If I rise on the wings of the morning or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

UST

9 If the sun could carry me across the sky, if I flew west and made a place to live on an island in the ocean,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:10

ULT

10 even there your hand will lead me, your right hand will hold on to me.

UST

10 you would be there also to lead me by your hand, and you would help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:11

ULT

11 If I said, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light will become night around me,"

UST

11 I could wish for the darkness to hide me, or I could wish for the light around me to become darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:12

ULT
12 even the darkness would not be dark to you, and night would shine like the day. The darkness is like the light to you!

UST
12 But even if that happened, you would still see me. For you the night is as bright as the daytime, because daylight and darkness are no different to you.

How are the darkness and the light different to Yahweh?
The darkness and the light are both alike to Yahweh?

Psalms 139:13

ULT
13 For You created my inner parts; you wove me together in my mother's womb.

UST
13 You created all the parts of my body; you put the parts of my body together when I was still in my mother's womb.

Where did Yahweh form David?
Yahweh formed him in his mother's womb.

Psalms 139:14

ULT
14 I will praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My inner being knows this very well.

UST
14 I praise you because you made my body very awesomely and wonderfully. Everything that you do is amazing! I certainly know that very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:15

ULT
15 My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in private, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

UST
15 When my body was being formed, while it was being put together where no one else could see it, you saw it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:16

ULT
16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days formed for me were recorded in your book even before the first of them was.

UST
16 You saw me before I was born. You wrote in your book the number of days that you had decided that I would live. You did that before any of those days had even started!

When did Yahweh record the days of David's life?
Yahweh recorded all the days of David's life in Yahweh's book even before the first one happened.

Psalms 139:17

ULT
17 How precious are your thoughts to me, God! How vast is their sum!

UST
17 God, what you think about me is very valuable. There are a huge amount of things that you think about.

How does David describe God's thoughts?
They are precious and too vast to count.

Psalms 139:18

ULT
18 If I counted them, they would be more numberous than the sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

UST
18 If I could count them, I would see that they are more than the grains of sand at the seashore. When I awake, I am still with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:19

ULT
19 If only you would kill the wicked, God; and you men of bloodshed, get away from me.

UST
19 God, I wish that you would kill the wicked people! I wish that violent men would all leave me.

What does David want God to do to the wicked and violent men?
David wants God to kill the wicked and get the violent men away from him.

Psalms 139:20

ULT
20 For they speak against you with evil intent; your enemies abuse your character

UST
20 They say wicked things about you; they slander your name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:21

ULT
21 Do I not hate those, Yahweh, who hate you? Do I not despise those who rise up against you?

UST
21 Yahweh, I certainly hate those who hate you! I despise those who rebel against you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:22

ULT
22 I hate them completely; they have become my enemies.

UST
22 I hate them completely, and I consider that they are my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:23

ULT
23 Examine me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

UST
23 God, search my inner being; find out what I am thinking!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 139:24

ULT
24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path of forever.

UST
24 Find out whether there is anything evil in my inner being, and lead me along the road that leads to my being with you forever.

What way does David want God to lead him?
David asks God to lead him in the way everlasting.

Psalms 140

Psalms 140:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh, rescue me from men of wickedness; preserve me from men of violence.

UST
[1] Yahweh, rescue me from being attacked by evil men; even more, keep me safe from being attacked by violent people.

From whom does David need Yahweh to rescue him?
David need Yahweh to rescue him from the wicked to preserve him from violent men.

Psalms 140:2

ULT
[2] For they plan evil in their hearts; they assemble for battles every day.

UST
[2] They are always planning to do evil things, and they are always encouraging people to start quarrels.

What does David say the wicked are like? (vv2-3)
He says their tongues wound like serpents and they have vipers' poison on their lips.

Psalms 140:3

ULT
[3] Their tongues pierce like a serpent; vipers' poison is on their lips. *Selah*

UST
[3] By what they say, they injure people as poisonous snakes do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:4

ULT

4 Keep me from the hands of the wicked, Yahweh; preserve me from men of violence who plan to push down my step.

UST

4 Yahweh, protect me from the power of wicked people. Keep me safe from violent men who plan to ruin me.

What do the violent men plan to do to David?

They plan to knock him over.

Psalms 140:5

ULT

5 The proud have set a trap for me; and with ropes they have spread a net by hand along the path; they have set snares for me. *Selah*

UST

5 It is as though proud people have set a trap for me; it is as though they have spread their nets to catch me; it is as though they have put these things along the road to catch me.

What have the proud set for David?

They have set a trap for him, spread a net, and set a snare.

Psalms 140:6

ULT

6 I said to Yahweh, “You are my God; Yahweh, give ear to my cries for mercy.”

UST

6 I say to you, “Yahweh, you are my God. Listen to me while I cry out to you to help me.”

To what does David ask Yahweh to listen?

David asks Yahweh to listen to his cries for mercy.

Psalms 140:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh, my Lord, you are the strength of my salvation; you shield my head in the day of battle.

UST

[7] Yahweh, my Lord, you are the one who strongly defends me; you have protected me during battles as though you had put a helmet on my head.

What does Yahweh do for David in the day of battle? (vv7-8)

Yahweh shields David's head in the day of battle.

Psalms 140:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh, do not grant the desires of the wicked; do not promote their plots, they rise up *Selah*

UST

[8] Yahweh, do not give to wicked people the things that they desire, and do not allow them to do the evil things that they plan to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:9

ULT

[9] Those who surround me raise their heads; let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

UST

[9] Do not allow my enemies to become proud; cause the evil things that they say they will do to me to happen to them instead.

What does David want to overwhelm those who surround him?

David wants the mischief of their own lips to overwhelm them.

Psalms 140:10

ULT
10 Let burning coals fall on them; throw them into the fire, into bottomless pits, never again will they rise.

UST
10 Cause burning coals to fall on their heads! Cause them to be thrown into deep pits from which they cannot climb out!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 140:11

ULT
11 May men of tongues not be established in the land; may evil hunt down the man of violence speedily.

UST
11 Do not allow those who slander others to succeed; cause evil things to happen to violent men and destroy them!

What does David want to happen to those who say evil things about others?
David wants anyone who says evil things about others to not be secure on the earth.

Psalms 140:12

ULT
12 I know that Yahweh will act with favor for the poor, justice to the needy.

UST
12 Yahweh, I know that you will defend those who are oppressed, and that you will do what is just.

What will Yahweh do for the afflicted and the needy?
Yahweh will maintain the cause of the afflicted and will exercise justice for the needy.

Psalms 140:13

ULT

13 Surely the righteous will praise your name; the upright will dwell before your face.

UST

13 Righteous people will surely thank you, and they will live in your presence.

What will the righteous people surely do?

The righteous people will surely give thanks to Yahweh's name.

What will happen the upright people?

They will live in Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 141

Psalms 141:1

ULT

[1] A song of David Yahweh, I called out to you, "Come quickly to me. Give ear to my voice when I call to you."

UST

[1] Yahweh, I call out to you; please help me quickly! Listen to me when I am calling to you.

What is David crying out to Yahweh?

He is crying out for Yahweh to come quickly and to listen to him when he calls.

Psalms 141:2

ULT

[2] May my prayer rise like incense to your face; may my lifted hands be like the evening sacrifice.

UST

[2] Accept my prayer as though it were incense being burned as an offering to you. Accept me while I lift up my hands to pray to you, just as you accept sacrifices that are offered to you in the evening.

What does David want his prayer and lifted hands to be like for Yahweh?

David wants his prayer to be like incense before Yahweh and his lifted hands to be like the evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh, place a guard over my mouth; guard the door of my lips.

UST

[3] Yahweh, do not allow me to say things that are wrong; guard what I say as a sentry guards a door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 141:4

ULT

4 Do not let my heart bend toward any evil thing or participate in sinful activities with men who behave wickedly. May I not eat any of their delicacies.

UST

4 Prevent me from wanting to do anything that is wrong and from joining with wicked men when they want to do evil deeds. Do not even allow me to share in eating delightful food with them!

What does David not want his heart to do?

He wants his heart to not desire any evil thing, or participate in sinful activities with wicked men, and to not eat any of the evil men's delicacies.

Psalms 141:5

ULT

5 Let a righteous person hit me; it will be a kindness. Let him correct me; it will be like oil on my head. May my head not refuse. For my prayer is always against their wicked deeds.

UST

5 It is all right if righteous people strike me or rebuke me because they are trying to act kindly toward me to teach me to do what is right; if they do that, it will be as if someone honored me by anointing my head with olive oil; but I am always praying that you will punish the wicked because of the wicked deeds that they do.

What does David say it will be like if a righteous man hits him?

He says if a righteous man hits him, it will be kindness to him.

What does David say it will be like if a righteous man corrects him?

He says it will be like oil on his head.

Against what does David always pray?

He always prays against the deeds of the wicked people.

Psalms 141:6

ULT
6 Their judges will stumble into the hands of craggy rocks; they will hear that my own words are pleasant.

UST
6 When their rulers are thrown down from the top of rocky cliffs, they will know that what I am saying here is good.

What will happen to the wicked peoples' leaders?
Their leaders will be thrown down from the top of cliffs and hear that David's own words are pleasant.

Psalms 141:7

ULT
7 "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of Sheol."

UST
7 They will know one day that their bodies will lie scattered on the ground in the place of the dead, just as one scatters clods of earth when he plows a field.

Who will have to say "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of sheol."
The wicked people will have to say, "As when one plows and breaks up the ground, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of sheol."

Psalms 141:8

ULT
8 For my eyes are on you, Yahweh, Lord; in you I take refuge; do not abandon my life.

UST
8 But Yahweh God, I continue to request that you help me. I ask you to protect me; do not allow me to die now!

On whom are David's eyes?
David's eyes are on Yahweh, the Lord.

From what does David want Yahweh to protect him? (vv8-9)
David wants Yahweh to protect him from the snares that have been laid for him, and from the traps of evildoers.

Psalms 141:9

ULT

9 Keep me from the hands of the snare that they have laid for me, from the traps of evildoers.

UST

9 It is as though people have set traps for me; protect me from falling into those traps. It is as though they have spread nets to catch me; keep me from being caught in those nets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 141:10

ULT

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets while I escape.

UST

10 I wish that wicked people may fall into the traps they have set to catch me while I escape from them.

What does David want to happen to the wicked?

David wants the wicked to fall into their own nets while he escapes.

Psalms 142

Psalms 142:1

ULT

[1] With my voice I cry out to Yahweh; with my voice I plead to Yahweh for favor.

UST

[1] Yahweh, I cry out to you; I plead for you to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 142:2

ULT

[2] I pour out my lament before him; I declare my troubles before him.

UST

[2] I am bringing to you all my problems; I am telling you all my troubles.

What does David pour out to Yahweh?

David pours out a lament to tell Yahweh his troubles.

Psalms 142:3

ULT

[3] When my spirit is weak within me, you yourself know my path. Along this path I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

UST

[3] When I am very discouraged, you know what I should do. Wherever I walk, it is as though my enemies have hidden traps for me to fall into.

What does Yahweh know when David's spirit is weak?

Yahweh knows David's path when his spirit is weak.

Psalms 142:4

ULT

4 I look to my right and see that there is no one who cares for me. there is no refuge for me; no one looks after my life.

UST

4 I look around, but there is no one who sees me, no one who will protect me, and no one who cares about what happens to me.

What does David see when he looks to the right?

David sees that there is no one who cares about him, and there is no escape for him.

Psalms 142:5

ULT

5 I called out to you, Yahweh; I said, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

UST

5 So Yahweh, I cry out to you to help me; you are the one who protects me; you are all that I need while I am alive.

Who does David say Yahweh was to him?

Yahweh was David’s refuge and his portion in the land of the living.

Psalms 142:6

ULT

6 Listen to my cries, for I have been brought very low; rescue me from my pursuers, for they are stronger than I.

UST

6 Listen to me while I cry out to you for help because I am very distressed. Rescue me because those who make me suffer are very strong; I cannot escape from them.

Why does David need Yahweh to reduce him from his persecutors?

David asks Yahweh to rescue him from his persecutors because their are stronger than David.

Psalms 142:7

ULT

7 Bring my life out of prison in order to praise your name. The righteous will gather around me because you have been good to me.”

UST

7 Free me from my troubles so that I may thank you. If you do that, when I am with others who live rightly, I will praise you for having been very good to me.

Why will the righteous gather around David?

The righteous will gather around David because Yahweh has been good to him.

Psalms 143

Psalms 143:1

ULT
1 A song of David Hear my prayer, Yahweh; listen to my pleas. On account of your faithfulness answer me in your righteousness!

UST
1 Yahweh, hear me while I pray to you! Because you are righteous and because you faithfully do what you have promised, listen to what I am pleading for you to do for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:2

ULT
2 Do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

UST
2 I am one who worships you; do not judge me because you do not consider anyone to be completely innocent.

Why does David not want Yahweh to enter judgement against him?
David does not want Yahweh to enter judgement against him because in Yahweh's sight no one is righteous.

Psalms 143:3

ULT
3 For the enemy has pursued my being; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me to live in dark places like those dead a long time.

UST
3 My enemies have pursued me; they have completely defeated me. It is as though they have put me in a dark prison where I have nothing good to hope for.

What has the enemy done to David?
The enemy has pursued his soul, pushed him down to the ground, and made him live in darkness.

Psalms 143:4

ULT

4 My breath is faint in me; my heart despairs within me.

UST

4 So I am very discouraged in my inner being; I am very dismayed.

What does the enemy cause to happen to David's spirit and his heart?

The enemy causes David's spirit to overwhelm him and his heart to despair.

Psalms 143:5

ULT

5 I remember days from old; I meditate on all your works; I reflect on the works of your hands.

UST

5 I remember what has happened previously; I meditate on all the things that you have done; I consider all the great deeds that you have performed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:6

ULT

6 I spread my hands out to you; my soul thirsts for you as in a parched land. *Selah*

UST

6 I lift up my hands to you while I pray; I want very much to be with you as much as I would thirst for water in a vast wilderness.

How does David describe the desire of his soul for Yahweh?

David's soul thirsts for Yahweh in a parched land.

Psalms 143:7

ULT

[7] Answer me quickly, Yahweh, because my spirit faints. Do not hide your face from me, or I will become like those who go down into the pit.

UST

[7] Yahweh, I am very discouraged, so please answer me right now! Do not keep away from me because if you do that, I will soon be among those who descend to where the dead people are.

What would cause David to become like those who go down into the pit?

David would become like those who go down to the pit if Yahweh does not answer quickly or if he hides his face from David.

Psalms 143:8

ULT

[8] Let me hear your covenant faithfulness in the morning, for I trust in you. Make known to me the way where I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

UST

[8] Every morning cause me to remember that you faithfully love me because I trust in you. I pray to you; show me the things that I should do.

What does David want to hear in the morning because he trusts Yahweh?

David wants to hear Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

What does David want Yahweh to do because he lifts up his soul to Yahweh?

David wants Yahweh to show him the way where he should walk.

Psalms 143:9

ULT

[9] Rescue me from my enemies, Yahweh; I hide in you.

UST

[9] Yahweh, I have gone to you for you to protect me, so rescue me from my enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:10

ULT

10 Teach me to do your good pleasures, for you are my God. May your spirit of goodness lead me in the land of uprightness.

UST

10 You are my God; teach me to do what you want me to do. I want your good Spirit to show me the right things to do.

What does David wants to lead him in the land of uprightness?

David wants Yahweh's good spirit to lead him in the land of uprightness.

Psalms 143:11

ULT

11 Yahweh, for the sake of your name, keep me alive; in your righteousness bring my life out of trouble.

UST

11 Yahweh, restore me when I am close to dying as you promised to do because you are righteous!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 143:12

ULT

12 In your covenant faithfulness cut off my enemies and destroy all the enemies of my life, for I am your servant.

UST

12 I am one who serves you; so because you faithfully love me as you promised to do, kill my enemies and get rid of all those who oppress me.

What does David want Yahweh to do to David's enemies?

David asks Yahweh to cut off David's enemies and destroy all the enemies of David's life.

Psalms 144

Psalms 144:1

ULT
1 Of David. Blessed be Yahweh, my rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle.

UST
1 I praise Yahweh, who is like a huge rock on which I am safe! He trains my hands so that I can use them to fight battles; he trains my fingers so that I can shoot arrows in a war.

For what does Yahweh train David's hands for war and his fingers?
Yahweh trains David's hands for war and his fingers for battle.

Psalms 144:2

ULT
2 You are my steadfast love and my fortress, my high tower and the one who rescues me, my shield and the one in whom I take refuge, the one who subdues nations under me.

UST
2 He is the one who protects me as he promised; he is like a fortress in which I am safe, he protects me as shields protect soldiers, and he gives me refuge. He defeats other nations and then puts them under my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:3

ULT
3 Yahweh, what is man that you take notice of him, the son of man that you think about him?

UST
3 Yahweh, we people are so insignificant! Why do you notice us? It is amazing to me that you pay attention to humans.

Who does Yahweh notice and thinks about that surprises David?
David is surprised that Yahweh notices man and the son of man.

Psalms 144:4

ULT
4 Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.

UST
4 The time that we live is as short as a puff of wind; our time to live disappears as a shadow does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:5

ULT
5 Yahweh, cause your sky to spread wide and come down; touch the mountains and make them smoke.

UST
5 Yahweh, tear open the sky and come down! Touch the mountains so that smoke may pour out from them!

What would the mountains do if Yahweh touched them?
Yahweh would cause the mountains to smoke if he touched them.

Psalms 144:6

ULT
6 Shoot lightning and scatter them; send your bolts and disturb them.

UST
6 Cause lightning to flash with the result that your enemies will run away! Shoot your arrows at them and cause them to run away in panic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:7

ULT

7 Reach out your hand from above, deliver me and rescue me out of many waters, from the hand of sons of foreigners.

UST

7 It is as though my enemies are like a flood around me; reach your hand down from heaven and rescue me from them. They are men from foreign countries

How does Yahweh rescue David from the hand of foreigners?

Yahweh reaches out his hand from above and rescues David out of the waters and from the hands of foreigners.

Psalms 144:8

ULT

8 For their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

UST

8 who always tell lies. Even when they swear to tell the truth, they tell lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:9

ULT

9 I will sing a new song to you, God; on a lute of ten strings I will play for you,

UST

9 God, I will sing a new song to you, and I will play my ten-stringed harp while I sing to you.

On what instrument will David sing a new song to God?

David will sing a new song to God on the lute of ten strings.

Psalms 144:10

ULT
10 who gives salvation to kings, who rescues David your servant from an evil sword.

UST
10 You enable kings to defeat their enemies; you rescue those who serve you as I did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:11

ULT
11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of sons of foreigners. For their mouths speak lies, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

UST
11 So I ask you to save me from being killed by the swords that those evil people carry. Rescue me from the power of those men from foreign countries who always tell lies. Even when they swear to tell the truth, they tell lies.

What do the mouths of the foreigners speak?
Their mouths speak lies and their right hand is falsehood.

Psalms 144:12

ULT
12 May our sons be like plants who grow large in their youth and our daughters like carved corner pillars, resembling a palace.

UST
12 I wish that our sons may all grow to full adulthood; I wish that our daughters may grow up to be as straight and tall as the pillars that stand in the corners of palaces.

What does David want Israel's sons to be like?
He wants them to be like plants who grow to full size in their youth.

What does David want Israel's daughters to be like?
He wants them to be like carved corner pillars, shapely like those of a palace.

Psalms 144:13

ULT

13 May our storehouses be full with every kind of produce, and may our sheep produce thousands and ten thousands in our fields.

UST

13 I wish that our barns may be full of many different crops. I wish that the sheep in our fields may give birth to tens of thousands of baby lambs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:14

ULT

14 May our oxen have many young. No one will break through, no one will go out, and no one will cry in our streets.

UST

14 I wish that our cattle may give birth to many calves without having any miscarriages or deaths when they are born. I wish that there may not be any time when the people in our streets cry out in distress because foreign armies are invading.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 144:15

ULT

15 Blessed is the people for whom this is so; blessed is the people for whom Yahweh is his God.

UST

15 If good things like that happen to a nation, the people will be very fortunate. How fortunate are those who worship Yahweh as God!

Who does David say are the people who are happy?

He says the people who are happy are those whose God is Yahweh.

Psalms 145

Psalms 145:1

ULT
1 A song of David I will extol you, my God, the King; I will bless your name forever and ever.

UST
1 My God and King, I will proclaim that you are very great; I will praise you now and forever.

Who will David extol and bless?
David will extol his God and King, blessing his name forever and ever.

Psalms 145:2

ULT
2 Every day will I bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever.

UST
2 Every day I will praise you; Yes, I will praise you forever.

How often does David bless God?
Every day David will bless God.

Psalms 145:3

ULT
3 Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised; and his greatness cannot be measured.

UST
3 Yahweh, you are great, and you ought to be praised very much; we cannot fully realize how great you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:4

ULT

4 Generation to generation will rejoice because of your deeds and they will proclaim your mighty actions.

UST

4 Parents will tell their children the things that you have done; they will tell their children about your mighty deeds.

What will one generation praise and proclaim to the next?

One generation will praise God's deeds to the next and proclaim his mighty actions.

Psalms 145:5

ULT

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your marvelous deeds, I will meditate.

UST

5 I will think about how you are very glorious and majestic, and I will meditate on all your wonderful deeds.

On what will David meditate?

He will meditate on the majesty of Yahweh's glory and on his marvelous deeds.

Psalms 145:6

ULT

6 They will speak of the power of your awesome works, and I will declare your greatness.

UST

6 People will speak about your powerful and awesome deeds, and I will proclaim that you are very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:7

ULT

7 They will celebrate the fame of your abounding goodness, and they will sing about your righteousness.

UST

7 People will remember and proclaim that you are very good to us, and they will sing joyfully that you always act justly.

What will one generation declare and sing about to the next?

They will declare Yahweh's abounding goodness and sing about his righteousness.

Psalms 145:8

ULT

8 Yahweh is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and great in steadfast love.

UST

8 Yahweh, you act kindly and mercifully toward us; you do not quickly become angry; you faithfully love us very much as you have promised to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:9

ULT

9 Yahweh is good to all; and his abundant mercies are over all his works.

UST

9 Yahweh, you are good to everyone, and you act mercifully to everything that you have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:10

ULT
10 All you have made will give thanks to you, Yahweh; your faithful ones will bless you.

UST
10 Yahweh, all the creatures that you made will thank you, and all your people will praise you.

What will thank and bless Yahweh?
All that Yahweh has made will give thanks to him and his faithful ones will bless him.

Psalms 145:11

ULT
11 They will speak of the glory of your kingdom, and they will tell of your power.

UST
11 They will tell others that you rule very gloriously as our king and that you are very powerful.

Who will speak of the glory of Yahweh's kingdom and tell of Yahweh's power?
Yahweh's faithful ones will speak of the glory of his kingdom and tell of his power.

Psalms 145:12

ULT
12 Making known to the children of mankind his mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of his kingdom.

UST
12 They will do that so that everyone will know about your powerful deeds and that you rule over us gloriously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:13

ULT
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

UST
13 You will never stop being king; you will rule throughout all generations.

How long will Yahweh's kingdom last?
Yahweh's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and his dominion endures throughout all generations.

Psalms 145:14

ULT
14 Yahweh supports all who are falling and raises up all who are bent over.

UST
14 Yahweh, you help all those who are discouraged, and you lift up all those who have lost hope.

Who does Yahweh support and raise up?
Yahweh supports all who are falling and raises up all those who are bent over.

Psalms 145:15

ULT
15 The eyes of all wait for you; you give them their food in its time.

UST
15 All of the creatures that you made expect that you will provide food for them, and you give them food when they need it.

Whose eyes wait for Yahweh and is given food at the right time?
Everyone's eyes wait for Yahweh and are given food at the right time.

Psalms 145:16

ULT
16 You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

UST
16 You give food to all living creatures generously, and you cause them to be satisfied.

How does Yahweh satisfy the desires of every living thing?
Yahweh opens his hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Psalms 145:17

ULT
17 Yahweh is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

UST
17 Everything that Yahweh does, he does justly; all that he does, he does mercifully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:18

ULT
18 Yahweh is near to all who call to him, to all who call to him in truth.

UST
18 Yahweh comes near to all those who call out to him, to those who call to him sincerely.

To whom is Yahweh near?
Yahweh is near to all those who call to him and to all who call to him in trustworthiness.

Psalms 145:19

ULT
19 He does the desire of those who fear him, and he hears their cry and saves them.

UST
19 To all those who have an awesome respect for him he gives what they need. He hears them when they cry out to him and saves them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 145:20

ULT

20 Yahweh keeps all those who love him, but he will destroy all the wicked.

UST

20 Yahweh protects all those who love him, but he will get rid of all the wicked people.

What does Yahweh do for those who love him?

Yahweh watches over all those who love him.

What will Yahweh do to all the wicked?

He will destroy all the wicked.

Psalms 145:21

ULT

21 My mouth speaks the praise of Yahweh; let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

UST

21 I will always praise Yahweh; I wish that all people everywhere may praise him forever, for he does everything perfectly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 146

Psalms 146:1

ULT
1 Praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh, my soul.

UST
1 Praise Yahweh. With my whole inner being I will praise Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 146:2

ULT
2 I will praise Yahweh with my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

UST
2 I will praise Yahweh as long as I am alive; I will sing to praise my God all the rest of my life.

How long will the writer praise Yahweh?
He will praise Yahweh as long as he lives.

Psalms 146:3

ULT
3 Do not trust in nobles Nor in men, in whom there is no salvation.

UST
3 You people, do not trust in your leaders; do not trust humans because they cannot save.

What should one not put their trust in?
People should not put their trust in princes or in mankind, in whom there is no salvation.

Psalms 146:4

ULT

4 When his breath ceases, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans perish.

UST

4 When they die, their corpses decay and become soil again. After they die, they can no longer do the things that they planned to do.

What happens when a person's life's breath stops?

When a person's life's breath stops, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans end.

Psalms 146:5

ULT

5 Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

UST

5 But how fortunate are those whom God helps, the God whom Jacob worshiped. These are the people who confidently expect Yahweh, their God, to help them.

Who is the one who is blessed?

The one who is blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in Yahweh his God.

Psalms 146:6

ULT

6 The one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; The one who keeps faithfulness forever.

UST

6 He is the one who created the heavens and the earth, the oceans and all the creatures that are in them. He always does what he has promised to do.

What has Yahweh made?

Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Psalms 146:7

ULT

7 The one who executes justice for the oppressed The one who gives bread to the hungry. Yahweh liberates the prisoners;

UST

7 He decides matters fairly for those who are treated unfairly, and he provides food for those who are hungry. He frees those who are in prison.

What does God do for the oppressed and the hungry?

Yahweh executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Psalms 146:8

ULT

8 Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind; Yahweh raises up those who are bowed down; Yahweh loves those who are righteous.

UST

8 Yahweh enables those who are blind to see again. He lifts up those who have fallen down. He loves the righteous people.

What does Yahweh do for the blind and those who are bowed down?

Yahweh opens the eyes of the blind, and raises up those who are bowed down.

Psalms 146:9

ULT

9 Yahweh guards the refugees; he sustains the orphan and the widow, but he subverts the way of the wicked.

UST

9 Yahweh takes care of those from other countries who live in our land, and he helps widows and orphans. But he stops wicked people from what they are doing.

Who does Yahweh protect?

Yahweh protects the foreigners in the land.

Psalms 146:10

ULT

10 Yahweh reigns forever, your God, Zion, reigns from generation to generation. Praise Yahweh.

UST

10 Yahweh will continue to be our king forever; you people of Israel, your God will rule forever! Praise Yahweh!

How long will Yahweh reign?

Yahweh will reign forever, for all generations.

Psalms 147

Psalms 147:1

ULT

[1] Praise Yahweh! How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and suitable is a song of praise.

UST

[1] Praise Yahweh! It is good to sing praises to our God. It is a delightful thing to do and the right thing to do.

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because it is good, pleasant and suitable.

Psalms 147:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh builds up Jerusalem, he gathers the scattered people of Israel.

UST

[2] Jerusalem was destroyed, but Yahweh is enabling us to build Jerusalem again. He is bringing back the people who were taken to other lands.

How does Yahweh help his followers?

Yahweh helps rebuild Jerusalem, gathers the scattered people of Israel.

Psalms 147:3

ULT

[3] He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

UST

[3] He enables those who were very discouraged to be encouraged again; it is as though they have wounds and he bandages them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:4

ULT

4 He counts the number of the stars; he gives names to all of them.

UST

4 He has determined how many stars there will be and gives names to all of them.

What does Yahweh do to the stars after he counts them?

Yahweh counts the stars and gives names all of them.

Psalms 147:5

ULT

5 Great is our Lord and abounding in power, his understanding is without measure.

UST

5 Yahweh is great and very powerful, and no one can measure how much he understands.

How great is Lord's understanding?

His understanding cannot be measured.

Psalms 147:6

ULT

6 Yahweh lifts up the oppressed, he brings the wicked down to the ground.

UST

6 Yahweh lifts up those who have been oppressed, and he throws the wicked down to the ground.

What does Yahweh do to the wicked?

Yahweh brings the wicked down to the ground.

Psalms 147:7

ULT

[7] Sing to Yahweh with thanksgiving, sing praises to our God with a harp.

UST

[7] Thank Yahweh while you are singing to him to praise him; on the harps, play music to our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:8

ULT

[8] He is the one who covers the heavens with clouds; he is the one who prepares rain for the earth; he is the one who causes the mountains to sprout with grass.

UST

[8] He covers the sky with clouds, and then he sends rain to the earth and causes grass to grow on the hills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:9

ULT

[9] He gives food to the animals and to the children of the ravens when they call.

UST

[9] He gives to animals the food that they need; he gives food to young crows when they cry out because they are hungry.

How does Yahweh care for the animals and ravens?

Yahweh gives food to the animals and the young ravens when they cry.

Psalms 147:10

ULT
10 He does not delight in the strength of a horse, he does not enjoy the strong legs of a man.

UST
10 He is not impressed with strong horses or with men who can run fast.

In what does Yahweh find no delight and take no pleasure?
Yahweh finds no delight in the strength of horse and takes no pleasure in the strong legs of man.

Psalms 147:11

ULT
11 Yahweh enjoys those who fear him, those who hope for his steadfast love.

UST
11 Instead, what pleases him are those who have an awesome respect for him, those who confidently expect him to continue to love them as he promised to do.

In what does Yahweh take pleasure?
Yahweh takes pleasure in those who honor him, who hope in his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 147:12

ULT
12 Extol Yahweh, Jerusalem, praise your God, Zion.

UST
12 You people of Jerusalem, praise Yahweh! Praise your God!

With what does Yahweh satisfy the people of Jerusalem? (vv12-14)
Yahweh satisfies them with the finest of wheat.

Psalms 147:13

ULT
13 For he strengthens the bars of your gates, he blesses your children in your midst.

UST
13 He guards your city by keeping its gates strong. He blesses the people who live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:14

ULT
14 He sets your borders with peace, he satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

UST
14 He causes your people to become wealthy. He gives you plenty of very good wheat to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:15

ULT
15 He sends out his word to the land, his command runs with swiftness.

UST
15 He commands things to happen throughout the earth; his words quickly reach the place to which he sends them.

How do Yahweh's commandment of out to the earth?
Yahweh sends his commandment to earth and his command runs very swiftly.

Psalms 147:16

ULT
16 He makes the snow like wool, he scatters the frost like ashes.

UST
16 He sends snow to cover the ground like a white wool blanket, and he scatters frost on the ground as wind scatters ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:17

ULT
17 He sends out his hail like crumbs, who can stand before his cold?

UST
17 He sends hail down like pebbles; when that happens, it is very difficult to endure because the air becomes very cold.

How does Yahweh dispense the hail?
Yahweh dispenses the hail like crumbs.

Psalms 147:18

ULT
18 He sends out his command and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

UST
18 But he commands the wind to blow, and it blows. Then the hail melts and the water flows into the streams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 147:19

ULT
19 He proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his righteous decrees to Israel.

UST
19 He sends his message to the descendants of Jacob; he tells to his Israelite people the things that he has decreed and what he has decided.

To whom did Yahweh proclaim his word and his statutes and righteous decrees?
Yahweh proclaimed his word to Jacob, and his statutes and righteous decrees to Israel.

Psalms 147:20

ULT

20 He has not done so with any other nation, and as for his judgments, they do not know them. Praise Yahweh.

UST

20 He has not done that for any other nation; the other nations do not know his laws. Praise Yahweh!

To which other nation has Yahweh proclaimed his word, statutes and decrees?

Yahweh has not proclaimed his word, statutes and decrees to any other nation.

Psalms 148

Psalms 148:1

ULT
1 Praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

UST
1 Praise Yahweh! Praise him, you angels who are in the heavens; praise him, you angels up in the sky!

Who is to praise Yahweh? (vv1-2)
Everyone in the heavens, those in the heights, all his angels and all his angel armies are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:2

ULT
2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts.

UST
2 All you angels who belong to him, praise him! All you who are in the armies of Yahweh, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:3

ULT
3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

UST
3 Sun and moon, you also must praise him! You shining stars, you praise him!

Who is to praise Yahweh? (vv3-4)
The sun, moon, shining stars, highest heaven and the waters above the sky are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:4

ULT
4 Praise him, highest heavens and the waters that are above the heavens.

UST
4 You highest heavens, praise him! You waters that are high above the sky, praise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:5

ULT
5 Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for he commanded, and they were created.

UST
5 I want all of these to praise Yahweh because by commanding that they exist, he created them.

Why should Yahweh be praised?
Yahweh should be praised because he gave the command and everything was created.

Psalms 148:6

ULT
6 He has established them forever and ever; he given a decree and it will not pass away.

UST
6 He set them in place; he commanded that they should be there forever. They cannot disobey that command!

What decree will never change?
The decree of Yahweh will never change.

Psalms 148:7

ULT
7 Praise Yahweh from the earth, sea monsters and all ocean depths,

UST
7 Everything on the earth, praise Yahweh! You huge creatures and everything else that is deep in the ocean,

Who should praise God from the earth? (vv7-8)
The sea creatures, all in the ocean, fire, hail, snow, clouds and wind which fulfills his word should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:8

ULT
8 fire and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds doing his word.

UST
8 fire and hail, snow and frost, and strong winds that obey what he commands, I tell all of you to praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:9

ULT
9 The mountains and all the hills, The fruit trees and all the cedars,

UST
9 Hills and mountains, fruit trees and cedar trees,

Who also should praise Yahweh? (vv9-10)
The mountains, hills, fruit trees, cedars, wild and tame animals, creatures that crawl and birds need to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:10

ULT
10 animals and all the beasts, reptiles and winged birds.

UST
10 all the wild animals and all tame animals, reptiles and other things that creep on the ground, and all the birds, I tell all of you to praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:11

ULT
11 kings of the earth and all the peoples, princes and all judges of the earth,

UST
11 You kings on this earth and all the people that you rule, you princes and all other rulers,

Who else should praise Yahweh? (vv11-12)
Kings, princes young men and women, the elderly and the children need to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:12

ULT
12 Young men and also young women, the elderly along with the children.

UST
12 you young men and young women, you old people and children, everyone, praise Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 148:13

ULT

13 let them all praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted; his glory extends over the earth and the heavens.

UST

13 I want them all to praise Yahweh because he is greater than anyone else. His power controls everything on the earth and in the heavens.

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because his name alone is exalted and his glory extends over the earth and heavens.

Psalms 148:14

ULT

14 He has raised up the horn of his people praise from all his faithful ones, from the children of Israel, the people near to him. Praise Yahweh.

UST

14 He caused us, his people, to be strong so that we Israelite people who are very precious to him should praise him, So praise Yahweh!

Who are Yahweh's faithful ones?

The Israelites and the people near to him are Yahweh's faithful ones.

Psalms 149

Psalms 149:1

ULT
[1] Praise Yahweh. Sing to Yahweh a new song – his praise in the assembly of the faithful ones.

UST
[1] Praise Yahweh! Sing a new song to Yahweh; praise him whenever his faithful people gather together!

How should everyone praise Yahweh?
Everyone should sing a new song to Yahweh and sing his praise in the assembly.

Psalms 149:2

ULT
[2] Let Israel rejoice in the one who made them; let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

UST
[2] You Israelite people, be glad because of what God, who created you, has done for you! You people of Jerusalem, rejoice because of what God, your king, has done for you!

In whom should Israel rejoice?
Israel should rejoice in the one who made them a nation, and in their king.

Psalms 149:3

ULT
[3] Let them praise his name with dancing; let them play for him with tambourine and harp.

UST
[3] Praise Yahweh by dancing, by beating tambourines, and by playing harps to praise him!

How should everyone praise Yahweh?
Everyone should praise Yahweh's name with dancing and sing praises to him with tambourine and harp.

Psalms 149:4

ULT
4 For Yahweh takes pleasure in his people; he glorifies the humble with salvation.

UST
4 Yahweh is pleased with his people; he honors humble people by helping them to defeat their enemies.

In whom does Yahweh take pleasure?
Yahweh takes pleasure in his people.

Who does Yahweh glorify?
He glorifies the humble with salvation.

Psalms 149:5

ULT
5 Let the faithful ones rejoice in this honor; let them shout for joy on their beds.

UST
5 Because they have won battles, God’s people should rejoice and sing joyfully all during the night!

How should godly people rejoice?
Godly people should rejoice in victory and sing for joy.

Psalms 149:6

ULT
6 May the exaltation of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands

UST
6 They should shout loudly to praise God; but they should also hold sharp swords in their hands,

What should be in the mouths of the godly?
The praises of God should be in their mouths.

What is the purpose of the two-edged sword in the hands of the godly? (vv6-7)
The sword in their hand is to execute vengeance on the nations and acts of punishment on the peoples.

Psalms 149:7

ULT
7 to do vengeance on the nations – acts of punishment on the peoples.

UST
7 ready to use them to defeat the soldiers of nations that do not worship God and to punish the people of those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 149:8

ULT
8 to bind their kings with chains and their honored ones with iron shackles.

UST
8 They will fasten their kings and other leaders with iron chains.

What will the godly do to the kings and nobles of the other nations?
They will bind the kings with chains and the nobles with iron shackles.

Psalms 149:9

ULT
9 to do the judgment against them that is written. This will be an honor for all his faithful ones. Praise Yahweh.

UST
9 They will judge and punish the people of those nations as God wrote should be done. Everyone else will honor God's faithful people for doing that! Praise Yahweh!

Who will be honored when the judgement is executed?
This will be an honor for all his faithful ones.

Psalms 150

Psalms 150:1

ULT
1 Praise Yahweh. Praise God in his holy place; praise him in the mighty heavens.

UST
1 Praise Yahweh! Praise God in his temple! Praise him who is in his fortress in heaven!

Where should everyone praise God?
Everyone should praise God in his sanctuary and the mighty heavens.

Psalms 150:2

ULT
2 Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

UST
2 Praise him for the mighty deeds that he has performed; praise him because he is very great!

For what should everyone praise God?
Everyone should praise God for his mighty acts and for his surpassing greatness.

Psalms 150:3

ULT
3 Praise him with the blast of the horn; praise him with lute and harp.

UST
3 Praise him by blowing trumpets loudly; praise him by playing harps and small stringed instruments!

With what instruments should everyone praise God? (vv3-5)
Everyone should praise God with the horn, lute, harp, tambourines, dancing, stringed and wind instruments, and with cymbals.

Psalms 150:4

ULT
4 Praise him with tambourines and dancing; praise him with stringed instruments and wind instruments.

UST
4 Praise him by beating drums and by dancing. Praise him by playing stringed instruments and by playing flutes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 150:5

ULT
5 Praise him with loud cymbals; praise him with high sounding cymbals.

UST
5 Praise him by clashing cymbals; praise him by clashing very loud cymbals!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Psalms 150:6

ULT
6 Let everything that has breath praise Yahweh. Praise Yahweh.

UST
6 I want all living creatures to praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh!

Who should praise Yahweh?
Everything that has breath should praise Yahweh.

Proverbs

Proverbs 1

Proverbs 1:1

ULT

[1] The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel:

UST

[1] These are the sayings that compare one example with another, to teach moral lessons and to make people wise, from Solomon the king of Israel, who was son of David.

Who was the author of these proverbs?
Solomon, king of Israel, was the author of these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:2

ULT

[2] To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of understanding;

UST

[2] The purpose of these sayings is to teach the meaning of wisdom and give examples of moral instruction, so wise teaching can guide you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:3

ULT

[3] to receive instruction of insight, righteousness and justice and equity;

UST

[3] These sayings offer correction so you may live by wisdom, by the measures of what is right, what is just, and what is fair.

How do these proverbs teach people to live?
These proverbs teaches people to live by doing what is right, just, and fair.

Proverbs 1:4

ULT

[4] to give to naive ones prudence, to a young man knowledge and discretion

UST

[4] They give wise teaching to those who have no experience and to instruct those who do not know how to live a moral life, and to give the young the knowledge they need and to teach them the understanding they do not have—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:5

ULT

[5] (a wise one will hear and increase learning, and one who discerns will get directions),

UST

[5] so the wise may listen to these sayings and increase in their learning, and those who already have insight will gain more ways to live according to the lessons of wisdom.

What can the wise receive by listening to these proverbs?

The wise can increase their learning by listening to these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:6

ULT

[6] to understand a proverb and a satire, the words of the wise and their riddles.

UST

[6] They seek to understand the lessons of the proverbs and the meaning of the parables. These are the words of the wise and their difficult riddles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:7

ULT

7 The fear of Yahweh {is} the beginning of knowledge, fools despise wisdom and instruction.

UST

7 You must begin your search for knowledge by honoring Yahweh and respecting him, a fool who dishonors himself hates wisdom and fights against the one who corrects him.

What is the beginning of knowledge?

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:8

ULT

8 Hear, my son, the instruction of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother.

UST

8 My son, listen when your father teaches you and do not disobey the rules your mother set down.

To whose instruction should a son listen?

A son should listen to instruction from his father and mother.

Proverbs 1:9

ULT

9 For, they {are} a wreath of favor for your head and necklace chains for your neck.

UST

9 Their teaching is a wreath upon your head, and beautiful necklaces around your neck, they are priceless gifts from your parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:10

ULT
10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

UST
10 My son, as sinners try to draw you into their sin with smooth talk and flattery, do not listen to what they say and do not follow them.

What should a son do if sinners try to entice him with sin?
A son should refuse to follow those who try to entice him with sin.

Proverbs 1:11

ULT
11 If they say, “Come with us! Let us lie in wait for blood. Let us lie hidden for the innocent without cause.

UST
11 They may say, “Come with us! Join us! We will hide in wait and we will take the life of one who passes by. We will hide ourselves and we will rise up and attack a person who has done us no wrong—that will be our sport.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:12

ULT
12 Let us swallow them, the living ones, like Sheol, and the whole ones like those going down to a pit.

UST
12 Like the grave has power to take even a healthy person and drag them to the place of the dead, we will take their life from them. We will make them like those who fall into the place where there is no hope of escape.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:13

ULT
13 We will find every precious wealth. We will fill our houses {with} spoil.

UST
13 We will find many valuable and expensive items, and we will fill our houses with what we stole from them!

With what do those who are sinning plan to fill their houses?
Those who are sinning plan to fill their houses with what they steal from others.

Proverbs 1:14

ULT
14 Cause your lot to fall in our midst; one purse will be for all of us."

UST
14 So, come, be part of our team! We will split into equal shares, and give to each member of our team, from all the things we stole."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:15

ULT
15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; restrain your foot from their path.

UST
15 My son, do not walk that road with them! Do not put your foot down on the same path on which they walk!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:16

ULT
16 For their feet run to evil, and they hurry to pour out blood.

UST
16 They run to the places where they do terrible things, They hurry so they can commit murder.

What do those who are sinning hurry to do?
Those who are sinning hurry to shed blood.

Proverbs 1:17

ULT
17 Surely in vain {is} the net spread out in the eyes of any owner of wing,

UST
17 It is useless to put out a net to trap a bird while the bird is watching you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:18

ULT
18 but they lie in wait for their blood, lie hidden for their lives.

UST
18 These men make plans that turn around and kill them. They set a trap and the trap catches them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:19

ULT
19 So {are} the ways of all who unjustly gain unjust gain; it takes the life of its owner.

UST
19 These are the ways of all who gain their riches through theft and deceit; the things they stole destroy the lives of the thieves who cling to them.

What does unjust gain do to those who hold on to it?
Unjust gain takes away the lives of those who hold on to it.

Proverbs 1:20

ULT
20 Wisdom cries out in the street, she gives her voice in the plazas.

UST
20 Wisdom is like a woman who cries out in the streets. Wisdom calls out to people in the plazas.

Who cries aloud in the streets, open places, and city gates? (vv20-21)
Wisdom cries aloud in the streets, open places, and city gates.

Proverbs 1:21

ULT

21 At the head of the tumultuous streets she calls out; at the opening of the gates in the city she says her words,

UST

21 At the intersection of busy streets she cries out and at the entrance of city gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:22

ULT

22 “Until when will the naive ones love naivety and mockers delight in mockery for themselves and fools hate knowledge?

UST

22 She cries, “How long will you who have not been taught, will you love being enticed to do what will harm you? How long will you who think you know more than the wise, have so much joy in the little you know? How long will you fools refuse to learn?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:23

ULT

23 Turn to my rebuke. Behold, I shall pour out my spirit to you, I shall cause you to know my words.

UST

23 If you pay attention to me when I correct you, I will tell you all I am thinking. I will help you understand what I am saying to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:24

ULT
24 Because I have called and you have refused, I have stretched forth my hand and there was no heeding,

UST
24 But when I called to you, you refused to listen. I beckoned you and stretched out my hands to you, but no one paid any attention.

What did those who lacked wisdom do when Wisdom called out to them? (vv24-25)
Those who lacked wisdom refused to listen and did not pay attention when Wisdom called out to them.

Proverbs 1:25

ULT
25 and you have let go of all my counsel, and you did not consent to my rebuke,

UST
25 You refused to listen to my advice and you did not listen when I corrected you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:26

ULT
26 I too will laugh in your disaster, I will mock when your terror comes,

UST
26 I will laugh at you, when you are experiencing troubles, when you are terribly afraid, I will have contempt for you and not compassion.

What will Wisdom do when calamity comes on those who lacked wisdom?
Wisdom will laugh when calamity comes on those who lacked wisdom.

Proverbs 1:27

ULT
27 when your terror comes like a storm and your disaster comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

UST
27 When troubles strike you like a powerful storm, and disasters hit you like a violent wind, when you experience distress and you go through difficulties, I will have contempt for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:28

ULT
28 Then they will call out to me but I will not answer, they will diligently seek me but they will not find me,

UST
28 When people call to me to help them, but I will not answer them. They will be desperate for my help, and search everywhere for me, but they will not find me.

What will Wisdom do when those who lacked wisdom call upon her?
Wisdom will not answer when those who lacked wisdom call upon her.

Proverbs 1:29

ULT
29 for the reason that they hate knowledge and did not choose the fear of Yahweh,

UST
29 They reject what I say and they hate what I know, and they made a choice not to show respect to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:30

ULT
30 they did not consent to my counsel, and they despised my every rebuke.

UST
30 They would not obey what I told them to do, and they did not pay attention when I tried to correct them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:31

ULT
31 And they will eat from the fruit of their ways, and from their schemes they will have their fill.

UST
31 So they will experience the consequences of their actions when they carry out their evil plans.

With what will those who lacked wisdom be filled?
Those who lacked wisdom will be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Proverbs 1:32

ULT
32 For the turning away of the naive will slay them and ease will cause fools to perish.

UST
32 Those who have not been taught wisdom are foolish. Fools choose to make no decision about anything, but be sure of this: Their failure to make a decision will destroy their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 1:33

ULT
33 But the one who listens to me will dwell securely and will be at ease from the terror of evil."

UST
33 But those who pay attention to me will live in peace and safety, and they will rest and not be afraid of any disaster that may come."

How will those live who listen to Wisdom?
Those who listen to wisdom will live in safety.

Proverbs 2

Proverbs 2:1

ULT
1 My son, if you receive my words and store up my commandments with you—

UST
1 My son, listen to what I say, and consider my commands to be as valuable as a treasure.

What does Wisdom want her son to treasure?
Wisdom wants her son to treasure her commandments.

Proverbs 2:2

ULT
2 by causing your ear to be attentive to wisdom, you incline your heart to understanding—

UST
2 Pay attention to wisdom and try hard to understand what is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:3

ULT
3 indeed, if you call out for discernment, you lift up your voice for understanding,

UST
3 Call out to Yahweh to get insight, plead with him to help you understand more of what he wants you to know.

How should the son seek and search for understanding? (vv3-4)
The son should seek understanding as silver, and search for it as a hidden treasure.

Proverbs 2:4

ULT

[4] if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasures,

UST

[4] Search eagerly for wisdom, like you would search for silver— like you would search for a treasure that someone has hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:5

ULT

[5] then you will understand the fear of Yahweh and you will find the knowledge of God.

UST

[5] If you do that, you will understand how to give Yahweh the respect he deserves, and you will succeed in knowing God.

If the son seeks and searches for understanding, what will he find?

The son will find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:6

ULT

[6] For Yahweh gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding {are} from his mouth.

UST

[6] Yahweh is the one who gives us wisdom. He is the one who tells us things that we need to know and understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:7

ULT
7 And he stores up prudence for the upright ones— a shield for those walking with integrity,

UST
7 He stores up good advice so he can give it to them who honor him by the way they live their lives. He protects those who do with their lives what they say with their lips.

What is Yahweh for those who walk in integrity?
Yahweh is a shield for those who walk in integrity.

Proverbs 2:8

ULT
8 to guard the paths of justice, and he will keep the way of his faithful ones.

UST
8 He guards justice and works to see it is done, and he keeps safe those who are faithful to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:9

ULT
9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity— every good track.

UST
9 You will understand what Yahweh sees is right and what Yahweh determines is just to do, and he will show you the best way to live.

When wisdom comes into the son's heart, what will he understand?
The son will understand righteousness, justice, equity, and every good path.

Proverbs 2:10

ULT
10 For wisdom will enter into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your spirit.

UST
10 Wisdom will fill your life; knowing what Yahweh wants you to know will cause you to be joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:11

ULT
11 Discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,

UST
11 You will learn to tell the difference between right and wrong and that will keep you safe.

From what will discretion and understanding rescue the son? (vv11-13)
Discretion and understanding will rescue the son from the way of evil and from those who walk in the ways of darkness.

Proverbs 2:12

ULT
12 to rescue you from the way of evil, from a man who speaks perverse things,

UST
12 You will not do what Yahweh forbids you to do, and you will stay away from those who imagine horrible things and talk about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:13

ULT
13 the ones who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,

UST
13 They go the wrong way, and they walk where there is no light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:14

ULT
14 the ones who are joyful to do evil, they rejoice in perverse things of evil,

UST
14 They are glad when they do what is wrong, they twist good things into bad and enjoy doing what they know is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:15

ULT
15 whose paths {are} crooked and who are devious in their tracks;

UST
15 They bend the truth and live by deception and their lies hide what they have done.

How do those who walk in the ways of darkness hide their tracks?
Those who walk in the ways of darkness hide their tracks using deception.

Proverbs 2:16

ULT
16 to rescue you from a strange woman, from a foreign woman who makes her words smooth,

UST
16 Wisdom will keep you safe from the adulterous woman, and you will not pay attention when a strange woman invites you to be with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:17

ULT
17 the one who forsakes the companion of her youth and has forgotten the covenant of her God.

UST
17 Those women left the husbands they married when they were young, they forgot the promise they made to God to love only the one they married.

What does the immoral woman forsake and forget?
The immoral woman forsakes the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God.

Proverbs 2:18

ULT
18 For her house sinks down to death and her tracks to the spirits of the dead.

UST
18 Those who enter her house are taken to their death, because the way to her house takes them where dead people are buried.

To where do the immoral woman's tracks lead?
The immoral woman's tracks lead to those in the grave.

Proverbs 2:19

ULT
19 All who enter her will not return and they will not reach the paths of life.

UST
19 All who go to her to sleep with her have no way to get out of her house, they will be so lost they will never find the way back to life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 2:20

ULT
[20] So you shall walk in the way of the good ones and you shall keep the paths of the righteous ones.

UST
[20] You must live your life in the same way that good men are living. You should do the same things as those who do what is right.

In whose ways should the son walk?
The son should walk in the way of good people and those who do right.

Proverbs 2:21

ULT
[21] For the upright ones will dwell {in} the land, and the blameless ones will remain in it,

UST
[21] Those who do what is right will receive the land as a gift from Yahweh, and only those who do what they have promised will stay in the land for a long time.

What will happen to those who do right?
Those who do right will make a home in the land.

Proverbs 2:22

ULT
[22] but wicked ones will be cut off from the land, and those who act treacherously will be torn away from it.

UST
[22] Those who do bad things will have no claim to this land, and people who take advantage of others and do not keep their word, they will never have even a small part of the land.

What will happen to those who are wicked?
Those who are wicked will be cut off from the land.

Proverbs 3

Proverbs 3:1

ULT
1 My son, do not forget my law, and let your heart keep my commandments.

UST
1 My son, do not forget the lessons I have taught you. Keep my commands inside of you, as important guidance for how you will live,

What will Wisdom's commands and teachings add to her son? (vv1-2)
Wisdom's commands and teachings will add years of life and peace to her son.

Proverbs 3:2

ULT
2 For they will add to you length of days and years of life and peace.

UST
2 because they will help you live a long life, measured in either days or years, and they will bring you peace in addition to all the lessons they teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:3

ULT
3 Do not let covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness leave you, tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,

UST
3 Treat others with tenderness and always speak the truth to them. Let tenderness and truth guide you in every relationship, as if they both were on a necklace you wear, a necklace that guides you in everything you say.

Where must covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness be written?
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness must be written on the tablet of the heart.

Proverbs 3:4

ULT
4 and you will find favor and good insight in the eyes of God and mankind.

UST
4 Then you will experience God's delight in you, and people will also approve of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:5

ULT
5 Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding;

UST
5 Put all your trust in Yahweh, and do not take action because you made up your mind what you should do;

On what must the son not lean?
The son must not lean on (relay on) his own understanding.

Proverbs 3:6

ULT
6 in all your ways acknowledge him and he will straighten your paths.

UST
6 but in every choice and decision, look to Yahweh, and he will show you how you must live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:7

ULT
7 Do not be wise in your eyes, fear Yahweh and turn from evil.

UST
7 Do not think you are wise enough to direct your life, give Yahweh the reverence he deserves, and when evil invites you in, turn aside from it.

How must the son not see himself?
The son must not see himself as wise.

Proverbs 3:8

ULT
8 It will be healing for your navel and refreshment for your bones.

UST
8 Giving Yahweh reverence will make your body healthy and it will give your bones the food it needs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:9

ULT
9 Honor Yahweh from your wealth and from the firstfruits of all your produce,

UST
9 When you gain money, honor Yahweh by giving him the tithe; give him the first portion of what you received, to remember it all came from him.

What must the son do with his wealth?
The son must honor Yahweh with his wealth.

Proverbs 3:10

ULT
10 and your storehouses will be full with plenty and your presses will burst open with new wine.

UST
10 If you honor Yahweh, your storerooms will be so full that they will overflow, and your barrels will be bursting with all the wine you have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:11

ULT
11 The instruction of Yahweh, my son, do not reject, and do not abhor his rebuke.

UST
11 My son, do not hate it when Yahweh corrects you, and when he rebukes you, do not resent it,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:12

ULT
12 For Yahweh rebukes whom he loves, and like a father he is pleased with a son.

UST
12 for Yahweh only corrects those he loves, just like parents correct their children whom they love.

Who does Yahweh discipline?
Yahweh disciplines those he loves.

Proverbs 3:13

ULT
13 Blessed {is} a man who finds wisdom and a man who obtains understanding.

UST
13 Those who get wisdom are fortunate; with her they also get understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:14

ULT
14 For better {is} its gain than the gain of silver, and its produce than gold.

UST
14 Wisdom gives you a better profit than owning silver, and she will give you something that is much more valuable than gold.

Wisdom is better than what?
Wisdom is better than silver and gold.

Proverbs 3:15

ULT
15 She is more precious than corals, and all your desired things do not compare with her.

UST
15 Being wise is more precious than jewels and there is nothing you desire that is worth as much as wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:16

ULT
16 Length of days {is} in her right hand, in her left hand {are} riches and honor.

UST
16 Wisdom can make you able to live a long life, if you do what she teaches; she is also ready to make you wealthy and to persuade other people to honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:17

ULT
17 Her ways {are} ways of pleasantness and all her paths {are} peace.

UST
17 Wisdom is known by how kind she is, and she always directs you to the place where you will find peace.

What are all the paths of wisdom?
All the paths of wisdom are peace.

Proverbs 3:18

ULT
18 She {is} a tree of life to the ones who take hold of her, and those who grasp her {are} blessed.

UST
18 Wisdom is like a tree whose fruit gives life to those who hold on to it, and Yahweh gives happiness to those who hold on to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:19

ULT
19 Yahweh founded the earth by wisdom, established the heavens by understanding.

UST
19 By his wisdom Yahweh laid out the earth from the very beginning, and by his understanding he put everything in the heavens exactly where they should be.

What did Yahweh do by wisdom?
By wisdom, Yahweh founded the earth.

Proverbs 3:20

ULT
20 By his knowledge the depths broke open and the clouds dripped dew.

UST
20 The deepest part of the oceans broke open according to Yahweh's design, and in the same way, he made the dew so it would fall from the clouds above.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:21

ULT
21 My son, do not let them depart from your eyes, guard prudence and discretion.

UST
21 My son, hold on to good sense in the decisions you make, and do not take your eye off of them.

What will be life to the son's soul? (vv21-22)
Sound judgment and discernment will be life to the son's soul.

Proverbs 3:22

ULT
22 And they will be life for your spirit and favor for your neck.

UST
22 They will bring life to you, and a sign of Yahweh's blessings on your life that people can see by your good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:23

ULT
23 Then you will walk your way to security and your foot will not stumble.

UST
23 Your good decisions will take you where you are going in safety, and they will keep you from taking a wrong step on the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:24

ULT
24 When you lie down, you will not be in dread, and you will lie down and your sleep will be pleasant.

UST
24 When you lie down to sleep, you will not have any fear, and your sleep will be refreshing.

If the son walks in wisdom, what will happen when he lies down?
When he lies down, he will not be afraid and his sleep will be sweet.

Proverbs 3:25

ULT
25 Do not be afraid of sudden dread and of the devastation of the wicked ones when it comes.

UST
25 Do not let a disaster fill you with terror, and do not let the wicked fill you with fear when they come for you.

Of what should the son not be afraid?
The son should not be afraid of sudden terror or devastation.

Proverbs 3:26

ULT
26 For Yahweh will be at your loins, and he will keep your foot from capture.

UST
26 Yahweh takes your side to defend you, he will not allow any trap to catch and hold you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:27

ULT
27 Do not withhold good from its owner, when it is in the power of your hand to act.

UST
27 Give good gifts to those who deserve it, when you can, help them.

What should the son do for those who deserve it?
The son should not withhold good from those who deserve it.

Proverbs 3:28

ULT
28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go and return, and tomorrow I will give {it},” and it is with you.

UST
28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back later; perhaps I will help you tomorrow,” when you have the money with you and can help them now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:29

ULT
29 Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he who is dwelling safely with you.

UST
29 Do not make plans to harm anyone you know, especially those who live close to you and trust you.

What should the son not do to his neighbor?
The son should not make a plan to harm his neighbor.

Proverbs 3:30

ULT
30 Do not contend with a man without cause, if he has not done evil to you.

UST
30 If a person has done nothing to you, do not argue with him or say he has done something to you, when he has not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:31

ULT
31 Do not be envious of a man of violence and do not choose any of his ways.

UST
31 Do not envy a person who does violence to others, and do not imitate anything he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:32

ULT
32 For the devious one {is} an abomination to Yahweh, but his counsel {is} the upright.

UST
32 A lying person is hated by Yahweh for what he does, but Yahweh is a close friend to anyone who lives rightly.

Who is wicked to Yahweh?
The lying person is wicked to Yahweh.

Proverbs 3:33

ULT
33 The curse of Yahweh {is} in the house of the wicked one, but he blesses the abode of the righteous ones.

UST
33 Yahweh promises punishment to the families of those who do evil things. but he makes happy the families of the good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 3:34

ULT
34 Though to the mockers he mocks, yet to the humble he gives favor.

UST
34 Yahweh makes fools of those who treat others with disrespect, but he gives his kindness to people who are humble.

What does Yahweh do to the mockers?
Yahweh mocks the mockers.

Proverbs 3:35

ULT

35 The wise ones will inherit honor, but fools lift up dishonor.

UST

35 Those who are wise will be honored, but foolish people will become well known for their dishonor.

What do the wise inherit?

The wise inherit honor.

Proverbs 4

Proverbs 4:1

ULT
1 Hear, sons, the instruction of a father, and listen attentively in order to know understanding.

UST
1 Listen, children, listen to what I am teaching you. If you pay attention, you will learn about what it means to understand.

What should the sons not forget? (vv1-2)
The sons should not forget their father's instruction.

Proverbs 4:2

ULT
2 For I give good instruction to you; do not forsake my law.

UST
2 The lessons I give to you are good teaching, given in order. So do not refuse to learn the lessons I teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:3

ULT
3 When I was a son of my father, the tender and only one before the face of my mother,

UST
3 When I was my father's boy, and the only child of my mother,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:4

ULT
4 then he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart grasp my words; keep my commandments and live.

UST
4 my father told me, “Put my words deep within you, obey my orders to you, and you will have life.

How did the father tell the son he would live?
The father told the son he would live by keeping the father’s commands.

Proverbs 4:5

ULT
5 Acquire wisdom, aquire understanding; do not forget and do not turn from the words of my mouth.

UST
5 Hold on to what is wise and whatever helps you understand, and do not forget the lessons I taught you and do not throw away the insights I spoke to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:6

ULT
6 Do not abandon her and she will keep you; love her and she will guard you.

UST
6 Do not run away from the lessons which the wise teach you, because if you become wise, wisdom will keep you safe. Love wisdom and it will guard your life.

What will wisdom do for the son if the son does not abandon her, but loves her?
Wisdom will watch over him and keep him safe.

Proverbs 4:7

ULT
[7] The beginning of wisdom: acquire wisdom! And in all your acquisition acquire understanding.

UST
[7] The most important thing you can do is to study the principles of wisdom and spend all you own so you can grow more and more in your understanding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:8

ULT
[8] Exalt her and she will raise you up; she will honor you when you embrace her.

UST
[8] Wisdom is to be loved more than anything that is valuable, and she will raise you to a high position— and wisdom will honor you when you show how much you love it.

What will wisdom do for the son if the son cherishes and embraces her? (vv8-9)
Wisdom will exalt him, honor him, put a wreath on his head, and give him a beautiful crown.

Proverbs 4:9

ULT
[9] She will give a wreath of favor to your head; she will bestow to you a crown of splendor."

UST
[9] When you have attained wisdom, it will be like a beautiful wreath of honor on your head; she will give you a beautiful crown."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:10

ULT
[10] Listen, my son, and receive my words, and they will multiply for you the years of life.

UST
[10] Hear, my son, listen and understand what I say to you— do this, and you will live a long life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:11

ULT
11 I taught you in the way of wisdom; I caused you to tread in the tracks of uprightness.

UST
11 I directed you in the way you should walk and to use the wisdom you were taught; I led you by the hand down the roads, roads that are the right way for you to go.

Down what kind of path does the father lead the son?
The father leads the son down the straight path.

Proverbs 4:12

ULT
12 When you walk, your step will not be restricted; and if you run, you will not stumble.

UST
12 When you live, you do not have anyone to blame; if you live wisely, when you use all your effort, you will succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:13

ULT
13 Take hold of instruction, do not let go; guard it, for it {is} your life.

UST
13 Remember the lessons that discipline taught you, and do not let them go. Guard them; for you live your life by them.

On to what must the son hold, for it is his life?
The son must hold on to discipline, for it is his life.

Proverbs 4:14

ULT
14 Do not enter in the path of wicked ones and do not advance in the way of evil ones.

UST
14 Do not do what wicked people do, nor be with them; do not be with people who do evil things.

What path must the son avoid? (vv14-15)
The son must avoid the path of the wicked.

Proverbs 4:15

ULT
15 Avoid it, do not pass through it; turn aside from it and pass on.

UST
15 Stay far from those ways; turn another way and go on another road.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:16

ULT
16 For they do not sleep if they do not do evil and their sleep is robbed if they do not cause stumbling.

UST
16 Evil people cannot rest until they have done something that Yahweh said they must not do. They will not rest until they force someone to fall, someone who was doing well until they came along.

What must the wicked do before they can sleep?
The wicked must do evil before they can sleep.

Proverbs 4:17

ULT
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness and they drink the wine of violent acts.

UST
17 They get their strength, and they are fed by doing what is wrong; and they are intoxicated by hurting others; they get drunk on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:18

ULT
18 But the path of the righteous ones {is} like a light of brightness, going and shining until the day {is} established.

UST
18 The path taken by those who do right grows brighter and brighter, like the rising of the sun at dawn, and it shines brighter and brighter until it is as full as the light of day.

What is the path of the righteous like?
The path of the righteous is like a first light that grows brighter.

Proverbs 4:19

ULT
19 The way of the wicked {is} like the darkness; they do not know on what they stumble.

UST
19 The actions of the wicked are like the darkness— they stumble because they cannot see what makes them fall.

What is the path of the wicked like?
The path of the wicked is like darkness.

Proverbs 4:20

ULT
20 My son, listen attentively to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

UST
20 My son, pay attention to what I am saying to you. Pay attention to these lessons I am teaching you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:21

ULT
21 Do not let them turn aside from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart.

UST
21 Keep reading them over and over, and keep them deep within you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:22

ULT
22 For they {are} life to those who find them and healing to all of his flesh.

UST
22 For my words bring a message of life to those who pay attention to them, and their message brings health to the entire body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:23

ULT
23 Guard your heart more than all keeping, for from it {are} the sources of life.

UST
23 Protect your heart with all your strength and guard what you love; guard it, for it becomes a fountain overflowing with life.

Why must the son guard his heart with all diligence?
The son must guard his heart with all diligence for from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:24

ULT
24 Remove the crookedness of mouth from you, and put far away from you the deviousness of lips.

UST
24 Make it your aim to keep away from you any lying speech, and put any deceptive talk far away.

What kind of speech and talk must the son put away?
The son must put away crooked speech and corrupt talk.

Proverbs 4:25

ULT
25 Cause your eyes to look to the front, and cause your eyelids to be straight in front of you.

UST
25 Look straight ahead because you are focused on what is good and right, and do not turn aside to the right or to the left.

Where must the son fix his gaze?
The son must fix his gaze straight before him.

Proverbs 4:26

ULT
26 Make level the track of your foot and all your ways will be firm.

UST
26 Take care about where you will go, and take care to be sure that the way is safe; then you will know what to expect along the way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 4:27

ULT

27 Do not turn aside right or left; cause your foot to turn away from evil.

UST

27 Do not leave the straight road by turning to the left or to the right, and do not follow the way that leads to evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5

Proverbs 5:1

ULT
1 My son, listen attentively to my wisdom, incline your ear to my understanding,

UST
1 My son, learn the lessons I teach you about wisdom. I understand much about this, so listen very carefully to what I tell you.

What will the son learn if he listens carefully to understanding?
The son will learn about discretion if he listens carefully to understanding.

Proverbs 5:2

ULT
2 in order to keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.

UST
2 If you do that, you will learn the difference between what is important and what is not, and you will not mix true knowledge with mistakes when you speak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:3

ULT
3 For the lips of a strange woman drip fresh honey and her palate {is} smoother than oil,

UST
3 The woman who desires to commit adultery speaks with words that are sweet, and her kisses are smoother than oil,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:4

ULT
4 but her end {is} bitter like wormwood, sharp like a two-edge sword.

UST
4 but in the end, she is so bitter you can taste it, and she cuts you like a sharp sword.

In the end, what is an adulteress like?
In the end, an adulteress is bitter as wormwood.

Proverbs 5:5

ULT
5 Her feet are going down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol.

UST
5 She walks down to the place of death; if you follow her, she will lead you all the way to the grave.

To where do an adulteress' feet go?
An adulteress' feet go down to death, all the way to Sheol.

Proverbs 5:6

ULT
6 Lest she make level the path of life, she does not know her ways {are} unstable.

UST
6 She does not want to take the path that will let her live for a long time. She goes here and there, but where she is going she does not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:7

ULT
7 And now, sons, listen to me; and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

UST
7 So now, my sons, pay attention to what I say, and do not forget or disobey the instruction I am giving you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:8

ULT

8 Keep your way far from her and do not come near to the opening of her house.

UST

8 Stay far away from the immoral woman; do not go near the door of her house.

What path should wise sons take regarding an adulteress and her house?

Wise sons should take a path far from an adulteress and not near her house.

Proverbs 5:9

ULT

9 Lest you give your splendor to others and your years to a cruel one.

UST

9 If you go to her you will lose the respect of others, and you give your life to someone who will not have mercy on you.

What will the sons give away if they become involved with an adulteress?

If they become involved with an adulteress, the sons will give away their honor and years of their lives.

Proverbs 5:10

ULT

10 Lest strangers be satisfied with your strength and your toil {be} in the house of a foreigner,

UST

10 It may be that others will take all the wealth that you have earned, and it goes into the houses of people you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:11

ULT
11 and you groan at your end when your flesh and your body cease.

UST
11 And when you are about to die, you will groan because your flesh and your body are wasting away.

What will happen at the end of their lives if the sons become involved with an adulteress?
If they become involved with an adulteress, their flesh and body will waste away.

Proverbs 5:12

ULT
12 And you will say, “How I hated instruction and my heart despised rebuke!

UST
12 Then you will say, “I hated it when I was punished for doing wrong; I despised people when they told me how to live.

What regret will the sons speak at the end of their lives if they become involved with an adulteress?
If they become involved with an adulteress, they will say at the end of their lives that they regret having hated discipline and having rejected correction.

Proverbs 5:13

ULT
13 And I did not listen to the voice of my teachers and I did not incline my ear to those who taught me.

UST
13 I did not obey my teachers and I paid no attention to those who taught me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:14

ULT
14 I was almost in all evil, in the midst of the assembly and the congregation.”

UST
14 I was almost destroyed by bad things that happened to me; and this was known to everyone who came together to worship Yahweh.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:15

ULT
15 Drink water from your cistern and flowing water from the midst of your well.

UST
15 Just as you drink water from your own cistern, be faithful to your own wife.

From where should the sons drink?
The sons should drink water from their own cistern and from their own well.

Proverbs 5:16

ULT
16 Should your springs flow outside, streams of water in the plazas?

UST
16 You would not waste your own water by pouring it into the street, or let your water run into the public places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:17

ULT
17 Let them be for you, for you alone, and not for strangers with you.

UST
17 Let both your water and your wife be for you alone to enjoy, and not for others to share with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:18

ULT
18 May your fountain be blessed, and get joy from the wife of your youth.

UST
18 May your fountain be blessed; may you be happy with the woman you married when you were young.

With whom should the sons rejoice?
The sons should rejoice with the wife of their youth.

Proverbs 5:19

ULT
19 A doe of loves and a mountain goat of grace, may her breasts drench you at every time; may you continually stagger in her love.

UST
19 She is as graceful as a loving deer and as graceful as a young doe. Let her breasts always satisfy your longings, so you are forever enraptured with her love.

With what should the sons be captivated?
The sons should be captivated by the love of the wife of their youth.

Proverbs 5:20

ULT
20 And why would you stagger with a strange woman, my son, and embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?

UST
20 My son, why should you be caught up in the arms of an adulteress? Why should you caress the breasts of another man's wife?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 5:21

ULT
21 For the ways of a man {are} in front of the eyes of Yahweh, and are making level all of his paths.

UST
21 Yahweh sees everything we do; nothing is hidden from him. He sees every path we take; he knows everywhere we go.

What does Yahweh see?
Yahweh sees everything a person does.

Proverbs 5:22

ULT
22 His iniquities seize him, the wicked one; and he is grasped by the cords of his sin.

UST
22 An evil person's sinful desires take hold of him; his sins are like a trap that catches him.

What will seize and hold tight the wicked person?
His sin will seize and hold the wicked person.

Proverbs 5:23

ULT
23 He will die because there is no instruction; and he staggers in the abundance of his foolishness.

UST
23 An evil man will die because he could not say, "No" to his desires; he gets lost because his foolishness has no limits.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6

Proverbs 6:1

ULT
1 My son, if you pledge to your neighbor, you clapped your palm for a stranger,

UST
1 My son, if you provide a guarantee for a neighbor who takes out a loan, or if you give the promise that you will pay for a loan of a person you do not know,

How could the son lay a trap for himself? (vv1-2)
The son could lay a trap for himself by giving his promise for a loan of someone he does not know.

Proverbs 6:2

ULT
2 you are ensnared by the words of your mouth, you are caught by the words of your mouth,

UST
2 you laid a trap for yourself by making the promise, and you have been caught by agreeing to a contract for someone you did not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:3

ULT
3 then do this, my son, and rescue yourself. Since you have come into the palm of your neighbor, go, humble yourself and importune your neighbor.

UST
3 Do this, my son, and deliver yourself from this difficulty: humbly go to your neighbor and beg him to cancel the agreement that you made.

What must the son do to save himself?
To save himself the son must go to his neighbor and beg to be released from his promise.

Proverbs 6:4

ULT

4 Do not give sleep to your eyes and slumber to your eyelids.

UST

4 Do not sleep, and do not rest until you go and talk with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:5

ULT

5 Rescue yourself like a gazelle from a hand, and like a bird from the hand of the trapper.

UST

5 Save yourself, like a deer that escapes from the hunter; or like a bird that flies away from the hand of one who hunts for birds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:6

ULT

6 Go to the ant, lazy one! See its ways and be wise,

UST

6 You lazy person, learn something from watching the ants. Become wise and watch what they do.

What should a lazy person study?

A lazy person should study the ant.

Proverbs 6:7

ULT

7 that without a commander, officer, or ruler for it,

UST

7 The ant has no commander, officer, or ruler telling him what to do,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:8

ULT
8 it prepares its bread in the summer, it gathers its food in the harvest.

UST
8 but during the summer it works hard, gathering and storing food to eat during the winter.

What does the ant do in the summer?
In the summer, the ant prepares and stores its food.

Proverbs 6:9

ULT
9 Until when, lazy one, will you lie down? When will you rise from your sleep?

UST
9 But you lazy person, how long will you continue to sleep? When will you rise and go to work?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:10

ULT
10 “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to lie down”—

UST
10 You sleep for a little time, and then you say, “A little more sleep, a little more resting in bed, a little more folding of the hands to take a nap.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:11

ULT
11 and your poverty will come like one who walks and your need like a man of shield.

UST
11 Suddenly poverty will take over your life like a thief who steals everything from you.

What will happen to the lazy person who does not rise from his slumber?
Poverty will come on the lazy person who does not rise from his slumber.

Proverbs 6:12

ULT
12 A man of worthlessness, a man of iniquity, {is} one who walks {with} crookedness of mouth,

UST
12 A worthless person — a person who does bad to others—he lives by the lies he speaks to others.

By what does a wicked man live?
A wicked man lives by the crookedness of his speech.

Proverbs 6:13

ULT
13 one who winks with his eyes, one who rubs with his foot, one who points with his fingers.

UST
13 They tell tales by winking their eyes and they give signals by moving their feet, and they make plans by pointing with their fingers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:14

ULT
14 Perverse things {are} in his heart; plotting evil at every time, he sends forth quarrels.

UST
14 The one who does bad things lays out plans within himself; he stirs up constant conflict wherever he goes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:15

ULT
15 Therefore his disaster will come suddenly, in a moment he will be broken and without healing.

UST
15 His own disaster will overtake him in a second; he will be crushed to the point that he cannot be healed.

What will happen to the wicked man because of his evil plots?
Disaster will overtake the wicked man in an instant.

Proverbs 6:16

ULT
16 Six {things} {are} they, Yahweh hates, and seven {things are} abominations of his spirit:

UST
16 There are six, even seven, things that Yahweh hates.

How many things does Yahweh hate and how many things are disgusting to him?
There are six things that Yahweh hates, seven that are disgusting to him.

Proverbs 6:17

ULT
17 uplifted eyes, a tongue of falsehood, and hands pouring out innocent blood,

UST
17 Yahweh hates the eyes of the proud, the tongue that tells lies, the hands that shed the blood of the innocent,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:18

ULT
18 a heart devising plans of iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil,

UST
18 a heart that plots and makes plans to do evil things to others,

What kind of feet does Yahweh hate?
Yahweh hates the feet that quickly run to do evil.

Proverbs 6:19

ULT
19 a witness of falsehood who breathes out lies and one who sends forth quarrels between brothers.

UST
19 the witness who breathes out lies when he gives testimony, and the one who causes strife between members of the same family.

What kind of witness does Yahweh hate?
Yahweh hates the witness who speaks out lies.

Proverbs 6:20

ULT
20 Guard, my son, the command of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother.

UST
20 My son, obey the command of your father, and do not walk away from what your mother taught you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:21

ULT
21 Bind them on your heart continually; tie them around your neck.

UST
21 Keep these lessons and tie them close inside as a part of yourself; tie them around your neck, to remind you how important they are to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:22

ULT
22 When you go about, it will guide you; when you lie down, it will watch over you; and you will wake up, it will talk with you.

UST
22 When you walk, those lessons will guide you. When you sleep, they will watch over you and protect you. When you wake up in the morning, they will teach you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:23

ULT
23 For the commandment {is} a lamp and the law {is} a light, and the rebukes of instruction {are} the way of life,

UST
23 These commands are like a lamp for you, and what we teach you is like a light to guide you. When people correct you, this is to continually teach you the right way to live.

What are “the commands” and “the teaching” likened to?
The commands are likened to a lamp and the teachings are likened to a light.

Proverbs 6:24

ULT
24 to keep you from a woman of evil, from the smoothness of the tongue of a foreign woman.

UST
24 These lessons keep you from the immoral woman, they tell you about her enticing words and warn you to be on guard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:25

ULT
25 Do not desire her beauty in your heart and do not let her take you with her eyelashes.

UST
25 Do not throw your desires after such a woman, nor should you desire her beauty; do not let her capture you by the way she looks at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:26

ULT
26 For the price of a prostitute woman {is} as much as a loaf of bread, but the wife of a man hunts a precious life.

UST
26 Sleeping with a prostitute may cost you only the price of a loaf of bread, but if you sleep with another man's wife, it may cost you your life.

What can sleeping with the wife of another cost the son?
Sleeping with the wife of another can cost the son his very life.

Proverbs 6:27

ULT
27 Will a man snatch up a fire in his chest and his clothes not be burned?

UST
27 Can you carry hot coals in your pockets and not be burned?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:28

ULT
28 If a man walks on coals then will his feet not be burned?

UST
28 Can you walk on burning coals and not scorch your feet?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:29

ULT
29 So is the one who enters into the wife of his neighbor: every one who touches her will not be free of guilt.

UST
29 So is anyone who sleeps with another man's wife—he will suffer for doing that. It is certain he will be severely punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:30

ULT
30 They do not despise the thief if he steals to satisfy his life when he is hungry.

UST
30 We do not despise a thief if he steals some food because he is very hungry.

Why might people not despise a thief if he steals?
People might not despise a thief if he steals in order to satisfy his need when he is hungry.

Proverbs 6:31

ULT
31 But if he is found, he will restore sevenfold; he will give all the wealth of his house.

UST
31 But if he steals something and then is caught by others, he will have to pay back seven times as much as he stole, even if he must sell everything that is in his house to get enough money to repay what he stole.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:32

ULT
32 One who commits adultery with a woman lacks heart; destroying his life, he does it.

UST
32 But a man who commits adultery has no good judgment because he is destroying his own self.

Who does one who commits adultery destroy?
One who commits adultery destroys himself.

Proverbs 6:33

ULT
33 He will find a wound and dishonor and his shame will not be wiped out.

UST
33 Wounds and shame will come to him; he will never forget how others disgraced him for his deed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:34

ULT

34 For jealousy is the heat of a man, and he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

UST

34 Because that woman's husband will be jealous, he will become furious, and when he gets revenge, he will not act mercifully toward that man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 6:35

ULT

35 He will not lift up the face of any ransom, and he will not be willing if you increase the bribe.

UST

35 And he will not accept any bribe to stop him.

What will the one who takes revenge against adultery not accept?

The one who takes revenge against adultery will not accept compensation.

Proverbs 7

Proverbs 7:1

ULT
[1] My son, keep my words and store up my commandments with you.

UST
[1] My son, obey the words I say to you; remember all my orders.

What must the son keep and store up in order to live? (vv1-2)
The son must keep and store up his father's commands and instruction.

Proverbs 7:2

ULT
[2] Keep my commandments and live and my law as the pupil of your eyes.

UST
[2] If you obey my commands, you will live. Consider my commands to be the most precious thing you possess, and obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:3

ULT
[3] Tie them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart.

UST
[3] Write down my commands and tie them to your fingers to remind youreself of them; let it be as if you had written them in your inner self.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:4

ULT

4 Say to wisdom, “You {are} my sister,” and call to understanding, “Kinsman,”

UST

4 Think of wisdom as if it were a woman, one of your own sisters, whom you love; think of understanding as if it were a person, one of your own family, to whom you are loyal.

From who does wisdom and understanding keep the son? (vv4-5)

Wisdom and understanding keep the son from the seductive woman.

Proverbs 7:5

ULT

5 in order to keep you from the strange woman, from the foreign woman who makes her words smooth.

UST

5 If you do this, you will be able to stay away from women whom you must not be with, random women who say nice things to you so that you will sin with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:6

ULT

6 For in the window of my house, through the window lattice I looked down.

UST

6 Standing in my house, I looked out of a window, through the wooden shade,

What did Solomon see as he looked out through the lattice? (vv6-7)

Solomon saw many untaught young men and among them a young man who had no sense.

Proverbs 7:7

ULT
7 And I saw among the naive, I discerned among the sons a young man lacking sense.

UST
7 and I saw some young men who had not yet learned how to live wisely. I especially saw a young man there who had no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:8

ULT
8 Passing through the street beside her corner, and he strode in the way of her house,

UST
8 He walked down the street near the house on the corner of the road, and he walked toward the house of the adultress.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:9

ULT
9 in the twilight, in the evening of the day, in the pupil of the night and darkness.

UST
9 It was the time of day when night and darkness were coming near.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:10

ULT
10 And behold, a woman to meet him, {with} the garment of a prostitute and guarded of heart.

UST
10 That was where the woman who was seeking an affair met the young man, and she greeted him. She was dressed as prostitutes dress, with seductive and enticing clothes, and she had secret plans.

How was the woman that the young man met dressed?
The woman was dressed like a prostitute.

Proverbs 7:11

ULT
11 (She {is} a loud and rebellious one; her feet do not stay in her house.

UST
11 She was loud and wayward, attracting attention. She did not stay in her own home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:12

ULT
12 At {one} time in the street, at {another} time in the plazas, and beside every corner she lies in ambush.)

UST
12 She searched for a man as she walked along the streets one day; on another day she stood in the market place to find a man. At any street corner she waited for someone who would commit sin with her.

What does the woman do at every corner?
The woman lies in wait at every corner.

Proverbs 7:13

ULT
13 And she grabbed him and kissed him, she strengthened her face and said to him,

UST
13 When she saw the young man, she firmly took hold of him, and then she kissed him. Without any shame and with great boldness, she said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:14

ULT
14 “The sacrifices of fellowship offerings {were} on me; today I have completed my vows.

UST
14 “Today I have meat in my house, because I made a sacrifice in the temple to promise friendship with Yahweh. In this way I kept my vows to Yahweh,

What had the woman made earlier in the day?
Earlier in the day, the woman had made her peace offering.

Proverbs 7:15

ULT
15 Therefore, I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face and I found you.

UST
15 and now I have come out here to meet you. I was looking for you, and now I have found you!

What had the woman been eagerly seeking?
The woman had been eagerly seeking the face of the young man.

Proverbs 7:16

ULT
16 I have spread my bed {with} coverings, colored linen of Egypt.

UST
16 I have put on my bed sheets—the finest colored linen fabrics from Egypt.

What does the woman invite the young man to do? (vv16-18)
The woman invites the young man to go with her to her bed until morning.

Proverbs 7:17

ULT
17 I have sprinkled my bed {with} myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

UST
17 I have sprinkled perfumes on my bed— myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:18

ULT
18 Come, let us be saturated with loves until the morning; let us delight ourselves with loves.

UST
18 Come! Let us make love all night, until the morning comes. Let us enjoy ourselves with many ways of making love, as much as we want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:19

ULT
19 For the man is not in his house; he went on a road far away.

UST
19 My husband is not at home; he has gone away on a long journey.

Where is the woman's husband?
The woman's husband is away on a long journey.

Proverbs 7:20

ULT
20 He took the bag of the silver in his hand; he will enter his house to the day of the full moon."

UST
20 He filled a bag with money and took it with him; he will not come back until the middle of the month."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:21

ULT
21 She turned him with much of her teaching; with the smoothness of her lips she compelled him.

UST
21 So she she convinced the young man with her persuasive words; because of her smooth and convincing talk, he gave in to what she wanted to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:22

ULT
22 Following after her suddenly, like an ox he came to slaughter, and like an anklet to the instruction of a fool,

UST
22 He suddenly decided to follow her inside. He followed her like an ox going to the place where its owner will slaughter it, or like a deer

In what way does the young man walk after the woman?
The young man walks after the woman like an ox to the slaughter or like a deer caught in a trap.

Proverbs 7:23

ULT
23 until an arrow split his liver, like a bird rushing into a trap, and he did not know that it {was} for his life.

UST
23 caught in a trap, where the hunter kills it by shooting an arrow into its inner parts. He was like a bird that flies into a trap without knowing that it will die there.

What will the young man's actions cost him?
The young man's actions will cost him his life.

Proverbs 7:24

ULT
24 And now, sons, listen to me; and listen attentively to the words of my mouth.

UST
24 My sons, listen to me, and pay careful attention to what I say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:25

ULT
25 Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not wander into her paths.

UST
25 You must resist her from within you, from deep inside. Do not decide to do what you want and follow her. You must decide that you will never follow her where she goes.

What wise instruction is the young man given about the woman?
The young man is wisely instructed to not go astray into her path.

Proverbs 7:26

ULT
26 For she has caused many pierced ones to fall, and numerous are all her slain ones.

UST
26 She has caused many men to be ruined; truly, no one can count the men she destroyed—they are too many to count.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 7:27

ULT

27 Her house {is} the ways of Sheol, descending to the rooms of death.

UST

27 The road to her house is the road to the grave; it goes down to the place where the dead are kept.

On what road is the woman's house?

The woman's house is on the road to Sheol.

Proverbs 8

Proverbs 8:1

ULT
[1] Does not wisdom call out and understanding give her voice?

UST
[1] Listen to Wisdom calling; her voice sounds like that of a woman who shouting in the public square. Understanding raises her voice; she sounds like a woman who calls out to be heard.

Who calls out beside the entrance to the city? (vv1-3)
Wisdom calls out beside the entrance to the city.

Proverbs 8:2

ULT
[2] At the heads of the heights, on the road, the house of travelers, she stations herself.

UST
[2] On the top of the hills and where the roads come together, there Wisdom stands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:3

ULT
[3] To the hand of the gates, to the mouth of the city, the entrance of the openings, she cries out.

UST
[3] Wisdom also stands at the gates at the entrance to the city, and she calls out with a loud voice. Wisdom says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:4

ULT
4 “To you, men, I call; and my voice {is} to the sons of mankind.

UST
4 “I am calling out to everyone; I am shouting to all people!

To whom does Wisdom call?
Wisdom calls to the children of mankind.

Proverbs 8:5

ULT
5 Understand prudence, naive ones, and fools, understand heart.

UST
5 You people who have no training, you must be taught how to live; you must learn so that you can understand completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:6

ULT
6 Listen, for I will speak noble things, and the opening of my lips {will be} upright things.

UST
6 Listen to me, because I will explain to you some excellent things. I can teach you about what is right—

What kinds of things does Wisdom speak? (vv6-7)
Wisdom speaks of noble things and of what is trustworthy.

Proverbs 8:7

ULT
7 For my palate will utter truth, and wickedness {is} an abomination to my lips.

UST
7 for I speak what is true; I detest evil things so much, I hate to even speak about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:8

ULT
8 All the words of my mouth {are} in righteousness; there is nothing twisted or perverse in them.

UST
8 Everything that I say is right; I do not say anything that changes the meaning of what is good or that leads people away from it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:9

ULT
9 All of them {are} straightforward for the one who is discerning and upright for those who find knowledge.

UST
9 My words give good advice to the one who understands the meaning of what I say; those who have learned to tell good from evil will easily know that my words are right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:10

ULT
10 Receive my instruction and not silver, and knowledge more than choice gold.

UST
10 Choose what I teach you, instead of trying to get much silver; and choose the knowledge I will show you, for it is more valuable than gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:11

ULT
11 For wisdom is better than corals and all desired things do not compare with her.

UST
11 For I, Wisdom, am more precious than jewels; nothing is as valuable for you as I am.

What is Wisdom more valuable than?
Wisdom is more valuable than jewels.

Proverbs 8:12

ULT
12 I, Wisdom, I dwell with prudence, I find knowledge and discretion.

UST
12 I, Wisdom, live with Common Sense; we are like two people living in the same house. I know many things, and I act carefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:13

ULT
13 The fear of Yahweh {is} hating evil. I hate pride and arrogance and the evil way and the mouth of perverse things.

UST
13 Everyone who honors Yahweh hates what is evil. I am Wisdom, and I hate it when people are proud, when they think they are more important than others. I hate it when people act in evil ways, and when they tell lies.

What do those who fear Yahweh hate?
Those who fear Yahweh hate evil, pride, arrogance, and perverted speech.

Proverbs 8:14

ULT
14 Counsel and prudence are mine; I {am} understanding; strength is mine.

UST
14 I give good advice and I have the best wisdom; I have true understanding about the nature of things, and I have great strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:15

ULT
15 By me kings reign and weighty ones decree righteousness.

UST
15 When kings are wise, they rule well; and when rulers are wise, they make laws that are just.

How do kings and princes who have Wisdom govern? (vv15-16)
Kings and princes who have Wisdom govern justly.

Proverbs 8:16

ULT
16 By me rulers rule, and nobles, all judges of righteousness.

UST
16 By me princes rule, noblemen, and all who govern with justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:17

ULT
17 I love those who love me, and those who diligently seek me will find me.

UST
17 I am Wisdom, and I love all who love me; those who work hard to find me will find me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:18

ULT
18 Riches and honor {are} with me, lasting wealth and righteousness.

UST
18 These people will have lasting riches, and they will live right, because I have riches and honor with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:19

ULT
19 My fruit {is} better than gold, and than refined gold, and my produce than choice silver.

UST
19 What I can give people is more valuable than fine gold and the best silver.

What is the fruit of Wisdom better than?
The fruit of Wisdom is better than gold and silver.

Proverbs 8:20

ULT
20 I walk in the path of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice,

UST
20 I always do what is right and just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:21

ULT
21 to cause those who love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasuries.

UST
21 I give wealth to those who love me, and I fill up their treasuries.

What will Wisdom give to those who love her?
Wisdom will give an inheritance to those who love her.

Proverbs 8:22

ULT
22 Yahweh possessed me {at} the beginning of his way, before his works from then.

UST
22 Yahweh created me, Wisdom; he made me when he began to create the world; I was the first thing he created in the beginning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:23

ULT
23 From eternity I was installed, from the head, from the earliest times of the earth.

UST
23 He made me long ago—at the very first, at the beginning of the earth.

When was Wisdom set up?
Wisdom was set up from ages long ago, from the first.

Proverbs 8:24

ULT
24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs made heavy with water.

UST
24 I was born before the oceans were created, when there were no springs from which water flowed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:25

ULT
25 Before the mountains were settled, before the face of the hills, I was brought forth,

UST
25 I was born before the hills and mountains were set in place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:26

ULT
26 before he made the earth or the outside places or the head of the dust of the world.

UST
26 I am Wisdom and I was born before Yahweh made the earth, before he made the tiny particles of dust in the earth, I was there.

Where was Wisdom when Yahweh made the earth and heavens? (vv26-27)
Wisdom was there when Yahweh made the earth and heavens.

Proverbs 8:27

ULT

27 When he established the heavens, I {was} there, when he inscribed a circle over the face of the deep.

UST

27 I was there when Yahweh put the heavens where they are, on the day when he marked on the ocean's surface how far a person at sea can see in every direction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:28

ULT

28 When he established the clouds above, when the springs of the deep became strong,

UST

28 I was there when Yahweh put the clouds above the earth, and when he made the springs at the bottom of the sea to give water to the oceans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:29

ULT

29 when he set for the sea its limit, so waters do not pass over its mouth, when he inscribed the foundations of the earth,

UST

29 I was there when he fixed a boundary for the seas, so that the water in the seas would not go past those boundaries, and when he marked out the limits of the dry land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:30

ULT
30 then I was beside him faithfully, and I was a delight day {by} day, frolicking before his face at every time.

UST
30 I was at Yahweh's side as his master craftsman; I made him happy every day, and I always rejoiced when I was with him.

What was Wisdom doing beside Yahweh when Yahweh made everything?
Wisdom was beside Yahweh as a master craftsman when Yahweh made everything.

Proverbs 8:31

ULT
31 Frolicking in the world of his earth, and my delight {was} the sons of man.

UST
31 I was delighted with the whole world he created; I was happy with the people he brought into existence, too.

What was Wisdom's delight?
Wisdom's delight was mankind.

Proverbs 8:32

ULT
32 And now, sons, listen to me, and blessed {are} they who keep my ways.

UST
32 So, you who are my children, listen to me. How fortunate are those who live as I live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:33

ULT
33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not let go of it.

UST
33 Listen to what I teach you and you will become wise. Do not reject what I have taught you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:34

ULT
34 Blessed {is} the man who listens to me, watching over my doors day {by} day, keeping the doorposts of my entrance.

UST
34 How fortunate are those who listen to me, those who wait for me outside my house every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 8:35

ULT
35 For those who find me {are} those who find life, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST
35 Those who find me will find life, and Yahweh will be pleased with them.

What does one who finds Wisdom also find?
One who finds Wisdom also finds life and the favor of Yahweh.

Proverbs 8:36

ULT
36 But a sinner does violence to his life; all who hate me love death.”

UST
36 But those who do not find me, they hurt themselves. All those who hate me love death.”

What does one who fails to find Wisdom also find?
One who fails to find Wisdom also finds death.

Proverbs 9

Proverbs 9:1

ULT
[1] Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.

UST
[1] Wisdom builds her own house, just like a woman who has built her home; she made seven pillars to support the roof of her house.

What has Wisdom built?
Wisdom has built her own house.

Proverbs 9:2

ULT
[2] She has slaughtered her slaughter, she has mixed her wine, also she has set her table.

UST
[2] She prepared a meal and set her table; she prepared the animals and cooked them to serve for the dinner, and she made the wine ready for her guests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:3

ULT
[3] She has sent out her female servants, she calls out on the tops of the heights of the city.

UST
[3] Like a woman who sends out her maids to give the invitations to her guests, Wisdom calls out from the highest place in the city for all to hear, and she says:

Who are the invitations that Wisdom sends out directed to? (vv3-4)
The invitations Wisdom sends out are directed to the untaught, to those who have no sense.

Proverbs 9:4

ULT
4 “Whoever {is} naive, let him turn aside here,” she says to him lacking of heart.

UST
4 “If you are still immature, come here,” and she gives the invitation to those who have no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:5

ULT
5 “Come, eat my bread, and drink the wine I have mixed.

UST
5 “Come and eat the food that I have prepared,” she says, “and drink the good wine that I have mixed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:6

ULT
6 Forsake naive things and live; and go straight in the way of understanding.

UST
6 Leave your untrained ways behind you, and live, and I will show you how to walk on the road that will give you understanding.

What does Wisdom say the untaught should leave behind?
Wisdom says the untaught should leave behind their untaught ways.

Proverbs 9:7

ULT

[7] One who instructs a mocker receives shame for himself, and one who rebukes a wicked one, his injury.

UST

[7] If you rebuke someone who says insulting things about other people, he will insult you, too. If you offer correction to an evil person, he will hurt you.

What happens to one who reproves a mocker? (vv7-8)

One who reproves a mocker invites abuse and will be hurt and hated.

Proverbs 9:8

ULT

[8] Do not rebuke a mocker, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise one and he will love you.

UST

[8] A person who insults others will hate you if you tell him to stop. But if you rebuke a wise person, he will become your friend.

What happens to one who instructs a wise man?

One who instructs a wise man is loved.

Proverbs 9:9

ULT

[9] Give to a wise one and he will become more wise; cause the righteous one to know and he will increase learning.

UST

[9] If you give instruction to a wise person, he will become even more wise. And if you teach a person who does what is right, he will learn even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:10

ULT
10 The beginning of wisdom {is} the fear of Yahweh and knowledge of the holy one {is} understanding.

UST
10 The first step in getting wisdom is to give Yahweh the respect he deserves, and knowing that Yahweh, the Holy One, is the one who gives understanding.

What is the beginning of wisdom?
The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

What is understanding?
The knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:11

ULT
11 For by me your days will become many, and years of life will be added to you.

UST
11 If you become wise, your days will be filled full, and you will add years to your life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:12

ULT
12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself, and if you mock, you alone will bear it.”

UST
12 If you become wise, you will gain many benefits from it; if you ridicule other people, you will suffer by yourself.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:13

ULT
13 The woman of foolishness {is} loud, naive, and she does not know anything.

UST
13 A foolish woman talks loudly; she is untaught in the subjects of wisdom and she knows very little.

What are the characteristics of a foolish woman?
A foolish woman is noisy, untaught, and knows nothing.

Proverbs 9:14

ULT
14 And she sits at the opening of her house, on a seat, the heights of the city,

UST
14 She sits at the door of her house or on the highest place in the town,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:15

ULT
15 to call to those who pass over the way, the ones going straight on their paths.

UST
15 and she calls out to the men who are passing by, to those walking down the road, concerned only about where they are going.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:16

ULT
16 “Whoever {is} naive, let him turn aside here!” And she says to him, the lacking of heart,

UST
16 “Any of you who have no experience, come here,” she says to those who have no good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 9:17

ULT

17 “Stolen waters are sweet, and bread of secrecies is pleasant.”

UST

17 “If you sleep with me, it will as sweet as drinking water that you have stolen, or eating delicious food all by yourself.”

How can stolen and secret things initially be to the one who gets them?

Stolen and secret things can initially be sweet and pleasant to the one who gets them.

Proverbs 9:18

ULT

18 And he does not know that the spirits of the dead {are} there; her called ones are in the depths of Sheol.

UST

18 Any man who accepts her invitation does not know that the dead are in her home, that those who accepted her invitation and went into her house are now in the world of the dead.

Who are in the foolish woman’s house?

The dead in the depths of Sheol are in the woman’s house.

Proverbs 10

Proverbs 10:1

ULT
[1] The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son causes a father to rejoice but a foolish son {is} the grief of his mother.

UST
[1] These are the proverbs of Solomon: A child who lives according to wisdom makes his father happy; but if a child does foolish things, he causes his mother to be very sad.

How does a father react to a wise child?
A wise child makes his father rejoice.

Proverbs 10:2

ULT
[2] Treasures of wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

UST
[2] Riches that you got by being dishonest will not have any value; but when you do what is right, you will be protected from death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:3

ULT
[3] Yahweh does not let the life of the righteous one hunger but he thrusts away the desire of the wicked ones.

UST
[3] Yahweh does not allow people who do right to starve, but he will make it impossible for wicked people to get what they want.

What does Yahweh do to the cravings of the wicked?
Yahweh frustrates the cravings of the wicked.

Proverbs 10:4

ULT

4 A palm of slackness makes poverty, but the hand of diligent ones makes rich.

UST

4 A lazy person who will not work becomes poor; those who work hard become rich.

What is the result of a lazy hand?

A lazy hand causes a person to be poor.

Proverbs 10:5

ULT

5 One who gathers in the summer {is} a son who acts prudently, but one who sleeps in the harvest {is} a son who causes shame.

UST

5 He is wise who harvests the crops when they are ready to be gathered; but it would be shameful for him to sleep while others are harvesting the crop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:6

ULT

6 Blessings {are} for the head of the righteous one, but the mouth of the wicked ones covers violence.

UST

6 Those who do right will receive many good gifts from God; but those who do wicked things cover their violence so they cannot be seen.

What do those who do what is right receive from God?

Those who do what is right receive gifts from God.

Proverbs 10:7

ULT
[7] The memory of the righteous one {is} for a blessing, but the name of the wicked ones will rot.

UST
[7] When we remember those who do what is right, we get a blessing from Yahweh; but we cannot remember the names of the wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:8

ULT
[8] The wise of heart receive commands but the foolish of lips will be thrust down.

UST
[8] Wise people follow good instructions, but a fool who talks too much will fail.

What will happen to a talkative fool?
A talkative fool will come to ruin.

Proverbs 10:9

ULT
[9] One who walks in integrity will walk securely, but one who causes his ways to be crooked will be known.

UST
[9] An honest person lives his life and has nothing to hide; but one who is dishonest—his lies will be discovered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:10

ULT
[10] One who winks an eye gives pains, and the foolish of lips will be thrust down.

UST
[10] The one who winks his eye signals others to help him do something that is wrong, and a fool will be ruined because he talks too much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:11

ULT
11 The mouth of the righteous one {is} a spring of life, but the mouth of the wicked ones covers violence.

UST
11 A person who does right is like a spring that gives life-saving water; but the wicked person hides his brutality by his words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:12

ULT
12 Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers all transgressions.

UST
12 Hatred has the power to start many arguments; but love covers anything that may hurt us.

What does love cover?
Love covers over all offenses.

Proverbs 10:13

ULT
13 Wisdom is found on the lips of one who is discerning, but a rod {is} for the back of the lacking of heart.

UST
13 Those who have good sense say what is wise, but people who do not have good judgment must be punished.

What is found on the lips of a discerning person?
Wisdom is found on the lips of a discerning person.

Proverbs 10:14

ULT
14 Wise men store up knowledge, but the mouth of a fool {is} near ruin.

UST
14 Wise people continue to learn all that they can, but when foolish people speak, they will soon experience destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:15

ULT
15 The wealth of the rich one {is} the city of his strength; the ruin of lowly ones is their poverty.

UST
15 The wealth that rich people have protects them like a city is protected by a strong wall around it, but because people are poor, they have no one to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:16

ULT
16 The wage of the righteous one {is} to life; the income of the wicked one {is} to sin.

UST
16 If you do what is right, your reward will lead you to life, but all that sinful people gain is the ability to sin even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:17

ULT
17 One who keeps instruction {is on} a path to life but one who rejects rebuke goes astray.

UST
17 Life can be found by the one who is trained by discipline; but the one who will not listen to correction wanders away.

What happens to the one who rejects reproof?
The one who rejects reproof is led astray.

Proverbs 10:18

ULT
18 One who covers hate {with} lips of falsehood and causes an evil report to go forth, he {is} a fool.

UST
18 Those who hide their hatred of others, must lie to cover it up. and those who repeat slander are foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:19

ULT
19 With a multitude of words transgression does not cease, but one who restrains his lips {is} prudent.

UST
19 When people talk a lot, sin is sure to follow; if you are wise, you will always be careful about what you say.

What is not lacking when there are many words?
Transgression (sin) is not lacking when there are many words.

Proverbs 10:20

ULT
20 The tongue of the righteous one {is} choice silver; the heart of the wicked ones {is} like little.

UST
20 The one who does right is like pure silver; there is little value in the heart of the one who does wicked things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:21

ULT
21 The lips of the righteous one shepherd many, but fools die for lacking heart.

UST
21 What those who do right say benefits many, but foolish people die because they lack good sense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:22

ULT
22 The blessing of Yahweh, it causes to become rich, and he does not add pain with it.

UST
22 Yahweh gives good gifts that make some people wealthy, and he does not make them suffer for it.

What do the good gifts of Yahweh bring?
The good gifts of Yahweh bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:23

ULT
23 Doing a wicked plan {is} like laughter for a fool, but wisdom {is} for a man of understanding.

UST
23 Foolish people play games when they do what is wrong, but people with understanding enjoy wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:24

ULT
24 The terror of the wicked one, it will come to him, but the desire of the righteous ones will be given.

UST
24 What the wicked fear will happen to them; those who do what is right will get what they hoped for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:25

ULT
25 Like the passing over of a whirlwind, there is no wicked one, but a righteous one {is} a foundation of eternity.

UST
25 Wicked people are like the storm that comes and then it is gone. but those who do right are like a foundation that lasts forever.

What are the wicked like?
The wicked are like a storm that passes by and is no more.

Proverbs 10:26

ULT
26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so {is} the lazy one to one who sends him.

UST
26 Like vinegar in our mouths or smoke in our eyes, that is what the lazy man is like to the one who hired him.

What is like smoke in the eyes?
The sluggard is like smoke in the eyes to those who send him.

Proverbs 10:27

ULT
27 The fear of Yahweh will increase days, but the years of the wicked ones will be short.

UST
27 If you give Yahweh the respect he deserves, you will live for a long time; but wicked people die before they become old.

What will the years of the wicked be?
The years of the wicked will be short.

Proverbs 10:28

ULT
28 The hope of the righteous ones {is} joy, but the expectation of the wicked ones will perish.

UST
28 Those who do right have hope in their joy, but the wicked can expect their lives to be short.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:29

ULT
29 The way of Yahweh {is} a stronghold for the one with integrity, but ruin {is} for those who do iniquity.

UST
29 Following Yahweh brings protection to those who keep their promises; but those who do not follow him find out he destroys those who do what is evil.

Who does the way of Yahweh protect?
The way of Yahweh protects those who have integrity.

Proverbs 10:30

ULT
30 A righteous one will not be shaken to eternity, but wicked ones will not dwell in the land.

UST
30 Those who do right will never be defeated, but wicked people will not have a home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 10:31

ULT

31 The mouth of the righteous one bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of the perverse ones will be cut off.

UST

31 Wisdom is like a fruit that those who do right bear, but Yahweh will cut out the deceitful tongue.

What comes out of the mouth of those doing right?

Out of the mouth of those doing right comes the fruit of wisdom.

Proverbs 10:32

ULT

32 The lips of the righteous one know favor, but the mouth of the wicked ones, perverse things.

UST

32 Those who do right know the words Yahweh permits them to speak, but wicked people say what Yahweh has forbidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11

Proverbs 11:1

ULT

[1] Scales of deceit {are} an abomination of Yahweh but a full stone {is} his delight.

UST

[1] When people use scales that are not correct; Yahweh is angry that they are stealing from their customers; he is delighted with those who use correct weights on the scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:2

ULT

[2] When pride comes then disgrace comes, but {with} modest ones {is} wisdom.

UST

[2] People who are proud live in such a way that always ends in disgrace; people who are humble are the only ones who can learn about wisdom.

What comes before disgrace?
Pride comes before disgrace.

Proverbs 11:3

ULT

[3] The integrity of the upright ones will guide them but the crookedness of the treacherous ones will destroy them.

UST

[3] People who keep their promises also make choices that lead them in the right way; those who cannot be trusted are destroyed by their own dishonesty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:4

ULT
4 Wealth will not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness will deliver from death.

UST
4 Your money will not help you on the day Yahweh judges the world; but if you do what is right, you will be kept safe from many dangers, even death.

What is valuable on the day of wrath?
Having done right is valuable on the day of wrath.

Proverbs 11:5

ULT
5 The righteousness of a blameless one will make his way straight, but a wicked one will fall by his wickedness.

UST
5 When people are honest and good, they know where they should go and what they should do; but those who do evil find that their wickedness will destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:6

ULT
6 The righteousness of the upright ones will deliver them, but treacherous ones will be captured by desire.

UST
6 God rescues those who do what is right, but those who do what is evil become slaves to their desires.

What traps the treacherous (wicked)?
The treacherous are trapped by their cravings.

Proverbs 11:7

ULT
7 In the death of a wicked man hope will perish, and the expectation of strong ones perishes.

UST
7 When a wicked person dies, all he hoped for in the future is lost; what he wanted to accomplish with his strength, will never happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:8

ULT
8 A righteous one will be drawn away from distress, but a wicked one will enter instead of him.

UST
8 The one who does what is right, Yahweh delivers from trouble; and Yahweh gives that trouble to the wicked.

What keeps a person away from trouble?
Doing what is right keeps a person away from trouble.

Proverbs 11:9

ULT
9 With a mouth a godless one will destroy his neighbor, but with knowledge righteous ones will be delivered.

UST
9 A person who has no kind of religious faith uses his words to destroy his neighbor; but people who do right will be saved by the knowledge they have gathered.

How does the godless person destroy his neighbor?
The godless person destroys his neighbor with his mouth.

Proverbs 11:10

ULT

10 In the good of the righteous ones a city will rejoice; and when wicked ones perish, a shout of joy.

UST

10 When things go well for those who do what is right, those in their city are happy, and shouts of joy are heard when wicked people die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:11

ULT

11 With the blessing of the upright ones a city will be exalted, but with the mouth of the wicked ones it will be thrown down.

UST

11 When there are people in the city who please God and they give good gifts to others, the city becomes great; but the words spoken by the wicked tear down the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:12

ULT

12 One who despises his neighbor {is} lacking of heart, but a man of understanding will keep quiet.

UST

12 The one who treats his friend with contempt has no good judgment; a person who has learned what is important says nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:13

ULT

13 One who goes about {in} slander is one who uncovers a secret, but one who is faithful of spirit {is} one who covers a matter.

UST

13 Those who spread gossip tell secrets to others, but a person you can trust will not talk about it.

What does a faithful person do instead of slandering?

A faithful person keeps a matter covered instead of slandering.

Proverbs 11:14

ULT

14 When there are no directions a people will fall, but salvation is in an abundance of counsel.

UST

14 A nation will be destroyed if it does not have leaders who guide it wisely; but the nation will have victory when it listens to many advisors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:15

ULT

15 He will certainly be hurt if he pledges for a stranger, but one who hates hand claps {is} secure.

UST

15 If you promise to pay off a loan that is taken by a stranger, you will lose your money. You will be safe if you refuse to make any kind of agreement to pay someone else’s debts.

What should a person not do for a stranger because it will bring harm to himself?

A person should not guarantee a loan for a stranger.

Proverbs 11:16

ULT
16 A woman of grace will grasp honor, but ruthless ones will grasp riches.

UST
16 A kindhearted woman earns respect; but violent people take hold of riches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:17

ULT
17 A man of kindness {is} one who rewards his self, but a cruel one {is} one who troubles his flesh.

UST
17 By their kindness to others kind people give good gifts to themselves, but one who is cruel hurts himself by his cruelty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:18

ULT
18 A wicked one makes a wage of falsehood, but one who sows righteousness, a wage of truth.

UST
18 Wicked people tell lies to make more money, but those who do what is right will be paid even more because they earned it.

How does a wicked person get his wages?
A wicked person lies to get his wages.

Proverbs 11:19

ULT
19 Thus, righteousness {is} to life, but one who pursues evil {is} to his death.

UST
19 Those who do what is right will live, but those who do what is wrong will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:20

ULT
[20] The abomination of Yahweh {is} those perverse of heart, but his delight {is} those blameless of way.

UST
[20] Yahweh hates those who take good things and they twist them and they do bad things with them, but he is delighted with those who always do what is right.

In whom does Yahweh delight?
Yahweh delights in those whose ways are blameless.

Proverbs 11:21

ULT
[21] Hand to hand wicked ones will not be free of guilt, but the seed of the righteous ones will slip away.

UST
[21] It is certain that evil people will not escape their punishment. and the children of those who do right will be kept safe.

Of what can everyone be sure?
Everyone can be sure that the wicked will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 11:22

ULT
[22] A ring of gold in the nose of a pig {is} a beautiful woman that turns away from discretion.

UST
[22] If you see a gold ring in a pig's nose, that is very much like a beautiful woman who does not have good sense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:23

ULT
23 The desire of the righteous ones {is} only good; the hope of the wicked ones {is} fury.

UST
23 Those who do what is right desire things that result in good, but the reward of the wicked is that they will experience Yahweh's wrath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:24

ULT
24 There is one who scatters and increases more, but one who withholds more than {what is} right {is} only for poverty.

UST
24 If a person sows seed, he can expect to harvest a crop; his few seeds will give him much more; another person does not plant a crop, and he becomes poor.

What happens to the one who sows seed?
The one who sows seeds will accumulate even more.

Proverbs 11:25

ULT
25 A life of blessing will be fattened, and the one who drenches, also he will be drenched.

UST
25 Those who give generously to others will prosper; if you share your water with other people, you will have enough for yourself, too.

What does the one who gives water to others receive?
The one who gives water to others receives water for himself.

Proverbs 11:26

ULT
26 People will curse one who withholds grain, but a blessing {is} for the head of one who sells.

UST
26 People will curse the merchant who will not sell them grain, but they praise the one who sells it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:27

ULT
27 One who diligently seeks good seeks favor, but one who seeks evil, it will come to him.

UST
27 If you work hard and go out to find what is good, you will also find good will. but if you look for evil, you will find it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:28

ULT
28 One who trusts in his riches, he will fall, but like a leaf righteous ones will flourish.

UST
28 Those who trust in their money will fall down, but those who do what is right will grow like a healthy tree.

What happens to the one who trusts in his riches?
The one who trusts in his riches will fall.

Proverbs 11:29

ULT
29 One who troubles his house will inherit wind, and a fool {will be} a servant to the wise of heart.

UST
29 Those who bring troubles to their families will inherit nothing, and those who do foolish things will become the servants of those who are wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 11:30

ULT

30 The fruit of the righteous one {is} a tree of life, and a wise one gains lives.

UST

30 Those who do what is right will be like a life giving tree, but acts of violence take away life.

Who are like a tree of life?

Those who do right are like a tree of life.

Proverbs 11:31

ULT

31 Behold, a righteous one in the land will be repaid, how much more a wicked one and one who sins!

UST

31 It is sure that those who do what is right will get what they truly deserve; but even more, the person who does bad things and the one who sins against Yahweh, will surely receive what they deserve.

Who will receive what they deserve?

Those who do right, and much more the wicked and the sinner will receive what they deserve.

Proverbs 12

Proverbs 12:1

ULT
1 One who loves instruction loves knowledge, but one who hates rebuke {is} stupid.

UST
1 The one who wants to learn will welcome correction. But the one who does not want to be corrected will remain stupid.

What does a stupid person hate?
A stupid person hates correction.

Proverbs 12:2

ULT
2 A good one obtains favor from Yahweh, but a man of schemes he will condemn.

UST
2 Yahweh approves of those who are good, but he condemns those who make evil plans.

Who does Yahweh condemn?
Yahweh condemns a man who makes evil plans.

Proverbs 12:3

ULT
3 A man will not be established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous ones will not be shaken.

UST
3 Wickedness is a bad foundation for a person’s life. People who do well are as stable as a tree with deep roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:4

ULT

[4] A wife of strength {is} the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame {is} like rottenness in his bones.

UST

[4] A good wife brings praise to her husband, but a wife who brings shame home is like a disease that destroys his bones.

What is a husband's crown?

A worthy wife is a husband's crown.

Proverbs 12:5

ULT

[5] The thoughts of the righteous ones {are} justice; the directions of the wicked ones {are} deceit.

UST

[5] People who do the right thing make plans that are fair and just. But advice given by wicked people are filled with lies.

What kind of advice do the wicked give?

The wicked give deceitful advice.

Proverbs 12:6

ULT

[6] The words of the wicked ones {are} an ambush of blood, but the mouth of the upright ones will deliver them.

UST

[6] What wicked people say is like setting up a secret attack while planning to commit murder; but when those who please Yahweh speak, their words keep them out of danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:7

ULT

[7] Wicked ones are overthrown and they are not, but the house of the righteous ones will stand.

UST

[7] Wicked people are put out of power, and they are gone, but those who do what is right will have many generations and that family will continue for a long time.

What happens to the house of those who do right?

The house of those who do right will stand.

Proverbs 12:8

ULT

[8] A man will be praised for the mouth of his insight, but one who is twisted of heart will be to contempt.

UST

[8] A person will be praised according to how much widsom he has; but one who takes good things and twists them into bad will be hated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:9

ULT

[9] Better to be lightly esteemed and his servant than to honor oneself and {be} lacking of bread.

UST

[9] It is better to be a humble person, just living your life as a servant to others, than to tell others how important you are, but you have nothing to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:10

ULT

10 A righteous one {is} one who knows the life of his animal, but the compassion of the wicked ones {is} cruel.

UST

10 People who do what is right care about the feeding and health of their animals, but even when the wicked try to do something for their animals, it becomes an act of cruelty.

Who cares about the needs of his animal?

The one who does right cares about the needs of his animal.

Proverbs 12:11

ULT

11 Bread will satisfy one who works his ground, but one who pursues empty things {is} lacking of heart.

UST

11 The farmer who works hard in the fields will have enough food to eat, but those who have no good judgment take on projects that bring them nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:12

ULT

12 A wicked one desires the snare of evil ones, but the root of the righteous ones will give.

UST

12 Wicked people desire the things that evil people have—things they stole from others. But people who do what is right have what they have earned; it is their reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:13

ULT
13 In the transgression of lips {is} the snare of the evil one, but a righteous one will go out from distress.

UST
13 An evil person is trapped by the wicked things he says, but those who do right stay away from much trouble.

What traps an evil person?
An evil person is trapped by his wicked talk.

Proverbs 12:14

ULT
14 From the fruit of the mouth of a man will he be satisfied with good, and the work of the hands of a man will return to him.

UST
14 The good words spoken by a person fill his life with good things, just as his hard work brings him a reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:15

ULT
15 The way of a fool {is} right in his eyes, but a wise one listens to counsel.

UST
15 Foolish people think that what they are doing is always right; but wise people are willing to listen to advice.

How does the way of a fool look in his own eyes?
The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.

Proverbs 12:16

ULT
16 A fool, his anger is known on the day, but a prudent one covers dishonor.

UST
16 A foolish person quickly shows how angry he is; but those who have good sense ignore it when someone insults them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:17

ULT
17 Who breathes out faithfulness reports {what is} right, but a witness of falsehoods {is} deceitful.

UST
17 Speaking the truth is the same as saying what is right, but a dishonest person tell lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:18

ULT
18 There is one who speaks thoughtlessly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is healing.

UST
18 When a person speaks without thinking, it is like they are taking stabs at you with a sword; but what wise people say helps to heal the hurts.

What are words spoken rashly like?
Words spoken rashly are like the thrusts of a sword.

Proverbs 12:19

ULT
19 A lip of truth will be established to perpetuity, but a tongue of falsehood until I blink.

UST
19 Speaking the truth will never be out of favor, but a lie is over in a moment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:20

ULT
[20] Deceit {is} in the heart of those who devise evil, but joy {is} for those who advise peace.

UST
[20] When evil is planned there must be lies within those who carry it out; but those who give advice that leads to peace, those advisors will celebrate.

What is in the heart of those who plan to do evil?
Deceit is in the heart of those who plan to do evil.

Proverbs 12:21

ULT
[21] Any iniquity will not be allowed to happen to the righteous one, but wicked ones are full of evil.

UST
[21] Bad things do not happen to those who do what is right, but wicked people's lives are filled up with troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:22

ULT
[22] Lips of falsehood {are} an abomination of Yahweh, but those who do faithfulness {are} his delight.

UST
[22] Yahweh detests those who tell lies, but he is delighted with those who live faithfully.

What does Yahweh hate?
Yahweh hates lying lips.

Proverbs 12:23

ULT
23 A prudent man covers knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

UST
23 Those with good sense do not reveal all that they know, but foolish people shout out their foolish thinking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:24

ULT
24 The hand of the diligent ones will rule but a slack one will become a forced laborer.

UST
24 Those who are known for their hard work will gain authority over others, but those who are lazy will be forced to work, even though they hate it.

To what will the lazy be subject?
The lazy will be subject to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:25

ULT
25 Anxiety in the heart of a man weighs it down, but a good word causes it to rejoice.

UST
25 When a person is anxious, it is like he is carrying a heavy load, but a good word makes him feel better.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:26

ULT
26 A righteous one searches out from his neighbor, but the way of wicked ones will lead them astray.

UST
26 The one who does right will be a good guide for his friend, but wicked people always get lost.

Where does the way of the wicked lead them?
The way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 12:27

ULT

27 A negligent one will not roast his game, but the wealth of a man {is} precious for a diligent one.

UST

27 Lazy people do not even cook the animal they caught, but those who work hard will acquire wealth that is worth keeping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 12:28

ULT

28 In the path of righteousness {is} life, and the way of the path {is} no death.

UST

28 Those who walk in the right way find life and on that road there is no death.

What do those who walk in the right way find?

Those who walk in the right way find life.

Proverbs 13

Proverbs 13:1

ULT
1 A wise son, the instruction of a father, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke.

UST
1 A wise child pays attention to the teaching his father gives him; but a stubborn child refuses to listen to correction.

What does a wise son hear?
A wise son hears his father's instruction.

Proverbs 13:2

ULT
2 From the fruit of the mouth of a man he eats good, but the appetite of the treacherous ones {is} violence.

UST
2 Good things come as the fruit of what one says, but the desire of the deceitful is to consume more and more violence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:3

ULT
3 One who guards his mouth {is} one who keeps his life; one who opens his lips {is} ruin for himself.

UST
3 The person who is very careful about what he says preserves his life; the one who talks too much ruins everything.

How does a person protect his life?
A person protects his life by guarding his mouth.

Proverbs 13:4

ULT

4 A lazy one, his appetite is craving and there is nothing, but the appetite of the diligent ones will be fattened.

UST

4 People who are lazy are hungry for everything, but they will not get anything. People who work hard will get more than they desired.

Who craves, but gets nothing?
The lazy craves, but gets nothing.

Proverbs 13:5

ULT

5 A righteous one hates a word of falsehood, but a wicked one causes a stink and causes shame.

UST

5 Anyone who does right hates it when other people tell lies, but a wicked person brings disgrace on himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:6

ULT

6 Righteousness guards the blameless of way, but wickedness overthrows a sinful one.

UST

6 Anyone who does right always acts in ways that are respected, but the one who does what Yahweh has forbidden ruins his own wicked life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:7

ULT

[7] There is one who pretends to be rich but there is nothing at all; one who pretends to be poor but {has} great wealth.

UST

[7] Some people have many possessions, but they have nothing of value; but other people give all they have away, and yet have the best kind of riches.

How are some truly wealthy?

Some are truly wealthy by giving everything away.

Proverbs 13:8

ULT

[8] The ransom of the life of a man {is} his riches, but one who is poor does not hear a rebuke.

UST

[8] A rich person may have to use his wealth to buy back his life from a criminal who holds him as a hostage, but a poor person does not listen even when he is threatened.

What kind of threat will a poor person never receive?

A poor person will never receive a ransom threat.

Proverbs 13:9

ULT

[9] The light of the righteous ones will rejoice, but the lamp of the wicked ones will be extinguished.

UST

[9] The one who does what is right shines like a light that gives joy, but wicked people are like a lamp that will be extinguished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:10

ULT
10 Only with pride gives strife, but {with} those who are counseled, wisdom.

UST
10 Pride works within a person and it results in conflict and arguments, but those who listen to good advice find the wisdom they need.

What does pride breed?
Pride breeds only conflict.

Proverbs 13:11

ULT
11 Wealth from vanity will dwindle, but one who gathers by hand will increase.

UST
11 People who think too much of themselves will spend all their money; the one who makes his money by working with his hands will find ways to make his money grow.

How does wealth dwindle away?
Wealth dwindles away when there is too much vanity.

Proverbs 13:12

ULT
12 Hope delayed makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled {is} a tree of life.

UST
12 When hope for the future is postponed, it makes you sick—you feel you will never receive what you long for, but if you receive what you desire, that will be like a tree that gives life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:13

ULT
13 One who despises a word will be pledged to it, but he who fears a command, he will be rewarded.

UST
13 Those who despise good advice bring the punishment for disobeying upon themselves; the one who pays attention to the instruction will receive honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:14

ULT
14 The teaching of the wise {is} a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

UST
14 The lesson taught by the wise is like a fountain that gives life to all who drink from it, and they inform you about all the deadly dangers around you.

What is a fountain of life?
The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life.

Proverbs 13:15

ULT
15 Good insight gives favor, but the way of those who act treacherously {is} permanent.

UST
15 Having a mind that understands right and wrong brings you respect, but the one who twists good gifts for bad purposes—he never reaches his destination.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:16

ULT
16 Every prudent one acts with knowledge, but a fool displays folly.

UST
16 Those who have good sense always take action from what they know is true; a foolish person proves his decisions are folly, and everyone sees it.

Out of what do the wise act in every decision?
The wise act out of knowledge in every decision.

Proverbs 13:17

ULT
17 A wicked messenger falls into evil, but an envoy of faithfulness {is} healing.

UST
17 A wicked messenger will not deliver the message, but bitter enemies are brought together when the messages are delivered by a dependable messenger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:18

ULT
18 One who lets go of instruction, poverty and shame, but one who keeps a rebuke will be honored.

UST
18 The one who does not learn from the lessons of discipline will be poor, and he will know shame, but the one who takes the lessons of discipline and learns from them, honor will find him.

What will come to him who learns from correction?
Honor will come to him who learns from correction.

Proverbs 13:19

ULT
19 A desire that occurs will be pleasing to the self, but the abomination of fools is turning away from evil.

UST
19 When a longing comes true, it is sweet delight to the one with desires; and those who are foolish continue to turn toward evil again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:20

ULT
20 One who walks {with} wise ones will be wise, but one who associates with fools will be hurt.

UST
20 If you spend time with wise people, by their lives they will show you how you can be wise, as well.

With whom should a person walk in order to be wise?
In order to be wise, a person should walk with wise people.

Proverbs 13:21

ULT
21 Evil will pursue sinners, but goodness will reward the righteous.

UST
21 Sinners run away and disasters chase after them, but those who do what is right find the good is their reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:22

ULT
22 A good one will cause sons of sons to inherit, but the strength of the one who sins is being stored up for the righteous one.

UST
22 A good person sets apart money to give his grandchildren when he dies, but a sinful person will store up his wealth, not knowing that it will be given to the one who does right.

For whom is a sinner's wealth stored up?
A sinner's wealth is stored up for the one who does right.

Proverbs 13:23

ULT
23 Much food {is} the unplowed field of those who are poor, but there is a being swept away without justice.

UST
23 A field owned by a poor person can produce much food, but the poor are victims of injustice more than the rich, and the crop is not planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 13:24

ULT
24 One who withholds his rod hates his son, but one who loves him seeks him diligently with discipline.

UST
24 A parent who does not train his child in how he should live does not show him any love, but the one who is careful to train the child in how he should live shows his great love.

How does a parent show love for his child?
A parent shows love for his child by being careful to discipline him.

Proverbs 13:25

ULT

25 A righteous one eats to the satisfaction of his spirit, but the stomach of the wicked ones will be empty.

UST

25 Those who do what is right eat enough food to satisfy their hunger, but the wicked complain that they are always hungry.

In what condition is the stomach of the wicked?

The stomach of the wicked is always hungry.

Proverbs 14

Proverbs 14:1

ULT
[1] The wise ones of women, she builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her hands.

UST
[1] A wise woman holds her family together, but a foolish woman tears it apart by the foolish things she does.

What does a wise woman do?
A wise woman builds her house.

Proverbs 14:2

ULT
[2] One who walks in his uprightness fears Yahweh but one who is crooked in his ways despises him.

UST
[2] The one who honors Yahweh in the way he lives, gives to Yahweh the respect he deserves; the dishonest person shows his disrespect, and he despises Yahweh.

Who despises Yahweh?
The one who is dishonest in his ways despises Yahweh.

Proverbs 14:3

ULT
[3] In the mouth of a fool {is} a rod of pride, but the lips of the wise ones will preserve them.

UST
[3] Pride grows out of the mouth of the fool, like an offshoot from a tree; but what wise people say preserves their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:4

ULT
4 Where there are no cattle {is} a trough of grain, but an abundance of crops {is} by the strength of an ox.

UST
4 Where there are no cattle feeding in the barn, the feeding trough is clean; but if a farmer only has one ox, still he can grow a very great crop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:5

ULT
5 A witness of faithfulness will not lie, but a witness of falsehood breathes out lies.

UST
5 You can tell if a witness is reliable, if he tells the truth, but when a witness breaths out lie after lie, he is a false witness and cannot be depended on.

What does a faithful witness not do?
A faithful witness does not lie.

Proverbs 14:6

ULT
6 A mocker seeks wisdom and there is none, but knowledge is easy for one who discerns.

UST
6 One who thinks he is better than others, he may seek wisdom, but he will not find it, but the one who has grown in knowledge can easily learn much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:7

ULT
7 Go from before a man of foolishness, for you will not know lips of knowledge.

UST
7 Do not stay close to a foolish person: Walk away from him. There is no knowledge to be learned from him.

What will not be found on the lips of a foolish person?
Knowledge will not be found on the lips of a foolish person.

Proverbs 14:8

ULT
8 The wisdom of a prudent one informs his way, but the foolishness of fools {is} deceit.

UST
8 The one who has learned much knowledge applies it to his own life; that is wisdom. The foundation of all folly is the lie.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:9

ULT
9 Fools mock the guilt offering, but between upright ones {is} favor.

UST
9 Fools watch the guilt offering being sacrificed in the temple, and they make fun of it, but those who please Yahweh are glad to share his favor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:10

ULT
10 The heart knows the bitterness of itself, and in its joy a stranger will not share.

UST
10 A person keeps close inside all his bitterness and disappointment; and no stranger will ever know all the joy it contains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:11

ULT
11 The house of the wicked ones will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright ones will flourish.

UST
11 The family of the wicked will be destroyed, but a little tent where the upright live will grow, like a tree grows into something grand.

What will happen to the house of the wicked?
The house of the wicked will be destroyed.

What will happen to the tent of the upright?
The tent of the upright will flourish.

Proverbs 14:12

ULT
12 There is a right way before the face of a man, but its end {is} the ways of death.

UST
12 A person sees a way, and it appears to be the right way for him to go, but he does not know that it only leads to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:13

ULT
13 A heart may be in pain even in laughter, and the end of joy may be grief.

UST
13 A person can be in great pain and still be able to laugh; a time of great joy may end in grief.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:14

ULT
14 The turning away of heart will be satisfied from his ways, but a good man from on him.

UST
14 The faithless man will receive from Yahweh what he deserves; but Yahweh will give a good person what is his.

What will someone who is not faithful get?
Someone who is not faithful will get what his ways deserve.

Proverbs 14:15

ULT
15 The naive one believes every thing, but the prudent one discerns his step.

UST
15 Those who have had no instruction believe everything they are told, but the man who has learned some knowledge thinks about what he will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:16

ULT
16 A wise one {is} one who fears and turns away from evil, but the fool {is} one who makes himself furious and {is} being confident.

UST
16 A wise person sees evil and is afraid of it, and he turns away from it; the foolish person boldly throws aside every warning.

What does a fool do when he is warned?
A fool confidently dismisses a warning.

Proverbs 14:17

ULT
17 One short of nostrils does foolishness, and a man of schemes is hated.

UST
17 Those who get angry quickly do foolish things; people hate those who make evil plans.

What does someone who is quick to become angry do?
Someone who is quick to become angry does foolish things.

Proverbs 14:18

ULT
18 Naive ones inherit foolishness, but prudent ones will wear a crown of knowledge.

UST
18 Those who have not been instructed have foolishness handed to them; those who have learned a little knowledge are surrounded by it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:19

ULT
19 Evil ones will bow down before the face of good ones, and wicked ones at the gates of the righteous one.

UST
19 Evil people will bow down before those who are good, and the wicked people will bow down at the gates of those who do right.

To whom will the evil bow down?
The evil will bow down before those who are good.

Proverbs 14:20

ULT
20 One who is poor is hated even by his neighbor, but those who love the rich {are} many.

UST
20 The poor are hated even by their own companions, but the rich have many friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:21

ULT
21 One who sins despises his neighbor, but one who favors afflicted ones {is} blessed.

UST
21 It is sinful to have contempt for your neighbors; but how fortunate are those who do kind things for the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:22

ULT
22 Do not those who plan evil go astray? But covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness {are to} those who plan good.

UST
22 Those who plot with evil plans, do they not go astray? But those who make plans for the good will receive love and faithfulness.

What do those receive who plan to do good?
Those who plan to do good receive covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness.

Proverbs 14:23

ULT
23 With all toil is profit, but the word of lips {is} only for poverty.

UST
23 If you work hard, you will make some money, but where there is only talk, it leads to poverty.

What comes with all hard work?
With all hard work comes a profit.

Proverbs 14:24

ULT
24 The crown of the wise ones {is} their riches; the foolishness of fools {is} foolishness.

UST
24 The reward of the wise is the wealth they have, but the folly of fools only brings them more foolishness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:25

ULT
25 A witness of truth rescues lives, but one who breathes out lies {is} deceitful.

UST
25 A witness who tells the truth, saves the lives of the innocent; a lying witness is filled with deceit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:26

ULT
26 In the fear of Yahweh {is} the confidence of the strong, and he will be a refuge for his sons.

UST
26 Those give Yahweh the honor he deserves have much confidence in him; giving honor to Yahweh will also protect your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:27

ULT
27 The fear of Yahweh {is} a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.

UST
27 Giving Yahweh the honor he deserves is like having a fountain that gives life; so you can keep away from being trapped by death.

What is a fountain of life?
The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life.

Proverbs 14:28

ULT
28 The splendor of a king {is} in the abundance of the people, but with the end of the populace the potentate {is} ruined.

UST
28 A king measures his glory by the number of the people in his kingdom, but if the prince has no people, he is brought to ruin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:29

ULT
29 One long of nose {is} abundant {in} understanding, but one short of spirit is one who exalts foolishness.

UST
29 Those who do not quickly become angry have much understanding; the quick-tempered praise foolishness.

Who exalts folly?
The quick to get angry exalts folly.

Proverbs 14:30

ULT
30 A heart of healing {is} the life of the body, but envy {is} the decay of bones.

UST
30 Being at peace is good for the whole body, but having evil within, rots the bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:31

ULT
31 One who oppresses a lowly one taunts his maker, but one showing favor {to} a needy one honors him.

UST
31 The one who oppresses a poor person curses Yahweh who made him, but those who show favor to a poor person honor Yahweh.

Who curses his Maker by his actions?
The one who oppresses the poor curses his Maker.

Proverbs 14:32

ULT
32 The wicked one will be thrust down by his evil, but the righteous one seeks refuge in his death.

UST
32 The wicked person is brought down by his evil actions, but those who do what is right have a safe home, even in death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:33

ULT
33 Wisdom will rest in the heart of one who is discerning, but she will become known in the midst of fools.

UST
33 Wisdom finds a place to rest in someone who has discernment, but wisdom lets herself be known even among fools.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 14:34

ULT

34 Righteousness raises a nation, but sin {is} shame for peoples.

UST

34 When a people do what is right, the nation does well, but sin brings disgrace upon any people.

What exalts a nation?

Doing what is right exalts a nation.

Proverbs 14:35

ULT

35 The delight of a king {is} for the servant who acts prudently but his fury will be {for} one who acts shamefully.

UST

35 A king is pleased with a servant who does his work with good judgment, but the king is angry with any servant who brings shame to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15

Proverbs 15:1

ULT
1 A gentle answer turns back heat, but a word of pain lifts up a nose.

UST
1 A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh reply stirs up anger even more.

What turns away wrath?
A gentle answer turns away wrath.

Proverbs 15:2

ULT
2 The tongue of the wise ones makes knowledge good, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness.

UST
2 When wise people speak, they give praise to the value of knowledge; foolish people continually say foolish things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:3

ULT
3 The eyes of Yahweh {are} in every place, keeping watch {on} evil ones and good ones.

UST
3 Yahweh sees everything that is happening; he keeps account of the evil and of the good.

Over whom does Yahweh watch?
Yahweh watches over the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:4

ULT

[4] A healing tongue {is} a tree of life, but deceit in it {is} a crushing in the spirit.

UST

[4] A person who can give healing with what they say is like a tree that gives life; when someone lies to you, it can feel like they have crushed you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:5

ULT

[5] A fool spurns the instruction of his father, but one who keeps rebuke is prudent.

UST

[5] A fool has contempt for his father when he disciplines him, but the one who learns from correction has insight.

What is a fool's attitude toward his father's discipline?

A fool has contempt for his father's discipline.

Proverbs 15:6

ULT

[6] The house of the righteous one {is} much wealth, but the produce of the wicked one is being troubled.

UST

[6] In the families of those who do right there are great treasures, but the wealth that the wicked have gives them great troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:7

ULT

[7] The lips of the wise ones scatter knowledge, but the heart of fools {is} not so.

UST

[7] The wise scatter knowledge about like the farmer scatters his seed, but the hearts of fools are not so generous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:8

ULT
8 The sacrifice of the wicked ones {is} an abomination of Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright ones {is} his delight.

UST
8 Yahweh hates it when the wicked offer their sacrifices, but when those who please him pray, he is delighted.

What kind of sacrifice does Yahweh hate?
Yahweh hates the sacrifice of the wicked.

Proverbs 15:9

ULT
9 An abomination of Yahweh {is} the way of the wicked one, but he loves one who pursues righteousness.

UST
9 Yahweh hates the way the wicked live, but he loves the one who runs after what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:10

ULT
10 Painful discipline {is} for one who forsakes the path; one who hates rebuke will die.

UST
10 Yahweh will discipline those who lose their way, and those who hate correction will die.

What awaits anyone who forsakes the way?
Harsh discipline awaits anyone who forsakes the way.

Proverbs 15:11

ULT
11 Sheol and Abaddon {are} before Yahweh; how much more the hearts of the sons of mankind?

UST
11 The places of death and destruction are known to Yahweh; how much more does Yahweh know everything within the minds of the people he has made?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:12

ULT
12 A mocker does not love rebuking of him; he will not go to the wise ones.

UST
12 The one who thinks he is better than anyone, he resents being corrected by anyone; he thinks he is so smart, he will never talk with one who is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:13

ULT
13 A joyful heart makes a face glad, but by the pain of the heart a spirit {is} stricken.

UST
13 When people are happy, they have smiles on their faces, but sadness is so strong it crushes the person.

What makes the face cheerful?
A joyful heart makes the face cheerful.

Proverbs 15:14

ULT
14 The heart of one who is discerning seeks knowledge, but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.

UST
14 The longing of the one who is wise is to gain more knowledge, but foolish people only say foolish things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:15

ULT
15 All the days of the afflicted one {are} evil, but the good of heart {has} a feast continually.

UST
15 Every day for one who is oppressed is misery for him, but those who have a happy heart, for them life is a never-ending party.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:16

ULT
16 Better {is} a little with the fear of Yahweh than much treasure and with it dismay.

UST
16 It is much better to have only a little and to give Yahweh the honor he deserves, than to have great wealth along with much confusion.

What is better than great treasure with confusion?
A little with the fear of Yahweh is better than great treasure with confusion.

Proverbs 15:17

ULT
17 Better {is} a meal of vegetables and love {is} there than a fattened ox and with it hatred.

UST
17 It is better to have a simple meal with vegetables when there is love in the home, than to enjoy a delicious meal served by people who hate you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:18

ULT
18 A man of heat stirs up a quarrel, but the long of nostrils will quiet a dispute.

UST
18 When a person is angry, he stirs up more arguments, but one who does not quickly become angry, he is able to stop an argument and make peace.

What kind of person quiets a quarrel?
A person who is slow to anger quiets a quarrel.

Proverbs 15:19

ULT
19 The path of the lazy one {is} like a hedge of thorn bushes, but the path of the upright ones {is} a built-up one.

UST
19 The life of a lazy person is like someone trying to walk through a hedge of thorns, but those who do what pleases Yahweh are like those who are walking on a level highway.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:20

ULT
20 A wise son causes a father to rejoice, but a foolish man despises his mother.

UST
20 A wise child brings happiness to his father, but it is a foolish person who despises his mother.

What does a wise son bring to his father?
A wise son brings joy to his father.

Proverbs 15:21

ULT
21 Foolishness {is} a joy to the lacking of sense, but the man of understanding makes going straight.

UST
21 Foolish people enjoy their folly; those who have insight live a good life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:22

ULT
22 Plans are broken with no counsel, but with a multitude of counselors it will stand.

UST
22 When there is no one giving advice, plans go wrong, but with many advisors, they will succeed.

What causes plans to succeed?
Numerous advisers cause plans to succeed.

Proverbs 15:23

ULT
23 Joy {is} for the man with the answer of his mouth, and how good {is} a word in its time.

UST
23 People rejoice when they give a good answer, and how nice is the right word spoken at the right moment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:24

ULT
24 The path of life {is} upward for one who is prudent, in order to turn away from Sheol below.

UST
24 The path leading to life goes up, away from death; he follows that way and turns from the place of the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:25

ULT
25 Yahweh will tear down the house of the proud ones, but he will set up the boundary of the widow.

UST
25 Yahweh destroys the generations of proud people, but he protects the little owned by a widow.

What does Yahweh tear down?
Yahweh tears down the legacy of the proud.

Proverbs 15:26

ULT
26 Thoughts of evil {are} an abomination of Yahweh, but words of pleasantness {are} pure ones.

UST
26 Yahweh hates what wicked people are thinking about, but when people say what is kind, they are pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:27

ULT
27 One who unjustly gains unjust gain {is} one who troubles his house, but one who hates bribes will live.

UST
27 The thief brings many troubles to his family, but the one who refuses to accept bribes will live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:28

ULT
28 The heart of the righteous one considers how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked ones pours out evil.

UST
28 The people who do right think carefully before they answer; it is like the wicked pour out of their mouths all kinds of evil when they talk.

What does the one who does right do before answering?
The one who does right ponders before answering.

Proverbs 15:29

ULT
29 Yahweh {is} far from wicked ones, but he hears the prayer of the righteous ones.

UST
29 Yahweh is far away from wicked people, but he listens to the prayers of those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:30

ULT
30 The luminary of the eyes causes the heart to rejoice; good news fattens the bone.

UST
30 When people smile, it makes them happy, and good news brings healing to the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:31

ULT
31 An ear that hears the rebuke of life will lodge among the wise.

UST
31 If you pay attention when someone corrects you, you will stay among those who are wise.

What does the wise person do when someone corrects him?
The wise person pays attention when someone corrects him.

Proverbs 15:32

ULT
32 One who lets go of instruction {is} one who despises his life, but one who hears rebuke {is} one who acquires heart.

UST
32 The one who refuses to follow discipline, despises himself; the one who receives correction gains understanding as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 15:33

ULT

33 The fear of Yahweh {is} instruction of wisdom, and humility {is} before the face of honor.

UST

33 The honor that Yahweh deserves will be the lesson that will teach you wisdom, and then humility comes before honor.

What comes before honor?

Humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16:1

ULT
[1] The plans of the heart {are} for a man, but the answer of the tongue {is} from Yahweh.

UST
[1] People make plans out of their longings deep within them, but it is Yahweh who tells him what will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:2

ULT
[2] All the ways of a man {are} pure in his eyes, but Yahweh weighs the spirits.

UST
[2] A person sees nothing wrong with what he does, but Yahweh measures every part of what a person does according to his purposes.

How do all of a person's ways appear to himself?
All of a person's ways are pure in his own eyes.

Proverbs 16:3

ULT
[3] Roll your works to Yahweh and your plans will be established.

UST
[3] When you work, give all your ideas and your labor to Yahweh, and your plans will be successful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:4

ULT

[4] Yahweh has made all for its answer and even the wicked one for the day of evil.

UST

[4] When Yahweh made everything, he made them so they would all accomplish something for him. He has even made the wicked for the day when there is great trouble.

For what has Yahweh made everything?

Yahweh has made everything for its purpose.

Proverbs 16:5

ULT

[5] Every high one of heart {is} an abomination of Yahweh, hand to hand he will not be free of guilt.

UST

[5] Yahweh hates those whose pride comes from deep within them. But you can be sure of this: They will still be punished for their pride.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:6

ULT

[6] By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness is iniquity covered, and by the fear of Yahweh is turning away from evil.

UST

[6] Love and faithfulness will cover over sin and forgive sin. When people give Yahweh the respect he deserves, they will be able to turn away from doing what is evil.

By what is iniquity (sin) forgiven?

By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness iniquity (sin) forgiven.

Proverbs 16:7

ULT
7 When Yahweh is pleased with the ways of a man, he causes even his enemies to make peace with him.

UST
7 When a person pleases Yahweh by the way he lives his life, he even causes that person's enemies to get along with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:8

ULT
8 Better {is} a little with righteousness than much produce with no justice.

UST
8 It is better to have a little money and to follow what is right, than to have a large amount of money and to live by spreading injustice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:9

ULT
9 The heart of man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his step.

UST
9 From deep within a person come the plans he makes, but Yahweh leads the person in each step he takes.

Once a person plans out his way, what does Yahweh do?
Once a person plans out his way, Yahweh directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:10

ULT
10 Divination {is} on the lips of a king, in judgment his mouth will not act unfaithfully.

UST
10 A king can speak with inspired judgment; and when he makes a ruling, it is good and true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:11

ULT

11 A scale and balances of justice {are} for Yahweh; all the stones of the bag {are} his work.

UST

11 Honest scales come from Yahweh; it is he who decided how much each unit should weigh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:12

ULT

12 Doing wickedness {is} an abomination of kings, for by righteousness is a throne established.

UST

12 We should hate it when kings do wicked things, for the throne is set on a firm foundation when the king does what is right.

How is a throne established?

A throne is established by doing what is right.

Proverbs 16:13

ULT

13 The delight of kings {are} lips of righteousness, and he loves one who speaks uprightly.

UST

13 A king is happy when he hears someone speaking what is right; and he loves the one who is direct when he talks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:14

ULT
14 The heat of a king {is} messengers of death, but a wise man will appease it.

UST
14 If a king becomes angry, his wrath is a danger that can kill; so wise people will try to calm him so that he is not too angry.

What is a messenger of death?
A king's wrath is a messenger of death.

Proverbs 16:15

ULT
15 In the light of the face of the king {is} life, and his favor {is} like a spring rain cloud.

UST
15 In a king's smile there is life; when he is happy, he is like the cloud that brings the spring rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:16

ULT
16 How better to acquire wisdom than gold, and to acquire understanding is more choice than silver.

UST
16 Becoming wise is better than having gold; getting good understanding is better than having silver.

What should be chosen more than gold and silver?
Wisdom and understanding should be chosen more than gold and silver.

Proverbs 16:17

ULT
17 The highway of the upright ones turns from evil; one who guards his life {is} one who protects his way.

UST
17 The one who lives in the way that is right will turn away from doing evil; whoever is careful about how he lives his life will preserve his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:18

ULT
18 Pride {is} before the face of breaking, and a height of spirit {is} before the face of a stumbling.

UST
18 Pride happens to someone first, and then he perishes. If someone thinks he is better than others, he will have a terrible fall.

What comes before a downfall?
A haughty spirit comes before a downfall.

Proverbs 16:19

ULT
19 Better to be lowly of spirit {with} afflicted ones than to divide spoil {with} proud ones.

UST
19 It is better to be humble and live among the poor than to receive a portion of what proud people took by force.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:20

ULT

20 One who acts prudently concerning a matter will find good, and ones who trusts in Yahweh, blessed is he.

UST

20 Those who think about what they have been taught find many good things in the lesson; how fortunate are those who put their trust in Yahweh.

How does a person find what is good in what they are taught?

A person who contemplates what he is taught finds what is good.

Proverbs 16:21

ULT

21 One who is discerning will be called wise of heart, and the sweetness of lips increases learning.

UST

21 One who has wisdom deep inside him is given the title, “discerning,” and those who speak in a way that can be understood and can motivate their hearers, teach well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:22

ULT

22 The prudence of its owner {is} a fountain of life, but the instruction of fools {is} foolishness.

UST

22 When you understand, it is as if you have found a fountain of life within you; but fools find their punishment when their foolishness comes back to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:23

ULT
23 The heart of the wise makes his mouth prudent, and on his lips it increases learning.

UST
23 From deep within him, the wise person speaks from the insight he has learned; and so when he speaks he has the power to pursuade others.

What does the heart of the wise do for his mouth?
The heart of the wise gives insight to his mouth.

Proverbs 16:24

ULT
24 Words of pleasantness {are} a comb of honey, sweet to the self and healing to the bone.

UST
24 Kind words are like a honeycomb; they are sweet for us to take in, and they give healing to our bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:25

ULT
25 There is a right way before the face of a man and its end {is} the ways of death.

UST
25 A person lives out his life and he thinks he is doing what is right, but when he comes to the end of his life, all he finds is death.

Even though a way may seem right to a man, where can it lead?
Even though a way may seem right to a man, it may lead to death.

Proverbs 16:26

ULT
26 The appetite of the laborer labors for him, for his mouth presses on him.

UST
26 A worker's appetite drives him to work harder, his hunger urges him to keep working.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:27

ULT
27 A man of worthlessness digs up evil and on his lips {it is} like a scorching fire.

UST
27 A worthless man digs and digs until he finds something he can use to embarrass someone and cause them trouble; and what he says about them is like a fire that burns the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:28

ULT
28 A man of perverse things lets loose strife, and one who whispers {is} one who separates close friends.

UST
28 A person who has no morals stirs up conflict between people; and those who spread rumors pull friends apart.

What separates close friends?
Gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 16:29

ULT
29 A man of violence persuades his neighbor, and he leads him in a way {that is} not good.

UST
29 A violent person tells lies to his friend, and he leads him down a path that will never find what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 16:30

ULT
30 One who winks his eyes plans perverse things; one who compresses his lips brings evil to completion.

UST
30 The one who winks the eye is signaling to others it is time to begin their terrible plot; those who press their lips together, they do evil things.

What is the one who winks the eye doing?
The one who winks the eye is plotting evil things.

Proverbs 16:31

ULT
31 Gray hair {is} a crown of splendor; it is found in the way of righteousness.

UST
31 Gray hair is like a glorious crown; it is given to those who live their lives by doing what is right.

What is a crown of glory?
Gray hair is a crown of glory.

Proverbs 16:32

ULT
32 Better {is} one long of nostrils than a mighty one, and one who rules his spirit than one who captures a city.

UST
32 The one who is slow to get angry is stronger than a warrior; the one who is self-controlled is mightier than one who conquers a city by force.

Who is stronger than one who conquers a city?
One who rules his spirit is stronger than one who conquers a city.

Proverbs 16:33

ULT

33 A lot is thrown down into the lap, but all its judgment {is} from Yahweh.

UST

33 The stones making up the “lot” are thrown into a person’s lap, but Yahweh decides on which side of the stones they will stop rolling.

How is the decision of the lots made?

The decision of the lots is made by Yahweh.

Proverbs 17

Proverbs 17:1

ULT
1 Better {is} a dry morsel and quietness with it than a house full of sacrifices of strife.

UST
1 It is better to eat a dry piece of bread and not have strife than to live in a house where quarreling is as regular as feasting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:2

ULT
2 A servant who acts prudently will rule over a son who acts shamefully and in the midst of brothers he will share an inheritance.

UST
2 A slave who acts wisely will rule over the son of his master if that son does shameful things. That slave will receive a share of the inheritance and will be treated like one of his master's sons.

What does a wise servant do with a shameful son?
A wise servant rules over a shameful son.

Proverbs 17:3

ULT
3 The melting-pot {is} for silver and the furnace {is} for gold, and Yahweh tests hearts.

UST
3 Silver is put into the crucible to be refined, and gold is put into the furnace to be made pure, but it is Yahweh who makes people pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:4

ULT

[4] One who does evil listens attentively to the lips of iniquity; a liar listens to a tongue of destruction.

UST

[4] Those who do what is evil pay attention to the person who talks in wicked ways, and those who tell lies listen to those who speak in order to make trouble.

To whom does a liar pay attention?

A liar pays attention to those who say evil things.

Proverbs 17:5

ULT

[5] One who mocks one who is poor taunts his maker; one rejoicing at calamity will not be free of guilt.

UST

[5] The one who makes fun of those who are poor insults Yahweh who made him; Yahweh will punish those who are happy when someone else has troubles.

What happens to those who rejoice at misfortune?

Those who rejoice at misfortune will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 17:6

ULT

[6] The crown of old ones {is} sons of sons, and the splendor of sons {is} their fathers.

UST

[6] Grandchildren bring honor and respect to the aged, and parents bring honor to their children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:7

ULT

[7] A lip of excess {is} not suitable for a fool; how much less a lip of falsehood for a noble.

UST

[7] A fool is not able to give an eloquent speech; even more is it wrong to lie to someone with a royal title.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:8

ULT

[8] A stone of favor {is} a bribe in the eyes of its owner; he succeeds to all that he turns.

UST

[8] A bribe works like magic for the one who is giving the bribe; everything he tries to do by giving bribes succeeds.

How is a bribe like a magic stone?

A bribe is like a magic stone because the one who gives it succeeds wherever he turns.

Proverbs 17:9

ULT

[9] One who covers transgression {is} one who seeks love, but one who repeats a matter {is} one who separates close friends.

UST

[9] You must learn not to be offended by the one you love, but if you bring up something to your friend that hurt you, and you do it over and over, that will pull the best of friends apart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:10

ULT
10 A rebuke goes down into one who is discerning more than a hundred blows to a fool.

UST
10 A rebuke to someone with understanding goes deeper into him than trying to teach a fool by hitting him a hundred times with a stick.

Even what fails to deeply affect a fool?
Even a hundred blows fail to deeply affect a fool.

Proverbs 17:11

ULT
11 An evil one seeks only rebellion, but a cruel messenger will be sent against him.

UST
11 An evil person is only interested in disobeying the rules; he deserves a messenger who will be cruel to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:12

ULT
12 Meet a female bear robbed of offspring by a man and not a fool in his foolishness!

UST
12 You would be better off meeting a mother bear who had been robbed of her cubs than to meet a fool who is being foolish.

What is worse than meeting a bear robbed of her cubs?
Meeting a fool in his foolishness is worse than meeting a bear robbed of her cubs.

Proverbs 17:13

ULT
13 One who returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house.

UST
13 If someone gives back evil for the good that was given to him, evil will stay in his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:14

ULT
14 The beginning of a quarrel {is} the releasing of water, so leave before the dispute breaks out.

UST
14 Starting a quarrel is like pumping water and letting it run everywhere; it is much better to walk away before it starts.

What should a person do before a dispute breaks out?
A person should walk away before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 17:15

ULT
15 One who declares the wicked one righteous and one who declares the righteous one wicked, even the two of them {are} an abomination of Yahweh.

UST
15 When a court sets the wicked free and condemns those who do what is right, Yahweh hates both of these actions.

What kind of people are an wicked to Yahweh?
A person who acquits the wicked or condemns those who do right is wicked to Yahweh.

Proverbs 17:16

ULT
16 Why {is} this: a price {is} in the hand of a fool to acquire wisdom but there is no heart?

UST
16 There is no benefit for a fool when he pays money to learn about wisdom; no matter how much he tries, he will not be able to learn about wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:17

ULT
17 At every time the friend {is} one who loves, and a brother is born for distress.

UST
17 A friend loves you all the time, and when you are in trouble, there is no one better than a brother to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:18

ULT
18 A man lacking of heart {is} one who claps a palm, plegding a pledge before the face of his neighbor.

UST
18 One having no good judgment will make a contract he cannot pay, and he will even make a promise to pay the money his neighbor owes.

What does a man having no sense do?
A man having no sense makes binding promises for his neighbor’s debts.

Proverbs 17:19

ULT

19 One who loves transgression {is} one who loves strife; one who makes his doorway high {is} one who seeks brokenness.

UST

19 The one who loves to have arguments, that person also loves the sin that lies behind the conflict; one thing leads to another: The one who makes the threshold of his door too high, it is sure to make someone break the bones in his foot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:20

ULT

20 One perverse of heart will not find goodness, and one who is turned away in his tongue will fall into evil.

UST

20 A person who is dishonest because of what is within him, he will never find what is good, and the one who tells lies will fall into trouble.

What causes a person to fall into calamity?

An evil tongue causes a person to fall into calamity.

Proverbs 17:21

ULT

21 One who begets a fool, {it is} to grief for him, and the father of a fool will not rejoice.

UST

21 The father who has a fool brings sadness into his life; the father of a fool cannot live a happy life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:22

ULT
22 A joyful heart will make healing good, but a broken spirit dries up bone.

UST
22 Being cheerful is like medicine that makes you feel better, but when you are crushed by sadness, it is as if every bone within you could break with only a touch.

What is good medicine?
A cheerful heart is good medicine.

Proverbs 17:23

ULT
23 A wicked one takes a bribe from the bosom to turn the paths of justice.

UST
23 A wicked person accepts a bribe in such a way as no one could see him, so the bribe would change the verdict in his favor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:24

ULT
24 Wisdom {is with} the face of one who is discerning, but the eyes of a fool {are} at the ends of the earth.

UST
24 The one who has begun to understand, he knows that he must also now go after wisdom. However, the foolish person has bold plans and impossible dreams, and he looks for them no matter how far away they may be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:25

ULT
25 A son of a fool {is} a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.

UST
25 A foolish child brings a father great sadness, and regret to the mother who gave birth to him.

What is a foolish son to his father and mother?
A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to his mother.

Proverbs 17:26

ULT
26 Even to fine the righteous {is} not good, to strike nobles {is} against uprightness.

UST
26 It cannot be good to punish someone who does what is right, and if a good man with moral character is punished by the law, this can never be good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:27

ULT
27 One who knows knowledge {is} one who restrains his words, and a man of understanding {is} cool of spirit.

UST
27 The one who has learned knowledge, learned to speak well using few words, and the one who has understanding, does not lose his temper.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 17:28

ULT

28 Even a fool who keeps silent will be considered wise; one who shuts his lips is being discerning.

UST

28 When a fool keeps silent, some may think he is very wise; when he keeps his mouth shut, even a fool looks intelligent.

How can a fool be considered wise?

A fool can be considered wise if he keeps silent.

Proverbs 18

Proverbs 18:1

ULT
[1] One who separates himself seeks for desire; he bursts out against all prudence.

UST
[1] The one who keeps himself away from other people will only live for his own desires, and he never acts with good judgment.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:2

ULT
[2] A fool does not delight in understanding but rather in his heart revealing itself.

UST
[2] A foolish person does not enjoy understanding anything; he only wants to tell others what he thinks.

In what does a fool not find pleasure?
A fool finds no pleasure in understanding.

Proverbs 18:3

ULT
[3] When wickedness comes contempt also comes, and reproach with shame.

UST
[3] A wicked person comes, and with them comes the contempt they have for other people— and then comes shame and disgrace following along.

What comes with a wicked person?
Contempt, shame, and reproach come with a wicked person.

Proverbs 18:4

ULT
[4] The words of the mouth of a man {are} deep waters; a spring of wisdom {is} a bubbling stream.

UST
[4] The words a man speaks are like the deep waters of an ocean or a fountain that flows with wisdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:5

ULT
[5] {It is} not good to lift the face of the wicked one, to turn aside the righteous one in the judgment.

UST
[5] When the wicked are treated with special honor, it is not good, and it is not good to refuse to give justice to those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:6

ULT
[6] The lips of a fool enter into strife, and his mouth calls for blows.

UST
[6] A foolish person says things that start arguments; he says things that make other people want to beat him with a stick.

What do a fool's lips bring him?
A fool's lips bring him conflict.

Proverbs 18:7

ULT
[7] The mouth of a fool {is} ruin for him, and his lips {are} a snare of his life.

UST
[7] A foolish person brings himself to ruin by the things he says; his very words set a trap in which he will be caught.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:8

ULT

[8] The words of one who whispers {are} like things swallowed greedily, and they go down into the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

[8] When a person gossips, his words are as sweet to other people as candy is in their mouths, and they love to listen to them.

What are like delicious morsels?

The words of a gossip are like delicious morsels.

Proverbs 18:9

ULT

[9] Also, one who is slack in his work, he {is} a brother to an owner of destruction.

UST

[9] The person who does a poor job when he is working is a relative to the one who destroys everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:10

ULT

[10] The name of Yahweh {is} a tower of strength; the righteous one runs into it and is set on high.

UST

[10] The name of Yahweh is like a castle that can never be overrun; those who do what is right run for safety into it, and in the fortress of his name, they are safe.

What is a strong tower?

The name of Yahweh is a strong tower.

Proverbs 18:11

ULT

11 The wealth of the rich {is} a city of his strength and like a wall set on high in his imagination.

UST

11 The wealthy person depends on his wealth as a city depends on its fortifications; he thinks it protects him as well as a high wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:12

ULT

12 Before the face of breaking the heart of a man is exalted, but before the face of honor {is} humility.

UST

12 When a person is about to be ruined, it is his proud heart that brings his destruction, but before a person can gain great honor, he must first learn to become humble.

What is the attitude of a person before his downfall?

Before his downfall, a person's heart is proud.

Proverbs 18:13

ULT

13 One who returns a word before he listens, it {is} folly to him and shame.

UST

13 A person who gives you an answer before he listens to you— there is nothing more foolish and nothing that gives him more shame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:14

ULT

[14] The spirit of a man will endure his illness, but a broken spirit, who can lift it?

UST

[14] A person may survive a terrible sickness in his body, but if he feels his inner self is crushed, how can he survive?

What is something very difficult to bear?

A broken spirit is something very difficult to bear.

Proverbs 18:15

ULT

[15] The heart of one who is discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise ones seeks knowledge.

UST

[15] Intelligent people have a desire to get more and more knowledge, and wise people will find someone to teach them even more knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:16

ULT

[16] The gift of a man will make room for him, and it will lead him before the face of great ones.

UST

[16] If you take a gift to an important person, you will open the way to allow you to talk to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:17

ULT
17 The first one with his case {is} right, then his neighbor comes and examines him.

UST
17 The first person to present his case before a judge seems right until the other side comes and questions him.

Who seems right at first?
The first to plead his case seems right.

Proverbs 18:18

ULT
18 The lot causes quarrels to cease, and it makes a separation between mighty ones.

UST
18 When there are two strong people having a dispute, casting lots can help to settle the dispute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:19

ULT
19 A brother who has been offended {is worse} than a city of strength, and quarrels {are} like the gate bar of a fortress.

UST
19 If you offend your brother, finding a way to have peace with him again may be harder than waging a battle to win a city. and having an argument is more difficult to overcome than breaking down the bars of a castle.

What is harder to win than a strong city?
An offended brother is harder to win than a strong city.

Proverbs 18:20

ULT
[20] From the fruit of the mouth of a man his belly is satisfied; with the produce of his lips he is satisfied.

UST
[20] The words a person speaks can bring satisfaction to himself, like the food he eats satisfies his stomach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:21

ULT
[21] Death and life {are} in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

UST
[21] People are able to kill others or keep them alive by means of what they say. And there is danger for those who love the power of their speaking.

What are in the power of the tongue?
Death and life are in the power of the tongue.

Proverbs 18:22

ULT
[22] He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from Yahweh.

UST
[22] The one who finds a wife, finds something so good it is a gift to bless his life, and it is Yahweh who gives him this wonderful gift.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 18:23

ULT
23 One who is poor speaks pleas, but a rich one answers harshly.

UST
23 A poor person desperately begs for mercy, but a rich person is rude when he answers.

How does a rich person answer others?
A rich person answers others harshly.

Proverbs 18:24

ULT
24 A man of companions {is} to be broken, but there is one who loves, clinging more than a brother.

UST
24 One person says that he has many friends, but his life is ruined by them; but there is a friend who stands with us through everything, and he is always close at our side, even closer than a brother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19

Proverbs 19:1

ULT
1 Better {is} one who is poor who walks in his integrity than one who is perverse in his lips and he {is} a fool.

UST
1 Compare a poor person who keeps his promises, with a fool who is full of lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:2

ULT
2 Also, a life with no knowledge {is} not good, and the one who hurries with feet {is} one who misses.

UST
2 And consider, having desire without knowledge is like running so fast that you miss the path you want to take.

What must a person have in addition to desire?
A person must have knowledge in addition to desire.

Proverbs 19:3

ULT
3 The foolishness of a man will pervert his way, and his heart will rage against Yahweh.

UST
3 The folly of a fool destroys his life, but he becomes furious with Yahweh for his troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:4

ULT

4 Wealth adds many companions, but a lowly one is separated from his companions.

UST

4 Those who are wealthy easily find many friends, but a poor person will find that his poverty separates him from the one friend he had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:5

ULT

5 A witness of falsehoods will not be free of guilt, and he who breathes out lies will not slip away.

UST

5 A person who lies in order to become a friend will be punished for taking advantage, just as the one whose every word he speaks is a lie, he will not escape.

What will happen to a person who is a false witness?

A false witness will not go unpunished.

Proverbs 19:6

ULT

6 Many will appease the face of a noble one, and everyone {is} a friend of a man of gift.

UST

6 When a person is generous with their gifts, many people will ask for favors, it seems that everyone is a friend of the one who gives many gifts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:7

ULT

7 All the brothers of one who is poor hate him; how much more do his friends keep away from him! Pursuing with words, they are not.

UST

7 All the brothers of one who is poor hate him; and even more do his friends hate him, and they go far away from him; he calls out to them, but they have left.

What happens when a poor man calls out to his friends?

When a poor man calls out to his friends, they are gone.

Proverbs 19:8

ULT

8 One who acquires heart {is} one who loves his life; one who keeps understanding {is} to find good.

UST

8 The one who makes every effort to learn about wisdom, loves himself; having understanding helps you know what is good and what is not.

What does a person do who loves his own soul?

A person who loves his own soul gets wisdom.

Proverbs 19:9

ULT

9 A witness of falsehoods will not be free of guilt, and one who breathes out lies will perish.

UST

9 The ones who lie when they give testimony will be punished, but the one whose every word is a lie, he will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:10

ULT

10 Luxury {is} not suitable for a fool; how much less for a slave to rule over officials.

UST

10 When a fool lives in luxury—it is not right, and it is even worse for a slave to rule over princes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:11

ULT

11 The insight of a man makes his nose long, and his splendor {is} to pass over a transgression.

UST

11 A person with good sense is slow to get angry, and it is to his honor that he overlooks it when someone does him wrong.

What does a person with discretion do when offended?

A person with discretion overlooks an offense.

Proverbs 19:12

ULT

12 The rage of a king {is} a growling like the young lion, but his favor {is} like dew on vegetation.

UST

12 What is the wrath of the king like? It is like the roaring of a young lion, but his kindness is like the dew on the grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:13

ULT
13 A son of a fool {is} destruction to his father, and the quarrels of a wife {are} a continuous dripping.

UST
13 A foolish child will ruin a father. A wife who is always quarreling will upset her husband like water that is constantly dripping.

What is like a constant dripping of water?
A quarreling wife is like a constant dripping of water.

Proverbs 19:14

ULT
14 A house and wealth {are} the inheritance of fathers, but a wife who acts prudently {is} from Yahweh.

UST
14 We can inherit houses and money from our parents, but a sensible wife is from Yahweh.

From where does a prudent wife come?
A prudent (wise) wife is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:15

ULT
15 Laziness causes deep sleep to fall, and the appetite of slackness is hungry.

UST
15 The one who is lazy finds that sleep comes easily to him, but anyone who refuses to work will go hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:16

ULT
16 One who keeps a command {is} one who keeps his life; one who despises his ways will die.

UST
16 The one who follows the command he was taught puts a guard over his life, but the one who does not think about how he lives his life will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:17

ULT
17 One who shows favor to the lowly {is} one who lends to Yahweh, and he will repay to him his recompense.

UST
17 One who is kind to the poor, it is as if he were lending to Yahweh; and Yahweh will pay him for what he did.

How does a person lend to Yahweh?
One who is kind to the poor lends to Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:18

ULT
18 Discipline your son when there is hope, and do not set your life to putting him to death.

UST
18 Train your children and give them discipline while it is still possible to rescue them; but do not allow them to offend you so much that you consider taking their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:19

ULT
19 One great of heat {is} one who lifts up a fine; for if you rescue, then you will have to do so again.

UST
19 A hot-tempered person will pay a price for his anger; if you rescue him after he had has an outburst, you will have to do it again and again.

Who will have to be rescued a second time?
A hot-tempered (angry) person will have to be rescued a second time.

Proverbs 19:20

ULT
20 Listen to counsel and accept instruction, so that you will become wise in your end.

UST
20 Pay attention to good guidance and let others teach you so that you can become wise by the end of your life.

How can a person become wise by the end of his life?
A person can become wise by the end of his life by listening to advice and accepting instruction.

Proverbs 19:21

ULT
21 Many are the plans in the heart of a man, but the counsel of Yahweh, it will stand.

UST
21 A person has many plans that come from within him, but Yahweh has his own plans, and he will carry them out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:22

ULT
22 The desire of a man {is} covenant faithfulness, and better {is} one who is poor than a man of lying.

UST
22 A person wants loyalty, it is better to be poor than to tell a lie to a judge in court in order to get money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:23

ULT
23 The fear of Yahweh {is} to life and the satisfied one will stay overnight; he will not be visited by evil.

UST
23 Anyone who has respect for Yahweh will live a long life; such a person who has this respect for Yahweh will be satisfied, and will come to no harm.

What leads people to life?
Honor for Yahweh leads people to life.

Proverbs 19:24

ULT
24 A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he will not even return it to his mouth.

UST
24 The lazy person puts his hand in the dish; he is not able to raise his hand up to his mouth to eat.

What is a sluggard unable to do?
A sluggard is unable to even bring his hand up from the dish to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:25

ULT

25 Strike a mocker and a naive one will become prudent, and rebuking {is} for one who is discerning, he will discern knowledge.

UST

25 If you punish someone who mocks others, an uninstructed person will learn how to be prudent. If you correct someone who has understanding, he will gain more knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:26

ULT

26 One who does violence {to} a father, who causes a mother to flee, {is} a son who causes shame and causes disgrace.

UST

26 Someone who steals from his father and alienates his mother brings shame and disgrace to himself.

What does a child bring who robs his father and chases his mother away?

A child who robs his father and chases his mother away brings shame and reproach.

Proverbs 19:27

ULT

27 My son, cease to hear instruction, stray from the words of knowledge.

UST

27 My son, if you will not listen to the teaching, you will wander away from the words of knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 19:28

ULT

28 A witness of worthlessness mocks justice and the mouth of the wicked ones swallows iniquity.

UST

28 A lying witness laughs at anyone who acts justly, and wicked people act sinfully as easily as they eat food.

What makes justice a mockery?

A corrupt witness makes justice a mockery.

Proverbs 19:29

ULT

29 Judgments are prepared for the mockers, and blows for the back of fools.

UST

29 Yahweh is ready to punish those who make themselves out to be better than other people, and he is ready to flog the backs of fools.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20

Proverbs 20:1

ULT
[1] Wine {is} a mocker, intoxicating drink {is} one who is loud, and everyone who goes astray by it is not wise.

UST
[1] Wine makes you loud, and strong drink makes you foolish; whoever lets alcohol lead them to where they get lost is not wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:2

ULT
[2] The terror of a king {is} a growling like the young lion; one who infuriates him {is} one who forfeits his life.

UST
[2] The king's wrath makes people as afraid as if they were facing a young lion roaring at them; the person who makes a king angry is giving up his own life.

What happens to someone who angers the king?
Someone who angers the king forfeits his life.

Proverbs 20:3

ULT
[3] Cessation from strife {is} honor for a man, but every fool breaks out.

UST
[3] It is an honor to stay out of an argument, but every fool is ready to join one.

Into what does every fool jump?
Every fool jumps into an argument.

Proverbs 20:4

ULT
4 A lazy one will not plow in winter, and he begs in the harvest but there is nothing.

UST
4 The lazy person is not willing to plow his crops again in autumn, and when it is harvest time, he looks, but there is nothing growing in his field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:5

ULT
5 Counsel in the heart of a man {is} deep waters, and a man of understanding will draw it out.

UST
5 The purposes within a person's life are like waters in a deep well, but a person who has understanding is able to draw them out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:6

ULT
6 Many a man proclaims, each man, his loyalty, but who can find a man of faithfulness?

UST
6 Many people proclaim that they can be trusted to do what they promise, but it is very difficult to find one who can really be trusted.

What kind of person is difficult to find?
A faithful person is difficult to find.

Proverbs 20:7

ULT
7 A righteous one {is} one who walks about in his integrity; blessed {are} his sons after him.

UST
7 The person who always does right— how fortunate will be his children who follow after him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:8

ULT

8 A king who sits on the throne of judgment {is} one who scatters every evil with his eyes.

UST

8 A king who sits on his throne to act as a judge can distinguish between all the kinds of evil before him just by looking at them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:9

ULT

9 Who can say, “I have made my heart pure, I am clean from my sin”?

UST

9 No one can truthfully say, “I have kept my heart pure, and I am free from my sins.”

What is something that no one can say about himself?

No one can say about himself, “I have kept my heart clean; I am free from sin.”

Proverbs 20:10

ULT

10 Stone and stone, ephah and ephah, even the two of them {are} an abomination of Yahweh.

UST

10 Uneven weights, improperly marked, and unequal measures, that favor the one who is selling, Yahweh hates both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:11

ULT

[11] Even a young man will cause himself to be recognized by his deeds, if pure and if upright {is} his work.

UST

[11] Also, even a youth is known by what he does, it is clear whether what he does is pure and respectable or not.

By what is even a youth known?

Even a youth is known by his actions.

Proverbs 20:12

ULT

[12] An ear that hears and an eye that sees, Yahweh made even the two of them.

UST

[12] Ears that hear and eyes that see— Yahweh made them both.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:13

ULT

[13] Do not love sleep lest you become impoverished; open your eyes, be satisfied with bread.

UST

[13] If you love to sleep all the time, you will become poor; stay awake when you should be at work and you will have plenty to eat.

Loving what brings a person to poverty?

Loving sleep brings a person to poverty.

Proverbs 20:14

ULT
14 “Bad! Bad!” says the one who buys, but when he leaves him, then he boasts.

UST
14 “It is no good,” the buyer says when he is bargaining with you about the price. But after he buys it, he goes and boasts to his friends what a good price he bought it for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:15

ULT
15 There is gold and an abundance of corals, but lips of knowledge {are} a vessel of preciousness.

UST
15 Consider the value of gold and many expensive jewels, but the words of the one who has knowledge are like precious jewels.

What are like a precious jewel?
Lips of knowledge are like a precious jewel.

Proverbs 20:16

ULT
16 Take his garment when he has pledged for a stranger, and hold it in pledge for a foreign woman.

UST
16 Take the expensive coat of the person who guarantees a loan for a stranger, so it can be sold if the debt is not paid back. And if he makes a pledge for an immoral woman, hold his coat as a guarantee for the loan he makes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:17

ULT

[17] Bread of falsehood {is} sweet to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.

UST

[17] Bread gotten by telling a lie, may taste sweet, but later his mouth will be like it was full of gravel, because of his lies.

What does bread gained by deceit taste like afterward?
Bread gained by deceit tastes like gravel afterward.

Proverbs 20:18

ULT

[18] Plans are established by counsel, and by deliberation make war.

UST

[18] Good plans are made in consultation with good advisors, and only with wise advisors giving their advice should anyone go to war.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:19

ULT

[19] One who walks in slander {is} one who uncovers a secret, and do not associate yourself with one who opens his lips.

UST

[19] A gossip tells secrets, so stay away from people who talk too much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:20

ULT
20 One who curses his father and his mother, his lamp will be extinguished in the pupil of darkness.

UST
20 If a person curses his father or his mother, his life will be put out as a light that is snuffed out.

What happens to a person who curses his father or mother?
A person who curses his father or mother will have his lamp snuffed out.

Proverbs 20:21

ULT
21 An inheritance gained quickly in the beginning, its end will not be blessed.

UST
21 An inheritance that comes to a person quickly, may do some good at the beginning, but later it will do less good for the person who received it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:22

ULT
22 Do not say, “I will repay evil.” Wait for Yahweh and he will save you.

UST
22 Do not say, “I will pay you back for the wrong you did to me.” Wait for Yahweh and he will take care of the matter.

Instead of trying to pay someone back for a wrong, what should a person do?
Instead of trying to pay someone back, a person should wait for Yahweh to rescue him.

Proverbs 20:23

ULT
23 Stone and stone {are} an abomination of Yahweh, and scales of deceit {are} not good.

UST
23 Yahweh detests those who use dishonest scales and weights that are not accurate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:24

ULT
24 The steps of a man {are} from Yahweh, and how can a man understand his way?

UST
24 Yahweh is the one who directs the way a person will go. So then, how can someone understand where he is going?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:25

ULT
25 A snare of a man: he says rashly, “{It is} holy,” and after vows considers.

UST
25 It is dangerous to declare that something is holy to Yahweh, and it is worse to think about the meaning of holiness only after you have made a vow.

What is it a snare to do rashly?
It is a snare to make a vow rashly.

Proverbs 20:26

ULT
26 A wise king {is} one who scatters the wicked, and he brings back a wheel over them.

UST
26 A king who is wise will separate the wicked from among his people; then he will severely punish those wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:27

ULT
27 The spirit of a man {is} the lamp of Yahweh, searching all the inner rooms of the belly.

UST
27 The life-giving spirit within a man is the light shining from Yahweh within us, it shines deep within and shows what is hidden deep inside us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 20:28

ULT
28 A king guards covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, and his throne is sustained by covenant faithfulness.

UST
28 Love and faithfulness preserve the life of the king; his throne is made strong by steadfast love.

What preserves the king?
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness preserve the king.

Proverbs 20:29

ULT
29 The splendor of young men {is} their strength and the adornment of old ones {is} gray hair.

UST
29 The honor of young people is seen in how strong they are, but the splendor of old people is in their gray hair.

What is the glory of young men?
The glory of young men is their strength.

Proverbs 20:30

ULT

30 Strikes of a wound cleanse away evil and blows of the inner rooms of the belly.

UST

30 When we are beaten, the wound that results may cleanse away evil, and beatings make our inmost self clean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21

Proverbs 21:1

ULT
[1] The heart of a king {is} channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; he turns it in accordance with all that he desires.

UST
[1] The motives of the king are directed like a stream of water by Yahweh; he diverts the king like he directs the flow of water, in any way he wants.

What does Yahweh direct wherever he pleases?
Yahweh directs a king's heart wherever he pleases.

Proverbs 21:2

ULT
[2] Every way of a man {is} right in his eyes, but Yahweh weighs hearts.

UST
[2] When a person looks at his own life, everything he does may seem right to him, but what matters is what Yahweh thinks about what he does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:3

ULT
[3] To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to Yahweh than a sacrifice.

UST
[3] Doing what is right and just is more acceptable to Yahweh than offering sacrifices to him.

What is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice?
To do what is right and just is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:4

ULT

[4] Height of eyes and broadness of heart, the lamp of wicked ones, {are} sin.

UST

[4] When you show people that you think you are better than they, and add to that the pride you have within you—this shines like a light and it tells others you are a wicked person— they are examples of sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:5

ULT

[5] The plans of the diligent one {are} surely to abundance, but everyone who acts hastily {is} surely to poverty.

UST

[5] Those who work hard and who carry out their plans will be successful, but everyone who takes action too quickly and with little planning, make themselves poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:6

ULT

[6] Work of treasures by a tongue of falsehood {is} a fleeting vapor, those that seek death.

UST

[6] When someone becomes rich because he tells lies, that wealth fades away like the mist; that wealth will kill him.

What happens to someone who acquires riches by a lying tongue?

Someone who acquires riches by a lying tongue is killed by that snare.

Proverbs 21:7

ULT
7 The violence of wicked ones will sweep them away, for they refuse to do justice.

UST
7 When wicked people act with violence, they are destroyed by their own violence, because they refuse to do what is right.

Why are the wicked swept away?
The wicked are swept away because they refuse to do what is just.

Proverbs 21:8

ULT
8 The way of a guilty man {is} crooked, but the pure one, his work {is} upright.

UST
8 A guilty person follows a path covered with lies, but the innocent chooses to do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:9

ULT
9 Better to dwell on the corner of a roof than with a woman of quarrels and a house of companionship.

UST
9 It is better to live alone in the corner of a housetop than inside a house with a wife who always wants to argue with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:10

ULT
10 The spirit of the wicked one craves evil; his neighbor is not shown favor in his eyes.

UST
10 The wicked man craves evil more than anything; and when he looks at his neighbor, the wicked man's eyes reveal that he is not going to be kind to his neighbor.

What is not seen in the eyes of the wicked?
Kindness is not seen in the eyes of the wicked.

Proverbs 21:11

ULT
11 When fining a mocker a naive one becomes wise, and when instructing a wise one he acquires knowledge.

UST
11 When a person who acts like he is better than other people is punished, the simple—who do not know about right and wrong—are taught an important lesson, and if you teach one who is wise, they can learn even more.

Who learns wisdom when a mocker is punished?
The untaught learn wisdom when a mocker is punished.

Proverbs 21:12

ULT
12 A righteous one considers the house of the wicked one; overturning wicked ones to calamity.

UST
12 One who does what is right watches the house where evil people live, and he confronts their wickedness and brings them to justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:13

ULT
13 One who shuts his ears from the outcry of a lowly one, he also will cry out but will not be answered.

UST
13 When the poor cried out for help, there was a person who refused to listen to their cries, but when he cried out, because he covered his ears to their cries, no one heard his cries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:14

ULT
14 A gift in secrecy subdues nose, and a bribe in the bosom, strong heat.

UST
14 Give a gift to a person who is angry with you, and it may turn away his anger; a secret gift may help a person who is angry at you to calm down.

What does a secret gift accomplish?
A secret gift appeases anger.

Proverbs 21:15

ULT
15 Doing justice {is} a joy for the righteous one, but a terror to those who do iniquity.

UST
15 When there is justice, those who love what is right are happy, but when there is justice, it brings great fear to those who do what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:16

ULT

16 A man wandering from the way of insight will rest in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.

UST

16 A person who does not understand right and wrong, will get lost when he tries to make decisions, he will only rest when he is dead.

Where does one who wanders from understanding rest?

One who wanders from understanding rests in the assembly of the dead.

Proverbs 21:17

ULT

17 A man of poverty {is} one who loves joy; one who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

UST

17 Love pleasure and it will make you poor; you cannot be rich and love to drink wine and eat expensive foods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:18

ULT

18 A wicked one {is} a ransom for the righteous, and one who acts treacherously instead of upright ones.

UST

18 A person who does right is honored much more than a wicked man, and a good man is worth far more than one who never keeps his promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:19

ULT
19 Better to dwell in a land of wilderness than {with} a wife of quarrels and vexation.

UST
19 It is better to live alone in a desert than with a wife who is always stirring up conflicts and never stops complaining.

Where is it better to live than with a complaining wife?
It is better to live in the desert than with a complaining wife.

Proverbs 21:20

ULT
20 Desirable treasure and oil {are} in the abode of a wise one, but a foolish man swallows it up.

UST
20 Those who are wise have very precious treasures and they live very well, but foolish people waste all they have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:21

ULT
21 One who pursues righteousness and covenant faithfulness will find life, righteousness, and honor.

UST
21 A person who does right and is kind, lives a good life, makes wise decisions, and receives honor from others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:22

ULT
22 A wise one ascends a city of mighty ones and he brings down the strength of its confidence.

UST
22 When a wise leader goes up against a city of mighty warriors, he knows how to bring down the defenses of the city and he conquers it.

What is a wise man able to bring down?
A wise man is able to bring down the stronghold of the city of the mighty.

Proverbs 21:23

ULT
23 One who keeps his mouth and his tongue {is} one who keeps his life from distress.

UST
23 Be careful, if you could put a guard to watch over the words that come out of your mouth and tongue, you would keep away from a lot of trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:24

ULT
24 An insolent, proud one, mocker {is} his name, acting in the overflow of insolence.

UST
24 The mocker thinks he is better than other people, and his actions come from his pride and his arrogance.

What is the name for a proud and haughty person?
A proud and haughty person is called a “mocker.”

Proverbs 21:25

ULT
25 The desire of the lazy one causes him to die, for his hands refuse to work.

UST
25 The things that the lazy person chooses to do will kill him; he refuses to work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:26

ULT
26 All the day he desires desire for himself, but a righteous one gives and does not withhold.

UST
26 All day long he desires things—he could not desire for more things— but whoever does right gives gifts to others, and he never holds back anything that is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:27

ULT
27 The sacrifice of the wicked ones {is} an abomination; how much more when he brings it with a scheme.

UST
27 When the wicked decide to give an offering to Yahweh, Yahweh hates it, and Yahweh hates it even more when the wicked man comes to worship Yahweh in order to get something for himself.

What kind of sacrifice is detestable?
The sacrifice of the wicked is detestable.

Proverbs 21:28

ULT
28 A witness of falsehoods will perish, but the man who listens will speak to perpetuity.

UST
28 Those who lie about other people, will die, but the one who takes time to listen—when he says something, people will remember it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:29

ULT
29 A man of wickedness makes firm with his face, but an upright one, he discerns his ways. [1]

UST
29 The wicked man acts as if he were strong, but an honest man has thought about what to do and is certain about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 21:30

ULT
30 There is no wisdom and there is no understanding and there is no counsel in opposition to Yahweh.

UST
30 Can there be any wisdom, any understanding, or any advice, that is wiser than Yahweh?

What cannot stand against Yahweh?
No wisdom, understanding, or advice can stand against Yahweh.

Proverbs 21:31

ULT
31 A horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the salvation belongs to Yahweh.
21:29 [1]

UST
31 The groomsman prepares the horse for the day of battle, but the outcome of the battle, the winner or the loser, is determined by Yahweh.

Who gives the victory in the day of battle?
Yahweh gives the victory in the day of battle.

Proverbs 22

Proverbs 22:1

ULT
1 A name {is} to be chosen more than much riches; favor {is} better than silver and than gold.

UST
1 Being a person who keeps his word is more important than having great riches, and being a person who everyone respects for doing right, is better than having silver and gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:2

ULT
2 A rich one and one who is poor meet together; Yahweh {is} the maker of all of them.

UST
2 People who are rich and people who are poor have at least one thing in common— Yahweh made both of them.

What do the rich and poor have in common?
Yahweh is the maker of both the rich and poor.

Proverbs 22:3

ULT
3 A prudent one sees evil and hides himself, but naive ones pass on and they are fined.

UST
3 One who has good sense takes cover when he sees trouble coming, but those who have no experience or knowledge rush ahead into danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:4

ULT
[4] The reward of humility, the fear of Yahweh, {is} riches and honor and life.

UST
[4] When a person is humble and gives Yahweh the respect he deserves, these are his rewards: Riches, and honor, and life.

For what is the reward riches, honor, and life?
For humility and fear of Yahweh the reward is riches, honor, and life.

Proverbs 22:5

ULT
[5] Thorns, snares {are} in the way of the perverse one; one who guards his life will stay far from them.

UST
[5] Where the perverse walk, their way is like a road covered with thorns, and there are traps in every step. When you guard your own life from evil, you will stay away from all these dangers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:6

ULT
[6] Train up the boy in accordance with the mouth of his way; even when he is old, he will not turn aside from it.

UST
[6] A child must be shown the way to live and the direction he should go, and when he reaches old age, he will stay on that same path.

If a child is taught the way he should go, what will he not do when he grows old?
If a child is taught the way he should go, he will not turn away from that instruction when he grows old.

Proverbs 22:7

ULT

[7] A rich one rules over those who are poor, and one who borrows {is} a slave to a man who lends.

UST

[7] The fact is that the rich often have power over the poor, and one who borrows money is almost like a slave to the one who lends him the money.

What is the relationship between the one who borrows and the one who lends?
The one who borrows is a slave to the one who lends.

Proverbs 22:8

ULT

[8] One who sows injustice will reap trouble, and the rod of his fury will come to an end.

UST

[8] If you plant the seeds of wickedness, you can expect a crop of trouble, and when you use a rod to discipline your child, but you use it when you are furious, it will do no good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:9

ULT

[9] The good of eye, he will be blessed, for he gives from his bread to the lowly.

UST

[9] The one who looks for people to help, Yahweh will give many good gifts, because he considered it important to share his food with the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:10

ULT
10 Drive out a mocker and strife will go out, and judgment and dishonor will cease.

UST
10 If you throw out the conceited person, out will go all kinds of conflict with him. No one will quarrel or insult anyone else when he is gone.

What will cease if the mocker is driven away?
Strife, disputes, and insults will cease if the mocker is driven away.

Proverbs 22:11

ULT
11 One who loves a pure heart, his lips {are} gracious, the king {is} his friend.

UST
11 When a person loves to do something just because he wants to do what is good and right— he is sincere, and his speech is filled with kindness —the king will be his friend.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:12

ULT
12 The eyes of Yahweh guard knowledge, and he overturns the words of one who is treacherous.

UST
12 Yahweh gives protection to knowledge, to keep it safe, just as surely as he makes the lying promises of the betrayer fail.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:13

ULT
13 A lazy one says, “A lion {is} outside! I will be killed in the midst of the plazas!”

UST
13 A lazy person calls out, “There is a lion in the street! If I go out, I will be killed!”

What excuse does a lazy person use?
A lazy person says there is a lion in the streets as an excuse.

Proverbs 22:14

ULT
14 The mouth of a strange woman {is} a deep pit; one who is cursed of Yahweh will fall there.

UST
14 The words spoken by an adulteress will draw you in, and it will be as if you have fallen into a deep and dangerous pit! All those who fall into that pit will be in trouble, but what is worse, they will experience Yahweh’s anger for what they have done.

What do those who fall for an adulteress stir up?
Those who fall for an adulteress stir up Yahweh’s anger against them.

Proverbs 22:15

ULT
15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of discipline will cause it to be far from him.

UST
15 Stupid and silly things are bound up within a child, and they come out in foolishness; but correcting a child with discipline drives the folly far away.

What drives foolishness from a child?
The rod of discipline drives foolishness from a child.

Proverbs 22:16

ULT
16 One who oppresses a lowly one to increase for himself, one who gives to a rich one, will surely be to poverty.

UST
16 The one who makes his money by taking advantage of the poor, or by giving more money to the wealthy, Yahweh will bring him into poverty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:17

ULT
17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise ones, and set your heart to my knowledge.

UST
17 Now listen to what those who are wise have said; give it all your attention and learn the knowledge you will need if you are to become wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:18

ULT
18 For {it will be} pleasant if you keep them in your belly, they are ready together on your lips.

UST
18 It will be good for you to make them the guiding principles you live by, and be able to repeat all of them to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:19

ULT
19 Your trust {is} to be in Yahweh; I have caused you to know today, even you.

UST
19 The most important thing is for you to trust in Yahweh, and so I am teaching them to you, yes, even to you.

In whom should a person trust?
A person should trust in Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:20

ULT
20 Have I not written for you thirty things with counsels and knowledge,

UST
20 I have written thirty of these sayings for you to learn; sayings to give you advice and to teach you what you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:21

ULT
21 to cause you to know the truth of the words of trustworthiness, to return trustworthy words to one who sent you?

UST
21 These lessons show you what is true and they teach you with faithful lessons, so you may give reliable and true answers to those who sent you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:22

ULT
22 Do not rob a lowly one because he {is} lowly, and do not crush an afflicted one at the gate.

UST
22 Anyone can rob a poor person. Do not do it. And do not hurt them who are begging at the city gate,

What must not be done to the poor and needy?
The poor and needy must not be robbed or crushed.

Proverbs 22:23

ULT
23 For Yahweh will plead their dispute, and he will rob those who rob them of life.

UST
23 for Yahweh stands to defend them, and he will take the life of those who stole from the poor.

What will Yahweh do to those who rob the poor?
Yahweh will rob the life of those who rob the poor.

Proverbs 22:24

ULT
24 Do not befriend a man of nose, and do not go {with} a man of heat,

UST
24 Do not become a friend with one whose life is controlled by his anger, and do not associate with a person who rages in his terrible wrath,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:25

ULT
25 lest you learn his paths and you take a trap for your life.

UST
25 or you will learn to be like him, and your anger will become like a trap, a trap that will take charge of your life.

Why must a person not make a friend of someone ruled by anger?
A person must not make a friend of someone ruled by anger because the person will learn his ways and be entangled in a snare.

Proverbs 22:26

ULT
26 Do not be among those who clap a palm, among those who pledge for loans.

UST
26 Be careful that you do not shake hands and promise to pay for the debts of others, and do not make or sign a pledge so another person can take out a loan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 22:27

ULT
27 If there is nothing for you to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

UST
27 For if you cannot pay it back, they will surely come and take away everything from you, even your bed on which you sleep.

What could a person lose if they cannot pay their debts?
A person could lose their bed if they cannot pay their debts.

Proverbs 22:28

ULT
28 Do not remove the ancient boundary that your fathers made.

UST
28 The ancient boundary stones show where the property lines are. Do not take them away or move them. Your ancestors put them there. Leave them alone.

What must not be removed?
The ancient boundary stone set by the fathers must not be removed.

Proverbs 22:29

ULT

29 See a skilled man in his work; he will station himself before the face of kings; he will not station himself before the face of low ones.

UST

29 One who learns a trade and is skillful at it will become a servant of kings. Because of his achievements he will not serve mere ordinary people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23

Proverbs 23:1

ULT
1 When you sit to eat {with} a ruler, consider carefully what {is} before your face,

UST
1 When you sit down to eat a meal with ruler of a country, think carefully about what is in front of you.

When should a person observe carefully what is before him?
When a person sits to eat with a ruler, he should carefully observe what is before him.

Proverbs 23:2

ULT
2 and put a knife at your throat if you {are} an owner of an appetite.

UST
2 It is said, “put a knife to your throat” if you think of eating a lot of food, because it would be foolish to eat too much at such an important event.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:3

ULT
3 Do not desire his delicious morsels; for it {is} bread of falsehoods.

UST
3 Do not crave the special and expensive food the ruler enjoys; the food will deceive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:4

ULT

4 Do not toil to gain riches; cease from your understanding.

UST

4 Do not work so much that you are always tired, so you can become rich; be wise and know when you should stop and rest.

A wise person knows when to stop doing what?

A wise person knows when to stop working too hard to try to become rich.

Proverbs 23:5

ULT

5 Will you cause your eyes to fly upon it, but it is not? For it will surely make wings for itself like an eagle; it will fly into the heavens.

UST

5 As soon as you look at the money, it will be gone; it will be as if it suddenly took up wings and flew up like an eagle, up into the sky.

What happens when a person lights his eyes upon money?

When a person lights his eyes upon money, it is gone.

Proverbs 23:6

ULT

6 Do not eat the bread of one evil of eye, and do not desire his delicious morsels.

UST

6 Do not eat with an evil man—he will gaze at your food for a long time— do not desire his fine food,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:7

ULT

[7] For like one who calculates in his spirit, so he {is}. “Eat and drink!” he will say to you, but his heart {is} not with you.

UST

[7] because he will be thinking about how much your food cost him, and he will say to you, “Eat and drink,” but that is not what he will really be thinking.

Why is the heart of an evil man not with you when he invites you to eat and drink?

The heart of an evil man is not with you because he counts the price of the food.

Proverbs 23:8

ULT

[8] You will vomit up your morsel you ate, and you will ruin your delightful words.

UST

[8] When you realize what he is really thinking, you will want to vomit what you have eaten; and you will have wasted all the compliments you gave about the fine meal he prepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:9

ULT

[9] Do not speak in the ears of a fool, for he will despise the insight of your words.

UST

[9] Do not waste time talking to a fool; he will only despise the wise things that you say.

How does a fool react to wise words?

A fool despises wise words.

Proverbs 23:10

ULT
10 Do not move an ancient boundary, and do not enter into the fields of orphans,

UST
10 Again, do not remove the ancient boundary stone. It is a marker for the property lines; and do not claim land that is set apart for orphans to work,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:11

ULT
11 for one who redeems them {is} strong; he will plead their dispute against you.

UST
11 because the One who redeems them is strong, and he will plead their case against you.

Who will plead the cause of orphans?
Their strong Redeemer will plead the cause of orphans.

Proverbs 23:12

ULT
12 Bring your heart to instruction and your ear to words of knowledge.

UST
12 Pay attention to what you are learning, and listen to the words of knowledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:13

ULT
13 Do not withhold discipline from a boy; if you strike him with the rod, he will not die.

UST
13 Do not refuse to discipline your children; if you punish them, they will not die,

What should not be withheld from a child?
Discipline should not be withheld from a child.

Proverbs 23:14

ULT
14 You shall strike him with the rod and you will rescue his life from Sheol.

UST
14 and if you beat them with the rod of discipline, you may save their lives from death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:15

ULT
15 My son, if your heart {is} wise, my heart, even myself, will be glad,

UST
15 My son, if you have taken wisdom deep within yourself, I will be very happy,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:16

ULT
16 and my kidneys will exult, when your lips speak upright things.

UST
16 and I will be sincerely glad when you say what is right.

What makes the inmost being of a father rejoice?
When his son speaks what is right, the inmost being of a father rejoices.

Proverbs 23:17

ULT
17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, but rather the fear of Yahweh all the day.

UST
17 Do not envy sinful people; but give Yahweh the respect he deserves, all day long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:18

ULT
18 Surely there is an end and your hope will not be cut off.

UST
18 If you respect him, you will have a life in the future, and Yahweh will certainly do for you what you are confidently expecting him to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:19

ULT
19 Listen, you my son, and be wise, and lead your heart in the way.

UST
19 My son, listen to me so you may become wise, and think about the way you live your life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:20

ULT
20 Do not be among those who drink much wine, among those who squander meat for themselves.

UST
20 Do not associate with those who get drunk with wine, or with those who are eat far too much food,

With whom should a person not associate?
A person should not associate with drunkards or gluttonous eaters.

Proverbs 23:21

ULT
21 For one who drinks much and one who squanders will become poor, and slumber will clothe with rags.

UST
21 because drunkards and gluttons will become poor; and they will sleep so much that they will have nothing but rags to wear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:22

ULT
22 Listen to your father, this {one} begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

UST
22 Pay attention to your father who brought you into the world, and do not hate your mother when she is old.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:23

ULT
23 Buy truth and do not sell, wisdom and instruction and understanding.

UST
23 When you study wisdom, think of it as buying truth, but never selling it; and the same for wisdom, and with discipline, and also with understanding; let it be as though you were buying them so you can keep them for the rest of your life.

What should a person buy?
A person should buy truth, wisdom, discipline, and understanding.

Proverbs 23:24

ULT
24 The father of a righteous one will rejoice greatly, and one who begets a wise one, he will be glad in him.

UST
24 The father of a child who does what is right will be very happy; any man who has a wise son will be very happy because of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:25

ULT
25 May your father and your mother be glad, and may she who bore you rejoice.

UST
25 Make your father and mother proud, and let your mother be glad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:26

ULT
26 My son, give your heart to me, and may your eyes watch my ways.

UST
26 My son, take what I say and put it deep within you, and pay attention to the way that I live.

What should a son give to his father?
A son should give his father his heart.

Proverbs 23:27

ULT
27 For a prostitute {is} a deep pit, and a foreign woman {is} a narrow well.

UST
27 A prostitute is like a very deep pit, that is easy to fall into, but difficult to get out; another man's wife is a narrow pit; just as dangerous as a deep pit, but of a different kind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:28

ULT
28 Also, she lies in ambush like a robber, and she increases those who act treacherously among man.

UST
28 The immoral woman is waiting for you, waiting like a robber waits for his victim; and they cause many men to become liars and traitors to those who love them.

What does another's man's wife increase among humanity?
Another man's wife increases the number of traitors among humanity.

Proverbs 23:29

ULT
29 For whom {is} woe? For whom {is} sorrow? For whom {are} quarrels? For whom {is} a lament? For whom {is} wounds without reason? For whom {is} dullness of eyes?

UST
29 Who is it who had trouble? Who has sorrows? Who has conflicts and fights? Who has quarreling? Who is wounded for no reason? Whose eyes are always bloodshot because they drank too much or ate too much?

Who has woe and fights? (vv29-30)
The one who lingers over wine has woe and fights.

Proverbs 23:30

ULT
30 For those who linger over wine, for those coming to search out mixed wine.

UST
30 It is those who drink too much wine and those who drink the mixed wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:31

ULT
31 Do not look at wine when it turns red, when its eye gives in the bag, it goes down with evenness.

UST
31 Do not look with pleasure at red wine when it sparkles in the cup, and it goes down the throat smoothly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:32

ULT
32 Its end bites like a snake, and it stings like a viper.

UST
32 But, in the last, it bites you like a poisonous snake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:33

ULT
33 Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will speak perverse things.

UST
33 It makes you see strange things, and within you, you say perverse things when you are drunk.

What do the eyes of one who looks at the wine when it is red see?
One who looks at the wine when it is red sees strange things.

Proverbs 23:34

ULT
34 And you will be like one who lies down in the heart of the sea and like one who lies down at the head of a mast.

UST
34 You will think you are on a ship that is tossing on the sea; you will be like someone who is trying to sleep up on the rigging of the boat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 23:35

ULT
35 “They hit me. I was not hurt. They beat me. I did not know. When I awake, I will do again, I will seek it again.”

UST
35 You will say, “I think that someone struck me, but he did not hurt me; They beat me, but I did not feel it. When will I wake up in order that I can drink some more wine?”

What does the drunkard say he will do when he wakes up?
The drunkard says he will seek another drink when he wakes up.

Proverbs 24

Proverbs 24:1

ULT
[1] Do not envy men of evil, and do not desire to be with them.

UST
[1] Do not want what evil people have; do not desire them for friends,

Of whom should a person not be envious?
A person should not be envious of those who are evil.

Proverbs 24:2

ULT
[2] For their heart murmurs violence, and their lips speak trouble.

UST
[2] because they are plotting to do violence; they talk about making trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:3

ULT
[3] A house is built by wisdom and by understanding it is established.

UST
[3] It takes wisdom to build a house, and by understanding the builder exercises his craft, and a house is made solid on its foundation.

By what is a house established?
By understanding a house is established.

Proverbs 24:4

ULT
[4] And by knowledge the rooms are filled, all precious and pleasant wealth.

UST
[4] It takes knowledge to fill the rooms of the house with all the beautiful and expensive decorations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:5

ULT
[5] A man of wisdom {is} with strength and a man of knowledge {is} one who strengthens power.

UST
[5] A man who has wisdom has strength, and a person with knowledge is mightier than the one who is strong,

What is better than a person who is strong?
A person who has knowledge is better than a person who is strong.

Proverbs 24:6

ULT
[6] For with guidance you make war for yourself and salvation {is} with an abundance of counsel.

UST
[6] for with wise guidance you can wage a war successfully, and by the advice of many advisors there will be victory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:7

ULT
[7] Wise things {are} too high for a fool; in the gate he will not open his mouth.

UST
[7] Wisdom is something that a fool cannot understand; at the gate where the elders gather, the fool has nothing to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:8

ULT

8 One who plans to do evil, they will call him a master of schemes.

UST

8 There is a man who does evil and makes plots—he is called the Master of Schemes.

What do people call a person who plans to do evil?

People call a person who plans to do evil a master of schemes.

Proverbs 24:9

ULT

9 A plan of foolishness {is} sin, and a mocker {is} an abomination of mankind.

UST

9 A foolish plan is not only folly, it is sin; when people tell the truth, they hate those who are conceited and mock everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:10

ULT

10 {If} you make yourself slack in the day of distress, your strength {is} narrow.

UST

10 When trouble comes, and you are terrified like a coward, then your strength is small.

How is a person's strength shown to be small?

When a person shows his cowardice in the day of trouble, he shows his strength to be small.

Proverbs 24:11

ULT

11 Rescue those who are taken for death, but do not hold back those who are staggering to the slaughter.

UST

11 Rescue the ones who are being carried away to the slaughter; they stagger and fall—hold them back from the one who would kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:12

ULT

12 If you say, “Behold, we did not know this.” The one who weighs hearts, does he not understand, and the one who guards your life, does he know? And he will return to a man according to his work.

UST

12 If you say, “I did not know that those people needed any help,” then think about this: God knows why we do everything, so he also knows why you said those people needed no help. God sees everything you do in this life, so he certainly understands why you said that about those people. He will certainly pay you back—and everyone else, too—for the harm they have done.

What does God give each person?

God gives each person what he deserves.

Proverbs 24:13

ULT

13 My son, eat honey because {it is} good and the fresh honey {is} sweet on your palate.

UST

13 My son, eat honey, because it tastes good; the honeycomb is sweet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:14

ULT
14 So know wisdom for your self; if you find it, then there will be a future and your hope will not be cut off.

UST
14 Wisdom is like the honeycomb, it feeds your life, if you can find it. If you can find it, you will have a future, and you will come to the future with hope that will not be cut short.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:15

ULT
15 Do not lie in ambush like a wicked one for the abode of the righteous one; do not assault his resting-place.

UST
15 Do not be like wicked people who hide and wait to attack the home of those who do what is right. Do not commit a violent attack on the place where the good man rests!

What do the wicked lie in wait to do?
The wicked lie in wait to attack the house of those who do right.

Proverbs 24:16

ULT
16 For a righteous one falls seven times and rises up, but wicked ones stumble in calamity.

UST
16 Even if good people fall down seven times, they always get back up, but when a disaster comes to the wicked, they are ruined by it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:17

ULT
17 When your enemy falls, do not be glad, and when he stumbles do not let your heart rejoice,

UST
17 When your enemy falls, do not rejoice, and do not be happy when he stumbles,

What will Yahweh do if a person celebrates when his enemy falls? (vv17-18)
Yahweh will see and disapprove, and turn away his wrath from the enemy.

Proverbs 24:18

ULT
18 lest Yahweh see, and {it is} evil in his eyes, and he turn back his nose from on him.

UST
18 for Yahweh will see how you treat your enemy, and if he disapproves how you treat him, Yahweh may turn his wrath from your enemy and put it on you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:19

ULT
19 Do not cause yourself to be hot at evildoers; do not envy wicked ones.

UST
19 Do not worry about those who do what is evil, and do not be jealous of them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:20

ULT
20 For a future is not for an evil one, the lamp of the wicked ones will be extinguished.

UST
20 for there is no future for the wicked; they are like a lamp whose light will soon be put out.

What happens to the lamp of the wicked?
The lamp of the wicked goes out.

Proverbs 24:21

ULT
21 My son, fear Yahweh and the king; do not associate with ones who change.

UST
21 My son, give to Yahweh and give to the king the respect each of them deserves, and do not associate with anyone who rebels against either Yahweh or the king;

With whom should a person not associate?
A person should not associate with those who rebel against the king.

Proverbs 24:22

ULT
22 For suddenly their disaster will arise, and who {is} one who knows the destruction of the two of them?

UST
22 because disasters will suddenly come upon those rebels, and no one knows how terrible the disasters will be that will come from both Yahweh and from the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:23

ULT
23 These also {are} of the wise ones: Recognizing faces in judgment {is} not good.

UST
23 Here are more things that wise people have said: It is wrong for judges to decide matters unfairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:24

ULT
24 One who says to the wicked one, “You {are} righteous,” peoples will curse him, nations will denounce him.

UST
24 If they say to people who are guilty, “You are innocent,” they will be cursed by foreign peoples, and hated by nations.

What will happen to the one who says to the guilty, “You are in the right.”?
That person will be cursed by peoples and hated by nations.

Proverbs 24:25

ULT
25 But for those who rebuke it will be delightful, and a blessing of goodness will come over them.

UST
25 But if judges say that guilty people must be punished, things will go well for those judges, and they will receive gifts of goodness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:26

ULT
26 He kisses lips who returns honest words.

UST
26 Answering honestly—that is the best thing a person can do.

What is like a kiss on the lips?
An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 24:27

ULT
27 Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field; and after you will build your house.

UST
27 First, do the work that needs to be done outside, and prepare your fields; and after that, build your house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:28

ULT
28 Do not be a witness without cause against your neighbor. And would you deceive with your lips?

UST
28 Do not give testimony against your neighbor if there is no reason for it, and do not deceive people when you are telling what you know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:29

ULT
29 Do not say, “Just as it was done to me, so I will do to him; I will return to the man according to his deed.”

UST
29 Do not say, “I will do to him what he did to me; I will pay him back for what he did to me.”

What should a person not say about his neighbor?
A person should not say that he will pay back his neighbor for what he has done.

Proverbs 24:30

ULT
30 I passed over the field of a lazy man and over the vineyard of the man lacking of heart.

UST
30 I walked by the field of a lazy man, past the vineyard of a man who had no good judgment.

What did the field of the lazy man look like? (vv30-31)
In the lazy man’s field, the thorns grew up, the ground had nettles, and the wall was broken down.

Proverbs 24:31

ULT
31 And behold, all of it went up with thorns, its face was covered with nettles, and the wall of his stones was broken down.

UST
31 Thorns grew there and the stone wall had fallen down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:32

ULT
32 And I myself looked, I set my heart, I saw, I received instruction.

UST
32 When I saw that, I thought about it, and I learned this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:33

ULT
33 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of hands to lie down,

UST
33 A little sleep, a little nap, a little folding of the hands to rest—and while you rest,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 24:34

ULT
34 and your poverty will come walking around, and your needs like a man of shield.

UST
34 poverty will come to you like a thief who steals from you, and poverty will come like an armed soldier who attacks you.

What comes upon the lazy man like a robber?
Poverty comes upon the lazy man like a robber.

Proverbs 25

Proverbs 25:1

ULT
[1] These also {are} proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah the king of Judah copied.

UST
[1] Here are more wise sayings of Solomon that were written down by the men of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.

Who was the author of this proverb?
King Solomon was the author of this proverb.

Proverbs 25:2

ULT
[2] {It is} the glory of God to hide a matter, but the glory of kings to search out a matter.

UST
[2] God honors himself when he hides something so people cannot know it. But it is to the honor of kings to search out the things that God has hidden.

What is it the glory of God to do?
It is the glory of God to conceal a matter.

Proverbs 25:3

ULT
[3] Heavens for height and earth for depth, and the heart of kings is not searchable.

UST
[3] What kings think is above the way peasants think; they are like the heavens, they are above us all; and all kings have the same deep burdens that others cannot understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:4

ULT

4 Remove dross from silver and a vessel goes out for the one who refines.

UST

4 Silver cannot be used by the metal worker, unless the silver is heated and dross is removed from it;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:5

ULT

5 Remove a wicked one before the face of the king, and his throne will be established by the righteous one.

UST

5 just as the dross is removed, even so, if wicked men are removed from the kings court, his throne will be more secure, and he will be able to do what is right.

How is the throne of the king established?

By removing the wicked from the presence of the king, the throne of the king is established.

Proverbs 25:6

ULT

6 Do not honor yourself before the face of the king, and do not stand in the place of the great ones.

UST

6 When you stand in front of a king, do not bring attention to yourself and do not stand in the place set aside for those the king is honoring.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:7

ULT

[7] For, better to say to you, “Come up here,” than to humiliate you before the face of a noble, whom your eyes have seen.

UST

[7] It is better if someone important invites you, saying, “Come up and sit closer to the king,” than to embarrass you in front of an important nobleman by making you move so that you now sit far away from the king. When you witness something that gives you concern,

What is better than standing in the place designated for the great?

Waiting for the king to say to you, “Come up here,” is better than standing in the place designated for the great.

If you have witnessed something concerning your neighbor, why should you not be quick to bring it to trial? (vv7-8)

You should not be quick to bring it to trial because your neighbor may put you to shame.

Proverbs 25:8

ULT

[8] Do not go out hastily to dispute, or else what will you do in its end when your neighbor humiliates you?

UST

[8] you should not quickly bring the matter to trial, unless you are very sure about it. because your neighbor may have a good explanation for what you saw.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:9

ULT

[9] Dispute your dispute {with} your neighbor and do not uncover another secret,

UST

[9] If you and your neighbor are having a disagreement, settle it between yourselves, and do not tell others any secret you have learned about;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:10

ULT

10 lest one who hears reproaches you, and your evil report not turn back.

UST

10 for others might find out what you have done, and you would be ashamed; and from that time on, you will have a bad reputation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:11

ULT

11 Apples of gold in sculptures of silver {is} a word that is spoken in accordance with its circumstance.

UST

11 Use the right words and a phrase put together to say exactly what you mean; this is as delightful as seeing designs of gold in a silver bowl.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:12

ULT

12 A ring of gold and jewelry of fine gold {is} a wise rebuke on an ear that listens.

UST

12 When a wise person rebukes someone who is willing to listen to him, it is as priceless as a gold ring or jewelry made of finest gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:13

ULT
13 Like the coolness of snow on the day of harvest {is} a faithful messenger for those who sent him and he brings back the life of his masters.

UST
13 A messenger who is reliable and on time, gives delight to those who sent him, to them he is like the cold of snow at harvest time, that refreshes the ground.

What does a faithful messenger do for his masters?
A faithful messenger refreshes the soul of his masters.

Proverbs 25:14

ULT
14 Clouds and wind but without rain {is} the man who boasts of a gift of falsehood.

UST
14 When someone boasts about a gift he is going to give, but never gives it, he is like the clouds and the wind that do not bring rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:15

ULT
15 With length of nostrils a ruler is persuaded, and a soft tongue breaks bone.

UST
15 With patient persuasion even a ruler's mind can be changed, like the proverb that says, 'a soft tongue can break a bone.'

With what can a ruler be persuaded?
With patience a ruler can be persuaded.

Proverbs 25:16

ULT

16 If you find honey, eat {what is} sufficient for you, lest you become satiated with it and you vomit it up.

UST

16 If you find some honey, eat just a little, because if you eat too much, you could vomit it up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:17

ULT

17 Make rare your foot from the house of your neighbor, lest he become satiated with you and hate you.

UST

17 Do not go to your neighbor's house too often; he may get tired of you, and if you do not stop, he could even grow to hate you.

How could your neighbor become tired of you?

Your neighbor could become tired of you if you set your foot in his house too often.

Proverbs 25:18

ULT

18 A hammer and a sword and a sharp arrow {is} a man who answers a testimony of falsehood against his neighbor.

UST

18 To falsely accuse others in court is like attacking them with a club used in battle, or with a sword, or with sharp arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:19

ULT
[19] A broken tooth and a shaky foot {is} confidence in one who acts treacherously in the day of distress.

UST
[19] Depending on an unreliable person during times of trouble is like having a bad tooth or a foot that slips and makes you fall.

What is like a foot that slips?
An unfaithful man in whom you trust is like a foot that slips.

Proverbs 25:20

ULT
[20] One who removes a garment on a cold day, vinegar on natron, so {is} one who sings with songs over a heart of misery.

UST
[20] Singing a song to someone who is feeling sad, it is as unhelpful as taking off a coat on a very cold day, or pouring vinegar into soda, making it bubble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:21

ULT
[21] If one who hates you {is} hungry, cause him to eat bread, and if thirsty, cause him to drink water;

UST
[21] If your enemies are hungry, give them something to eat; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;

What should you do for your enemy?
You should give your enemy food to eat and water to drink.

Proverbs 25:22

ULT
22 for you are heaping coals on his head, and Yahweh will reward you.

UST
22 that will be the equal to pouring coals of fire on his head, without doing him any harm, and Yahweh will reward you for doing that.

What will Yahweh do for the one who gives his enemy food and drink?
Yahweh will reward the one who gives his enemy food and drink.

Proverbs 25:23

ULT
23 The wind of the north brings forth rain, and faces {that} are angry, a tongue of secrecy.

UST
23 When wind blows from the north, it will certainly rain; it is just as certain that someone who tells secrets about others will make people angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:24

ULT
24 Better to dwell on the corner of a roof than {with} a wife of quarrels and a house of companionship.

UST
24 It is better to live alone in the corner of a housetop than inside a house with a wife who always wants to argue with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:25

ULT
25 Cool water over a weary spirit, so {is} good news from a distant land.

UST
25 When you receive news from a far away country, that is like giving cold water to a person who is thirsty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:26

ULT

26 A spring {that is} muddied by trampling and a fountain {that is} spoiled {is} a righteous one who shakes before the face of a wicked one.

UST

26 A good person who falls before the wicked, that is as bad as a spring that becomes muddied or a fountain that becomes polluted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:27

ULT

27 To eat much honey {is} not good, and the searching out of their honor upon honor.

UST

27 It is not good to eat too much honey; that is like searching for more honor when you already have honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 25:28

ULT

28 A breached city without a wall {is} a man who has no restraint for his spirit.

UST

28 A person who cannot control himself is like a city with no way to keep out enemies; its walls have fallen down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26

Proverbs 26:1

ULT
[1] Like the snow in the summer and like the rain in the harvest, so honor {is} not suitable for a fool.

UST
[1] When it snows in the summer, or when it rains in the harvest, that is what it is like when a fool gets honor—honor for him comes at the wrong time, and the wrong place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:2

ULT
[2] As the bird with respect to fluttering, as the swallow with respect to flying, so an undeserved curse does not come.

UST
[2] A sparrow flies here and there flittering around, and a swallow darts back and forth when it flies, that is like someone speaking a curse against you—but it cannot land on you.

What does not alight on a person?
An undeserved curse does not alight on a person.

Proverbs 26:3

ULT
[3] A whip for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, and a rod for the back of fools.

UST
[3] A horse needs a whip to make it move, and a donkey must have a bridle in its mouth, or it will not carry its load. In the same way, a fool needs someone to beat him on his back to get him to do anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:4

ULT

4 Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest you become like him, also you.

UST

4 Do not reply to a fool when he is trying to draw you into his foolishness, or you will be just as much a fool as he is.

What will a person become if he joins in the folly of a fool?

A person who joins in the folly of a fool will become a fool.

Proverbs 26:5

ULT

5 Answer a fool according to his foolishness, lest he become wise in his eyes.

UST

5 Give a fool an answer that will be just as foolish as his question, and that may open his eyes so he can see that he is not as wise as he thinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:6

ULT

6 One who cuts off feet, one who drinks violence, {is} one who sends words by the hand of a fool.

UST

6 If you entrust an important message to be delivered by a fool, that would be as foolish as cutting of your own feet, and then taking a drink of poison.

What is like cutting off one's own feet?

Sending a message by the hand of a fool is like cutting off one's own feet.

Proverbs 26:7

ULT
7 Legs dangle from a lame man, so {is} a proverb in the mouth of fools.

UST
7 A lame man cannot use his legs; they hang down and are useless, as useless as when fools are reciting proverbs to one another that they do not understand..

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:8

ULT
8 Like tying a stone in a sling, so {is} one who gives honor to a fool.

UST
8 When you tie a stone into a sling so it cannot be thrown, that is like one who gives honor to a fool, for no matter how much you praise him, it will never do him any good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:9

ULT
9 A thorn goes up into the hand of a drunkard, so {is} a proverb in the mouth of fools.

UST
9 When a drunk man picks up a bush full of thorns and starts to swing it around at people, that is as helpful as a fool reciting proverbs, people stand back and try to get away from him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:10

ULT
10 An archer who pierces everyone, so {is} one who hires a fool and hires those passing by.

UST
10 An archer who aims and shoots arrows at people standing around him, is as dangerous as one who hires a fool or he takes so little care that he hires the next person who comes along.

One who hires a fool is like what?
One who hires a fool is like an archer who wounds everybody.

Proverbs 26:11

ULT
11 Like a dog returning over its vomit {is} a fool who repeats his foolishness.

UST
11 When you see a dog return to his vomit, that is just like a fool who does the same foolish thing over and over again.

Why is a fool like a dog who returns to his vomit?
A fool is like a dog who returns to his vomit because a fool repeats his folly.

Proverbs 26:12

ULT
12 See a man wise in his eyes, {there is} more hope for a fool than him.

UST
12 Do you know someone who has this idea about himself— he thinks he is a very wise person? It is easier to teach a fool than him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:13

ULT
13 A lazy one says, “A young lion {is} in the road, a lion {is} between the plazas!”

UST
13 The lazy person has many reasons for not working— you might hear him say, “But there is a lion in the street!” or “Oh, there is a lion in the market!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:14

ULT
14 The door turns on its hinges, and a lazy one on his bed.

UST
14 When you see a door swing back and forth on it hinges, that is just like one who is lazy, when he is lying on his bed, turning back and forth.

What is a door turning on its hinges like?
A door turning on its hinges is like a lazy person upon his bed.

Proverbs 26:15

ULT
15 A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he is weary to return it to his mouth.

UST
15 One who is lazy might reach down with his hand to get some food, but he does not have the energy to put the food into his mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:16

ULT
16 A lazy one {is} wiser in his eyes than seven who return discretion.

UST
16 The one who is lazy considers himself to be very wise, more wise than seven men who are known for their insight.

How does a lazy person appear in his own eyes?
A lazy person appears wiser than seven men with discernment in his own eyes.

Proverbs 26:17

ULT
17 One who grabs the ears of a dog passing by {is} one who infuriates himself over a dispute not for him.

UST
17 Someone who walks by a dog lying on the ground, who then reaches down and pulls its ears; he is like someone who hears an argument as he is walking by, and he gets involved, and becomes angry and then he takes sides and joins in— even though he had nothing to do with it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:18

ULT
18 Like a madman who shoots burning arrows and death,

UST
18-19 Who is like an insane person who shoots burning arrows in every direction? One who lies to his neighbor! He makes an excuse to his neighbor and tells him, “I was only joking;” but just like the madman’s arrows, what he said has set everything on fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:19

ULT
19 so {is} the man who deceives his neighbor and says, “Was I not joking?”

UST
18-19 Who is like an insane person who shoots burning arrows in every direction? One who lies to his neighbor! He makes an excuse to his neighbor and tells him, “I was only joking;” but just like the madman’s arrows, what he said has set everything on fire.

What does a person say after deceiving his neighbor?
A person says, “Was I not telling a joke?” after deceiving his neighbor.

Proverbs 26:20

ULT
20 At the lack of wood a fire goes out, and when there is no one who whispers a quarrel is silenced.

UST
20 The fire goes out when there is no more wood to burn; and so arguments stop when no one is gossipping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:21

ULT
21 As charcoal {is} to burning coals and wood {is} to fire, so a man of quarrels {is} to kindling of a dispute.

UST
21 As charcoal can ignite into burning coal and a log of wood into a fire; so the one who argues sets anger ablaze.

What does a quarrelsome person kindle?
A quarrelsome person kindles strife.

Proverbs 26:22

ULT
22 The words of one who whispers {are} like delicious morsels, and they go down into the inner rooms of the belly.

UST
22 The gossip tells stories that are like sweet treats to eat; people eat them like candy until they are filled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:23

ULT
23 Silver of dross covering over a clay pot {are} burning lips and a heart of evil.

UST
23 A shining glaze applied with great heat, covers the clay pot, and that is like the fiery words that cover an evil heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:24

ULT
24 One who hates disguises himself with his lips and he sets deceit in his inward part.

UST
24 The one who is filled with hate, by the words he speaks, he hides his true feelings; and he stores up more and more lies within himself.

How does a person disguise the fact that he hates others?
A person who hates others disguises it with his lips.

Proverbs 26:25

ULT
25 When he makes his voice gracious, do not trust in him, for seven abominations {are} in his heart.

UST
25 He may speak kind words, but you should not believe them, because deep within him is everything that Yahweh despises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:26

ULT
26 Hatred is covered by deception; his evil will be uncovered in the assembly.

UST
26 Even though he covers up his hatred by his lies, everyone will realize how wicked he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 26:27

ULT

27 One who digs a pit will fall into it and one who rolls a stone, it will come back to him.

UST

27 One who digs a pit will fall into it; and a stone rolls back on the one who tried to push it up a hill.

What happens to the person who digs a pit?

The person who digs a pit will fall into it.

Proverbs 26:28

ULT

28 A tongue of falsehood hates its oppressed ones, and a smooth mouth makes ruin.

UST

28 The one who lies hates the people he destroys; just as much as the person who uses flattery causes terrible destruction.

What does a flattering mouth bring about?

A flattering mouth brings about ruin.

Proverbs 27

Proverbs 27:1

ULT
[1] Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.

UST
[1] Do not boast about what will happen tomorrow, because you do not know what will come to you during that day.

Why should a person not boast about tomorrow?
A person should not boast about tomorrow because he does not know what a day may bring.

Proverbs 27:2

ULT
[2] Let a stranger praise you and not your mouth, a foreigner and not your lips.

UST
[2] Do not praise yourself; let someone else praise you. It is better for someone you do not know to praise you, than for you to praise yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:3

ULT
[3] The heaviness of a stone and the weight of sand, yet the vexation of a fool {is} heavier than the two of them.

UST
[3] If you think about how heavy a stone can be, or how much sand can weigh— then you will understand that the trouble a fool causes is harder to carry than both of those things.

What is heavier than the weight of sand?
The provocation of a fool is heavier than the weight of sand.

Proverbs 27:4

ULT
4 Fierceness of heat and a flood of nose, but who will stand before the face of jealousy?

UST
4 If you think about how cruel can be people who rage at others, and how angry people can attack others like a flood of water, then think about how jealous people are even worse; no one can resist being harmed by a jealous person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:5

ULT
5 Better {is} open rebuke than hidden love.

UST
5 It is better to offer a rebuke out in the open, than to have a love that is hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:6

ULT
6 Faithful {are} the wounds of one who loves, but abundant {are} the kisses of one who hates.

UST
6 A wound from a friend is better than kisses from an enemy.

What may an enemy do to deceive you?
An enemy may kiss you profusely to deceive you.

Proverbs 27:7

ULT
7 A satiated appetite tramples fresh honey, but for the appetite of a hungry one everything bitter {is} sweet.

UST
7 When a person is walking along and he has a full stomach, he may step on a honeycomb because he is not hungry; but if he were very hungry, even bitter things would taste sweet to him.

To whom is every bitter thing sweet?
To the hungry person, every bitter thing is sweet.

Proverbs 27:8

ULT
8 Like a bird wandering from its nest, so a man who wanders from his place.

UST
8 When a man wanders away from his home, he is acting like a bird that stays far from its nest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:9

ULT
9 Oil and incense make the heart glad and the sweetness of his friend {is} from counsel of self.

UST
9 The aroma of perfume and the scent of incense can help to make a person feel happy; and we most appreciate friends who give us good advice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:10

ULT
10 Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not enter the house of your brother on the day of your disaster. Better {is} a nearby inhabitant than a distant brother.

UST
10 Do not forget your friend or a friend of your father; and when you have a problem and you need help, do not go to your brother's home. When there is trouble, a neighbor who lives close by is better than a brother who lives far away.

What is better than a brother who is far away?
A neighbor is better than a brother who is far away.

Proverbs 27:11

ULT
11 Be wise, my son, and make my heart glad and I shall return a word to one who taunts me.

UST
11 My son, if you become wise, you will make me happy; so I will be able to give an answer to anyone who argues against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:12

ULT
12 A prudent one sees evil, he hides; naive ones pass on, they are fined.

UST
12 One who has good sense takes cover when he sees trouble coming, but those who have no experience or knowledge rush ahead into danger.

What does a prudent man do when he sees trouble?
A prudent man hides himself when he sees trouble.

Proverbs 27:13

ULT
13 Take his garment when he pledges for a stranger, and hold it in pledge on behalf of a foreign woman.

UST
13 Take a man's garment as security when he is guaranteeing a loan for a stranger. Hold the garment in pledge to protect yourself from losing your money when he puts up security for an adulteress.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:14

ULT
14 One who blesses his neighbor with a great voice in the rising morning, it will be considered a curse to him!

UST
14 If you rise early in the morning and call out a greeting to your neighbor while he is still sleeping, he will consider it to be a curse, not a blessing.

When is a blessing given with a loud voice considered to be a curse?
Early in the morning, a blessing given with a loud voice is considered to be a curse.

Proverbs 27:15

ULT
15 Dripping continuing on a day of steady rain and a woman of quarrels {are} the same;

UST
15 A wife who continually argues with her husband is as annoying as the constant dripping of water on a rainy day;

What is like restraining the wind? (vv15-16)
Restraining a quarreling wife is like restraining the wind.

Proverbs 27:16

ULT
16 restraining her {is} restraining the wind and oil meets his right hand.

UST
16 and stopping her from arguing would be as difficult as restraining the wind, or trying to catch oil in one hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:17

ULT
17 Iron sharpens against iron, and a man sharpens the face of his neighbor.

UST
17 Iron is used to sharpen an iron blade, just like a man makes his friend better.

What is like iron which sharpens iron?
A man who sharpens his friend is like iron which sharpens iron.

Proverbs 27:18

ULT
18 One who watches a fig tree will eat its fruit and one who guards his master will be honored.

UST
18 The farmer who takes care of a fig tree will enjoy its fruit when it is ripe. This is just like the one who protects his master, he will get honor from his master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:19

ULT
19 As the water {is} the face to the face, so {is} the heart of the man to the man.

UST
19 When a person looks in the water, he sees his own face; similarly when we look at what a person loves, we know what he is like deep inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:20

ULT
20 Sheol and Abaddon are not satisfied, and the eyes of man are not satisfied.

UST
20 You know that the Place of the Dead and The Destroyer are never satisfied; and people, too, are never satisfied and always want more.

What are never satisfied, just like Abaddon?
A man's eyes are never satisfied, just like Abaddon.

Proverbs 27:21

ULT
21 A melting-pot {is} for silver and a furnace {is} for gold, so {is} a man for the mouth of one who praises him.

UST
21 Silver is refined in a crucible, and gold is put into a furnace to be made pure; and how a person responds to the praise given to them will tell you what kind of person he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:22

ULT
22 If you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle, in the midst of grains, his foolishness will not turn aside from on him.

UST
22 Though you grind a fool as if you were grinding up grain, you will not be able to take his foolishness out of him.

Even what will not remove foolishness from a fool?
Even crushing a fool will not remove foolishness from a fool.

Proverbs 27:23

ULT
23 Know well the face of your flock, set your heart to the livestock.

UST
23 A good shepherd will know the condition of all his sheep and he will check on them every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:24

ULT
24 For wealth {is} not to eternity, and a crown {is} not for generation and generation.

UST
24 Wealth does not last forever. Does the crown of a king endure for all generations?

How long does wealth last?
Wealth does not last forever.

Proverbs 27:25

ULT
25 The grass is uncovered and fresh grass is seen, so the herbs of the mountains are gathered.

UST
25 The grass dies out and then the new growth starts to grow; and on the mountains food for the cattle is stacked up in the barns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 27:26

ULT
26 Like lambs {are} for your clothing, so male goats {are} the price of a field.

UST
26 The lambs will give you warm clothing and the goats will give you enough to pay for the cost of the field.

What do lambs provide for a household?
Lambs provide clothing for a household.

Proverbs 27:27

ULT

27 And {there will be} enough milk of female goats for your food, for the food of your house, and life for your female servants.

UST

27 There will be milk from the goats that you can drink—that will be food for everyone who lives in your house— and it is food to feed your servant girls, as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28

Proverbs 28:1

ULT
1 The wicked flee and there is not one who pursues, but the righteous ones are confident like a young lion.

UST
1 A wicked person runs away even when no one is coming after him, but the one who does what is right is as brave as lions.

Who runs away even when no one is chasing them?
The wicked run away even when no one is chasing them.

Proverbs 28:2

ULT
2 By the transgression of a land many {are} its rulers, but with a man who is discerning, who is knowledgeable, so it will endure.

UST
2 The more sin there is in a country, the greater the number of rulers it will have; but when there is a ruler who has understanding and knowledge, the country can last a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:3

ULT
3 A man who is poor and who oppresses the lowly ones {is} a rain that washes away and there is no bread.

UST
3 When a poor person oppresses other poor people, it is like a hard rain that destroys the crops and leaves no food for anyone to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:4

ULT
4 Those who forsake instruction praise a wicked one, but those who keep instruction strive against them.

UST
4 Those who reject the law are the same people who speak well of those who are wicked; but those who obey the law fight against the wicked.

Who are praised by those who forsake the law?
The wicked are praised by those who forsake the law.

Proverbs 28:5

ULT
5 Men of evil do not understand justice but those who seek Yahweh understand everything.

UST
5 As difficult as it is for evil people to understand what is just, even so those who want to find Yahweh understand everything that is important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:6

ULT
6 One who is poor who walks in his integrity {is} better than one perverse of ways and he {is} rich.

UST
6 It is better to be honest and poor, than to be dishonest in all you do, and to be rich.

Which is more important, money or integrity?
Integrity is more important than money.

Proverbs 28:7

ULT

[7] One who keeps instruction {is} a son who is discerning, but one who associates with those who squander shames his father.

UST

[7] The one who obeys the law is a child who has understanding of the ways of wisdom; but if children go around with friends who are only interested in eating too much, they put their father to shame.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:8

ULT

[8] One who makes his wealth abundant by interest and usury gathers it for one who shows favor to lowly ones.

UST

[8] The person who becomes rich by charging a high rate of interest, he does not know that he is gathering his money, and it will be given to someone who helps the poor and is kind to them.

What happens to the wealth of someone who becomes rich by charging too much interest?

His wealth is given to another who will have pity on the poor.

Proverbs 28:9

ULT

[9] One who turns his ear away from hearing instruction, even his prayer {is} an abomination.

UST

[9] If you refuse to hear what the law says to you about how you should live; then Yahweh is offended by your prayers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:10

ULT
10 One who leads upright ones astray in the way of evil he will fall into his pits but blameless ones will inherit good.

UST
10 If someone tricks an honest person into doing what is bad, the one who did that will fall into his own trap, but those who have tried to do what is right will receive many good things.

Who will fall into his own pit?
A person who misleads the upright into an evil way will fall into his own pit.

Proverbs 28:11

ULT
11 A rich man {is} wise in his eyes, but a lowly one who understands will search him out.

UST
11 A rich person can think of himself as being wise, but someone who is poor but who has good sense will be able to tell if the rich man is really wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:12

ULT
12 {There is} great splendor when righteous ones rejoice, but a man is searched for when wicked ones arise.

UST
12 When those who do what is right have a victory, it is a time to celebrate, but when those who are wicked rise up in victory, people run and hide.

How do the people react when the wicked arise?
The people hide themselves when the wicked arise.

Proverbs 28:13

ULT
13 One who covers his transgressions will not prosper, but one who confesses and forsakes will be shown mercy.

UST
13 The one who tries to cover up his sins will be found out, but Yahweh will forgive those who tell their sins to him, and they turn away from doing them.

How can a sinner receive mercy?
A sinner who confesses and forsakes his sin will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:14

ULT
14 Blessed {is} a man who trembles continually, but one who hardens his heart will fall into evil.

UST
14 How fortunate are those who always honor Yahweh; but those who refuse to listen to him, who do not want to learn from him, will fall into trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:15

ULT
15 A lion growling and a bear charging {is} a wicked ruler over a lowly people.

UST
15 You know what a roaring lion or a charging bear is like; they are just like the wicked ruler who is tearing apart poor people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:16

ULT

16 A leader lacking understanding {is} with great oppressions; one who hates unjust gain will lengthen days.

UST

16 A king who does not have good sense thinks he is wise when he is cruel and he takes everything away from his people. but a person who hates getting anything by breaking the law, will live a long life.

How can a ruler's days be prolonged?

A ruler can prolong his days if he hates dishonesty.

Proverbs 28:17

ULT

17 A man who oppresses by the blood of life will flee as far as a pit; they will not support him.

UST

17 If a person is guilty of murdering another he will live like a fugitive until he dies; and no one will help him.

What can make a person a fugitive until death?

Shedding someone's blood can make a person a fugitive until death.

Proverbs 28:18

ULT

18 One who walks blamelessly will be saved, but one who is crooked in ways will fall into one.

UST

18 When a person lives his life and is blameless, Yahweh will keep him safe; but one who lives by his lies will be suddenly ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:19

ULT

19 One who works his land will be satisfied {with} bread, but one who pursues empty things will be satisfied {with} poverty.

UST

19 A farmer who works his field will have plenty of food to eat; but anyone who gives his time to worthless dreams, will be very poor.

How can a person have plenty of poverty?

If a person follows worthless pursuits, he will have plenty of poverty.

Proverbs 28:20

ULT

20 A man of faithfulness {has} an abundance of blessings, but one who hurries to become rich will not be free of guilt.

UST

20 Yahweh will give good things to a faithful person; but he will certainly punish those who become rich quickly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:21

ULT

21 Recognizing faces {is} not good, but on account of a bit of bread a man will rebel.

UST

21 It is bad to give a favor to one person and not to another; some people will do what is wrong just to get a piece of bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:22

ULT
22 A man of an evil eye {is} one who hurries to the wealth, but he does not know that poverty will come to him.

UST
22 A man who hates to spend his money will run to more, but he does not know that poverty is coming to him.

How does a stingy man pursue riches?
A stingy man hurries after riches.

Proverbs 28:23

ULT
23 One who rebukes a man afterward will find favor more than one who makes the tongue smooth.

UST
23 The one who rebukes a person will later be appreciated more than the one who says nice things just to flatter him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:24

ULT
24 One who robs his father and his mother and says, “There is no transgression,” he {is} the companion of a man of destruction.

UST
24 Anyone who steals things from his father or his mother and says “That is not sinful,” he is friend of the one who destroys.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:25

ULT
25 One wide of spirit stirs up strife, but one who trusts in Yahweh will be made fat.

UST
25 A greedy person stirs up arguments between people; but the one who trusts in Yahweh will do well.

What is the result of trusting in Yahweh?
The one who trusts in Yahweh will prosper.

Proverbs 28:26

ULT
26 One who trusts in his heart, he {is} a fool, but one who walks in wisdom, he will slip away.

UST
26 One who depends on himself is a fool, those who make wise decisions escape danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 28:27

ULT
27 One who gives to the one who is poor has no need, but one who hides his eyes has an abundance of curses.

UST
27 One who gives to help the poor, will not lack anything, but many curses will come to whoever turns away and ignores them.

What will a person who closes his eyes to the poor receive?
A person who closes his eyes to the poor will receive many curses.

Proverbs 28:28

ULT

28 When wicked ones arise a man will hide himself, but when they perish righteous ones will increase.

UST

28 When wicked people get power, men and women hide; but when the wicked die, there will be more and more of those who do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29

Proverbs 29:1

ULT
[1] A man of rebukes who stiffens the neck will suddenly be broken and there will be no healing.

UST
[1] When you rebuke a person who has rejected your words and who refused to listen to you, he will be crushed to the point that he cannot be healed.

What happens to a person who stiffens his neck after many rebukes?
A person who stiffens his neck after many rebukes will be broken beyond healing.

Proverbs 29:2

ULT
[2] When the righteous ones increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

UST
[2] When people live the right way, they become more numerous, but when a wicked ruler starts to govern, the people groan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:3

ULT
[3] A man who loves wisdom makes his father rejoice, but one who associates with prostitutes destroys wealth.

UST
[3] A son who desires to learn about wisdom makes his father very happy; but the son who is a companion of prostitutes will lose all his money

What destroys a person's wealth?
Keeping company with prostitutes destroys a person's wealth.

Proverbs 29:4

ULT
4 The king by justice causes the land to stand, but a man of contributions tears it down.

UST
4 When a king rules with honest rules and good laws, he causes his nation to be strong, but anyone who asks for bribes ruins his nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:5

ULT
5 A man who makes smooth for his neighbor {is} one who spreads a net for his feet.

UST
5 One who praises his neighbor to get something from him, is like the one who listens for the sound of his footsteps, so he can catch him in a net.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:6

ULT
6 A snare {is} in the transgression of an evil man, but the righteous one sings and rejoices.

UST
6 A bad person sets a trap with his sin; then he falls into it; but one who does right is full of songs and joy.

What causes an evil person to be caught in a trap?
His own sin causes an evil person to be caught in a trap.

Proverbs 29:7

ULT
7 A righteous one {is} one who knows the cause of lowly ones; a wicked one does not understand knowledge.

UST
7 The one who does right stands up for the poor and defends them; but wicked people do not see the importance of standing up for the poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:8

ULT
8 Men of mockery inflame a city, but wise ones turn away nose.

UST
8 People who sneer and mock others are like those who set a city on fire; but those who help people get rid of their anger are wise.

What kind of person turns away wrath?
A wise person turns away wrath.

Proverbs 29:9

ULT
9 A wise man judges a foolish man, but he trembles and laughs and there is no rest.

UST
9 If a wise person has any conflict with a foolish person, the foolish person screams at him and then laughs at him, and it never ends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:10

ULT
10 Men of bloodshed hate a blameless one, but upright ones seek his life.

UST
10 A murderer hates him who does everything right; and they seek to kill the one who has a good reputation.

Who do the bloodthirsty seek to kill?
The bloodthirsty seek to kill the upright.

Proverbs 29:11

ULT
11 A fool brings forth all his spirit, but a wise one soothes it backwards.

UST
11 A fool shows all his anger, but a person who is wise holds his anger, and he knows how to calm himself down.

What does a wise man do with his anger?
A wise man holds back his anger and calms himself down.

Proverbs 29:12

ULT
12 One who rules who listens attentively to a word of falsehood, all his servants {are} wicked.

UST
12 If a ruler believes the lies that are told to him, he teaches all his officials to be wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:13

ULT
13 One who is poor and the man of oppression meet together; he who enlightens the eyes of them both {is} Yahweh.

UST
13 What do a poor person and one who takes advantage of people have in common? Yahweh gives life to both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:14

ULT

14 A king who judges lowly ones by truth, his throne will be established to perpetuity.

UST

14 If a king judges the poor by listening to the truth, he will build a kingdom that will continue forever.

How can a king establish his throne forever?

A king can establish his throne forever by judging the poor by the truth.

Proverbs 29:15

ULT

15 A rod and rebukes give wisdom but a boy who is sent away {is} one who causes his mother shame.

UST

15 If a child is punished, the gift of wisdom is given to him; but when a child is out of control, this brings shame to his mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:16

ULT

16 When wicked ones increase, transgression increases, but righteous ones will look at their overthrow.

UST

16 When wicked people have authority, lawbreaking is common; but those who do what is right will see the day when the wicked will lose their power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:17

ULT

[17] Discipline your son and he will cause you to rest and he will give delights to your spirit.

UST

[17] Discipline your child and he will help you and serve you; you will truly rejoice over him.

What is the result of disciplining a child?

A disciplined child will give the parents rest.

Proverbs 29:18

ULT

[18] When there is no prophetic vision, the people are let loose, but one who keeps instruction, blessed is he.

UST

[18] When no prophet receives any vision from Yahweh, the people go out of control, but those who obey the law are fortunate.

If the people do not keep the law, what do they do?

If the people do not keep the law, they run wild.

Proverbs 29:19

ULT

[19] A servant will not be corrected with words, for he understands but there is no answer.

UST

[19] Talk to a slave as much as you want, but though he understands what you are saying, they have learned not to give you an answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:20

ULT
20 Do you see a man who hastens his words; {there is} more hope for a fool than him.

UST
20 Do you see someone who is quick to speak, quick to give an opinion? Yahweh can give a fool more help in the future easier than he can help him who is quick to speak.

What is worse than being a fool?
Being a man who is hasty in his words is worse than being a fool.

Proverbs 29:21

ULT
21 {If} one pampers his servant from youth, then his end will be insolence.

UST
21 If a slave is excused from his labor and treated better than other slaves by his master from the time he is young; but when he is grown, that slave will give trouble to his master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:22

ULT
22 A man of nose stirs up strife and an owner of heat, much transgression.

UST
22 A person who cannot control his anger stirs up many quarrels and uses his rage to rule over others, and so he commits many sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:23

ULT
23 The pride of a man will make him low, but one lowly of spirit will grasp honor.

UST
23 Any person who is proud will be humbled; but the one who is humbled will be given honor.

What kind of person is given honor?
A person with a humble spirit is given honor.

Proverbs 29:24

ULT
24 One who shares with a thief {is} one who hates his life; he will hear an oath but will not tell.

UST
24 A person who helps a thief, hates himself; he overhears the curse, but he does not say anything about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:25

ULT
25 The anxiety of a man gives a snare, but the one who trusts in Yahweh will be set on high.

UST
25 When one is afraid of what people can do, it is like setting a trap for himself. but whoever trusts in Yahweh is safe.

What does Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him?
Yahweh protects the one who trusts in him.

Proverbs 29:26

ULT

26 Many {are} those who seek the face of a ruler, but justice of a man {is} from Yahweh.

UST

26 Many people want to come before a ruler to get help from him, but Yahweh is the only one who gives him true justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 29:27

ULT

27 A man of injustice {is} an abomination of righteous ones, but the upright of way {is} an abomination of a wicked one.

UST

27 Those who do what is right detest a person who treats others in an unfair way; just as the wicked hate those who live good lives.

Who is an abomination to those who do right?

An unjust man is an abomination to those who do right.

Proverbs 30

Proverbs 30:1

ULT
1 The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, the burden: The declaration of the man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:

UST
1 These are sayings containing wisdom, the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh. Agur wrote them for Ithiel, yes, to Ithiel and to Ucal.

Whose sayings are written in this proverb?
The sayings of Agur the son of Jakeh are written in this proverb.

Proverbs 30:2

ULT
2 Surely, I {am} more stupid than a man, and the understanding of mankind {is} not mine.

UST
2 I am more like an animal than any human being! I lack the understanding that a human being has!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:3

ULT
3 And I have not learned wisdom, nor do I know the knowledge of the holy one.

UST
3 I have not learned about wisdom; I do not know Yahweh, the Holy One.

What has the author not learned?
The author has not learned wisdom.

Proverbs 30:4

ULT

4 Who has ascended {to} heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has bound up waters in a cloak? Who has raised up all the ends of the earth? What {is} his name and what {is} the name of his son? Surely you know!

UST

4 Who has ever gone up to heaven and come back down again? Who can catch the wind in his hand? Who can gather up the waters in an overcoat? Who set the limits to the size of the earth? What is his name? And what is the name of his son? Do you know?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:5

ULT

5 Every word of God is tested; he {is} a shield for those who take refuge in him.

UST

5 Every word of God is proven by a test that it is true; he is like a shield that protects those who run to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:6

ULT

6 Do not add upon his words, lest he rebuke you and you be shown a liar.

UST

6 Be careful not to add to Yahweh's words more than he has said; if you do that, he will correct you and he will prove that you lied about what he said.

What will happen to someone who adds to God's words?

God will rebuke someone who adds to God's words.

Proverbs 30:7

ULT

[7] Two things I ask from with you, do not withhold from me before I die:

UST

[7] I ask Yahweh for two things, and that he give them to me before I die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:8

ULT

[8] Put emptiness and the word of a lie far away from me. Do not give to me poverty or riches, cause me to tear the bread of my portion.

UST

[8] Put vain pride and lies far away from me; and do not give me poverty or riches, just give me the food I need every day.

How wealthy does the author wish to be?

The author wishes to have neither poverty nor riches.

Proverbs 30:9

ULT

[9] Lest I be satiated and I deny and say, “Who {is} Yahweh?” And lest I become dispossessed and I steal and I seize the name of my God.

UST

[9] For if I have too much money, it is possible that I will deny my God and say, “Who is Yahweh?” Or it is possible that I will become so poor that I steal from others and bring disgrace on the name of my God.

What is the author afraid he would do if he were rich?

The author is afraid he would deny Yahweh if he were rich.

Proverbs 30:10

ULT
10 Do not slander a slave to his master, lest he curse you and you be guilty.

UST
10 Do not speak badly about a slave when he is standing before his master; if you do, he will curse you, and you will be responsible; you brought it on yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:11

ULT
11 {There is} a generation, it curses its father and does not bless its mother.

UST
11 There are many people who curse their fathers and they do not praise their mothers or thank them;

Who is not washed of their filth? (vv11-12)
A generation that curses their father and does not bless their mother is not washed of their filth.

Proverbs 30:12

ULT
12 {There is} a generation pure in its eyes, but it is not washed from its filth.

UST
12 those people think everything they do should not be criticized, but really they have never been cleansed from their filth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:13

ULT
13 {There is} a generation, how its eyes are raised up, and its eyelids are lifted up!

UST
13 These people show how proud they are in their eyes; they make people look at them and they show their pride in their faces!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:14

ULT
14 {There is} a generation, its teeth {are} swords and its jaws {are} knives for devouring afflicted ones from the earth and poor ones from mankind.

UST
14 These people use their mouths to speak the most hurtful words, like they are cutting and tearing people apart; it is as if they are eating up the poor people from the earth, and swallowing up the needy from humanity.

What does the haughty generation do to the poor?
The haughty generation devours the poor.

Proverbs 30:15

ULT
15 Two daughters {are} for the leech, “Give! Give!” There are three, they are not satisfied; four, they do not say, “Enough”:

UST
15 There are leeches that suck blood, imagine they had two daughters; they say, “Give to us! Give to us! There are four things that are never satisfied— they always want more:

What are four things that never say “enough”? (vv15-16)
Four things that never say “enough” are sheol, the barren womb, land thirsty for water, and fire.

Proverbs 30:16

ULT
16 Sheol, and the barrenness of the womb, a land not satisfied with water, and a fire does not say, “Enough!”

UST
16 The grave, the place of the dead; the womb of a woman that never conceived a child; soil that badly needs to be watered; and a fire that burns hot and it never says, “The fire is hot enough!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:17

ULT

17 An eye mocks a father and despises the obedience of a mother, the ravens of the valley will peck it out and the sons of the vulture will eat it.

UST

17 The one who dishonors his father, and who disrespects and disobeys his mother. such a person would be killed and have his eyes pecked out by crows, and would be devoured by the vultures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:18

ULT

18 Three things, they {are} too marvelous for me, and four, I do not understand them:

UST

18 There are three wonderful things I can mention; no, there are four that are too amazing and I cannot understand them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:19

ULT

19 the way of the eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the heart of the sea; and the way of a man with a young woman.

UST

19 How eagles fly in the sky; how snakes move over a big rock, how ships can sail on the seas, and how a man is able to win the love of a woman.

What is the second thing that the author does not understand because it is too wonderful?

The author does not understand the way of a snake on a rock.

Proverbs 30:20

ULT
20 Thus {is} the way of a woman who commits adultery: she devours and wipes her mouth and says, “I have not done iniquity.”

UST
20 This is what a woman is like who is not faithful to her husband: she eats and then wipes her mouth, and she says, “There is nothing wrong in what I have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:21

ULT
21 Under three things the earth trembles, and under four it is not able to bear:

UST
21 There are four things that make the earth tremble:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:22

ULT
22 under a slave when he becomes king, and a fool when he is satisfied with bread,

UST
22 the earth trembles with a slave becomes a king; the earth trembles when fool has eaten his food and is filled;

What is the first thing that the author says causes the earth to tremble?
The first thing that causes the earth to tremble is a slave when he becomes king.

Proverbs 30:23

ULT
23 under a hated woman when she is married, and a female servant when she disposseses her mistress.

UST
23 the earth trembles when a woman who is hated by all, gets married, and the earth trembles, when the maid becomes the wife of her master.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:24

ULT
24 Four things, they {are} small things of the earth but they {are} wise things being made wise:

UST
24 There are four creatures on the earth that are small, but they are very wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:25

ULT
25 The ants {are} not a strong nation, but they prepare their food in the summer.

UST
25 Ants are not strong, but they store up food during the summer in order to have it during the winter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:26

ULT
26 Rock badgers {are} not a mighty nation, but they set their house in the rock.

UST
26 Rock badgers also are not strong, but they make their homes among the rocks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:27

ULT
27 There is no king for the locust, but all of them go out divided {into groups}.

UST
27 Locusts do not have a king, but they march in rank like soldiers in the army.

What does the author find amazing about locusts?
The author finds locusts amazing because they have no king, but all of them march in rank.

Proverbs 30:28

ULT
28 You can catch a lizard with hands, yet it {is} in the palaces of the king.

UST
28 Lizards are very small and you can hold them in your hand, but they get inside kings' palaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:29

ULT
29 Three things, they are doing well of step, and four are doing well of walking:

UST
29 There are four animals that walk with great pride and they are very impressive as they walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:30

ULT
30 a lion {is} mighty among the animals and it will not turn away from the face of anything,

UST
30 Lions, which are the strongest among wild animals and are not afraid of any of them.

What does not turn away from anything?
The lion does not turn away from anything.

Proverbs 30:31

ULT
31 one girded of loins, or a male goat, and a king against whom one does not rise up.

UST
31 Strutting roosters, and male goats, and kings who stand with their soldiers beside them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 30:32

ULT

32 If you have been foolish by lifting up yourself, or if you have devised evil, a hand be to mouth!

UST

32 If you have acted foolishly, exalting yourself, or if you been planning to do something evil, put your hand over your mouth! Stop it!

What should a person do who has been devising evil?

A person who has been devising evil should put his hand over his mouth.

Proverbs 30:33

ULT

33 For the squeezing of milk brings forth butter and the squeezing of the nose brings forth blood, and the squeezing of nostrils brings forth strife.

UST

33 Just as when you churn milk, and it produces butter, even so, if you hit someone hard on his nose, the result is that his nose will bleed; and, in the same way, when people are angry, they will argue and fight.

What does anger produce?

Anger produces conflict.

Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31:1

ULT
[1] The words of Lemuel the king, a burden that his mother had instructed him:

UST
[1] These are sayings of King Lemuel—an oracle his mother taught him.

Who wrote this proverb?
King Lemuel wrote this proverb.

Proverbs 31:2

ULT
[2] Why, my son? And why, son of my womb? And why, son of my vows?

UST
[2] She says: You are my son; I carried you in my womb; you are the son, I made promises to Yahweh for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:3

ULT
[3] Do not give your strength to women or your ways to wipe out kings.

UST
[3] Do not give your strength to women; and do not tell what your plans are, to the women who destroy kings.

To whom should the king not give his ways?
He should not give his ways to those who destroy kings.

Proverbs 31:4

ULT

4 {It is} not for kings, Lemuel, {it is} not for kings to drink wine or for rulers, or intoxicating drink.

UST

4 Lemuel, kings should be careful about drinking wine; and a king should never ask, “Where is the strong drink?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:5

ULT

5 Lest, he drink and forget {what} has been decreed and pervert the cause of all the sons of the afflicted one.

UST

5 They could drink but then they might forget that they made a decree of the king, and tear down the rights of those who have been taken advantage of.

What do rulers forget when they have strong drink?

Rulers forget what has been decreed when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:6

ULT

6 Give intoxicating drink to one who is perishing and wine to those bitter of spirit.

UST

6 Give strong drink to those who are dying and to those who are grieving their loss.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:7

ULT
7 He will drink and will forget his poverty and he will not remember his trouble again.

UST
7 One who drinks will forget he is poor, and he will not remember his trouble.

What do those in bitter distress forget when they have strong drink?
Those in bitter distress forget their trouble when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:8

ULT
8 Open your mouth for the mute, for the cause of all the sons of the passing away one.

UST
8 Speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, speak for those who are approaching death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:9

ULT
9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the afflicted one and poor one.

UST
9 Speak out and render judgment according to what is right; and plead for justice to come in the cases of the poor and the needy.

Whose cause should the king plead?
The king should please the cause of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:10

ULT
10 A woman of strength, who can find? And her worth {is} far more than corals.

UST
10 Who can find a wife who is good at many things? Her value is much more than the jewels she could wear.

What is more valuable than jewels?
A capable wife is more valuable than jewels.

Proverbs 31:11

ULT
11 The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will not lack spoil.

UST
11 Her husband completely trusts her, and because of her, he will never be poor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:12

ULT
12 She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

UST
12 She does good things for him and not evil, all the days of her life.

What does the capable wife do all the days of her life?
She does good for her husband and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:13

ULT
13 She selects wool and linens and works with the delight of her palms.

UST
13 She finds wool and flax in the market, and she enjoys spinning it to make yarn and fabric.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:14

ULT
14 She is like the ships of one who travels about; she brings her food from far away.

UST
14 She is like the merchant ships because she brings her food to her home from far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:15

ULT
15 And she rises while still night and gives food to her house and a portion to her female servants.

UST
15 She gets up before dawn to prepare food for her family, and she gives each servant girl her duties for the day.

When does the capable wife arise?
She arises while it is night.

Proverbs 31:16

ULT
16 She considers a field and gets it; from the fruit of her palms she plants a vineyard.

UST
16 She goes out and considers what field she will buy, and she buys it. With the money she has made in other ventures, she plants a vineyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:17

ULT
17 She girds her loins with strength and she makes her arms firm.

UST
17 She prepares herself with her strength, and her arms are strong, able to do hard work.

With what does the capable wife dress herself?
She dresses herself with strength.

Proverbs 31:18

ULT
18 She perceives that her gain {is} good; her lamp does not go out in the night.

UST
18 She knows when she is getting a good profit from her business. She keeps a lamp burning all night long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:19

ULT
19 She stretches out her hands at the distaff and her palms grasp the spindle.

UST
19 She holds the spindle, and then she spins the thread that she will use.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:20

ULT
20 She spreads out her palms to the afflicted one, and she stretches out her hands to the poor one.

UST
20 She gives an outstretched hand to help the poor.

To whom does the capable wife reach out?
She reaches out to the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:21

ULT
21 She does not fear for her house because of the snow, for all her house is clothed {with} scarlet.

UST
21 She is not worried about the snow, for everyone in her house have the best winter coats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:22

ULT
22 She makes for herself coverings, fine linen and purple for her garment.

UST
22 She makes covers for the beds. She wears fine purple linen clothes—the color of royalty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:23

ULT
23 Her husband {is} one who is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.

UST
23 Her husband is well known at the city gates, and there at the gates he sits with the other leaders of the town.

Where does the capable wife's husband sit?
Her husband sits with the elders at the gates.

Proverbs 31:24

ULT
24 She makes a linen garment and sells, and she gives a sash to the Canaanite.

UST
24 She makes linen garments and she sells them. She sells sashes to shop owners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:25

ULT
25 Strength and splendor {are} her clothing, and she laughs at a day to come.

UST
25 She is strong in her character and respected, and she laughs at what will happen in the future.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:26

ULT
26 Her mouth opens with wisdom, and the instruction of covenant faithfulness {is} on her tongue.

UST
26 When she speaks, she says what is wise, and she lives by the law of kindness.

What is on the capable wife's tongue?
The law of kindness is on the capable wife's tongue.

Proverbs 31:27

ULT
27 Watching closely the goings on of her house, and she does not eat the bread of idleness.

UST
27 She watches over everything that is done in her household, and nothing in her actions would be anything like laziness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:28

ULT
28 Her sons rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.

UST
28 Her children speak highly of her; her husband also praises her.

What do the children of the capable wife call her?
Her children call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:29

ULT
29 “Many daughters have done valiantly, but you have ascended over all of them.”

UST
29 He says to her, “There are many women who do admirable things, but you surpass them all!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Proverbs 31:30

ULT
30 Charm {is} falsehood and beauty {is} vain; a woman fearful of Yahweh, she will be praised.

UST
30 Elegance can deceive and make you think more highly of a person than you should; and beauty has no lasting value. But a woman who honors Yahweh will be praised for the person she is.

What kind of woman will be praised?
A woman who fears Yahweh will be praised.

Proverbs 31:31

ULT
31 Give to her from the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.

UST
31 Give her what she has earned, and her works will praise her among the leaders of the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1

Ecclesiastes 1:1

ULT
1 The words of Qoheleth, the son of David, king in Jerusalem:

UST
1 These are the words and sayings of the descendant of King David, who is king in Jerusalem. The people call me 'The Teacher.'

Of whom was the Teacher a descendant?
The Teacher was a descendant of David, king in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:2

ULT
2 "Vapor of vapors!" says Qoheleth. "Vapor of vapors! Everything {is} vapor!"

UST
2 The Teacher says, "Nothing is permanent. It is all like the morning mist or the wind; It goes and comes, but for what reason?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:3

ULT
3 What profit {belongs} to humanity in exchange for all his toil that he will toil under the sun?

UST
3 What do people gain from all the work that they do here on the earth?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:4

ULT
4 A generation is going and a generation is coming, but the earth is standing in perpetuity.

UST
4 Each year old people die and babies are born, but the earth never changes.

What remains forever?
The earth remains forever.

Ecclesiastes 1:5

ULT
5 And the sun rises and the sun comes and, panting to its place, it is rising there.

UST
5 Each morning the sun rises, and each evening it sets, and then it hurries around to where it started from.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:6

ULT
6 Going southward and turning northward, turning, turning, the wind is going and on its circuits the wind is returning.

UST
6 The wind blows south, and then it turns around to start blowing to the north. It goes around and around in circles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:7

ULT
7 All the rivers are going to the sea, but the sea—it is not full. To a place that the rivers are going, there they are going again.

UST
7 All the streams flow into the sea, but the sea is never full. The water returns to the sky, and when it rains, the water returns to the rivers, and it flows again to the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:8

ULT

8 All things {are} wearisome; a person is not able to speak. An eye is not satisfied of seeing, and an ear is not filled from hearing.

UST

8 Everything is so unsatisfactory that we do not even want to talk about it. We see the same things, and we become bored with them. We hear the same things, but we want to hear something more.

By what is the eye not satisfied?

The eye is not satisfied by what it sees.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

ULT

9 Whatever that was, it will be, and whatever that has been done, it will be done. And there is not anything new under the sun.

UST

9 Everything continues to be the same as it has always been. Things that happen have happened previously, and they will happen again. What has been done before will be done again. There is nothing really new in this world.

What will be done?

Whatever has been done is what will be done.

Ecclesiastes 1:10

ULT

10 {Is} there a thing about which one says, “See this—it {is} new?” It already existed in ages that were from before our faces.

UST

10 Sometimes people say, “Look at this! This is something new!” But it has existed previously. It existed before we were born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:11

ULT
11 There is not a remembrance of the former things, and even of the latter things which will be, there will not be remembrance of them with those who will be afterwards.

UST
11 People do not remember the things that happened long ago, and in the future, people will not remember what we are doing now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:12

ULT
12 I, Qoheleth, I was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

UST
12 I, the Teacher, have been the king of Israel for many years, ruling in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:13

ULT
13 And I gave my heart to seek out and to explore with wisdom concerning everything that is done under the sun. It {is} an unpleasant business God has given to the sons of humanity to be busy with it.

UST
13 By using my wisdom, I concentrated on understanding everything that was being done on the earth. It is a task that wears me out, just like anyone else who tries it.

To what did the Teacher apply his mind?
The Teacher applied his mind to study and to search out by wisdom everything that is done under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 1:14

ULT

14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun and—look—everything {is} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST

14 It seems that nothing that happens on the earth really enables us to do anything useful. It is like trying to control the wind.

To what do all the deeds that are done under the sun amount?

All the deeds that are done under the sun amount to vapor and an attempt to shepherd the wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:15

ULT

15 What is bent is not able to be straightened, and what is missing is not able to be counted.

UST

15 Many things that are crooked cannot be caused to become straight. We cannot count things that we cannot see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:16

ULT

16 I spoke, I with my heart, saying, “Look at me—I have become great, and I have added wisdom over all who were to my face over Jerusalem. And my heart saw much wisdom and knowledge.”

UST

16 I said to myself, “I am wiser than any of those who ruled in Jerusalem before me. I am wiser and know more than any of them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:17

ULT

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom and knowledge, madness and folly. I knew that this also, it {is} striving {after} wind.

UST

17 So I determined to learn more about being wise, and also to learn about doing things that are very stupid and foolish. But I found out that trying to understand those things was also useless, like trying to control the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 1:18

ULT

18 For with an abundance of wisdom {is} much vexation and one who is adding knowledge is adding pain.

UST

18 Anyone who becomes very wise also becomes very frustrated. The more one knows, the sadder he becomes.

Where is there much frustration?

In the abundance of wisdom there is much frustration.

Ecclesiastes 2

Ecclesiastes 2:1

ULT

1 I said, I in my heart, “Come, let me test you in joy and examine good.” But look, it also {was} vapor.

UST

1 Then I said to myself, “Well, I will try to do everything that I enjoy. I will find out whether doing what I enjoy can truly enable me to be happy.” But I found out that doing that was also useless.

What was just a temporary breeze?

Pleasure was just a temporary breeze.

Ecclesiastes 2:2

ULT

2 To laughter, I said, “{It is} madness,” and to joy, “What is this doing?”

UST

2 So I said to myself, “It is foolish to laugh all the time, and continually doing what makes me happy does not bring any lasting benefit.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:3

ULT

3 I explored in my heart {how} to drag my flesh with wine—but my heart was guiding {me} in wisdom—and {how} to grasp folly until I could see whether this {is} good for the sons of humanity that they might do under the heavens {during} the number of the days of their lives.

UST

3 So, after thinking a lot about it, I decided to cheer myself up by drinking a lot of wine. While I was still trying to be wise, I acted stupidly. I tried to learn what people can do to be happy during the short time that they are alive on the earth.

What did the Teacher want to find out?

The Teacher wanted to find out what was good for people to do under heaven during the days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:4

ULT
4 I enlarged my deeds. I built for myself houses. I planted for myself vineyards.

UST
4 I did great things. I caused houses to be built for myself and vineyards to be planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:5

ULT
5 I made for myself gardens and royal parks and I planted in them a tree of each fruit.

UST
5 I made gardens and parks. Then I planted the gardens with many kinds of fruit trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:6

ULT
6 I made for myself pools of waters to cause to drink from them a forest of growing trees.

UST
6 I built pools of water to store water to irrigate the fruit trees.

Why did the Teacher create pools of water?
The Teacher created pools of water to water a forest where trees were grown.

Ecclesiastes 2:7

ULT
7 I acquired {male} servants and female servants and sons of the house belonged to me. Also much property of cattle and sheep belonged to me, more than all who were to my face in Jerusalem.

UST
7 I bought male and female slaves. Babies who later became my slaves were born in my palace. I also owned more livestock than any of the previous kings in Jerusalem had owned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:8

ULT

8 I also amassed for myself silver and gold and treasure of kings and the provinces. I appointed for myself {male} singers and female singers and the pleasures of the sons of humanity: breast and breasts.

UST

8 I also accumulated large amounts of silver and gold that were acquired from the treasures of kings and rulers of provinces. I owned men and women who sang for me, and I had many wives and concubines, whom men all over the world would enjoy possessing.

How did the Teacher do things that would bring pleasure to any man on earth?

By means of numerous wives and concubines, he did things that would bring pleasure to any man on earth.

Ecclesiastes 2:9

ULT

9 And I was great, and I added more than all who were to my face in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom stood by me.

UST

9 So I gained more power and wealth than any king who had ruled before me in Jerusalem, and I allowed my wisdom to continue to guide me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:10

ULT

10 And all that my eyes asked, I did not refuse from them. I did not restrain my heart from any joy, because my heart {was} joyful from all my toil and this was my portion from all my toil.

UST

10 I got everything that I saw and wanted. I did everything that I thought would enable me to be happy. All the things that I enjoyed were like a reward for all my hard work.

In what did the Teacher's heart rejoice?

The Teacher's heart rejoiced in all his labor.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

ULT

11 And I turned, I, to all my works that my hands had done and to {the} toil that I toiled to do and look, everything {was} vapor and striving {after} wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

UST

11 But then I thought about all the hard work that I had done to obtain all those things. I saw that none of my work brought me any lasting benefit. It was all like trying to control the wind.

Where was there no profit?

There was no profit under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:12

ULT

12 And I turned, I, to see wisdom and madness and folly, because what {is} the person {to do} who will come after the king? That which {is} already, they have done it.

UST

12 Then I started to think about being wise, and also about being foolish. I said to myself, “I certainly do not think that anybody will be able to do anything better than I can.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:13

ULT

13 And I saw, I, that there is a profit for wisdom more than folly, as {there is} a profit of the light over the darkness.

UST

13 And I thought, “Surely it is better to be wise than to be foolish, like light is better than darkness,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:14

ULT
14 The wise, his eyes {are} in his head, but the fool in the darkness is walking, and I know, even I, that one happening will happen to both of them.

UST
14 because wise people walk in the daylight and can see where they are going, but foolish people walk in the darkness and cannot see where they are going." But I also realized that both wise people and foolish people eventually die.

What is in store for everyone?
The same destiny is in store for everyone.

Ecclesiastes 2:15

ULT
15 And I said, I in my heart, "As {the} happening of the fool, also {to} me, it will happen to me. And why was I myself wise back then, abundantly?" And I said in my heart that also this {is} vapor.

UST
15 So I said to myself, "I am very wise, but I will die at the end of my life like foolish people do. So how has it benefited me to be very wise? I do not understand why people consider that it is valuable to be wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:16

ULT
16 For there is no remembrance of the wise {person} with the fool in perpetuity, because already {in} the days {that} have come both {are} forgotten—and how will the wise die with the fool?

UST
16 Wise people and foolish people all die. And after we die, we will all eventually be forgotten."

Who is not remembered for very long?
The wise man, like the fool, is not remembered for very long.

Ecclesiastes 2:17

ULT
17 And I hated life because of {the} misfortune around me—the work that was done under the sun—because everything {was} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST
17 So I hated being alive, because all the work that we do here on the earth distressed me. It all seemed to be useless, like trying to control the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:18

ULT
18 And I hated, I, all my toil that I had toiled under the sun that I will leave it to the person who will be after me.

UST
18 I also began to hate all the hard work that I had done here on the earth, because when I die, everything that I have acquired will belong to the one who inherits it after me.

Why did the Teacher hate all his accomplishments?
The Teacher hated all his accomplishments because he had to leave them behind to the man who came after him.

Ecclesiastes 2:19

ULT
19 And who knows: will he be wise or a fool? And he will have authority over all my toil that I have toiled and {for} which I have acted wisely under the sun. Also this {is} vapor.

UST
19 And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? But even if he is foolish, he will acquire all the things that I worked very hard and wisely to get.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:20

ULT
20 And I turned, I, to cause my heart to despair concerning all the toil which I toiled under the sun.

UST
20 I thought about all the hard work that I had done in this world. It seemed useless, and I became depressed.

How did the Teacher's heart feel about his work?
The Teacher's heart began to despair over all the work that he did.

Ecclesiastes 2:21

ULT
21 For there is a person whose toil {is} in wisdom and in knowledge and in skill, but to a person who has not toiled in it, he will give it {as} his portion. This also {is} vapor and a great misfortune.

UST
21 Some people work wisely and skillfully, using the things that they have learned. But when they die, they leave everything, and someone who has not worked for those things acquires them. That fact also seemed to be senseless and caused me to be discouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:22

ULT
22 For what endures for the person in exchange for all his toil and in the striving of his heart {in} which he {is} a toiler under the sun?

UST
22 So it is useless for people to work for all they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:23

ULT

23 Because all his days {are} pains, and anger {is} his business, even in the night, his heart does not rest. Also this—it {is} vapor.

UST

23 Every day the work that they do causes them to experience pain and to be worried. And during the night their minds are not able to rest. That also shows how temporary everything is.

Why does the soul of the hard worker not find rest at night?

Every day his work is painful and stressful, so at night his soul does not find rest.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

ULT

24 There is no good for humanity {except} that he will eat and drink and cause his spirit to see good in his toil. Also this I saw, I, that it {is} from the hand of the God.

UST

24 So I decided that the best thing that we can do is to enjoy what we eat and drink, and also to enjoy our work. And I realized that those things are what God intends for us.

What is there nothing better than for anyone?

There is nothing better for anyone than to simply eat and drink and be satisfied with what is good in his work.

Ecclesiastes 2:25

ULT

25 For who will eat and who will enjoy apart from him?

UST

25 There is absolutely no one who is able to enjoy those things if God does not give those things to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 2:26

ULT

26 For to a person who is good to his face, he gives wisdom and knowledge and joy. But to the sinner he gives {the} business to gather and to collect to give to {the} one who is good to the face of God. This also {is} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST

26 God enables those who please him to be wise, to know many things, and to enjoy many things. But if sinful people work hard and become rich, God can take their money away from them and give it to those who please him. However, the reason for that is also something that is difficult for me to understand. It seems useless that they worked so hard; it is like trying to control the wind.

What does God give to the sinner?

To the sinner, God gives the work of gathering and storing up so that he may give it away to someone who pleases God.

Ecclesiastes 3

Ecclesiastes 3:1

ULT
1 For everything {there is} a season and a time for every matter under the heavens:

UST
1 There is a right time for everything, a time for everything that we do in this world.

For what things is there a season?
There is a season for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:2

ULT
2 a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to tear out what was planted,

UST
2 There is the right time for any certain person to be born, and there is the right time for him to die. There is the right time to plant crops, and there is the right time to harvest crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:3

ULT
3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build,

UST
3 There is the right time to kill people, and there is the right time to heal people. There is the right time to tear things down, and there is the right time to build things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:4

ULT

4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

UST

4 There is the right time to cry, and there is the right time to laugh. There is the right time to mourn, and there is the right time to dance joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:5

ULT

5 a time to throw stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

UST

5 There is the right time to throw away stones from a field, and there is the right time to gather stones to build walls. There is the right time to embrace people, and there is the right time to keep from embracing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:6

ULT

6 a time to seek and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

UST

6 There is the right time to search for things, and there is the right time to stop searching for things. There is the right time to keep things, and there is the right time to throw things away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:7

ULT

7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

UST

7 There is the right time to tear our clothes because we are grieving, and there is the right time to mend our clothes. There is the right time to say nothing, and there is the right time for speaking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:8

ULT
8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace.

UST
8 There is the right time when we should love things that people do, and there is the right time when we should hate things that people do. There is the right time for war, and there is the right time for peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:9

ULT
9 What {is the} profit of the one who does in exchange for that which he toils?

UST
9 What do people gain from all the work that they do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:10

ULT
10 I saw the business that God gives to the sons of humanity to be busied with it.

UST
10 I have seen the work that God has given people to do.

What did the Teacher see?
The Teacher saw the work that God gave to human beings to complete.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

ULT

11 He makes everything fitting in his time. Also, he gives the sense of duration in their heart, yet humanity cannot find the work that God has done from beginning to end.

UST

11 God has fixed a time that is right for everything to happen. He has also caused people to realize that there are things that will last forever. But in spite of that, no one can completely understand everything that God has done, from the time that he starts doing things until he finishes them.

What did God place in people's hearts?

God placed eternity in their hearts.

Ecclesiastes 3:12

ULT

12 I know that there is no good for them except to rejoice and to do good during his life

UST

12 I know that the best thing for us people to do is to rejoice and to do good things during the time that we are alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:13

ULT

13 and every person who will eat and drink and see good in all of his toil—it {is} a gift of God.

UST

13 And I also know that everyone should enjoy what they eat and drink, and enjoy the work that they do. Those are gifts that God gives to us.

What is a gift from God?

The good that comes from one's work is a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

ULT

14 I know that everything that God does, it will be enduring. To it there is nothing to add, and from it there is nothing to take, and God has acted so that they might fear from before his face.

UST

14 I also know that what God does endures forever. No one can add to what God does, and no one can take away from the things that he does. God does those things in order that people will honor him.

Why can nothing be added to or taken away from whatever God does?

Nothing can be added to it or taken away from it, because it is God who has done it.

Ecclesiastes 3:15

ULT

15 Whatever that is, already it {was} and that which is to be, already it is. And God will seek what is pursued.

UST

15 Things that exist now have already existed previously, and things that will happen in the future have already happened previously; God causes us to want to understand mysteries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:16

ULT

16 And again I saw under the sun {at} the place of judgment, there {was} wickedness, and {at} the place of righteousness, there {was} wickedness.

UST

16 Furthermore, I saw that on this earth, even in the courts where we expect judges to make right decisions about what people had done, they did many wicked things.

What is often found in place of righteousness?

In place of righteousness wickedness is often found.

Ecclesiastes 3:17

ULT

17 I said, I in my heart, “The righteous and the wicked God will judge, because a time {exists} for every matter and on account of every deed there.”

UST

17 So I said to myself, “God will judge both righteous people and wicked people. There is certainly a time for him to do that because there is a time for him to do everything.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:18

ULT

18 I said, I in my heart, “Concerning the sons of humanity, God {is} to test them that {they} might see that {they are} animal{s}, they themselves.”

UST

18 And regarding humans, I also said to myself, “God is testing us, to show us that in one way people are no different than animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:19

ULT

19 Because the happening of the sons of humanity and the happening of the animal—{there is} one happening for them. As the death of this one, so the death of this one. And {there is} one spirit for them both, but an advantage of humanity over the animal, there is none, for everything {is} vapor.

UST

19 What happens to people happens to animals. Animals die, and people die. We all must breathe to remain alive. People have no advantage over animals in that way. Everything disappears so quickly.

How are people like animals? (vv19-20)

Like animals, people all die. They all must breathe the same air. Everything comes from the dust, and everything returns to the dust.

Ecclesiastes 3:20

ULT
20 Both are going to one place. Both are from the dust, and both return to the dust.

UST
20 People and animals all die and are buried. We are all made of soil, and when we die, our corpses become soil again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:21

ULT
21 Who knows {that} the spirit of the sons of humanity, it {is} the one going up, upwards, and the spirit of the animal, it {is} the one going down, downwards to the earth?

UST
21 No one knows for sure that when we die, our souls go up to heaven and the souls of animals go down to the place where the dead are.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 3:22

ULT
22 And I saw that there is nothing better than that humanity will rejoice in his works, for it {is} his portion. For who will bring him to look at what that will be after him?

UST
22 So I think that the best thing for us people to do is to be happy about the work that we do, because that is what God has given to us. I say this because no one of us knows what happens to us after we die.

What is the assignment for each person?
The assignment for each person is to take pleasure in his work.

Ecclesiastes 4

Ecclesiastes 4:1

ULT

1 And I turned, I, and I saw all the oppressions that were being done under the sun. And, look, the tears of the oppressed and there was no comforter for them. And from the hand of the ones oppressing them {was} strength and there was no comforter for them.

UST

1 I thought some more about all the suffering that people are made to experience on the earth. I thought about the tears of people who were oppressed and who had no one to comfort them. Those who oppress them have power, and there is no one able to comfort the oppressed.

For what is there no comforter?

There is no comforter for the tears of the oppressed.

Ecclesiastes 4:2

ULT

2 So I praised, I, those who were dead, who have already died, more than the living, who they are still alive.

UST

2 So I thought that those who are already dead are more fortunate than those who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:3

ULT

3 But better than {the} two of them {is} the one who has not yet lived, who has not seen the evil-doing that is being done under the sun.

UST

3 And those who have not yet been born are even more fortunate than those two kinds of people, because those who have not been born have not seen all the evil things that are done on the earth.

Who is more fortunate than both the living and the dead?

More fortunate than both the living and the dead is the one who has not yet lived.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

ULT

4 And I saw, I, every toil and every success of the deed, that it {was} the envy of a person from his friend. This also {is} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST

4 I also thought about all the hard work that people do and the things they are able to accomplish. And I thought about how someone who works hard sometimes makes his neighbor jealous. I decided that this also is something that is not accomplishing anything useful. It is like trying to control the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:5

ULT

5 The fool is folding his hands and is eating his flesh.

UST

5 Foolish people refuse to work. They sit idly with their hands folded and do not work. So they ruin themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:6

ULT

6 Better {is} a full palm of quiet than the full hollow of both hands with toil and striving {after} wind.

UST

6 So some say, “It is better to be content with working quietly for a little bit of money, than to work anxiously and try to get a lot of money, which is as useless as trying to control the wind.”

What is better than two handfuls with the work that tries to shepherd the wind?

Better is a handful of profit with quiet work than two handfuls with the work that tries to shepherd the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:7

ULT

[7] And I turned, I, and I saw a vaporous thing under the sun:

UST

[7] I thought about something else that happens on the earth that seems useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:8

ULT

[8] There is one {person} and there is not a second {person}—even a son or brother, there is not for him—and there is no end to all his toil. Also his eye is not satisfied {with} wealth. And why {am} I toiling and causing my soul to lack from good things? Also this {is} vapor and it {is} an unpleasant business.

UST

[8] There are people who live alone; they do not have a family nor even children or any brothers or sisters living with them. Every day they work very hard without stopping; they make a lot of money, but they are never satisfied with the things that they get. They ask themselves, “Why am I working so hard; whom am I actually helping? Why am I not doing things that I would enjoy doing? What I have been doing seems useless.” This is very bad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:9

ULT

[9] Better are the two {people} than the one {person}, that there is for them a good wage in exchange for their toil.

UST

[9] Having someone work with you is better than being by yourself all the time. If you have a friend, he can help you to do your work.

Why are two people better than one in the case that one falls? (vv9-10)

Two people are better than one because if one falls, the other can lift up his friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:10

ULT

10 For if they fall, the one {person} will lift up his companion, but woe to him, the one {person} that will fall, but there is no second {person} to lift him up.

UST

10 If you fall down, he can help you get up again. But if you fall down when you are alone, you will have trouble, because there is no one to help you stand up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:11

ULT

11 Also, if two {people} lie down, then there is warmth for them, but for {the} one {person}—how will there be warmth?

UST

11 Similarly, if two people lie down together, they can help each other to remain warm. But someone who sleeps alone will certainly not be warm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:12

ULT

12 And if he will overpower him, the one {person}, the two {people} will stand against him, and the three-fold rope will not be torn in two quickly.

UST

12 Someone who is alone can easily be attacked and defeated by another person, but two people can help each other and resist someone who attacks them. Three people can defend themselves even more easily, like a rope that is made from three cords is harder to break than a rope made from two cords.

What is not quickly broken?

A three-strand rope is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:13

ULT
13 Better is a poor but wise child than an old but foolish king who does not yet know {how} to be warned.

UST
13 A young man who is poor but wise is a better person than a foolish old king who refuses to pay attention when people try to give him good advice.

What is better than to be an old and foolish king?
It is better to be a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king.

Ecclesiastes 4:14

ULT
14 For from the house of those who are imprisoned he came forth to become king, yet even in his kingdom he was born poor.

UST
14 It is possible for a young man like that to succeed and some day become king, even if his parents were poor or even if he was in prison in the past.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:15

ULT
15 I saw all the living, those walking around under the sun, with {that} second child who will stand under him.

UST
15 But then some other young man becomes king, and everyone starts to support him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 4:16

ULT

16 There {was} no end to all the people, to all who were to their faces. Even the ones {who will be} afterward will not rejoice in him, because even this {is} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST

16 Large crowds of people crowd around him. But after a few years, they will be tired of him, too. So it is all senseless, like trying to control the wind.

What do people want to do to the new king?

People want to obey the new king.

Ecclesiastes 5

Ecclesiastes 5:1

ULT

1 Keep your feet when you go to the house of God. And to draw near to listen {is better} than fools giving a sacrifice, for they are not knowing {that they} do evil.

UST

1 Be careful when you approach God in his house. Listen well to him. That is better than offering sacrifices to him and then not obeying him, which is foolish.

Why should people go to the house of God?

People should go to the house of God to listen.

Ecclesiastes 5:2

ULT

2 Do not be in haste concerning your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to bring forth a word to the face of God. For God {is} in heaven, but you {are} on the earth; therefore, let your words be few.

UST

2 Do not speak too quickly without thinking about the words you say; and do not be too quick in your heart to complain about something to God. Do not forget that God is in heaven and he is all-powerful and you are here on the earth, so think carefully before you make any promises to God.

Why should people let their words be few?

God is in heaven, but people are on earth, so they should let their words be few.

Ecclesiastes 5:3

ULT

3 For the dream comes with much business and the voice of a fool {comes} with many words.

UST

3 If you are continually thinking and worrying about things, you will have bad dreams about them and not rest well. And the more you talk, the more likely it will be that you will say things that are foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:4

ULT

4 When you vow a vow to God, do not delay to fulfill it, for there is no delight in the fools. What you vow, fulfill.

UST

4 When you solemnly promise God that you will do something, do not foolishly delay in doing it, because God is not pleased with foolish people. Do all the things that you promise God that you will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:5

ULT

5 {It is} better that you not vow than that you vow but do not fulfill.

UST

5 It is better to not promise anything than to promise to do something and then not do it.

What is better for a person to do than to make a vow that he does not carry out?

It is better for a person not to make a vow than to make a vow that he does not carry out.

Ecclesiastes 5:6

ULT

6 Do not give your mouth to cause your flesh to sin, and do not say to the face of the messenger that it {was} an unintentional sin. Why should God be angry concerning your voice and destroy the deed of your hands?

UST

6 Do not let the things that you promise to do cause you to sin by not doing them. And if you promise God that you will do something but then do not do it, do not say to God’s priest that it was a mistake for you to promise to do that. If you do that, God can destroy everything you have worked to accomplish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:7

ULT

7 For in many dreams and vaporous things and many words—just fear God.

UST

7 Promising to do something and not doing it is like having a useless dream. Instead, honor God by doing what you promised him that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:8

ULT

8 If {the} extortion of {the} poor and {the} robbery of justice and righteousness you see in the province, do not be amazed concerning the matter, for a high one over a high one is watching, and high ones {are watching} over them.

UST

8 Do not be surprised if you see poor people being oppressed. There are people able to stop others from oppressing them, but even these people are under the power of someone even higher.

When someone sees the poor being oppressed and robbed of just and right treatment, why should no one be astonished as if no one knows?

When someone sees the poor being oppressed and robbed of just and right treatment, he should not be astonished because there are men in power who watch those under them, and there are even higher ones over them.

Ecclesiastes 5:9

ULT

9 And a profit of a land in everything, it {is} a king for a worked field.

UST

9 Even though people throughout the land own their fields, the king forces them to give him some of the crops that they harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:10

ULT

10 A person who loves silver will not be satisfied {with} silver and whoever loves increase {will} not {be satisfied with} income. Also this {is} vapor.

UST

10 Everyone who tries to get as much money as they can will never think that they have enough. They will never be satisfied with the money that they have. That fact also makes no sense.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:11

ULT

11 When the good {thing} increases, the people eating it increase. And what advantage {belongs} to its master except the sight of his eyes?

UST

11 The more money that people have, the more they want to spend it. People who have a lot of money do not benefit from it, except to look at it and admire it.

What happens as prosperity increases?

As prosperity increases, so also do the people who consume it.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

ULT

12 Sweet is the sleep of the worker, whether a little or whether much he will eat, but the satisfaction of a rich person—it is not permitting for him to sleep.

UST

12 Those who work hard sleep peacefully at night, even if they do not have much food to eat. But rich people do not sleep well because they worry about their money.

What does not allow a rich person to sleep well?

The wealth of a rich person does not allow him to sleep well.

Ecclesiastes 5:13

ULT
13 There is a sickening misfortune I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its master to his harm.

UST
13 I have seen another terrible thing that happens here on the earth. People save up all their money and become rich, but they are miserable because they store up their money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:14

ULT
14 And that wealth perished in an unfortunate business, and he had fathered a son, but there was not anything in his hand.

UST
14 If something happens that causes their money to be gone, then when they die, there is no money for their children.

What happens when the rich man loses his wealth through bad luck?
When the rich man loses his wealth through bad luck, his own son, one whom he has fathered, is left with nothing in his hands.

Ecclesiastes 5:15

ULT
15 As he went out from the womb of his mother, naked he will go again, as he came. And he will not take anything in exchange for his toil that he will bring in his hand.

UST
15 When we are born, we do not bring anything with us, and when we die, we take nothing with us from all that we have earned by working hard.

How is a man born and how will he leave this life?
A man is born naked from his mother’s womb, so also he will leave this life naked.

Ecclesiastes 5:16

ULT

16 And also this is a sickening misfortune: just as he came, thus he will go, and what profit {belongs} to him who will toil for the wind?

UST

16 That also seems to make no sense. People bring nothing into the world when they are born, and when they leave this world they take nothing with them. They have worked hard, but they receive no lasting benefit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:17

ULT

17 Also, all his days in darkness he will eat, and {in} great vexation and his sickness and anger.

UST

17 Furthermore, rich people are always miserable, sad, and depressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:18

ULT

18 Look, what I myself have seen {is} good: that {it is} fitting to eat and to drink and to see good in all his toil that he will toil under the sun {during} the number of the days of his life that God has given to him, for it {is} his portion.

UST

18 So the best thing for people to do here on the earth during the few years that God allows them to be alive is to eat, drink, and enjoy their work, because those are the things that he allows them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:19

ULT

19 Also, each person who God has given to him wealth and possessions and has empowered him to eat from it and to accept his portion and to rejoice in his toiling—this, it {is} a gift of God.

UST

19 If people are rich and have a lot of possessions, and are able to enjoy the things that they have and to enjoy their work, those things are also gifts from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 5:20

ULT

20 For not much does he remember the days of his life, because God occupies {him} with the joys of his heart.

UST

20 Those people do not think much about everything that has happened during their lifetime, because God makes sure that they keep working at what they enjoy.

Why does a person not call to mind very often the days of his life?

A person does not call to mind very often the days of his life, because God makes him keep busy with the things that he enjoys doing.

Ecclesiastes 6

Ecclesiastes 6:1

ULT

1 There is a misfortune that I have seen under the sun and it {is} great on humanity:

UST

1 I have seen something else here on this earth that troubles people.

What evil did the Teacher see? (vv1-2)

The Teacher saw that God might give riches, wealth, and honor to a man so that he lacks nothing that he desires for himself, but then God gives him no ability to enjoy it. Instead, someone else uses his things.

Ecclesiastes 6:2

ULT

2 a person who God gives to him wealth and possessions and honor, and he has no lack for his soul from all that he desires, but God does not enable him to eat from it; instead, a foreign person will eat it—this {is} vapor and it {is} a sickening misfortune.

UST

2 God enables some people to receive a lot of money and possessions and to be honored by him. They have everything that they want. But God sometimes does not allow them to enjoy those things. Someone else gets them and enjoys them. That seems senseless and unfair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:3

ULT

3 If a person should father a hundred {children} and he should live many years and {however} many that the days of his years may be, but his soul is not satisfied from the good {thing} (and also a burial place is not for him), I said, “Better than him {is} the stillborn child.”

UST

3 Someone might have a hundred children and live for many years. But if he is not able to enjoy the things that he has acquired, and if he is not buried properly after he dies, I say that a child that is dead when it is born is more fortunate.

If a man’s heart is not satisfied with good and he is not buried with honor, who is better off than he is?

If a man’s heart is not satisfied with good and he is not buried with honor, then a baby that is born dead is better off than he is.

Ecclesiastes 6:4

ULT

4 For in vapor it came and in the darkness it will go and in the darkness its name will be covered.

UST

4 This is true, even though that dead baby’s birth is meaningless—even though it does not have a name, and its brief life becomes only a sad memory in the future.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:5

ULT

5 Even {the} sun it did not see, nor did it know. {More} rest {belongs} to this one than this one.

UST

5 That baby does not live to see the sun or know anything. But even so, it finds more rest than rich people do who are alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:6

ULT

[6] And if he lived a thousand years twice over, but a good {thing} he did not see—are not both going to one place?

UST

[6] Even if people should live for two thousand years, if they do not enjoy the things that God gives to them, it would have been better for them never to have been born. All people who live a long time certainly all go to the same place—to the grave.

Even if a man should live for two thousand years but does not learn to enjoy good things, where does he go?

Even if a man should live for two thousand years but does not learn to enjoy good things, he goes to the same place as everyone else.

Ecclesiastes 6:7

ULT

[7] All the toil of humanity {is} for his mouth, and yet the soul is not filled.

UST

[7] People work hard to earn enough money to buy food to eat, but often they never get enough to eat.

Though all a man's work is to fill his mouth, what happens?

Though all a man's work is to fill his mouth, yet his appetite is not filled.

Ecclesiastes 6:8

ULT

[8] For what advantage {exists} for the wise over the fool? What {advantage} {exists} for the poor person that knows {how} to walk before the living?

UST

[8] So it seems that wise people do not receive more lasting benefits than foolish people do. And it seems that poor people do not benefit from knowing how to conduct their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:9

ULT
9 Better {is} a sight of {the} eyes than the walking of {the} soul. Also this {is} vapor and striving {after} wind.

UST
9 It is better to enjoy the things that we already have than to constantly want more things. Continually wanting more things is senseless, like trying to control the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:10

ULT
10 Whoever that was, already his name has been called, and it is known that he {is} a human being. But he is not able to strive with who is more powerful than he.

UST
10 All the things that exist on the earth have been given names. Everyone knows what people are like, so it is useless to argue with God, who is stronger than we are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 6:11

ULT
11 For there are many words {that} are increasingly vaporous—what {is the} advantage for humanity?

UST
11 The more that we talk, the more often we say things that are senseless, so it certainly does not benefit us to talk a lot.

What happens the more words that are spoken?
The more words that are spoken, the more futility increases.

Ecclesiastes 6:12

ULT

12 For who is knowing what {is} good for humanity in life {during} the number of the days of his vaporous life? And he makes them like the shadow. For who will declare to humanity what will be after him under the sun?

UST

12 No human being can know everything that is good for himself in this life. People live for a few seemingly meaningless days. Life passes by quickly, like a shadow, and no one knows what is coming after we die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7

Ecclesiastes 7:1

ULT

1 Better is a {good} name than fine oil and the day of death {is better} than the day of his birth.

UST

1 It is better that other people honor us than to have fine perfume. The day that we die is better than the day that we are born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:2

ULT

2 Better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of a banquet, because it {is} the end of all humanity and the living will give {it} to his heart.

UST

2 It is better to go to a house where people are mourning about someone who has died than to go to a house where people are feasting, because everyone will die some day, and people should think about when they will die.

Why is it better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting?

It is better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting, for mourning comes to all people at the end of life.

Ecclesiastes 7:3

ULT

3 Better grief than laughter, for with a bad face a heart is made good.

UST

3 It is better to be sad than to be always laughing, because when we are sad, we can think better about the things that will make us wise and happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:4

ULT
4 {The} heart of wise people {is} in a house of mourning, but {the} heart of fools {is} in house of joy.

UST
4 Wise people who go to where others are mourning think about the fact that some day they also will die, but foolish people do not think about that; they are always laughing.

Where is the heart of the wise?
The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning.

Ecclesiastes 7:5

ULT
5 Better to listen to a rebuke of a wise person than {to be} a person listening to a song of fools,

UST
5 It is better to pay attention to someone who is rebuking you than to listen to the songs of a foolish person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:6

ULT
6 for like the sound of the thorns under the cooking-pot, so {is} the laughter of the fool. And this also {is} vapor.

UST
6 By listening to foolish people laughing we will not learn anymore than by listening to the crackling of thorns being burned under a pot. Listening to fools is senseless.

What is the laughter of fools like?
Like the crackling of thorns burning under a pot, so also is the laughter of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:7

ULT
7 For oppression drives a wise person insane, and a bribe destroys a heart.

UST
7 When wise people say to others, “You must pay me a lot of money for me to protect you,” that causes those wise people to become foolish. Those who accept bribes become unable to do what is right.

What makes a wise man foolish?
Extortion makes a wise man foolish.

Ecclesiastes 7:8

ULT
8 Better is an end of a thing than its beginning. Better is a long spirit than a high spirit.

UST
8 Finishing something is better than starting something, and being patient is better than being proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:9

ULT
9 Do not hasten in your spirit to become angry, for anger rests in {the} lap of fools.

UST
9 Do not quickly lose your temper, because it is foolish people who become very angry.

Why should people not be quick to anger in their spirit?
People should not be quick to anger in their spirit, for anger resides in the hearts of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:10

ULT
10 Do not say, “What was {it} that the former days were better than these?” For you do not ask about this out of wisdom.

UST
10 Do not say, “Things were a lot better previously,” because it is only foolish people who say that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:11

ULT
11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance and an advantage to those who see the sun.

UST
11 Being wise is like inheriting valuable things. There are lasting benefits for anyone on earth who is wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:12

ULT
12 For {as} in the shadow of wisdom, {so} in the shadow of silver. And {this is} an advantage of knowledge: wisdom preserves her owners.

UST
12 We are sometimes protected by being wise, as we are sometimes protected by having a lot of money. However, being wise is better than having a lot of money, because being wise prevents us from doing foolish things that would cause us to die.

How is wisdom better than money?
Wisdom provides protection as money can provide protection, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to whoever has it.

Ecclesiastes 7:13

ULT
13 See the work of God, for who is able to straighten that which he has made it crooked?

UST
13 Think carefully about what God has done. Certainly no one can cause to become straight the things that God has caused to be crooked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:14

ULT
14 In the good day, be in good, but in a day of misfortune, see— indeed, God has done this as well as this, so that humanity cannot find anything after him.

UST
14 When things are going well for you, be happy, and when things are not going well for you, remember that God is the one who causes good things to happen and who also causes disasters. Yet God does not reveal to anyone exactly what his future holds.

When times are good, how should people live?
When times are good, people should live happily in that good.

Ecclesiastes 7:15

ULT
15 I have seen everything in the days of my vapor: There is a righteous person perishing in his righteousness, and there is a wicked person lengthening {his days} in his evil.

UST
15 During all the time that I have been alive I have seen many things that seem senseless. I have seen righteous people die while they were still young, and I have seen wicked people remain alive for a very long time in spite of their continuing to be wicked.

What happened to wicked people whom the Teacher saw?
The Teacher saw wicked people who live a long life in spite of their evil.

Ecclesiastes 7:16

ULT
16 Do not be very righteous and do not be exceedingly wise—why should you be shocked?

UST
16 So do not think that you are very righteous, and do not think that you are very wise, because if you think those things, you will destroy yourself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:17

ULT
17 Do not be very wicked and do not be a fool—why should you die when {it is} not your time?

UST
17 If you do what is evil or do what is foolish, you might die while you are still young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:18

ULT
18 {It is} good that you should take hold of this and also from this do not let your hand rest, for the one who fears God will go forth with both of them.

UST
18 Continue to try to become wise and do what is right. The person who always respects God will show this by his behavior.

What will happen for the person who fears God?
The person who fears God will meet all his obligations.

Ecclesiastes 7:19

ULT
19 Wisdom is strong for the wise, more than ten rulers who are in the city.

UST
19 If you are wise, you will be more powerful than the ten most powerful men in your city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:20

ULT
[20] For a person—there is not a righteous {person} on the earth who does good and does not sin.

UST
[20] There is no one in this world who always does what is right, who never sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:21

ULT
[21] Also, to all of the words that they say, do not give your heart, so that you will not hear your servant belittling you.

UST
[21] Do not pay attention to everything that people say, because if you do that, you might hear your servant curse you.

Why should people not listen to every word that is spoken?
People should not listen to every word that is spoken because they might hear their servant curse them.

Ecclesiastes 7:22

ULT
[22] For also many times your heart knows that even you have belittled others.

UST
[22] After all, you yourself know very well that you have also cursed other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:23

ULT
[23] All of this I tested with wisdom. I said, “Let me be wise,” but it {was} far from me.

UST
[23] I said to myself that I would use my wisdom to study all the things that I have written about, but I was not able to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:24

ULT
24 Far away is that which was, and deep, deep. Who will find it?

UST
24 Wisdom seems to be far from me. There is no one who can truly understand everything.

Where is wisdom?
Wisdom is far off.

Ecclesiastes 7:25

ULT
25 I turned, I and my heart, to know and to explore, {to} seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know {the} wickedness {that is} folly and the foolishness {that is} madness.

UST
25 But I decided to investigate things and by my wisdom try to understand the reason for everything. I also wanted to understand why people act wickedly and why they act very foolishly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:26

ULT
26 And I found more bitter than death {is} the woman who, snares she {is}, and her heart, nets; her hands, chains. The one who is good to the face of God will flee from her, but a sinner will be captured by her.

UST
26 One thing I learned was that allowing a woman to seduce you is worse than dying. A woman who tries to seduce men is as dangerous as a trap. If you allow her to put her arms around you, it will be as though she is fastening you with chains. Women like that will capture sinful men, but men who please God will escape from such women.

By whom will the sinner be taken?
The sinner will be taken by a woman whose heart is full of snares and nets, and whose hands are chains.

Ecclesiastes 7:27

ULT
27 “See, this I have found,” says Qoheleth, “one to one to find the scheme of things.

UST
27 This is what I have learned. I tried to learn more and more about things to try to find out the reason for everything,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 7:28

ULT
28 That which continually my soul sought, but I have not found: one man from a thousand {men} I found. But a woman from all of these {people}, I did not find.

UST
28 and I continued to try to learn more, but I could not find all that I was searching for. But one thing that I found out was that among one thousand people I found one righteous man, but I did not find even one righteous woman.

Although the Teacher found one righteous man among a thousand, what did he not find?
Although the Teacher found one righteous man among a thousand, a woman among all those he did not find.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

ULT
29 Only see—this I have found: that God made humanity upright, but they, they have sought out many schemes.”

UST
29 I have learned only this: That when God created people, they were righteous, but they have found many ways to complicate their own lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8

Ecclesiastes 8:1

ULT

[1] Who {is} like the wise person and who knows {the} interpretation of a matter? {The} wisdom of a person gives light {to} his face and the strength of his face is changed.

UST

[1] I will tell you about those who are truly wise, with the result that they can explain why everything happens. Being wise enables people to be happy and enables them to smile.

What is a wise man?

A wise man is someone who knows what the events in life mean.

Ecclesiastes 8:2

ULT

[2] {As for} me—listen {to} the mouth of a king, that is, on account of the oath of God.

UST

[2] You solemnly promised God that you would obey what the king commands, so do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:3

ULT

[3] Do not be horrified from his face—go! Do not stand in an evil matter, for everything that he pleases, he will do,

UST

[3] Do not do anything rashly when it concerns the king. And do not join with those who want to rebel against him, because the king will do what he wants to do.

Why should people not hurry out of the king’s presence, and should not stand in support of something wrong?

People should not hurry out of the king’s presence, and should not stand in support of something wrong, for the king does whatever he desires.

Ecclesiastes 8:4

ULT
4 because {the} word of a king {is} authoritative, and who will say to him, “What are you doing?”

UST
4 We need to obey what the king says more than we need to obey what anyone else says, for no one can say to the king, “Why are you doing that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:5

ULT
5 One who listens to a command will not know an evil matter, and a wise heart will know a time and judgment,

UST
5 If you obey what the king commands, he will not harm you. So be wise, and know the correct time to do things and the right way to do them.

Who avoids harm?
Whoever keeps the king’s commands avoids harm.

Ecclesiastes 8:6

ULT
6 because for every matter, there is a time and judgment, because the misfortune of humanity is severe upon him,

UST
6 Although people experience many troubles, there is a right way to do them and a right time to do them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:7

ULT
7 because he is not knowing whatever that will be, for when it will be, who will declare {it} to him?

UST
7 No one knows what will happen in the future, so there is no one who can tell him what is going to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:8

ULT

[8] No person {is} a ruler over the spirit to restrain the spirit, nor is there authority over the day of death, nor is there discharge in war, nor will wickedness deliver its masters.

UST

[8] We cannot control our breathing, and we cannot control when we will stop breathing and die. Soldiers are not permitted to go home during a battle, and evil people will not be saved by doing what is evil.

Over what does no one have power?

No one has power over the breath of life to stop breathing, and no one has power over the day of his death.

Ecclesiastes 8:9

ULT

[9] All this I saw, giving my heart to every deed that was done under the sun: a time that the person has dominion over {another} person to his harm.

UST

[9] I thought about all those things, and I thought about all the other things that happen on this earth. I saw that sometimes people are able to do severe harm to others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:10

ULT

[10] And then, I saw wicked people buried, and they went out, and from a holy place they walked. And they will be forgotten in the city where thus they had done. This also {is} vapor:

UST

[10] I also saw that sometimes after evil people die, they are highly honored at their funerals by the people in the cities where they had done evil deeds. It was difficult to understand why that happens.

By whom were the wicked praised?

The wicked were praised by people in the city where they had done their wicked deeds.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

ULT

11 that a decree concerning the evil deed is not made quickly, therefore, the heart of the sons of humanity is full in them to do evil;

UST

11 If evil people are not immediately punished, it causes other people to also want to do evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:12

ULT

12 that a sinner is doing evil a hundred times and lengthening {days} for himself—yet also I know that it will be good for those who fear God, who fear from before his face.

UST

12 But even if sinful people commit a hundred crimes, and even if they live for a long time, I know that things will go better for those who honor and revere God.

Even if a sinner does evil a hundred times and still lives for a long time, what will happen to those who respect God?

Even if a sinner does evil a hundred times and still lives for a long time, it will be well with those who respect God, who honor his presence with them.

Ecclesiastes 8:13

ULT

13 But it will not be good for the wicked, nor will he lengthen {his} days like the shadow, because he is not fearing before the face of God.

UST

13 I also know that things will not go well for those who are evil, because they do not honor God. Shadows do not last a long time. Similarly, evil people will not live a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:14

ULT

14 There is vapor that is done on the earth: that there are righteous people who {it} befalls to them like the deeds of the wicked people, and there are wicked people who {it} befalls to them like the deeds of the righteous people. I say that also this {is} vapor.

UST

14 Another thing that sometimes happens on this earth is that bad things happen to righteous people, and good things happen to evil people. It is difficult to understand why that happens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:15

ULT

15 And I praised, I, joy, that there is nothing good for humanity under the sun except to eat and to drink and to rejoice, and it will accompany him in his toil {during} the days of his life that God has given to him under the sun.

UST

15 So I decided that I would recommend that people be happy while they are alive, because the best thing that people can do here on this earth is to eat and drink and be happy. Enjoying those things will help people while they do their work, all the days that God has given to them to remain alive here on the earth.

Why does the Teacher recommend happiness?

The Teacher recommends happiness, because a man has no better thing under the sun than to eat and drink and to be happy.

Ecclesiastes 8:16

ULT

16 When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on the earth—for even in the day and in the night sleep in his eyes he is not seeing—

UST

16 I thought about being wise and about people who work very hard on this earth, working day and night and not taking time to sleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 8:17

ULT

17 and I saw every deed of God, that humanity is not able to find the deed that is done under the sun, in that to which humanity will toil to seek, yet he will not find {it}. Also, even if the wise person says to know, he is not able to find {it}.

UST

17 Then I thought about everything that God has done, and I realized that no one can understand everything that happens here on this earth. Truly, people are not able to fully understand everything that God does, even if they try hard to do that. Even if wise people claim that they understand it all, they cannot.

What can man not understand?

Man cannot understand the work that is done under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9

Ecclesiastes 9:1

ULT

1 Indeed, all of this I gave to my heart {in order} to examine all of this: that the righteous and the wise and their work {are} in the hand of God. Either love or hate, humanity is not knowing; both {are} to their faces.

UST

1 I thought about all those things, and I decided that God controls what happens to everyone, even those who are wise and those who are righteous. No one knows whether others will love them or whether they will hate them.

Who is in God's hands?

The righteous and wise people are all in God's hands.

Ecclesiastes 9:2

ULT

2 Everything {is} as for all: one happening for the righteous person and for the wicked person, for the good person, and for the pure person and for the unclean person, and for the person who sacrifices and for the person who does not sacrifice. As the good person, so the sinner; the person who swears {an oath is} just as the person who fears an oath.

UST

2 But we know that some time in the future we will all die. It does not matter whether we act righteously or wickedly, whether we are good or whether we are bad, whether we are acceptable for worshiping God or whether we have done things to cause us to be unacceptable. It does not matter if we offer sacrifices to God or if we do not. It does not matter if we do what we have promised God that we will do or if we do not. We all die. The same thing will happen to good people and to sinful people, to those who solemnly promise to do things for God and to those who are afraid to make such promises.

What is the same for everyone?

Everyone has the same fate.

Ecclesiastes 9:3

ULT

[3] This {is} a misfortune in everything that is done under the sun: that one happening {is} for everyone. And also, the heart of the sons of humanity {is} full of evil and madness {is} in their heart during their lives and after him {they go} to the dead.

UST

[3] It seems wrong that the same thing happens to everyone on this earth. Everyone dies. Furthermore, people's inner beings are full of evil. People do foolish things while they are alive, and then they join those who are dead.

Of what are the hearts of human beings full?

The hearts of human beings are full of evil.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

ULT

[4] For whoever that is joined to all the living, there is confidence {for him}—because for a living dog, it {is} better than the dead lion.

UST

[4] While we are alive, we can expect that good things will happen to us. We despise dogs, but it is better to be a dog that is alive than to be a majestic lion that is dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:5

ULT

[5] For the living know that they will die, but the dead, they are not knowing anything, and there is no longer for them a reward, because their memory is forgotten.

UST

[5] We who are alive know that some day we will die, but dead people do not know anything. Dead people do not receive any more rewards, and people soon forget them.

Why do the dead no longer have any reward?

They no longer have any reward because their memory is forgotten.

Ecclesiastes 9:6

ULT

[6] Their love and their hate and their jealousy have already perished.And there is not for them a portion any longer in perpetuity in all that is done under the sun.

UST

[6] While they were alive, they loved people, they hated people, they envied people, but they stop doing any of that when they die. They will never again be a part of anything that happens here on the earth.

What vanished long ago?
The dead people's love, hatred, and envy vanished long ago.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

ULT

[7] Go—eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a good heart, because God has already accepted your deeds.

UST

[7] So I say, be joyful while you eat your food and drink your wine, because that is what God wants you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:8

ULT

[8] At every time, let your clothes be white and do not let oil be lacking on your head.

UST

[8] Wear nice clothes and cause your face to have a good appearance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:9

ULT

9 See life with a wife whom you love all the days of your vaporous life, which he has given to you under the sun, {that is} all the days of your vapor, for it {is} your portion in life and in your toil that you {are} toiling under the sun.

UST

9 Enjoy living with your wife whom you love, all during the time that God has given to you to be alive here on this earth. Even though it is difficult to understand why many things happen, this life with your wife is your reward for doing the work that you do here on this earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:10

ULT

10 Everything that your hand finds to do, do {it} with your strength, because there is no deed or scheme of things or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, where you are going to there.

UST

10 Whatever you are able to do, do it with all your energy, because at some point you will die, and in the place of the dead where you are going, no one works or plans to do anything or knows anything or has any wisdom.

What should people do with whatever their hand finds to do?

Whatever their hand finds to do, they should work at it with their strength.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

ULT

11 I again saw under the sun that not to the swift {is} the race and not to the mighty {is} the war and even not to the wise {is} bread and even not to discerning people {is} wealth and even not to understanding people {is} favor, for time and occurrence will happen to all of them.

UST

11 I have seen something else here on the earth: The person who runs fastest does not always win the race, the strongest soldiers do not always win the battle, the wisest people do not always have food, the smartest people do not always become rich, and the people who have studied a lot are not always honored by others. We cannot always control what things will happen to us and where they will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:12

ULT

12 For even humanity does not know his time. Like the fish that are caught in a troublesome net and like the birds that are caught in the snare— like them, the sons of humanity are snared at a time of misfortune when it falls upon them suddenly.

UST

12 No one knows when he will die. Fish are cruelly caught in a net, and birds are caught in snares. Similarly, people experience disasters at times when they do not expect them to happen.

In what are human beings imprisoned?
Human beings are imprisoned in evil times that suddenly fall on them.

Ecclesiastes 9:13

ULT

13 Also, this I saw: wisdom under the sun, and great it {was} to me.

UST

13 Once I saw here on this earth something that a wise man did that impressed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:14

ULT

14 {There was} a small city and a few men in it, and a great king came against it, and he besieged it, and he built great siegeworks against it.

UST

14 There was a small town, where only a few people lived. The army of a great king came to that town and surrounded it. They built dirt ramps up against the walls in order to climb up and attack the town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:15

ULT

15 And he found in it a poor, wise man, and he delivered the city with his wisdom. And a person did not remember that poor man.

UST

15 In that town there was someone who was poor but very wise. Because of what that person suggested, the town was saved, but people soon forgot about him.

What happened to the poor, wise man, who by his wisdom saved the city?
No one remembered the poor, wise man, who by his wisdom saved the city.

Ecclesiastes 9:16

ULT

16 And I said, I, “Better {is} wisdom than might, but the wisdom of the poor person {is} despised, and his words—they are not heard.”

UST

16 So I realized that although being wise is better than being strong, if you are poor, no one will appreciate what you do, and people will soon forget what you said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:17

ULT

17 {The} words of wise people in quietness are heeded more than the cry of a ruler among the fools.

UST

17 A wise man who speaks quietly—people hear him better than they hear a king who is shouting to a foolish crowd.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 9:18

ULT

18 Better {is} wisdom than weapons of battle, but one sinner will destroy much good.

UST

18 Being wise is more useful than having a lot of weapons; however, if a person does just one foolish thing, he might ruin many good things that others have done.

What is better than weapons of war?

Wisdom is better than weapons of war.

Ecclesiastes 10

Ecclesiastes 10:1

ULT
1 Dead flies make a perfumer's oil stink; heavier than wisdom or honor {is} a little foolishness.

UST
1 A few dead flies in a bottle of perfume cause all the perfume to stink. Similarly, a small amount of acting foolishly can have a greater effect than acting wisely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:2

ULT
2 {The} heart of a wise person {is} to his right and a heart of a fool {is} to his left.

UST
2 If people think sensibly, it will lead them to do what is right; if they think foolishly, it causes them to do what is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:3

ULT
3 And even when the fool is going on the road, his heart {is} lacking, and he says to everyone {that} he {is} a fool.

UST
3 Even while foolish people walk along the road, they show that they do not have good sense. They show everyone that they are not wise.

What proves to everyone that a man is a fool?
When a man’s thinking is deficient, this proves to everyone that he is a fool.

Ecclesiastes 10:4

ULT
4 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place, for calmness will lay great sins to rest.

UST
4 Do not quit your job when a ruler is angry with you. If you remain calm, he will probably stop being angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:5

ULT
5 There is a misfortune I saw under the sun, like an unintentional sin that goes out from before the face of the authority.

UST
5 There is something else that I have seen here on this earth, something that rulers sometimes do that is wrong:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:6

ULT
6 Folly is given into many high places and rich people sit in the lowly place.

UST
6 they appoint foolish people to have important positions, while they appoint rich people to have unimportant positions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:7

ULT
7 I saw slaves on horses and princes walking like slaves on the ground.

UST
7 They allow slaves to ride on horses like rich people usually do, but they force officials to walk like slaves usually do.

What did the Teacher see slaves doing?
The Teacher saw slaves riding horses.

Ecclesiastes 10:8

ULT

8 A person who digs a pit will fall into it, and a person who breaks through a wall, a snake will bite him.

UST

8 It is possible that those who dig pits will fall into one of those pits. It is possible that someone who tears down a wall will be bitten by a snake that is in that wall.

What can happen whenever someone breaks down a wall?

Whenever someone breaks down a wall, a snake can bite him.

Ecclesiastes 10:9

ULT

9 A person who pulls up stones will be hurt by them; a person who splits wood will be endangered by them.

UST

9 If you work in a quarry, it is possible that a stone will fall on you and injure you. It is possible that men who split logs will be injured by one of those logs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:10

ULT

10 If {a person} has blunted the iron and he does not make the faces light, he must exert strength, but a profit to being successful {is} wisdom.

UST

10 If your axe is not sharp, you will need to work harder to cut down a tree, but by using wisdom, you will succeed.

What happens if a man does not sharpen a dull iron blade?

If a man does not sharpen a dull iron blade, then he must use more strength.

Ecclesiastes 10:11

ULT
11 If the snake bites without a charm, there is no profit for the master of the tongue.

UST
11 If a snake bites a man before he charms it, his ability to charm snakes will not benefit him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:12

ULT
12 {The} words of {the} mouth of a wise person {are} favor, but {the} lips of a fool will swallow him.

UST
12 Wise people say what is sensible, and because of that, people honor them, but foolish people are destroyed by what they themselves say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:13

ULT
13 The beginning of the words of his mouth {is} foolishness and {the} end of his mouth {is} evil insanity.

UST
13 When foolish people start to talk, they say foolish things, and they end by saying things that are both wicked and foolish.

At the end, with what does a fool's mouth flow?
At the end, a fool's mouth flows with wicked madness.

Ecclesiastes 10:14

ULT
14 But the fool will multiply words. Humanity does not know what will happen or what will be after him— who will declare {it} to him?

UST
14 They talk too much. None of us knows what will happen in the future, or what will happen after we die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:15

ULT
15 The toil of foolish people will weary him so that he does not know {how} to go to a city.

UST
15 Foolish people become very exhausted by the work that they do, with the result that they are even unable to find the road to their town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:16

ULT
16 Woe to you, land, that your king {is} a youth and your princes will eat in the morning.

UST
16 Terrible things will happen to the people of a nation whose ruler is a foolish young person, whose leaders continually eat, all during the day, every day.

When is there trouble in the land?
There is trouble in the land if the king is young, and the leaders begin feasting in the morning!

Ecclesiastes 10:17

ULT
17 Blessed are you, land, that your king {is} a son of nobles and {that} your princes will eat at the time with might and not with drunkenness.

UST
17 But how fortunate is a nation if its ruler comes from a noble family, if its leaders feast only at the proper times, and if they eat and drink only to be strong, not to become drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:18

ULT
18 With laziness, the beams of the roof sink and in idleness of hands, the house will leak.

UST
18 Some men are very lazy and do not repair the beams of their roof, with the result that the roof sags and collapses. If they do not repair the roof, water will leak into the house when it rains.

Why does the house leak?
Because of idle hands the house leaks.

Ecclesiastes 10:19

ULT
19 {They} are making bread for laughter and wine gladdens life, but silver will answer everything.

UST
19 Eating food and drinking wine makes us laugh and be happy. If you have enough money, you can buy everything you need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 10:20

ULT
20 Even in your thought, do not belittle a king, and in the room of your bed, do not belittle a rich person, for a bird of the heavens will carry the voice, and a master of wings will declare {the} word.

UST
20 Do not even think about cursing the king, or about cursing rich people, even when you are alone in your bedroom. It is always possible that a little bird will hear what you are saying and tell those people what you said about them.

Why should people not curse the king?
People should not curse the king, for a bird of the sky might carry their words.

Ecclesiastes 11

Ecclesiastes 11:1

ULT

1 Send out your bread on the face of the waters, for in many days you will find it.

UST

1 Give generously to others some of the money that you have; if you do that, later you will get back an equal amount.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:2

ULT

2 Give a portion to seven and even to eight, for you do not know what will be a misfortune on the earth.

UST

2 Share some of what you have with seven or eight others, because you do not know when you will experience a disaster and will need their help.

Why should people share bread with seven, even eight people?
People should share it with seven, even eight people, for they do not know what disasters are coming on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 11:3

ULT

3 If the clouds are filled with rain, they will pour out on the earth. And whether a tree will fall in the south or in the north, {the} place where the tree will fall, there it will be.

UST

3 It is true that when clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Similarly, wherever a tree falls on the ground, that is where it will remain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:4

ULT

4 A person who listens to {the} wind will not sow and a person who sees {the} clouds will not harvest.

UST

4 If farmers see in what direction the wind is blowing, they will know whether it is wise at that time to plant things or not. It is also true that if farmers look at the clouds and see that they are blowing from the west and will bring rain, they will not try to harvest their crops on that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:5

ULT

5 Just as you are not knowing what {is} the way of the wind, as the bones {come} into the womb of the full woman, so thus you do not know the work of God who works everything.

UST

5 We do not know where the wind comes from or where it goes, and we do not know how bodies are formed in a woman's womb. Similarly, God is the one who makes everything, and we cannot fully understand what he does.

What can people not comprehend?

People cannot comprehend the work of God.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

ULT

6 In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening, do not let your hand rest, for you are not knowing whether this one will prosper—this one or this one?—or whether the two of them as one {will be} good.

UST

6 Start planting your seeds in the morning, and do not stop planting them until the evening, because you do not know which ones will grow better, the ones you plant in the morning or the ones you plant later in the day, or whether both will grow well.

For how long should people plant seed?

People should plant seed in the morning until the evening.

Ecclesiastes 11:7

ULT

7 And light {is} sweet, and {it is} good for the eyes to see the sun.

UST

7 It is very delightful to be alive and see the sun rise every morning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:8

ULT

8 For if humanity will live many years, in all of them let him rejoice. But let him remember the days of darkness, that they will be many. Everything that is coming {is} vapor.

UST

8 Even if people live for many years, they should enjoy all of them. But they should not forget that some day they will die and then they will never be able to see any light again, and they do not know what will happen to them after they die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:9

ULT

9 Rejoice, young man, in your early manhood and let your heart make you glad in the days of your youth. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that on account of all these things, God will bring you into judgment.

UST

9 You young people, be happy while you are still young. Enjoy doing the things that you want to do. But do not forget that God will judge you one day concerning all the things that you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 11:10

ULT

10 And remove anger from your heart and take misfortune away from your flesh, for youth and dark hair {are} vapor.

UST

10 So when you are young, do not worry about anything, and do not pay attention to the pains that you have in your body, because we will not remain young and strong forever.

What should people drive away from their heart?

People should drive anger away from their heart.

Ecclesiastes 12

Ecclesiastes 12:1

ULT
1 And remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of misfortune have come and the years arrive of which you will say, “There is not for me pleasure in them;”

UST
1 While you are still young, keep thinking about God, who created you. Do that before you are old and you experience many troubles, during the years when you say, “I no longer enjoy being alive.”

When should people call to mind their Creator?
People should call to mind their Creator in the days of their youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:2

ULT
2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are dark and the clouds return after the rain,

UST
2 When you become old, the light from the sun and moon and stars will seem dim to you, and it will seem that the rain clouds always return quickly after it rains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 12:3

ULT
3 on the day when the guards of the house will tremble, and the men of valor will be bent over, and the women grinders cease because they are few, and those who look at the window will grow dark,

UST
3 Then your arms that you use to protect yourself, and your legs that support your body will become weak. Many of the teeth that you use to grind your food will fall out, and your eyes that you use to look out of windows will not see clearly.

Why will women who grind cease?
The women who grind will cease because they are few.

Ecclesiastes 12:4

ULT

4 and {the} doors will be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding {is} low, and when a person rises at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of the song are humbled;

UST

4 Your ears will no longer hear the noise in the streets, and you will no longer be able to hear clearly the sound of people grinding grain with millstones. You will be awakened in the morning by hearing the birds singing, but you will not be able to hear well the songs that the birds sing.

At what will men be startled?

Men will be startled at the voice of a bird.

Ecclesiastes 12:5

ULT

5 (also they are afraid of the high place, and terrors {are} in the way, and the almond tree blossoms, and the locusts moves along, and the caper-fruit fails, for humanity is going to his eternal home, and the mourners surround the street)

UST

5 You will be afraid to be in high places and afraid of dangers on the roads that you walk on. Your hair will become white like the flowers of almond trees. When you try to walk, you will drag yourself along like grasshoppers, and you will no longer desire a woman at all. Then you will die and go to your eternal home, and the people who will mourn for you will be in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 12:6

ULT

6 before the cord of silver is removed, and the bowl of gold is broken, and the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, and the wheel is crushed at the cistern,

UST

6 Think much about God now, because soon our lives will end, like silver chains or golden bowls that break easily, or like pitchers that are broken at the water fountain, or like broken pulleys at a well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 12:7

ULT
7 and the dust returns to the earth as that it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

UST
7 Then our corpses will decay and become dirt again, and our spirits will return to God, the one who gave us our spirits.

Where will the dust return?
The dust will return to the earth from where it came.

Ecclesiastes 12:8

ULT
8 “Vapor of vapors!” says the Qoheleth. “Everything {is} vapor!”

UST
8 So I, the Teacher, say again that everything is temporary and useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 12:9

ULT
9 Besides {the fact} that Qoheleth was wise, he still taught the people knowledge, and he weighed, and he searched. He ordered many proverbs.

UST
9 I, the Teacher, was considered to be a very wise man, and I taught the people many things. I assembled and wrote down many proverbs, and I carefully thought about them and put them in order.

What did the Teacher teach people?
The Teacher taught the people knowledge.

Ecclesiastes 12:10

ULT
10 Qoheleth sought to discover words of pleasure, and words of truth were written rightly.

UST
10 I searched for words that would be pleasing to hear, and what I have written is reliable and true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ecclesiastes 12:11

ULT
11 {The} words of wise people are like goads, and like nails implanted are masters of collections. They are given by one Shepherd.

UST
11 The things that I and other wise people say give directions, and they are like nails that fix things together and last a long time. When people follow clear and understandable directions, they know what is right, and, so then they can do it. The sayings of the wise are like our shepherd who guides us where we need to go.

Like what are the words of the wise?
The words of the wise are like goads.

Ecclesiastes 12:12

ULT
12 Beyond them, my son, be warned: to the making of many scrolls, there is no end and much study {is} weariness {to the} flesh.

UST
12 So, my son, pay careful attention to what I have written, and choose carefully what you read that others have written. This work of writing many books is endless. Trying to study them all will be an endless task.

What does much study bring?
Much study brings weariness to the body.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

ULT

13 The end of the matter; everything has been heard: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of humanity.

UST

13 Now you have heard all that I have told you, and here is the conclusion: Revere God, and obey his commandments, because those commandments summarize everything that people should do.

What is the end of the matter?

The end of the matter is that people must fear God and keep his commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

ULT

14 For every deed God will bring into judgment, concerning everything hidden, whether good or whether evil.

UST

14 And do not forget that God will judge everything that we do, good things and bad things, even things that we do secretly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 1

Song of Solomon 1:1

ULT

1 The song of songs which {is} of Solomon.

UST

1 This is King Solomon's most beautiful song. The young woman speaking to herself

Who is the writer of Song of Songs?
Solomon is the writer of Song of Songs.

Song of Solomon 1:2

ULT

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, for better {is} your love than wine.

UST

2 I wish he would kiss me on my lips, The woman speaks to her lover because your love for me is more delightful than wine.

What does the young woman ask her lover to do?
The young woman asks her lover to kiss her with the kisses of his mouth.

What does the young woman say is better than wine?
The young woman says her lover's love is better than wine.

Song of Solomon 1:3

ULT

3 As for the smell of your oils—{they are} good; oil poured out {is} your name. Therefore, marriageable women love you.

UST

3 The fragrance of the perfume on your skin is very sweet. And your honor is very great and is spreading, like the fragrance of the special oil that you have put on your skin. That is why the other young women are attracted to you.

What does the young woman say her lover's name is like?

The young woman says his name is like flowing perfume.

Song of Solomon 1:4

ULT

4 Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me {to} his bedroom. Let us be glad and rejoice in you. Let us profess your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.

UST

4 Take me quickly; take me to your home. The woman speaking to herself He is like a king to me; he has brought me into his bedroom. The woman speaking to her lover I am very happy about you; my love for you is better than wine. It is not surprising that the other young women adore you. The woman speaking to the other women

Where has the king brought the young woman?

The king has brought the young woman into his rooms.

Song of Solomon 1:5

ULT

5 I {am} black and lovely, daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

UST

5 You women of Jerusalem, I am dark but beautiful; my dark skin is like the tents in Kedar, or like the beautiful curtains in Solomon's palace.

How does the young woman describe her skin?

The young woman describes her skin as dark but lovely like tents of Kedar, like curtains of Solomon.

Song of Solomon 1:6

ULT

6 Do not look at me, that I {am} black, that the sun burned me. The sons of my mother were angry with me; they appointed me {as} guard of the vineyards— my vineyard that {is} mine, I have not kept.

UST

6 But do not stare at me because the sun has made my skin dark. my brothers were angry with me, so they forced me to work out in the sunshine in the vineyards, so I was not able to take good care of my body. The woman speaking to her lover

Why does she not want the other women to stare at her?

She does not want the other women to stare at her because her skin is scorched.

What did the young woman's brothers do when they were angry with her?

The young woman's brothers made her a keeper of the vineyards.

Song of Solomon 1:7

ULT

7 Declare to me, {you} whom my soul loves: where do you graze? Where do you make {your flocks} lie down at noontime? For why should I be like a woman who covers herself beside the flocks of your companions?

UST

7 You whom I love, where will you take your flock of sheep today? Where will you allow them to rest at noontime? I want to know because it is not right for me to wander around like a prostitute looking for you among the flocks that belong to your friends. Her lover answering her

What does the woman ask her lover?

She asks him where he feeds his flock and where he rests his flock at noontime.

Song of Solomon 1:8

ULT

8 If you do not know, most beautiful among women, go out in the footprints of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the tents of the shepherds.

UST

8 You who are the most beautiful of all the women, if you search for me and do not know where I will take my sheep, follow the tracks of the sheep. Then allow your young goats to graze near the shepherds' tents.

How does her lover say the young woman can find him?

He tells her to follow the tracks of his flock to the shepherds' tents.

Song of Solomon 1:9

ULT
9 To a mare among the chariots of Pharaoh I liken you, my darling.

UST
9 You are beautiful, my darling, like one of the young female horses that pull the chariots belonging to the king of Egypt.

To what does the young woman's lover compare her?
He compares her to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.

Song of Solomon 1:10

ULT
10 Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings; your neck {is beautiful} with necklaces.

UST
10 Your earrings are decorations for your cheeks, and there are strings of beads around your neck.

What does her lover say is on her cheeks and neck?
He says ornaments are on her cheeks and strings of jewels are on her neck.

Song of Solomon 1:11

ULT
11 Earrings of gold we will make for you, with beads of silver.

UST
11 I will make for you some gold earrings that are decorated with silver. The woman speaking to herself

What does her lover say he will make for her?
He says he will make for her gold ornaments with silver studs.

Song of Solomon 1:12

ULT
12 While the king {was} in his enclosure, my nard gave off its smell.

UST
12 While the king was on his couch, the smell of my perfume spread around the room.

Where was the king lying while the woman's perfume spread in the room?
The king was lying on his couch while the fragrance of the woman's perfume spread.

Song of Solomon 1:13

ULT
13 A bundle of myrrh {is} my beloved to me; between my breasts it stays.

UST
13 The man who loves me stays between my breasts during the night like a bag of perfume tied around my neck.

Where does her beloved spend the night?
Her beloved spends the night lying between her breasts.

Song of Solomon 1:14

ULT
14 A cluster of henna blossoms {is} my beloved to me, in the vineyards of Engedi.

UST
14 He is like a bunch of flowers from the vineyards at En Gedi. Her lover speaking to her

To what does the young woman liken her beloved?
Her beloved is like a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of En Gedi.

Song of Solomon 1:15

ULT
15 Look at you—{you are} beautiful, my darling. Look at you—{you are} beautiful; your eyes {are} doves.

UST
15 You whom I love, you are beautiful; you are very beautiful! Your eyes are as delightful as doves. The woman speaking to her lover

How does her lover describe her eyes?
He says her eyes are like doves.

Song of Solomon 1:16

ULT
16 Look at you—{you are} handsome, my beloved, truly pleasant. Indeed, our couch is leafy.

UST
16 You who love me, you are very delightful, you are wonderful! This green grass in the countryside will be like a couch where we can lie down.

What does the woman say serves as their bed?
Lush plants serve as their bed.

Song of Solomon 1:17

ULT
17 The beams of our house {are} cedars; our rafters {are} pine.

UST
17 Branches of cedar trees will shade us; the fir branches overhead are like a roof for us.

Of what does the woman say the beams and rafters are made?
The beams and rafters are made of cedar and pine trees.

Song of Solomon 2

Song of Solomon 2:1

ULT
1 I {am} a flower of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

UST
1 I am like an insignificant flower in the plains, like an insignificant lily growing in a valley. The man speaking to her

How did the woman describe herself?
She described herself as a flower of the plain, a lily of the valleys.

Song of Solomon 2:2

ULT
2 Like a lily among thorns, so {is} my darling among the daughters.

UST
2 Among all the other young women, you, the one whom I love, are like a lily growing among thorns! The woman speaking to herself

What does the man say she was like among the daughters of his countrymen?
He said she was like a lily among thorns.

Song of Solomon 2:3

ULT

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so {is} my beloved among the sons. In his shadow, I passionately desired and I will sit, and his fruit {is} sweet to my palate.

UST

3 Among all the other men, this man is the one who loves me; he is like a tree that grows in the forest. Under his shade I am safe from the sun. When he is close to me, it is like eating sweet fruit.

How did the woman describe her beloved among the young men?

The woman described her young man as the apple tree among the trees of the forest.

Where did the woman sit?

She sat down under his shadow with great delight.

What was sweet to her taste?

His fruit was sweet to her taste.

Song of Solomon 2:4

ULT

4 He brought me to the house of wine and his banner over me {is} love.

UST

4 He led me to the room where I feasted on his love, where he made love to me as if he were covering me with his love. The woman speaking to her lover

Where did her young man bring her?

Her young man brought her to the house of wine.

What was his banner over her?

His banner over her was love.

Song of Solomon 2:5

ULT

5 Sustain me with raisin cakes; refresh me with apples, for sick with love {am} I.

UST

5 Refresh me and strengthen me with your lovemaking. It is like eating raisins and other fruit, because I want you to love me even more. The woman speaking to herself

What did the young woman want to sustain and refresh herself?

The young woman wanted raisin cakes to sustain her and apples to refresh her.

Song of Solomon 2:6

ULT

6 His left hand {is} under my head, and his right hand embraces me.

UST

6 I hope he puts his left arm under my head and holds me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the other women

Where were the young man's left and right hands?

His left hand was under her head and his right hand embraces her.

Song of Solomon 2:7

ULT

7 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the female gazelles or the does of the fields— do not awaken nor stir love until it desires.

UST

7 You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to take an oath, while the does and gazelles are listening, that you will not cause us to desire love until the right time comes. The woman speaking to herself

What did the young woman want the daughters of Jerusalem to avoid?

The young woman wanted the young women avoid awakening love before the right time comes.

Song of Solomon 2:8

ULT

8 The voice of my beloved! Look, this one is coming, leaping over the mountains, jumping over the hills.

UST

8 I hear the voice of the man who loves me. It is as though he is leaping over the mountains and skipping over the hills

What sound did the young woman hear?

The young woman heard the voice of her beloved.

What did she say her beloved was doing?

He was leaping over the mountains and jumping over the hills.

Song of Solomon 2:9

ULT

9 My beloved is resembling a gazelle or a young stag. Look, this one is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice.

UST

9 like a deer or a gazelle. Now he is standing outside the wall of our house, looking in the window, and peering through the lattice.

What did she say her beloved was like?

She said her beloved was like a gazelle or a young stag.

Song of Solomon 2:10

ULT

10 My beloved answered and said to me, “Get up, my darling, my beauty, and walk,

UST

10 He spoke to me and said, “You whom I love, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!

What did her beloved want her to do with him?

He wanted her to get up and walk with him.

Song of Solomon 2:11

ULT
11 for, look, the winter has gone; the rain has passed; it went away.

UST
11 Look, the winter has ended; the rain has stopped.

What did he say was past, and what was over and gone?
He said he winter was past and the rain was over and gone.

Song of Solomon 2:12

ULT
12 The blossoms have appeared in the land; the time of pruning has struck and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

UST
12 The flowers are blooming throughout the country. It is now time to sing; we hear the pigeons cooing.

What had appeared in the land?
Flowers had appeared in the land.

For what was it time?
It was time for pruning and hearing the birds sing.

Song of Solomon 2:13

ULT
13 The fig tree ripens its figs and the vines {are in} blossom; they give off a smell. Get up, go, my darling, my beauty, and go.

UST
13 There are young figs on the fig trees, and there are blossoms on the grapevines and their fragrance fills the air. You whom I love, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!

What ripens and was in blossom?
The green figs ripens and the vines were in blossom.

What did her beloved want his beautiful one to do?
He wanted her to arise and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:14

ULT

14 My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places of the cliff, show me your appearance, make me hear your voice, for your voice {is} sweet, and your appearance {is} lovely.

UST

14 You are like a dove hiding in the rocky cliff. Show me your face, and allow me to hear your voice, because your voice sounds sweet, and your face is lovely." The woman speaking to the man

What does her beloved call her?

Her beloved calls her his dove.

What does her beloved want to see and hear?

Her beloved wanted to see her lovely face and hear her sweet voice.

Song of Solomon 2:15

ULT

15 Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that destroy the vineyards, and our vineyards {are in} blossom."

UST

15 There are other men who ruin women as wild dogs ruin vineyards; do not allow those men to attack me.

What did the woman want him to catch?

The woman wanted him to catch the foxes that ruin vineyards.

Song of Solomon 2:16

ULT

16 My beloved {belongs} to me and I {belong} to him, the man grazing among the lilies.

UST

16 This man whom I love—I belong to him, and he belongs to me. He takes great pleasure in kissing my lips, as sheep love to graze in pastures. The woman speaking to her lover

To whom did the woman's beloved belong?

Her beloved belonged to her.

To whom did the woman belong?

She belonged to her beloved.

What did her beloved do among the lilies?

He grazed among the lilies with pleasure.

Song of Solomon 2:17

ULT

17 Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn; resemble, my beloved, a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.

UST

17 You whom I love, you must go away before dawn, when the darkness disappears. Go away quickly, like a gazelle or like a young deer running on the high hills.

What did she want her beloved to do?

She wanted her beloved to go away.

When did she want her beloved to go away?

She wanted her beloved to go away before the soft winds of dawn blew and the shadows fled away.

What did she want him to be like?

She wanted him to like a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.

Song of Solomon 3

Song of Solomon 3:1

ULT
1 On my bed in the night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I did not find him.

UST
1 During the entire night while I lay on my bed, I was longing to see the one I love with all my heart. I wanted him to come, but he did not.

For whom was the woman longing but could not find?
The woman was longing for the one whom she loved, but she could not find him.

Song of Solomon 3:2

ULT
2 Let me get up, please, and go about in the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I did not find him.

UST
2 So I said to myself, “I will get up now and walk around the city, through the streets and plazas, to search for the one whom I love with all my heart.” So I got up and went out to look for him, but I could not find him.

For whom did the woman search through the streets and squares but not find?
The woman searched through the streets and squares, but she could not find her beloved.

Song of Solomon 3:3

ULT
3 The guards going about in the city found me: “{Have} you seen him whom my soul loves?”

UST
3 The city watchmen saw me while they were patrolling in the city. I asked them, “Have you seen the one whom I love with all my heart?”

What did the woman ask the watchmen when they found her?
She asked them, “Have you seen my beloved?”

Song of Solomon 3:4

ULT

4 Almost had I passed by them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him and I would not leave him until I had brought him to the house of my mother and to the room of the woman who had conceived me.

UST

4 As soon as I walked past them, I found the one whom I love with all my heart. I clung to him and would not let him go until I brought him to my mother's house, to the room where my mother had conceived me. The woman speaking to the other women

When did she find the one whom her soul loved?

She found the one whom her soul loved just after she passed the watchmen in the city.

What did she do with her beloved?

She held him and would not let him go until she had brought him into her mother's house.

Song of Solomon 3:5

ULT

5 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the female gazelles or the does of the fields, do not awaken nor stir love until it desires.

UST

5 You women of Jerusalem, solemnly promise me, while the does and gazelles are listening, that you will not disturb us while we are making love until we are ready to stop. The young woman speaking to herself

What did the woman want the daughters of Jerusalem's men to promise?

The woman wanted the daughters of Jerusalem promise they would not awaken or stir love before the right time.

Song of Solomon 3:6

ULT

6 Who {is} that arising from the wilderness like a column of smoke, incensed {with} myrrh and frankincense from all the powders of the merchant?

UST

6 What is that I see coming from the wilderness, something that is stirring up dust like a column of smoke like smoke from burning myrrh and incense made from spices imported by merchants?

What did the young woman see coming from the wilderness that was perfumed with myrrh and frankincense and powders? (vv6-7)

She saw the portable litter of Solomon coming with 60 warriors around it.

Song of Solomon 3:7

ULT
7 Look—his litter, which {belongs} to Solomon; sixty warriors surround it from the warriors of Israel.

UST
7 It is Solomon’s litter carried by servants and surrounded by sixty bodyguards chosen from the strongest soldiers in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 3:8

ULT
8 All of them are grasping a sword, studied {in} war. Each one {has} his sword at his side against the terrors in the nights.

UST
8 They all have swords and they all are trained to use them. Each one has his sword strapped to his side and is prepared for dangers that can happen during the night or day.

At what were the warriors good?
The warriors were good with the sword and in warfare.

Song of Solomon 3:9

ULT
9 He made for himself a palanquin, King Solomon, from the trees of Lebanon.

UST
9 King Solomon commanded his servants to make that litter for him; it was made with wood from Lebanon.

What did King Solomon make for himself?
King Solomon made a sedan chair from wood from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 3:10

ULT

10 He made its posts {out of} silver; its back, gold; its seat, purple cloth. Its interior was fitted {with} love from the daughters of Jerusalem.

UST

10 The canopy that covered it was held up by silver posts, and the back of the litter was embroidered with gold. The seat was covered with purple cloth lovingly made by the women of Jerusalem.

What did King Solomon's sedan chair look like?

The chair had posts of silver, a back of gold, a seat of purple cloth, and was decorated and made comfortable with love.

Song of Solomon 3:11

ULT

11 Go out and look, daughters of Zion, at King Solomon, at the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the joy of his heart.

UST

11 You women of Jerusalem, come and look at King Solomon wearing the headdress that his mother put on his head on the day when he was married, the happiest day of his life.

At what did the young woman want the women of Jerusalem to look?

She wanted them to look at King Solomon.

What was King Solomon wearing on his marriage day?

He wore a crown with which his mother crowned him on his marriage day.

Song of Solomon 4

Song of Solomon 4:1

ULT

1 Look at you! {You are} beautiful, my darling. Look at you! {You are} beautiful. Your eyes {are} doves from behind your veil. Your hair {is} like a flock of goats that jump down from {the} slopes of Gilead.

UST

1 My darling, you are beautiful, you are very beautiful! Underneath your veil, your eyes are as gentle as doves. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.

How did the woman's lover describe her eyes?

Her eyes were as doves behind her veil.

How did the woman's lover describe her hair?

Her hair was like a flock of goats going down Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 4:2

ULT

2 Your teeth {are} like a flock of shorn {sheep} that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and there is not among them one which is bereaved.

UST

2 Your teeth are very white, as white as sheep whose wool people have just cut, as white as sheep that people have just washed in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides; none of them is missing.

How did her lover describe her teeth.

Her teeth were like a flock of newly shorn and washed female sheep, two of each and none missing.

Song of Solomon 4:3

ULT

3 Like a thread of scarlet {are} your lips and your mouth {is} lovely. Like a slice of pomegranate {is} your temple from behind your veil.

UST

3 Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon, and your mouth is lovely. Beneath your veil, your cheeks are round and rosy like the halves of a pomegranate.

What did the woman's beloved say about her lips and mouth.

He said her lips were like a thread of scarlet and that her mouth was lovely.

How did the woman's beloved describe her cheeks.

He described her cheeks as being like pomegranate halves behind her veil.

Song of Solomon 4:4

ULT

4 Like the tower of David {is} your neck, built of layers— a thousand shields hanging on it, all the quivers of the warriors.

UST

4 Your long neck is beautiful, like the tower of King David that was built using layers of stone. The ornaments on the necklaces around your neck are like a thousand shields hanging on the walls of a tower; each one belongs to a warrior.

How did the woman's beloved describe her neck?

He described her neck as the tower of David built in rows of stone with a thousand soldiers' shields hanging on it.

Song of Solomon 4:5

ULT

5 Your two breasts {are} like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, the ones pasturing among the lilies.

UST

5 Your breasts are as delicate as two young twin deer eating grass among lilies.

How did the woman's beloved describe her two breasts?

He described her two breasts as two fawns, twins of a gazelle, grazing among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 4:6

ULT

[6] Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.

UST

[6] Until dawn tomorrow morning, when the nighttime shadows disappear, I will lie close to your breasts, because they are like two hills that smell like sweet spices.

Where would her lover go until dawn comes and the shadows flee?

He said he would go to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.

Song of Solomon 4:7

ULT

[7] All of you {is} beautiful, my darling, and there is no blemish in you.

UST

[7] My darling, you are completely beautiful; your body is perfectly formed!

In what way was his love beautiful?

His love was beautiful in every way.

What did his beautiful love not have?

His beautiful love did not have any blemish.

Song of Solomon 4:8

ULT

[8] {Come} with me from Lebanon, {my} bride; come with me from Lebanon. Bend down from the top of Amana, from the top of Senir and Hermon, from the hiding places of lions, from the mountains of leopards.

UST

[8] My darling, it is as though you were in Lebanon far away, where I cannot reach you. Come back to me. It is as though you were on the top of Mount Hermon or the nearby peaks, where I cannot go to you. Come from the mountains, where the lions have their dens and where the leopards live on the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 4:9

ULT

9 You have enchanted my heart, my sister, {my} bride; you have enchanted my heart with one {look} from your eyes, with one jewel from your necklace.

UST

9 You who are most dear to me, when I see you, you force me to love you when I see you look at me, when I see a little of the jewelry that you wear around your neck.

What did Solomon call his bride?

Solomon called her his sister.

What did Solomon say the love of his wife was better than?

Solomon said her love was better than wine.

Song of Solomon 4:10

ULT

10 How your love is beautiful, my sister, {my} bride! How your love {is} better than wine and the smell of your oils {is better} than all spices.

UST

10 My bride, your love for me is delightful! It more delightful than wine! The fragrance of your perfume is more pleasing than any spice!

What was the smell of her perfume better than?

The smell of her perfume was better than any spice.

Song of Solomon 4:11

ULT
11 Your lips drip {with} nectar, {my} bride; honey and milk {are} under your tongue and the smell of your garments {is} like the smell of Lebanon.

UST
11 When you kiss me, it is better than when I eat honey. Your kisses are as sweet as milk mixed with honey. The aroma of your clothes is like the aroma of cedar trees in Lebanon.

With what did he say his bride's lips dripped and what was under her tongue?
He said his bride's lips dripped with nectar and she had honey and milk under her tongue.

What did the woman's clothes smell like?
Her clothes smelled like the fragrance of Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:12

ULT
12 A locked garden {is} my sister, {my} bride, a locked spring, a sealed fountain.

UST
12 You who are most dear to me, you are like a garden that the owner keeps locked in order that other men cannot enter it; you are like a spring that is covered in order that others may not drink from it.

What kind of garden and what kind of spring did Solomon say his sister, his bride, was like?
Solomon said she was like a garden locked up and a spring that was sealed.

Song of Solomon 4:13

ULT
13 Your shoots {are} an orchard of pomegranate trees with delicious fruits; henna with nard,

UST
13 You are like an orchard of pomegranate trees full of delicious fruit, and plenty of plants that produce henna and nard spices,

To what did he liken the woman's branches? (vv13-14)
He likened her branches to a grove of pomegranate trees with choice fruit and plants and all the finest spices.

Song of Solomon 4:14

ULT
14 nard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes with all the best spices;

UST
14 saffron and calamus and cinnamon and many other kinds of incense, myrrh and aloes and many other fine spices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 4:15

ULT
15 a fountain of gardens, a well of living water and flowing streams from Lebanon.

UST
15 You are like a fountain in a garden, like a spring of clear water that flows down from the mountains of Lebanon. The young woman speaking to her lover

With what kinds of water does Solomon describe his lover?
He described her as a garden spring, a well of fresh water, and streams flowing down from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:16

ULT
16 Awake, north wind, and come, south wind; blow on my garden and let its spices flow. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its delicious fruit.

UST
16 I want the north wind and the south wind to come, and blow on my garden, in order that the fragrance of the spices will spread through the air. Similarly, I want the one who loves me to come and enjoy being close to me like someone comes into a garden and enjoys eating the fruit that grows there.

On what does the young woman want the north and south winds to blow and why?
She wanted the north and south winds to blow on her garden so that its spices would give off their fragrance.

What did she want her beloved to do and to eat?
She wanted her beloved to come into his garden and to eat some of its choice fruit.

Song of Solomon 5

Song of Solomon 5:1

ULT

1 I have come to my garden, my sister, {my} bride; I have plucked my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, friends; drink and be drunk {with} love.

UST

1 You who are most dear to me, I have come to be next to you. It will be as though I am gathering myrrh with my other spices, eating my honey and honeycomb, and drinking my wine and my milk. The woman's lover speaking to her Friends, enjoy making love; fully enjoy all that you do with each other. The young woman speaking to herself

Where had Solomon come?

Solomon had come into his garden.

Song of Solomon 5:2

ULT

2 I {am} asleep, but my heart {is} awake. A sound—my beloved is knocking: "Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my perfect one, because my head {is} full of dew, my hair {is full of} the drops of the night."

UST

2 I was asleep, and I had a dream. In it I heard my lover knocking at the door. He said, "You who are dearer to me than my sister, my darling, my dear friend, my perfect one, my dove, open the door for me! My hair is wet from the dew, from the mist that has fallen during the night."

Of what was Solomon's bride dreaming?

She was dreaming of her beloved's knocking and talking.

Song of Solomon 5:3

ULT

3 "I have taken off my robe; how will I put it on? I have washed my feet; how could I get them dirty?"

UST

3 But I had already taken off my robe; I did not want to put it on again to open the door. I had already washed my feet; I did not want them to get dirty again.

What had Solomon's beloved already done?

She had already taken off her robe and washed her feet.

Song of Solomon 5:4

ULT
4 My beloved stretched out his hand through the hole and my belly roared concerning him.

UST
4 The one who loves me put his hand through the opening in the door, and I was thrilled in my inner being that he was there.

Where had Solomon put his hand?
Solomon had put his hand through the opening of the door latch.

Song of Solomon 5:5

ULT
5 I got myself up to open to my beloved and my hands dripped {with} myrrh and my fingers {dripped with} flowing myrrh on the hands of the bolt.

UST
5 I got up to open the door for him, but first I put a lot of myrrh on my hands. It was dripping from my fingers while I unlatched the bolt.

With what were the bride's hands dipping when she opened the door?
Her hands were dripping with moist myrrh.

Song of Solomon 5:6

ULT
6 I myself opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My soul went out when he spoke. I searched for him, but I did not find him; I called him, but he did not answer me.

UST
6 I opened the door for the man who loves me, but he left. He had turned away and was gone! I was very disappointed. I searched for him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he did not answer.

What did the bride find when she opened the door and how did she feel?
She found that her beloved had turned and gone, so her heart sank and she became sad.

Song of Solomon 5:7

ULT

7 The guards going about in the city found me. They beat me and wounded me; they lifted my veil from me, the guards of the walls.

UST

7 The city watchmen saw me while they were walking around the city. They beat me and wounded me because they thought I was a prostitute; those men who were guarding the city walls took my robe. The young woman speaking to the women of the city

What did the watchmen do when they found Solomon's bride?

They struck and wounded her and took away her veil.

Song of Solomon 5:8

ULT

8 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved— what will you declare to him— that sick {with} love {am} I?

UST

8 You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to take an oath that if you see the man who loves me, you will tell him that I want him so much that I feel sick. The women of the city speaking to the young woman

What did the bride ask the women of Jerusalem to promise?

She asked the women of Jerusalem to promise that if they found her beloved they would tell him she was lovesick for him.

How did the young woman's beloved make her feel?

The young woman's beloved made her feel sick with love.

Song of Solomon 5:9

ULT

9 What {is} your beloved more than {another} beloved, most beautiful woman among women? What {is} your beloved than {another} beloved, that thus you adjure us?

UST

9 You who are the fairest among women, why do you think that the one who loves you is better than other men? In what way is he better than other men? Why do you want us to swear that we will tell him that? The young woman speaking to the women of the city

What did the young women ask of the bride?

They asked her how and why her beloved is better than another beloved.

Song of Solomon 5:10

ULT
10 My beloved {is} shimmering and red, able to be distinguished from ten thousand {other} people.

UST
10 It is because the man who loves me is handsome and healthy, outstanding among other men.

How did the young woman describe her beloved?
She described him as radiant, ruddy, and outstanding.

Song of Solomon 5:11

ULT
11 His head {is} refined gold; his hairs {are} wavy, black like the raven.

UST
11 His head is beautiful, like purest gold; his hair is wavy and as black as a raven.

How did the woman describe her beloved's head and hair?
She described his head as pure gold and his hair as curly and black.

Song of Solomon 5:12

ULT
12 His eyes {are} like doves beside rivers of water, bathed in milk, sitting by the pools.

UST
12 His eyes as gentle as doves along the streams; the white parts of his eyes are as white as milk, with what resembles jewels inlaid in them.

How did the woman describe her beloved's eyes?
She described his eyes like doves washed in milk.

Song of Solomon 5:13

ULT

13 His cheeks {are} like planters of spices, towers of herbal spices. His lips {are} lilies, dripping {with} flowing myrrh.

UST

13 His cheeks are like a garden full of spice trees that produce sweet-smelling perfume. His lips are like lilies that have myrrh dripping from them.

How did Solomon's bride describe his cheeks and lips?

She described his cheeks like spice gardens and his lips as myrrh soaked lilies.

Song of Solomon 5:14

ULT

14 His arms {are} rods of gold mounted with topaz; his belly {is} a plate of ivory covered {with} sapphires.

UST

14 His arms are like gold rods that have rounded ends, and that are decorated with precious stones. His body is like ivory that is decorated with sapphires.

How did the woman describe her beloved's arms and abdomen?

She described his arms as gold with jewels and his abdomen as ivory covered with sapphires.

Song of Solomon 5:15

ULT

15 His thighs {are} pillars of alabaster set on bases of gold; his appearance {is} like Lebanon, {as} choice as the cedars.

UST

15 His legs are like marble columns that are set in bases made of pure gold. He is majestic, like the mountains of Lebanon, like delightful cedar trees.

How did the woman describe her beloved's legs and his appearance?

She described his legs as marble pillars with gold bases and his appearance like Lebanon, as special as the cedars.

Song of Solomon 5:16

ULT

16 His mouth {is} most sweet, and all of him {is} most desirable. This {is} my beloved, and this {is} my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.

UST

16 His kisses are very sweet; he is completely attractive. You young women of Jerusalem, this is why the man who loves me is better than all other men.

How did Solomon's bride describe her beloved's mouth and Solomon to Jerusalem's daughters?

She described his mouth as most sweet and that Solomon was most desirable.

Song of Solomon 6

Song of Solomon 6:1

ULT

[1] Where did he go, your beloved, most beautiful woman among women? Where did he turn, your beloved, and let us seek him with you?

UST

[1] You who are the most beautiful of the women, where has the one who loves you gone? If you tell us which direction he went, we will go with you to search for him. The young woman speaking to herself

What questions do the women of Jerusalem ask of the young woman?

They ask her where her beloved has gone and in what direction has he gone?

For what did the young women want to seek?

The young women wanted to seek for the young woman's beloved.

Song of Solomon 6:2

ULT

[2] My beloved went down to his garden, to the planters of spices, in order to graze in the gardens and in order to glean lilies.

UST

[2] The one who loves me has come to me, I, who am like his garden, He has come to enjoy my charms, to enjoy cuddling embracing me and kissing my lips, which are like lilies.

What does the young woman say her beloved was doing?

The young woman said he was in his spice gardens to graze in the garden and gather lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:3

ULT

3 I {belong} to my beloved, and my beloved {belongs} to me; he grazes among the lilies.

UST

3 I belong to the one who loves me, and the one who loves me belongs to me. He has pleasure in kissing my lips, like sheep enjoy grazing. The woman's lover speaking to her

To whom did the young woman and her lover belong?

The young woman and her lover belonged to each other.

Where did the young woman's lover graze?

The young woman's lover grazed among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:4

ULT

4 You {are} beautiful, my darling, like Tirzah, lovely like Jerusalem, terrifying like bannered armies.

UST

4 My darling, you are beautiful, as Tirzah the capital city of Israel and Jerusalem the capital city of Judah are beautiful; you make me tremble, just as if I had seen a great army approach.

What two cities did the woman's lover use to describe her?

He described her as two cities, Tirzah and Jerusalem.

How did her beloved feel about her?

He felt that she was completely beautiful and lovely, but also terrifying.

Song of Solomon 6:5

ULT

5 Turn your eyes away from me, because they excite me. Your hair {is} like the flock of goats that jump down from Gilead.

UST

5 Stop looking at me like that, because your eyes excite me very much. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.

Why did the woman's lover want her to turn her eyes away from him?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn her eyes away from him because her eyes excited him.

How did the woman's lover describe her hair?

He described her hair as a flock of goats descending the slopes of Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 6:6

ULT

6 Your teeth {are} like a flock of ewes that come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and there is not among them one which is bereaved.

UST

6 Your teeth are very white like a flock of sheep whose wool has just been shorn and have come up from being washed in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides; none of them is missing.

How did her lover describe her teeth?

He described her teeth as a flock of ewes, each with twins and none missing, coming up from the washing place.

Song of Solomon 6:7

ULT

7 Like a slice of a pomegranate {are} your temples from behind your veil.

UST

7 Beneath your veil, your cheeks are like the halves of a pomegranate. The woman's lover speaking to himself

How did her lover describe her cheeks?

Her lover described her cheeks as pomegranate halves behind her veil.

Song of Solomon 6:8

ULT

8 Sixty {are} they, queens, and eighty concubines and marriageable women without number.

UST

8 Even if a king had 60 queens and 80 concubines and more young women than anyone can count,

How many other women did the woman's lover say there were?

He said there were 60 queens, 80 concubines, and young women without number.

Song of Solomon 6:9

ULT

9 One {is} she, my dove; my perfect one—one {is} she to her mother; pure {is} she to the woman who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines—they praised her:

UST

9 none of them would be like my dove, who is perfect, you who are your mother's only daughter, whom your mother considers to be very precious. Other young women who see you say that you are fortunate, and the queens and concubines recognize that you are very beautiful. What the queens and the concubines said

How did the woman's lover describe his dove?

The woman's lover described her as undefiled, the only one, and the special and favorite daughter of her mother.

What did the queens and the concubines say about her when they saw her?

The queens and concubines called her blessed and praised her.

Song of Solomon 6:10

ULT

10 "Who {is} that, the woman who looks down like {the} dawn, beautiful like the moon, pure like the sun, terrifying like the bannered army?"

UST

10 Who is this who looks like the dawn, who is as beautiful to look at as the moon, who is an endless mystery? The woman's lover speaking to himself

How did the woman's lover describe her?

The woman's lover described her like the dawn, the moon, the sun, and completely awesome.

Song of Solomon 6:11

ULT

11 To the garden of {the} nut tree I went down, to look at the green shoots of the valley, to see—had the vines blossomed? Had the pomegranates bloomed?

UST

11 I went down to some walnut trees to look at the new plants that were growing in the valley. I wanted to see if the grapevines had budded and if the pomegranate trees were blooming.

Why did the woman's lover go into the grove of nut trees?

The woman's lover went into the grove of nut trees to see if the vines had budded and the pomegranates were in bloom.

Song of Solomon 6:12

ULT

12 I did not know—my soul put me {among} the chariots of my people, a noble.

UST

12 I was as happy as if I were riding in a chariot belonging to a prince. The woman's lover speaking to her

How did the woman's lover feel.

The woman's lover felt as though he were riding in the chariot of a prince.

Song of Solomon 6:13

ULT

13 Return, return, Shulammite, return, return and let us look at you. Why do you look at the Shulammite like the dance of two armies?

UST

13 You who are the perfect one, come back to us, in order that I may see you! The young woman speaking to her lover Why do you want to look at me, the one who is perfect, dancing between two rows of dancers?

What did the woman's lover want her to do?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn back to him.

Why did the woman's lover want her to turn to him?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn to him so that he may gaze on her.

What did the young woman ask her beloved?

The young woman why he looked at her as though mesmerized (like the dance between two armies).

Song of Solomon 7

Song of Solomon 7:1

ULT

1 How your feet are beautiful in sandals, daughter of a noble. The curves of your thighs {are} like ornaments, the work of the hands of a craftsman.

UST

1 You, the daughter of a prince, have lovely feet in your sandals. Your curved hips are like jewels that have been made by a skilled craftsman.

How did Solomon describe his lover's feet in her sandals and the curves of her thighs?

He described her feet in her sandals as beautiful and the curves of her thighs like jewels.

Song of Solomon 7:2

ULT

2 Your navel {is} the rounded bowl— let it never lack spiced wine. Your belly {is} a heap of wheat fenced with the lilies.

UST

2 Your navel is like a round bowl that I hope will always be full of wine mixed with spices. Your waist is like a pile of wheat with lilies growing around it.

How did Solomon describe his love's navel and belly?

Solomon described his love's navel as a round bowl which never lacks mixed wine and her belly as mound of wheat surrounded with lilies.

Song of Solomon 7:3

ULT

3 Your two breasts {are} like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

UST

3 Your breasts are as delicate as two young twin deer.

How did Solomon describe his lover's two breasts?

Solomon described her two breasts like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

Song of Solomon 7:4

ULT

4 Your neck {is} like a tower of ivory. Your eyes {are} pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose {is} like the tower of Lebanon, looking {to the} face of Damascus.

UST

4 Your neck is like a tower made of ivory. Your eyes sparkle like the pools in the city of Heshbon, near the Bath Rabbim Gate. Your nose is long, like the tower in Lebanon that faces Damascus.

How did Solomon describe his lover's neck, eyes, and nose?

Solomon described her neck as an ivory tower, her eyes like a pool, and her nose like the tower in Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 7:5

ULT

5 Your head on you {is} like Carmel, and the loose hair of your head {is} like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses.

UST

5 Your head is majestic like Mount Carmel. Your long hair is shiny and black; it is as though I, your king, am captured by your tresses.

How did Solomon describe his lover's head and hair?

Solomon described her head like Mount Carmel and her hair as dark.

Song of Solomon 7:6

ULT

6 How you are beautiful and how you are lovely— love with delights!

UST

6 My love, you are so beautiful and lovely with all your delights.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Song of Solomon 7:7

ULT

7 This is your height—it resembles a palm tree, and your breasts {resemble} bunches of grapes.

UST

7 You are stately like a palm tree, and your breasts are like grape clusters.

How did Solomon describe his lover and her breasts?

He described her height as a date palm tree and her breasts as clusters of grapes.

Song of Solomon 7:8

ULT

8 I said, “I will go up {the} palm tree; I will grab hold of its fruit stalks.” And, please, let your breasts be like the bunches of the vine, and {let the} smell of your nose {be} like apples,

UST

8 I said to myself, “I will climb that palm tree and take hold of those clusters of dates.” I want your breasts to be also like clusters of grapes that I can feel; I want your breath to be like the sweet fragrance of apricots.

What did he also want his lover’s breasts and breath to be like?

He also wanted his lover’s breasts to be like grape clusters and her breath to be sweet like the smell of an apple.

Song of Solomon 7:9

ULT

9 and {let} your mouth {be} like the best wine, going down to my beloved smoothly, gliding over the lips of those who sleep.

UST

9 I want your kisses to be like very good wine. When I kiss you, the woman who loves me, I want it to be as if it was wine flowing over our mouths and teeth. The young woman speaking to her lover

What did he want his lover’s mouth to be like?

He wanted her mouth to be like the best wine.

Song of Solomon 7:10

ULT

10 I {belong} to my beloved and his longing {is} for me.

UST

10 I belong to the man who loves me, and he desires me.

To whom did the young woman belong and whom did he desire?

The young woman belonged to her beloved and her beloved desired her.

Song of Solomon 7:11

ULT

11 Come, my beloved, let us go out {to} the fields; let us spend the night in the villages.

UST

11 You who love me, let us go to the countryside, and sleep in a village somewhere.

Where did the young woman want her beloved to go with her?

She wanted him to go into the countryside to spend the night in the villages.

Song of Solomon 7:12

ULT

12 Let us go early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded, {if} the blossoms have opened, {if} the pomegranates are blooming. There I will give my love to you.

UST

12 And let us go early to the vineyards to see if the grapevines have budded and if there are blossoms on them that have opened, and see if the pomegranate trees are blooming, and there I will allow you to make love to me.

Why did she want her beloved to rise early?

She wanted him to rise early to see if the vines in the vineyards had budded and the pomegranates had begun blooming.

What did she say she would give her beloved when they got to the vineyards?

She said she would give him her love.

Song of Solomon 7:13

ULT

13 The mandrakes give off a smell and beside our doors {are} every choice thing— new things, even old things. My beloved, I have stored {these} up for you.

UST

13 The mandrake plants are producing a fragrant odor, and we are surrounded by delightful pleasures, new ones and old ones, pleasures that I have been saving to give to you, the man who loves me.

What did she say the mandrakes would do?

She said the mandrakes would give off their fragrance.

What did she say was at the door where she and her lover were staying?

She said that at the door where they were staying there were all sorts of choice fruits, new and old, that she had stored up for him.

Song of Solomon 8

Song of Solomon 8:1

ULT

1 Who will give you like a brother to me, who nursed at the breasts of my mother? I will find you outside. I will kiss you. Also they will not despise me.

UST

1 I wish that everyone knew that we love each other, just as they all know that I have a brother, my own brother, who nursed at my mother's breasts. Then whenever I met you outside, I could kiss you, and no one would criticize me.

What did the woman wish that her lover was like and why?
She wished he were like her brother so that she could kiss her lover at any time and no one would despise her.

Song of Solomon 8:2

ULT

2 I will lead you; I will bring you to the house of my mother. She will teach me. I will make you drink from the wine of spice, from the juice of my pomegranate.

UST

2 No one would object if I led you to our mother's house, to where our mother, who taught me so many things, lives. I would like to take you to our mother's house so I could make love to you there. That would be as delightful as juice squeezed from pomegranates, as wine mixed with spices. The young woman speaking to herself

Where would the woman have liked to bring her lover?
She would have liked to bring him to her mother's house.

Song of Solomon 8:3

ULT

3 His left hand {is} under my head and his right hand embraces me.

UST

3 Oh yes! He will put his left arm under my head, and he will hold me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the other women

What were her lover's left and right hands doing?
His left hand was holding her head and his right hand was hugging her.

Song of Solomon 8:4

ULT

4 I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem: do not stir up and do not awaken love before it pleases.

UST

4 I want you to promise me, you women of Jerusalem, that you will not disturb us while we are making love until we are ready to stop." The women of Jerusalem speaking

What did the woman want Jerusalem's women to promise?

The woman wanted Jerusalem's women to promise that they would not stir up love before its proper time.

Song of Solomon 8:5

ULT

5 Who {is} that coming up from the wilderness, leaning against her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother was in labor {with} you; there she was in labor; she gave birth {to} you.

UST

5 Who is that woman who is coming up from the wilderness, the woman who is leaning on the man who loves her? The young woman speaking to her lover I woke you up when you were under the apricot tree at the place where your mother conceived you, the place where she gave birth to you.

What did the women of Jerusalem ask?

They asked who was coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved.

What did the young woman tell her lover when she woke him under the apple tree?

She told him that his mother had conceived and given birth to him under the apple tree.

Song of Solomon 8:6

ULT

6 Place me like the seal on your heart, like the seal on your arm, because strong like death {is} love; hard as Sheol {is} jealousy. Its flashes {are} flashes of fire, the flame of Yahweh.

UST

6 Keep me close to you, like a seal on your heart, or like a bracelet on your arm. Our love for each other is as powerful as death; it is as strong as the grave. It is as though our love for each other bursts into flames and burns like a hot fire.

What did the young woman want her lover to do and why?

She wanted him to set her as a seal over his heart, because love is as strong as death, and jealousy flashes like a hot flame.

Song of Solomon 8:7

ULT

7 Many waters are not able to quench {this} love and rivers will not drown it. If a man will give all {the} wealth of his house in exchange for love, they will utterly despise him.

UST

7 Nothing can stop us from loving each other, not even a flood. If a man tried to cause a woman to love him by saying he would give her everything that is in his house, she would refuse. The young woman's brothers speaking among themselves

What couldn't stop love?

Floods of water could put out the fire of love.

Song of Solomon 8:8

ULT

8 A sister {belongs} to us—a little one— and breasts there are not for her. What will we do with our sister on the day when it is spoken for her?

UST

8 We have a younger sister, and her breasts are not large yet. So this is what we should do for her on the day that we promise some young man that he can marry her:

What did the woman's brothers say about their little sister?

They said that her breasts had not yet grown and that they wondered what they would do for her when she was promised in marriage.

Song of Solomon 8:9

ULT

9 If she {is} a wall, we will build on her a battlement of silver. And if she {is} a door, we will lay siege against her with boards of cedar.

UST

9 If her chest is as flat as a wall, we will decorate it by putting silver jewels that are like towers on her. If she is as flat as a door, we will decorate her with bits of cedar wood. The young woman speaking to herself

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a wall?

If she were a wall, they would build a tower of silver on her.

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a door?

If she were a door, they would adorn her with boards of cedar.

Song of Solomon 8:10

ULT

10 I {was} a wall and my breasts {were} like towers; then I was in his eyes like a person who finds peace.

UST

10 My chest was previously flat like a wall, but now my breasts are big like towers. So I am delightful to my beloved. The young woman speaking to himself

How did the young woman describe herself?

She described herself as a wall with breasts like fortress towers and completely mature.

Song of Solomon 8:11

ULT

11 {There} was a vineyard for Solomon in Baal Hamon. He gave the vineyard to keepers. Each person brought in exchange for its fruit a thousand {pieces of} silver.

UST

11 King Solomon had a vineyard at Baal Hamon, and he rented it to people for them to farm it. He required each one to pay him one thousand pieces of silver each year for the grapes that they harvested.

What did the young woman say that Solomon did with his vineyard at Baal Hamon?

Solomon leased his vineyard to those who would take care of it.

Song of Solomon 8:12

ULT

12 My vineyard that {belongs} to me {is} to my face. The thousand {belong} to you, Solomon, and the two hundred {belong} to the people who kept its fruit.

UST

12 But my body is like my own vineyard, and you, my lover whom I call “Solomon,” I am giving it to you. You do not need to pay me a thousand pieces of silver to enjoy my body, but I will give two hundred pieces of silver to those who take care of me. The woman’s lover speaking to her

What does the young woman say about her own vineyard and those who maintained it?

She said the 1000 shekels that it brought belonged to Solomon and that those who maintained it would get 200 shekels.

Song of Solomon 8:13

ULT

13 {You} who reside in the gardens; companions are listening intently for your voice— let me hear it.

UST

13 You are staying in the gardens, my friends are listening to your voice; so allow me to hear it, too! The young woman speaking to her lover

What did the woman's lover say to her who lived in the gardens about what his friends, as well as he, wanted to hear?

He said that his friends, as well as he, wanted to be the ones to hear her voice.

Song of Solomon 8:14

ULT

14 Flee away, my beloved, and resemble a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of the balsam tree.

UST

14 You who love me, come to me quickly; run to me like a gazelle or young deer, because I am as delightful as hills of spices.

What did the young woman want her beloved to do and be like?

She wanted her beloved to hurry and to be like a deer.

Isaiah

Isaiah 1

Isaiah 1:1

ULT

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, that he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, {and} Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

UST

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, that Yahweh showed him about Judah and Jerusalem during the years of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Who was Isaiah?
Isaiah was the son of Amoz.

What was Isaiah's vision about?
Isaiah's vision was about Judah and Jerusalem.

When did Isaiah have his vision?
Isaiah had his vision in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah 1:2

ULT

2 Hear, heavens, and give ear, earth; for Yahweh has spoken: "Children I have raised and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.

UST

2 Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, because this is what Yahweh said: "I have raised people since they were born, but they have rebelled against me.

Why should the heavens hear and the earth listen?
The heavens should hear and the earth should listen because Yahweh has spoken.

What has Yahweh done?
He has nourished and brought up children

What have Yahweh's children done?
They have rebelled against Yahweh

Isaiah 1:3

ULT

[3] The ox knows his owner, and the donkey the feeding trough of his master, {but} Israel does not know, my people does not understand.”

UST

[3] Oxen know their owners, and donkeys know who feeds them, but Israel does not know; Israel does not understand.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:4

ULT

[4] Woe! Sinful nation, people heavy with iniquity, seed of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned Yahweh, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they have estranged themselves from him.

UST

[4] Terrible things will happen to this sinful nation, this people group weighted down by their sin, these children of people who do evil things, these sons who are unjust. They have left Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel. They have turned away from him.

How is the nation described?

They are described as sinners, people full of iniquity, offspring of evil doers and sons that act corruptly.

What has the nation done?

They have abandoned Yahweh, estranging themselves from and despising the Holy One of Israel

Isaiah 1:5

ULT

[5] Why should you still be beaten, should you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, the whole heart is weak.

UST

[5] Why do you do things for which Yahweh should punish you? Why do you continue to rebel against him? You are like someone whose whole mind and heart are sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:6

ULT

[6] From the sole of the foot to the head {there is} no health in it; {but} bruises, and sores, and fresh wounds; they have not been pressed out, and they have not been bandaged, and they have not been softened with oil.

UST

[6] From the bottom of the foot to the top of the head, nothing is healthy. There are open wounds, cuts, and sores that have not been cleaned or bandaged, and no one has put oil on them to heal them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:7

ULT

[7] Your land {is} a desolation; your cities {are} burned with fire; your field—in front of you strangers are devouring it; a desolation as the overthrowing of strangers.

UST

[7] Enemies have ruined your country; they have burned your towns, and there is no one left. Foreigners plunder the crops in your fields while you watch; they destroy everything that they see.

What is the condition of their country and cities?

Their country is desolate and their cities are burned

Isaiah 1:8

ULT

[8] And Daughter Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a shed in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

UST

[8] The city of Jerusalem has become as small as a shepherd’s hut. It is like a shelter in a vineyard; it is like a watchman’s hut in a field of melons. It is a city surrounded by its enemies who are waiting to attack it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:9

ULT

9 If Yahweh of hosts had not left for us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.

UST

9 If Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, had not allowed a few of his people to survive, we would have all been destroyed, like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

What has Yahweh left them?

He has left them a very small remnant.

Isaiah 1:10

ULT

10 Hear the word of Yahweh, rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, people of Gomorrah:

UST

10 Listen to what Yahweh has to say to you, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:11

ULT

11 “What is the multitude of your sacrifices to me?” says Yahweh. “I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fatted beasts; and in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats I do not delight.

UST

11 “What do your many sacrifices mean to me?” says Yahweh; “I do not want any more burnt offerings of rams, or the fat of bulls. The blood of bulls, lambs, or goats does not make me happy.

What does not delight Yahweh?

He does not delight in the blood of bullocks, lambs and male goats.

Isaiah 1:12

ULT

12 When you come to appear before me, who has required this of you, to trample my courts?

UST

12 When you come to my temple to worship me, who has told you to tramp around in my courtyard while you perform all those rituals?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:13

ULT

13 Do not continue to bring an offering of worthlessness; incense is an abomination to me; new moon and Sabbath and calling of asssemblies—I cannot endure iniquity with a festive assembly.

UST

13 Stop bringing to me those offerings, because they are useless to me; I am disgusted with the incense that the priests burn! And your feasts to celebrate the new moon each month and your Sabbath days and your other festivals— I hate them because of the wicked things that you do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:14

ULT

14 My soul hates your new moons and your appointed feasts; they are a burden to me; I have become weary with carrying.

UST

14 I hate all your celebrations of the new moon and the other festivals that you celebrate. They are like a heavy burden that I am tired of carrying.

What does Yahweh hate?

He hates their new moons and appointed feasts

Isaiah 1:15

ULT
15 So when you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you multiply prayer, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

UST
15 So when you lift up your hands to pray to me, I will not look at you. Even if you pray to me often, I will not listen to you, because it is as though your hands are covered with the blood of people whom you have killed.

Why will Yahweh not hear their prayers?
He will not hear because their hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 1:16

ULT
16 Wash, cleanse yourselves; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; stop doing evil;

UST
16 Wash your hearts and become clean! Get rid of your evil behavior! Stop doing things that are wrong!

What does Yahweh tell them to do? (vv16-17)
Yahweh tells them to stop being evil; learn to do good; seek justice, help the oppressed, give justice to the fatherless and defend the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

ULT
17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct the oppressor, [1] give justice to the fatherless, contend for the widow."

UST
17 Learn to do deeds that are good and try to cause people to do what is just. Stop people from mistreating others, and defend orphans and widows when people take them to court."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:18

ULT
18 “Come now, and let us argue together,” says Yahweh; “though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white like snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.

UST
18 Yahweh says, “You need to think about what you do. Even though your sins are like scarlet red, they will be as white as snow; though your sins are like crimson red, they will be as white as sheeps’ wool.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:19

ULT
19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land,

UST
19 If you are willing to obey me, you will eat good food from the land.

What must they do to eat the good of the land?
They must be willing and obedient.

Isaiah 1:20

ULT
20 but if you refuse and rebel, by the sword you will be devoured,” for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.

UST
20 But if you turn away from me and rebel against me, your enemies will slaughter you.” That will happen because Yahweh said it.

What will happen if they refuse and rebel?
The sword will devour them

Isaiah 1:21

ULT

21 How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She who was full of justice—righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers.

UST

21 At one time you people of Jerusalem faithfully worshiped only Yahweh, but now you have become like prostitutes who are not faithful to any husband. The people there always acted justly and righteously, but now your city is full of murderers.

What was the faithful city like before she became a prostitute?

The faithful city was full of justice and righteousness.

What did the faithful city become full of?

The faithful city became full of murderers.

Isaiah 1:22

ULT

22 Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water.

UST

22 Your silver is no longer pure, and your wine has become mixed with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:23

ULT

23 Your princes {are} rebels and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes and runs after payoffs. They do not defend the fatherless, and the legal plea of the widow does not come before them.

UST

23 Your leaders are rebels; they are friends of thieves. They all want to get money and make others to give them gifts in order to decide cases in court in their favor. They do not defend orphans in court, and they do not help widows to get what they should receive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:24

ULT
24 Therefore this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: “Woe! I will take vengeance against my adversaries, and avenge myself against my enemies;

UST
24 Therefore Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the mighty God of Israel, says, “I will get revenge against those who are against me, and avenge myself on my enemies.

What will Yahweh do?
He will take vengeance against his adversaries.

Isaiah 1:25

ULT
25 I will turn my hand against you, refine away your dross as with lye, and take away all your dross.

UST
25 I will raise my fist to strike you, and I will punish you severely, as though you were silver and I needed to heat you very greatly to melt you and get rid of the impurities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:26

ULT
26 I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterwards you will be called the city of righteousness, a faithful town.”

UST
26 After that happens, I will give you good judges like you had in the past. You will have wise counselors like you had long ago. Then people will call your city a city where people act righteously, a faithful city.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:27

ULT
27 Zion will be redeemed by justice, and her repentant ones by righteousness.

UST
27 Because the people of Jerusalem will do what is fair, Yahweh will restore their city, and he will save those who repent because of their righteousness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:28

ULT
28 Rebels and sinners {will be} crushed together, and those who abandon Yahweh will come to an end.

UST
28 But he will crush rebels and sinners, and those who forsake him will disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:29

ULT
29 “For they will be ashamed of the sacred oak trees that you desired, and you will be embarrassed by the gardens that you have chosen.

UST
29 “You will be ashamed because you worshiped idols under the oak trees that you thought were sacred, and you will be disgraced because you worshiped idols in the gardens that you loved so much.

What will make them ashamed and embarrassed?
They will be ashamed of the sacred oak trees they desired and embarrassed by the gardens they have chosen

Isaiah 1:30

ULT
30 For you will be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water.

UST
30 You will be like a very large tree that has withered leaves, like a garden that has dried up because it has no water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:31

ULT

31 The strong man will be like tinder, and his work like a spark; both of them will burn together, and there will be no one to quench {them}.”

1:17 [1] , some versions have .

UST

31 Those among you who are very strong will become like dry wood, and the work they do will be like a spark. Both they and the evil things that they do will burn up, and no one will be able to put out the fire.”

What will happen to the strong man and his work?

They will both burn together

Isaiah 2

Isaiah 2:1

ULT

[1] The things that Isaiah son of Amoz perceived in a vision, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

[1] This is a message that Yahweh gave to Isaiah son of Amoz, in a vision about Judah and Jerusalem.

What did the word that Isaiah saw concern?

The word Isaiah saw concerned Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:2

ULT

[2] It will be in the last days {that} the mountain of Yahweh's house will be established as the highest of the mountains, and it will be raised up above the hills, and all the nations will flow to it.

UST

[2] In the future, the hill on which Yahweh's temple is built will be the most important place on the earth. It will be as though it is the highest mountain, as though it has been raised up above all other hills, and people from all over the world will come there.

What will happen in the latter days?

In the latter days the mountain of Yahweh's house will be established.

Who will come into Yahweh's house?

All nations will flow to it.

Isaiah 2:3

ULT

3 Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob, so he may teach us some of his ways, and we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion will go the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

UST

3 People from many people groups will say to each other, “Come, let us go up to the hill, to the temple of Yahweh, to worship the God whom Jacob worshiped. There he will teach us what he desires us to know, in order that our behavior will please him.” They will teach us in Jerusalem; we will learn there what Yahweh desires to tell us.

Why will many people go up to the mountain of Yahweh?

They will go up to be taught some of Yahweh’s ways.

Isaiah 2:4

ULT

4 He will judge between the nations and will render decisions for many peoples; they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any longer.

UST

4 Yahweh will listen to the disputes between nations, and he will settle their arguments. Then, instead of fighting against each other, they will hammer their swords into plow blades, and they will hammer their spears into pruning knives. The armies of the nations will no longer fight against each other, and they will not even train men to fight in battles.

What will Yahweh do for the nations and many peoples?

Yahweh will judge them and render decisions.

What will the nations not do?

They will not lift up the sword against one another or train for war.

Isaiah 2:5

ULT

5 House of Jacob, come, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh.

UST

5 You descendants of Jacob, let us behave in the way that we should because Yahweh is with us!

What is the house of Jacob told to do?

They are told to walk in the light of Yahweh.

Isaiah 2:6

ULT

6 For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with customs from the east and they practice divination like the Philistines, and they shake hands with sons of foreigners.

UST

6 Yahweh, you have abandoned us, your people who are descendants of Jacob, because everywhere your people practice the customs of people who live east of Israel. They also perform rituals to find out what will happen in the future, like the people in Philistia do. They make agreements with foreigners who do not know Yahweh.

What has Yahweh done?

He has abandoned his people, the house of Jacob.

Why has Yahweh abandoned the house of Jacob?

He has abandoned them because they are filled with customs from the east and are omen readers like the Philistines, and they shake hands with sons of foreigners.

Isaiah 2:7

ULT

7 Their land is full of silver and gold, and is there no limit to their wealth; their land also is full of horses, nor is there limit to their chariots.

UST

7 Israel is full of silver and gold; there are very many treasures here. The land is full of war horses and war chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:8

ULT
8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the craftsmanship of their own hands, things that their own fingers have made.

UST
8 But the land is also full of idols; the people worship things that they have made with their own hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:9

ULT
9 The people will be bowed down, and individuals will fall down; therefore do not raise them up.

UST
9 So now they will be humbled; Yahweh will disgrace them. Yahweh, do not forgive them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:10

ULT
10 Go into the rocky places and hide in the ground from the terror of Yahweh and from the glory of his majesty.

UST
10 All you people should crawl into the caves in the rock cliffs! You should hide in pits in the ground because you will be afraid of Yahweh and of his glorious and awesome power.

Why should the house of Jacob enter into the rocky places and hide in the dust?
They should hide because of the terror of Yahweh and the glory of his majesty.

Isaiah 2:11

ULT

11 The lofty gaze of man will be brought low, and the pride of men will be brought down, and Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

UST

11 Yahweh will cause you people to no longer be arrogant and he will stop you from being proud. On that day people will praise and honor only Yahweh.

What will happen to the lofty gaze and pride of men?

They will be brought low and brought down.

Who will be exalted on that day?

Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

Isaiah 2:12

ULT

12 For there will be a day of Yahweh of hosts against everyone who is proud and raised up, and against everyone who is arrogant—and he will be {brought} down—

UST

12 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has chosen a day when he will judge those who are proud, every one of them, and he will humble them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:13

ULT

13 and against all the cedars of Lebanon {that are} high and lifted up, and against all the oaks of Bashan.

UST

13 He will get rid of all those who think others should admire them, like the tall cedar trees in Lebanon, and like all the great oak trees in the region of Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:14

ULT

14 That day of Yahweh of hosts will be against all the high mountains, and against all the hills {that are} lifted up,

UST

14 He will get rid of all those who think they are as great as all the high hills, as great as the high mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:15

ULT

15 and against every high tower, and against every impregnable wall,

UST

15 He will get rid of all those who think that they are like high towers and high strong walls inside of which they are safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:16

ULT

16 and against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all beautiful sailing vessels.

UST

16 He will destroy all those who are rich because they own big ships that carry goods to other countries and own other beautiful ships, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:17

ULT

17 The pride of man will be brought low, and the haughtiness of men will fall; Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

UST

17 He will cause people to no longer be arrogant, and he will cause them to stop being proud. On that day people will praise and honor only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:18

ULT
18 The idols will completely pass away.

UST
18 All idols will disappear then.

What will happen to the idols?
They will completely pass away.

Isaiah 2:19

ULT
19 Men will go into the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.

UST
19 When Yahweh comes to terrify the people on the earth, they will run to hide in caves in rock cliffs and in holes in the ground, because they are afraid of Yahweh and of his glorious and awesome power.

Where will men go on that day?
They will go into caves of the rocks and holes of the ground.

Isaiah 2:20

ULT
20 On that day people will throw away their idols of silver and of gold that they have made for themselves to worship—they will throw them away to the moles and bats.

UST
20 On that day, people will get rid of all their gold and silver idols that they made to worship, and they will throw them to the bats and rats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:21

ULT

21 The people will go into the crevices in the rocks and into the clefts of the {ragged} rocks, from the terror of Yahweh and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.

UST

21 Then they will crawl into caves and hide in holes in the cliffs. They will try to escape from Yahweh, who is coming to punish them; They will fear what he will do because he is glorious and awesome, when he comes to terrify the people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:22

ULT

22 Stop trusting in man, whose life-breath {is} in his nostrils, for what does he amount to?

UST

22 So do not trust that people will save you, because they are as powerless as a person’s breath. People certainly cannot help you!

Who is the house of Jacob told to stop trusting?

They are told to stop trusting in man.

Isaiah 3

Isaiah 3:1

ULT

[1] See, the Lord Yahweh of hosts is about to take away from Jerusalem and from Judah support and staff: the whole supply of bread and the whole supply of water,

UST

[1] Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is about to take away from Jerusalem and other places in Judah everything that you depend on— all food and water.

What is Yahweh about to take away from Jerusalem and Judah?

Yahweh is about to take away their support and staff.

Isaiah 3:2

ULT

[2] the mighty man and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the one who practices divination and the elder,

UST

[2] He will take away heroes and other soldiers, judges and prophets, people who do rituals to find out what will happen in the future and the elders,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:3

ULT

[3] the captain of fifty and the respected citizen, the counselor, the expert craftsman and the skillful enchanter.

UST

[3] army officers and other important people, advisors, skilled craftsmen, and those who perform rituals of magic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:4

ULT

4 “I will place mere youths as their leaders, and the young will rule over them.

UST

4 Yahweh says, “I will appoint boys to be leaders; young children will rule.

Who will lead Judah and Jerusalem?

Youths will lead them and the young will rule over them.

Isaiah 3:5

ULT

5 The people will be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor; the child will insult the elderly, and the degraded will challenge the honorable.

UST

5 People will treat each other cruelly: people will fight against their neighbors. Young people will say shameful things against older people, and vulgar people will sneer at people whom others usually honor.

Who will oppress the people?

The people will be oppressed by each other and everyone by his neighbor.

Isaiah 3:6

ULT

6 A man will even take hold of his brother in his father’s house {and say}, ‘You have a coat; be our ruler, and {let} this ruin {be} in your hands.’

UST

6 At that time, someone will grab one of his brothers in his father’s house and say to him, ‘You still have a coat; people respect you for that. So you be our leader! You rule this city, which is now a pile of ruins.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:7

ULT
7 On that day he will shout and say, ‘I will not be a healer; I have no bread or clothing. You will not make me ruler of the people.’”

UST
7 But his brother will reply, ‘No, I cannot help you, because I do not have any extra food or clothes in this house. So do not make me your leader!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:8

ULT
8 For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their speech and their actions {are} against Yahweh, defying the eyes of his glory.

UST
8 The people in Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah have disobeyed God, because everything that the people do and say there opposes Yahweh, the powerful and glorious one, and they refuse to obey him. They rebel against him.

Why is Jerusalem ruined and Judah fallen?
They are ruined and fallen because their speech and actions are against Yahweh.

Isaiah 3:9

ULT
9 The look on their faces witnesses against them; and they tell of their sin like Sodom; they do not hide {it.} Woe to them! For they have completed a catastrophe for themselves.

UST
9 They even show on their faces that they oppose Yahweh. They are proud about their sins, like the people of Sodom were long ago; they do not try to hide their sins; they talk about them. Because of their sins, terrible things will certainly happen to them.

What witnesses against Judah and Jerusalem?
The look on their faces witnesses against them.

Isaiah 3:10

ULT
10 Tell the righteous person that it will be well, for they will eat the fruit of their deeds.

UST
10 You people must tell the righteous people that good things will happen to them; they will enjoy the blessings that they will receive for their good deeds.

What will happen to the righteous?
It will be well with the righteous.

Isaiah 3:11

ULT
11 Woe to the wicked! It will go badly for him, for the recompense of his hands will be done to him.

UST
11 But terrible things will happen to wicked people; Yahweh will pay them back for the evil things that they have done.

What will happen to the wicked?
It will go badly for the wicked.

Isaiah 3:12

ULT
12 My people—children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. My people, those who guide you lead {you} astray and confuse the direction of your path.

UST
12 Youths who have become leaders treat my people cruelly, and women rule over my people. My people, your leaders are misleading you; they are causing you to do all kinds of evil things.

Where do their leaders lead them?
Their leaders lead them astray and confuse the direction of their path.

Isaiah 3:13

ULT
13 Yahweh stands up for an accusation; he is standing to accuse the people.

UST
13 It is as though Yahweh had taken his place in a courtroom and were ready to accuse his people of breaking the covenant between themselves and him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:14

ULT
14 Yahweh will come with judgment against the elders of his people and their leaders: “You have ruined the vineyard; the plunder from the poor {is} in your houses.

UST
14 He will stand up to declare why he should punish the elders and rulers of his people; he says, “The people of Israel are like a vineyard that I planted, but you leaders have made unable to bear any fruit. Your houses are full of things that you have stolen from poor people.

What will Yahweh do to the elders and officials of his people?
Yahweh will pronounce judgment on them.

Isaiah 3:15

ULT
15 Why do you crush my people and grind the faces of the poor?” This is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST
15 You should stop making my people suffer. It is as though you were pushing the faces of poor people into the ground.” That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:16

ULT

16 Yahweh says that because the daughters of Zion are proud, they walk with their necks extended, with flirting eyes, walking with tiny steps as they go, making tinkling sounds from bracelets on their ankles.

UST

16 Yahweh says this: “The women of Jerusalem are haughty; they walk around sticking their chins out, and flirting with men with their eyes. They walk with tiny steps with bracelets on their ankles that jingle.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:17

ULT

17 Therefore the Lord will form scabs on the heads of the daughters of Zion, and Yahweh will make them bald.

UST

17 So the Lord will cause sores to be on their heads, and he will cause those beautiful women in Jerusalem to become bald.

What will the Lord, Yahweh do to the daughters of Zion?

Yahweh will form diseased scabs on their heads and make them bald.

Isaiah 3:18

ULT

18 On that day the Lord will remove their beautiful ankle jewelry, head bands, the crescent ornaments,

UST

18 At the time that the Lord does that, he will also cause others to take away from the women of Jerusalem all of the beautiful things they like to wear—the ornaments on their ankles and their headbands, their crescent necklaces,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:19

ULT
19 the ear pendants, the bracelets, and the veils;

UST
19 their earrings and bracelets and veils,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:20

ULT
20 the headscarves, the ankle chains, the sashes, and the perfume boxes, and the lucky charms.

UST
20 their scarves and ankle bracelets and sashes, their perfumes and charms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:21

ULT
21 He will remove the rings and the nose jewels;

UST
21 He will cause others to remove the women’s finger rings and nose rings,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:22

ULT
22 the festive robes, the mantles, the veils, and the handbags;

UST
22 their nice robes and capes and veils and purses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:23

ULT
23 the hand mirrors, the fine linen, the head pieces, and the wraps.

UST
23 their mirrors and nice linen clothes, the ornaments for their heads, and the shawls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:24

ULT
24 Instead of sweet perfume there will be stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-arranged hair, baldness; and instead of a robe, a covering of sackcloth; and branding instead of beauty.

UST
24 Instead of smelling nice from perfume, they will stink; instead of beautiful sashes, they will have ropes around their waists. Instead of having fancy hairdos, they will be bald. Instead of fancy robes, they will wear rough sackcloth, Instead of beauty, scars of branding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:25

ULT
25 Your men will fall by the sword, and your strong men will fall in war.

UST
25 Your men will die by their enemies' swords, and your soldiers will also die in battle.

What will happen to the men?
The men will fall by the sword

Isaiah 3:26

ULT
26 Jerusalem's gates will lament and mourn; and she will be alone and sit upon the ground.

UST
26 People will mourn and cry at the gates of the city. The city will be like a woman who sits on the ground because all her friends have deserted her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 4

Isaiah 4:1

ULT

1 On that day seven women will take hold of one man and say, “Our own food we will eat, our own clothing we will wear. But let us take your name to remove our shame.”

UST

1 When that happens, there will be very few unmarried men. So seven unmarried women will grab one man and say, “Allow us all to marry you! We will provide our own food and clothing. All that we want is to no longer be disgraced because of not being married.”

Why will seven women take hold of one man?

They will want to take his name and remove their shame.

Isaiah 4:2

ULT

2 On that day the branch of Yahweh will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be tasty and delightful for those survivors in Israel.

UST

2 But some day, Israel will be very beautiful and great. The people of Israel who will still be there will be very proud of the wonderful crops that will grow in their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 4:3

ULT

3 It will happen that {the one who is} left in Zion and the one who remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is written down as living in Jerusalem.

UST

3 All the people who will remain in Jerusalem, who did not die when the enemy destroyed Jerusalem, will belong to the Lord—all those whose names are listed among those who live there.

What will those survivors left in Zion and Jerusalem be called?

The survivors who are left in Zion and Jerusalem will be called holy.

Isaiah 4:4

ULT

4 This will happen when the Lord will have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and will have cleansed the blood stains from Jerusalem's midst, by means of the spirit of judgment and the spirit of flaming fire.

UST

4 That will happen when the Lord washes away the guilt of the women of Jerusalem, and when he stops the violence on the streets of Jerusalem by punishing the people of Jerusalem. When he does that, it will be like a fire that burns up all the impure things.

What will the Lord do by the spirit of justice and by the spirit of burning fire?

The Lord will wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleanse the blood stains from Jerusalem's midst.

Isaiah 4:5

ULT

5 Then over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her place of assembly, Yahweh will create cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; it {will be} a canopy over all the glory.

UST

5 Then Yahweh will send a cloud of smoke during the days and a flaming fire during the nights to cover Jerusalem and all those who gather there; it will be like a canopy over God's glorious presence in the city.

What will Yahweh create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her place of assembly?

He will create a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; a canopy over all the glory

Isaiah 4:6

ULT

6 It will be a shelter for shade in the daytime from the heat, and a refuge and a cover from the storm and rain.

UST

6 It will shelter the people from the sun during the daytime and protect them when there are windstorms and rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5

Isaiah 5:1

ULT

1 Let me sing for my well beloved, a song of my beloved about his vineyard. My well beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

UST

1 Now I will sing a song about Yahweh, my dear friend, and about his vineyard. The vineyard was on a very fertile hillside.

For whom does the singer want to sing?
The singer wants to sing for his beloved

What is the song of the singer about?
The song is about the vineyard of his beloved.

Isaiah 5:2

ULT

2 He spaded it, removed the stones, and planted it with an excellent kind of vine. He built a tower in the middle of it, and also built a winepress. He waited for {it} to produce grapes, but it only produced wild grapes.

UST

2 My friend plowed the ground and cleared away the stones. Then he planted very good grapevines on that ground. In the middle of the vineyard, he built a watchtower, and he dug a winepress. Then he waited each year to harvest some good grapes, but the vines produced only sour grapes.

What did he do to the vineyard?
He spaded it, removed the stones, planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower and a winepress in it.

What did the vineyard bring forth?
The vineyard brought forth wild grapes.

Isaiah 5:3

ULT

[3] So now, inhabitant of Jerusalem and man of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

UST

[3] Now this is what my friend Yahweh says: "You people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, You are like my vineyard; so you judge which of us has done what is right.

What are the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah to judge?

They are to judge between the beloved and his vineyard.

Isaiah 5:4

ULT

[4] What more could have been done for my vineyard, that I have not done for it? When I looked for {it} to produce grapes, why did it produce wild grapes?

UST

[4] What more could I have done for you than what I have already done? I expected you to be doing good deeds, so it is disgusting that you were doing only evil deeds like the vineyard that produced only sour grapes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:5

ULT

[5] Now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will remove the hedge, I will turn it into a pasture, I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

UST

[5] So, I will now tell you what I will do to Judah, the place that is like my vineyard. I will cut down the hedges, and my vineyard will become a pasture. I will tear down the walls of the cities and allow wild animals to trample the land.

What will the beloved do to his vineyard? (vv5-6)

He will remove the hedge, turn the vineyard into a pasture, and break down its wall so it will be laid waste and no rain will fall on it.

Isaiah 5:6

ULT

6 I will lay it waste, and it will not be pruned nor hoed. Instead, briers and thorns will spring up. I will also command the clouds not to rain on it.

UST

6 I will cause it to become a wasteland where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed. It will be a place where briers and thorns grow. And I will command that no rain will fall on it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:7

ULT

7 For the vineyard of Yahweh of hosts {is} the house of Israel, and the man of Judah his pleasant planting; he waited for justice, but instead, there was killing; for righteousness, but, instead, a shout {for help}.

UST

7 The nation of Israel is like the vineyard of Yahweh who is commander of the angel armies. The people of Judah are like the garden that was pleasing to him. He expected them to be doing what is just, but instead, what he saw was people murdering others. He expected that they would be doing righteous deeds, but instead, he heard people shouting for someone to help them, because others were attacking them.

Who is the vineyard of Yahweh of Hosts?

Yahweh's vineyard is the house of Israel.

What did Yahweh wait for?

Yahweh waited for justice and righteousness.

What did Yahweh get instead of justice and righteousness?

Yahweh got killing and a cry for help.

Isaiah 5:8

ULT

8 Woe to those who join house to house, who join field to field, until no room remains, and you alone remain in the land!

UST

8 Terrible things will happen to those who keep acquiring houses and fields without paying attention to the laws about who owns the land. You use your riches to gain more and more property, and soon there is no more property for others to buy, and you would be the only land owners there are in that place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:9

ULT

[9] Yahweh of hosts {told} me, many houses will be empty, even great and impressive ones, without any inhabitant.

UST

[9] But I heard Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, solemnly declare this: “Some day, many houses will have no one to live in them, even the large and beautiful homes will be empty.

What will happen to many houses?
Many houses will be empty and without inhabitant.

Isaiah 5:10

ULT

[10] For a ten-yoke vineyard will yield only one bath, and one homer of seed will yield only an ephah.

UST

[10] The land that grows vines in this place should require ten pairs of oxen to work them, but this land would not produce enough grapes to make even twenty liters of wine. When ten baskets of seed are sown on that land, that land will only produce one basket of grain at harvest time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:11

ULT

[11] Woe to those who rise up early in the morning to obtain strong drink, those who linger late into the night {until} wine inflames them.

UST

[11] Terrible things will happen to those who get up early each morning to begin drinking alcoholic drinks, and who stay awake until late at night drinking a lot more wine until they are completely drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:12

ULT

12 They banquet with harp, lute, tambourine, flute, and wine, but they do not recognize the work of Yahweh, nor have they considered the doings of his hands.

UST

12 They have big parties and provide lots of wine. At their parties, there are people playing harps and lyres and tambourines and flutes, but they never think about what Yahweh does or appreciate what he has created.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:13

ULT

13 Therefore my people have gone into captivity for lack of understanding; their honored leaders go hungry, and their common people have nothing to drink.

UST

13 So my people will be exiled far away because they do not know about me. Those who are now very important and honored will starve, and the other people will die from thirst.

Why have the people of Israel and Judah gone into captivity?

They went into captivity because they lacked understanding.

Isaiah 5:14

ULT

14 Therefore Sheol has made its appetite greater and has opened its mouth very wide; their elite, the people, their leaders, and the revelers and those who are happy among them, descend into Sheol.

UST

14 It is as though the place where the dead people are is eagerly looking for more Israelite people, opening its mouth to swallow them, and a huge number of people will be thrown into that place, including their leaders as well as a noisy crowd of people who enjoy living in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:15

ULT
15 Man will be forced to bend down, and mankind will be humbled; the eyes of the lofty will be cast down.

UST
15 Yahweh will humble everyone; he will humble everyone who is proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:16

ULT
16 Yahweh of hosts will be exalted in his justice, and God the Holy One will show himself holy by his righteousness.

UST
16 But everyone will honor Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the Holy One, because he has acted justly. God will show that he is holy by doing righteous deeds.

What exalts Yahweh of Hosts?
Yahweh's justice exalts him

How is God the Holy one recognized?
God is recognized by his righteous dealings.

Isaiah 5:17

ULT
17 Then the sheep will feed as in their own pasture, and in the ruins, lambs will graze as foreigners. [1]

UST
17 Then sheep and lambs will be able to find good grass to eat; they will pass through the ruined places to eat the grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:18

ULT

18 Woe to those who pull along iniquity with useless cords and who pull along sin as if it were with a cart rope.

UST

18 Some people who are working hard to sin, working as hard as if they were dragging behind them the wrong and useless things that they are doing. Terrible things will happen to them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:19

ULT

19 Woe to those who say, “Let God hurry, let him act quickly, so we can see {it} happen; and let the plans of the Holy One of Israel come, so that we may know them.”

UST

19 They make fun of God and say to him, “Quickly do something to punish us! We want to see what you will do. You, the Holy One of Israel, should do what you are planning to do, because we want to know what it is.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:20

ULT

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who represent darkness as light, and light as darkness; who represent bitter as sweet, and sweet as bitter!

UST

20 Terrible things will happen to those who say that evil is good, and that good is evil, that darkness is light and that light is darkness, that what is bitter is sweet and what is sweet is bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:21

ULT

21 Woe to {those who are} wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own understanding!

UST

21 Terrible things will happen to those who think that they are wise and that they are very clever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:22

ULT
22 {Woe} to those who are champions at drinking wine, and masters at mixing strong drinks;

UST
22 Terrible things will happen to those who think that they are heroes because they are able to drink lots of wine, and who boast about being able to mix good alcoholic drinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:23

ULT
23 who acquit the wicked for payment, and deprive the innocent of his rights!

UST
23 If people offer these corrupt judges money so they will not punish the wicked, they accept that money. These same judges punish innocent people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:24

ULT
24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devours stubble, and as the dry grass goes down in flame, so their root will rot, and their blossom will blow away like dust. This will happen because they have rejected the law of Yahweh of hosts, and because they have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

UST
24 Therefore, just like fires burn up stubble and dry grass shrivels up and quickly burns in flames, it will be as though those people have roots that will rot and have flowers that will wither. That will happen because they rejected the laws of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies; they have despised the messages of the Holy One of Israel.

Why will Israel’s root rot, and their blossom blow away like dust?
Israel’s root will rot, and their blossom will blow away like dust because they have rejected the law of Yahweh and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 5:25

ULT

25 Therefore the anger of Yahweh is kindled against his people. He has reached out with his hand against them and has punished them. The mountains tremble, and their corpses are like garbage in the streets. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand [is} still stretched out.

UST

25 That is why Yahweh is extremely angry with his people; it is as though his hand is raised and he is ready to smash them. When he does that, the mountains will shake, and the corpses of people will be scattered in the streets like manure. But even when that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry; he will be ready to punish his people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:26

ULT

26 He will lift up a signal flag for far away nations and will whistle for those at the end of the earth. Look, they will come speedily and promptly.

UST

26 Yahweh will send a signal to summon armies of nations far away; it is as though he will whistle to those soldiers who are in very remote places on the earth. They will come very swiftly toward Jerusalem.

How will Yahweh call a far away nation to come?

He will call them by lifting up a signal flag and whistling for them.

How will that far away nation come?

That far away nation will come speedily and promptly.

Isaiah 5:27

ULT

27 None tire or stumble among them; none slumbers or sleeps. Nor are their belts loose, or the thongs of their sandals broken.

UST

27 They will not get tired or stumble. They will not stop to rest or to sleep. None of their belts will be loose, and none of them will have sandals with broken straps, so they will all be ready to fight in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:28

ULT

28 Their arrows {are} sharp and all their bows are bent; their horses' hooves are like flint, and their chariot wheels like storms.

UST

28 Their arrows will be sharp, and their bows will be ready to shoot those arrows in a battle. Because their horses pull the chariots fast, sparks will shoot out from their hooves, and the wheels of the chariots will spin like whirlwinds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:29

ULT

29 Their roaring {will be} like a lion; they will roar like young lions. They will growl and seize the prey and drag {it} away, with none to rescue.

UST

29 They will roar like fierce lions that growl and then pounce on the animals they want to kill; they will carry them off, and no one will be able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:30

ULT

30 On that day they will roar against the prey as the sea roars. If {anyone} looks over the land, he will see darkness and suffering; even the light will be made dark by the clouds.
5:17 [1] .

UST

30 Similarly, your enemies will roar over the people they are about to kill, like the sea roars. On that day, if someone looks across the land, he will see only people who are in darkness and distress; it will be as though even the sunlight is hidden by dark clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6:1

ULT

[1] In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne; he was high and elevated, and the hem of his {robe} filled the temple.

UST

[1] During the year that King Uzziah died, Yahweh showed me a vision. In the vision, I saw Yahweh sitting on a throne, high above everyone else. He was wearing a very long robe that covered the floor of the temple.

When did Isaiah see the Lord sitting on a high and elevated throne?

Isaiah saw the Lord in the year that king Uzziah died.

Isaiah 6:2

ULT

[2] Above him were the seraphim; {each} one had six wings; with two each covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

UST

[2] Above him were hovering several winged creatures. Each of them had six wings. They covered their faces with two of their wings, they covered their feet with two of their wings, and they flew using two of their wings.

Who was above the Lord?

The seraphim were above the Lord.

Isaiah 6:3

ULT

[3] Each {one} called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy, {is} Yahweh of hosts! The whole earth {is} full of his glory.”

UST

[3] They were calling to each other, saying, “Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is holy; he is completely holy! The entire earth is filled with his glory.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:4

ULT

4 The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voices of those who were crying out, and the house was filled with smoke.

UST

4 When they spoke, the sound of their cries caused the foundation beneath the doorposts of the temple to shake, and the temple was filled with smoke.

What happened when the seraphim called to each other?

When the seraphim called to each other, the doors and thresholds shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:5

ULT

5 Then I said, “Woe {is} me! For I am doomed because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, because my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh, Yahweh of hosts!”

UST

5 Then I said, “Terrible things will happen to me, because everything that I say is sinful, and I live among people who constantly say sinful things. I will be destroyed because I have seen Yahweh, commander of the angel armies!”

What did Isaiah say when he saw all these things?

Isaiah said he was doomed because he had unclean lips and lived among people with unclean lips and because he had seen the King, Yahweh.

Isaiah 6:6

ULT

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me; he had a glowing coal in his hand, that he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

UST

6 Then one of the winged creatures took a hot coal from the altar, using a pair of tongs. He flew to me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:7

ULT

7 He touched my mouth {with it} and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt has been taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

UST

7 and touched my lips with the coal. Then he said, “Look, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is ended, and your sins are forgiven.”

What did the seraphim say when he touched Isaiah’s lips with a coal from the altar?

He said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt has been taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Isaiah 6:8

ULT

8 I heard the voice of the Lord say, “Whom shall I send; who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I {am;} send me.”

UST

8 Then I heard Yahweh asking, “Whom shall I send to be a messenger to my people? Who will go and speak for us?” I replied, “I am here. Send me!”

What did Isaiah hear the Lord ask?

The Lord said, “Whom shall I send; who will go for us?”

How did Isaiah respond to what the Lord asked?

Isaiah said, “Here I am; send me.”

Isaiah 6:9

ULT

9 He said, “Go and tell this people, ‘Listen, but do not understand; see, but do not perceive.’

UST

9 Then he said, “You will go and say to the people of Israel, ‘Listen carefully to what I say, but you will not understand it. You will look very carefully, but you will not understand.’

What did the Lord tell Isaiah to tell the people?

The Lord told Isaiah to tell the people to listen but not to understand; to see, but not to perceive.

Isaiah 6:10

ULT

10 Make the heart of this people insensitive, and their ears dull, and blind their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and then turn and be healed."

UST

10 I will cause you people to be unable to care; and I will cause you people to not be able to hear, and I will cause you people to not be able to see. Otherwise you would see with your eyes and you would recognize what it is you are looking at, and you would hear with your ears and be able to understand what you have heard, and you would care deeply and with understanding, and you would turn to me so I might save you and not punish you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:11

ULT

11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" He answered, "Until cities crash into ruins and are without inhabitants, and the houses are without people, and the land falls into a desolate waste,

UST

11 Then I said, "How long do you want me to continue to do that?" He replied, "Do it until their cities are ruined by their enemies, until no one is living in their houses, do it until all the crops are stolen from their fields and the fields are ruined.

How long was Isaiah supposed to tell the Lord's message to the people? (vv11-12)

Isaiah was to tell the people the Lord's message until the cities were in ruins without inhabitants and the houses were without people and the land fell into a desolate waste, and until Yahweh sent the people far away and the solitude of the land was great.

Isaiah 6:12

ULT

12 and until Yahweh has sent the people far away, and the solitude of the land is great.

UST

12 Do it until Yahweh has exiled everyone far away, and the whole land of Israel is deserted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:13

ULT

13 Even if a tenth of the people remain in it, it {will} again {be} destroyed; as a terebinth or an oak is cut down and whose trunk {remains}, the holy seed {is in} its stump.”

UST

13 If even one tenth of the people survive and stay there, their enemies will invade the land again and burn everything. But just like when they cut down an oak tree and leave a stump, and new shoots grow from that, the people who remain in this land will be a group that is set apart for me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7

Isaiah 7:1

ULT

1 During the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it, but they could not prevail against it.

UST

1 Ahaz was the son of Jotham and grandson of Uzziah. During the time that Ahaz was the king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel marched with their armies to attack Jerusalem. But they could not conquer it.

Who was Ahaz?

Ahaz was the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, a king of Judah.

During the days of Ahaz, which kings went up to Jerusalem in Judah to war against it?

Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel went up to war against Jerusalem.

Isaiah 7:2

ULT

2 It was reported to the house of David that Aram was allied with Ephraim. His heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest shake in the wind. *[1]*

UST

2 Before they attacked, everyone in the palace in Jerusalem heard news that Aram and Israel were now allies. So King Ahaz and the people over whom he ruled were extremely afraid; they were shaking like trees shake in a windstorm.

How did Ahaz and his people react when they heard that Syria was allied with Ephraim?

The hearts of Ahaz and his people trembled when they heard this.

Isaiah 7:3

ULT

3 Then Yahweh said to Isaiah, “Go out with your son Shear-Jashub to meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the road to Launderer’s Field.

UST

3 Then Yahweh said to me, “Take your son Shear-Jashub, and go to talk with King Ahaz. He is at the end of the aqueduct that brings water into the upper reservoir, near the road to the place where women wash clothes.

What task did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do?

Yahweh told Isaiah to go out with his son and meet Ahaz.

Who did Yahweh say Ahaz shouldn’t be afraid of? (vv3-4)

Yahweh’s said Ahaz should not be afraid or intimidated by Rezin and Pekah.

Isaiah 7:4

ULT

4 Tell him, ‘Be careful, remain calm, do not be afraid or intimidated by these two smoldering firebrands, by the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and of Pekah son of Remaliah.

UST

4 Tell Ahaz to stop worrying. Tell him that he does not need to be afraid of those two kings, Rezin and Pekah. They are very angry with Judah, but they are unable to harm his country any more than completely burned-out coals could harm him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:5

ULT

5 Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have planned evil against you; they have said,

UST

5 Yes, they are planning against him and saying,

What did Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah plan to do? (vv5-6)

These men planned evil against Ahaz and Judah. They planned to attack and terrify Judah, and set up the son of Tabeel as king.

Isaiah 7:6

ULT

6 “Let us attack Judah and terrify her, and let us break into her and set up our king there, the son of Tabeel.”

UST

6 ‘We will attack Judah and conquer it. Then we will appoint Tabeel’s son to be the king of Judah.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:7

ULT

7 The Lord Yahweh says, “It will not take place; it will not happen,

UST

7 But this is what Yahweh, the Lord, says: ‘It will not happen; They will not conquer Jerusalem!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:8

ULT

8 because the head of Aram {is} Damascus, and the head of Damascus {is} Rezin. Within sixty-five years, Ephraim will be shattered and will no longer be a people.

UST

8 The capital of Aram is Damascus, but Damascus is ruled only by its unimportant King Rezin. And as for Israel, within sixty-five years it will be conquered and completely destroyed.

What did Yahweh tell Ahaz about Ephraim?

Yahweh told Ahaz, “Within sixty-five years, Ephraim will be shattered and will no longer be a people.”

Isaiah 7:9

ULT

9 The head of Ephraim {is} Samaria, and the head of Samaria {is} Remaliah's son. If you do not remain firm in faith, surely you will not remain secure.""

UST

9 Israel's capital is Samaria, and Samaria is ruled only by its insignificant King Pekah. So you do not need to be afraid of those two countries! But you must trust me, because if you do not trust me firmly, you will be defeated."'

What does Yahweh tell Ahaz will happen if his faith isn't firm?

Ahaz will not remain secure unless his faith is firm.

Isaiah 7:10

ULT

10 The Lord spoke again to Ahaz, [2]

UST

10 Later, Yahweh gave me another message to tell to King Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:11

ULT

11 "Ask a sign of Yahweh your God; ask for it in the depths or in the height above."

UST

11 He said to tell him, "Request me, Yahweh your God, to do something that will enable you to be sure that I will help you. What you request can be in a place that is as high as the sky or as low as the place where the dead people are."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:12

ULT

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test Yahweh.”

UST

12 But when I told that to the king, he refused. He said, “No, I will not ask Yahweh to do something to prove that he will help us.”

What was Ahaz’s response when the Lord told him to ask for a sign from Yahweh?

Ahab said, “I will not ask, nor will I test Yahweh.”

Isaiah 7:13

ULT

13 So Isaiah replied, “Listen, house of David. {Is it} not enough for you people to test the patience of people? Must you also test the patience of my God?

UST

13 Then I said to him, “You people who are descendants of King David, listen! You are causing me to be tired of being patient. Are you also going to cause my God to stop being patient with you?

What did Isaiah say Ahab was doing?

Isaiah said he was not only testing the patience of the people but he was also testing the patience of God.

Isaiah 7:14

ULT

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you people a sign: See, the young woman will conceive, bear a son, and will call his name Immanuel. [3]

UST

14 Yahweh himself will do something for you to prove that he will help you. Listen to this: A young woman will become pregnant and give birth to a son. She will name him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:15

ULT
15 He will eat curds and honey when he knows to refuse the evil and choose the good.

UST
15 By the time that child is old enough to eat curds and honey, he will be able to reject what is evil and choose what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:16

ULT
16 For before the child knows to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be desolate.

UST
16 And before that child is old enough to do that, the lands of the two kings that you are very afraid of will be deserted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:17

ULT
17 Yahweh will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house days unlike any since Ephraim seceded from Judah—he will bring on you the king of Assyria."

UST
17 But then Yahweh will cause you and your family and your entire nation to experience terrible disasters. Those disasters will be worse than any disasters that have occurred since the country of Israel separated from Judah. Yahweh will cause the army of the king of Assyria to attack you!"

Who did Isaiah tell Ahaz that Yahweh would bring against him?
Isaiah told Ahaz that Yahweh would bring the king of Assyria against him and his people.

Isaiah 7:18

ULT

18 At that time Yahweh will whistle for a fly from the distant streams of Egypt, and for a bee from the land of Assyria.

UST

18 At that time, it will be as though Yahweh will whistle to summon the army from the south of Egypt as well as the army of Assyria. They will come and surround your country like flies and bees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:19

ULT

19 They will all come and settle down into all the gorges, into the clefts of the rocks, on all the thornbushes, and onto all the pastures.

UST

19 They will all come and settle everywhere—in the narrow valleys and caves in the rock cliffs, on land where there are thornbushes as well as on the fertile land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:20

ULT

20 At that time the Lord will shave with a razor that was hired beyond the Euphrates River—the king of Assyria — the head and the hair of the legs; it will also sweep away the beard.

UST

20 At that time Yahweh will hire the king of Assyria to come with his army from east of the Euphrates River. They will get rid of everything in your land—the crops and the people. They will destroy everything thoroughly; it will be like a barber shaving not only a man's hair but his beard and the hair on his legs.

What would the king of Assyria do?

The king of Assyria would shave Ahaz's head, legs and beard.

Isaiah 7:21

ULT
21 On that day, a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep,

UST
21 When that happens, a farmer will be able to keep alive only one young cow and two goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:22

ULT
22 and because of the abundance of milk which they shall give, he will eat curds, for everyone left in the land will eat curds and honey.

UST
22 However, those animals will give plenty of milk, with the result that the farmer will have curds to eat. And because there will not be many people left in the land, all the people who remain there will have plenty of milk and honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:23

ULT
23 At that time, where there were a thousand vines {worth} a thousand silver {shekels}, there will be nothing but briers and thorns.

UST
23 Now there are many areas where there are vineyards that are worth one thousand pieces of silver, but at that time there will be only briers and thorns in those fields.

What would happen to the land? (vv23-25)
The land would be filled with briers and thorns and it would be a place where sheep and cattle graze.

Isaiah 7:24

ULT

24 Men will go there to hunt with bows, because all the land will be briers and thorns.

UST

24 There will be only briers and thorns in the entire land, and wild animals, with the result that men will take their bows and arrows and go there to hunt and kill animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:25

ULT

25 They will stay away from all the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, for fear of the briers and thorns; but it will be a place where cattle and sheep graze.
7:2 [1] , some versions have .
7:10 [2] , some versions have .
7:14 [3] , some versions have .

UST

25 No one will go to where there previously were gardens on fertile hillsides, because briers and thorns will cover those hillsides. They will be areas where only a few cattle and sheep and goats wander around searching for something to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8

Isaiah 8:1

ULT
[1] Yahweh said to me, “Take a large tablet and write on it, ‘Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.’

UST
[1] Then Yahweh said to me, “Make a large signboard. And write clearly on it, ‘Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz’ which means ‘quickly plunder and steal everything’.”

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do?
He told Isaiah to take a large tablet and write on it, ‘Maher-shalal-hash-baz’.

Isaiah 8:2

ULT
[2] I will summon faithful witnesses to attest for me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah son of Jeberekiah.”

UST
[2] So I requested Uriah the high priest and Jeberekiah’s son Zechariah, men who were both honest witnesses, to watch me as I was doing that.

Who were to be Yahweh’s faithful witnesses?
Yahweh’s witnesses were to be Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberekiah.

Isaiah 8:3

ULT
[3] I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then Yahweh said to me, “Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

UST
[3] Then I slept with my wife, who was a prophetess, and she became pregnant and then gave birth to a son. Then Yahweh said to me, “Give him the name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz,

Why did Yahweh tell Isaiah to name his son ‘Maher-shalal-hash-baz’? (vv3-4)
He was to be named ‘Maher-shalal-hash-baz’ because before he knew how to cry ‘My father’ and ‘My mother,’ the king of Assyria would come and carry away the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria.

Isaiah 8:4

ULT

4 For before the child knows to cry, ‘My father,’ and, ‘My mother,’ the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried away by the king of Assyria.”

UST

4 because before he is old enough to say ‘papa’ or ‘mama’, the king of Assyria will come with his army and take away all the valuable things in Damascus and in Samaria.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:5

ULT

5 Yahweh spoke to me again,

UST

5 Yahweh spoke to me again and said, “Tell the people of Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:6

ULT

6 “Because this people has refused the gentle waters of Shiloah, and is happy over Rezin and Remaliah’s son,

UST

6 I have taken good care of you people, but you have rejected that, thinking that my help was very small, like the small canal through which water flows from the spring of Gihon into Jerusalem. Instead, you have been happy to request help from King Rezin and King Pekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:7

ULT

[7] therefore the Lord is about to bring up on them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will come up over all its channels and overflow its banks.

UST

[7] Therefore, I, the Lord, will soon cause the powerful army of the king of Assyria, which will be like a great flood from the Euphrates River, to attack the people of Judah. Their soldiers will be everywhere in your country, like a river that overflows all its banks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:8

ULT

[8] The River will sweep onward into Judah, flooding and passing on, until it reaches to your neck. Its outstretched wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel."

UST

[8] Those soldiers will go all over Judah, like a river whose water rises as high as a person's neck. Their army will spread over the land quickly, like an eagle, and they will cover your entire land! But I, your God, will be with you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:9

ULT

[9] You peoples will be broken to pieces. Listen, all you distant countries: arm yourselves for war and be broken in pieces; arm yourselves and be broken in pieces.

UST

[9] Listen, all you people in distant countries! You can prepare to attack Judah. You can prepare for battle, and shout your war cries, but your armies will be crushed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:10

ULT

10 Form a plan, but it will not be carried out; issue the command, but it will not be carried out, for God {is} with us.

UST

10 You can prepare for what you will do to attack Judah, but what you plan to do will be useless! You will not succeed, because God is with us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:11

ULT

11 Yahweh spoke to me, with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people.

UST

11 Yahweh strongly warned me not to act like the other people in Judah did. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:12

ULT

12 Do not call conspiracy anything that this people calls conspiracy, you will not fear what they fear, and do not be terrified.

UST

12 “Do not say that everything that people do is conspiring against the government, like other people say, and do not be afraid of the things that other people are afraid of.

In what specific ways of the people was Isaiah warned not to walk?

Isaiah was warned not to call conspiracy anything that people called conspiracy and not to fear what they feared or be in awe of those things.

Isaiah 8:13

ULT

13 It is Yahweh of hosts whom you will honor as holy; he is the one you must fear, and he is the one you must dread.

UST

13 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, am the one you should consider to be holy. I am the one you should fear, the one you must give an account to.

Who was Isaiah told to treat as holy and to fear?

Isaiah was told to fear and be in awe of Yahweh of Hosts and to treat him as holy.

Isaiah 8:14

ULT

14 He will become a sanctuary; but he will be a stone of striking, and a rock of stumbling— for both the houses of Israel, and he will be a trap and a snare to the people of Jerusalem.

UST

14 Yahweh will protect you. But as for the other people in Israel and Judah, Yahweh will be like a stone that causes people to stumble, like a rock that causes them to fall down. And as for the people of Jerusalem, he will be like a trap or a snare.

What was Yahweh going to be to both houses of Israel and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

He was going to be a stone that makes people trip and a rock that makes people stumble to Israel, and a trap and snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 8:15

ULT

15 Many will stumble over it and fall and be broken, and be ensnared and captured.

UST

15 Many people will stumble and fall down and never get up again. They will experience great troubles; they will be captured by their enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:16

ULT

16 Bind up my testimony, seal the official record, and give it to my disciples.

UST

16 So I say to you who are my disciples, seal up this scroll on which I have written the messages that God has given to me, and give his instructions to others who have accompanied me.

What was Isaiah's testimony that was to be given to his disciples? (vv16-18)

Isaiah's testimony was that he would wait for Yahweh and that Isaiah and his sons were given by Yahweh for signs and wonders in Israel.

Isaiah 8:17

ULT

17 I will wait for Yahweh, who hides his face from the house of Jacob; I will trust in him.

UST

17 I will wait to see what Yahweh will do. He has rejected the descendants of Jacob, but I will confidently expect him to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:18

ULT

18 See, I and the sons whom Yahweh has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of hosts, who lives on Mount Zion.

UST

18 I and the children that Yahweh has given to me are like signs to warn the people of Israel; we are warnings from Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the one who lives in his temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:19

ULT

19 They will say to you, “Consult with those who speak with the dead and with spirits,” the ones who chirp and mutter incantations. But should a people not consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

UST

19 Some people may urge you to consult those who talk with the spirits of dead people or with those who say that they receive messages from those spirits. They whisper and mutter about what we should do in the future. But God is the one whom we should ask to guide us! It is ridiculous for people who are alive to request spirits of dead people to tell us what we should do!

According to Isaiah what were the people of Israel going to tell Isaiah’s disciples?

They were going to tell Isaiah’s disciples to consult with the mediums and magicians.

Who does Isaiah say the people should consult?

The people should consult their God.

Isaiah 8:20

ULT

20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not say such things, it is because they have no light of dawn.

UST

20 Pay attention to God’s instructions and teaching! If people do not say things that agree with what God teaches us, what they say is worthless. It is as though those people are in darkness.

To what does Isaiah command his disciples to pay attention?

They are commanded to pay attention to the law and the testimony.

Isaiah 8:21

ULT

21 They will pass through the land greatly distressed and hungry. When they are hungry, they will become angry and curse their king and their God, as they turn their faces upward.

UST

21 They will wander through the land, worried and hungry. And when they become very hungry, they will become very angry. They will look up toward heaven and curse God and will also curse their king.

What will the people of Israel do when they are greatly distressed and hungry and become angry?

They will turn their faces upward and curse their king and their God.

Isaiah 8:22

ULT

22 They will look at the earth and see distress, darkness, and oppressive gloom. {They will be} driven into a land of darkness.

UST

22 They will look around the land and see only trouble and darkness and things that cause them to despair. And then they will be thrown into very black darkness.

What will happen to the people of Israel?

They will be driven into a land of darkness.

Isaiah 9

Isaiah 9:1

ULT

1 The gloom {will be} dispelled from her who {was} in anguish. In an earlier time he humiliated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the later time he will make it glorious, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

UST

1 However, those in Judah who were distressed will not continue to suffer. Previously, Yahweh humbled the people in the land where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali live. But in the future he will honor the people who live in the region of Galilee, along the road between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, where many foreigners live.

What will happen to the one who was in anguish?

Her gloom will be dispelled.

What lands did God humiliate in earlier times?

God humiliated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.

What will God do to Zebulun and Naphtali in the later time?

He will make them glorious.

Isaiah 9:2

ULT

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who have lived in the land of the shadow of death, the light has shone on them. *[1]*

UST

2 Some day in the future, it will be as though the people who walked in darkness have seen a bright light. Yes, a bright light will shine on those who live in a land where they now have great troubles.

On whom has the light shone?

The light has shone on those who have lived in the land of the shadow of death.

Isaiah 9:3

ULT

[3] You have multiplied the nation; you have increased their joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, as {men} rejoice when they divide the plunder.

UST

[3] Yahweh, you will cause us people in Israel to rejoice; we will become very happy. We will rejoice about what you have done like people rejoice when they harvest their crops, or like soldiers rejoice when they divide up among themselves the things that they have captured in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:4

ULT

[4] For the yoke of his burden, the beam across his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have shattered as on the day of Midian.

UST

[4] You will cause us to no longer be slaves of those who captured us; you will lift the heavy burdens from our shoulders. It will be as though you have broken the weapons of those who oppressed us, like you did when you destroyed the army of the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:5

ULT

[5] For every boot treading in the tumult and the garments rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire.

UST

[5] The boots that the enemy soldiers wore and their clothing which has stains of blood on them will all be burned up; they will be fuel for a big fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:6

ULT

6 For to us a child has been born, to us a son has been given; and the rule will be on his shoulder; and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

UST

6 Another reason that we will rejoice is that a special child will be born for us, a woman will give birth to a son, and he will be our ruler. And his names will be ‘Wonderful Counselor,’ ‘Mighty God,’ ‘Our Everlasting Father,’ and ‘King who causes us to have Peace.’

What is the name of the one who will bear the rule on his shoulder?

His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7

ULT

7 Of the increase of {his} government and of peace {there will be} no end, as he rules on the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and sustain it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

UST

7 His rule and the peace that he brings will never end. He will rule fairly and justly, like his ancestor King David did. This will happen because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, greatly desires that it happen.

How will he rule?

He will rule with justice and with righteousness.

How long will he rule?

He will rule from this time onward and for evermore.

Isaiah 9:8

ULT

8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob, and it fell on Israel.

UST

8 The Lord has warned the descendants of Jacob; he has said that he will punish Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:9

ULT

9 All the people will know, even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and with an arrogant heart,

UST

9-10 And all the people in Samaria and other places in Israel will know that, but they are now very proud and arrogant. They said, “Our city has been destroyed, but we will take away the broken bricks from the ruins and replace them with carefully cut stones. Our sycamore fig trees have been cut down by our enemies, but we will plant cedar trees in their place.”

What did Israel say in pride and with an arrogant heart? (vv9-10)

Israel says, “The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with chiseled stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”

Isaiah 9:10

ULT

10 “The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with chiseled stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”

UST

9-10 And all the people in Samaria and other places in Israel will know that, but they are now very proud and arrogant. They said, “Our city has been destroyed, but we will take away the broken bricks from the ruins and replace them with carefully cut stones. Our sycamore fig trees have been cut down by our enemies, but we will plant cedar trees in their place.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:11

ULT

11 Therefore Yahweh will raise up against him Rezin, his adversary, and will stir up his enemies,

UST

11 But Yahweh will bring the armies of Assyria, the enemies of King Rezin of Aram, to fight against Israel and incite other nations to attack Israel.

Who did Yahweh raise up against Israel? (vv11-12)

Yahweh raised up Rezin, the Arameans and the Philistines against Israel.

Isaiah 9:12

ULT

12 the Arameans on the east, and the Philistines on the west. They will devour Israel with open mouth. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand {is} still stretched out.

UST

12 The army of Aram will come from the east, and the army of Philistia will come from the west, and they will destroy Israel like a wild animal tears another animal apart and devours it. But even after that happened, Yahweh will still be very angry with them. He will be ready to strike them with his fist again.

After all this did Yahweh's anger subside?

No, Yahweh's anger didn't subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 9:13

ULT

13 Yet the people will not turn to him who struck them, nor will they seek Yahweh of hosts.

UST

13 But even though Yahweh will punish his people like that, they still will not return to him and worship him. They still will not request Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, to assist them.

Did the people turn to Yahweh?

The people did not turn to Yahweh or seek him.

Isaiah 9:14

ULT

14 Therefore Yahweh will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day.

UST

14 Therefore, in one day Yahweh will get rid of those who are like Israel's head and those who are like its tail; the ones who are like the top of the palm tree and the ones who are like the bottom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:15

ULT
15 The leader and the noble man {are} the head; and the prophet that teaches lies {is} the tail.

UST
15 The leaders of Israel are the head, and the prophets who tell lies are the tail.

Who were the “head” and “tail” that Yahweh was going to cut off in one day?
The leader and the noble man were the head; and the prophet that teaches lies was the tail.

Isaiah 9:16

ULT
16 Those who lead this people lead {them} astray, and {those who are} led by them are swallowed up.

UST
16 The leaders of the people have misled them; they have caused the people that they are ruling to be confused.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:17

ULT
17 Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men nor will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows, since every one is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks foolish things. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand is still stretched out.

UST
17 For that reason, Yahweh is not pleased with the young men of Israel, and he does not even act mercifully toward the widows and orphans, because they are all ungodly and wicked, and they all say things that are foolish. But Yahweh still is angry with them; he is ready to strike them with his fist again.

Why didn’t the Lord have compassion on their fatherless and widows?
He didn’t have compassion on them because everyone was a godless evildoer and every mouth spoke foolish things.

After all this did Yahweh’s anger subside?
No, Yahweh’s anger didn’t subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 9:18

ULT

18 Wickedness burns like a fire; it devours the briers and thorns; it even burns the thickets of the forest, which rise in a column of smoke.

UST

18 When people do wicked things, it is like a brush fire that spreads rapidly. It burns up not only briers and thorns; it starts a big fire in the forests from which clouds of smoke will rise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:19

ULT

19 Through the fury of Yahweh of hosts the land is scorched, and the people are like fuel for the fire. No man spares his brother.

UST

19 It is as though the whole land is burned black because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is extremely angry with the Israelite people. They will become like fuel for that great fire, and no one will try to rescue even his own brother from that fire.

What happened as a result of Yahweh's overflowing anger?

Yahweh caused the land to be scorched and the people to become like fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:20

ULT

20 They will grab food on the right hand but still be hungry; they will eat food on the left hand but will not be satisfied. Each will even eat the flesh of his own arm. [2]

UST

20 The Israelite people will attack their neighbors who live in houses at the right of them to get food, but they will still be hungry. They will kill and eat the flesh of those who live in houses at the left, but their stomachs will still not be full.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:21

ULT

21 Manasseh {will devour} Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together {will} attack Judah. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand {is} still stretched out.

9:2 [1] , some versions have .

9:20 [2] , some versions have .

UST

21 Israelites of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim will attack each other, and then they will both attack the people of Judah. But even after that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry with them; He will be ready to strike them with his fist again.

What happened to Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah?

Manasseh and Ephraim devoured each other and they both attacked Judah.

After all this did Yahweh's anger subside?

No, Yahweh's anger didn't subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 10

Isaiah 10:1

ULT

[1] Woe to those who enact unjust laws and write unfair decrees.

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to you judges who are unjust and who make unfair laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:2

ULT

[2] They deprive the needy of justice, rob the poor of my people of their rights, plunder widows, and make the fatherless their prey!

UST

[2] You refuse to help poor people, and you do not allow them to get the things that they should get. You allow people to steal things from widows and do unfair things to children without fathers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:3

ULT

[3] What will you do on judgment day when the destruction comes from far away? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?

UST

[3] When I punish you by sending people from distant lands to cause you disasters, to whom will you run to get help? Your valuable possessions will certainly not be safe anywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:4

ULT

4 Nothing remains, and you crouch among the prisoners or fall among the killed. In all these things, his anger does not subside; instead, his hand {is} still stretched out.

UST

4 You will be able only to stumble along as your enemies take you away with other prisoners, or else your corpses will lie on the ground with others who have been killed. But even after that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry with you. He will still be ready to strike you again with his fist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:5

ULT

5 Woe to the Assyrian, the club of my anger, the rod by whom I wield my fury!

UST

5 Yahweh says, “Terrible things will happen to Assyria. It is true that their army is like a rod or a club with which I punish other nations because I am very angry with those nations.

Who was the club of Yahweh’s anger and the rod by whom Yahweh wielded his fury?

The Assyrian was the club of Yahweh’s anger and the rod by whom he wielded his fury.

Isaiah 10:6

ULT

6 I send him against an arrogant nation and against the people who bear my overflowing wrath. I order him to take the spoil, to take the prey, and to trample them like mud in the streets.

UST

6 Sometimes I send the Assyrians to attack a godless nation, to fight against other people who have caused me to be angry. I send them to capture people and to seize and take away their possessions, and to trample them like people walk on mud in the streets.

What did Yahweh order the Assyrian to do?

He ordered the Assyrian to take the spoil, take the prey and to trample Israel like mud in the streets.

Isaiah 10:7

ULT

7 But this is not what he intends, nor does he think this way. {It is} in his heart to destroy and eliminate many nations.

UST

7 But the king of Assyria does not understand; he does not realize that he is only like a weapon in my hand. He only wants to destroy people, to get rid of many nations.

What did the Assyrian intend?

It was in the Assyrian's heart to destroy and eliminate many nations.

Isaiah 10:8

ULT

8 For he says, "{Are} not all my princes kings?

UST

8 He says, 'All of my army commanders will soon be kings of these nations that I conquer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:9

ULT

9 {Is} not Kalno like Carchemish? {Is} not Hamath like Arpad? {Is} not Samaria like Damascus?

UST

9 We destroyed the city of Kalno as we destroyed the city of Carchemish. We destroyed the city of Hamath as we destroyed the city of Arpad; we destroyed Samaria just like we destroyed Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:10

ULT
10 As my hand has overcome idolatrous kingdoms, whose carved figures were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,

UST
10 We were able to destroy all those kingdoms that were full of the images of their gods, kingdoms whose gods were stronger than the gods in Jerusalem and Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:11

ULT
11 just as I did to Samaria and her worthless idols, will I not also do the same to Jerusalem and to her idols?”

UST
11 So we will defeat Jerusalem and destroy the images of gods that are there, just as we destroyed Samaria and the images that were there!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:12

ULT
12 When the Lord has finished his work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and his prideful looks.

UST
12 But I am the Lord, and after I have used Assyria to finish what I want to do to punish the people in Jerusalem, I will punish the king of Assyria because he has been very proud and arrogant.

What did the Lord say he would do when he finished his work on Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem?
The Lord said he would punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and his prideful looks.

Isaiah 10:13

ULT

13 For he says, “By my strength and by my wisdom I acted. I have understanding, and I have removed the boundaries of the peoples. I have stolen their treasures, and like a bull I have brought down the inhabitants.

UST

13 He says, ‘By my own great power I have done these things. I have been able to do them because I am very wise and very intelligent. My army removed the barriers at the borders of nations and carried away all their valuable things. My mighty army has humiliated all their people.

Why did the king of Assyria think he was successful?

The king of Assyria thought he was successful because of his strength, wisdom, and understanding.

Isaiah 10:14

ULT

14 My hand has seized, as from a nest, the wealth of nations, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth. None fluttered their wings or opened their mouth or chirped.”

UST

14 Like someone who reaches into a bird’s nest to take away the eggs, we have taken away the treasures of other countries. The people were not like birds that would have flapped their wings or chirp loudly to protest about their eggs being stolen; the people did not object at all to their treasures being stolen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:15

ULT

15 Will the ax boast about itself against the one who wields it? Will the saw praise itself more than the one who cuts with it? It is as if a rod could lift up those who raise it, {or} as if a wooden club could lift up a person.

UST

15 But I am Yahweh, and I say that an ax certainly cannot boast about being stronger than the person who uses it, and a saw is not greater than the person who uses it. A rod cannot control the one who holds it, and a wooden club cannot lift up a person. So the king of Assyria should not boast that he has done these things with his own wisdom and strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:16

ULT

16 Therefore the Lord Yahweh of hosts will send emaciation among his elite warriors; and under his glory there will be kindled a burning like fire.

UST

16 I am the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who will send a plague among the best soldiers of Assyria; it will be like a fire that will kill them and get rid of their glory.

What was the Lord God going to do among Assyria's elite warriors?

The Lord God was going to send emaciation among them.

Isaiah 10:17

ULT

17 The light of Israel will become a fire, and his Holy One a flame; it will burn and devour his thorns and briers in one day.

UST

17 Yahweh is like a light for the people of Israel, like a fire; the Holy One who rules Israel is like a flame. The soldiers of Assyria are like thorns and briers, and Yahweh will burn them up in one day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:18

ULT

18 Yahweh will consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful land, both soul and body; it will be like when a sick man's life wastes away.

UST

18 There are glorious forests and fertile farmlands in Assyria, but Yahweh will completely destroy them; they will be like a very sick person who shrivels up and then dies.

What did Yahweh say he would consume in Assyria?

Yahweh said he would consumed the glory of his forest and of his fruitful land.

Isaiah 10:19

ULT
19 The remnant of the trees of his forest will be so {few}, that a child could count them.

UST
19 There will be very few trees left in those forests; even a child will be able to count them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:20

ULT
20 On that day, the remnant of Israel, the family of Jacob that has escaped, will no longer rely on the one who defeated them, but will indeed depend on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

UST
20 In the future there will be only a few people left in Israel; not many descendants of Jacob will still be alive. But they will no longer rely on the king of Assyria, the king of the nation that tried to destroy them. Instead, they will faithfully trust in Yahweh, the Holy One who rules Israel.

What would the remnant of Israel rely upon after they escape?
The remnant that escaped would no longer rely on him who struck them, but would indeed depend on Yahweh.

Isaiah 10:21

ULT
21 A remnant of Jacob will return to the mighty God.

UST
21 Those Israelites will return to their mighty God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:22

ULT

22 For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the seashore, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, as overflowing righteousness demands.

UST

22 Now, the people of Israel are as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore, but only a few of them will return from the countries to which they will be exiled. Yahweh has decided to destroy most of the Israelites, and that is what he must do because he is completely just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:23

ULT

23 For the Lord Yahweh of hosts, is about to carry out the destruction determined throughout the land.

UST

23 Yes, the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has already decided to destroy the entire land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:24

ULT

24 Therefore the Lord Yahweh of hosts says, “My people who live in Zion, do not fear the Assyrian. He will strike you with the rod and raise his staff against you, as the Egyptians did.

UST

24 This is what the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “My people in Jerusalem, do not be afraid of the army of Assyria when they beat you with rods and clubs, like the men of Egypt did to your ancestors long ago.

Why did the Lord God tell the people who lived in Zion not to fear the Assyrian? (vv24-25)

He told them not to fear the Assyrian because in a very short time the Lord’s anger against those in Zion would end and the Lord’s anger would be toward Assyria’s destruction.

Isaiah 10:25

ULT

25 Do not fear him, for in a very short time my anger against you will end, and my anger will lead to his destruction.”

UST

25 Soon I will no longer be angry with you, and then I will be angry with the people of Assyria and destroy them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:26

ULT

26 Then Yahweh of hosts will wield a whip against them, as when he defeated Midian at the rock of Oreb. He will raise his rod over the sea and lift it up as he did in Egypt.

UST

26 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will strike them with his whip. He will do to them as he did when he defeated the army of the Midian people group, and as he did when he caused the army of Egypt to drown in the Sea of Reeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:27

ULT

27 On that day, his burden is lifted from your shoulder and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of fatness. *[1]*

UST

27 One day in the future, Yahweh will cause the army of Assyria to stop oppressing you, his people; he will end your suffering and your being slaves of the people of Assyria; you will become too strong for them.

What was to happen on the day when Yahweh would wield his whip against Assyria and on the day Yahweh would raise his rod over the sea to lift it up?

On that day the burden would be lifted from their shoulder and the yoke from off their neck.

Isaiah 10:28

ULT

28 The enemy has come to Aiath and has passed through Migron; at Michmash he has stored his provisions.

UST

28 One day in the future this will be the situation: The army of Assyria has entered northern Judah near Aiath; they have gone through Migron and stored their supplies at Micmash, north of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:29

ULT

29 They have crossed over the pass and they lodge at Geba. Ramah trembles and Gibeah of Saul has fled.

UST

29 They have crossed through a mountain pass and set up their tents at Geba. People in Ramah will tremble because they are afraid. The people of Gibeah, where King Saul was born, have all run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:30

ULT

30 Cry aloud, daughter of Gallim! Give attention, Laishah! You poor Anathoth!

UST

30 You people of Gallim will cry out for help! They will shout to the people of the city of Laish near Jerusalem to warn them! The people of Anathoth will suffer a lot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:31

ULT

31 Madmenah is fleeing, and the inhabitants of Gebim run for safety.

UST

31 The people of Madmenah north of Jerusalem are all running away, and the people of Gebim close to Jerusalem are trying to hide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:32

ULT

32 This very day he will halt at Nob and shake his fist at the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

UST

32 The soldiers of Assyria will stop at the city of Nob outside Jerusalem. They will shake their fists as they threaten the people on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:33

ULT

33 Behold, the Lord Yahweh of hosts will lop off the boughs with a terrifying crash; the tallest trees {will be} cut down, and the lofty will be brought low.

UST

33 But listen to this! Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, with his great power will destroy the mighty army of Assyria. It is as though they are a huge tree that he will cut down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:34

ULT

34 He will chop down the thickets of the forest with an ax, and Lebanon in his majesty will fall.
10:27 [1] . Other modern versions have . Here means the Assyrian king and his army.

UST

34 He will destroy the soldiers of Assyria as men use big axes to cut down the tall trees in the forests of Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11

Isaiah 11:1

ULT

[1] A shoot will sprout from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit.

UST

[1] Like a new branch often grows from the stump of a tree, there will be a descendant of King David who will be a new king.

What was going to come from the root of Jesse?

A shoot and a branch was to come from the root of Jesse.

Isaiah 11:2

ULT

[2] The Spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of instruction and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yahweh.

UST

[2] The Spirit of Yahweh will always be with him. The Spirit will enable him to be wise and to understand many things; The Spirit will enable him to decide what is good to do and will give him great power. The Spirit will enable him to know Yahweh and to revere him.

What was going to rest on him?

The Spirit of Yahweh was to rest on him.

What will the Spirit of Yahweh give him?

The Spirit of Yahweh will give him wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge, and the fear of Yahweh.

Isaiah 11:3

ULT

[3] His delight will be the fear of the Lord; he will not judge by what his eyes see, nor decide by what his ears hear.

UST

[3] He will be glad to obey Yahweh. He will not decide whether someone is righteous or not only by seeing what that person looks like, or by listening to what others say about that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:4

ULT

4 Instead, he will judge the poor with righteousness and decide fairly for the humble of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

UST

4 He will judge the cases of needy people fairly; and he will act justly toward poor people. He will punish evil people as a result of what he decides; he will get rid of wicked people because of the evil things they have done.

What standard will he use to judge the poor and humble?

He will not judge by what his eyes see or his ears hear. He will judge with righteousness and decide fairly.

What will he do to the wicked?

He will slay them with the breath of his lips.

Isaiah 11:5

ULT

5 Righteousness will be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips.

UST

5 He will always act righteously; the good things he does will be like a belt around his waist. He will always speak what is true; the true words he speaks will be like a sash around his waist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:6

ULT

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion and the fattened calf, together. A little child will lead them.

UST

6 When he becomes king, wolves and lambs will live together peacefully; leopards, instead of killing baby goats, will lie down with them. Similarly, fat, healthy calves and lions will eat food together; and a young child will take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:7

ULT

7 The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox.

UST

7 Cows and bears will eat together; bear cubs and calves will lie down together. Lions will not eat other animals; instead, they will eat hay like cows do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:8

ULT

8 A baby will play over the hole of the snake, and the weaned child will put his hand on the serpent's den.

UST

8 Babies will play safely near the holes where cobra snakes live; small children will even put their hands into nests of poisonous snakes, and the snakes will not harm them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:9

ULT

9 They will not hurt nor destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.

UST

9 No creatures will harm or kill other creatures on Mount Zion, my holy hill; and the earth will be filled with people who know me, as the seas are full of water.

How will the animals act differently?

They will not hurt nor destroy on all his holy mountain.

Why will the animals not hurt or destroy?

The animals will not hurt nor destroy because the earth will be full of the knowledge of Yahweh.

Isaiah 11:10

ULT

10 On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his resting place will be glorious.

UST

10 At that time, a descendant of King David will hold up a flag to signal to the people of all people groups that they should gather around him; they will come to him to get his advice, and the place where he lives will be glorious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:11

ULT

11 On that day, the Lord will again extend his hand to recover the remnant of his people who remain in Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea.

UST

11 At that time, Yahweh will reach out his hand as he did long ago; he will enable those who had been exiled from Israel to return home, from Assyria, from northern Egypt, from southern Egypt, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath, and from all the distant countries near the sea.

On that day why will the Lord extend his hand?

He will extend his hand to recover the remnant of his people who remain in Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 11:12

ULT

12 He will set up a banner for the nations and will gather the outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

UST

12 Yahweh will raise his flag among all the people groups, and he will gather together the people of Israel who were exiled long ago. He will gather from very distant places on the earth the people of Judah whom he had scattered to those places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:13

ULT

13 He will turn aside the envy of Ephraim, and hostilities of Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will no longer be hostile to Ephraim.

UST

13 Then, the people of Israel and the people of Judah will not be jealous of each other any longer, and they will no longer be enemies of each other.

What will happen to those who are hostile to Judah?

Those who are hostile to Judah will be cut off.

What will happen between Ephraim and Judah?

Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will no longer be hostile to Ephraim.

Isaiah 11:14

ULT

14 Instead they will swoop down on the Philistine hills on the west, and together they will plunder the people of the east. They will attack Edom and Moab, and the people of Ammon will obey them.

UST

14 Their armies will join together to attack the people of Philistia to the west. And together they will attack nations to the east; they will defeat those nations and take away all their valuable possessions. They will capture the areas of Edom and Moab, and they will rule the people of the Ammon people group.

What will Ephraim and Judah do together?

They will swoop down on the Philistine hills on the west and plunder the people of the east. They will also attack Edom and Moab..

Isaiah 11:15

ULT

15 Yahweh will completely destroy the gulf of the Sea of Egypt. With his scorching wind he will wave his hand over the Euphrates River and will divide it into seven streams, so it can be crossed over in sandals.

UST

15 Yahweh will make a dry road through the sea near Egypt. It will be as though he will wave his hand over the Euphrates River and send a strong wind to cause it to divide into seven streams, with the result that people will be able to walk across those streams.

What will Yahweh do to the gulf of the sea of Egypt and the Euphrates River?

Yahweh will divide the gulf of the sea of Egypt and will divide the Euphrates river into seven streams.

Why will Yahweh divide the gulf of the sea of Egypt and divide the Euphrates river?

He will divide them so it can be crossed over in Sandals.

Isaiah 11:16

ULT

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that return from Assyria, as there was for Israel in their coming up from the land of Egypt.

UST

16 Because he will make a highway for his people who are living in Assyria, they will be able to return to their own land, just like long ago he made a path for the people of Israel so that they could go through the water when they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 12:1

ULT

1 On that day you will say, “I will give thanks to you, Yahweh. For though you were angry with me, your wrath has turned away, and you have comforted me.

UST

1 At that time, you people of Jerusalem will sing this song: “Yahweh, we praise you! Previously, you were angry with us, but you are not angry now and you have comforted us.

On that day, why will they give thanks to Yahweh?

They will give thanks because although Yahweh was angry with them, he turned his wrath away from them and he comforted them.

On that day what will people say Yahweh is to them? (vv1-2)

The people will say Yahweh is their strength, their song, and their salvation.

Isaiah 12:2

ULT

2 See, God {is} my salvation; I will trust and will not fear, for Yahweh, yes, Yahweh {is} my strength and song. He has become my salvation.”

UST

2 Amazingly, you have come to save us, so we will trust in you and not be afraid. Yahweh our God, you enable us to be strong; you are the one about whom we sing; you have rescued us from our enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:3

ULT

3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

UST

3 You, his people, will greatly rejoice because he has rescued you, like you enjoy drinking water from a fountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:4

ULT

4 On that day you will say, “Give thanks to Yahweh and call upon his name; declare his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

UST

4 At that time you will say, “We should thank Yahweh! We should praise him! We should tell the people of all the people groups what he has done; we should enable them to know that he is very great!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:5

ULT

5 Sing to Yahweh, for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

UST

5 We should sing to Yahweh, because he has done wonderful things. We should enable everyone in the world to know it!

Why will people be told to sing to Yahweh?

They will be told to sing to Yahweh for he has done glorious things and so that it will be known throughout the earth.

Isaiah 12:6

ULT

6 Cry aloud and shout for joy, you inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst {is} the Holy One of Israel.”

UST

6 You people of Jerusalem, shout joyfully to praise Yahweh, because he is the great Holy One whom we Israelite people worship, and he lives among us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13

Isaiah 13:1

ULT
1 A declaration about Babylon, that Isaiah son of Amoz received:

UST
1 I, Isaiah son of Amoz, received from Yahweh this message about the city of Babylon:

What message did Isaiah receive from Yahweh?
He received a declaration about Babylon.

Isaiah 13:2

ULT
2 On the bare mountain set up a signal flag, cry aloud to them, wave your hand for them to go into the gates of the nobles.

UST
2 Lift up a flag on the bare top of a hill, to signal that an army should come to attack Babylon. Shout to them and wave your hand to signal to them that they should march through the city gates into the palaces of the proud rulers of Babylon!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:3

ULT
3 I have commanded my holy ones, yes, I have called my mighty men to execute my anger, even my proudly exulting ones.

UST
3 Yahweh says, “I have commanded those who are set apart to do this work for me— I have summoned the warriors whom I have chosen to punish the people of Babylon because I am very angry with them, and those soldiers will be very proud when they do that.”

What has Yahweh called his mighty men to do?
He has called them to execute his anger.

Isaiah 13:4

ULT

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of many people! The noise of a tumult of the kingdoms like many nations gathered together! Yahweh of hosts is mustering the army for the battle.

UST

4 Listen to the noise on the mountains, which is the noise of a huge army marching! It is the noise made by people of many people groups shouting. Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has summoned this army to gather together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:5

ULT

5 They come from a far country, from way over the horizon. It is Yahweh with his instruments of judgment, to destroy the whole land.

UST

5 They come from countries that are far away, from the most remote places on the earth. They are like weapons that Yahweh will use to punish the people with whom he is very angry, and to destroy the entire country of Babylonia.

From where does Yahweh's army come?

They come from a far country, from way over the horizon.

What are Yahweh's instruments of judgement going to do?

They are going to destroy the whole land.

Isaiah 13:6

ULT

6 Howl, for the day of Yahweh {is} near; it comes with destruction from the Almighty.

UST

6 You people of Babylon will scream because you will be terrified, because it will be the time that Yahweh has determined, the time for the all-powerful God to destroy your city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:7

ULT

[7] Therefore all hands hang limp, and every heart melts.

UST

[7] Because that will happen, all of your people will be very afraid, with the result that they will be unable even to lift their arms.

What will the people do when the land is destroyed? (vv7-8)

Their hands will hang limp, and their hearts will melt; they will be terrified; pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will have looks of astonishment and their faces will be aflame.

Isaiah 13:8

ULT

[8] They will be terrified; pain and agony will seize {them}, like a woman in labor. They will look in astonishment at one another; their faces {will be} aflame.

UST

[8] All of you will be terrified. You will have severe pains like a woman has when she is giving birth to a baby. You will look at each other helplessly, and it will show on your faces that you feel horror.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:9

ULT

[9] See, the day of Yahweh comes with cruel wrath and overflowing anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy the sinners from it.

UST

[9] Listen to this, you people of Babylon: The day that Yahweh has chosen to act is near, the day on which he will furiously and fiercely punish you because he is very angry with you. He will cause your land of Babylonia to be desolate, and he will destroy all the sinners in it.

What else will happen during the day of Yahweh? (vv9-10)

The land will be made desolate and the sinners will be destroyed from it. The stars, constellations, sun and moon will not give their light; they will be darkened.

Isaiah 13:10

ULT
10 The stars of heaven and the constellations will not give their light. The sun will be darkened even from dawn, and the moon will not shine.

UST
10 When that happens, none of the stars will shine. When the sun rises, it will be dark, and there will be no light from the moon at night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:11

ULT
11 I will punish the world for {its} evil and the wicked for their iniquity. I will put an end to the arrogance of the proud and will bring down the arrogance of the ruthless.

UST
11 Yahweh says, “I will punish everyone in the world for the evil things that they do; I will punish the wicked people for the sins that they have committed. I will stop arrogant people from being proud, and I will stop cruel people from being so arrogant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:12

ULT
12 I will make men more rare than fine gold and mankind harder to find than the pure gold of Ophir.

UST
12 And because I will cause most people to die, people will be harder to find than gold, harder to find than fine gold from Ophir in Arabia.

Will there be many men left?
No! Yahweh will make men more rare than fine gold.

Isaiah 13:13

ULT

13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, by the fury of Yahweh of hosts, and on the day of his fierce anger.

UST

13 I will shake the sky, and the earth will also move out of its place. That will happen when I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, punish wicked people, when I show them that I am extremely angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:14

ULT

14 Like a hunted gazelle or like a sheep with no shepherd, every man will turn toward his own people and will flee to his own land.

UST

14 All the foreigners in Babylon will run around like deer that are being hunted, like sheep that do not have a shepherd. They will try to find other people from their countries, and then they will escape from Babylon and return to their own countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:15

ULT

15 Every one who is found will be killed, and every one who is captured will die by the sword.

UST

15 Anyone who is captured in Babylon will be killed by their enemies' swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:16

ULT

16 Their infants also will be dashed in pieces before their eyes. Their houses will be plundered and their wives raped.

UST

16 Their little children will be dashed to pieces on the rocks while their parents watch; their enemies will steal everything valuable from their houses and will force their wives to sleep with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:17

ULT

17 Look, I am about to stir up the Medes to attack them, who will not be concerned about silver, nor do they delight in gold.

UST

17 Look! I am going to incite the people of Media to attack Babylon. The army of Media will attack Babylon, even if they are offered silver or gold if they promise to not attack it.

Who is Yahweh going to stir up to attack the Babylonians?

Yahweh is going to stir up the Medes to attach the Babylonians.

Isaiah 13:18

ULT

18 {Their} bows will strike down the young men; they will have no mercy on infants and they will not look with pity on children.

UST

18 With their arrows, the soldiers of Media will shoot the young men of Babylon; they will not even act mercifully toward infants or children!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:19

ULT

19 Then Babylon, the most admired of kingdoms, the splendor of Chaldean pride, will be overthrown by God like Sodom and Gomorrah.

UST

19 Babylon has been a very beautiful city; all the people of Babylonia have been very proud of Babylon, their capital city; but God will destroy Babylon, like he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

What will happen to Babylon? (vv19-20)

God will overthrow them like Sodom and Gomorrah and they will not be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation.

Isaiah 13:20

ULT

20 It will not be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation. The Arab will not pitch his tent there, nor will shepherds have their flocks rest there.

UST

20 No one will ever live in Babylon again. It will be deserted forever. Nomads will refuse to set up their tents there; shepherds will not bring their flocks of sheep to rest there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:21

ULT

21 But wild animals of the desert will lie there. Their houses will be full of owls; and ostriches and wild goats will skip about there.

UST

21 Animals that live in the desert will be there; jackals will live in the ruins of the houses. Owls will live in the ruins, and ostriches and wild goats will romp around there.

What will lie in Babylon?

Wild animals of the desert will lie there.

Isaiah 13:22

ULT

22 Hyenas will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in the beautiful palaces. Her time {is} near, and her days will not be delayed.

UST

22 Hyenas will howl in the ruined towers, and jackals will make their dens in the ruins of the palaces that were previously very beautiful. The time when Babylon will be destroyed is very near; Babylon will not exist much longer.

When will these things happen to Babylon?

Babylon’s time is near and her days will not be delayed.

Isaiah 14

Isaiah 14:1

ULT

1 Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob; he will again choose Israel and restore them into their own land. Foreigners will join with them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

UST

1 But Yahweh will act mercifully toward the Israelite people; he will choose the people of Israel to be his people again, and he will allow them to return here and live in their own land again. Then people from many other countries will come here and unite with the Israelite people.

What will Yahweh do to Israel?

Yahweh will again choose Israel and restore them into their own land.

Will anyone else go with the Israelites back to their land?

Foreigners will join with them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

Isaiah 14:2

ULT

2 The nations will bring them to their own place. Then the house of Israel will take them in the land of Yahweh as male and female servants. They will take captive those who had captured them, and they will rule over their oppressors.

UST

2 People of other nations will help them to return to their own land, and those who come from other countries will work for the Israelite people. Those who captured people of Israel will be captured by Israelite soldiers, and the people of Israel will rule over the people who previously oppressed them.

Who will bring the Israelites back to their own land?

The nations will bring them to their own place.

What will the house of Israel do to those nations that took Israel captive?

The house of Israel will take them as male and female servants. They will take captive those who had captured them and they will rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 14:3

ULT

3 On the day that Yahweh gives you rest from your suffering and anguish, and from the hard labor which you were required to perform,

UST

3 Some day Yahweh will free you Israelite people from suffering and trouble and from being afraid, and from being cruelly treated as slaves.

What will happen on the day that Yahweh gives Israel rest from their suffering, anguish, and hard labor? (vv3-4)

They will sing a song taunting the king of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:4

ULT

4 you will sing this taunt song against the king of Babylon, "How the oppressor has come to an end, the proud fury ended! [1]

UST

4 When that happens, you will make fun of the king of Babylon by singing a song like this: "You treated us cruelly, but that has ended! You insulted others and made them suffer, but you can do this no longer!

What has happened to the oppressor?

The oppressor has come to an end.

Isaiah 14:5

ULT

5 Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of those rulers,

UST

5 You evil ruler, Yahweh has destroyed your power, and you will oppress people no longer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:6

ULT

[6] that struck the peoples in wrath with unceasing blows, that ruled the nations in anger, with an attack that was unrestrained.

UST

[6] You attacked people many times because you were very angry with them, and you subdued other nations by causing them to suffer without stopping.

What had the king of Babylon done?

He had struck the people in wrath with unceasing blows. He had ruled the nations in anger, with an attack that was unrestrained.

Isaiah 14:7

ULT

[7] The whole earth is at rest {and} is quiet; they begin celebrating with singing.

UST

[7] But soon everything will be quiet and peaceful on the earth. Everyone will sing again!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:8

ULT

[8] Even the cypress trees rejoice over you {with} the cedars of Lebanon; {they say}, ‘Since you are laid low, no woodcutter comes up to cut us down.’

UST

[8] It will be as though even the trees in the forests will joyfully sing this song, the cyprus trees and the cedar trees in Lebanon will sing it: ‘You have been overthrown, and now no one comes to chop us down.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:9

ULT

9 Sheol below is eager to meet {you} when you go there. It arouses the dead for you, all the kings of the earth, making them rise up from their thrones, all the kings of the nations.

UST

9 The dead people are all eagerly waiting for you to go to the place where they are. The spirits of the world leaders will be delighted to welcome you; those who were kings of many nations before they died will stand up to welcome you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:10

ULT

10 They all will speak and say to you, ‘You have become as weak as us. You have become like us.

UST

10 They will all shout to you together, ‘Now you are as weak as we are!’

What will the dead kings of the earth say to the king of Babylon? (vv10-11)

They will say, “You have become as weak as us...” and “Your pomp has been brought down to Sheol....”

Isaiah 14:11

ULT

11 Your pomp has been brought down to Sheol {with} the sound of your string instruments. Maggots are spread under you, and worms cover you.’

UST

11 You were very proud and powerful, but all that ended when you died, along with the sounds of harps being played in your palace. Now in your grave maggots will be under you like a sheet, and worms will cover you like a blanket.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:12

ULT
12 How you are fallen from heaven, daystar, son of the morning! {How} you are cut down to the ground, you who conquered the nations!

UST
12 You have disappeared from the earth like a star that fell from the sky; you were very well known, like the morning star is seen by everyone; you destroyed many nations, but now you have been destroyed.

What has happened to the son of the morning?
He has fallen from heaven and been cut down to the ground.

Isaiah 14:13

ULT
13 You had said in your heart, ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly, in the far reaches of the north.

UST
13 You proudly said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven, to my throne above God’s stars. I will rule on the mountain where the gods gather together, far in the north.

What did the son of the morning say in his heart? (vv13-14)
He said he would exalt his throne above the stars of God and make himself like the Most High God.

Isaiah 14:14

ULT
14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High God.’

UST
14 I will ascend above the clouds and become like God himself!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:15

ULT

15 Yet you are now brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.

UST

15 But you were not able to do that; Instead, you were carried down to your grave, and you went to the place where the dead people are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:16

ULT

16 Those who see you will gaze at you {and} they will pay attention to you. They will {say,} ‘{Is} this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

UST

16 The other dead people there stare at you; they wonder what happened to you. They say, ‘Is this the man who caused the earth to shake and caused the people in many kingdoms to tremble?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:17

ULT

17 who made the world like a wilderness, {who} overthrew its cities and did not let his prisoners go home?’

UST

17 Is this the man who tried to cause the world to become a desert, who conquered its cities and did not allow the people whom he captured to return to their homes?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:18

ULT

18 All the kings of the nations, all of them lie down in honor, each one in his own tomb.

UST

18 All the kings of the earth who have died were greatly honored when they were buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:19

ULT

[19] But you are cast out of your grave like a branch thrown away. The dead cover you {like} a garment, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit.

UST

[19] Someone will cast you aside, but not into a grave, like a branch that they throw away. The dead cover you like a garment, those pierced by the sword, who go down to be among the stones where the dead rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:20

ULT

[20] You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land {and} killed your people. The offspring of evildoers will never be mentioned again."

UST

[20] Your dead body will not be buried with them because you have destroyed your land and have caused your own people to be killed. The descendants of wicked people like you will never be spoken of again."

Why will the king of Babylon not join the other kings of the nations in burial?

He will not join them because he destroyed his land and killed his people.

Isaiah 14:21

ULT

[21] Prepare your slaughter for his children, for the iniquity of their ancestors, so they will not rise up and possess the earth and fill the whole world with cities.

UST

[21] People will say, "Slaughter this man's children because of the sins that their ancestors committed! Do not allow them to become rulers, and conquer all the nations in the world, and fill the world with the cities that they rule!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:22

ULT
22 “I will rise up against them”—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts. “I will cut off from Babylon name, descendant, and posterity”—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST
22 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “I myself will cause Babylon to be conquered. I will get rid of Babylon and its people and their descendants.

What is the declaration of Yahweh of Hosts against Babylon?
He declares, “I will rise up against them” and further, “I will cut off from Babylon name, descendant, and posterity.”

Isaiah 14:23

ULT
23 “I will also make her into a possession of owls, and into pools of water, and I will sweep her with the broom of destruction”—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST
23 I will cause Babylon to be a place where owls live, a place full of swamps; I will destroy it completely as though I were sweeping it with a broom. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:24

ULT
24 Yahweh of hosts has sworn, “Surely, as I have intended, so it will come about; and as I have purposed, {so} it will be:

UST
24 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has also solemnly promised this: “The things that I have planned will surely happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:25

ULT

25 I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains trample him underfoot. Then his yoke will be lifted from off them and his burden from off their shoulder.

UST

25 When the army of Assyria is in my land of Israel, I will crush them. It will be as though I had trampled them on my mountains. My people will no longer be the slaves of the people of Assyria; It will be as though I had taken away the burdens that were on their shoulders.

What has Yahweh of Host sworn concerning the Assyrian in Yahweh's land?

He said he would break the Assyrian in his land and on his mountains trample him under foot.

Isaiah 14:26

ULT

26 This {is} the plan that is intended for the whole earth, and this is the hand that is raised over all the nations.

UST

26 There is a plan for everyone on the earth, a plan to show the power of Yahweh to punish all the nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:27

ULT

27 For Yahweh of hosts has planned this; who will stop him? His hand {is} raised, and who will turn it back?

UST

27 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has spoken, and no one can change his mind. When Yahweh raises his fist to strike Assyria, no one will be able to stop him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:28

ULT
28 In the year that king Ahaz died this declaration came:

UST
28 I received this message from Yahweh during the year that King Ahaz died:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:29

ULT
29 Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken. For out of the serpent's root will grow out an adder, and his offspring {will be} a fiery flying serpent.

UST
29 Do not rejoice, all you people of Philistia, that the enemy army that attacked you has been defeated and that their king is dead. He was as dangerous as a snake, but there will be another king, who will be more dangerous than a cobra; he will be like a quick-moving poisonous snake.

What was the declaration against Philistia? (vv29-30)
It was declared that Philistia should not rejoice, for Yahweh was going to kill Philistia's root with famine that will put to death all Philistia's survivors.

Isaiah 14:30

ULT
30 The firstborn of the poor will graze their sheep in my pastures, and the needy will lie down in safety. I will kill your root with famine that will put to death all your survivors.

UST
30 Those of my people who are very poor will take care of their flocks of sheep, and the needy people will lie down safely, but I will cause you people of Philistia who are still alive to die from famine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:31

ULT

31 Howl, gate; cry, city; all of you will melt away, Philistia. For out of the north comes a cloud of smoke, and there is no straggler in his ranks.

UST

31 So, you people of Philistia, wail at the gates of your cities! You should be extremely afraid, because a very powerful army will come from the north to attack you; their chariots will stir up the dust like a cloud of smoke. Each of their soldiers is ready to fight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:32

ULT

32 How will they respond to the messengers of that nation? “Yahweh has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will find refuge.”
14:4 [1] , some versions have , , , or .

UST

32 If messengers from Philistia come to us Israelite people, this is what we must tell them: “Yahweh has created Jerusalem, not Philistia, and his people who are oppressed will be safe inside the walls of Jerusalem.”

Who founded Zion?
Yahweh founded Zion.

What will the afflicted of Yahweh’s people find in Zion?
The afflicted of Yahweh’s people will find refuge in Zion.

Isaiah 15

Isaiah 15:1

ULT

[1] A declaration about Moab. Indeed, in one night Ar of Moab is laid waste {and} destroyed; indeed, in one night Kir of Moab is laid waste {and} destroyed.

UST

[1] Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about the Moab people group: In one night two important cities in Moab, Ar and Kir, will be destroyed.

Who is the declaration about?

The declaration is about Moab.

What will happen to Ar and Kir of Moab?

They will each be destroyed and laid waste in one night.

Isaiah 15:2

ULT

[2] They have gone up to the temple, the people of Dibon went up to the heights to weep; Moab laments over Nebo and over Medeba. All their heads are shaved bare {and} all their beards are cut off.

UST

[2] The people of Dibon, the capital city, will go to their temple to mourn; they will go to their high places set on the hilltops, and there they will weep. They will wail because of what happened to Nebo and Medeba in the south; they will all shave the hair of their heads, and the men will cut off their beards to show that they are grieving.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:3

ULT

[3] In their streets they wear sackcloth; on their housetops and in the square everyone wails, melting in tears.

UST

[3] In the streets people will wear rough sackcloth, and on their flat rooftops and in the city plazas all people will wail with tears streaming down their faces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:4

ULT

4 Heshbon and Elealeh call out for help; their sound is heard as far as Jahaz. So the armed men of Moab call out for help; they tremble within themselves.

UST

4 The people of the city of Heshbon and the towns of Elealeh in the north of Moab will cry out; people as far away as the town of Jahaz in the south will hear them wailing. Therefore the soldiers of Moab will tremble and cry out, and they will be very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:5

ULT

5 My heart cries out for Moab; her fugitives {flee} to Zoar and to Eglath Shelishiyah. They go up the ascent of Luhith weeping; on the road to Horonaim they loudly wail over their destruction.

UST

5 Yahweh feels very sorry for the people of Moab; they will flee to the towns of Zoar and Eglath Shelishiyah in the far south. They will cry as they walk up to the town of Luhith. All along the road to the town of Horonaim people will mourn because their country has been destroyed.

Where will Moab's fugitives go?

They will flee to Zoar and to Eglath Shelishiyah.

Isaiah 15:6

ULT

6 The waters of Nimrim are a desolation; the grass is withered; the vegetation has dried up; there is no more green grass.

UST

6 The water in the Valley of Nimrim will dry up. The grass there will be withered; the green plants will all be gone, and there will be nothing left that is green.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:7

ULT
7 The abundance they have grown and stored they carry away over the brook of the poplars.

UST
7 The people will pick up their possessions and carry them across the brook of the Willows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:8

ULT
8 The cry has gone around the territory of Moab; the wailing as far as Eglaim and Beer Elim.

UST
8 Throughout the country of Moab, people will be crying; people as far away as Eglaim in the south and Beer Elim in the north will hear them wailing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:9

ULT
9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; but I will bring even more upon Dimon. A lion will attack those who escape from Moab and also those remaining in the land.

UST
9 The stream near Dimon will become red from the blood of people who have been killed, but I will cause the people of Moab to experience even more trouble: lions will attack those who are trying to escape from Moab and will also attack the people who remain in that country.

What has happened to the waters of Dimon and what will happen to Dimon?
The waters of Dimon are full of blood; but Yahweh will bring even more upon Dimon.

What will happen to those who escape from Moab and also those who remain in the land?
A lion will attack both those who escape from Moab and those who remain in Moab.

Isaiah 16

Isaiah 16:1

ULT
1 Send rams to the ruler of the land from Selah in the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

UST
1 The rulers of Moab will say to each other, “We must send some lambs from the city of Sela as a gift to the ruler of Judah to persuade him to not allow his army to attack us anymore. We should send them through the desert to the king in Jerusalem.”

To whom are rams to be sent?
The rams are to be sent to the ruler of the land at the mount of the daugther of Zion.

Isaiah 16:2

ULT
2 As wandering birds, as a scattered nest, {so} the women of Moab are at the fords of the Arnon River.

UST
2 The women of Moab will be left alone at the fords of the Arnon River; they will be like birds that have been pushed out of their nests.

To what are the women of Moab at the fords of the Arnon River compared?
They are like wandering birds or a scattered nest.

Isaiah 16:3

ULT
3 “Give instruction, execute justice; provide some shade like night in the middle of the day; hide the fugitives; do not betray the fugitives.

UST
3 They will cry out, “Help us! Tell us what we should do! Protect us completely, we who are running away from our enemies, and do not betray us.

What is Judah supposed to do with the fugitives and refugees of Moab? (vv3-4)
They are to hide and not betray the fugitives and let the refugees live among them; be a hiding place from the destroyer.

Isaiah 16:4

ULT

4 Let them live among you, the refugees from Moab; be a hiding place for them from the destroyer.” For the oppression will stop, and destruction will cease, those who trample will disappear from the land.

UST

4 Allow those of us who are fleeing from Moab to stay with you; hide us from our enemies who want to destroy us! Some day there will be no one to oppress us, and our enemies will stop destroying our land.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:5

ULT

5 A throne will be established in covenant faithfulness; and one from David’s tent will faithfully sit there. He will judge as he seeks justice and does righteousness.

UST

5 Then Yahweh will appoint someone to be king who will be a descendant of King David. As this man rules, he will be merciful and truthful. He will always do what is fair and quickly do what is righteous.

What will the one from David’s tent who sits on the throne do?

He will judge as he seeks justice and does righteousness.

Isaiah 16:6

ULT

6 We have heard of Moab’s pride, his arrogance, his boasting, and his anger. {But} his boastings are empty words.

UST

6 We people of Judah have heard about the people of Moab; we have heard that they are very proud and conceited; they are insolent, but what they say about themselves is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:7

ULT

7 So Moab wails for Moab—they all wail! Mourn, you who are utterly destroyed, for the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth.

UST

7 Some day all the people in Moab will weep. They will all mourn, because there will be no more raisin cakes in the city of Kir Hareseth. But more than the cakes, they mourn for the people who lived there, who were all killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:8

ULT

8 The fields of Heshbon have dried up as well as the vines of Sibmah. The rulers of the nations have trampled the choice vines that reached to Jazer and spread into the desert. Its shoots spread abroad; they went over to the sea.

UST

8 The crops in the fields of Heshbon will wither, and the vineyards of Sibmah will wither also. The armies of other nations will destroy Moab, which is like a beautiful grapevine whose branches spread north to Jazer, and east to the desert. Its branches spread very far west, to the west side of the Dead Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:9

ULT

9 Indeed I will weep along with Jazer for the vineyard of Sibmah. I will water you with my tears, Heshbon, and Elealeh. For on your fields of summer fruits and harvest I have ended the shouts of joy.

UST

9 So I will weep for Jazer and for the grapevines of Sibmah. I will shed tears for all of you. I will cry because people will no longer shout joyfully, like they usually do when they gather the fruit that ripens in the summer and the other crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:10

ULT

10 Gladness and joy are taken away from the fruit tree groves; and there is no singing, or shouts in the vineyards. No one treads out wine in the presses, for I have put an end to the shouts of the one who treads.

UST

10 People will no longer be glad at harvest time. No one will sing in the vineyards; no one will shout joyfully. No one will tread on grapes to get grape juice for wine; there will be nothing to shout about joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:11

ULT

11 So my heart sighs like a harp for Moab, and my inward being for Kir Hareseth.

UST

11 I cry in my inner being for Moab; my groaning is like a sad song played on a harp. I am sad in my inner being for Kir Hareseth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:12

ULT

12 When Moab wears himself out on the high place and enters his temple to pray, his prayers will accomplish nothing.

UST

12 The people of Moab will go and pray at their high places, but that will not help them. They will cry out to their gods in their temples, but no one will be able to rescue them.

What will Moab accomplish when he enters his temple to pray?

Moab will accomplish nothing with his prayers.

Isaiah 16:13

ULT

13 This {is} the word that Yahweh spoke concerning Moab previously.

UST

13 Yahweh has already spoken those things about Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:14

ULT

14 Again Yahweh speaks, “Within three years, the glory of Moab will disappear; in spite of his many people, the remnant {will be} very few and insignificant.”

UST

14 But now he says that exactly three years from now, he will destroy all the things that the people of Moab have been proud of. Even though they have a huge number of people in Moab now, only a few people will remain alive, and they will be weak.

What was going to happen to the glory of Moab?

Yahweh said the glory of Moab would disappear within three years.

How many from Moab will be left?

The remnant of Moab will be very few and insignificant.

Isaiah 17

Isaiah 17:1

ULT
1 A declaration about Damascus.

UST
1 Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about Damascus, the capital of Aram: “Listen carefully! Damascus will no longer be a city; it will be only a heap of ruins!

What will happen to the city of Damascus?
It will no longer be a city, but will be a heap of ruins.

Isaiah 17:2

ULT
2 The cities of Aroer {will be} abandoned. They will be places for flocks to lie down, and no one will frighten {them}.

UST
2 The towns near the city of Aroer will be abandoned. Flocks of sheep will eat grass in the streets and lie down there, and there will be no one to chase them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:3

ULT
3 Fortified cities will disappear from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram—they will be like the glory of the people of Israel—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST
3 The cities in Israel will not have walls around them to protect them. The power of the kingdom of Damascus will be ended, and the few people who will remain in Aram will be disgraced like the people in Israel were disgraced.” That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

What will disappear from Ephraim?
Fortified cities will disappear from Ephraim.

Isaiah 17:4

ULT

4 It will come about on that day {that} the glory of Jacob will become thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

UST

4 “At that time, Israel will become insignificant. It will be like a fat person who has become very thin.

What will happen to the glory of Jacob on that day?

The glory of Jacob will become thin and the fatness of his flesh will become lean on that day.

Isaiah 17:5

ULT

5 It will be as when a harvester gathers the standing grain, and his arm reaps the heads of grain. It will be as when one gleans heads of grain in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

5 The entire land will be like a field where the harvesters have cut all the grain; there will be nothing left, like the fields in the Valley of Rephaim after all the crops have been harvested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:6

ULT

6 Gleanings will be left, however, as when the olive tree is shaken: two {or} three olives in the top of the uppermost bough, four {or} five in the highest branches of a fruitful tree—this is the declaration of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

6 Only a few of the Israelite people will remain, like the few olives that remain on the top of a tree after the workers have shaken all the other olives to the ground. There will be only two or three olives in the top branches, or four or five olives on the other branches.” That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:7

ULT
7 On that day men will look toward their Maker, and their eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

UST
7 Then at that time, you people of Israel will trust in God, your creator, the Holy One of Israel.

To whom will men look on that day?
Men will look toward their Maker and their eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 17:8

ULT
8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, nor will they look to what their fingers have made, the Asherah poles or the sun images.

UST
8 You will no longer seek to get help from your idols or worship the idols that you have made with your own hands. You will never again bow down in front of the poles where you worshiped the goddess Asherah. You will never again worship at the high places that you have built to burn incense to idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:9

ULT
9 On that day their strong cities will be like the abandoned wooded slopes on the hill summits, that were forsaken because of the people of Israel and that will become a desolation.

UST
9 The largest cities in Israel will be abandoned, like the land that the Hiv and Amor people groups abandoned when the Israelites attacked them long ago. No people will live there.

On that day what will their strong cities be like?
On that day their strong cities will be like the abandoned wooded slopes on the hill summits.

Isaiah 17:10

ULT

10 For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have ignored the rock of your strength. So you plant pleasant plants, and set out vine branches received from a stranger,

UST

10 That will happen because you have stopped worshiping God, who is like a huge rock on top of which you can be safe. You have forgotten that he is the one who can hide you. So now you plant very nice grapevines and even unusual ones that come from other countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:11

ULT

11 on the day you plant and hedge and cultivate. Soon your seed will grow, {but} the harvest {will} fail on a day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

UST

11 But even if they sprout leaves on the day you plant them, and even if they produce blossoms on that same morning, at harvest time, there will not be any grapes for you to pick. All that you will get is much of agony and suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:12

ULT

12 Woe! The uproar of many peoples, that roar like the roaring of the seas, and the rushing of nations, {that} rush like the rushing of mighty waters!

UST

12 Listen! The armies of many nations will roar like the sea roars. It will sound like noise of crashing waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:13

ULT

13 The nations will roar like the rushing of many waters, but he will rebuke them and they will flee far away, they will be chased before the wind like chaff on the mountains, and like weeds whirling before a storm.

UST

13 But even though their loud roaring will be like the sound of crashing waves, when Yahweh rebukes them, they will run far away. They will flee like chaff on the hills scatters when the wind blows, like tumbleweeds scatter when a windstorm blows.

What will happen when the nations roar like the rushing of mighty waters?

God will rebuke the nations and they will flee away and be chased.

Isaiah 17:14

ULT

14 In the evening, see, terror! Before the morning they will be gone! This {is} the portion of those who loot us, the lot of those who rob us.

UST

14 And even though you people of Israel will be terrified, in the morning your enemies will all be gone. That is what will happen to those who invade our land and steal our possessions.

What is the portion of those who rob Israel?

Their portion will be to see terror in the evening and to be gone before the morning.

Isaiah 18

Isaiah 18:1

ULT

[1] Woe to the land of the {rustling} of wings, which {is} along the rivers of Cush;

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to you people of Ethiopia! In your land there are many boats at the upper part of the Nile River.

Where is the land of rustling wings?

The land of rustling wings is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.

Isaiah 18:2

ULT

[2] who send ambassadors by the sea, in vessels of papyrus on the waters. Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared far and near, a nation strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide.

UST

[2] Your rulers send ambassadors that sail quickly down the river in papyrus boats. Tell your messengers to go quickly! Go to people who are tall and who have smooth skins. People everywhere are afraid of those people, because they conquer and destroy other nations; they are people who live in a land that rivers divide.

To whom does the land of the rustling of wings send ambassadors?

They send ambassadors to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared, a nation strong and conquering, whose land the rivers divide.

Isaiah 18:3

ULT

3 All you inhabitants of the world and you who live on the earth, when a signal is lifted up on the mountains, look; and when the trumpet is blown, listen.

UST

3 You messengers must tell to the people of the world, to all people everywhere, “Look when the battle flag is lifted on top of the mountain, and listen when the ram’s horn blows to signal that the battle is about to begin.”

When are the inhabitants of the world supposed to look and listen?

They are to look and listen when a signal is lifted up on the mountains and when the trumpet is blown.

Isaiah 18:4

ULT

4 This is what Yahweh said to me, “I will quietly observe from my home, like the simmering heat in sunshine, like a cloud of mist in the heat of harvest.

UST

4 Listen because Yahweh has told me this: “I will watch quietly from where I live. I will watch quietly like the heat that shimmers as it rises on a summer day. I will work effectively like the cloud of mist that settles during the heat of harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 18:5

ULT

5 Before the harvest, when the blossoming is over, and the flower is ripening into a grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, {and} he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

UST

5 Before the harvest, the farmer sees the grapevines making blossoms and the flowers growing into grapes, and he knows that the time is right to cut off the new growth and spreading branches that keep the tree from growing strong. In the same way I know when the time is right to take action against that nation, and I will send an army to attack it.

What will Yahweh do before the harvest, when the blossoming is over?

Yahweh will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

Isaiah 18:6

ULT

6 They will be left together for the birds of the mountains and for the animals of the earth. The birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them.”

UST

6 All the soldiers in that nation’s army will be killed, and their corpses will lie in the fields for vultures to eat their flesh in the summer. Then wild animals will chew on their bones all during the winter.”

What will happen when the birds summer on the branches and all the animals of the earth winter on them? (vv6-7)

At that time tribute will be brought to Mount Zion for Yahweh from a people tall and smooth.

Isaiah 18:7

ULT

7 At that time tribute will be brought to Yahweh of hosts from a people tall and smooth, from a people feared far and near, a nation strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Yahweh of hosts, to Mount Zion.

UST

7 At that time, the people of the nation that rivers divide will take gifts to Yahweh in Jerusalem. Those people are tall and have smooth skins; people everywhere are afraid of those people, because they conquer and destroy other nations, will take gifts to Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19

Isaiah 19:1

ULT

1 A declaration about Egypt. See, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt; the idols of Egypt quake before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within themselves.

UST

1 Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about Egypt: Listen to this! I, Yahweh, am coming toward Egypt, riding on a fast-moving cloud. The idols in Egypt will tremble when I appear, and the people of Egypt will be extremely afraid.

Who is the declaration in this chapter about?

This chapter is a declaration about Egypt.

Who will stir up the Egyptians? (vv1-2)

Yahweh will stir up the Egyptians.

Isaiah 19:2

ULT

2 "I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians: A man will fight against his brother, and a man against his neighbor; city will be against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

UST

2 I will cause the people of Egypt to fight against each other: men will fight against their brothers, neighbors will fight against each other, people of one city will fight against the people of another city, people of one province will fight against the people of another province.

Who will the Egyptians be stirred up against?

They will be stirred up against each other.

Isaiah 19:3

ULT

[3] The spirit of Egypt will be weakened from within. I will destroy his advice, though they sought the advice of idols, dead men's spirits, mediums, and spiritualists.

UST

[3] The people of Egypt will become very discouraged, and I will cause their plans to not be successful. They will plead with idols and sorcerers and those who talk with spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:4

ULT

[4] I will give the Egyptians into the hand of a harsh master, and a strong king will rule over them— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts."

UST

[4] Then I will enable someone who will treat them very cruelly to become their king. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say.

Who will Yahweh cause to lead the Egyptians?

Yahweh will give the Egyptians into the hands of a harsh master, and a strong king will rule over them.

Isaiah 19:5

ULT

[5] The waters of the sea will dry up, and the river will dry up and become empty.

UST

[5] Some day the water in the Nile River will dry up, and the riverbed will become very dry.

What will happen to the waters of Egypt?

The waters of the sea will dry up and the river will dry up and become empty.

Isaiah 19:6

ULT

6 The rivers will become foul; the streams of Egypt will dwindle and dry up; the reeds and flags will wither away.

UST

6 The branches of the river will all dry up. The canals along the river will stink because of the withering and rotting reeds and bulrushes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:7

ULT

7 The reeds along the Nile, at the mouth of the Nile, and every sown field beside the Nile will become parched, will be driven away, and will be no more.

UST

7 All the plants along the river and all the crops in the fields bordering the river will dry up; then they will blow away and disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:8

ULT

8 The fishermen will wail and mourn, and all who cast a hook into the Nile will mourn, and those who spread nets on the waters will grieve.

UST

8 The fishermen will throw into the river lines with hooks on them and nets, and then they will groan and be very discouraged; they will be sad because there will be no fish in the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:9

ULT
9 The workers in combed flax and those who weave white cloth will turn pale.

UST
9 Those who weave cloth from flax will not know what to do because there will be no thread for them to weave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:10

ULT
10 The cloth workers of Egypt will be crushed; all who work for hire will be grieved within themselves.

UST
10 They will all despair and be very discouraged.

What will happen to the cloth workers in Egypt?
The cloth workers will be crushed.

Isaiah 19:11

ULT
11 The princes of Zoan {are} completely foolish. The advice of the wisest advisors of Pharaoh has become senseless. How can you say to Pharaoh, “I {am} the son of wise men, a son of ancient kings?”

UST
11 The officials in the city of Zoan in northern Egypt are foolish. The advice that they gave to the king was worthless. Why do they continue to tell the king that they are wise, that they are descendants of wise kings who lived long ago?

What has happened to the counsel of Pharoah’s counselors?
Their counsel has become senseless.

Isaiah 19:12

ULT

12 Where then {are} your wise men? Let them tell you and make known what Yahweh of hosts plans concerning Egypt.

UST

12 King, where are your wise advisors now? If you had any wise advisors, they could tell you what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has planned to do to Egypt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:13

ULT

13 The princes of Zoan have become fools, the princes of Memphis are deceived; they have made Egypt go astray, {who are} the cornerstones of her tribes. [1]

UST

13 Yes, the officials of Zoan have become foolish, and the leaders in the city of Memphis in northern Egypt have deceived themselves. All the leaders of the people have caused their people to do wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:14

ULT

14 Yahweh has mixed a spirit of distortion into her midst, and they have led Egypt astray in all she does, like a drunk staggering in his vomit.

UST

14 Yahweh has caused them to be very foolish, with the result that in everything that they do, it is as though the people of Egypt stagger like a drunken person staggers and slips in his own vomit.

Why has the counsel of Pharoah's counselors become senseless?

Their counsel has become senseless because Yahweh has mixed a spirit of distortion into Egypt's midst.

Isaiah 19:15

ULT
15 There is nothing anyone can do for Egypt, whether head or tail, palm branch or reed.

UST
15 There is no one in Egypt, rich or poor, important or unimportant, who will be able to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:16

ULT
16 In that day, the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear because of the upraised hand of Yahweh of hosts that he raises over them.

UST
16 At that time, the people of Egypt will be as helpless as women. They will tremble, being terrified because they know that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has raised his fist, intending to strike them.

In that day what will the Egyptians be like?
In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear.

Isaiah 19:17

ULT
17 The land of Judah will become a cause of staggering to Egypt. Whenever anyone reminds them of her, they will be afraid, because of the plan of Yahweh, that he is planning against them.

UST
17 The people of Egypt will be afraid of the people of Judah, and anyone who mentions Judah to them will cause them to be terrified, because that will remind them of what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is planning to do to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:18

ULT

18 In that day there will be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to Yahweh of hosts. One of these will be called The City of the Sun. [2]

UST

18 At that time, people in five cities in Egypt will solemnly declare that they will serve Yahweh. They will learn to speak the Hebrew language. One of those cities will be called “City of the Sun.”

In that day what will five cities in Egypt do?

They will swear alligiance to Yahweh of Hosts.

Isaiah 19:19

ULT

19 In that day there will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt, and a stone pillar at the border to Yahweh.

UST

19 At that time, there will be an altar for worshiping Yahweh in the center of Egypt, and there will be a pillar to honor Yahweh at the border between Egypt and Israel.

In that day what will be in the middle of the land of Egypt?

In that day there will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 19:20

ULT

20 It will be as a sign and a witness to Yahweh of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to Yahweh because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.

UST

20 That will be a sign to indicate that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is worshiped in the land of Egypt. And when the people cry out to Yahweh to help them because others are oppressing them, he will send to them someone who will defend and rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:21

ULT

21 Yahweh will become known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will acknowledge Yahweh on that day. They will worship with sacrifices and offerings, and will make vows to Yahweh and fulfill {them}.

UST

21 Yahweh will enable the people of Egypt to know who he is. At that time they will admit that he is God. They will worship him and bring to him offerings of grain and other sacrifices. They will solemnly promise to do things for Yahweh, and they will do what they promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:22

ULT

22 Yahweh will afflict Egypt, afflicting and healing. They will return to Yahweh; he will hear their prayer and will heal {them}.

UST

22 After Yahweh has punished Egypt, he will cause their troubles to end. The people of Egypt will turn to Yahweh, and he will listen when they plead to him for help, and he will cause their troubles to cease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:23

ULT

23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come to Egypt, and the Egyptian to Assyria; and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

UST

23 At that time, there will be a highway between Egypt and Assyria. As a result, the people of Egypt will be able to travel easily to Assyria, and the people of Assyria will be able to travel easily to Egypt. And the people of both countries will worship Yahweh.

In that day who will worship Yahweh together?

The Egyptians and the Assyrians will worship Yahweh together.

Isaiah 19:24

ULT

24 In that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth;

UST

24 And Israel will be their ally. All three nations will be friendly to each other, and the people of Israel will be a blessing to the people of the entire world.

In that day who will be a blessing in the midst of the earth?

Israel, Egypt and Assyria will be a blessing in the midst of the earth.

Isaiah 19:25

ULT

25 Yahweh of hosts will bless them and say, “Blessed {be} Egypt, my people; Assyria, the work of my hands; and Israel, my inheritance.”
19:13 [1] , some versions have , the Hebrew name for the same city in Egypt.
19:18 [2] , which probably refers to the Egyptian city of Heliopolis, some ancient and modern versions have .

UST

25 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will bless them; he will say, “You people of Egypt are now my people. You people of Assyria, I have established your country. You people of Israel are the people whom I have chosen to belong to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 20

Isaiah 20:1

ULT

1 In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, he fought against Ashdod and took it.

UST

1 One year King Sargon of Assyria sent the chief commander of his army to take his soldiers to capture the city of Ashdod in Philistia. At that time,

What happened when Tartan came to Ashdod?

Tartan fought against Ashdod and took it.

Who sent Tartan to Ashdod?

Sargon the king of Assyria sent Tartan to Ashdod.

Isaiah 20:2

ULT

2 At that time Yahweh spoke by Isaiah son of Amoz and said, “Go and remove the sackcloth from your waist, and take your sandals off your feet.” He did so, walking naked and barefoot.

UST

2 Yahweh told Isaiah, “Take off the rough sackcloth that you have been wearing and take off your sandals.” So Isaiah did that, and then he walked around naked and barefoot for three years.

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do when Tartan took Ashdod?

Yahweh told Isaiah to remove his sackloth and sandals and walk naked and barefoot.

Isaiah 20:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh said, “Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years, it is a sign and an omen concerning Egypt and concerning Cush—

UST

[3] Then Yahweh said this to the people of Judah: “My servant Isaiah has been walking around naked and barefoot for the past three years. That is to show the terrible disasters that I will cause the people of Egypt and Ethiopia to experience.

Why was Isaiah told to walk naked? (vv3-4)

This was to be a sign that the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia were going to be lead away naked and barefoot by the king of Assyria.

Isaiah 20:4

ULT

[4] in this way the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

UST

[4] What will happen is that the army of the king of Assyria will invade those countries and capture many of the people and take them away as their prisoners. They will force all of them, including both the young ones and the old ones, to walk naked and barefoot. They will also force them to have no clothes around their buttocks, which will cause the people of Egypt to be ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 20:5

ULT

[5] They will be dismayed and ashamed, because of Cush their hope and of Egypt their glory.

UST

[5] Then the people of other countries who trusted that the armies of Egypt and Ethiopia would be able to help them will be very dismayed and afraid.

What will happen to those who put their hope in Ethiopia and Egypt? (vv5-6)

They will be dismayed and ashamed.

Isaiah 20:6

ULT

6 The inhabitants of these coasts will say on that day, ‘Indeed, this {was} our source of hope, where we fled for help to be rescued from the king of Assyria, and now, how can we escape?’”

UST

6 They will say, ‘We thought that the armies of Egypt and Ethiopia would help us and defend us, but they have been destroyed, so there is no way that we can escape from being destroyed by the army of the king of Assyria!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21

Isaiah 21:1

ULT

[1] A declaration about the desert by the sea. Like stormwinds sweeping through the Negev it comes passing through from the wilderness, from a terrible land.

UST

[1] Yahweh gave this message about a land soon to become a desert: An army will soon come from the southern Judean wilderness to invade that land; they are an army that causes their enemies to be terrified, an army that will come sweeping through the wilderness from a terrible land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:2

ULT

[2] A distressing vision has been given to me: the treacherous man deals treacherously, and the destroyer destroys. Go up and attack, Elam; besiege, Media; I will stop all her groaning.

UST

[2] Yahweh showed me a terrifying vision: In the vision I saw an army that will betray people and steal their possessions after they conquer them. Yahweh said, “You armies from Elam and Media, surround Babylon and prepare to attack it! I will cause the groaning and suffering that Babylon caused to cease!”

What kind of vision was given to Isaiah?

A distressing vision was given to him.

What is the vision about?

Isaiah’s vision is about an attack on Elam and a siege of Media.

Isaiah 21:3

ULT

[3] Therefore my loins are filled with pain; pains like the pains of a woman in labor have taken hold of me; I am bowed down by {what I} heard; I am disturbed by {what I} saw.

UST

[3] Because of that, my body is full of pain; my pain is like the pain that women who are giving birth experience. When I hear about and see what God is planning to do, I am shocked.

How did this vision affect Isaiah? (vv3-4)

It gave Isaiah pain in his loins. He was bowed down and disturbed. His heart was pounding. He was shuddering and trembling.

Isaiah 21:4

ULT

[4] My heart pounds; I shake with fear. Twilight was my desire, but it brought me terror.

UST

[4] My heart shakes within me, and I tremble with fear. Early evening is my favorite time of day, but now terror has taken over and I am afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:5

ULT

[5] They prepare the table, they spread rugs and eat and drink; arise, princes, anoint your shields with oil.

UST

[5] In the vision I saw that the leaders of Babylonia were preparing a great feast. They had spread rugs for people to sit on; everyone was eating and drinking. But you should get up and prepare your shields, you princes of Babylon, because you are about to be attacked!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:6

ULT

6 For this is what the Lord said to me, “Go, post a watchman; he must report what he sees.

UST

6 Then Yahweh said to me, “Put a watchman on the wall of Jerusalem, and tell him to shout what he sees.

What did the Lord say to Isaiah?

The Lord told Isaiah to post a watchman and have the watchman report what he sees.

Isaiah 21:7

ULT

7 When he sees a chariot, a pair of horsemen, riders on donkeys, and riders on camels, then he must pay attention and be very alert.”

UST

7 Tell him to watch for chariots pulled by pairs of horses, and men riding camels and donkeys, coming from Babylon. Tell the watchman to watch and listen carefully!”

What is the watchman to do when he sees a chariot, horsemen in pairs and riders on donkeys and camels?

Then the watchman must pay attention and be very alert.

Isaiah 21:8

ULT

8 The watchman cries out, [1] “Lord, on the watchtower I stand all day, every day, and at my post I stand all night long.”

UST

8 So I did that, and one day the watchman called out, “Day after day I have stood on this watchtower, and I have continued to watch during the day and during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:9

ULT

[9] Here comes a chariot {with} a man and a pair of horsemen. He calls out, “Babylon has fallen, fallen, and all the carved figures of its gods are broken to the ground.”

UST

[9] A man comes riding in a chariot pulled by two horses. I called out to him, and he answered, ‘Babylon has been destroyed! All the idols in Babylon lie in pieces on the ground!’”

When a charioteer comes, what does he call out?

He calls out, “Babylon has fallen, fallen, and all the carved figures of its gods are broken to the ground.”

Isaiah 21:10

ULT

[10] My threshed and winnowed ones, children of my threshing floor! What I have heard from Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

UST

[10] My people in Judah, the army of Babylon has caused you to suffer greatly as though you were grain that was threshed and winnowed. But now I have told you what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom we Israelites worship, told me about Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:11

ULT

[11] A declaration about Dumah. One calls to me from Seir, “Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night?”

UST

[11] Yahweh gave this message about Edom: Someone from Edom has been calling to me saying, “Watchman, how long will it be before the night is over?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:12

ULT
12 The watchman said, “The morning comes and also the night. If you want to ask, then ask; and come back again.”

UST
12 The watchman, replied, “It will soon be morning, but after that, it will soon be night again. If you want to ask your question, then ask it now, and then come back again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:13

ULT
13 A declaration about Arabia. In the wilderness of Arabia you spend the night, you caravans of Dedanites.

UST
13 Yahweh gave this message about Arabia: Give this message to people traveling in caravans from the town of Dedan in northwest Arabia, travelers who camp in the scrub there. Tell them to bring water for those who are thirsty.

Who spends the night in the wilderness of Arabia?
Caravans of Dedanites spend the night there.

Isaiah 21:14

ULT
14 Bring water for the thirsty; inhabitants of the land of Tema, meet the fugitives with bread.

UST
14 And you people who live in the city of Tema in northwest Arabia, must bring food for the refugees who are fleeing from their enemies.

What are the caravans of Dedanites told to do?
They are told to bring water for the thirsty.

What are the inhabitants of the land of Tema told to do?
They are told to meet the fugatives with bread.

Isaiah 21:15

ULT
15 For they have fled from the sword, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow, and from the weight of war.

UST
15 They are fleeing in order not to be killed by their enemies' swords and not to be shot in battles by arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:16

ULT
16 For this is what the Lord said to me, "Within a year, as a laborer hired for a year would see it, all the glory of Kedar will end.

UST
16 Yahweh said to me, "Exactly one year from now, all the greatness of the region of Kedar in Arabia will end.

What did the Lord tell Isaiah about Kedar? (vv16-17)
The Lord told Isaiah that within a year the glory of Kedar would end and only a few archers and warriors would remain.

Isaiah 21:17

ULT
17 Only a few of the archers, the warriors of Kedar will remain," for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has spoken.
21:8 [1] , some older versions have .

UST
17 Only a few of their soldiers who know well how to shoot arrows will remain alive. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22

Isaiah 22:1

ULT

[1] A declaration about the Valley of Vision: What is the reason that you have all gone up to the housetops?

UST

[1] Yahweh gave this message about Jerusalem, about the valley where Yahweh showed me this vision. Why is everyone foolishly running up to their flat rooftops?

What is the topic of chapter 22?

It is a declaration about the valley of vision.

What have all the people gone?

They have all gone up to the housetops.

Isaiah 22:2

ULT

[2] Is it so you may hear a city full of noises, a town full of revelry? Your dead {were} not killed with the sword, and they did not die in battle.

UST

[2] Everyone in the city seems to be shouting. There are a lot of corpses in the city, but they were not killed by their enemies' swords. They did not die in battles; instead, they died from diseases and hunger.

What is happening in the city and town?

The city is noisy and the town full of revelry.

Did the dead die by the sword or in battle?

No the dead did not die by the sword or in battle.

Isaiah 22:3

ULT

3 All your rulers fled away together, but they were captured without using a bow; all of them were captured together, though they had fled far away.

UST

3 All the leaders of the city fled. But then they were captured because they did not have bows and arrows to defend themselves. Your soldiers tried to flee while the enemy army was still far away, but they also were captured.

What happened to their rulers?

Their rulers fled away together and were caught and captured together.

Isaiah 22:4

ULT

4 Therefore I said, “Do not look at me, I will weep bitterly; do not try to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people.”

UST

4 That is why I said, “Allow me to cry alone; do not try to comfort me about my people being slaughtered.”

Why was Isaiah weeping bitterly?

He was weeping because of the destruction of the daughter of his people.

Isaiah 22:5

ULT

5 For {there is} a day of tumult, treading down, and confusion for the Lord Yahweh of hosts, in the Valley of Vision, a breaking down of the walls, and people crying out to the mountains.

UST

5 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has chosen a time when there will be a great uproar, soldiers marching, and people being terrified in the valley where I received this vision. It will be a time when our city walls will be battered down and the people’s cries for help will be heard in the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:6

ULT
[6] Elam takes up the quiver, with chariots of men {and} horsemen, and Kir lays the shield bare.

UST
[6] The armies from Elam and Kir in Media will attack, driving chariots and carrying shields.

Who is taking up the quiver and shield against them?
Elam takes up the quiver and Kir lays the shield bare.

Isaiah 22:7

ULT
[7] It will come about {that} your choicest valleys will be full of chariots, and the horsemen will take their positions at the gate.

UST
[7] Our beautiful valleys will be filled with our enemies' chariots, and the men who drive the chariots will stand outside our city gates.

What will happen in Judah's choicest valleys?
Their valleys will be full of chariots.

Isaiah 22:8

ULT
[8] He took away the protection of Judah; and you looked in that day to the weapons in the Palace of the Forest.

UST
[8] God will cause the walls that protect the cities in Judah to fall down. You people of Jerusalem will run to get the weapons that are stored in the building called "the Hall of the Forest."

What did God to with the protection of Jerusalem?
He took away their protection

Isaiah 22:9

ULT

9 You saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many, and you collected the water of the lower pool.

UST

9 You will see that there are many breaks in the walls of Jerusalem. You will store water in the lower pool in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:10

ULT

10 You counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you tore down the houses to fortify the wall.

UST

10 You will inspect the houses in Jerusalem, and some of them you will tear down to use the stones to repair the city wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:11

ULT

11 You made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool. But you did not consider the city's maker, who had planned it long ago.

UST

11 Between the walls of the city you will build a reservoir to store water from the old pool. But you will never request help from the one who made the city; you have never depended on Yahweh, who planned this city long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:12

ULT
12 The Lord Yahweh of hosts called on that day for weeping, for mourning, for shaved heads, and the wearing of sackcloth.

UST
12 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, told you to weep and mourn; he told you to shave your heads and to wear rough sackcloth to show that you were sorry for the sins that you had committed.

What did Yahweh of Hosts call for on that day?
He called for weeping and mourning, for shaved heads and the wearing of sackcloth.

What did the people do instead of weeping and mourning? (vv12-13)
The people celebrated and were glad. They killed cattle and sheep, eating meat and drinking wine.

Isaiah 22:13

ULT
13 But look, instead, celebration and gladness, killing cattle and slaughtering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine; let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die.

UST
13 But instead of doing that, you were happy and celebrated; you slaughtered cattle and sheep in order to cook their meat and eat it and drink wine. You said, “Let us eat and drink all that we want to, because it is possible that we will die tomorrow!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:14

ULT
14 This was revealed in my ears by Yahweh of hosts: “Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you, even when you die,” says the Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST
14 So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, revealed this to me: “I will never forgive my people for sinning like this!”

Will the Lord forgive the people for their response?
The Lord will not forgive them even when they die.

Isaiah 22:15

ULT

15 The Lord Yahweh of hosts, says this, “Go to this administrator, to Shebna, who {is} over the house, {and say},

UST

15 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, said this to me: “Go to Shebna, the official who supervises the workers in the palace, and give this message to him:

What did Shebna, the administrator, do for himself? (vv15-16)

Shebna had a grave hewn for himself in the rock as a resting place.

Isaiah 22:16

ULT

16 ‘What are you doing here and who gave you permission to cut out a tomb for yourself, hewing out a grave on the heights and carving out a resting place in the rock?’”

UST

16 ‘Who do you think you are? Who gave you the authority to build a beautiful tomb where you will be buried, chiseling it out of the rocky cliff high above this valley?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:17

ULT

17 See, Yahweh is about to throw you, a {mighty} man, about to throw you down; he will grasp you tightly.

UST

17 You think that you are a great man, but Yahweh is about to hurl you away. It will be as though he had seized you,

What did Yahweh say he would do to Shebna? (vv17-19)

Yahweh said he would throw Shebna down, and remove him from his office and station.

Isaiah 22:18

ULT
18 He will surely wind you round and round, and toss you like a ball into a vast country. There you will die, and there your glorious chariots will be; you {will be} the shame of your master's house!

UST
18 rolled you into a ball, and throw you away in a large distant land. You will die and be buried there, and your beautiful chariots will stay there in the hands of your enemies. And because of what happens to you, your master, the king, will be very ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:19

ULT
19 "I will thrust you from your office and from your station. You will be pulled down.

UST
19 Yahweh says, "I will force you to quit working in the palace; you will be forced out from your important position.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:20

ULT
20 It will come about on that day that I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

UST
20 Then I will summon Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who has served me well, to replace you.

Who was to take Shebna's place of authority? (vv20-21)
Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah was to take Shebna's place of authority.

Isaiah 22:21

ULT

21 I will clothe him with your tunic and put on him your sash, and I will transfer your authority into his hand. He will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

UST

21 I will make him wear your robe and fasten your sash around him, and I will give to him the authority that you had. He will be like a father to the people of Jerusalem and all the other towns in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:22

ULT

22 I will place the key of the house of David on his shoulder; he will open, and none will shut; he will shut, and none will open.

UST

22 I will give to him authority over what happens in the palace where King David lived; when he decides something, no one will be able to oppose it; when he refuses to do something, no one will be able to force him to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:23

ULT

23 I will fasten him, a peg in a secure place, and he will become a seat of glory for his father’s house.

UST

23 I will cause his family to be greatly respected, because I will put him firmly in his position as supervisor of the workers in the palace, like a nail that is firmly hammered into a wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:24

ULT

24 They will hang on him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and descendants, every small container from the cups to all the jugs.

UST

24 Others will enable him to have much responsibility, with the result that all the members of his family, even the most insignificant ones, will be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:25

ULT

25 On that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—the peg driven in a firm place will give way, break off, and fall, and the weight that was on it will be cut off—for Yahweh has spoken.

UST

25 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also says, "Shebna is like a peg that is firmly fastened to the wall. But there will be a time when I will remove him from his position; he will lose his power, and everything that he promoted will fail." That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.

On that day what will happen to the peg driven into a firm place?

The peg driven in a firm place will give way, break off and fall and the weight that was on it will be cut off.

Isaiah 23

Isaiah 23:1

ULT

1 A declaration about Tyre: Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for there is neither home nor harbor; from the land of Cyprus it has been revealed to them. *[1]*

UST

1 I, Isaiah, received this message from Yahweh for you, the people in the city of Tyre: You sailors on ships from Tarshish, weep, because the harbor of Tyre and all the houses in the city have been destroyed. The reports that you heard in the Island of Cyprus about Tyre are true.

About whom was the declaration in chapter 23 spoken?

The declaration in chapter 23 was about Tyre.

Why should the ships of Tarshish howl?

They should howl because they have neither home nor harbor.

Isaiah 23:2

ULT

2 Be silent, you inhabitants of the coast; the merchant of Sidon, who travels over the sea, has filled you. *[2]*

UST

2 You people who live along the coast, you merchants of the city of Sidon, mourn silently. Your sailors went across the seas to make you rich, there in Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:3

ULT

3 Upon the great waters was the grain of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile was her produce; and it became the commerce of the nations.

UST

3 They sailed across deep seas to buy grain in Egypt, grain from the Valley of Shihor. This wealth came down the Nile River, and you, Tyre, were the place where the people of all nations traded.

What was the city of Tyre?

Tyre was the marketplace of nations.

Isaiah 23:4

ULT

[4] Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the mighty one of the sea. He says, “I have not labored nor given birth, {nor} have I raised young men nor brought up young women.”

UST

[4] But now you people in Sidon should be ashamed, because you trusted in Tyre, which has been a strong fortress on an island in the sea. Tyre is like a woman who is saying, “Now it is as though I have not given birth to any children, or raised any sons or daughters.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:5

ULT

[5] When the report {comes to} Egypt, they will be grieved concerning Tyre.

UST

[5] When the people of Egypt hear what has happened to Tyre, they will grieve very much.

What will Egypt do when they hear the report concerning Tyre?

Egypt will grieve when they hear the report about Tyre.

Isaiah 23:6

ULT

[6] Cross over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast.

UST

[6] Sail to Tarshish and tell them what happened; weep, you people who live along the coast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:7

ULT

7 Has this happened to you, the joyful {city,} whose origin {is} from ancient times, whose feet carried her far away to foreign places to settle?

UST

7 The people in the very old city of Tyre were previously joyful. Traders from Tyre established colonies in many distant nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:8

ULT

8 Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants {are} princes, whose traders {are} the honored ones of the earth?

UST

8 People from Tyre appointed kings over other places; their traders were wealthy; they were as powerful and wealthy as kings. Who caused the people of Tyre to experience this disaster?

Who planned this against Tyre? (vv8-9)

The Lord of Hosts planned this against Tyre.

Isaiah 23:9

ULT

9 Yahweh of hosts has planned it to dishonor her pride and all her glory, to shame all her honored ones of the earth.

UST

9 It was Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who did it; he did it in order to cause you people in Tyre to not be proud anymore, to humiliate you men who are honored all over the world.

Why has the Lord of Hosts planned this against Tyre?

He has planned this to dishonor her pride and all her glory, to shame all her honored ones of the earth.

Isaiah 23:10

ULT

10 Plow your land, as one plows the Nile, daughter of Tarshish. {There is} no longer a marketplace in Tyre. [3]

UST

10 You people of Tarshish, you must grow crops in your land instead of trading; spread out over your land like the Nile River spreads over the land of Egypt when it floods, because there is no harbor in Tyre for your ships now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:11

ULT

11 Yahweh has reached out with his hand over the sea, and he has shaken the kingdoms; he has given a command concerning Phoenicia, to destroy the strongholds.

UST

11 It is as though Yahweh stretched out his hand over the sea and shook the kingdoms of the earth. He commanded that in Phoenicia all its fortresses must be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:12

ULT

12 He said, “You will not rejoice again, oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon; arise, pass over to Cyprus; but neither there you will have rest.”

UST

12 He said to the people of Sidon, “You will never rejoice again, because you will be crushed; even if you flee to the island of Cyprus, you will not escape from troubles; you will have no peace.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:13

ULT

13 See the land of the Chaldeans. This people has ceased to be; the Assyrians have made it a wilderness for wild animals. They set up their siege towers; they demolished its palaces; they made it a heap of ruins.

UST

13 Think about what happened in Babylonia: the people who were in that land have disappeared. The armies of Assyria have caused that land to become a place where wild animals from the desert live. They built dirt ramps to the top of the walls of the city of Babylon; then they entered the city and tore down the palaces and caused the city to become a heap of rubble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:14

ULT

14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your refuge has been destroyed.

UST

14 So wail, you sailors on the ships of Tarshish, because the harbor in Tyre where your ships stop is destroyed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:15

ULT

15 In that day, Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years, like the days of a king. After the end of seventy years there will happen in Tyre something like in the song of the prostitute.

UST

15 For seventy years, which is as long as kings usually live, people will forget about Tyre. But then it will be rebuilt. What will happen there will be like what happened to a prostitute in this song:

How long will Tyre be forgotten?

In that day, Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years.

Isaiah 23:16

ULT

16 Take a harp, go about the city, you forgotten prostitute; play it well, sing many songs, so that you may be remembered.

UST

16 You harlot, whom people had forgotten, play your harp well, and sing many songs, in order that people will remember you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:17

ULT

17 It will come about that after seventy years, Yahweh will help Tyre, and she will start making money again by doing the work of a prostitute, and she will offer her services to all the kingdoms of the earth.

UST

17 It is true that after seventy years Yahweh will restore Tyre. Their merchants will again earn a lot of money by buying things from and selling things to many other nations.

What will happen to Tyre after being forgotten for seventy years?

Yahweh will help Tyre, and she will return to her hire and prostitute herself with all the kingdoms on earth.

Isaiah 23:18

ULT

18 Her profits and earnings will be set apart to Yahweh. They will not be stored up or kept in the treasury, for her profits will be given to those who live in Yahweh's presence and will be used to supply them with abundant food and so they can have the best quality clothing.

23:1 [1] , some modern versions keep , the Hebrew name for this island.

23:2 [2] or .

23:10 [3] , some versions have or .

UST

18 But their profits will be given to Yahweh. The merchants will not hoard their money; instead, they will give it to Yahweh's people, for they will live in his presence, in order that they can buy food and nice clothes.

What will happen to the Tyre's profits and earnings?

Her profits and earnings will be reserved for Yahweh.

What will happen to Tyre's merchandise?

It will be for those who live in Yahweh's presence, for them to eat and have lasting clothing.

Isaiah 24

Isaiah 24:1

ULT

[1] Look, Yahweh is about to empty the earth, to devastate it, mar its surface, and scatter its inhabitants.

UST

[1] Some day Yahweh is going to destroy the earth. He will devastate it and cause it to become a desert, and he will scatter its people.

What is Yahweh about to do?
He is about to empty the earth, to devastate it, mar its surface and scatter its inhabitants.

Isaiah 24:2

ULT

[2] It will come about that, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the receiver of interest, so with the giver of interest.

UST

[2] He will scatter everyone: priests and common people, servants and their masters, maids and their mistresses, buyers and sellers, lenders and borrowers, people who owe money and people who are owed money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:3

ULT

[3] The earth will be completely devastated and completely stripped; for Yahweh has spoken this word.

UST

[3] Nothing that is worth anything will be left on earth; everything valuable will be destroyed. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:4

ULT

[4] The earth dries up and withers, the world shrivels up {and} fades away, the prominent people of the earth waste away.

UST

[4] Everything on the earth will dry up and die; its important people will become weak and unimportant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:5

ULT

[5] The earth is polluted by its inhabitants because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.

UST

[5] The earth has become unacceptable to Yahweh because the people who live on it have disobeyed his laws; they have rejected the covenant that he intends to last forever.

How has the earth been polluted by its inhabitants?

The earth has been polluted because its inhabitants have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:6

ULT

[6] Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants are found guilty. The inhabitants of the earth burn up, and few people {are} left.

UST

[6] Therefore, Yahweh will curse the earth; the people who live on it must be punished because of the sins that they have committed. They will be destroyed by fire, and only a few people will remain alive.

What happens to the inhabitants of the earth?

They will burn up and few people will be left.

Isaiah 24:7

ULT

[7] The new wine dries up, the vine withers, all the merry-hearted groan.

UST

[7] The grapevines will wither, and there will be no grapes to make wine. All the people who were previously happy will now groan and mourn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:8

ULT

[8] The happy sound of the tambourines stops, and the revelry of those who rejoice; the joy of the lyre ceases.

UST

[8] People will no longer play cheerful songs with tambourines, people will no longer play joyfully on their harps, and people will no longer shout noisily during their celebrations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:9

ULT

[9] They no longer drink wine and sing, and the beer is bitter to those who drink it.

UST

[9] People will no longer sing while they drink wine, and all their alcoholic drinks will taste bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:10

ULT

[10] The city of chaos has been broken down; every house is closed up and empty.

UST

[10] Towns and cities will be desolate; every house will be locked to prevent thieves from entering, for no one will live in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:11

ULT

11 {There is} a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the gladness of the land has disappeared.

UST

11 Mobs will gather in the streets, wanting wine; no one on the earth will be happy anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:12

ULT

12 In the city is left a desolation, and the gate is broken into a ruin.

UST

12 Cities will be ruined, and all their gates will be battered into pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:13

ULT

13 For this is how {it will be} on the whole earth among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, as the gleanings when the grape harvest is done.

UST

13 It will be like that all over the earth: there will only be a few people still alive, like what happens when workers beat all the olives off a tree and there are only a few left, or when they harvest the grapes and there are only a few left on the vines.

What image does Isaiah use to show how it will be at that time on the whole earth among the nations?

He compares conditions on the earth at that time to how it is when an olive tree is beaten or as the gleanings when the grape harvest is done.

Isaiah 24:14

ULT
14 They will lift up their voices and shout the majesty of Yahweh, and will joyfully shout from the sea.

UST
14 Those in the west will sing with great happiness; they will declare that Yahweh is very great.

In the midst of all this calamity what will “they” do?
They will lift up their voices and shout the majesty oh Yahweh and will joyfully shout from the sea.

Isaiah 24:15

ULT
15 Therefore in the east glorify Yahweh, and in the isles of the sea give glory to the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST
15 Those in the east of Israel will also praise Yahweh; those along the coastlines of the sea will praise Yahweh, the God the people Israel worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:16

ULT
16 From the farthest part of the earth we have heard songs, “Glory to the righteous one!” But I said, “I have wasted away, I have wasted away, woe is me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.”

UST
16 We will hear people in the most distant places on the earth singing praise to Yahweh, the truly righteous one. But now, I am very sad. Weep for me, because I have become thin and weak. Terrible things are happening! Treacherous people still betray others everywhere.

What is Isaiah’s response to the shouting and calls to glorify Yahweh, the God of Israel?
Isaiah responds by saying, “I have wasted away, I have wasted away, woe is me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.”

Isaiah 24:17

ULT

17 Terror, the pit, and the snare {are} upon you, inhabitants of the earth.

UST

17 You people all over the earth, you will be terrified, and you will fall into deep pits and traps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:18

ULT

18 He who flees from the sound of terror will fall into the pit, and he who comes up out of the middle of the pit will be caught in the snare. The windows of the heavens will be opened, and the foundations of the earth will shake.

UST

18 Those who try to flee because they are terrified will fall into deep pits, and those who climb out of the pits will be caught by traps. The sky will split open and torrents of rain will fall; the foundations of the earth will shake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:19

ULT

19 The earth will be completely broken, the earth ripped apart; the earth will be violently shaken.

UST

19 The earth will split apart and be shattered; it will shake violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:20

ULT

20 The earth will stagger like a drunken man and it will sway back and forth like a hut. Its sin will be heavy on it and it will fall and never rise again.

UST

20 It will be as though the earth will stagger like a drunk; it will shake like a hammock in a windstorm. It will collapse and not be able to rise again, because the guilt of the people who rebel against Yahweh is very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:21

ULT
21 On that day Yahweh will punish the host of the heaven in the heavens, and the kings of the earth on the earth.

UST
21 At that time, Yahweh will punish the wicked powerful beings in the skies and the wicked kings on the earth.

On that day who will Yahweh punish?
Yahweh will punish the host of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth.

Isaiah 24:22

ULT
22 They will be gathered together, prisoners in a pit, and will be shut up in a prison; and after many days they will be punished.

UST
22 They will all be gathered together and thrown into a dungeon. They will be shut in that dungeon, and later they will be punished.

What will be the punishment for the host of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth?
They will be gathered together, prisoners in a pit and will be shut up in prison and after many days they will be sentenced.

Isaiah 24:23

ULT
23 Then the moon will be ashamed, and the sun disgraced, for Yahweh of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders in glory.

UST
23 At that time the light of the moon and the sun will be lessened; it will be as though they are ashamed in the presence of Yahweh, because he, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will rule gloriously on Mount Zion, in the presence of all the leaders of his people.

Why will the moon be ashamed and the sun disgraced?
This will be because Yahweh of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders in glory.

Isaiah 25

Isaiah 25:1

ULT

[1] Yahweh, you {are} my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful {things,} things planned long ago, in perfect faithfulness.

UST

[1] Yahweh, you are my God; I will honor you and praise you. You do wonderful things; you said long ago that you would do those things, and now you have done them as you said that you would.

Why did Isaiah exalt and praise Yahweh?

Isaiah exalted and praised Yahweh because Yahweh had done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 25:2

ULT

[2] For you have made the city a heap, a fortified city, a ruin, and a fortress of strangers into no city.

UST

[2] Sometimes you have caused cities to become heaps of rubble, cities that had strong walls around them. You have caused palaces in foreign countries to disappear; they will never be rebuilt.

What wonderful things had Yahweh done?

Yahweh made the city a heap, a fortified city a ruin and a fortress of strangers into no city.

Isaiah 25:3

ULT

[3] Therefore a strong people will glorify you; a city of ruthless nations will fear you.

UST

[3] Therefore, people in powerful nations will declare that you are very great, and people in nations whose leaders show mercy to no one will revere you.

What will be the response after Yahweh makes the city a heap, etc.?

A strong people will glorify Yahweh and a city of ruthless nations will fear him.

Isaiah 25:4

ULT

4 For you have been a place of safety for the one who is poor, a shelter for the one who is needy in his distress— a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. When the breath of the ruthless was like a storm {against} a wall,

UST

4 Yahweh, you are like a strong tower where poor people can find refuge, a place where needy people can go when they are distressed. You are like a place where people can find refuge in a storm and where they can stay in the shade, out of the hot sun. People oppress us and show us no mercy, they are like a storm beating against a wall,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:5

ULT

5 and like heat in a dry land, you subdued the noise of foreigners, as the heat is subdued by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless ones is answered.

UST

5 and like the very strong heat in the dry land. But you cause the noisy cries of people from foreign nations to be quiet. Like the air cools when a cloud comes overhead, you stop merciless people from singing songs about how great they are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:6

ULT

6 On this mountain Yahweh of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, of choice wines, of tender meats, a feast on the lees.

UST

6 Here in Jerusalem Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will prepare a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a banquet with plenty of good meat and fine well-aged wine.

What will Yahweh do for and to all peoples on that mountain? (vv6-7)

He will make a feast of fat things for all peoples and he will destroy the coverings of all peoples, the web woven over all nations.

Isaiah 25:7

ULT

[7] He will destroy on this mountain the covering over all peoples, the web woven over all the nations.

UST

[7] People here are sad; they are so sad that it is like a dark cloud that hangs over them, like they experience when someone dies. But Yahweh will enable them to quit being sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:8

ULT

[8] He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces; the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Yahweh has spoken it.

UST

[8] He will get rid of death forever! Yahweh our God will cause people to no longer mourn because someone has died. And he will stop other people insulting and making fun of his land and us his people. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it!

What will Yahweh swallow up, wipe away and take away from his people?

He will swallow up death, wipe away tears from all faces and he will take away the disgrace of His people.

Isaiah 25:9

ULT

[9] It will be said on that day, “Look, this {is} our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us. This {is} Yahweh; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

UST

[9] At that time, people will proclaim, “Yahweh is our God! We trusted in him, and he has rescued us! Yahweh, in whom we trusted, has done it; we should rejoice because he has saved us!”

What will be said on that day?

This will be said: “Look, this is our God: we have waited for him and he will save us. This is Yahweh; we have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25:10

ULT

10 For on this mountain the hand of Yahweh will rest; and Moab will be trampled down in his place, even as straw is trampled down in a pit filled with manure.

UST

10 Yahweh will protect and bless Jerusalem. But he will crush the people in the land of Moab; they will be like straw that is trampled in the manure and left to rot.

What is Moab's fate likened to?

Moab's fate is compared to straw that is trampled down in a pit filled with manure.

Isaiah 25:11

ULT

11 They will spread their hands in the midst of it, as a swimmer spreads his hands to swim. But Yahweh will bring down their pride in spite of the skill of their hands.

UST

11 Yahweh will push down the people of Moab; they will be like a swimmer who pushes down the water with his hands; they will push their hands through the dung but never get out of it. He will cause them to cease being proud, and he will show that all the things that they have done are worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:12

ULT

12 Your high fortress walls he will bring down to the ground, to the dust.

UST

12 He will cause armies to tear down the high walls around the cities of Moab; they will fall into pieces and lie in the dust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26

Isaiah 26:1

ULT

[1] In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; {God} has made salvation its walls and ramparts.

UST

[1] Some day, people in Judah will sing this song: “Our city of Jerusalem is strong! Yahweh protects our city; He is like a wall that surrounds it.

In that day where will this song be sung?

This song will be sung in the land of Judah.

How has God made the city strong?

He has made it strong by making salvation its walls and ramparts.

Isaiah 26:2

ULT

[2] Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.

UST

[2] Open the gates of the city for people who are righteous; allow people who faithfully obey Yahweh to enter the city.

For whom will the gates of the city be opened?

The gates will be opened for the righteous nation that keeps faith.

Isaiah 26:3

ULT

[3] The mind {that} {is} stayed {on you}, you will keep {him} in {perfect} peace, for he trusts in you.

UST

[3] Yahweh, those who trust in you, those who are determined to never doubt you, you will enable them to be perfectly peaceful in their inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:4

ULT
4 Trust in Yahweh forever; for in Yah, Yahweh, {is} an everlasting rock.

UST
4 So always trust in Yahweh, because he is forever like a huge rock on top of which we will be safe.

Who should we trust in and for how long should we trust?
We should trust in Yahweh forever.

Isaiah 26:5

ULT
5 For he will bring down those who live proudly; the fortified city he will lay low, he will lay low to the ground; he will level it to the dust.

UST
5 He humbles proud people and destroys cities whose people are arrogant. He causes those cities to collapse into the dust.

What will happen to those who live proudly; the fortified city? (vv5-6)
Yahweh will lay them low; he will level the fortified city to the dust. It will be trampled down by the feet of the poor and the treading of the needy.

Isaiah 26:6

ULT
6 It will be trampled down by the feet of the poor {and} the treading of the needy.

UST
6 When that happens, poor and oppressed people will trample on the ruins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:7

ULT

7 The path of the righteous {is} level, Righteous One; the path of the righteous you make straight.

UST

7 But for the righteous people, Yahweh, you do what is right; it is as though you smooth out the paths where they walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:8

ULT

8 Yes, in the path of your judgments, Yahweh, we wait for you; your name and your reputation are our desire.

UST

8 Yahweh, by obeying your laws we show that we trust you to help us; and what we desire in our inner beings is that you will be honored.

What is the desire of our soul?

The name and memory of Yahweh are the desire of our soul.

Isaiah 26:9

ULT

9 I have longed for you in the night; yes, my spirit within me seeks you earnestly. For when your judgments come on the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn about righteousness.

UST

9 All during the nights I desire to know you better, and in the mornings I still want to be with you. When you come to judge and punish people who live on the earth they will learn to do what is right.

What happens when judgments come on the earth?

When judgments come the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:10

ULT

10 Let favor be shown to the wicked one, {but} he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness he acts wickedly and does not see the majesty of Yahweh.

UST

10 But your acting kindly toward wicked people does not cause them to do what is good. Even in places where people do what is right, the wicked people continue to do what is evil, and they do not realize that you, Yahweh, are great.

What will the wicked one do when he is shown favor?

He will not learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:11

ULT

11 Yahweh, your hand is lifted up, but they do not notice. But they will see your zeal for the people and be put to shame, because fire of your adversaries will devour them.

UST

11 Yahweh, it is as though your fist was raised up ready to strike them, but they do not realize that. Show them that you are very eager to help your people. If your enemies would realize that, they would be ashamed; make your fire burn them up because they are your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:12

ULT

12 Yahweh, you will bring about peace for us; for indeed, you have also accomplished all our works for us.

UST

12 Yahweh, we desire that you will allow things to go well for us; all that we have done is what you have enabled us to do.

What has Yahweh done for Judah and what will he bring about for Judah?

Yahweh has accomplished all our works for us and will bring about peace for Judah.

Isaiah 26:13

ULT

13 Yahweh our God, other masters besides you have ruled over us; {but} we praise your name alone.

UST

13 Yahweh, our God, other masters have ruled over us, but you are the only one whom we honor.

What happened to the other lords who ruled over Judah? (vv13-14)

They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased and will not rise. Yahweh came in judgment and destroyed them.

Isaiah 26:14

ULT

14 {They are} dead, they will not live; {they are} deceased, they will not arise. Indeed, you came in judgment and destroyed them, and made every memory of them to perish.

UST

14 Those who ruled us are now gone; they are dead; their spirits have left this earth and they will never live again. You punished those rulers and got rid of them, and people do not even remember them anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:15

ULT

15 You have increased the nation, Yahweh, you have increased the nation; you are honored; you have extended all the borders of the land.

UST

15 Yahweh, you have enabled our nation to become great; we are more people now, and we have more land, so we thank you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:16

ULT

16 Yahweh, in trouble have they looked to you; they whispered prayers {when} your discipline {was} on them. *[1]*

UST

16 Yahweh, when we were distressed, we asked you to help us; when you disciplined us, we could barely speak out any prayer to you.

When did Judah look to Yahweh?

They looked to Yahweh when they were in trouble; when Yahweh disciplined them.

Isaiah 26:17

ULT

17 As a pregnant {woman} nears the time for her to give birth, when she is in pain and cries out in her labor pains, so we have been before you, Lord.

UST

17 Like pregnant women who writhe and cry out when they are giving birth, we suffered very much, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:18

ULT

18 We have been pregnant, we have been in labor, but it is as if we have only given birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

UST

18 We were pregnant and had severe pain, but nothing good resulted from it. We have not rescued any people or kept their enemies from conquering them, and those in the world who were our enemies did not fall in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:19

ULT

19 Your dead will live; their dead bodies will arise. Awake and sing for joy, you who live in the dust; for your dew is the dew of light, and the earth will bring forth its dead.

UST

19 But Yahweh's people who have died will become alive again, their corpses will become alive! You whose bodies lie in graves, rise and shout joyfully! His light will be like dew that falls on you, his people who have died, you who are now in the place where the dead people are; he will cause you to live again.

Why should the dwellers in the dust awake and sing for joy?

They should awake and sing for joy because the dead, they will live, they will arise.

Isaiah 26:20

ULT

20 Go, my people, enter into your rooms and shut your doors behind you; hide for a little while, until the indignation has passed by.

UST

20 But now, my fellow Israelites, go home and lock your doors! Hide for a short time, until Yahweh is no longer angry.

Why are the people supposed to go into their rooms and shut their doors.

They are to do this so they can hide until the indignation has passed by.

Isaiah 26:21

ULT

21 For, look, Yahweh is about to come out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will uncover her bloodshed, and will no longer conceal her slain.
26:16 *[1]*

UST

21 Listen to this: Yahweh will come from heaven to punish all the people on the earth for the sins that they have committed. People will be able to see the blood of those who have been murdered; everyone will at last know all the crimes of murder that have been committed."

What is Yahweh about to do?

He is about to come out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.

Isaiah 27

Isaiah 27:1

ULT
1 On that day Yahweh with his hard, great and fierce sword will punish Leviathan the slithering serpent, Leviathan the squirming serpent, and he will kill the monster that {is} in the sea.

UST
1 At that time, Yahweh will punish Leviathan, the swift-moving monster, that coiling serpent that lives in the sea. Yahweh will kill it with his sharp, huge, and powerful sword.

On that day what will Yahweh do with his sword?
Yahweh will punish Leviathan the serpent, and he will kill the monster that is in the sea.

Isaiah 27:2

ULT
2 In that day: A vineyard of wine, sing of it.

UST
2 At that time, Yahweh will say, “You Israelite people, who are like a fruitful vineyard, must sing!

In that day what will Yahweh do with a vineyard of wine? (vv2-3)
He will protect it, water it every moment and guard it day and night.

Isaiah 27:3

ULT
3 “I, Yahweh, am its protector; I water it every moment. I guard it night and day so no one will hurt it.

UST
3 I will protect you like a farmer waters his crops carefully in order that they will grow well. I will guard you day and night, in order that no one harms you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:4

ULT

4 I am not angry, Oh, that there were briers {and} thorns! In battle I would march against them; I would burn them all together;

UST

4 I am no longer angry with my people; if any of your enemies try to injure you like briers and thorns injure people, I will attack them in battle; I will get rid of them completely,

What will Yahweh do if the briars and thorns don't grasp his protection and make peace with him? (vv4-5)

Yahweh will march against them and burn them altogether.

Isaiah 27:5

ULT

5 unless they grasp my protection {and} make peace with me; let them make peace with me.

UST

5 unless they request me to protect them; I strongly invite them to make peace with me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:6

ULT

6 In the coming day, Jacob will take root; Israel will blossom and bud; and they will fill the surface of the ground with fruit."

UST

6 There will be a time when the descendants of Jacob will prosper like a plant that has good roots; they will be like trees that bud and blossom and bear a lot of fruit; what they do will bless all the people in the world.

What will Jacob and Israel do in the coming day?

Jacob will take root; Israel will blossom and bud; and they will fill the surface of the ground with fruit.

Isaiah 27:7

ULT

7 Has Yahweh attacked Jacob and {Israel} as he attacked those nations who attacked them? Have Jacob and Israel been killed as in the slaughter of those nations that were killed by them?

UST

7 Has Yahweh punished us Israelites like he punished our enemies? Has he punished us as much as he punished them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:8

ULT

8 In exact measure you have contended, sending Jacob and Israel away; he drove them away with his fierce breath in the day of the east wind. *[1]*

UST

8 No, he has not done that, but he did punish us Israelite people and exiled us; we were taken away from our land as though we were struck by a windstorm from the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:9

ULT

9 So in this way, the iniquity of Jacob will be atoned for, for this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin: when he will make all the altar stones as chalk and crushed to pieces, and no Asherah poles or incense altars will remain standing.

UST

9 Yahweh did that in order to punish us for our sins and remove our guilt. As a result of our being exiled, all the altars to other gods in Israel will be demolished, and we will be forgiven for the sins that we have committed. There will be no more poles for worshiping the goddess Asherah or altars for burning incense to other gods; they will all be torn down and smashed to bits.

What will be the full fruit of Jacob turning away from his sin?

He will make all the altar stones as chalk and pulverized, and no Asherim or incense altars will remain standing.

Isaiah 27:10

ULT

10 For the fortified city is desolate, the habitation is deserted and forsaken like the wilderness. There a calf feeds, and there he lies down and consumes its branches.

UST

10 The cities that have strong walls around them will be empty; like the desert, they will have no one living in them. The houses will be abandoned, and the streets will be full of weeds. Calves will eat grass there and lie down there; they will chew up all the leaves on the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:11

ULT

11 When the boughs are withered, they will be broken off. Women will come {and} make fires with them, for this is not a people of understanding. Therefore their Maker will not have compassion on them, and he who made them will not be merciful to them.

UST

11 The Israelite people are like dry branches on a tree; women break them off and use them to make fires under their cooking pots. Our Israelite people do not have any sense; so Yahweh, who created them, will not act mercifully toward them or be kind to them.

Why will the Maker of Israel not have compassion on them?

Because they are not a people of understanding Yahweh will not have compassion on them.

Isaiah 27:12

ULT

12 It will come about on that day {that} Yahweh will thresh from the Euphrates River to the Wadi of Egypt and you, the people of Israel, will be gathered together one by one.

UST

12 However, there will be a time when Yahweh will gather them together again; he will separate them from the people who have conquered them, like people separate wheat from chaff. He will bring them back to Israel, one by one, from the land between the Euphrates River in the northeast and the brook at the border of Egypt in the southwest.

On that day how will the people of Israel be gathered?

They will be gathered one by one.

Isaiah 27:13

ULT

13 On that day a great trumpet will be blown; and the perishing ones in the land of Assyria will come, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, they will worship Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.
27:8 [1] , many modern versions have an idea similar to .

UST

13 At that time, a trumpet will be blown very loudly. And those who were exiled to Assyria and Egypt and who almost died there will return to Jerusalem, to worship Yahweh on Zion, his holy hill.

Who will worship Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem?

The perishing ones in the land of Assyria and the outcasts in the land of Egypt will worship Yahweh on the holy moutain in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

Isaiah 28:1

ULT

1 Woe to the proud garland crown that {is} worn by each of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of its glorious beauty, the garland that {is} set on the head of the lush Valley of those who are overcome with wine!

UST

1 Terrible things will happen to the city of Samaria, the capital of Israel! It is on a hill above a fertile valley; the people who live there, who get drunk by drinking too much wine, are very proud; it is a beautiful and glorious city, but some day that beauty will disappear like a flower that wilts and dries up.

How is Ephraim characterized?

Ephraim is characterized as proud and as a drunkard.

What is happening to Ephraim's beauty?

Epraim's beauty is fading.

Isaiah 28:2

ULT

2 Behold, the Lord sends one who is mighty and strong; like a storm of hail and a destructive windstorm, like a driving rain and overflowing waters; and he will throw each garland crown down to the ground.

UST

2 Listen to this: Yahweh will cause a great army to attack it. Their soldiers will be like a huge hailstorm or a very strong wind; they will be everywhere, like the water of a huge flood, and they will smash to the ground the buildings in Samaria.

To what is the Lord's mighty and strong one compared?

He is compared to a hail storm, a destroying storm, and a cloudburst of might and overwhelming.

What will the Lord's mighty and strong one do?

He will strike the earth with his hand.

Isaiah 28:3

ULT

[3] The proud garland of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden underfoot.

UST

[3] The people of Samaria are proud, but everything that the drunks who live there think is wonderful will be trampled on by their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:4

ULT

[4] The fading flower of his glorious beauty, that is on the head of the rich valley, will be as the first ripe fig before the summer, that, when someone sees it, while it is yet in his hand, he gulps it down.

UST

[4] Yes, Samaria is beautiful, set on a hill above a fertile valley, but that beauty will disappear like a flower that wilts and dries up. Whenever someone sees a good fig at the beginning of the season when figs become ripe, he quickly picks and eats it; similarly, when the enemies of Israel see all the beautiful things in Samaria, they will quickly conquer the city and take away all those things.

What will the fading flower of Ephraim's glorious beauty be likened to?

It will be as the first ripe fig before the summer, that, when someone sees it, while it is yet in his hand, he gulps it down.

Isaiah 28:5

ULT

[5] In that day Yahweh of hosts will become a beautiful crown and a diadem of beauty for the remainder of his people,

UST

[5] At that time, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will be like a glorious wreath of flowers for us Israelite people who are still alive after being exiled.

In that day what will Yahweh be for the remainder of his people? (vv5-6)

Yahweh will be a beautiful crown and a diadem of beauty, a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, and strength for those who turn back their enemies at their gates.

Isaiah 28:6

ULT

[6] a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, and strength for those who turn back their enemies at their gates.

UST

[6] He will cause our judges to want to do what is fair when they decide people's cases. He will enable the soldiers who stand at the city gates to strongly defend the city when our enemies attack it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:7

ULT

[7] But even these reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, and they are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink, staggering in vision and reeling in decision.

UST

[7] But now, our leaders stagger, and the priests and prophets also stagger because of drinking a lot of wine and other alcoholic drinks. They are not able to think right; they see visions, but they cannot understand what they mean; they are unable to decide things correctly.

Who reels with wine and staggers with strong drink?

The remainder of Yahweh's people, the priest and prophet.

What do the priest and prophet stagger and reel in?

They stagger in vision and reel in decision.

Isaiah 28:8

ULT

[8] Truly, all tables are covered with vomit, so that there {is} no {clean} place.

UST

[8] All their tables are covered with their vomit; filth is everywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:9

ULT

9 To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? To those who are weaned from milk or to those {just} taken from the breasts?

UST

9 Who will he teach so that they can learn about knowledge? Who will listen to him so that he can teach lessons to them so they can learn? Does he think that we are like little children who no longer drink milk, and that we are like babies who, not long ago, were weaned?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:10

ULT

10 For it is command upon command, command upon command; rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little, there a little.

UST

10 He continually tells us, ‘Do this, do that;’ first he tells us one rule, then another rule, he tells us only one line at a time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:11

ULT

11 Indeed, with mocking lips and a foreign tongue he will speak to this people.

UST

11 So now, Yahweh will need to force them to listen to Assyrians speaking to them in a language that they do not understand.

How will Yahweh speak to this people?

He will speak to them with a mocking lips and a foreign tongue.

Isaiah 28:12

ULT
12 In the past he said to them “This {is] the rest, give rest to him who is weary; and this {is} the refreshing,” but they would not listen.

UST
12 Yahweh told his people long ago, “This is a place where you can rest; you are exhausted from all your travels through the desert, but you will be able to rest in this land.” But they refused to pay attention to what he said.

What happened in the past when Yahweh spoke to them?
They would not listen.

Isaiah 28:13

ULT
13 So the word of Yahweh will be to them command upon command, command upon command; rule upon rule, rule upon rule; here a little, there a little; so that they may go and fall backward, and be broken, ensnared, and captured.

UST
13 So Yahweh continues to tell the people of Samaria, one line at a time, “Do this, do that,” first one rule and then another rule. But because of their ignoring what God said, they will be attacked and defeated; they will be wounded and snared and captured.

Now what will be the result when this people hear the word of Yahweh?
They will go and fall backward and be broken, ensnared and captured.

Isaiah 28:14

ULT
14 So listen to the word of Yahweh, you who mock, you who rule over this people who {are} in Jerusalem.

UST
14 Listen to the word that Yahweh says, you who rule over the people of Jerusalem, you who mock and make fun of me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:15

ULT

15 This will happen because you said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have reached an agreement. So when the overwhelming whip passes through, it will not reach us. For we have made a lie our refuge, and taken shelter in falsehood.”

UST

15 You boast and say, “We made a promise with death to ensure that the power of death, when it passes over us, it cannot get to us. We tried to turn our lying words into a shelter in which we could hide.

What did the rulers of the people in Jerusalem say?

They said they that they had made a covenant with death and reached an agreement with Sheol that when judgment passes through it wouldn’t reach them. They said they had made a lie their refuge and had hidden in falsehood.

Isaiah 28:16

ULT

16 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says, “See, I will lay in Zion a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. He who believes will not be ashamed.

UST

16 Therefore, Yahweh our Lord says this: “Listen to this! I am going to place in Jerusalem someone who is like a foundation stone, he is like a stone that has been tested to determine if it is solid. He will be like a valuable stone on which it will be safe to build a house; and whoever trusts in him will never be disappointed.

What will the Lord Yahweh lay in Zion?

He will lay a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.

What happens if they believe in this foundation stone?

If they believe in this foundation stone they will not be ashamed.

Isaiah 28:17

ULT

17 I will make justice the measuring stick, and righteousness the plumbline. Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and the floodwaters will overwhelm the hiding place.

UST

17 I will test you people of Jerusalem to find out if you will act justly and righteously, I will measure your character like a carpenter uses a plumb line to determine if a wall is straight and level. And then the hail will fall! And it will destroy everything you have. Your shelter will be destroyed because it is built on a foundation of lies, and the water from the storm will wash your shelter away.

What will happen to the refuge of lies and the hiding place?

Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies and the floodwaters will overwhelm the hiding place.

Isaiah 28:18

ULT

18 Your covenant with death will be dissolved, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand. When the raging flood passes through, you will be overwhelmed by it.

UST

18 I will cancel the covenant that you made with death, and I will bring to an end the covenant you made with the place where the dead dwell. But when the vast flood comes, it will pour over you; and day after day it will pass over you.

What will happen the covenant with death and the agreement with Sheol that the rulers of the people in Jerusalem have made?

That covenant and agreement will be dissolved and when the raging flood passes through they will be overwhelmed by it.

Isaiah 28:19

ULT

19 Whenever it passes through, it will overwhelm you, and morning by morning it will pass through and by day and night it will come. When the message is understood, it will cause terror.

UST

19 When the flood comes, it will pass through and over you like the river when it overflows its banks and causes flooding everywhere. When you finally understand the message of Yahweh, it will cause you to be terrified, not comforted. For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:20

ULT

20 For the bed is too short for a man to stretch out {on}, and the blanket too narrow for him to wrap himself {in}."

UST

20 You have heard people say, "Your bed is very short; you will not be able to sleep in it; your blankets are very narrow; they will not cover you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:21

ULT

21 Yahweh will rise up as {on} Mount Perazim; he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon to do his work, his strange work, and perform his strange deed.

UST

21 Yahweh will come and cause you to be defeated; he will do to you like he did to the army of Philistia at Mount Perizim, and like he did to the Amorites at Gibeon Valley. What he will do will be very strange and unusual.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:22

ULT

22 Now therefore do not mock, or your bonds will be tightened. I have heard from the Lord Yahweh of hosts, a decree of destruction on the earth.

UST

22 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has told me that he is going to destroy the entire land. So do not ridicule what I say anymore, because if you do that, he will punish you even more severely.

What does Isaiah say will be the consequences for mocking?

He warns them not to mock or their bonds will be tightened.

Isaiah 28:23

ULT
23 Pay attention and listen to my voice; be attentive and listen to my words.

UST
23 Listen to what I say; pay attention carefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:24

ULT
24 Does a farmer who plows all day to sow, only plow the ground? Does he continually break up and harrow the field?

UST
24 When a farmer plows some ground, does he never plant seeds? Does he continue to plow it and never plant anything?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:25

ULT
25 When he has prepared the ground, does he not scatter caraway seed, sow the cumin, put in the wheat in rows and the barley in the right place, and the spelt at its edges? [1]

UST
25 No, he makes the ground very level, and then he plants seeds— caraway seed and cumin and wheat and barley. He plants each kind of seed in the correct manner. He does not plant one kind of seed in the way that is not right for it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:26

ULT
26 His God instructs him; he teaches him wisely.

UST
26 He does that because God has taught him the correct way to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:27

ULT

27 Moreover, the caraway seed is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cumin; but caraway is beaten with a stick, and cumin with a rod.

UST

27 Moreover, the caraway seed is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cumin; but caraway is beaten with a stick, and the cumin with a rod.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:28

ULT

28 Grain is ground for bread but not too finely, and though the wheels of his cart and his horses scatter it, his horses do not crush it.

UST

28 And grain for baking bread is crushed easily, so the farmers do not continue to pound it for a long time. They sometimes cause their horses to pull a cart over it to thresh it, but doing that does not grind the grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:29

ULT

29 This too comes from Yahweh of hosts, {who} is wonderful in instruction {and} excellent in wisdom.
28:25 [1] and , because these expressions are uncertain in Hebrew.

UST

29 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, gives us wonderful advice about how to do things; he gives us great wisdom. So what the farmers do is very smart, but what your leaders are doing is very stupid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29

Isaiah 29:1

ULT
1 Woe to Ariel, Ariel, the city {where} David encamped! Add year to year; let the festivals come round.

UST
1 This is a message from Yahweh: Terrible things will happen to Jerusalem, the city where King David lived. You people continue to celebrate your festivals each year.

What is Ariel?
Ariel is the city where David encamped.

Isaiah 29:2

ULT
2 But I will besiege Ariel, and she will be mourning and lamenting; and she will be to me like Ariel.

UST
2 But I will cause you to experience a great disaster, and when that happens, people will weep and lament very much. Your city will become like an altar to me where people are burned as sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:3

ULT
3 I will encamp against you in a circle and will lay siege against you with a palisade, and I will raise siege works against you.

UST
3 I will cause your enemies to come and camp all around your city; they will surround it by building towers and putting in place other things with which to attack you.

What will Yahweh do to Ariel? (vv3-4)
He will besiege Ariel and she will be brought down.

Isaiah 29:4

ULT

4 You will be brought down and will speak from the ground; your speech will be low from the dust. Your voice will sound like a spirit that speaks from the ground, and out of the dust your speech will whisper.

UST

4 Then you will talk as though you were buried deep in the ground; it will sound like someone whispering from under the ground, like a ghost speaking from a grave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:5

ULT

5 The great number of your invaders will become like fine dust, and the multitude of the ruthless ones as chaff that passes away. It will happen suddenly, in an instant.

UST

5 But suddenly your enemies will be blown away like dust; their armies will disappear like chaff that is blown away by the wind. It will happen very suddenly:

How long will it take for Ariel to be brought down?

It will happen suddenly, in an instant.

Isaiah 29:6

ULT

6 Yahweh of hosts will come to you with thunder, earthquake, great noise, {with} strong winds and violent storm, and the flames of a devouring fire.

UST

6 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will come to help you with thunder and an earthquake and a very loud noise, with a strong wind and a big storm and a fire that will burn up everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:7

ULT

[7] It will be like a dream, a vision of the night: A horde of all the nations will fight against Ariel and her stronghold. They will attack her and her fortifications to press upon her.

UST

[7] Then the armies of all the nations that will be attacking Jerusalem will quickly disappear like a dream in the night. Those who will be attacking Jerusalem will suddenly vanish.

Who will fight against Ariel and her stronghold?

A horde of all the nations will fight against Ariel.

Isaiah 29:8

ULT

[8] It will be like when a hungry man dreams he is eating, but when he awakes, his stomach is empty. It will be like when a thirsty man dreams that he is drinking, but he when he awakes, {he is} fainting, with his thirst not quenched. Yes, so will be the great number of nations that fights against Mount Zion.

UST

[8] People who are asleep dream about eating food, but when they wake up, they are still hungry. People who are thirsty dream about drinking something, but when they wake up they are still thirsty. It will be like that when your enemies come to attack Mount Zion; they will dream about conquering you, but when they wake up, they will realize that they have not succeeded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:9

ULT

[9] Astonish yourselves and be astonished; blind yourselves and be blind! Be drunk, but not with wine; stagger, but not with beer.

UST

[9] You people of Jerusalem, be amazed and surprised about this! Do not believe what I have said! And continue to be blind about what Yahweh is doing. You are stupid, but it is not because you have drunk a lot of wine. You stagger, but not from drinking alcoholic drinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:10

ULT

10 For Yahweh has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep. He has closed your eyes, the prophets, and has covered your heads, the seers.

UST

10 Because Yahweh has prevented the prophets from understanding and telling you his messages, it is as though he had made you go fast asleep.

What has Yahweh poured out on Ariel?
He has poured on them the spirit of deep sleep.

What does this pouring out of the spirit of deep sleep do to them?
It has closed the prophets and covered the seers.

Isaiah 29:11

ULT

11 All revelation has become to you as the words of a book that is sealed, which {men} might give to one who is learned, saying, “Read this.” He also says, “I cannot, for it {is} sealed.”

UST

11 Yahweh gave me visions; but for you, they are only words on a scroll that is sealed shut. If you give it to those who can read and request they read it, they will say, “We cannot read it because the scroll is sealed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:12

ULT

12 If the book is given to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

UST

12 When you give it to others who cannot read, they will say, “We cannot read it because we do not know how to read.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:13

ULT

13 The Lord said, “This people comes close to me with their mouths and honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Their honor for me is only a commandment of men that has been taught.

UST

13 So the Lord says, “These people pretend to worship me. They say good things to pretend to honor me, but they do not think about what I desire. When they worship me, all they do is recite rules that people have made and that they have memorized.

What is the Lord’s complaint against this people?

The Lord said, “This people draws near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Their honoring me is a commandment taught by men.”

Isaiah 29:14

ULT

14 Therefore, see, I will proceed to do a marvelous thing among this people, wonder after wonder. The wisdom of their wise {men} will perish, and the understanding of their prudent {men} will disappear.”

UST

14 Therefore, again I will do something to amaze these people; I will perform many miracles. And I will show that the people who tell others that they are wise are not really wise, and I will show that the people who tell others that they are intelligent are not really intelligent.

Since their hearts are far from the Lord and they don’t honor him, what will the Lord do to them?

He will cause the wisdom of the wise men to perish and the understanding of the prudent men to disappear.

Isaiah 29:15

ULT

15 Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from Yahweh, and whose deeds are in darkness. They say, “Who sees us, and who knows us?”

UST

15 Terrible things will happen to those who try to conceal from me, Yahweh, the evil things that they plan to do; they do those deeds in the darkness and they think, ‘Yahweh certainly cannot see us; he cannot know what we are doing!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:16

ULT

16 You turn things upside down! Should the potter be considered like clay, so that the thing that is made should say about him who made it, “He did not make me,” or the thing formed say about him who formed it, “He does not understand”?

UST

16 They are extremely foolish! They act as though they were the potters and I were the clay! Something that was created should certainly never say to the one who made it, ‘You did not make me!’ A jar should never say, ‘The potter who made me did not know what he was doing!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:17

ULT

17 In just a little while, Lebanon will be turned into a field, and the field will become a forest.

UST

17 Soon the forests in Lebanon will become fertile fields, and abundant crops will grow in those fields, and that will happen very soon.

What is going to happen to Lebanon in just a little while?

Lebanon will be turned into a field and the field will become a forest.

Isaiah 29:18

ULT

18 On that day the deaf will hear the words of a book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of the {deep} darkness.

UST

18 At that time, deaf people will be able to hear; they will be able to hear when someone reads from a book; and blind people will be able to see; they will be able to see things when it is gloomy and even when it is dark.

On that day what will the deaf and blind do?

The deaf will hear the words of a book and the eyes of the blind will see out of deep darkness.

Isaiah 29:19

ULT
[19] The oppressed will again rejoice in Yahweh, and the poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

UST
[19] Yahweh will enable humble people to be very joyful again. Poor people will rejoice about what the Holy One of Israel has done.

What will the oppressed and the poor among men do?
They will rejoice in Yahweh the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 29:20

ULT
[20] For the ruthless will cease, and the scoffer will vanish. All those who love to do evil will be eliminated,

UST
[20] There will be no more people who ridicule others and no more arrogant people. And those who plan to do evil things will be executed.

What will happen to those who love to do evil?
They will be eliminated.

Isaiah 29:21

ULT
[21] who by a word make a man out to be an offender. They lay a snare for him who seeks justice at the gate and put the righteous down with empty {lies}.

UST
[21] Those who testify falsely in order to persuade judges to punish innocent people will vanish. Similar things will happen to those who by lying in court persuade the judges to make unjust decisions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:22

ULT
22 Therefore this is what Yahweh says concerning the house of Jacob—Yahweh, who redeemed Abraham,
“Jacob will no longer be ashamed, nor will his face be pale.

UST
22 That is why Yahweh, who rescued Abraham, says about the people of Israel, “My people will no longer be ashamed; no longer will they show on their faces that they are ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:23

ULT
23 But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, they will make my name holy. They will make holy
the name of the Holy One of Jacob and they will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

UST
23 When they see that I have blessed them by giving them many children, and all that I have done for them,
they will honor the holy name of the Holy One of Israel, and they will revere me, the God to whom they, the
descendants of Jacob, belong.

When will the house of Jacob honor Yahweh’s name?
They will honor Yahweh’s name when he sees his children in his midst, the work of Yahweh’s hands.

Isaiah 29:24

ULT
24 Those who err in spirit will gain understanding, and complainers will learn knowledge.”

UST
24 When that happens, those who are not able to think well will think clearly, and those who complain about
what I am doing will accept what I am teaching them.”

What will happen to complainers and those who err in spirit?
The complainers will learn Knowledge and those who err in spirit will gain understanding.

Isaiah 30

Isaiah 30:1

ULT

1 “Woe to the rebellious children,” this is Yahweh’s declaration. “They make plans, but not from me; they make alliances with other nations, but they were not directed by my Spirit, so they add sin to sin.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “Terrible things will happen to you, my people who rebel against me. You make plans, but what you plan is not what I want. You have made an alliance with the rulers of Egypt, but you did not ask my Spirit if that was what you should do. By doing that, you have increased the number of your sins.

What did Yahweh say the rebellious children do?

He said they make plans but not from him and make webs but not by his spirit, that they may add sin to sin.

Isaiah 30:2

ULT

2 They set out to go down into Egypt, but have not asked for my direction. They seek protection from Pharaoh and take refuge in the shadow of Egypt.

UST

2 You went to Egypt to ask their rulers for help, without asking for my advice. You have trusted in the army of the king of Egypt to protect you; you have trusted in them like people sit in the shade to protect themselves from the sun.

Who do the rebellious children seek to protect them?

They seek protection from Pharaoh and take refuge in the shadow of Egypt.

Isaiah 30:3

ULT

3 Therefore Pharaoh’s protection will be your shame, and the refuge in Egypt’s shade, {your} humiliation,

UST

3 But the result of your trusting in the king of Egypt is that you will be disappointed and disgraced; because you trust in him, you will be humiliated.

What will Pharaoh’s protection and Egypt’s shade be to the rebellious children?

Pharoah’s protection will be their shame and Egypt’s shade will be their humiliation.

Isaiah 30:4

ULT

4 although their princes are at Zoan, and their messengers have come to Hanes.

UST

4 Officials from Judah have gone to the cities of Zoan and Hanes in Egypt to make treaties,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:5

ULT

5 They will all be ashamed because of a people {who} cannot help them, {who} are neither help nor aid, but a shame, and even a disgrace."

UST

5 but all those who trust in the king of Egypt will be humiliated, because that nation will not be able to help you; the treaty that you have made requesting help from them will be useless; instead, the result will be that you will be humiliated and disgraced."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:6

ULT

6 A declaration about the beasts of the Negev: Through the land of trouble and danger, of the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches on the backs of donkeys, and their treasures on the camels' humps, to a people {who} cannot help them.

UST

6 Isaiah received from Yahweh this message about the animals in the southern part of Judah, the desert part: That area is one where people experience a lot of troubles and difficulties, an area where there are male and female lions and various kinds of poisonous snakes. Caravans go through that area taking donkeys and camels loaded with valuable goods. They are taking them to Egypt because they hope that the army of Egypt will protect them, but it will be useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:7

ULT
7 For Egypt's help is worthless; therefore I have called her Rahab, who sits still.

UST
7 The promises made by the king of Egypt are worthless; therefore I call Egypt 'Useless Rahab, the sea monster that does nothing.'

How valuable is Egypt's help to the rebellious children?
Egypt's help is worthless.

Isaiah 30:8

ULT
8 Now go, write it in their presence on a tablet, and inscribe it on a scroll, that it may be preserved for the time to come as a testimony.

UST
8 Yahweh told me to write on a scroll a message, in order that it would be a witness to the people of Judah that would endure forever.

Why does Yahweh want Isaiah to write it in their presence on a tablet, and inscribe it on a scroll?
Yahweh wants it to be preserved for the time to come as a testimony.

Isaiah 30:9

ULT
9 For these {are} a rebellious people, lying children, children {who} will not hear the instruction of Yahweh.

UST
9 It would remind them that they are deceitful and always rebelling against Yahweh, and that they refuse to pay attention to what he tells them.

What do the rebellious people not hear?
They will not hear the instruction of Yahweh.

Isaiah 30:10

ULT

10 They say to the seers, “Do not see;” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy the truth to us; speak flattering words to us, prophesy illusions.

UST

10 They tell the people who see visions from Yahweh, “Stop seeing visions!” They tell the prophets, “Do not reveal to us what is right! Tell us pleasant things; do not tell us visions about things that are true!

What do the rebellious children want to hear?

They want to hear smooth things and deceptive prophesies.

Isaiah 30:11

ULT

11 Turn aside from the way, stray off the path; cause the Holy One of Israel to cease speaking before our face.”

UST

11 Stop doing what you have been doing; stop telling us what the Holy One of Israel says to us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:12

ULT

12 Therefore the Holy One of Israel says, “Because you reject this word and trust in oppression and deceit and lean on it,

UST

12 Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: “You have rejected my message, and you are relying on those who oppress and deceive others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:13

ULT

13 so this sin will be to you like a broken part ready to fall, like a bulge in a high wall whose fall will happen suddenly, in an instant.”

UST

13 Therefore, the result of your sin of rejecting me will be that you will suddenly experience disasters; what will happen to you will be like a cracked wall that suddenly collapses on you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:14

ULT

14 He will break it as a potter’s vessel is broken; he will not spare it, so that there will not be found among its pieces a shard with which to scrape fire from the hearth, or to scoop up water out of the cistern.

UST

14 You will be smashed like a clay jar is smashed when it is dropped and shatters completely, with the result that there is not one piece big enough to sweep out cinders from a stove or to carry a little bit of water from a well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:15

ULT

15 For this is what the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel says, “In returning and resting you will be saved; in quietness and in trust will be your strength. But you were not willing.

UST

15 Yahweh, our God, the Holy One of Israel, also says this: “I will rescue you from your enemies only if you repent and trust in what I will do for you; you will be strong only if you quit worrying and trust in me. But you do not want to do that.

How does Yahweh say the rebellious children can be strong and be saved?

Yahweh says they can be saved by returning and resting, and in quietness and trust will be their strength.

Isaiah 30:16

ULT

16 You said, ‘No, for we will flee on horses,’ so you will flee; and, ‘We will ride upon swift {horses},’ so those who pursue you will be swift.

UST

16 You said, ‘No, we will escape on horses that the army of Egypt will give us!’ So you will try to escape. You said, ‘We will escape from the army of Assyria by riding on swift horses!’ But those who pursue you will also ride swiftly.

What was the reply of the rebellious children to Yahweh?

They said, “No, we will flee on horses.” and, “We will ride on swift horses.”

What is Yahweh’s response to the rebellious children’s statement about fleeing on horses and riding on swift horses?

Yahweh responds by telling the rebellious children they will flee and that those who pursue them will be swift.

Isaiah 30:17

ULT

17 One thousand {will flee} at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will flee until your remnant will be like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, or like a flag on a hill.”

UST

17 As a result, a thousand of you will flee when only one of them pursues you! When five of their soldiers threaten to kill you, all of you will flee. Only a few of you will be left, like a single flagpole on top of a mountain, or like one single signal flag on a hilltop.”

How many did Yahweh say would flee at the threat of one?

Yahweh said one thousand would flee at the threat of one.

Isaiah 30:18

ULT

18 Yet Yahweh is waiting to be gracious to you, therefore he is ready to show you mercy. For Yahweh {is} a God of justice; blessed {are} all those who wait for him.

UST

18 But Yahweh wants to act kindly toward you; he is great because he desires to act mercifully. Do not forget he is a God who acts justly; Yahweh is pleased with those who patiently trust in him.

What is Yahweh waiting and ready to do?

He is waiting to be gracious to the rebellious children and to have mercy on them.

What happens to all those who wait for Yahweh?

They will be blessed.

Isaiah 30:19

ULT

19 For a people will live in Zion, in Jerusalem, and you will weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When he hears it, he will answer you.

UST

19 You people who live in Jerusalem, some day you will not cry anymore. Yahweh will be kind to you when you call out to him for help. He will answer you as soon as he hears you call.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:20

ULT

20 {Though} Yahweh gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, even so, your teacher will not hide himself anymore, but you will see your teacher with your own eyes.

UST

20 Although now Yahweh has brought poverty on you, he, your teacher, will not hide himself from you. He will teach you many things clearly.

Though Yahweh gives them the bread of adversity and the water of affliction what will their teacher not do anymore?

Their teacher will not hide himself anymore, but they will see him with their own eyes.

Isaiah 30:21

ULT

21 Your ears will hear a word behind you saying, “This {is} the way, walk in it,” when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

UST

21 And you will hear him speak to you to guide you. Right behind you he will say, “This is the road on which you should walk; walk on this road!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:22

ULT

22 You will desecrate your carved figures overlaid with silver and your gold cast figures. You will throw them away like a menstrual rag. You will say to them, “Get out of here.”

UST

22 When that happens, you will destroy all your idols that are covered with silver or gold. You will throw them away like you throw away a filthy rag, and you will say to them, “We do not need you anymore!”

What will the rebellious children do with their carved figures and cast gold figures?

They will desecrate them and throw them away.

Isaiah 30:23

ULT

23 He will give the rain for your seed when you sow the ground, and bread with abundance from the ground, and the crops will be abundant. In that day your cattle will graze in broad pastures.

UST

23 If you do that, Yahweh will bless you by giving you good rain at the time that you plant your crops. You will have good harvests and plenty of big fields with grass for your cattle to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:24

ULT

24 The oxen and the donkeys, who plow the ground, will eat seasoned feed that has been winnowed with a shovel and a fork.

UST

24 After the wind blows away the chaff, the oxen and donkeys that pull the plow over your ground will have good grain to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:25

ULT

25 On every high mountain and on every high hill, there will be flowing brooks {and} streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall.

UST

25 At that time, when your enemies have been slaughtered and their towers have collapsed, there will be streams flowing down every hill and mountain in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:26

ULT

26 The light of the moon will be like the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the sunlight of seven days. Yahweh will bind up the breaking of his people and heal the bruises of his wounding them.

UST

26 The moon will seem to shine as brightly as the sun, and the sun will seem to shine seven times as brightly as previously. That is what it will be like when Yahweh causes the suffering of his people to cease; it will be as though he is putting bandages on their wounds and healing them.

What will Yahweh do to his people after the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall?

Yahweh will bind up the breaking of his people and heal the bruises of his wounding them.

Isaiah 30:27

ULT

27 Look, the name of Yahweh comes from a distant place, burning {with} his anger and in dense smoke. His lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire.

UST

27 It is as though we see Yahweh coming from far away; he is extremely angry, and there are thick clouds of smoke around him. By what he says he shows that he is angry; what he says is like a devastating fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:28

ULT

28 His breath is like an overflowing torrent that reaches up to the middle of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction. His breath {is} a bridle in the jaws of the peoples to cause {them} to wander away.

UST

28 His breath is like a flood that covers his enemies up to their necks. He will separate the nations in order to destroy some of them; it is as though he will put horses' bridles on them so he can lead them away to destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:29

ULT

29 You will have a song as in the night {when} a holy feast is observed, and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a flute to the mountain of Yahweh, to the Rock of Israel.

UST

29 But his people will sing joyfully like they sing during the nights when they celebrate a holy festival. They will be very joyful, like a large group of his people are joyful when they go up to Mount Zion in Jerusalem, along with men playing flutes when they are all going there to worship Yahweh. He is like a huge rock on top of which we Israelite people are safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:30

ULT

30 Yahweh will make the splendor of his voice heard and show the motion of his arm in storming anger and flames of fire, with windstorm, rainstorm, and hailstones.

UST

30 And Yahweh will enable us to hear him speaking powerfully. He will show us that he is very powerful. We will see him smash his enemies. Being very angry, he will descend with a big rainstorm and thunder and hail to punish them.

How will Yahweh manifest the splendor of his voice and show the motion of his arm?

He will manifest them in storming anger and flames of fire, with windstorm, rainstorm and hailstones.

Isaiah 30:31

ULT

31 For at the voice of Yahweh, Assyria will be shattered; he will strike them with a staff.

UST

31 The soldiers of Assyria will be terrified when they hear the voice of Yahweh and when he strikes them with his rod.

Who will Yahweh's voice and motion of his arm be directed toward?

They will directed toward Assyria. For at the voice of Yahweh, Assyria will be shattered; he will strike them with a staff.

Isaiah 30:32

ULT

32 Every stroke of the appointed rod that Yahweh will lay on them will be accompanied with the music of tambourines and harps as he battles and fights with them.

UST

32 And while Yahweh strikes them to punish them, his people will celebrate by playing tambourines and harps. It will be as though Yahweh will lift up his powerful hand and defeat the Assyrian army in battle.

What will accompany every stroke of the appointed rod that Yahweh will lay on him?

The music of tambourines and harps will accompany every stroke as Yahweh battles and fights with Assyria.

Isaiah 30:33

ULT

33 For a place of burning {was} prepared long ago. Indeed, it is prepared for the king, and God has made it deep and wide. The pile {is} ready with a fire and much wood. The breath of Yahweh, like a stream of brimstone, will set it on fire.

UST

33 The Valley of Topheth outside Jerusalem has been prepared for a long time; it is ready for the king of Assyria; the funeral pyre for burning his body is wide and high, and it will be as though Yahweh will light the fire with his breath, which will come out like a stream of burning sulfur.

What has been prepared for the king of Assyria?

A place of burning has been prepared for the king of Assyria.

What or who will kindle the fire prepared for the king of Assyria?

The breath of Yahweh will kindle it.

Isaiah 31

Isaiah 31:1

ULT

1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help {and} lean on horses, and trust in chariots (for {they are} many) and in horsemen (for they are countless). But they are not concerned about the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek Yahweh!

UST

1 Terrible things will happen to those who rely on Egypt to help them, trusting in their soldiers' horses and their many chariots and their many chariot drivers, instead of trusting that Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, will help them.

Why is woe pronounced on those who go down to Egypt for help?

Woe is pronounced on them because they trust in chariots and horsemen but are not concerned about the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek Yahweh.

Isaiah 31:2

ULT

2 Yet he {is} wise, and he will bring disaster and will not retract his words. He will arise against the evil house and against the helpers of those who commit sin.

UST

2 Yahweh is very wise, but he also causes people to experience disaster! And when he decides to do that, he does not change his mind! He will strike the wicked people and all those who help them.

Who will Yahweh arise against?

He will arise against the evil house and against the helpers of those who commit sin.

Isaiah 31:3

ULT

3 Egypt {is} a man and not God, their horses flesh and not spirit. When Yahweh reaches out with his hand, both the one who helps will stumble, and the one who is helped will fall; both will perish together.

UST

3 The soldiers of Egypt that you people of Judah are relying on are humans, not God! And their horses are only horses; they are not powerful spirits! So when Yahweh raises his fist to strike the soldiers of Egypt whom you thought would help you, he will also strike you who thought that you would be helped, and you and they will stumble and fall down; all of you will die together.

What will happen to him who helps and him who is helped?

Both of them will perish together.

Isaiah 31:4

ULT

4 This is what Yahweh says to me, “As a lion, even a young lion, growls over its torn prey, when a group of shepherds is called out against it, but it does not tremble at their voices, nor creep away from their sound; thus Yahweh of hosts will descend to fight on Mount Zion, on that hill.

UST

4 But this is what Yahweh said to me: “When a lion stands and growls over the body of a sheep that he has killed, even if a large group of shepherds comes to chase away the lion, even if they shout loudly, the lion will not be afraid and will not leave. Similarly, I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will come down to fight my enemies on Mount Zion, and nothing will stop me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 31:5

ULT

5 Like birds in flight, so Yahweh of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and rescue as he passes over it and preserves {it}.

UST

5 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will protect Jerusalem like a mother bird hovers over the baby birds in her nest. He will defend the city and rescue it from its enemies.”

What will Yahweh do for Jerusalem?

He will protect, deliver and preserve it.

Isaiah 31:6

ULT

[6] Return {to him} from whom you have deeply turned away, people of Israel.

UST

[6] My people, even though you have greatly rebelled against Yahweh, return to him.

What does Isaiah tell the people of Israel to do?

He tells them to return to Yahweh from whom they have deeply turned away.

Isaiah 31:7

ULT

[7] For in that day each one will get rid of his idols of silver and his idols of gold that your own hands have sinfully made.

UST

[7] When you do that, each of you will throw away the idols that you have made in sin, idols that are covered with silver and gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 31:8

ULT

[8] Assyria will fall by the sword; a sword not wielded by man will consume him. He will flee from the sword, and his young men will be forced to do hard labor.

UST

[8] The Assyrian soldiers will be killed, but not by swords that men use. They will be destroyed by the sword of God; and those who are not killed will panic and flee. And some of them will be captured and forced to become slaves.

After Assyria falls by the sword, what will their young men be forced to do?

Assyria's young men will be forced to do hard labor.

Isaiah 31:9

ULT

9 They will lose all confidence because of terror, and his princes will be afraid at the sight of Yahweh's battle flag— this is Yahweh's declaration—whose fire {is} in Zion and whose firepot {is} in Jerusalem."

UST

9 Even their very strong soldiers will be terrified; their leaders will abandon all hope and run away from Yahweh's power! Yahweh's presence on Mount Zion is like a fire, like a furnace that blazes in Jerusalem. This is what Yahweh says about the Assyrian army!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32

Isaiah 32:1

ULT
1 Look, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.

UST
1 Listen to this! Some day there will be a righteous king, and his officials will help him to rule justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:2

ULT
2 Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a land of weariness.

UST
2 Each of them will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm. They will be like streams of water in the desert, like the shade under a huge rock in a very hot and dry land.

What will a righteous king and just princes be like?
They will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a land of weariness.

Isaiah 32:3

ULT
3 Then the eyes of those who see will not be dim, and the ears of those who hear will hear attentively.

UST
3 When that happens, those leaders will enable people who have not understood God's truth to understand it, and they will enable those who have not paid attention to God's truth to pay attention to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:4

ULT

[4] The rash will think carefully with understanding, and the stutterer will speak distinctly and with ease.

UST

[4] Even those who act very hastily will have good sense, and those who cannot speak well will speak fluently and clearly.

What will the rash and the stutterer do when a king reigns in righteousness and princes rule with justice?

The rash will think carefully with understanding, and the stutterer will speak distinctly and with ease. The fool will no longer be called honorable, nor the deceiver be called principled.

Isaiah 32:5

ULT

[5] The fool will no longer {be} called honorable, nor the deceiver called principled.

UST

[5] At that time, people who are foolish will no longer be admired, and scoundrels will no longer be respected.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:6

ULT

[6] For the fool speaks folly, and his heart plans evil and godless actions, and he speaks wrongly against Yahweh. He makes the hungry empty, and the thirsty he causes to lack drink.

UST

[6] Foolish people say things that are foolish, and they plan to do evil things. Their behavior is disgraceful, and they say things about Yahweh that are false. They do not give food to those who are hungry, and they do not give water to those who are thirsty.

What does the fool do?

He speaks folly, his heart plans evil godless actions and he speaks wrongly against Yahweh.

Isaiah 32:7

ULT

7 The deceiver's methods {are} evil. He devises wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lies, even when the poor say what is right.

UST

7 Scoundrels do things that are evil and that deceive people; they plan to do evil things; by telling lies in court they cause poor people to have trouble, even when what the poor people are requesting is fair.

What does the deceiver do?

He uses evil methods. He devises wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lies.

Isaiah 32:8

ULT

8 But the honorable man makes honorable plans; and because of his honorable actions he will stand.

UST

8 But honorable people plan to do honorable things, and they do those honorable things, so they succeed.

What will happen to the honorable man?

The honorable man will stand because of his honorable actions.

Isaiah 32:9

ULT

9 Rise up, you women who are at ease, and listen to my voice; you carefree daughters, listen to me.

UST

9 You women of Jerusalem who think that you are very secure and think that everything is going well, listen to what I say!

Why were the women who were at ease told to listen to Isaiah's voice? (vv9-10)

They were told to listen to Isaiah's voice because in a little more than a year their confidence would be broken, the grape harvest would fail, the ingathering would not come.

Isaiah 32:10

ULT

10 For in a little more than a year your confidence will be broken, you carefree women, for the grape harvest will fail, the ingathering will not come.

UST

10 After one year is ended, you who now are not worried about anything will tremble, because there will be no grapes for you to harvest and no other crops to harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:11

ULT

11 Tremble, you {women} who are at ease; be troubled, you confident ones; take off your fine clothes and make yourselves bare; put on sackcloth around {your} waists.

UST

11 So tremble now, you women who are not worried about anything! Take off your fancy clothes and put rough sackcloth around your waists.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:12

ULT

12 You will wail for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vines.

UST

12 You will wail because you are grieving about what will happen in your fertile fields and to your fruitful grapevines,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:13

ULT

13 The land of my people will be overgrown with thorns {and} briers, even in all the once joyful houses {in} the city of revelry.

UST

13 because only thorns and thistles will grow in your soil. Your houses where you had joyful parties and your city where you have been happy will be gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:14

ULT

14 For the palace will be forsaken, the crowded city will be deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become caves forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;

UST

14 The king’s palace will be empty; there will be no people in the city that now is very noisy. Wild donkeys will walk around and flocks of sheep will eat grass in the empty forts and watchtowers.

What was going to happen to the palace and the crowded city?

The palace was going to be forsaken and the crowded city deserted.

Isaiah 32:15

ULT

15 until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is considered as a forest.

UST

15 It will be like that until God pours his Spirit out on us from heaven. When that happens, the deserts will become fertile fields, and abundant crops will grow in those fertile fields.

How long will the devastation last?

It will last until the Spirit is poured out from on high and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

Isaiah 32:16

ULT
16 Then justice will reside in the wilderness; and righteousness will live in the fruitful field.

UST
16 People will act justly in those desert areas, and people will act righteously in those fertile fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:17

ULT
17 The work of righteousness will be peace; and the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

UST
17 The result of their acting righteously will be that there will be peace, the land will be tranquil, and people will be secure forever.

What will be the work and result of righteousness?
The work of rightousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

Isaiah 32:18

ULT
18 My people will live in a peaceful habitation, in secure homes, and in quiet resting places.

UST
18 My people will live in their homes peacefully, and safely, and calmly, in places of rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:19

ULT
19 But even if it hails and the forest is destroyed, and the city is completely annihilated,

UST
19 Even if a severe hailstorm knocks down the trees in the forest, and all the buildings in the city are blown down,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:20

ULT

20 you who sow beside all the streams {will be} blessed, you who send out your ox and donkey to graze.

UST

20 Yahweh will greatly bless you; you will plant seeds in fields alongside the streams and there will be abundant crops. Your donkeys and cattle will easily find grass to eat when you send them out into pasture.

Who is it that will be blessed?

Blessed are the ones who sow beside all streams and who send out their ox and ass to graze.

Isaiah 33

Isaiah 33:1

ULT

[1] Woe to you, destroyer who {has} not {been} destroyed! Woe to the betrayer whom they have not betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed. When you stop betraying, they will betray you.

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to you people of Assyria! You have destroyed others, but you have not been destroyed yet. You have betrayed others, but you have not been betrayed yet. When you stop destroying others, others will destroy you. When you stop betraying others, others will betray you.

What will happen to the destroyer and the betrayer when they stop destroying and betraying?

The destroyer will be destroyed and the betrayer will be betrayed.

Isaiah 33:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh, be gracious to us; we wait for you; be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.

UST

[2] Yahweh, act kindly toward us, because we have patiently waited for you to help us. Enable us to be strong every day, and rescue us when we have troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:3

ULT

[3] At the loud noise the peoples flee; when you arise, the nations are scattered.

UST

[3] Our enemies run away when they hear your voice. When you stand up and show that you are powerful, the people of all nations flee.

What happens when Yahweh arises?

The nations are scattered.

Isaiah 33:4

ULT

4 Your spoil is gathered {as} the locusts gather; as locusts leap, men leap on it.

UST

4 And after our enemies have been defeated, we, your people, will take away all our enemies' possessions, like caterpillars and locusts strip off all the leaves of plants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:5

ULT

5 Yahweh is exalted. He lives in a high place. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

UST

5 Yahweh is greater than anyone else, and he lives in heaven, and he will rule justly and righteously in Jerusalem.

With what will Yahweh fill Zion?

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

Isaiah 33:6

ULT

6 He will be the stability in your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of Yahweh is his treasure.

UST

6 When that happens, he will enable you to live securely; he will fully protect your possessions, he will enable you to be wise and to know all that you need to know; and revering Yahweh will be like a valuable treasure that he will give to you.

What will Yahweh be in their times?

In their times he will be the stability, abundance of salvation and wisdom and knowledge.

Isaiah 33:7

ULT

7 Look, their envoys cry in the streets; the diplomats hoping for peace weep bitterly.

UST

7 But now, look, our messengers are crying out in the streets; our ambassadors have gone to other countries to make peace treaties, but they will cry bitterly because they will not succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:8

ULT

8 The highways are deserted; there are no more travelers. Covenants are broken, witnesses are despised, and mankind is not respected. [1]

UST

8 No one travels on our roads. The leaders of Assyria have broken their peace treaty with us; they despise the people who made those treaties, and they do not respect anyone.

Why did their envoys cry and the diplomats weep bitterly?

They cried and wept because the highways were deserted; there were no more travelers. Treaties were broken, witnesses were despised and cities were disrespected.

Isaiah 33:9

ULT

9 The land mourns {and} withers away; Lebanon is ashamed {and} withers away; [2] Sharon is like a desert plain; and Bashan and Carmel shake off {their leaves}.

UST

9 The land of Judah is dry and barren. The cedar trees in Lebanon are drying up and decaying. The Plain of Sharon along the coast is now a desert plain. There are no more leaves on the trees in the areas of Bashan and Carmel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:10

ULT
10 “Now will I arise,” says Yahweh; “now I will be lifted up; now I will be elevated.

UST
10 Yahweh says, “Now I will arise and show that I deserve for everyone to honor me.

What will be the result when Yahweh arises?
Yahweh will be lifted up and exalted.

Isaiah 33:11

ULT
11 You conceive chaff, and you give birth to stubble; your breath is a fire that will consume you.

UST
11 You people of Assyria make plans that are as useless as chaff and straw. Your breath will become a fire that will burn you up.

What happens to those in Zion who conceive chaff, and give birth to stubble? (vv11-12)
Their breath is a fire that will consume them. The peoples will be burned to lime.

Isaiah 33:12

ULT
12 The peoples will be burned to lime, {as} thornbushes are cut down and are burned.

UST
12 Your people will be burned until only ashes remain, like thornbushes are cut down and burned up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:13

ULT
13 You {who are} far away, hear what I have done; and, you {who are} near, acknowledge my might.”

UST
13 You people who live far away and you people who live nearby, pay attention to what I have done and realize that I am very powerful.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:14

ULT
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless ones. Who among us can sojourn with a raging fire? Who among us can sojourn with everlasting burnings?

UST
14 The sinners in Jerusalem will tremble because they are very afraid; godless people will be terrified. They say, “None of us can remain alive because this fire is burning everything; it is like the fire on Yahweh’s altar that will burn forever!”

What is the response of the sinners in Zion?
The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless ones.

Isaiah 33:15

ULT
15 He who walks righteously and speaks honestly; who despises the gain of oppression, who shakes his hand so that it will not accept a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, and who shuts his eyes from looking on evil—

UST
15 Those who act honestly and say what is right, those who do not try to become rich by forcing money from people, those who do not try to get bribes, those who refuse to listen to people who are planning to murder someone, those who do not join others who urge them to do what is wrong,

Who among those in Zion can dwell with the devouring fire and the everlasting burnings?
The ones who can dwell with this fire and burning are the ones who walk righteously and speak honestly; who despise the gain of oppression, who refuse to take a bribe, who do not plot violent crime and do not look on evil.

Where will he who walks righteously and speaks honestly make his home? (vv15-16)
He who walks righteously and speaks honestly will make his home on the heights.

Isaiah 33:16

ULT

16 this is the man who will dwell on the heights, his {place} of defense {will be} the fortress among the cliffs, his food will be given, and his water {will be} in steady supply.

UST

16 they are the people who will live safely; they will find places to be safe in the caves in the mountains. They will have plenty of food and water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:17

ULT

17 Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will see a land off in the distance.

UST

17 You people of Judah will see the king wearing all his beautiful robes, and you will see that he rules a land that extends far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:18

ULT

18 Your heart will recall the terror; where {is} the scribe, where {is} he who weighed the money? Where {is} he who counted the towers?

UST

18 When you see that, you will think about when you were previously terrified, and you will say, “The officers of Assyria who counted the tax money that we were forced to pay to them have disappeared! Those men who counted our towers are gone!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:19

ULT

19 You will no longer see the defiant people, a people of a strange language {that you} {do} not understand.

UST

19 Those arrogant people who spoke a language that we could not understand are no longer here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:20

ULT

20 Look at Zion, the city of our feasts; your eyes will see Jerusalem as a quiet habitation, a tent {that} will not be removed, whose stakes will never be pulled up nor will any of its cords be broken.

UST

20 At that time, you will see Mount Zion, the place where we celebrate our festivals; You will see that Jerusalem has become a place that is calm and safe. It will be secure, like a tent that cannot be moved because its ropes are tight and its stakes are firmly in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:21

ULT

21 Instead, Yahweh in majesty {will be} with us, in a place of broad rivers {and} streams. No warship with oars will travel it, and no large ships will sail by.

UST

21 Yahweh will be our mighty God; he will be like a mighty river that will protect us because our enemies will not be able to cross it; no one will be able to row across it and no warships will be able to sail across it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:22

ULT

22 For Yahweh {is} our judge, Yahweh {is} our lawgiver, Yahweh {is} our king; he will save us.

UST

22 Yahweh is our judge; he is the one who gives us laws, and he is our king. He will rescue us.

Who is Yahweh and what will he do?

Yahweh is our judge, our lawgiver and our king; he will save us.

Isaiah 33:23

ULT

23 Your riggings are slack; they cannot hold the mast in place; they cannot spread the sail; when the great spoil is divided, even the lame will drag off the spoil.

UST

23 The ropes on our enemies' boats will hang loose, their masts will not be fastened firmly, and their sails will not be spread out. The treasures that they have seized will be divided among us, God's people, and even lame people among us will get some.

When the great spoil is divided who will be among those dragging it off?

Even the lame will drag off the spoil.

Isaiah 33:24

ULT

24 The inhabitants will not say, "I am sick;" the people who live there {will be} forgiven for {their} iniquity.
33:8 [1] , some versions have .
33:9 [2] .

UST

24 And the people in Jerusalem will no longer say, "We are sick," because Yahweh will forgive the sins that have been committed by the people who live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34

Isaiah 34:1

ULT

1 Come near, you nations, and listen; pay attention, you people! The earth and all that fills it must listen, the world, and all {things} that come from it.

UST

1 You people of all nations, come near and listen; pay careful attention. I want the world and everything that is in it to hear what I say.

Who is supposed to come near, listen and pay attention?

The nations, the earth and all that fills it, the world and all things that come from it must come near, listen and pay attention.

Isaiah 34:2

ULT

2 For Yahweh is angry with all the nations, and furious against all their armies; he has completely destroyed them, he has handed them over to the slaughter.

UST

2 Yahweh is angry with the people of all nations; he is furious with all their armies. He has decided that they must be destroyed, and he will slaughter them.

Why must the nations, the earth and all that fills it, the world and all things that come from it come near, listen and pay attention?

They must do this because Yahweh is angry with all the nations and furious against all their armies.

What has Yahweh done to the nations and their armies?

He has completely destroyed them. He has delivered them to the slaughter.

Isaiah 34:3

ULT

[3] The bodies of their dead will be thrown out. The stench of the dead bodies will be everywhere; and the mountains will soak up their blood.

UST

[3] Their corpses will not be buried, and as a result their bodies will stink, and the mountains will collapse because of their blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:4

ULT

[4] All the stars of the sky will fade away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their stars will fade away, as the leaf fades from off the vine, and as the overripe figs from the fig tree.

UST

[4] The sky will disappear like a scroll that is rolled up and thrown away. Stars will fall from the sky like withered leaves fall from grapevines, or like shriveled figs fall from fig trees.

What will happen to the stars and sky?

All the stars of the sky will fade away and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their stars will fade away.

Isaiah 34:5

ULT

[5] For when my sword will have drunk its fill in heaven; look, it will now come down on Edom, on the people I am setting apart for destruction.

UST

[5] When Yahweh has finished his work of destroying objects in the sky, he will punish the people of Edom, the people group that he has said must be destroyed.

What will Yahweh do after his sword has drunk its fill in heaven?

Then his sword will come down on Edom and on the people of his exclusive belonging in judgment.

Isaiah 34:6

ULT

6 The sword of Yahweh is dripping with blood and covered with fat, dripping with the blood of lambs and goats, covered with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For Yahweh has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

UST

6 It is as though Yahweh will have a sword that is covered with blood and fat— the blood of lambs and goats and the fat of the kidneys of rams to be sacrificed. It is as though Yahweh will offer a sacrifice in Bozrah and kill many people in other cities in Edom.

What does Yahweh have in Bozrah and Edom?

Yahweh has a great sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Isaiah 34:7

ULT

7 Wild oxen will fall with them, and young bulls with the older ones. Their land will be drunk with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.

UST

7 Even wild oxen will be killed, as well as young calves and big bulls. The ground will be soaked with blood, and the dirt will be covered with the fat of those animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:8

ULT

8 For {it will be} a day of vengeance for Yahweh and a year when he will pay them back for the cause of Zion.

UST

8 That will be the time when Yahweh gets revenge for what those people did to the people of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:9

ULT
9 The streams of Edom will be turned into pitch, her dust into sulfur, and her land will become burning pitch.

UST
9 The streams in Edom will be full of burning pitch, and the ground will be covered with burning sulfur and burning pitch.

What will happen to the land of Edom? (vv9-10)
Her streams will be turned to pitch and her dust into brimstone. She will become burning pitch. It will be a wasteland; no one will pass through it.

Isaiah 34:10

ULT
10 It will burn night and day; its smoke will rise forever; from generation to generation it will be a wasteland; no one will pass through it forever and ever.

UST
10 Yahweh will never finish punishing Edom with fire; the smoke will rise forever. No one will ever live in that land, and no one will even travel through it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:11

ULT
11 But wild birds and animals will live there; the owl and the raven will make their nest in it. He will stretch over it the measuring line of ruin and the plumbline of destruction.

UST
11 Ravens and various kinds of owls and small animals will live there. Yahweh will measure that land carefully; he will measure it to to decide where to cause chaos and destruction.

In general what will live in Edom?
Wild birds and animals will live in Edom.

Isaiah 34:12

ULT

12 Her nobles will have nothing left to call a kingdom, and all her princes {will be} nothing.

UST

12 There will be no more princes; the people who have authority will have no kingdom to rule; the princes will disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:13

ULT

13 Thorns will overgrow her palaces, nettles and thistles her fortresses. It will be a habitation of jackals, a place for ostriches.

UST

13 The deserted palaces and fortified buildings will be full of thorns and thistles. The ruins will be places for jackals and ostriches to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:14

ULT

14 The wild animals and the hyenas will meet there, and the wild goats will cry to one another. Nocturnal animals will settle there and find for themselves a place of rest.

UST

14 Animals that live in the desert and hyenas will be there, and wild goats will bleat to each other. There will also be creatures that roam around at night and rest there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:15

ULT

15 Owls will make nests, lay and hatch their {eggs}, hatch and protect their young. Yes, there hawks will gather, each one with its mate.

UST

15 Owls will make their nests there and lay their eggs in the nests; and when the eggs hatch, the mother birds will cover them with their wings. There will also be hawks there, each with its mate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:16

ULT

16 Search through the scroll of Yahweh; not one of these will be missing. None will lack for a mate; for his mouth has commanded it, and his spirit has gathered them.

UST

16 If you read what is written in the book that contains messages from Yahweh, you will find out what he will do to Edom. All of those animals and birds will be there, and each one will have a mate, because that is what Yahweh has promised, and his spirit will cause them all to gather there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:17

ULT

17 He has cast lots for their places, and his hand has measured it out for them by a cord. They will possess it forever; from generation to generation they will live there.

UST

17 He has decided what parts of the land of Edom each will live in, and those are the places where each bird or animal will live. Their descendants will possess those areas forever, throughout all generations.

How long will the birds and animals possess Edom?

They will possess it for ever; from generation to generation they will live there.

Isaiah 35

Isaiah 35:1

ULT
1 The wilderness and the Arabah will be glad; and the desert will rejoice and blossom. Like the rose,

UST
1 Some day, it will be as though the desert and other very dry areas are glad; the desert will rejoice and flowers will blossom. Like the rose,

What will happen to the desert?
It will rejoice and blossom like the rose.

Isaiah 35:2

ULT
2 it will blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our God.

UST
2 the desert will produce flowers abundantly; it will be as though everything is rejoicing and singing! The deserts will become as beautiful as the trees in Lebanon, as fertile as the plains of the Sharon and the area of Carmel. There people will see the glory of Yahweh; they will see that he is magnificent.

What will be given to the desert?
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

What will the wilderness, the Arabah and the desert see?
They will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our God.

Isaiah 35:3

ULT
3 Strengthen the weak hands, and steady the knees that shake.

UST
3 So encourage those who are tired and weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:4

ULT

4 Say to those {with a} fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Look, your God will come {with} vengeance, {with} the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”

UST

4 Say to those who are afraid, “Be strong and do not be afraid, because our God is going to come to get revenge on his enemies; he will pay them back for what they have done, and he will rescue you.”

Why should those with a fearful heart be strong and not fear?

Because their God is coming with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save them.

Isaiah 35:5

ULT

5 Then the eyes of the blind will see, and the ears of the deaf will hear.

UST

5 When he does that, he will enable blind people to see and enable deaf people to hear.

What are some of the things that will happen when their God comes? (vv5-7)

The blind will see. The dead will hear. The lame man will leap. The mute will sing. There will be water in the Arabah and streams in the wilderness. The burning sand will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water. There will be reeds and rushes where jackals once lay.

Isaiah 35:6

ULT

6 Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the mute tongue will sing, for water breaks out in the Arabah, and streams in the wilderness.

UST

6 Lame people will leap like deer, and those who have been unable to speak will sing joyfully. Water will gush out from springs in the desert, and streams will flow in the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:7

ULT

7 The burning sand will become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, where they once lay, {will be} grass with reeds and rushes.

UST

7 The very hot and dry ground will become a pool of water, and springs will provide water for the dry land. Grass and reeds and papyrus will grow in places where the jackals lived previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:8

ULT

8 A highway will be there called The Holy Way. The unclean will not travel it. But it will be for him who walks in it. No fool will go on it.

UST

8 There will be a highway through that land; it will be called ‘the Holy Highway.’ People who are not acceptable to God will not walk on that road; it will be only for those who conduct their lives as God wants them to, and no wicked fools will walk on that road.

What will be the name of the highway that will appear at that time?

A highway will be there called The Way of Holiness.

Who will and will not be on the highway? (vv8-9)

The unclean will not travel it and no fool will go on it. No lion or ferocious beast will be on it. The highway will be for him who walks in the way of holiness. The redeemed will walk there.

Isaiah 35:9

ULT

9 No lion will be there, no ferocious beast will be on it; they will not be found there, but the redeemed will walk there.

UST

9 There will not be any lions there or any other dangerous animals along that road. Only those whom Yahweh has set free will walk on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:10

ULT

10 The ransomed of Yahweh will return and come with singing to Zion, and everlasting joy will be on their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them; sorrow and sighing will flee away.

UST

10 Those whom Yahweh has freed will return to Jerusalem; they will sing as they enter the city, and they will be extremely joyful forever. No longer will they be sad or mourn; they will be completely joyful and glad.

What will happen to the ransomed of Yahweh when they return?

Everlasting joy will be on their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them; sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 36

Isaiah 36:1

ULT

1 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

UST

1 When King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, King Sennacherib of Assyria came with his army to attack the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not conquer Jerusalem, but they conquered all the other cities.

What happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah?

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, marched against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

Isaiah 36:2

ULT

2 Then the king of Assyria sent the chief commander from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a great army. He approached the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the launderers' field, and stood by it.

UST

2 Then the king of Assyria sent a large army with some of his important officials from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they stood alongside the aqueduct in which water flows into the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

Who did the king of Assyria send from Lachish to Jersualem to Hezekiah?

The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh.

Where did the Rabshakeh stop?

He stopped at the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the washers field.

Isaiah 36:3

ULT

3 The Israelite officials who went out of the city to talk with them were Hilkiah's son Eliakim, the palace administrator, Shebna the king's secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who wrote down the government decisions.

UST

3 The Israelite officials who went out of the city to talk with them were Hilkiah's son Eliakim, the palace administrator, Shebna the king's secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who wrote down the government decisions.

Who went out ot meet the Rabshakeh?

Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebna the scribe and Joah the recorder, the son of Asaph went out to meet the Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 36:4

ULT

4 The chief commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah that the great king, the king of Assyria, says, 'What is the source of your confidence?

UST

4 Then one of Sennacherib's important officials told them to take a message to Hezekiah from the king of Assyria, the great king. In the message, the king said to the people of Jerusalem, "What are you trusting in to rescue you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:5

ULT

5 You speak only useless words, saying there is counsel and strength for war. Now in whom are you trusting? Who has given you courage to rebel against me?

UST

5 You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some other nation has promised to help you, but that is only talk. Who do you think will help you to rebel against my soldiers from Assyria?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:6

ULT

[6] Look, you are trusting in Egypt, that splintered reed that you use as a walking staff, but if a man leans on it, it will stick into his hand and pierce it. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt {is} to anyone who trusts in him.

UST

[6] Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like when a man tries to walk while leaning on a broken reed for a walking stick. But it would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt is like for anyone who relies on him for help.

Who did the Rabshakeh say that Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was to anyone who trusted in him?

The Rabshakeh said the Pharaoh was a splintered reed that if used as a walking stick would pierce your hand.

Isaiah 36:7

ULT

[7] But if you say to me, “We are trusting in Yahweh our God,” {is} not he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, “You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem”?

UST

[7] But perhaps you will say to me that you are relying on Yahweh your God to help you. In that case, I would answer that Yahweh is the one whom Hezekiah insulted by tearing down his high places and altars and forcing everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to worship only in front of the altar in Jerusalem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:8

ULT

[8] Now therefore, I want to make you a good offer from my master the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able to find riders for them.

UST

[8] The Assyrian official talking in front of the city continued: “So I suggest that you make a deal with my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you can find two thousand of your own men who can ride on them!

What did the Rabshakeh say the king of Assyria would do if Hezekiah would make an agreement with the king of Assyria?

The Rabshakeh said the king of Assyria would give Hezekiah two thousand horses.

Isaiah 36:9

ULT

[9] How could you resist even one captain of the least of my master's servants? You have put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen!

UST

[9] You are expecting the king of Egypt to send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to resist even the most insignificant official in the army of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:10

ULT

[10] Now then, have I traveled up here without Yahweh to fight against this land and destroy it? Yahweh said to me, "Attack this land and destroy it.""

UST

[10] Furthermore, do not think that we have come here to attack and destroy this land without Yahweh's orders! It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"

Who did the Rabshakeh say had told him to march against Judah and destroy it?

The Rabshakeh said that Yahweh had told him to march against Judah and destroy it.

Isaiah 36:11

ULT

[11] Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak to your servants in the Aramean language, Aramaic, for we understand {it}. Do not speak with us in the language of Judah in the ears of the people who are on the wall."

UST

[11] Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the official from Assyria, "Please speak to us in your Aramaic language, because we understand it. Do not speak to us in our Hebrew language, because the people who are standing on the wall will understand it and become frightened."

Why did Eliakim, Shebna and Joah ask the Rabshakeh to speak to them in Aramaic? (vv11-12)

They did not want the people on the wall to hear and understand what was being said.

Isaiah 36:12

ULT

12 But the chief commander said, “Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, who will have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?”

UST

12 But the official replied, “Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you, and not to the people standing on the wall? If you reject this message, the people in this city will soon need to eat their own dung and drink their own urine, just as you will, because you will have nothing else to eat. “

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:13

ULT

13 Then the chief commander stood and shouted in a loud voice in the Jews’ language, saying, “Listen to the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

UST

13 Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, “Listen to this message from the great king, the king of Assyria!

How did the Rabshakeh respond to the request for him to speak to Eliakim, Shebna and Joah in Aramaic?

He responded by standing and shouting in a loud voice in the Jew’s language.

Briefly what did the Rabshakeh say were the words of the king of Assyria with regards to Hezekiah? (vv13-15)

He said not to let Hezekiah deceive them because Hezekiah wouldn’t be able to rescue them and he said not to trust in Yahweh.

Isaiah 36:14

ULT

14 The king says, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you.

UST

14 He says, ‘Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you! He will not be able to rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:15

ULT

15 Do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh will surely rescue us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’

UST

15 Do not allow him to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of the king of Assyria will never capture this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:16

ULT

16 Do not listen to Hezekiah, for this is what the king of Assyria says: ‘Make {peace} with me and come out to me. Then every one of you will eat from his own vine and from his own fig tree, and drink from the water in his own cistern.

UST

16 Do not pay attention to what Hezekiah says! This is what the king of Assyria says: “Come out of the city and surrender to me. If you do that, I will arrange for each of you to drink the wine from your own grapevines and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own well.

What did the king of Assyria say would happen if the Jews would make peace with him and come out to him? (vv16-17)

He said the Jews would eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink water from their own cistern, until he would come and take the Jews away to a land like their own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

Isaiah 36:17

ULT

17 You will do this until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.’

UST

17 You will be able to do that until we come and take you to a land that is like your land—a land where there is grain to make bread and vineyards to produce grapes for making new wine and, where we make plenty of bread.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:18

ULT

18 Do not let Hezekiah mislead you, saying, ‘Yahweh will rescue us.’ Has any of the gods of the peoples rescued them from the hand of the king of Assyria?

UST

18 Do not allow Hezekiah to trick you by saying, “Yahweh will rescue us.” The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued any of them from the power of the king of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:19

ULT

19 Where {are} the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where {are} the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they rescued Samaria from my power?

UST

19 Why were the gods of Hamath and Arpad cities, and the gods of Sepharvaim unable to rescue Samaria from my power?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:20

ULT

20 Among all the gods of these lands, is there any god who has rescued his land from my power, as if Yahweh could save Jerusalem from my power?”

UST

20 No, no god of any nation which our armies have attacked has been able to rescue their people from me. So why do you think that Yahweh will rescue you people of Jerusalem from my power?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:21

ULT

[21] But the people remained silent and did not respond, for the king's order was, "Do not answer him."

UST

[21] But the Hebrew soldiers who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had commanded them, "When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him."

What was the response to the Rabshekah's speech?

They remained silent and did not respond, for the kings order was, "Do not answer him".

Isaiah 36:22

ULT

[22] Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with {their} clothes torn, and reported to him the words of the chief commander.

UST

[22] Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah returned to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed. They told him what the official from Assyria had said.

What did Eliakim, Shebna and Joah do after the Rabshekah's speech?

They came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and reported to Hezekiah the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 37

Isaiah 37:1

ULT

[1] It came about that when King Hezekiah heard {their report}, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

UST

[1] When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough sackcloth because he was very distressed. Then he went into the temple of Yahweh and prayed.

What did Hezekiah do when he heard the report from Eliakim, Shebna and Joah? (vv1-2)
Hezekiah tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of Yahweh. He also sent Eliakim, Shebna and the elders of the priests to Isaiah the prophet.

Isaiah 37:2

ULT

[2] He sent Eliakim, who {was} over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, all covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.

UST

[2] Then he sent Eliakim, Shebna, and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:3

ULT

[3] They said to him, “Hezekiah says, ‘This day {is} a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, like when a child is ready to be born, but the mother {has} no strength to give birth to her child.

UST

[3] They told him, “Say this to Isaiah: ‘King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are insulting and shaming us. We are like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby, but she does not have the strength that she needs to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:4

ULT

4 It may be Yahweh your God will hear the words of the chief commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Now lift up {your} prayer for the remnant that is still here.'"

UST

4 But perhaps Yahweh our God has heard what the official from Assyria said. Perhaps God knows that the king of Assyria has sent his official to insult him, the all-powerful God. Perhaps Yahweh will punish the king of Assyria for what he said. And I, Hezekiah, request that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem.'"

What did Hezekiah ask Isaiah to do?

He asked Isaiah to pray to Yahweh for the remnant that was still to be found there.

Isaiah 37:5

ULT

5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

UST

5 After those men gave Isaiah that message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:6

ULT

6 and Isaiah said to them, "Say to your master: 'Yahweh says, "Do not be afraid of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have insulted me.

UST

6 he told them to say to the king that Yahweh says: "Those lackeys from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But do not let them worry you.

What message did Isaiah give to Hezekiah's servants to take back to Hezekiah? (vv6-7)

Isaiah's message to Hezekiah was to not fear the words of the king of Assyria's servant, the Rabshakeh. Yahweh was going to put a spirit in The king of Assyria, and he would hear a report and go back to his own land and would be killed by the sword there.

Isaiah 37:7

ULT

[7] Look, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear a certain report and go back to his own land. I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.""

UST

[7] Listen to this: I will make Sennacherib hear some news from his own country that will worry him very much. So he will go back there, and I will make other men to assassinate him with their swords."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:8

ULT

[8] Then the chief commander returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had gone away from Lachish.

UST

[8] The official from Assyria learned that his king and the army of Assyria had left the city of Lachish and were now attacking Libnah, a nearby city. So the official left Jerusalem and went to Libnah to report to the king what had happened in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:9

ULT

[9] Then Sennacherib heard that Tirhakah king of Cush and Egypt had mobilized to fight against him, so he sent messengers again to Hezekiah with a message:

UST

[9] Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. So he sent other messengers to Hezekiah with a letter. In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:10

ULT

10 “Say to Hezekiah, king of Judah, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

UST

10 “Do not allow your god, on whom you are relying, to deceive you by promising that he will keep my army from capturing Jerusalem.”

After the king of Assyria heard that Tirhakah, king of Ethiopia, was coming out to fight against him, what message did the king of Assyria send to Hezekiah?

The king of Assyria told Hezekiah in a letter not to let God deceive Hezekiah by saying, Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Isaiah 37:11

ULT

11 See, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely. So will you be rescued?

UST

11 You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria before me did to all the other countries; our armies destroyed them completely. So you really do not think that you will escape from me, do you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:12

ULT

12 Have the gods of the nations rescued them, the nations that my fathers destroyed: Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden in Tel Assar?

UST

12 Did the gods of those nations rescue them? Did they rescue the region of Gozan, or the cities of Haran and Rezeph in northern Aram, or the people of the region of Eden in the city of Tel Assar?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:13

ULT
13 Where {is} the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?'"

UST
13 What happened to the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad? What happened to the kings of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Did their gods rescue them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:14

ULT
14 Hezekiah received this letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the house of Yahweh and spread it before him.

UST
14 Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

What did Hezekiah do after he received the letter from the king of Assyria and read it? (vv14-15)
Hezekiah went up to the house of Yahweh and spread the letter out and prayed to Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:15

ULT
15 Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh:

UST
15 Then Hezekiah prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:16

ULT

16 “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, you who sit above the cherubim, you are God alone over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth.

UST

16 “Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of the cherubim, above the sacred chest. Only you are truly God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:17

ULT

17 Turn your ear, Yahweh, and listen. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see, and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God.

UST

17 So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening! And listen to what Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God!

What did Hezekiah pray for Yahweh to do?

First, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to hear and listen and to open his eyes and see all the words in Sennacherib’s letter. Second, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib’s hand.

Isaiah 37:18

ULT

18 It is true, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the nations and their lands.

UST

18 Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:19

ULT

19 They have put their gods into the fire, for they {were} not gods but the work of men's hands, just wood and stone. So the Assyrians have destroyed them.

UST

19 And they have thrown all the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But they were not really gods. They were only idols made of wood and stone, and that is why they were able to be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:20

ULT

20 So now, Yahweh our God, save us from his power, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you {are} Yahweh alone."

UST

20 So now, Yahweh our God, please rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria, in order that the people in all the kingdoms of the world may know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is truly God."

What did Hezekiah pray for Yahweh to do?

First, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to hear and listen and to open his eyes and see all the words in Sennacherib's letter. Second, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib's hand.

What reason did Hezekiah give as motivation for God to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib?

Hezekiah wanted Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacheri so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh alone is God.

Isaiah 37:21

ULT

21 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah, saying, "Yahweh, the God of Israel says, 'Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,

UST

21 Then Isaiah sent a message to tell Hezekiah that Yahweh, whom the Israelites worshiped, said this to him: "Because you prayed about what King Sennacherib of Assyria said,

How did Yahweh respond to Hezekiah's prayer?

Yahweh responded by sending a message to Hezekiah through Isaiah.

Isaiah 37:22

ULT

22 this {is} the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: “The virgin daughter of Zion despises you and laughs you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem shakes {her} head at you.

UST

22 this is what I say to him: ‘The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They will wag their heads to mock you while you flee from here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:23

ULT

23 Whom have you defied and insulted? Against whom have you exalted {your} voice and lifted up your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel.

UST

23 Who do you think you have been despising and ridiculing? Who do you think you were shouting at? Who do you think you were looking at very proudly? It was I, the Holy One whom the Israelites worship!

In Yahweh’s message to Hezekiah what did Yahweh say Sennacherib had done wrong?

Yahweh said Sennacherib had defied, blasphemed, exalted his voice and lifted up his eyes against the Holy one of Israel.

Isaiah 37:24

ULT

24 By your servants you have defied the Lord and have said, ‘With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, to the highest elevations of Lebanon. I will cut down its tall cedars and choice cypress trees there, and I will enter into its farthest high places, its most fruitful forest.

UST

24 The messengers whom you sent made fun of me. You said, “With my many chariots I have gone to the highest mountains, to the highest mountains in Lebanon. We have cut down its tallest cedar trees and its nicest pine trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:25

ULT
25 I have dug wells and drunk water; [1] I dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of my feet.’

UST
25 We have dug wells in many countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:26

ULT
26 Have you not heard how I determined it long ago and worked it out in ancient times? Now I am bringing it to pass. You are here to reduce impregnable cities {into} heaps of ruins.

UST
26 But I reply to him, ‘Have you never heard that long ago I determined those things; I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would destroy cities and cause them to become piles of rubble.

What did Yahweh determine long ago and work out in ancient times?
He determined and worked out that Sennacherib would reduce impregnable cities into heaps of ruins.

Isaiah 37:27

ULT
27 Their inhabitants, of little strength, are shattered and ashamed. They are plants in the field, green grass, the grass on the roof or in the field, before the east wind.

UST
27 The people in those cities have no power, and as a result they are dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as grass and plants in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched by the hot east wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:28

ULT
28 But I know your sitting down, your going out, your coming in, and your raging against me.

UST
28 But I know everything about you; I know when you are in your house and when you go outside; I also know that you are raging against me.

What else did Yahweh know about Sennacherib?
Yahweh knew when Sennacherib sat down, went out, came in, and his raging against Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:29

ULT
29 Because of your raging against me, and because your arrogance has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth; I will turn you back the way you came."

UST
29 So because you have raged against me and because I have heard you speak very proudly, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose and an iron bit in your mouth in order that I can take you where I wish, and I will force you to return to your own country, on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.'"

What was the result of Sennacherib's raging against Yahweh?
Yahweh turned Sennacherib back the way he came.

Isaiah 37:30

ULT
30 This {will be} the sign for you: This year you will eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that. But in the third year you must plant and harvest, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

UST
30 "This will prove to you, Hezekiah that it is I, Yahweh, who will make all this happen: This year, you will eat only the crops that grow by themselves, and next year the same thing will happen. But in the third year you will plant crops and harvest them; you will take care of your vineyards and eat the grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:31

ULT
31 The remnant of the house of Judah that survives will again take root and bear fruit.

UST
31 You people who are still here in Judah, will be strong and prosper again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:32

ULT
32 For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out; from Mount Zion survivors will come. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.'"

UST
32 A small number of my people will survive, and they will spread out from Jerusalem. That will happen because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is desiring very much to accomplish it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:33

ULT
33 Therefore Yahweh says this about the king of Assyria: "He will not come into this city and he will not shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build up a siege ramp against it.

UST
33 "This is what Yahweh says about the king of Assyria: 'His armies will not enter Jerusalem; they will not even shoot a single arrow into it. His soldiers will not bring one shield up to Jerusalem, and they will not build high mounds of dirt against the walls of the city to enable them to attack the city.

What did Yahweh say about the king of Assyria concerning Jerusalem? (vv33-34)
Yahweh said the king of Assyria would not enter Jerusalem or shoot an arrow there and that he would not confront it with a shield or build siege works against it.

Isaiah 37:34

ULT
34 The way by which he came will be the same way he will leave; he will not enter this city—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST
34 Instead, their king will return to his own country on the same road on which he came here. He will not enter this city! That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:35

ULT
35 For I will defend this city and rescue it, for my own sake and for David my servant's sake."

UST
35 For the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well, I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed.'"

What reason did Yahweh give for defending and saving Jerusalem?
He said he would defend and save Jerusalem for his own sake and for the sake of David his servant.

Isaiah 37:36

ULT
36 Then the angel of Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers. When {the men} arose early in the morning, dead bodies lay everywhere.

UST
36 That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had set up their tents and killed 185,000 of their soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw that there were corpses everywhere.

What did the angel of Yahweh do?
He went out and struck down 185,000 troups in the camp of the Assyrians.

Isaiah 37:37

ULT

37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria left Israel and went {home} and stayed in Nineveh.

UST

37 Then King Sennacherib left and returned home to Nineveh in Assyria and stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:38

ULT

38 Later, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisrok his god, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer killed him with the sword. Then they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place. 37:25 [1] .

UST

38 One day, when he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his two sons, Adrammelek and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped and went to the region of Ararat northwest of Nineveh. And another of Sennacherib's sons, Esarhaddon, became the king of Assyria.

What happened to Sennacherib after he departed and went home to Nineveh?

While he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, his sons, Adrammelech and Sharezer, struck Sennacherib with the sword.

Isaiah 38

Isaiah 38:1

ULT

1 In those days Hezekiah was sick to the point of dying. So Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him, and said to him, “Yahweh says, ‘Set your house in order; for you will die, not live.’”

UST

1 About that time, Hezekiah became very ill and was close to dying. So Isaiah went to see him and gave him this message: “This is what Yahweh says: ‘You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die because you will not recover from this illness. You are going to die’”

In those days what happened to Hezekiah?

He became very ill and neared death.

What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah?

Isaiah told Hezekiah, “Yahweh says, ‘Set your house in order, for you will die and not get well.’”.

Isaiah 38:2

ULT

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh.

UST

2 Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:3

ULT

3 He said, “Please, Yahweh, call to mind how I have faithfully walked before you with my whole heart, and how I have done {what was} good in your sight.” Then Hezekiah wept loudly.

UST

3 “Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you!” Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

What did Hezekiah do after receiving Yahweh’s message through Isaiah?

He prayed to Yahweh asking Yahweh to remember how he had faithfully walked before Yahweh with his whole heart and how he had done good in Yahweh’s sight. And Hezekiah wept loudly.

Isaiah 38:4

ULT

4 Then the word of Yahweh came to Isaiah, saying,

UST

4 Then Yahweh gave Isaiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:5

ULT

5 “Go and say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, ‘This is what Yahweh, the God of David your ancestor, says: I have heard your prayer, and I have seen your tears. See, I am about to add fifteen years to your life.

UST

5 “Go back to Hezekiah and tell him that this is what I, the God to whom your ancestor King David belonged, say: ‘I have heard what you prayed, and I have seen you crying. So listen: I will enable you to live fifteen years more.

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to say to Hezekiah? (vv5-6)

He said to tell Hezekiah that he had heard Hezekiah’s prayer and his tears. Yahweh told Hezekiah he would add fifteen years to Hezekiah’s life and in addition he would rescue Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the king of Assyria and would defend Jerusalem.

Isaiah 38:6

ULT

6 Then I will rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.

UST

6 And I will rescue you and this city from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:7

ULT

7 This will be the sign to you from Yahweh, that I will do what I have promised.

UST

7 And this is what I will do to prove to you that I will do what I have just now promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:8

ULT

8 Look, I will cause the shadow on the stairs of Ahaz to go back ten steps.'" So the shadow went back ten steps of the stairs on which it had advanced.

UST

8 I will cause the shadow of the sun to move ten steps backward on the stairs that were built by King Ahaz.'" So the shadow of the sun on the stairs moved backward ten steps.

What sign did Yahweh say he would give so that Hezekiah would know Yahweh would do what he had spoken?

Yahweh said he would cause the shadow on the stairs of Ahaz to go back ten steps.

Isaiah 38:9

ULT

9 This was the written prayer of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and then recovered:

UST

9 When King Hezekiah was almost well again, he wrote this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:10

ULT

10 “I said that halfway through my life I will go through the gates of Sheol; I am sent there for the rest of my years.

UST

10 I said to myself, “In the middle of my life I am about to walk through the gates of death, and Yahweh is taking from me the rest of my years.

In Hezekiah’s written prayer what did Hezekiah say would happen halfway through his life?

He said he would go through the gates of Sheol.

Isaiah 38:11

ULT

11 I said that I will no longer see Yahweh, Yahweh in the land of the living; I will no longer look on mankind or the inhabitants of the world. *[1]*

UST

11 I said, “I will not see Yahweh again in this world where people are alive. I will not see my friends again, or be with others who now are alive in this world.

At the beginning of Hezekiah’s written prayer what did he say concerning Yahweh?

Hezekiah said he would no longer see Yahweh in the land of the living.

Isaiah 38:12

ULT

12 My life is removed and carried away from me like a shepherd’s tent; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; you are cutting me off from the loom; between day and night you are ending my life.

UST

12 It is as if my life had been taken away like a tent whose pegs have been pulled up by a shepherd and taken away. I have to roll up my life like a weaver, like a piece of cloth that a weaver cuts and rolls up, Yahweh has cut off my life.” Between morning and evening he will kill me off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:13

ULT

13 I cried out [2] until the morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones. Between day and night you are ending my life.

UST

13 I waited patiently all during the night, but my pain was as though I were being torn apart by lions. Between morning and evening he will kill me off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:14

ULT

14 Like a swallow I chirp; I coo like a dove; my eyes grow tired {with} {looking} upward. Lord, I am oppressed; help me.

UST

14 I was delirious; I chirped like a swift or a swallow and moaned like a dove. My eyes became tired looking up toward heaven for help. I cried out, ‘Yahweh, help me, because I am distressed!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:15

ULT

15 What shall I say? He has both spoken to me, and has done {it}; I will walk slowly all my years because I am overcome with grief.

UST

15 But there was really nothing that I could say and ask him to reply to me, because it was Yahweh who sent this illness. So now I will live humbly during my remaining years because I am very anguished within myself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:16

ULT
16 Lord, the sufferings you send are good for me; may my life be given back to me; you have restored my life and health.

UST
16 Yahweh, the sufferings that you give are good, because what you do and what you say bring new life and health to me. And you have restored me and allowed me to continue to live!

What did Hezekiah say to the Lord concerning his sufferings and grief? (vv16-17)
Hezekiah said the sufferings the Lord sent were good for him and that it was for Hezekiah's benefit that he experienced such grief.

Isaiah 38:17

ULT
17 {It was} for {my} benefit that I experienced such grief. You have {rescued} me from the pit of destruction; for you have thrown all my sins behind your back.

UST
17 Truly, my suffering was good for me; you loved me, and as a result you have rescued me from dying and have also forgiven all my sins.

What did Hezekiah say the Lord had done with his sins?
Hezekiah said the Lord had thrown all of Hezekiah's sins behind his back.

Isaiah 38:18

ULT
18 For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down into the pit do not hope in your trustworthiness.

UST
18 Dead people cannot praise you; they cannot sing to praise you. Those who have descended to their graves cannot expect you to faithfully do things for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:19

ULT

19 The living person, the living person, he is the one who gives you thanks, as I {do} this day; a father makes known to children your trustworthiness.

UST

19 Only people who are still alive, like I am, can praise you. Fathers tell their children how you are faithful, and if I remain alive, I will do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:20

ULT

20 Yahweh {is about} to save me, and we will celebrate with music all the days of our lives in the house of Yahweh."

UST

20 Yahweh will fully heal me, so we will sing praise to him while others praise him playing musical instruments. We will do that every day of our lives in the temple of Yahweh."

How was Hezekiah going to celebrate Yahweh saving him?

Hezekiah said they would celebrate with music all the days of their lives in the house of Yahweh.

Isaiah 38:21

ULT

21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs and put {it} on the boil, and he will recover."

UST

21 Isaiah had previously said to Hezekiah's servants, "Prepare an ointment from mashed figs, and spread it on his boil, and then he will recover." So they did that, and Hezekiah recovered.

What did Isaiah say to do so that Hezekiah would recover?

He said, "Let them take a cake of figs and lay it as plaster on the boil and he will recover."

Isaiah 38:22

ULT

22 Hezekiah also had said, “What {will be} the sign that I should go up to the house of Yahweh?”
38:11 [1] : (that is, brief existence).
38:13 [2] or .

UST

22 And Hezekiah had previously asked, “What will Yahweh do to prove that I will recover and be able to go to his temple?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39

Isaiah 39:1

ULT

1 At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah; for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick and had recovered.

UST

1 Soon after that, Baladan's son Marduk-Baladan, the king of Babylon, heard a report that Hezekiah had been very sick but that he had recovered. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

Who sent letters and a present to Hezekiah?

Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon sent letters and a present to Hezekiah.

Isaiah 39:2

ULT

2 Hezekiah was pleased by these things; he showed the messengers his storehouse of valuable things—the silver, the gold, the spices and precious oil, the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom, that Hezekiah did not show them.

UST

2 When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them everything that was in his treasure houses—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the nice-smelling olive oil. He also took them to see the place where they kept their soldiers' weapons, and he showed them the other valuable things that were in the storehouses. Hezekiah showed them everything that was in the palace or in other places.

What did Hezekiah show to those who brought the letters and present from Merodach-baladan?

Hezekiah showed them his treasury—the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

Isaiah 39:3

ULT

[3] Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and asked him, “What did these men say to you? Where did they come from?” Hezekiah said, “They came to me from the distant country of Babylon.”

UST

[3] Then Isaiah went to King Hezekiah and asked him, “Where did those men come from, and what did they want?” He replied, “They came from the far away land of Babylon.”

What did Isaiah ask Hezekiah? (vv3-4)

He asked Hezekiah what the men had said to him, where they had come from, and what they had seen in Hezekiah’s house.

Isaiah 39:4

ULT

[4] Isaiah asked, “What have they seen in your house?” Hezekiah answered, “They have seen everything in my house. There is nothing among my valuable things that I have not shown them.”

UST

[4] Isaiah asked him, “What did they see in your palace?” Hezekiah replied, “They saw everything. I showed them absolutely everything that I own—all my valuable things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39:5

ULT

[5] Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Listen to the word of Yahweh of hosts:

UST

[5] Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Listen to this message from Yahweh, commander of the angel armies:

What things did Isaiah say to Hezekiah would be taken to Babylon? (vv5-6)

Yahweh told Hezekiah that all he and his ancestors had stored up until that day would be carried off to Babylon.

Isaiah 39:6

ULT

6 ‘Look, the days are about to come when everything in your palace, the things that your ancestors stored away until this present day, will be carried to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says Yahweh.

UST

6 There will be a time when everything in your palace, all the valuable things that your ancestors stored there up until the present time, will be carried away to Babylon. Yahweh says that there will be nothing left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39:7

ULT

7 The sons born from you, whom you yourself have fathered—they will take them away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”

UST

7 Furthermore, some of your sons will be forced to go to Babylon. They will be castrated in order that they can become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39:8

ULT

8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken {is} good.” For he thought, “There will be peace and stability in my days.”

UST

8 Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “The message from Yahweh that you have given to me is good.” He said that because he was thinking, “Even if that happens, there will be peace and safety here during the time that I am alive.”

Why did Hezekiah think the word of Yahweh that Isaiah spoke was good?

He thought it was good because he thought there would be peace and stability in his days.

Isaiah 40

Isaiah 40:1

ULT
1 “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

UST
1 Our God says, “Encourage my people! Encourage them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:2

ULT
2 “Speak tenderly to Jerusalem; and proclaim to her that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received double from Yahweh’s hand for all her sins.”

UST
2 Speak kindly to the people of Jerusalem; tell them that their suffering is ended Yahweh has forgiven them for the sins that they have committed. He has fully punished them for their sins.”

How does God say to comfort his people?
He says to comfort them by speaking tenderly to Jerusalem, telling her that her warfare has ended and her iniquity is pardoned and that she has received double from Yahweh’s hand for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3

ULT
3 A voice cries out, “In the wilderness prepare the way of Yahweh; make straight in the Arabah a highway for our God.” *[1]*

UST
3 Someone is shouting, “In the desert plain make the way straight for Yahweh to come to you; make a smooth road for our God.

What does a voice cry out?
It cries, “In the wilderness prepare the way of Yahweh; make straight in the Arabah a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:4

ULT

4 Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill will be leveled; and the rugged land will be made level, and the rough places a plain;

UST

4 Fill in the valleys; flatten every hill and every mountain. Make the uneven ground smooth, and make the rough places smooth.

What will happen to the land in Israel?

Every valley lifted up, every mountain and hill leveled, the rugged land made level and the rough places made into a plain.

Isaiah 40:5

ULT

5 and the glory of Yahweh will be revealed, and all people will see {it} together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.

UST

5 If you do that, it will become known that Yahweh is glorious, and all people will realize it at the same time. Those things will surely happen because it is Yahweh who has said it.”

To whom will the glory of Yahweh be revealed?

Yahweh’s glory will be seen by all people together.

Isaiah 40:6

ULT

6 A voice says, “Cry.” Another answers, “What should I cry?” “All flesh {is} grass, and all their covenant faithfulness {is} like the flower of the field.

UST

6 Someone said to me, “Shout!” I replied, “What should I shout?” He replied, “Shout that people are like grass; their faithfulness fades as quickly as flowers in the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:7

ULT
7 The grass withers and the flower wilts when the breath of Yahweh blows on it; surely humanity {is} grass.

UST
7 Grass withers and flowers dry up when Yahweh causes a hot wind from the desert to blow on them. And all people are like that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:8

ULT
8 The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God will stand forever."

UST
8 The grass withers and the flowers dry up, but what our God promises will last forever."

What will stand forever?
The word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:9

ULT
9 Go up on a high mountain, Zion, bearer of good news. [2] Shout out loud, Jerusalem. You who bring good news, {raise your voice}, do not be afraid. [3] Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

UST
9 All of you who bring good news to Zion, shout it from the high mountain! Every one of you who brings good news to the people who live in Jerusalem, shout out loud the message you have to tell! Shout it out! Do not be afraid! Say to the people living in the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!

What good news was to be proclaimed to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?
The good news was, "Here is your God!"

Isaiah 40:10

ULT

10 Look, the Lord Yahweh comes as a victorious warrior, and his strong arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and those he has rescued go before him.

UST

10 Yahweh your God will be coming with power, he will rule powerfully. When he comes, he will bring with him the people whom he has freed from being slaves in Babylonia.

How does the Lord Yahweh come?

He comes as a victorious warrior.

What does Yahweh bring with him when he comes?

Yahweh brings his reward with him and his recompense goes before him.

Isaiah 40:11

ULT

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather in his arm the lambs, and carry {them} close to his heart, {and} will gently lead the ewes nursing their young.

UST

11 He will take care of his people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, and carries the young lambs in his arms. He carries them close to his chest and he gently leads the female sheep that are nursing their young lambs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:12

ULT

12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, measured the sky with the span of his hand, held the dust of the earth in a basket, weighed the mountains in scales, or the hills in a balance?

UST

12 There is no one like Yahweh! Who else has measured the water in the oceans in the palm of his hand? Who else has measured the sky? Who else knows how much soil is in the earth? Who else has weighed the mountains and hills on scales?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:13

ULT
13 Who has comprehended the mind of Yahweh, or instructed him {as} his counselor?

UST
13 And who else can advise Yahweh? Who can teach him or advise him what he should do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:14

ULT
14 {From whom} did he ever receive instruction? Who taught him the correct way to do things, and taught him knowledge, or showed to him the way of understanding?

UST
14 Has Yahweh ever consulted anyone else to get advice? Does he need someone to tell him what is right to do and how to act justly?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:15

ULT
15 Look, the nations {are} like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded like the dust on the scales; see, he weighs the isles as a speck.

UST
15 Yahweh considers that the nations are as insignificant as one drop from a bucket full of water. They are as insignificant as dust on scales. He is able to weigh islands as though they weighed no more than specks of dust.

What are the nations like to Yahweh?
The nations are like a drop in a bucket to Yahweh and are regarded like the dust on the scales.

Isaiah 40:16

ULT

16 Lebanon {is} not sufficient fuel, nor its wild animals sufficient for a burnt offering.

UST

16 There would be not enough wood from all the trees in Lebanon to make a suitable fire for sacrificing animals to him, and there are not enough animals in Lebanon to offer as sacrifices to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:17

ULT

17 All the nations {are} insufficient before him; they are regarded by him as nothing.

UST

17 The nations of the world are completely insignificant to him; he considers that they are worthless and less than nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:18

ULT

18 To whom then will you compare God? To what idol will you liken him?

UST

18 So to whom can you compare God? What image resembles him?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:19

ULT

19 An idol! A craftsman casts it: The goldsmith overlays it with gold and forges silver chains for it.

UST

19 Can you compare him to an idol that is made in a mold, and then is covered with a thin sheet of gold and decorated with silver chains?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:20

ULT

20 To make an offering one chooses a wood {that} will not rot; he seeks a skillful artisan to make an idol {that} will not fall over.

UST

20 A man who is poor cannot buy silver or gold for his idol; so he selects a piece of wood that will not rot, and he gives it to a craftsman to carve an idol that will not fall over!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:21

ULT

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

UST

21 Have you not heard this? Do you not understand it? Are you unable to hear what God said long ago—messages that he gave before he created the earth?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:22

ULT

22 He is the one who sits above the horizon of the earth; and the inhabitants {are} like grasshoppers before him. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out as a tent to live in.

UST

22 God sits on his throne above the earth, and the people on the earth below seem to be as small as grasshoppers. He spreads out the sky like a curtain; it is like a tent for him to live in.

Where does God sit?

God sits above the horizon of the earth.

Isaiah 40:23

ULT
23 He reduces rulers to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth insignificant.

UST
23 He causes kings to have no more power, and he causes the rulers to be worth nothing.

What does God do to rulers?
God reduces rulers to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth insignificant.

Isaiah 40:24

ULT
24 They are barely planted, barely sown, their stem has barely taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them and they wither, and the wind carries them away like straw.

UST
24 They start to rule, like small plants start to grow and form roots; but then he gets rid of them as though they withered when he blew on them, like chaff that is blown away by the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:25

ULT
25 “To whom then will you compare me, {whom} do I resemble?” says the Holy One.

UST
25 The Holy One asks, “To whom will you compare me? Is anyone equal to me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:26

ULT

26 Look up at the sky! Who has created all these stars? He leads out {their} {formations} and calls them all by name. By the greatness of his might and by the strength of {his} power, not one is missing.

UST

26 Look up toward the sky: consider who created all the stars. Yahweh created them, and at night he causes them to appear; he calls each one by its name. Because he is extremely powerful, all of the stars are there when he calls out their names.

What does Yahweh do with the stars?

He leads out their formations and calls them all by name and by the greatness of his might and the strength of his power, not one is missing.

Isaiah 40:27

ULT

27 Why do you say, Jacob, and declare, Israel, “My way is hidden from Yahweh, and my God is not concerned about my vindication”?

UST

27 You people of Israel, why do you complain that Yahweh does not see the troubles that you are experiencing? Why do you say that he does not act fairly toward you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:28

ULT

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, Yahweh, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not get tired or weary; there is no limit to his understanding.

UST

28 Have you never heard and have you never understood that Yahweh is the everlasting God? He is the one who created the earth, even the most distant places on the earth. He never becomes weak or weary, and no one can find out how much he understands.

Who is Yahweh, and what is he like?

Yahweh is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not get tired or weary and there is no limit to his understanding.

Isaiah 40:29

ULT
29 He gives strength {to the tired}; and to the weak he gives renewed energy.

UST
29 He strengthens those who feel weak and tired.

What does Yahweh do for the tired and weary?
Yahweh gives strength to the tired and renewed energy to the weary.

Isaiah 40:30

ULT
30 Even young people become tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall:

UST
30 Even youths become faint and weary, and young men will fall when they are exhausted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:31

ULT
31 but those who wait for Yahweh will renew {their} strength; they will soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint.
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UST
31 But those who trust in Yahweh will become strong again; it will be as though they will soar as eagles do. They will run for a long time and not become weary; they will walk long distances and not faint.

What will happen to those who wait on Yahweh?
Those who wait on Yahweh will renew their strength; they will soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 41

Isaiah 41:1

ULT

1 “Listen before me in silence, you coastlands; let the nations renew {their} strength; let them come near and speak; let us come near together to argue a dispute.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “You people who live on islands in the ocean, be silent in front of me while I ask you some questions! Then you can be courageous and talk to me. We will meet together and decide which one of us is right.

For what purpose does Yahweh say, “let us come near together”?
Yahweh says for them to come near together so that they may argue a dispute.

Isaiah 41:2

ULT

2 Who has stirred up one from the east, calling him in righteousness to his service? He hands nations over to him and helps {him} subdue kings. He turns {them} to dust with his sword, like windblown stubble with his bow.

UST

2 Who has raised up this king to come from the east? He is the one who does what is right with every step. He hands nations over to him and he defeats them, and he tramples their kings under his feet. He cuts their enemies and they are destroyed so they are like the dust, and his army shoots them with bows and arrows so that they are like the chaff when the wind blows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:3

ULT

3 He pursues them {and} passes by safely, by a swift path {that} his feet scarcely touch.

UST

3 Even though they are in danger, they go very swiftly as they pursue their enemies, and nothing stops them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:4

ULT

4 Who has performed and accomplished {these deeds}? Who has summoned the generations from the beginning? I, Yahweh, the first, and with the last ones, I {am} he.

UST

4 Who has enabled rulers to do mighty deeds like that? Who has done that throughout all generations? It is I, Yahweh! I was the first one to do things like that, and I will be the last one to do them.

Who has called forth the generations from the beginning?

It is Yahweh who has done these things.

Isaiah 41:5

ULT

5 The isles have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they approach and come.

UST

5 People who live on islands in the ocean are afraid while they watch. People in remote areas tremble and gather together.

What is the response of the isles who have seen and are afraid and the ends of the earth that tremble? (vv5-7)

Their response is to approach and come and they encourage one another to build an idol.

Isaiah 41:6

ULT

6 Everyone helps his neighbor, and every one says to one another, ‘Be encouraged.’

UST

6 They encourage each other and say to each other, ‘Be strong!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:7

ULT

[7] So the carpenter {encourages} the goldsmith, and he who works with the hammer encourages him who works with an anvil, saying of the welding, ‘It {is} good.’ They fasten it with nails {so} it will not topple over.

UST

[7] The woodworkers encourage those who make things from gold, and the men who flatten metal encourage those who hammer it on an anvil. They all say, ‘The idol has been well made!’ Then they carefully nail down the idol in order that it will not topple over!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:8

ULT

[8] But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham my friend,

UST

[8] Yahweh continues to say, “You people of Israel are my servants; you are descendants of Jacob, whom I chose; you are descendants of Abraham, who I said was my friend.

What does Yahweh call Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh calls Israel his servant, the offspring of Abraham his friend and he calls Israel chosen.

Isaiah 41:9

ULT

[9] {you} whom I am bringing back from the ends of the earth, and whom I called from the far away places, and to whom I said, ‘You {are} my servant;’ I have chosen you and not rejected you.

UST

[9] I summoned you from very distant places on the earth, and I said, ‘I want you to serve me.’ I have chosen you, and I will not reject you.

What does Yahweh say he is doing for Israel?

Yahweh says he is bringing back Israel from the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 41:10

ULT

10 Do not fear, for I {am} with you. Do not be anxious, for I {am} your God. I will strengthen you, and I will help you, and I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

UST

10 Do not be afraid, because I will be with you. Do not be discouraged, because I am your God. I will enable you to be strong, and I will help you; I will hold you up with my powerful arm by which I will rescue you, and I will be completely right to do so!

What does Yahweh tell Israel not to do and why?

Yahweh tells Israel not to fear for Yahweh is with them and to not be anxious because he is their God.

What further does Yahweh say he will do for Israel?

Yahweh says he will strengthen and help them and will uphold them with the right hand of his deserved victory.

Isaiah 41:11

ULT

11 See, they will be ashamed and disgraced, all who have been angry with you; they will be as nothing and will perish, those who oppose you.

UST

11 It is certain that all those who are angry with you Israelite people will be disgraced. Those who oppose you will be wiped out; they will all die.

What will happen to those who are angry with and oppose Israel?

They will be ashamed and disgraced and will be as nothing and will perish.

Isaiah 41:12

ULT

12 You will seek and will not find those who contended with you; those who warred against you will be like nothing, absolutely nothing.

UST

12 If you search for those who tried to conquer you, you will not find them, because they will all disappear. Those who attacked you will not exist anymore,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:13

ULT

13 For I, Yahweh your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear; I am helping you.’

UST

13 because it will be as though I will hold you up by your right hand. I am Yahweh, your God, and I say to you, ‘Do not be afraid, because I will help you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:14

ULT

14 Do not fear, Jacob you worm, and you men of Israel; I will help you—this is Yahweh’s declaration, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

14 Although others have treated you people of Israel like worms, do not be afraid of your enemies, because I will help you!” This is what Yahweh solemnly says—the one who rescues you, the Holy One of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:15

ULT

15 Look, I am making you like a sharp threshing sledge, new and two-edged; you will thresh the mountains and crush them; you will make the hills like chaff.

UST

15 He continues to say, “I will cause you to be like a new threshing sledge, very sharp and two-edged. You will tear your enemies to bits causing them to be like bits of chaff on the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:16

ULT

16 You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away; the wind will scatter them. You will rejoice in Yahweh, you will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

UST

16 You will toss them up into the air, and a strong wind will blow them away. When that happens, you will rejoice about what I have done for you; you will praise me, Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

What will Israel do when they winnow those who war against them and contend with them?

Israel will rejoice in Yahweh, in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 41:17

ULT

17 The oppressed and needy look for water, but {there is} none, and their tongues are parched for thirst; I, Yahweh, will respond to their prayers; {I}, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

UST

17 When poor and needy people need water and they have no water, and their tongues are very dry because they are very thirsty, I, Yahweh, will come and help them. I, the God to whom you Israelite people belong, will never abandon them.

What will Yahweh do when the oppressed and needy look for water? (vv17-18)

Yahweh says he will respond to their prayers by making streams flow down the slopes and making springs in the middle of the valleys, by making the desert into a pool of water and the dry land into springs of water. He will not forsake them.

Isaiah 41:18

ULT

18 I will make streams to flow down the slopes, and springs in the middle of the valleys; I will make the desert into a pool of water, and the dry land into springs of water.

UST

18 I will cause rivers to flow for them on the barren hills. I will give them fountains in the valleys. I will fill the desert with pools of water. Water from springs will flow into rivers, and the rivers will flow across the dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:19

ULT

19 In the wilderness I will set the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the olive tree. I will set the cypress in the desert plain, {with} the pines and the cypress box trees.

UST

19 I will plant cedars, acacia, and myrtle, in the wilderness— and olive trees I will plant in the desert plain— cypresses, pines, and boxtrees all together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:20

ULT

20 I will do this so that the people may see, recognize, and understand together, that the hand of Yahweh has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it.

UST

20 I will do that in order that people who see it will think about it, and they will know and understand that it is I, Yahweh, who has done it; it is what I, the Holy One of Israel, have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:21

ULT

21 “Present your case,” says Yahweh, “present your best {arguments} for your idols,” says the King of Jacob.

UST

21 I, Yahweh, the king of Israel am speaking to you nations: Come and tell me what your idols can do for you! Argue your best in defense of them.

What does Yahweh say to those who follow idols?

He says to present their case, bring forth their best arguments for their idols.

Isaiah 41:22

ULT

22 Let them bring us their own arguments; have them come forward and declare to us what will happen, so we may know these things well. Have them tell us of earlier predictive declarations, so we can reflect on them and know how they {were} fulfilled.

UST

22 Bring them here to tell us what is going to happen! Ask them to tell us what things happened long ago, in order that we may think about those things, and learn if those things that they predicted really happened. Or ask them to tell us about the future, in order for us to know what will happen.

What evidence does Yahweh say those who follow idols should present so we can know if we can believe in them or not

For evidence Yahweh says to tell what will happen, and to tell of earlier predictions so we can reflect on them and know how they were fulfilled.

Isaiah 41:23

ULT

23 Tell things about the future, that we may know if you {are} gods; do something good or evil, that we may be frightened and impressed.

UST

23 Yes, those idols should tell us what will happen in the future. If they do that, we will know that they are really gods. Tell them to do something—either something good or something bad! Tell them to do something that will cause us to be amazed and afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:24

ULT

24 See, you idols {are} nothing and your deeds {are} nothing; {the one} {who} chooses you {is} detestable.

UST

24 But that is impossible, because idols are absolutely worthless; they can do nothing, and I detest those who decide to worship idols.”

What is Yahweh’s assessment of the idols and the people who choose them?

Yahweh says their idols are of nothing and their deeds are nothing; he who chooses them is abominable.

Isaiah 41:25

ULT
25 I have raised up one from the north, and he comes; from the sun's rising I summon him who calls on my name, and he will trample the rulers like mud, like a potter who is treading on the clay.

UST
25 "But I have incited a ruler who will come with his army from the north. I have summoned him to come from his country, which is east of Israel, and he will call on me for help. I will enable his army to conquer other rulers; they will trample those leaders like a man who makes clay pots first tramples the clay.

Who among those who worship idols decreed or declared that one would come from the north and would trample the rulers like mud, like a potter who is treading clay? (vv25-26)
None of those who worship idols decreed it and no one heard them say anything.

Isaiah 41:26

ULT
26 Who announced this from the beginning, that we might know? Before this time, that we may say, "{He is} right"? Indeed none of them decreed it, yes, none heard you say anything.

UST
26 Who told you people long ago that this would happen? Who predicted it, with the result that we can say, "What he predicted was correct!"? No one else said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:27

ULT
27 {I} first {said} to Zion, "Look here they are;" I sent a herald to Jerusalem.

UST
27 I was the first one to say to the people of Jerusalem: 'Listen to this! I have appointed a messenger to tell good news to you!'

What did Yahweh say concerning the one he raised up from the north?
He said first to Zion, 'Look here they are;' He sent a herald to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 41:28

ULT

28 When I look, {there is} no one, not one among them who can give good advice, who, when I ask, can answer a word.

UST

28 None of your idols told you that. And when I asked them questions, none of them was able to give me any answers.

In this chapter what are Yahweh's final words about those who follow idols? (vv28-29)

Here are his words: "When I look, there is no one, not one among them who can give counsel, who, when I ask, can answer a word. Look all of them are nothing, and their deeds are nothing; their cast-poured figures are wind and emptiness."

Isaiah 41:29

ULT

29 Look, all of them {are} nothing, and their deeds {are} nothing; their cast metal figures {are} wind and emptiness.

UST

29 Think about it: Those idols are all useless, worthless things. They are as meaningless as the wind."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42

Isaiah 42:1

ULT

[1] Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen one, in him I take delight. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring justice to the nations.

UST

[1] Yahweh says, "I want you people to know about my servant, whom I encourage. I have chosen him, and I am pleased with him. I have given him my Spirit, and he will make certain that all the people groups do what is right.

What does Yahweh say he has done for his servant?

Yahweh says he has chosen his servant, that he delights in him and that he has put his spirit upon him.

What does Yahweh's say his servant will bring to the nations?

Yahweh says his servant will faithfully bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:2

ULT

[2] He will not cry out nor shout, nor make {his voice} heard in the streets.

UST

[2] He will not show his power by shouting or by talking very loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:3

ULT

[3] A crushed reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench: he will faithfully execute justice.

UST

[3] He will not get rid of anyone who is weak like a smashed reed, and he will not end the life of anyone who is helpless, like an oil lamp about to stop burning. He will faithfully make sure that judges decide cases justly.

What will Yahweh's servant not do to a crushed reed or a dimly burning wick?

Yahweh says his servant will not break a crushed reed or quench a dimly burning wick.

Isaiah 42:4

ULT

4 He will not grow faint nor be discouraged until he has established justice on the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

UST

4 He will not become exhausted or discouraged all during the time that he is causing things to be done justly throughout the earth. Even people living on the islands in the oceans will confidently wait for him to teach them his laws.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:5

ULT

5 This is what God Yahweh says— the one who created the heavens and stretched them out, the one who made the earth and all that it produces, the one who gives breath to the people on it and life to those who live on it:

UST

5 Yahweh our God created the sky and spread it out. He also created the earth and everything on it. He gives breath to all the people on the earth and causes them to live. And he is the one who says to his special servant,

How does Yahweh describe himself?

He describes himself as the one who created the heavens and stretched them forth; who spread out the earth and gives life in it; who gives breath to the people on the earth and life to those who live on it.

Isaiah 42:6

ULT

6 “I, Yahweh, have called you in righteousness and will hold your hand. I will keep you and set you as a covenant for the people, as a light for the Gentiles,

UST

6 “I, Yahweh, have chosen you to show people that I always act righteously. I will grasp your hand and protect you, and I will present you to my Israelite people to be the one who will put into effect my covenant with them. You will be like a light to the other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:7

ULT

[7] to open the eyes of the blind, to release the prisoners from the dungeon, and from the house of confinement those who sit in darkness.

UST

[7] For you will enable blind people to see, you will free those who are in prison and release those who are in dark dungeons.

What did Yahweh want his chosen servant to do for blind people and prisoners?

Yahweh wanted his servant to open the eyes of the blind, to release the prisoners from the dungeon, and from the house of confinement those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:8

ULT

[8] I {am} Yahweh, that {is} my name; and my glory I will not share with another nor my praise with carved idols.

UST

[8] I am Yahweh; that is my name. I will not allow anyone else to receive the honor that only I deserve. And I will not allow others to praise idols, for they should praise only me.

What does Yahweh say he will not share?

He says he will not share his glory with another nor his praise with carved idols.

How does Yahweh contrast himself with carved idols? (vv8-9)

In contrast to carved idols, things came to pass when Yahweh declared them.

Isaiah 42:9

ULT

[9] See, the previous things came to pass, now I am about to declare new events. Before they begin to occur I will tell you about them."

UST

[9] Everything that I have prophesied has happened, and now I will tell about other things that will happen. I will tell you things that will happen before they happen."

To further declare his glory what did Yahweh say he would do?

He said he was going to delare new events. He was going to tell about them before they occurred.

Isaiah 42:10

ULT

10 Sing to Yahweh a new song, {and} his praise from the end of the earth; you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, the coastlands, and those who live there.

UST

10 Sing a new song to Yahweh! Sing to praise him throughout the world! All you people who sail across the oceans, and all you creatures that live in the oceans, and all you people who live on islands far away, sing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:11

ULT

11 Let the desert and the cities {cry out}, {the villages} where Kedar lives, shout for joy! Let the inhabitants of Sela sing; let them shout from the mountaintops.

UST

11 You people who live in towns in the desert, sing loudly! You people who live in the region of Kedar in the north of Arabia, you rejoice also! You people in the city of Sela in Edom, you also should sing joyfully; shout to praise him from the tops of your mountains!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:12

ULT

12 Let them give glory to Yahweh and declare his praise in the coastlands.

UST

12 Even people who live on distant islands should honor Yahweh and sing to praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:13

ULT

13 Yahweh will go out as a warrior; as a man of war he will stir up {his} zeal. He will shout, yes, he will roar his battle cries; he will show his enemies his power.

UST

13 It will be as though Yahweh will march out like a mighty soldier; he will show that he is very angry. He will shout a battle cry, and then he will defeat all his enemies.

What will Yahweh do to his enemies?

He will show them his power.

Isaiah 42:14

ULT

14 I have kept quiet for a long time; I have been still and restrained myself; {now} I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

UST

14 He will say, “I have remained silent for a long time; I have restrained myself from doing what I need to do. But now, like a woman who is giving birth to a baby, I will cry out and gasp and pant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:15

ULT

15 I will lay waste mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; and I will turn the rivers into islands and will dry up the marshes.

UST

15 I will level off the hills and mountains, and I will cause all the plants and trees to dry up. I will cause the rivers to become small streams, and little islands will appear in them, and I will cause all the pools to become dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:16

ULT

16 I will bring the blind by a way that they do not know; in paths that they do not know I will lead them. I will turn the darkness into light before them, and make the crooked places straight. These things I will do, and I will not abandon them.

UST

16 My people who have been taken into exile are like blind people, but I will lead them along a road on which they have not walked before, on a road that they have not seen before. They have felt very helpless, as though they were walking in the darkness, but I will take away that darkness and I will make smooth the road that is in front of them. Those are the things that I will do for them; I will not abandon them.

What will Yahweh do for the blind?

He will bring the blind by a way they do not know; in paths that they do not know he will lead them. He will turn the darkness into light before them and make the crooked places straight and he will not abandon them.

Isaiah 42:17

ULT

17 They will be turned back, they will be completely put to shame, those who trust in carved figures, who say to cast metal figures, “You {are} our gods.”

UST

17 But those who trust in carved idols, and say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be completely humiliated.”

What will happen to those who trust in idols and say to cast metal figures, “You are our gods”?

They will be turned back and completely put to shame.

Isaiah 42:18

ULT

18 Listen, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see.

UST

18 You Israelite people who have acted toward God like deaf people, listen to what Yahweh says! “You who have been like blind people, look!

What are the deaf and blind commanded to do?

The deaf are commanded to listen and the blind are commanded to look that they may see.

Isaiah 42:19

ULT

19 Who {is} blind but my servant? Or deaf like my messenger I send? {Who} {is} as blind as my covenant partner, or blind as Yahweh's servant?

UST

19 No people are as blind as my people, who should have been serving me. No people are as much like deaf people as the Israelites, who should have been my messengers. No people are as much like blind people as those whom I chose to serve me in a covenant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:20

ULT

20 You see many things, but do not comprehend; ears are open, but no one hears.

UST

20 You see and know what are the right things to do, but you do not do them. You hear what I say to you, but you do not pay attention."

Why does Yahweh command them to listen and see?

He commands them to listen and see because although they saw many things, but did not comprehend; their ears were open but no one really heard.

Isaiah 42:21

ULT

21 It pleased Yahweh to praise {his justice} and to make his law glorious.

UST

21 Because Yahweh is righteous, he has honored his glorious laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:22

ULT

22 But this {is} a people robbed and plundered; they are all trapped in pits, held captive in prisons; they have become a plunder with no one to rescue them, and no one says, “Bring them back!”

UST

22 But armies have destroyed Jerusalem and have completely plundered all the valuable things, and they have captured Yahweh’s people and taken them away and put them in prison. They have been captured easily, because there was no one to protect them; there was no one to say that they should be allowed to return home.

What does Yahweh say is the peoples’ condition?

Yahweh said the people were robbed and plundered; they were all trapped in pits, held captive in prisons; they had become plunder with none to deliver them.

Isaiah 42:23

ULT

23 Who among you will listen to this? {Who} will listen and hear in the future?

UST

23 Who among you will listen carefully to these things? Who will pay attention from now on?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:24

ULT

24 Who gave Jacob over to the robber, and Israel to the looters? Was it not Yahweh, against whom we have sinned, in whose ways they refused to walk, and whose law they refused to obey?

UST

24 Who allowed the valuable possessions of the people of Israel to be stolen? It was Yahweh, because he is the one against whom we had sinned; we did not conduct our lives like he wanted us to, and we did not obey his laws.

Who gave Jacob over to the robber, and Israel to the looters?

It was Yahweh who gave them over.

Why did Yahweh give Jacob over to the robber and Israel to the looters?

Yahweh gave them over because they sinned against Yahweh in whose ways they refused to walk and whose law they refused to obey.

Isaiah 42:25

ULT

25 Therefore he poured out on them his fierce anger and the violence of war, Its flames encircled them, yet they did not understand; it consumed them, but they did not take {it} to heart.

UST

25 Therefore he was extremely angry with us, and he caused our soldiers to be destroyed in battles. It was as though he had lit a fire around us, but we did not understand what he was trying to tell us. His anger with us was like a fire that would burn us up, but we did not pay attention.

Did Israel realize who had inflicted them with the devestation of war and why he had done it?

No! It blazed around them, yet they did not realize it; it burned them, but they did not take it to heart.

Isaiah 43

Isaiah 43:1

ULT

1 But now this is what Yahweh says, he who created you, Jacob, and he who formed you, Israel: “Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called {you} by your name, you {are} mine.

UST

1 But now, you people of Israel, listen to Yahweh, the one who established your nation. The one who caused you to become a nation says this: “Do not be afraid, because I have rescued you. I have called you by your name, in order that you may belong to me. Now you are mine.

In general what did Yahweh tell Jacob, Israel, to do?

He told Jacob, Israel, not to be afraid.

Isaiah 43:2

ULT

2 When you pass through the waters, I {will be} with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned, and the flames will not destroy you.

UST

2 When you experience dangerous situations, and you have hardships as terrible as deep rivers to cross, I will be with you. When you have very painful troubles, as painful as fire, you will be able to endure them, and they will not hurt you,

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel to protect them?

Yahweh said rivers would not overwhelm Israel and that they wouldn’t be harmed or burned by fire or flames.

Isaiah 43:3

ULT

3 For I {am} Yahweh your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

UST

3 because I am Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, the one who rescues you. I will sacrifice Egypt in your place; and Ethiopia and Seba exchange for you.

What has Yahweh given in ransom and exchange for Israel?

He has given Egypt as ransom and Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for Israel.

Isaiah 43:4

ULT

4 Since you are precious and special in my sight, I love you; therefore I will give people in exchange for you, and other peoples in exchange for your life.

UST

4 I will cause other countries to be conquered instead of your country; I will trade them for you, in order that you will not be killed, because you are very precious to me and because I love you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:5

ULT

5 Do not be afraid, for I {am} with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west.

UST

5 Do not be afraid, because I am with you. Some day I will gather your descendants from the east and from the west.

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel's offspring?

Yahweh said he would bring them from the east and gather them from the west.

Isaiah 43:6

ULT

6 I will say to the north, 'Hand them over;' and to the south, 'Do not hold any back;' Bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the remote regions of the earth,

UST

6 I will command the rulers of the nations to the north and to the south, 'Allow all the people of Israel to return to their country, from the most distant places on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:7

ULT

7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made.

UST

7 Allow all those who belong to me to return, because I have caused them to become a nation in order that they would honor me; I am the one who has done that.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:8

ULT

8 Bring out the people who are blind, even though they have eyes, and the deaf, even though they have ears.

UST

8 Summon the people who have eyes but act as though they were blind; summon those who have ears but act as though they were deaf.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:9

ULT

9 All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them could have declared this and announced to us earlier events? Let them bring their witnesses to prove themselves right, let them listen and affirm, {'It is} true.'

UST

9 Gather people of all nations together, ones from all people groups, and ask them this: 'Has any of their idols foretold the things that are happening now? And can any of them predict what will happen in the future?' Then bring people who will testify and say 'I heard them predict things, and what they predicted was what happened,' but they will be lying."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:10

ULT

10 You {are} my witnesses," declares Yahweh, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe in me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no god formed, and there will be none after me.

UST

10 But Yahweh says, "You people of Israel are my witnesses, and you are the ones who serve me. I chose you in order that you would know me, believe in me, and understand that I am the only one who is truly God. There is no other true God. There was no other true God previously, and there will never be another true God.

Why did Yahweh predict the gathering of his sons and daughters from the east and the west and announce to them earlier events?

Yahweh did this so that they might know him, believe in him and understand that he is God.

Is there any other god or savior than Yahweh? (vv10-11)

Before Yahweh no god was formed and there will be none after him. He is Yahweh and there is no savior but him.

Isaiah 43:11

ULT

11 I, I {am} Yahweh, and there is no savior but me.

UST

11 I, only I, am Yahweh, and there is no other one who can save you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:12

ULT

12 I have declared, saved, and proclaimed, and there is no other {god} among you. You {are} my witnesses," declares Yahweh, "I {am} God.

UST

12 I said that I would rescue your ancestors, and then I rescued them, and I proclaimed that I had done it. No foreign god among you did that! And you are witnesses that only I, Yahweh, am God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:13

ULT
13 From this day on I am he, and no one can rescue anyone from my hand. I act, and who can turn it back?”

UST
13 I am God, the one who has existed forever and who will exist forever; no one can snatch people from my hand, and no one can change what I have done.”

Who can deliver us out of God’s hand?
No one can deliver us from God’s hand.

Isaiah 43:14

ULT
14 This is what Yahweh says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “For your sake I send to Babylon and lead them all down as fugitives, turning the Babylonians’ expressions of joy into songs of lamentation.

UST
14 Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, is the one who rescues you, and this is what he says: “For your sake, I will send an army to attack Babylon. They will force the people of the city to run away from their city, and to wail in song instead of rejoice in song.

For whose sake did Yahweh send to Babylon and lead them all down as fugitives, turning the Babylonian’s expressions of joy into songs of lamentation?
Yahweh did this for Israel’s sake.

Isaiah 43:15

ULT
15 I {am} Yahweh, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”

UST
15 I am Yahweh, your Holy One, the one who caused Israel to become a nation, and the one who is really your king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:16

ULT

16 This is what Yahweh says (who opened a way through the sea and a path in the mighty waters,

UST

16 I am Yahweh, the one who opened a path through the water, making a road through the Sea of Reeds.

What former things had Yahweh done that he tells them not to remember or consider? (vv16-17)

Yahweh had opened a way through the sea and a path in the mighty waters. He led out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty host. They fell down together never to rise again. They were extinguished, quenched like a burning wick.

Isaiah 43:17

ULT

17 who led out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty host. They fell down together; they will never rise again; they are extinguished, quenched like a burning wick.)

UST

17 Then I summoned the great army of Egypt to come with all their chariots and horses. But when they tried to pursue my people, I caused the waves to flow over them and they drowned; their lives ended like the light of a candle ends when someone snuffs out the wick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:18

ULT

18 “Do not think about these former things, nor consider the things of long ago.

UST

18 But do not think only about what happened in the past, long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:19

ULT

19 Look, I am about to do a new thing; now it begins to happen; do you not perceive it? I will make a road in the desert {and} streams of water in the wilderness.

UST

19 Instead, consider the new thing that I am going to do. I have already started to do it; can you see it? I am going to make a road through the desert. And I will cause there to be streams in the wasteland.

What new thing does Yahweh say he was about to do in the desert and in the wilderness?
Yahweh said he would make a road in the desert and a stream of water in the wilderness.

Isaiah 43:20

ULT

20 The wild animals of the field will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give water in the wilderness, {and} rivers in the desert, for my chosen people to drink,

UST

20 The jackals and ostriches and other wild creatures will thank me for giving them water in the desert. I will cause streams to appear in the dry desert in order that my people, the ones whom I have chosen, will have water;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:21

ULT

21 this people whom I formed for myself, that they might recount my praises.

UST

21 I will do that for the people whom I have created and chosen to belong to me, so that they will tell others about the wonderful things I have done for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:22

ULT
22 But you have not called on me, Jacob; you have become tired of me, Israel.

UST
22 But now, you descendants of Jacob, you refuse to request my help. You people of Israel have become tired of worshiping me.

What did this people, Israel, whom Yahweh formed for himself fail to do for Yahweh? (vv22-23)
Israel failed to call on Yahweh. They did not bring him any sheep as burnt offerings and they did not honor him with their sacrifices.

Isaiah 43:23

ULT
23 You have not brought me any of your sheep as burnt offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings, nor wearied you with demands for incense.

UST
23 You have not brought to me sheep or goats for offerings to burn up on my altar; you have not honored me with any sacrifices, even though the offerings of grain and incense that I asked you to bring to me were not a burden to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:24

ULT
24 You have bought me no sweet-smelling cane with money, neither have you poured out to me the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened me with your sins, you have wearied me with your evil deeds.

UST
24 You have not bought for me any fragrant reeds, and you have not poured out to me the sweet-smelling fat from any animal sacrifices. But you have burdened me by all the sins that you have committed, and made me weary because of all your iniquities.

What did Israel do to Yahweh?
Israel burdened Yahweh with their sins and wearied him with their evil deeds.

Isaiah 43:25

ULT
25 I, yes, I, {am} he who blots out your offenses for my own sake; and I will not call to mind your sins any longer.

UST
25 I am the one who is able to forgive you for all your sins; I am the only one who can do that, with the result that I will never think about them again.

Why does Yahweh blot out Israel's offenses and not remember their sins?
Yahweh does this for his own sake.

Isaiah 43:26

ULT
26 Remind me of what happened. Let us debate together; present {your cause}, that you may be proved innocent.

UST
26 Tell me what I have done that you do not like. Do you think that when you state your case, you will prove that you are innocent?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:27

ULT
27 Your first father sinned, and your leaders have transgressed against me.

UST
27 No, what has happened is that the first ancestor of you Israelites sinned against me, and since then, all your leaders have rebelled against me.

Why was Yahweh going to defile the officials of the sanctuary; handing Jacob over to the destructive ban and Israel to abusive humiliation? (vv27-28)
Yahweh was doing this because their first father sinned and their spokesmen had transgressed against Yahweh.

Isaiah 43:28

ULT

28 Therefore I will defile the holy officials; I will hand Jacob over to complete destruction, and Israel to abusive humiliation.”

UST

28 That is why I will cause your priests to be disgraced; I will allow others to destroy you people of Israel and caused you to be despised.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44

Isaiah 44:1

ULT
1 Now listen, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen:

UST
1 But now, you people of Israel whom Yahweh has chosen to serve him, listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:2

ULT
2 This is what Yahweh says, he who made you and formed you in the womb and {who} will help you: “Do not fear, Jacob my servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

UST
2 Yahweh, the one who created you, watched over you while you were being born, and helps you, says this: “You dear people of Israel whom I have chosen, you who serve me, do not be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:3

ULT
3 For I will pour water on the thirsty ground, and flowing streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your children.

UST
3 I will pour water on your dry land and cause streams to flow. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants and greatly bless them.

Why did Yahweh tell Jacob he was going to pour out on Jacob’s offspring?
Yahweh said he was going to pour out his spirit on their offspring.

Isaiah 44:4

ULT

4 They will spring up among the grass, like willows by the streams of water.

UST

4 They will grow up like grass grows along the water, like willow trees grow well along a riverbank.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:5

ULT

5 {One} will say, ‘I {belong to} Yahweh,’ and another will call out the name of Jacob, and another will write {on} his hand {‘Belonging to} Yahweh,’ and name {himself} by the name of Israel.”

UST

5 Some of them will say, ‘I belong to Yahweh,’ and others will say, ‘We are descendants of Jacob,’ and others will write on their hands, ‘We belong to Yahweh,’ and others will say, ‘We are Israelites, and we belong to Yahweh.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:6

ULT

6 This is what Yahweh says—the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts: “I {am} the first, and I {am} the last; and {there is} no God but me.

UST

6 Yahweh, the King of Israel, the one who saves us, commander of the angel armies, says this: “I am the one who begins everything and who ends everything; there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:7

ULT

[7] Who is like me? Let him announce it and explain to me the events that occurred since I established my ancient people, and let them declare the events to come.

UST

[7] If there is anyone like me, he should proclaim it! He should speak and tell me now! He should tell what has happened since I caused my people of Israel to become a nation long ago; he should also explain why events in the past happened the way they did, and he should predict what will happen in the future.

How could someone prove to Yahweh that there was someone else like him; another god?

To prove that to Yahweh you would have to explain to him the events that occurred since Yahweh established his ancient people and they would have to declare the events to come.

Isaiah 44:8

ULT

[8] Do not fear or be afraid. Have I not declared to you long ago, and announced {it}? You {are} my witnesses: Is there any God besides me? {There is} no other Rock; I know of none."

UST

[8] My people, do not be afraid. Long ago I told you things that would happen; you know that I predicted them, and you can testify that I did that. There certainly is not any other God. There is no other God who is able to protect you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:9

ULT

[9] All who fashion idols are nothing; the things they delight in {are} worthless; their witnesses cannot see or know anything, and they will be put to shame.

UST

[9] All those who make idols are foolish, and the idols that they think highly of are worthless. And the people who worship those idols—it is as though they were blind, and they will be ashamed for having worshiped those idols.

What does Yahweh say concerning those who fashion idols?

Yahweh says they are nothing and that the things they delight in are worthless and they will be put to shame.

Isaiah 44:10

ULT

10 Who would form a god or cast an idol that is worthless?

UST

10 Only foolish people would make idols in a mold, idols that would never help them at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:11

ULT

11 Look, all his associates will be put to shame; the craftsmen {are} only men. Let them take their stand together; they will cower and be put to shame.

UST

11 Those who make idols and those who worship them will be ashamed. Those who make idols are only human beings, but they claim that they are making gods! They should stand in front of God in a courtroom, and when they hear what he says, they will be terrified, and they will all be disgraced.

What will happen to the craftsmen and their associates who form a god or cast an idol?

Craftsmen and their associates who form a god or cast an idol will be put to shame.

Isaiah 44:12

ULT

12 The smith works with his tools, forming it, working over the coals. He shapes it with hammers and works it with his strong arm. He is hungry, and his strength wanes; he {drinks} no water and becomes faint.

UST

12 Metalworkers stand in front of hot coals in order to make idols. They pound them with hammers and shape them. Because they work very hard, they become hungry and weak; they become very thirsty and feel exhausted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:13

ULT

13 The carpenter measures the wood with a line, and marks it with a stylus. He shapes it with {his} tools and marks it out with a compass. He shapes it after the figure of a man, like an attractive human, so it may stay in a house.

UST

13 Then a woodcarver takes a big block of wood and he measures it; then he marks it to show where he will cut it. He uses a chisel and other tools to carve it to resemble a human. He causes it to become a very beautiful idol, and then he puts it in a special house, where he will bow down to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:14

ULT

14 He cuts down cedars, or chooses a cypress tree or an oak tree. He picks for himself trees in the forest. He plants a fir tree and the rain makes it grow.

UST

14 Before he carves an idol from that block of wood, he has already cut down a cedar tree, or he has selected a cypress tree or an oak tree and allowed it to grow tall in the forest. Or he has planted a pine tree, and the rain has watered it and caused it to grow tall.

How does a carpenter start to make an idol?

He cuts down cedar trees, or chooses a cyprus tree or an oak tree.

Isaiah 44:15

ULT

15 Then a man uses {it} for a fire and warms himself. Yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes from {it} a god and bows down to {it}; he makes an idol and bows down to {it}.

UST

15 After he uses part of the tree to make an idol, he uses the other part to make a fire, either to warm himself or to bake bread. But he uses part of the same tree to make for himself an idol to worship! He makes an idol, and then he bows down to worship it.

What does the man do with the wood from the tree he has cut down? (vv15-16)

The man uses part of it for a fire and warms himself with it, bakes bread with it and roasts his meat over it and with part of it he makes an idol, a god, and bows down to it.

Isaiah 44:16

ULT

16 He burns part of the wood for the fire, roasting his meat over it. He eats and is satisfied. He warms {himself} and says, “Ah, I am warm, I have seen the fire.”

UST

16 He burns part of the wood of that tree to cook his meat and eats it and becomes full, and he burns part of it to warm himself, and he says, “I feel warm while I am watching the flames in the fire.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:17

ULT

17 With the rest of the wood he makes a god, his carved image; he bows down to it and reverences it, and prays to it saying, “Rescue me, for you {are} my god.”

UST

17 Then he takes the rest of the wood and makes an idol which is to be his god. He bows down to it and honors it, and prays to it and says, “You are my god, so save me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:18

ULT

18 They do not know, nor do they understand, for their eyes are blind and cannot see, and their hearts cannot perceive.

UST

18 Those people are very stupid and ignorant. It is as though they were blind and unable to see, as though their minds were closed and unable to think well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:19

ULT

19 No one thinks, nor do they comprehend and say, “I have burned part of the wood in the fire; yes, I have also baked bread upon its coals. I have roasted meat over its coals and eaten. Now should I make the other part of the wood into something disgusting to worship? Should I bow down to a block of wood?”

UST

19 They do not think about what they are doing, that they are taking a block of wood and burning half of it to warm themselves and using some of the rest to bake bread and roast some meat! They do not say to themselves, “It is stupid to take the rest of the wood to make a detestable idol! It does not make sense to bow down to a block of wood!”

Because those who make and worship idols are without understanding or knowledge and their eyes are blind and their hearts are unperceiving, what two questions do they not ask themselves?

First, they don’t ask themselves if they should make the other part of the wood into something disgusting to worship. Second, they don’t ask themselves if it is reasonable to bow down to a block or wood.

Isaiah 44:20

ULT

20 It is as if he were eating ashes; his deceived heart misleads him. He cannot rescue himself, nor does he say, “This thing in my right hand {is} a false god.”

UST

20 They might as well be eating the ashes from a fire! They trust in something that cannot save them; they do not admit, “In my hand I hold something that is not really a god! “

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:21

ULT

21 Think about these things, Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant: I have formed you; you are my servant: Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

UST

21 Yahweh says, “You descendants of Jacob, you people of Israel who should be serving me, I created you, and I will not forget you.

Why are Jacob and Israel told to think about Yahweh as the only God and idols as nothing? (vv21-22)

They are to remember these things because Yahweh formed them, they are his servants and he will not forget them. Also Yahweh has blotted out their sins and rebellious deeds.

Isaiah 44:22

ULT

22 I have blotted out, like a {thick} cloud, your rebellious deeds, and like a cloud, your sins; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

UST

22 I have gotten rid of your sins like the wind blows away a cloud. It is as though your transgressions were a morning mist that I have blown away. Return to me because I have rescued you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:23

ULT

23 Sing, you heavens, for Yahweh has done {this}; shout, you depths of the earth. Break out into singing, you mountains, you forest with every tree in it; for Yahweh has redeemed Jacob, and will show his glory in Israel.

UST

23 The sun and moon and stars in the sky, should sing, and the very deepest places of the earth will should joyfully! All the mountains and forests, and all you trees, should sing loudly, because Yahweh has rescued the descendants of Jacob, and the people of Israel will praise him.

Why are the heavens, the mountains, the forest and every tree commanded to sing?

They are commanded to sing because Yahweh has redeemed Jacob and will show his glory in Israel.

Isaiah 44:24

ULT
24 This is what Yahweh says, your Redeemer, he who formed you from the womb: “I {am Yahweh,} who made {everything}, who alone stretched out the heavens, who alone fashioned the earth.

UST
24 Yahweh, who saved you and created you, says this: “I am Yahweh, the one who created everything. I am the only one who stretched out the sky. There was no one who was with me when I created the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:25

ULT
25 I who frustrate the omens of the empty talkers and who disgrace those who read omens; I who overturn the wisdom of the wise and make their advice foolish.

UST
25 I show that the false prophets are liars, and I show that those who perform rituals to predict the future are fools. Some people who falsely think that they are wise say that they know much, but I show that they are foolish.

What does Yahweh do to omens and to those who read them?
Yahweh frustrates the omens of the empty talkers and disgraces those who read omens.

Isaiah 44:26

ULT
26 I, Yahweh, who confirmed the words of his servant and brings to pass the predictions of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, ‘She will be inhabited,’ and of the towns of Judah, ‘They will be built again, and I will raise up their ruins’;

UST
26 But I always cause to happen what my prophets predict. I tell them to say to the people of Jerusalem, ‘Some day people will live here again.’ And I tell them to say to the people in other towns in Judah that I, Yahweh, say, ‘Your towns will be rebuilt; I will cause the places that are only ruins to be rebuilt.’

What does Yahweh do for his servant and messengers?
Yahweh fulfills the declarations of his servant and brings to pass the counsel of his messengers.

What did Yahweh say about Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?
He said that Jerusalem would be inhabited and the cities of Judah would be built again and that he would raise up her waste places.

Isaiah 44:27

ULT

27 who says to the deep sea, ‘Be dry, and I will dry up your currents.’

UST

27 When I say to the rivers, ‘Dry up!’ they will become dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:28

ULT

28 Yahweh is the one who says of Cyrus, ‘{He is} my shepherd, he will do my every wish; he will decree about Jerusalem, ‘She will be rebuilt,’ and about the temple, ‘Let its foundations be laid.’”

UST

28 When I say about King Cyrus, ‘He will take care of my people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, he will do all that I want him to do,’ he will say about Jerusalem, ‘We must rebuild it!’ and he will also say, ‘We must rebuild the temple!’”

What did Yahweh say about Cyrus and what he would do?

Yahweh said of Cyrus, “He is my shepherd, he will do my every wish—he will decree about Jerusalem, ‘Let her be rebuilt,’ and about the temple, ‘Let your foundations be laid.’”

Isaiah 45

Isaiah 45:1

ULT

1 This is what Yahweh says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I hold, in order to subdue nations before him, to disarm kings, and to open the doors before him, so that gates remain open:

UST

1 Cyrus is the one whom Yahweh has appointed to be the emperor of Persia and to whom he will give great power; Yahweh will enable him to defeat other nations and to take away the power of their kings. He will cause gates of cities to be opened, and no one will ever be able to shut them.

In this chapter, who is the Lord's annointed?

In this chapter, Yahweh says Cyrus is his anointed.

Why does Yahweh hold Cyrus' hand?

Yahweh holds Cyrus' hand in order to subdue nations before him, to disarm kings, and to open the doors before him, so that gates remain open.

Isaiah 45:2

ULT

2 "I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut in pieces their iron bars,

UST

2 This is what Yahweh says to him: "Cyrus, I will go ahead of you and level the mountains. I will smash down bronze gates and cut through their iron bars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:3

ULT

3 and I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden away, that you may know that it is I, Yahweh, who call you by your name, I, the God of Israel.

UST

3 I will give you treasures that people have hidden in dark secret places. I will do that in order that you will know that I am Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belong, the God who calls you by your name.

Why will Yahweh go before Cyrus and level the mountains, break in pieces the doors of bronze, cut in pieces their iron bars and give him treasures of darkness and riches hidden away?

Yahweh will do these things so that Cyrus will know that it is Yahweh the God of Israel who called him.

Isaiah 45:4

ULT

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name, giving you a title of honor, though you have not known me.

UST

4 I have summoned you, calling out your name, for the sake of the people of Israel whom I have chosen, who serve me. Even though you do not know me, I will give you a title that has great honor.

For whose sake has Yahweh called Cyrus by his name?

Yahweh has done this for Jacob his servants sake and Israel his chosen

Did Cyrus know Yahweh? (vv4-5)

No, Cyrus did not know Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:5

ULT

5 I am Yahweh, and there is no other; there is no God but me. I will arm you for battle, though you have not known me;

UST

5 I am Yahweh, and there is no other God. Even though you do not know me, I will give you power to wage war

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh? (vv5-6)

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:6

ULT

6 that people may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that {there is} no god but me: I {am} Yahweh, and {there is} no other.

UST

6 in order that everyone in the world, from the east to the west, will know that there is no other God. I am Yahweh, and there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:7

ULT

7 I form the light and create darkness; I bring peace and create disaster; I am Yahweh, who does all these things.

UST

7 I created the light and the darkness. I cause there to be peace and I cause there to be disasters. I, Yahweh, do all those things."

Who formed the light and created darkness and who brings peace and creates disaster?

Yahweh is the one who does all these things.

Isaiah 45:8

ULT

8 You heavens, rain down from above! Let the skies rain down righteousness. Let the earth absorb it, that salvation may sprout up, and righteousness spring up together with it. I, Yahweh, have created them both.

UST

8 Yahweh also says, "Just like the rain falls on the earth to help it, I will help my people and rescue them; I will cause them to be treated justly. I, Yahweh, am the one who will cause both of those things to happen.

Who created salvation?

Yahweh created salvation.

Isaiah 45:9

ULT

9 Woe to anyone who argues with the one who formed him, to him who is like any other earthen pot among all the earthen pots in the ground! Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles on it’?

UST

9 Terrible things will happen to those who argue with me, because I am the one who created them. They are like clay pots who are arguing with the Potter who made them; they are just like every other clay pot that is made, and yet they argue with the One who made them and formed them out of the clay. Can a lump of clay say to the potter who made him, ‘Why are you making me like this?’ The clay pot cannot say ‘What do you think you are doing, making me this way?” or “You have no skill and your clay pots are not worth anything!”

To what thing does Yahweh compare someone who argues with his maker?

He compares someone who argues with his maker to clay that says to the potter, “What are you doing?” or, ‘What you were making—did you have no hands when you did it?’

Isaiah 45:10

ULT

10 Woe to him who {says} to a father, ‘What are you fathering?’ or to a woman, ‘What are you giving birth to?’

UST

10 And it would be terrible if an unborn baby would say to its father, ‘Why are you causing me to be born?’ or if it said to its mother, ‘The result of your labor pains will be useless.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:11

ULT

11 This is what Yahweh says, the Holy One of Israel, his Maker: ‘Why do you ask questions about what I will do for my children? Do you tell me what to do concerning the work of my hands?’

UST

11 Yahweh, the Holy One of the Israelite people, the one who created Israel, says this to them: “Why do you ask questions about what I do for you, my children? Why do you instruct me about the work that I should do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:12

ULT
12 ‘I made the earth and created man on it. It was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all the stars to appear.

UST
12 I am the one who created the earth and created people to live on it. I stretched out the sky with my hands, and I put the stars in their places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:13

ULT
13 I stirred Cyrus up in righteousness, and I will smooth out all his paths. He will build my city; he will let my exiled people go home, and not for price nor bribe,’” says Yahweh of hosts.

UST
13 And I have made Cyrus to desire to do things that are right, and I will enable him to do all those things easily. No one will be able to stop him. His workers will rebuild my city, and he will free my people who have been exiled. And he will do it without my rewarding him!” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

What will Cyrus do for Yahweh?
He will build Yahweh’s city; he will let Yahweh’s exiled people go home and not for price nor bribe.

Isaiah 45:14

ULT
14 This is what Yahweh says, “The earnings of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush with the Sabeans, men of tall stature, will be brought to you. They will be yours. They will follow after you, coming in chains. They will bow down to you and plead with you {saying,} ‘Surely God {is} with you, and {there is} no other except him.’”

UST
14 And this is also what I, Yahweh, say to you, my people: “You will rule the people of Egypt and Ethiopia, and the tall people of Seba will become your slaves. They will come to you bringing all the things that they sell, and it will all be yours. They will have chains on their arms as they follow you. They will bow down in front of you and say, ‘God is with you and he is the only God; there is no other God.’”

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh?
No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:15

ULT
15 Truly you {are} a God who hides yourself, God of Israel, Savior.

UST
15 God, although we cannot see you, you are the one to whom we Israelite people belong, the one who saves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:16

ULT
16 They will all be ashamed and disgraced together; those {who} {carve} idols will walk in humiliation.

UST
16 All those who make idols will be humiliated. They will all be disgraced together.

Who will walk in humiliation?
Those who carve idols will walk in humiliation.

Isaiah 45:17

ULT
17 {But} Israel will be saved by Yahweh with an everlasting salvation; you will never again be ashamed or humiliated.

UST
17 But you, Yahweh, will rescue us, your Israelite people, and we will be free forever. Never again, during all the future, will we again be humiliated and disgraced.

How long will Israel's salvation last?
Yahweh will save Israel with a everlasting salvation.

Isaiah 45:18

ULT

18 This is what Yahweh says, who created the heavens, the true God who created the earth and made it, who established it. He created it, not as a waste, but designed it to be inhabited: “I {am} Yahweh, and {there is} no other.

UST

18 Yahweh is God; he is the one who created the sky and created and formed the earth. He did not want it to remain with nothing living on it; he wanted people to live on it. He says, “I am Yahweh; there is no other God.

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh?

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Why did Yahweh design the earth?

He designed it to be inhabited.

Isaiah 45:19

ULT

19 I have not spoken in private, in some hidden place; I did not say to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain!’ I am Yahweh, who speaks sincerely; I declare the {things} that are right.

UST

19 What I proclaimed, I did not speak secretly; I did not hide what I was saying by speaking in a dark place. When I spoke to the descendants of Jacob, I did not tell them ‘It will be useless for you to seek for me!’ I, Yahweh, speak only what is true and what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:20

ULT

20 Assemble yourselves and come! Gather together, you {refugees} from among the nations! They have no knowledge, those who carry carved images and pray to gods {that} cannot save.

UST

20 You people who are still alive after experiencing great disasters, should come and gather together and listen to this: The people who carry around their wooden idols and pray to them are foolish, because those idols cannot rescue them!

Who has no knowledge?

Those who carry carved images and pray to gods who cannot save, have no knowledge.

Isaiah 45:21

ULT

21 Come close and declare it to me, bring {the} {evidence}! Let them conspire together. Who has shown this from long ago? {Who} announced it? Was it not I, Yahweh? {There is} no God except me, a just God and a Savior; {there is} no one besides me.

UST

21 Talk among yourselves and decide what you will say to prove that you should pray to idols. And when you do that, I will ask you, ‘Who predicted long ago what has now happened? Did any idol tell you that those things would happen?’ No, it was only I, Yahweh, who told you, because I am the only God; there is no other God. I am a God who acts righteously and saves people; there is no other one who does these things.

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh? (vv21-22)

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:22

ULT

22 Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I {am} God, and {there is} no other.

UST

22 Everyone in the world should ask me to save them, because I am the only God who can do that; there is no other one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:23

ULT

23 By myself I swear, speaking my just decree, and it will not turn back: ‘To me every knee will bend, every tongue will swear.

UST

23 I have solemnly declared, using my own name; I have spoken what is true, and I will never change what I have said: Some day, everyone will bow in front of me, and they will all solemnly promise to be loyal to me.

Who does Yahweh swear by?

Yahweh swears by himself.

Isaiah 45:24

ULT

24 They will say of me, “In Yahweh alone are salvation and strength.”” They will all be ashamed who are angry at him.

UST

24 They will declare, ‘Yahweh is the one who enables us to live righteously and to be strong.’” And all those who have been angry at Yahweh will come to him, and they will be ashamed that they were angry with him.

What will every tongue swear?

Every tongue will swear saying, “In Yahweh alone are deliverance and strength.”

Isaiah 45:25

ULT

25 In Yahweh all the descendants of Israel will be justified; they will take pride in him.

UST

25 Yahweh is the only one who will enable us Israelite people in all future times to defeat our enemies, and then we will boast about what he has done for us.

What will happen with all the descendants of Israel?

In Yahweh all the descendants of Israel will be justified; they will take pride in him.

Isaiah 46

Isaiah 46:1

ULT

1 Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their idols are carried by animals and beasts of burden. These idols that you carry {are} a heavy burden for weary {animals}.

UST

1 It is as though Bel and Nebo, the statues of the gods of Babylonia, were bowing down as they are put on animals and carried away! The statues are heavy burdens and will cause the animals to become tired!

What are Bel and Nebo?

They are idols.

Who carries Bel and Nebo?

Bel and Nebo are carried by animals.

Isaiah 46:2

ULT

2 Together they bend low, kneel down; they cannot rescue the images, and they themselves have gone off into captivity.

UST

2 Gods and animals are all bowed down; the gods can save neither themselves nor the beasts of burden; the gods themselves are going into exile!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:3

ULT

[3] Listen to me, house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been carried {by me} from before your birth, carried from the womb.

UST

[3] Yahweh says, “You descendants of Jacob who were exiled, I am not like the gods of Babylonia that must be carried; instead, it is as though I have carried you since you first became a nation. I carried you even before you became a nation.

Who carried the house of Jacob?

Yahweh carried the house of Jacob.

How long has Yahweh carried the house of Jacob and how long will he carry them? (vv3-4)

Yahweh carried them before their birth and will carry them even until their hair is gray.

Isaiah 46:4

ULT

[4] Even to {your} old age I {am} he, and until your hair is gray I will carry {you}. I made you and I will bear you; I will carry {you} and I will rescue you.

UST

[4] I will be your God, and I will carry you for many years, until it is as though your nation is an old man with gray hair. I caused you to become a nation, and I will sustain you and rescue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:5

ULT

[5] To whom will you compare me? Who do you think I resemble, so that we may be compared?

UST

[5] There is certainly no one to whom I can be compared. There is no one who is equal to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:6

ULT

[6] People pour out gold from the bag and weigh silver on the scale. They hire a metalsmith, and he makes it into a god; they bow down and worship it.

UST

[6] So it is stupid that some people pour out gold and silver from their bags and weigh it on a scale. Then they hire a man who makes things from gold to make an idol from it. After he makes an idol, they bow down and worship it!

What do people do with gold and silver?

The people hire a metalsmith and he takes their gold and silver and make it into a god.

Isaiah 46:7

ULT

[7] They lift it on their shoulder and carry it; they set it in its place, and it stands in its place and does not move from it. {They} cry out to it, but it cannot answer nor save anyone from his trouble.

UST

[7] They lift it up and carry it on their shoulders. They put it in a special place, and it stays there. It cannot move! And when someone prays to it, it does not answer. So obviously it cannot rescue anyone from his troubles!

Can that god save answer them or save them?

No it cannot answer nor save anyone from his trouble.

Isaiah 46:8

ULT

[8] Think about these things; never ignore them, you rebels!

UST

[8] You people of Judah, do not forget this; keep thinking about it, you sinful people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:9

ULT

9 Think about the earlier things, those of times past, for I {am} God, and {there is} no other, {I am} God, and {there is} no one like me.

UST

9 Think about the things that I did long ago. Only I am God; I am God, and there is no one like me.

To whom can Yahweh be compared? Who is like him?

Yahweh is God and there is no other. There is no one like him.

Isaiah 46:10

ULT

10 I announce the end from the beginning, and beforehand {what} has not {yet} happened; I say, “My plan will happen, and I will do as I desire.”

UST

10 Only I can tell what will happen in the future before it occurs; I tell it long before it happens. I will accomplish everything that I plan to accomplish, and I will do everything that I want to do.

What sets Yahweh, God, apart from idols?

Yahweh is set apart by the fact that he announces the end from the beginning, and announces beforehand what has not yet happened.

Isaiah 46:11

ULT

11 I call a bird of prey from the east, the man of my choice from a distant land; yes, I have spoken; I will also accomplish it; I have purposed, I will also do it.

UST

11 So I will summon Cyrus to come from the east like a swift and powerful eagle; he will come from a distant country. He will accomplish what I want him to. He is the one who will do what I have said that I want him to do, what I have planned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:12

ULT

12 Listen to me, you stubborn people, who {are} far from doing what is right.

UST

12 You stubborn people of Israel, you who are completely unable to do what is right,

What is Yahweh doing for the stubborn people, who are far from doing what is right? (vv12-13)

Yahweh is bringing his righteousness near. He will give deliverance to Zion and his beauty to Israel.

Isaiah 46:13

ULT

13 I am bringing my righteousness near; it is not far away, and my salvation does not wait; and I will give salvation to Zion and my beauty to Israel.

UST

13 I will rescue you, and it will not be a long time before that happens. I will do it soon. I will rescue Jerusalem and show to you Israelite people that I am glorious.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47

Isaiah 47:1

ULT

1 Come down and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans. You will no longer be called dainty and delicate.

UST

1 Yahweh also says, “You people of Babylon, you should go and sit in the dust, because your time to rule other countries is almost ended. People will never again say that Babylonia is beautiful like a very attractive young woman.

Who will no longer be called dainty and delicate?

The virgin daughter of Babylon, the daughter of the Chaldeans, will no longer be called dainty and delicate.

Isaiah 47:2

ULT

2 Take the millstone and grind flour; remove your veil, strip off your flowing robe, uncover your legs, cross the streams.

UST

2 You will be slaves, so take heavy stones and grind grain like slave women do. Take off your beautiful veils and take off your robes as you prepare to cross streams to go where you will be forced to go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:3

ULT

3 Your nakedness will be uncovered, yes, your shame will be seen: I will take vengeance and will not spare a man.

UST

3 You will be naked and very ashamed. I will have vengeance on you and will not pity you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:4

ULT

4 Our Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts {is} his name, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

4 The one who frees us people of Judah, whom we call ‘Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies,’ is the Holy One of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:5

ULT

5 Sit in silence and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you will no longer be called queen of kingdoms.

UST

5 Yahweh says, “You people of Babylon, sit silently in the darkness, because no one will never again say that your city is like a queen that rules many kingdoms.

What will the daughter of the Chaldeans no longer be called?

The daughter of the Chaldeans will no longer be called Queen of kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:6

ULT

6 I was angry with my people; I defiled my heritage and gave them over into your hand, but you showed them no mercy; you placed a very heavy yoke on the old people.

UST

6 I was angry with the people who belong to me, and I punished them. I allowed you people of Babylon to conquer them. But when you conquered them, you did not act mercifully toward them. You oppressed even the old people.

Why was Yahweh upset with the Chaldeans?

Yahweh was upset with the Chaldeans because although Yahweh gave his people into the Chaldean’s hands, they showed Yahweh’s people no mercy and placed a very heavy yoke on the old people.

Isaiah 47:7

ULT

7 You said, “I will rule forever as sovereign queen.” You did not take these {things} to heart, nor did you consider how they would turn out.

UST

7 You said, ‘We will rule other nations forever; it is as though our city will be the queen of the world forever!’ But you did not think about the things that you were doing, or think about what would result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:8

ULT

8 So now hear this, {you who} love pleasure and sit securely; you who say in your heart, “I {exist}, and there is no one else like me; I will never sit as a widow, nor will I ever experience loss of children.”

UST

8 You people of Babylon who enjoy pleasures and who live in luxury, listen to this: You act as through you were gods, saying, “I am special, and there is no one better than I am,” None of our women will never become widows, and none of our children will never be killed in wars.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:9

ULT

9 But these two {things} will come to you in a moment in one day: the loss of children and widowhood; in full force they will come on you, despite your sorceries and your many incantations and amulets.

UST

9 But both of those things will happen to you suddenly: many of your women will become widows and many of your children will die, even though you perform much sorcery and many kinds of magic to prevent bad things from happening to you.

What will happen to the daughter of the Chaldeans in a moment in one day?

The daughter of the Chaldeans will suffer loss of children and widowhood in a moment in one day.

Isaiah 47:10

ULT

10 You have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, “No one sees me”; your wisdom and your knowledge lead you astray, but you say in your heart, “I {exist}, and {there is} no one else {like me}.”

UST

10 You felt safe even though you were doing many wicked things, and you said, ‘No one will see what we are doing!’ You thought that you were very wise and knew many things, and you said, ‘We are gods, and there are no others like us,’ but you deceived yourselves.

What has the daughter of the Chaldeans trusted in?

She has trusted in her wickedness.

Isaiah 47:11

ULT

11 Disaster will overcome you; you will not be able to drive it away with your incantations. Destruction will fall on you; you will not be able to ward it off. Calamity will strike you suddenly, before you know it.

UST

11 So you will experience terrible things, and you will not be able to prevent them by working magic. You will experience disasters, and you will not be able to pay any magician to keep those things from happening. A catastrophe will happen to you suddenly, something that you will not realize is about to happen.

What did not ward off the disaster and destruction that was coming on the daughters of the Chaldeans?

The incantations of the daughters of the Chaldeans was not able to ward off the disaster and destruction that was coming on them.

Isaiah 47:12

ULT

12 Persist in casting your spells and your many sorceries {which} you have faithfully recited since your childhood; perhaps you will be successful, perhaps you will scare away disaster.

UST

12 So continue to perform all your magic spells! Keep doing the many kinds of sorcery that you have been doing for many years! Perhaps doing those things will enable you to be successful; perhaps you will be able to cause your enemies to be afraid of you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:13

ULT

13 You are tired out with your many consultations; let those men stand up and save you—those who chart the heavens and look at the stars, those who declare the new moons—let them save you from what will happen to you.

UST

13 But all that has resulted from your doing all the things that the magicians have told you to do is that you have become tired! The men who look at the stars, announce every new moon, predict what will happen should come forward and rescue you from the disasters that you are about to experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:14

ULT

14 See, they will become like stubble. The fire will burn them up. They will not save themselves from the hand of the flame. There are no coals to warm them and no fire for them to sit {by}!

UST

14 But they cannot do that, because they are like straw that is burning in a fire; they cannot save themselves from being burned up in the flames. They are unable to help you; they are as useless as stubble that burns, but that fire will burn them up rather than let them enjoy the heat.

What will happen to those who chart the heavens and look at the stars, those who declare the new moons?

The men who chart the heavens and look at the stars and those who declare the new moons are the ones who will be like stubble. The fire will burn them up..

Isaiah 47:15

ULT

15 This is what they have become to you— those with whom you have worked, and you have bought and sold with them since your youth— they wandered about each one in his own direction; there is no one who can rescue you.”

UST

15 And they will disappoint you, those with whom you faithfully worked and with whom you traveled and traded when you were younger, and yet all of them keep doing their own foolish things; and when you cry out for help, there is no one who can help you.”

Who would save the daughter of the Chaldeans?

There was no one to save them.

Isaiah 48

Isaiah 48:1

ULT

1 Hear this, house of Jacob, who are called by the name Israel, and have come from the sperm of Judah; you who swear by the name of Yahweh and invoke the God of Israel, {but} not sincerely nor in a righteous manner.

UST

1 Descendants of Jacob, who are also descendants of Judah and are now called the people of Israel, listen to Yahweh! You make solemn promises using the name of Yahweh, and you request that the God to whom you Israelite people belong will hear you, but you do not do it sincerely.

What is the House of Jacob called and from whom do they descend?

They are called Israel and they are descended from Judah.

What is Israel doing insincerely and in unrighteousness?

Israel is swearing by the name of Yahweh and invoking the God of Israel insincerely and in unrighteousness.

Isaiah 48:2

ULT

2 For they call themselves people of the holy city and trust in the God of Israel. Yahweh of hosts {is} his name.

UST

2 You say that you live in the holy city of Jerusalem and you insincerely say that you are relying on the God to whom you people of Israel belong, the one who is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:3

ULT

3 “I have declared the things from long ago; they came out from my mouth, and I made them known; then suddenly I did {them}, and they came to pass.

UST

3 “Long ago I predicted what would happen. And then suddenly, I caused those things to happen.

What did Yahweh do, knowing that Israel was obsinate? (vv3-4)

He declared things from long ago and made them known, he suddenly did them and they came to pass.

Isaiah 48:4

ULT

4 Because I knew that you {were} obstinate, your neck muscles tight as iron, and your forehead like bronze,

UST

4 I knew that you people were very stubborn; I knew that your heads were as hard as iron or brass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:5

ULT

5 therefore I declared {these things} to you beforehand; before they happened I informed you, so you could not say, ‘My idol has done them,’ or ‘My carved figure and my cast metal figure has ordained these things.’

UST

5 That is why I told you those things long ago. Long before they occurred, I announced that they would occur, in order that when they happened you could not say ‘Our idols did it; our statue carved out of wood or our idol made of metal caused them to happen.’

By declaring these things to Israel before hand what did Yahweh hope to prevent?

Yahweh wanted prevent Israel from saying, “My idol has done them,” or “my carved figure, or my cast metal figure has ordained these things.”

Isaiah 48:6

ULT

6 You heard about these things; look at all this evidence; and you, will you not admit what I said is true? From now on, I am showing you new things, hidden things that you have not known.

UST

6 You have heard those things that I predicted, and now you have seen that they have all occurred, so why do you not admit it? Now I will tell you new things, things that you have not known previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:7

ULT

[7] Now, and not from previously, they come into being, and before today you have not heard about them, so you will not be able to say, ‘Yes, I knew about them.’

UST

[7] I am causing them to happen now; they are not things I did long ago. So you cannot say, ‘We already knew about those things.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:8

ULT

[8] You never heard; you did not know; these things were not unfolded to your ears beforehand. For I knew that you have been very deceitful, and that you have been a rebel from birth.

UST

[8] I will tell you about things that you have never heard about or understood before. Even long ago you did not pay attention to me. I know that you act very deceitfully; you have rebelled against me since you first became a nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:9

ULT

[9] For the sake of my name I will defer my anger, and {for} my honor I will hold back from destroying you.

UST

[9] But for my own sake, in order that I will be honored, I will not punish you immediately and I will not completely get rid of you.

Why will Yahweh defer his anger and hold back from destroying Israel?

He will do this for the sake of his own name.

Isaiah 48:10

ULT

10 Look, I refined you, but not as silver; I have purified you in the furnace of affliction.

UST

10 I have purified you, but not the way people refine silver. Instead, I have caused you to suffer very much to get rid of your impure behavior,

How did Yahweh purify Israel?

He purified them in the furnace of affliction.

Isaiah 48:11

ULT

11 For my own sake, for my own sake I will act; for how can I allow {my name} to be profaned? I will not give my glory to anyone else.

UST

11 But for my own sake I will delay punishing you more; I will delay for my own sake, in order that my reputation will not be damaged. I will not allow any person or any idol to be honored as I deserve to be honored.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:12

ULT

12 Listen to me, Jacob, and Israel, whom I called: I {am} he; I {am} the first, I also {am} the last.

UST

12 “You descendants of Jacob, you people of Israel whom I have chosen, listen to me! Only I am God; I am the one who begins everything and who causes everything to end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:13

ULT

13 Yes, my hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; {when} I call to them, they stand up together.

UST

13 I am the one who laid the foundation of the earth. I stretched out the sky with my hand. And when I tell the stars to appear, they all do what I tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:14

ULT

14 Assemble yourselves, all of you, and listen! Who among you has announced these {things}? Yahweh's ally {will} accomplish his purpose against Babylon. He will carry out Yahweh's will {against} the Chaldeans.

UST

14 All of you, gather together and listen to me. None of your idols has told this to you: I, Yahweh, have chosen Cyrus to assist me, and he will do to Babylon what I want him to do, and his army will destroy the army of Babylonia.

Who did Yahweh summon and for what purpose? (vv14-15)

Yahweh summoned his ally to accomplish his purpose against Babylon.

Isaiah 48:15

ULT

15 I, I have spoken, yes, I have summoned him, I have brought him, and he will succeed.

UST

15 I have said it; I have summoned Cyrus. I have appointed him, and he will accomplish everything that he attempts to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:16

ULT

16 Come near to me, listen to this: From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; when it happens, I {am} there." Now the Lord Yahweh has sent me, and his Spirit.

UST

16 Come close to me and listen to what I say. Long ago I told you plainly what would happen, and when those things occurred, I was causing them to happen." And now Yahweh the Lord and his Spirit have sent me, the prophet Isaiah, to give you a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:17

ULT

17 This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says, "I {am} Yahweh your God, who teaches you how to succeed, who leads you by the way that you should go.

UST

17 This is what Yahweh, the one who saves you, the Holy God of us Israelites, says: "I am Yahweh, your God; I teach you what is important for you to prosper; I direct you and lead you to do the things that you should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:18

ULT

18 If only you had obeyed my commandments! Then your peace and prosperity would have flowed like a river, and your salvation like the waves of the sea.

UST

18 I wish that you had paid attention to my commands! If you had done that, things would have gone well for you like a river that flows gently; you would have been successful again and again, like waves that come without ceasing.

What would have happened if Israel had obeyed Yahweh's commandments?

If they had obeyed their peace and prosperity would have flowed like a river and their deliverance like the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 48:19

ULT
19 Your descendants would have been as numerous as the sand, and the children from your womb as numerous as the grains of sand; their name would not have been cut off nor blotted out from before me.

UST
19 Your descendants would have been as many as the grains of sand on the seashore which no one can count. I would not have needed to destroy them; the country of Israel would not have been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:20

ULT
20 Come out from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With the sound of a ringing cry announce it! Make this known, make it go out to the ends of the earth! Say, ‘Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob.’

UST
20 However, now I tell you, leave Babylon! Flee from being slaves of the people of Babylonia! Proclaim this message joyfully; send it to the most remote places on the earth: ‘Yahweh freed the people of Israel from being slaves in Egypt.’

What announcement is to be made to go to the ends of the earth?
The announcement is, “Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob”.

Isaiah 48:21

ULT
21 They did not thirst when he led them through the deserts; he made the water to flow out of the rock for them; he split open the rock, and the waters gushed out.

UST
21 They were not thirsty when he led them through the desert, because he split open the rock and caused water to gush out for them to drink.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:22

ULT

22 {There is} no peace for the wicked—says Yahweh.”

UST

22 But things will not go well like that for wicked people,” says Yahweh.

Who did Yahweh say would receive no peace?

Yahweh said there was no peace for the wicked.

Isaiah 49

Isaiah 49:1

ULT

1 Listen to me, you coastlands! Now give me your attention, you distant peoples. Yahweh has called me from birth by name, when my mother brought me into the world.

UST

1 All you people who live on islands in the ocean and in other distant areas, pay attention to what I will say! Yahweh called me before I was born; he chose me when I was still in my mother's womb.

What did Yahweh do for his servant Israel? (vv1-2)

Yahweh called him by name from birth. He made Israel's mouth like a sharp sword and hid Israel in the shadow of his hand; he made Israel into a polished arrow; in his quiver Yahweh hid him.

Isaiah 49:2

ULT

2 He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; he hid me in the shadow of his hand; he has made me into a polished arrow; in his quiver he has hidden me.

UST

2 When I grew up, he caused my messages to be like a sharp sword. He has protected me by his hand. He protects me like someone protects sharp arrows in a quiver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:3

ULT

3 He said to me, "You {are} my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory."

UST

3 He said to me, "You will serve my Israelite people, and you will cause people to honor me."

What is Yahweh going to do through Israel?

Yahweh is going to show his glory through Israel.

Isaiah 49:4

ULT

4 But I replied, “Though I thought I have labored in vain, I have spent my energy for nothing, yet my justice {is} with Yahweh, and my reward is with my God.”

UST

4 I replied, “My work has been useless; I have used my strength, but I have accomplished nothing worthwhile; everything that I have done has been in vain. However, Yahweh can honor me as he pleases; my God is the one who will reward me as I deserve.”

What is Israel trusting Yahweh for?

Israel says his justice is with Yahweh and his reward is with his God.

Isaiah 49:5

ULT

5 Now Yahweh has spoken—he who formed me from birth {to be} his servant, to restore Jacob again to himself, so that Israel would be gathered to him, for I am honored in the eyes of Yahweh, and my God has become my strength—

UST

5 Yahweh formed me when I was in my mother’s womb in order that I would serve him; he appointed me to bring the people of Israel back to himself. Yahweh has honored me, and he is the one who has caused me to be strong.

What is Israel’s job as Yahweh’s servant?

His job is to resore Jacob again to Yahweh and to gather Israel to him.

Isaiah 49:6

ULT

6 and he says, “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to reestablish the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”

UST

6 He says to me, “It is not enough for you to serve me by bringing the descendants of Jacob back to worship me again; I also want you to be like a light for the non-Israelites; I want you to take my message about how to be saved to people all over the world.”

What is too small a thing for Yahweh’s servant?

It is too small a thing to be Yahweh’s servant to reestablish the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel.

What further will Yahweh do for his servant?

He will make his servant a light to the gentiles that his servant may be Yahweh’s salvation to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:7

ULT

7 This is what Yahweh says, the Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, to the one whose life is despised, hated by the nations, and a slave of rulers, “Kings will see you and arise, and princes will see you and bow down, because of Yahweh who is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

UST

7 Yahweh, the one who saves us, the Holy God of us Israelite people, says to the one who was despised and rejected by the people of many nations, to the one who is the slave of rulers, “Some day kings will stand up to respect you when they see you, and princes will bow down before you because you serve me, Yahweh, the one who faithfully does what I promise. I am the Holy God to whom you Israelites belong, the one who has chosen you.”

What will happen to the one who is despised, abhored by the nations, a slave of rulers?

Kings will see him and arise, and princes will see him and bow down.

Isaiah 49:8

ULT

8 This is what Yahweh says, “At a time I decide to show my favor I will answer you, and in a day of salvation I will help you; I will protect you, and give you as a covenant for the people, to rebuild the land, to reassign the desolate inheritance.

UST

8 This is also what Yahweh says: “At a time when it pleases me, I will answer your prayers. On the day when I rescue you from your oppressors, I will help you. I will protect you and enable you to establish an agreement with other nations. And by what you do, I will re-establish your nation of Israel and allow you to live again in your land that was abandoned.

When will Yahweh help and answer his servant?

At a time Yahweh decides to show his favor he will answer his servant, and in a day of salvation Yahweh will protect his servant.

For what purpose is Yahweh’s servant given as a covenant for the people?

He is given as a covenant for the people to rebuild the land, to reassign the desolate inheritance.

Isaiah 49:9

ULT

9 You will say to the prisoners, ‘Come out;’ to those in dark dungeons, ‘Show yourselves.’ They will graze along the roads, and on all the bare slopes {will be} their pasture.

UST

9 You will say to those who were captured and exiled, ‘Leave Babylonia and return to your own country!’ And you will say to those who are in dark prisons, ‘Come out into the light!’ When that happens, they will again be like sheep that eat grass in green pastures, on hills where before there was no grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:10

ULT

10 They will not be hungry or thirsty; nor will the heat or sun beat on them, for he who has mercy on them will lead them; he will guide them to springs of water.

UST

10 They will not be hungry or thirsty anymore; the hot sun will not beat upon them again. I, Yahweh, will act mercifully toward them and lead them; I will lead them to where there are springs of cool water.

Who will lead the prisoners?

He who has mercy on the prisoners will lead them.

Isaiah 49:11

ULT
11 Then I will make all my mountains into a road, and make my highways level.”

UST
11 And I will cause the mountains to become as though they were level roads, and I will prepare good highways for my people to travel on, to return to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:12

ULT
12 Look, these will come from far away, some from the north and the west; and others from the land of Sinim.

UST
12 My people will return from far away; some will come from the north, some from the west, some from southern Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:13

ULT
13 Sing, heavens, and be joyful, earth; break into singing, you mountains! For Yahweh comforts his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

UST
13 Because of what Yahweh has promised to do, everything should shout joyfully— the sky and the earth and the mountains should sing, because Yahweh comforts his people, and he will pity those who are suffering.

Why are the heavens, earth and mountains supposed to sing and be joyful?
They are to sing and be joyful because Yahweh comforts his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:14

ULT
14 But Zion said, “Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me.”

UST
14 The people of Jerusalem say, “Yahweh has abandoned us; he has forgotten about us.”

What was Yahweh’s answer to Zion when they complained; “Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me.”? (vv14-15)
Yahweh’s answer to Zion was, “Can a woman forget her baby, nursing at her breast, so she does not have compassion on the son she has borne? Yes, they may forget, but I will not forget you.”

Isaiah 49:15

ULT
15 “Can a woman forget her baby, nursing at her breast, so she does not have compassion on the son she has borne? Yes, they may forget, but I will not forget you.

UST
15 But Yahweh replies, “That is not true! Can a woman forget the infant that she is nursing? Can she stop acting kindly toward the child to whom she has given birth? But even if a woman would do that, I will not forget you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:16

ULT
16 Look, I have inscribed your name on my palms; your walls {are} continually before me.

UST
16 Note that I have written your names on the palms of my hands; I am always looking at the walls of your city.

What does Yahweh offer as proof of his concern for Zion? (vv16-18)
Yahweh states his proof as follows: “Look, I have inscribed your name on my palms; your walls are continually before me. Your children are hurrying back, while those who destroyed you are departing. Look around and see, they are all gathering and coming to you.”

Isaiah 49:17

ULT

17 Your children are hurrying back, while those who destroyed you are going away.

UST

17 Soon your children will be returning there, and all those who destroyed your city will leave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:18

ULT

18 Look around and see, they are all gathering {and} coming to you. As surely {as} I live—this is Yahweh's declaration—you will surely wear them like jewelry, and you will put them on like a bride.

UST

18 You will look around and see all of your children coming back to you. As surely as I live, they will be with you for you to show to people like a bride shows her wedding ornaments!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:19

ULT

19 Though you were a waste and desolate, a land that was in ruins, now you will be too small for the inhabitants, and those who devoured you will be far away.

UST

19 Your land has been ruined and caused to become desolate, but some day it will be filled with people, and those who conquered you will be far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:20

ULT

20 The children born during the time of your bereavement will say in your hearing, ‘The place {is} too cramped for us, make room for us, so we may live here.’

UST

20 The children who were born while you were exiled will return to Jerusalem and say, ‘This city is too small for us; We need more space to live in!’

What will the children born during the time of Zion’s bereavement say?

The will say, “The place is too cramped for us, make room for us, so we may live here.”

Isaiah 49:21

ULT

21 Then you will ask yourself, ‘Who has borne these children for me? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and divorced. Who has raised these children? Look, I was left all alone; where did these come from?’”

UST

21 Then you will think to yourselves, ‘It is amazing that we have all these children! Most of our children were dead, and the rest were exiled. We were left here alone; so we do not know where all these children have come from! Who raised them?’”

What will Zion ask herself?

She will ask, “Who has borne these children for me?” and “Who has raised these children?” and finally, “...where did these come from?”

Isaiah 49:22

ULT

22 This is what the Lord Yahweh says, “Look, I will raise my hand to the nations; I will raise my signal flag to the peoples. They will bring your sons in {their} arms and carry your daughters on {their} shoulders.

UST

22 This is what Yahweh our God says: “Watch! It is as though I will lift up my hand to signal to those who are not Israelites. And they will carry your little sons and daughters on their shoulders and bring them back to you.

Who will bring Zion’s sons and daughters back?

The peoples of the nations will bring them back.

Isaiah 49:23

ULT

23 Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursemaids; they will bow down to you with {their} faces to the earth and lick the dust of your feet; and you will know that I {am} Yahweh; those who wait for me will not be put to shame."

UST

23 Kings will serve you and will tutor your children, and their queens will take care of your young children. They will prostrate themselves in front of you and lick the dust off your feet. When that happens, you will know that I am Yahweh; and those who trust in me will never be disappointed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:24

ULT

24 Can the spoils be taken from the warrior, or captives be rescued from the fierce? [1]

UST

24 There is no one who can snatch valuable things from a soldier who has captured those things in a war; there is no one who can force a tyrant to free the people whom he has captured.

Can the spoils be taken from the warrior or captives be rescued from a tyrant? (vv24-25)

Yes, the captives will be taken away from the warrior and spoils will be rescued; for Yahweh will oppose Zion's adversary and save her children.

Isaiah 49:25

ULT

25 But this is what Yahweh says, "Yes, the captives will be taken away from the warrior, and spoils will be rescued; for I will oppose your adversary and save your children.

UST

25 But Yahweh says this: "Some day, those who have been captured will go free, and the valuable things that tyrants have snatched from others will be returned, because I will fight against those who fight against you, and I will rescue your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:26

ULT

26 I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh; and they will get drunk on their own blood, as if it were wine. Then all mankind will know that I, Yahweh, {am} your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”
49:24 [1] , the Hebrew text has , but most modern versions correct it to .

UST

26 And I will cause your enemies to destroy themselves instead of murdering others. When that happens, everyone in the world will know that I, Yahweh, am the one who saves you, the one who rescues you from your enemies; everyone will know that I am the mighty God to whom you descendants of Jacob belong.”

What will Yahweh do to Zion’s oppressors?

He will feed their oppressors with their own flesh.

What will all mankind know?

They will know that Yahweh is Zion’s savior and redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.

Isaiah 50

Isaiah 50:1

ULT

1 This is what Yahweh says, “Where {is} the certificate of divorce with which I divorced your mother? To {which} of my creditors did I sell you? Look, you were sold because of your sins, and because of your rebellion, your mother was sent away.

UST

1 This is also what Yahweh says: “You Israelite people, do not think that I forced your parents to be exiled to Babylonia like some men send away their wives after giving them a paper on which they state that they were divorcing them! I certainly did not get rid of you like a man who sells his children to get money to pay what he owes. No, the reason that I forced you to be exiled was to punish you because of the sins that you have committed.

Why was Zion sold and her mother sent away?

Zion was sold because of her sins, and because of her rebellion, her mother was sent away.

Isaiah 50:2

ULT

2 {Why} did I come but {there was} no one there? {Why} did I call but no one answered? Was my hand too short to ransom you? {Was there} no power in me to rescue you? Look, at my rebuke I dry up the sea; I make the rivers a desert; their fish die for lack of water and rot.

UST

2 When I came to you to rescue you, why did no one answer when I called out to you? Was there no one there to buy you back and take you home? Did you think that I do not have the power to rescue you? Think about this: I can speak to a sea and cause it to become dry! I can cause rivers to become deserts with the result that the fish in the rivers die from thirst and rot.

What happens at Yahweh’s rebuke? (vv2-3)

At Yahweh’s rebuke the sea dries up and he makes the rivers a desert. Yahweh clothes the sky with darkness and cover it with sackcloth.

Isaiah 50:3

ULT
3 I clothe the sky with darkness; I cover it with sackcloth.”

UST
3 I cause the sky to become dark, as though it was wearing black clothes because it was mourning because someone had died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:4

ULT
4 The Lord Yahweh has given me a tongue as one of those who are taught, so that I speak a sustaining word to the weary one; he wakes me morning by morning; he awakens my ear to hear like those who are taught.

UST
4 Yahweh our God has taught me to speak for him, in order that I may encourage those who are weary. Each morning he awakens me, in order that I may listen to what he teaches me.

What has Yahweh given to his servant?
He has given his servant a tongue as one of those who is taught.

What did Yahweh’s servant do with the tongue Yahweh gave him?
Yahweh’s servant spoke a sustaining word to the weary one.

Isaiah 50:5

ULT
5 The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away backward.

UST
5 Yahweh our God has spoken to me, and I have not rejected what he told me; I have accepted it.

Because he was not rebellious and did not turn away backward, what did Yahweh’s servant do? (vv5-6)
Yahweh’s servant gave his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who plucked out his beard; He did not hide his face from acts of shame and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6

ULT

6 I gave my back to those who beat {me}, and my cheeks to those who plucked out my beard; I did not hide my face from acts of shame and spitting.

UST

6 I allowed people to beat me on my back and to pull out the whiskers in my beard because they hated me. I did not turn away from them when they made fun of me and spat on me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:7

ULT

7 For the Lord Yahweh will help me; therefore I am not disgraced; so I have made my face like flint, for I know that I will not be put to shame.

UST

7 But because the Lord Yahweh helps me, I will never be humiliated. Therefore I am determined to face difficulties, and I know that nothing will cause me to be ashamed.

Why does Yahweh's servant say he is not disgraced?

The servant says he is not disgraced because the Lord Yahweh will help him.

Isaiah 50:8

ULT

8 {He} who will justify me {is} close by. Who will oppose me? Let us stand and confront one another. Who {is} my accuser? Let him come near to me.

UST

8 God is near to me; he will show others that I have been right to trust him, so if anyone stands in front of me and accuses me in a court, he will not be able to show that I have done anything that is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:9

ULT

[9] See, the Lord Yahweh will help me. {Who} will declare me guilty? See, they will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

UST

[9] The Lord Yahweh defends me in court, so no one will be able to condemn me. All those who accuse me will disappear like old clothes that have been eaten by moths.

What will happen to those who accuse Yahweh's servant and declare him guilty?
His accusers will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50:10

ULT

[10] Who among you fears Yahweh? Who obeys the voice of his servant? Who walks in deep darkness without light? He should trust in the name of Yahweh and lean on his God.

UST

[10] If you honor Yahweh and do what his servant tells you to do, even if you are walking in darkness, and it seems that there is no light, trust in Yahweh your God to help you; depend on him.

What should the one who fears Yahweh, who obeys the voice of his servant and the one who walks in deep darkness without light, do?
He should trust in the name of Yahweh and lean on his God.

Isaiah 50:11

ULT

[11] Look, all you who light fires, who equip {yourselves} with torches: walk in the light of your fire and in the flames that you have ignited. This is what you have received from me: You will lie down in a place of pain.

UST

[11] But you people who oppose me by lighting your own fires, and by carrying your own flaming torches: go ahead and live according to your own knowledge, according to what you think is best. Yahweh tells you what will happen to you: he will make you die in great torment!

What will Yahweh's servant do to all who kindle a fire, who gird on flames?
Yahweh's servant will cause them to lie down in a place of pain.

Isaiah 51

Isaiah 51:1

ULT

1 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek Yahweh: look at the rock {from which} you were chiseled and to the quarry {from which} you were cut.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “You people who desire to act righteously, who want to do what I want you to do, listen to me! Think about Abraham! It is as though he were a huge rock cliff; and when you people of Israel became a nation, it was as though I had cut you like stones from that rocky cliff.

What did Yahweh say those who pursue righteousness should look to?
Yahweh said to look at the rock from which you were chiseled and to the quarry from which you were cut.

Isaiah 51:2

ULT

2 Look at Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who bore you; for {when} he was a {lone} individual, I called him. I blessed him and made him many.

UST

2 Think about your ancestor Abraham and his wife Sarah, of whom all of you are descendants. When I first spoke to Abraham, he had no children. But after I blessed him, he had a huge number of descendants.

What did Yahweh do to Abraham?
Yahweh called him, blessed him and made him many.

Isaiah 51:3

ULT

3 Yes, Yahweh will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places; her wilderness he made like Eden, and her desert plains beside the Jordan River valley like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving, and the sound of singing.

UST

3 Some day I, Yahweh, will encourage Abraham’s descendants again, and I will comfort all the people who live in the ruins of Jerusalem. The deserts in that area will become like Eden; it will be like the garden of Yahweh. All the people there will be joyful and happy; they will thank me and sing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:4

ULT

4 “Be attentive to me, my people; and listen to me, my people! For I will issue a decree, and I will make my justice to be a light for the nations.

UST

4 My people of Judah, listen carefully to me, because I command you to proclaim my laws; the right things that I will do will be like a light for the people of all the nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:5

ULT

5 My righteousness is near; my salvation will go out, and my arm will judge the nations; the coastlands will wait for me; for my arm they will eagerly wait.

UST

5 I will soon rescue you and them; by my power I will rule over the people of the earth and bless them. The people who live in the most distant lands on earth will wait for me to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:6

ULT

6 Lift up your eyes to the sky, and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like flies. But my salvation will continue forever, and my righteousness will never stop working.

UST

6 Look up at the sky, and look at the earth; see what they are like now, because some day the sky will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like old clothes wear out, and people on the earth will die like flies. But I will rescue you, and you will remain free forever, and everyone will know what I do and I will always do what is right.

What will happen to the heavens, the earth and its inhabitants?

The heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment; and its inhabitants will die like flies.

What will continue forever and never stop working?

Yahweh’s righteousness will continue forever and his righteousness will never stop working.

Isaiah 51:7

ULT

7 Listen to me, you who know what is right, you people who {have} my law in your heart: Do not fear the insults of men, nor be disheartened by their abuse.

UST

7 You people who know what things are right to do, and who know in your inner beings what is written in my laws, listen to me! Do not be afraid of people who taunt you; do not be disturbed when people revile you,

To whom is this statement directed to: "Do not fear the insult of men, nor be disheartened by their abuse..."?

That statement is directed to those who know what is right and the people who have Yahweh's law in their heart.

Isaiah 51:8

ULT

8 For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations."

UST

8 because some day they will be destroyed like clothing that moths have eaten, like wool garments that have been eaten by worms. Everyone will know what I do and I will always do what is right; and I will save you, and you will be saved forever."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:9

ULT

9 Awake, awake, clothe yourself with strength, arm of Yahweh. Awake as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Is it not you who crushed Rahab, you who pierced the monster?

UST

9 Yahweh, wake up and do something for us! Show us how strong you are! Do mighty things like you did long ago, when you stabbed Rahab, the sea monster, and cut it into pieces.

Who crushed the sea monster, dried up the sea and made the depths of the sea into a way for the redeemed to pass through? (vv9-10)

The arm of Yahweh did these things.

Isaiah 51:10

ULT

10 Did you not dry up the sea, the waters of the great deep, and make the depths of the sea into a way for the redeemed to pass through?

UST

10 Surely you are the one who dried up the sea, and made a path through that deep water in order that your people could cross it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:11

ULT

11 The ransomed of Yahweh will return and come to Zion with cries of joy and with gladness forever on their heads; and gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and mourning will flee away.

UST

11 And those whom Yahweh will rescue from being exiled in Babylonia will similarly return to Jerusalem singing. Their being joyful forever will be like a crown on their heads. They will not be sad or mourn anymore; they will be completely joyful and happy.

What will overtake and what will flee away from the ransomed of Yahweh when they return and come to Zion?

Joy will overtake them and sorrow and mourning will flee away.

Isaiah 51:12

ULT

12 “I, I, {am} he who comforts you. Why {are} you afraid of men, {who} will die, the sons of mankind, {who} are made like grass?

UST

12 Yahweh says, “I am the one who encourages you. So why are you afraid of humans who will wither and disappear like grass?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:13

ULT

13 Why have you forgotten Yahweh your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth? You are in constant dread every day because of the hot fury of the oppressor when {he} {decides} to destroy. Where {is} the fury of the oppressor?

UST

13 You should not have forgotten me, Yahweh, the one who created your nation, the one who stretched out the sky and laid the foundations of the earth. You should not be afraid of those who are angry with you and want to destroy you. You should not be afraid of them now, because those angry people have now disappeared!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:14

ULT

14 The one who is bent down, Yahweh will hurry to release; he will not die and go down to the pit, nor will he lack bread.

UST

14 Soon you people, whom your enemies have caused to be slaves in Babylonia, will be freed! You will not remain in prison, and you will not die of hunger,

What will Yahweh do for the one who is bent down?

Yahweh will hurry to release him.

Isaiah 51:15

ULT

15 For I {am} Yahweh your God, who churns up the sea so that its waves roar—Yahweh of hosts {is} his name.

UST

15 because I am Yahweh, your God, the one who stirs up the sea and causes the waves to roar; I am Yahweh, commander of the angel armies!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:16

ULT

16 I have placed my words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, ‘You {are} my people.’”

UST

16 I have given you my message to proclaim, and I have protected you by my hand. I have done this in order to stretch out the sky and lay the foundation of the earth. And I have done this in order to say to you Israelites, ‘You are my people!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:17

ULT

17 Awake, awake, stand up, Jerusalem, you who have drunk out of the hand of Yahweh from the bowl of his anger; you who have drunk out of the bowl, down to the dregs from the cup of staggering.

UST

17 You people of Jerusalem, wake up! You have experienced Yahweh severely punishing you. Yahweh has caused you to suffer much and to experience disaster. Yahweh gave you this cup to drink, but this was Yahweh’s cup! He forced you to drink every drop out of that large cup, down to the bottom of the bowl. And that drink made you stagger like you had drunk strong wine. This strong wine represents the anger of God, and you are to drink all of it!

What did Jerusalem drink from the hand of Yahweh?

They drank the cup of Yahweh’s anger; they drank the bowl, the cup of staggering.

Isaiah 51:18

ULT

18 {There is} no one among all the sons she has born to guide her; {there is} no one among all the sons that she has raised to take her by the hand.

UST

18 Now you do not have any children who are able to take your hand and guide you. You cannot help yourself.

Who among all the son’s of Jerusalem has been born to guide her?

There is no one among all the sons she has born to guide her.

Isaiah 51:19

ULT

19 These two {troubles} happened to you—who will grieve with you?— desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword. {Who} will comfort you? [1]

UST

19 You have experienced these disasters: Your country has become desolate; your cities have been destroyed; many people have died from hunger; many people have been killed by your enemies' swords. Now there is no one to weep with you and sympathize with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:20

ULT

20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at every street corner, like an antelope in a net; they are filled with the anger of Yahweh, the rebuke of your God.

UST

20 Your children have fainted and lie at the corner of every street; they are as helpless as an antelope that has been caught in a net. What has happened to them is because Yahweh has been very angry with them; he has rebuked them severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:21

ULT

21 But now hear this, you oppressed one and drunken one, but not drunk with wine:

UST

21 So now, you people who have suffered much, you who were acting as if you were drunk because you were drinking from his cup. But in truth, it is not because you have drunk out of a cup filled with wine, but because of something else that Yahweh will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:22

ULT

22 Your Lord Yahweh, your God, {who} pleads the cause of his people, says this, “See, I have taken the cup of staggering from your hand— the bowl, which is the cup of my anger—so that you will not drink it again.

UST

22 Yahweh, your Lord and your God, the one who argues your case to defend you, he says this: “I have taken away that cup that holds my anger toward you, and I made you experience my anger when I made you drink from that cup. But now I have taken it from you so that you will never drink of it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:23

ULT

23 I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, those who have said to you, ‘Lie down, that we may walk over you’; you made your back like the ground and like the street for them to walk on.”
51:19 [1] , most modern versions correct this passage to

UST

23 Instead, I will cause those who have tormented you to suffer; I will severely punish those who said to you, ‘Lie down in order that we may walk on you; lie down on your stomachs in order that your backs will be like streets that we can walk on.’”

After Yahweh takes away the cup of staggering from Jerusalem who will he give it to?

He will put it into the hand of Jerusalem’s tormentors.

Isaiah 52

Isaiah 52:1

ULT

1 Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion; put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, holy city; for never again will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter you.

UST

1 You people who live in the holy city of Jerusalem, wake up! Be strong again! Show that your city is beautiful and glorious; uncircumcised foreigners, those who do not honor Yahweh, will never again enter your city to attack you.

What will never again happen to Jerusalem?
Never again will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52:2

ULT

2 Shake yourself off from the dust; arise and sit, Jerusalem; take off the chain from your neck, captive, daughter of Zion.

UST

2 People of Jerusalem, get up from where you have been sitting in the dust, and sit down properly! You people who have returned from being exiled, take off from your neck the chains that the Babylonians fastened around your necks,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:3

ULT

3 For this is what Yahweh says, “You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money.”

UST

3 because this is what Yahweh says: “When you were sent as captives to Babylonia, no one paid to make that happen. So now you will be brought back, and no money will be paid to anyone for your release.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:4

ULT

4 For this is what the Lord Yahweh says, “In the beginning my people went down to live temporarily in Egypt; and Assyria has oppressed them for no good {reason.}

UST

4 Yahweh our Lord also says this: “Long ago, my people went to Egypt to live there. Later the soldiers of Assyria oppressed them.

Who had recently oppressed Jerusalem?

Assyria had recently oppressed them.

Isaiah 52:5

ULT

5 Now what do I have here—this is Yahweh’s declaration—seeing that my people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them mock—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and my name {is} blasphemed continually all day long. *[1]*

UST

5 But now think about what is happening: My people are being forced to be slaves again, this time by the people of Babylonia. They have taken my people away, but they never declared any just reason for taking them captive. And the rulers of Babylon boast and make fun of them (as I, Yahweh, have said they would do), and the other people groups in the world despise the mention of my name.

In that day why will Yahweh’s people know Yahweh’s name? (vv5-6)

They will know Yahweh’s name because his name is slandered continually all the day.

Isaiah 52:6

ULT

6 Therefore my people will know my name; {they will know} in that day that I {am} the one who says, “Yes, {it is} I!”

UST

6 But after that, my people will love me and honor me; when that happens, they will know that I am the one who said that this would happen. I am the one who speaks, and I say, ‘Yes, this is Yahweh who is speaking to you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:7

ULT

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, who announces peace, who bears good tidings, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

UST

7 It is a wonderful thing when messengers come from across the mountains and bring good news, the news about God giving us peace and saving us, the news that the God to whom we Israelite people belong is now showing everyone his power as king!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:8

ULT

8 Listen, your watchmen raise {their} voices, together they shout for joy, for they will see, every eye of theirs, Yahweh’s return to Zion.

UST

8 The watchmen who are guarding the city will shout and sing joyfully, because while they are watching, they will all see Yahweh returning to Jerusalem.

Who will see Yahweh’s return to Zion?

Every eye of Zion’s watchmen will see Yahweh’s return to Zion.

Isaiah 52:9

ULT

9 Break out into joyful singing together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for Yahweh has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

UST

9 Jerusalem was ruined, but the people who are there now should start to sing joyfully, because Yahweh will encourage his people; he will set his people free and bring them back to Jerusalem.

Why should the ruins of Jerusalem break forth into joyful singing together? (vv9-10)

They should do this because Yahweh has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. Yahweh has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations.

Isaiah 52:10

ULT

10 Yahweh has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the earth will see the salvation of our God.

UST

10 Yahweh will show all the nations that he is holy and powerful. People in the most remote places on earth will know that he has rescued his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:11

ULT

11 Leave, leave, go out from there; touch nothing unclean; leave from her midst; purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of Yahweh.

UST

11 So leave the places where you were taken to when you were captured, where everything is unacceptable to God. You men who are carrying the items used in the temple of Yahweh, leave there and return to Jerusalem, and purify yourselves in order to be acceptable to worship God.

What are those who carry the vessels of Yahweh to do?

They are to leave, touch nothing unclean and purify themselves.

Isaiah 52:12

ULT

12 For you will not go out in a rush, nor will you leave in a panic; for Yahweh will go before you; and the God of Israel {will be} your rearguard.

UST

12 But it will not be necessary for you to leave suddenly, to flee in panic, because Yahweh will go in front of you; and he will also protect you from being attacked at the rear while you travel.

Why do Yahweh's people not need to be in a rush or panic when they leave?

They don't need to be in a rush or panic because Yahweh will go before them and the God of Israel will be their rearguard.

Isaiah 52:13

ULT

13 Look, my servant will act wisely; he will be high and lifted up, and he will be exalted.

UST

13 Listen carefully! My servant will act wisely and do all that Yahweh wants him to do, and he will be honored more than anyone else.

What will Yahweh's servant do?

He will deal wisely and be successful; he will be exalted and lifted high, and will be very exalted.

Isaiah 52:14

ULT

14 As many were horrified at you— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man, and his form no longer looked like anything human.

UST

14 But many people will be appalled when they see what has happened to him. Because he was beaten very badly, his appearance will be changed; people will hardly recognize that he is a human.

What happened to the appearance of Yahweh's servant?

His appearance was disfigured from human appearance.

Isaiah 52:15

ULT

15 Even so, my servant will sprinkle many nations and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For that which they had not been told, they will see, and that which they had not heard, they will understand.
52:5 [1] , some versions identify a different Hebrew word meaning .

UST

15 But he will purify the people of many nations by sprinkling them clean; even kings will be silent when they stand in front of him, because they will see someone that no one had told them about before, and they will understand things that they had not heard about before.

What will kings do because of Yahweh's servant?

Kings will close their mouths because of him.

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53:1

ULT
1 Who has believed what they heard from us, and to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed?

UST
1 Who will believe what we have heard about God's servant? Who will see what Yahweh does by his great power?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:2

ULT
2 For he grew up before Yahweh like a sapling, and like a sprout out of parched earth; he had no remarkable appearance or splendor; when we saw him, {there was} no beauty to attract us.

UST
2 While God watches, his servant will grow up fragile like a very young tree, like a weak young plant that shoots up, a stem that is growing in dry ground. There will be nothing beautiful or majestic about him, nothing that would cause us to want to look at him.

How did Yahweh's servant grow up?
He grew up before Yahweh like a sapling, and like a sprout out of parched earth.

What did Yahweh's servant look like?
He had no remarkable appearance or splendor; when we saw him, there was no beauty to attract us to him.

Isaiah 53:3

ULT
3 He was despised and rejected by people; a man of sorrows, and one familiar with pain. Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised; and we considered him insignificant.

UST
3 People will despise and reject him. He will endure much pain, and he will suffer much. Because his face will be very disfigured, people will not want to look at him; he will not even look human any more; people will despise him and think that he is not worth paying any attention to.

How was Yahweh's servant received by people?
He was despised and rejected by people and considered insignificant.

Isaiah 53:4

ULT

4 But surely he has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows; yet we thought he was being punished by God, struck by God, and afflicted.

UST

4 But he will be punished for the sicknesses within our lives; he will endure great pain for us. But we will think that he is being punished by God, afflicted for his own sins.

What did Yahweh's servant do for us?

He bore our sicknesses and carried our sorrows.

Isaiah 53:5

ULT

5 But he was pierced because of our rebellious deeds; he was crushed because of our sins. The punishment for our peace was on him, and with his wounds we are healed.

UST

5 But people will pierce him through and kill him because of the evil things that we did; they will wound him because of our sins. They will beat him in order that things may go well with us; because they will whip him, we will be healed.

Why was Yahweh's servant pierced and crushed?

He was pierced for our rebellious deeds and crushed because of our sins.

What did the servant's punishment and wounds do for us?

His punishment brought us peace and his wounds healed us.

Isaiah 53:6

ULT

6 We all like sheep have gone astray; we have each turned to his own way, and Yahweh has placed on him the iniquity of us all.

UST

6 All of us have gone away from God like sheep who have strayed away from their shepherd. We have turned away from doing the things that God wants in order to do the things that we want. We deserve to be punished, but Yahweh will punish him instead for all of our sins.

How are we like sheep?

We are like sheep because we have all gone astray; we have each turned to his own way.

Isaiah 53:7

ULT

7 He was oppressed; yet when he humbled himself, he did not open his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

UST

7 He will be abused and caused to suffer, but he will not say anything to complain. They will lead him to where they will execute him, like they lead a lamb to where it will be slaughtered. And like a sheep does not bleat when the shearer cuts off its wool, he will not say anything to defend himself when he is killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:8

ULT

8 By coercion and judgment he was condemned; who from that generation thought anymore about him? But he was cut off from the land of the living; because of the offenses of my people the penalty was put on him.

UST

8 After he is arrested and put on trial, he will be taken away and executed. And no one at that time will think anything more about him. For he will die; he will receive all the penalties brought on by the curses against us for the wrong things we have done.

What methods were used to condemn Yahweh's servant?

Coercion and judgment were the methods used to condemn him.

Why was Yahweh's servant cut off from the land of the living?

He was cut off because of the offense of his people.

Isaiah 53:9

ULT

9 They placed his grave with the criminals, with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, nor {had there been any} deceit in his mouth.

UST

9 Although he will never have done any wrong or deceived anyone, people will place his corpse where wicked people are buried, and in a rich man's grave.

Had Yahweh's servant done anything wrong?

No. He had done no violence nor had there been any deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10

ULT

10 Yet it was Yahweh's will to crush him and make {him} ill. When he makes his life an offering for sin, he will see {his} offspring, he will prolong {his} days, and Yahweh's purpose will be accomplished through him.

UST

10 But it will be Yahweh's will that he be afflicted and caused to suffer. When he dies as an offering for your own sin, he will benefit many, many people, as if they were his children; he will live a long time after he dies and becomes alive again, and he will accomplish everything that Yahweh has planned.

Why was it Yahweh's will to crush his servant?

It was Yahweh's will so that Yahweh's purpose might be accomplished through him.

Isaiah 53:11

ULT

11 After the suffering of his life, he will see light {and} be satisfied by his knowledge. [1] My righteous servant will justify many; he will bear their iniquities. [2]

UST

11 When he sees all that he will accomplish because of his suffering, he will be satisfied. And because of what will have happened to him, Yahweh's righteous servant, he will cause the guilt of many people to be ended, because he will bear the guilt for their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:12

ULT

12 Therefore will I give him his portion among the multitudes, and he will divide the spoils with the many, because he exposed himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

53:11 [1] , some modern versions have .

53:11 [2] . Some modern versions have .

UST

12 So Yahweh will share with many people the spoils he has won from his enemies. His servant will be like a king who divides the spoils among his soldiers, because he put himself in danger of dying and did in fact die. Even though people had considered him to be a sinner, he removed the guilt of many people, and he interceded for those who have done things that are wrong.

Why will Yahweh give his servant his portion among the multitudes?

Yahweh will give his servant his portion because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressions.

Isaiah 54

Isaiah 54:1

ULT

1 “Sing, you barren woman, you {who} have not given birth; break into joyful singing and cry aloud, you {who} have never been in birth labor. For the children of the desolate one {are} more than the children of the married woman,” says Yahweh.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem, start to sing! You who are like women who have never given birth to children, sing loudly and shout joyfully, because you, who are like childless women who have been abandoned by their husbands, will soon have more children than women who have never had any children.

Why does Yahweh say the barren woman should sing?

He says she should sing, for the children of the desolate one are more than the children of the married woman.

Isaiah 54:2

ULT

2 “Make your tent larger and spread your tent curtains farther out, unsparingly; lengthen your ropes and strengthen your stakes.

UST

2 Make your tents larger; make them wider, and fasten them firmly with tent pegs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:3

ULT

3 For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left, and your descendants will conquer nations and resettle desolate cities.

UST

3 You will need to make your city much larger because soon you and your descendants will spread all over the land. They will force the people of other nations to leave where they are, and you will live again in the cities that people had previously abandoned.

What will the descendants of Zion do?

They will conquer nations and resettle desolate cities.

Isaiah 54:4

ULT

4 Do not fear for you will not be ashamed, nor be discouraged for you will not be disgraced; you will forget the shame of your youth and the disgrace of your abandonment.

UST

4 Do not be afraid; you will no longer be ashamed. Previously you were ashamed because your enemies conquered you and caused your nation to be like a widow, but soon you will not even remember that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:5

ULT

5 For your Maker {is} your husband; Yahweh of hosts is his name. The Holy One of Israel {is} your Redeemer; he is called the God of the whole earth.

UST

5 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the Holy One of Israel, who rules over the whole earth, the one who created you, will be like a husband to you.

Who is Zion's husband?

Yahweh of Hosts, Zion's maker, is their husband.

Isaiah 54:6

ULT

6 For Yahweh has called you back as a wife abandoned and grieved in spirit, like a woman married young and rejected," says your God.

UST

6 Your nation was like a woman whose husband left her, and caused you to be very sad; you were like a young woman who got married when she was very young, and then her husband abandoned her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:7

ULT

7 “For a short time I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

UST

7 I abandoned you people of Jerusalem for a while, but now I am saying, ‘I will take you back.’

What did Yahweh do to Israel?

He abandoned her for a short time.

What will Yahweh do for Israel?

With great compassion Yahweh will gather them.

Isaiah 54:8

ULT

8 In a flood of anger I hid my face from you momentarily; but with everlasting covenant faithfulness I will have mercy on you— says Yahweh, the one who rescues you.

UST

8 I was very angry with you for a while, and I turned away from you. But I will act mercifully toward you and I will faithfully love you forever. That is what I, Yahweh, your rescuer, say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:9

ULT

9 For this is like the waters of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah would never again pass over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.

UST

9 During the time that Noah lived, I solemnly promised that I would never again allow a flood to cover the earth. So now I solemnly promise that I will not be angry with you again and rebuke you.

What did Yahweh swear concerning Israel?

He swore he would no longer be angry with them or rebuke them.

Isaiah 54:10

ULT

10 Though the mountains may fall and the hills be shaken, yet my steadfast love will not turn away from you, nor will my covenant of peace be shaken— says Yahweh, who has mercy on you.

UST

10 Even if the mountains and hills shake and collapse, I will not stop faithfully loving you, and I will not cancel my covenant to cause things to go well for you. That is what I, Yahweh, who acts mercifully, say.

What will not be shaken and what will not depart from Israel?

Yahweh's covenant of peace with Israel will not be shaken and his convenant faithfulness will not depart from Israel.

Isaiah 54:11

ULT

11 Afflicted one, storm-driven {and} uncomforted one, look, I will set your pavement in turquoise, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

UST

11 You people of Jerusalem, your enemies acted very violently toward you; it was as though your city had been battered by a severe storm, and no one helped you. But now I will cause your city to be rebuilt with stones made of turquoise, and will cause the foundations of the city to be made of sapphires.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:12

ULT

12 I will make your pinnacles of rubies and your gates of sparkling stones, and your outer wall of beautiful stones.

UST

12 I will cause the towers on the city wall to be made of rubies, and all the gates and outer walls of the city will be made of other very valuable stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:13

ULT
13 Then all your children {will be} taught by Yahweh; and the peace of your children {will be} great.

UST
13 I will be the one who will teach your children and cause things to go well with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:14

ULT
14 In righteousness you will be established, and you will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and from terror, for it will not come near to you.

UST
14 Your government will be strong because it will act justly; no one will oppress you; you will not be afraid, because nothing will come near you that will make you fear.

What will Israel no longer experience?
Israel will no longer experience persecution.

Isaiah 54:15

ULT
15 Look, if anyone stirs up trouble, it will not be from me; anyone who stirs up trouble with you will fall in defeat.

UST
15 If any army attacks you, it will not be because I have incited them to do that, and you will defeat anyone who attacks you.

What will happen to anyone who stirs up trouble for Israel?
Anyone who stirs up trouble for Israel will fall in defeat.

Isaiah 54:16

ULT

16 See, I have created the craftsman, who blows the burning coals and forges weapons as his work, and I have created the destroyer to destroy.

UST

16 Think about this: Blacksmiths fan the coals to make a very hot flame in order to produce weapons that can be used in battles, but I am the one who has produced blacksmiths! And I am also the one who created people who destroy other people and cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:17

ULT

17 No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; and you will condemn everyone who accuses you. This {is} the heritage of the servants of Yahweh, and their vindication from me—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

17 You will not be defeated by soldiers using weapons that they have made to attack you, and when others try to accuse you, you will prove that they are wrong, and you will condemn them to punishment. That is the reward for the people who serve Yahweh. I will defend them and show everyone else that they are right to trust me; that is what I, Yahweh, promise."

What will happen to everyone who accuses Israel?

Israel will condemn them.

Isaiah 55

Isaiah 55:1

ULT

1 “Come, everyone who is thirsty, come to the water, and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

UST

1 “Come here! All you people who are in exile, and listen to me! If you are thirsty, now is the time for you to come to me and get your water! Now those who had no money, you can come and buy wine and milk from me, the finest wine and the best milk! You can get what you need from me, and you can buy it now! You can buy it even though you do not have any money, and even though you could never afford it!

What are those who have no money told to buy?

They are told to buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Isaiah 55:2

ULT

2 Why do you weigh out silver for {what is} not bread, and why do you labor for {what} does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness.

UST

2 Why do you spend money to buy things that do not supply what you really need? Why do you work hard to get money to buy things that do not truly satisfy you? Pay attention to what I say and acquire what is really good! If you come to me, then in your heart you will truly be happy.

What are those who thirst told to eat?

They are told to eat what is good.

Isaiah 55:3

ULT

[3] Turn your ears and come to me! Listen, that you may live! I will make an everlasting covenant with you—my reliable, faithful love that I promised to David.

UST

[3] Listen to me and come to me; pay attention to me, and if you do that, you will have new life within you. I will make a covenant with you that will last forever to faithfully love you like my love for King David.

Who has Yahweh placed as a witness to the nations and a leader and commander to the peoples? (vv3-4)

Yahweh has placed David in that position.

Isaiah 55:4

ULT

[4] Look, I have placed him {as} a witness to the nations, as a leader and commander to the peoples.

UST

[4] By what he did, I showed my power to many people groups; I caused him to be a leader and commander over the people of many nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:5

ULT

[5] Look, you will call to a nation that you did not know; and a nation that did not know you will run to you because of Yahweh your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you.”

UST

[5] And similarly, you will summon people of other nations to come to you, nations that previously you have not heard about, and they had not heard about you; and they will come to you quickly because they will have heard that I, Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, have honored you.

Why will a nation that did not know Israel run to them?

They will run to Israel because Yahweh their God, the Holy One of Israel has glorified them.

Isaiah 55:6

ULT

6 Seek Yahweh while he may be found; call on him while he is nearby.

UST

6 Seek to know Yahweh while it is still possible for you to do that; call to Yahweh while he is near!

When should Israel seek and call upon Yahweh?

They should seek him while he may be found; call upon him while he is nearby.

Isaiah 55:7

ULT

7 Let the wicked leave his path, and the man of sin his thoughts. Let him return to Yahweh, and he will pity him, and to our God, who will abundantly forgive him.

UST

7 Wicked people should abandon their wicked behavior, and evil people should stop thinking what is evil. They should turn to Yahweh, and if they do that, he will act mercifully toward them; they should turn to Yahweh, their God, because he will fully pardon them for all the wicked things that they have done.

What are the wicked and the man of sin to do?

Let the wicked leave his path, and the man of sin his thoughts.

What will Yahweh do for the one who returns to him?

Yahweh will pity him and will abound in forgiving him.

Isaiah 55:8

ULT

8 “For my thoughts {are} not your thoughts, nor {are} your ways my ways—this is Yahweh’s declaration—

UST

8 Yahweh declares that what he thinks is not the same as what you think, and what he does is very different from what you do.

Why are Yahweh’s thoughts and ways not Israel’s thoughts and ways? (vv8-9)

This is so because as the heavens are higher than the earth so are Yahweh’s ways higher than their ways and Yahweh’s thought than Israel’s thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

ULT

9 for {as} the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

UST

9 Just as you people on the earth can never reach the sky, the thoughts of Yahweh are that much higher than the way you think. His ways are always different from what you do. And so, you can be sure that you can never fully understand the way Yahweh thinks or know the reasons for what Yahweh does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:10

ULT

10 For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there unless they saturate the earth and make it produce and sprout and give seed to the farmer who sows and bread to the eater,

UST

10 Yahweh sends the rain and snow down from the sky, and they water the ground. When the ground becomes moist, it causes plants to sprout and grow, with the result that the soil produces seed for the farmer to plant and grain to produce flour to make bread for people to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:11

ULT

11 so also my word will be that goes from my mouth—it will not return to me empty, but it will achieve {the purpose} for which I sent it.

UST

11 And similarly, the things that I promise to do, I will always cause to happen; my promises will always come true. They will accomplish the things for which I spoke them.

What will happen to the words that go from Yahweh's mouth?

They will accomplish that which Yahweh wishes and it will succeed in that for which he sent it.

Isaiah 55:12

ULT

12 For you will go out in joy and be led along peacefully; the mountains and the hills will break out in joyful shouts before you, and all the trees of the fields will clap {their} hands.

UST

12 This is why you will leave Babylon joyfully; you will have peace as Yahweh leads you out. It will be as though the hills and mountains sang joyfully, and the trees in the fields clapped their hands.

What is the everlasting sign that will not be cut off? (vv12-13)

This is the sign: Israel will go out in joy and be led along peacefully. the mountains and the hills will break out in joyful shouts before them. All the trees of the fields will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bushes, evergreens will grow and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree will grow.

Isaiah 55:13

ULT

13 Instead of the thornbushes, the cypress will grow; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree will grow, and it will be for Yahweh, for his name, as an everlasting sign that will not be cut off.”

UST

13 Instead of thornbushes and briers, pine trees and myrtle trees will grow in your land. As a result of that, people will honor Yahweh much more; and what Yahweh does will cause everyone to remember what he has promised, and they will honor him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56

Isaiah 56:1

ULT

[1] This is what Yahweh says, “Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation {is} near, and my righteousness is about to be revealed.

UST

[1] Yahweh says to all the people of Judah, “Do the things that are fair and right, because I will soon come to rescue you; I will soon show everyone that you have been right to trust me.

Why did Yahweh say to observe what is right and do what is just? (vv1-2)

He said this because his deliverance is near and his vindication is about to be revealed.

Isaiah 56:2

ULT

[2] Blessed {is} the man {that} does this, and {who} holds it tightly. He observes the Sabbath, not defiling it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

UST

[2] I will bless those who faithfully obey my laws about the Sabbath days. I will bless those who keep sacred my Sabbath days, and who do not do any work on those days, and who refrain from doing anything that is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:3

ULT

[3] Let no foreigner who has become a follower of Yahweh say, “Yahweh will certainly exclude me from his people.” The eunuch should not say, “See, I {am} a dry tree.”

UST

[3] Foreigners who have believed in me should not say, ‘Yahweh will surely not allow me to belong to his people.’ And eunuchs should not say, ‘Because I am deformed and unable to have children, I cannot belong to Yahweh; I am like a tree that has completely withered.’

What shouldn the foreigner and eunuch who have become followers of Yahweh not say?

The foreigner should not say, “Yahweh will certainly exclude me from his people” and the eunuch should not say, “See, I am a dry tree.”

Isaiah 56:4

ULT

4 For this is what Yahweh says, “To the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths and choose what pleases me, and hold fast my covenant,

UST

4 They should not say that, because I, Yahweh, say this to the eunuchs who obey my laws about the Sabbath, and who choose to do the things that please me, and who obey all the other laws of the covenant that I made with the Israelite people:

What will Yahweh do for eunuchs who observe Yahweh’s sabbaths, choose what pleases him, and hold fast Yahweh’s covenant? (vv4-5)

Yahweh will set up a monument doe him, in Yahweh’s house and within his walls, that is better than of sons and of daughters.

Isaiah 56:5

ULT

5 to them I will set up in my house and within my walls a monument that is better than having sons and of daughters. I will give them an everlasting monument that will never be cut off.

UST

5 I will cause people to put inside the walls of my temple a monument to them; because of that monument, they will be honored more than they would have if they had children; they will be honored forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:6

ULT

6 Also foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh— to serve him, and who love the name of Yahweh, to worship him, every one who observes the Sabbath and who keeps from defiling it, and who holds fast my covenant—

UST

6 I will also bless those who are not Israelites who join themselves to me, who serve me and worship and love me, who obey my laws about the Sabbath, and who faithfully obey all the other laws of the covenant that I made with the Israelite people.

What will Yahweh do for foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh to serve him, who worship him and love his name, who observe the sabbath and keeps from defiling it, and who hold fast Yahweh's covenant? (vv6-7)
Yahweh will bring them to his holy mountain and make them joyful in his house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on Yahweh's altar.

Isaiah 56:7

ULT

7 I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices {will be} accepted on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations,

UST

7 I will bring them to my sacred hill in Jerusalem, and cause them to be very joyful in my temple where people pray to me, and I will accept the sacrifices that they burn on my altar and other sacrifices that they offer, because my temple will be a building where people of all nations pray to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:8

ULT

8 this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh, who gathers the outcasts of Israel— I will still gather {others} in addition to them."

UST

8 I, Yahweh, the Lord, the one who will bring back the people of Israel who have been forced to go to other countries, say this: I will bring from other countries many more people to join those Israelites whom I have brought back."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:9

ULT

9 All you wild beasts of the field, come and devour, all you beasts in the forest!

UST

9 “You surrounding nations have armies that are like animals in the forest; come and attack Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:10

ULT

10 All their watchmen {are} blind, they do not understand. They {are} all silent dogs who cannot bark. They dream, and lying down they love to sleep.

UST

10 The Israelite leaders should be like watchdogs to protect the people, but it is as though they were blind. They understand nothing. They are all like dogs that cannot bark. Good watchdogs bark when strangers approach, but the Israelite leaders do not warn the people that their enemies are coming. Instead, they just want to lie down and sleep and dream.

Who is compared to a dumb dog?

Their watchmen are compared to dumb dogs.

Isaiah 56:11

ULT

11 The dogs have big appetites; they can never get enough; {they are} shepherds without discernment; they have all turned to their own way, each one covetous for unjust gain.

UST

11 And they are like greedy dogs; they never get all that they want. They are supposed to lead the people, like good shepherds lead their flocks, but they are ignorant, and they each do whatever they want to do.

What have their watchmen and shepherds done?

They have all turned to their own way, each one covetous for unjust gain.

Isaiah 56:12

ULT

12 “Come,” {they say}, “let us drink wine and liquor. Tomorrow will be like today, a day great beyond measure.”

UST

12 They say to each other, ‘Come, let us go and get some wine and other alcoholic drinks, and let us become drunk! And tomorrow we will enjoy drinking even more!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57

Isaiah 57:1

ULT

[1] The righteous perish, but no one considers it, and the people of covenant faithfulness are gathered away, but no one understands that the righteous is gathered away from the evil.

UST

[1] Righteous people die, and no one is concerned about it. Godly people die, and no one understands why. God takes them away in order that they will not endure more calamities,

What does no one consider or understand about the righteous when they perish? (vv1-2)
They don't consider or understand that the righteous are gathered away from evil and enter into peace.

Isaiah 57:2

ULT

[2] He enters into peace; they rest in their beds, those who walk {in} their uprightness.

UST

[2] and now they have peace. They lived righteously, and now they rest peacefully in their graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:3

ULT

[3] But come here, you sons of the sorceress, children of the adulterer and the woman who has prostituted herself.

UST

[3] Yahweh says, "But you who practice sorcery, come here! You who worship idols, listen to me!

Who is merrily mocking and opening the mouth and sticking out the tongue? (vv3-4)
The sons of the sorceress, the children of the adulterer and the woman who has prostituted herself do these things.

Isaiah 57:4

ULT

4 Whom are you merrily mocking? Against whom are you opening the mouth {and} sticking out the tongue? {Are} you not children of rebellion, children of deceit?

UST

4 Do you realize whom you are ridiculing, and whom you are insulting? Do you realize to whom you are sticking out your tongues? You are insulting me, Yahweh! You are always rebelling against me and always lying, just like your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:5

ULT

5 You heat yourselves up sleeping together under the oaks, under every green tree, you who kill your children in the dry riverbeds, under the rocky overhangs.

UST

5 You are eager to sleep together under every tall green tree where you worship your gods. You kill your children as sacrifices to your idols in the dry riverbeds, and offer them as sacrifices to your idols in the rocky caves.

What else did these who were called children of rebellion and children of deceit do?

They had sex under the oaks, under every green tree. They killed their children in the dry riverbeds, under the rocky overhangs.

Isaiah 57:6

ULT

6 Among the smooth {things} of the river valley {are} the things that have been assigned to you. They {are} the object of your devotion. You pour out your drink offering to them and raise up a grain offering. In these things should I take pleasure?

UST

6 You take big smooth stones from the riverbeds and worship them as your gods. You pour out wine to be an offering to them, and you bring grain to burn for an offering to them. Do you think that I enjoy all those things?

What are the objects of their devotion?

Some of the smooth things of the river valley are the objects of their devotion.

Isaiah 57:7

ULT

7 You prepared your bed on a high mountain; you also went up there to offer sacrifices.

UST

7 You sleep with idols' prostitutes on every hill and mountain, and you go there to offer sacrifices to your gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:8

ULT

8 Behind the door and the doorposts you set up your symbols; you deserted me, made yourselves naked, and went up; you made your bed wide. You made {a covenant} with them; you loved their beds; you saw {their} private parts.

UST

8 You have put charms behind your doors and doorposts, and you have deserted me. You have taken off your clothes and climbed into your bed, and invited more of your lovers to come to bed with you. You have paid them to sleep with you, and you have looked at their private parts.

What did these rebellious and deceitful ones do concerning Yahweh?

They deserted Yahweh.

Isaiah 57:9

ULT

9 You went to Molech with oil; you multiplied perfumes. *[1]* You send your ambassadors far away; you went down to Sheol.

UST

9 You have given fragrant oil and lots of perfume to kings, and you sent representatives to distant countries to look for other gods to worship; you even tried to send messengers to the place of the dead to search for new gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:10

ULT

10 You were tired from your long journey, {but} you never said, “It is hopeless.” You found life in your hand; therefore you did not weaken.

UST

10 You became weary because of doing all those things, but you never said, ‘It is useless for us to do that.’ You found new strength for worshiping idols, so you continued to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:11

ULT

11 “Whom are you worried about? Whom do you fear so much that has caused you to act so deceitfully, so much that you would not remember me or think about me? {Because} I was silent for so long, you are no longer afraid of me.

UST

11 Was it because you were afraid of those idols more than you were afraid of me that you lied about what you were doing, and you do not even think about me? Was it because I did not punish you for a long time that you are not afraid of me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:12

ULT

12 I will proclaim all your righteous acts and tell all that you have done, but they will not help you.

UST

12 You think that the things that you have done are right, but I will tell you the truth: It will not help you to do any of those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:13

ULT

13 When you cry out, let your collection {of idols} rescue you. Instead the wind will carry {them} all away, a breath will carry them all away. Yet he who takes refuge in me will inherit the land and will take possession of my holy mountain.

UST

13 When you cry out for help to your collection of idols, they will not rescue you. The wind will blow them away; a single breath will carry them all away. But those who trust in me will live in the land of Israel, and they will worship me on Zion, my sacred hill.”

What will Yahweh tell these wicked and rebellious ones when they cry out?

Yahweh will tell them to let their collection of idols deliver them.

What will happen to these wicked and rebellious ones?

The wind will carry them all away, a breath will carry them all away.

What will happen to the ones who take refuge in Yahweh?

They will inherit the land and take possession of Yahweh’s holy mountain.

Isaiah 57:14

ULT

14 He will say, ‘Build, build! Clear a way! Remove all the stumbling blocks from the path of my people!’”

UST

14 Yahweh will say, “Prepare yourselves to receive me, like people build and prepare a road for a king to come on. Get rid of the things that are causing you to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:15

ULT

15 For this is what the high and elevated One says, who lives eternally, whose name {is} holy, “I live in the exalted and holy {place}, with him also {that} is of a crushed and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble ones, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

UST

15 Because this is what I say—I, Yahweh, who am holy and honored more than anyone else, and who live forever: I live in the highest heaven, where everything is holy, but I also am with those who are humble and who are sorry for the sinful things that they have done. I will greatly encourage those who have repented.

Who will dwell with Yahweh in the exalted and holy place?

The ones who are of a crushed and humble spirit will dwell with Yahweh there.

Isaiah 57:16

ULT

16 For I will not accuse forever, nor will I be angry forever, for then man’s spirit would faint before me, the lives {that} I have made.

UST

16 I will not accuse people forever; I will not always be angry with them, because if I did that, people would become weak; all the people whom I created and caused to live would die.

What would happen if Yahweh accused man forever?

The man’s spirit would faint before Yahweh.

Isaiah 57:17

ULT

17 Because of the sin of his violent gain, I was angry, and I punished him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went backward in the way of his heart.

UST

17 I was angry with my people because they sinned by taking with force what belonged to others. Because I was angry, I punished them and turned away from them, but they continued sinning.

Why was Yahweh angry with man?

Yahweh was angry with man because of his violent gain.

Isaiah 57:18

ULT
18 I have seen his ways, but I will heal him. I will lead him and comfort and console those who mourn for him,

UST
18 I have seen the evil things that they continually do, but I will restore them and lead them. I will encourage them. As for those who are mourning,

Even though Yahweh has seen man's ways, what is Yahweh going to do for man? (vv18-19)
Yahweh said he would heal him.

Isaiah 57:19

ULT
19 and I create the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to {those who are} far off and to {those who are near}—says Yahweh—I will heal them.

UST
19 I will enable them to sing songs to praise me. I will restore all my people, those who live near Jerusalem and those who live far away, and I will cause things to go well for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:20

ULT
20 But the wicked {are} like the tossing sea, which cannot rest, and its waters churn up mire and mud.

UST
20 Wicked people do not have peace in their inner beings; they are like a sea whose waves are always churning up mud,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:21

ULT

21 {There is} no peace for the wicked one—says God.”
57:9 [1] , some versions have .

UST

21 and I, Yahweh, say that things will never go well for those who are evil.”

Who has no peace?

The wicked one has no peace.

Isaiah 58

Isaiah 58:1

ULT

1 “Cry loudly; do not hold back. Lift up your voice like a trumpet. Confront my people with their rebellion, and the house of Jacob with their sins.

UST

1 Yahweh said to me, “Shout loudly! Shout like a loud trumpet! Shout to warn my Israelite people about their sins!

What did Yahweh command the house of Jacob to be confronted with?

He commanded the house of Jacob to be confronted with their rebellion and sins.

Isaiah 58:2

ULT

2 Yet they seek me daily and delight in the knowledge of my ways, like a nation that practiced righteousness and did not abandon the law of their God. They ask me for righteous judgments; they take pleasure in the thought of God coming near.

UST

2 They worship me every day; they come to my temple because they say that they are eager to know what I want them to do. They act as though they were a nation that does things that are righteous, that would never abandon the commands of me, their God. They request me to decide matters justly, and they are eager that I should come to them.

How did the house of Jacob seek Yahweh?

They sought him like a nation that practiced righteousness and did not abandon the law of their God.

Isaiah 58:3

ULT

3 ‘Why have we fasted,’ {they say,} ‘but you do not see it? {Why} have we humbled ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, on the day of your fast you find your own pleasure and oppress all your laborers.

UST

3 They say, ‘We have fasted to please you, but you did not notice our doing that. We humbled ourselves, but you did not pay any attention!’ I will tell you why I did not pay attention. It is because when you fast, you do it only to please yourselves, and you act cruelly toward all your workers.

What was the complaint the house of Jacob made to Yahweh concerning them humbling themselves and fasting?

Their complaint to Yahweh was that when they fasted and humbled themselves Yahweh didn’t see it or notice.

What did Yahweh say the house of Jacob did on the day of their fast?

Yahweh said that on the day of their fast they find their own pleasure and oppress all their laborers.

Isaiah 58:4

ULT

4 Look, you fast to quarrel and fight, and to hit with your fist of wickedness; {you do} not fast today to make your voice heard above.

UST

4 You fast, but you also quarrel and fight with each other with your fists. Doing things like that while you fast will certainly not cause me to hear your prayers where I am, high in heaven.

What did Yahweh say was not the reason the house of Jacob was fasting?

Yahweh said the house of Jacob was not fasting to make their voice heard above.

Isaiah 58:5

ULT

5 {Is this} really the kind of fast that I would want: A day for anybody to humble himself, for him to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under himself? Do you really call this a fast, a day that pleases Yahweh?

UST

5 You bow your heads like the tops of reeds bend when the wind blows, and you wear rough clothes and cover your heads with ashes like people do when they are grieving. That is what you do when you are fasting, but do you really think that will please me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:6

ULT

6 {Is} not this the fast that I choose: To release wicked bonds, to undo the ropes of the yoke, to set the crushed ones free, and to break every yoke?

UST

6 No, that is not the kind of fasting that I desire. Instead you should seek to free those who have been unjustly put in prison, and encourage those who are treated cruelly; and free those who have been oppressed in any way.

What is the fast that Yahweh chooses? (vv6-7)

The fast that Yahweh chooses is to release wicked bonds, to undo the ropes of the yoke, to set the crushed ones free, to break every yoke, to break their bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into their houses, to clothe the naked and to not hide themselves from their own relatives.

Isaiah 58:7

ULT

7 {Is it} not to break your bread with the hungry and to bring the poor and homeless into your house?" When you see someone naked, you should clothe him; and you should not hide yourself from your own relatives.

UST

7 Share your food with those who are hungry and to allow those who have no houses to stay in your houses. Give clothes to those who do not have clothes, and do not hide yourself from your relatives who need help from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:8

ULT

8 Then your light would be broken open like the sunrise, and your healing would quickly sprout up; your righteousness would go before you, and the glory of Yahweh would be your rearguard.

UST

8 If you do those things, what you do for others will be like a light that shines when it dawns. The troubles that have been caused by your sins will end quickly. Others will know about your righteous behavior, and the glorious presence of Yahweh will protect you from behind like I protected the Israelite people when they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:9

ULT

9 Then you would call, and Yahweh would answer; you would cry out for help, and he would say, “Here I {am.}” If you take away from among yourselves the yoke, the accusing finger, and the speech of wickedness,

UST

9 Then you will call out to me, and I will quickly answer and say, ‘I am here to help you.’ Stop oppressing people; stop falsely accusing people; and stop saying evil things about people.

What would Yahweh do if the house of Jacob took away from among themselves the yoke, the accusing finger, and the speech of wickedness, if they provided for the hungry and satisfied the need of the distressed? (vv9-10)
If they would do these things then their light would rise in the darkness, and their darkness would be like the noonday..

Isaiah 58:10

ULT

10 {if} you yourselves provide for the hungry and satisfy the need of the distressed; then your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkness will {be} like the noonday.

UST

10 Give food to those who are hungry, and give to people who are afflicted the things that they need. Your doing that will be like a light that shines in the darkness; instead of doing evil to people, the good things you do for people will be like the sunshine at noontime.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:11

ULT

11 Then Yahweh will lead you continually and satisfy you in regions where there is no water, and he will strengthen your bones. You will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

UST

11 Yahweh will guide you continually, and he will give you good things to satisfy you. He will enable you to remain strong and healthy. You will be like a garden that is well watered, like a spring that never dries up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:12

ULT

12 Some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the ruins of many generations; you will be called “The repairer of the wall,” “The restorer of streets to live on.”

UST

12 Your people will rebuild the cities that were destroyed long ago; they will build houses on top of the old foundations. People will say that you are the ones who are repairing the holes in the city walls, and who are repairing the streets where people live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:13

ULT

13 Suppose that you turn back your feet from traveling on the Sabbath day, and {from} doing your own pleasure on my holy {day}. Suppose that you call the Sabbath a delight, and that you call the matters of Yahweh holy and honored. Suppose that you honor the Sabbath by leaving your own business, and by not finding your own pleasure and by not speaking {your own} words.

UST

13 Do not travel on the Sabbath days, and on Sabbath days do not do only the things that you delight to do. Enjoy the Sabbath days, and consider them to be delightful. The Sabbath days are my holy days. Honor me, Yahweh, in everything that you do on the Sabbath days. Do not talk about and do things to please yourselves. If you do all the things that I have just now told you to do; listen, and I will tell you what I will do for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:14

ULT

14 “Then you will find delight in Yahweh; and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you from the inheritance of Jacob your father—for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.”

UST

14 I will enable you to be joyful. I will greatly honor you; it will be as though you were riding with me above the highest mountains! I will give to you the blessings that I gave to your ancestor Jacob. Those things will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59

Isaiah 59:1

ULT

[1] Look, Yahweh's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor his ear so dull, that it cannot hear.

UST

[1] Listen to this! Yahweh's power is not too little to rescue you. He has not become deaf; he can still hear you when you call to him for help.

Can Yahweh save us? Does he hear us?

Yahweh's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor his ear so dull, that is cannot hear.

Isaiah 59:2

ULT

[2] Your sinful acts, however, have separated you from your God, and your sins have made him hide {his} face from you and from hearing you.

UST

[2] But you have separated yourselves from your God by the sins that you have committed. Because of your sins, he has turned away from you, with the result that he does not pay attention to what you request him to do.

Why didn't Yahweh hear or save the house of Jacob?

Their sinful acts separated them from their God and their sins made Yahweh hide his face from them and from hearing them.

Isaiah 59:3

ULT

3 For your hands are stained with blood and your fingers with sin. Your lips speak lies and your tongue speaks maliciously.

UST

3 You do violent things to others, with the result that your hands are stained with their blood. You constantly tell lies, and you say evil things about others.

What are some of the sins the house of Jacob committed that separated them from Yahweh? (vv3-4)

Some of the sins that separated them from Yahweh were: They stained their hands with blood. They lied and spoke maliciously. They were malicious and untruthful. They conceived trouble.

Isaiah 59:4

ULT

4 No one calls in righteousness, and none pleads his case in truth. They trust in empty {words}, and tell lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to sin.

UST

4 When you accuse someone in court, what you say is not fair and it is not true. You accuse people falsely; you depend on the lies you tell. You are constantly planning to cause trouble for others, and then you do those evil things that you planned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:5

ULT

5 They hatch eggs of a poisonous snake and weave a spider’s web. Whoever eats of their eggs dies, and if an egg is crushed, it hatches into a poisonous snake.

UST

5 What you plan to do to harm people is like the eggs a poisonous snake lays, like a web that a spider catches its victims in. Cobras will hatch from those eggs, and insects will fall into the spider’s web.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:6

ULT

[6] Their webs cannot be used for garments, nor can they cover themselves with their works. Their works {are} works of sin, and deeds of violence are in their hands.

UST

[6] You cannot hide the evil deeds that you have done. You are constantly acting violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:7

ULT

[7] Their feet run to evil, and they run to pour out innocent blood. Their thoughts {are} thoughts of sin; violence destruction {are} their roads.

UST

[7] You are very quick to go and do evil deeds, and you hurry to murder people who are innocent. You are continually thinking about sinning. Wherever you go, you destroy things and cause people to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:8

ULT

[8] The way of peace they do not know, and {there is} no justice in their paths. They have made crooked paths; whoever travels these paths does not know peace.

UST

[8] You do not know how to act peacefully or to treat others fairly. You always are dishonest, and those who imitate your behavior never have any peace within themselves.

What happens to those who travel crooked paths?

Those who travel crooked paths do not know peace.

Isaiah 59:9

ULT

9 Therefore justice is far from us, nor does righteousness reach us. We wait for light, but see darkness; we look for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

UST

9 Because of that, God does not rescue us from our enemies, it seems that he is not acting fairly toward us. We expect God to give us light, but all he gives us is darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:10

ULT

10 We grope for the wall like the blind, like those who cannot see. We stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among the strong we are like dead men.

UST

10 We are like blind people who have to feel along the wall to be able to walk anywhere. We stumble and trip at noontime like we would when it is dark. We are like dead people who are among healthy people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:11

ULT

11 We growl like bears and moan like doves; we wait for justice, but {there is} none; for rescue, but it is far from us.

UST

11 We growl like hungry bears; we continually moan like doves. We ask God to do what is just, but nothing happens. We want God to rescue us, but it seems that he is far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:12

ULT

12 For our many transgressions are before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions {are} with us, and we know our sins.

UST

12 But these things are happening because it is as though our sins are piled high in the presence of God, and it is they that testify against us. We cannot deny it; we know that we have done many wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:13

ULT

13 We have rebelled, denying Yahweh and turning away from following our God. We have spoken extortion and turning aside, conceived complaining from the heart and words of lying.

UST

13 We know that we have rebelled against Yahweh; we have turned away from him. We oppress people by what we testify against them; we do not allow them to get what they have a right to get. We think about the lies that we can tell, and then we tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:14

ULT

14 Justice is driven back, and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the public square, and right cannot come.

UST

14 In our courts, the judges do not decide cases fairly; no one is acting righteously. In plazas where people gather together, no one tells the truth; it seems that people are not allowed to say what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:15

ULT

15 Trustworthiness has gone away, and he {who} turns away from evil makes himself a victim. Yahweh saw {it} and was displeased that {there was} no justice.

UST

15 No one tells the truth, and people try to ruin the reputations of those who quit doing evil. Yahweh looked around, and he saw that no one was doing what is just; he was very displeased.

What happened to him who turned away from evil?

He made himself a victim.

What displeased Yahweh?

It displeased Yahweh when he saw there was no justice.

Isaiah 59:16

ULT

16 He saw that {there was} no man, and wondered that {there was} no one to intervene. Therefore his own arm brought salvation for him, and his righteousness sustained him.

UST

16 He was disgusted when he saw that no one tried to help those who were being treated cruelly. So he used his own power to rescue them; it is because he is always righteous that he did that.

What did Yahweh do when he saw there was no one to intervene?

When Yahweh saw there was no one to intervene, his own arm brought salvation for him.

Isaiah 59:17

ULT

17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon his head. He clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wore zeal as a mantle.

UST

17 It is as though he were a soldier who put on his armor and a helmet; his continually doing what is right is like his armor, and his ability to rescue people is like his helmet. His being extremely angry and his being ready to get revenge on those who do evil are like his robes.

Then what did Yahweh do? (vv17-18)

He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon his head. He clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wore zeal as a mantle. He repayed them for what they had done, angry judgment to his adversaries, vengeance to his enemies, to the islands punishment as their reward.

Isaiah 59:18

ULT

18 He repaid them for what {they} had done, angry judgment to his adversaries, vengeance to his enemies, to the islands punishment as their reward.

UST

18 He will repay his enemies for the evil things that they have done. He will severely punish even those who live far from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:19

ULT

19 So they will fear the name of Yahweh from the west, and his glory from the sun's rising; for he will come as a rushing stream, driven by the breath of Yahweh.

UST

19 When that happens, people everywhere, from the east to the west, will respect and honor Yahweh, because he will come like a rushing river that is pushed along by the strong wind that Yahweh sent.

What will be the result of Yahweh repaying them for what they had done?

They will fear the name of Yahweh from the west, and his glory from the sun's rising.

Isaiah 59:20

ULT

20 "A redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from their rebellious deeds in Jacob—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

20 And Yahweh says that he will come to Jerusalem to free his people; he will come to rescue those in Judah who have stopped doing sinful things.

Who will a redeemer come to?

A redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from their rebellious deeds in Jacob.

Isaiah 59:21

ULT

21 As for me, this is my covenant with them—says Yahweh—my spirit who is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not leave your mouth, or go out of the mouth of your children, or go out of the mouth of your children's children—says Yahweh—from this time and forever."

UST

21 This is what Yahweh says to his people: "This is the covenant that I will make with you: My Spirit will not leave you, and you will always have my message. You will be able to declare it, and your children and grandchildren will be able to declare it forever."

What is Yahweh's covenant with them?

This is the covenant: Yahweh's spirit who is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not leave your mouth, or go out of the mouth of your children, or go out of the mouth of your children's children from this time and forever.

Isaiah 60

Isaiah 60:1

ULT
1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you.

UST
1 You people of Jerusalem, stand up! Yahweh has done glorious things for you, and he has acted powerfully for you; so show others that he is very great!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:2

ULT
2 Though darkness will cover the earth, and thick darkness the nations; yet Yahweh will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen on you.

UST
2 But spiritual darkness has covered all the other people groups on the earth, complete darkness, but Yahweh will show you how great he is, and other people will also see it.

Though darkness will cover the earth, what will Yahweh do for Israel?
Yahweh will arise upon them and his glory will be seen on them.

Isaiah 60:3

ULT
3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to your bright light that is rising.

UST
3 People of all people groups will see that he is very great by seeing what he has done for you, and kings will come to see the wonderful things that have happened to you.

Who will come to Israel's light?
Nations and kings will come to their light.

Isaiah 60:4

ULT

4 Look all around and see. They all gather themselves together and come to you. Your sons will come from far, and your daughters will be carried in their arms.

UST

4 Yahweh says, “Look around, and you will see the people who will be returning from exile! Your sons will come from distant countries; others will carry your little daughters home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:5

ULT

5 Then you will look and be radiant, and your heart shall rejoice and overflow, because the abundance of the sea will be poured out to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you.

UST

5 When you look at this happening, you will be very joyful in your inner beings, because people will bring valuable goods to you from all around the world. They will bring valuable things from many nations in ships.

Why will Israel look and be radiant and their heart rejoice and overflow?

This will be because the abundance of the sea will be poured out to them, the wealth of the nations will come to them.

Isaiah 60:6

ULT

6 Camel caravans will cover you, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all of them will come from Sheba; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will sing the praises of Yahweh.

UST

6 People will also bring valuable goods to you on herds of camels: camels from the Midian and Ephah areas of northern Arabia. And from Sheba in southern Arabia they will come, bringing gold and frankincense; they will all come to praise me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:7

ULT

7 All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve your needs; they will be acceptable offerings on my altar; and I will glorify my glorious house.

UST

7 They will bring flocks of sheep and goats from Kedar in northern Arabia and give them to you. They will bring rams from Nebaioth for you to sacrifice on my altars, and I will accept them happily. At that time I will cause my temple to be very beautifully decorated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:8

ULT

8 Who {are} these {who} fly along like a cloud, and like the doves to their shelters?

UST

8 And what are those things that are moving swiftly like clouds? They resemble pigeons returning to their nests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:9

ULT

9 The coastlands look for me, and the ships of Tarshish {lead}, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Yahweh your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has honored you.

UST

9 But they are really ships from Tarshish that are bringing your people back here. When your people come, they will bring with them all the valuable possessions that they have acquired, and they will do that to honor me, Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, because I will have greatly honored you.

Who leads in bringing Israel's sons from afar?

The ships of Tarshish lead.

Isaiah 60:10

ULT

10 Sons of foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you; though in my wrath I punished you, yet in my favor I will have compassion on you.

UST

10 Foreigners will come and rebuild the walls of your cities, and their kings will serve you. Although I punished you because I was angry with you, these things will happen now because I will act mercifully toward you because I am kind.

Who will rebuild the city of Yahweh and who will serve them?

Sons of foreigners will rebuild their walls and kings will serve them.

Isaiah 60:11

ULT

11 Your gates also will remain open continually; they will not be shut day or night, so that the wealth of the nations may be brought, with their kings being led.

UST

11 The gates of your cities will be open during the day and also during the night, in order that people will be able to bring into your cities valuable things from many countries, with their kings being led to you in the processions.

Why will the gates of the city remain open continually?

They will remain open so that the wealth of the nations may be brought in.

Isaiah 60:12

ULT

12 Indeed, nations and kingdoms that will not serve you will perish; {those} nations will be completely destroyed.

UST

12 And the kingdoms and nations whose people refuse to allow you to rule them will be completely destroyed.

What will happen to those nations and kingdoms who will not serve them?

Those nations and kingdoms will perish; they will be completely destroyed.

Isaiah 60:13

ULT

13 The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress tree, the fir, and the cypress box tree together, to beautify my sanctuary; and I will glorify the place of my feet.

UST

13 The glorious things in Lebanon will be brought to you— lumber from cypress trees and fir trees and pine trees— to be used to make my temple beautiful. When that is done, my temple will truly be glorious!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:14

ULT

14 They will come to you to bow down, the sons of those who humbled you; they will bow at your feet; they will call you The City of Yahweh, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

UST

14 The descendants of those who oppressed you will come and bow down to you; those who despised you will prostrate themselves in front of your feet. They will say that your city on Mount Zion is the City of Yahweh, where the Holy One of Israel lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:15

ULT

15 Instead of you remaining abandoned and hated, with no one passing through {you}, I will make you a thing of pride forever, a joy from generation to generation.

UST

15 Previously everyone hated you and ignored you, but now your city will be majestic forever; and I will cause you to be joyful forever.

What will Yahweh make the City of Yahweh to be?

He will make her to be a thing of pride forever, a joy from generation to generation.

Isaiah 60:16

ULT

16 You will also drink the milk of the nations, and will nurse at the breast of kings; you will know that I, Yahweh, {am} your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

UST

16 People of all nations and their kings will gladly bring their wealth to you. When that happens, you will realize that I truly am Yahweh, the one who saves you and rescues you from your enemies, and that I am the mighty one to whom you Israelite people belong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:17

ULT

17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. I will appoint peace as your governors, and justice your rulers.

UST

17 Instead of metals that are not valuable, like bronze and iron, I will bring to you silver and gold. Instead of wood and stones, I will bring you bronze and iron for your buildings. There will be peace in your country, and your rulers will do what is fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:18

ULT

18 Violence will no longer be heard in your land, or devastation nor shattering within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

UST

18 People in your country will no longer act violently, and people will no longer destroy your land and drive you out of it. The people in the city will be safe, and everyone there will praise me.

What will no longer be heard in the land of Zion?

Violence will no longer be heard in their land, or devastation nor shattering within their borders.

Isaiah 60:19

ULT

[19] The sun will no longer be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you; but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your God your glory.

UST

[19] And you will no longer need the sun and moon to give you light, because I, Yahweh, will give you more light than the sun and moon; I will be a glorious light for you forever.

What will give light to the land? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will be their everlasting light.

Isaiah 60:20

ULT

[20] Your sun will no longer set, nor will your moon withdraw and disappear; for Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be ended.

UST

[20] It will seem as though the sun and moon will always be shining, because I, Yahweh, will be an everlasting light for you. You will never again be sad because of things that happen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:21

ULT

[21] All your people {will be} righteous; they will take possession of the land for all time, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

UST

[21] Your people will all be righteous, and they will occupy the land forever, because I myself have put you there like people plant trees in order that you will show others that I am very great.

For how long will Yahweh's people possess the land?

They will take possession of the land for all time.

Isaiah 60:22

ULT

22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, Yahweh, will swiftly accomplish these things when the time comes.

UST

22 At that time, the groups that are very small now will become very large clans, and small clans will become great nations. All those things will happen because, I, Yahweh, will cause them to happen at the right time.”

How long will it take for Yahweh to accomplish these things?

Yahweh will swiftly accomplish these things when the time comes.

Isaiah 61

Isaiah 61:1

ULT

1 The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh {is} on me, because Yahweh has anointed me to proclaim good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison for {those who are} bound.

UST

1 The Spirit of Yahweh our Lord is on me; he has appointed me to bring good news to those who are oppressed, to comfort those who are discouraged, and to free all those who are as though they are chained by the wrong things that they continually do.

Why is the spirit of the Lord Yahweh upon him?

The spirit is upon him because Yahweh has annointed him.

What has Yahweh anointed him to do?

Yahweh has anointed him to proclaim good news to the humble.

What are the first three things Yahweh sent him to do?

Yahweh has sent him to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to open the prison to those who are bound.

Isaiah 61:2

ULT

2 He has sent me to proclaim the year of Yahweh’s favor, the day of vengeance of our God, and to comfort all who mourn.

UST

2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn that now is the time when Yahweh will act kindly toward his people; now is the time when our God will get revenge on their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:3

ULT

[3] He has sent me—to give to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a turban instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of a spirit of dullness, to call them oaks of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, that he may be glorified.

UST

[3] To all those in Jerusalem who mourn, he will give beautiful things to wear on their heads instead of ashes that they put on their heads to show that they were sad; he will cause them to rejoice instead of being sad; he will enable them to be happy instead of being discouraged. They will be called ‘people who continually do what is right, people who are like tall oak trees that Yahweh has planted’ to show others that he is very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:4

ULT

[4] They will rebuild the ancient ruins; they will restore the former desolations. They will restore the ruined cities, the desolations from many former generations.

UST

[4] Those who return from Babylon will rebuild the cities that the soldiers from Babylon tore down. Even though those cities have been destroyed and abandoned for many years, they will be restored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:5

ULT

[5] Foreigners will stand and feed your flocks, and sons of foreigners {will work} your fields and vineyards.

UST

[5] Foreigners will be the ones who will take care of your flocks of sheep and goats, and plow your fields and take care of your grapevines.

What will foreigners do in Zion?

They will stand and feed the flocks of those in Zion and the sons of foreigners will work their fields and vineyards.

Isaiah 61:6

ULT

6 You will be called the priests of Yahweh; they will call you servants of our God. You will eat the wealth of the nations, and you will boast in their riches.

UST

6 But you are the ones who will be like the priests to serve Yahweh, to work for God. You will enjoy valuable goods that are brought from other nations, and you will be happy that those things have become yours.

What will those in Zion be called?

They will be called priests of Yahweh; servants of God.

Isaiah 61:7

ULT

7 {Instead of} your shame {you will have} double; and instead of dishonor they will rejoice over their share. So they will have a double share of their land; everlasting joy will be theirs.

UST

7 Previously you were shamed and disgraced, but now you will have great blessings; previously your enemies humbled you, but now you will have many good things; you will be happy because you will be in your land again, and you will rejoice forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:8

ULT

8 For I, Yahweh, love justice, and I hate robbery and violent injustice. I will faithfully repay them, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

UST

8 "I, Yahweh, am very pleased with those who decide matters fairly; I hate those who illegally take things from other people. I will surely repay my people for all that they have suffered in the past. And I will make an everlasting agreement with them.

What does Yahweh love and what does he hate?

Yahweh loves justice and hates robbery and violent injustice.

Isaiah 61:9

ULT

9 Their descendants will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge them, that they {are} the people {whom} Yahweh has blessed.

UST

9 Their descendants will be honored by people of other nations; their children will be honored by all the other nations. Everyone who sees them will know that they are a nation that I, Yahweh, have blessed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:10

ULT

10 I will greatly rejoice in Yahweh; in my God I will be very glad. For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has clothed me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns {himself} with a turban, and as a bride adorns {herself} with her jewels.

UST

10 I greatly rejoice because of what Yahweh has done! I am happy in all my inner being, because he has saved me and declared that I am righteous; those blessings are like a robe that he has put on me. I am as happy as a bridegroom in his wedding clothes, or a bride wearing jewels.

What has Yahweh done for him?

Yahweh has clothed him with garments of salvation and with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:11

ULT

11 For as the earth produces its sprouting plants, and as the garden makes its planting grow, so the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the nations.

UST

11 Just as seeds sown in a garden sprout from the soil and grow, Yahweh our God will cause people of all nations to act righteously, with the result that they will praise him for doing that.

What will the Lord Yahweh cause to sprout up in front of all the nations

He will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the nations.

Isaiah 62

Isaiah 62:1

ULT

1 For Zion’s sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness proceeds brightly, and her salvation as a burning torch.

UST

1 Because I am very concerned about the people of Jerusalem, I will do something to help them. I will not stop praying for them until they are rescued from their oppressors, until that becomes as apparent to everyone as the dawn every morning, until people can see it as clearly as they see a torch shining brightly at night.

Who will see Zion’s righteousness and glory?
The nations will see Zion’s righteousness and all kings will see her glory.

Isaiah 62:2

ULT

2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name that Yahweh will choose.

UST

2 Some day the people of many nations will know that Yahweh has rescued you, his people. Their kings will see that your city is very great. And Yahweh will give your city a new name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:3

ULT

3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Yahweh, and a turban of kingship in the hand of your God.

UST

3 It will be as though Yahweh had held you up in his hands in order that everyone can see you. Under his authority you will be like a crown worn by a king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:4

ULT

4 It will no more be said of you, “Abandoned”; nor of your land any longer will it be said, “Desolate.” Indeed, you will be called “My delight is in her,” and your land “Married,” for Yahweh delights in you, and your land will be married.

UST

4 Your city will never again be called ‘the deserted city,’ and your country will never again be called ‘the desolate land’; it will be called ‘the land that Yahweh delights in,’ and it will also be called ‘married to Yahweh.’ It will be called that because Yahweh will be delighted with you, and it will be as though you were his bride.

What will no longer be said of Zion and her land?

Zion will no longer be called “Abandoned” and her land will no longer be called “Desolate”.

Why will Zion be called “My delight is in her” and Zion’s land “Married”?

She will be called those things because Yahweh delights in her and her land will be married.

Isaiah 62:5

ULT

5 Truly, {as} a young man marries a young woman, {so} your sons will marry you, and {as} a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, your God will rejoice over you.

UST

5 You people will live in all the country of Judah like a young man lives with his bride. And our God will be happy that you belong to him, like a bridegroom is happy that his bride belongs to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:6

ULT

6 I have put watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they are not silent day or night. You who keep reminding Yahweh, do not pause.

UST

6 You people of Jerusalem, I have placed watchmen on your walls; they will earnestly pray to Yahweh day and night. You watchmen, you must not stop praying and reminding Yahweh about what he has promised to do.

Why have watchmen been put on the walls of Jerusalem? (vv6-7)

They are put there to keep reminding Yahweh, allowing him no rest until he reestablishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise on earth.

Isaiah 62:7

ULT

[7] Do not allow him to rest until he reestablishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise on earth.

UST

[7] And tell Yahweh that he should not rest until he causes Jerusalem to be a city that is famous and admired throughout the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh has sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength, “Surely I will no longer give your grain {as} food for your enemies. Foreigners will not drink your new wine, for which you have worked.

UST

[8] Yahweh has raised his right hand to solemnly promise to the people of Jerusalem: “I will use my power and will never again allow your enemies to defeat you; soldiers from other nations will never come again to take away your grain and the wine that you worked hard to produce.

What has Yahweh sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength?

He has sworn that he will no longer give Jerusalem’s grain as food for their enemies, and foreigners won’t drink her new wine.

Isaiah 62:9

ULT

[9] For those who harvest the grain will eat it and praise Yahweh, and those who pick the grapes will drink the wine in the courts of my holy sanctuary.”

UST

[9] You yourselves will grow the grain, and you will be the ones who will praise me, Yahweh, while you eat the bread made from the grain. Inside the courtyards of my temple, you yourselves will drink the wine made from the grapes that you harvested.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:10

ULT

10 Come through, come through the gates! Prepare the way for the people! Build it, build the highway! Gather out the stones! Raise up a signal flag for the nations!

UST

10 Go out through the city gates! Prepare the highway on which people will return from other countries! Cause the road to become smooth; clear off all the stones; set up signal flags to help the people groups to see the road to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:11

ULT

11 Look, Yahweh announces to the ends of the earth, “Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your Savior is coming! See, his reward {is} with him, and his recompense is going before him.”

UST

11 This is the message that Yahweh has sent to the people of every nation. Tell the people of Israel, “The one who will rescue you is coming! Look! He will be bringing to you your reward; those whom he has rescued will be going ahead of him.”

What does Yahweh announce to the ends of the earth?

This is Yahweh’s announcement: “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Look, your savior is coming! See, his reward is with him, and his reward goes before him.’”.

Isaiah 62:12

ULT

12 They will call you, “The holy people; the redeemed of Yahweh,” and you will be called “Sought after; a city not abandoned.”

UST

12 They will be called: “Yahweh’s own people, and ones whom he rescued.” And Jerusalem will be known as: “The city that Yahweh loves,” and “The city that is no longer abandoned.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63

Isaiah 63:1

ULT

1 Who {is} this {who comes} from Edom, clothed in red from Bozrah? {Who is} he in royal clothing, marching confidently because of his great strength? It is I, speaking righteousness and powerfully able to save.

UST

1 I ask, “Who is this who is coming from the city of Bozrah in Edom, whose clothes are stained red from blood? Who is this who is wearing beautiful robes?” He replies, “It is I, Yahweh, declaring that I have defeated your enemies, and I am able to rescue you!”

What is the one who comes from Edom wearing and how does he come?

He is wearing red royal clothing and he comes marching confidently.

Why is the one from Edom marching so confidently?

He is marching confidently because of his great strength.

What does this one from Edom say about himself?

He says he speaks righteousness and that he is powerfully able to save.

Isaiah 63:2

ULT

2 Why {are} your clothes red, and why do they look like you have been treading grapes in a winepress?

UST

2 I ask him, “What are those red spots on your clothes? It appears that you have been treading on grapes to make wine.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:3

ULT

3 I have trodden grapes in the winepress alone, and no one from the nations joined me. I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my fury. Their blood is spattered on my clothes and stained all my clothes.

UST

3 He replies, “I have been treading on my enemies, not on grapes. I did it myself; no one helped me. I punished them because I was very angry with them, and my clothes became stained with their blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:4

ULT

4 For I looked forward to the day of vengeance, and the year for my redemption had arrived.

UST

4 I did that because it was time for me to get revenge; it was time to rescue my people from those who had oppressed them.

What was this one from Edom looking forward to?

He was looking forward to the day of vengeance, and the year for his redemption had arrived.

Isaiah 63:5

ULT

5 I looked, and {there was} no one to help. I wondered that {there was} none to help, but my own arm brought victory for me, and my strong anger drove me on.

UST

5 I searched for someone who would enable me to help my people, but I was amazed that there was no one to help me. So I defeated their enemies with my own power; I was able to do that because I was very angry.

Was there anyone there to help this one from Edom?

No. He looked but there was no one to help.

Isaiah 63:6

ULT

6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their blood on the earth.

UST

6 Because I was extremely angry, I punished the nations; I caused them to stagger like drunk men, and I caused their blood to pour out on the ground.”

What did this one from Edom do to the peoples?

He trampled down the peoples in his anger and made them drunk in his wrath and he splashed their blood on the earth.

Isaiah 63:7

ULT

7 I will tell of the acts of Yahweh's covenant faithfulness, the praiseworthy deeds of Yahweh. I will tell of all that Yahweh has done for us, {and} of his great goodness to the house of Israel. This compassion he has shown us because of his mercy, and with many deeds of covenant faithfulness.

UST

7 I will tell about all the things that Yahweh has done for his people because of his faithful love for them, and I will praise him for all that he has done. Yahweh has done good things for us people of Israel; he has acted mercifully toward us and he has steadfastly and faithfully loved us.

Why and how has Yahweh shown compassion to the house of Israel?

He has shown them compassion because of his mercy and with many deeds of covenant faithfulness.

Isaiah 63:8

ULT

8 For he said, "For certain they {are} my people, children {who} are not disloyal." He became their Savior.

UST

8 Yahweh said, "These are my people; they will not deceive me"; so he rescued us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:9

ULT

9 Through all their suffering, he suffered too, and the angel from his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he saved them, and he lifted them up and carried them through all the ancient times.

UST

9 When we had many troubles, he was sad also. He sent his angel from before his presence to rescue us. Because he loved us and was merciful to us, he saved us; it was as though he had picked our ancestors up and carried them all those years during which they were oppressed in Egypt.

What happened in the ancient times when Yahweh's people suffered?

When the house of Israel suffered, Yahweh suffered.

In the ancient times, who saved Israel?

The messenger of his presence saved them in the ancient times.

Isaiah 63:10

ULT

10 But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. So he became their enemy {and} fought against them.

UST

10 But we rebelled against him, and we caused his Holy Spirit to be sad. So he became like an enemy who fought against us.

Why did he become their enemy?

He became their enemy because they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 63:11

ULT

11 His people thought about the ancient times of Moses. {They said}, “Where {is} God, who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where {is} God, who put his Holy Spirit among them?

UST

11 Then we thought about what happened long ago, during the time when Moses led our ancestors out of Egypt. We cried out, “Where is the one who brought our ancestors through the Sea of Reeds while Moses led them? Where is the one who sent his Holy Spirit to be among our ancestors?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:12

ULT

12 Where is God, who made his glorious power go with the right hand of Moses, and divided the water before them, to make an everlasting name for himself?

UST

12 Where is the one who showed his glorious power and caused the water to separate when Moses lifted his arm above it, with the result that he will be honored forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:13

ULT

13 Where is God, who led them through the deep water? Like a horse running on flat land, they did not stumble.

UST

13 Where is the one who led our ancestors while they walked through the seabed? They were like horses that were racing along and never stumbled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:14

ULT

14 As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of Yahweh gave them rest. So you led your people, to make yourself a name of praise.

UST

14 They were like cattle that walk down into a valley to rest, and the Spirit of Yahweh enabled them to go to a place where they could rest. Yahweh, you led your people, and you caused yourself to be praised.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:15

ULT

15 Look down from heaven and take notice from your holy and glorious habitation. Where {are} your zeal and your mighty acts? Your pity and your compassionate actions are kept from us.

UST

15 “Yahweh, look down from heaven; look down on us from your holy and glorious home. You were previously very concerned about us, and you acted powerfully to help us. But it seems that you do not act mercifully and zealously for us anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:16

ULT

16 For you {are} our father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not recognize us, you, Yahweh, {are} our father. ‘Our Redeemer’ {has been} your name from ancient times.

UST

16 You are our father, even if Abraham does not know what is happening to us, and Jacob is not concerned about us, either, but Yahweh, you are our father; you rescued us long ago.

What has been Yahweh’s name from ancient times?

His name from ancient times has been “Our Redeemer”.

Isaiah 63:17

ULT

17 Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your ways {and} harden our hearts, so we do not obey you? Return for your servants’ sake, the tribes of your inheritance.

UST

17 Yahweh, why did you cause us to wander away from your road? Why did you cause us to be stubborn in our inner beings, with the result that we no longer honor you? Help us like you did previously, because we are the people who serve you and belong to you.

What was the complaint or question of the house of Israel to Yahweh?

Their question and complaint was, “Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts, so we do not obey you?”

Isaiah 63:18

ULT

18 Your people possessed your holy place for a short time, but then our enemies trampled it.

UST

18 We, your holy people, possessed your sacred temple for only a short time, and now our enemies have destroyed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:19

ULT

19 We have become {like} those over whom you never ruled, like those who were never called by your name.”

UST

19 Now it seems as though we never were ruled by you, as though we never belonged to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64

Isaiah 64:1

ULT

1 “Oh, if you had split open the heavens and come down! The mountains would have shaken at your presence,

UST

1 “Yahweh, I wish that you had come down from the sky; you would have caused the mountains to shake with fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:2

ULT

2 as when fire kindles the brushwood, or the fire makes water boil. Oh, that your name would be known by your adversaries, that the nations would tremble at your presence!

UST

2 It would have been like fire burning up dead wood, or like fire making water to boil. Come down in order that your enemies will know who you are, and so that the people of other nations will tremble in your presence.

What would happen if Yahweh’s name was known by his adversaries?
The nations would tremble at his presence.

Isaiah 64:3

ULT

3 Previously, when you did marvelous things that we had not expected, you came down, and the mountains trembled at your presence.

UST

3 You did awesome things that we were not expecting you to do; the mountains shook when you came down onto Mount Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:4

ULT

4 Since ancient times no one has heard or perceived, nor eye seen any God besides you, who does things for him who waits for him.

UST

4 Since long ago no one has ever seen or heard about a God like you; you help those who depend on you.

Since ancient times has anyone heard or perceived of any God besides Yahweh, who does things for those who wait for him?

No, no one has heard or perceived of any God who does things for those who wait for him.

Isaiah 64:5

ULT

5 You come to help those who rejoice in doing what is right, those {who} call to mind your ways and obey them. You were angry when we sinned. In your ways we will always be rescued.

UST

5 You help those who joyfully do what is right, those who conduct their lives as you want them to. But we did not do that; we continued to sin, and so you became angry with us. We have been sinning for a long time. It is only if we continually do what you want us to do that you will save us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:6

ULT

6 For we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds {are} like a menstrual rag. We have all withered like leaves; our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.

UST

6 We have all become people who are not fit to worship you; all of the good things that we have done are only like bloodstained rags. Because of our sins, we are all like leaves that dry up and are blown away by the wind.

What are all of Israel's righteous deeds like?

They are like a menstrual rag.

Isaiah 64:7

ULT

7 {There are} none who calls on your name, who makes an effort to take hold of you. For you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away in the hand of our iniquities.

UST

7 None of our people worships you, and no one really tries to persuade you to help him. You have turned away from us. It is as though you have abandoned us, so that we keep sinning and become more and more guilty.

Why were there none who called on Yahweh's name, who made an effort to take hold of him?

This was so because Yahweh hid his face from them and handed them over to their sins.

Isaiah 64:8

ULT

8 Yet, Yahweh, you {are} our father; we {are} the clay. You {are} our potter; and we all {are} the work of your hand.

UST

8 But even so, Yahweh, you are our father. We are like clay that a potter uses, and you created us, like a potter creates pottery.

What does the writer compare Yahweh and the people of Israel to?

Yahweh is compared to a potter and the people of Israel are compared to clay.

Isaiah 64:9

ULT

9 Be not too angry, Yahweh, nor always call to mind against us our sins. Please look at us all, your people.

UST

9 Yahweh, do not continue to be angry with us; do not keep thinking about our sins forever. Do not forget that we are all your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:10

ULT

10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

UST

10 All of your towns in Judah have become like the wilderness; even Jerusalem has been destroyed.

What have Yahweh's holy cities become?

Yahweh's holy cities have become a wilderness and Jerusalem a desolation.

Isaiah 64:11

ULT

11 Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised you, has been destroyed by fire, and all that was so dear is in ruins.

UST

11 Your glorious temple on Mountain Zion, where our ancestors worshiped you, has been completely burned up. And all our other beautiful things have been ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:12

ULT

12 How can you still hold back, Yahweh? How can you remain silent and continue to humiliate us?"

UST

12 Yahweh, you see all those things, but it seems that you refuse to do anything to help us. It seems that you will cause us to suffer much more."

What are the two questions the writer has for Yahweh?

The two questions are, "How can you still hold back, Yahweh?" and "How can you remain silent and continue to humiliate us?"

Isaiah 65

Isaiah 65:1

ULT

1 “I was ready to be sought out by {those who} did not ask; I was ready to be found by {those who} did not seek. I said, ‘Here I am! Here I am!’ to a nation that did not call on my name.

UST

1 This is what Yahweh said: “I was ready to reply to my people, but no one requested me to help them. I was ready to help even those who did not call out to me. I continued to say, ‘I am here to help you!’

What did Yahweh want from those who did not ask and did not seek?

He wanted to be sought out and found by those who did not ask and did not seek.

Isaiah 65:2

ULT

2 I have spread out my hands all day to a stubborn people, who walk in a way {that is} not good, who have walked after their own thoughts and plans!

UST

2 It is as though I had continually held out my arms to show that I was ready to help my people who rebelled against me, and who continually did the evil things that they wanted to do.

What have these stubborn people walk after?

They have walked after their own thoughts and plans.

Isaiah 65:3

ULT

3 They are a people who continually offend me, offering sacrifices in gardens, and burning incense on brick tiles.

UST

3 They boldly continue to do things that cause me to be angry: they offer sacrifices to their idols in their gardens, and they burn incense to them on altars made of bricks and tiles.

What are some of the ways these people have been a continual offense to Yahweh? (vv3-4)

They are a continual offense to Yahweh because they offer sacrifices in gardens and burn incense on brick tiles. They sit among the graves and keep watch all night and eat pork with the broth of foul meat in their dishes.

Isaiah 65:4

ULT

4 They sit among the graves and keep watch all night, and eat pork with the broth of foul meat in their dishes.

UST

4 They remain awake at night in cemeteries, talking with the spirits of dead people. They eat the meat of pigs, and their pots are full of the broth of meat that is unacceptable to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:5

ULT

5 They say, ‘Stand away, do not come near to me, for I am holier than you.’ These things {are} smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all day long.

UST

5 Then they say to others, ‘Stay away from me; do not come near me, because I am very holy, with the result that you should not touch me.’ People like that are like smoke in my nose from a fire that burns continually.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:6

ULT

6 Look, {it is} written before me: I will not keep quiet, for I will pay them back; I will repay them into their laps,

UST

6 I have written a record of all the evil things that they have done. And I will not remain silent about all those things; I will certainly punish these people

What did and what will Yahweh do to these stubborn people? (vv6-7)

He has paid them back and will repay them for their own sins and the sins of their fathers.

Isaiah 65:7

ULT

7 for their sins and the sins of their fathers together," says Yahweh. "I will repay them for burning incense on the mountains and for mocking me on the hills. I will therefore measure out their past deeds into their laps."

UST

7 for the sins that they and their ancestors have committed. They have mocked me by burning incense to their idols on the hilltops. So I will punish them like they deserve for doing those things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:8

ULT

8 This is what Yahweh says, "As when juice is found in a cluster of grapes, when {one} says, 'Do not ruin it, for there is good in it,' this is what I will do for my servants' sake: I will not ruin them all.

UST

8 This is also what Yahweh said: "When there is a cluster of nice grapes on a vine, people do not throw them away, because they know that there is good juice in those grapes. Similarly, because there are some people in Judah who faithfully serve me, I will not get rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:9

ULT

9 I will bring descendants from Jacob, and from Judah ones who will possess my mountains. My chosen ones will possess the land, and my servants will live there.

UST

9 I will spare some of the descendants of Jacob who are living on the hills of Judah. I have chosen them, and they will possess that land; they will worship me, and they will live there.

What will Yahweh do for his chosen ones?

They will possess the land.

Isaiah 65:10

ULT

10 Sharon will become a pasture for the flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.

UST

10 Then all the land from the Plain of Sharon near the Mediterranean Sea and as far east as the Valley of Achor near Jericho will become pastureland, where their cattle and sheep will rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:11

ULT

11 But you who abandon Yahweh, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and fill wine glasses of mixed wine for Destiny.

UST

11 But it will be different for you who have abandoned me, you who do not worship me on Zion, my sacred hill, you who worship Gad and Meni, the gods who you say will bring you good luck and good fortune.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:12

ULT

12 I will appoint you for the sword, and you will all bow down to the slaughter, because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not listen. But you did what was evil in my sight and chose to do what displeases me.”

UST

12 It is I, not Meni, who will decide what will happen to you; you will all be slaughtered by swords. That will happen because you did not answer when I called out to you. I spoke to you, but you did not pay attention. Instead, you did things that I said are evil; you chose to do things that do not please me.

What will Yahweh do to those who abandon Yahweh?

He will destine them for the sword and they will all bow down to the slaughter.

Isaiah 65:13

ULT

13 This is what the Lord Yahweh says, “Look, my servants will eat, but you will be hungry; look, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty; look, my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

UST

13 I, Yahweh the Lord, will give to those who worship and obey me things to eat and drink, and they will be happy; but all you evil people will be hungry and thirsty, and you will be sad and disgraced.

What will happen to Yahweh’s servants? (vv13-14)

They will eat, drink, rejoice and shout with joy.

What else will happen to those who abandon Yahweh? (vv13-14)

They will be hungry and thirsty. They will be put to shame and cry because of the pain of the heart and wail because of the crushing of the spirit.

Isaiah 65:14

ULT

14 Look, my servants will shout with joy because of gladness of heart, but you will cry because of the pain of the heart, and will wail because of the crushing of the spirit.

UST

14 Those who worship and obey me will sing joyfully, but you evil people will wail loudly because you will be suffering in your inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:15

ULT

15 You will leave behind your name as a curse for my chosen ones to speak; I, the Lord Yahweh, will kill you; I will call my servants by another name.

UST

15 Those whom I have chosen will use your names when they curse people; I, Yahweh the Lord, will get rid of you. But I will give to those who worship and obey me a new name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:16

ULT

16 Whoever pronounces a blessing on the earth will be blessed by me, the God of truth. Whoever takes an oath on the earth will swear by me, the God of truth, because the former troubles will be forgotten, for they will be hidden from my eyes.

UST

16 The people in this land have had many troubles, but I will cause those troubles to occur no more. Therefore those who request me to bless them and those who solemnly promise to do something should never forget that I am God, who faithfully do what I promise to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:17

ULT

17 For see, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or be brought to mind.

UST

17 Note this: Some day I will create a new heaven and a new earth. They will be very wonderful, with the result that you will no longer think about all the troubles you had previously.

What is Yahweh going to create?

Yahweh is going to create new heavens and a new earth.

Isaiah 65:18

ULT

18 But you will be glad and rejoice forever in what I am about to create. See, I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and her people {as} a delight.

UST

18 Be glad and always rejoice because of what I will do: Jerusalem will be a place where people rejoice; the people who live there will always be happy.

What will be the response of Yahweh's servants to the new heavens and new earth?

They will be glad and rejoice forever in what Yahweh is about to create.

Isaiah 65:19

ULT
19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and be glad over my people; weeping and cries of distress will no longer be heard in her.

UST
19 I will rejoice about Jerusalem, and I will be delighted with my people. People will no longer weep or cry because of being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:20

ULT
20 Never again will an infant {live} there {only a few} days; nor will an old man die before his time. One who dies at one hundred years old will be considered a young person. Anyone who fails to reach the age of one hundred years old will {be} considered cursed.

UST
20 No child will die when it is still an infant; all people will live until they are very old. People will consider that anyone who is a hundred years old is still young; they will consider that anyone who dies who is younger than that has been cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:21

ULT
21 They will build houses and inhabit {them}, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

UST
21 My people will build houses and then live in them. They will plant vineyards and then eat grapes from those vineyards.

What will the people do in the new Jerusalem?
They will build houses and inhabit them, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isaiah 65:22

ULT
22 No longer will they build a house and another live in it; they will not plant, and another eat; for as the days of trees {will be} the days of my people. My chosen will fully outlive the work of their hands.

UST
22 The houses that they build, no one will take those houses away from them and live in them. No one will take a vineyard away from its owner. My chosen people will live a long time, like trees do, and they will enjoy the things that they have done— the houses that they have built and the crops that they have planted.

How many days will the people live?
They will live long lives like unto the days of trees.

Isaiah 65:23

ULT
23 They will not labor in vain, nor give birth to dismay. For they are the children of those blessed by Yahweh, and their descendants with them.

UST
23 They will not work hard in vain, and their children will not die from some calamity. I will certainly bless their children and their grandchildren.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:24

ULT
24 Before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

UST
24 Before they call to me to help them, I will answer; I will answer their prayers while they are still praying for me to do something for them.

In the new heavens and new earth when will Yahweh hear and answer his people?
While they are still speaking Yahweh will hear them, and before they call he will answer them.

Isaiah 65:25

ULT

25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; but dust {will be} the serpent’s food. They will no longer hurt nor destroy on all my holy mountain,” says Yahweh.

UST

25 No one will be harmed or injured anywhere on Zion, my sacred hill: wolves and lambs will eat grass together peacefully; lions will eat hay like oxen do, and they will not attack people. Snakes will not hurt anyone; they will lie on the ground and eat only dirt. That is surely what it will be like because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

What will be different about the animals on all Yahweh’s holy mountain?

The animals will no longer hurt or destroy one another. The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 66

Isaiah 66:1

ULT

1 This is what Yahweh says, “Heaven {is} my throne, and the earth {is} my footstool. Where then {is} the house you will build for me? Where {is} the place where I may rest?

UST

1 Yahweh also said this: “All of heaven is like my throne, and the whole earth is like my footstool. So you could certainly not build a house that would be adequate for me to live in and rest!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:2

ULT

2 My hand has made all these things; that is how these things came to be—this is Yahweh’s declaration. This is the man of whom I approve, the broken and contrite in spirit, and who trembles at my word.

UST

2 I have created everything; all things exist because I made them. That is true because I, Yahweh, have said it. The people I am most pleased with are those who are humble, who patiently endure it when they suffer, and who tremble when they hear me rebuking them.

Who made heaven and earth?

Yahweh made all these things with his own hand.

Of what kind of man does Yahweh approve?

Yahweh approves of men who are broken and contrite in spirit and tremble at his word.

Isaiah 66:3

ULT

3 He who slaughters an ox {also} murders a man; he who sacrifices a lamb {also} breaks a dog's neck; he who offers a grain offering offers swine's blood; he who offers a memorial of incense {also} blesses wickedness. They have chosen their own ways, and they take pleasure in their abominations.

UST

3 You have chosen to continually do the things that you want to do: some of you slaughter oxen to sacrifice them to me, but you also bring human sacrifices to your idols! You sacrifice lambs to me, but you kill dogs to offer them to your gods. You offer grain to me, but you also bring pigs' blood to your idols. You burn incense to me, but you also praise your idols. You delight to do those disgusting things.

What examples does Isaiah give to show man's hypocrisy?

Yahweh says a man who slaughters an ox also murders a man. One who sacrifices a lamb also breaks a dog's neck. He who offers a grain offering offers swine's blood and he who offers a memorial of incense also blessed wickedness.

Isaiah 66:4

ULT

4 In the same way I will choose their own punishment; I will bring on them what they fear, because when I called, no one answered; when I spoke, no one listened. They did what was evil in my sight, and chose to do {what} displeases me."

UST

4 When I called out to you, you did not answer. When I spoke, you did not pay attention. You did many things that I say are evil, and you chose to do things that I did not like. So now I will punish you by causing you to experience the things that you yourselves have done, that you yourselves are afraid of."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:5

ULT

5 Hear the word of Yahweh, you who tremble at his word, “Your brothers who hate and exclude you for my name’s sake have said, ‘May Yahweh be glorified, then we will see your joy,’ but they will be put to shame.

UST

5 But you people who tremble when you hear what Yahweh says, listen to what he says now: “Some of your people hate you and drive you away because you belong to me. They make fun of you, and they say, ‘Yahweh should show his glorious power! We want to see him do something to cause you to be truly happy.’ But some day those people will be very disgraced.”

What do the brothers of those who tremble at the word of Yahweh do to them?

Their brothers hate and exclude those who tremble at the word of Yahweh.

Isaiah 66:6

ULT

6 A sound of battle tumult comes from the city, a sound from the temple, the sound of Yahweh paying back his enemies.

UST

6 At that time, you will listen to the noise in the city. You will hear the shouting in the temple. It will be the sound of Yahweh paying back his enemies.

What is the sound that came from the city and the temple?

It was the sound of battle tumult coming from the city, the sound of Yahweh paying back his enemies.

Isaiah 66:7

ULT

7 Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before pain is upon her, she gave birth to a {son.}

UST

7 No one ever heard that a woman gave birth to a baby when she was just starting to have birth pains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:8

ULT

[8] Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Will a land be born in one day? Can a nation be established in one moment? Yet as soon as Zion goes into labor, she gives birth to her children.

UST

[8] Certainly no one ever heard about such a thing happening, and no one has ever seen it happen. Similarly, no one ever heard that a nation was created in one instant, not in one day. But Jerusalem is like a woman who gives birth to children as soon as she starts to have birth pains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:9

ULT

[9] Do I bring a baby to the birth opening and not permit the child to be born?—asks Yahweh. Or do I bring a child to the moment of delivery and then hold it back?—asks your God.”

UST

[9] Women certainly do not bring infants to the time when they are ready to be born and then do not allow them to be born. Similarly, Yahweh will do for Jerusalem what he has promised to do: he will cause Jerusalem to be full of people again. That will happen because Yahweh has said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:10

ULT

[10] Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her, all you who mourned over her!

UST

[10] You people in Jerusalem, rejoice! And all you people who love Jerusalem should also be happy. You people who were sad because of what happened to Jerusalem, you should now be glad.

Why should all who love Jerusalem rejoice with her and be glad for her? (vv10-11)

We should rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, for you will nurse and be satisfied; with her breasts you will be comforted; for you will drink to the full and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

Isaiah 66:11

ULT

11 For you will nurse and be satisfied; with her breasts you will be comforted; for you will drink them to the full and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

UST

11 You people in Jerusalem will have everything that you need, like a baby that gets all it needs from its mother's breasts. You will enjoy all the abundant and glorious things in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:12

ULT

12 This is what Yahweh says, "I am about to spread prosperity over her like a river, and the riches of the nations like an overflowing stream. You will nurse at {her} side, be carried in {her} arms, and be dandled on {her} knees.

UST

12 Yahweh has promised, "I will cause Jerusalem to be full of valuable things that come from other nations; those things will pour into Jerusalem; it will be like a big flood. I will take care of the people of Jerusalem like women care for the babies that they nurse.

What is Yahweh about to spread over Jerusalem?

Yahweh is about to spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the riches of the nations like an overflowing stream.

Isaiah 66:13

ULT

13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, and you will be comforted in Jerusalem."

UST

13 I will comfort you people in Jerusalem like mothers comfort their children."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:14

ULT

14 You will see {this}, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will sprout like the tender grass. The hand of Yahweh will be made known to his servants, but he will show {his} anger against his enemies.

UST

14 When you see those things happen, you will rejoice. Your old bones will become strong again like in the springtime, when the grass grows. When that happens, everyone will know that Yahweh has power to help those who worship and obey him, but that he is angry with his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:15

ULT

15 For look, Yahweh is coming with fire, and his chariots are coming like the windstorm to bring the heat of his anger and his rebuke with flames of fire.

UST

15 Yahweh will come down with flames of fire, and his chariots will come down like a whirlwind; he will be extremely angry, and he will punish his enemies by burning them in a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:16

ULT

16 For Yahweh executes judgment on mankind by fire and with his sword. Those killed by Yahweh will be many.

UST

16 It is as though Yahweh had a big sword, and he will judge and execute many people.

What will Yahweh use to execute judgment on mankind?

He will use fire and his sword.

Isaiah 66:17

ULT

17 They consecrate themselves and make themselves pure, {so they may} enter the gardens, following the one in the middle of those who eat the flesh of pig and abominable things like mice. [1] "They will come to an end—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

17 Yahweh says, "Some of you will prepare yourselves to enter the garden of idols by washings and special diets and clothing, and you follow into that place, those who eat the meat of pigs and mice, and other things that I have forbidden you to eat. I promise you, I will stop them and they will not do this any more!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:18

ULT

18 For I {know} their deeds and their thoughts. The time is coming when I will gather all nations and languages. They will come and will see my glory. [2]

UST

18 I know all the evil things that they all think and do. It is now time for me to gather together the people who live in all nations and who speak all languages, and to show them that I am very great.

Why will Yahweh gather all nations and languages? (vv18-19)

Yahweh will gather all nations and languages so they may come and see his glory and so that some of those who survive can return to their nations to proclaim Yahweh's glory among the nations.

Isaiah 66:19

ULT

19 I will set a sign among them. Then I will send survivors from them to the nations: {To} Tarshish, Put, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal, Javan, and {to} the distant coastlands where they have not heard about me nor seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations.

UST

19 I will do something among them to show everyone who they are, and those whom I have spared will go to various distant countries: To Tarshish, Put, Lud (home of archers), Meshech, Tubal, Javan, and to distant islands. I will send them to proclaim to nations that have never heard about me that I am very great and glorious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:20

ULT

20 They will bring back all your brothers out of all the nations, as an offering to Yahweh. They will come on horses, and in chariots, in wagons, on mules, and on camels, to my holy mountain Jerusalem—says Yahweh. For the people of Israel will bring a grain offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh.

UST

20 Then they will bring back here your relatives who have been exiled, like the offerings that my Israelite people used to bring in the correct manner to the temple. They will travel to Jerusalem, where my holy mountain is; they will come on horses and in chariots, in wagons, on mules and on camels.

Who will be given as an offering to Yahweh?

The brothers of Israel from out of all the nations will be given as an offering to Yahweh.

Isaiah 66:21

ULT

21 Some of these I will even choose as priests {and} Levites—says Yahweh.

UST

21 I solemnly promise that I will appoint some of them to be priests, and others to do other work in my temple. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:22

ULT

22 For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I will make will remain before me—this is Yahweh's declaration—so your descendants will remain, and your name will remain.

UST

22 I also promise that just like the new heaven and the new earth will last forever, you will always have descendants, and you will always be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:23

ULT

23 From one month to the next, and from one Sabbath to the next, all people will come to bow down to me—says Yahweh.

UST

23 At every festival to celebrate the Sabbath each week and the new moon each month, everyone will come and worship me. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

What will the people do month to month and sabbath to sabbath?

All people will come and bow down to Yahweh month to month and sabbath to sabbath.

Isaiah 66:24

ULT

24 They will go out and see the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me, for the worms that eat them will not die, and the fire that consumes them will not be quenched; and it will be an abhorrence to all flesh."
66:17 [1]
66:18 [2]

UST

24 Then they will go out of Jerusalem and look at the corpses of those who rebelled against me. The maggots in those corpses will never die, the fire will never stop burning them, and everyone who sees their corpses will detest them."

What will happen to the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against Yahweh?

Worms will eat them and fire will consume them.

Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1

Jeremiah 1:1

ULT
[1] These are the words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.

UST
[1] This is the message of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, who wrote this. He was a priest, from the town of Anathoth in the area where the tribe of Benjamin lives.

What kind of work did Jeremiah do?
Jeremiah was a priest.

Jeremiah 1:2

ULT
[2] The word of Yahweh came to him in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah, in the 13th year of his reign.

UST
[2] Yahweh started to give him these messages when Josiah had been ruling Judah for almost thirteen years.

Who was king when the word of Yahweh first came to Jeremiah?
The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah when Josiah was king.

Jeremiah 1:3

ULT
[3] It also came in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the fifth month of the 11th year of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem were taken away as prisoners.

UST
[3] Yahweh continued to give him messages when Josiah's son Jehoiakim was the king, and he continued to do that until Zedekiah had been the king of Judah for almost eleven years. It was in the fifth month of that year that the people of Jerusalem were exiled to Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:4

ULT

4 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

4 One day Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:5

ULT

5 “Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you; before you came out from the womb I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations.”

UST

5 “I knew you before I finished forming you in your mother’s womb. I set you apart for my honor before you were born, and I appointed you to be my prophet for all the nations.”

When did Yahweh choose Jeremiah to be a prophet?

Yahweh chose Jeremiah before Jeremiah was born.

Jeremiah 1:6

ULT

6 “Ah, Lord Yahweh!” I said, “Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a young boy.”

UST

6 I replied, “O, Yahweh my God, do you not see that I am not qualified to speak for you? I am very young!”

Why did Jeremiah say he was not qualified?

He said he was very young.

Jeremiah 1:7

ULT

7 But Yahweh said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a young boy.’ You must go everywhere I send you, and you must say whatever I command you!

UST

7 Yahweh replied, “Do not say that you are too young, because you must go to everyone to whom I will send you, and you must tell them everything that I tell you to say.

What did Yahweh command Jeremiah to say?

Yahweh commanded him to say whatever Yahweh commanded him to say.

Jeremiah 1:8

ULT

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to rescue you—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

8 And you must not be afraid of the people to whom you will speak, because I will protect you from being harmed by them. This will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!”

Why should Jeremiah not be afraid?

He should not be afraid because Yahweh was going to be with him and rescue him.

Jeremiah 1:9

ULT

9 Then Yahweh reached out with his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, “Now, I have placed my word in your mouth.

UST

9 Then it was as though Yahweh touched my mouth and said, “Listen to me! I have put my message into your mouth.

What did Yahweh place in Jeremiah’s mouth?

Yahweh placed his word in Jeremiah’s mouth.

Jeremiah 1:10

ULT

10 Look, I am appointing you today over nations and over kingdoms, to uproot and break down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and plant."

UST

10 Today I am appointing you to warn nations and kingdoms. You will tell them that I will completely destroy and get rid of some of them and that I will establish others and cause them to be prosperous."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:11

ULT

11 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "I see an almond branch."

UST

11 Then Yahweh showed something to me, and said, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I replied, "I see a branch from an almond tree."

What did Jeremiah see?

He saw an almond branch.

Jeremiah 1:12

ULT

12 Yahweh said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to carry it out."

UST

12 Yahweh said, "That is correct. And because the word for 'almond' resembles the word for 'watching', it means that I am watching what will happen, and I will make certain that what I have said to you about destroying nations will happen."

What will Yahweh do with his word?

He will carry it out.

Jeremiah 1:13

ULT

13 The word of Yahweh came to me a second time, saying, “What do you see?” I said, “I see a heated pot, whose surface is churning, tipping away from the north.”

UST

13 Then Yahweh spoke to me again and said, “What do you see now?” I replied, “I see a pot full of boiling water. It is in the north, tipping toward me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:14

ULT

14 Yahweh said to me, “Disaster will be released out of the north on all who live in this land.

UST

14 Yahweh replied, “Yes! It means that from the north great trouble will spread over this land, like boiling water pouring from a pot.

What was the meaning of the pot that Jeremiah saw?

The pot was a picture of coming disaster.

Jeremiah 1:15

ULT

15 For behold, I am calling all the tribes of the northern kingdoms, declares Yahweh. They will come, and everyone will set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all the walls that surround it, and against all the cities of Judah.

UST

15 Listen to what I say: I am summoning the armies of the kingdoms that are north of Judah to come to Jerusalem. Their kings will set up their thrones at the gates of this city to indicate that they are now the kings of Judah. Their armies will attack and break down the walls of this city, and they will do the same thing to all the other towns in Judah.

What will all the tribes of the northern kingdom do when Yahweh calls?

They will come and set up thrones all around Jerusalem and Judah.

Jeremiah 1:16

ULT

16 I will pronounce sentence against them for all their evil in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods, and in worshiping what they made with their own hands.

UST

16 I will punish my people because of all the evil things that they have done; they have abandoned me and they offer offerings of worship to false gods. They worship idols that they have made with their own hands!

Why will Yahweh pronounce sentence against Jerusalem and Judah?
He will pronounce sentence against them because they have disobeyed him.

Jeremiah 1:17

ULT

17 Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be shattered before them, or I will shatter you before them!

UST

17 So, get up and put on your clothes to get ready for action! Then go to the people of Judah and tell them everything that I tell you to say. Do not be afraid of them, because if you are afraid of them, I will punish you as an example right in front of them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:18

ULT

18 Behold! Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land.

UST

18 But listen! I will cause you to be strong, like a city that has strong walls around it. You will be as strong as an iron pillar or a bronze wall. Even the royal officials, the priests, and the general populace will not be able to defeat you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 1:19

ULT

19 They will fight against you, but they will not defeat you, for I will be with you to rescue you—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

19 They will oppose you, but they will not be able to defeat you, because I will be with you and will protect you. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!"

What will the people do after Jeremiah speaks to them?

The people will fight against him.

Jeremiah 2

Jeremiah 2:1

ULT

[1] The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh gave me another message

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:2

ULT

[2] "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem. Say, 'Yahweh says this: I have called to mind on your behalf the covenant faithfulness in your youthfulness, your love at the time when we were engaged, when you went after me in the wilderness, the land that was not sown.

UST

[2] to proclaim to everyone in Jerusalem. He said that I should tell them this, "I, Yahweh, remember in your favor that you followed me and trusted in our covenant long ago. You tried to please me like a bride tries to please her husband; You loved me, and you followed me through the desert.

What does Yahweh remember about the people of Jerusalem?

Yahweh remembers that the people of Jerusalem loved him in the past.

Jeremiah 2:3

ULT

[3] Israel was set apart to Yahweh, the firstfruits of his harvest! All who ate from the firstfruits were held guilty; disaster came upon them—this is Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

[3] At that time you Israelites were set apart to me; you belonged to me like the first part of the harvests belong to me. I promised to punish all those who harmed you, my people, and send disasters on them. This is the way it will always be since I, Yahweh, said that it would happen."

What will happen to the people of Israel?

Evil will come on them.

Jeremiah 2:4

ULT

4 Hear the word of Yahweh, house of Jacob, all you clans of the house of Israel.

UST

4 Listen to what Yahweh says, descendants of Jacob, all you people of Israel. You must listen to what Yahweh says.

What does Yahweh want the house of Jacob to tell him? (vv4-5)

Yahweh wants the house of Jacob to tell him what he did that was wrong.

Jeremiah 2:5

ULT

5 Yahweh says this, “What did your fathers find wrong with me, that they went far from following me? That they went after useless idols and became useless themselves?

UST

5 He says, “What sin did I commit that caused your ancestors to turn far away from me? They worshiped worthless idols, and they themselves became worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:6

ULT

6 They did not say, ‘Where is Yahweh, who brought us up from the land of Egypt? Where is Yahweh, who led us to the wilderness, into the land of the Arabah and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, a land through which no one passes and where no one lives?’

UST

6 They should have said, ‘We need Yahweh. He is the one who brought us safely out of Egypt and led us through a desert plain where there were a lot of pits. We need Yahweh. He is the one who led us where there was no water and where it was very dangerous, through a land where no one lives or even travels.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:7

ULT

7 But I brought you to the land of Carmel, to eat its fruit and other good things! Yet when you came, you defiled my land, you made my inheritance an abomination!

UST

7 But when I, Yahweh, brought you into a very fertile land, in order that you could enjoy all the fruit and other good things that you would harvest, you caused the land that I promised to give to you to be unfit for me and to become disgusting to me.

What did the people do when God brought them to the land of Carmel?

They defiled the land.

Jeremiah 2:8

ULT

8 The priests did not say, ‘Where is Yahweh?’ and the experts in the law did not know me! The shepherds transgressed against me. The prophets prophesied for Baal and walked after unprofitable things.

UST

8 Your priests also did not ask if I was still with them. Those who teach God’s laws are not faithful to me themselves! And your leaders have rebelled against me. Your prophets gave you messages from their god Baal, and they worship worthless idols.

For whom did the prophets prophesy?

The prophets prophesied for Baal.

Jeremiah 2:9

ULT

9 So I will still accuse you—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and I will accuse your sons’ sons.

UST

9 So I, Yahweh, will accuse you in court. In future years, I will also bring your children and your grandchildren to trial! That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:10

ULT

10 For cross over to the coasts of Kittim and look. Send messengers out to Kedar and find out and see if there has ever before been anything like this.

UST

10 If you go west to the island of Cyprus, or if you go east to Kedar land, and if you ask people in those places, they will tell you that no people from their countries have ever done the wicked things that you people have done!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:11

ULT

11 Has a nation exchanged gods, even though they were not gods? But my people have exchanged their glory for what cannot help them. *[1]*

UST

11 No people of any nation have ever abandoned their gods that they thought were glorious and started to worship gods that are not really gods, but you people have abandoned me, your glorious God, and are worshiping gods that are useless.

For what have Yahweh's people exchanged their glory?

Yahweh's people have exchanged their glory for things that cannot help them.

Jeremiah 2:12

ULT

12 Shudder, heavens, because of this! Be shocked and horrified—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

12 It is as though everything in the sky is dismayed about what you have done; it is as though they tremble and are very horrified. I, Yahweh, see and declare this to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:13

ULT

13 For my people have committed two evils against me: They have abandoned the springs of living waters, and they have dug out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

UST

13 You, my people, have done two evil things: you have rejected me, the one who is like a fountain where you can obtain fresh water, and you are worshiping gods that are like pits in the ground that are cracked and which are not able to hold any water.

What two evils have Yahweh's people committed?

His people have abandoned the springs of living waters and dug out cisterns.

Jeremiah 2:14

ULT

14 Is Israel a slave? Was he born in his master's home? So why has he become plunder?

UST

14 You Israelite people, you were certainly not slaves when you were born; so why were you captured by your enemies?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:15

ULT

15 Young lions roared against him. They made a lot of noise and made his land a horror. His cities are destroyed without any inhabitants.

UST

15 Your enemies roared like lions, and they destroyed your land. Now your towns have been burned, and no one lives in them.

What did Israel's enemies do to Israel?

They made Israel become slaves.

What happened to Israel's cities?

His cities are destroyed without any inhabitants.

Jeremiah 2:16

ULT

16 Also, the people of Memphis and Tahpanhes will shave your skull.

UST

16 Soldiers from Memphis and Tahpenes, cities in Egypt, have defeated you and shaved your heads to show that you are their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:17

ULT

17 Did you not do this to yourselves when you abandoned Yahweh your God, while he was leading you along the way?

UST

17 But it is because you abandoned me, Yahweh your God, that these disasters have happened to you, since I had been leading you to safety.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:18

ULT

18 So now, why take the road to Egypt and drink the waters of Shihor? Why take the road to Assyria and drink the waters of the Euphrates River?

UST

18 So why are you trying to make an alliance with the rulers of Egypt who live near the Shihor? Why are you trying to make an alliance with the rulers of Assyria who live near the Euphrates River?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:19

ULT

19 Your wickedness rebukes you, and your faithlessness punishes you. So think about it and understand that it is wicked and bitter when you forsake Yahweh your God, and have no fear of me—this is the declaration of Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST

19 It is because you have been very wicked that I will punish you. It is because you have turned away from me that I will condemn you. When I do that, you will realize that bitter and evil things will happen to you because you have forsaken me, Yahweh, your God, and you no longer have an awesome respect for me. That will certainly happen because I, the Lord, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies in heaven, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:20

ULT

20 For I broke your yoke that you had in ancient days; I tore your fetters off you. Still you said, 'I will not serve!' since you bowed down on every high hill and beneath every leafy tree, you adulterer.

UST

20 Long ago, you stopped obeying me and you would not allow me to lead you. You refused to worship me, even though I saved you from being slaves. Instead, you worship idols that are under trees on the top of every hill. You love and worship those idols instead of me just like an unfaithful man loves a prostitute instead of his wife.

What did the people say after Yahweh broke their yoke and tore their fetters?

They said, "I will not serve!"

Jeremiah 2:21

ULT

21 I planted you as a choice vine, completely from pure seed. How then have you changed yourself into a corrupt, worthless vine?

UST

21 It is as though you were the best grapevine that I could plant, and I planted you so you would grow from the very best seed. So how could you change yourself from the best grapevine into becoming like a vine that is disgusting and rotten?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:22

ULT

22 For even if you clean yourself with lye or wash with strong soap, your iniquity is a stain before me—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

UST

22 Your guilt from your sins is like very bad stains on a cloth, and you cannot get rid of those stains even by using very strong soap. This is true because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:23

ULT

23 How can you say, ‘I am not defiled! I have not walked after the Baals’? Look at what you did in the valleys! Consider what you have done—you are a swift female camel running here and there,

UST

23 You say that you have not sinned. You claim to be acceptable to God and that you have not worshiped the images of Baal. But think about the disgusting things that you do very eagerly in Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem. You are like desperate female camels running here and there to find male camels to mate with.

What animal does Yahweh say the people are like? (vv23-24)

He says they are like camels and wild donkeys.

Jeremiah 2:24

ULT

24 a wild donkey accustomed to the wilderness, in her heat sniffing the wind! Who can restrain her lust? None of the males need wear themselves out pursuing her; at mating time they will find her.

UST

24 You are like wild female donkeys that live in the desert. They sniff the air to find where the male donkeys are, and there is no one who can restrain their lust. The male donkeys that want to mate with them only wear themselves out chasing after them; because at mating time they find them easily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:25

ULT

25 You must restrain your feet from becoming bare and your throat from being thirsty! But you have said, ‘It is hopeless! No, I love strangers and go after them!’

UST

25 You constantly run here and there to find idols to worship, with the result that your sandals are worn out, and your throats have become dry. I told you to stop doing that but you said that you could not stop, and you said that you loved those foreign gods and had to worship them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:26

ULT

26 Like the shame of a thief when he is found, so the house of Israel will be ashamed— they, their kings, their princes, and their priests and prophets!

UST

26 A robber is disgraced when he is caught. And all of you, including your kings and priests and prophets, are similarly disgraced.

What sin will the house of Israel be ashamed of? (vv26-28)

They will be ashamed of worshiping trees and stones.

Jeremiah 2:27

ULT

27 These are the ones who say to the tree, ‘You are my father,’ and to the stone, ‘You gave birth to me.’ For their back faces me and not their faces. Nevertheless, they say in the time of troubles, ‘Arise and save us!’

UST

27 You call a piece of wood that is carved to become a sacred idol, your ‘father,’ and you call a stone that you have set up, your ‘mother.’ You have rejected me but when you experience troubles, you call for me to rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:28

ULT

28 Yet where are the gods that you made for yourselves? Let them arise if they wish to save you in your time of troubles, for your idols equal your cities in number, Judah!

UST

28 Why do you not shout to the gods that you made? Why do you not plead with them to rescue you when you experience disasters? For you have as many gods as you have cities and towns in Judah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:29

ULT

29 So why do you accuse me of doing wrong? All of you have sinned against me—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

29 You complain that it was wrong for me not to have rescued you, but you have all rebelled against me, Yahweh, the one who is speaking to you right now.

What is Yahweh's declaration?

All of you have sinned against me.

Jeremiah 2:30

ULT

30 I have punished your people in vain. They would not accept discipline. Your sword has devoured your prophets like a destructive lion!

UST

30 I punished some of you, but you did not learn anything from my doing that. Instead you have killed many of the prophets that I sent to you, like fierce lions kill other animals.

Why does Yahweh say he has punished the people in vain?

He has punished them because they do not accept discipline.

Jeremiah 2:31

ULT

31 You who belong to this generation! Pay attention to the word of Yahweh! Have I been a wilderness to Israel? Or a land of deep darkness? Why would my people say, ‘Let us wander around, we will not go to you anymore’?

UST

31 You people of Israel, pay attention to what I say. I have certainly never abandoned you in a desert; I have never left you in a very dark land. So, why do you, my people, say that you are free from my control and that you will not return to worship me anymore?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:32

ULT

32 Will a virgin forget her jewelry, a bride her veils? Yet my people have forgotten me for days without number!

UST

32 A young woman would certainly never forget to wear her jewelry, and a bride would never forget to wear her wedding dress, but you my people have forgotten me for many years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:33

ULT

33 How well you make your way to look for love. You have even taught your ways to wicked women.

UST

33 You know how to easily find gods from other countries whom you can love. You can find them more easily than a prostitute can find men to sleep with. You could teach her about infidelity!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:34

ULT

34 The blood that was the life of innocent, poor people has been found on your clothes. These people were not discovered in acts of burglary.

UST

34 You also have the blood of poor people on your clothes; the very people you have murdered; people who were innocent! You did not catch them robbing you!

What have the people done to the innocent and the poor?
They have killed the innocent and the poor.

Jeremiah 2:35

ULT

35 Yet you say, ‘I am innocent; surely his anger has turned away from me.’ But look! I will bring down judgment on you because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’

UST

35 Yet you say, ‘I have done nothing wrong! I am sure that Yahweh will not be angry with me for much longer.’ But I will punish you severely for claiming that you have not sinned.

Why do the people think that Yahweh’s anger will turn from them?
The people think that they have not sinned.

Jeremiah 2:36

ULT

36 Why do you treat so very lightly this change in your ways? You will also be disappointed by Egypt, just as you were by Assyria.

UST

36 Previously you requested the army of Assyria to help you, but they were not able to help you. Now you have requested the army of Egypt to help you, but they will not be able to help you, either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 2:37

ULT

37 You will also go out from there dejected, with your hands on your head, for Yahweh has rejected the ones whom you trusted, so you will not be helped by them.”

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UST

37 They will capture you, and you will be their prisoners, very ashamed with your hands on your heads. That will happen because Yahweh has rejected those nations that you are relying on, and they will not be able to help you at all.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3

Jeremiah 3:1

ULT

1 “If a man divorces his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man’s wife, will he return to her again? Would that land not be greatly polluted? You have lived as a prostitute who has many lovers; and would you return to me?—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

1 “People know that if a man divorces his wife and then she marries another man, her first husband certainly must not take her back again to be his wife again. She would be ceremonially unclean and she has broken the law of Yahweh. This nation is like this woman. But you have more idols than prostitutes have men whom they have slept with! So, why should I accept you if you return to me? it is Yahweh who says this.

What kind of woman does the prophet compare the people to?
He compares them to a woman who has left her husband.

Jeremiah 3:2

ULT

2 Lift up your eyes to the barren heights and look! Is there any place where you have not had illicit sex? By the roadsides you sat waiting for your lovers, as an Arab in the wilderness. You have polluted the land with your prostitution and wickedness.

UST

2 “Look up at the barren hilltops. On every hilltop you have given yourselves to the idols in the way a prostitute gives herself to her lovers. You sat along the roadsides like an Arab nomad who is always waiting in the desert for someone to come; but you are waiting to have sex with those who pass by. Your unfaithfulness is the worship of idols, and your prostitution is just like your idol worship. The whole land is made unacceptable to Yahweh, and your worship of idols is your prostitution and your wickedness is what made you unclean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:3

ULT

3 So the showers have been withheld and the spring rains have not come; yet you have the forehead of a prostitute; you refuse to be ashamed.

UST

3 That is why I have not sent you any rain at the times of the year when you needed it. But you are like prostitutes who are not at all ashamed for what they have done.

Why did the rains not come? (vv3-5)

The rains did not come because the people were not ashamed of their sins.

Jeremiah 3:4

ULT

4 Have you not just now called to me: ‘My father! My closest friend even from my youth!

UST

4 Now each of you says to me, ‘You are my father! You have loved me ever since I was young!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:5

ULT

5 Will he always be angry? Will he always keep his wrath to the end?’ Behold! This is what you have said, but you do all the evil you can!”

UST

5 So surely you will not be angry with me forever!’ You promised you would not obey me, and you did what you said! And you sinned over and over again! But you will not quit sinning!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:6

ULT

6 Then Yahweh said to me in the days of Josiah the king, “Do you see what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up every high hill and under every leafy tree, and there she has acted like a prostitute.

UST

6 One day when Josiah was the king of Judah, Yahweh said to me, “Have you seen what the people of Israel have done? They have turned away from me, like a woman who has abandoned her husband and sleeps with other men. They have gone up on every hilltop and under every shady tree and worshiped idols there.

What did Israel do on the mountains and under the trees?

Israel acted like a promiscuous woman by worshiping idols.

Jeremiah 3:7

ULT

7 I said, ‘After she does all these things, she will return to me,’ but she did not return. Then her faithless sister Judah saw these things.

UST

7 I thought that they would return to me, but they did not. And their brothers, the people of Judah, were watching all of this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:8

ULT

8 So I saw that, in the same way that faithless Israel had committed adultery and I had sent her away and had given a bill of divorce against her, her faithless sister Judah did not fear; she also went out and acted like a prostitute.

UST

8 So I sent the people of Israel away to other countries, as a man writes a note saying that he is divorcing his wife and then sends her away because she has committed adultery. But I realized that, just as the people of Israel, the people of Judah were not at all afraid of me. Instead, they acted just as the people of Israel had done. They also turned away from me and began worshiping idols, just as women who leave their husbands and go to other men.

What did God do to Israel?

He divorced her.

What did Judah do after Yahweh divorced Israel? (vv8-10)

Judah did the same things Israel had done.

Jeremiah 3:9

ULT

9 Her prostitution was nothing to her; she defiled the land, and she committed adultery with stones and trees.

UST

9 They did not care that worshiping idols offended me, so they have made the entire land unacceptable to me by worshiping idols of wood and stone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:10

ULT

10 Then after all of this, her faithless sister Judah returned to me, not with all her heart, but with a lie—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

10 The people of Judah have pretended to return to me, but they have not been sincere. This is true because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:11

ULT

11 Then Yahweh said to me, "Faithless Israel has been more righteous than faithless Judah!

UST

11 Then Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, the people of Israel have turned away from me, but what the people of Judah have done is worse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:12

ULT

12 Go and proclaim these words to the north. Say, ‘Return, faithless Israel!—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will not always be angry with you. Since I am faithful—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will not stay angry forever.

UST

12 So go and tell this to the people of Israel, ‘Yahweh says this to you Israelite people who have turned away from him: I am merciful. I will not continue to be angry with you forever. So return to me.

What does Yahweh invite Israel to do?

He invites them to return.

Jeremiah 3:13

ULT

13 Acknowledge your iniquity, for you have transgressed against Yahweh your God; you have shared your ways with strangers under every leafy tree! For you have not listened to my voice!—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

13 But you must admit that you are guilty, and that you have rebelled against me, Yahweh, your God, that you have worshiped idols under big trees everywhere, and you have not obeyed me. You have turned away from me.

What must the people do when they return?

They must acknowledge their sin.

Jeremiah 3:14

ULT

14 Return, faithless people!—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I am your husband! I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion!

UST

14 But you belong to me, so come back to me, my children! If you do, I will take you, one from each city and two from each clan, and bring you back to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:15

ULT

15 I will give you shepherds after my heart, and they will shepherd you with knowledge and insight.

UST

15 If you do that, I will appoint for you leaders with whom I am pleased who will guide you well because they will know and understand what pleases me.

What will Yahweh give them if they return?

He will give them shepherds after his heart.

Jeremiah 3:16

ULT

16 Then it will happen that you will increase and bear fruit in the land in those days—this is Yahweh's declaration—they will no longer say, "The Box of the Covenant of Yahweh!" This matter will no longer come up in their hearts or be remembered; it will not be missed, and another one will not be made.'

UST

16 And when you become very numerous in your land, you will not need to talk about the Sacred Chest that contained the Ten Commandments. You will not think about it, and you will not want to make a new one.'

How will they think about the ark of the covenant?

They will no longer think about it.

Jeremiah 3:17

ULT

17 In that time they will proclaim about Jerusalem, 'This is Yahweh's throne,' and all the other nations will gather at Jerusalem in Yahweh's name. They will no longer walk in the stubbornness of their wicked hearts.

UST

17 At that time people will say that my throne is in Jerusalem. People from all nations will come there to worship me, and they will no longer stubbornly do the evil things that they desire in their inner beings.

What will happen in Jerusalem?

All the other nations will gather at Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 3:18

ULT

18 In those days, the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel. They will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors as an inheritance.

UST

18 At that time you people of Israel and Judah will return from being exiled in lands to the north. You will return to the land that I gave to your ancestors to belong to them forever.

Will Judah and Israel still be enemies?

No, they will come together.

Jeremiah 3:19

ULT

19 As for me, I said, ‘How I want to treat you as my son and give you a pleasant land, an inheritance more beautiful than what is in any other nation!’ I would have said, ‘You will call me “my father”.’ I would have said that you would not turn from following me.

UST

19 You people of Israel, I wanted to accept you to be my children. I wanted to give you this delightful land. It is a land more desirable than the land of any other nation! I wanted you to call me your father, and I wanted you to never stop honoring me.

How does Yahweh want to honor the people?

He wants to honor them the way a father honors his son.

Jeremiah 3:20

ULT

20 But like a woman faithless to her husband, you have betrayed me, house of Israel—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

20 But you have abandoned me like women who have abandoned their husbands.” That is what Yahweh said, and I told it to the people of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:21

ULT

21 A voice is heard on the plains, the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel! For they have changed their ways; they have forgotten Yahweh their God.

UST

21 Then God said, “People will hear a noise on the barren hilltops. It will be the noise made by people weeping and pleading for God to be merciful to them. They will be admitting that they have forgotten Yahweh their God, and that they turned away from behaving as God wanted them to.

What noise is heard on the plains?

The weeping and pleading of the people of Israel is heard on the plains.

Jeremiah 3:22

ULT

22 “Return, faithless people! I will heal you of treachery!” “Behold! We will come to you, for you are Yahweh our God!

UST

22 You Israelite people, come back to me! If you do that, I will cause you to never turn away from me again.” The people will reply, “We are returning to you, because you are Yahweh, our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:23

ULT

23 Surely lies come from the hills, a confusing noise from the mountains; surely Yahweh our God is the salvation of Israel.

UST

23 When we worshiped idols on the mountains, we did not get any help. Even though we shouted very loudly in our worship, every promise we believed turned out to be lies and only lies. We now know that trusting in Yahweh our God is the only way Israel will be rescued!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 3:24

ULT

24 Yet from the time of our youthfulness shameful idols have consumed what our ancestors have worked for
— their flocks and cattle, their sons and daughters!

UST

24 From the time when we were young, the shameful god Baal has taken away from us everything that our ancestors worked hard to acquire. He has taken away their flocks of sheep and herds of cattle, their sons and their daughters.

What has happened to the things the ancestors worked for?

Idols have consumed the things that the ancestors worked for.

Jeremiah 3:25

ULT

25 Let us lie down in shame. May our shame cover us, for we have sinned against Yahweh our God! We ourselves and our ancestors, from the time of our youthfulness to this present day, have not listened to the voice of Yahweh our God!”

UST

25 So, now we should lie down feeling very ashamed, because we and our ancestors have sinned against Yahweh our God, and we have never obeyed him.”

What have the people and their ancestors done?

They have not listened to the voice of Yahweh their God.

Jeremiah 4

Jeremiah 4:1

ULT

1 "If you return, Israel—this is Yahweh's declaration—then it should be to me that you return. If you remove your detestable things from before me and do not wander from me again,

UST

1 Yahweh says, "You Israelite people, if you come back to anyone, it should be to me. If you get rid of those detestable idols, if you do not go away from me again,

What will happen if Israel returns to Yahweh?
The nations will ask for Yahweh's blessing.

Jeremiah 4:2

ULT

2 You must be truthful, just, and righteous when you swear, 'As Yahweh lives.' Then the nations will bless themselves in him, and in him they will glory."

UST

2 and if you declare, 'Just as surely as Yahweh lives,' when you take your oaths, and if you are truthful, just, and righteous, then the people in the other nations of the world will ask me to bless them as I have blessed you, and they will all come and honor me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:3

ULT

3 For Yahweh says this to each person in Judah and Jerusalem: 'Plow your own ground, and do not sow among thorns.

UST

3 This is what Yahweh says to the people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah, "Cause your inner beings to be ready to receive my messages like farmers plow up hard ground in order that they can plant seed in it. Just as farmers do not waste good seed by sowing seeds among thorny plants, I do not want to waste my time telling you messages that you are not ready to receive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:4

ULT

4 Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and remove the foreskins of your heart, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else my fury will break out like fire, and burn with no one to quench it, because of the wickedness of your deeds.

UST

4 Show that your inner beings and your minds are devoted to me. If you do not do that, my being angry with you because of all the sins that you have committed will be like a fire that will be impossible to extinguish.

What will happen because of the people's wickedness? (vv4-6)

Yahweh will be furious with them and bring disaster from the north.

Jeremiah 4:5

ULT

5 Report in Judah and let it be heard in Jerusalem. Say, "Blow the trumpet in the land." Proclaim, "Gather together. Let us go to the fortified cities."

UST

5 Declare this to all the people in Jerusalem and the rest of Judea; blow the trumpets everywhere in the land to warn the people. Tell them that they should flee to the cities that have high walls around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:6

ULT

6 Lift up the signal flag and point it toward Zion, and run for safety! Do not stay, for I am bringing disaster from the north and a great collapse.

UST

6 Shout to the people of Jerusalem and run away now. Do not delay, because I am about to bring a terrible disaster upon you that will come from the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:7

ULT

7 A lion is coming out from his thicket and someone who will destroy nations is setting out. He is leaving his place to bring horror to your land, to turn your cities into ruins, where no one will live.

UST

7 An army that has destroyed many nations will attack you like a lion that comes out of its den to attack other animals. The soldiers of that army are already marching toward your land. They will destroy your cities and leave them without any people still living in them.

What will the lion do to the people?

He will destroy their cities.

Jeremiah 4:8

ULT

8 Because of this, wrap yourself in sackcloth, lament and wail. For the force of Yahweh's anger has not turned away from us.

UST

8 So, put on rough clothes and weep and beat your breasts to show that you are very sorry for what you have done, because Yahweh is still very angry with us.

Why would the people wrap themselves in sackcloth?

They would do it to show that they were sorry for their sins.

Jeremiah 4:9

ULT

9 Then it will happen in that day—this is Yahweh's declaration—that the hearts of the king and his officials will die. The priests will be appalled, and the prophets will be horrified.'"

UST

9 Yahweh declares that at the time when Yahweh punishes you, the king of Judah and all his officials will be very afraid. The priests and the prophets will be terrified."

Why does Jeremiah think Yahweh has deceived the people?

Yahweh has promised the people peace, but someone is attacking them.

Jeremiah 4:10

ULT

10 So I said, “Ah! Lord Yahweh. Surely you have completely deceived this people and Jerusalem by saying, ‘There will be peace for you.’ Yet the sword is striking against their life.”

UST

10 Then I replied, “Yahweh my God, you completely deceived the people by telling them that there would be peace in Jerusalem, but now our enemies are ready to slaughter us with their swords!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:11

ULT

11 In that time it will be said of this people and Jerusalem, “A burning wind from the plains of the desert will make its way to the daughter of my people. It will not winnow or cleanse them.

UST

11 When that happens, Yahweh will say to the people of Jerusalem, “A huge army will come to attack you. They will not be like a gentle breeze that separates the wheat from the chaff. They will be like a very hot wind that blows in from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:12

ULT

12 A wind far stronger than that will come at my command, and I will now pass sentence against them.

UST

12 They will be like a strong blast that I will send. Now I am declaring that I will punish you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:13

ULT

13 See, he is attacking like clouds, and his chariots are like a storm. His horses are faster than eagles. Woe to us, for we will be devastated!

UST

13 And the people in Jerusalem will say, “Our enemies are about to rush down on us; their chariots are like whirlwinds. Their horses are faster than eagles. It will be terrible for us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:14

ULT

14 Cleanse your heart from wickedness, Jerusalem, so that you might be saved. How long will your deepest thoughts be about how to sin?

UST

14 You people of Jerusalem cleanse your inner beings, in order that Yahweh will rescue you. How long will you continue to think about doing evil deeds?

How can the people of Jerusalem be saved?

They must cleanse their hearts from wickedness.

Jeremiah 4:15

ULT

15 For a voice is bringing news from Dan, and the coming disaster is heard from the mountains of Ephraim.

UST

15 From the city of Dan in the far north to the hills of Ephraim a few miles north of Jerusalem messengers are proclaiming that disasters are coming.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:16

ULT

16 Make the nations think about this: See, announce to Jerusalem that besiegers are coming from a distant land to shout in battle against the cities of Judah.

UST

16 So I said this to the people in other nations, and also announced it in Jerusalem, “Yahweh says that an army is coming to Jerusalem from far away; they will shout a battle cry against the cities of Judah.

Why are the watchmen coming from a distant land?

They are coming because Judah has rebelled against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 4:17

ULT

17 They will be like the watchmen of a cultivated field against her all around, since she has been rebellious against me—this is Yahweh’s declaration—

UST

17 They will set up tents around Jerusalem like people set up temporary shelters around a field at harvest time. That will happen because the people of Judah have rebelled against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:18

ULT

18 and your conduct and your deeds have done these things to you. This will be your punishment. How terrible it will be! It will strike your very heart.

UST

18 You will be punished very severely; it will be as though a sword has stabbed your hearts. But you are causing those things to happen to you because of the evil things that you have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:19

ULT

19 My heart! My heart! I am in anguish in my heart. My heart is turbulent within me. I cannot keep quiet for I hear the sound of the horn, an alarm for battle.

UST

19 Then I said to myself, “I am extremely anguished; the pain in my inner being is very severe. My heart beats wildly! But I cannot remain silent because I have heard our enemies blowing their trumpets to announce that the battle against Judah will start immediately!

Why is Jeremiah in anguish?

He hears the alarm for battle.

Jeremiah 4:20

ULT

20 Disaster follows after disaster; for all the land lies in ruins. Suddenly my tents are destroyed, my curtains in a moment.

UST

20 Disasters will occur one after another until the whole land is ruined. Suddenly all our tents will be destroyed; even the curtains inside the tents will be ripped apart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:21

ULT

21 How long will I see the standard? Will I hear the sound of the horn?

UST

21 How long will this battle continue? How long will I continue to see the enemy battle flags and hear the sound of their trumpets being blown?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:22

ULT
22 For the foolishness of my people—they do not know me. They are idiotic people and they have no understanding. They have skill at evil, but do not know to do good.

UST
22 Yahweh says: My people are very foolish! They do not have a relationship with me. They are like stupid children who do not understand anything. They very cleverly do what is wrong, but they do not know how to do what is good.

What is the foolishness of the people?
They do not know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 4:23

ULT
23 I saw the land. Behold! It was formless and empty. For there was no light for the heavens.

UST
23 God gave me a vision in which I saw that the earth was barren and without form. I looked at the sky, and there was no light there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:24

ULT
24 I looked at the mountains. Behold, they were trembling, and all the hills were shaking about.

UST
24 I looked at the mountains and hills, and they shook and moved from side to side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:25

ULT
25 I looked. Behold, there was no one, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

UST
25 I looked and saw that all there were no more people and all the birds had flown away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:26

ULT

26 I looked. Behold, the orchards were a wilderness and all the cities had been pulled down before Yahweh, before the fury of his wrath.”

UST

26 I looked and saw that the fields that previously were fertile had become a desert. The cities were all ruined; they had all been destroyed by Yahweh because he was extremely angry.”

Why was the land that Jeremiah saw empty?

The land was empty because Yahweh was angry.

Jeremiah 4:27

ULT

27 This is what Yahweh says, “All the land will become a devastation, but I will not completely destroy it.

UST

27 This is what Yahweh is saying, “the entire land of Judah will be ruined, but I will not destroy it completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:28

ULT

28 For this reason, the land will mourn, and the heavens above will darken. For I have declared my intentions; I will not hold back; I will not turn from carrying them out.

UST

28 I will do to my people what I said that I would do, and I will not change my mind. So when that happens, it will be as though the earth will mourn and the sky will become very dark.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 4:29

ULT

29 Every city will flee from the noise of the cavalry and the archers with a bow; they will run into the forests. Every city will climb up into the rocky places. The cities will be abandoned, for there will be no one to inhabit them.

UST

29 When the people hear the sound of the enemy cavalry and archers marching, they will be terrified as they flee from their cities. Some of them will find places to hide in the bushes, and others will run toward the quarries to escape being killed by their enemies. All the cities in Judah will be abandoned; not one person will remain in them.

What will the people in every city do?

They will run away from the attackers and leave the cities empty.

Jeremiah 4:30

ULT

30 Now that you have been devastated, what will you do? For though you dress in scarlet, adorn yourself with gold jewelry, and make your eyes look bigger with paint, you are making yourself lovely in vain. The men who lusted for you now reject you. Instead, they are trying to take away your life.

UST

30 So you who will surely be destroyed, what will you do then? Even though you have worn beautiful clothes and jewelry and paint around your eyes, those things will not help you, because the people in other countries that you think love you really despise you, and they will try to kill you.

What kind of people dress in scarlet and gold jewelry?

Rich people dress this way.

Jeremiah 4:31

ULT

31 So I hear the sound of anguish, distress as in the birth of a firstborn child, the sound of the daughter of Zion. She is gasping for breath. She spreads out her hands, ‘Woe to me! I am fainting because of these murderers.’”

UST

31 It is as though I already hear the people in Jerusalem crying very loudly, as a woman cries when she is giving birth to her first child; she gasps for breath and pleads for someone to help her, and she shouts, ‘Something terrible is happening to me; they are about to murder me!’”

What will happen to those who are now rich?

They will be killed.

Jeremiah 5

Jeremiah 5:1

ULT

1 “Rush about through the streets of Jerusalem; search in her city squares, too. Then look and think about this: If you can find a man or anyone who is acting justly and trying to act faithfully, then I will forgive Jerusalem.

UST

1 Yahweh said to the people of Jerusalem, “Go up and down every street. Search in the marketplaces to find people who do what is fair, who try to be faithful to me. If you find even one person like that, I will forgive the people of Jerusalem and not destroy their city.

At what point will God forgive Jerusalem?

God will forgive Jerusalem if the prophet can find anyone who is acting justly.

Jeremiah 5:2

ULT

2 Although they say, ‘As Yahweh lives,’ yet they are swearing falsely.”

UST

2 But when the people there swear an official oath by Yahweh’s life, they are lying.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:3

ULT

3 Yahweh, do your eyes not look for faithfulness? You struck the people, but they do not feel pain. You have completely defeated them, but they still refuse to receive discipline. They make their faces harder than rock, for they refuse to return.

UST

3 So I prayed, “Yahweh, you are certainly searching for people who are faithful to you. You punished your people, but they did not pay any attention. You crushed them, but they ignored what you were telling them to do. They were extremely stubborn and refused to return to you.”

Even though God has completely defeated the people, what do they still do?

They still refuse to receive discipline.

Jeremiah 5:4

ULT

4 So I said, “Surely these are only poor people. They are foolish, for they do not know Yahweh’s ways, nor their God’s decrees.

UST

4 Then I thought, “We cannot expect these people to act righteously, because they are poor; they do not have any sense. They do not know the way Yahweh wants them to conduct their lives; they do not know what God requires them to do.

Why does the prophet say that these are only poor, foolish people?
They do not know Yahweh’s ways.

Jeremiah 5:5

ULT

5 I will go to the important people and declare God’s messages to them, for they at least know Yahweh’s ways, the decrees of their God.” But they all broke their yoke together; they all tore apart the chains.

UST

5 So, I will go and talk to their leaders, because they surely know how God wants them to conduct their lives.” But they also have stopped obeying Yahweh, and they will not allow him to lead them.

Do the important people know Yahweh’s ways?
No, they have rebelled against him.

Jeremiah 5:6

ULT

6 So a lion from a thicket will attack them. A wolf from the Arabah will ruin them. A lurking panther will come against their cities. Anyone who goes outside his city will be torn apart. For their transgressions increase. Their acts of faithlessness are unlimited.

UST

6 Because of that, lions will come out of the forests and kill them; wolves from the desert will attack them; leopards that lurk outside their cities will maul anyone who walks outside the cities. Those things will happen because the people have sinned very much against God and have turned away from him very frequently.

What did Jeremiah say about the people’s transgressions and acts of faithlessness?
Jeremiah said their transgressions were increasing and their acts of faithlessness were unlimited.

Jeremiah 5:7

ULT

7 Why should I pardon you? Your sons have abandoned me and have made oaths by what are not gods. I fed them fully, but they committed adultery and walked in great numbers to the houses of prostitutes.

UST

7 Yahweh says, “I cannot forgive these people; even their children have abandoned me. When they solemnly declare something, they ask their gods to show that what they say is true. I gave my people everything that they needed, but they often went to the high places on the hills, where they worshiped their idols and committed adultery there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:8

ULT

8 They were horses in heat. They roamed about wanting to mate. Each man neighed to his neighbor’s wife.

UST

8 Just like well fed male horses neigh, wanting to mate with female horses, each of the men desires to sleep with his neighbor’s wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:9

ULT

9 So should I not punish them—this is Yahweh’s declaration— and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?

UST

9 Should I not punish them for this? I will certainly get revenge on this nation whose people behave like that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:10

ULT

10 Go up onto her vineyards' terraces and destroy. But do not bring complete destruction to them. Trim their vines, since those vines do not come from Yahweh.

UST

10 The people of Judah and Israel are like a vineyard. Go along the rows in their vineyards and get rid of most of the people, but do not kill all of them. These people do not belong to me, so get rid of them, like a gardener lops off branches from a vine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:11

ULT

11 For the houses of Israel and Judah have completely betrayed me—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

11 The people of Israel and Judah have turned away from me completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:12

ULT

12 They have spoken falsely about Yahweh and they said, "He will do nothing; no harm will come upon us, and we will not see sword or famine.

UST

12 They have lied about me and said, 'He cannot do anything to help us! He will not punish us! He will not send disasters on us! We will not experience wars or famines!

What have the people said about God?

They have said that he is not real.

Jeremiah 5:13

ULT

13 The prophets will become wind, the word is not in them, so let what they say be done to them.”

UST

13 What God’s prophets say is nothing but wind! They do not have messages from God! And because they have not believed me, all of these things will happen to them!”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:14

ULT

14 So Yahweh, the God of hosts says this, “Because you have said this, see, I am about to place my word in your mouth. It will be like a fire, and this people will be like wood! For it will consume them.

UST

14 So, this is what Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven, has said to me, “Because my people are saying those things, I will give you a message to tell them that will be like a fire, and these people will be like wood that the fire will burn up completely!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:15

ULT

15 Behold! I am about to bring a nation against you from far away, house of Israel—this is Yahweh’s declaration— it is a lasting nation, an ancient nation! It is a nation whose language you do not know, nor will you understand what they say.

UST

15 Listen to Yahweh’s declaration, you people of Israel: I will bring the army of a distant nation to attack you. It is a very powerful nation that has existed for a long time. They speak a language that you do not know, and which you will not be able to understand.

What is Yahweh about to do to the house of Israel?

He is about to bring a nation against them from far away.

Jeremiah 5:16

ULT

16 Its quiver is like an open tomb. They are all soldiers.

UST

16 Their soldiers are all very strong, and the arrows from their quivers will send many Judean men to their graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:17

ULT

17 So your harvest will be consumed, your sons and daughters also, and your food. They will eat your flocks and cattle; they will eat the fruit from your vines and fig trees. They will beat down with a sword your fortified cities that you trusted in.

UST

17 They will eat the food that you have harvested from your fields, even though it should be your own children who eat your bread. They will kill your flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. They will eat your grapes and your figs. They will also destroy your cities that have high walls around them and kill the people with their swords.

What will the enemies do to the Israelites?

The enemies will kill the Israelites' children and eat their food.

Jeremiah 5:18

ULT

18 But even in those days—this is Yahweh's declaration—I do not intend to destroy you completely.

UST

18 But even when those things happen, I will not get rid of all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:19

ULT

19 When you, Israel and Judah, say, ‘Why has Yahweh our God done all these things to us?’ then you, Jeremiah, will say to them, ‘Just as you abandoned Yahweh and served foreign gods in your land, so you must also serve strangers in a land that is not your own.’

UST

19 And when the people ask, ‘Why is Yahweh doing this to us?’ you will tell them, ‘You rejected him and worshiped foreign gods in your own land, so now you will become slaves of foreigners in a land that is not your land.’”

Why will God harm Israel and Judah?

He will harm them because they abandoned Yahweh and worshiped foreign gods.

Jeremiah 5:20

ULT

20 Report this to the house of Jacob and let it be heard in Judah. Say,

UST

20 Yahweh instructed me to proclaim this message to the people of Israel and Judah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:21

ULT

21 ‘Hear this, you foolish people who have no understanding; who have eyes but you cannot see, and you have ears but you cannot hear.

UST

21 “Listen to this, you people who so are foolish, and you who have no understanding! You have eyes, but you cannot see. Yes, you have ears, but you cannot hear anything.

What do the eyes and ears of idols do?

They do nothing.

Jeremiah 5:22

ULT

22 Do you not fear me—this is Yahweh's declaration—or tremble before my face? I have placed a border of sand against the sea, an ongoing decree that it does not violate— even though the sea rises and falls, still it does not violate it. Even though its waves roar, they do not cross it.

UST

22 Why do you not have any awesome respect for me? You should tremble when you are in my presence! I, Yahweh, am the one who put a barrier along the shores so that the waters of the ocean cannot cross it and flood the land. The waves roll and roar, but they cannot go past that barrier.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:23

ULT

23 But this people has a stubborn heart. It turns away in rebellion and goes away.

UST

23 But you people are not like the waves that obey me. You people are very stubborn and rebellious, and have constantly turned away from me.

What does Yahweh want to do for those who fear him?

He wants to bring the rains at the right time so the harvest can be good.

Jeremiah 5:24

ULT

24 For they do not say in their hearts, "Let us fear Yahweh our God, the one who brings the rain— the early rain and the late rains—in their right time, keeping the fixed weeks of the harvest for us."

UST

24 You do not say to yourselves, 'Let us have an awesome respect for Yahweh our God, the one who sends us rain at the times that we need it, the one who causes the grain to become ripe at the harvest season.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:25

ULT
25 Your iniquities kept these things from happening. Your sins have stopped good from coming to you.

UST
25 It is because of the wrong things that you have done, that those good things have not happened. It is because of the sins that you have committed that you have been prevented from receiving those blessings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:26

ULT
26 For wicked men are found with my people. They watch like someone who crouches to capture birds; they set a trap and catch people.

UST
26 Among my people are wicked people who hide along the roads to ambush people like men who hunt birds put nets to catch them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:27

ULT
27 Like a cage full of birds, their houses are full of deceit. So they grow large and become rich.

UST
27 Like a hunter has a cage full of birds that he has captured, their homes are full of things that they have gotten by deceiving others so now they are very rich and powerful.

Are the wicked among Yahweh's people rich or poor? (vv27-28)
They are rich.

Jeremiah 5:28

ULT

28 They have become fat; they shine with well-being. They crossed over all bounds of wickedness. They do not plead the cause of the people, or the cause of the orphan. They prosper even though they have not given justice to the needy.

UST

28 They are big and fat because they eat rich food, and there is no limit to the evil deeds that they have done. In court, they do not help ordinary people get judges to decide fairly for them, and they do not try to defend orphans. They do not even want to listen to them in court.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:29

ULT

29 Should I not punish them for these things—this is Yahweh's declaration— and will I not take vengeance for myself on a nation like this?

UST

29 So I will certainly punish them for doing those things. I, Yahweh, declare that I will certainly get revenge on their nation.

How will Yahweh treat the wicked?

He will punish them.

Jeremiah 5:30

ULT

30 Atrocities and horrors have occurred in the land.

UST

30 Very appalling things are happening in this country:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 5:31

ULT

31 The prophets prophesy with deceit, and the priests rule with their own power. My people love it this way, but what will happen in the end?”’

UST

31 Prophets speak only lies and priests rule by their own authority, yet you people like that! But when you start to experience disasters, what will you do?

How do the people feel about what the prophets and priests do?

They love it that way.

Jeremiah 6

Jeremiah 6:1

ULT

[1] Find safety, people of Benjamin, by leaving Jerusalem. Blow a trumpet in Tekoa. Raise up over Beth Hakkerem a signal, since wickedness is appearing from the north; a great crushing is coming.

UST

[1] You people in Jerusalem who are from the tribe of Benjamin, flee from this city! Blow the trumpets in the city of Tekoa south of Jerusalem! Send up a smoke signal in the city of Beth Hakerem to warn the people of the coming danger! A powerful army will come against you from the north, and they will cause great destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:2

ULT

[2] The daughter of Zion, the beautiful and delicate woman, will be destroyed.

UST

[2] Jerusalem is like a beautiful woman, but it will soon be destroyed.

Why should the people of Benjamin find safety by leaving Jerusalem?
Yahweh will destroy Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:3

ULT

[3] The shepherds and their flocks will go to them; they will set up tents against her all around; each man will shepherd with his own hand.

UST

[3] Enemy kings, the shepherds of foreign people groups, will come with their armies and set up their tents around the city, and each king will choose a part of the city for his soldiers to destroy as shepherds divide their pastures for their flocks of sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:4

ULT

4 “Dedicate yourselves to the gods for the battle. Arise, let us attack at noon. Woe to us for the daylight is fading away, for the evening shadows are falling.

UST

4 The kings will tell their troops, ‘Make the sacrifices necessary to get ready for battle. We should attack them before noontime, but even if we arrive there late in the afternoon,

When will the enemies attack? (vv4-5)

They will attack at noon and at night.

Jeremiah 6:5

ULT

5 But let us attack at night and destroy her fortresses.”

UST

5 we will attack them at night and tear down their fortresses.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:6

ULT

6 For Yahweh of hosts says this: Cut her trees, and heap up siegeworks against Jerusalem. This is the right city to attack, because it is filled with oppression.

UST

6 Yahweh, the commander of the armies of angels in heaven, says this, “I will command those soldiers to cut down the trees outside Jerusalem and to build ramps up to the top of the city walls! This city must be punished because everyone there continually oppresses others.

Why does Yahweh want the enemies to attack Jerusalem?

He wants them to attack because the city is filled with oppression and wickedness.

Jeremiah 6:7

ULT

[7] As a well pours out fresh water, so this city keeps producing wickedness. Violence and disorder are heard within her; sickness and wounds are continually before my face.

UST

[7] Its people keep doing wicked deeds, just as a well keeps producing water. The noise from people doing violent and destructive actions is heard everywhere. I continually see people who are suffering and wounded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:8

ULT

[8] Accept discipline, Jerusalem, or I will turn away from you and make you into a ruin, an uninhabited land.'"

UST

[8] Listen to what I am warning you, you people of Jerusalem, because if you do not listen, I will reject you and cause your land to become desolate, a land where no one lives."

What will happen if Jerusalem does not accept discipline?

Yahweh will destroy Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:9

ULT

[9] Yahweh of hosts says this, "They will certainly glean those who are left in Israel like a vineyard. Reach out again with your hand to pick grapes from the vines.

UST

[9] Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, says this, "Your enemies will cause your country to become as desolate as a vineyard from which all the grapes have been completely stripped from the vines. Their soldiers will seize the possessions of those who remain in Israel after the others have been exiled like farmers go to the vines again to pick any grapes that were left.

Why can Yahweh not warn the Israelites?

They are not able to pay attention.

Jeremiah 6:10

ULT

10 To whom should I declare and warn so they will listen? Look! Their ears are uncircumcised; they are not able to pay attention! Look! The word of Yahweh has come to them to correct them, but they do not want it.”

UST

10 Who can I, Jeremiah, speak to? Who would listen to me, even if I spoke to them? The ears of the Israelite people are unable to hear what I have to tell them. See! the message Yahweh gave me to tell them is offensive to them. When they hear the message of Yahweh, they hate what I tell them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:11

ULT

11 But I am filled with Yahweh’s fury. I am tired of holding it in. He said, to me, “Pour it out on the children in the streets and on the groups of young men. For every man will be taken away with his wife; and every old person heavy with years.

UST

11 After hearing this I became very angry, as Yahweh is angry, and I could not hold myself back any longer. So Yahweh said to me, “Tell the children in the streets and the young men who gather together. Tell the men and their wives; tell the very old people, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:12

ULT

12 Their houses will be turned over to others, both their fields and their wives together. For I will attack the inhabitants of the land with my hand—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

12 Tell the men that I will give their houses to their enemies, and I will give their property and their wives to them, also, when I punish the people who live in this land!

What will happen to the houses, fields, and women?

They will be turned over to others.

Jeremiah 6:13

ULT

13 Yahweh declares that from the least to the greatest, all of them are greedy for dishonest gain. From the prophet to the priest, all of them practice deceit.

UST

13 Everyone is trying to get money by tricking others, from the the least important people to the most important people. Even my prophets and priests, they all lie to get what they want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:14

ULT

14 They have healed the wounds of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, Peace,’ when there is no peace.

UST

14 They act as though the sins of my people are like small wounds that they can easily treat. They tell the people that everything will go well with them, but that is not true; things will not go well with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:15

ULT

15 Were they ashamed when they practiced abominations? They were not ashamed; they did not even know how to blush! So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says Yahweh.

UST

15 They should be ashamed about the disgusting things that they do, but they are not ashamed at all. They do not even know how to blush. So, they also will be among those who will be killed. They will be destroyed when I punish them.”

How did the people feel when they committed abominations?

They were not ashamed at all.

Jeremiah 6:16

ULT

16 Yahweh says this, “Stand at the road crossing and look; ask for the ancient pathways. ‘Where is this good way?’ Then go on it and find a resting place for yourselves. But the people say, ‘We will not go.’

UST

16 This is also what Yahweh said to the Israelite people, “Stand at the crossroads and look at the people who pass by. Ask them what was the good behavior that their ancestors had long ago. And when they tell you, behave that way. If you do that, you will find rest for yourselves. But you said that you did not want to do that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:17

ULT

17 I appointed for you watchmen to listen for the sound of the trumpet. But they said, ‘We will not listen.’

UST

17 I sent my prophets who were like watchmen. They told you to listen carefully when the trumpets blow to warn you that your enemies are approaching, but you did not want to listen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:18

ULT

18 Therefore, nations, listen! See, you witnesses, what will happen to them.

UST

18 Therefore, you people in the other nations, listen to this: Pay attention to what is going to happen to the Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:19

ULT

19 Hear, earth! See, I am about to bring disaster to this people—the fruit of their thoughts. They paid no attention to my word or law, but instead they rejected it.”

UST

19 Listen, all of you! I am going to cause disasters to happen to the Israelite people. That is what will happen to them because they have refused to listen to what I told them. They have refused to obey my laws.

Why is Yahweh about to bring disaster to this people?

They paid no attention to his word or his law.

Jeremiah 6:20

ULT

20 “What does this frankincense going up from Sheba mean to me? Or these sweet smells from a distant land? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable to me, nor are your sacrifices.

UST

20 You Israelite people, when you burn frankincense that came from Sheba and when you offer to me sweet-smelling anointing oil that came from far away, I will not be pleased with your sacrifices. I will not accept the sacrifices that are completely burned on the altar; I am not pleased with any of your sacrifices.

What do the frankincense and sweet smells mean to Yahweh?

They mean nothing to him. He does not like them.

Jeremiah 6:21

ULT

21 So Yahweh says this, ‘See, I am about to place a stumbling block against this people. They will stumble over it—fathers and sons together. Inhabitants and their neighbors will also perish.’

UST

21 Therefore, I will put obstacles on the roads on which my people will travel. Men and their sons and people’s neighbors and friends will stumble over those obstacles and fall down; everyone will die.”

What will the stumbling block do to the people?

It will destroy them.

Jeremiah 6:22

ULT

22 Yahweh says this, ‘See, a people is coming from the land of the north, a great nation is being stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.

UST

22 Yahweh also says this, “You will see a huge army marching toward you from the north. An army of a great nation very far away is preparing to attack you.

What kind of people are coming?
Cruel people, fighting men, are coming.

Jeremiah 6:23

ULT

23 They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are riding on horses, set out in order as men for battle, against you, daughter of Zion.”’

UST

23 They have bows and arrows and spears; they are very cruel, and do not act mercifully to anyone. As they ride along on their horses, the horses’ feet sound like the roaring of the ocean waves; they are riding in battle formation to attack you people of Jerusalem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:24

ULT

24 We have heard the reports about them and our hands fall limp in distress. Anguish seizes us as a woman giving birth.

UST

24 The people of Jerusalem say to each other, “We have heard reports about the enemy; so we are very frightened, with the result that we are weak. We are very afraid, and worried, like women who are about to give birth to babies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:25

ULT
25 Do not go out to the fields, and do not walk on the roads, for the swords of the enemy and terror are all around.

UST
25 So, do not go out into the fields! Do not go on the roads, because the enemy soldiers have swords and they are everywhere; they are coming from all directions, and we are extremely afraid.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:26

ULT
26 Daughter of my people, put on sackcloth and roll in ashes; mourn with painful sobs as for an only son, for the destroyer will suddenly come upon us.

UST
26 So I, Jeremiah, say to you, “My dear people, put on rough clothes and sit in ashes to show how much you are grieving. Mourn loudly and cry very much, as a mother would cry when her only son has died. For your enemies are very near, and they are going to destroy everything.”

Why should the daughter of the people perform a bitter funeral for herself?
She should do this because the enemy will destroy her people.

Jeremiah 6:27

ULT
27 “I have made you, Jeremiah, one who tests my people like one would test metal, so you will inspect and test their ways.

UST
27 Then Yahweh said to me, “Jeremiah, I have caused you to become like someone who heats metal very hot to completely burn the impurities. You will examine my people’s behavior.

What will Jeremiah do as a refiner of God’s people?
He will inspect and test their ways.

Jeremiah 6:28

ULT

28 They are all the most stubborn of people, who go about slandering others. All of them are bronze and iron, acting corruptly.

UST

28 You will find out that they are very stubborn rebels: they are always slandering others. Their inner beings are as hard as bronze or iron; they all continually deceive others.

What are the people like?
They are stubborn like bronze and iron are hard.

Jeremiah 6:29

ULT

29 The bellows are scorched by the fire that is burning them; the lead is consumed in the flames. The refining continues among them, but it is useless, because the evil is not removed.

UST

29 A metalworker causes the bellows to blow very hard to make the fire very hot to completely burn up the impurities. But just as a fire does not cause all the waste material to run off, it is impossible to separate the people from their wicked deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 6:30

ULT

30 They will be called rejected silver, for Yahweh has rejected them.”

UST

30 I, Yahweh, have rejected them; I say that they are like worthless silver.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7

Jeremiah 7:1

ULT

[1] The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

UST

[1] Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:2

ULT

[2] "Stand at the gate of Yahweh's house and proclaim there this word! Say, 'Hear the word of Yahweh, all you of Judah, you who enter these gates to worship Yahweh.

UST

[2] "Go to the entrance of my house and give this message to the people: You people of Judah, who worship here, listen to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Make your ways and practices good, and I will let you continue to live in this place.

UST

[3] This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to you: 'If you improve your ways and start doing what is right, I will allow you to remain living in your land.

What does Yahweh promise to do for the people if they will make their ways and practices good? (vv3-4)

He will continue to let them live in that place.

Jeremiah 7:4

ULT

4 Do not entrust yourself to deceitful words and say, “Temple of Yahweh! Temple of Yahweh! Temple of Yahweh!”

UST

4 But some people are repeatedly saying to you, ‘The temple of Yahweh is here, so we will be safe; he will not allow us and the temple to be destroyed.’ But do not pay attention to what they say, because they are deceiving you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:5

ULT

5 For if you actually make your ways and practices good; if you completely execute justice between a man and his neighbor—

UST

5 I will act mercifully to you only if you change your behavior and stop doing evil things, and if you start to act fairly toward others,

What must the people do in order for Yahweh to let them stay in the land? (vv5-7)

They must make their ways and practices good by practicing justice.

What must the people not do if they want Yahweh to let them stay in the land? (vv5-7)

They must not exploit the weak or kill the innocent or worship false gods.

Jeremiah 7:6

ULT

6 if you do not exploit the one staying in the land, the orphan, or the widow and do not pour out innocent blood in this place, and do not walk after other gods to your own harm—

UST

6 and if you stop oppressing foreigners who live in your country, and orphans and widows, and if you stop murdering people and worshiping foreign gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:7

ULT

7 then I will let you stay in this place, in the land that I gave to your ancestors from ancient times and forever.

UST

7 If you do what I have told you, I will allow you to stay in this land that I promised to your ancestors long ago that it would belong to them and their descendants forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:8

ULT

8 Behold! You are trusting in deceitful words that do not help you.

UST

8 People are repeatedly telling you, ‘The temple is here, so we are safe,’ and you are trusting that what they are saying is true. But those people are deceiving you; what they say is worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:9

ULT

9 Do you steal, kill, and commit adultery? Do you swear deceitfully and offer incense to Baal and walk after other gods whom you have not known?

UST

9 You think that you can steal things, murder people, commit adultery, tell lies in court, and worship Baal and all those other gods that you did not know about previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:10

ULT

10 Then do you come and stand before me in this house that is called by my name and say, “We are saved,” so you can do all of these abominations?

UST

10 Then you think you can come here and stand in front of this temple, which is my temple, and say ‘Nothing bad will happen to us!’, while you continue to do all those disgusting things.

What do the people say after they do things they know God hates?

They go to the temple and say that they are saved.

Jeremiah 7:11

ULT

11 Is this house, which carries my name, a den of bandits in your eyes? But behold, I have seen it—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

11 Perhaps you do not know that you have made this temple, which is my temple, to become like a cave where thieves hide. But I, Yahweh, am telling you that I have seen all these things!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:12

ULT

12 ‘So go to my place that was in Shiloh, where I allowed my name to stay there in the beginning, and look at what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.

UST

12 Long ago I put my sacred tent in the district of Shiloh, to be a place where people would worship me. Think about how I destroyed it because my people, the Israelite people, did many wicked things there.

Why did Yahweh want the people to think about Shiloh? (vv12-14)

He wanted them to remember that he would do to them what he had done to Shiloh because they were guilty of the same sins the people of Shiloh were guilty of.

Jeremiah 7:13

ULT

13 So now, on account of your doing all of these practices—this is Yahweh's declaration—I spoke to you time and time again, but you did not listen. I summoned you, but you did not answer.

UST

13 And while you were continually doing those wicked things, I told you about it many times, but you refused to listen. I called out to you, but you refused to answer me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:14

ULT

14 Therefore, what I did to Shiloh, I will also do to this house that is called by my name, the house in which you have trusted, this place that I gave to you and your ancestors.

UST

14 Therefore, just as I destroyed Shiloh, I will now destroy this temple that was built for people to worship me, this temple that you trust in, in this place that I gave to you and your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:15

ULT

15 For I will send you out from before me just as I had sent out all your brothers, all the descendants of Ephraim.'

UST

15 And I will expel you from this land and send you to other countries far away from me, just as I did to your relatives, the people of Israel."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:16

ULT

16 As for you, Jeremiah, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up a lamenting wail or say a prayer on their behalf, and do not petition me, for I will not listen to you.

UST

16 Yahweh said to me, “Jeremiah, do not pray for these people any longer. Do not call out on their behalf or plead for me to help them, because I will not pay any attention to you.

Why will Yahweh not listen to Jeremiah’s prayers?

He will not listen because he has decided to destroy the Israelites.

Jeremiah 7:17

ULT

17 Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

UST

17 Do you see the wicked things that they are doing in the streets of Jerusalem and in the other towns in Judah?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:18

ULT

18 The children are gathering wood and the fathers kindling the fire! The women are kneading dough to make cakes for the queen of the heavens and pour out drink offerings for other gods so that they will provoke me.

UST

18 The children gather firewood and their fathers make fires on the altars to burn sacrifices. The women knead dough to make cakes to offer to their goddess Asherah who is called the Queen of Heaven. And on their altars they pour out offerings of wine to their other idols. All of those things cause me to become extremely angry!

Why will Yahweh destroy the people?

Because they are worshiping other gods.

Jeremiah 7:19

ULT

19 Are they truly provoking me?—this is Yahweh's declaration—is it not themselves whom they are provoking, so that shame is on them?

UST

19 But I am not the one whom they are hurting; they are really hurting themselves by doing these things for which they should be very ashamed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:20

ULT

20 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'See, my anger and wrath will gush out onto this place, on both man and beast, on the tree in the fields and the fruit on the ground. It will burn and never be extinguished.'

UST

20 So Yahweh the Lord says this: "Because I am extremely angry with what happens at this place, I will punish these people severely; my being very angry will be like a fire that will not be extinguished, and I will destroy the people, their animals, their fruit trees, and their crops."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:21

ULT

21 Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel says this, 'Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and eat the meat from them.

UST

21 Therefore, this is what Yahweh, commander of the armies of angels, the God of Israel, says: "Take away your offerings that you bring to burn completely on your altars and your other sacrifices; do not give them to me; eat them yourselves!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:22

ULT

22 For I did not speak with your ancestors and I gave them no command about matters of burnt offerings and sacrifices, when I brought them out from the land of Egypt.

UST

22 When I led your ancestors out of Egypt, it was not offerings to be completely burned on the altar or other sacrifices that I wanted from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:23

ULT

23 I only gave them this command, “Listen to my voice, and I will be your God and you will be my people. So walk in all the ways that I am commanding you, so that it may go well with you.”

UST

23 What I told them was, ‘Obey me; if you do that, I will be your God and you will be my people. If you do the things that I want you to do, everything will go well for you.’

What command did Yahweh give the people when they left Egypt?
He commanded them to listen to his voice.

Jeremiah 7:24

ULT

24 But they did not listen or pay attention. They lived by their own stubborn plans of their wicked hearts, so they went backwards, not forward.

UST

24 But your ancestors would not pay any attention to me. They continued to do the evil things that they wanted to do, everything that in their stubborn inner beings they desired to do. Instead of coming closer to me, they went further away from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:25

ULT

25 Ever since the day when your ancestors went out from the land of Egypt until this day, I have sent every one of my servants, my prophets, to you. I persisted in sending them.

UST

25 From the day that your ancestors left Egypt until now, I have continued to send my prophets to you repeatedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:26

ULT

26 But they did not listen to me. They paid no attention. Instead, they hardened their necks. They were more wicked than their ancestors.'

UST

26 But you, my people, have not listened to me or paid attention to what I said; you have been stubborn, and you have done more sinful things than your ancestors did."

What did the people do when Yahweh sent prophets?

They did not listen or pay attention. They did evil.

Jeremiah 7:27

ULT

27 So proclaim all these words to them, but they will not listen to you. Proclaim these things to them, but they will not answer you.

UST

27 Then Yahweh said to me, "When you tell all this to my people, they will not listen to you. When you call to them, they will not answer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:28

ULT
28 Say to them: This is a nation that does not listen to the voice of Yahweh its God and does not receive discipline. Truth is destroyed and cut off from their mouths.

UST
28 Say to them, ‘You people of Judah have not obeyed Yahweh, your God; you have not accepted it when he tried to correct you. No one among you is truthful; you do not say anything that is true; you speak only lies.’

What is the prophet to say to them?
He is to say to them that this is a nation that does not listen to the voice of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 7:29

ULT
29 Cut off your hair and shave yourself, and throw away your hair. Sing a funeral song over the open places. For Yahweh has rejected and abandoned this generation in his rage.

UST
29 So, tell them to cut off their hair to show that they are mourning; tell them to go up into the barren hills and sing a sad funeral song, Because I have completely rejected this generation of people who have made me angry.”

Why does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to shave off all his hair?
Jeremiah was to show that Yahweh had rejected the Israelites.

Jeremiah 7:30

ULT
30 For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight—this is Yahweh’s declaration—they have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, in order to defile it.

UST
30 Yahweh says this: “The people of Judah have done many things that I say are evil. They have set up their disgusting idols in my temple, causing it to become an unacceptable place to worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:31

ULT

31 Then they built the high place of Topheth that is in the Valley of Ben Hinnom. They did this to burn their sons and daughters in fire—something that I did not command, nor did it enter my mind.

UST

31 They have built altars at Topheth in Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem, and they sacrifice their sons and daughters on those altars. I never commanded them to do that; it was not even in my thoughts!

Why did the people build the shrine of Topheth in the valley of Ben Hinnom?

They built it so they could burn their sons and daughters in fire there.

Jeremiah 7:32

ULT

32 So see, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when it will no longer be called Topheth or Valley of Ben Hinnom. It will be the Valley of Slaughter; they will bury bodies in Topheth until there is no room left.

UST

32 So they should beware! There will be a time when that place will no longer be called Topheth or the Hinnom Valley; instead, it will be called the Valley of Slaughter. There will be a huge number of people who will be buried there, with the result that there will be no space to bury more bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 7:33

ULT

33 The corpses of this people will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

UST

33 The corpses of my people that are not buried and are left on the ground will be eaten by vultures and wild animals, and there will be no one to shoo them away.

What will become of the corpses of this people?

Birds and wild animals will eat them.

Jeremiah 7:34

ULT

34 I will put an end to, from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem, the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride. For the land will become a desolation.”

UST

34 There will be no one singing and laughing anymore in the streets of Jerusalem; there will be no more joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides in Judah, because the land will be completely destroyed.”

What will Yahweh do to the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?
He will make it so there are no happy people there.

Jeremiah 8

Jeremiah 8:1

ULT

1 “At that time—this is Yahweh’s declaration—they will bring out from the graves the bones of the kings of Judah and its officials, the bones of the priests and the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “After your enemies have destroyed you, then they will break open the graves of your kings and other officials who lived in Judah, and the graves of your priests and prophets and other people who lived there.

What will happen to the bones of the people?
People will spread the bones all over the ground.

Jeremiah 8:2

ULT

2 Then they will spread them out in the sun and moon and all the stars of the skies; these things in the sky that they have followed and served, that they have walked after and sought, and that they have worshiped. The bones will not be gathered or buried again. They will be like dung on the surface of the earth.

UST

2 They will take out their bones from their graves and dishonor them by scattering them on the ground under the sun and the moon and the stars—those are the gods which my people loved and served and worshiped. No one will gather up their bones and bury them again; they will remain scattered on the ground like dung.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:3

ULT

[3] In every remaining place where I have driven them, they will choose death instead of life for themselves, all who are still left over from this evil nation—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

[3] And all the people of this wicked nation who are still alive and whom I have exiled to other countries will say, ‘We would prefer to die than to continue to stay alive here in these countries.’ That will be true because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

Will those who are alive wish they could live or wish they could die?
They will wish they could die.

Jeremiah 8:4

ULT

[4] So say to them, ‘Yahweh says this: Does anyone fall and not get up? Does anyone get lost and not try to return?

UST

[4] Yahweh said to me, “Jeremiah, tell the people that this is what I, Yahweh, am saying to them: ‘When people fall down, they get up again, do they not? When people are going along a road and find out that they are walking on the wrong road, they go back and find the correct road, do they not?

What do people who are lost try to do?
They try to find a way to return.

Jeremiah 8:5

ULT

[5] Why has this people, Jerusalem, turned away in permanent faithlessness? They hold on to treachery and refuse to repent.

UST

[5] Yes, they do, so why do these people of Judah continue trusting in those idols that have deceived them? They continue turning away from me and betray my covenant, even though I have warned them of what will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:6

ULT

6 I paid attention and listened, but they did not speak right; no one was sorry for his wickedness, no one who says, “What have I done?” All of them go where they wish, like a stallion rushing toward battle.

UST

6 I have listened carefully to what they say, but they do not say what they should say. Not one of them is sorry for having sinned. No one says, “I have done wicked things.” They are sinning and doing what they want to; Charging into sinful behavior with the excitement of a horse that is running into a battle.

How did the people feel about their wickedness?

No one was sorry for his wickedness.

Jeremiah 8:7

ULT

7 Even the stork in heaven knows the right times; and the doves, swifts, and cranes. They go on their migrations at the right time, but my people do not know Yahweh’s decrees.

UST

7 Even the stork knows when the seasons change, and the dove, the swallow, and the crane understanding the time of their migration! But my people do not know what I, Yahweh, require them to do.

How are Yahweh’s people not like birds?

Birds know what they are supposed to do, but his people do not know Yahweh’s decrees.

Jeremiah 8:8

ULT

8 How can you say, “We are wise, for the law of Yahweh is with us”? Indeed, see! The deceitful pen of the scribes has created deceit.

UST

8 Your men who teach you the laws that Moses wrote have been saying false things about those laws. So, why do they continue saying, “We are very wise because we have the laws of Yahweh”?

What have the scribes done?

They have written things that deceive the people.

Jeremiah 8:9

ULT

9 The wise men will be ashamed. They are dismayed and trapped. Behold! They reject Yahweh's word, so what use is their wisdom?

UST

9 Those teachers, who think that they are wise, will be ashamed and dismayed when they are taken to other countries by their enemies Because they sinned by rejecting what I told them. Truly, they were not very wise to do that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:10

ULT

10 So I will give their wives to others, and their fields to those who will possess them, because from the least to the greatest, all of them are greedy for dishonest gain! From the prophet to the priest, all of them practice deceit.

UST

10 So, I will give their wives to other men; I will give their fields to the enemy soldiers who conquer them. All the people, including those who are least important and those who are most important, they all are trying to get money by tricking others Even my prophets and priests, they all lie to get what they want.

What will Yahweh do with their wives and their fields?

He will give their wives and fields to other people.

Jeremiah 8:11

ULT

11 They healed the wounds of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, "Peace, Peace," when there was no peace.

UST

11 They act as though the sins of my people are like small wounds that they can easily treat. They tell the people that everything will go well with them, but that is not true; things will not go well with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:12

ULT

12 Were they ashamed when they practiced abominations? They were not ashamed; they did not know how to blush! So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says Yahweh.

UST

12 They should be ashamed when they do disgusting things, but they do not even know how to show on their faces that they are ashamed about their sins. So, they also will be among those who will be killed. They will be destroyed when I punish them.

Were the people ashamed because of their sins?

No, they were not ashamed.

Jeremiah 8:13

ULT

13 I will remove them completely—this is Yahweh's declaration—there will be no grapes on the vine, nor will there be figs on the fig trees. For the leaf will wither, and what I have given to them will pass away.

UST

13 I will allow their enemies to take away the figs and grapes that the people would have harvested from their fields. Their fruit trees will all wither. They will not receive all the blessings that I prepared for them. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.'"

What will Yahweh do because they were not ashamed?

He will have their enemies kill them.

Jeremiah 8:14

ULT

14 Why are we sitting here? Come together; let us go to the fortified cities, and we will become silent there in death. For Yahweh our God will silence us. He will make us drink poison, since we have sinned against him.

UST

14 Then the people will say, "Why should we wait here in these small towns? We should go to the cities that have high walls around them, but even if we do that we will be killed there, Because Yahweh our God has decided that we must be destroyed; it is as though he has given us a cup of poison to drink, because we sinned against him.

What do the people decide to do?

They decide to go to the cities and die.

Jeremiah 8:15

ULT

15 We are hoping for peace, but there will be nothing good. We are hoping for a time of healing, but see, there will be terror.

UST

15 We hoped that things would go well for us, but things have not gone well. We hoped that we would recover and be strong again, but only things that terrify us are happening to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:16

ULT

16 The snorting of his stallions is heard from Dan. The whole earth shakes at the sound of the neighing of his strong horses. For they will come and consume the land and its wealth, the city and the ones living in it.

UST

16 People far north in the Israelite city of Dan can already hear the snorting of the horses of those who are preparing to attack us. It is as though the entire land is shaking as their army approaches; they are coming to destroy our land and everything in it, the people and the cities.”

What will Yahweh’s strong horses do?

They will come and consume the land and its wealth, the city and the ones living in it.

Jeremiah 8:17

ULT

17 For see, I am sending out snakes among you, vipers that you cannot charm. They will bite you—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”’

UST

17 Yahweh says, “I will send those enemy soldiers to Judah, and they will be like poisonous snakes among you. No one will be able to stop them from attacking you; they will attack you like snakes do, and kill you.”

What is Yahweh sending to harm them?

He is sending snakes to harm them.

Jeremiah 8:18

ULT
18 My sorrow has no end, and my heart is sick.

UST
18 My grief for the people of Judah has overwhelmed any sense of happiness. I am very sad in my inner being.

Where are the people who are screaming?
They are in a land far away.

Jeremiah 8:19

ULT
19 Behold! The screaming voice of the daughter of my people from a land far away! Is Yahweh not in Zion? Is her king no longer there? Why then do they provoke me to anger with their carved figures and their worthless foreign idols?

UST
19 Throughout our land, the people ask, “Has Yahweh abandoned Jerusalem? Is he, our city’s king, no longer there?” Yahweh replies, “If they want me to be in Jerusalem, why do the people worship idols and foreign gods?”

Where is Yahweh?
Yahweh is in Zion.

Jeremiah 8:20

ULT
20 The harvest has passed on, summer is over. But we have not been saved.

UST
20 The people say, “The harvest season is finished, the summer has ended, but Yahweh still has not rescued us from our enemies.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:21

ULT

21 I am hurt because of the hurt of the daughter of my people. I mourn at the horrible things that have happened to her; I am dismayed.

UST

21 I cry because my people have been crushed. I mourn, and I am completely dismayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 8:22

ULT

22 Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no healer there? Why will the healing of the daughter of my people not happen?

UST

22 I ask, “Surely there is medicinal balm in the region of Gilead! Surely there are doctors there!” But my people have been badly wounded in their spirits, and nothing can heal them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9

Jeremiah 9:1

ULT

1 If only my head could produce water, and my eyes be a fountain of tears! For I wish to weep day and night for those among the daughter of my people who have been killed.

UST

1 "I wish that my head could produce as many tears as water from a spring, and that my eyes were like a fountain of tears, since I cry night and day for all of my people who have been killed by their enemies.

Why does the prophet want to weep?

He wants to weep because so many of his people have been killed.

Why will Yahweh punish the Israelites?

He will punish the Israelites because they are circumcised only in their body and not in their heart.

Jeremiah 9:2

ULT

2 If only someone would give me a place for travelers in the wilderness to stay, where I could go to abandon my people. If only I could leave them, since all of them are adulterers, a band of traitors!

UST

2 I wish that I could leave my people and forget them, and go and live in a shack in the desert, because they have not remained faithful to Yahweh; they are a mob of people who deceive others.

Why does he want to abandon his people?

He wants to abandon them because they are adulterers and traitors.

Jeremiah 9:3

ULT

3 Yahweh declares, “They tread on their bows of lies with their tongues, but it is not because of any faithfulness of theirs that they grow strong on the earth. They go from one wicked act to another. They do not know me.”

UST

3 They use their tongues to tell lies just as people shoot arrows with bows. They are powerful, but not because they are faithful, but they go about doing wicked things. “They do not know me,” Yahweh says.

What do the sinful people say?
They say false things.

Jeremiah 9:4

ULT

4 Each of you, be on guard against your neighbor and do not trust in any brother. For every brother is certainly a deceiver, and every neighbor walks in slander.

UST

4 Do not trust your neighbors and even your brothers! They all are as deceitful as Jacob was. They slander each other and tell lies about each other.

Why should each of them guard against their neighbors and brothers?
They should guard against them because every brother and neighbor is a deceiver.

Jeremiah 9:5

ULT

5 Each man mocks his neighbor and does not speak the truth. Their tongues teach deceitful things. They are exhausted from committing iniquity.

UST

5 They deceive their friends and never tell the truth. They lie continually and, because of that, they have become skilled liars; they do one oppressive deed after another until they grow tired from sinning so much.

Why are the people exhausted?
They are exhausted from committing iniquity.

Jeremiah 9:6

ULT

6 Your dwelling is in the midst of deception; in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge me—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

6 Jeremiah, everyone living around you is a deceiver. Not one of them will admit that I am God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:7

ULT

7 Therefore, Yahweh of hosts says this, "See, I am about to refine them and test them, for what else can I do, because of what my people have done?

UST

7 Therefore I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: Listen carefully to what I say: I will test my people, like a metalworker puts metal in a hot fire to completely burn out the impure bits. Because of all the evil things that my people have done, there is absolutely nothing else that I can do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:8

ULT

8 Their tongues are sharpened arrows; they speak unfaithful things. With their mouths they proclaim peace with their neighbors, but with their hearts they lie in wait for them.

UST

8 What they say injures people like poisoned arrows do. They say to their neighbors, 'I hope things will go well for you,' while they are planning to kill them.

Why does Yahweh want to test his people?

He wants to test them because they lie to their neighbors.

Jeremiah 9:9

ULT

9 Should I not punish them because of these things—this is Yahweh's declaration— and should I not avenge myself on a nation that is like this?

UST

9 Should I not punish them for doing that? Yes, I should certainly get revenge on the people of a nation that does things like that!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:10

ULT

10 I will sing a song of mourning and wailing for the mountains, and a funeral song will be sung for the oases in the wilderness. For they are burned so no one can pass through them. They will not hear the sound of any cattle. The birds of the skies and the animals have all fled away.

UST

10 So, I will weep and wail for the people who live in the mountains and in the pastures, because those areas will be desolate, and no one will live there. There will be no cattle there to call to each other, and all the birds and wild animals will have fled to other places.

What will the prophet sing?

He will sing funeral songs and mourning songs for the mountains and the meadows.

Jeremiah 9:11

ULT

11 So I will turn Jerusalem into piles of ruins, a hideout for jackals. I will make Judah's cities ruined places without inhabitants."

UST

11 Yahweh also says, "I will cause Jerusalem to become a heap of ruins, and only jackals will live there. I will destroy the towns of Judah, with the result that they will be completely deserted; no people will live there."

What will Yahweh make of Jerusalem and Judah?

He will turn them into ruined places.

Jeremiah 9:12

ULT

12 What man is wise enough to understand this? To whom has the mouth of Yahweh spoken, and he will declare it? Why has the land perished and been destroyed like the wilderness that no one can pass through?

UST

12 I said, “Only people who are very wise can understand these things. Only those who have been taught by Yahweh can explain these things to others. The wise people are the only ones who can explain why the land will be completely ruined with the result that everyone will be afraid to travel through it.”

What will the land be like after it has perished?

It will be like the wilderness, and no one will pass through it.

Jeremiah 9:13

ULT

13 Yahweh says, “It is because they have abandoned my law that I set before them, because they do not listen to my voice or walk by it.

UST

13 Yahweh replied, “These things will happen because my people have rejected my laws which I gave to them; they have not obeyed me or my instructions.

What have the people done to displease Yahweh?

They have abandoned his law and they do not listen to him.

Jeremiah 9:14

ULT

14 It is because they have walked by their stubborn hearts and have followed the Baals as their fathers taught them to do.

UST

14 Instead, they have stubbornly done the things that they wanted in their inner beings to do. They have worshiped the idols that represent the god Baal, which is what their ancestors did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:15

ULT
15 Therefore Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this, ‘See, I am about to make this people eat wormwood and drink poisonous water.

UST
15 So now listen to what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God of the Israelites, say: What I will do will be like giving these people bitter things to eat and poison to drink:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:16

ULT
16 Then I will scatter them among the nations that they have not known, neither they nor their ancestors. I will send out a sword after them until I have completely destroyed them.”’

UST
16 I will scatter them to many nations which neither they nor their ancestors have known anything about; I will enable their enemies to strike them with swords until I have destroyed them.”

What does Yahweh say he will do to the Israelites?
He will make them as unhappy as people who have nothing but bitter things to eat and drink. Then he will drive them from their homes and have them killed.

Jeremiah 9:17

ULT
17 Yahweh of hosts says this, “Think about this: Summon funeral singers; let them come. Send out for women skilled at lamenting; let them come.

UST
17 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “Think about what is happening, then summon those women who mourn when someone has died.

What should the women who are skilled at lamenting do? (vv17-18)
They should sing sad songs so that the people will cry.

Jeremiah 9:18

ULT
18 Let them hurry and sing a mournful song over us, so our eyes may run with tears and our eyelids flow with water.

UST
18 Tell them to come quickly and start to wail, with the result that tears will stream down from your eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:19

ULT
19 For the sound of wailing is heard in Zion, ‘How we are devastated. We are greatly ashamed, for we have abandoned the land since they tore down our houses.’

UST
19 Listen to the people of Jerusalem calling out, saying, ‘We have been ruined! We have experienced a terrible disaster! Now we are very ashamed, because our houses have been destroyed by our enemies, and we are being forced to leave our land.’

How do the wailing people in Zion feel?
They are greatly ashamed.

Jeremiah 9:20

ULT
20 So you women, hear Yahweh’s word; pay attention to the messages that come from his mouth. Then teach your daughters a mourning song, and each neighbor woman a funeral song.

UST
20 You women, listen to what Yahweh says. Pay attention to his words. Teach your daughters to wail. Teach each other how to sing funeral songs.

What should the women teach their daughters?
They should teach their daughters a mourning song.

Jeremiah 9:21

ULT

21 For death has come through our windows; it goes into our palaces. It destroys children from outside, and young men in the city squares.

UST

21 You must learn to sing funeral songs because people will be dying in your houses and in palaces. There will be no more children playing in the streets, there will be no more young men gathering in the city squares.

Who does the prophet say are going to die?
Children and young men are going to die.

Jeremiah 9:22

ULT

22 Declare this, ‘This is Yahweh’s declaration—the corpses of men will fall like dung in the fields, and like grain stalks after the reapers, and there will be no one to gather them.’”

UST

22 There will be corpses scattered across the fields like dung; their dead bodies will lie there like grain that has been cut by reapers, and there will be no one still alive to bury them.

In what way will the corpses be like dung and grain stalks?
There will be no one to bury them.

Jeremiah 9:23

ULT

23 Yahweh says this, “Do not let the wise man take pride in his wisdom, or the warrior in his might. Do not let the wealthy man take pride in his riches.

UST

23 Yahweh says this: “Wise men should not boast about their being wise, strong men should not boast about their being strong; and rich people should not boast about their being rich.

What should people be proud of?
People should be proud that they know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 9:24

ULT

24 For if a man takes pride in anything, let it be in this, that he has insight and knows me. For I am Yahweh, who acts with covenant faithfulness, justice and righteousness on earth. For it is in these that I take pleasure — this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

24 Instead, those who want to boast should boast about their knowing me and about understanding that I am Yahweh, that I am kind and just and righteous, that I faithfully love people, and that I am delighted with people who act that way.

With what does Yahweh say that he acts?

He acts with covenant loyalty, justice, and righteousness.

Jeremiah 9:25

ULT

25 "See, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will punish all the circumcised who are such only in their body.

UST

25-26 There will be a time when I will punish all those people who have changed their bodies by circumcising them but who have not changed their inner beings: The Egyptian, the Moab, of Edom, and of the Ammon people groups, all those who live close to desert areas far from Judah. I will even punish the people of Israel because they are only circumcised on the outside, and physically, and not on the inside, in their inner self."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 9:26

ULT

26 I will punish Egypt and Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, all the people who cut the hair on their heads very short, and those dwelling in the desert. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel has an uncircumcised heart."

UST

25-26 There will be a time when I will punish all those people who have changed their bodies by circumcising them but who have not changed their inner beings: The Egyptian, the Moab, of Edom, and of the Ammon people groups, all those who live close to desert areas far from Judah. I will even punish the people of Israel because they are only circumcised on the outside, and physically, and not on the inside, in their inner self."

Why will Yahweh punish the other people?

He will punish them because even their bodies are uncircumcised.

Jeremiah 10

Jeremiah 10:1

ULT

[1] “Hear the word that Yahweh is announcing to you, house of Israel.

UST

[1] You people of Israel, listen to what Yahweh says:

What does Yahweh not want the people of Israel to do? (vv1-2)

He does not want them to learn the ways of the nations.

Jeremiah 10:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh says this, ‘Do not learn the ways of the nations, and do not be dismayed by the signs in the heavens, for the nations are dismayed by these.

UST

[2] “Do not act like the people of other nations act, and do not be terrified by strange things that you see in the sky, even though they cause the people of other nations to be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:3

ULT

[3] For the religious customs of these people are worthless. They cut down a tree in the forest, and the craftsman carves the wood.

UST

[3] The customs of the people of other nations are worthless. For example, they cut down a tree in the forest. Then a skilled worker cuts a section of it and uses his chisel to carve an idol from that section.

What custom is worthless?

Making an idol is worthless.

Jeremiah 10:4

ULT

4 Then they decorate it with silver and gold. They strengthen it with hammer and nails so it will not fall over.

UST

4 Then people decorate the idol with silver and gold. Then they fasten it securely with nails in order that it will not topple over.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:5

ULT

5 What they make with their hands is like scarecrows in a cucumber field, because they, too, can say nothing, and they have to be carried because they cannot walk. Do not fear them, for they cannot bring about evil, nor are they able to do anything good.'"

UST

5 Then the idol stands there like a scarecrow in a field of cucumbers. It cannot speak, and people must carry it, because it cannot walk. Do not be afraid of idols, because they cannot harm anyone, and they cannot do anything good to help anyone."

What custom is worthless?

Making an idol is worthless.

Why should the people not fear idols?

Idols cannot do anything either good or bad.

Jeremiah 10:6

ULT

6 There is no one like you, Yahweh. You are great, and your name is great in power.

UST

6 Yahweh, there is no one like you. You are great, and you are very powerful.

Who is like Yahweh?

No one is like Yahweh.

Jeremiah 10:7

ULT

[7] Who does not fear you, king of the nations? For this is what you deserve, for there is no one like you among all the wise men of the nations or all their royal kingdoms.

UST

[7] You are the king of all the nations! Everyone should revere you, because that is what you deserve. Among all the wise people on the earth and in all the kingdoms where they live, there is no one like you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:8

ULT

[8] They are all the same, they are brutish and stupid, disciples of idols that are nothing but wood.

UST

[8] Those people who think that they are very wise are stupid and foolish. The idols that they worship are only made of wood! Those idols certainly cannot teach them anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:9

ULT

[9] They bring hammered silver from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz made by artificers, the hands of refiners. Their clothes are blue and purple cloth. Their skillful men made all of these things.

UST

[9] People hammer silver from Tarshish and gold from Uphaz into sheets, and then they give those sheets of silver and gold to skilled workers to cover the idols. Then they put on those idols expensive purple robes that are made by skilled workers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:10

ULT

10 But Yahweh is the true God. He is the living God and eternal king. The earth quakes at his anger, and the nations cannot endure his anger.

UST

10 But Yahweh is the only true God; he is the all-powerful God, the king who rules forever. When he is angry, all the earth shakes; and the people of the nations cannot endure what he does when he is angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:11

ULT

11 You will speak to them like this, “The gods that did not make the heavens and earth will perish from the earth and from under these heavens.”

UST

11 You Israelite people, tell this to those people: “Those idols did not make the sky and the earth, and they will disappear from the earth.”

What will happen to the gods that did not make the earth?
They will perish.

Jeremiah 10:12

ULT

12 But it was he who made the earth by his power, and he established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he stretched out the heavens.

UST

12 But Yahweh made the earth by his power; he made firm ground to stand on by his wisdom and stretched out the sky by his understanding.

What did the true God do?
He established dry land and spread the heavens.

Jeremiah 10:13

ULT

13 His voice makes the roar of waters in the heavens, and he brings up the mists from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain and sends out wind from his storehouse.

UST

13 When he speaks loudly, there is thunder in the sky; he causes clouds to form over every part of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and releases the winds from his storehouses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:14

ULT

14 Every man has become ignorant, without knowledge. Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds; there is no life in them.

UST

14 People are as senseless as animals and know nothing of what God desires! those who make idols are always disappointed because their idols do nothing for them. The images that they make are not real gods; they are lifeless.

What is the difference idols and the true God? (vv14-15)

Idols are not alive, but God made all things.

Jeremiah 10:15

ULT

15 They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.

UST

15 Idols are worthless; they are just objects that make a mockery of the true God; there will be a time when they all will be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:16

ULT

16 But God, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

16 But the God whom we Israelites worship is not like those idols; he is the one who created everything that exists; we, the tribe of Israel, belong to him; he is the commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:17

ULT

17 Gather your bundle and leave the land, you people who have been living under the siege.

UST

17 Yahweh says this to the people of Jerusalem: “The army of your enemies surrounds your city, so gather up your possessions and prepare to leave the city.

What should the people who have been living under the siege do?

They should gather their bundles and leave the land.

Jeremiah 10:18

ULT

18 For Yahweh says this, “See, I am about to throw the inhabitants of the land out this time. I will cause them distress, and they will find it to be so.”

UST

18 I will soon throw you out of this land and cause you to experience great troubles, with the result that you will begin to think of me again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:19

ULT

19 Woe to me! Because of my broken bones, my wound is infected. So I said, “Surely this is agony, but I must bear it.”

UST

19 The people replied, “It is as though we have been badly wounded, and we are very grieved; It is as though we have a very serious illness, and we must endure the pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:20

ULT

20 My tent is devastated, and all of my tent cords are cut in two. They have taken my children away from me, so they no longer exist. There is no longer anyone to spread out my tent or to raise up my tent curtains.

UST

20 It is as though our great tent is destroyed; the ropes that held it up have been cut; our children have gone away from us and will not return; there are no people left to rebuild our great tent.

Why is there no longer anyone to spread out the prophet’s tent?

They have taken his children away from him.

Jeremiah 10:21

ULT

21 For the shepherds are stupid and they do not seek Yahweh; so they have not prospered, and all their flock has been scattered.

UST

21 Our leaders have become just like animals; they no longer ask Yahweh to guide them, so they will no longer prosper, and all those over whom they rule will be scattered.

Why have the shepherds become stupid?

They do not seek Yahweh.

Jeremiah 10:22

ULT

22 The report of news has arrived, “See! It is coming, a great earthquake is coming from the land of the north
To make the cities of Judah into ruins, hideouts for jackals.”

UST

22 Listen! Our enemies’ armies in the north are making a very great noise as they march toward us. The towns in Judah will be destroyed, and they will become a place where jackals live.”

What will happen when the earthquake comes?

The cities of Judah will become ruins.

Jeremiah 10:23

ULT

23 I know, Yahweh, that the way of a man does not come from himself. No person walking directs his own steps.

UST

23 Yahweh, I know that no person controls what will happen to him; no one is able to direct the events that he will experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 10:24

ULT

24 Discipline me, Yahweh, nevertheless with justice, not in your anger or you would destroy me.

UST

24 So correct us, but do it gently. Do not correct us when you are angry, because we would die if you did that.

How does the prophet ask Yahweh to discipline him?

He asks Yahweh to discipline him with justice, not in anger.

Jeremiah 10:25

ULT

25 Pour your fury on the nations that do not know you and on the families that do not call on your name. For they have devoured Jacob and consumed him so as to completely destroy him and demolish his habitation.

UST

25 Punish all the nations whose people do not acknowledge that you are God; punish all the nations whose people do not worship you, because they are completely destroying us people of Israel and they are causing our land to soon be only a desert.

On whom does the prophet ask Yahweh to pour his fury?

He asks Yahweh to pour his fury on the nations that do not know him.

Why should they receive Yahweh's fury?

They should receive Yahweh's fury because they have destroyed Jacob and Jacob's land.

Jeremiah 11

Jeremiah 11:1

ULT
1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

UST
1 This is another message that Yahweh told me:

To whom did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to declare the words of this covenant?
Yahweh said to declare them to each man of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 11:2

ULT
2 “Listen to the words of this covenant, and declare them to each man in Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST
2 “Listen to the agreement that I made with the ancestors of the people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah. Then tell that agreement to them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:3

ULT
3 Say to them, ‘Yahweh, God of Israel says this: Cursed is anyone who does not listen to the words of this covenant.

UST
3 Then tell them that I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worship, said that I will curse everyone who does not obey what was written in that agreement that I made with them.

Why would the people be cursed?
They would be cursed if they did not listen to the words of the covenant.

Jeremiah 11:4

ULT

4 This is the covenant that I commanded your ancestors to keep the day I brought them out from the land of Egypt, from the furnace for smelting iron. I said, “Listen to my voice and do all of these things just as I have commanded you, for you will be my people and I will be your God.”

UST

4 It is the same agreement that I made with their ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt. What happened to them in Egypt was terrible; it was as though they were living in a hot furnace. When I brought them out of Egypt, I told them to obey me, and to do everything that I had commanded them to do. I also told them that if they obeyed me, they would be my people and I would be their God.

To whom was this covenant given?

The covenant was given to Israel’s ancestors.

When was the covenant given?

It was given the day Yahweh brought the Israelites out of Egypt.

Jeremiah 11:5

ULT

5 So that I may confirm the oath that I swore to your ancestors, the oath that I would give them the land flowing with milk and honey, where you live today.”’ Then I, Jeremiah, answered and said, “Yes, Yahweh!”

UST

5 Now tell these people that if they obey me, I will do what I promised to do for their ancestors. I will enable them to continue living in this very fertile land in which they now live.” I replied, “Yahweh, I trust you that what you have said will happen.”

What is the oath God swore to the ancestors?

He swore that he would give them the land flowing with milk and honey.

Jeremiah 11:6

ULT

6 Yahweh said to me, “Proclaim all these things in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. Say, ‘Listen to the words of this covenant and carry them out.

UST

6 Then Yahweh said to me, “Go into the streets of Jerusalem and to the other cities in Judah. Proclaim my message to the people. Tell them to listen to the agreement that I made with their ancestors and to obey it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:7

ULT

[7] For I have been giving solemn commands to your ancestors from the day I brought them up from the land of Egypt until this present time, persistently warning them and saying, “Listen to my voice.”’

UST

[7] When I brought their ancestors out of Egypt, I solemnly pleaded with them many times to obey me, and I am still pleading with them now.

Why did God bring all the curses in the covenant against the people? (vv7-8)
He brought them because the people did not obey the covenant.

Jeremiah 11:8

ULT

[8] But they did not listen or pay attention. Each person has been walking in the stubbornness of his wicked heart. So I brought all the curses in this covenant that I commanded to come against them. But the people still did not obey.”

UST

[8] But they did not obey me or even pay any attention to me. Everyone continued to be stubborn and to do the evil things that they wanted to do. I commanded them to do what was written in the agreement, but they refused. So I punished them in all the ways that I promised that I would.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:9

ULT

[9] Next Yahweh said to me, “A conspiracy has been discovered among the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

[9] Then Yahweh said to me, “The people of Jerusalem and the other cities in Judah are rebelling against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:10

ULT

10 They have turned to the iniquities of their earliest ancestors, who refused to listen to my word, who instead walked after other gods to worship them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah broke my covenant that I established with their ancestors.

UST

10 Their ancestors refused to do what I told them to do, and now these people have returned to committing the sins that their ancestors committed. They are worshiping other gods. The people of Israel disobeyed the agreement that I made with their ancestors, and now the people of Judah have done the same thing.

What was the conspiracy among the people of Judah and Jerusalem?

They refused to listen to Yahweh and worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 11:11

ULT

11 Therefore Yahweh says this, ‘See, I am about to bring disaster on them, disaster from which they will not be able to escape. Then they will call out to me, but I will not listen to them.

UST

11 So now I, Yahweh, am warning them that I will cause disasters to come to them, and they will not escape. And when they call out for me to help them, I will not pay attention.

When Yahweh brings disaster on the people and they call out to him, how will he answer them?

He will not listen to them.

Jeremiah 11:12

ULT

12 The cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and call out to the gods to which they had given offerings, but they will certainly not be saved by them at the time of their disaster.

UST

12 When that happens, the people in Jerusalem and other cities in Judah will offer sacrifices and burn incense to their gods and ask for their help, but those gods will not be able to save them when those disasters come to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:13

ULT

13 For you Judah, the number of your gods has increased to equal the number of your cities. You have made the number of shameful altars in Jerusalem, incense altars for Baal, equal to the number of her streets.

UST

13 There are now as many gods in Judah as there are towns in Judah; the people of Jerusalem have erected as many altars to burn incense to those gods as there are streets in Jerusalem.

How many incense altars to Baal were made in Jerusalem?

The people made an altar to Baal on every street.

Jeremiah 11:14

ULT

14 So you yourself, Jeremiah, must not pray for this people. You must not wail or pray on their behalf. For I will not be listening when they call on me in their disaster.

UST

14 Jeremiah, do not pray for these people, and do not plead with me to rescue them. If you plead with me, I will not pay attention; and if they call out to me for help when they are in distress, I will not listen to them."

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to pray for the people?

He was not to pray because Yahweh would not listen.

Jeremiah 11:15

ULT

15 Why is my beloved one, the one who has had so many wicked intentions, in my house? The meat of your sacrifices cannot help you. You rejoice because of your evil actions.

UST

15 Then Yahweh said, "The people of Judah whom I love certainly no longer have a right to come to my temple, because they continually do many evil things. They think that continually making sacrifices of meat to me certainly will protect them from disasters, with the result that they will be able to rejoice.

Why will the people's sacrifices not help them?

The sacrifices cannot help them because they have done evil and then been happy about it.

Jeremiah 11:16

ULT

16 In the past Yahweh called you a leafy olive tree, beautiful with lovely fruit. But he will light a fire on it that will sound like the roar of a storm; its branches will be broken.

UST

16 I previously said that they were like an olive tree full of green leaves with a lot of good olives on it, but now I will send their enemies to attack them furiously; it is as though I will break off their branches, and their city will be destroyed by fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:17

ULT

17 For Yahweh of hosts, the one who planted you, has decreed disaster against you because of the wicked acts that the house of Israel and the house of Judah have committed—they have angered me by giving offerings to Baal.'"

UST

17 It is as though the people of Judah and Israel were a beautiful olive tree that I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, planted, but now, by burning incense to their god Baal, they have caused me to become very angry. So now I have decided to destroy them."

What wicked act have the people committed?

They have given offerings to Baal.

Jeremiah 11:18

ULT

18 Yahweh made me know these things, so I know them. Yahweh made me see their deeds.

UST

18 Yahweh revealed to me that my enemies were planning to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:19

ULT

19 I was like a gentle lamb being led to a butcher. I did not know that they had formed plans against me, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit! Let us cut him off from the land of the living so his name will be no longer remembered.”

UST

19 Before he did that, I was like a lamb that was being led away to be slaughtered; I did not know what they were planning to do. I did not know that they were saying, “Let us get rid of this tree and its fruit,” so I did not know that they intended to kill me, in order that no one would remember me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 11:20

ULT

20 Yet Yahweh of hosts is the righteous judge who examines the heart and the mind. I will witness your vengeance against them, for I have presented my case to you.

UST

20 Then I prayed, “Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, you judge people justly, and you examine everything that we are thinking. Allow me to watch you getting revenge on the people who want to kill me, because I trust that you will do for me what is right.”

What part of man does Yahweh examine?

He examines the heart and the mind.

Jeremiah 11:21

ULT

21 Therefore Yahweh says this concerning the people of Anathoth who are seeking your life, “They say, ‘You must not prophesy in the name of Yahweh, or you will die by our hand.’

UST

21 It was the men of my own town, Anathoth, who wanted to kill me, and they told me that they would kill me if I did not stop prophesying what Yahweh told me to say.

What were the people of Anathoth telling Jeremiah they would do if he kept prophesying in the name of Yahweh?

They said they would kill him.

Jeremiah 11:22

ULT

22 Therefore Yahweh of hosts says this, ‘See, I am about to punish them. Their vigorous young men will die by the sword. Their sons and their daughters will die by famine.

UST

22 So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, said about them, “I will punish them. Their young men will be killed in wars, and their children will die because they have no food.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the people who wanted to kill Jeremiah?
He said he would kill their young people by war and famine.

Jeremiah 11:23

ULT

23 None of them will be left, because I am bringing disaster against the people of Anathoth, a year of their punishment.’”

UST

23 I have set a time when I will bring disasters to the people of Anathoth, and when that happens, none of them will remain alive.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12

Jeremiah 12:1

ULT

[1] You are righteous, Yahweh, whenever I bring disputes to you. I must certainly tell you of my reason to complain: Why do the ways of the wicked succeed? All the faithless people are successful.

UST

[1] Yahweh, whenever I tell you that I am unhappy about what is happening to me, you always act justly. So now allow me to ask about one more thing that I do not understand: Why are wicked people often very prosperous? Why do things go very well for dishonest people?

What is Jeremiah's complaint about wicked people? (vv1-2)
Things go well for them.

Jeremiah 12:2

ULT

[2] You planted them and they took root. They continue also to produce fruit. You are near to them in their mouths, but far away from their hearts.

UST

[2] You allow them to prosper like trees that grow tall and bear a lot of fruit. They always say good things about you, but in their inner beings, they are really far from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:3

ULT

[3] Yet you, Yahweh, know me. You see me and you test my heart toward you. Take them away like sheep to the slaughter, and set them apart for the day of slaughter!

UST

[3] But Yahweh, you know me very well. You see what I do and you are able to know what I am thinking. Set them apart like we separate the sheep out of the herd so that on the day of slaughter they will be butchered.

What does Jeremiah want Yahweh to do to the people?
He wants Yahweh to take the people away.

Jeremiah 12:4

ULT

4 How long will the land go on drying up, and the plants in every field wither because of the wickedness of its inhabitants? The animals and the birds have been taken away. Indeed, the people say, “God will not see what happens to us.”

UST

4 This land is becoming very dry and even the grass is withering. Even the wild animals and the birds have all died because the people who live in this land are very wicked. All this has happened because the people have said, “Yahweh does not know what has happened to us!”

Why do the plants wither?

The plants wither because of the people’s wickedness.

Jeremiah 12:5

ULT

5 Yahweh said, “Indeed, if you have run with foot soldiers and they have tired you out, how can you compete against horses? If you fall down in the safe countryside, how will you do in the thickets along the Jordan?

UST

5 Then to show me that I needed to be prepared to endure even greater difficulties, Yahweh said to me, “It is as though you have become exhausted from racing against men; so how will you be able to race against horses? If you only prepare to run on open ground, what will happen to you when you are running through the thick foliage near the Jordan River?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:6

ULT

6 For even your brothers and your father’s family have betrayed you and have loudly denounced you. Do not trust in them, even if they say nice things to you.

UST

6 Already your brothers and other members of your own family oppose you. They plot against you and they say bad things about you. So even if they say nice things about you, do not trust them!

Who has betrayed Jeremiah?

Jeremiah’s brothers and his father’s family have betrayed him.

Jeremiah 12:7

ULT

7 I have abandoned my house; I have forsaken my inheritance. I have given my beloved into the hands of her enemies.

UST

7 I have abandoned my Israelite people, the people whom I chose to belong to me. I have allowed their enemies to conquer the people whom I love.

Why does God hate his people?
They have set themselves against him.

Jeremiah 12:8

ULT

8 My inheritance has become to me like a lion in a thicket; she sets herself against me with her own voice, so I hate her.

UST

8 My people have become to me like a lion in the forest. It is as though they roar at me like a lion, so now I hate them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:9

ULT

9 Has not my inheritance become a speckled bird, that other birds of prey go against her all around? Go and gather all the wild beasts and bring them to devour her.

UST

9 My chosen people have become like speckled birds that are surrounded by vultures waiting to eat their flesh. Tell all the wild animals to come and eat the flesh until they are full.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:10

ULT

10 Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard. They have stomped all over my portion of land; they turned my delightful portion into a wilderness, a desolation.

UST

10 Many rulers from other countries have come with their armies and devastated my people whom I care for like a farmer takes care of his vineyard. They have caused my beautiful land to become a barren desert where no one lives.

What have the shepherds done to the delightful portion? (vv10-11)

They have turned it into a wilderness.

Jeremiah 12:11

ULT

11 They have made her a desolation. I mourn for her; she is desolate. All the land has been made desolate, for there is no one who takes it to heart.

UST

11 They have caused it to become completely empty; So now it is as though I am mourning the death of a loved one. The whole land is desolate, and no one worries about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:12

ULT

12 Destroyers have come against all the bare places in the wilderness, for Yahweh's sword is devouring from one end of the land to the other. There is no safety for any living creature.

UST

12 The soldiers of our enemies have marched across all the barren hilltops. But I, Yahweh, am using those armies to punish your land from one end to the other, and no one will escape.

Where in the land is there safety for living creatures?

There is no safety in the land.

Jeremiah 12:13

ULT

13 They have sown wheat but harvest thornbushes. They are exhausted from work but have gained nothing. So be ashamed of your gain because of Yahweh's anger."

UST

13 It is as though my people planted wheat, but now they are harvesting thorns. They have become very tired because of much hard work, but they have gained nothing from all that work. They will be very disappointed because their harvests will be very small, and that will happen because I, Yahweh, am extremely angry with them."

Why should the workers be ashamed of their gain?

They should be ashamed because of Yahweh's anger.

Jeremiah 12:14

ULT

14 Yahweh says this against all my neighbors, the wicked ones who strike at the possession that I made my people Israel inherit, "See, I am the one who is about to uproot them from their own ground, and I will pull up the house of Judah from among them.

UST

14 This is also what Yahweh said to me: "I will punish the evil nearby nations that have been trying to take away the land that I gave to my Israelite people. I will force them to leave their own lands. But I will throw the people of Judah out of their lands, also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 12:15

ULT

15 Then after I uproot those nations, it will happen that I will have compassion on them and bring them back; I will return them—each man to his inheritance and his land.

UST

15 But later I will act mercifully toward those nations again, and I will bring them back to their own lands again. Each clan will come back to its own land.

What will happen to the house of Judah when Yahweh has compassion on them?

Yahweh will bring them back to their land.

Jeremiah 12:16

ULT

16 It will come about that if those nations carefully learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name ‘As Yahweh lives’ just as they have taught my people to swear by Baal, then they will be built up in the midst of my people.

UST

16 And if the people of the other nations whose armies have invaded Israel learn the religious customs of my people, and if they learn that I am listening when they solemnly promise that they will do something, like they taught my people to believe that their god Baal was listening when they made solemn promises, I will cause them to become prosperous, and they also will be my people.

What is Yahweh’s promise to those nations who learn to swear, “As Yahweh lives”?

They will be built up in the midst of Yahweh’s people.

Jeremiah 12:17

ULT

17 But if any do not listen, then I will uproot that nation. It will certainly be uprooted and destroyed—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

17 But I will expel any nation whose people refuse to obey me, and I will destroy that nation and its people. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

What will happen if those nations do not listen?

Yahweh will uproot them.

Jeremiah 13

Jeremiah 13:1

ULT

1 Yahweh said this to me, “Go and buy a linen undergarment and put it on around your waist, but do not put it in water first.”

UST

1 One day Yahweh said to me, “Go and buy a linen waistcloth. Put it on, but do not wash it.”

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do with the linen undergarment? (vv1-4)
He tells Jeremiah to put the undergarment on and then take it to the Euphrates and hide it.

Jeremiah 13:2

ULT

2 So I bought an undergarment as Yahweh directed, and I put it on around my waist.

UST

2 So I bought a very nice waistcloth, which is what Yahweh told me to do, and I put it on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:3

ULT

3 Then the word of Yahweh came to me a second time, saying,

UST

3 Then later Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:4

ULT

4 “Take the undergarment that you purchased that is around your waist, get up and go now to Perath. [1] Hide it there in a rock crevice.”

UST

4 He said, “Go to the Euphrates River and hide your waistcloth in a crevice in the rocks.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:5

ULT

5 So I went and hid it in Perath, just as Yahweh had commanded me.

UST

5 So I went to the river and did what Yahweh told me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:6

ULT

6 After many days, Yahweh said to me, “Get up and go back to Perath. Take from there the undergarment that I had told you to hide.”

UST

6 A long time later, Yahweh said to me, “Go back to the river and get the waistcloth that I told you to hide there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:7

ULT

7 So I went back to Perath [2] and dug out the undergarment from where I had hid it, and behold, it was destroyed and completely useless.

UST

7 So I went to the Euphrates River and dug out the waistcloth from the crevice in which I had hidden it. But it was ruined, and useless.

What was the quality of the undergarment when Jeremiah dug it out from where he had hidden it?
It was no good at all.

Jeremiah 13:8

ULT

8 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

8 Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:9

ULT

9 “Yahweh says this: In the same way I will destroy the great arrogance of Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

9 “What happened to your waistcloth shows that I will destroy the things that the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah are very proud of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:10

ULT

10 This wicked people who refuses to listen to my word, who walk in the hardness of their heart, who go after other gods to worship them and bow down to them—they will be like this undergarment that is good for nothing.

UST

10 Those wicked people refuse to pay attention to what I say. They stubbornly do just what they desire to do; they worship other gods. Therefore, they will become completely useless, like your waistcloth.

How are the wicked people like the undergarment?

They are good for nothing because they refuse to listen to Yahweh's word.

Jeremiah 13:11

ULT

11 For just as an undergarment clings to someone's hips, so I have made all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah cling to me—this is Yahweh's declaration—to be my people, to bring me fame, praise, and honor. But they would not listen to me.

UST

11 Just like a waistcloth clings closely to a man's waist, I wanted the people of Israel and Judah to cling closely to me. I wanted them to be my people, people who would praise me and honor me. But they would not pay attention to me.

What three things does Yahweh want his people to bring to him?

He wants them to bring him fame, praise, and honor.

Jeremiah 13:12

ULT

12 So you must speak this word to them, 'Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this: Every jar will be filled with wine.' They will say to you, 'Do we not indeed know that every jar will be filled with wine?'

UST

12 So, tell this to them: 'Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says that every leather wineskin should be filled with wine.' And when you tell that to them, they will reply, 'Of course we know that all wineskins should be filled with wine!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:13

ULT

13 So say to them, ‘Yahweh says this: See, I am about to fill with drunkenness every inhabitant of this land, the kings who sit on David’s throne, the priests, prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

13 And then you must tell them, ‘No, that is not what Yahweh means. What he said means that he will cause this land to be filled with people who are drunk. That will include all of you—the king who sits on the throne that King David previously sat on, the priests and the prophets, and even the common people of Jerusalem.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:14

ULT

14 Then I will smash each man against his brother, fathers and children together—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will not pity them or have compassion, and I will not spare them from destruction.’”

UST

14 He is saying, ‘I will cause a drunken brawl among you. Even parents will brawl with their children. I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you at all; pitying you will not prevent me from getting rid of you.’”

What will Yahweh fill all the people with?

He will fill them with drunkenness.

What will Yahweh do after he fills the people with drunkenness?

He will destroy them.

Jeremiah 13:15

ULT

15 Listen and pay attention. Do not be arrogant, for Yahweh had spoken.

UST

15 You people of Judah, pay very careful attention. Do not be proud, because Yahweh has spoken to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:16

ULT

16 Give honor to Yahweh your God before he brings darkness, and before he causes your feet to stumble on the mountains at twilight. For you are hoping for light, but he will turn the place into a deep darkness, into a dark cloud.

UST

16 It is as though he is ready to bring darkness on you and to cause you to stumble and fall as you walk on the hills when it is becoming dark. So praise Yahweh your God before that happens. If you do not do that, you will look for light, but all you will see is darkness and gloom.

What will happen if the people do not give honor to Yahweh?

He will bring darkness.

Jeremiah 13:17

ULT

17 So if you will not listen, I will weep alone because of your arrogance. My eyes will certainly weep and flow with tears, for Yahweh's flock has been taken captive.

UST

17 And if you still refuse to heed what he says, what will happen to you because of your being proud will cause me to cry when I am alone. My eyes will be filled with tears because you, Yahweh's people, whom he takes care of like a shepherd takes care of his flock, will all be captured by your enemies and taken to other countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:18

ULT

18 "Say to the king and to the queen, 'Come down from your thrones, for your splendid crowns have fallen from your heads.'

UST

18 You people of Judah, say to the king and to his mother, "Come down from sitting on your thrones and humbly sit in the dirt, because your enemies will soon snatch from your heads your glorious crowns."

Why should the king and queen mother humble themselves?

Their crowns have fallen off.

Jeremiah 13:19

ULT

19 The cities in the Negev will be shut up, with no one to open them. All Judah will be taken captive, completely taken captive.

UST

19 The towns in the southern Judean wilderness will be surrounded by your enemies, and no one will be able to get through their lines to rescue the people in those towns. You people of Judah will be captured and taken away; you will all be exiled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:20

ULT

20 Lift up your eyes and look at the ones coming from the north. Where is the flock he gave to you, the flock that was so beautiful to you?

UST

20 You leaders of Jerusalem, open your eyes and look: the enemy armies are ready to march down from the north. When that happens, what will happen to the people of Judah who are like a beautiful flock of sheep, people that he gave to you to take care of?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:21

ULT

21 What will you say when God sets over you those you had trained to be your special allies? Are these not the beginnings of the labor pains that will seize you just like a woman in childbirth?

UST

21 What will you say when Yahweh appoints people from other countries to rule over you, people who you mistakenly thought were your friends? You will suffer very much pain, like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby.

Whom will God place over the people?

He will place over them those whom they had taught to be their friends.

Jeremiah 13:22

ULT

22 Then you might say in your heart, ‘Why are these things happening to me?’ It will be for the multitude of your iniquities that your skirts are raised up and you have been violated.

UST

22 You will ask yourselves, “Why is this happening to us?” I will reply that it is because of your many sins. That is why soldiers of the invading armies will lift up the skirts of your women and rape them.

Why are bad things happening to the people?

Bad things are happening because the people have committed many iniquities.

Jeremiah 13:23

ULT

23 Can the people of Cush change their skin color, or can a leopard change its spots? If so, then you yourself, although accustomed to wickedness, would be able to do good.

UST

23 A man from Ethiopia certainly cannot change the color of his black skin, and a leopard certainly cannot change its spots. Similarly, you cannot start doing what is good, because you have always done what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:24

ULT

24 So I will scatter them like chaff that perishes in the desert wind.

UST

24 Yahweh says, “I will scatter you like chaff that is blown away by the wind from the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:25

ULT

25 This is what I have given to you, the portion I have decreed for you—this is Yahweh's declaration— because you have forgotten me and trusted in deceit.

UST

25 That is what is certainly going to happen to you, the things that I have determined will happen to you, because you have forgotten me, and you are trusting in false gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:26

ULT

26 So also I myself will strip your skirts off you, and your private parts will be seen.

UST

26 It is as though I myself will pull your skirts up over your faces and cause you to be very ashamed because everyone will be able to see your private parts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 13:27

ULT

27 I have seen your adultery and neighing, the wickedness of your prostitution on the hills and in the fields, these detestable things! Woe to you, Jerusalem! How long until you are made clean again?"
13:4 [1] as .
13:7 [2] as .

UST

27 I have seen that you act like men who are eager to commit adultery; you are like male horses that whinny when they desire to mate with a female horse. I have seen that you worship disgusting idols in the fields and on the hills. You people of Jerusalem, terrible things will happen to you because you will not be obedient and live a good life! How long will it be until you are acceptable to me again?"

What will Yahweh do about the bad things the people have done in secret?

He will show them to everyone.

Jeremiah 14

Jeremiah 14:1

ULT
1 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah regarding the drought,

UST
1 After there had been no rain in Judah for a long time, Yahweh gave Jeremiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:2

ULT
2 “Let Judah mourn; let her gates fall apart. They are wailing for the land; their cries for Jerusalem are going up.

UST
2 The people in Judah are very distressed; people are sitting on the ground and mourning; in all of Jerusalem people are crying loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:3

ULT
3 Their mighty ones send out their servants for water. When they go to the trenches, they cannot find water. They all return with empty vessels; they cover their heads ashamed and dishonored.

UST
3 The rich people send their servants to wells to get water, but all the wells are dry. The servants return with empty pitchers; they cover their heads because they are ashamed and humiliated.

What happens when the servants search for water?
They do not find any.

Jeremiah 14:4

ULT

[4] Because of this the ground is cracked, for there is no rain in the land. The plowmen are ashamed and cover their heads.

UST

[4] The ground is extremely dry and cracked open because there has been no rain. The farmers are ashamed that they cannot raise a crop, so they also cover their heads.

What happens when there is no rain? (vv4-6)
There is no grass or vegetation.

Jeremiah 14:5

ULT

[5] For even the doe abandons her young in the fields, for there is no grass.

UST

[5] Even the does abandon their newborn babies, because there is no grass in the fields for them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:6

ULT

[6] The wild donkeys stand on the bare plains and they pant in the wind like jackals. Their eyes fail to work, for there is no vegetation."

UST

[6] The wild donkeys stand on the barren hills, panting like thirsty jackals. They become blind because there is no grass to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:7

ULT

[7] Even though our iniquities testify against us, Yahweh, act for the sake of your name. For our faithless actions increase; we have sinned against you.

UST

[7] The people say, “Yahweh, if we have turned away from you and sinned many times, we now know that we are being punished because of our sins! Please help us in order that everyone can see that you are very great and keep your promises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:8

ULT

[8] You are the Hope of Israel, the one who saves him in the time of distress. Why will you be like a stranger in the land, like a foreign wanderer who stretches out and spends just one night?

UST

[8] You are the one whom we Israelites confidently expect to do good things for us when we have many troubles. So, why do you not help us? You act as though you are a stranger in our land, like you are someone who is staying here for only one night.

When does Yahweh save Israel?
He saves Israel in the time of distress.

Jeremiah 14:9

ULT

[9] Why are you like someone who is astounded, or like a warrior who has no power to rescue? You are in our midst, Yahweh, and your name is called over us. Do not leave us!

UST

[9] Are you also surprised about the terrible things that are happening to us? Why do you act like you are unable to save anyone, even though you are a strong warrior? Yahweh, you are here among us, and others know that we are your people, so do not abandon us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:10

ULT

10 Yahweh says this to this people: “Since they love to wander, they have not held back their feet from doing so.” Yahweh is not pleased with them. Now he calls to mind their iniquity and has punished their sins.

UST

10 And this is what Yahweh says to those people: “You love to wander away from me; you run from one idol to another. Therefore, now I will no longer accept you, and I will punish you for your sins.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:11

ULT

11 Yahweh said to me, “Do not pray for good on behalf of this people.

UST

11 Then Yahweh said to me, “Do not pray for these people anymore.

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah not to do for the people?

Yahweh tells Jeremiah not to pray for good for the people.

Jeremiah 14:12

ULT

12 For if they fast, I will not listen to their wailing, and if they offer up burnt offerings and food offerings, I will not take pleasure in them. For I will put an end to them by sword, famine, and plague.”

UST

12 When they fast, I will not pay any attention. When they bring to me their offerings of animals to be completely burned on the altar and their offerings of flour, I will not accept them. Instead, I will get rid of them by wars, by famines, and by diseases.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:13

ULT

13 Then I said, “Oh, Lord Yahweh! Behold! The prophets are saying to the people, ‘You will not see the sword; there will be no famine for you, for I will give you true security in this place.’”

UST

13 Then I replied to him, “Yahweh my God, their prophets are telling the people that they will not experience wars or famines. They are telling the people that you will surely allow us to have peace in our land for many years.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:14

ULT

14 Yahweh said to me, “The prophets prophesy deceit in my name. I did not send them out, nor did I give them any command or speak to them. But deceitful visions and useless, deceitful divination coming from their own minds are what they are prophesying to you.”

UST

14 Yahweh replied to me, “Those prophets say that they are speaking what I tell them to say, but they are telling lies. I did not send them, so what they are saying is false. They say that they have received visions from me, and that they are telling things that I have revealed to them, but that is not true. They are saying foolish things that they have only thought of themselves.

From where do the deceitful words of the false prophets come?

They come from the hearts of the false prophets.

Jeremiah 14:15

ULT

15 Therefore Yahweh says this, “About the prophets prophesying in my name but whom I did not send out—those who say there will be no sword or famine in this land: These prophets will perish by sword and famine.

UST

15 So this is what I say about those prophets who are predicting what will happen, saying that I told them those things: They are saying that we Israelites will not die from wars or famines, but I did not send those prophets. And they themselves will die from wars or from famines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:16

ULT

16 Then the people to whom they prophesied will be thrown out in the streets of Jerusalem because of famine and sword, for there will be no one to bury them—them, their wives, their sons, or their daughters—for I will pour out their wickedness on them.

UST

16 And the people to whom they are predicting these things, they and their wives and their sons and their daughters, will also die from wars or from famines. Their corpses will be thrown into the streets of Jerusalem, and there will not be anyone to bury them. I will punish them like they deserve to be punished.

What will happen to the false prophets?

They will die from war and famine.

Jeremiah 14:17

ULT

17 Say this word to them: ‘Let my eyes flow with tears, night and day. Do not let them stop, for there will be a great collapse of the virgin daughter of my people— a great and incurable wound.

UST

17 So, Jeremiah, tell this to them about yourself: ‘Day and night my eyes are full of tears. I cannot stop crying. I cry for my people, who are very precious to me, as if they were my daughters. I cry for them because they have been severely wounded; and they will not recover or heal from this severe wound.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:18

ULT

18 If I go out to the field, there are the ones who were killed by the sword! If I come to the city, there are the diseases that are caused by famine. Both the prophet and the priest wander about the land, and they do not know.’”

UST

18 If I go out into the fields, I see corpses of people who have been slaughtered by our enemies. If I walk along the streets of the city, I see corpses of people who died from hunger. The prophets and the priests travel through the land, preaching to people, but they do not know what they are doing.’”

Where will people die of war?

They will die of war in the fields.

Where will people die of famine?

They will die of famine in the city.

Jeremiah 14:19

ULT

19 Have you completely rejected Judah? Do you hate Zion? Why will you afflict us when there is no healing for us? We hoped for peace, but there was nothing good— and for a time of healing, but see, there is only terror.

UST

19 Then I prayed this: "Yahweh, have you completely rejected the people of Judah? Do you really despise the people of Jerusalem? Why have you wounded us very badly, with the result that we will never be healed? We hoped that we would have peace, but there was no peace. We hoped that there would be a time when we would be healed, but all that we received were things that terrified us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:20

ULT

20 We admit, Yahweh, our offenses, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

UST

20 Yahweh, we admit that we are wicked people, and that our ancestors also did many wicked things. We have all sinned against you.

What does Jeremiah admit to Yahweh is the iniquity of the ancestors?

They had sinned against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 14:21

ULT

21 Do not reject us! For the sake of your name, do not make your glorious throne a disgrace. Remember and do not break your covenant with us.

UST

21 But Yahweh, in order that we may honor you, do not despise us. Do not dishonor the city where your glorious throne is. Please do not forget us, and do not break your agreement with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 14:22

ULT

22 Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the skies themselves send down showers?
Are you not the one, Yahweh our God? We wait for you, for you are the one who does all these things.

UST

22 Those idols that have been brought from other nations certainly cannot bring rain to us, and the sky
certainly cannot cause rain to fall. Yahweh our God, you are the only one who can do things like that. So we
will confidently expect you to help us.”

Why should the people hope in Yahweh?

Yahweh has made the heavens and given the spring rain.

Jeremiah 15

Jeremiah 15:1

ULT

1 Then Yahweh said to me, “Even if Moses or Samuel were standing in front of me, I would still not be in favor of this people. Send them out from before me, for them to go away.

UST

1 Then Yahweh said this to me: “Even if Moses and Samuel could come back from their graves and stand in front of me and plead with me for these Israelite people, I would not act mercifully toward these people. I would tell you to send them away from me. Cause them to leave me!

What did Yahweh say he would not change even if Moses or Samuel pled for the people?
He would still not be in favor of this people.

Jeremiah 15:2

ULT

2 It will happen that they will say to you, ‘Where should we go?’ Then you must say to them, ‘Yahweh says this: Those who are for death should go to death; those who are for the sword should go to the sword. Those who are for famine should go to famine; and those who are for captivity should go to captivity.’

UST

2 And if they ask you, ‘Where shall we go?’, tell them, ‘This is what Yahweh says: The ones that I say must die, will die: The ones that I say must die in wars, will die in wars. The ones that I say must die from hunger, will die from hunger. The ones that I say must be captured and taken to other countries, will be captured and taken to other countries.

What will happen to the people of Judah and Jerusalem?
Some will die, some will be killed, some will die from being hungry, and some will be taken far from home.

Jeremiah 15:3

ULT

3 For I will assign them to four groups—this is Yahweh's declaration—the sword to slaughter some, the dogs to drag some away, the birds of the skies and the beast of the earth to consume and destroy some.

UST

3 I will send four things that will get rid of them: I will send enemy soldiers using swords to kill them. I will send wild dogs to drag away their corpses. I will send vultures to eat their corpses. And I will send other wild animals to eat what remains of their corpses.

What four things will happen to the people?

Some will die in war, dogs will drag some away, birds will eat some, and beasts will eat some.

Jeremiah 15:4

ULT

4 I will make of them a horrifying thing to all the kingdoms of the earth, because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, did in Jerusalem.

UST

4 Because of the wicked things that King Manasseh did in Jerusalem, I will cause people in all the kingdoms of the earth to be horrified concerning what will happen in Judah to my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:5

ULT

5 For who will have compassion for you, Jerusalem? Who will grieve for you? Who will turn aside to ask about your well-being?

UST

5 You people of Jerusalem, no one will feel sorry for you. No one will weep for you. No one will wish that you would not be hurt.

Who will care about Jerusalem?

No one will care about Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 15:6

ULT

6 You have forsaken me—this is Yahweh's declaration—you have gone back from me. So I will strike you with my hand and destroy you. I am tired of having mercy on you.

UST

6 You people have abandoned me; you have continued to walk away from me. So, I will lift up my fist to smash you; I am tired of acting mercifully toward.

What is Yahweh tired of doing for Jerusalem?
He is tired of having mercy on Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 15:7

ULT

7 So I will winnow them with a pitchfork at the gates of the land. I will bereave them. I will destroy my people since they will not turn from their ways.

UST

7 At the gates of your cities, I will scatter you like a farmer scatters the chaff from his grain by winnowing it. You, my people, have refused to turn away from your evil behavior. So, I will get rid of you, and I will even cause your children to be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:8

ULT

8 I will make their widows number more than the sands of the seashore. Against the mothers of young men I will send the destroyer at noonday. I will make shock and horror suddenly fall on them.

UST

8 I will cause there to be more widows in Judah than there are grains of sand on the seashore. I will bring on you an enemy army that will destroy your young men and cause their mothers to weep. I will cause you to suddenly experience great suffering and become very terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:9

ULT

9 The mother who has borne seven children will waste away. She will gasp. Her sun will set while it is still day. She will be ashamed and embarrassed, for I will give those who remain to the sword in the presence of their enemies— this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

9 A woman who has seven children will become faint and gasp for breath; it will be as though her daylight will become darkness, because most of her children will be dead, and she will be disgraced and humiliated. And her children who are still alive, I will enable your enemies to kill them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."'

What will make the mother of seven children ashamed and embarrassed?

Yahweh will have the enemy kill her children.

Jeremiah 15:10

ULT

10 Woe to me, my mother! For you have borne me, I who am a man of controversy and argument through all the land. I have not lent, nor has anyone lent to me, but they all curse me.

UST

10 I said to my mother, "I am very sad; I wish that you had not given birth to me; everyone in this land opposes me and quarrels with me. I have not made anyone angry by lending or borrow money and then quarreling about it, but everyone curses me anyway."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:11

ULT

11 Yahweh said: "Will I not rescue you for good? I will certainly make your enemies beg for help in the time of calamity and distress.

UST

11 But Yahweh replied to me, "Jeremiah, I will take care of you. And at times when you have the most troubles, I will come on your behalf and protect you from your enemy.

When will Yahweh make Jeremiah's enemies beg for help?

He will make them beg for help in the time of calamity and distress.

Jeremiah 15:12

ULT

12 Can one smash iron? Especially iron from the north that is mixed with bronze?

UST

12 People of Judah, you know how strong iron is when it is mixed with bronze, it is very hard and good for weapons. That iron mixed with bronze metal is just like the strength of your enemies when they attack Judah from the north, no one will be able to stop them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:13

ULT

13 I will give to your enemies your wealth and treasures as free plunder. I will do this because of all your sins committed within all your borders.

UST

13 I will give all the valuable possessions of your people to their enemies, without them paying for it. Your people will lose everything valuable because of all the sins that they have committed throughout the country.

Why will Yahweh give the people's wealth to their enemies?

He will give it because of all the people's sins.

Jeremiah 15:14

ULT

14 Then I will make you serve your enemies in a land that you do not know, for a fire will ignite, kindled in my wrath against you." *[1]*

UST

14 I will tell their enemies to force them to become their prisoners, to take them to other lands that they have not experienced, and force them to become their slaves. That will happen because I am extremely angry with your people; my anger is like a burning fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:15

ULT

15 Yahweh, you know! Remember me and help me. Bring vengeance for me against those who persecute me. You are patient, but do not allow them to take me away; know that I suffer reproach for your sake.

UST

15 Then I said, “Yahweh, you know what is happening to me. Please come and help me. Punish those who are persecuting me. Please do not continue to be patient with them and do not allow me to die now. It is for your sake that I am suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:16

ULT

16 Your words have been found, and I consumed them. Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I bear your name, Yahweh, God of hosts.

UST

16 Yahweh my God, you are the commander of the angel armies; when you spoke to me, I was delighted with your message; it caused me to be joyful, and I eagerly accepted what you said because I belong to you.

What did Jeremiah do with Yahweh’s words?
He consumed them.

Jeremiah 15:17

ULT

17 I did not sit in the circle of those who celebrated or rejoiced. I sat in solitude because of your powerful hand, for you filled me with indignation.

UST

17 When the people were carousing together, I never joined them; I sat alone, because you are the one who controls what I do. I was very angry with those people because of their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:18

ULT

18 Why is my pain ongoing and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be like deceitful waters to me, waters that dry up?

UST

18 So, why do you allow me to continue to suffer? It seems that my wounds cannot be healed. Sometimes you help me, sometimes you do not help me. It seems that you are as undependable as a brook that has water in it only during certain seasons; you are like a spring that has dried up."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:19

ULT

19 Therefore Yahweh said this, "If you repent, then I will restore you, and you will stand before me. For if you separate the foolish things from the precious things, you will be like my mouth. The people will come back to you, but you yourself must not go back to them.

UST

19 Then Yahweh replied to me saying this: "If you begin again to trust in me, I will restore you, in order that you can continue to serve me. If you proclaim good messages and not worthless ones, you will continue to be the one who speaks what I tell you to say. You must cause the people to pay attention to what you say; you must not pay attention to what they say.

What does Jeremiah need to do to be restored?

He needs to repent.

Jeremiah 15:20

ULT

20 I will make you like an impenetrable bronze wall to this people, and they will wage war against you. But they will not defeat you, for I am with you to save and rescue you—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

20 They will fight against you, but I will protect you, like people are protected from their enemies by a bronze wall. They will not defeat you, because I will be with you, and I will protect and rescue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 15:21

ULT

21 for I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the hand of the tyrant.”
15:14 [1] , some ancient copies have .

UST

21 Truly, I will keep you safe from those wicked people, I will rescue you when you are seized by cruel people.
That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

What kinds of people will Yahweh rescue Jeremiah from?

He will rescue him from the wicked and the tyrant.

Jeremiah 16

Jeremiah 16:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:2

ULT
2 “Do not take a wife for yourself, and do not have sons or daughters for yourself in this place.

UST
2 “Do not get married and have children in this land,

What command does Yahweh give to Jeremiah?
Yahweh commands Jeremiah not to take a wife.

Jeremiah 16:3

ULT
3 For Yahweh says this to the sons and daughters who are born in this place, to the mothers who bear them, and to the fathers who caused them to be born in this land,

UST
3 because this is what I, Yahweh, say about the children who are born in this city, and about their mothers and fathers:

What will happen to the children that are born in that place? (vv3-4)
They will all die.

Jeremiah 16:4

ULT

4 ‘They will die diseased deaths. They will not be mourned or buried. They will be like dung on the ground. For they will come to an end by sword and famine, and their corpses will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts of the earth.’

UST

4 Many of them will die from terrible diseases. And no one will mourn for them. No one will even bury their corpses; the corpses will lie on the ground, scattered like manure. Others will die in wars or from hunger, and then their corpses will become food for vultures and wild animals.”

What will happen to their corpses?

Their corpses will be like dung on the ground and will be food for the birds and beasts.

Jeremiah 16:5

ULT

5 For this says Yahweh, ‘Do not enter a house where there is mourning. Do not go to mourn or to show sympathy for them, for I have taken away my peace from this people—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and my covenant faithfulness and mercy.

UST

5 This is also what Yahweh said to me: “Do not go to funerals to mourn or to show those whose relatives have died that you feel sorry for them, because I have stopped protecting them, and I have caused that things will not go well for them. I have stopped faithfully loving them and acting mercifully toward them.

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to go into houses where people are mourning? (vv5-6)

He commands Jeremiah because both the great people and the small people will die, but no one will mourn for them.

Jeremiah 16:6

ULT

6 Both the great and the small will die in this land. They will not be buried, and no one will mourn for them or cut themselves or shave their heads for them.

UST

6 Very many people will die in this land, including those who are important and those who are not important. And no one will mourn for them, or even bury their corpses. No one will cut himself or shave his head to show that he is very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:7

ULT

7 No one must share any food in mourning to comfort them because of the deaths, and none must give a comforting cup to his father or his mother.

UST

7 No one will bring food to comfort those who are mourning, not even if it is their father or their mother who is mourning. No one will give them a cup of wine to cheer them up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:8

ULT

8 You must not go to a banquet house to sit with them in order to eat or drink.'

UST

8 And do not go into the houses where people are feasting. Do not eat or drink anything with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:9

ULT

9 For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, before your eyes, in your days and in this place, I am about to put an end to the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride.'

UST

9 I want you to do this because this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say: 'While you are still alive and seeing it happen, I will cause there to be no more singing and laughing in this land. There will be no more joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides.'

Why does Yahweh command Jeremiah not to go into houses where people are celebrating?

Yahweh commands him because he is going to put an end to celebrations.

Jeremiah 16:10

ULT

10 Then it will happen that you will report all these words to this people, and they will say to you, ‘Why has Yahweh decreed all this great disaster against us? What is our iniquity and sin that we sinned against Yahweh our God?’

UST

10 When you tell these things to the people, they will ask, ‘Why has Yahweh declared that these terrible things will happen to us? What have we done for which we deserve to be punished like this? What sin have we committed against Yahweh our God?’

What will be the people’s question when Jeremiah reports his word to them?

The people will ask Jeremiah why Yahweh has decreed disaster against them.

Jeremiah 16:11

ULT

11 So say to them, ‘Because your ancestors abandoned me—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and they went after other gods and worshiped and bowed down to them. They abandoned me and have not kept my law.

UST

11 Then this is what you must tell them that I am replying to them: ‘It is because your ancestors turned away from me, Yahweh. They worshiped other gods and served them. They abandoned me and did not obey my commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:12

ULT

12 But you yourselves have brought about more wickedness than your ancestors, for see, each person is walking by the stubbornness of his wicked heart; there is no one who listens to me.

UST

12 But you who are living now have done more wicked things than your ancestors did! Each of you stubbornly does the evil things that he desires and refuses to pay attention to what I say.

Who was more wicked, these people or their ancestors?

These people were more wicked than their ancestors were.

Jeremiah 16:13

ULT

13 So I will throw you from this land to a land that you have not known, neither you nor your ancestors, and you will worship other gods there by day and night, for I will not give any favor to you.'

UST

13 So, I will throw you out of this land, and I will send you to a land that you and your ancestors have never known about. There you will worship other gods day and night. And I will not act mercifully toward you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:14

ULT

14 Therefore, behold, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when it will no longer be said, 'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought up the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.'

UST

14 But there will be a time when people who are solemnly promising to do something will no longer say, 'I will do this, just as surely as Yahweh lives—the one who brought the Israelite people here from Egypt.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:15

ULT

15 but, 'As Yahweh lives, the one who brought up the people of Israel from the land of the north and from the lands where he had scattered them.' For I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their ancestors.

UST

15 Instead, they will say 'I will do this, just as surely as Yahweh lives—the one who brought us Israelite people back to our own land, from the lands to the north and from all the other lands to which he had exiled us.' They will be able to say that because some day I will bring your descendants back to this land that I gave to your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:16

ULT

16 Behold! I will send for many fishermen—this is Yahweh's declaration—so they will fish the people out. After this I will send for many hunters so they will hunt for them among all the mountains and hills, and in rock crevices.

UST

16 But now I am summoning your enemies who will seize them like fishermen catch fish. I am summoning those who will search for them on every mountain and hill, and in every cave, like hunters search for animals to kill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:17

ULT

17 For my eye is on all their ways; they cannot be hidden from before me. Their iniquity cannot be concealed from before my eyes.

UST

17 I am watching them carefully. I see every sin that they commit. They will not be able to hide from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:18

ULT

18 I will first pay back double for their iniquity and sin for their polluting of my land with their disgusting idol figures, and for their filling my inheritance with their disgusting idols."

UST

18 Because of all the wicked things that they have done, I will punish them twice as much as I would punish other people. I will do that because they have caused my own land to become unacceptable to me because of their worshiping lifeless statues of detestable gods, and also because they have filled my land with the other evil things that they have done."

Why will Yahweh pay back double Israel's iniquity and sin?

He will do it because they have polluted the land with their idols.

Jeremiah 16:19

ULT

19 Yahweh, you are my stronghold and my refuge, my place of safety in the day of distress. The nations will go to you from the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our ancestors inherited deceit. They are empty; there is no profit in them.

UST

19 Then I prayed, saying, “Yahweh, you are the one who strengthens me and protects me; you are the one to whom I go when I have troubles. Some day people from nations all over the world will come to you and say, ‘Our ancestors left us only something that was false; they worshiped idols that are completely worthless.

What will the nations say about their ancestors when they go to Yahweh?
They will say that their ancestors inherited deceit.

Jeremiah 16:20

ULT

20 Do people make gods for themselves? But they are not gods.”

UST

20 No one can make their own gods; the gods that they make are only idols; they are not real gods.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 16:21

ULT

21 Therefore see! I will cause them to know in this time, I will cause them to know my hand and my power, so they will know that Yahweh is my name.

UST

21 Then Yahweh said, “Now I will show my power to the people of Judah; I will show them that I am truly very powerful. Then, finally, they will know that I, Yahweh, am the true God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17

Jeremiah 17:1

ULT

1 “The sin of Judah is written with an iron stylus having a diamond point. It is engraved on the tablet of their hearts and on the horns of your altars.

UST

1 Yahweh said, “It is as though a list of the sins committed by the people of Judah is engraved with an iron chisel, or engraved using the fine point of a very hard stone, on their inner beings and on the altars where they worship their idols.

Where is the sin of Judah engraved?
It is engraved on their hearts.

Jeremiah 17:2

ULT

2 Even their children remember their altars and their Asherah poles that were beside the spreading trees and on the high hills.

UST

2 Even their children remember when they went to the altars, and they went up to the poles that represent the goddess Asherah, and there they worshiped underneath all the big trees and on all the high hills.

Where are the people’s Asherah poles located?
The Asherah poles are by the leafy trees on the high hills.

Jeremiah 17:3

ULT

3 My mountain in the open country, and your wealth and all your treasures I will give away as plunder, together with your high places, because of the sin you committed in all your territories.

UST

3 I will give my mountain as plunder, along with all your wealth and all your treasures, because of your idolatry and your worship on the hills. They will take your possessions away because you sinned against Yahweh throughout your land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:4

ULT

4 You will lose the inheritance that I gave to you. I will enslave you to your enemies in a land that you do not
know, for you have ignited a fire in my wrath, which will burn forever.”

UST

4 The wonderful land that I gave to you will no longer belong to you. I will tell your enemies to take you to a
land that you do not know about, and you will become their slaves. I will do that because I am extremely
angry with you; my being angry is like a fire that will burn forever.”

Where will Judah be enslaved?
Judah will be enslaved in a land that they do not know.

Jeremiah 17:5

ULT

5 Yahweh says, “The person who trusts in mankind is accursed; he makes flesh his strength but turns his
heart away from Yahweh.

UST

5 This is also what Yahweh says: “Those who trust in human beings to help them are cursed, those who rely
on their own strength and turn away from me with their inner beings.

Who does Yahweh say is accursed?
Yahweh says that the person who trusts in mankind is accursed.

Jeremiah 17:6

ULT

6 For he will be like a small bush in the Arabah and will not see anything good coming. He will stay in the arid
places in the wilderness, barren land without inhabitants.

UST

6 They are like dry bushes in the desert, they are people who will not experience any good things. Those
people will live in the barren desert in a salty area, where no one can safely abide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:7

ULT

[7] But the person who trusts in Yahweh is blessed, for Yahweh is his reason for confidence.

UST

[7] But Yahweh is pleased with those who trust in him, and who confidently expect him to take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:8

ULT

[8] For he will be like a tree planted by water, its roots will spread out by the stream. It will not fear the heat when it comes, for its leaves are always green. It is not anxious in a year of drought, and it will not stop producing fruit.

UST

[8] Those people are like fruit trees that have been planted along a riverbank, trees that have roots that go down into the wet ground beside the water. They are trees whose leaves remain green when it becomes hot, trees that continue to bear fruit when there are many months in which there is no rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:9

ULT

[9] The heart is more deceitful than anything else. It is sick; who can understand it?

UST

[9] Human minds are extremely corrupt, and we cannot change that. It is also completely impossible for anyone to understand that.

What is the heart like?

The heart is more deceitful than anything else, it is sick, and no one can understand it.

Jeremiah 17:10

ULT

10 I am Yahweh, the one who searches through the mind, who tests the hearts. I give to each person according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

UST

10 But I, Yahweh, search what is in everyone's inner being, and I examine what they are thinking. I will give all people reward or punishment, what they deserve for what they have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:11

ULT

11 A partridge hatches an egg that she did not lay. Someone may become rich unjustly, but when half his days are over, those riches will abandon him, and in the end he will be a fool."

UST

11 I know some people who become rich by doing things that are unjust. They are like birds that hatch eggs that they did not lay. So, when those people have lived only half of the years that they expect to live, they will disappear. Then other people will realize that those people have been foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:12

ULT

12 "The place of our temple is a glorious throne, elevated from the beginning.

UST

12 Yahweh, your temple is like a glorious throne that has been on a high hill since it was built.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:13

ULT

13 Yahweh is the hope of Israel. All who abandon you will be put to shame; those who turn away from you will be written in the earth, for they have forsaken Yahweh, the fountain of living waters.

UST

13 You are the one whom we Israelite people confidently expect to bless us, and all those who turn away from you will be disgraced and feel what it is like to be separated from you, because they have abandoned you, who are like a fountain where people obtain fresh water.

What will happen to those who abandon Yahweh?
All who abandon Yahweh will be ashamed and cut off.

Jeremiah 17:14

ULT

14 Heal me, Yahweh, and I will be healed! Rescue me, and I will be rescued. For you are my song of praise.

UST

14 Yahweh, please heal me, because if you heal me, I will truly be healed. If you rescue me, I will truly be safe, because you are the only one whom I praise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:15

ULT

15 See, they are saying to me, ‘Where is the word of Yahweh? Let it come!’

UST

15 People often ridicule me and say, “You tell us messages that you say came from Yahweh, but why have the things that you predicted not happened?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:16

ULT

16 As for me, I did not run from being a shepherd following you. I did not long for the day of disaster. You know the proclamations that came from my lips. They were made in your presence.

UST

16 Yahweh, you appointed me to take care of your people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep; I have not abandoned that work, and you know that I have not previously wanted this time of disaster to come to people who ridicule me. And you know everything that I have said to your people.

From what job did Jeremiah not run away?
Jeremiah did not run from being a shepherd following Yahweh.

Jeremiah 17:17

ULT

17 Do not be a terror to me. You are my refuge on the day of disaster.

UST

17 Do not cause me to be terrified! When disasters come, you are the one to whom I will go to be safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:18

ULT

18 May my pursuers be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed. May they be dismayed, but do not let me be dismayed. Send the day of disaster against them and shatter them with a double share of destruction.”

UST

18 So now, cause those who persecute me to be ashamed and dismayed, but do not do things to me that will cause me to be ashamed and dismayed. Cause them to be terrified! Do to them many things that will completely destroy them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:19

ULT

19 Yahweh said this to me: “Go and stand in the gate of the people where the kings of Judah enter and where they exit, then in all the other gates of Jerusalem.

UST

19 This is what Yahweh said to me: “Go to the city gates in Jerusalem. First go to the gate where the kings of Judah go in and out of the city, and then go to each of the other gates.

What did Yahweh want Jeremiah to do when he stood by the gates?

He wanted Jeremiah to tell the people to listen to the word of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 17:20

ULT

20 Say to them, ‘Hear the word of Yahweh, kings of Judah and all you people of Judah, and every resident of Jerusalem who comes in through these gates.

UST

20 Say to the people at each gate, ‘You kings of Judah and everyone else who is living in Jerusalem and all you other people of Judah who enter these gates, listen to this message from Yahweh!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:21

ULT

21 Yahweh says this: “Be careful for the sake of your lives and do not carry a burden on the Sabbath day to bring it to the gates of Jerusalem.

UST

21 He says, “Listen to this warning carefully if you want to live! Stop doing work on Sabbath days! Stop carrying loads through these gates on those days!

What did Yahweh want the people to stop doing?

He wanted them to stop carrying burdens on the Sabbath.

Jeremiah 17:22

ULT

22 Do not bring a load out from your house on the Sabbath day. Do not do any work, but set apart the Sabbath day, just as I commanded your ancestors to do.'"

UST

22 Do not carry loads out of your houses or do any other work on Sabbath days! Instead, cause Sabbath days to be holy. I commanded your ancestors to do that,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:23

ULT

23 They did not listen or pay attention, but stiffened their neck so they would not hear me nor accept discipline.

UST

23 but they did not listen to me or obey me. When I did things to correct them, they stubbornly refused to pay attention to what I said or to accept it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:24

ULT

24 It will happen that if you truly listen to me—this is Yahweh's declaration—and do not bring a load to the gates of this city on the Sabbath day but instead set apart the Sabbath day to Yahweh and not do any work on it,

UST

24 But I say that if you obey me, and if you do not carry loads through these gates on Sabbath days or do any other work on Sabbath days, and if you dedicate the Sabbath days to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:25

ULT

25 then kings, princes, and those who sit on David's throne will come to the gates of this city in chariots and with horses, they and their leaders, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, and this city will be inhabited forever.

UST

25 kings of Judah and their officials will continue to go in and out of these gates. There will always be someone who is a descendant of King David ruling here in Jerusalem. Kings and their officials will go in and out of these gates, riding in chariots and on horses, and there will be people living in this city forever.

What will happen to the city if the people will listen and not do any work on the Sabbath?

If they will listen and obey, then the city will remain forever.

Jeremiah 17:26

ULT

26 They will come from the cities of Judah and from all around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and the lowlands, from the mountains, and from the Negev, bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and frankincense, thank offerings to the house of Yahweh.

UST

26 And people will come to Jerusalem bringing offerings to be completely burned on the altar and other offerings. They will bring to the temple grain offerings and incense and offerings to thank me. People will bring these offerings from the towns in Judah and the villages near Jerusalem and from the land where the tribe of Benjamin lives and from the western foothills and from the southern Judean wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 17:27

ULT

27 But if you do not listen to me—to set apart the Sabbath day and to not carry heavy loads and to not enter the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day—then I will light a fire in its gates, and it will consume the fortresses of Jerusalem, and it cannot be put out."

UST

27 But if you do not pay attention to what I say, and if you refuse to dedicate the Sabbath days to me, and if you continue to carry loads through these gates into the city on Sabbath days, I will burn these gates completely. The fire will spread to the palaces, and no one will be able to put out that fire.""

What will happen if the people do not listen?

If the people do not listen, Yahweh will burn Jerusalem up.

Jeremiah 18

Jeremiah 18:1

ULT
1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave another message to me. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:2

ULT
2 “Arise and go out to the potter’s house, for I will have you hear my word there.”

UST
2 “Go to the shop of the man who makes clay pots. I will give you a message there.”

Where does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to go to hear a word from him?
Yahweh tells Jeremiah to go to the potter’s house.

Jeremiah 18:3

ULT
3 So I went out to the potter’s house, and behold! The potter was working on the potter’s wheel.

UST
3 So I went to that shop, and I saw the man who makes pots. He was working at the wheel that he uses to form pots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:4

ULT

[4] But the pot he was making from the clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, so he returned the clay and formed it into another pot, and he made it into an object that was pleasing in his eyes.

UST

[4] But when he finished making one jar, it was not as good as he hoped it to be. So, he took the clay and formed it into another jar, shaping it as he desired to.

What happened to the object of clay that the potter molded while Jeremiah was watching?
It was ruined in his hand.

Jeremiah 18:5

ULT

[5] Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

[5] Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:6

ULT

[6] "Should I not be able to act like this potter with you, house of Israel?—this is Yahweh's declaration. Behold! Like clay in a potter's hand—that is how you are in my hand, house of Israel.

UST

[6] "Perhaps the people of Israel think that I cannot do to them like this man who makes pots has done. But what they think is wrong. I can control what happens to them like this man controls what he does with the clay in his hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:7

ULT

[7] At one moment, I may proclaim something about a nation or a kingdom, that I will drive it out, tear it down, or destroy it.

UST

[7] There may be a time when I proclaim that I will get rid of a nation or kingdom, like someone pulls up a plant with its roots, and smash it, and destroy it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:8

ULT

[8] But if the nation about which I have made that proclamation turns from its evil, then I will relent from the disaster that I was planning to bring upon it.

UST

[8] But if the people of that nation repent of doing evil things, I will not send to them the disasters that I planned to send.

What will Yahweh do to a nation that turns from evil after it hears his proclamation?
He will relent from the disaster that he was planning to bring upon it.

Jeremiah 18:9

ULT

[9] At another moment, I may proclaim something about a nation or a kingdom, that I will build it up or plant it.

UST

[9] And there may be a time when I proclaim that I will establish a nation or kingdom and cause it to be strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:10

ULT

10 But if it does evil in my eyes by not listening to my voice, then I will stop the good that I had said I would do for them.

UST

10 But if the people of that nation start to do evil things and refuse to obey me, then I will not bless them as I said that I would do.

What will Yahweh do to a nation that does not listen to his voice?
He will not do the good that he had said he would do for them.

Jeremiah 18:11

ULT

11 So now, speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and say, ‘Yahweh says this: See, I am about to form disaster against you. I am about to devise a plan against you. Repent, each person from his wicked way, so your ways and your practices will bring good to you.’

UST

11 Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all the people in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh says: I am planning a disaster that I will send to you. So, each of you should turn from your evil behavior and start doing what is right, in order that good things will come to you instead!’

Why will Yahweh form disaster against the people of Judah and Jerusalem?
They are doing wicked things.

Jeremiah 18:12

ULT

12 But they will say, ‘This is no use. We will act according to our own plans. Each one of us will do what his evil, stubborn heart desires.’

UST

12 But the people will say back to you, ‘It is useless for you to say these things to us. We will continue to be stubborn and behave as wickedly as we want to.’”

What will the men of Judah and Jerusalem do after Jeremiah warns them?
They will not listen or stop doing evil things.

Jeremiah 18:13

ULT

13 Therefore Yahweh says this, ‘Ask the nations, who has ever heard of such a thing as this? The virgin Israel has committed a horrible act.

UST

13 So this is what Yahweh said in response: “Ask the people who live in other nations if they have ever heard of such a thing. My Israelite people, who have been pure like virgins, have done a terrible thing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:14

ULT

14 Does the snow in Lebanon ever leave the rocky hills on its sides? Are the mountain streams coming from far away ever destroyed, those cold streams?

UST

14 The snow certainly never completely disappears from the rocky slopes of the mountains in Lebanon. The cold streams that flow down from those distant mountains never cease flowing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:15

ULT

15 Yet my people have forgotten me. They have made offerings to useless idols and been made to stumble in their paths; they have left the ancient paths to walk lesser paths.

UST

15 But my people are not as reliable as those streams: They have abandoned me. They burn incense to honor worthless idols. It is as though they have stumbled as they walked along well known and reliable roads and now, instead, they are walking on dirt paths.

Why will Israel become a horror?

The Israelites have forgotten Yahweh and made offerings to idols.

Jeremiah 18:16

ULT

16 Their land will become a horror, an object of everlasting hissing. Everyone who passes by her will shudder and shake his head.

UST

16 Therefore, their land will become desolate, and people who see it will hiss to ridicule it from now on. All the people who pass by will be appalled; they will shake their heads to show that they are shocked.

Why will everyone who passes by shudder and shake his head?

They will do that because Yahweh has made the land a horror.

Jeremiah 18:17

ULT

17 I will scatter them before their enemies like an eastern wind. I will show them my back, and not my face, on the day of their disaster.'"

UST

17 I will scatter the people when their enemies attack them like dust is scattered by an east wind. And when they experience all these disasters, I will turn my back on them and refuse to help them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:18

ULT

18 So the people said, "Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah, since the law will never perish from the priests, or advice from the wise men, or words from the prophets. Come, let us attack him with our words and no longer pay attention to anything he proclaims."

UST

18 Then the people said, "Come, we should plan to attack Jeremiah. We have many priests who teach us God's laws, wise men who give us good advice, and prophets who tell us what will happen. We do not need Jeremiah! So we should slander him and not pay attention to anything that he says."

What is the people's plot against Jeremiah?

They plan to attack him with their words and no longer pay attention to anything he says.

Jeremiah 18:19

ULT
19 Pay attention to me, Yahweh, and listen to the voice of my enemies.

UST
19 Then I prayed, "Yahweh, please listen to me! And listen to what my enemies are saying about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:20

ULT
20 Will disaster from them really be my reward for being good to them? For they have dug a pit for me. Remember how I stood before you to speak for their welfare, to cause your fury to turn away from them.

UST
20 I am doing things that are good, so it is disgusting that they are paying me back by doing evil things to me. It is as though they have dug a pit for me to fall into and die. Do not forget that one time I stood in front of you and pleaded for you to help them, and I tried to prevent you from punishing them, even though you were very angry with them.

What does Jeremiah ask Yahweh to remember him for?
Jeremiah asks Yahweh to remember how Jeremiah had spoken for the people's welfare.

Jeremiah 18:21

ULT
21 Therefore give their children over to famine, and give them to the hands of those who use the sword. So let their women become bereaved and widows, and their men be killed, and their young men killed by the sword in battle.

UST
21 So now, allow their children to die from hunger! Or cause them to be killed by their enemies' swords! Cause their wives to become widows, whose children are all dead! Cause their husbands to be killed in battles!

What does Jeremiah ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?
He asks Yahweh to kill all the men and not forgive their sin.

Jeremiah 18:22

ULT

22 Let a distressed shout be heard from their houses, as you suddenly bring raiders against them. For they have dug a pit to capture me and have hidden traps for my feet.

UST

22 Cause people to scream in their homes when enemy soldiers suddenly come into their houses! Cause all these things to happen to them because they want to kill me. It is as though they have dug a pit for me to fall into, and they have hidden traps along my path.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 18:23

ULT

23 But you, Yahweh, you know all of their plans against me to kill me. Do not forgive their iniquities and sins. Do not wipe their sins away from you. Instead, let them be overthrown before you. Act against them in the time of your wrath.

UST

23 Yahweh, you know all the things that they are planning to do to kill me. Do not forgive them for their crimes or blot out the record of their sins. Cause them to be destroyed; punish them because of your being angry with them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19

Jeremiah 19:1

ULT

[1] Yahweh said this, “Go and purchase a potter’s clay flask while you are with the elders of the people and the priests.

UST

[1] This is another message that Yahweh gave to me: “Go and buy a clay jar from a man who makes them. Then take with you some of the elders of the people and leaders of the priests.

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to purchase?

He told Jeremiah to go and purchase a potter’s clay flask,.

Jeremiah 19:2

ULT

[2] Then go out to the Valley of Ben Hinnom at the entry of the Broken Pottery Gate, and there proclaim the words that I will tell you.

UST

[2] Go out of the city past the Broken Pottery Gate, to the place overlooking the dump for broken pottery in the Hinnom Valley. Then give them a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:3

ULT

[3] Say, ‘Hear the word of Yahweh, kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem! Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, “See, I am about to bring disaster on this place, and the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle.

UST

[3] Say to them, ‘This message is for you kings of Judah and other people of Jerusalem. Listen to what Yahweh is saying! The God of Israel, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that he will bring a terrible disaster on Jerusalem. Those who hear about it will be stunned.

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah he would bring on the kings of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would bring disaster on that place, and make their ears tingle.

Jeremiah 19:4

ULT

4 I will do this because they have abandoned me and profaned this place. In this place they offer sacrifices to other gods that they did not know. They, their ancestors, and the kings of Judah have also filled this place with innocent blood.

UST

4 That will happen because you Israelite people have stopped worshiping me, and have caused this place to be a place where you worship foreign gods. You burn sacrifices to gods that neither you nor your ancestors nor even the kings of Judah ever heard about. And you have filled this place with the blood of innocent people whom you have killed.

Why is God bringing disaster on Jerusalem?

He is bringing disaster because the people have abandoned God and profaned his place, and approached other gods, and filled the place with innocent blood.

Jeremiah 19:5

ULT

5 They built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to him—something that I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind.

UST

5 You have built houses on the top of many hills to honor your god Baal, and at those places you have killed your own children and offered them to be sacrifices to Baal. I never commanded you to do that, I never spoke about doing that, and never even considered allowing that!

Why did the people build shrines to Baal?

They built shrines to Baal in order to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to him.

Jeremiah 19:6

ULT

6 Therefore, see, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when this place will no longer be called Topheth, the Valley of Ben Hinnom, for it will be the Valley of Slaughter.

UST

6 So, beware, because I, Yahweh, say that there will be a time when this garbage dump will no longer be called Topheth or Hinnom Valley; it will be called Slaughter Valley.

What will the Valey of Ben Hinnom be called?

It will be called the Valley of Slaughter.

Jeremiah 19:7

ULT

7 In this place I will make the plans of Judah and Jerusalem useless. I will make them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hand of the ones seeking their lives. Then I will give their corpses as food to the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth.

UST

7 In this place I will ruin the plans of you people who live in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah. I will allow your enemies who want to kill you to kill many of you with their swords. Then I will allow your corpses to remain on the ground to be food for vultures and wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:8

ULT

8 Then I will make this city a ruin and the object of hissing, for everyone passing by it will shudder and hiss regarding all of its plagues.

UST

8 I will completely destroy Jerusalem and cause it to become a heap of ruins that people will despise. All the people who pass by will be appalled, and they will be shocked when they see that the city has been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:9

ULT

9 I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and daughters; each man will consume the flesh of his neighbor in the siege and in the anguish brought on them by their enemies and the ones seeking their lives.'"

UST

9 I will enable your enemies who want to kill you to surround the city for a long time. Then the food will be all gone, and you people will be extremely hungry, with the result that you people in the city will eat the flesh of your own children and your neighbors' children.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:10

ULT

10 Then you will break the clay flask in the sight of the men who went with you.

UST

10 Jeremiah, after you tell that to them, while the people who are with you are watching, smash the jar that you brought.

What was Jeremiah to do with the clay flask?

He was to break the clay flask in the sight of the men who went with him.

Jeremiah 19:11

ULT

11 You will say to them, ‘Yahweh of hosts says this: I will do this same thing to this people and this city just as Jeremiah shattered the clay flask so that it could not be repaired again. People will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no place left for any more dead.

UST

11 Then say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: Just like this jar has been smashed and cannot be repaired, I will smash this city of Jerusalem and other places in Judah. You will bury some of your corpses here in this dump, until there is no more space to bury any more corpses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:12

ULT

12 This is what I will do to this place and its inhabitants when I make this city like Topheth—this is Yahweh’s declaration—

UST

12 That is what I will do to this city and to you people who live here. I will make you unfit to worship me, and this city will be like you, just as Topheth is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 19:13

ULT

13 so the houses of Jerusalem and of the kings of Judah will become like Topheth—all the houses on whose rooftops the unclean people worship all the stars of the heavens and pour out drink offerings to other gods.'"

UST

13 The houses in Jerusalem and the palaces of the kings of Judah will be unfit, like this place will be. All the houses where you burned incense on the rooftops to honor the stars that you worshiped, and where you poured out wine to be an offering to your gods, will become unfit for anyone who worships me to live in.'"

What were the unclean people doing on the rooftops?

The unclean people were worshipping the stars on the rooftops and pouring out drink offerings to other gods.

Jeremiah 19:14

ULT

14 Then Jeremiah went from Topheth, where Yahweh had sent him to prophesy. He stood in the courtyard of Yahweh's house and he said to all the people,

UST

14 Then I returned from the garbage dump where Yahweh had sent me to tell them that message, and I stood in the courtyard of Yahweh's temple and said this to all the people who were there:

Why did Yahweh bring disaster on the city and all of its towns? (vv14-15)

God brought disaster on them because they stiffened their neck and refused to listen to God's words.

Jeremiah 19:15

ULT

15 "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, I am about to bring to this city and to all of its towns all the disaster that I have proclaimed against it, since they stiffened their neck and refused to listen to my words.'"

UST

15 "This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: 'I will bring a disaster to this city and to the villages around it like I promised, because you people have stubbornly refused to pay attention to what I said to you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20

Jeremiah 20:1

ULT

[1] Pashhur son of Immer the priest—he was a leading officer—heard Jeremiah prophesying these words before Yahweh's house.

UST

[1] Pashhur son of Immer, was a priest who supervised the temple guards. He heard these things that I had prophesied.

Why did Pashur beat Jeremiah and place him in stocks? (vv1-2)
He punished Jeremiah because Jeremiah prophesied these words before Yahweh's house.

Jeremiah 20:2

ULT

[2] So Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet and then placed him in the stocks that were at the Upper Gate of Benjamin in Yahweh's house.

UST

[2] So he arrested me. Then he commanded guards to whip me and fasten my feet in stocks at the Benjamin Gate of Yahweh's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:3

ULT

[3] It happened on the next day that Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "Yahweh has not called your name Pashhur, but you are Magor Missabib.

UST

[3] The next day, when Pashhur released me, I said to him, "Pashhur, Yahweh is giving you a new name. From now on, your name will be 'Surrounded by Terror,'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:4

ULT

4 For Yahweh says this, ‘Look, I will make you an object of horror, you and all of your loved ones, for they will fall by the sword of their enemies and your eyes will see it. I will give all of Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will make them captives in Babylon or attack them with the sword.

UST

4 because Yahweh says this to you: ‘I will cause you and your loved ones to be terrified. You will watch them being killed by your enemies’ swords. I will enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture the people of Judah. Those soldiers will take some of the people to Babylon, and they will kill others with their swords.

What will Yahweh give to the king of Babylon?
Yahweh will give him all the wealth of this city and all of its riches, all of its precious items and all the treasures of the kings of Judah.

Jeremiah 20:5

ULT

5 I will give him all the wealth of this city and all of its riches, all of its precious items and all the treasures of the kings of Judah. I will place these things in the hand of your enemies, and they will seize them. They will take them and bring them to Babylon.

UST

5 And I will enable their soldiers to take away other things in Jerusalem: all your wealth and the produce of your hard work. They will take to Babylon all the very valuable things that belonged to your kings.

What will happen to Pashur and all the inhabitants of his house?
They will go to Babylon and die there.

Jeremiah 20:6

ULT

6 But you, Pashhur, and all the inhabitants of your house will go into captivity. You will go to Babylon and die there. You and all of your loved ones to whom you prophesied deceitful things will be buried there.”’

UST

6 And as for you, Pashhur, they will take you and all your family to Babylon. You and your family and all your friends who have prophesied things that are lies will die there and be buried there.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:7

ULT

7 “Yahweh, you deceived me, and I was deceived. You are stronger than I, and you overpowered me. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

UST

7 One day I said this to Yahweh: “Yahweh, when you chose me to be a prophet, you deceived me so that I would agree to do this work. You forced me to become a prophet. But now everyone ridicules me. They make fun of me all the day.

What happened when Jeremiah tried not to proclaim Yahweh’s name anymore? (vv7-9)
His word became like a fire in Jeremiah’s heart, a burning in his bones, and he could contain it.

Jeremiah 20:8

ULT

8 For whenever I have spoken, I have called out and proclaimed, ‘Violence and destruction.’ Then Yahweh’s word has become for me reproach and mocking every day.

UST

8 When I tell people your messages, I shout saying, ‘Yahweh is going to cause you to experience violence and destruction!’ So because I tell them those messages from you, they insult me and scoff at me all the day.

What message did Jeremiah call out and proclaim?
He called out and proclaimed, “Violence and destruction.”

Jeremiah 20:9

ULT

9 If I say, ‘I will not think about Yahweh anymore. I will not speak any longer in his name.’ Then it is like a consuming fire in my heart, held within my bones. So I struggle to contain it but I cannot.

UST

9 But if I would say, ‘I will never mention Yahweh or say anything about him, ‘ it would be as though your message would burn in my inner being like a fire; it would be like a fire in my bones. Sometimes I try to remain silent and not proclaim your messages, but I am not able to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:10

ULT

10 I have heard rumors of terror from many people all around. ‘Report! We must report it!’ Those who are close to me watch to see if I will fall. ‘Perhaps he can be tricked. If so, we can overpower him and take our revenge on him.’

UST

10 I hear many people whispering about me, saying ‘He is the man who proclaims that there will be things that cause us to be terrified everywhere. We must tell the authorities what he is saying! We must denounce him!’ Even my best friends are waiting for me to say something that is wrong. They are saying, ‘Perhaps we can cause him to say something wrong, and if he does, we will be able to defeat him.’

What will happen to those who watch for Jeremiah to fall? (vv10-11)

They will stagger, they will not defeat him, and they will have unending shame.

Jeremiah 20:11

ULT

11 But Yahweh is with me like a powerful warrior, so the ones pursuing me will stagger. They will not defeat me. They will be greatly ashamed, because they will not succeed. They will have unending shame, it will never be forgotten.

UST

11 But you, Yahweh, are helping me like a strong warrior, so it is as though he will cause those who persecute me to stumble, and they will not defeat me. They will be completely disgraced because of being unable to gain any advantage over me; and other people will never forget that they were disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:12

ULT

12 But Yahweh of hosts, you examine the righteous and see the mind and the heart. Let me see your vengeance on them for I have committed my cause to you.

UST

12 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, you examine all those who are righteous; you know all that is in their inner beings and what they think. Allow me to see you getting revenge on those who want to harm me, because I came to you to petition for what is right.”

Why does Jeremiah say to sing and praise Yahweh? (vv12-13)

Everyone should sing and praise Yahweh because he examines the righteous, sees their mind and heart, does vengeance, and rescues the oppressed person.

Jeremiah 20:13

ULT

13 Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh! For he has rescued the lives of those who are oppressed from the hand of evildoers.

UST

13 Sing to Yahweh! Praise Yahweh! He rescues poor and needy people, from those who are wicked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:14

ULT

14 Let the day when I was born be cursed. Do not let the day that my mother bore me be blessed.

UST

14 But I hope that the day that I was born will be cursed. I do not want anyone to celebrate that day when my mother gave birth to me.

How does Jeremiah say about the day he was born?

He curses the day he was born and asks that it not be blessed.

Jeremiah 20:15

ULT

15 Let the man who informed my father be cursed, the one who said, ‘A male child has been born to you,’ causing great joy.

UST

15 And as for that man who brought to my father the news, and caused him to be very happy, by saying “Your wife has given birth to a son for you,” I hope that he also will be cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:16

ULT

16 Let that man be like the cities that Yahweh overthrew and he did not have compassion on them. Let him hear a cry for help in the dawn, a battle cry at noontime,

UST

16 Allow him to be destroyed like the cities that Yahweh destroyed long ago, without acting mercifully toward them. Cause that man to hear the people wailing in the morning, and to hear the enemy soldiers shout their battle cries at noon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:17

ULT

17 because he did not kill me in the womb, making my mother to be my tomb, a womb that was pregnant forever.

UST

17 I want that to happen to him because he did not kill me when I was born. I wish that I had died in my mother's womb, and that my mother's body would have been like my grave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 20:18

ULT

18 Why is it that I came out from the womb to see troubles and agony, so that my days are filled with shame?"

UST

18 I have continually experienced much trouble and sorrow, and I am disgraced now when I am about to die; why was it necessary for me to be born?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21

Jeremiah 21:1

ULT

1 The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh when King Zedekiah sent Pashhur son of Malkijah and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest to him, and they said,

UST

1 Yahweh gave me another message when King Zedekiah of Judah sent a man named Pashhur son of Malkijah, and a priest named Zephaniah son of Maaseiah, to talk to me. They pleaded with me, saying,

What did Pashhur and Zephaniah ask Jeremiah? (vv1-2)

They asked him to seek advice from Yahweh.

Why did they want Jeremiah to seek advice from Yahweh? (vv1-2)

They were hoping Yahweh would do miracles for them.

Jeremiah 21:2

ULT

2 “Please seek advice from Yahweh on our behalf, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war on us. Perhaps Yahweh will do miracles for us, as in times past, and will make him withdraw from us.”

UST

2 “The army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon is attacking Judah. Please speak to Yahweh for us. Ask him if he will help us. Perhaps he will force Nebuchadnezzar’s army to leave by performing a miracle for us, like the miracles he performed previously.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:3

ULT

3 So Jeremiah said to them, “This is what you must say to Zedekiah,

UST

3 I replied to them, “Go back to King Zedekiah. Tell him,

What is the message that Jeremiah give Zedekiah? (vv3-5)

The message is that Yahweh will fight against Zedekiah.

Jeremiah 21:4

ULT

4 ‘Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to turn back the instruments of war that are in your hand, with which you are fighting against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who are closing you in from outside the walls! For I will gather them in the middle of this city.

UST

4 ‘This is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says: “I will cause your weapons to be useless in fighting against the king of Babylon and his army that is outside the walls of Jerusalem, attacking. I will enable them to enter into the center of this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:5

ULT

5 Then I myself will fight against you with a raised hand and a strong arm, and with wrath, fury, and great anger.

UST

5 I myself will fight against your army with my very great power, because I am very angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:6

ULT

6 For I will attack the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They will die in a severe plague.

UST

6 I will send a very terrible plague on the people of this city, and on their domestic animals, and many of them will die.”

How will Yahweh fight against King Zedekiah? (vv6-7)

Yahweh will fight against King Zedekiah with sickness, war, and hunger.

Jeremiah 21:7

ULT

7 After this—this is Yahweh's declaration—Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, the people, and whoever remains in this city after the plague, the sword, and the famine, I will give them all into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those seeking their life. Then he will kill them with the edge of the sword. He will not pity them, spare them, or have compassion.'

UST

7 And Yahweh says there are many people in this city who want to kill you. So, he will enable the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and other people in this city to capture you, King Zedekiah, and your officials, and all the other people who do not die from the plague. His army will slaughter your soldiers; they will not act mercifully toward you or pity you at all.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:8

ULT

8 Then to this people you must say, 'Yahweh says this: See, I am about to place before you the way of life and the way of death.

UST

8 And tell this to all the people: 'Yahweh says that you must decide whether you want to die or to remain alive.

What did people who wanted to live need to do? (vv8-9)

They needed to go out of the city and surrender to the Chaldeans.

What would happen to the people who stayed in the city? (vv8-10)

They would die.

Jeremiah 21:9

ULT

9 Anyone staying in this city will die by the sword, famine, and plague; but anyone going out and falling on his knees before the Chaldeans who have closed in against you will live. He will escape with his life.

UST

9 Everyone who remains in Jerusalem will die. They will be killed in battles or die from being hungry or from diseases. But those who surrender to the army of Babylon that is surrounding your city will remain alive. They will escape dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:10

ULT

10 For I have set my face against this city in order to bring disaster and not to bring good—this is Yahweh's declaration. It has been given into the hand of the king of Babylon and he will burn it.'

UST

10 This will happen because I, Yahweh, have decided to cause this city to experience disasters, not to experience something good. The army of the king of Babylon will capture this city and will destroy it completely by fire.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:11

ULT

11 Concerning the house of the king of Judah, listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

11 Yahweh also told me to say this to the family of the king of Judah: "Listen to this message from Yahweh!

What does Yahweh want the king of Judah to do? (vv11-12)

He wants the king to listen to Yahweh's word, to bring about justice, and to rescue the oppressed.

Jeremiah 21:12

ULT

12 House of David, Yahweh says, 'Bring about justice in the morning. Rescue the one who has been robbed by the hand of the oppressor, or my fury will go out like fire and burn, and there is no one who can quench it, because of your evil deeds.

UST

12 This is what he says to you descendants of King David: 'Every day, make fair decisions for the people whom you judge. Help those who have been robbed. Rescue them from robbers and abusers. If you do not do that, I will be angry and punish you with a fire that will be impossible to extinguish, because of all the sins that you have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 21:13

ULT

13 See, inhabitant of the valley! I am against you, rock of the plain—this is Yahweh's declaration— I am against anyone who is saying, "Who will come down to attack us?" or "Who will enter our houses?"

UST

13 I will fight against you people of Jerusalem, you who live on top of a rocky hill above the valley. I will fight against you people who boast, saying, "No one can attack us and break through our defenses."

Who is Yahweh against? (vv13-14)

Yahweh is against the people who live in the valley and on the plain.

What will Yahweh do because of what the people are doing? (vv13-14)

He will light a fire in the thickets that will burn everything up.

Jeremiah 21:14

ULT

14 I have assigned the fruit of your practices to come against you—this is Yahweh's declaration— and I will light a fire in the thickets, and it will consume everything around it.'"

UST

14 I will punish you for your wicked deeds like you deserve to be punished; It will be as though I will light a fire in your forests that will burn up everything around you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22

Jeremiah 22:1

ULT

[1] This is what Yahweh says, “Go down to the house of the king of Judah and proclaim this word there.

UST

[1] This is another message that Yahweh gave to me: “Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and say this to him:

What does Yahweh tell the King of Judah, his servants, and his people to do? (vv1-3)
They are to listen to the word of Yahweh, act justly, help those who have been robbed, and rescue the oppressed. They are not to mistreat foreigners, orphans, or widows, and they are not to be violent or kill innocent people.

Jeremiah 22:2

ULT

[2] Say, ‘King of Judah, listen to the word of Yahweh—you who sit on David’s throne—you, and your servants, and your people who come through these gates.

UST

[2] ‘You are the king of Judah. You are the ruler, like King David was. You and your officials and your people must listen

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh says this, “Perform justice and righteousness, and anyone who has been robbed—rescue him from the hand of the oppressor. Do not mistreat any foreigner in your land, or any orphan or widow. Do not commit violence or pour out innocent blood in this place.

UST

[3] to what Yahweh says: “Act fairly and justly. Do what is right. Help those who have been robbed. Rescue people from those who oppress them. Stop doing evil deeds. Do not mistreat those who have come here from other countries, and do not mistreat orphans and widows. Stop murdering here in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:4

ULT

4 For if you truly do these things, then kings sitting on David's throne will enter the gates of this house riding in a chariot and on horses, he, his servants, and his people!

UST

4 If you obey these commands carefully, there will always be some descendant of King David who will be ruling here in Jerusalem. The king and his officials and other people will ride through the gates of the city in chariots and on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:5

ULT

5 But if you do not listen to these words from me that I have announced—this is Yahweh's declaration—then this royal house will become a ruin.'"

UST

5 But if you refuse to pay attention to these commands, I, Yahweh, solemnly declare, that this palace will become a pile of rubble.'""

What happens if they do not listen to these words of Yahweh's declaration?

The royal palace will become a ruin.

Jeremiah 22:6

ULT

6 For Yahweh says this concerning the house of the king of Judah, 'You are like Gilead, or like the summit of Lebanon to me. Yet I will turn you into a wilderness, into cities with no inhabitants.

UST

6 And this is what Yahweh says about the house of the king of Judah: "I like this palace, like I like the forests in the region of Gilead and the mountains in Lebanon. But I will cause this palace to become a desert, a place that no one lives in.

How will the palace become a wilderness? (vv6-7)

Yahweh will choose people to come and destroy it.

Jeremiah 22:7

ULT

[7] For I have designated destroyers to come against you! Men with their weapons will cut off the best of your cedars and let them fall into the fire.

UST

[7] I will select troops who will destroy this palace; each soldier will use his own tools to wreck the building. They will cut into pieces the beautiful big cedar beams and throw them into a fire.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:8

ULT

[8] Then many nations will pass by this city. Each person will say to the next, “Why has Yahweh acted in this way toward this great city?”

UST

[8] People from many nations will walk past the ruins of this city and say to each other, “Why did Yahweh destroy this city that was very great?”

Why has Yahweh done these things to the great city? (vv8-9)

He has done them because the people abandoned the covenant and worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 22:9

ULT

[9] Then the other will answer, “Because they abandoned the covenant of Yahweh their God and bowed down to other gods and worshiped them.”

UST

[9] And other people will reply, “He did it because his people stopped obeying the agreement that they had made with Yahweh their God. Instead, they worshiped other gods.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:10

ULT
10 Do not weep for the one who is dead or mourn for him; but weep bitterly for him who is about to go away, because he will never return and see his native land again.’

UST
10 Yahweh also says, “Do not mourn for King Josiah; do not cry because he has died. Instead, mourn for King Jehoahaz, his son, because he will be captured and taken to another country, and he will never return to see his own country, Judah, again.”

Why should the people weep for those who go into captivity?
They should weep because the captives will never return or see the land again.

Jeremiah 22:11

ULT
11 For Yahweh says this about Jehoahaz son of Josiah king of Judah, who served as king instead of Josiah his father, ‘He has gone from this place and will not come back.

UST
11 Jehoahaz became king after his father, King Josiah, died, but Jehoahaz was captured and taken to Babylonia. And this is what Yahweh says about him: “He also will never return to Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:12

ULT
12 He will die there in the place to where they have exiled him, and he will never again see this land.’

UST
12 He will die in that country where they have taken him as a captive and will never see his own country again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:13

ULT

13 Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor work for him for nothing, and he does not give him his wages;

UST

13 And Yahweh said to me, “Terrible things will happen to King Jehoahaz’s brother, King Jehoiakim. He unjustly forced men to build his palace. The rooms on the upper level were built by men who were forced unjustly to do that work; he forced his neighbors to work for nothing; he did not pay them anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:14

ULT

14 he says, ‘I will build for myself a large house with spacious upper rooms.’ So he cuts out large windows for it, and he panels it with cedar, and he paints it red.

UST

14 He said, ‘I will force my workers to build a huge beautiful palace with very large rooms and many windows. They will cover the walls with fragrant cedar panels and paint them bright red.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:15

ULT

15 Is this what makes you a good king, that you wanted to have boards of cedar? Did not your father also eat and drink, yet do justice and righteousness? Then things went well for him.

UST

15 But it is certainly not having a beautiful cedar palace that causes a king to be great! Jehoiakim’s father, Josiah, also had plenty of things to eat and drink. But Josiah always did things that are right and just, and that is why God blessed him.

What should a good king do? (vv15-16)

He should do justice even for the poor and needy, do righteousness, and know Yahweh.

Jeremiah 22:16

ULT

16 He judged in favor of the poor and needy. It was good then. Is this not what it means to know me?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

16 Josiah acted justly and helped poor and needy people, so things went well for him. Yahweh says, "That is the way a person should behave who knows me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:17

ULT

17 But there is nothing in your eyes and heart except worry for your unjust profit and for pouring out innocent blood, for producing oppression and crushing of others.

UST

17 But Jehoiakim, you are greedy and desire only to obtain things by acting dishonestly. You murder innocent people, you oppress poor people, and you treat people cruelly and violently."

Why will the people not lament for king Jehoiakim?

They will not lament because he steals, he kills innocent people, and he oppresses people.

Jeremiah 22:18

ULT

18 Therefore this is what Yahweh says about Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah: They will not lament for him, saying, 'Woe, my brother!' or 'Woe, my sister!' They will not lament for him, saying, 'Woe, master!' or 'Woe, majesty!'

UST

18 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says about Jehoiakim son of King Josiah: "When he dies, people will not mourn for him. They will not say to each other, 'It is very sad; we are so sorry!' The people whom he ruled will not mourn for him, saying, 'We are sad that our king is dead; we are so sorry that the wonderful things that happened while he was king are ended.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:19

ULT

19 He will be buried with a donkey's burial, dragged away and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

UST

19 When he dies, people will do to his corpse what they do to a dead donkey; his corpse will be dragged out of Jerusalem and dumped outside the gates!

What kind of burial will they give Jehoiakim?

They will bury him as they bury donkeys.

Jeremiah 22:20

ULT

20 Go up Lebanon's mountains and shout. Lift your voice in Bashan. Shout from the Abarim mountains, for all of your friends will be destroyed.

UST

20 You people of Judah, go to the mountains in Lebanon and weep, shout in the mountains of the Bashan region, call out in mourning in the mountains of Moab, because all your friends in those areas have been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:21

ULT

21 I spoke to you when you were safe, but you said, 'I will not listen.' This was your custom since your youth, for you have not listened to my voice.

UST

21 When you were prosperous, I warned you, but you replied, 'We will not pay attention to what you say.' You have been acting like that since you were young; you have never obeyed me.

What has been the custom of the people since they were young?

They have not listened to Yahweh's voice.

Jeremiah 22:22

ULT

22 The wind will shepherd away all your shepherds, and your friends will go into captivity. Then you will certainly be ashamed and humiliated by all of your evil deeds.

UST

22 So, now I will punish all your leaders; it will be as though they have been blown away by the wind. They will be captured by your enemies and taken to another country. When that happens, you will truly be ashamed and disgraced because of all the wicked things that you have done.

What will happen to them when they do not listen?

They will lose their shepherds, their friends will become captives, and they will be ashamed and humiliated.

Jeremiah 22:23

ULT

23 You who live in ‘Lebanon,’ who is nestled in cedar buildings, how you will be pitied when the labor pains come upon you, pain like that of a woman in labor!”

UST

23 Now, your king enjoys living in the cedar rooms in his palace, but soon he will be punished, and then he will groan like a woman who is giving birth to a baby.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:24

ULT

24 “As I live—this is Yahweh’s declaration—even if you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on my right hand, I would tear you off.

UST

24 Yahweh says this: “Jehoiachin son of King Jehoiakim of Judah, as surely as I am alive, I will punish you. Even if you were the ring on my finger that shows that I am the king, I would pull you off.

What will happen to Jehoiachin? (vv24-26)

Yahweh will give Jehoiachin to the king of Babylon, and he will die far away from the land.

Jeremiah 22:25

ULT

25 For I have given you to the hand of the ones seeking your life and to the hand of those before whom you are afraid, even to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the Chaldeans.

UST

25 You are afraid of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and his huge army, because they are wanting to kill you. I will enable them to capture you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:26

ULT

26 I will throw you and your mother who bore you into another land, a country where you were not born, and there you will die.

UST

26 I will expel you and your mother from this land, and you will be taken to another country. Neither of you were born there, but you will both die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:27

ULT

27 About this land to which they will want to return, they will not come back here.

UST

27 You will never return to this land that you will very much desire to return to."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:28

ULT

28 Is this a despised and shattered vessel? Is this man Jehoiachin a pot that pleases no one? Why have they thrown him and his descendants out, and have poured them out into a land that they did not know?

UST

28 Someone said, "Jehoiachin will be like a broken pot that is despised and which no one wants. He and his children will be exiled to a foreign land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:29

ULT

29 Land, Land, Land! Hear the word of Yahweh!

UST

29 I want the people in this land to listen carefully to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 22:30

ULT

30 Yahweh says this, ‘Write about this man Jehoiachin: He will be childless. He will not prosper during his days, and no one among his descendants will achieve success or ever again sit on David’s throne and rule over Judah.’”

UST

30 This is what Yahweh says: “In the record about the kings of Judah, write down that it will be as though this man Jehoiachin had no children, and that he has not been successful during his life, because none of his children will ever become king to rule over the people of Judah.”

What does Yahweh say about Jehoiachin?

Jehoiachin will be childless and will not prosper.

Jeremiah 23

Jeremiah 23:1

ULT

1 “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

1 Yahweh declares, “Terrible things will happen to the leaders of my people—those who are like shepherds of the people who are like my sheep—because they have scattered my people and sent them away, and have not taken care of them.

What do the shepherds of Jeremiah’s day do to the sheep? (vv1-2)
The shepherds destroy and scatter the sheep, drive them away, and do not care for them.

Jeremiah 23:2

ULT

2 Therefore Yahweh, the God of Israel, says this concerning the shepherds who are shepherding his people, “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away. You have not cared for them. So I am about to punish you for the evil you have done—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

2 So, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people worship, say to those leaders: ‘Instead of taking care of my people and leading them to places where they are safe like a shepherd does for his sheep, you have scattered them. So I will punish you for the evil things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:3

ULT

3 I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all of the lands where I have driven them, and I will return them to a grazing place, where they will be fruitful and increase.

UST

3 But later I will gather those who are still alive, from the countries where I have forced them to go. I will bring them back to their own country, where they will have many children, and their number will increase.

What does Yahweh declare he will do for his flock? (vv3-4)
He will gather them, give them a place to graze, and give them good shepherds.

Jeremiah 23:4

ULT

[4] Then I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them so they will no longer fear or be shattered. None of them will go missing—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[4] Then I will appoint other leaders for my people, leaders who will take care of them. And my people will never be afraid of anything again, and none of them will be like a lost sheep that has been driven off by its shepherd.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:5

ULT

[5] See, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will raise up for David a righteous branch. He will reign as king; he will act wisely and cause justice and righteousness in the land.

UST

[5] Yahweh also says, "Some day I will appoint for you a righteous man who will be a descendant of King David. As king, he will do what is just and right for all the people in the nation.

What will Yahweh do in the coming days? (vv5-6)

He will raise up a righteous king.

Jeremiah 23:6

ULT

[6] In his days Judah will be rescued, and Israel will live in security. Then this is the name by which he will be called: Yahweh is our righteousness.

UST

[6] At that time, he will save all the Israelite people from their enemies, and they will be safe. And his name will be 'Yahweh, the one who does what is right for us.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:7

ULT

[7] Therefore see, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when they will no longer say, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought the people of Israel up from the land of Egypt.'

UST

[7] Yahweh also says that at that time, people who are solemnly promising to do something will no longer say, "I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives, who rescued the Israelite people from Egypt."

What will the people say Yahweh has done for them? (vv7-8)

They will say Yahweh has brought them back from other lands so they can live in their own land.

Jeremiah 23:8

ULT

[8] Instead they will say, 'As Yahweh lives, who brought up and who led back the descendants of the house of Israel from the northern land and all the lands where they had been driven.' Then they will live in their own land."

UST

[8] Instead, they will say, "I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives, who brought us Israelite people back to our own land, from the land to the northeast and from all the other countries to which he had exiled us." And they will live in their own land again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:9

ULT

[9] Regarding the prophets, my heart is broken in me, and all of my bones tremble. I have become like a drunk man, like a man whom wine has overpowered, because of Yahweh and his holy words.

UST

[9] I am very sad in my deepest emotions because of the sacred message that Yahweh has spoken about what will happen to the false prophets; it is as though all my bones shake. I stagger like a man who is drunk after drinking a lot of wine,

Why is Jeremiah's heart broken?

His heart is broken because Yahweh's words are holy, but the prophets are liars and the land is full of adulterers.

Jeremiah 23:10

ULT

10 For the land is full of adulterers. Because of these the land is dried up. The meadows in the wilderness dry up. These prophets' paths are wicked; their power is not used in a right manner.

UST

10 The land is full of people who commit adultery; and Yahweh has cursed the land. Even the pastures in the desert are all dried up, because the people do what is evil, and the false prophets use their power to do things that are not just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:11

ULT

11 "For both the prophets and the priests are polluted. I even found their wickedness in my house!—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

11 Yahweh says, "Even the priests and the prophets are ungodly; they do wicked things even in his temple.

What will happen to the prophets and priests? (vv11-12)

Yahweh will push them down and disaster will come against them.

Jeremiah 23:12

ULT

12 therefore their way will be like a slippery place in the darkness. They will be pushed down. They will fall in it. For I will send disaster against them in the year of their punishment—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

12 Therefore, it will be as though the paths that they walk on are slippery. It will be as though they are being chased in the darkness, and there they will fall down, because I will cause them to experience disasters at the time that I will punish them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:13

ULT

13 For I have seen the prophets in Samaria doing what is repulsive: They prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray.

UST

13 Previously I saw that the prophets in Samaria were doing something that was wrong; they were prophesying, saying that Baal gave them the messages that they were proclaiming, and they were deceiving my people.

What are the offensives of the prophets? (vv13-14)

They prophesied by Baal, led Yahweh's people off the right path, committed adultery, deceived the people, and encouraged the people to do evil.

Jeremiah 23:14

ULT

14 Among the prophets in Jerusalem I have seen horrible things: They commit adultery and walk in deceit. They strengthen the hands of evildoers; no one turns back from his evildoing. All of them have become like Sodom to me and its inhabitants like Gomorrah!"

UST

14 And now I have seen the prophets in Jerusalem doing terrible things. They commit adultery and habitually tell lies. They encourage evil people to continue to do evil things, with the result that the people do not stop sinning. Those prophets are as wicked as the people in Sodom and Gomorrah were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:15

ULT

15 Therefore Yahweh of hosts says this concerning the prophets, "Look, I am about to make them eat wormwood and drink poisonous water, for pollution has gone out from the prophets of Jerusalem to all the land."

UST

15 So, this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says about those false prophets: "I will give those prophets bitter things to eat and poison to drink, because it is because of them that this land is filled with people who do wicked deeds."

What does Yahweh make these prophets do?

He makes them eat wormwood and drink poisonous water.

Jeremiah 23:16

ULT

16 Yahweh of hosts says this, “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They have deluded you! They are announcing visions from their own minds, not from Yahweh’s mouth.

UST

16 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “Do not pay any attention to what those false prophets say to you, because they are just fooling you. They tell you about visions that they have only thought in their own minds, not about visions that I have given them.

Why does Yahweh say, “Do not listen to the prophets”? (vv16-17)

They have lied to the people.

Jeremiah 23:17

ULT

17 They are constantly saying to those who dishonor me, ‘Yahweh declares there will be peace for you.’ For everyone walking in the stubbornness of his own heart says, ‘Disaster will not come upon you.’

UST

17 They habitually say to those who hate me, ‘Yahweh says that you will have peace.’ And they say to those who stubbornly do what they want to do, ‘Nothing bad will happen to you because of your doing those things.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:18

ULT

18 Yet who has stood in Yahweh’s council meeting? Who sees and hears his word? Who pays attention to his word and listens?

UST

18 But none of them has ever been in a council meeting in heaven in order to listen to a message from me. None of them has paid attention to anything that Yahweh has said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:19

ULT
19 See, there is a storm coming from Yahweh! His fury is going out, and a tempest is whirling about. It is whirling around the heads of the wicked.

UST
19 So, Yahweh will punish them; it will be like a great storm; it will come down like a whirlwind, swirling around the heads of those wicked people.

What is Yahweh's fury like?
His fury is like a storm.

Jeremiah 23:20

ULT
20 Yahweh's wrath will not return until it has carried out and brought into being his heart's intentions. In the final days, you will understand it.

UST
20 Yahweh will not stop being angry until he has completely accomplished all that he has planned. In the future, you will understand all of this clearly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:21

ULT
21 I did not send out these prophets. They just appeared. I did not proclaim anything to them, but they have still prophesied.

UST
21 Yahweh also says, "I have not appointed those prophets, but they run around telling people their messages. I did not speak to them, but they continue to prophesy.

What is wrong with the prophets? (vv21-22)
Yahweh did not send them.

Jeremiah 23:22

ULT
22 For if they had stood in my council meeting, they would have caused my people to hear my word; they would have caused them to turn from their wicked words and corrupt practices.

UST
22 If they had been in my council meetings, they would have been able to speak messages from me, and they would have caused people to turn away from committing evil deeds. “

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:23

ULT
23 Am I only a God nearby—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and not also a God far away?

UST
23 Yahweh also says, “Am I a God who is only nearby? No, I am a God who is far away, also.

Where can people go to get away from Yahweh? (vv23-24)
There is nowhere people can get away from him. He nearby and far away, he can see in every secret place, and he is everywhere in the heavens and the earth.

Jeremiah 23:24

ULT
24 Can anyone hide in a secret place so I cannot see him?—this is Yahweh’s declaration— and do I not fill the heavens and the earth?—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST
24 So, no one can hide in some secret place with the result that I cannot see him. I am everywhere, in heaven and on the earth! That is what I, Yahweh, say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:25

ULT

25 I have heard what the prophets have said, those who were prophesying deceit in my name. They said, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’

UST

25 I have heard those prophets prophesy lies, saying that they are telling people messages from me. They say, ‘Listen to me tell you the dream I received from God last night! I really had this dream!’

What do the prophets want the people to do? (vv25-27)

They want the people to stop worshiping Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:26

ULT

26 How long will this go on, prophets who prophesy lies from their minds, and who prophesy from the deceit in their hearts?

UST

26 How long will they continue to do this? How long will those lying prophets continue to prophesy things that come only from their own minds?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:27

ULT

27 They are planning on making my people forget my name with the dreams that they report, each one to his neighbor, just as their ancestors forgot my name in favor of Baal’s name.

UST

27 They think that because of the dreams that they tell to each other, people will forget me, like their ancestors forgot about me when they started to worship Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:28

ULT

28 The prophet who has a dream, let him report the dream. But the one to whom I have declared something, let him declare my word truthfully. What does straw have to do with grain?—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

28 Allow those false prophets to tell people their dreams, but those who have messages that really come from me should proclaim those messages faithfully. I, Yahweh, say that like straw and grain are certainly very different, my messages and the message from those false prophets are certainly very different.

How is the prophet of Yahweh to declare what he hears from Yahweh? (vv28-29)

He is to declare Yahweh's word truthfully and not steal words from other people.

Jeremiah 23:29

ULT

29 Is not my word like fire?—this is Yahweh's declaration—and like a hammer that shatters a rock into pieces?

UST

29 It is as though my messages burn like a fire and is like a hammer that smashes rocks into pieces when it affects someone's heart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:30

ULT

30 So see, I am against the prophets—this is Yahweh's declaration—anyone who steals words from another person and says they come from me.

UST

30 Therefore, I, Yahweh say, I oppose all those prophets who steal messages from each other and claim that those messages came from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:31

ULT

31 See, I am against the prophets—this is Yahweh's declaration—who use their tongues to prophesy proclamations.

UST

31 I oppose those prophets who speak their own messages but claim that those messages came from me.

Why is Yahweh against the prophets? (vv31-32)

He is against them because they deceive people by saying that their own thoughts are the words of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:32

ULT

32 See, I am against the prophets who dream deceitfully—this is Yahweh's declaration—and then proclaim them and in this way mislead my people with their deceit and boasting. I am against them, for I have not sent them out nor given them commands. So they will certainly not help this people—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

32 I oppose those prophets who falsely say that I told them something in a vision, but they are only telling lies that cause my people to sin. I did not send those prophets. I did not even appoint them to be prophets. And they have no messages that will benefit my people at all. That is what I, Yahweh, declare."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:33

ULT

33 When these people, or a prophet, or a priest asks you, 'What is the burden of Yahweh?' you will say to them, 'You are the burden, and I will cast you off'—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

33 Yahweh said to me, "If one of those prophets or priests or one of the other people asks you, 'What problem has Yahweh told you about now?', you must reply, 'He has not given me anything to say to you! Instead, Yahweh says that he will abandon you!'

What does Yahweh want Jeremiah to tell those who ask him for a word from Yahweh?

He is to say that there is no word from Yahweh because Yahweh has abandoned the people.

Jeremiah 23:34

ULT

34 As for the prophets, priests, and people who are saying, ‘This is the burden of Yahweh’ I will punish that man and his house.

UST

34 And if any prophet or priest or anyone else falsely says, ‘I have a prophecy from Yahweh,’ I will punish that person and his family.

Whom will Yahweh punish?

He will punish those who say they have a message from Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:35

ULT

35 You continue to say, each person to his neighbor and each man to his brother, ‘What did Yahweh answer?’ and ‘What did Yahweh declare?’

UST

35 What you should continually ask each other is, ‘When you spoke to Yahweh, what did he reply? What is he saying to us?’

Why must the people not talk to each other about Yahweh’s declaration? (vv35-36)

They must not do it because each man is using his own words, and they have perverted the words of the living God.

Jeremiah 23:36

ULT

36 But you must no longer talk about the ‘burden of Yahweh,’ for the burden is every man’s own word, and you have perverted the words of the living God, Yahweh of hosts, our God.

UST

36 But instead you are only concerned with your own ideas and with twisting the true message from the true God, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom we worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:37

ULT

37 This is what you will say to the prophet, ‘What answer did Yahweh give you?’ or ‘What did Yahweh say?’

UST

37 This is what you should ask each prophet: ‘What did Yahweh reply when you talked to him? What is he saying to us?’

How does Jeremiah test any prophet? (vv37-38)

He asks questions to see if they falsely say that they have received a declaration from Yahweh.

Jeremiah 23:38

ULT

38 But if you say, ‘The burden of Yahweh’, this is what Yahweh says: ‘Because you have said these words, ‘The burden of Yahweh,’ when I sent to you, saying, ‘You will not say, “The burden of Yahweh,”’

UST

38 If he replies, ‘What I told you is a prophecy from Yahweh’ then let him know I will punish him, becasue I told my true prophets not to give any messages to this people right now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 23:39

ULT

39 therefore, behold, I am about to pick you up and throw you away from me, along with the city that I gave you and your ancestors.

UST

39 So I, Yahweh, will get rid of you false prophets. I will expel you from my presence. And I will get rid of this city that I gave to you and to your ancestors.

What happens to the prophets who give false reports? (vv39-40)

Yahweh will throw them away and put everlasting shame on them.

Jeremiah 23:40

ULT

40 Then I will put everlasting shame and insult on you that will not be forgotten.'"

UST

40 I will cause people to make fun of you forever. People will never forget that you were disgraced."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24

Jeremiah 24:1

ULT

1 Yahweh showed me something. Behold, two baskets of figs were placed before Yahweh's temple. (This vision happened after Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, took into exile Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, the officials of Judah, the craftsmen and the metalworkers from Jerusalem and brought them to Babylon.)

UST

1 The army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured Jehoiachin, the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, and his officials, and all his skilled workers and took them to Babylon. After that happened, Yahweh gave me a vision. In the vision I saw two baskets of figs that had been placed in front of the temple.

What is the vision Yahweh gave Jeremiah? (vv1-3)
Yahweh showed him a basket of very good figs and a basket of very bad figs.

Jeremiah 24:2

ULT

2 One basket of figs was very good, like first ripe figs, but the other basket of figs was so very bad that they could not be eaten.

UST

2 One basket was full of good figs, like the kind that ripen first. The other basket was filled with figs that were bad, with the result that they could not be eaten.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:3

ULT

3 Yahweh said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs. Figs that are very good and figs that are so very bad they cannot be eaten."

UST

3 Then Yahweh said to me, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" I replied, "I see some figs. Some are very good ones, but some are very bad, with the result that no one would eat them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:4

ULT

4 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

4 Then Yahweh gave me this message:

Who are the people Yahweh says are like the good figs? (vv4-5)

Yahweh says the exiles are like the good figs.

Jeremiah 24:5

ULT

5 "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: I will look on the exiles of Judah for their benefit, just like these good figs, the exiles whom I have sent out from this place to the land of Chaldea.

UST

5 "This is what I, Yahweh, the God whom the Israelite people say that they worship, say: The good figs represent the people of Judah whom I exiled to Babylonia. I sent them there for their own good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:6

ULT

6 I will set my eyes on them for good and restore them to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down. I will plant them, and not uproot them.

UST

6 and I will not exile them again, instead I will bring them back to this land and let them build up houses and cities again. They will be like plants that grow and prosper and are never cut down.

What will Yahweh do to the people who are like the good figs?

He will restore them to the land

Jeremiah 24:7

ULT

7 Then I will give them a heart to know me, for I am Yahweh. They will be my people and I will be their God, so they will turn to me with all their heart.

UST

7 I will enable them to desire to know in their inner beings that I am Yahweh. They will be my people, and I will be their God, because they will return to me sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:8

ULT

8 But like the bad figs that are too bad to be eaten—this is what Yahweh says—I will act in this way with Zedekiah, king of Judah, with his officials, and with the rest of Jerusalem who remain in this land or go to stay in the land of Egypt.

UST

8 But I, Yahweh, also say, the bad figs represent Zedekiah, the king of Judah, and his officials, and all the other people who remain in Jerusalem, and those who have gone to Egypt. I will do to them like people do to rotten figs.

Who are the people Yahweh says are like the bad figs?

Zedekiah, the people who remain in the land, and the people who go to Egypt are like the bad figs.

What will Yahweh do to the people he says are like the bad figs? (vv8-10)

He will make things go badly for them, and he will kill them by war, famine, and sickness.

Jeremiah 24:9

ULT

9 I will turn them into a frightening thing, a disaster, in the sight of all the kingdoms on earth, a disgrace and a subject for proverbs, taunts, and curses in every place where I will have driven them.

UST

9 I will cause them to experience calamities, with the result that people in every nation on the earth will be horrified, and will hate them because they are evil people. Wherever I scatter them, people will make fun of them, and say that they are disgraced, and ridicule them, and curse them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 24:10

ULT

10 I will send out sword, famine, and plague against them, until they are destroyed from the land that I gave them and their ancestors.”

UST

10 And I will cause them to experience wars and famines and diseases, until they have disappeared from Israel, this land which I gave to them and to their ancestors.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25

Jeremiah 25:1

ULT

1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah about all the people of Judah. It came in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah. That was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

UST

1 After Jehoiakim had been ruling Judah for almost four years, Yahweh gave me this message for all the people of Judah. It was during the year that King Nebuchadnezzar started to rule in Babylon.

Who did Jeremiah the prophet proclaim this word to? (vv1-2)

He proclaimed the word to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 25:2

ULT

2 Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed this to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

2 Jeremiah spoke this message to all the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:3

ULT

3 He said, “For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah until this day, Yahweh’s words have been coming to me and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.

UST

3 “Yahweh has been giving me messages for twenty-three years. He started giving me messages when Josiah son of Amon, had been ruling Judah for almost thirteen years. And I have faithfully told you those messages, but you have not paid any attention to them.

How had the people received the words Jeremiah had proclaimed?

They had not listened.

How long had Jeremiah been proclaiming Yahweh’s words? (vv3-4)

He had been proclaiming them for 23 years.

Jeremiah 25:4

ULT

[4] Yahweh sent out all his servants the prophets to you again and again, but you have not listened or paid any attention.

UST

[4] Many times Yahweh has sent to you the prophets who served him, but you have not listened to them or paid any attention to what they said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:5

ULT

[5] These prophets said, ‘Let each man turn from his wicked way and the corruption of his practices and return to the land that Yahweh gave in ancient times to your ancestors and to you, as a permanent gift.

UST

[5] Each time their message was this: ‘Turn from all your evil behavior, from all the evil things that you have continually been doing. If you do that, you will be able to stay in this land that Yahweh gave to you and to your ancestors, to belong to you forever.

What did the prophets tell each man? (vv5-6)

They told each man to turn from his wicked way, not to worship other gods, and not to provoke Yahweh with what they did.

Jeremiah 25:6

ULT

[6] So do not walk after other gods to worship them or bow down to them, and do not provoke him with the work of your hands so that he does you harm.’

UST

[6] Do not cause Yahweh to become angry by serving and worshiping idols that you have made with your hands. If you do not cause him to be angry, he will not punish you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:7

ULT

7 But you have not listened to me—this is Yahweh's declaration—so you have provoked me with the work of your hands to do harm to you.

UST

7 And Yahweh says, 'But you would not pay attention to the messages that I gave to those prophets. You caused me to become extremely angry by your worshiping idols that you had made with your own hands. That resulted in my punishing you.

What harm did Yahweh do because they did not listen? (vv7-9)

Yahweh sent the people of the north with Nebuchadnezzar to destroy them.

Jeremiah 25:8

ULT

8 So Yahweh of hosts says this, 'Because you did not listen to my words,

UST

8 So now, I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say that because you have not paid attention to what I said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:9

ULT

9 see, I am about to send out a command to gather all the peoples of the north—this is Yahweh's declaration—with Nebuchadnezzar my servant, king of Babylon, and bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all the nations around you. For I will set them apart for destruction. I will turn them into a horror, an object for hissing, and an unending desolation.

UST

9 I will gather all the armies of the nations that will come from the northeast. I have appointed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to lead them. I have appointed him to do my work for me. I will bring those armies to attack this land, all the people living in it, and even nearby countries. I will completely destroy them, and cause them to be places that people are horrified about, and that people will ridicule, places that will be ruined forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:10

ULT

10 I will put an end to the sound of joy and sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

UST

10 I will cause happy singing and laughing to cease in your land. There will no longer be brides and bridegrooms talking joyfully. There will not be the sound of people grinding grain with millstones. There will be no lamps lit in your houses.

What sounds will disappear from these nations when they serve the king of Babylon for seventy years? (vv10-11)

The sound of celebration and the sound of work will disappear.

Jeremiah 25:11

ULT

11 Then all of this land will become a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.

UST

11 All of this land will become a desert where no one will live. And the people of Israel and of the nearby countries will be exiled to Babylonia and work for the kings of Babylon for seventy years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:12

ULT

12 Then it will happen when seventy years have been completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans—this is Yahweh's declaration—for their iniquity and make it an unending desolation.

UST

12 Then, after they have been in Babylonia for seventy years, I will punish the king of Babylonia and his people for the sins that they have committed. I will cause Babylonia to become a wasteland forever.

What will happen in seventy years? (vv12-14)

Yahweh will punish the people of Babylon for their iniquity.

Jeremiah 25:13

ULT

13 Then I will carry out against that land all the words that I had spoken, and everything written in this book that Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

UST

13 I will cause them to experience all the terrible things that Jeremiah has written about—all the punishments that he predicted will happen to all those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:14

ULT

14 For also many other nations and great kings will make slaves out of these nations. I will repay them for their deeds and the works of their hands.'"

UST

14 The leaders of many nations will cause the people of Babylonia to become their slaves, like the people of Babylonia caused my people to become slaves. I will punish them like they deserve for having caused my people to suffer.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:15

ULT

15 For Yahweh, God of Israel, said this to me, "Take this cup of the wine of fury from my hand and make all the nations to which I am sending you drink it.

UST

15 Then Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave me a vision. In the vision he was holding a cup of wine. He said, "Take from me this cup that is full of wine that represents punishment. I will cause all the leaders of the nations to which I will send you to drink some of the wine in this cup.

What will all the nations do when Yahweh gives them his cup of fury? (vv15-16)

They will drink it, stumble about, and rant madly.

Jeremiah 25:16

ULT

16 For they will drink and then stagger about and rant madly before the sword that I am sending out among them.”

UST

16 When they drink the wine, they will stagger and act like crazy people, because they will realize that I will massacre many of their people with swords.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:17

ULT

17 So I took the cup from Yahweh’s hand, and I made all the nations to which Yahweh had sent me drink it:

UST

17 So, in the vision, I took that cup full of wine from Yahweh, and I took it to all the nations to which he sent me, and caused the leaders of those nations to drink some of that wine.

What happened after Jerusalem, the cities of Judah, and her kings and officials drank from the cup that Jeremiah gave them? (vv17-18)

They turned into ruins.

Jeremiah 25:18

ULT

18 Jerusalem, the cities of Judah and her kings and officials—to turn them into ruins and something terrifying, and into an object for hissing and cursing, as they are at this present day.

UST

18 I went to Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah, and the king and the other officials drank some of the wine from that cup. And, starting from that day, they all eventually were removed from having authority, and became people whom others ridiculed, who were despised, and cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:19

ULT

19 Other nations also had to drink it: Pharaoh king of Egypt and his servants; his officials and all his people;

UST

19 In the vision Egypt had to drink some of the wine, including the king and his officials and many of his people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:20

ULT

20 all people of mixed heritage and all the kings of the land of Uz; all the kings of the land of Philistia—Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod;

UST

20 and foreigners who were living there. In the vision the land of Uz and the cities and kings of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and Ashdod had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:21

ULT

21 Edom and Moab and the people of Ammon.

UST

21 Then the vision about the kings of Edom, Moab, and Ammon began.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:22

ULT

22 The kings of Tyre and Sidon, the kings of the coasts on the other side of the sea,

UST

22 Then there were more visions about the kings of the cities of Tyre and Sidon across the Mediterranean Sea, about the kings who had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:23

ULT

23 Dedan, Tema, and Buz with all the ones who cut the hair on the sides of their heads, they also had to drink it.

UST

23 In the vision the religious leaders of the cities of Dedan, Tema, and Buz, which were cities in Arabia and other distant places, they had to drink some of the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:24

ULT

24 All the kings of Arabia and all the kings of people of mixed heritage who live in the wilderness;

UST

24 In the vision other places in Arabia and the kings of tribes in the desert

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:25

ULT

25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes;

UST

25 and the kings of the Zimri, Elam, and Media people groups,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:26

ULT

26 all the kings of the north, the ones close by and the ones far away—everyone with his brother and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the surface of the earth, all of them had to drink the cup from Yahweh's hand. Finally, the king of Babylon will also drink from that cup.

UST

26 and kings in countries to the north that are near to Israel and to countries that are far from Israel, one after the other—all the kingdoms in the world had to drink, and finally the king of Babylon had to drink some of the wine.

What was the final nation to drink of the cup of Yahweh's fury?

Babylon was the last to drink of the cup of Yahweh's fury.

Jeremiah 25:27

ULT

27 Yahweh said to me, "Now you must say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Drink and become drunk, then vomit, fall down, and do not rise before the sword that I am sending among you.'

UST

27 Then in the vision Yahweh said to me, "Tell them that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Drink from this cup some of the wine that represents the punishment that I will give you. Drink a lot of it and become drunk and vomit. You will fall down and not get up again, because I will cause you to be killed in wars that I will send to you.

What will happen if the nations refuse to take the cup from Jeremiah's hand? (vv27-29)

They will be punished anyway.

Jeremiah 25:28

ULT

28 Then it will happen that if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, you will say to them, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: You must certainly drink it.

UST

28 If any of those to whom you give this wine refuse to drink it, tell them that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies says that they must drink it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:29

ULT

29 For see, I am about to bring disaster on the city that is called by my name, and should you yourselves be free from punishment? You will not be free, for I am calling a sword against all the inhabitants of the land!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.’

UST

29 I am starting to bring disaster to my own people. They will not be exempt from punishment, for I am sending wars to all the nations on the earth. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have said it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:30

ULT

30 You must prophesy all these words against them, and say to them, ‘Yahweh will roar from the heights and he will shout with his voice from his holy dwelling, and he will roar mightily against his fold; and he will shout, like those who tread the grapes against all those who live on the earth.

UST

30 Now tell them all those things that I have said, and also say this to them: ‘Yahweh will shout to them from the highest places like a lion roars! He will call out with a shout from the holy place where he lives! He will roar like a lion against his people because of their sins! Like those who shout so loudly when they are treading the grapes, he will shout so that everyone who lives on the earth can hear him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:31

ULT

31 The sound of battle will resound to the ends of the earth, for Yahweh brings charges against the nations, and he brings judgment on all flesh, and the wicked ones he will put to the sword—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

31 Even people in very remote places around the earth will hear him shouting, because he will say why he will judge and punish all the nations. He will cause the wicked people to be slaughtered with swords. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:32

ULT

32 Yahweh of hosts says this, ‘See, disaster is going out from nation to nation, and a great storm is beginning from the farthest parts of the earth.

UST

32 Then tell them that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: ‘Listen to this! Disasters will happen to one nation after another. Punishment from me will arise like a great storm from the most distant places on the earth.

Whom will the disaster from Yahweh kill? (vv32-33)

It will kill everyone from one end of the earth to the other.

Jeremiah 25:33

ULT

33 Then those killed by Yahweh will on that day extend from one end of the earth to the other; they will not be mourned, gathered, or buried. They will be like dung on the ground.

UST

33 When that happens, the corpses of those whom I have caused to be slaughtered will fill the earth from the east to the west. And no one will mourn for them, and no one will gather their corpses to bury them. They will be scattered on the ground like manure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:34

ULT

34 Wail, shepherds, and shout for help! Roll about in the dust, you leaders of the flock, for the days of your slaughter have come; you will be scattered when you fall like fine pottery.

UST

34 You evil leaders, they call out for someone to help them! You who were the leaders of my people, fell down and and they rolled in the dust. Now is time for you to be slaughtered! You will fall down and be shattered like a fragile vase shatters when it falls to the ground.

Why are the shepherds wailing? (vv34-36)

It is their day to die.

Jeremiah 25:35

ULT
35 There is no refuge for the shepherds, there will be no escape for the leaders of the flock.

UST
35 Those who should have taken care of my people will not find any place to hide; there will be no place for the leaders of my people to find safety.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:36

ULT
36 Hear the cries of the shepherds and the wails of the leaders of the flock, for Yahweh is destroying their pastures.

UST
36 You are the ones who take care of my people now crying out for help, and those who were the leaders of my people they cry and beg for help— while I, Yahweh, am destroying your nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 25:37

ULT
37 So the peaceful pastures will be devastated because of Yahweh's fierce anger.

UST
37 Your peaceful meadows will become a wasteland because Yahweh will severely punish it.

Why were the peaceful pastures destroyed? (vv37-38)
Yahweh was angry.

Jeremiah 25:38

ULT

38 Like a young lion, he has left his den, for their land will become a horror because of the oppressor's anger, because of his angry wrath.'" [1]
25:38 [1] , some ancient copies and modern versions have .

UST

38 Yahweh will leave his dwelling like a lion leaves its den to attack other animals, and he will cause your land to become desolate. He is very angry with you and will make your enemies angry at you.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26

Jeremiah 26:1

ULT

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, this word came from Yahweh, saying,

UST

1 Soon after Jehoiakim son of Josiah, became the king of Judah, Yahweh gave me this message:

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to proclaim in the courtyard? (vv1-2)

He tells him to proclaim all of Yahweh's words.

Jeremiah 26:2

ULT

2 "Yahweh says this: Stand in the courtyard of my house and speak about all the cities of Judah who come to worship at my house. Proclaim all the words that I have commanded you to say to them. Do not cut short any word!

UST

2 "This is what I, Yahweh, am telling you: Stand in the courtyard in front of my temple, and speak to all the people from the various towns in Judah who come there to worship me. Tell them everything that I tell you; do not leave out anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:3

ULT

3 It may be that they will listen, that each man will turn from his wicked ways, so I will relent concerning the disaster that I am planning to bring on them because of the wickedness of their practices.

UST

3 If you do tell them everything, perhaps they will pay attention, and each one of them will turn away from his evil behavior. Then I will change my mind, and not bring on them the disaster that I was planning to bring on them because of the evil things that they have done.

What can the people do to get Yahweh not to bring disaster on them?

If the people listen and turn from their wicked ways, Yahweh will not bring disaster on them.

Jeremiah 26:4

ULT

4 So you must say to them, ‘Yahweh says this: If you do not listen to me so as to walk in my law that I have placed before you—

UST

4-5 Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh says: I sent to you the prophets who serve me, to tell you what you should do. I sent them to you many times, but you have not paid attention to what they said. If you will not pay attention to what I say and do not obey the message that I have given to you, and if you do not pay attention to what the prophets say,

If the people do not listen to the words of Yahweh, what will Yahweh do to their city? (vv4-6)

Yahweh will turn their city into a curse.

Jeremiah 26:5

ULT

5 if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I am persistently sending to you—but you have not listened!—

UST

4-5 Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh says: I sent to you the prophets who serve me, to tell you what you should do. I sent them to you many times, but you have not paid attention to what they said. If you will not pay attention to what I say and do not obey the message that I have given to you, and if you do not pay attention to what the prophets say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:6

ULT

6 then I will make this house like Shiloh; I will turn this city into a curse in the sight of all the nations on earth.’”

UST

6 I will destroy this temple like I destroyed Shiloh, the place where the sacred tent was put. And I will cause Jerusalem to be a place whose name people in every nation on the earth will say when they curse someone.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:7

ULT

[7] The priests, the prophets, and all the people heard Jeremiah announcing these words in Yahweh's house.

UST

[7] Jeremiah did what Yahweh told him to do. The priests, the false prophets, and many other people listened to him as he told them that message outside the temple.

What happens to Jeremiah after he announces Yahweh's words? (vv7-9)
The priests, prophets, and people seize him and tell him he will die.

Jeremiah 26:8

ULT

[8] So it happened that when Jeremiah had finished announcing all that Yahweh commanded him to say to all the people, the priests, prophets, and all the people seized him and said, "You will certainly die!

UST

[8] But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling them everything that Yahweh had commanded him to say, they all seized him and said, "You must be executed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:9

ULT

[9] Why have you prophesied in Yahweh's name and said that this house will become like Shiloh and this city will become desolate, with no inhabitant?" For all the people had formed a mob against Jeremiah in Yahweh's house.

UST

[9] Why are you prophesying that this temple will be destroyed like Shiloh was destroyed? Why are you saying that this city will be destroyed, and that no one will live here anymore? All the people surrounded Jeremiah as he stood in front of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:10

ULT

10 Then the officials of Judah heard these words and went up from the king's house to Yahweh's house. They sat in the gateway at the New Gate of Yahweh's house.

UST

10 When the officials of Judah heard about all this that was happening, they rushed from the palace and sat down at the gate of the temple named The New Gate, to judge Jeremiah's case.

Where do the people take him to judge him? (vv10-12)

They take him to the gateway of the New Gate of the temple.

Jeremiah 26:11

ULT

11 The priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people. They said, "It is right for this man to die, for he prophesied against this city, just as you heard with your own ears!"

UST

11 The priests and the prophets told the officials and the other people who were there, "This man should be executed, because he has prophesied that this city will be destroyed, and you yourselves have heard him say that!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:12

ULT

12 So Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people and said, "Yahweh has sent me out to prophesy against this house and this city, to say all the words that you have heard.

UST

12 Then Jeremiah replied to the officials and the other people. He said to them, "Yahweh sent me to prophesy all the things that you heard me say about what will happen to this temple and this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:13

ULT

13 So now, improve your ways and your practices, and listen to the voice of Yahweh your God so that he will relent concerning the disaster that he has proclaimed against you.

UST

13 But if you change your behavior and stop sinning, and start to obey Yahweh our God, he will change his mind, and not send to you the disasters that he said that he would send.

What will happen if the officials kill Jeremiah? (vv13-15)

If they kill him, they will be guilty of killing an innocent man.

Jeremiah 26:14

ULT

14 I myself—look at me!—am in your hand. Do to me what is good and right in your eyes.

UST

14 As for me, I am not able to free myself from your grasp. So you can do to me whatever you want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:15

ULT

15 But you must surely know that if you kill me, then you are bringing innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and its inhabitants, for Yahweh has truly sent me to you to proclaim all these words for your ears."

UST

15 But you need to know that if you kill me, you will be killing a man who is innocent. And you and everyone else in this city will be guilty, because the truth is that it was Yahweh who sent me to speak every word that you have heard me say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:16

ULT

16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and prophets, “It is not right for this man to die, for he has proclaimed things to us in the name of Yahweh our God.”

UST

16 Then the officials and the other people said to the priests and the false prophets, “This man does not deserve to be executed, because he has spoken to us the message that Yahweh gave him!”

What do the officials, people, and elders say about killing Jeremiah? (vv16-17)

They say that it would be wrong to kill him.

Jeremiah 26:17

ULT

17 Then men from the elders of the land rose up and spoke to the entire assembly of the people.

UST

17 Then some of the elders stood up and spoke to all the people who were gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:18

ULT

18 They said, “Micah the Morashite was prophesying in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah. He spoke to all the people of Judah and said, ‘Yahweh of hosts says this: Zion will become a plowed field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, and the hill of the temple will become a thicket.’

UST

18 They said, “Remember what Micah, the prophet from Moresheth, prophesied during the years that Hezekiah was the king of Judah. He told the people of Judah this: ‘This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: Some day Mount Zion will be plowed like fields are plowed; Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins. There will be a large clump of trees on top of the hill where the temple is now.’

What did Micah prophesy?

Micah prophesied that Zion, Jerusalem, and the temple mount would become ruins.

Jeremiah 26:19

ULT

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all of Judah put him to death? Did he not fear Yahweh and appease the face of Yahweh so that Yahweh would relent concerning the disaster that he proclaimed to them? So will we do greater evil against our own lives?”

UST

19 But did Hezekiah or anyone else in Judah kill Micah for saying that? No! Instead, Hezekiah revered Yahweh, and pleaded that he would act mercifully toward them. So, Yahweh changed his mind about sending to them the terrible disaster that he said he would send. And now if we kill Jeremiah, we are going to bring even worse disaster on ourselves!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:20

ULT

20 Meanwhile there was another man who prophesied in the name of Yahweh—Uriah son of Shemaiah from Kiriath Jearim—he also prophesied against this city and this land, agreeing with all of Jeremiah’s words.

UST

20 At that time, Uriah son of Shemaiah from the city of Kiriath Jearim was also prophesying from Yahweh. He was predicting that the city and the rest of the land would experience the same disasters that Jeremiah was predicting.

What does the king try to do to Uriah?

The king tries to kill Uriah.

Jeremiah 26:21

ULT

21 But when King Jehoiakim and all his soldiers and officials heard his word, then the king tried to put him to death, but Uriah heard and was afraid, so he ran away and went to Egypt.

UST

21 When King Jehoiakim and his army officers and officials heard what Uriah was saying, the king sent someone to kill Uriah. But Uriah heard about it, and became very afraid, and he escaped to Egypt.

What does Uriah do?

He goes to Egypt.

Jeremiah 26:22

ULT

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent out men to go to Egypt—Elnathan son of Akbor and men to go into Egypt after Uriah.

UST

22 Then King Jehoiakim sent Elnathan son of Acbor along with several other men to Egypt.

How was Jehoiakim able to kill Uriah? (vv22-23)

Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt to bring Uriah back, then Jehoiakim killed Uriah with the sword.

Jeremiah 26:23

ULT

23 They took Uriah out from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim. Then Jehoiakim killed him with a sword and sent his corpse out to the graves of the ordinary people.

UST

23 They captured Uriah and took him back to Jerusalem to King Jehoiakim. The king then commanded a soldier to kill Uriah with a sword. Then they buried his corpse in a place where poor people are buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 26:24

ULT

24 But the hand of Ahikam son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so he was not given into the hand of the people to be put to death.

UST

24 However, Ahikam son of Shaphan defended me, and persuaded the officials not to allow the mob to murder Jeremiah.

Who keeps Jeremiah from being killed?

Ahikam son of Shaphan keeps Jeremiah from being killed.

Jeremiah 27

Jeremiah 27:1

ULT

1 In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh. [1]

UST

1 Soon after Zedekiah son of Josiah became the king of Judah, Yahweh gave a message to me.

Which kings does Jeremiah get a word from Yahweh for? (vv1-2)
He gets a message for the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon.

Jeremiah 27:2

ULT

2 This is what Yahweh said to me, “Make fetters and a yoke for yourself. Place them on your neck.

UST

2 This is what he said to me: “Make a yoke and bonds, then fasten them around your own neck.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:3

ULT

3 Then send them out to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the people of Ammon, the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon. Send them by the hand of those kings’ ambassadors who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

UST

3 Then send them to the kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre, and Sidon, and give them to the ambassadors from those countries who have come to Jerusalem to talk to King Zedekiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:4

ULT

4 Give commands to them for their masters and say, ‘Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: This is what you must say to your masters,

UST

4 Tell them to give this message to their kings: This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:5

ULT

5 “I myself made the earth by my great strength and my raised arm. I also made the people and animals on the earth, and I give it to anyone who is right in my eyes.

UST

5 ‘With my very great power I created the earth and the people and the animals that are on the earth. And I can give those things to anyone whom I want to.

What is the message for the kings? (vv5-7)

All their nations will serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:6

ULT

6 So now, I myself am giving all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, my servant. Also, I am giving the living things in the fields to him to serve him.

UST

6 And now I am going to enable King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who does what I want him to do, to control your countries. I am going to enable him to rule everything, even the wild animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:7

ULT

7 For all the nations will serve him, his son, and his grandson until the time for his land comes. Then many nations and great kings will subdue him.

UST

7 The people of all the nations will work for him, and later for his son, and later for his grandson, until the time for them to rule is finished. Then the armies of many great kings from many nations will conquer Babylon.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:8

ULT

8 So the nation and the kingdom that does not serve Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and that does not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon—I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine, and with the plague—this is Yahweh's declaration—until I have destroyed it by his hand.

UST

8 But now I tell you that you must do what the king of Babylon wants you to do, like an ox that has a yoke on its neck must do what its master wants it to do. I will punish any nation that refuses to do that. I will cause those people to experience war and famine and diseases, until the armies of Babylon have conquered that nation.

What will happen to the nations that do not serve Nebuchadnezzar?

Yahweh will punish nations that do not serve Nebuchadnezzar with sword, famine, and plague.

Jeremiah 27:9

ULT

9 So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your seers, your soothsayers, and sorcerers, who have been speaking to you and saying, 'Do not serve the king of Babylon.'

UST

9 So, do not pay attention to your false prophets and fortune tellers and people who predict what will happen by working magic or by talking with spirits of dead people. Those people say not to serve him because the king of Babylon will not conquer your country.

What will happen to the people who listen to deceitful prophecy? (vv9-10)

Yahweh will send them away from their land, and they will die.

Jeremiah 27:10

ULT

10 For they are prophesying deceit to you in order to send you far away from your lands, for I will drive you away, and you will die.

UST

10 Those people are all liars. If you believe what they say, it will result in your being exiled from your land. I will cause you to be taken from your land, and you will die far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:11

ULT

11 But the nation that places its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serves him, I will allow it to rest in its land—this is Yahweh's declaration—and they will cultivate it and make their homes in it.""

UST

11 But the people of any country who do what the king of Babylon wants them to do will remain in their own country and be able to plant their crops as they always have done. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will the nation that takes the yoke of the king of Babylon receive?

They will stay in their land, cultivate it, and make homes.

Jeremiah 27:12

ULT

12 So I spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah and gave him this message, "Place your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him and his people, and you will live.

UST

12 After I gave that message to those ambassadors, I gave the same message to King Zedekiah of Judah. I said to him, "If you want to remain alive, do what the king of Babylon and his officials want you to do.

What does King Zedekiah need to do if he wants to live?

He needs to serve the King of Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:13

ULT

13 Why will you die—you and your people—by the sword, famine, and plague, just as I have declared about the nation that refuses to serve the king of Babylon?

UST

13 It would be foolish for you not to do that, because the result would be that you and your people would die by your enemies' swords or by famine or diseases, which Yahweh will cause any nation to experience that refuses to allow the king of Babylon to rule them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:14

ULT

14 Do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you and say, 'Do not serve the king of Babylon,' for they are prophesying lies to you.

UST

14 Do not pay attention to those prophets who say to you, 'Do not obey the king of Babylon since he will not conquer your country.' They are liars.

What will happen to Zedekiah if he listens to his prophets? (vv14-15)

Yahweh will drive him out and he will die.

Jeremiah 27:15

ULT

15 'For I have not sent them out—this is Yahweh's declaration—for they are prophesying deceit in my name so that I will drive you out and you will perish, both you and the prophets who are prophesying to you.'"

UST

15 This is what Yahweh says: 'I have not appointed those prophets. They are saying that I gave them messages, but they are lying. So, if you believe them, I will expel you from this land. And you and all those prophets will die in Babylon!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:16

ULT

16 I proclaimed this to the priests and all the people and said, “Yahweh says this: Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you and say, ‘Look! The objects belonging to Yahweh’s house are being returned from Babylon now!’ They are prophesying lies to you.

UST

16 Then I spoke to the priests and the other people, and I said, “This is what Yahweh says: ‘Do not believe your prophets who tell you that all the gold items that were taken from my temple by soldiers from Babylon will soon be returned from Babylon, because what they are prophesying is a lie.

What does Jeremiah say to the priests and the people? (vv16-17)

They are not to listen to the prophets. They are to serve the king of Babylon and live.

Jeremiah 27:17

ULT

17 Do not listen to them. You should serve the king of Babylon and live. Why should this city become a ruin?

UST

17 Do not pay attention to what they say. Surrender to the king of Babylon. If you do that, you will remain alive. If you do not do that, this entire city will be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:18

ULT

18 If they are prophets, and if the word of Yahweh has truly come to them, let them beg Yahweh of hosts not to send to Babylon the objects that remain in his house, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem.

UST

18 If they are really prophets who speak messages from me, tell them to plead to me, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, that the soldiers from Babylon will not be allowed to take away to Babylon the valuable items that still remain in the temple and in the king’s palace and in the other palaces in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:19

ULT

19 Yahweh of hosts says this about the pillars, the large basin known as “The Sea” and its base, and the rest of the objects that remain in this city—

UST

19 I say this because the huge pillars that are in front of the temple and the large tank that was called “The Sea” and the ten water carts and all the other items that are used for offering sacrifices are still in this city.

What did Nebuchadnezzar take from Judah and Jerusalem? (vv19-20)

He took Jehoiachin and all the nobles.

Jeremiah 27:20

ULT

20 the objects that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take when he carried Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon with all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem.

UST

20 King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon left those things here when he exiled Jehoiachin, the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, to Babylon, along with all the other leaders of Jerusalem and the leaders of other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 27:21

ULT

21 Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this about the objects that remain in the house of Yahweh, the house of the king of Judah, and Jerusalem,

UST

21 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this about all those valuable things that are still outside the temple and in the palace of the king of Judah:

What will happen to the objects in the temple? (vv21-22)

Nebuchadnezzar will take them to Babylon.

Jeremiah 27:22

ULT

22 ‘They will be brought to Babylon, and they will remain there until the day I have set to come for them—this is Yahweh’s declaration—then I will bring them up and restore them to this place.’”

27:1 [1] , most modern versions have , because the events in this chapter occur during his reign.

UST

22 They will all be carried away to Babylon. And they will stay there until I say that they should be brought back to Jerusalem. Then they will be brought back here. That is what I, Yahweh, say.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28

Jeremiah 28:1

ULT

1 It happened in that year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year and the fifth month, Hananiah son of Azzur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in Yahweh's house in front of the priests and all the people. He said,

UST

1 These things occurred when Zedekiah was beginning his rule as king of Judah. It happened on the fourth year and fifth month of his rule, that Azzur's son Hananiah, a prophet from the city of Gibeon, spoke to Jeremiah in the courtyard of the temple, while all the priests and other people were listening. He said,

Briefly what did Hananiah say to Jeremiah in front of the priests and people? (vv1-2)
Hananiah said that Yahweh had broken the yoke imposed by the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:2

ULT

2 "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: I have broken the yoke imposed by the king of Babylon.

UST

2 "This is what the Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says: 'I will cause the king of Babylon to stop ruling you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:3

ULT

3 Within two years I will bring back to this place all the objects belonging to Yahweh's house that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took from this place and transported to Babylon.

UST

3 Within two years, I will cause to be brought back to this temple all the valuable things that King Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took from this temple and took to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:4

ULT

4 Then I will bring back to this place Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the captives of Judah who were sent to Babylon—this is Yahweh's declaration—for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon."

UST

4 And I will also bring back to this place Jehoiachin, who was the son of the Jehoiakim, the King of Judah, and all the other people who were captured and taken to Babylon. The king of Babylon has forced you to do what he wants, like someone puts a yoke on the neck of an ox to force it to do what he wants it to do. But I will cause that to end. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:5

ULT

5 So Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Hananiah the prophet in front of the priests and to all the people who stood in Yahweh's house.

UST

5 Jeremiah replied to Hananiah in front of all the priests and other people whom were standing outside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:6

ULT

6 Jeremiah the prophet said, "May Yahweh do this! May Yahweh confirm the words that you prophesied and bring back to this place the objects belonging to Yahweh's house, and all the captives from Babylon.

UST

6 He said, "I want that to be true! I desire that what you have predicted will happen just as you said! I hope that he will cause men from Babylon to bring back all the valuable things that were in this temple, and all the people who were taken to Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:7

ULT

7 However, listen to the word that I am proclaiming in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

UST

7 But now listen to what I say to you while all these people are listening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:8

ULT

8 The prophets who existed before me and you from long ago also prophesied about many nations and against great kingdoms, about war, famine [1] , and plague.

UST

8 Many years ago, those who were prophets before you and I became prophets spoke messages about many nations and great kingdoms. They predicted that wars and disasters and plagues would occur in those nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:9

ULT

9 So the prophet who prophesies that there will be peace—if his word comes true, then it will be known that he is indeed a prophet sent out by Yahweh."

UST

9 So now you or any other prophet who predicts that things will go well for us must show that your message is correct. Only if what you predict actually happens will we know that you were truly appointed by Yahweh."

How does one know if a prophet is a true prophet sent by Yahweh?

The prophet's words will come true.

Jeremiah 28:10

ULT
10 But Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it.

UST
10 Then Hananiah took the yoke off my neck and broke it.

Why does Hananiah break the yoke off Jeremiah? (vv10-11)
He wants the people to believe that they will be free from Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:11

ULT
11 Then Hananiah spoke in front of all the people and said, “Yahweh says this: Just like this, within two years I will break from off the neck of every nation the yoke imposed by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.” Then Jeremiah the prophet went on his way.

UST
11 Then he said this to all the people who were there: “This is what Yahweh says: ‘Just like Hananiah has broken this yoke, within two years I will cause King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to stop forcing the people to do what he wants, which has been like a heavy yoke on all their necks.’” After Hananiah said that, Jeremiah left the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:12

ULT
12 After Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST
12 Soon after Hananiah had broken the yoke that was around the neck of Jeremiah, Yahweh gave this message to me:

Are Hananiah’s words true? (vv12-14)
No, the people will not be free from Babylon.

Jeremiah 28:13

ULT

13 “Go and speak to Hananiah and say, ‘Yahweh says this: You broke a yoke of wood, but I will make instead a yoke of iron.’

UST

13 “Go and say this to Hananiah: ‘Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says that you have broken a wooden yoke, but that he will replace it with an iron yoke.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:14

ULT

14 For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: I have placed a yoke of iron on the neck of all of these nations to serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and they will serve him. I have also given him the wild beasts in the fields to rule over.”

UST

14 I have forced the people of all these nations to become slaves of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. That is like an iron yoke around their necks. I have put everything, even wild animals, under his control.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:15

ULT

15 Next Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah the prophet, “Listen Hananiah! Yahweh has not sent you, but you yourself have caused this people to believe in lies.

UST

15 Then Jeremiah went to Hananiah and said to him, “Hananiah, listen to this: Yahweh has not appointed you; instead, you have told lies to the people, and they have believed your lies.

What is Yahweh’s message through Jeremiah to Hananiah? (vv15-17)

Yahweh will kill Hananiah this year because Hananiah told the people to rebel against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 28:16

ULT

16 So Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to send you out from the earth. You will die this year, since you proclaimed rebellion against Yahweh.”

UST

16 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says: ‘You will soon die. Before the end of this year, you will die, because you have encouraged people to act against Yahweh.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 28:17

ULT

17 In the seventh month of that same year, Hananiah the prophet died.
28:8 [1] instead of .

UST

17 Hananiah died two months later.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29

Jeremiah 29:1

ULT

1 These are the words in the scroll that Jeremiah the prophet sent out from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the captives and to the priests, prophets, and all the people that Nebuchadnezzar exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon.

UST

1-2 After King Jehoiachin, his mother, his palace officials, other officials in Judah and Jerusalem, and all the various kinds of craftsmen had been exiled to Babylon, Jeremiah wrote a letter to the elders, the priests, the prophets and all the other people who had been taken from Jerusalem to Babylon by soldiers of Nebuchadnezzar.

Who did Jeremiah send his scroll to?
It was sent to all the people exiled to Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:2

ULT

2 This was after Jehoiachin the king, the queen mother, and the high officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen had been sent away from Jerusalem.

UST

1-2 After King Jehoiachin, his mother, his palace officials, other officials in Judah and Jerusalem, and all the various kinds of craftsmen had been exiled to Babylon, Jeremiah wrote a letter to the elders, the priests, the prophets and all the other people who had been taken from Jerusalem to Babylon by soldiers of Nebuchadnezzar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:3

ULT

3 He sent this scroll by the hand of Elasah son of Shapan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah whom Zedekiah, king of Judah, had sent to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

UST

3 He gave the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan, and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, when they were about to go to Babylon to be ambassadors from King Zedekiah to King Nebuchadnezzar. This is the letter that Jeremiah wrote, the message that Yahweh gave him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:4

ULT

4 The scroll said, “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this to all the captives whom I caused to be exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon,

UST

4 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to all you people who were captured here in Jerusalem and taken there to Babylon:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:5

ULT

5 ‘Build houses and live in them. Plant gardens and eat their fruit.

UST

5 “Build houses there, and plan to stay there because you will be there for many years. Plant gardens, and eat the food that is produced in the gardens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:6

ULT

6 Take wives and give birth to sons and daughters. Then take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands. Let them give birth to sons and daughters and increase there so you do not become too few.

UST

6 Get married and have children. Then when they grow up, choose wives for your sons, and husbands for your daughters, in order that they also may have children. In that way, the number of your people will increase, not decrease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:7

ULT

[7] Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be exiled, and intercede with me on its behalf since there will be peace for you if it is at peace.'

UST

[7] Also, do things that will cause things to go well for the other people there in the city where I sent you. Pray that things will go well for the people in that city, because if things go well for them, things will go well for you, also."

Why did Yahweh tell the captives to seek the peace of the city where they were exiled and to intercede with Yahweh on behalf of that city?
He told them to do this because the exiles would have peace if the city was at peace.

Jeremiah 29:8

ULT

[8] For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that you yourselves are having.

UST

[8] This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "There are false prophets and fortune tellers among you. Do not allow them to deceive you. Do not pay attention to them when they tell you their dreams,

What is Yahweh's warning through Jeremiah to the captives? (vv8-9)
He warns them not to listen to dreams or to prophets whom Yahweh did not send.

Jeremiah 29:9

ULT

[9] For they are prophesying deceitfully to you in my name. I did not send them—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

[9] because they are telling you lies, saying that I have given them the messages that they are telling you. But, I have not appointed them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:10

ULT

10 For Yahweh says this, ‘When Babylon has ruled you for seventy years, I will help you and carry out my good word for you to bring you back to this place.

UST

10 This is also what Yahweh says: “After you and your children have been in Babylon for seventy years, I will help you, and do for you the things that I promised, and I will enable you to return here to Jerusalem.

What is Yahweh’s plan for the captives after seventy years? (vv10-11)

He will bring them back to Judah and give them peace.

Jeremiah 29:11

ULT

11 For I myself know the plans that I have for you—this is Yahweh’s declaration—plans for peace and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

UST

11 I, Yahweh, know what I have planned for you. I am planning to cause things to go well for you, not to cause you to experience disasters. I am planning to give you many things that you can confidently expect to receive in the future that your people will survive to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:12

ULT

12 Then you will call to me, and go and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

UST

12 At that time, when you go to worship me and call out my name in prayer, I will listen to what you pray.

When will they find Yahweh? (vv12-14)

They will find him when they call to him, pray to him, and seek him with all their heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

ULT

13 For you will seek me and find me, since you will seek me with all your heart.

UST

13 If you earnestly desire for me to bless you, you will see that I will answer you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:14

ULT

14 Then I will be found by you—this is Yahweh's declaration—and I will bring back your fortunes; I will gather you from all the nations and places where I scattered you—this is Yahweh's declaration—for I will bring you back to the place from where I caused you to be exiled.'

UST

14 I will help you. I will cause you to no longer be slaves in Babylon. I will gather you from all the nations to which I have exiled you, and I will bring you back here to your own land, to the place from which you were taken."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:15

ULT

15 Since you said that Yahweh has raised up prophets for us in Babylon,

UST

15 Some of you say that Yahweh has appointed prophets for you there in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:16

ULT

16 Yahweh says this to the king who sits on the throne of David and to all the people who are staying in that city, your brothers who have not gone out with you into captivity—

UST

16 But this is what Yahweh says about the king who rules here in Jerusalem, and about all the other people who are still living here—your relatives who were not taken to Babylon with you.

What was Yahweh going to do to the people who stayed in the city and did not go out into captivity? (vv16-17)
Yahweh said he was about to send sword, famine, and disease on them.

Jeremiah 29:17

ULT

17 Yahweh of hosts says this, ‘See, I am about to send sword, famine, and disease on them. For I will make them like rotten figs that are too bad to be eaten.

UST

17 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: “I will cause them to experience wars and famines and diseases. I will cause them to become like bad figs that are very rotten, with the result that no one can eat them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:18

ULT

18 Then I will pursue them with sword, famine, and plague and make them a horrible sight to all the kingdoms on earth—a horror, an object of curses and hissing, and a shameful thing among all the nations where I scattered her.

UST

18 I will not stop causing them to experience wars and famines and diseases. And I will scatter them all around the world. In every country where I force them to be taken, I will cause them to be people whom others curse and be horrified about and mock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:19

ULT

19 This is because they did not listen to my word—this is Yahweh's declaration—that I sent out to them through my servants the prophets. I repeatedly sent them, but you would not listen—this is Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

19 That will happen because they have refused to pay attention to my messages, messages that I gave to the prophets whom I sent to them. And you who have been exiled to Babylon have not paid attention to them, either." That is what Yahweh says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:20

ULT

20 So you yourselves listen to the word of Yahweh, all you exiles whom he has sent out from Jerusalem to Babylon,

UST

20 Therefore, you people who have been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon, listen to this message from Yahweh.

What does Yahweh say he will do to Ahab and Zedekiah? (vv20-21)

He will hand them over to Nebuchadnezzar, who will kill them.

Jeremiah 29:21

ULT

21 'Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this about Ahab son of Kolaiah and Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who prophesy falsely to you in my name: See, I am about to put them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He will kill them before your eyes.

UST

21 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships,, says about Ahab son of Kolaiah, and about Zedekiah son of Maaseiah, who are telling lies to you, saying that they are giving messages from him: "They will be seized and taken to King Nebuchadnezzar, who will cause them to be executed while you are watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:22

ULT

22 Then a curse will be spoken about these persons by all the captives of Judah in Babylon. The curse will say: May Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire.

UST

22 Because of what will happen to them, all you people who have been taken from Judah to Babylon will say this when they curse someone: ‘I hope that Yahweh will do to you the same thing that he did to Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon caused to be killed by being burned in a fire.’

What curse will the captives of Judah in Babylon speak?

They will say, “May Yahweh make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in fire.”

Jeremiah 29:23

ULT

23 This will happen because of the shameful things they did in Israel when they committed adultery with their neighbor’s wives and declared false words in my name, things that I never commanded them to say. For I am the one who knows; I am the witness—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

23 They have done terrible things to my Israelite people. They have committed adultery with their neighbors’ wives, and they have spoken lies, saying that they were messages from me. They have said things that I did not tell them to say, and I, Yahweh, have heard them say those things.”

Why will Yahweh have Ahab and Zedekiah killed?

He will have them killed because of the shameful things they did.

Jeremiah 29:24

ULT

24 “About Shemaiah the Nehelamite, say this:

UST

24 Yahweh told me to send this message to Shemaiah, a man from Nehelam who was living in Babylon:

Where was Shemaiah when he wrote the letters?

He was in Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:25

ULT

25 ‘Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Because you sent out letters in your own name to all the people in Jerusalem, to Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, and said,

UST

25 “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: “You wrote a letter that no one told you to write. You sent it to Zephaniah the priest, son of Maaseiah, and you sent copies to the other priests and all the other people here in Jerusalem. This is what you wrote to him:

Where were the people to whom Shemaiah wrote the letters?

They were in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 29:26

ULT

26 “Yahweh has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, for you to be in charge of Yahweh’s house. You are in control of all the people who rave and make themselves into prophets. You should put them in stocks and chains.

UST

26 ‘Zephaniah, Yahweh has appointed you to be the priest instead of Jehoiada, to supervise those who work in the temple. Anyone who acts like a crazy man and who claims that he is a prophet, you should put his arms and legs and head into stocks.

What did Shemaiah want Zephaniah to do?

He wanted Zephaniah to make prisoners of the prophets.

Jeremiah 29:27

ULT

27 So now, why have you not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who makes himself into a prophet against you?

UST

27 So why have you not done anything to stop Jeremiah, the man from Anathoth, who pretends that he is a prophet among you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:28

ULT

28 For he has sent to us in Babylon and said, ‘It will be a long time. Build houses and live in them, and plant gardens and eat their fruit.’”’

UST

28 He sent a letter to us who are here in Babylon, saying that we will be here for a long time. He said that therefore we should build houses and plan to stay here, and plant gardens, and eat the food that is produced in the gardens.”

Why did Shemaiah want Zephaniah to rebuke Jeremiah?

Jeremiah had said that the people would be in Babylon for a long time.

Jeremiah 29:29

ULT

29 Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah the prophet.

UST

29 But when Zephaniah the priest received the letter from you, he brought it to me and read it to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:30

ULT

30 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST

30 Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 29:31

ULT

31 “Send word to all the exiles and say, ‘Yahweh says this about Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because Shemaiah has prophesied to you when I myself did not send him, and he has led you to believe lies,

UST

31 “Send this message to all the people from Judah who are there in Babylon: Say that this is what Yahweh says about Shemaiah, the man from Nehelam: ‘I did not appoint him, but he has deceived you and caused you to believe the lies that he prophesied.

Why will Yahweh punish Shemaiah and his descendants? (vv31-32)

He will do it because Shemaiah prophesied lies to the people so they would rebel against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 29:32

ULT

32 therefore Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his descendants. There will not be a man for him to stay among this people. He will not see the good that I will do for my people—this is Yahweh’s declaration—for he has proclaimed rebellion against Yahweh.’”

UST

32 So, I will punish him and his family. He has incited you to rebel against me. Because of that, all of his descendants will soon die. I will do many good things for you, my people, but he and his descendants will not see those things, because they will be dead. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30

Jeremiah 30:1

ULT
1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave Jeremiah another message. He said,

What will Yahweh do for his people? (vv1-3)
He will restore their fortunes and bring them back to the land.

Jeremiah 30:2

ULT
2 “This is what Yahweh, God of Israel, says, ‘Write in a scroll all the words that I have spoken to you.

UST
2 “I, Yahweh, the God of Israel am telling you to write down everything that I have said to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:3

ULT
3 For look, days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah. I, Yahweh, have said it. For I will bring them back to the land that I gave their ancestors, and they will possess it.’”

UST
3 I want you to know that some day I will free my people, the people of Israel and Judah, from being slaves in Babylon. I will bring them back to this land that I gave to their ancestors, and this land will belong to them again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:4

ULT
4 These are the words that Yahweh declared concerning Israel and Judah,

UST
4 Yahweh gave to me another message concerning the people of Israel and Judah.

Who heard the “trembling voice of dread”? (vv4-5)
Yahweh, speaking of himself as “we,” was the one who heard the voice.

Jeremiah 30:5

ULT
5 “For Yahweh says this, ‘We have heard a trembling voice of dread and not of peace.

UST
5 This is what he said: “I hear people screaming because they are terrified; there is no peace in the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:6

ULT
6 Ask and see if a man bears a child. Why do I see every young man with his hand on his loins like a woman bearing a child? Why have all their faces become pale?

UST
6 But think about this: Men certainly do not give birth to babies. Therefore, why do strong men stand there, with their faces very white, with their hands pressed against their stomachs, like women who are about to give birth to babies?

Why do the young men have their hands on their loins and have pale faces? (vv6-7)
The descendants of Jacob will have a time of anxiety.

Jeremiah 30:7

ULT

7 Woe! For that day will be great, with none like it. It will be a time of anxiety for Jacob, but he will be rescued from it.

UST

7 Terrible things will soon happen; That will be a terrible day! There has never been such a time. It will be a time when my Israelite people will experience great trouble, but finally they will be saved from their sufferings.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:8

ULT

8 For it will be in that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—that I will break the yoke off your neck, and I will shatter your chains, so foreigners will no longer enslave you.

UST

8 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: “At that time it will be as though I will sever the ropes that are around my people, and I will free them from being slaves. People in other countries will no longer enslave them.

How will the Israelites celebrate being freed from enslavement? (vv8-9)

They will worship Yahweh their God and serve David their king.

Jeremiah 30:9

ULT

9 But they will worship Yahweh their God and serve David their king, whom I will make king over them.

UST

9 My people will again serve me, Yahweh, their God, and they will serve a king who is a descendant of King David; and I will appoint this king for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:10

ULT

10 So you, my servant Jacob, do not fear—this is Yahweh's declaration—and do not be dismayed, Israel. For see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your descendants from the land of captivity. Jacob will return and be at peace; he will be secure, and there will be no more terror.

UST

10 So, you people of Israel who serve me, do not be dismayed now, because some day I will bring you back from distant places; I will bring your descendants back home from the land where they had been exiled. Then you Israelite people will again live peacefully and safely, and there will not be any nation that will cause you to be terrified.

Why should the descendants of Jacob not be dismayed?

Yahweh will bring them back from where he had scattered them to be captives.

Jeremiah 30:11

ULT

11 For I am with you—this is Yahweh's declaration—to save you. Then I will bring a complete end to all the nations where I have scattered you. But I will certainly not put an end to you, though I discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished.'

UST

11 I, Yahweh, say that I will be with you and will rescue you; I will completely destroy the nations to which I have scattered you. But I will not completely destroy you. I will punish you for your many sins, but I will punish you only as severely as you deserve: I would be doing wrong if I did not to punish you at all."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:12

ULT

12 For Yahweh says this, 'Your injury is incurable; your wound is infected.

UST

12 Yahweh also says this: "You have suffered very much; it is as though you have a terrible wound that cannot be cured.

How can Israel's wound be cured? (vv12-13)

It cannot be healed.

Jeremiah 30:13

ULT
13 There is no one to plead your case; there is no remedy for your wound to heal you.

UST
13 There is no one to help you, no one to put a bandage on your wound. There is no medicine that will heal you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:14

ULT
14 All of your lovers have forgotten you. They will not look for you, for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy and the discipline of a cruel master because of your many iniquities and your innumerable sins.

UST
14 All your allies have deserted you and they do not want to help you anymore. It is true that I have punished you severely, like your enemies would wound you, because you have committed many sins and you are very guilty.

Why does Yahweh discipline the Israelites? (vv14-15)
Yahweh disciplines the Israelites because of their iniquities and sins.

Jeremiah 30:15

ULT
15 Why do you call for help for your injury? Your pain is incurable. Because of your many iniquities, your innumerable sins, I have done these things to you.

UST
15 Because that is true, why do you protest about my punishing you, as though I had caused a wound that could not be cured? It was necessary for me to punish you, because you had committed many sins and you were very guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:16

ULT

16 So everyone who consumes you will be consumed, and all of your adversaries will go into captivity. For the ones who have plundered you will become plunder, and I will make all of the ones despoiling you a spoil.

UST

16 But some day all those who are trying to destroy you will be destroyed; all your enemies will be exiled to other nations. All those who have stolen things from you will have their valuable possessions stolen, and all those who attack you will be attacked.

What will Yahweh do to those who harmed Israel? (vv16-17)

He will have their enemies consume and capture and plunder them.

Jeremiah 30:17

ULT

17 For I will bring healing on you; I will heal you of your wounds—this is Yahweh's declaration— I will do this because they called you: Outcast. No one cares for this Zion.'"

UST

17 Everyone says that you are outcasts, and that you live in Jerusalem, a city that no one cares about." But Yahweh says, "I will heal your injuries and cause you to be healthy again."

What will Yahweh do for Israel?

Yahweh will heal Israel's wounds.

Jeremiah 30:18

ULT

18 Yahweh says this, "See, I am about to bring back the fortunes of Jacob's tents and have compassion on his homes. Then a city will be built on the heap of ruins, and a stronghold will exist again where it used to be.

UST

18 This is what Yahweh says: "I will bring the people of Israel back from the lands to which they were taken and enable them to possess their land and their houses again. When that happens, Jerusalem will be rebuilt on top of its ruins, and the king's palace will be rebuilt as a place of justice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:19

ULT

19 Then a song of praise and a sound of merriment will go out from them, for I will increase them and not diminish them; I will honor them so they will not be humbled.

UST

19 People will again sing joyfully to thank me, and I will cause there to be more people in Jerusalem, not fewer; I will cause them to be honored, not despised.

What will the people do after the city has been rebuilt?

They will sing songs of praise, they will increase in number, and Yahweh will honor them.

Jeremiah 30:20

ULT

20 Then their people will be like before, and their assembly will be established before me when I punish all the ones who are now tormenting them.

UST

20 Their children will prosper like they did before. I will cause them to be a group of people who worship me, and I will punish any nation that oppresses them.

What will Yahweh do after he establishes Israel's assembly? (vv20-21)

He will appoint a leader for Israel.

Jeremiah 30:21

ULT

21 Their leader will come from among them. He will emerge from their midst when I draw him near and when he approaches me. If I do not do this, who would dare come close to me?—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

21 One of their own people will be their king, and I will invite him to come close to me to worship me, because no one would dare to come close to me if I did not invite him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:22

ULT

22 Then you will be my people, and I will be your God.

UST

22 You Israelite people will be my people, and I will be your God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:23

ULT

23 See, the tempest of Yahweh, his fury, has gone out. It is a continual tempest. It will whirl on the heads of the wicked people.

UST

23 Yahweh will punish your enemies; it will be like a great storm; it will come down like a whirlwind, swirling around the heads of wicked people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 30:24

ULT

24 Yahweh’s wrath will not return until it has carried out and brought into being his heart’s intentions. In the final days, you will understand it.”

UST

24 He will not stop being angry until he completely accomplishes all that he has planned. In the future, you will understand all of this clearly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31

Jeremiah 31:1

ULT

1 “At that time—this is Yahweh’s declaration—I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they will be my people.”

UST

1 Yahweh says that at that time, he will be the God who is worshiped by all the clans in Israel, and they will be his people.

Whose God will Yahweh be?
He will be the God of all the clans of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:2

ULT

2 Yahweh says this, “The people who have survived the sword have found favor in the wilderness; I will go out to give rest to Israel.”

UST

2 This is what Yahweh says: “Those people who remained alive and were not killed by their enemies’ swords were blessed by me even in the desert; where they survived.

Why did the people of Israel who survived the sword find Yahweh’s favor? (vv2-3)
They found favor because Yahweh loved them with an everlasting love.

Jeremiah 31:3

ULT

3 Yahweh appeared to me in the past and said, “I have loved you, Israel, with everlasting love. So I have drawn you toward myself with covenant faithfulness.

UST

3 Long ago I, Yahweh, said to your ancestors, the Israelite people, ‘I have loved you and I will continue to love you forever. By faithfully loving you I have brought you close to myself.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:4

ULT

4 I will build you up again so you will be built, virgin Israel. You will again pick up your tambourines and go out with happy dances.

UST

4 And now I tell you, my Israelite people who I will think of like a chaste woman, that I will cause you to be a nation again. You will joyfully dance as you play your tambourines.

What will virgin Israel do after Yahweh builds her up? (vv4-5)
She will go out with happy dances and have good crops.

Jeremiah 31:5

ULT

5 You will plant vineyards again on the mountains of Samaria; the farmers will plant and put the fruit to good use.

UST

5 Again you will plant your vineyards on the hills of Samaria, and you will eat the grapes that grow there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:6

ULT

6 For a day will come when the watchmen in the mountains of Ephraim will proclaim, ‘Arise, let us go up to Zion to Yahweh our God.’

UST

6 There will be a time when watchmen will call out from the hills of Samaria, ‘Come, let us go up to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh, our God!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:7

ULT

7 For Yahweh says this, “Shout for joy over Jacob! Shout in gladness for the chief people of the nations! Let praise be heard. Say, ‘Yahweh has rescued his people, the remnant of Israel.’

UST

7 And now Yahweh also says this: “Sing joyfully about what I have done for the people of Israel! Shout about your nation, the greatest nation! Shout joyfully, praising me and saying, ‘Yahweh, has rescued his people, the ones who were still alive!’

Whom has Yahweh rescued?

He has rescued the remnant of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:8

ULT

8 See, I am about to bring them from the northern lands. I will gather them from the farthest parts of the earth. The blind and lame will be among them; pregnant women and those who are about to give birth will be with them. A great assembly will return here.

UST

8 Do that because I will bring them back from the northeast, from the most distant places on the earth. Among them will be blind people and lame people, women who are pregnant and women who are having labor pains. They will be a huge group of people!

Where will Yahweh bring the remnant of Israel back from?

He will bring them back from the northern lands and the farthest parts of the earth.

Jeremiah 31:9

ULT

9 They will come weeping; I will lead them as they make their pleas. I will have them journey to streams of water on a straight road. They will not stumble on it, for I will be a father to Israel, and Ephraim will be my firstborn.”

UST

9 They will be weeping as they return, and they will be praying to me. I will guide them along streams of water, on level paths where they will not stumble. I will do this because I am like a father to the Israelite people; it is as though Israel is my oldest son.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:10

ULT

10 “Hear the word of Yahweh, nations. Report along the coasts in the distance. You nations must say, ‘The one who scattered Israel is gathering her up and keeping her as a shepherd keeps his sheep.’

UST

10 People in the nations of the world, listen to this message from Yahweh. Then proclaim it to people who live along the coasts far away. Yahweh scattered his people, but he will gather them again and will take care of them like a shepherd takes care of his sheep.

Who is “the one who scattered Israel”? (vv10-11)

Yahweh scattered Israel.

Jeremiah 31:11

ULT

11 For Yahweh has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from the hand that was too strong for him.

UST

11 Yahweh will buy his Israelite people back from those who conquered them because they were more powerful than his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:12

ULT

12 Then they will come and rejoice on the heights of Zion. Their faces will shine because of Yahweh’s goodness, over the corn and the new wine, over the oil and the offspring of the flocks and herds. For their lives will become like a watered garden, and they will never again feel any more sorrow.

UST

12 Yahweh’s people will return to Jerusalem and shout joyfully on the slopes of Zion Hill. They will rejoice about the things that Yahweh has abundantly given to them— grain and new wine and olive oil and young sheep and cattle. They themselves will be like a well-watered garden, and they will no longer feel worn out.

What will be the signs of Yahweh’s goodness?

The people will have plenty of food, wine, oil, and livestock.

Jeremiah 31:13

ULT

13 Then virgins will rejoice with dancing, and young and old men will be together. For I will change their mourning into celebration. I will have compassion on them and cause them to rejoice instead of sorrowing.

UST

13 The young women will dance joyfully, and all the men, young ones and old ones, will join with them. I will cause them to rejoice instead of mourning; I will comfort them and cause them to be happy instead of being sad.

What will the people do when they stop mourning?

They will celebrate

Jeremiah 31:14

ULT

14 Then I will saturate the lives of the priests in abundance. My people will fill themselves with my goodness—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

14 The priests will have plenty of things to eat and drink, and all my people will be filled with the good things that I give them. That will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:15

ULT

15 Yahweh says this: "A voice is heard in Ramah, wailing and bitter weeping. It is Rachel weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted over them, for they live no longer."

UST

15 Yahweh also says this: "Women were weeping in Ramah, on the border between Israel and Judah; they were mourning and crying very loudly. The women who were the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, the two grandsons of Rachel the wife of Jacob, were weeping about their children, and no one could comfort them because their children were all dead.

Why is there wailing and bitter weeping in Ramah?

There is wailing and weeping because Rachel's children have died.

Jeremiah 31:16

ULT

16 Yahweh says this, “Hold your voice back from weeping and your eyes from tears; there is a reward for your work—this is Yahweh’s declaration—your children will return from the land of the enemy.

UST

16 But now this is what Yahweh says: ‘Do not cry anymore, because I will reward you for the good things you have done for your children. Your children will return from the land where their enemies have taken them.

Why should the people stop weeping? (vv16-17)

Yahweh will bring their descendants back from the enemy’s land.

Jeremiah 31:17

ULT

17 There is hope for your future—this is Yahweh’s declaration—your descendants will return inside their borders.”

UST

17 I, Yahweh, am telling you that there are things that you can confidently expect me to do for you in the future. Your children will return to their own land.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:18

ULT

18 “I have certainly heard Ephraim sorrowing, ‘You punished me, and I have been punished like an untrained calf. Bring me back and I will be brought back, for you are Yahweh my God.

UST

18 I have heard the people of Israel grieving very much and saying to me, ‘You punished us severely, like calves are beaten by their owners to train them for pulling a plow. So bring us back to obey you again, because we are ready to return to you, because you alone are Yahweh, our God.

Why will Yahweh have compassion on Ephraim? (vv18-20)

He will have compassion because Ephraim was ashamed of his sins.

Jeremiah 31:19

ULT

19 For after I turned back to you, I was sorry; after I was trained, I slapped my thigh. I was ashamed and humiliated, for I have borne the guilt of my youth.’

UST

19 We turned away from you, but we repented; after you caused us to realize that we were guilty. We beat our hands on our legs to show that we were very ashamed of the sins that we committed when we were young.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:20

ULT

20 Is not Ephraim my precious child? Is he not my dear, delightful son? For whenever I speak against him, I certainly still call him to my loving mind. In this way my heart longs for him. I will certainly have compassion on him—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

20 But I, Yahweh, say this: The Israelite people certainly are still my dear children. It is often necessary for me to threaten to punish them, but I still love them. That is why I have not forgotten them, and I will certainly act mercifully toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:21

ULT

21 Place road signs for yourself. Set up guideposts for yourself. Set your mind on the right path, the way you should take. Come back, virgin Israel! Come back to these cities of yours.

UST

21 You Israelite people, set up road signs; put up posts along the roads to mark the road on which you walked when you were taken from Jerusalem. My precious Israelite people, come back to your towns here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:22

ULT

22 How long will you waver, faithless daughter? For Yahweh has created something new on earth—a woman surrounds a strong man.

UST

22 You people who have been like daughters who have forsaken their parents, how long will you continue to wander away from me? I, Yahweh, will cause something to happen on the earth that is new: the women of Israel will be protecting their husbands as they travel back here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:23

ULT

23 Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this, "When I bring back the people to their land, they will say this in the land of Judah and its cities, 'May Yahweh bless you, you righteous place where he lives, you holy mountain.'

UST

23 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: "When I bring them back from the countries to which they have been exiled, all the people from the towns in Judah will again say, 'I hope that Yahweh will bless this my home, the holy place where righteous people will live!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:24

ULT

24 For Judah and all its cities will live together there, as will farmers and those who set out with flocks.

UST

24 The people of Judah who live in the towns, including the farmers and the shepherds, will all live together peacefully.

Why will the people say, "May Yahweh bless you"?

They will say that because people will live in the cities and farmers and shepherds will live in the country.

Jeremiah 31:25

ULT
25 For I will cause those who are weary to drink, and I fill up those who are faint.”

UST
25 I will enable weary people to be refreshed with drinks of water, and enable people who are very exhausted to become strong again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:26

ULT
26 After this I awoke, and I realized that my sleep had been refreshing.

UST
26 I, Jeremiah, woke up after dreaming all those things, and I looked around. I had slept very delightfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:27

ULT
27 “Look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will sow the houses of Israel and Judah with the descendants of man and beast.

UST
27 Then Yahweh said to me, “There will be a time when I will greatly increase the number of people and the number of livestock here in Israel and Judah.

What will Yahweh do to the houses of Israel and Judah that he uprooted and tore down? (vv27-28)
Yahweh will watch over them so he can build them up and plant them.

Jeremiah 31:28

ULT

28 In the past, I kept them under surveillance in order to uproot them and to tear them down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring them harm. But in the coming days, I will watch over them, in order to build them up and to plant them—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

28 Previously, I caused their enemies to remove the people from their land and to destroy their land and to bring many disasters to it. But in the future, I will enable them to build houses and to plant crops here in Israel again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:29

ULT

29 In those days no one will say any longer, 'Fathers have eaten sour grapes, but the children's teeth are dulled.'

UST

29 Previously the people often said, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, but it is the children's teeth that ache.' They meant that it was not fair for them to be punished for their ancestors' sins. But when I bring them back to their land, they will no longer say that.

What is the saying that the people of Israel and Judah will no longer use? (vv29-30)

The saying is, "Fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are dulled."

Jeremiah 31:30

ULT

30 For each man will die in his own iniquity; everyone who eats sour grapes, his teeth will be dulled.

UST

30 But now all people will die because of the sins that they themselves have committed. It will be more like 'The person who eats sour grapes will have his own teeth aching.'

Why will the people no longer use that saying?

Each man will die for his own sin.

Jeremiah 31:31

ULT

31 Look, the days are coming— this is Yahweh's declaration— when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

UST

31 I, Yahweh, say this: 'There will be a time when I will make a new agreement with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:32

ULT

32 It will not be like the covenant that I established with their fathers in the days when I took them by their hand to bring them out from the land of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, although I was a husband for them— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

32 This new agreement will not be like the agreement that I made with their ancestors when I took them by their hands and led them out of Egypt. They disobeyed that agreement, even though I loved them like husbands love their wives.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:33

ULT

33 This is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after these days —this is Yahweh's declaration. I will place my law within them and will write it on their heart, for I will be their God, and they will be my people.

UST

33 This is what I, Yahweh, say: 'This is the new agreement that I will make with the people of Israel some day: I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their inner beings. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

What is the new covenant that Yahweh will establish with the house of Israel and Judah? (vv33-34)

The new covenant is this: Yahweh will write his law on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:34

ULT

34 Then each man will no longer teach his neighbor, or a man teach his brother and say, ‘Know Yahweh!’ For all of them will know me, from the smallest of them to the greatest —this is Yahweh’s declaration— for I will forgive their iniquity and will no longer call their sins to mind.”

UST

34 And it will not be necessary for them to teach their neighbors or their relatives and say, “You need to know Yahweh,” because everyone, including both unimportant people and very important people, will already know me. And I will forgive them for having been very wicked, and I will never think again about the sins that they have committed.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:35

ULT

35 Yahweh says this, it is he who makes the sun to shine by day and fixes the moon and stars to shine by night. He is the one who sets the sea in motion so that its waves roar— Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

35 Yahweh is the one who causes the sun to give light during the day, and who causes the moon and the stars to give light during the night. He stirs up the seas, with the result that waves roar. His name is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, and this is what he says:

Israel will be a nation as long as what has not vanished? (vv35-36)

They will be a nation as long as the sun, moon, stars, and sea have not vanished.

Jeremiah 31:36

ULT

36 “Only if these permanent things vanish from my sight—this is Yahweh’s declaration— will Israel’s descendants ever stop from forever being a nation before me.”

UST

36 “I will not permanently reject my Israelite people any more than I will get rid of the laws that control the universe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:37

ULT

37 Yahweh says this, “Only if the highest heavens can be measured, and only if the earth’s foundation below can be discovered, will I reject all of Israel’s descendants because of all that they have done—this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

37 And this is what I say: ‘No one can measure the sky and no one can find out what is supporting the earth. Similarly, I cannot reject the descendants of Jacob because of all the evil things that they have done.’ That is certain, because I, Yahweh, have said it!

Yahweh will reject Israel’s descendants only when what two things have happened?

They will be a nation as long as no one has measured the highest heavens or discovered the earth’s foundation.

Jeremiah 31:38

ULT

38 “Look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when the city will be rebuilt for me, from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

UST

38 I, Yahweh, also say that there will be a time when everything in Jerusalem will be rebuilt for me, from the tower of Hananel at the northeast corner, west to the gate named the Corner Gate.

When the city is rebuilt, will it be bigger or smaller than it was? (vv38-40)

It will be bigger.

Jeremiah 31:39

ULT

39 Then the measuring line will go out again farther, to the hill of Gareb and around Goah.

UST

39 Workers will stretch a measuring line over Gareb Hill all the way southwest to Goah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 31:40

ULT

40 The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the terraced fields going out to the Kidron Valley as far as the corner of the Horse Gate on the east, will be set apart for Yahweh. The city will not be pulled up or overthrown again, forever.”

UST

40 And the whole area, including the place where corpses and ashes are thrown in the Kidron Valley, and all the fields to the east as far as the Horse Gate, will become set apart for me. And the city of Jerusalem will never again be captured or destroyed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32

Jeremiah 32:1

ULT

[1] This is the word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

UST

[1] After Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost ten years, Yahweh gave me another message, during the time that Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling Babylonia for almost eighteen years.

Where was Jeremiah when Yahweh gave a message to him? (vv1-2)

Jeremiah was imprisoned in the courtyard of the house of the king of Judah.

Jeremiah 32:2

ULT

[2] At that time, the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was imprisoned in the courtyard of the guard at the house of the king of Judah.

UST

[2] His army had surrounded Jerusalem, and Jeremiah was in a prison area in the courtyard where the guards of the king's palace stayed.

What was the Babylonian army doing?

It was attacking Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 32:3

ULT

[3] Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him and said, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to give over this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

UST

[3] King Zedekiah had put me there. I continued to prophesy there about what would happen. I continued to say, "Yahweh says that he is about to allow the army of the king of Babylon to capture this city.

Why did Zedekiah imprison Jeremiah? (vv3-5)

Zedekiah imprisoned him because Jeremiah prophesied that Jerusalem and Zedekiah would be captured by the Babylonians.

Jeremiah 32:4

ULT

4 Zedekiah king of Judah will not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, for he will certainly be given into the hand of the king of Babylon. His mouth will speak to the king's mouth, and his eyes will see the king's eyes.

UST

4 And the soldiers of Babylonia will most definitely capture King Zedekiah and take him to the king of Babylon for a face to face encounter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:5

ULT

5 He will take Zekediah to Babylon, and he will remain there until I have dealt with him—this is Yahweh's declaration. Though you fight against the Chaldeans, you will not succeed.'"

UST

5 Then his soldiers will take Zedekiah to Babylon, and he will remain there until I arrange for him to be punished. And if he tries to fight against the soldiers from Babylonia, he will not succeed." King Zedekiah asked Jeremiah why he continued to say that, but Yahweh had said this would be so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:6

ULT

6 Jeremiah said, "The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

6 At that time, Yahweh gave Jeremiah another message. He said,

What did Yahweh say, to Jeremiah, was going to happen? (vv6-7)

Yahweh told Jeremiah that Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle was coming to Jeremiah and would say, "Buy my field that is in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to buy it belongs to you.".

Jeremiah 32:7

ULT

7 ‘Look, Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is coming to you and will say, “Buy my field that is in Anathoth for yourself, for the right to buy it belongs to you.”’”

UST

7 “Your cousin Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle, will come to you. He will say to you, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, your hometown. Because you are my closest relative, it is written in our laws that you have the right to buy it before I ask if anyone else wants to buy it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:8

ULT

8 Then, as Yahweh had declared, Hanamel, the son of my uncle, came to me in the courtyard of the guard, and he said to me, “Buy my field that is in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of inheritance is yours, and the right to buy it belongs to you. Buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was Yahweh’s word.

UST

8 And just as Yahweh had predicted, my cousin Hanamel came to see me in the courtyard of the palace. He said, “Please buy my field at Anathoth in the area where the descendants of Benjamin live. It is written in our laws that you have the right to buy it before I ask if anyone else wants to buy it.” When he said that, I knew that the message that I had received was truly from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:9

ULT

9 So I bought the field in Anathoth from Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and I weighed out for him the silver, seventeen shekels in weight.

UST

9 So, I bought the field at Anathoth. I paid Hanamel almost two hundred grams of silver for it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:10

ULT

10 Then I wrote in a scroll and sealed it, and had witnesses witness it. Then I weighed the silver in the scales.

UST

10 I signed the paper on which it was written that I was buying it, while others were watching. Then I weighed the silver and gave it to him.

How did Jeremiah go about buying the field? (vv10-12)
Jeremiah signed and sealed the deed of purchase, weighed the silver in the scales, and gave the sealed scroll to Baruch in the presence of the witnesses.

Jeremiah 32:11

ULT

11 Next I took the deed of purchase that was sealed, following the command and the statutes, as well as the unsealed deed.

UST

11 Then I took two copies of the paper. One was sealed and the other was not sealed. On both of them was written the price and conditions of the purchase. I took both copies

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:12

ULT

12 I gave the sealed scroll to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah in front of Hanamel, the son of my uncle, and the witnesses who had written in the sealed scroll, and in front of all the Judeans who sat in the courtyard of the guard.

UST

12 and I gave them to Baruch son of Neraiah, and the grandson of Mahseiah. I did this while my cousin Hanamel, the other witnesses who had signed the paper, and other men of Judah who were there in the courtyard, were watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:13

ULT

13 So I gave a command to Baruch before them. I said,

UST

13 Then, while they were all listening, I said to Baruch,

What did Jeremiah tell Baruch to do with the sealed scroll? (vv13-14)

Jeremiah told Baruch to take the scrolls with the receipt of the purchase and place them in a new jar.

Jeremiah 32:14

ULT

14 "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Take these documents, both this receipt of purchase that is sealed and the unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last for a long time.

UST

14 "This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: 'Take both copies of this paper and put them in a clay jar, to preserve them for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:15

ULT

15 For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in this land."

UST

15 Do that because this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: Some day people will again own property in this land, and they will buy and sell houses and vineyards and fields.'"

What message of hope did Yahweh want to give through this purchase of land?

Yahweh wanted all the people to know that people would again buy houses, fields, and vineyards in the land.

Jeremiah 32:16

ULT

16 After I gave the receipt of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah, I prayed to Yahweh and said,

UST

16 After I had given the papers to Baruch, I prayed to Yahweh, saying this:

How did Yahweh make the heavens and the earth? (vv16-17)

He made the heavens and the earth by his great strength and with his raised arm.

Jeremiah 32:17

ULT

17 "Woe, Lord Yahweh! Look! You alone have made the heavens and the earth by your great strength and with your raised arm. Nothing you say is too difficult for you to do.

UST

17 "Yahweh, you are my Lord! You made the sky and the earth by your very great power. Nothing is too difficult for you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:18

ULT

18 You show covenant faithfulness to thousands and pour the guilt of men into the laps of their children after them. You are the great and mighty God; Yahweh of hosts is your name.

UST

18 You show thousands of people that you will always be faithful to your covenant with them, but people suffer the consequences of the sins that their parents have committed. You are the great and powerful God. You are Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:19

ULT

19 You are great in wisdom and mighty in deeds, for your eyes are open to all the ways of people, to give to each man what his conduct and deeds deserve.

UST

19 You make wise plans and you do mighty deeds. You see how all people behave, and you do to them what they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:20

ULT

20 You did signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. To this present day here in Israel and among all mankind, you have made your name famous.

UST

20 You performed many miracles in Egypt, and you continue to perform miracles here in Israel and everywhere else in the world. Because of that, you have become very famous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:21

ULT

21 For you brought your people Israel out from the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand, with a raised arm, and with great terror.

UST

21 You brought our Israelite ancestors out of Egypt by performing many great miracles, using your very great power, causing our enemies to be terrified.

How did Yahweh make his name famous?

He brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 32:22

ULT

22 Then you gave them this land—which you had sworn to their ancestors to give to them—a land flowing with milk and honey.

UST

22 You gave to us Israelite people this land that you solemnly promised to give to our ancestors, a land that is very fertile.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:23

ULT

23 So they entered and took possession of it. But they did not obey your voice or live in obedience to your law. They did nothing of what you had commanded them to do, so you brought all this disaster on them.

UST

23 Our ancestors came here and conquered this land and started to live in it, but they refused to obey you or to do what you commanded them to do. Because of that, you have caused them to experience all these disasters.

What did the people of Israel do after Yahweh gave them the land?
They did not obey him.

Jeremiah 32:24

ULT

24 Look! The siege mounds have reached up to the city to capture it. For because of sword, famine, and plague, the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans who are fighting against it. For what you have said would happen is happening, and see, you are watching.

UST

24 And now, the army of Babylonia has built ramps up against our city walls in order to attack our city. Because of our enemies' swords and because of famines and diseases, they will be able to conquer it easily. The things that you said would happen have now happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:25

ULT

25 Then you yourself said to me, “Purchase a field for yourself with silver and have witnesses witness it, even though this city is being given into the hand of the Chaldeans.”

UST

25 And it is evident that the Babylonian army will soon conquer this city. So now, I do not understand why you told me to buy this field with my silver, while others were watching. It seems that I have just been wasting my money by doing that!”

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do when the city of Jerusalem was being given into the hand of the Babylonians?
He told him to buy a field.

Jeremiah 32:26

ULT

26 The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST

26 Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:27

ULT

27 “Look! I am Yahweh, God of all mankind. Is anything too difficult for me to do?

UST

27 “I am Yahweh, the God who rules over every living thing in the world. There is absolutely nothing that is too difficult for me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:28

ULT

28 Therefore Yahweh says this, ‘See, I am about to give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans and Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He will capture it.

UST

28 So, this is what I say: It is true that I will enable the Babylonian army and King Nebuchadnezzar to capture this city.

Why will Nebuchadnezzar be able to capture the city?

Yahweh will give him the city.

Jeremiah 32:29

ULT

29 The Chaldeans who are fighting against this city will come and set fire to this city and burn it, along with the houses on the roofs of which the people worshiped Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods in order to provoke me.

UST

29 The soldiers of Babylonia who are now outside the walls around the city will enter and burn this city. They will burn down all the houses where people caused me to become angry by burning incense on the tops of their roofs to honor Baal and by pouring out offerings of wine to other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:30

ULT

30 For the people of Israel and Judah have certainly been people who have been doing evil before my eyes since their youth. The people of Israel have certainly offended me with the practices of their hands—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

30 The people of Israel and Judah have continually done only evil things from the time that they became a nation. They have caused me to become very angry by all their evil deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:31

ULT

31 Yahweh declares that this city has been a provocation of my wrath and fury since the day that they built it. It has been that right up to this present day. So I will remove it from before my face

UST

31 From the time that this city was built until now, the people of this city have done only things that caused me to be very angry. So now I will destroy it.

How long had Jerusalem been a provocation to Yahweh? (vv31-32)

Jerusalem had been a provocation of Yahweh's wrath since the day that they built it.

Jeremiah 32:32

ULT

32 because of all the wickedness of the people of Israel and Judah, the things that they have done to provoke me—they, their kings, princes, priests, prophets, and every person in Judah and inhabitant of Jerusalem.

UST

32 The people of Israel and Judah, including their kings, their officials, the priests, the false prophets, and all the other people in Jerusalem have committed many sins that have caused me to become angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:33

ULT

33 They turned their backs to me instead of their faces, though I had eagerly taught them. I tried to teach them, but not one of them listened in order to receive correction.

UST

33 My people have turned away from me and have refused to return to me. Even though I taught them things many times, they would not pay attention to what I taught them, and they would not obey me.

What did the people of Israel do to provoke Yahweh? (vv33-35)

They turned their backs on Yahweh, placed wicked things in the temple, built shrines for Baal, and sacrificed their children to Molech.

Jeremiah 32:34

ULT

34 They set up their abominable idols in the house that is called by my name, to defile it.

UST

34 They have set up their detestable idols even in my own temple and defiled it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:35

ULT

35 They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom in order to put their sons and daughters in the fire for Molech. I did not command them. It never entered my mind that they should do this detestable thing and so cause Judah to sin.'

UST

35 They have built on the hilltops places to worship Baal in Ben Hinnom Valley outside Jerusalem, and there they sacrifice their sons and daughters to their god Molech. I never commanded them to do such horrible deeds. I never even considered ordering such a terrible thing. And by doing it they have caused all the people of Judah to be guilty of having sinned."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:36

ULT

36 So now therefore, I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say this concerning this city, the city about which you are saying, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, famine, and plague.'

UST

36 "But now I will say something more about this city. You people of Jerusalem have been saying, 'The army of the king of Babylon will conquer it, either by their swords or because of famines or diseases.' But this is what I, the God of Israel, say:

What does Yahweh promise to do for the people of Judah even though they have been wicked? (vv36-37)

He promises to gather them from where they are and bring them back to the land.

Jeremiah 32:37

ULT

37 See, I am about to gather them from every land where I had driven them in my wrath, fury, and great anger. I am about to bring them back to this place and enable them to live in security.

UST

37 ‘I will certainly bring my people back here again, from all the countries to which I will force them to go because I am extremely angry with them. I will bring them back to this city and allow them to live here safely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:38

ULT

38 Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.

UST

38 They will be my people, and I will be their God.

How will Yahweh provide for the people of Judah? (vv38-40)

He will give them one heart and one way to honor him, and he will establish a perpetual covenant with them.

Jeremiah 32:39

ULT

39 I will give them one heart and one way to honor me every day so it will be good for them and their descendants after them.

UST

39 I will give them one way of thinking and behaving, in order that they may revere me, for their good and for the good of their descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:40

ULT

40 Then I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. I will set honor for me in their hearts, so that they will never turn away from me.

UST

40 I will make an agreement with them that will last forever: I will never stop doing good things for them, and they will always honor me; they will never stop worshiping me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:41

ULT

41 Then I will rejoice in doing good to them. I will faithfully plant them in this land with all my heart and all my life.

UST

41 I will be happy to do good things for them, and I will surely enable them to return to this land and remain here; I will do that with all my inner being and all my strength.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:42

ULT

42 For Yahweh says this, 'Just as I have brought all this great disaster on this people, so I will bring on them all the good things that I have said I would do for them.

UST

42 And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: 'I have caused them to experience all these disasters. Similarly, some day I will do for them all the good things that I have promised.

Just as Yahweh brought disaster on his people, what else was he going to do with them in the future?

Yahweh said he would bring on them all the good things that he had said he would do for them.

Jeremiah 32:43

ULT

43 Then fields will be bought in this land, about which you are saying, “This is a ruined land, which has neither man nor beast. It has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.”

UST

43 By buying land you, Jeremiah, have predicted that some day people will buy and sell fields in this land about which you people of Jerusalem now say, “The Babylonian soldiers have destroyed it. It is now desolate. It is a land where there are no longer any people or animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 32:44

ULT

44 They will buy fields with silver and write in sealed scrolls. They will assemble witnesses in the land of Benjamin, all around Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, in the cities in the hill country and in the lowlands, and in the cities of the Negev. For I will bring back their fortunes—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

44 But some day people will again buy and sell fields here. People will sign documents about buying those fields, and other people will witness them doing that. That will happen in the land where the descendants of Benjamin live and here in the villages near Jerusalem, in other towns in Judah, in the hill country and in the foothills to the west, and in the southern Judean wilderness. Some day I will cause them to prosper again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33

Jeremiah 33:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut within the courtyard of the guard, saying,

UST
1 While Jeremiah was still being guarded in the courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him this second message:

What does Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do? (vv1-3)
Yahweh tells Jeremiah to call to him.

Jeremiah 33:2

ULT
2 “Yahweh the maker, says this—Yahweh, who forms in order to establish—Yahweh is his name,

UST
2 “This is what I, the one who made the earth, who formed it and put it in its place, say to the people of Jerusalem: ‘My name is Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:3

ULT
3 ‘Call to me, and I will answer you. I will demonstrate great things to you, mysteries that you do not understand.’

UST
3 Call out to me, and then I will tell you great and wonderful things that you have not known before.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:4

ULT

4 For Yahweh, God of Israel, says this concerning the houses in this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that are torn down because of the siege ramps and the sword,

UST

4 This is what I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say: ‘The men in this city have torn down some of their houses, and even parts of the king’s palace, to get materials to strengthen the walls around the city, in order that the soldiers of Babylonia would not be able to break through the walls after they climb up the ramps that they have built against the walls, and kill the inhabitants with their swords.

What are the Chaldeans (Babylonians) going to do to the houses in the city? (vv4-5)

They are going to fill the houses with corpses.

Jeremiah 33:5

ULT

5 ‘The Chaldeans are coming to fight and to fill the houses with corpses of people whom I will kill in my wrath and fury, when I hide my face from this city because of all their wickedness.

UST

5 You are expecting to fight against the army from Babylonia, but what will happen is that the houses of this city will be filled with the corpses of the men of this city whom I will allow to be killed because I am extremely angry with them. I have abandoned them because of all the wicked things that they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:6

ULT

6 But see, I am about to bring healing and a cure, for I will heal them and will bring to them abundance, peace, and faithfulness.

UST

6 However, there will be a time when I will cause the people in this city to be healthy and strong again. I will enable them to be prosperous and have peace.

What good news does Jeremiah share with the people of Judah? (vv6-8)

Yahweh will pardon all the iniquities of the people, heal them, and give them peace.

Jeremiah 33:7

ULT

7 For I will bring back the fortunes of Judah and Israel; I will build them up as in the beginning.

UST

7 I will bring the people of Judah and Israel back from the lands to which they were exiled. I will enable them to rebuild their towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:8

ULT

8 Then I will purify them from all the iniquity that they have committed against me. I will pardon all the iniquities that they have done against me, and all the ways that they rebelled against me.

UST

8 I will get rid of their guilt for all the sins that they have committed against me, and I will forgive them for their sin of rebelling against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:9

ULT

9 For this city will become for me an object of joy, a song of praise and honor for all the nations of the earth who will hear of all the good things that I am going to do for it. Then they will fear and tremble because of all the good things and the peace that I will give to it.’

UST

9 When that happens, all the nations of the world will rejoice, and they will praise me and honor me. They will hear about all the good things that I have done for this city and, because of that, they will revere me, and they will tremble because I have caused the people in this city to have peace and to prosper.’

What will the city of Jerusalem become for Yahweh?

Jerusalem will become for Yahweh an object of joy.

Jeremiah 33:10

ULT

10 Yahweh says this, ‘In this place about which you are now saying, “It is desolate, a place with neither man nor beast,” in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate having neither man nor beast, there will be heard again

UST

10 And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: ‘You people have said that this is a land where there are no longer any people or animals. But in the streets of Jerusalem that are now completely empty, and in the other towns in Judah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:11

ULT

11 the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the sound of the groom and the sound of the bride, the sound of those who say, while they bring thank offerings to the house of Yahweh, “Give thanks to Yahweh of hosts, for Yahweh is good, and his unfailing love lasts forever!” For I will restore the fortunes of the land to what they were before,’ says Yahweh.

UST

11 some day people will again be happy and laugh. Brides and bridegrooms will again sing joyfully. And many other people will also sing joyfully as they bring their offerings to me to thank me for what I have done for them. They will sing this song: “We thank you, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, because you are good to us. You faithfully hold to your covenant with us forever.” They will sing that because I will cause the people of this land to be as prosperous as they were before.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:12

ULT

12 Yahweh of hosts says this: ‘In this desolate place, where now there is neither man nor beast—in all its cities there will again be pastures where shepherds can rest their flocks.

UST

12 This land is now desolate. There are no people or animals living here. But I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: ‘In this land there will again be pastures where shepherds will lead their sheep

How will the cities of Judah change? (vv12-13)

The cities are desolate now, but shepherds will lead their flocks in them.

Jeremiah 33:13

ULT

13 In the cities in the hill country, the lowlands, and the Negev,in the land of Benjamin and all around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, the flocks will again pass under the hands of the ones counting them,' says Yahweh.

UST

13 Shepherds will again count their sheep as the sheep walk by, outside the towns in the hill country, in the western foothills, in the southern Judean wilderness, in the land where the descendants of Benjamin live, around Jerusalem, and outside all the other towns in Judah.' That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:14

ULT

14 'Look! Days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will do what I have promised for the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

UST

14 Listen to this! I, Yahweh, say that there will be a time when I will do for the people of Israel and Judah all the good things that I promised to do for them.

What has Yahweh promised to do for the people of Judah and Jerusalem? (vv14-16)

Yahweh has promised to make a descendant of David their king so that he can carry out justice and righteousness in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

ULT

15 In those days and in that time I will make a righteous branch to grow for David, and he will carry out justice and righteousness in the land.

UST

15 At that time I will appoint a righteous man who will be a descendant of King David. Throughout the land, he will do what is just and right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:16

ULT

16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in security, for this is what she will be called, “Yahweh is our righteousness.’”

UST

16 At that time, the people of Judah will be rescued from their enemies, and the people of Jerusalem will be safe. And people will say that the name of the city is ‘Yahweh is the one who does right for us.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:17

ULT

17 For Yahweh says this: ‘A man from David’s line will never be lacking to sit on the throne of the house of Israel,

UST

17 And this is also what I, Yahweh, say: ‘There will be descendants of King David ruling Israel forever.

What does Yahweh promise Jeremiah? (vv17-18)

He promises that there will always be a man from David’s line to rule Israel and a Leviticus priest to offer sacrifices.

Jeremiah 33:18

ULT

18 nor will a man from the Levitical priests be lacking before me to raise burnt offerings, to burn food offerings, and to perform grain offerings all the time.’”

UST

18 And there will always be priests who are descendants of Levi who stand in front of me and offer sacrifices that will be completely burned on the altar and who will burn food offerings and other sacrifices.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:19

ULT
19 The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST
19 Then Yahweh gave Jeremiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:20

ULT
20 "Yahweh says this: 'If you can break my covenant with day and night so that there will no longer be day or night at their proper times,

UST
20 "This is what I, Yahweh, say: 'You certainly cannot annul my promise to cause nighttime to follow daytime each day.

When will Yahweh break his covenant with David? (vv20-21)
He will never break it.

Jeremiah 33:21

ULT
21 then you will be able to break my covenant with David my servant, so that he will no longer have a son to sit on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests, my servants.

UST
21 Similarly, you cannot annul the promise that I made with King David, who served me well, that there will always be descendants of his who will rule Judah. The same is true for my agreement with the descendants of Levi who are priests who do work for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:22

ULT

22 As the hosts of heaven cannot be counted, and as the sand of the seashores cannot be measured, so I will increase the descendants of David my servant and the Levites who serve before me.'"

UST

22 No one can count the stars in the sky, and no one can count the grains of sand at the seashore. Similarly, I will cause there to be a huge number of descendants of David and descendants of Levi who will work for me.'"

How many descendants will David have?

David will have more descendants than anyone can count.

Jeremiah 33:23

ULT

23 The word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST

23 Yahweh gave another message to me. He said,

What have the people declared about Yahweh's punishment of Judah? (vv23-24)

The people have declared that Yahweh has now rejected the two clans that he chose, so they are no longer a nation.

Jeremiah 33:24

ULT

24 "Have you not considered what this people has declared when they said, 'The two families that Yahweh chose, now he has rejected them'? In this way they despise my people, saying that they are no longer a nation in their sight.

UST

24 "Surely you know that some people are saying, 'Yahweh chose two groups, the people of Judah and the people of Israel, and later abandoned them.' The people who are saying this are despising my people; they are saying that Israel no longer deserves to be considered a nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 33:25

ULT

25 I, Yahweh, say this, ‘If I have not established the covenant of day and night, and if I have not fixed the laws of heaven and earth,

UST

25 But this is what I say: ‘I will not reject my people any quicker than I will change my laws that control the day and the night, the sky and the earth.

When will Yahweh reject the descendants of Jacob? (vv25-26)

He will never reject them.

Jeremiah 33:26

ULT

26 then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant, and not bring from them a person to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and show mercy to them.’”

UST

26 Similarly, I will never abandon the descendants of David or the other descendants of Jacob, and I will always allow descendants of David to rule the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will bring them back to their land, and I will act mercifully toward them.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34

Jeremiah 34:1

ULT

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all of his army, together with all the kingdoms of the earth, the domains under his power, and all their people were waging war against Jerusalem and all of her cities, saying:

UST

1 King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with the armies of all the kingdoms that he ruled, and they fought against Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah. At that time, Yahweh gave me this message:

When did Jeremiah receive the word from Yahweh?

Jeremiah received Yahweh's word when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all of his army were waging war against Jerusalem and her cities.

Jeremiah 34:2

ULT

2 "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and say to him, 'Yahweh says this: Look, I am about to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon. He will burn it.

UST

2 "Go to Zedekiah the King of Judah, and say to him, 'This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: "I am about to enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture this city, and they will burn it down.

What did Yahweh say to Jeremiah? (vv2-3)

He said that he was going to give the city to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 34:3

ULT

3 You will not escape from his hand, for you will certainly be seized and given into his hand. Your eyes will look at the eyes of the king of Babylon; he will speak directly to you as you go to Babylon.'

UST

3 You will not escape from them; they will capture you and take you to the king of Babylon. You will meet him and speak with him face to face; then they will take you to Babylon."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:4

ULT

4 Listen to the word of Yahweh, Zedekiah king of Judah! Yahweh says this concerning you, ‘You will not die by the sword.

UST

4 But King Zedekiah, listen to what Yahweh has promised: “You will not be killed in a battle;

What did Yahweh tell Zedekiah king of Judah? (vv4-5)

He told Zedekiah that he would die in peace.

Jeremiah 34:5

ULT

5 You will die in peace. As in the funeral burning of your ancestors, the kings who were before you, they will burn your body. They will say, “Woe, master!” They will lament for you. Now I have spoken—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

5 you will die peacefully. When you die, people will burn incense to honor you just as they did for your ancestors who were kings before you became king. They will mourn for you, calling out, ‘We are very sad that our king is dead!’ I, Yahweh, promise that will happen.’”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:6

ULT

6 So Jeremiah the prophet proclaimed to Zedekiah king of Judah all these words in Jerusalem.

UST

6 So I took that message to King Zedekiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:7

ULT

[7] The army of the king of Babylon made war against Jerusalem and all the remaining cities of Judah: Lachish and Azekah. These cities of Judah remained as fortified cities.

UST

[7] At that time the army of Babylonia had surrounded Jerusalem and Lachish and Azekah. Those three cities were the only three cities in Judah that had high walls around them that still had not been captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:8

ULT

[8] The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people in Jerusalem, to proclaim freedom to them,

UST

[8] King Zedekiah had decreed that the people must free their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:9

ULT

[9] that each man must free his Hebrew slaves, both male and female, so one was to make a slave of a Jew, who was his brother.

UST

[9] He decreed that the people must free their Hebrew slaves, both the men slaves and the women slaves. No one would be allowed to force a fellow Jew to continue to be his slave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:10

ULT

10 So all the leaders and people entered into the covenant that each person would free his male and female slaves so that they would not be enslaved any longer. They obeyed and set them free.

UST

10 The officials and the rest of the people had obeyed what the king decreed,

What happened after the leaders and the people in Jerusalem set the Israelite servants free? (vv10-11)

The people freed all of their servants but later changed their minds and made their servants slaves once again.

Jeremiah 34:11

ULT

11 But after this they changed their minds. They brought back the slaves whom they had freed. They forced them to become slaves again.

UST

11 but later they changed their minds. They forced the men and women whom they had freed to become their slaves again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:12

ULT

12 So the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST

12 So Yahweh gave me this message to tell to them:

What did Yahweh command the ancestors of the Israelites to do every seven years? (vv12-14)

He commanded them to free their slaves every seven years.

Jeremiah 34:13

ULT

13 “Yahweh, God of Israel, says this, ‘I myself made a covenant with your ancestors on the day that I brought them out from the land of Egypt, out from the house of slavery. That was when I said,

UST

13 “I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, made an agreement with your ancestors long ago, when I rescued them from being slaves in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:14

ULT

14 “At the end of every seven years, each man must send away his brother, his fellow Hebrew who had sold himself to you and served you for six years. Send him away in freedom.” But your ancestors did not listen to me or incline their ears to me.

UST

14 I told them that they must free all their Hebrew slaves after the slaves had worked for them for six years. But your ancestors did not pay any attention to what I said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:15

ULT

15 Now you yourselves repented and began to do what is right in my eyes. You proclaimed freedom, each man to his neighbor, and you made a covenant before me in the house that is called by my name.

UST

15 Recently, you obeyed my command and stopped doing what was wrong and did what was right. You made a solemn agreement at my temple that you would free your slaves, and then you freed them.

What evil did the people of Judah do? (vv15-16)

They set their slaves free, but then they forced them to become slaves again.

Jeremiah 34:16

ULT

16 But then you turned and polluted my name; you caused each man to bring back his male and female slaves, the ones whom you had sent out to go where they wished. You forced them to become your slaves again.’

UST

16 But now you have disregarded what you solemnly promised, and you have shown contempt for what I said by taking back the women and men whom you had freed and said they could live wherever they wanted to. Now you have forced them to be your slaves again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:17

ULT

17 Therefore Yahweh says this, ‘You yourselves have not listened to me. You should have proclaimed freedom, every one of you, to your brothers and fellow Israelites. So look! I am about to proclaim freedom to you—this is Yahweh’s declaration—freedom for the sword, the plague, and famine, for I am going to make you a horrible thing in the sight of every kingdom on earth.

UST

17 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, say: ‘Because you have not obeyed me by freeing your fellow Israelites, I will free you to be destroyed by the swords of your enemies and by famines and diseases. All the nations of the earth will be horrified because of what happens to you.

How will Yahweh punish them?

They will die by the sword, plague, and famine.

Jeremiah 34:18

ULT

18 Then I will deal with the people who have broken my covenant, who did not keep the words of the covenant that they established before me when they cut a bull in two and walked between its parts,

UST

18-19 Because you have disregarded what I said in my agreement with you, I will do to you just what you did to the calves that you cut in half to show that you would surely do what you solemnly promised that you would do. I will enable your enemies to cut you into pieces, you officials of Judah and you officials of Jerusalem, and you officials in the palace, and you priests and all you common people. I will do that because you have ignored the fact that you had solemnly promised to free your slaves.

How did the people show that they agreed to the covenant? (vv18-19)

They cut a bull in half and walked between the pieces.

Jeremiah 34:19

ULT
19 and then the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the eunuchs and the priests, and all the people of the land walked between the parts of the bull.

UST
18-19 Because you have disregarded what I said in my agreement with you, I will do to you just what you did to the calves that you cut in half to show that you would surely do what you solemnly promised that you would do. I will enable your enemies to cut you into pieces, you officials of Judah and you officials of Jerusalem, and you officials in the palace, and you priests and all you common people. I will do that because you have ignored the fact that you had solemnly promised to free your slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 34:20

ULT
20 I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their lives. Their bodies will be food for the birds of the skies and the beasts on the earth.

UST
20 I will enable your enemies to capture you, and they will kill you. And your bodies will be food for vultures and wild animals.

How will Yahweh show he is angry with the people of Judah?
He will hand them over to their enemies, who will kill them.

Jeremiah 34:21

ULT
21 So I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his leaders into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who are seeking their life, and into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon that has risen up against you.

UST
21 I will enable the army of the king of Babylon to capture King Zedekiah and his officials. Although the king of Babylon and his army have left Jerusalem for a short time,

What will happen to the city of Jerusalem? (vv21-22)
Yahweh will bring the army of the king of Babylon back to wage war against Jerusalem and burn it so that there will be no inhabitants.

Jeremiah 34:22

ULT

22 Look, I am about to give a command—this is Yahweh's declaration—and will bring them back to this city to wage war against it and take it, and to burn it. For I will turn the cities of Judah into ruined places in which there will be no inhabitants.'"

UST

22 I will summon them back again. This time, they will fight against this city and capture it and burn it down. I will make sure that all the towns in Judah are destroyed, with the result that no one will live there anymore.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35

Jeremiah 35:1

ULT
1 The word that came to Jeremiah from Yahweh in the days of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,

UST
1 Several years earlier, when Jehoiakim son of Josiah was the king of Judah, Yahweh gave me this message:

What did Yahweh ask Jeremiah to do? (vv1-2)
Yahweh asked Jeremiah to bring Rechabites to the temple and give them wine to drink.

Jeremiah 35:2

ULT
2 "Go to the family of the Rekabites and speak with them. Then bring them to my house, into one of the rooms there, and give them wine to drink."

UST
2 "Go to the place where families of the Rekab clan live. Invite them to my temple. When they arrive, take them into one of the inside rooms and offer them some wine."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:3

ULT
3 So I took Jaazaniah son of Jeremiah son of Habazziniah and his brothers, all his sons, and all the family of the Rekabites.

UST
3 So I went to see Jaazaniah and all his brothers and sons who represented the Rekab clan. Jaazaniah was a son of another man named Jeremiah and grandson of Habazziniah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:4

ULT

4 I took them to the house of Yahweh, into the rooms of the sons of Hanan son of Igdaliah, the man of God. These rooms were beside the room of the leaders, which was above the room of Maaseiah son of Shallum, the gatekeeper.

UST

4 I took them to the temple, and we went into the room where the sons of Igdaliah's son Hanan, who was a prophet, stayed. That room was next to the room that was used by the men who were in charge of the entrances to the temple. It was above the room that belonged to Maaseiah, who was the temple gatekeeper and the son of Shallum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:5

ULT

5 Then I placed bowls and cups full of wine in front of the Rekabites and said to them, "Drink some wine."

UST

5 I set jugs of wine and some cups in front of them and urged them to drink some,

How did the clan of the Rechabites respond when they were offered wine to drink? (vv5-6)

When offered wine to drink the Rechabites refused to drink it.

Jeremiah 35:6

ULT

6 But they said, "We will not drink any wine, for our ancestor, Jonadab son of Rekab, commanded us, 'Do not drink any wine, neither you nor your descendants, forever.

UST

6 but they refused. They said, "We do not drink wine, because our ancestor Jonadab son of Rekab, commanded us, saying 'You and your descendants must never drink wine.

Why did the Rechabites refuse to drink wine?

The Rechabites refused to drink any wine, for their ancestor, Jonadab son of Rechab, commanded them, "Do not drink any wine, neither you nor your descendants, forever."

Jeremiah 35:7

ULT

[7] Also, do not build any houses, sow any seeds, or plant any vineyards; this is not for you. For you must live in tents all your days, so that you might live many days in the land where you are staying as foreigners.’

UST

[7] And you must not build houses or plant vineyards or other crops. Instead, you must always live in tents. If you obey those commands, you all will live for many years in this land.’

Why did Jonadab command the Rechabites to not build houses, sow seeds, or plant vineyards?

Jonadab gave them this command because they were to live in tents.

Jeremiah 35:8

ULT

[8] We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab son of Rekab, our ancestor, in all that he commanded us, to never drink wine all of our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters.

UST

[8] So we have obeyed him in all those matters. We have never drunk wine. Our wives and our sons and our daughters have also never drunk wine.

How did the Rechabites respond to Jonadab’s command? (vv8-11)

The Rechabites had never drunk wine or built houses.

Jeremiah 35:9

ULT

[9] We will never build houses to live in, and there will be no vineyard, field, or seed in our possession.

UST

[9] We have not built houses or planted vineyards or other crops or worked in fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:10

ULT
10 We have lived in tents and we have obeyed and done all that Jonadab our ancestor commanded us.

UST
10 We have lived in tents. We have obeyed all the commands that Jonadab, our ancestor, gave us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:11

ULT
11 But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon attacked the land, we said, ‘Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape from the Chaldean and Aramean armies.’ So we are living in Jerusalem.”

UST
11 But when the army of King Nebuchadnezzar attacked this country, we said, ‘We must go to Jerusalem to escape from the armies of Babylonia and Aram.’ So, we came to Jerusalem and we are living here.”

Why were the Rechabites living in Jerusalem
They were escaping the Chaldean and Aramean armies.

Jeremiah 35:12

ULT
12 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah, saying,

UST
12 Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

How did Yahweh use the Rechabites as a positive example for the men of Judah? (vv12-14)
Yahweh wanted the men of Judah to obey him the same way the Rechabites obeyed Jonadab.

Jeremiah 35:13

ULT

13 “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘Go and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, “Will you not receive correction and listen to my words? —this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

13 “This is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: ‘Go and tell this to the people in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah: “Why do you not listen to me or learn something about how to obey me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:14

ULT

14 The words of Jonadab son of Rekab that he gave to his sons as a command, not to drink any wine, have been observed to this very day. They have obeyed their ancestor’s command. But as for me, I myself have been making persistent proclamations to you, but you do not listen to me.

UST

14 The Rekab clan still do not drink wine, because their ancestor Jonadab told them to not do that. In contrast, I have spoken to you many times, but you ignored me and refused to obey me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:15

ULT

15 I sent out to you all my servants, the prophets. I was persistent in sending them to say, ‘Let each person turn from his wicked way and do good deeds; let no one walk any longer after other gods and worship them. Instead, come back to the land that I gave to you and your ancestors.’ Yet you will not listen to me or pay attention to me.

UST

15 Many times I sent prophets to you. They told you, ‘Turn away from your wicked behavior, and do things that you should do. Stop worshiping other gods, in order that you will be able to live peacefully in this land that I gave to you and your ancestors.’ But you would not pay attention to what I said or obey me.

What did the prophets tell the men of Judah?

The prophets told them to stop doing evil, start doing good, stop worshiping other gods, and come back to the land.

Jeremiah 35:16

ULT

16 For the descendants of Jonadab son of Rekab have observed the commands of their ancestor that he gave them, but this people refuses to listen to me.'"

UST

16 The descendants of Jonadab have obeyed their ancestor, but you have refused to pay attention to what I told you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 35:17

ULT

17 So Yahweh, God of hosts and God of Israel, says this, 'Look, I am bringing upon Judah and on everyone living in Jerusalem, all the disasters I pronounced against them because I spoke to them, but they did not listen; I called to them, but they did not answer.'"

UST

17 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: 'You have refused to listen to me and you did not answer when I called you. Therefore, I will cause the people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to experience all the disasters that I said that I would cause to happen.'"""

What will Yahweh do because the men of Judah have not obeyed him?

Yahweh will bring on them all the disasters he has proclaimed against them.

Jeremiah 35:18

ULT

18 Jeremiah said to the family of the Rekabites, "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: You have listened to the commands of Jonadab your ancestor and have kept them all—you have obeyed all that he commanded you to do—

UST

18 Then Jeremiah turned to the Rekab clan and said, "This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: 'You have obeyed what your ancestor Jonadab told you. You have obeyed all his instructions.

What promise does Yahweh give to the family of the Rechabites through Jeremiah? (vv18-19)

Yahweh promises that there will always be someone from their family to serve him.

Jeremiah 35:19

ULT

19 so Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘There will always be someone descended from Jonadab son of Rekab to serve me.’”

UST

19 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says: “There will always be descendants of Jonadab who will do work for me.”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36

Jeremiah 36:1

ULT

1 It came about in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh, and he said,

UST

1 When Jehoiakim son of Josiah had been the king of Judah for almost four years, Yahweh gave this message to me:

Why did Yahweh want Jeremiah to write his words on a scroll? (vv1-3)

Yahweh wanted Jeremiah to write his words on a scroll so that the people of Judah would listen to Yahweh and Yahweh could forgive their sin.

Jeremiah 36:2

ULT

2 "Take a scroll for yourself and write on it all the words that I have told you concerning Israel and Judah, and every nation. Do this for everything I have told from the days of Josiah until this very day.

UST

2 "Get a scroll, and write on it the messages that I have given to you regarding Israel, Judah, and the other nations. Write all of the messages, starting from the time that I gave you the first message, when Josiah was the king, up until now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:3

ULT

3 Perhaps the people of Judah will listen to all the disasters that I intend to bring on them. Perhaps everyone will turn away from his wicked way, so I can forgive their iniquity and their sin."

UST

3 When the people of Judah hear again about all the disasters that I plan to cause them to experience, perhaps each one of them will repent. If they do that, I will be able to forgive them for the wrong things that they have done."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:4

ULT

[4] Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote in a scroll, at Jeremiah's dictation, all the words of Yahweh spoken to him.

UST

[4] So Jeremiah summoned Baruch son of Neraiah. Then, as Jeremiah dictated to him all the messages that Yahweh had spoken to him, he wrote them on a scroll.

What did Jeremiah command Baruch to do? (vv4-6)

Jeremiah commanded Baruch to take the scroll with Jeremiah's words and read it to Baruch's family and to the people of Judah.

Jeremiah 36:5

ULT

[5] Next Jeremiah gave a command to Baruch. He said, "I am in prison and cannot go to Yahweh's house.

UST

[5] Then Jeremiah said to him, "I am not allowed to leave here and go to the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:6

ULT

[6] So you must go and read from the scroll that you wrote at my dictation. On the day of the fast, you must read Yahweh's words in the hearing of the people in his house, and also in the hearing of all of Judah who have come from their cities. Proclaim these words to them.

UST

[6] So, you go to the temple on the next day when the people are fasting, and read to them the messages from Yahweh that you wrote while I dictated them to you. Read them aloud to all the people who are there, including the people of Judah who come there from their towns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:7

ULT

7 Perhaps their pleas for mercy will come before Yahweh. Perhaps each person will turn from his wicked way, since the wrath and fury that Yahweh has proclaimed against this people are severe."

UST

7 Perhaps they will turn from their evil behavior and request Yahweh to act mercifully toward them. They must do that, because Yahweh is very angry with them and has threatened to punish them severely."

Why did Jeremiah want Baruch to read the scroll? (vv7-8)

Jeremiah hoped that the people would listen and turn from their wicked ways.

Jeremiah 36:8

ULT

8 So Baruch son of Neriah did everything that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him to do. He read aloud the words of Yahweh in the house of Yahweh.

UST

8 Baruch did what Jeremiah told him to do. He went to the temple and read to the people all those messages from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:9

ULT

9 It came about in the fifth year and ninth month of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, that all the people in Jerusalem and the people who came to Jerusalem from the cities of Judah proclaimed a fast before Yahweh.

UST

9 He did it on the ninth month, on a day when their leaders had proclaimed that all the people in Jerusalem, and the people who had come there from other towns in Judah, should fast to please Yahweh. This happened when Jehoiakim had been king for almost five years.

What happened during the fast that was proclaimed in honor of Yahweh? (vv9-10)

Baruch read Jeremiah's words in the temple so all the people could hear them.

Jeremiah 36:10

ULT

10 Baruch read aloud Jeremiah's words in the house of Yahweh, from the room of Gemariah son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper courtyard, by the gate of the entrance to the house of Yahweh. He did this in the hearing of all the people.

UST

10 Baruch read to all the people the messages that he had written on the scroll. He read them while he was in the temple, in the room where Gemariah stayed. He was the son of Shaphan, who had previously been the king's secretary. That room was close to the upper courtyard of the temple, near the entrance to the temple that is called the New Gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:11

ULT

11 Now Micaiah son of Gemariah son of Shaphan heard all of Yahweh's words in the scroll.

UST

11 When Micaiah son of Gemariah, and grandson of Shaphan, heard these messages from Yahweh,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:12

ULT

12 He went down to the house of the king, to the secretary's room. Look, all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Akbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials.

UST

12 he went down to the secretary's room in the palace, where all the king's officials were meeting. Elishama the king's secretary was there. Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Acbor, Gemariah, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the other officials of the king were also there.

What did Micaiah do when he heard Baruch read from the scroll?

He went to the secretary's office in the palace.

Jeremiah 36:13

ULT

13 Then Micaiah reported to them all the words that he had heard that Baruch read aloud in the hearing of the people.

UST

13 When Micaiah told them about the messages that Baruch had been reading to the people,

What did the officials do when they heard Micaiah's report? (vv13-14)
They sent Jehudi to bring Baruch to them, and they had Baruch read the scroll to them.

Jeremiah 36:14

ULT

14 So all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi, to Baruch. Jehudi said to Baruch, "Take the scroll in your hand, the scroll from which you were reading in the hearing of the people, and come." So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and went to the officials.

UST

14 the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah, and grandson of Shelemiah and great-grandson of Cushi, to tell Baruch to come and read the messages to them, also. So Baruch took the scroll and went to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:15

ULT

15 Then they said to him, "Sit down and read this in our hearing." So Baruch read the scroll.

UST

15 They said to him, "Please sit down and read it to us." So Baruch did what they requested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:16

ULT

16 It happened that when they heard all these words, each man turned in fear to the one next to him and said to Baruch, “We must certainly report all of these words to the king.”

UST

16 After they had heard all the messages, they were afraid. They looked at each other and then they said, “We must tell these messages to the king!”

What happened after Baruch read from the scroll?

The men who had heard Baruch read were afraid and decided they must report his words to the king.

Jeremiah 36:17

ULT

17 Then they asked Baruch, “Tell us, how did you come to write all these words at Jeremiah’s dictation?”

UST

17 Then they asked Baruch, “How did you get this scroll? Did Jeremiah dictate to you all the messages on this scroll?”

What advice did the officials give to Baruch after he told them that he had written Jeremiah’s words on the scroll? (vv17-19)

They told him that he and Jeremiah needed to hide and not let anyone know where they were.

Jeremiah 36:18

ULT

18 Baruch said to them, “He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them in ink on this scroll.”

UST

18 Baruch replied, “Yes, Jeremiah dictated them to me, and I wrote them with ink on this scroll.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:19

ULT

19 Then the officials said to Baruch, “Go, hide yourself, and Jeremiah, too. Do not let anyone know where you are.”

UST

19 Then the officials told Baruch, “You and Jeremiah must both hide. Do not tell anyone where you are!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:20

ULT

20 So they put the scroll in the room of Elishama the secretary, and they went to the king in the courtyard and they reported everything in the hearing of the king.

UST

20 They put the scroll in the room of Elishama, the king’s secretary. Then they went to the king, who was in the courtyard, and reported to him everything that Baruch had read to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:21

ULT

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. Jehudi took it from the room of Elishama the secretary. Then he read it in the hearing of the king and all the officials who were standing beside him.

UST

21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. Jehudi brought it from Elishama’s room and read it to the king, while all the king’s officials were standing there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:22

ULT
22 Now the king was staying in the winter house in the ninth month, and a brazier was burning in front of him.

UST
22 It was in the cold season, and the king was in a part of the palace where he stayed when it was cold. He was sitting in front of a fire to keep warm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:23

ULT
23 It happened that as Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut it off with a knife and throw it into the fire in the brazier until all of the scroll was destroyed.

UST
23 Each time Jehudi finished reading three or four columns, the king cut off that section of the scroll with a knife and threw it into the fire. He did that, section by section, until the entire scroll was burned up.

How did the king respond to the reading of the scroll by Jehudi?
The king cut off the parts Jehudi had read and threw them in the fire until all the scroll was destroyed.

Jeremiah 36:24

ULT
24 But neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words were frightened, nor did they tear their clothes.

UST
24 Neither the king nor his officials showed that they were afraid that God would punish them. They did not tear their clothes to show that they were sorry for what they had done.

How did the king and his servants show that they would not obey the words in the scroll?
They were not frightened, nor did they tear their clothes.

Jeremiah 36:25

ULT
25 Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah had even urged the king not to burn the scroll, but he did not listen to them.

UST
25 Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah pleaded with the king not to burn the scroll, but he did not pay any attention.

What did the king do when several men urged him not to burn the scroll?
He did not listen to them.

Jeremiah 36:26

ULT
26 Then the king commanded Jerahmeel, a relative, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but Yahweh had hidden them.

UST
26 Then the king commanded his son Jerahmeel, Seraiah son of Azriel, and Shelemiah son of Abdeel to arrest Baruch and me. But they were unable to do that because Yahweh had hidden us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:27

ULT
27 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah after the king had burned the scroll and the words that Baruch had written at Jeremiah's dictation, saying,

UST
27 After the king had burned the scroll on which were written the messages that I had dictated to Baruch, Yahweh said this to me:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do after the king had burned the scroll? (vv27-29)
He told Jeremiah to have Baruch write on a new scroll all the words that were on the original scroll.

Jeremiah 36:28

ULT

28 “Go back, take another scroll for yourself, and write in it all the words that were on the original scroll, the one that Jehoiakim king of Judah burned.

UST

28 “Get another scroll, and tell Baruch to write everything again, the same messages that he had written on the scroll that King Jehoiakim burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:29

ULT

29 Then you must say this to Jehoiakim king of Judah: ‘You burned that scroll, saying, “Why have you written on it, ‘The king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, for he will destroy both man and beast in it’?”’”

UST

29 Then go to the king and say to him, ‘Yahweh says this: You burned the scroll because you did not like what was written on it, that the king of Babylon would surely come with his army and destroy this land and get rid of all the people and the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:30

ULT

30 Therefore Yahweh says this concerning you, Jehoiakim king of Judah: “No descendant of yours will ever sit on the throne of David. As for you, your corpse will be thrown out into the heat of day and the frost of night.

UST

30 Now this is what I, Yahweh, say about you, Jehoiakim: None of your descendants will rule this kingdom. Your corpse will be thrown out on the ground and not buried; it will be under the hot sun during the days and struck by frost during the nights.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Jehoiakim? (vv30-31)

He said he would not let any of Jehoiakim’s descendants be king, and he would make sure no one buried Jehoiakim’s corpse.

Jeremiah 36:31

ULT

31 For I will punish you, your descendants, and your servants for the iniquity of you all. I will bring on you, on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on every person in Judah all the disasters with which I have threatened you with, but to which you paid no attention.”

UST

31 I will punish you and your family and your officials for their sins. And I will cause the people of Jerusalem and the people of the other towns in Judah to experience all the disasters that I promised, because you all would not pay attention to what I said!”””

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 36:32

ULT

32 So Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch son of Neriah the scribe. Baruch wrote on it at Jeremiah’s dictation all the words that had been in the scroll burned by Jehoiakim king of Judah. Furthermore, many other similar words were added to this scroll.

UST

32 So Jeremiah took another scroll, and again he dictated the messages to Baruch. He wrote everything that had been written on the other scroll, the one that King Jehoiakim had burned in the fire. But this time, Jeremiah added more messages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37

Jeremiah 37:1

ULT
1 Now Zedekiah son of Josiah reigned as king instead of Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made Zedekiah king over the land of Judah.

UST
1 After Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became king for only three months, after which King Josiah's son Zedekiah became the king of Judah. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, appointed him to be the new king.

Who made Zedekiah king?
Nebuchadnezzar made him king.

How did King Zedekiah respond to Jeremiah when he proclaimed the words of Yahweh? (vv1-2)
Zedekiah did not listen to the words of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 37:2

ULT
2 But Zedekiah, his servants, and the people of the land did not listen to the words of Yahweh that he proclaimed by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet.

UST
2 But King Zedekiah and his palace officials and the other people in the land paid no attention to the messages that Yahweh gave me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:3

ULT
3 So King Zedekiah, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah son of Maaseiah the priest sent a message to Jeremiah the prophet. They said, "Pray on our behalf to Yahweh our God."

UST
3 However, one day King Zedekiah sent Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the priest, son of Maaseiah, to me. They requested me to pray to Yahweh our God for our nation.

What did King Zedekiah and Zephaniah ask Jeremiah to do?
They asked him to pray to Yahweh for them.

Jeremiah 37:4

ULT
4 Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for he had not yet been put in prison.

UST
4 At that time Jeremiah had not yet been put in prison, so he could go and come wherever and whenever he wanted to, without being hindered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:5

ULT
5 Pharaoh's army came out from Egypt, and the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem heard the news about them and left Jerusalem.

UST
5 At that time, the army of Hophra, the king of Egypt, came to the southern border of Judah. When the army of Babylonia heard about that, they stopped surrounding Jerusalem and left there to fight against the army from Egypt.

Why did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) leave Jerusalem?
They wanted to get away from Pharaoh's army, which was coming out of Egypt.

Jeremiah 37:6

ULT
6 Then the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

UST
6 Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah would happen after Pharaoh's army returned to Egypt? (vv6-8)
He said that the Chaldeans would return, fight against the city, capture it, and burn it.

Jeremiah 37:7

ULT

7 “Yahweh, God of Israel, says this: This is what you will say to the king of Judah, because he has sent you to seek advice from me, ‘See, Pharaoh’s army, which came to help you, is about to go back to Egypt, its own land.

UST

7 “I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, say this: The king of Judah has sent messengers to you to ask me what is going to happen. Tell the king that even though the army of the king of Egypt came to help him, they are about to return to Egypt.

Why was Pharaoh’s army coming out of Egypt?
They were going to help the people of Judah by fighting the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 37:8

ULT

8 The Chaldeans will return. They will fight against this city, capture it, and burn it.’

UST

8 Then the army of Babylonia will return here, capture this city, and burn everything in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:9

ULT

9 Yahweh says this: Do not deceive yourselves by saying, ‘Surely the Chaldeans are leaving us,’ for they will not leave.

UST

9 So, this is what Jeremiah said to you Israelites: ‘You should not deceive yourselves, thinking that the army from Babylonia has gone and will not return. That is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:10

ULT

10 Even if you had defeated the entire Chaldean army that is fighting you so that only wounded men were left in their tents, they would get up and burn this city.”

UST

10 And even if your soldiers could destroy almost all of the soldiers from Babylonia who are attacking you, and allow only those who were wounded to remain alive in their tents, those men would come out of their tents and completely burn this city.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:11

ULT

11 So it was when the Chaldean army had left Jerusalem as Pharaoh’s army was coming,

UST

11 When the army from Babylonia left Jerusalem because the army from Egypt was approaching,

Why did Jeremiah leave Jerusalem? (vv11-12)

He left to take possession of some land.

Jeremiah 37:12

ULT

12 then Jeremiah went out from Jerusalem to go to the land of Benjamin. He wanted to take possession of a tract of land there among his people.

UST

12 Jeremiah started to leave the city. He intended to go to the area where the descendants of Benjamin live, in order to take possession of my share of the property from my family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:13

ULT

13 As he was in the Benjamin Gate, a chief guard was there. His name was Irijah son of Shelemiah son of Hananiah. He grabbed hold of Jeremiah the prophet and said, “You are deserting to the Chaldeans.”

UST

13 But as he was walking out the Benjamin Gate, the head guard seized Jeremiah and said, “You are deserting us and going to the soldiers from Babylonia!” The man who seized him was Irijah son of Shelemiah, and grandson of Hananiah.

What did Jeriah think that Jeremiah was going to do?

Jeriah thought that Jeremiah was deserting to the Chaldeans(Babylonians).

Jeremiah 37:14

ULT

14 But Jeremiah said, “That is not true. I am not deserting to the Chaldeans.” But Irijah did not listen to him. He took Jeremiah and brought him to the officials.

UST

14 But Jeremiah protested and said, “That is not true! I was not intending to do that!” But Irijah would not pay attention to what Jeremiah said. He took Jeremiah to the king’s officials.

What did Jeriah do when Jeremiah told him that he was not deserting to the Chaldeans? (vv14-15)

Jeriah took Jeremiah to the officials, who beat him and put him in prison.

Jeremiah 37:15

ULT

15 The officials were angry with Jeremiah. They beat him and put him in prison, which had been the house of Jonathan the scribe, for they had turned it into a prison.

UST

15 They were very angry with him. They commanded the guards to beat Jeremiah and then to put him in the house where Jonathan the king’s secretary stayed. They had changed Jonathan’s house to make it become a prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:16

ULT

16 So Jeremiah was put into an underground cell, where he stayed for many days.

UST

16 They put Jeremiah in a dungeon in that prison, and he remained there for several days.

How did Jeremiah answer King Zedekiah when Zedekiah asked if Jeremiah has a word from Yahweh? (vv16-17)

Jeremiah told Zedekiah that Yahweh would give Zedekiah to the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 37:17

ULT

17 Then King Zedekiah sent someone who brought him to the palace. In his house, the king asked him privately, “Is there any word from Yahweh?” Jeremiah answered, “There is a word: You will be given into the hand of the king of Babylon.”

UST

17 Then King Zedekiah secretly sent a servant to him, who took Jeremiah to the palace. There the king asked him, “Do you have any messages from Yahweh?” Jeremiah replied, “Yes, the message is that you will be put into the hands of the king of Babylon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:18

ULT

18 Then Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, “How have I sinned against you, your servants, or this people so that you have placed me in prison?

UST

18 Then Jeremiah asked the king, “What crime have I committed against you or against your officials or against the Israelite people, with the result that you have commanded that I be put in a prison?

Why did Jeremiah not want to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe? (vv18-20)

He was afraid that he would die there.

Jeremiah 37:19

ULT

19 Where are your prophets, the ones who prophesied for you and said the king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land?

UST

19 Your prophets predicted that the army of the king of Babylon would not attack you or this land. Why were their messages not fulfilled?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:20

ULT

20 But now listen, my master the king! Let my pleas come before you. Do not return me to the house of Jonathan the scribe, or I will die there.”

UST

20 Your majesty, I plead with you to listen to me. Do not send me back to the dungeon in the house of Jonathan your secretary, because if you do that, I will die there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 37:21

ULT

21 So King Zedekiah gave an order. His servants confined Jeremiah in the courtyard of the guard. A loaf of bread was given him every day from the street of the bakers, until all the bread in the city was gone. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.

UST

21 So King Zedekiah commanded that Jeremiah not be sent back to the prison cell. Instead, he was allowed to be watched by the guards in the courtyard of the palace. The king also commanded that they should bring him a loaf of fresh bread every day, until there was no bread left in the city. So they put Jeremiah in that courtyard and he remained there.

How did King Zedekiah respond to Jeremiah’s request?

He had his servants put Jeremiah in the courtyard of the guard.

Jeremiah 38

Jeremiah 38:1

ULT

[1] Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard the words that Jeremiah was declaring to all the people. He was saying,

UST

[1] Four officials, Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah, heard what Jeremiah had been telling all the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:2

ULT

[2] "Yahweh says this: Anyone staying in this city will be killed by sword, famine, and plague. But anyone who goes out to the Chaldeans will survive. He will escape with his own life, and live.

UST

[2] He had been telling them that Yahweh was saying, "Everyone who stays in Jerusalem will die. They will be killed by their enemies' swords or from famines or from diseases. But those who surrender to the Babylonian army will remain alive. They will escape; they will not be killed.

What will happen to the people who stay in the city?

They will die from the sword, famine, and plague.

How can people stay alive?

They can stay alive by going out to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 38:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh says this: This city will be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it."

UST

[3] Yahweh also says that the army of the king of Babylon will certainly capture this city."

What will happen to the city?

The Chaldeans (Babylonians) will capture it.

Jeremiah 38:4

ULT

4 So the officials said to the king, “Let this man die, for in this way he is weakening the hands of the fighting men who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people. He is proclaiming these words, for this man is not working for safety for this people, but disaster.”

UST

4 So those officials went to the king and said, “This man Jeremiah should be executed! Because of what he is saying, he is discouraging our soldiers who remain in the city. He is also discouraging the people. He is not saying things that will help us; he is saying things that will defeat us.”

Why did the officials want Jeremiah to die?

They wanted him to die because he was telling the soldiers to desert to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 38:5

ULT

5 So King Zedekiah said, “Look, he is in your hand since there is no king able to resist you.”

UST

5 King Zedekiah said, “All right, do to him what you want to; I do not have the power to stop you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:6

ULT

6 Then they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Malkijah, son of the king. The cistern was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah down on ropes. There was no water in the cistern, but it was muddy, and he sank down into the mud.

UST

6 So those officials took Jeremiah from his cell and lowered him by ropes into a cistern in the courtyard. The cistern belonged to Malkijah, who was a son of the king. There was no water in the ciestern, but there was a lot of mud, so he sank down deep into the mud.

What did the officials do to Jeremiah?

They put him in a cistern.

Jeremiah 38:7

ULT

[7] Now Ebed-Melek the Cushite was one of the eunuchs in the king's house. He heard that they had placed Jeremiah in the cistern. Now the king was sitting at the Benjamin Gate.

UST

[7] But Ebed-Melek, a palace official from Ethiopia, heard someone say that Jeremiah was in the well. At that time the king was deciding people's cases at the Benjamin Gate.

What did Ebed Melech tell the king concerning Jeremiah? (vv7-8)

He told the king, the officials had done evil with the way they treated Jeremiah the prophet. They threw him into a cistern for him to die in it from hunger.

Jeremiah 38:8

ULT

[8] So Ebed-Melek went from the king's house and spoke with the king. He said,

UST

[8] Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and said to the king,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:9

ULT

[9] "My master the king, these men have done evil with the way they have treated Jeremiah the prophet. They threw him into a cistern for him to die in it from hunger, since there is no more food in the city."

UST

[9] "Your majesty, those men have done a very evil thing. They have put the prophet Jeremiah in a well. Almost all the food in the city is gone, so no one will be able to bring him any food, and as a result he will die from hunger!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:10

ULT

10 Then the king gave a command to Ebed-Melek the Cushite. He said, “Take command of thirty men from here and take Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

UST

10 So the king told Ebed-Melek, “Take thirty of my men with you, and pull Jeremiah out of the well, in order that he does not die!”

What did king Zedekiah command Ebed Melech concerning Jeremiah?

King Zedekiah commanded Ebed Melech to take thirty men and get Jeremiah out of the cistern before Jeremiah died.

Jeremiah 38:11

ULT

11 So Ebed-Melek took command of those men and went to the king’s house, to a storeroom for clothing under the house. From there he took rags and worn-out clothing and then let them down by ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern.

UST

11 So Ebed-Melek took charge of those thirty men; they went into a room in the palace below the room where people had stored things. There they found some old rags and discarded clothing. They took those things and went to the well. They fastened them to a rope and lowered the rope to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:12

ULT

12 Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put the rags and worn-out clothing under your arms and on top of the ropes.” So Jeremiah did so.

UST

12 Then Ebed-Melek called down to me, “Put these rags underneath your armpits, to protect you from being injured by the ropes!” So Jeremiah did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:13

ULT

13 Then they pulled Jeremiah by the ropes. In this way they brought him up from the cistern. So Jeremiah stayed in the courtyard of the guard.

UST

13 Then they pulled him out of the well. So he stayed in the courtyard where the palace guards were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:14

ULT

14 Then King Zedekiah sent word and brought Jeremiah the prophet to himself, to the third entrance in Yahweh's house. The king said to Jeremiah, "I want to ask you something. Do not keep the answer from me."

UST

14 One day King Zedekiah summoned Jeremiah, and he was brought to the king, who was waiting for him at the entrance of the temple. He said to Jeremiah, "I want to ask you something. I want you to answer me truthfully, and to not conceal anything."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:15

ULT

15 Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I answer you, will you not certainly kill me? But if I give you advice, you will not listen to me."

UST

15 Jeremiah replied, "If I tell you the truth, you will command that I be executed. And if I give you good advice, you will not pay attention to what I say."

What did Jeremiah think Zedekiah would do if Jeremiah tells him the truth?

He thought Zedekiah would kill him.

Jeremiah 38:16

ULT

16 But King Zedekiah swore to Jeremiah in private and said, “As Yahweh lives, the one who made us, I will not kill you or give you into the hand of those men who are seeking your life.”

UST

16 But King Zedekiah secretly promised him, “Tell me the truth! And as surely as Yahweh lives, I will not cause you to be executed, and I will not put you into the hands of those who are wanting to kill you.”

How did Zedekiah persuade Jeremiah to give him an answer?

Zedekiah swore by Yahweh that he would not kill him.

Jeremiah 38:17

ULT

17 So Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “Yahweh, God of hosts, God of Israel, says this: If you indeed go out to the officials of the king of Babylon then you will live, and this city will not be burned. You and your family will live.

UST

17 So then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: ‘If you surrender to the officers of the king of Babylon, you and your family will be spared, and this city will not be burned.

What did Jeremiah say to Zedekiah? (vv17-18)

Jeremiah told Zedekiah that if he went out to the Chaldeans he would live, but if he did not, he and the city would be destroyed.

Jeremiah 38:18

ULT

18 But if you do not go out to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city will be given into the hand of the Chaldeans. They will burn it, and you will not escape from their hand.”

UST

18 But if you refuse to surrender to them, you will not escape. And the army from Babylonia will capture this city and completely burn it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:19

ULT

19 King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, “But I am afraid of the people of Judah who have deserted to the Chaldeans, because I might be given over into their hand, for them to treat me badly.”

UST

19 The king replied, “But I am afraid to surrender to the soldiers from Babylon, because their officers may put me into the hands of the people of Judah who have already joined the soldiers from Babylonia, and those people from Judah will mistreat me.”

Why was King Zedekiah afraid of the people of Judah who had deserted to the Chaldeans?

He was afraid that Nebuchadnezzar would allow them to treat him badly.

Jeremiah 38:20

ULT

20 Jeremiah said, “They will not give you over to them. Obey the message from Yahweh that I am telling you, so that things will go well for you, and so that you will live.

UST

20 Jeremiah replied, “If you obey Yahweh by doing what I tell you to do, they will not put you into the hands of our people. Things will go well for you, and you will remain alive.

What assurance did Jeremiah give to King Zedekiah?

He told King Zedekiah that if Zedekiah obeyed the message from Yahweh, Nebuchadnezzar would not allow the people to treat Zedekiah badly.

Jeremiah 38:21

ULT

21 But if you refuse to go out, this is what Yahweh has shown me.

UST

21 But if you refuse to surrender, I will tell you what Yahweh has revealed to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:22

ULT

22 Look! All the women who are left in your house, king of Judah, will be brought out to the officials of the king of Babylon. These women will say to you, ‘You have been deceived by your friends; they have ruined you. Your feet are now sunk into the mud, and your friends will run away.’

UST

22 All the women who remain in your palace will be brought out and given to the officers of the king of Babylon. Then those women will say to you: ‘You had friends whom you thought you could trust, but they have deceived you and caused you to make a wrong decision. Now it is as though you are stuck in mud, and your friends have abandoned you.’

What would the women do if Zedekiah refused to go out? (vv22-23)

They would rebuke and taunt him.

Jeremiah 38:23

ULT

23 For all of your wives and children will be brought out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself will not escape from their hand. You will be captured by the hand of the king of Babylon, and this city will be burned.”

UST

23 All of your wives and children in the city will be led out to the soldiers from Babylonia, and you also will not escape. The soldiers of the king of Babylon will seize you, and they will burn down this city.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:24

ULT

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, “Do not inform anyone about these words, so that you do not die.

UST

24 Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, “Do not tell anyone what you told me; if you tell anyone, the king’s officials may kill you.

What did Zedekiah tell Jeremiah to say to anyone who asked him what he and Zedekiah talked about? (vv24-26)

He told Jeremiah to tell them that Jeremiah went to plead with him not to return Jeremiah to Jonathan’s house to die.

Jeremiah 38:25

ULT

25 If the officials hear that I have talked with you, and if they come and say to you, ‘Tell us what you said to the king and do not hide it from us, or we will kill you,’

UST

25 If my officials find out that I talked to you, perhaps they will come to you and say, ‘Tell us what you and the king were talking about. If you do not tell us, we will kill you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:26

ULT

26 then you must say to them, ‘I made a humble plea before the king that he would not return me to the house of Jonathan to die there.’”

UST

26 If that happens, just tell them that you pleaded with me not to send you back to the dungeon in Jonathan’s house, because you were afraid that you would die if you were put there again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 38:27

ULT

27 Then all the officials came to Jeremiah and questioned him, so he answered them as the king had instructed him. So they stopped talking with him, because they had not heard the conversation between Jeremiah and the king.

UST

27 And that is what happened. The king’s officials came to Jeremiah and asked why the king had summoned him. But he told them what the king told him to tell them. So they did not ask Jeremiah any more questions, because no one had heard what the king and Jeremiah had said to each other.

What happened when the officials from the house of Judah questioned Jeremiah? (vv27-28)

Jeremiah told them what Zedekiah told him to say.

Jeremiah 38:28

ULT

28 So Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard until the day Jerusalem was captured.

UST

28 So Jeremiah remained being guarded in the courtyard of the palace, until the day that the army of Babylonia captured Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39

Jeremiah 39:1

ULT

1 In the ninth year and tenth month of Zedekiah king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem and besieged it.

UST

1 After King Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost nine years, King Nebuchadnezzar came in the tenth month of the year with his army, and they surrounded Jerusalem.

Who came with his army against Jerusalem and attacked it?
Nebuchadnezzar did.

Jeremiah 39:2

ULT

2 In the eleventh year and fourth month of Zedekiah, on the ninth day of the month, the city was broken into.

UST

2 One and a half years later, after Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years, in the eleventh year and fourth month, soldiers from Babylonia broke through the city wall. Then they rushed in and captured the city.

What city was broken into?
The city of Jerusalem was broken into.

Jeremiah 39:3

ULT

3 Then all the officials of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate: Nebo-Sarsekim, Samgar Nebo, and Sarsechim, an important official. Nebo-Sarsekim was a high official and all the rest were the officials of the king of Babylon.

UST

3 Then all the officers of the king of Babylon came in and sat down at the Middle Gate to decide what they would do to the city. They included Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar Nebo, Sarsekim who was one of the chief administrative officers, Nergal-Sharezer, the king’s advisor, and many other officials.

Who came and sat in the middle gate?
All the officials of the king of Babylon came and sat in the middle gate.

Jeremiah 39:4

ULT

4 It happened that when Zedekiah, king of Judah, and all his fighting men saw them, they fled. They went out at night from the city by the king's garden path, through the gate between the two walls. The king went out in the direction of the Arabah.

UST

4 When King Zedekiah and all his soldiers realized that the army of Babylonia had broken into the city, they fled. They waited until it was dark. Then they went out of the city through the king's garden, through the gate that was between the two walls. Then they started running toward the plain along the Jordan.

What did Zedekiah and all his fighting men do when they saw the officials of the king of Babylon in the middle gate?
They fled at night from the city.

Jeremiah 39:5

ULT

5 But the army of Chaldeans pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. Then they captured him and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where Nebuchadnezzar passed sentence on him.

UST

5 But the soldiers from Babylonia pursued the king, and they caught him on the plains near Jericho. They took him to the king of Babylon, who was at Riblah in the Hamath. There Nebuchadnezzar told his soldiers what they should do to punish Zedekiah.

What did the army of the Chaldeans (Babylonians) do when they caught up with Zedekiah?
They captured him and brought him to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 39:6

ULT

6 The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes at Riblah. He also slaughtered all the noblemen of Judah.

UST

6 They forced Zedekiah to watch while they killed his sons and all the officials from Judah.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do when Zedekiah was brought to him?
He slaughtered Zedekiah's sons and also slaughtered all the noblemen of Judah.

Jeremiah 39:7

ULT

[7] Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him in bronze chains in order to take him to Babylon.

UST

[7] Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They fastened him with bronze chains and took him to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do to Zedekiah?

He put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him so he could take Zedekiah to Babylon.

Jeremiah 39:8

ULT

[8] Then the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the people's houses. They also tore down the walls of Jerusalem.

UST

[8] Meanwhile, the Babylonian army burned the palace and all the other buildings in Jerusalem. And they tore down the city walls.

What did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) do to the houses and walls of Jerusalem?

They burned them.

Jeremiah 39:9

ULT

[9] Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city. This included the people who had deserted to the Chaldeans and the rest of the people who were left in the city.

UST

[9] Then Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's bodyguards, forced to go to Babylon most of the other people who remained in the city and the Jews who had joined the soldiers of Babylonia.

Whom did Nebuzaradan take into exile?

He took into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the people who had deserted to the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 39:10

ULT

10 But Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards allowed the poorest people who had nothing for themselves to remain in the land of Judah. He gave them vineyards and fields on that same day.

UST

10 But he allowed some of the very poor people to remain in Judah, and he gave them vineyards and fields to take care of.

What people did Nebuzaradan allow to stay in the land of Judah?
He allowed the poorest people to remain.

What did Nebuzaradan give to the people who remained?
Nebuzaradan gave vineyards and fields to the people who remained.

Jeremiah 39:11

ULT

11 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had given an order about Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards. He had said,

UST

11 King Nebuchadnezzar had previously told the captain of the guard, Nebuzaradan to find Jeremiah. He said,

What did Nebuchadnezzar command Nebuzaradan to do about Jeremiah? (vv11-12)
Nebuchadnezzar told Nebuzaradan to take care of Jeremiah and to do anything Jeremiah told him to do.

Jeremiah 39:12

ULT

12 "Take him and care for him. Do not harm him. Do for him anything he tells you."

UST

12 "Make sure that no one harms him. Take care of him, and do for him whatever he requests you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:13

ULT

13 So Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards, Nebushazban the high eunuch, Nergal-Sharezer the high official, and all the most important officials of the king of Babylon sent men out.

UST

13 So he and Nebushazban, who was one of their chief officers, and Nergal-Sharezer the king's advisor, and other officers of the king of Babylon

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:14

ULT

14 Their men took Jeremiah from the courtyard of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, to take him home, so Jeremiah stayed among the people.

UST

14 sent some men to bring Jeremiah out of the courtyard outside of the palace. They took him to Gedaliah who was the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan. Then Gedaliah took Jeremiah to his home, and he stayed in Judah among his own people who had been allowed to remain there.

What did Nebuzaradan, Nergal Sharezer, and the most important officials of the king of Babylon do to Jeremiah?

They took Jeremiah from the courtyard of the guard and entrusted him to Gedaliah to take Jeremiah home.

Jeremiah 39:15

ULT

15 Now the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah while he was under arrest in the courtyard of the guard, saying,

UST

15 But while Jeremiah was still being guarded in the palace courtyard, Yahweh gave him this message:

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to say to Ebed Melech the Cushite? (vv15-16)

Yahweh told Jeremiah to say to Ebed Melech the Cushite that Yahweh was about to bring disaster on the city.

Jeremiah 39:16

ULT

16 “Speak to Ebed-Melek the Cushite and say, ‘Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to carry out my words against this city for disaster and not for good. For they will all come true before you on that day.

UST

16 “Say this to Ebed-Melek, the official from Ethiopia: ‘This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: I will do to this city everything that I said that I would do. Everthing I told you would be done, and you will see it with your own eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 39:17

ULT

17 But I will rescue you on that day—this is Yahweh’s declaration—and you will not be given into the hand of the men whom you fear.

UST

17 But I promise to rescue you from the people you are afraid of. This is what I, Yahweh, have promised to you!

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ebed Melech on the day that Yahweh carried out his words against the city?

He said that he would rescue Ebed Melech.

Jeremiah 39:18

ULT

18 For I will certainly rescue you. You will not fall by the sword. You will escape with your life, since you trust in me—this was Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

18 You trusted me, so I will save you. You will not be killed by our enemies’ swords. You will live. That will surely happen, because I, Yahweh, have said it.’”

For what reason would Yahweh rescue Ebed Melech from the sword?

He would rescue Ebed Melech because he trusted in Yahweh.

Jeremiah 40

Jeremiah 40:1

ULT

[1] The word came to Jeremiah from Yahweh after Nebuzaradan the commander of the king's bodyguards had released him at Ramah. He had found Jeremiah bound with chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah who were being carried into exile to Babylon.

UST

[1] The soldiers from Babylonia captured Jeremiah and many other people from Jerusalem and other places in Judah. They planned to take them to Babylon. So they fastened chains around their wrists and took them to Ramah, a town north of Jerusalem. While they were there, Jeremiah was released. This is how it happened:

What came to Jeremiah after Nebuzaradan had sent him away from Ramah?
The word from Yahweh came to Jeremiah after Nebuzaradan had sent him away from Ramah.

Jeremiah 40:2

ULT

[2] The chief guard took Jeremiah and said to him, "Yahweh your God decreed this disaster for this place.

UST

[2] Nebuzaradan, the captain of the king's guards, found that Jeremiah was there. He summoned Jeremiah and said to him, "Yahweh your God said that he would cause this land to experience a disaster.

What was Nebuzaradan going to do with the people of Jerusalem and Judah?
He was going to send them to Babylon.

Why did the chief guard tell Jeremiah concerning Yahweh and Jerusalem?
The chief guard said that Yahweh had decreed the disaster against that place.

Jeremiah 40:3

ULT

[3] So Yahweh brought it about. He did just as he had decreed, since you people sinned against him and did not obey his voice. That is why this thing has happened to you people.

UST

[3] And now he has caused it to happen. He has done just what he said that he would do, because you people sinned against Yahweh and refused to obey him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:4

ULT

4 But now look! I have released you today from the chains that were on your hands. If it is good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will take care of you. But if it is not good in your eyes to come with me to Babylon, then do not do so. Look at all the land before you. Go where it is good and right in your eyes to go."

UST

4 But today I am going to take the chains off your wrists and release you. If you want to come with me to Babylon, that will be fine. I will take care of you. But if you do not want to come with me, do not come. Stay here. Look, the entire country is available; you can choose whatever part you want to go to. You can go wherever you think it is best." Then he took the chains off Jeremiah's wrists.

Where did the chief guard say that Jeremiah could go?

He said that Jeremiah could go with him to Babylon or go wherever he wanted to in the land.

Jeremiah 40:5

ULT

5 When Jeremiah did not reply, Nebuzaradan said, "Go to Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has put in charge of the cities of Judah. Stay with him among the people or go wherever it is good in your eyes to go." The commander of the king's bodyguards gave him food and a gift, and then sent him away.

UST

5 He said, "If you decide to stay here, go to Gedaliah. The king of Babylon appointed him to be the governor of Judah. You will be allowed to stay here with the people that he is governing. But you can do whatever you want to." Then Nebuzaradan gave Jeremiah some food and some money, and he allowed him to go.

To whom did the chief guard say that Jeremiah should go?

He said that Jeremiah should go to Gedaliah, who was in charge of the cities of Judah.

Jeremiah 40:6

ULT

6 So Jeremiah went to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. He stayed with him among the people who were left behind in the land.

UST

6 He returned to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and he stayed in Judah with the people who still remained in the land.

Where did Jeremiah go and live?

Jeremiah went to Gedaliah and lived among the people who were left behind in the land.

Jeremiah 40:7

ULT

7 Now some commanders of Judean soldiers who were still in the countryside—they and their men—heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah son of Ahikam governor over the land. They also heard that he had put him in charge of the men, women, and children who were the poorest people in the land, those who had not been exiled to Babylon.

UST

7 The Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia were roaming around in the countryside. Then their leaders heard someone say that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor of the very poor people who were still in Judah, who had not been taken to Babylon.

What did the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men do when they heard that Gedaliah had been put in charge of those who had not been exiled to Babylon? (vv7-8)
They went to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

Jeremiah 40:8

ULT

8 So they went to Gedaliah at Mizpah. These men were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan and Jonathan, sons of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth; the sons of Ephai the Netophathite; and Jaazaniah son of the Maakathite—they and their men.

UST

8 So they went to talk to Gedaliah at Mizpah. Those who went included Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, the sons of Ephai from Netophath, and Jezaniah from Maacah, and the soldiers who were with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:9

ULT

9 Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan took an oath to them and to their men and said to them, “Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldean officials. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will go well with you.

UST

9 Gedaliah solemnly promised that the soldiers from Babylonia would not harm them. He said, “Do not be afraid to do things for them. Stay here in this land and do things for the king of Babylon. If you do that, things will go well for you.

What did Gedaliah tell the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men to do?

He said that if they would serve the Chaldean officials and the king of Babylon and live in the land it would go well with them.

Jeremiah 40:10

ULT

10 Look, I am living in Mizpah to meet with the Chaldeans who came to us. So harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil and store them in your containers. Live in the cities that you have occupied.”

UST

10 As for me, I will stay here at Mizpah to be your representative to the officials from Babylonia who come to talk with us. But you should return to your towns, and eat the things that are produced on your land. Harvest the grapes and the fruit that ripens in the summer and the olives, make wine and olive oil, and store it.”

What did Gedaliah tell the commanders of the Judean soldiers and their men to do so they could harvest wine, summer fruit, and oil?

He told them that they should live in the cities that they had occupied.

Jeremiah 40:11

ULT

11 Then all the Judeans in Moab, among the people of Ammon, and in Edom, and in every land heard that the king of Babylon had allowed a remnant of Judah to stay, that he had appointed Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan over them.

UST

11 Then the Jews who had fled to Moab, Ammon, Edom, and other nearby countries heard people say that the king of Babylon had allowed a few people to remain in Judah, and that he had appointed Gedaliah to be their governor.

What did the Judeans do when they heard that the king of Babylon had allowed a remnant of Judah to stay? (vv11-12)

The Judeans returned to Judah from every place where they had been scattered, and they harvested wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

Jeremiah 40:12

ULT

12 So all the Judeans returned from every place where they had been scattered. They came back to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah. They harvested wine and summer fruit in great abundance.

UST

12 So they began to return to Judah. They stopped at Mizpah to talk with Gedaliah. Then they went to various places in Judea, and they harvested a great amount of grapes and summer fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 40:13

ULT

13 Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders in the countryside came to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

UST

13 Some time later, Johanan and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia came to Gedaliah at Mizpah.

What did Johanan and all the army commanders ask Gedaliah at Mizpah? (vv13-14)

They asked him if he realized that Baalis king of Ammon had sent Ishmael to murder him.

Jeremiah 40:14

ULT

14 They said to him, “Do you realize that Baalis king of the people of Ammon sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to murder you?” But Gedaliah son of Ahikim did not believe them.

UST

14 They said to him, “Do you know that Baalis, the king of the people of Ammon, has sent Ishmael son of Nethaniah to assassinate you?” But Gedaliah did not believe what they said.

What did Gedaliah think about what Jonathan and the army commanders told him?

He did not believe them.

Jeremiah 40:15

ULT

15 So Johanan son of Kareah spoke privately to Gedaliah in Mizpah and said, “Allow me to go kill Ishmael son of Nethaniah. No one will suspect me. Why should he kill you? Why allow all of Judah that has been gathered to you to be scattered and the remnant of Judah destroyed?”

UST

15 Later Johanan talked with Gedaliah privately. He said, “Allow me to go and murder Ishmael secretly. It would not be good to allow him to come and murder you! If you are killed, what will happen to all the Jews who have returned to this area? They will be scattered, and the other people who remain in Judah will all be killed!”

What did Johanan tell Gedaliah he wanted to do?

He wanted kill Ishmael.

Jeremiah 40:16

ULT

16 But Gedaliah son of Ahikam said to Johanan son of Kareah, “Do not do this thing, for you are telling lies about Ishmael.”

UST

16 But Gedaliah said to Johanan, “No, I will not allow you to do that. I think that you are lying about Ishmael.”

What did Gedaliah think of Jonathan’s words about Ishmael?

Gedaliah thought that Jonathan was telling lies about Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41

Jeremiah 41:1

ULT

1 But it happened that in the seventh month Ishmael son of Nethaniah son of Elishama, from the royal family, and some officers of the king, came—ten men were with him—to Gedaliah son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. They ate food together there in Mizpah.

UST

1 Ishmael son of Nethaniah was a member of the king's family. He had been one of King Zedekiah's important officials. In the seventh month of that year, he went to Mizpah with ten other men to talk with Gedaliah. While they were eating together,

Why did Ishmael and the ten men with him come to eat with Gedaliah? (vv1-3)
They wanted to kill Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 41:2

ULT

2 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him rose up and attacked Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan, with the sword. Ishmael killed Gedaliah, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.

UST

2 Ishmael and the other ten men jumped up, and with their swords they killed Gedaliah—the man whom the king of Babylon had appointed to be their governor!

Whom did Ishmael and his men kill? (vv2-3)
They killed Gedaliah, all the Judeans who were with him, and the Chaldean soldiers who were there.

Jeremiah 41:3

ULT

3 Then Ishmael killed all the Judeans who were with Gedaliah in Mizpah and the Chaldean fighting men found there.

UST

3 Ishmael and the other men also killed all the Jews and the Babylonians who his soldiers found with Gedaliah at Mizpah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:4

ULT

4 Then it was the second day after the killing of Gedaliah, but no one knew.

UST

4 The next day, before anyone had found out that Gedaliah had been murdered,

Who came on the second day after Ishmael had killed Gedaliah? (vv4-5)

Eighty men came from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria.

Jeremiah 41:5

ULT

5 Some men came from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria—eighty men who had shaved their beard, torn their clothes, and cut themselves—with food offerings and frankincense in their hands to go to Yahweh's house.

UST

5 eighty men from Shechem, Shiloh, and Samaria came to worship at the temple of Yahweh in Mizpah. They had shaved off their beards and torn their clothes and cut themselves to show that they were mourning. And they had brought grain offerings and incense to burn on the altar.

Where were they going?

They were going to the temple.

Jeremiah 41:6

ULT

6 So Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out from Mizpah to meet them as they went, walking and weeping. Then it happened that as he encountered them, he said to them, "Come to Gedaliah son of Ahikam!"

UST

6 Ishmael son of Nethaniah went out of the city to meet them, weeping as he went. When he reached them, he said, "Come and see what has happened to Gedaliah!"

What did Ishmael say to the eighty men?

He invited them to visit Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 41:7

ULT

[7] It came about that when they came into the city, Ishmael son of Nethaniah slaughtered them and threw them into a pit, he and the men who were with him.

UST

[7] But as soon as they had all entered the town, Ishmael and his men killed most of them and threw their corpses into a well.

What did Ishmael and his men do to the eighty men when they came into the city?
They slaughtered the men and threw them into a pit.

Jeremiah 41:8

ULT

[8] But there were ten men among them who said to Ishmael, “Do not kill us, for there are provisions of ours in a field: Wheat and barley, oil and honey.” So he did not kill them with their other companions.

UST

[8] There were only ten of them whom they spared. They were not killed because they promised to Ishmael that if he allowed them to remain alive, they would bring him lots of wheat and barley and olive oil and honey that they had hidden.

Why did they not kill ten of the eighty men?
The ten men told them that they had provisions.

Jeremiah 41:9

ULT

[9] The cistern where Ishmael threw all the dead bodies that he had killed, was a large cistern that King Asa dug to make a defense against King Baasha of Israel. Ishmael son of Nethaniah filled it in with the dead.

UST

[9] The well where Ishmael’s men had thrown the corpses of the men whom they had murdered was the deep well that King Asa’s men had dug in order that they would have water in the city if the army of King Baasha of Israel would surround the city. Ishmael’s men filled that well with corpses.

Where did Ishmael throw the corpses of all the people he had killed??
He threw them in the pit that King Asa had dug.

Jeremiah 41:10

ULT

10 Next Ishmael captured all the other people who were in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people who were left in Mizpah whom Nebuzaradan the chief guard had assigned to Gedaliah son of Ahikam. So Ishmael son of Nethaniah captured them and went to cross over to the people of Ammon.

UST

10 Then Ishmael and his men captured the king's daughters and some of the other people who had been left in Mizpah by the chief Babylonian guard Nebuzaradan so that Gedaliah would take care of them. Ishmael and his men took those people and started back toward the Ammon area.

What did Ishmael do with all the other people who were in Mizpah?

Ishmael captured all the other people who were in Mizpah and started to take them to Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:11

ULT

11 But Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him heard of all the harm that Ishmael son of Nethaniah had done.

UST

11 But Johanan son of Kareah and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia heard about what Ishmael son of Nethaniah and his men had done.

What did Johanan and all the army commanders with him do when they heard of what Ishmael had done? (vv11-12)

They took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael.

Jeremiah 41:12

ULT

12 So they took all their men and went to fight against Ishmael son of Nethaniah. They found him at the great pool of Gibeon.

UST

12 So they immediately went with all their men to stop them. They caught up with them at the large pool near the city of Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:13

ULT

13 Then it happened that when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders who were with him, they were very happy.

UST

13 When all the people whom Ishmael and his men had captured saw Johanan and the soldiers who were with him, they shouted joyfully.

What did all the people who were with Ishmael do when they saw Johanan and all the army commanders who were with him? (vv13-14)
They were very happy and went to Johanan.

Jeremiah 41:14

ULT

14 So all the people whom Ishmael had captured at Mizpah turned around and went to Johanan son of Kareah.

UST

14 So all those who had been captured in Mizpah escaped, and they started to help Johanan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:15

ULT

15 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah fled with eight men from Johanan. He went to the people of Ammon.

UST

15 But Ishmael son of Nethaniah and eight of his men escaped and fled to the Ammon area.

Where did Ishmael and his men go to get away from Johanan?
They went to the people of Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:16

ULT

16 Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him took from Mizpah all the people who had been rescued from Ishmael son of Nethaniah. This was after Ishmael had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam. Johanan and his companions took the strong men, the fighting men, the women and children, and the eunuchs who had been rescued at Gibeon.

UST

16 Then Johanan son of Kareah and the men who were with him gathered together all the people whom they had rescued at Gibeon. They included soldiers and women and children and some of the king's palace officials. They were all people whom Ishmael and his men had captured after they had killed Gedaliah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 41:17

ULT

17 Then they went and stayed for a while in Geruth Kimham, which is near Bethlehem. They were going to go to Egypt

UST

17 They took them all to Geruth Kimham village near Bethlehem. And they all prepared to go to Egypt.

Where did Johanan and the people go after they left Mizpah?

They went to Geruth Chimham, which is near Bethlehem.

Where did Johanan and the people want to go?

They wanted to go to Egypt.

Why did they want to go to Egypt?

They were afraid of the Chaldeans.

Jeremiah 41:18

ULT

18 because of the Chaldeans. They were afraid of them since Ishmael son of Nethaniah had killed Gedaliah son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had put in charge of the land.

UST

18 They were worried about what the soldiers of Babylonia would do to them when they found out that Ishmael had killed Gedaliah, who had been appointed by the king of Babylonia to be their governor.

Why were Johanan and the people afraid of the Chaldeans?

They were afraid because Ishmael had killed Gedaliah.

Jeremiah 42

Jeremiah 42:1

ULT

[1] Then all the army commanders and Johanan son of Kareah, Jezaniah son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least to the greatest approached Jeremiah the prophet.

UST

[1] Then Johanan son of Kereah and Jezaniah son of Hoshaiah, and all the other leaders of the Israelite soldiers who had not surrendered to the army of Babylonia, and many other people, including those who were important and those who were not important, came to me.

What did all the army commanders and all the people say to Jeremiah? (vv1-3)
They asked him to pray for them and to tell them the way they should go and what they should do.

Jeremiah 42:2

ULT

[2] They said to him, “Let our pleas come before you. Pray for us to Yahweh your God for these people who remain since we are so few in number, as you see.

UST

[2] They said, “Please listen to our request and pray to Yahweh our God for all of us. Although we were previously a huge number of people, you can see that now we are only a small number of people who have survived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:3

ULT

[3] Ask Yahweh your God to tell us the way we should go and what we should do.”

UST

[3] Pray that Yahweh our God will show us what we should do and where we should go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:4

ULT

4 So Jeremiah the prophet said to them, “I have heard you. Look, I will pray to Yahweh your God as you have requested. Whatever Yahweh answers, I will tell you. I will keep nothing back from you.”

UST

4 I replied, “Okay, I will pray to Yahweh our God, like you have requested, and I will tell you what he says. I will tell you everything.”

How did Jeremiah answer them?

He said he would pray for them and tell them whatever Yahweh answers.

Jeremiah 42:5

ULT

5 They said to Jeremiah, “May Yahweh be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not do everything that Yahweh your God tells us to do.

UST

5 They replied to me, “We know that Yahweh our God will be a faithful witness against us if we refuse to do everything that he tells us to do.

Then what did the people say to Jeremiah? (vv5-6)

They said they would do everything Yahweh told them to do.

Jeremiah 42:6

ULT

6 Whether it is good or if it is bad, we will obey the voice of Yahweh our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of Yahweh our God.”

UST

6 We are requesting you to ask Yahweh our God what we should do. When he replies, we will obey him, whether we like what he says or not. We will do that because we know that things will go well for us if we obey him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:7

ULT

7 At the end of ten days, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah.

UST

7 So I prayed to Yahweh, and ten days later he gave me his reply.

What happened after ten days?

After ten days, the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 42:8

ULT

8 So Jeremiah called to Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders with him, and to all the people from the least to the greatest.

UST

8 So I summoned Johanan son of Kereah and all the other leaders of the and all the other people, including those who were important and those who were not important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:9

ULT

9 Then he said to them, “This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel—to whom you sent me so I might lay your pleas before him—says,

UST

9 I said to them, “You told me to tell Yahweh, the God of Israel what you were requesting. This is what he replied:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:10

ULT

10 ‘If you go back and live in this land, then I will build you and not tear you down; I will plant you and not pull you up, for I will turn back the disaster that I have brought on you.

UST

10 ‘You should stay here in this land. If you do that, I will cause your nation to be strong and not be weak. I will cause you to prosper and not be exiled again. I will stop the disasters that I made you experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:11

ULT

11 Do not fear the king of Babylon, whom you are fearing. Do not fear him—this is Yahweh’s declaration—since I am with you to save you and rescue you from his hand.

UST

11 But do not be afraid of the king of Babylon anymore, because I will be with you. I will rescue you from his power.

What did Yahweh say he would do because he was with them? (vv11-12)

He said that he would save them, give them mercy and compassion, and bring them back to their land.

Jeremiah 42:12

ULT

12 For I will give you mercy. I will have compassion on you, and I will bring you back to your land.

UST

12 I will be merciful to you by causing him to act kindly toward you. So as a result, he will allow you to stay here in your land.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:13

ULT

13 But suppose that you say, “We will not stay in this land”—if you do not listen to my voice, the voice of Yahweh your God.

UST

13 But if you refuse to obey Yahweh our God, and if you say ‘We will not stay here;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:14

ULT

14 Suppose that you say, “No! We will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see any war, where we will not hear the sound of the trumpet, and we will not go hungry for food. We will live there.”

UST

14 instead, we will go to Egypt. There we will not experience any wars, we will not hear trumpets signaling our soldiers to prepare for battles, and we will not be hungry.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:15

ULT

15 Now listen to this word of Yahweh, you remnant of Judah. Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘If you actually set out to go to Egypt, to go and live there,

UST

15 Listen now! you people who are left in Judah! Listen to what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to you: ‘If you are determined to go to Egypt, and if you go and live there,

What did Yahweh say would happen if the people actually went to Egypt to live there? (vv15-17)

If they went to live in Egypt, Yahweh said they would all die there by sword, famine, and plague.

Jeremiah 42:16

ULT

16 then the sword that you fear will overtake you there in the land of Egypt. The famine that you are worrying about will pursue you to Egypt, and you will die there.

UST

16 you will experience those wars and famines that you are afraid of, and you will all die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:17

ULT

17 So it will happen that all the men who set out to go to Egypt to live there will die by sword, famine, or plague. There will be no survivor of them, no one to escape the disaster that I will bring on them.

UST

17 That is what will happen to all you who are determined to go to Egypt and live there. Some of you will be killed by the swords of your enemies, and others of you will die from famines and from diseases. None of you will escape the disasters that I will bring on you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:18

ULT

18 For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: Just as my wrath and my fury were poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, in the same way my fury will be poured out on you if you go to Egypt. You will become an object of cursing and a horror, an object for speaking curses, and something dishonorable, and you will not see this place again.'"

UST

18 And Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, also says this: 'Because I was very angry, I severely punished all the people of Jerusalem. I will do the same things to you when you go to Egypt. The result will be that people will curse you. They will be horrified about what has happened to you. They will make fun of you, and you will never see this land again.'

What will become of them if they go to Egypt?

They will become an object of cursing and they will never return.

Jeremiah 42:19

ULT

19 Then Jeremiah said, “Yahweh has spoken concerning you—the remnant of Judah. Do not go to Egypt! You certainly know that I have been a witness against you today.

UST

19 You little group of people of Judah who are still alive, listen to me: Yahweh has told you, ‘Do not go to Egypt.’ So do not forget what I have warned you today.

Why will the people never see the land again?

Yahweh has told them not to go to Egypt, and he will be angry with them if they go.

Jeremiah 42:20

ULT

20 For you fatally deceived yourselves when you sent me to Yahweh your God and said, ‘Pray to Yahweh our God for us. Everything that Yahweh our God says, tell us, and we will carry it out.’

UST

20 You made a life-and-death mistake when you requested me to pray to Yahweh our God and claimed to be willing to obey everything he said.

Why will the people pay for their lives for going to Egypt? (vv20-22)

They will pay with their lives because they asked Jeremiah to give them Yahweh’s message, but they will not do what Yahweh tells them to do.

Jeremiah 42:21

ULT

21 For I have reported to you today, but you have not listened to the voice of Yahweh your God or to anything about which he sent me to you.

UST

21 So today I have told you exactly what he said, but I know that you will not obey Yahweh our God now, just as you have not obeyed him previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 42:22

ULT

22 So now, you should certainly know that you will die by sword, famine, and plague in the place where you desired to go to live.”

UST

22 You want to go to Egypt and live there. So now, you can be sure of this: All of you will die there. Some of you will be killed by the swords of your enemies and others will die from famines or from diseases.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43

Jeremiah 43:1

ULT
1 It happened that Jeremiah finished proclaiming to all the people all the words of Yahweh their God that Yahweh their God had told him to say.

UST
1 So I finished telling to the people that message from Yahweh our God.

What did Jeremiah finish proclaiming to all the people?
He finished proclaiming all the words that Yahweh had told him to say.

Jeremiah 43:2

ULT
2 Azariah son of Hoshaiah, Johanan son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, “You are telling lies. Yahweh our God has not sent you to say, ‘Do not go to Egypt to live there.’

UST
2 But then Johanan son of Kareah and Azariah son of Hoshaiah and some other insolent men said to me, “You are lying! Yahweh our God has not told us that we should not go to Egypt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:3

ULT
3 For Baruch son of Neriah is inciting you against us to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, for you to cause our death and to make us captives in Babylon.”

UST
3 We think that Baruch son of Neriah has urged you to say this, in order that if we stay here, the soldiers from Babylonia will seize us and kill us or take us to Babylonia.”

Of what did Azariah, Johanan, and all the arrogant men accuse Jeremiah?
They accused him of telling them lies so that Jeremiah could have the Chaldeans kill them and make them captives in Babylon.

Jeremiah 43:4

ULT

4 So Johanan son of Kareah, all the princes of the army, and all the people refused to listen to Yahweh's voice to live in the land of Judah.

UST

4 So Johanan and the other leaders of the Judean soldiers and many of the other people who were there refused to obey Yahweh's command to stay in Judah.

What did Johanan and the others do instead of what Yahweh had told them to do? (vv4-7)
They all went to Egypt.

Jeremiah 43:5

ULT

5 Johanan son of Kareah and all the army commanders took away all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations where they had been scattered to live in the land of Judah.

UST

5 Johanan and all the other leaders gathered together all the people who had returned from the other countries to which they had been scattered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:6

ULT

6 They took the men and women, the children and the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king's bodyguards, had let remain with Gedaliah son of Ahikam son of Shaphan. They also took Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch son of Neriah.

UST

6 They included men, women, children, the king's daughters, and all those whom Nebuzaradan had left with Gedaliah, and they also took Baruch and me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:7

ULT

[7] They went to the land of Egypt, to Tahpanhes, because they did not listen to Yahweh's voice.

UST

[7] They refused to obey Yahweh, and they took us all to Egypt, as far as the city of Tahpanhes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:8

ULT

[8] So the word of Yahweh came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,

UST

[8] While we were at Tachpanches, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

What did Yahweh tell Jeremiah to do with the stones? (vv8-10)

He told him to bury them near Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes to show that Nebuchadnezzar would sit on a throne there.

Jeremiah 43:9

ULT

[9] "Take some large stones in your hand, and, in the sight of the people of Judah, hide them in the mortar in the pavement at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes."

UST

[9] "While the people of Judah are watching you, take some large rocks and bury them under the brick pavement at the entrance to the king's palace there at Tachpanches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:10

ULT

10 Then say to them, “Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘See, I am about to send messengers to take Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon as my servant. I will place his throne over these stones that you, Jeremiah, have buried. Nebuchadnezzar will place his pavilion over them.

UST

10 Then say to the people of Judah, ‘This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says: “I will summon Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, who does my work, to come with his army to Egypt. I will set up his throne over these stones that I told Jeremiah to bury. And Nebuchadnezzar will set up his tent there to show that he has become the king of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 43:11

ULT

11 For he will come and attack the land of Egypt. Anyone who is assigned to death will be given to death. Anyone who is assigned to captivity will be taken captive. Anyone who is assigned to the sword will be given to the sword.

UST

11 When his army comes, they will attack Egypt. Then those will die who I have determined must die, those who I have determined must be captured will be captured, and those who I have determined must be killed by swords will be killed by swords.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people when Nebuchadnezzar comes and attacks the land of Egypt?

Yahweh says that Nebuchadnezzar will kill some people and take others into captivity.

Jeremiah 43:12

ULT

12 Then I will light a fire in the temples of Egypt's gods. Nebuchadnezzar will burn them or capture them. He will clean out the land of Egypt just as shepherds clean vermin off their clothes. He will go out from that place in victory. [1]

UST

12 Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers will burn down the temples of the gods of Egypt and take away their idols as souvenirs. His troops will clean Egypt like a shepherd cleans lice from his cloak and leave without having been harmed.

What does Yahweh say Nebuchadnezzar will do to the temples of Egypt's gods? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says he will burn them or capture them.

Jeremiah 43:13

ULT

13 He will break the stone pillars at Heliopolis in the land of Egypt. He will burn the temples of Egypt's gods.'" 43:12 [1] , some ancient and modern versions have .

UST

13 But before they leave, they will have torn down the pillars that are in the temple of their sun god and burned all of the temple of the false Egyptian gods.""'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44

Jeremiah 44:1

ULT

1 The word came to Jeremiah concerning all the Judeans who lived in the land of Egypt, the ones staying in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and in Upper Egypt:

UST

1 This is the message that Yahweh gave me concerning the Judeans who were living in northern Egypt—in Migdol, Tachpanches, and Memphis—and in the region of Pathros in southern Egypt:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:2

ULT

2 "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says, 'You yourselves have seen all the disasters that I brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah. See, they are ruins today. There is no one to live in them.

UST

2 "This is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: You saw the disaster that I caused the people in Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah to experience. Those towns are now ruined and deserted.

Why does Jeremiah say Yahweh brought disaster on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah? (vv2-3)

Jeremiah says did it because the people worshiped other gods.

Jeremiah 44:3

ULT

3 This is because of the wicked things they did to offend me by going to burn incense and to worship other gods. These were gods that neither they themselves, nor you, nor your ancestors knew.'

UST

3 That happened because I was extremely angry with them on account of their being very wicked. They burned incense to other gods and worshiped them. They were gods that you previously did not know about, and your ancestors also did not know about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:4

ULT

4 So I repeatedly sent all of my servants the prophets to them. I sent them to say, ‘Stop doing these abominable things that I hate.’

UST

4 Many times I sent my prophets who served me, to say to them, ‘Do not do those abominable things that I hate!’

What had Yahweh’s prophets said to the people?

The prophets had told the people to stop doing things that Yahweh hates.

Jeremiah 44:5

ULT

5 But they did not listen. They refused to pay attention or turn from their wickedness in burning incense to other gods.

UST

5 But my people would not pay any attention to what I said to them. They would not turn away from their wicked behavior, or stop burning incense to worship other gods.

What did the people do after the prophets spoke to them?

They did not listen.

Jeremiah 44:6

ULT

6 So my fury and my wrath were poured out and kindled a fire in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. So they became ruins and devastations, as at this present day.’

UST

6 So I poured out the consequences of my great anger on them. My punishment fell on the streets of Jerusalem and on the other towns in Judah like a fire. It caused those towns to be ruined and deserted, and they are still like that.

What did Yahweh do when the Judeans did not listen to the prophets?

Yahweh poured out his fury and his wrath, and he destroyed Judah and Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 44:7

ULT

7 So now Yahweh, the God of hosts and the God of Israel, says this, ‘Why are you doing great wickedness against yourselves? Why are you causing yourselves to be cut off from among Judah—men and women, children and babies? No remnant of you will be left.

UST

7 So now I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, ask you: Why are you causing yourselves to experience these disasters? Do you not realize that because of what you are doing, soon there will be no more men or women or children or infants left among you who have come here to Egypt from Judah?

How many of the people who went to Egypt will Yahweh allow to live?

He will not allow any of them to live.

Jeremiah 44:8

ULT

8 By your wickedness you have offended me with the deeds of your hands, by burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you have gone to live. You have gone there so that you will be destroyed, so that you will be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth.

UST

8 Why are you provoking me and causing me to be very angry by burning incense to the idols that you have made here in Egypt? If you continue doing this, you will destroy yourselves, and you will cause yourselves to be people whom all the nations on the earth will curse and despise.

How did they offend Yahweh?

They offended Yahweh with the deeds of their hands, by burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt.

What does Yahweh say is going to happen to them in Egypt?

He says he will destroy them.

Jeremiah 44:9

ULT

9 Have you forgotten the wickedness committed by your ancestors and the wickedness committed by the kings of Judah and their wives? Have you forgotten the evil committed by yourselves and your wives in the land of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem?

UST

9 Have you forgotten how I punished your ancestors for the wicked things that they did, and how I punished the kings and queens of Judah for what they did, and you and your wives for the sins that you committed in the streets of Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:10

ULT

10 To this day, they still are not humbled. They do not honor my law or decrees that I placed before them and their ancestors, nor do they walk in them.'

UST

10 Up until this day you have not humbled yourselves or revered me. You have not obeyed the laws and decrees that I gave to you and your ancestors.

Who does Yahweh say has committed wickedness?

He says that the people and their ancestors have committed wickedness.

Jeremiah 44:11

ULT

11 Therefore Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, 'See, I am about to set my face against you to bring disaster to you and to destroy all of Judah.

UST

11 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: I am determined to cause all of you to experience disasters and to get rid of everyone in Judah.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people who went to Egypt? (vv11-12)

Yahweh says that he will set his face against them and bring disaster to them and destroy all of them just as he punished Jerusalem: with sword and famine and plague.

Jeremiah 44:12

ULT

12 For I will take the remnant of Judah that has set out to go to the land of Egypt to live there. I will do this so that they will all perish in the land of Egypt. They will fall by sword and famine. From the least to the greatest they will perish by sword and famine. They will die and will become an object of swearing, cursing, reproaching, and a horrible thing.

UST

12 You people from Judah who have survived were determined to come and live here in Egypt. So I will get rid of all of you here in Egypt. Every one of you will die, including those who are important and those who are not important. Some of you will be killed by your enemies' swords, some will die from famines. You will become people whom others curse, be horrified about, and make fun of.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:13

ULT

13 For I will punish the people inhabiting the land of Egypt just as I punished Jerusalem with the sword, with famine, and with the plague,

UST

13 I will punish you here in Egypt like I punished others in Jerusalem, some of whom were killed by their enemies' swords and some of whom died from famines or diseases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:14

ULT

14 so that none of the remnant of Judah who have gone to live in the land of Egypt will escape or survive or return to the land of Judah, to which they desire to return and live; and none of them will return except a few who escaped from there.'"

UST

14 None of you people who came from Judah and now live in Egypt, none of you will be successful in any attempt to escape from Egypt, you will not grow in numbers while you live in Egypt, and you will not be able to return to Judah, even though you desire to return to Judah, you will not be able to go back there to live and make your homes. None of you will be able to return to Judah, except only a very small number of you who will be able able to escape from Egypt and to return Judah and live there."

What does Yahweh say about the remnant of Judah?

He says that none of them who want to return to Judah will return, though a few will escape from Egypt.

Jeremiah 44:15

ULT

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives were burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were in the great assembly, and all the people who were living in Lower and Upper Egypt, answered Jeremiah.

UST

15 Then a large group of the people who had started to live in northern Egypt and southern Egypt, including all the men who knew that their wives had been burning incense to other gods, and all the women who were standing there, said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:16

ULT

16 They said, “About the word that you have told us in Yahweh’s name—we will not listen to you.

UST

16 “You are saying that Yahweh gave messages to you, but we will not pay any attention to your messages!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:17

ULT

17 For we will certainly do all the things that we said we would do—burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her just as we, our ancestors, our kings, and our leaders did in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem. Then we will be filled with food and will prosper, without experiencing any disaster.

UST

17 We will certainly do everything that we said that we would do. We will burn incense to worship our goddess Asherah, the Queen of Heaven, and we will pour out offerings of wine to her, just like we and our ancestors and our kings and their officials have always done in the streets of Jerusalem and in the other towns in Judah. At that time, we had plenty of food, and we were prosperous and we did not have any troubles.

What did the people think would happen if they continued to burned incense and pour out drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven?

The people thought they would be filled with food and would prosper, without experiencing any disaster if they burned incense and poured out drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven.

Jeremiah 44:18

ULT

18 When we refrained from doing these things, not offering incense to the queen of heaven and not pouring out drink offerings to her, we were all suffering poverty and were dying by sword and famine."

UST

18 But ever since we stopped burning incense to the Queen of Heaven and giving her offerings of wine, we have had many troubles, and some of our people have been killed by our enemies or died from hunger."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:19

ULT

19 The women said, "When we were making incense offerings before the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, was it against our husbands that we did these things, making cakes in her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?"

UST

19 And the women said, "Furthermore, we burned incense and poured out wine offerings to the Queen of Heaven, and we also made small cakes that resembled her idol, to offer to her, and we poured drinks to honor her. But our husbands certainly knew about and approved of what we were doing!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:20

ULT

20 Then Jeremiah said to all the people—to the men and women, and all the people who answered him—he proclaimed and said,

UST

20 Then I said to all the men and women who had answered me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:21

ULT

21 “Did not Yahweh remember the incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem
—you and your ancestors, your kings and leaders, and the people of the land? For Yahweh calls this to mind;
it comes to his thoughts.

UST

21 “Do not think that Yahweh did not know that you and your ancestors and your kings and their officials and
all the other people in Judah were burning incense to worship idols in the streets of Jerusalem and in the
other towns in Judah! He knew about it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:22

ULT

22 Then he was no longer able to bear it because of your wicked practices, because of the abominations that
you did. Then your land became a desolation, a horror, and a curse so there was no longer an inhabitant as at
this present day.

UST

22 It was because Yahweh could no longer endure your wicked actions and the detestable things that you
were doing that he caused your land to be a place whose name people say when they curse someone, a land
that is ruined and which has no one living in it. And your land is still like that.

What was it that Yahweh could no longer bear?

He could no longer bear what the people did.

What happened to their land after Yahweh could no longer bear what the people did?

Their land became a desolation, a horror, and a curse.

Jeremiah 44:23

ULT

23 Because you burned incense and sinned against Yahweh, and because you would not listen to his voice, his law, his statutes, or his covenant decrees, this disaster against you has happened as at this present day.”

UST

23 It is because you burned incense to worship idols and committed other sins against Yahweh that you experienced all those disasters. It is because you have not obeyed him or obeyed his laws and decrees and commandments.”

Why did this disaster happen to them?

Because they burned incense to worship idols and sinned against Yahweh, and because they would not listen to him.

Jeremiah 44:24

ULT

24 Then Jeremiah said to all the people and all the women, “Hear the word of Yahweh, all of Judah who are in the land of Egypt.

UST

24 Then Jeremiah said to all of them, including the women, “All you people of Judah who are here in Egypt, listen to this message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:25

ULT

25 Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, ‘You and your wives both have said with your mouths and carried out with your hands what you said, “We will certainly carry out the vows that we made to worship the queen of heaven, to pour out drink offerings to her.” Now fulfill your vows; carry them out.’

UST

25 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says to you men: ‘You and your wives have said that you would continue to do what you promised, to burn incense and pour out wine to the goddess whom you call the Queen of Heaven. And you have proved by your actions that you intend to continue to do that. So go ahead and continue doing what you have promised to do for her.’

What did Jeremiah tell those who wanted to fulfill their vows to the Queen of Heaven?

He told them to fulfill their vows.

Jeremiah 44:26

ULT

26 So then, hear the word of Yahweh, all of Judah who are staying in the land of Egypt, ‘See, I have sworn by my great name—says Yahweh. My name will no longer be called upon by the mouths of any of the men of Judah in all the land of Egypt, you who now say, “As the Lord Yahweh lives.”

UST

26 But now, all you people from Judah who are now living here in Egypt, listen to this message from Yahweh. He says, ‘I have solemnly declared, using my great name, that soon none of you people from Judah who are here in Egypt will ever again use my name. There will be none of you who, when you solemnly promise to do something, will ever again say, “I will do it as surely as Yahweh lives.”

What did Jeremiah say the people would do after they fulfilled their vows? (vv26-27)

He told them that they would never again worship Yahweh, but they would all perish by sword and famine.

Jeremiah 44:27

ULT

27 See, I am watching over them for disaster and not for good. Every person of Judah in the land of Egypt will perish by sword and famine until they are all finished.

UST

27 Because I will be watching over you, not to cause good things to happen to you but to cause things to happen that will harm you. Almost everyone from Judah who is now here in Egypt will be killed by their enemies’ swords or die from famine until almost all of you have come to an end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 44:28

ULT

28 Then the survivors of the sword will return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah, only a small number of them. So all the remnant of Judah who went to the land of Egypt to live there will know whose word will stand—mine or theirs.

UST

28 Only a very few of you will not die by the sword and will return to Judah. When that happens, all those who came to Egypt will find out whose words were true, theirs or mine.’

What will happen to those who do not die by the sword?

They will return from Egypt to Judah.

Jeremiah 44:29

ULT

29 This will be the sign for you—this is Yahweh's declaration—that I am setting against you in this place, so that you will know that my words will certainly attack you with disaster.'

UST

29 And Yahweh also says, 'I will do something that will prove to you that everything that I have said will happen, and that I will punish you here in this place.

What will the people understand when Hophra dies?

They will understand that Yahweh will do to them everything he said he would do.

Jeremiah 44:30

ULT

30 Yahweh says this, 'Look, I am about to give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek to kill him. It will the same as when I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his enemy who sought his life.'"

UST

30 I will cause Hophra, the king of Egypt, to be captured by his enemies who want to kill him, just like I caused King Zedekiah of Judah to be captured by the soldiers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.'"

What does Yahweh say he will do with Pharaoh Hophra?

He says he will give Pharaoh Hophra to his enemies.

Jeremiah 45

Jeremiah 45:1

ULT

1 This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet told Baruch son of Neriah. This happened when he wrote in a scroll these words at Jeremiah's dictation—this was in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, and he said,

UST

1 After Jehoiakim son of King Josiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, Baruch son of Neriah wrote down all the messages that the prophet Jeremiah had dictated. Jeremiah gave a message and he said,

Why did Yahweh give Jeremiah a message for Baruch? (vv1-3)

He did it because Baruch was saying that Yahweh was making him sad.

Jeremiah 45:2

ULT

2 "Yahweh, God of Israel, says this to you, Baruch:

UST

2 "Baruch, Yahweh, the God of Israel, has a message for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 45:3

ULT

3 You have said, 'Woe is me, for Yahweh has added agony to my pain. My groaning has wearied me; I find no rest.'

UST

3 You have said, 'Terrible things are happening to me! I have endured much pain already. And now Yahweh is causing me to be very sad, in addition to my having pain. I am exhausted from my groaning, and I am unable to rest!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 45:4

ULT

4 This is what you must say to him: ‘Yahweh says this: See, what I built, I am now tearing down. What I planted, I am now pulling up—I will do this throughout all the earth.

UST

4 But Baruch, this is what Yahweh says: ‘I will destroy this nation that I established. This nation is like a tree that I planted and that I will now pull up with its roots. I will do this everywhere in the world.

What does Yahweh plan to do to Baruch’s nation?

He plans to destroy it.

Jeremiah 45:5

ULT

5 But are you hoping for great things for yourself? Do not hope for that. For see, disaster is coming on all humanity—this is Yahweh’s declaration—but I am giving you your life as your plunder everywhere you will go.’”

UST

5 So, should you desire that people do things to honor you in a special way? Do not desire that. It is true that I will cause all these people to experience a great disaster, but wherever you go, I will protect you, and you will not be killed.’”

What should Baruch not desire?

He should not desire people to honor him in a special way.

What does Yahweh promise to do for Baruch?

Yahweh promises to protect Baruch wherever he goes.

Jeremiah 46

Jeremiah 46:1

ULT

[1] This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

UST

[1] These are messages that Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah about other nations.

What does Yahweh tell the army of Egypt to do? (vv1-4)
He tells them to get their shields, horses, spears, and armor ready and go forward to fight.

Jeremiah 46:2

ULT

[2] For Egypt: "This is about the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt that was at Carchemish by the Euphrates river. This was the army that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah:

UST

[2] After Jehoiakim son of King Josiah, had been ruling Judah for almost four years, this message about Egypt was given to me by Yahweh. It was when the army of King Necho of Egypt was defeated by the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon at Carchemish by the Euphrates River. This is what Yahweh said: "The officers of the army of Egypt are saying to their troops,

Who are the two kings who are going to have a war?
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and Neco king of Egypt were going to war.

Jeremiah 46:3

ULT

[3] Get the small shields and the large shields ready, and go forward to fight.

UST

[3] 'Prepare your small and large shields and march out to fight the battle!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:4

ULT

4 Put the harness on the horses; mount up on the horses and take your stand with your helmets on; polish the spears and put on your armor.

UST

4 Put harnesses on your horses, and get on their backs. Get into your positions for the battle; put on your helmets. Sharpen your spears, and put on your armor!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:5

ULT

5 What am I seeing here? They are filled with terror and are running away, for their soldiers are defeated. They are running for safety and are not looking back. Terror is all around—this is Yahweh’s declaration—

UST

5 But what do I see? I see that the soldiers of Egypt will be terrified and will be fleeing. Even the bravest of their soldiers will be running away, without even looking backward! I, Yahweh, say that their soldiers will be terrified on all sides!

What does Yahweh see the Egyptian army doing? (vv5-6)

He sees the Egyptian soldiers running for safety but defeated at the Euphrates River.

Jeremiah 46:6

ULT

6 the swift cannot run away, and the soldiers cannot escape. They stumble in the north and fall beside the Euphrates River.

UST

6 Even the fastest runners will try to run away, but even the greatest of their warriors will not escape. In the north, by the Euphrates River, they will stumble and fall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:7

ULT

7 Who is this who rises like the Nile, whose waters toss up and down like the rivers?

UST

7 What group is this that will be covering the land like the water of the Nile River covers the land when it floods and its waves surge?

What does Yahweh compare the Egyptian army to? (vv7-8)

The army is like the Nile River when it floods and destroys cities and inhabitants.

Jeremiah 46:8

ULT

8 Egypt rises like the Nile, like rivers of water that rise and fall. Egypt says, ‘I will go up and I will cover the earth. I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.

UST

8 The kingdom of Egypt rises and falls like the Nile that surging with a flood of water, and Egypt will boast that they will cover the earth and will destroy cities and the people who live in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:9

ULT

9 Go up, horses. Be angry, you chariots. Let the soldiers go out, Cush and Put, men skillful with a shield, and Ludim, men skillful at bending their bows.’

UST

9 You riders of horses, charge into the battle! You drivers of chariots, drive furiously like a crazy person! All you warriors from Ethiopia and Libya who carry your shields, you warriors from Lydia who shoot arrows, you come!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:10

ULT

10 That day will be the day of vengeance for the Lord Yahweh of hosts, and he will avenge himself on his foes. The sword will devour and be satisfied. It will drink its fill of their blood. For there will be a sacrifice to the Yahweh Lord of hosts in the northern land by the Euphrates River.

UST

10 But, you need to know that this is the day when I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will get revenge on my enemies. With my sword I will kill my enemies until I am satisfied; my sword will be like a monster that drinks the blood of the animals it kills until it is no longer thirsty. The enemy soldiers who will be killed in the north beside the Euphrates River will be like a sacrifice to me, the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

How will Yahweh get his vengeance?

He will get his vengeance when the sword devours and is satisfied. That will be like a sacrifice to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 46:11

ULT

11 Go up to Gilead and obtain medicine, virgin daughter of Egypt. It is useless that you put much medicine on yourself. There is no cure for you.

UST

11 You innocent people of Egypt, go up to the region of Gilead to obtain medicine; but it will be useless to take all those medicines; you will not be healed.

What does Yahweh tell Egypt to do? (vv11-12)

They are to go to Gilead for medicine, but it will not cure them.

Jeremiah 46:12

ULT

12 The nations have heard of your disgrace. The earth is filled with your laments, for soldier stumbles against soldier; both of them fall together."

UST

12 People in the other nations hear how you were humiliated. People all over the earth hear you wailing. Your mighty warriors stumble over each other and they all fall down together."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:13

ULT

13 This is the word that Yahweh told Jeremiah the prophet when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came and attacked the land of Egypt:

UST

13 Then Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah this message about King Nebuchadnezzar when he planned to attack Egypt with his army:

What did Yahweh tell the people of Migdol and Memphis to do? (vv13-14)

He told them to got to Tahpanhes and fight there.

Jeremiah 46:14

ULT

14 “Announce in Egypt, and proclaim it in Migdol, Memphis, and Tahpanhes. ‘Take your station and prepare yourself, for the sword will devour those around you.’

UST

14 “Shout this message throughout Egypt! Proclaim it in the cities of Migdol, Memphis, and Tahpenes! ‘Get into your positions for the battle; Prepare to defend yourselves, because everyone around you will be killed.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:15

ULT

15 Why are your mighty ones face-down on the ground? They will not stand, because I, Yahweh, have pushed them to the ground.

UST

15 Why do those whose strength you trust fall down? They cannot stand up, because Yahweh will knock them down.

What has happened to Egypt’s gods?

Apis the bull-god has run away and Yahweh has thrown him down.

Jeremiah 46:16

ULT

16 He increases the numbers of those who stumble. Each soldier falls against the next one. They are saying, ‘Get up. Let us go home. Let us go back to our own people, to our native land. Let us leave this sword that is beating us down.’

UST

16 The soldiers from other countries will stumble and fall over each other, and then they will say to each other, “Let us get up and go back to our own people, to our own land. Let us get away from the swords of our enemies!”

What do the soldiers want to do? (vv16-17)

They want to go to their homes.

Jeremiah 46:17

ULT

17 They proclaimed there, ‘Pharaoh the king of Egypt is only a noise, one who has let his opportunity slip away.’

UST

17 There in Egypt they will say, “The king of Egypt talks loudly, but when our army had an opportunity to defeat our enemies, they failed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:18

ULT

18 As I live—declares the King, whose name is Yahweh of hosts— someone will come like Mount Tabor and Mount Carmel by the sea.

UST

18 I, the King, who is called Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: ‘As surely as I live, an army is coming to fight against the army of Egypt. They will be extremely powerful, as though they were as tall as Tabor Hill, or as high as Mount Carmel, close to the Mediterranean Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:19

ULT

19 Pack for yourselves baggage to carry into exile, you who live in Egypt. For Memphis will become a waste, it will lie in ruins and no one will live there.

UST

19 All you people who live in Egypt, pack your possessions and prepare to be exiled. Memphis will be destroyed; it will become a ruin, and no people will be living there.

What does Yahweh say Egypt needs to prepare for?
He says Egypt needs to prepare for captivity.

Jeremiah 46:20

ULT

20 Egypt is a very beautiful young cow, but a stinging insect is coming from the north. It is coming.

UST

20 Egypt is like a beautiful young cow, but a powerful king from the northeast is surely coming to attack it like a horsefly bites a cow.

What animals does the writer say Egypt is like before the battle? (vv20-21)
Egypt is a beautiful young cow, and the hired soldiers are like a fattened bull.

Jeremiah 46:21

ULT

21 The hired soldiers in her midst are like a fattened bull, but they will also turn away and run away. They will not stand together, for the day of their disaster is coming against them, the time of their punishment.

UST

21 The mercenaries that Egypt has hired are like fat calves because of the Egyptians' money; but they also will turn around and run away; they will not stand there and fight, because it will be a day when there will be a great disaster for Egypt, a day when their people will be greatly punished.

What animal does the writer say Egypt is like after the battle?
He says Egypt is like a snake.

Jeremiah 46:22

ULT
22 Egypt hisses like a snake and crawls away, for her enemies are marching against her. They are going toward her like woodcutters with axes.

UST
22 The soldiers of Egypt will run away, as silently as a snake slithers away. The army of the enemy will advance; they will march along carrying their axes like men who cut down trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:23

ULT
23 They will cut down the forests—this is Yahweh's declaration—although it is very dense. For the enemies will be more numerous than locusts, unable to be counted.

UST
23 I, Yahweh, say that they will kill the soldiers of Egypt as though they were cutting down a forest of trees, because the enemy soldiers will be as numerous as a swarm of locusts.

Who will kill the soldiers of Egypt? (vv23-24)
People from the north will cut them down.

Jeremiah 46:24

ULT
24 The daughter of Egypt will be made ashamed. She will be given into the hand of people from the north."

UST
24 The people of Egypt will be humiliated; they will be conquered by people from the northeast.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:25

ULT

25 Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says, “See, I am about to punish Amon of Thebes, Pharaoh, Egypt and her gods, her kings the Pharaohs, and those who trust in them.

UST

25 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say, ‘I will punish Amon, the god whom the people of the city of Thebes worship, and all the other gods in Egypt. I will punish the king of Egypt and all those who trust in him.

To whom will Yahweh give Egypt? (vv25-26)

He will give Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 46:26

ULT

26 I am giving them into the hand of the ones seeking their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his servants. Then after this Egypt will be inhabited as in previous days—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

26 I will cause them to be captured by those who want to kill them—Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and his army officers. But many years later, people will live in Egypt again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 46:27

ULT

27 But you, my servant Jacob, do not fear. Do not be dismayed, Israel, for see, I am about to bring you back from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Then Jacob will return, find peace, and be secure, and there will be no one to terrify him.

UST

27 But you people of Israel who serve me, do not be at all dismayed now, because some day I will bring you back from distant places; I will bring your descendants from the land to which they were exiled. Then you Israelite people will again live peacefully and safely, and there will not be any nation to cause you to be terrified.

What does Yahweh say he will do for his people Israel? (vv27-28)

He will bring them out of captivity, return them to their land where they will find peace and be secure, bring destruction to the nations where they were scattered, discipline them justly, but not destroy them completely.

Jeremiah 46:28

ULT

28 You, my servant Jacob, do not fear—this is Yahweh's declaration—for I am with you, so I will bring complete destruction against all the nations where I scattered you. But I will not destroy you completely. Yet I will discipline you justly and will certainly not leave you unpunished."

UST

28 I, Yahweh, say to you people of Israel who serve me, 'Do not be afraid, because I will be with you. I will completely destroy the nations among whom I have scattered you, but I will not completely get rid of you. I will punish you, but I will punish you only as severely as you deserve: it would be wrong if I did not punish you at all.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47

Jeremiah 47:1

ULT

[1] This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines. This word came to him before Pharaoh attacked Gaza.

UST

[1] Yahweh gave to the prophet Jeremiah a message about the people of Philistia. The message was given to him before the city of Gaza in Philistia was captured by the army of Egypt.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people of Philistia? (vv1-2)

They will be attacked from the north and they will all lament(weep).

Jeremiah 47:2

ULT

[2] "Yahweh says this: See, floods of water are rising in the north. They will be like an overflowing river! Then they will overflow the land and everything in it, its cities and its inhabitants! So everyone will shout for help, and all the inhabitants of the land will lament.

UST

[2] This is what Yahweh said: "An army will be coming from the northeast that will cover the land like a flood. They will destroy the land and everything in it; they will destroy people and cities. People will scream out for help; and everyone in the land will wail in mourning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:3

ULT

[3] At the sound of the stamping of their strong horses' hooves, at the roar of their chariots and the noise of their wheels, fathers will not help their children because of their own weakness.

UST

[3] They will hear the sound of the hooves of the enemy horses, and they will hear the rumble of the wheels of their enemies' chariots. Men will run away; they will not stop to help their own children but will be completely weak and helpless.

How will the people of Philistia know the enemy is coming to destroy them? (vv3-4)

They will hear the sound of horses' hooves and the rumble of the chariots. Men will run away, they will not stop to help their children, and they will be weak and helpless.

Jeremiah 47:4

ULT

4 For the day is coming that will devastate all of the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every survivor who wants to help them. For Yahweh is devastating the Philistines, those who remain from the island of Caphtor.

UST

4 It will be the time for all the people of Philistia to be destroyed, and the time to stop the remaining soldiers from being able to help the people living in the cities of Tyre and Sidon. I, Yahweh, will destroy the people of Philistia, those whose ancestors long ago came from Island of Crete.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:5

ULT

5 Baldness will come upon Gaza. As for Ashkelon, the people who are left in their valley will be made silent. How long will you cut yourself in mourning?

UST

5 The people of Gaza will be humiliated; they will shave off all the hair on their heads to indicate that they are ashamed. The people of the city of Ashkelon will all be silent because they will be mourning. All you people who live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea who are still alive, how long will you gash yourselves because you are mourning?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 47:6

ULT

6 Woe, sword of Yahweh! How long will it be until you become silent? Go back to your scabbard! Stop and be silent.

UST

6 The people of Philistia say, “Yahweh, when will you tell our enemies to stop killing us with their swords? Tell them to put them back into their sheaths and allow them to stay there!”

What are the people of Philistia asking Yahweh to do? (vv6-7)

They are asking him to stop killing them.

Jeremiah 47:7

ULT

7 How can it rest when Yahweh has commanded it, when he has ordered it to attack Ashkelon and the coastlands along the sea?”

UST

7 But it would not be right for their swords to stay there, because Yahweh has commanded their enemies to do something more; Yahweh intends to tell them to attack all the people living in Ashkelon and in other cities along the coast.

Why will Yahweh not stop the killing?

Because he intends to attack all people living in Ashkelon and the cities along the coast.

Jeremiah 48

Jeremiah 48:1

ULT

[1] To Moab, Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this, “Woe to Nebo, for it has been devastated. Kiriathaim has been humiliated and captured. Her fortress has been disgraced and crushed.

UST

[1] This is a message about Moab. Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, says, “Terrible things will happen to the city of Nebo; it will soon be ruined. the city of Kiriathaim will be put to shame. It is taken! The defended fortress will be ruined, and its people will become ashamed.

What does Yahweh say about Moab? (vv1-2)

Devastation will happen to the cities, no one will honor Moab, and their enemies will try to destroy her as a nation.

Jeremiah 48:2

ULT

[2] The honor of Moab is no more. Their enemies in Heshbon plotted disaster against her. They said, ‘Come and let us destroy her as a nation. Madmen will also perish—a sword will go after you.’

UST

[2] No one will boast about Moab again; the enemies of Moab will plan to destroy the capital city, Heshbon. They will say, ‘Come, let us cause Moab to no longer be a nation.’ You also, You Madmen! you also will be silenced; enemy armies will pursue you to kill you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:3

ULT

[3] Listen! A sound of screaming is coming from Horonaim, where there is ruin and great destruction.

UST

[3] Listen to the people of Horonaim screaming; they will be wailing because their town was completely destroyed.

Why are people screaming, weeping, and crying? (vv3-5)

They are doing these things because Moab has been destroyed.

Jeremiah 48:4

ULT

[4] Moab has been destroyed. Her children have made their cries heard.

UST

[4] All of Moab will be ruined; even the little children will cry loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:5

ULT

[5] They go up the hill of Luhith weeping, for on the way down to Horonaim, screams are heard because of the destruction.

UST

[5] They will cry bitterly as they climb up Luhith hill. Others will wail on the road down to Horonaim. They were so very sad because their town was completely destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:6

ULT

[6] Flee! Save your lives and become like a juniper bush in the wilderness.

UST

[6] Someone will say to them, ‘Flee! Hide in the desert!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:7

ULT

[7] For because of your trust in your practices and your wealth, you also will be captured. Then Chemosh will go away into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.

UST

[7] But you trusted that because you were rich and powerful, you would be safe; so you will be captured. Your god Chemosh and all his priests and officials will be taken away to distant lands.

Why will Chemosh and his priests and leaders go away into captivity?

They were putting their trust in their practices and their wealth.

Jeremiah 48:8

ULT

8 For the destroyer will come to every city; no city will escape. So the valley will perish and the plain will be devastated, as Yahweh has said.

UST

8 All the towns in Moab will be destroyed; none of them will escape. Towns in the valleys and on the plateau will all be destroyed, because Yahweh has said that is what will happen.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the towns in Moab?
They will all be destroyed, none of them will escape.

Jeremiah 48:9

ULT

9 Give wings to Moab, for she must certainly fly away. Her cities will become a wasteland, where there is no one to live in them.

UST

9 Someone should help all the people in Moab to run away, so that their land will be empty, so that no one will live in it any longer.”

What is to happen to their cities?
They will become a wasteland where no one lives.

Jeremiah 48:10

ULT

10 May anyone who is lazy in doing Yahweh’s work be cursed! May anyone who keeps his sword back from shedding blood be cursed!

UST

10 May Yahweh punish anyone who will not eagerly do what he desires; may he curse anyone who refrains from using his sword to kill the people in Moab.

What will Yahweh do to anyone who will not kill Moabites for him?
Yahweh will curse him.

Jeremiah 48:11

ULT

11 Moab has felt secure since he was young. He is like his wine that has never been poured from pot to pot. He has never gone into captivity. Therefore he tastes as good as ever; his flavor remains unchanged.

UST

11 The people of Moab have always felt secure; they have never been exiled. They are like wine that has been left undisturbed in a container for many days to give it good flavor, so now it is smells good, and it tastes good.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the Moabites? (vv11-12)

He says he will send enemies to attack them and get rid of them.

Jeremiah 48:12

ULT

12 So see, the days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will send him those who will tip him over and pour out all his pots and shatter his jars.

UST

12 But Yahweh says that there will be a time when he will send enemies to attack them; they will get rid of the people of Moab like people pour out wine on the ground and then smash the wine jar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:13

ULT

13 Then Moab will be ashamed of Chemosh just as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel, their object of trust.

UST

13 Then the people of Moab will be ashamed of their god Chemosh that they had trusted in, because it did not help them, like the Israelite people were ashamed because their gold statue of a calf was smashed at Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:14

ULT
14 How can you say, ‘We are soldiers, powerful fighting men’?

UST
14 The soldiers of Moab previously said, “We are warriors; we have fought bravely in battles!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:15

ULT
15 Moab will be devastated and its cities attacked. For its finest young men have gone down to the place of slaughter. This is the king’s declaration! Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST
15 But now our king, who is called Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that the country of Moab and all the towns in it will be destroyed. Their fine young men will all be slaughtered.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the country of Moab? (vv15-16)
It will very soon be destroyed.

Jeremiah 48:16

ULT
16 Moab’s disaster is soon to happen; calamity is hurrying quickly.

UST
16 Moab will very soon be destroyed. They will soon experience disaster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:17

ULT

17 All you who are around Moab, wail; and all you who know its fame, shout this, ‘Woe, the strong staff, the honored rod, has been broken.’

UST

17 You people who live in nations near Moab, who know that it is very famous, should mourn for Moab, and say, “Its glorious power is completely ended.”

What should the people who live near Moab do after Moab is destroyed?
They should wail for Moab because their power has been broken.

Jeremiah 48:18

ULT

18 Come down from your honored place and sit on the dry ground, you daughter living in Dibon. For the one who will destroy Moab is attacking you, the one who will destroy your strongholds.

UST

18 You people of the city of Dibon, stop being proud because of being honored, and sit in the dust where you will thirst for water, because those who will destroy other places in Moab will attack your city and destroy your fortifications.

What should the people in the city of Dibon and Aroer do instead of being proud? (vv18-20)
They should notice they are being attacked and take notice of people who are escaping. They should howl, lament, and shout for help because Moab has been devastated.

Jeremiah 48:19

ULT

19 Stand on the road and watch, you people who live in Aroer. Ask the ones who are fleeing and escaping. Say, ‘What has happened?’

UST

19 You people of the city of Aroer, stand along the road and watch. Shout to the men and women who will be fleeing from Moab, “What has happened there?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:20

ULT
20 Moab has been shamed, for it has been shattered. Howl and lament; shout for help. Tell it to people by the Arnon River that Moab has been devastated.

UST
20 They will reply, “Moab is ruined and we are disgraced!” So weep and wail. Proclaim to Amon that Moab has been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:21

ULT
21 Now punishment has come to the hill country, to Holon, Jahzah, and Mephaath,

UST
21 Yahweh is punishing the towns of Moab that are on the plateau: Holon and Jahaz and Mephaath,

What punishment has come to all the cities in the land of Moab? (vv21-25)
Yahweh has punished many cities. The horn of Moab has been hacked off; its arm has been broken.

Jeremiah 48:22

ULT
22 to Dibon, Nebo, and Beth Diblathaim,

UST
22 Dibon and Nebo and Beth Diblathaim,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:23

ULT
23 to Kiriathaim, Beth Gamul, and Beth Meon,

UST
23 Kiriathaim and Beth Gamul and Beth Meon,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:24

ULT
24 To Kerioth and Bozrah, and to all the cities in the land of Moab— the farthest and the closest cities.

UST
24 Kerioth and Bozrah. He is punishing cities that are near each other and towns that are far away from each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:25

ULT
25 The horn of Moab has been hacked off; its arm has been broken—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST
25 Yahweh says, "The power of Moab will be finished; it is as though it will have a broken arm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:26

ULT
26 Make him drunk, because he acted proudly against Yahweh. Let Moab wallow in his vomit, and let him be an object of ridicule.

UST
26 You people of Moab thought you were powerful enough to rebel against me, Yahweh; so now I will cause you all to stagger like drunken people. You people of Moab will wallow in your own vomit and be ridiculed.

The Moabites thought they were powerful against Yahweh, but what will Yahweh do to them? (vv26-27)
Yahweh will judge Moab and their enemies will laugh at them.

Jeremiah 48:27

ULT

27 For did not Israel become an object for laughter to you? Was he found among thieves, so that you shook your head at him as often as you spoke about him?

UST

27 Did you not ridicule the people of Israel? Did you think they were nothing but thieves, so that you shook your head at them with scorn, and despised them every time you spoke about them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:28

ULT

28 Abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs, inhabitants of Moab. Become like a dove that is nesting over the mouth of a hole in the rocks.

UST

28 You people who live in Moab, you should abandon your towns and go and live in caves. Be like pigeons that make their nests in the entrances of caves.”

What should the inhabitants do because of their pride? (vv28-29)

They should abandon the cities and camp on the cliffs in the rocks.

Jeremiah 48:29

ULT

29 We have heard of Moab’s pride—his arrogance, his haughtiness, his pride, his self-glory and the conceit in his heart.

UST

29 We have all heard that the people of Moab are very proud; they are extremely proud and conceited.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:30

ULT

30 This is Yahweh's declaration—I myself know his defiant speech, which amounts to nothing, like his deeds.

UST

30 But Yahweh says, "I know about that, but it is useless for them to boast because it will accomplish nothing.

Why does Yahweh lament, shout in sorrow, and weep for the people in Moab? (vv30-32)

Yahweh laments because he knows Moab's defiant speech amounts to nothing.

Jeremiah 48:31

ULT

31 So I will howl a lament for Moab, and I will shout in sorrow for all of Moab. I will lament for the people of Kir Hareseth.

UST

31 So now I will wail for Moab; I will cry about all its people. I will moan for the men of the city of Kir Hareseth, the old capital of Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:32

ULT

32 I will weep for you more than I did for Jazer, vine of Sibmah! Your branches passed across the Salt Sea and reached as far as Jazer. The destroyers have attacked your summer fruit and your wine.

UST

32 You people of the city of Sibmah, you have many vineyards, and I will be sad when they are destroyed. It is as though the branches of your vines extend across the Dead Sea to the city of Jazer, but the enemies of Moab will take your grapes and wine from you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:33

ULT

33 So celebration and rejoicing have been taken away from the fruit trees and the land of Moab. I have put an end to the wine from their winepresses. They will not tread with joyful shouts. Any shouts will not be shouts of joy.

UST

33 But no one will be joyful or happy in Moab now; your fruit and grapes that ripen in the summer will soon be destroyed. There will be no grape juice coming from the winepresses, so there will be no wine. People will not shout joyfully as they tread on the grapes; people will shout, but they will not be shouting joyfully.

What has Yahweh done to Moab?

He has taken away their celebration and rejoicing.

Jeremiah 48:34

ULT

34 From the shouts at Heshbon as far as Elealeh, their sound is heard at Jahaz, from Zoar to Horonaim and Eglath Shelishiyah, since even the waters of Nimrim have dried up.

UST

34 Instead, the sound of their wailing will rise from the city of Heshbon to the town of Elealeh and the village of Jahaz, from the city of Zoar as far as the town of Horonaim Eglath Shelishiyah. Even the water in the stream of Nimrim will be dried up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:35

ULT

35 For I will put an end to anyone in Moab who makes sacrifices on the high places and burns incense to his gods—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

35 I, Yahweh, say that I will get rid of the people who offer sacrifices on the hilltops, those who burn incense to their gods.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the people of Moab who offer sacrifices and burn incense to their gods?

He will get rid of those people.

Jeremiah 48:36

ULT

36 So my heart is lamenting for Moab like a flute. My heart is lamenting like flutes for the people of Kir Hareseth. The riches they gained are gone.

UST

36 I moan for the people of Moab and Kir Hareseth like someone playing a funeral song on a flute, because all their wealth will disappear.

How do the people of Kir Heres express their sorrow because their riches are gone? (vv36-37)

They shave their heads and beards, cut their hands, and wear sackcloth around their waists.

Jeremiah 48:37

ULT

37 For every head is bald and every beard shaved. Incisions are on every hand, and sackcloth is around their waists.

UST

37 The men will shave their heads and their beards to show that they are mourning. They all will slash their hands and wear rough cloth around their waists.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:38

ULT

38 There is mourning everywhere, on every flat roof of Moab and in Moab's plazas. For I have destroyed Moab like pots that no one wants—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

38 In every home and in the town plazas in Moab there will be people who are mourning, because I will have destroyed Moab like someone smashes an old jar that no one wants anymore.

Why is there mourning everywhere on the roofs and in the plazas? (vv38-39)

Because Yahweh has destroyed Moab as people destroy pots that no one wants.

Jeremiah 48:39

ULT

39 How it has been shattered! How they howl in their lamenting! Moab turns its back in shame! So Moab will become an object of derision and a terror to all those who are around him.”

UST

39 Moab will be completely shattered with terror! And you will hear the people wailing loudly! They will be disgraced. Moab will become a nation that people ridicule. The people in nearby countries will be horrified about what has happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:40

ULT

40 For Yahweh says this, “See, the enemy will come flying like an eagle, spreading out his wings over Moab.

UST

40 This is what I, Yahweh, say: ‘Look! Their enemies will be swooping down over Moab like an eagle swoops down to seize an animal.

What does Yahweh say the capture of Kerioth will be like? (vv40-41)

It will happen quickly, like when an eagle gets its prey. The enemy will seize the strongholds, and the soldiers will be afraid.

Jeremiah 48:41

ULT

41 Kerioth has been captured, and its strongholds have been seized. For in that day the hearts of Moab’s soldiers will be like the hearts of women in birth labor.

UST

41 Its cities will be captured, its fortresses will be seized. Even their warriors will be afraid, like a woman who is about to give birth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:42

ULT
42 So Moab will be destroyed and be no longer a people, because he made himself to be great against Yahweh.

UST
42 Moab boasted against me, Yahweh, so it will be destroyed.

How will Yahweh destroy Moab? (vv42-44)
Yahweh will cause the people to be terrified and fall into pits and traps.

Jeremiah 48:43

ULT
43 Terror and the pit, and a trap are coming on you, inhabitant of Moab—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST
43 I, Yahweh, say that you people of Moab will be terrified, and fall into pits and traps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:44

ULT
44 Anyone who flees because of terror will fall into the pit, and anyone who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the trap, for I will bring this on them in the year of my vengeance against them—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST
44 Those who are terrified and try to run away will fall into deep pits. Whoever climbs out of a pit will be caught in a trap, because I will punish them at the time that I have appointed.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 48:45

ULT

45 The ones who flee will stand in the shadow of Heshbon without any strength, for fire will go out from Heshbon, flame from the middle of Sihon. It will devour the forehead of Moab and the top of the heads of the boastful people.

UST

45 The people will flee as far as the city of Heshbon, but they will not be able to go any further, because a fire will burn in Heshbon, which is the city where King Sihon lived long ago, and it will burn up all the people in Moab who noisily boasted very much.

Why will the people flee only as far as the city of Heshbon?

Because a fire will be burning in Heshbon, and it will burn up all the people in Moab who boasted.

Jeremiah 48:46

ULT

46 Woe to you, Moab! Chemosh's people are destroyed, For your sons are taken as captives and your daughters into captivity.

UST

46 You people of Moab, terrible things will happen to you! You people who worship your god Chemosh, you will be destroyed. Your sons and your daughters will be captured and taken away to other countries.

What does Jeremiah say will happen to the Moabites? (vv46-47)

The Moabites will be destroyed and their sons and daughters will be captured and taken to other countries, but someday Yahweh will allow them to return to their land.

Jeremiah 48:47

ULT

47 But I will restore the fortunes of Moab in later days—this is Yahweh's declaration." The judgment on Moab ends here.

UST

47 But some day, I will enable the people of Moab to return to their land again. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it." That is the end of what Jeremiah prophesied about Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49

Jeremiah 49:1

ULT

1 About the people of Ammon, Yahweh says this, “Does Israel have no children? Is there no one to inherit anything in Israel? Why does Molech occupy Gad, and his people live in its cities? [1]

UST

1 This message is about the people who descended from Ammon. This is what Yahweh says: “There are plenty of Israelite people left to occupy the land of the tribe of Gad. So, why are the people who worship the god Molech living in those towns?

Why should Molech not occupy the land of Gad?

Molech should not occupy Gad because it belongs to the children of Israel.

Jeremiah 49:2

ULT

2 So look, the days are coming—this is Yahweh’s declaration—when I will sound the signal for battle against Rabbah among the people of Ammon, so it will become a deserted heap and its villages will be set on fire. For Israel will possess those who possessed him,” says Yahweh.

UST

2 There will be a time when I will sound the battle cry for their enemies to attack their capital city, Rabbah. Then it will become a heap of ruins, and all the nearby towns will be burned. Then the people of Israel will again possess the land that the people of Ammon took away from them.

What will happen to Rabbah?

It will become a deserted heap.

Jeremiah 49:3

ULT

3 “Howl in lament, Heshbon, for Ai will be devastated! Shout out, daughters of Rabbah! Put on sackcloth. Lament and run about in futility, for Molech is going into captivity, together with his priests and leaders.

UST

3 You people of the city of Heshbon, wail, because the city of Ai will be destroyed. You women in the city of Rabbah, weep; put on rough clothing to show you are mourning; run back and forth in confusion inside the city walls, because your god Molech, along with its priests and officials, will be taken away in exile.

What will happen to Molech?

The cities will be destroyed and the people will go into captivity.

Jeremiah 49:4

ULT

4 Why do you brag about your valleys, your valleys that are so fruitful, faithless daughter? you who trust in your wealth and say, ‘Who will come against me?’

UST

4 Why do you brag about your valleys, your valleys that are so fruitful, you faithless daughter? You think that your wealth will bring you protection against your enemies and so you dare to ask, “Who is there who can come against me?’

What does the faithless daughter trust in?

She trusts in her wealth.

Jeremiah 49:5

ULT

5 See, I am about to bring terror on you—this is the declaration of Lord Yahweh of hosts— this terror will come from all those who surround you. Each one of you will be scattered before it. There will be no one to gather those running away.

UST

5 But listen to this: I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will cause you to become terrified. You will all be forced to flee to other countries from the enemies all around you, and no one will be able to bring you together again.

Why will the people be terrified?

They will be terrified because they will all be forced by the enemy who surround them to scatter to other countries.

Jeremiah 49:6

ULT

[6] But after this I will restore the fortunes of the people of Ammon—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

[6] But some day I will enable the Ammonite people to return to their land. That will surely happen, because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do for the Ammon people-group in the future?
Yahweh will restore their fortunes.

Jeremiah 49:7

ULT

[7] About Edom, Yahweh of hosts says this, "Is there no longer any wisdom to be found in Teman? Has good advice disappeared from those who have understanding? Has their wisdom become corrupted?

UST

[7] This message is about the people of Edom. This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "It seems that there are no longer any wise people in Teman district in Edom! There are no people left who can give others good advice. The people who were wise have disappeared.

What has happened to the wise people of Edom?
The wise people of Edom have gone away.

Jeremiah 49:8

ULT

[8] Flee! Turn back! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Dedan. For I am bringing the disaster of Esau on him at the time that I punish him.

UST

[8] You people of the city of Dedan, in the south of Edom, turn and flee and hide in deep caves, because I am causing disaster to happen to all the people of Edom, I will punish you!

What should the people of Edom do now that their wise people are gone?
They should flee and live in holes in the ground.

What is Yahweh going to do to Esau?
He is going to bring disaster on Esau.

Jeremiah 49:9

ULT

[9] If grape harvesters came to you, would they not leave a little bit behind? If thieves came in the night, would they not steal only as much as they wanted?

UST

[9] Those who harvest grapes always leave some on the vines. When thieves come at night, they surely steal only as much as they want.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:10

ULT

[10] But I have stripped Esau bare. I have revealed his hiding places. So he will not be able to hide himself. His children, his brothers, and his neighbors are destroyed, and he is gone.

UST

[10] But I will cause everything in Edom to be destroyed, and there will be nothing left, and there will be no place for people to hide. Many of the children, their relatives and their neighbors, will die, and Edom will not exist anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:11

ULT

[11] Leave your orphans behind. I will take care of their lives, and your widows can trust in me."

UST

[11] Leave behind the orphans because I will take care of them, and the widows also will be able to depend on me to help them."

What does Yahweh say about the orphans and widows in Edom?

He says that he will take care of the orphans and widows.

Jeremiah 49:12

ULT

12 For Yahweh says this, “See, those who did not deserve it must certainly drink some of the cup. Do you yourself think you will go without punishment? You will not, for you will certainly drink.

UST

12 And this is also what Yahweh says: “If those who do not deserve to suffer must suffer, you people of Edom must suffer much more! You will not escape being punished.

Why should the Edomites already know that Yahweh will punish them?

They have seen that even those whom Yahweh is not punishing have suffered.

Jeremiah 49:13

ULT

13 For I have sworn by myself—this is Yahweh’s declaration—that Bozrah will become a horror, a disgrace, a devastation, and an object for cursing. All of its cities will become devastations forever.

UST

13 I, Yahweh, have solemnly promised, using my own name, that your chief city Bozrah will become a place that people will be horrified about. It will be a heap of ruins. People will make fun of it and use its name when they curse people. All the nearby towns and villages will be ruined forever.”

What Yahweh said he will do to Bozrah?

He will destroy it.

Jeremiah 49:14

ULT

14 I have heard news from Yahweh, and a messenger has been sent out to the nations, ‘Gather together and attack her. Get ready for battle.’

UST

14 I heard this message from Yahweh: “I have sent an ambassador to many nations, to tell them to gather together to attack Edom. They must prepare for battle!”

What was Yahweh’s messenger going to tell the nations to do?

The messenger went out to the nations telling them to get ready for battle and attack Edom.

Jeremiah 49:15

ULT
15 “For see, I have made you small compared to the other nations, despised by people.

UST
15 And Yahweh says to the people of Edom, “I will cause your nation to become very unimportant among the other nations. They will all despise your country.

What does Yahweh say to the people of Edom?
He says that he has made their nation of Edom small compared to other nations and that people will despise them.

Jeremiah 49:16

ULT
16 As for your fearsomeness, your heart’s pride has deceived you, inhabitants of places on the cliff, you who have occupied the highest hills so that you may make your nest high like an eagle. I will bring you down from there—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST
16 You have caused people of other nations to be terrified, and you have been very proud, but you have deceived yourselves. You live in caves in the rock cliffs; you think that you are safe there because you live high up there. But even if you make your homes as high up as the eagles’ nests, I will cause you to come crashing down.

Because the Edomites have deceived themselves and think they have safety in the cliff, what will Yahweh do to them?
He will bring them down.

Jeremiah 49:17

ULT
17 Edom will become a horror to everyone passing by it. Every such person will tremble and hiss because all of its disasters.

UST
17 Edom will become a place about which people are horrified; people who pass by will be horrified and will gasp when they see the destruction.

What does Yahweh compare the horror of Edom to? (vv17-18)
He compares it to Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, where no one lives.

Jeremiah 49:18

ULT

18 Like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors," says Yahweh, "no one will live there; no person will stay there.

UST

18 Edom will be destroyed as completely as Sodom and Gomorrah and the nearby towns were destroyed long ago. As a result, no one—not a single person—will live there anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:19

ULT

19 See, he will go up like a lion from the forests of the Jordan to the green pasturelands. For I will quickly make Edom run from it, and I will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?"

UST

19 I will come to Edom suddenly as a lion comes out of the jungle and leaps on sheep that are eating in good pastures. I will quickly chase the people of Edom from their land. And then I will appoint for them a leader whom I will choose; I can do that because there is no one like me who can object to what I do. No ruler can oppose me.

What will Yahweh do to the Edomites after he takes them from their land?

He will choose someone to be in charge of them.

Jeremiah 49:20

ULT

20 "So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Edom, the plans that he has formed against the inhabitants of Teman. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.

UST

20 Listen to what I have planned to do to the people of Teman and the rest of Edom: even the little children will be dragged away, and I will completely get rid of the people who live there.

What are the plans that Yahweh has against Edom?

He has plans to drag away the inhabitants of Teman and to turn their pasturelands into ruined places.

Jeremiah 49:21

ULT

21 At the sound of their falling the earth shakes. The sound of distressed shouts is heard at the Sea of Reeds.

UST

21 When Edom is destroyed, the noise will be extremely great, with the result that the earth will shake, and the wailing of the people will be heard as far away as the Sea of Reeds.

What will it be like when Edom is destroyed? (vv21-22)

The earth will shake, and people as far away as the Red Sea will hear the shouts of distress. Even the strongest warriors will be afraid.

Jeremiah 49:22

ULT

22 See, someone will attack like an eagle, and swoop down and spread his wings over Bozrah. Then on that day, the hearts of Edom's soldiers will become like the heart of a woman in birth labor."

UST

22 Look! The enemy troops will swoop down over Bozrah like an eagle spreads its wings when it swoops down to seize an animal. On that day, even the strongest warriors of Edom will be afraid like a woman who is about to give birth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:23

ULT

23 About Damascus: "Hamath and Arpad will be ashamed, for they have heard news of disaster. They melt away! They become as troubled as the sea, which cannot stay calm.

UST

23 This message is about Damascus. This is what Yahweh says: "The people in the nearby cities of Hamath and Arpad will be ashamed, because they have heard bad news about Damascus. They are very anxious and restless, like a sea in a big storm.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the people of Damascus? (vv23-24)

They will be ashamed and weak. They will turn away and flee in distress.

Jeremiah 49:24

ULT
24 Damascus has become very weak. It turns away to flee; terror seizes it. Distress and pain seize it, like the pain of a woman giving birth.

UST
24 The people of Damascus have become very weak, and they all have panicked and run away in terror. The people are anguished and in pain like a woman experiences who is about to give birth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:25

ULT
25 How has the city of praise not been forsaken, the town of my joy?

UST
25 But even now the people of that famous city have not yet abandoned it. That was the city that gave me joy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:26

ULT
26 Therefore its young men will fall in its plazas, and all the fighting men will perish on that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts."

UST
26 Its young men will fall in the streets. Its soldiers will all be killed in one day.

What will happen when Yahweh lights a fire on the wall of Damascus? (vv26-27)
The fire will devour Benhadad's strongholds, and the young men and all the fighting men will die.

Jeremiah 49:27

ULT
27 "For I will light a fire on the wall of Damascus, and it will devour the strongholds of Ben Hadad."

UST
27 And I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will start a fire to burn the walls that surround Damascus, and the palaces of King Ben Hadad will be burned down."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:28

ULT

28 About Kedar and the kingdoms of Hazor, Yahweh says this to Nebuchadnezzar (now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon was going to attack these places): “Arise and attack Kedar and destroy those people of the east.

UST

28 This is a message about the Kedar people and the kingdom of Hazor that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon is attacking. This is what Yahweh said: “I will cause an army to advance to attack Kedar and destroy those people who live east of Judah.

What does Yahweh tell Nebuchadnezzar to do to Kedar? (vv28-29)

He tells Nebuchadnezzar to attack the people, destroy them, and take their possessions.

Jeremiah 49:29

ULT

29 Their tents and their flocks will be taken, along with their tent curtains and all of their equipment; their camels will be led away from them, and men will shout to them, “Terror is on every side!”

UST

29 Enemies will capture their tents and their flocks of sheep. They will take away the curtains of their tents, their camels, and all of their other possessions. Everywhere men will shout, ‘We are terrified because terrible things are happening all around us!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:30

ULT

30 Flee! Wander far away! Stay in holes in the ground, inhabitants of Hazor—this is Yahweh’s declaration— for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devised a plan against you. Flee! Turn back!

UST

30 So I, Yahweh, say, ‘Run away quickly! You people who live in Hazor, go and hide in deep caves, because King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon wants to attack you with his army; he is planning to destroy you!’

Where will the people of Kedar live after Nebuchadnezzar attacks them?

They will live in holes in the ground.

Why will this be an easy attack for Nebuchadnezzar? (vv30-31)

It will be easy for him because the people have no gates or bars, and they live by themselves.

Jeremiah 49:31

ULT

31 Arise! Attack the nation at ease, that lives in safety," says Yahweh. "They have no gates or bars in them, and its people live by themselves.

UST

31 But I say to Nebuchadnezzar, 'Go up and attack that nation whose people feel secure; they do not have allies who will help them and do not have walls with gates that have bars in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:32

ULT

32 For their camels will become plunder, and the abundance of their property will become war plunder. Then I will scatter to every wind those who cut the corners of their hair, and I will bring disaster on them from every side—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

32 Your troops will seize their camels and other livestock. I will scatter in every direction those people who will be in great mourning. I will bring disasters to them from every direction.

What will Yahweh do to the people of Hazor when Nebuchadnezzar takes their camels and property as war plunder?

He will scatter them and disaster will come on them.

Jeremiah 49:33

ULT

33 Hazor will become a lair of jackals, a permanent wasteland. No one will live there; no human being will stay there."

UST

33 Hazor will become a place where jackals live, and it will be deserted forever. No one will live there again; no people will settle there. "'

Who will live in the city after Nebuchadnezzar attacks it?

Only jackals will live in it.

Jeremiah 49:34

ULT

34 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Jeremiah the prophet about Elam. This happened at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, and he said,

UST

34 The prophet Jeremiah received this message from Yahweh when King Zedekiah was starting to rule Judah.

When did Jeremiah receive the prophecy about Elam?
He got it when King Zedekiah ruled Judah.

When Yahweh breaks the bowmen of Elam, where will the people go? (vv34-36)
The people will go to all parts of the earth.

Jeremiah 49:35

ULT

35 “Yahweh of hosts says this: See, I am about to break the bowmen of Elam, the main part of their power.

UST

35 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “The men of Elam are famous archers; that is how they have made their country very powerful. But I will get rid of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:36

ULT

36 For I will bring the four winds from the four corners of the heavens, and I will scatter the people of Elam to all of those winds. There is no nation to which those scattered from Elam will not go.

UST

36 I will bring their enemies from every direction and they will scatter the people of Elam in all of those directions. The people of Elam will be exiled to every nation on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:37

ULT

37 So I will shatter Elam before their enemies and before those who seek their lives. for I will bring disaster against them, the fury of my wrath—this is Yahweh's declaration— and I will send the sword after them until I have annihilated them.

UST

37 Because I am very angry with the people of Elam, I will enable their enemies to smash Elam; I will cause the people of Elam to experience great disasters. I will enable their enemies, who want to kill them, to pursue them and kill them with swords until I completely get rid of all of them.

What is Yahweh going to do because he is angry with the people of Elam? (vv37-38)

Yahweh is going to enable their enemies to smash them and bring disaster to them, kill them, and completely get rid of all of them.

Jeremiah 49:38

ULT

38 Then I will put my throne in Elam and will destroy its king and leaders from there—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST

38 I, Yahweh, will judge them there, and then I will get rid of their king and his officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 49:39

ULT

39 and it will happen in later days that I will bring back the fortunes of Elam—this is Yahweh's declaration."
49:1 [1] , some modern versions have .

UST

39 But some day, I will enable the people of Elam to return to their land. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do for the people of Elam some day?

He will allow them to return to their land.

Jeremiah 50

Jeremiah 50:1

ULT
1 This is the word that Yahweh declared about Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, by the hand of Jeremiah the prophet,

UST
1 Yahweh gave to Jeremiah the prophet a message about Babylon and the country of Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:2

ULT
2 “Report to the nations and cause them to listen. Lift up a signal and cause them to listen. Do not conceal it. Say, ‘Babylon is taken. Bel is made ashamed. Marduk is dismayed. Its idols are put to shame; its images are dismayed.’

UST
2 This is what Yahweh says: “Proclaim a message among the nations; do not withhold any of it; raise up a signal flag to announce that Babylon will be captured. Its chief god Marduk, whose other name is Bel, will be completely disgraced, and all the other statues and idols will be shattered.

What will happen to Babylon?
Babylon is taken. Bel and the idols are put to shame.

Jeremiah 50:3

ULT
3 A nation from the north will arise against it, and make her land a desolation. No one will live in it; both man and beast will flee away.

UST
3 The army of a nation will come from the north to attack Babylon and destroy the city very thoroughly, with the result that no one will live there again. Both people and animals will run away.”

Who will arise against Babylon?
A nation from the north.

Jeremiah 50:4

ULT

4 In those days and at that time—this is Yahweh's declaration—the people of Israel and the people of Judah will come together to go with weeping and seek Yahweh their God.

UST

4 "But I, Yahweh, say that in the future, when that is about to happen, the people of Israel and the people of Judah will join together. They will be weeping and wanting to worship me, their God.

What will the people of Israel do when Babylon is attacked? (vv4-5)

The people will come together with weeping and seek Yahweh. They will set off toward Zion to renew their eternal covenant with Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:5

ULT

5 They will ask the way to Zion and will set off toward it, saying, We will go and join ourselves to Yahweh in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten."

UST

5 They will inquire about the road to Jerusalem, and then they will start traveling toward it. They will say to each other, 'We must return to Yahweh again!' They will make an everlasting agreement with me that they will never forget.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:6

ULT

6 My people have been a lost flock. Their shepherds have led them astray in the mountains; they have turned them around from hill to hill. They went, they forgot the place where they had lived.

UST

6 My people have been like lost sheep. Their leaders have caused them to abandon me like shepherds who have allowed their sheep to wander in the hills and mountains. My people are like sheep that do not know the path to return to the sheepfold.

Why does Yahweh describe his people as a lost flock?

He describes them as a lost flock because their shepherds led them astray and they forgot their homeland.

Jeremiah 50:7

ULT

7 Everyone who went out to them devoured them. Their adversaries said, ‘We are not guilty, because they sinned against Yahweh, their true home—Yahweh, the hope of their ancestors.’

UST

7 All their enemies who found them attacked them. They said, ‘We did not sin by attacking them, because they sinned against Yahweh; he is the one who provides what they need; he is the one to whom they should have remained faithful; he is the one whom their ancestors confidently expected to help them.’

What did their adversaries say about why they were able to devour Yahweh’s people?

The adversaries said it was because Yahweh’s people sinned against Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:8

ULT

8 Leave from the midst of Babylon; go out from the land of the Chaldeans; be like male goats that leave before the rest of the flock does.

UST

8 But now, I say to the leaders of my people, ‘Depart from Babylon! Leave the land of Babylonia! Act like male goats that go in front of the rest of the flock; lead my people back to their own land.

Why are the Israelites to leave Babylon before Babylon is captured? (vv8-10)

They are to leave because great nations from the north are coming to capture Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:9

ULT

9 For see, I am about to set in motion and raise up a group of great nations from the north against Babylon. They will arrange themselves against her. Babylon will be captured from there. Their arrows are like a skilled warrior who does not return empty-handed.

UST

9 Do that because I am going to gather an army of great nations to the north of Babylon. They will join together to attack Babylon and will capture it. Their arrows will be like skilled warriors that always hit what they are aiming at.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:10

ULT

10 Chaldea will become plunder. All those who plunder it will be satisfied—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

10 Babylonia will be conquered, and those who conquer it will take away everything they want. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:11

ULT

11 You rejoice, you celebrate the plundering of my inheritance; you jump around like a calf stamping in its pasture; you neigh like a powerful horse.

UST

11 "You people of Babylon who plundered my chosen people, now you are very happy. You run around joyfully like a calf in a meadow, and are happy like stallions are happy when they are neighing.

What will happen to Babylon because they took Yahweh's inheritance as plunder? (vv11-13)

Babylon will be the least of nations, an uninhabited wilderness.

Jeremiah 50:12

ULT

12 So your mother will be greatly ashamed; the one who bore you will be embarrassed. See, she will be the least of nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.

UST

12 But soon your people will be very disgraced as a result of being conquered. Your country will be the most insignificant nation; it will be a wilderness, a dry land and a desert plain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:13

ULT

13 Because of Yahweh's anger, Babylon will not be inhabited, but will be a complete devastation. Everyone who passes by will shudder because of Babylon and will hiss because all of its wounds.

UST

13 Because I, Yahweh, am angry with you people of Babylon, I will cause your city to become completely deserted. All who pass by will be horrified and will gasp because of the destruction there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:14

ULT

14 Arrange yourselves against Babylon all around her. Everyone who bends a bow must shoot at her. Do not keep back any of your arrows, for she has sinned against Yahweh.

UST

14 All you nations that surround Babylon, prepare to attack it! Tell your archers to shoot at their enemies; shoot all of your arrows at them and do not hold back, because the people of Babylon have sinned against me, Yahweh.

Because Babylon has sinned against Yahweh what will happen to her? (vv14-15)

Everyone will shoot at Babylon, Babylon will surrender her power, her towers will fall, her walls will be torn down, and others will do to her just as she had done to other nations.

Jeremiah 50:15

ULT

15 Raise a shout against her all around! She has surrendered; her towers have fallen; her walls are torn down, for this is Yahweh's vengeance. Take vengeance on her! Do to her just as she has done!

UST

15 Shout victorious war cries against Babylon from all sides of the city. The soldiers of Babylon will surrender; the towers and walls will be torn down. It is I, Yahweh, who will be getting revenge on the people of Babylon, and I will use you to get revenge. Do to the people of Babylon what they have done to others!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:16

ULT

16 Destroy both the farmer who sows seed and the one who uses a sickle at the time of harvest in Babylon. Let each person turn back to his own people from the oppressor's sword; let them flee to their own land.

UST

16 Take away from Babylon those who plant crops and those who reap the harvests! Because of the swords carried by those who will attack Babylon, the people in Babylon who have come from other countries should all run away; they should go back to their own countries."

What should people who came from other countries do when Babylon is attacked?
They should all run away back to their own countries.

Jeremiah 50:17

ULT

17 Israel is a sheep scattered and driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him; then after this, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon broke his bones.

UST

17 "The Israelite people are like sheep that have been scattered by lions. First the army of the king of Assyria defeated them. Then the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon smashed them.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the nations of Assyria and Babylon? (vv17-18)
He says he will punish the king of Babylon and his people the same way he punished the king of Assyria.

Jeremiah 50:18

ULT

18 Therefore Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, says this: See, I am about to punish the king of Babylon and his land, just as I punished the king of Assyria.

UST

18 So this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God whom Israel worships, say: 'Now I will punish the king of Babylon and the people of his land, like I punished the king of Assyria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:19

ULT

19 I will restore Israel to his homeland; he will graze on Carmel and Bashan. Then he will be satisfied in the hill country of Ephraim and Gilead.

UST

19 And I will bring the people of Israel back to their own land where they will eat the food that grows in the fields of the regions of Carmel and Bashan, and the people in the hill areas of Ephraim and Gilead will have all they want to eat.

What will Yahweh do for this remnant of people that he spares? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will restore Israel to his homeland, and he will forgive the people's sins.

Jeremiah 50:20

ULT

20 In those days and at that time, says Yahweh, iniquity will be looked for in Israel, but none will be found. I will inquire about the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant that I spare."

UST

20 At that time, there will not be people in Israel and in Judah who are still guilty for having sinned, because I will forgive the small group of people whom I enable to still be alive.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:21

ULT

21 "Arise against the land of Merathaim, against it and the ones inhabiting Pekod. Put them to the sword and set them apart for destruction—this is Yahweh's declaration—do everything that I am commanding you.

UST

21 "So, I, Yahweh, say to the enemies of Babylonia, 'Attack the people who live in the region of Merathaim and the people in the region of Pekod of Babylonia. Pursue them to kill them, and completely get rid of every single one of them, as I have commanded you to do.

What does Yahweh encourage the enemies of Babylon to do? (vv21-22)

Yahweh wants them to sound the battle cry and bring enormous destruction on Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:22

ULT
22 The sounds of battle and enormous destruction are in the land.

UST
22 Shout your battle cries throughout the land; shout when you are causing great destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:23

ULT
23 How the hammer of all the lands has been cut apart and destroyed. How Babylon has become a destroyed place among the nations.

UST
23 The army of Babylon is like the most powerful hammer on the earth, but it will be completely shattered. Babylon, one of the nations, will be a complete ruin.’

Why will the Babylonian army be seized? (vv23-24)
It will be seized because it challenged Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:24

ULT
24 I have set a trap for you and you were taken, Babylon, and you did not know it! You were found and captured, because you opposed Yahweh.

UST
24 You people of Babylon, listen, because I have set a trap for you without your awareness; you will be caught in that trap, because you fought against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:25

ULT

25 Yahweh has opened his armory and is bringing out the weapons for carrying out his anger. There is work for the Lord Yahweh of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

UST

25 It is as though I have opened the place where I store my weapons, and I have brought out all the weapons to use against the people with whom I am angry. I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have a lot of work to do to punish the people of Babylonia.

What is the work that Yahweh has to do? (vv25-26)

Yahweh opens his armory, brings out the weapons, and encourages the enemies to attack Babylon, open her granaries, and bring her to destruction. They are to leave no remnant of her.

Jeremiah 50:26

ULT

26 Attack her from far away. Open her granaries and pile her up like heaps of grain. Set her apart for destruction. Leave no remnant of her.

UST

26 So, you enemies of Babylonia, come from distant lands and attack it. Break open the places where they store the grain, and pile up the rubble like heaps of grain. Destroy everything completely; do not leave anything that is not destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:27

ULT

27 Kill all her bulls. Send them down to the place of slaughter. Woe to them, for their day has come—the time for their punishment.

UST

27 Destroy all the young warriors who are as strong as bulls; take them to where you will slaughter them. It will be terrible for them, because it will be time for them to be punished.

What will the Israelite survivors of Babylon talk about? (vv27-28)

They will talk about how Yahweh punished Babylon by having the warriors slaughtered for what was done to his temple in Zion.

Jeremiah 50:28

ULT

28 There is the sound of those fleeing, of those who are survivors, from the land of Babylon. These will report the vengeance of Yahweh our God for Zion, and vengeance for his temple.”

UST

28 Listen to the people who have fled and escaped from Babylon while they tell in Jerusalem how I, Yahweh, have gotten revenge against those who destroyed my temple in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:29

ULT

29 “Summon the archers against Babylon—all those who bend their bows. Camp against her, and let no one escape. Repay her for what she has done. Do to her by the measure she has used. For she had defied Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

29 Summon archers to come to attack Babylon; surround the city in order that no one will escape. Do to the people of Babylon what they have done to others, because they have defied me, the Holy One of the Israelite people.

What will happen to because she defied Yahweh? (vv29-30)

No one will escape the destruction the enemies of Babylon will bring on her. The enemy is to destroy all of her fighting men because of what she has done to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 50:30

ULT

30 So her young men will fall in the city squares, and all her fighting men will be destroyed on that day— this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

30 The young men of Babylon will fall in the streets; all their soldiers will be killed in one day. This will happen because I, Yahweh, have declared it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:31

ULT

31 “See, I am against you, proud one—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts— for your day has come, proud one, the time when I will punish you.

UST

31 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say this: ‘You arrogant people, it is now the time; it is the day when I will punish you.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to the proud people? (vv31-32)

He declares that they will stumble and fall.

Jeremiah 50:32

ULT

32 So the proud ones will stumble and fall. No one will raise them up. I will light a fire in their cities; it will devour everything around him.

UST

32 Your land is full of proud people, but you will stumble and fall, and no one will lift you up again. I will light a fire in the cities of Babylonia that will burn up everything that is nearby.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:33

ULT

33 Yahweh of hosts says this: The people of Israel are oppressed, together with the people of Judah. All the ones who captured them still hold them; they refuse to let them go.

UST

33 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also say this: ‘The people of Israel and Judah were oppressed; those who captured them guarded them carefully and would not allow them to leave Babylon.

Who rescues the oppressed people of Israel? (vv33-34)

Yahweh of hosts rescues Israel.

Jeremiah 50:34

ULT

34 The one who rescues them is strong. Yahweh of hosts is his name. He will truly plead their case, in order to bring rest to the land, and to bring strife to the ones inhabiting Babylon.

UST

34 But Yahweh is strong, and he will free them. Yahweh is the Commander of the angel armies; He will defend his people and enable them to return to their land where they will have peace, but the people of Babylonia will not have peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:35

ULT

35 A sword is against the Chaldeans—this is Yahweh's declaration— and against the inhabitants of Babylon, her leaders, and her wise men.

UST

35 He will send enemy soldiers carrying swords to strike the people of Babylonia; they will strike the officials and wise men and all the other people who live in Babylon.

What will enemy soldiers do to Babylonia? (vv35-37)

They will strike the inhabitants, the officials, the wise men, and all the people. They will strike their false prophets, their strongest warriors, and their horses and chariots.

Jeremiah 50:36

ULT

36 A sword against those who say empty words! They will become fools! A sword against her soldiers! They will be filled with terror.

UST

36 They will strike their false prophets with swords and they will become foolish. They will strike the strongest warriors of Babylonia, and they will all be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:37

ULT

37 A sword is coming against their horses, their chariots and all of the people who are in the midst of Babylon, so they will become like women. A sword is coming against her storerooms, and they will be plundered.

UST

37 They will strike their horses and chariots and the foreign mercenaries who are in the army of Babylonia, and they will all become as weak as women. They will seize all the valuable things there in Babylon and take them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:38

ULT

38 A drought is coming on her waters, so they will become dry. For she is a land of worthless idols, and they act like people made insane by their dreadful idols.

UST

38 Yahweh will cause the streams to become dry. He will do all those things because the entire land of Babylonia is filled with idols, and those horrible idols have caused the people who worship them to become crazy.

What will Babylon become like? (vv38-40)

Babylon will become like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Jeremiah 50:39

ULT

39 So desert beasts with the jackals will inhabit there, and the young of ostriches will live in her. For all time, she will no longer be inhabited. From generation to generation, she will not be lived in.

UST

39 Soon only jackals and other wild creatures will live there; and it will be a place where ostriches live. People will never live there again; it will be uninhabited forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:40

ULT

40 Just as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors—this is Yahweh's declaration— no one will live there; no person will stay in her."

UST

40 Yahweh God will destroy Babylon like he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and the nearby towns; no one will ever live there again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:41

ULT

41 "See, a people is coming from the north; a great nation and many kings are being stirred up from the farthest parts of the earth.

UST

41 Look! A great army will come from the north. A great nation far away with many kings is preparing to attack you people of Babylon.

What does the king of Babylon hear about the people from the north? (vv41-42)

The kings hears that they are cruel and have no compassion.

Jeremiah 50:42

ULT

42 They will pick up bows and spears. They are cruel and have no compassion. Their sound is like the sea roar, and they are riding on horses, set out in order as men for battle, against you, daughter of Babylon.

UST

42 Their army has bows and arrows and spears; they are very cruel, and do not act mercifully to anyone. As they ride along on their horses, the sound of the horses' hooves is like the roaring of the ocean waves; they are riding in battle formation to attack you, you people of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 50:43

ULT

43 The king of Babylon heard the reports about them and his hands fell limp in distress. Anguish seized him like a woman giving birth.

UST

43 The king of Babylon heard their report, “The enemy is approaching.” So he was frightened and became weak. Fear and anguish gripped him, like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby.”

How does the king of Babylon feel after hearing this report from Jeremiah that an army from the north is coming to overtake Babylon?

After hearing the report the king feels like a woman in labor.

Jeremiah 50:44

ULT

44 Behold! He goes up like a lion from the heights of the Jordan to the enduring grazing place For I will quickly cause them to run from it, and I will put someone who will be chosen in charge of it. For who is like me, and who will summon me? What shepherd is able to resist me?

UST

44 I, Yahweh, will come to Babylon suddenly like a lion comes out of the jungle and leaps on the sheep that are eating the good pastureland. I will quickly chase the people of Babylonia from their land. And then I will appoint for them a leader whom I will choose; I will do that because there is no one like me who can say that what I have done is not right. No ruler can oppose me.

What will Yahweh do to Babylon?

He will chase the people from Babylon and appoint someone to be in charge of it.

Jeremiah 50:45

ULT

45 So listen to the plans that Yahweh has decided against Babylon, the plans that he has planned against the land of the Chaldeans. They will certainly be dragged away, even the smallest flock. Their pasturelands will be turned into ruined places.

UST

45 Listen to what I have planned to do to the people of Babylon city and the rest of Babylonia: even the little children will be dragged away, and I will completely destroy the people who live there.

What does Yahweh plan to do to the people of Babylon? (vv45-46)

Yahweh plans to completely destroy the people of Babylon.

Jeremiah 50:46

ULT

46 At the sound of conquered Babylon the earth shakes, and their shout of distress is heard among the nations.”

UST

46 When Babylon is destroyed, the noise will be extremely loud, with the result that the earth will shake, and the wailing of the people will be heard by the people of other nations.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51

Jeremiah 51:1

ULT
1 “Yahweh says this: See, I am about to stir up a wind of destruction against Babylon and against those who live in Leb Kamai.

UST
1 This is what Yahweh says: “I will inspire an army to destroy Babylon like a powerful wind, and also to destroy the people of Babylonia in Leb Kamai.

What will the foreigners do to Babylon? (vv1-2)
They will come and destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:2

ULT
2 I will send foreigners to Babylon. They will scatter her and devastate her land, for they will come against her from all around on the day of disaster.

UST
2 I will send a foreign army to come to get rid of Babylonia like a strong wind that blows away chaff. They will attack from every direction on that day of disaster.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:3

ULT
3 Do not let the archers bend their bows; do not let them put on armor. Do not spare her young men; set her whole army apart for destruction.

UST
3 I will tell them, ‘Do not allow the archers of Babylon to have time to put on their armor or draw their bows. Do not spare the young men of Babylon. Completely destroy their army.’

What type of attack will come on Babylon’s army? (vv3-4)
A surprise attack will come so quickly that Babylon’s soldiers will not have time to put on their armor. The attackers will destroy the army and the people.

Jeremiah 51:4

ULT

4 For the wounded people will fall in the land of the Chaldeans; those who are killed will fall in her streets.

UST

4 Their soldiers will fall dead in Babylonia; they will die after being impaled by spears in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:5

ULT

5 For Israel and Judah are not forsaken by their God, by Yahweh of hosts, although their land is filled with offenses committed against the Holy One of Israel.

UST

5 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, have not abandoned Israel and Judah. Even though their land was filled with people who sinned against me, the Holy God of Israel, I am still their God.

What does Yahweh remind his people of?

Yahweh reminds them that even though his people sinned he is still their God and he has not abandoned them.

Jeremiah 51:6

ULT

6 Flee from the midst of Babylon; let each man save himself. Do not perish in her iniquity. For it is the time of Yahweh's vengeance. He will repay all of it to her.

UST

6 You people of Israel and Judah, flee from Babylon! Run to escape! Do not stay there and be killed when the people of Babylon are punished! It will be the time when Yahweh gets revenge; He will do to them what they deserve.

What does Yahweh tell the people of Israel to do?

Yahweh tells his people to run, so they will escape the punishment coming to Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:7

ULT

7 Babylon was a golden cup in the hand of Yahweh that made all the world drunk; nations drank her wine and became insane.

UST

7 Babylon has been like a gold cup in Yahweh's hand, a cup that is full of wine that caused people all over the earth who drank some of it to become drunk. It is as though the rulers of the nations drank the wine from Babylon, and it caused them to become crazy.

What did Yahweh use Babylon to do to the nations?

He used it to make them drunk.

What will happen to Babylon? (vv7-8)

It will fall and be destroyed.

Jeremiah 51:8

ULT

8 Babylon will fall suddenly and be destroyed. Wail for her! Give her medicine for her pain; perhaps she can be healed.

UST

8 But suddenly Babylon will be conquered. Weep for its people! Give them medicine for their wounds; perhaps they can be healed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:9

ULT

9 'We wished to heal Babylon, but she is not healed. Let us all leave her and go away, to our own land. For her guilt reaches up to the heavens; it is piled up to the clouds.

UST

9 We foreigners would have tried to heal them, but now they cannot be healed. So we will not try to help them; we will abandon them, and return to our own lands, because it is as though the punishment they are receiving reaches up to the clouds in the sky; it is very great, with the result that no one can measure it.

What will the Israelites do because Babylon will not be healed? (vv9-10)

The Israelites will leave and go to their land and tell others in Zion that Yahweh has forgiven them of their sins.

Jeremiah 51:10

ULT

10 Yahweh has declared our innocence. Come, let us tell in Zion the deeds of Yahweh our God.’

UST

10 Yahweh has vindicated us; so let us proclaim in Jerusalem everything that Yahweh our God has done for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:11

ULT

11 Sharpen the arrows and take up the shields. Yahweh is stirring up the spirit of the king of the Medes in a plan to destroy Babylon. This is for Yahweh’s vengeance, vengeance for the destruction of his temple.

UST

11 You enemy soldiers, sharpen your arrows! Fill up your quivers for battle, because Yahweh has incited your kings of Media and Persia to march with their armies to Babylon and to destroy it. That is how Yahweh will get revenge on those foreigners who entered his temple in Jerusalem and defiled it.

Who is going to march into battle against Babylon because Babylon destroyed Yahweh’s temple in Jerusalem?

The armies of Media and Persia are going to destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:12

ULT

12 Lift up a banner over Babylon’s walls; make the watch strong; set up watchmen; prepare the ambushes; for the LORD will do what he has said concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.

UST

12 Lift up a battle flag close to the walls of Babylon! Reinforce the guards, and tell the watchmen to stand in their positions! Prepare an ambush, because Yahweh is about to accomplish all that he has planned to do to the people of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:13

ULT

13 You people who live by many streams of water, you people who are rich with treasures, your end has come. The thread of your life is now cut short.

UST

13 Babylon is a city near the great Euphrates River, a city in which there are many rich people, but it is time for Babylon to be finished; the time for the city to exist is ended.

What has Yahweh sworn he will do to the rich people of Babylon? (vv13-14)

Yahweh will raise a battle cry against them. Their end has come.

Jeremiah 51:14

ULT

14 Yahweh of hosts has sworn by his own life, ‘I will fill you with men, like a swarm of locusts, and they will raise a battle cry against you.’

UST

14 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies has solemnly promised, using his own name, “Your cities will be filled with your enemies; I will cause them to be like a swarm of locusts; and they will shout triumphantly when they conquer your city.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:15

ULT

15 He has made the earth by his power; he set in place the world by his wisdom. By his understanding he stretched out the heavens.

UST

15 Yahweh created the earth by his power; he established it by his wisdom, and he stretched out the sky by his understanding.

What has Yahweh done by his power, wisdom, and understanding?

He has made the earth, set it in place, and stretched out the heavens.

What happens when Yahweh speaks? (vv15-16)

He brings thunder, rain, lightning, and wind to come upon the earth.

Jeremiah 51:16

ULT
16 When he thunders, there is the roar of waters in the heavens, for he brings up the mist from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for rain and sends out wind from his storehouses.

UST
16 When he speaks loudly, there is thunder in the sky; he causes clouds to form in every part of the earth. He sends lightning with the rain and releases the winds from his storehouses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:17

ULT
17 Every man has become ignorant, without knowledge. Every metalworker is put to shame by his idols. For his cast images are frauds, and there is no life in them.

UST
17 People are as senseless as a beast, and they know very little; those who make idols are always disappointed, because their idols do nothing for them. The images that they make are not real gods; they are lifeless.

Will making idols satisfy people? (vv17-18)
No, idols can do nothing for them. They are worthless.

Jeremiah 51:18

ULT
18 They are useless, the work of mockers; they will perish at the time of their punishment.

UST
18 Idols are worthless; they deserve to be ridiculed; there will be a time when they will all be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:19

ULT
19 But God, the portion of Jacob, is not like these, for he is the molder of all things. Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST
19 But the God of Israel is not like those idols; he is the one who created everything that exists; we, the tribe of Israel, belong to him; his name is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

Who is the God of Israel?
He is the one who created everything. His name is Yahweh.

Jeremiah 51:20

ULT
20 You are my war hammer, my weapon for battle. With you I will smash nations and destroy kingdoms.

UST
20 Yahweh says about the army of Babylonia, “You are like my weapons of war and my war club; with your power I shatter nations and destroy many kingdoms.

What did God say Israel was?
God said Israel was his war hammer, his weapon for battle.

Jeremiah 51:21

ULT
21 With you I will smash horses and their riders; with you I will smash chariots and their drivers.

UST
21 With your power I shatter armies of other nations: I destroy their horses and their riders, their chariots and their chariot drivers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:22

ULT
22 With you I will smash each man and woman; with you I will smash the old and the young. With you I will smash the young men and the virgin girls.

UST
22 With your power I shatter men and women, old people and children, young men and young women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:23

ULT
23 With you I will smash the shepherds and their flocks; with you I will smash the plowmen and their teams. With you I will smash the governors and officials.

UST
23 With your power I shatter shepherds and their flocks of sheep, farmers and their oxen, governors and their officials.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:24

ULT
24 For in your sight I will pay Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea for all of the evil that they did in Zion —this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST
24 But, Yahweh also says, “Soon I will repay you people in Babylon and in the rest of Babylonia for all the evil things that you have done in Jerusalem.

What does Yahweh say to the people in Babylon?
Yahweh says he will repay the people for all the evil things they did in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 51:25

ULT

25 See, I am against you, mountain of destruction—this is Yahweh's declaration—which destroys the whole earth. I will stretch out my hand against you, and roll you down from the cliffs, and make you a burned-out mountain.

UST

25 Babylonia is like a great mountain from which bandits descend to plunder people all over the earth. But I, Yahweh, am the enemy of you people of Babylonia. I will raise my fist to strike you. I will knock you down from the cliffs and cause you to be only a huge pile of burned rubble.

What will Yahweh do to Babylon because of how they plundered people all over the earth? (vv25-26)

Yahweh will completely destroy Babylon, and no one will ever live there again.

Jeremiah 51:26

ULT

26 So they will not take from you any stone to construct a building's corner or foundation; for you will become an everlasting devastation—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

26 Your city will be abandoned forever; even the stones in your city will never again be used for buildings. Your city will be completely destroyed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:27

ULT

27 Lift up a banner over the earth. Blow the trumpet over the nations. Call the nations to attack her: Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander to attack her; bring up horses like swarming locusts.

UST

27 Tell the nations to lift up a battle flag! Tell them to blow their trumpets of war! Gather all their armies to fight against Babylon! Prepare the nations to attack Babylon. Summon the armies of the kingdoms north of Babylonia—from Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz. Appoint a commander for them, and bring a great number of horses; there must be a huge number of horses; that huge number will resemble a swarm of locusts.

What is Jeremiah to tell the nations of Media and Persia? (vv27-28)

These nations are to summon their armies and prepare to attack Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:28

ULT

28 Prepare the nations to attack her: The kings of the Medes and his governors, all of his officials and all the lands under his rule.

UST

28 Prepare the armies of other nations, armies that will be led by the kings of Media and Persia, their governors and their officials.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:29

ULT

29 For the land will shake and be in anguish, since Yahweh's plans continue against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a wasteland where there is no inhabitant.

UST

29 When they attack Babylon, it will be as though the earth will shake and writhe in pain, because those armies will accomplish everything that Yahweh has planned to do to Babylon. Then the nations will destroy it completely, with the result that no one will live there again.

What is Yahweh's plan against Babylon?

Yahweh's plan is to make the land of Babylon a wasteland with no inhabitants.

Jeremiah 51:30

ULT

30 The soldiers in Babylon have stopped fighting; they stay in their strongholds. Their strength has failed; they have become women—her homes are on fire, the bars of her gates are broken.

UST

30 When their enemies attack, the strongest warriors in Babylon will not fight. They will remain in their barracks, without any strength. They will be as timid as women. The enemy soldiers will burn the buildings in the city and break the bars of the city gates into pieces.

How will the Babylonian warriors respond to the battle against them? (vv30-32)

The warriors will remain confused in their strongholds because places of escape will be blocked, and the city will be set on fire.

Jeremiah 51:31

ULT

31 A messenger runs to proclaim to another messenger, and a runner tells another runner to report to the king of Babylon that his city has been taken from end to end.

UST

31 Messengers will go quickly, one after another, to tell the king that his city has been captured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:32

ULT

32 So the fords over the river are seized; the enemy is burning the reed marshes, and Babylon's fighting men are confused.

UST

32 The places at which people can cross the river to escape from the city will be blocked. The dry reeds in the marshes will be set on fire, and the soldiers of Babylon will be terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:33

ULT

33 For Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, says this: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor. It is time to trample her down. In a little while the time of harvest will come to her.

UST

33 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom Israel worships, says; "Babylon is like wheat on the ground where it is about to be threshed by animals tramping on it. Very soon their enemies will trample on the city of Babylon."

What does Yahweh say Babylon is like?

Babylon is like a threshing floor during the time of harvest.

Jeremiah 51:34

ULT

34 ‘Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured me, he has driven me into confusion and has made me an empty pot. Like a monster he has swallowed me, he has filled his stomach with my delicious foods, and then he has spit me out.’

UST

34 The army of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, has attacked and crushed us Israelites, and we have no strength left. It is as though they have swallowed us like a great monster that filled its belly with all our tasty parts, and then has spit out what it did not like.

What do the people of Jerusalem want Yahweh to do to the people of Babylon? (vv34-35)

They want Yahweh to cause the Babylonians to suffer like they suffered under King Nebuchadnezzar.

Jeremiah 51:35

ULT

35 The one who lives in Zion will say, ‘May the violence done to me and my flesh be on Babylon.’ Jerusalem will say, ‘May my blood be on the inhabitants of Chaldea.’

UST

35 So the people of Jerusalem say to Yahweh, “Cause the people of Babylon to suffer like they caused us to suffer! Cause the people of Babylonia to be punished for killing our people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:36

ULT

36 Therefore Yahweh says this: See, I am about to plead your case and bring about vengeance for you. For I will dry up Babylon’s waters and make her springs run dry.

UST

36 And this is what Yahweh replies to the people of Jerusalem: “I will be like your lawyer to defend you, and I will avenge you. I will dry up the river in Babylon and all the springs of water.

What is Yahweh’s response to the Israelites? (vv36-37)

He will plead their case and bring vengeance on Babylon. He will make her springs dry and make her a wasteland where no one lives.

Jeremiah 51:37

ULT
37 Babylon will become heaps of rubble, a den of jackals, a horror, an object of hissing, where there are no inhabitants.

UST
37 Babylon will become a heap of ruins, a place where jackals live. It will become a place that people are horrified about and will ridicule; it will be a place where no one lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:38

ULT
38 The Babylonians will roar together like young lions. They will growl like lion cubs.

UST
38 The people of Babylon will all roar like young lions; they will growl like baby lions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:39

ULT
39 When they become hot with greed, I will make a feast for them; I will make them drunk so they become happy, and then sleep an unending sleep and not wake up—this is Yahweh's declaration—

UST
39 But while they are extremely hungry, I will prepare a different kind of feast for them. I will cause them to drink wine until they are very drunk, with the result that they will fall asleep. But they will never wake up from that sleep!

What is Yahweh going to do to the people of Babylon? (vv39-40)
He is going to prepare a different kind of feast where they become drunk with wine and then are all slaughtered.

Jeremiah 51:40

ULT
40 I will send them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with male goats.

UST
40 I will bring them down to a place where they will be slaughtered, like someone who takes lambs or rams or goats to where they will be slaughtered for sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:41

ULT
41 How Babylon has been captured! So the praise of all the earth is seized. How Babylon has become a ruined place among the nations.

UST
41 People all over the earth now honor Babylon; they say that it is a great city. But it will become a place about which people of all nations are horrified.

What kind of place will Babylon become?
Babylon will become a place of ruin among all nations.

Jeremiah 51:42

ULT
42 The sea has come up over Babylon! She is covered with its roaring waves.

UST
42 The enemies of Babylon will cover the city like huge waves of the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:43

ULT

43 Her cities have become a desolation, a dry land and a wilderness, a land that no one inhabits, and no human being passes through.

UST

43 The towns in Babylonia will be a horror, a dry and desert plain, and it will be a land in which no one lives and which no one walks through.

What will Yahweh do to the god Bel? (vv43-44)

Yahweh will punish Bel and make the people of Babylon give back the offerings that were given to Bel, and the walls of Babylon will fall.

Jeremiah 51:44

ULT

44 So I will punish Bel in Babylon; I will bring out from his mouth what he swallowed, and the nations will no longer flow to him with their offerings. The walls of Babylon will fall.

UST

44 And I will punish Bel, the god that the people of Babylon worship, and I will cause the people to give back what they have stolen. People of other nations will no longer come to worship Bel. And the walls of Babylon will collapse.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:45

ULT

45 Go out from her midst, my people. Let each of you save his own life from the fury of my wrath.

UST

45 Yahweh also says, “My people, come out of Babylon! Flee to escape! Run, because I, Yahweh, am extremely angry with the people of Babylon, and I will get rid of them!

What does Yahweh tell his people who are in Babylon to do? (vv45-46)

He tells them to run and save their lives from all the violence that will be in the land.

Jeremiah 51:46

ULT

46 Do not let your hearts be timid or fear the news that is heard in the land, for the news will come one year. After it in the next year there will be news, and violence will be in the land. Ruler will be against ruler.

UST

46 Do not be discouraged or afraid when you hear reports about what is happening in Babylon. People will report rumors like that every year, rumors about violent things being done in the land, and rumors about leaders fighting against each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:47

ULT

47 Therefore, see, days are coming when I will punish the carved idols of Babylon. All of her land will be ashamed, and all of her slaughtered ones will fall in her midst.

UST

47 But it will soon be the time for me to get rid of the carved idols in Babylon. People all over the land will be ashamed because of being defeated, and the corpses of their soldiers will lie in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:48

ULT

48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them will rejoice over Babylon. For destroyers will come for her from the north—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

48 Then all the angels in heaven and all the people on the earth will rejoice, because from the north will come armies that will destroy Babylon.

What happens that causes the heavens and earth to rejoice? (vv48-49)

The heavens and earth will rejoice because Babylon is destroyed by an army from the north.

Jeremiah 51:49

ULT

49 As Babylon has made the killed of Israel fall, so the killed of all her land will fall in Babylon.

UST

49 Like the soldiers of Babylon killed the people of Israel and also killed others all over the world, the people of Babylon must also be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:50

ULT

50 Survivors of the sword, go away! Do not stay still. Call Yahweh to mind from far away; let Jerusalem come to mind.

UST

50 You Israelite people who have not been killed, get out of Babylon! Do not wait! Even though you are in a land far away from Israel, think about Yahweh, and think about Jerusalem!”

What does Jeremiah tell the Israelite people to do?

They are to get out of Babylon, return to Jerusalem, and turn back to Yahweh.

Jeremiah 51:51

ULT

51 We are ashamed, for we have heard insults; reproach has covered our faces, for foreigners have entered the holy places of Yahweh’s house.

UST

51 The Israelite people say, “We are ashamed. We are completely disgraced, because foreigners have entered Yahweh’s temple and defiled it.”

What had the Israelites heard about Yahweh’s house?

They had heard that foreigners had entered the holy places of Yahweh’s house.

Jeremiah 51:52

ULT

52 Therefore, see, days are coming—this is Yahweh's declaration—when I will punish her carved idols, and the wounded people will groan in all of her land.

UST

52 Yahweh replies, "That is true, but there will soon be a time when I will destroy the carved idols in Babylon, and throughout Babylonia there will be wounded people who will groan.

What does Yahweh tell the people that he will do? (vv52-53)

He tells them that he will send armies to destroy Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:53

ULT

53 For even if Babylon went up to the heavens or fortified her highest fortresses, destroyers would come from me to her—this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

53 Even if the walls around Babylon could extend up to the sky, and if its walls were extremely strong, I will send armies that will destroy the city. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:54

ULT

54 A shout of distress came from Babylon, a great collapse from the land of the Chaldeans.

UST

54 Listen to the people of Babylon shouting for help! And listen to the sounds of things being destroyed all over Babylonia!

What do the people hear from Babylon? (vv54-56)

They hear a shout of distress as Yahweh destroys Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:55

ULT

55 For Yahweh is destroying Babylon. He is causing her loud voice to perish. Their enemies roar like the waves of many waters; their noise becomes very strong.

UST

55 Yahweh will be destroying Babylon. He will cause the loud noises in the city to cease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:56

ULT

56 For the destroyers have come against her—against Babylon!—and her warriors have been captured. Their bows are broken, for Yahweh is the God of vengeance; he will surely carry out this repayment.

UST

56 Enemy troops will surge against the city like a great wave. They will capture the city's mighty soldiers and break their weapons. That will happen because Yahweh is a God who punishes his enemies justly; he will punish them as they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:57

ULT

57 For I will make her princes, her sages, her officials, and her soldiers drunk, and they will sleep in an unending sleep and never wake up— this is the King's declaration: Yahweh of hosts is his name.

UST

57 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says, "I will cause the city officials and wise men, the army captains and soldiers, to become drunk. They will fall asleep, but they will never wake up again!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 51:58

ULT

58 Yahweh of hosts says this: The thick walls of Babylon will be completely demolished, and her high gates will be burned. Then the peoples coming to her aid will labor uselessly; everything that the nations try to do for her will be burned up.”

UST

58 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also says, “The thick walls around Babylon will be flattened to the ground. The city gates will be burned. People from other countries will work hard to save the city, but it will be in vain, because everything that they have built will be destroyed by fire.”

What will happen to everything that the nations try to do for Babylon?

It will all be useless.

Jeremiah 51:59

ULT

59 This is the word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah son of Neriah son of Mahseiah when he went with Zedekiah king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was a chief officer.

UST

59 Seraiah, son of Neraiah and grandson of Mahseiah, was an important servant of King Zedekiah. After Zedekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, the prophet Jeremiah gave him a message. This was when Seraiah was about to go to Babylon with the king.

Who was King Zedekiah’s chief officer?

Seraiah was his chief officer.

Jeremiah 51:60

ULT

60 For Jeremiah had written in a scroll about all the disaster that was going to come on Babylon—all these words that were written about Babylon.

UST

60 Now Jeremiah had written on a scroll a list of all the disasters that he had written about, disasters that would soon happen to Babylon.

What did Jeremiah write in a scroll?

Jeremiah wrote all the disasters that were going to come to Babylon.

Jeremiah 51:61

ULT
61 Jeremiah said to Seraiah, “When you go to Babylon, then you will see and you will read these words aloud.

UST
61 Jeremiah said to Seraiah, “When you arrive in Babylon, read aloud everything that I have written on this scroll.

What were Jeremiah’s instructions to Seraiah?
Jeremiah told Seraiah that when he arrived in Babylon he was to read all the words on the scroll, tie a stone to it, and throw it into the Euphrates River.

Jeremiah 51:62

ULT
62 Then you will say, ‘Yahweh, you yourself have declared that you would destroy this place, and that no man or animal will live in it, and it will be desolate forever.’

UST
62 Then pray, ‘Yahweh, you said that you will thoroughly destroy Babylon, with the result that people and animals will no longer live there. You said that it will be desolate forever.’

What was written on the scroll?
Yahweh made a declaration that Babylon will be destroyed, have no inhabitants, and become a permanent wasteland.

Jeremiah 51:63

ULT
63 Then when you have finished reading this scroll, tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates.

UST
63 Then, when you have finished reading what is written on the scroll, tie it to a heavy stone and throw it into the Euphrates River.

What were Jeremiah’s instructions to Seraiah?
Jeremiah told Seraiah that when he arrived in Babylon he was to read all the words on the scroll, tie a stone to it, and throw it into the Euphrates River.

Why was Seraiah to throw the scroll in the river? (vv63-64)
When he threw the scroll in the river, the people would understand that Babylon will sink like the scroll because of the disaster Yahweh is sending on her.

Jeremiah 51:64

ULT

64 Say, ‘Babylon will sink like this. It will not arise because of the disaster that I am sending against it, and they will fall.’” Jeremiah’s words end here.

UST

64 Then say, ‘In the same way, Babylon and its people will disappear and never exist again, because of the disasters that Yahweh will bring to it.’” This is the end of Jeremiah’s messages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52

Jeremiah 52:1

ULT

1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal; she was the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

UST

1 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from Libnah.

What kind of king was Zedekiah? (vv1-2)
Zedekiah was an evil king just like Jehoiakim.

Jeremiah 52:2

ULT

2 He did what was evil in the sight of Yahweh; he did everything that Jehoiakim had done.

UST

2 Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh says are evil, like his father Jehoiakim had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:3

ULT

3 Through Yahweh's anger, all these events happened in Jerusalem and Judah, until he drove them from before himself. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

UST

3 The events described here happened because Yahweh was angry with the people of Jerusalem and of other places in Judah, and finally he exiled them and said that he did not want to have anything to do with them anymore. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:4

ULT

4 It happened that in the ninth year of the reign of King Zedekiah, in the tenth month, and on the tenth day of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came with all his army against Jerusalem. They camped opposite it, and they built a siege wall around it.

UST

4 So, on the tenth day of the tenth month, when Zedekiah had been ruling for almost nine years, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon led his entire army to attack Jerusalem. They surrounded the city and built dirt ramps up to the top of the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

What did king Nebuchadnezzar do while he was near Jerusalem? (vv4-5)
He camped opposite it and attacked the city for two years.

Jeremiah 52:5

ULT

5 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah's reign.

UST

5 They continued to surround Jerusalem until Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:6

ULT

6 By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

UST

6 When Zedekiah had been ruling for almost eleven years, on the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine in the city had become very severe, and there was no more food for the people to eat.

Where did the Chaldeans (Babylonians) catch Zedekiah and his men? (vv6-8)
They caught them in the plains of the Jordan River near Jericho.

Jeremiah 52:7

ULT

7 Then the city was broken into, and all the fighting men fled and went out of the city at night by the way of the gate that was between the two walls, by the king's garden, although the Chaldeans were all around the city. So they went in the direction of the Arabah.

UST

7 Then the soldiers of Babylonia broke through a section of the city wall, and all the Israelite soldiers fled. But because the city was surrounded by soldiers from Babylonia, Zedekiah and the Israelite soldiers waited until it became dark. Then they left the city through the gate between the two walls behind the king's garden. Then they ran toward the plain along the Jordan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:8

ULT

8 But the army of Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of the Jordan River valley near Jericho. All his army was scattered away from him.

UST

8 But the soldiers of Babylonia pursued King Zedekiah, and they caught up with him on the plains near Jericho. He was alone because all his men had all deserted him and had scattered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:9

ULT

9 They captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he passed sentence on him.

UST

9 The soldiers of Babylonia took him to the king of Babylon, who was at Riblah in the region of Hamath. There the king of Babylon told his soldiers what they should do to punish Zedekiah.

What did the king of Babylon do to Zedekiah and his sons? (vv9-11)

The king slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his eyes and then put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in chains, and took him to Babylon.

Jeremiah 52:10

ULT

10 The king of Babylon slaughtered Zedekiah's sons before his own eyes, and at Riblah he also slaughtered all the leaders of Judah.

UST

10 They forced Zedekiah to watch while they killed his sons and all the officials from Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:11

ULT

11 Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon. The king of Babylon put him in prison until the day of his death.

UST

11 Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They fastened him with bronze chains and took him to Babylon. They put him in a prison, and he remained there until the day that he died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:12

ULT

12 Now in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan came to Jerusalem. He was the commander of the king's bodyguards and a servant of the king of Babylon.

UST

12 On the tenth day of the fifth month of that year, which was when King Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for almost nineteen years, Nebuzaradan, who was the captain of the king's bodyguards and one of the king's officials, arrived in Jerusalem.

What did Nebuzaradan do in Jerusalem? (vv12-14)

He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses and important buildings, and he destroyed the walls around Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 52:13

ULT
13 He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses of Jerusalem; also every important building in the city he burned.

UST
13 He commanded his soldiers to burn down the temple of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. They also destroyed all the important buildings in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:14

ULT
14 As for the walls around Jerusalem, all the army of the Babylonians who were with the commander of the bodyguards destroyed them.

UST
14 Then he supervised the soldiers from Babylonia while they tore down the walls on all sides of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:15

ULT
15 As for the poorest people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, those who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen— Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, took some of them away into exile.

UST
15 Then Nebuzaradan forced to go to Babylon some of the poorest people, those Israelites who had said they would support the king of Babylon, the rest of the craftsmen, and other people who had remained in Jerusalem.

What did Nebuzaradan do to the poorest people in Jerusalem? (vv15-16)
He took some of them into exile and left some to work the vineyards and fields.

Jeremiah 52:16

ULT

16 But Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

UST

16 But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to remain in Judah to take care of the vineyards and fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:17

ULT

17 As for the bronze pillars that belonged to the house of Yahweh, and the stands, and the large bronze basin called “The Sea” that were in the house of Yahweh, the Chaldeans broke them into pieces and carried all the bronze back to Babylon.

UST

17 The soldiers from Babylonia broke into pieces the huge bronze pillars that were in front of the temple, and the large bronze water tank called “The Sea,” and the ten bronze water carts, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

What became of the bronze, gold, and silver in the house of Yahweh? (vv17-19)

The Chaldeans (Babylonians) took it all away.

Jeremiah 52:18

ULT

18 The pots, shovels, lamp trimmers, bowls, and all the utensils of bronze with which the priests had served in the temple—the Chaldeans took them all away.

UST

18 They also took away the basins for holding the ashes from the burned sacrifices, the shovels for cleaning out the ashes, the tools for snuffing out the wicks of the lamps, the basins for holding the blood of the sacrificed animals, the dishes for incense, and all the other bronze items that were used when they made sacrifices at the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:19

ULT

19 The basins and the incense burners, the bowls, pots, lampstands, pans, and basins that were made of gold, and those made of silver—the commander of the king's guard took them away as well.

UST

19 Nebuzaradan also told his soldiers to take away the small bowls, the dishes for burning incense, the basins, pots, lampstands, bowls for incense, and the bowls used for pouring out the wine offerings. They took all the other items that were made of pure gold or silver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:20

ULT

20 The two pillars, the large bronze basin known as "The Sea," and the twelve bronze bulls that were under the stands, things that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, contained more bronze than could be weighed.

UST

20 The bronze from the two pillars, the large water tank called "The Sea" and the twelve statues of oxen that were beneath it, and the water carts, was more than they could weigh. Those things had been made for the temple during the time that Solomon was the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:21

ULT

21 The pillars were eighteen cubits high each, and a line around each one measured twelve cubits. Each was four fingers thick and hollow.

UST

21 Each of the pillars was 27 feet tall and 18 feet around. They were hollow, and each had sides that were 3 inches thick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:22

ULT

22 A capital of bronze was on top of it. The capital was five cubits high, with latticework and pomegranates all around. It was all made of bronze. The other pillar and its pomegranates were the same as the first.

UST

22 The bronze head on the top of each pillar was seven and one-half feet high and was decorated all around with a bronze network of figures that represented pomegranates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:23

ULT

23 So there were ninety-six pomegranates on the capital's sides, and one hundred pomegranates above the surrounding latticework.

UST

23 There was a total of one hundred figures of pomegranates on the network at the top, 96 of which could be seen from the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:24

ULT

24 The commander of the bodyguards took prisoner Seraiah, the high priest, together with Zephaniah, the second priest, and the three gatekeepers.

UST

24 When Nebuzaradan returned to Babylon, he took with him as prisoners Seraiah the high priest, Zephaniah who was Seraiah's deputy, and the three men who guarded the entrances to the temple.

What did Nebuzaradan do to Zephaniah and other city officials? (vv24-25)

He put them in prison.

Jeremiah 52:25

ULT

25 From the city he took prisoner an officer who was in charge of soldiers, and seven men of those who advised the king, who were still in the city. He also took prisoner the king's army officer responsible for drafting men into the army, along with sixty important men from the land who were in the city.

UST

25 He found some other people who were hiding in the city. So from them he took a commander of the army of Judah, seven of the king's advisors, the army commander's chief secretary who was in charge of recruiting soldiers for the army, and sixty other soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:26

ULT

26 Then Nebuzaradan, the commander of the bodyguards, took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.

UST

26 Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon, who was still at Riblah.

What did the king of Babylon do with the prisoners that Nebuzaradan brought to him? (vv26-27)

He put them to death.

Jeremiah 52:27

ULT

27 The king of Babylon put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. In this way, Judah went out of its land into exile.

UST

27 There at Riblah in the Hamath region, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. Many of the people of Judah were forced to leave their own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:28

ULT
28 These were the people who Nebuchadnezzar exiled: In the seventh year, 3,023 Judeans.

UST
28 The number of people who were captured and sent to Babylon at that time, when Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for almost seven years, was 3,023.

How many Judean people were exiled? (vv28-30)
There were 4,600 people exiled from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 52:29

ULT
29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar he took 832 people from Jerusalem.

UST
29 Then, when he had been ruling for almost eighteen years, his soldiers took 832 more from Jerusalem to Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:30

ULT
30 In the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan, the commander of the king’s bodyguards, exiled 745 Judean people. All the exiled people totaled 4,600.

UST
30 When he had been ruling almost twenty-three years, he sent Nebuzaradan to Jerusalem again, and he brought back 745 more Israelites to Babylonia. That was a total of 4,600 Israelites who were taken to Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:31

ULT

31 It happened later in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, that Awel-Marduk, king of Babylon released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. This happened in the year that Awel-Marduk began to reign.

UST

31 After King Jehoiachin of Judah had been in prison in Babylon for almost thirty-seven years, Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin and ordered that he be released from prison. That was on the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month of the year that Awel-Marduk became king.

Who released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison?

Evil Merodach, king of Babylon, released him.

Jeremiah 52:32

ULT

32 He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than that of the other kings who were with him in Babylon.

UST

32 He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and gave him a position in which he was honored more than all the other kings who had been exiled to Babylon.

How did Evil Merodach treat Jehoiachin when he was released from prison? (vv32-34)

He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat of honor. He removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes and had him eat at his table and gave him a regular food allowance for the rest of his life.

Jeremiah 52:33

ULT

33 Awel-Marduk removed Jehoiachin's prison clothes, and Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life,

UST

33 He supplied new clothes for Jehoiachin, to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison. He also allowed Jehoiachin to eat with him every day, all during the rest of his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jeremiah 52:34

ULT

34 and a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life until his death.

UST

34 Every day, the king of Babylon gave him some money to buy the things that he needed. That continued until the day that Jehoiachin died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations

Lamentations 1

Lamentations 1:1

ULT

1 O how she sits alone, that city, a mighty people. She has become like a widow, mighty among nations. A princess among the provinces, she became a slave.

UST

1 Jerusalem was once full of people, but now it is completely deserted. Once it was a powerful nation, but now it is alone, like a widow. Once everyone in the world honored it like a king's daughter, but now it is like a slave.

What has the city of Jerusalem become like even though she was once a mighty nation?
The city has become like a widow.

Lamentations 1:2

ULT

2 She weeps excessively in the night and her tears are on her cheeks. Of all her lovers, no one brings her comfort. All her friends betrayed her. They have become for her enemies.

UST

2 We in the city weep bitterly all during the nights, with tears flowing down our cheeks. We did not trust Yahweh to help us, and the people groups that we did trust failed to help us; none of those people comfort us now. All the people groups that were friends with us have betrayed us; they are all now our enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 1:3

ULT

[3] Judah is exiled, for affliction and great servitude. She sits among the nations. She finds no rest. All of her pursuers overtake her in the midst of distress.

UST

[3] The people of Judah have become poor and have suffered greatly. Almost all of our people were forced to leave our land. We now live in another country and we have no peace. When the people of Judah were unable to defend ourselves, that was when our enemies captured us.

What can Judah not find even though she lives among the nations?

Judah can find no rest even though she lives among the nations.

Lamentations 1:4

ULT

[4] The roads of Zion mourn; no one is coming to the appointed time. All her gates are desolate. Her priests are groaning. Her virgins are grieving and she makes herself bitter.

UST

[4] The roads to Mount Zion are empty because no one comes here to celebrate the sacred festivals any longer. No elders or leaders sit under the city gates to talk any more, and Jerusalem's priests groan in sorrow. The young women left in Jerusalem cry because they are suffering greatly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 1:5

ULT

[5] Her adversaries have become a chief; her enemies prosper for Yahweh has afflicted her because of her many transgressions. Her children go into captivity before the adversary.

UST

[5] Our enemies are now masters of our city, and they prosper. Yahweh has punished us, the people of Jerusalem, because of all the sins that we have committed. Our enemies have taken all our children and made them go to other countries.

Why has Yahweh afflicted the city of Jerusalem?

Yahweh has afflicted the city of Jerusalem because of her many sins.

Lamentations 1:6

ULT

[6] All her splendor was sent out from the daughter of Zion. Her princes have become like deer; they do not find a pasture and they go without strength before the pursuer.

UST

[6] Jerusalem was a beautiful city, but it is not beautiful now. The leaders of our city are like deer that are starving because they can find no grass to eat. They are very weak and cannot run from our enemies.

What has left the daughter of Zion?

Beauty has left the daughter of Zion.

Lamentations 1:7

ULT

[7] Jerusalem remembers the days of her affliction and her homelessness, all her treasures which were from former days. When her people fell into the hand of the adversary and there was no one to help her, the adversaries saw her. They laughed over her destruction.

UST

[7] We, the people of Jerusalem, are sad and have no more homes to live in; we think about all the splendid things that once filled our city. But now our enemies have captured the city, and there is no one to help us. Our enemies destroyed our city and laughed while they were doing it.

What did Jerusalem have in former days that she now calls to mind?

Jerusalem recalls all her precious treasures that she had in former days.

Lamentations 1:8

ULT

[8] Jerusalem sinned greatly; therefore, she became filth. All her glory is scorned, for they have seen her nakedness; again, she groans and turns away.

UST

[8] We, the people of Jerusalem, have sinned very much; our city has become like a bloody rag between a woman's legs. Everyone who previously honored our city now despise it; they are like people who strip a woman bare and then mock her. Now we groan in the city; we are like a woman without clothes who tries to cover herself with her hands.

Because Jerusalem sinned greatly, what has she become like?

Jerusalem has become like a menstrual rag.

Lamentations 1:9

ULT

9 Her uncleanness is in her skirt. She did not remember her end and her descent was marvelous. There was no comforter for her. “O, Yahweh, see my affliction, for the enemy is great!”

UST

9 It is as if our city has become filthy because we have sinned so greatly; we did not think about how God would punish us. We did not imagine how we would suffer; there is no one to comfort us. We all call out to God, “Yahweh, look at how we are suffering because our enemies have defeated us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 1:10

ULT

10 The adversary spread his hand over all her treasures. So, she saw the nations; they entered her sanctuary, those whom you ordered they not enter into your assembly.

UST

10 Our enemies have taken away all our treasures, all the valuable things that we owned. People who do not worship you, Yahweh, are going into our sacred temple, where you had said no foreigner must go into the place where your people worship you.

What has Jerusalem seen enter her sanctuary even though Yahweh had commanded that they must not enter?

Jerusalem has seen the nations enter her sanctuary.

Lamentations 1:11

ULT

11 All her people are groaning, searching for bread. They give their treasures to restore life with food. “O, Yahweh, look and see, for I have become worthless.

UST

11 All the people in the city cry out with pain while they search for food. They have given their most valuable things to get food to eat to restore their strength. Yahweh, look at me, no one values my life.

What do the people do as they search for bread?

The people groan as they search for bread.

Lamentations 1:12

ULT

12 Is it nothing to you, all those passing by the way? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been forced on me, which Yahweh inflicted on the day of his fierce anger.

UST

12 You people who pass by, you do not seem to care at all about what has happened to me. Look around and see that there are no other people who are suffering as I do. Yahweh has caused me to suffer because he has punished me on the day he was angry with us, his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 1:13

ULT

13 From on high, he sent fire into my bones and brought it down. He spread a net for my feet and turned me away. He made me desolate, every day of menstration.

UST

13 It is as though he sent a fire from heaven that burned in my bones; it is as though he has placed a trap to entangle my feet, and made me turn back. He has abandoned me; I am weak and alone every day, all during the day.

What has Yahweh spread before the feet of Jerusalem to turn her back?

Yahweh has spread a net before the feet of Jerusalem.

Lamentations 1:14

ULT

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound. They are knit by his hand. They are placed upon my neck. My strength is made to stumble. The Lord appointed me with hands I cannot raise.

UST

14 He turned the sins that I have committed into a heavy load for me to carry; it is as though he tied them around my neck. Previously we were strong, but he has caused me to become weak. He has allowed my enemies to capture me, and I was not able to do anything to resist them.

What has failed because of the yoke of Jerusalem's transgressions that are knit together and placed on her neck?

Jerusalem's strength has failed because of the yoke of her transgressions placed on her neck.

Lamentations 1:15

ULT

15 The Lord has rejected all my mighty men in my midst. He has spoken against me an appointed time to destroy my young men. The Lord has tread the winepress for the virgin daughter of Judah.

UST

15 The Lord looked at my mighty soldiers, who kept me safe. He summoned a great army to come and crush me to defeat my strong young soldiers. The Lord has trampled on the people of Judah as people trample on grapes in a pit to make juice.

Like what has the Lord trampled the virgin daughter of Judah?

The Lord has trampled the virgin daughter of Judah like grapes in a wine press.

Lamentations 1:16

ULT

16 Because of these things, I weep. O my eyes, my eyes overflow with water; for the comforter is far from me, one who restores my life. My sons have become desolate, for the enemy is made mighty.”

UST

16 I weep because of all these things. My eyes are filled with tears. There is no one to comfort me. The one who comforts me is far away from me. My children have no hope because the enemy has taken us all captive.

Why are Jerusalem’s children desolate?

Jerusalem’s children are desolate because the enemy has triumphed.

Lamentations 1:17

ULT

17 Zion has spread her hands wide; there is no comforter for her. Yahweh commanded that those surrounding Jacob be his adversaries. Jerusalem has become filth in their midst.

UST

17 The people who lived in Zion (the city of Jerusalem) have no one to give them comfort. Yahweh has given the order that the people in nearby nations will become the enemies of the descendants of our father Jacob (who are also called the Israelites). Jerusalem has become disgusting to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 1:18

ULT

18 “Yahweh is surely righteous, for I disobeyed his word. Hear, all peoples, and see my sorrow. My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.

UST

18 But what Yahweh has done to me is fair, for I had refused to obey what he told me to do. You people everywhere, listen to me! Look and see that I am suffering greatly. My young daughters and brave sons have been taken away to far off lands.

Who have gone into captivity because Jerusalem rebelled against Yahweh’s commandment?

Jerusalem’s virgins and vigorous men have gone into captivity.

Lamentations 1:19

ULT

19 I called to my lovers; they deceived me. My priests and my elders perished in the city, while they sought their food and restored their life.

UST

19 I pleaded with our allies, in whom we trusted, to help, but they all refused, they told lies and did not keep their promises. My priests and my leaders died within the walls of the city while they searched for food to eat.

Who perished in the city while they sought food to restore their lives?

Jerusalem’s priests and elders perished in the city.

Lamentations 1:20

ULT

20 Look, O Yahweh, for I am engulfed; my stomach churns, my heart is undone within me, for I have disobeyed grievously. From the outside, the sword makes a barren womb inside a house like death.

UST

20 Yahweh, see that I am suffering very much! Inside of my body I am in great distress. I am sad in the center of my being, because I have rebelled against you and have caused you great sadness! Our enemies kill people in the streets with their swords; and that makes our homes the places where the dead are kept.

What is turned within Jerusalem because she grievously rebelled?

Jerusalem’s heart is turned within her.

Lamentations 1:21

ULT

21 Hear, for I am groaning. There is no comforter for me. All my enemies heard my trouble. They rejoiced that you did it. You brought about the day you declared. Yet, may they become like me.

UST

21 Hear my groaning! but no one came to comfort me. All our enemies know what happened to me; they were all happy to hear about what Yahweh has done to his people. Please do soon what you have promised, when our enemies will suffer like we have suffered!

What do the enemies of Jerusalem do when they hear of her adversity?
The enemies of Jerusalem rejoice.

Lamentations 1:22

ULT

22 May all their evil come before you and deal with them just as you have dealt with me because of all my transgressions. For my groans are many and my heart is faint.”

UST

22 Yahweh, let those evil deeds come near to you so you may see them all! Punish them as you have punished me for all my sins! I suffer and groan very much, and I faint within my inner self.

What does Jerusalem request Yahweh to do to her enemies as they come before Yahweh?
Jerusalem asks that Yahweh would torment her enemies as Yahweh has tormented her for all her transgressions.

Lamentations 2

Lamentations 2:1

ULT

[1] O how the Lord engulfed in his anger the daughter of Zion. He has thrown down from heaven to earth the splendor of Israel. And he has not remembered the footstool of his feet on the day of his anger.

UST

[1] The Lord was extremely angry with us; it was as though he covered Jerusalem with a dark cloud. Previously it was a beautiful city, but he has caused it to become a ruin. At the time he punished Israel, he even abandoned his temple in Jerusalem.

How does the Lord express his anger because of Jeremiah's rebellion? (vv1-2)

He has taken away the beauty of Israel, has no compassion for the towns of Jacob, and has struck down the fortified cities of Judah.

Lamentations 2:2

ULT

[2] The Lord devoured; he did not show compassion on all the pastures of Jacob. In his fury, he threw down the fortifications of the daughter of Judah. He struck the earth with disgrace, the kingdom and its princes.

UST

[2] The Lord destroyed the homes of the people of Judah; he did not act mercifully. Because he was very angry, he broke down the fortresses of Judah. He has made our kingdom to be completely helpless, and he has caused our rulers to lose all honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:3

ULT

[3] With fierce anger he cut off every horn of Israel. He turned away his right hand from before the enemy. And he has burned Jacob; like a flame of fire it devoured the surrounding.

UST

[3] Because he was extremely angry, he has caused Israel to not be powerful anymore. He has refused to assist us when our enemies attacked us. He has destroyed Israel like a raging fire destroys everything.

How does his anger affect Israel and Zion? (vv3-4)

The Lord has removed all of Israel's strength and poured his wrath on Zion.

Lamentations 2:4

ULT

4 He has bent his bow like an enemy; his right hand is posed like an adversary. And he has slain all those precious to the eye in the tent of the daughter of Zion. he has poured out his wrath like fire.

UST

4 He has gotten ready to kill us, his people, as though we were his enemies. He prepared to kill the people whom we love the most, members of our own families. He is extremely angry with us people of Jerusalem; his anger is like a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:5

ULT

5 The Lord has become like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel. He has swallowed up all her palaces. He has destroyed its fortifications. And he has multiplied mourning and lamentation within the daughter of Judah.

UST

5 The Lord has become like an enemy to us Israelites; he has destroyed us; he has destroyed our palaces and made our fortresses into ruins. He has gotten rid of many people in Jerusalem, and caused us to mourn and weep for those who were killed.

How is the Lord's anger shown? (vv5-6)

The Lord has become like an enemy, he destroyed the palace and the tabernacle, and has despised both king and priest.

Lamentations 2:6

ULT

6 And he was violent with his garden tabernacle. He ruined his appointed place. Yahweh has caused the appointed festival and Sabbath to be forgotten in Zion. And he has despised the king and priest in his indignant anger.

UST

6 He has caused our enemies to smash his temple as easily as if it had been a hut in a garden. He has caused us, his people, to forget all our sacred festivals and Sabbath days. He has hated our kings and priests because he was extremely angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:7

ULT

[7] The Lord has rejected his altar. He abandoned his sanctuary. He has closed in the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces. They raised a shout in the house of Yahweh, as a day of the appointed festival.

UST

[7] Yahweh has rejected the very altar on which we had sacrificed animals to him; he has abandoned his temple. He has allowed our enemies to tear down the walls of our temple and our palaces. They shout victoriously in the temple of Yahweh, like we previously shouted during our sacred festivals.

Why does the enemy feel victorious?

They feel victorious because the Lord rejected his altar and has given the walls of the palace over to them.

Lamentations 2:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh planned to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion. He stretched out the measuring line. He did not withhold his hand from devouring. And he has brought the ramparts and wall to mourning. Together they wasted away.

UST

[8] Yahweh was determined that our enemies would tear down our city wall. It was as though he had first measured the walls and then completely destroyed them. It was as though he caused the towers and walls to lament because they were now ruins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:9

ULT

[9] Her gates sank into the ground. He has destroyed and shattered her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations. There is no law. Also, her prophets do not find a vision from Yahweh.

UST

[9] The city gates have collapsed; the enemy has destroyed the bars that fastened the gates shut. The king and his officials have been forced to go to other countries, where no one teaches the laws that God gave to Moses. The prophets do not receive any visions because Yahweh does not give them any.

What has happened to the gates and bars of Zion?

Her gates have sunk into the ground, and Yahweh has destroyed and broken her gate bars.

Lamentations 2:10

ULT

10 They sit on the ground. The elders of the daughter of Zion are silenced. They have thrown up dust on their heads and put on sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground.

UST

10 The old men of Jerusalem sit on the ground, and they say nothing. They are so sad that they wear rough sackcloth and throw dust on their heads. The young girls of Jerusalem bow down sorrowfully, their faces touch the ground.

How do the elders and virgins show they are grieving?

The elders sit on the ground, sprinkle their heads with dust while dressed in sackcloth. The virgins lower their heads to the ground.

Lamentations 2:11

ULT

11 My eyes have failed with tears. My stomach churns. My inner parts are poured out to the ground, because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, when child and infant faint in the streets of the town.

UST

11 My eyes are very tired because of my tears; I am very grieved within my inner being. Because very many of my people have died, in my inner being I grieve and am exhausted. Even children and babies are fainting and dying in the streets because they have no food.

Why is Jeremiah lamenting? (vv11-12)

Because there is nothing for his people to eat or drink.

Lamentations 2:12

ULT

12 They say to their mothers, “Where is grain and wine?” when they faint like the slain in the streets of the city, when their lives are poured out in the lap of their mothers.

UST

12 They cry out to their mothers, “We need something to eat and drink!” They collapse like wounded men in the streets of the city. They slowly die in the arms of their mothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:13

ULT

13 What can I testify to you? To what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For your brokenness is as great as the sea. Who can heal you?

UST

13 You people of Jerusalem, I cannot say anything to help you. No people have suffered like you are suffering; I do not know what I can do to comfort you. You have fallen just as far as if you had sunk in the ocean; there is no one who can bring your city back to what it was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:14

ULT

14 Your prophets have seen for you false and worthless visions. And they did not expose your iniquity, to restore your fortunes, but they have seen for you false and enticing oracles.

UST

14 The prophets among you claimed that they had seen visions from Yahweh, but what they said was false and worthless. They did not work to save you from your enemies; they did not tell you that you had sinned. Instead, they announced to you things that they said Yahweh had told them; they tempted you to believe them, and you did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:15

ULT

15 All those passing on the road clap their hands at you. They hiss and shake their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem. “Is this the city that they called ‘the fullness of beauty, the joy of all the earth’?”

UST

15 All those who pass by you make fun of you by clapping their hands; they shake their heads and hiss at you; They say, “Is this the great city of Jerusalem? Is it the city that people said was the most beautiful city in the world, the city that caused all the people on the earth to rejoice?”

What do the mockers do as they pass through the city? (vv15-16)

They clap their hands, hiss and shake their heads, they whistle and grind their teeth.

Lamentations 2:16

ULT

16 All your enemies opened their mouths against you. They hiss and grind their teeth. They say, “We have devoured! Surely this is the day we have waited for! We have found, we have seen!”

UST

16 Now all our enemies laugh at you; they hate you so much that they hiss at you and grind their teeth at you. They say, “We have destroyed Israel! This is what we longed for, and now it has happened!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:17

ULT

17 Yahweh has done what he planned to finish. His word, which he commanded from days before, he has overthrown and showed no compassion. And the enemy rejoiced over you. He has lifted up the horn of your adversaries.

UST

17 Yahweh has done what he planned; long ago he threatened to destroy you, and now he has done it. He has destroyed your city without acting mercifully toward you; he has enabled your enemies to be happy about defeating you; he has enabled your enemies to continually become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:18

ULT

18 Their heart cried out to the Lord, “O walls of the daughter of Zion.” Like a tearful river, let your tears flow down day and night. Do not give relief to yourself. Do not rest your eyes.

UST

18 I wish the city walls could speak like the people who cry out to Yahweh! I would tell the walls, “Cry out for help to Yahweh! Let your tears flow day and night! Let them flow like rivers. Do not stop grieving; do not stop crying.”

How do the people show their remorse? (vv18-19)

They cry out to the Lord and lift their hands to him for the sake of their children.

Lamentations 2:19

ULT

19 Arise, shout in the night, at the center of the night watches! Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift up your hands to him for the life of your children, those fainting with hunger at the center of every street.”

UST

19 Get up during every night and cry out; tell Yahweh what you feel in your inner beings. Raise your arms to plead to him to act mercifully to prevent our children from dying; they are fainting on the street corners because they have no food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 2:20

ULT

20 Look, O Yahweh, and see those you have dealt with in this way. Should women eat their fruit, newborn children? Should priest and prophet be slaughtered in the sanctuary of the Lord?

UST

20 Yahweh, look at your people and have mercy on us. Have you ever caused people to suffer like this before? It is certainly not right that women are eating the flesh of their own children, the children whom they have always taken care of. It is not right that our enemies are killing priests and prophets in your own temple!

Why are the people begging for Yahweh’s mercy?

Because he has dealt with them so severely, they are hungry, and they are concerned about their priests being slaughtered.

Lamentations 2:21

ULT

21 The young and the old lie down in the dirt of the streets. My young women and my young men have fallen by the sword. You have struck down; in the day of your anger you slaughtered. You showed no compassion.

UST

21 The corpses of people of all ages lie in the streets; there are even corpses of young men and young women whom our enemies have killed with their swords. Because you were very angry, you caused them to be killed; you have slaughtered them without pitying them at all.

How does Jeremiah describe the day of Yahweh’s wrath? (vv21-22)

On the day of Yahweh’s wrath, Yahweh killed young and old, no one survived, and he showed no compassion.

Lamentations 2:22

ULT

22 You have summoned, as a festival day, my surrounding terrors. And there was not an escapee nor survivor on the day of the anger of Yahweh. Those I birthed and multiplied, my enemy has ended them.

UST

22 You summoned my enemies to attack from every direction, as though you were calling them to come to a feast. At that time you showed that you were very angry, and no one escaped. Our enemies murdered our little children, the ones whom we took care of and reared up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3

Lamentations 3:1

ULT
1 I am the man seeing affliction by the rod of his fury.

UST
1 I, the one who am writing this, am a man whom Yahweh made to suffer, because he was angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:2

ULT
2 He led me and brought about darkness and not light.

UST
2 It was as though he caused me to walk in a very dark place without any light at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:3

ULT
3 Surely, against me he turned; his hand twisted all day.

UST
3 He has punished me many times, many times during each day.

What does the writer say that Yahweh has turned against him all the day?
Yahweh's hand is turned against him all the day.

Lamentations 3:4

ULT
4 He exhausted my flesh and my skin; he shattered my bones.

UST
4 He has caused my skin and my flesh to become old. He has broken my bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:5

ULT
5 He built up against me and made a surrounding of bitterness and hardship.

UST
5 He has surrounded me with things that make me suffer very bitterly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:6

ULT
6 He makes me dwell in dark places like the dead of long ago.

UST
6 It is as though he has buried me in a dark place like those who have been dead for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:7

ULT
7 He built a wall around me and I cannot escape. He made my chains heavy.

UST
7 It is as though he has built a prison wall around me, and fastened me with heavy chains, so I cannot escape.

What does the writer say that Yahweh has built around him so that he cannot escape?
Yahweh has built a wall around him.

Lamentations 3:8

ULT
8 Even though I call out and cry for help, he blocks my prayer.

UST
8 Although I call out and cry out for him to help me, he does not pay attention to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:9

ULT
9 He built a wall around my way with hewn stone; he perverted my paths.

UST
9 It is as though he has blocked my path with a high stone wall and has caused me to wander everywhere to try to get out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:10

ULT
10 He is a bear ready to ambush me, a lion in hiding.

UST
10 He has waited to attack me like a bear or a lion hides and waits to attack a man.

To what animal does the writer compare Yahweh and say that it is waiting to ambush him?
The writer describes Yahweh as a bear that is waiting to ambush him.

Lamentations 3:11

ULT
11 He disordered my paths and tore me apart; he has made me desolate.

UST
11 It is as though a bear has dragged me off the path and mauled me, and left me alone without help.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:12

ULT
12 He bent his bow and set me up like a target for an arrow.

UST
12 It is as though he strung his bow and made me the target to shoot at with his arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:13

ULT
13 He pierced my kidneys with the arrows of his quiver.

UST
13 It is as though he shot his arrows deep into my body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:14

ULT
14 I became a joke to all the peoples, their taunt all day.

UST
14 All my relatives laugh at me; all during each day they sing songs that make fun of me.

What has the writer become to all his people?
The writer has become a laughingstock to all his people.

Lamentations 3:15

ULT
15 He filled me with bitterness; he forced me to drink wormwood.

UST
15 Yahweh has made me suffer greatly, like someone suffers after drinking something very bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:16

ULT
16 And he made my teeth grind with gravel; he made me cower in the dust.

UST
16 It is as though he has caused me to chew gravel that broke my teeth; it is as though he has trampled me in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:17

ULT
17 And my soul is deprived of peace; I have forgotten good.

UST
17 Things no longer go well for me; I no longer remember being prosperous.

What can the writer no longer remember since Yahweh has removed peace from his life?
The writer can no longer remember any happiness.

Lamentations 3:18

ULT
18 And I said, “My endurance has perished and my hope in Yahweh.”

UST
18 I continue to say to myself, “I am not strong enough to bear any more hardships. I no longer expect that Yahweh will rescue me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:19

ULT
19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and bitterness.

UST
19 When I think about how I suffer and how I wander far from home, it is like drinking a very bitter liquid.

What is the writer’s mood as he calls to mind his affliction? (vv19-20)
The writer’s mood is one of despair within himself as he calls to mind his affliction.

Lamentations 3:20

ULT
20 It continually remembers and my soul melts within me.

UST
20 I will never forget this time when I feel very depressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:21

ULT
21 This I return to my heart; therefore, I have hope.

UST
21 However, I confidently expect Yahweh to do good things for me again, and this I know is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:22

ULT
22 The steadfast love of Yahweh does not cease; his mercy does not end.

UST
22 Yahweh never stops faithfully loving us, and he shows his compassion for us forever. He never stops acting kindly toward us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:23

ULT
23 They are new morning by morning; great is your faithfulness.

UST
23 Every morning he acts mercifully toward us again. He is the one in whom we can always trust.

What does the writer say occurs afresh every morning?
The writer says that Yahweh's merciful actions occur afresh every morning.

Lamentations 3:24

ULT
24 "Yahweh is my portion," my soul said; therefore, I will hope in him.

UST
24 So I sincerely say to myself, "Yahweh gives me what I need!" Because I believe this, I will confidently wait for him to do good things for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:25

ULT
25 Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, to the soul seeking him.

UST
25 Yahweh is good to all those who depend on him, to those who seek him to help them.

What is Yahweh like toward the one who waits for him and to whose who wait in silence for the salvation of Yahweh? (vv25-26)
Yahweh is good to those who wait for him, and wait in silence for Yahweh's salvation.

Lamentations 3:26

ULT
26 It is good to wait and be silent for the salvation of Yahweh.

UST
26 So it is good for us to wait quietly for Yahweh to save us.

How should a person sit because Yahweh has laid it upon him? (vv26-28)
A person should sit alone and silent because Yahweh has laid it upon him.

Lamentations 3:27

ULT
27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

UST
27 And it is good for us to suffer patiently while we are young.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:28

ULT
28 Let him sit alone and be silent when it is laid upon him.

UST
28 Those who seek him to help them should sit by themselves and not complain, because they know that it is Yahweh who has allowed them to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:29

ULT
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust; perhaps there is hope.

UST
29 They should lie in the dirt, with their faces on the ground, because they can still hope that Yahweh will help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:30

ULT
30 Let him give his cheek to the one striking him; let him be filled with reproach.

UST
30 If someone strikes us on one cheek, we should turn the other cheek toward that person in order that he may strike it, too, and accept it when others insult us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:31

ULT
31 For the Lord will not withhold forever.

UST
31 The Lord does not abandon his people forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:32

ULT
32 Though he brings grief, he will be merciful according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

UST
32 Sometimes he causes us to suffer, but he also acts kindly toward us because he continually and faithfully loves us.

What does Yahweh show, even though he brings grief?
Yahweh shows compassion even though he brings grief.

Lamentations 3:33

ULT
33 For he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the sons of man.

UST
33 And he does not take pleasure when he causes people to suffer or be sad.

From where does Yahweh not oppress or torment the sons of men?
Yahweh does not oppress from his heart or torment the sons of men.

Lamentations 3:34

ULT
34 Crushing under his feet all the prisoners of the earth;

UST
34 If people mistreat and oppress all the prisoners,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:35

ULT
35 denying a man justice before the face of the Most High;

UST
35 or if they rebel against God by refusing to do for others what is right,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:36

ULT
36 perverting a man in his dispute—the Lord does not approve.

UST
36 or if they cause judges to decide matters unjustly, the Lord certainly sees all these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:37

ULT
37 Who has spoken this and it happened, if the Lord did not command?

UST
37 No one can make something happen unless Yahweh has already decided that it should happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:38

ULT
38 Did not trouble and good come forth from the mouth of the Most High?

UST
38 God in heaven is the one who commands that disasters should happen, and he also causes good things to happen.

What two things come out of the mouth of the Most High?
Calamity and success come out of the mouth of the Most High.

Lamentations 3:39

ULT
39 How can a person, a living man, complain about his guilt?

UST
39 So it is certainly not right for us, who are only people on earth, to complain when he punishes us for the sins that we have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:40

ULT
40 Let us examine our ways and let us seek and return to Yahweh.

UST
40 Instead, we should think carefully about how we behave; we should turn back to Yahweh.

What should the people lift up to God in the heavens when they test and examine their ways and turn back to Yahweh? (vv40-41)
The people should lift up their hearts and their hands to God in the heavens.

Lamentations 3:41

ULT
41 Let us lift up our hearts with our hands to God in heaven.

UST
41 We should pray with all our inner beings and lift up our arms toward God in heaven, and say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:42

ULT
42 We have surely transgressed and disobeyed you; you did not pardon.

UST
42 “We have sinned and rebelled against you, and you have not forgiven us.

What should the people admit that they have done against Yahweh as they pray?
They should admit that they have sinned and rebelled against Yahweh.

Lamentations 3:43

ULT
43 You wrapped in anger and pursued us; you slayed; you showed no pity.

UST
43 You have been very angry and chased after us; you have slaughtered us without pitying us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:44

ULT
44 You wrapped yourself in a cloud, from a prayer passing through.

UST
44 You have hidden yourself away, as if you were in a cloud, so that you will not hear us when we pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:45

ULT
45 You made us an outcast and garbage among the nations.

UST
45 You have made us go among the foreign peoples, and they think we are only garbage.

What does the writer say that Yahweh has made them to be among the peoples?
Yahweh has made them to be castoffs and refuse among the peoples.

Lamentations 3:46

ULT
46 They open their mouth against us, all our enemies.

UST
46 All our enemies have spoken things to insult us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:47

ULT
47 Panic and pitfall have come for us, ruin and destruction.

UST
47 We are constantly afraid that people will trap us, because we have experienced so many disasters and so much ruin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:48

ULT
48 My eyes flow with streams of water because the daughter of my people are destroyed.

UST
48 Many tears flow from my eyes because my people have been destroyed.

How does the writer describe the tears that flow from his eyes? (vv48-49)
His tears are streams of water that flow out from his eyes.

Lamentations 3:49

ULT
49 My eye pours forth and it does not cease. There was no relief,

UST
49 My tears continually flow; they will not stop

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:50

ULT
50 until he looked down and Yahweh saw from heaven.

UST
50 until Yahweh looks down from heaven and sees us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:51

ULT
51 My eyes grieve my soul because of all the daughters of my city.

UST
51 I am very grieved because of what has happened to the women of my city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:52

ULT
52 Surely, my enemies hunted me like a bird without cause.

UST
52 My enemies hunted for me like people hunt for a bird to kill it even though there was no reason for them to do that.

What does the writer say as his enemies hunt him and destroy his life in a well and place a stone over him? (vv52-54)
He says, “I have been cut off!”

Lamentations 3:53

ULT
53 They silenced my life with a pit and threw a stone on me.

UST
53 They threw me into a pit to kill me, and placed a heavy stone over the top of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:54

ULT
54 They made water overflow over my head. I said, ‘I have been cut off!’

UST
54 The water in the pit rose above my head, and I said to myself, ‘I am about to die!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:55

ULT
55 I called your name, O Yahweh, from the depths of the pit.

UST
55 But from the bottom of the pit I cried out to you, ‘Yahweh, help me!’

What did Yahweh tell the writer when he called on Yahweh’s name and asked Yahweh to hear his cry for help? (vv55-57)
Yahweh told him, “Do not fear!”

Lamentations 3:56

ULT
56 You heard my voice. ‘Do not shut your ear to my relief, to my cry for help.’

UST
56 I pleaded with you, ‘Do not refuse to hear me when I cry out to you!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:57

ULT
57 You came near in the day I called you; you said, ‘Do not fear.’

UST
57 Then you answered me and said, ‘Do not be afraid!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:58

ULT
58 O Lord, you defended the dispute of my soul; you saved my life.

UST
58 Yahweh, you argued for me when people wanted to condemn me and execute me; you did not allow me to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:59

ULT
59 O Yahweh, you saw my affliction; judge my case.

UST
59 Now, Yahweh, you have seen the evil things that my enemies have done to me, so judge my case and show that I have done nothing wrong.

How does the writer ask Yahweh to judge his case?
He asks Yahweh to judge his case justly.

Lamentations 3:60

ULT
60 You have seen all their insults, all their plots against me.

UST
60 You know the evil things that they are planning to do to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:61

ULT
61 You have heard their scorn, O Yahweh, all their plots against me.

UST
61 Yahweh, you have heard them insult me; you have heard what they plan to do to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:62

ULT
62 The lips of my assailants and their songs are against me all day.

UST
62 Every day they whisper and mutter things about me, all during the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:63

ULT
63 Look! their sitting and rising, their songs are against me.

UST
63 Look at them! Whatever they are doing at the moment, they make fun of me by the songs that they sing.

Of what is the writer the object from his enemies, whether in their sitting or their rising up?
He is the object of their mocking song.

Lamentations 3:64

ULT
64 You, O Yahweh, will return to them a payment according to the deeds of their hands.

UST
64 Yahweh, give them what they deserve! Pay them back for what they have done to me!

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?
He asks Yahweh to pay back to them as much harm as what their hands have done.

Lamentations 3:65

ULT
65 Give them an insolent heart; your condemnation be upon them!

UST
65 You permit them to do whatever they want, and you punish them by taking away their shame. That is why your curse is upon them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 3:66

ULT

66 You pursue in anger and destroy them from under heaven, O Yahweh.

UST

66 Because you are angry with them, pursue them and get rid of them, until none of them remain on the earth.”

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

he asks Yahweh to pursue his enemies in his anger and destroy them everywhere under the heavens.

Lamentations 4

Lamentations 4:1

ULT

1 O how the gold is tarnished; the pure gold has changed. The holy stones are scattered at the corner of every street.

UST

1 Previously our people were like pure gold, but now they are worthless. Just as our enemies have scattered the sacred stones in the temple, so they have also scattered our young men.

What has become of the gold and the holy stones?

The gold has become completely tarnished, the purest gold has changed and the holy stones have been poured out at the head of every street.

Lamentations 4:2

ULT

2 The precious sons of Zion were weighed with fine gold. O how they are regarded as clay jars, the work of potter's hands!

UST

2 The young men of Jerusalem were as valuable as large amounts of gold, but now people consider them to be as worthless as ordinary clay pots.

What were the sons of Zion, and how are they now valued?

The sons of Zion were precious, valued greater than pure gold, but now they are regarded as clay jars made by potter's hands.

Lamentations 4:3

ULT

3 Even the jackals offer the breast; they nurse their cubs. The daughter of my people are fierce like the ostriches in the wilderness.

UST

3 Even the female jackals feed their pups, but my people act cruelly toward their own children; the mothers are like ostriches in the desert that abandon their eggs.

How do the daughters of his people act?

They are as cruel as the ostrich in the desert.

Lamentations 4:4

ULT

4 The tongue of the nursing baby sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst. The children ask those dispersing for food; there is none for them.

UST

4 My people's infants' tongues cling to the roofs of their mouths because they are extremely thirsty; the children plead for some food, but no one gives them any.

What happens to the tongue of the nursing baby and what are the children asking for?

The tongue of the nursing baby sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst and the children are asking for bread but there is nothing for them.

Lamentations 4:5

ULT

5 Those eating the finest food are desolate in the streets. Those attended with scarlet cloth embrace piles of garbage.

UST

5 People who previously ate fine food are now starving in the streets; those who previously wore fine clothes now lie upon the rubbish heaps with nothing to eat.

What has happened to the ones who used to eat expensive food and those who wore scarlet clothing?

The ones who used to eat expensive food are now abandoned and starving, and the ones who wore scarlet clothing are now on top of the garbage heaps.

Lamentations 4:6

ULT

6 The guilt of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom. It was overthrown as a moment and no hands were wrung for her.

UST

6 The people of Sodom died very suddenly in a disaster. But God punished my people more severely than the people of Sodom, and no one was concerned about all that we suffered.

How great is the iniquity of the daughter of his people?

The iniquity of the daughter is greater than the sin of Sodom.

Lamentations 4:7

ULT

[7] Her Nazarites were more pure than snow; they were more white than milk. Their bones were more ruddy than coral; their parts were sapphire.

UST

[7] Our leaders used to be like pure snow or white milk, they were so clean and spotless. Their bodies were healthy, pink like coral and brilliant like sapphires.

What were her leaders like before, and how are they now? (vv7-8)

Her leaders were like snow that shines, they were as white as milk, their bodies were more ruddy than coral, and their form like sapphire. Now darkness has blackened their appearance, they are unrecognizable, and their skin clings to their withered bones.

Lamentations 4:8

ULT

[8] Blackness has darkened their form; they are not recognized in the streets. Their skin has shriveled on their bones; it has become dry as wood.

UST

[8] Now our leaders' faces are blacker than soot, and no one recognizes them when they walk in the streets. Their skin has shriveled and it hangs on their bones, and it has become as dry as a stick of wood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 4:9

ULT

[9] Those slain by the sword were happier than those slain by hunger, those who slowly wasted away from the piercing of the field's produce.

UST

[9] It is better to die in a battle than to die of hunger. There was no food to harvest in the fields, so the people slowly starved until they died.

What does Jeremiah say about those who have been killed by hunger compared to those killed by the sword?

Jeremiah says that those killed by the sword are better off than those killed by hunger.

Lamentations 4:10

ULT

10 The hands of compassionate women boiled their children; they became for them a meal in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

UST

10 Women who usually acted with love and compassion have killed and cooked their own children; they ate them when there was no other food, when Jerusalem was being destroyed by attacking armies.

What did the compassionate women do with their children?

They boiled their own children and the children became their food.

Lamentations 4:11

ULT

11 Yahweh brought to completion his wrath; he poured out his fierce anger. And he kindled a fire in Zion that consumed her foundations.

UST

11 Yahweh has shown to everyone how angry he was with his people! His anger spread like a fire in Zion (the city of Jerusalem) that burned the city down to its rock foundations.

How did Yahweh satisfy his rage?

Yahweh satisfied his rage when he poured out his burning anger, kindled a fire in Zion, and devoured her foundations.

Lamentations 4:12

ULT

12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor any of the inhabitants of the world, that the adversary and enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

UST

12 None of the kings on the earth or anyone else believed that any of our enemies could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

What did the kings and the inhabitants of the world not believe could happen to Jerusalem?

They did not believe that an enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

Lamentations 4:13

ULT
13 The sins of her prophets were more than the iniquities of her priests; they poured out in her midst the blood of the righteous.

UST
13 But that is what happened; it happened because the prophets sinned; the priests also sinned by causing innocent people to die.

What did the enemy do because of the sins of the prophets and the iniquities of the priests?
The enemy entered the gates of Jerusalem.

Lamentations 4:14

ULT
14 They stumble blind in the streets. They are defiled with blood. There were none able to touch their clothes.

UST
14 The priests and prophets wander through the streets as though they were blind. No one will touch them because their clothes are stained with the blood of those innocent people.

What happened to those prophets and priests?
They wandered like blind men in the streets and were defiled by that blood so no one was able to touch their clothes.

Lamentations 4:15

ULT
15 “Away! Unclean!” they shouted at them. “Away! Away! Do not touch!” So they fled, even stumbling. They said among the nations, “They shall not prolong the sojourn.”

UST
15 These people shouted at the priests and prophets, saying, “Stay away from us! Do not touch us!” So the priests and prophets have fled from Israel, and they wander around from one country to another, but people in each country keep saying to them, “You cannot stay here!”

What did the prophets and priests cry out?
The prophets and the priests cried out and said to flee and to not touch them.

Where did the prophets and the priests go?
They wandered to other lands where the Gentiles said they could not live there any longer.

Lamentations 4:16

ULT

16 The face of Yahweh scattered them; he will not continue to watch over them. The face of the priests will no longer rise up; the elders show no grace.

UST

16 It is Yahweh himself who has scattered them; he no longer is concerned about them. People do not welcome our priests any longer, and they care nothing for the elders.

What did Yahweh do to the prophets and the priests?

Yahweh scattered the prophets and priests and does not look on them with favor any longer.

How are the priests received and how are the elders received?

The priests are not respected anymore and the elders are not shown any concern.

Lamentations 4:17

ULT

17 In our waiting, our eyes closed in vain for our helper. In our watchtowers, we looked to the nations. He did not rescue.

UST

17 We continued to look for someone to help us before it was too late, but it was useless. We continued to watch to see if one of our allies would save us, but none of the nations that we were waiting for was willing to help us.

What failed to find worthless help?

Their eyes failed to find help.

Lamentations 4:18

ULT
18 They tracked our steps, walking in our paths. Our end drew near. Our days were fulfilled, for our end has come.

UST
18 Our enemies were pursuing us, so we could not even walk in our streets because they could take us as prisoners. Our enemies were about to capture us; it was time for them to kill us.

What did the enemy do to them?
They hunted their steps going through their streets.

What did the people say about their end?
They said their end was near, their days were finished, and their end had come.

Lamentations 4:19

ULT
19 Our pursuers became more swift than eagles of heaven. They set us ablaze on the mountains; they lay in wait for us in the wilderness.

UST
19 Those who ran after us were faster than eagles flying in the sky. Even if we fled to the mountains or hid in the desert, they went there ahead of us and waited to attack us.

How did the people describe the pursuers, and what did the pursuers do to them?
The pursuers were swifter than the eagles and chased them to the mountains and lay in wait for them in the wilderness.

Lamentations 4:20

ULT
20 A breath of our nostrils, Yahweh's anointed was captured in their pits; of whom we said, "In his shadow, we will live among the nations."

UST
20 Our king, whom Yahweh had appointed, the one who enabled us to live, the one whom we trusted to protect us when we had to live in the other nations as slaves— the enemy captured him, as you would capture an animal in a pit.

What happened to their king?
Their king was captured in the enemy's pits.

Lamentations 4:21

ULT

21 Rejoice and be glad, O Daughter of Edom, who dwells in the land of Uz. Against you also the cup will pass; you will be drunk and go about naked.

UST

21 You people of Edom and Uz, you should be happy while you can, but Yahweh will punish you also. You will become so drunk that you will strip off your own clothes.

Why is the daughter of Edom told to rejoice and be glad?

She is told to rejoice and be glad for the cup will pass to her and she will be drunk and strip naked.

Lamentations 4:22

ULT

22 O Daughter of Zion, your guilt will finish; he will not extend your exile. He will visit your guilt, O Daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.

UST

22 You people of Zion (whose home is in Jerusalem), the time when Yahweh punishes you for your sins will come to an end. He will bring an end to the time you must spend in exile. But you people who are from Edom, Yahweh will punish you for your sins and he will make known to everyone the wicked things you have done.

What is the daughter of Zion told?

She is told her guilt is ended and Yahweh will no longer keep her in exile.

What is the daughter of Edom told?

The daughter of Edom is told Yahweh will punish her guilt and will uncover her sins.

Lamentations 5

Lamentations 5:1

ULT

[1] Remember, O Yahweh, what has happened to us; look and see our disgrace.

UST

[1] Yahweh, think about what has happened to us. See how no one respects us any longer.

What does Jeremiah ask Yahweh to do?

Jeremiah asks Yahweh to call to mind what has happened to them and to see their shame.

Lamentations 5:2

ULT

[2] Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers; our houses to foreigners.

UST

[2] Foreigners have seized our property, and now they live in our homes.

What does Jeremiah tell Yahweh has happened to their inheritance?

Jeremiah tells Yahweh that their inheritance has been turned over to strangers, and their houses to foreigners.

Lamentations 5:3

ULT

[3] We have become orphans, there is no father, and our mothers are like widows.

UST

[3] Our enemies have killed our fathers, and caused our mothers to become widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:4

ULT
4 We drink our water with silver; we bring in our wood with a price.

UST
4 Now they make us pay for water to drink, and pay for firewood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:5

ULT
5 We are pressed on our necks. We toil; there is no rest for us.

UST
5 The enemy runs after us and is very close to us; we are exhausted, but they do not allow us to rest.

How does Jeremiah describe what is happening to them? (vv5-6)
Their enemies run after them, they are weary, and they have reached out to the Egyptians and Assyrians for food.

Lamentations 5:6

ULT
6 We have given a hand to Egypt, Assyria to satisfy bread.

UST
6 In order to get enough food to remain alive, we begged Egypt and Assyria to help us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:7

ULT
7 Our fathers sinned; they are no more. We ourselves bear their iniquities.

UST
7 Our ancestors sinned, and now they are dead, but we are suffering for the sins that they committed.

What are the people saying about sin?
They are saying their fathers sinned and they bear their fathers' sins.

Lamentations 5:8

ULT
8 Slaves rule over us; there is no one to deliver from their hand.

UST
8 Now the people who rule over us are themselves slaves to their own masters in Babylon. There is no one who can rescue us from their power.

What are the people saying about the slaves?
The people are saying the slaves rule over them and there is no one to rescue them.

Lamentations 5:9

ULT
9 We bring in our bread by our lives, from the sword blade of the wilderness.

UST
9 We go far to look for food, but we are in danger of dying when we do so, because of the robbers who live in the wilderness.

How do they describe themselves when they go out to get bread?
They risk their lives to get bread in the face of the sword in the wilderness.

Lamentations 5:10

ULT
10 Our skin grows hot as an oven, from the burning of hunger.

UST
10 Our skin has become hot like an oven, and we have a very high fever because we are extremely hungry.

How do they describe their skin?
Their skin is like an oven and burnt up from the fever of famine.

Lamentations 5:11

ULT
11 Women are raped in Zion; virgins in the cities of Judah.

UST
11 Our enemies have violated the women in Jerusalem, and they have done that to the young women in all the towns of Judea.

What happened to the women and virgins?
The women of Zion and the virgins of the cities of Judah were raped.

Lamentations 5:12

ULT
12 Princes are hung by their hands; they show no honor to the face of elders.

UST
12 Our enemies have hanged our leaders, and they have not respected our elders.

What happened to the princes and the elders?
The princes were hung by their hands and the elders were not honored.

Lamentations 5:13

ULT
13 Young men lift the grind stone and boys stagger with wood.

UST
13 They force our young men to grind flour with millstones, and young boys stagger while they are forced to carry heavy loads of firewood.

What happened to the vigorous men and youthful men?
The vigorous men were brought up to the grinding house and the youthful men staggered beneath logs.

Lamentations 5:14

ULT
14 The elders cease from the gate, the young men from their songs.

UST
14 Our elders no longer sit at the city gates to make important decisions; the young men no longer play their musical instruments.

What happened to the elders and the vigorous men?
The elders were removed from the city gate and the vigorous men from their music.

Lamentations 5:15

ULT
15 Our hearts cease from joy; our dancing has turned to mourning.

UST
15 We are no longer joyful; instead of dancing joyfully, we now mourn.

How do they describe the joy of their heart, their dances, and their crown? (vv15-16)
Their joy has ceased, their dances have changed into mourning, and the crown has fallen from their head.

Lamentations 5:16

ULT
16 The crown of our head has fallen. Woe to us, for we have sinned!

UST
16 The wreaths of flowers have fallen off our heads. Terrible things have happened to us because of the sins that we committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:17

ULT
17 On account of this, our hearts have become sick; on account of these things, our eyes grow dim.

UST
17 We are tired and discouraged, and we cannot see well because our eyes are full of tears.

What do they say about their hearts and eyes?
Their hearts have become sick and their eyes have grown dim.

Lamentations 5:18

ULT
18 On account of Mount Zion, which is desolate, jackals tread over it.

UST
18 Jerusalem has no one living any more in it, and jackals prowl around in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:19

ULT
19 You, O Yahweh, are forever. You will sit upon your throne from generation to generation.

UST
19 But Yahweh, you rule forever! You continue to rule from one generation to the next generation.

What do they say about Yahweh's reign and throne?
Yahweh reigns forever and his throne is from generation to generation.

Lamentations 5:20

ULT
20 Why do you forget us for so long? You forsake us for many days?

UST
20 So why have you forgotten us? Will you abandon us for a very long time?

What do they ask Yahweh? (vv20-21)
They ask Yahweh whether he is forgetting them forever, and if he will turn them back to him.

Lamentations 5:21

ULT
21 Return us to yourself, O Yahweh, and we will be restored. Renew our days as long ago—

UST
21 Please enable us to return to you, and enable us to prosper as we did previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Lamentations 5:22

ULT
22 unless you have utterly rejected us, are angry with us beyond measure.

UST
22 Please do that, or is it really true that you have rejected us forever? Is it really true that you will never stop being extremely angry with us?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel

Ezekiel 1

Ezekiel 1:1

ULT

1 In the thirtieth year, the fourth month, and the fifth day of the month, it came about that I was living among the captives by the Kebar Canal. The heavens opened, and I saw visions of God.

UST

1-2 “When I, Ezekiel, was thirty years old, I was living among the Israelite people by the Kebar Canal, which was south of Babylon. The Babylonians had taken us from the land of Judah and brought us here. On the fifth day of the fourth month of that year, it was as though the sky opened and I saw visions from God. The fifth day of the fourth month was almost five years after King Jehoiachin had been exiled.”

Among whom was Ezekiel living when he had visions of God? (vv1-3)
Ezekiel was living among the captives in the land of the Chaldeans when he had visions of God.

Ezekiel 1:2

ULT

2 On the fifth day of that month—it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin—

UST

1-2 “When I, Ezekiel, was thirty years old, I was living among the Israelite people by the Kebar Canal, which was south of Babylon. The Babylonians had taken us from the land of Judah and brought us here. On the fifth day of the fourth month of that year, it was as though the sky opened and I saw visions from God. The fifth day of the fourth month was almost five years after King Jehoiachin had been exiled.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:3

ULT

3 the word of Yahweh came to Ezekiel son of Buzi the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Kebar Canal, and the hand of Yahweh was upon him there.

UST

3 So God gave Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, messages in Babylonia while he was beside the Kebar Canal. Yahweh's power went to him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:4

ULT

4 Then I looked, and there was a windstorm coming from the north; a great cloud with fire flashing within it and brightness surrounding it and inside of it, and the fire was the color of amber inside the cloud.

UST

4 In one of the visions, I saw a windstorm coming from the north. There was a huge cloud, and lightning was flashing within it continually, and a brilliant light surrounded the cloud. In the center of where the lightning was flashing, there was amber-colored fire.

What was in the middle of the great cloud Ezekiel saw coming from the north? (vv4-6)

In the middle of the cloud was the likeness of four living creatures, each with four faces and four wings.

Ezekiel 1:5

ULT

5 In the middle was the likeness of four living creatures. This was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man,

UST

5 In the center of the storm I saw what resembled four living creatures. They resembled humans,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:6

ULT

[6] but they had four faces each, and each of the creatures had four wings.

UST

[6] but each of them had four faces and four wings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:7

ULT

[7] Their legs were straight, but the soles of their feet were like the hooves of a calf that shone like polished bronze.

UST

[7] Their legs were like human legs, but their feet resembled the hooves of calves that shined like polished bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:8

ULT

[8] Yet they had human hands under their wings on all four sides. For all four, their faces and wings were like this:

UST

[8] On the four sides of their bodies under their wings there were hands like humans have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:9

ULT

9 their wings were touching the wings of the next creature, and they did not turn as they went; instead, each one went straight forward.

UST

9 As the four creatures stood there, they formed a circle, with their wings touching each other. They did not turn when they were moving; they went straight ahead.

How did the creatures move?

The creatures did not turn as the went but each one went straight forward.

Ezekiel 1:10

ULT

10 The likeness of their faces was like the face of a man. The four of them had the face of a lion to the right side, and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side. They four had also the face of an eagle.

UST

10 Each of the creatures had four faces. In front there was a face that resembled a human face. The face on the right side resembled a lion's face. The face on the left side resembled an ox's face. The face in back resembled an eagle's face.

What appearances did the living creatures have on their faces?

Their faces had the appearance of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle.

Ezekiel 1:11

ULT

11 Their faces were like that, and their wings were spread out above, so that each creature had a pair of wings that touched another creature's wing, and also a pair of wings that covered their bodies.

UST

11 Two of each creature's wings were lifted up and touched the wings of the creatures that were on either side of it. The other two wings were folded against the creature's body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:12

ULT
12 Each went straight forward, so that wherever the Spirit directed them to go, they went without turning.

UST
12 The creatures went straight ahead in whatever direction the Spirit of God, who controlled them, wanted them to go, without changing directions while they were moving.

What was directing the movement of the four living creatures?
The Spirit was directing the movement of the four living creatures.

Ezekiel 1:13

ULT
13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; bright fire also moved about among the creatures, and there were flashes of lightning.

UST
13 The four creatures resembled burning coals or torches. A blazing fire moved back and forth among the creatures, and lightning flashed from among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:14

ULT
14 The living creatures were moving swiftly back and forth, and they had the appearance of lightning!

UST
14 The creatures were moving back and forth very rapidly, so that they looked like flashes of lightning.

As the four living creatures moved back and forth, what did they look like?
As they moved, the four living creatures looked like lightning.

Ezekiel 1:15

ULT
15 Then I looked at the living creatures; and I saw one wheel on the ground beside each of living creatures with its four faces.

UST
15 While I looked at the four living creatures, I saw a wheel on the ground beside each of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:16

ULT
16 This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: Each wheel was like beryl, and the four had the same likeness; their appearance and structure was like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

UST
16 Each of the wheels was the same, and they all shone like beryl. Each wheel seemed to have one wheel inside another wheel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:17

ULT
17 As they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went.

UST
17 Whenever they moved, they would go straight in one of the four directions that the creatures were facing; they did not turn in another direction while they moved.

What were the four wheels beside the four living creatures able to do?
The four wheels were able to go in any direction without turning.

Ezekiel 1:18

ULT
18 As for their rims, they were high and fearsome, for the rims were full of eyes round about.

UST
18 The rims of the wheels were imposing and frightening, and they were covered with eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:19

ULT
19 Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them. When the living creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels also rose up.

UST
19 Whenever the living creatures moved, the wheels moved with them. So whenever the creatures rose up from the ground, the wheels also rose up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:20

ULT
20 Wherever the Spirit would go, they went, and the wheels rose up beside them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

UST
20 Wherever the Spirit of God, who controlled the creatures, wanted them to go, they went; and the wheels went with them, because their spirit controlled the wheels.

Why did the wheels go wherever the living creatures went? (vv20-21)
The wheels followed the living creatures because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

Ezekiel 1:21

ULT
21 Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels also moved; and when the creatures stood still, the wheels stood still; when the creatures rose up from the earth, the wheels rose up beside them, because the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

UST
21 Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels moved. Whenever the creatures stood still, the wheels stopped. Whenever the creatures rose up from the ground, the wheels rose up with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:22

ULT
22 Over the heads of the living creatures was the likeness of an expansive dome; it looked like awe-inspiring crystal stretched out over their heads above.

UST
22 Above the heads of the creatures there was something that resembled a dome. It glistened as ice shines, and it was awesome.

What was over the heads of the living creatures?
An expansive dome was over the heads of the living creatures.

Ezekiel 1:23

ULT
23 Beneath the dome, each one of the creature's wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings. Each of the living creatures also had a pair to cover themselves; each had a pair to cover his own body.

UST
23 Under the dome, the creatures stretched out their wings. Each one had two wings that touched the wings of the creatures on either side, and two wings that covered his own body.

What did the living creatures do with their wings?
Each one of the creature's wings stretched out straight and touched another creature's wings and each of the living creatures also had a pair of wings to cover his own body.

Ezekiel 1:24

ULT
24 Then I heard the sound of their wings. Like the noise of many waters. Like the voice of the Almighty whenever they moved. Like the sound of a rainstorm. Like the sound of an army. Whenever they stood still, they lowered their wings.

UST
24 Whenever the creatures moved, their wings made a sound that resembled the crashing of waves in the sea. It also sounded like the voice of Almighty God, and like the noise of a huge army marching. Whenever the creatures stood still on the ground, they lowered their wings.

What does Ezekiel say the creatures' wings sounded like?
The creatures' wings sounded like rushing water, like the voice of the Almighty, like a rainstorm, and like an army.

Ezekiel 1:25

ULT
25 A voice came from above the dome over their heads whenever they stood still and lowered their wings.

UST
25 While they stood on the ground with their wings lowered, there was a voice from the dome that was over their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:26

ULT
26 Above the dome over their heads was the likeness of a throne that was like the appearance of a sapphire stone, and on the likeness of the throne was a likeness like the appearance of a man.

UST
26 Above the dome was something that resembled a huge throne that was made of a huge sapphire. Sitting on the throne was someone who resembled a human.

What was above the dome, which was over the creatures' heads?
Above the dome was a throne, and on the throne was the appearance of one who looked like a man.

Ezekiel 1:27

ULT
27 I saw a figure with the appearance of glowing metal with fire in it from the appearance of his hips up; I saw from the appearance of his hips downward the appearance of fire and brightness all around.

UST
27 I saw that above his waist he resembled metal that was glowing as though it had a very hot fire inside it. And I saw that below his waist there was a very brilliant light that surrounded him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 1:28

ULT

28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day was the appearance of the bright light surrounding it. It was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Yahweh. When I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice speaking.

UST

28 It shone like a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day. That was the brilliant light that represented the presence of Yahweh. When I saw it, I threw myself flat onto the ground, and I heard him speak!

As what did the bright figure appear to Ezekiel?

The bright figure appeared as the likeness of the glory of Yahweh.

What did Ezekiel do when he saw the bright figure?

When he saw the bright figure, Ezekiel fell on his face.

Ezekiel 2

Ezekiel 2:1

ULT
1 He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet; then I will speak to you.”

UST
1 The voice said to me, “Son of man, stand up while I speak to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 2:2

ULT
2 Then, as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

UST
2 While he spoke to me, God’s Spirit entered me and enabled me to stand up. Then I heard him speak to me.

What did the Spirit do to Ezekiel as the Spirit spoke to Ezekiel?
The Spirit stood Ezekiel on his feet as he spoke to Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 2:3

ULT
3 He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to rebellious nations that have rebelled against me—both they and their ancestors have sinned against me up to this very day!

UST
3 He said, “Son of man, I will send you to the Israelite people. They are people who have turned away from me and rebelled against me. Their ancestors rebelled against me, and they themselves are still rebelling against me.

To whom did the Spirit send Ezekiel?
The Spirit sent Ezekiel to the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 2:4

ULT

[4] Their descendants have stubborn faces and hard hearts. I am sending you to them, and you will say to them, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says.’

UST

[4] The people to whom I will send you are very stubborn. But say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you.’

What was Ezekiel to say to the people of Israel?

Ezekiel was to say, “This is what the Lord Yahweh says,” to the people of Israel.

According to the Spirit, what kind of people were the descendants of Israel? (vv4-5)

The descendants were a stubborn, hardhearted and rebellious people.

Ezekiel 2:5

ULT

[5] Either they will listen or they will not listen. They are a rebellious house, but they will at least know that a prophet has been among them.

UST

[5] And when you tell them my messages, perhaps those rebellious people will heed those messages and perhaps they will not heed them; but they will know that a prophet has been among them!

What would the people of Israel know because of Ezekiel’s speaking to them?

The people of Israel would know that a prophet had been among them.

Ezekiel 2:6

ULT

[6] You, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, although you are with briers and thorns and although you live with scorpions. Do not fear their words or be dismayed by their faces, since they are a rebellious house.

UST

[6] And you, son of man, you must not be afraid of them or afraid of what they say. Living among them will be like living in the midst of briers or scorpions, but do not be afraid of them. They are rebellious people, but do not allow them to frighten you.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel not to do as he spoke to the people of Israel?

The Spirit told Ezekiel not to be afraid of the people of Israel as he spoke to them.

Ezekiel 2:7

ULT
[7] But you will speak my words to them, whether they listen or not, because they are most rebellious.

UST
[7] Tell them my message, but do not expect them to pay attention to it, because they are very rebellious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 2:8

ULT
[8] But you, son of man, listen to what I am saying to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am about to give to you!”

UST
[8] But son of man, you must pay attention to what I say. Do not be rebellious like they are. Now open your mouth and eat what I give to you.”

How was Ezekiel supposed to be different than the people of Israel?
Ezekiel was not to be rebellious like the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 2:9

ULT
[9] Then I looked, and a hand was extended out to me; in it was a written scroll.

UST
[9] Then, as I watched, I saw his hand that was stretched toward me. In his hand was a scroll.

What was spread out before Ezekiel?
A written scroll was spread out before Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 2:10

ULT

10 He spread it out before me; it had been written on both its front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning, and woe.

UST

10 He unrolled the scroll. On both sides of it were written words that expressed sorrow and mourning and words about trouble.

What was written on the scroll?

On the scroll were written lamentations, mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel 3

Ezekiel 3:1

ULT
1 He said to me, “Son of man, what you have found, eat. Eat this scroll, then go speak to the house of Israel.”

UST
1 He said to me, “Son of Man, eat this scroll that is in front of you. Then go and speak to the Israelite people.”

What did the Spirit give to Ezekiel and what did Ezekiel do with it? (vv1-3)
The Spirit gave Ezekiel a scroll and Ezekiel ate it.

Ezekiel 3:2

ULT
2 So I opened my mouth, and he fed me that scroll.

UST
2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:3

ULT
3 He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly and fill your stomach with this scroll that I have given to you!” So I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.

UST
3 Then he said to me, “Son of Man, eat the scroll that I have given to you. Fill your stomach with it.” So I ate it, and in my mouth it tasted as sweet as honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:4

ULT

[4] Then he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak my words to them.

UST

[4] Then he said to me, “Son of Man, go to the Israelite people and tell them my message.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to go and do?

The Spirit told Ezekiel to go and speak the Spirit’s words to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 3:5

ULT

[5] For you are not being sent to a people of strange speech or difficult language, but to the house of Israel—

UST

[5] The people to whom I am sending you are not people whose language is very difficult to learn, a language which you do not understand. I am sending you to your Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:6

ULT

[6] not to many peoples of strange speech or a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

UST

[6] I am sending you to people whose language you do not understand very well. If I were sending you to people whose language was difficult for you to understand, they would pay attention to what you say to them.

According to the Spirit, if Ezekiel had been sent to a foreign people, how would they have responded to Ezekiel’s words?

If Ezekiel had been sent to a foreign people, they would have listened to Ezekiel’s words.

Ezekiel 3:7

ULT

[7] But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. So all the house of Israel is strong browed and hard hearted.

UST

[7] But because the Israelite people do not want to listen to me, they will not want to listen to you. They do not want to listen because they are all very rebellious.

According to the Spirit, how would the house of Israel respond to Ezekiel's words?
The house of Israel would not be willing to listen to Ezekiel's words.

Ezekiel 3:8

ULT

[8] Behold! I have made your face as hard as their faces and your brow as hard as their brows.

UST

[8] But you—I will enable you to be as stubborn and tough as they are.

How has the Spirit made Ezekiel so that he will not be fearful or discouraged? (vv8-9)
The Spirit has made Ezekiel stubborn, and his brow like a diamond.

Ezekiel 3:9

ULT

[9] I have made your brow like a diamond, harder than flint! Do not fear them or be discouraged by their faces, since they are a rebellious house."

UST

[9] I will cause you to be as firm as the hardest stone, like flint. So, even though they are very rebellious people, do not be afraid of them; do not allow them to frighten you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:10

ULT
10 Then he said to me, “Son of man, all the words that I announce to you—take them into your heart and hear them with your ears!

UST
10 He also said to me, “Son of Man, listen very carefully to what I say, and keep thinking about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:11

ULT
11 Then go to the captives, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says,’ whether they will listen or not.”

UST
11 Go to your fellow Israelites who are here after being exiled, and speak to them. Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says’ and then tell them my message, whether they want to hear it or whether they would rather cease to exist.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:12

ULT
12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a great earthquake: “Blessed be the glory of Yahweh from his place!”

UST
12 Then in the vision the Spirit of God lifted me up, and I heard behind me the sound of a large earthquake. (Praise our glorious Yahweh in the place where he lives in heaven!)

What did the great sound behind Ezekiel say to him?
The great sound said, “Blessed be the glory of Yahweh from his place!”

Ezekiel 3:13

ULT
13 It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels that were with them, and the sound of a great earthquake.

UST
13 I heard the sound of the wings of the four living creatures brushing against each other, and I also heard the sound of the wheels that were beside them. It was a loud sound like an earthquake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:14

ULT
14 The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went with bitterness in my spirit's rage, for the hand of Yahweh was powerfully pressing on me!

UST
14 The Spirit took me away. Within me I was very bitter and angry, and I felt unable to do anything, as though Yahweh were pushing down on me very powerfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:15

ULT
15 So I went to the captives at Tel Aviv who lived along the Kebar Canal, and I stayed there among them for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

UST
15 I came to the exiles who lived at the town of Tel Aviv near the Kebar Canal in Babylon. Then, where they were living, I sat for seven days. I was shocked about everything that I had seen.

What did Ezekiel then do for seven days, and what was his condition?
Ezekiel stayed with the captives for seven days, overwhelmed in amazement.

Ezekiel 3:16

ULT
16 Then it happened after seven days that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
16 After those seven days had ended, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:17

ULT
17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, so listen to the word from my mouth, and give them my warning.

UST
17 “Son of Man, I am appointing you to be like a watchman. So listen to these messages that I will give you, and tell them those messages to warn them.

What did Yahweh say he had made Ezekiel for the house of Israel?
Yahweh said he had made Ezekiel a watchman for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 3:18

ULT
18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die’ and you do not warn him or speak a warning to the wicked about his evil deeds so he might live—the wicked one will die for his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand.

UST
18 When I say about some wicked people, ‘They will surely die because of their sins,’ if you do not warn them or tell them that they must turn from their wicked behavior if they want to save their lives, they will die because of their sin, and it will be your responsibility since you did not act to prevent it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:19

ULT

[19] But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked deeds, then he will die for his sin, but you will have rescued your own life.

UST

[19] But if you warn wicked people and they do not turn from all their wicked behavior, they will die because of their sins, but you will have saved yourself from my punishment.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did warn the wicked about their evil deeds?

If Ezekiel did warn the wicked, then Ezekiel would rescue himself.

Ezekiel 3:20

ULT

[20] If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and acts unjustly, and I set a stumbling block before him, he will die. Because you did not warn him, he will die in his sin, and I will not call to mind the righteous deeds that he performed, but I will require his blood from your hand.

UST

[20] Similarly, when righteous people turn from their righteous behavior and do evil deeds, and I cause bad things to happen to them, they will die. But you must warn them. If they do not stop their sinful behavior, they will die because of their sins. I will not think about the righteous things that they did previously. But if you have not warned them, I will hold you responsible for their deaths.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did not warn the wicked about their evil deeds?

If Ezekiel did not warn the wicked, Yahweh would require their blood from Ezekiel's hand.

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did not warn the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

If Ezekiel did not warn the righteous man who turns, Yahweh would require his blood from Ezekiel's hand.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

Yahweh said the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly would die in his sin.

Ezekiel 3:21

ULT

21 But if you warn the righteous man to stop sinning so that he no longer sins, he will surely live since he was warned; and you will have rescued your own life.”

UST

21 But if you warn righteous people not to sin, and they do not sin; they will surely remain alive because they heeded your warning, and you will have saved yourself from my punishment.”

What did Yahweh say would happen to Ezekiel if he did warn the righteous man who turns and acts unjustly?

If Ezekiel did warn the righteous man who turns, then Ezekiel would rescue himself.

Ezekiel 3:22

ULT

22 So the hand of Yahweh was on me there, and he said to me, “Arise! Go out into the plain, and I will speak with you there!”

UST

22 I felt Yahweh take control, and he spoke to me and said, “Get up and go to the plain, and I will speak to you there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:23

ULT

23 I arose and went out into the plain, and there the glory of Yahweh was staying, like the glory that I had seen beside the Kebar Canal; so I fell on my face.

UST

23 So I got up and went out to the plain. And I saw the glory of Yahweh there, like the glory that I had seen along the Kebar Canal. And I threw myself flat onto the ground.

What did Ezekiel do when he saw the glory of Yahweh in the plain?

When Ezekiel saw the glory of Yahweh, he fell on his face.

Ezekiel 3:24

ULT
24 The Spirit came to me and stood me up on my feet; and he spoke with me, and said to me, “Go and shut yourself up within your house,

UST
24 Then the Spirit of God entered me and enabled me to stand up. He said to me, “Go into your house and stay inside it.

What did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to go and do?
The Spirit told Ezekiel to go and shut himself up in his house.

Ezekiel 3:25

ULT
25 for now, son of man, they will place ropes upon you and tie you so you cannot go out among them.

UST
25 People will tie you with ropes, with the result that you will be unable to go out among the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 3:26

ULT
26 I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so you will be mute, and you will not be able to rebuke them, since they are a rebellious house.

UST
26 Even though they are very rebellious people, I will cause your tongue to stick to the roof of your mouth, with the result that you will be unable to talk and to rebuke them.

What did the Spirit say Ezekiel would not be able to do by his own words?
The Spirit said Ezekiel would not be able to rebuke the house of Israel by his own words.

Ezekiel 3:27

ULT

27 But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth so you will say to them, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh
says.’ The one who will hear will hear; the one who will not listen will not listen, for they are a rebellious
house!”

UST

27 But then when I speak to you again, I will enable you to talk and tell them ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh is
saying to you.’ The one who wants to hear me will hear me, but the one who ignores the message will come
to an end, since they are a rebellious people!”

What did the Spirit say Ezekiel would be able to do when the Spirit spoke to him?

The Spirit said Ezekiel would be able to open his mouth and say, “Thus says the Lord Yahweh,” when the Spirit spoke to him.

Ezekiel 4

Ezekiel 4:1

ULT

[1] “But you, son of man, take a brick for yourself and place it before you. Then carve the city of Jerusalem on it.

UST

[1] Yahweh continued and said, “Son of man, take a large clay tablet and scrape lines on it that represent Jerusalem.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do with a brick? (vv1-3)

Yahweh told Ezekiel to carve the city of Jerusalem on a brick and then lay siege against it.

Ezekiel 4:2

ULT

[2] Then lay siege against it, and build forts against it. Raise up an assault ramp against it and set camps around it. Place battering rams all around it.

UST

[2] Then draw figures around it to represent enemy soldiers who will build earthworks and forts around the city in order to take it. Set figures around it that represent battering rams.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:3

ULT

[3] Then take for yourself an iron pan and use it as an iron wall between yourself and the city and set your face against it, for it will be under siege, and you are to put the siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.

UST

[3] Then take an iron pan, and place it to be like an iron wall between you and the carving of the city. Then stare at the image of the city. This means that enemy troops will surround the city to attack it. This will be a warning to the Israelite people.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do this with a brick?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to do this as a sign to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:4

ULT

4 Then, lie on your left side and put the sin of the house of Israel on it; you will carry their sin for the number of the days that you lie down against the house of Israel.

UST

4-5 Then lie on your left side, and stay like that for 390 days. You will be symbolically bearing the punishment for the sins of the Israelites, the northern kingdom; you must lie like that one day for each year that I will punish them.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to lie on his left side?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to lie on his left side to carry the sin of the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:5

ULT

5 I myself am assigning to you one day to represent each year of their punishment: 390 days! In this way, you will carry the sin of the house of Israel.

UST

4-5 Then lie on your left side, and stay like that for 390 days. You will be symbolically bearing the punishment for the sins of the Israelites, the northern kingdom; you must lie like that one day for each year that I will punish them.

Why was Ezekiel to lie on his left side for 390 days?

Ezekiel was to lie on his left side for 390 days to represent 390 years of punishment for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:6

ULT

6 When you have completed these days, then lie down a second time on your right side, for you will carry the sin of the house of Judah for forty days. I am assigning to you one day for each year.

UST

6 After that, lie down again. This time, lie on your right side for forty days. That will symbolize that the Judean people, the southern kingdom, will be punished for their sins, one year for each day that you lie there.

Why was Ezekiel to lie on his right side?

Ezekiel was to lie on his right side to carry the sin of the house of Israel.

Why was Ezekiel to lie on his right side for 40 days?

Ezekiel was to lie on his right side for 40 days to represent 40 years of punishment for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 4:7

ULT

[7] Set your face toward Jerusalem that is under siege, and with your arm uncovered prophesy against it.

UST

[7] Turn your face toward the drawing of Jerusalem and bare your arm like a soldier does who prepares to go into battle, and prophesy about what will happen to the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:8

ULT

[8] For behold! I am placing bonds on you so you will not turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.

UST

[8] You will not be able to move; it will be as though I have tied you with ropes so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have finished symbolizing how many years the city will be besieged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:9

ULT

[9] Take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them in a single container and make bread for yourself according to the number of the days that you will lie upon your side. For 390 days you will eat it.

UST

[9] Before you do that, take some wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; and put them in a storage jar, and use that to bake bread for yourself. That is what you will eat during the 390 days while you lie on your left side.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to eat and drink while he lay on his side?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to eat barley cakes and to drink water.

Ezekiel 4:10

ULT
10 The food you will eat will be by weight, twenty shekels per day, and you will eat it at set times each day.

UST
10 You will eat about two hundred grams of bread each day throughout the day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:11

ULT
11 Then you will drink water, measured out to a sixth of a hin, and you will drink it at set times.

UST
11 Also measure out about one-half liter of water to drink each day throughout the day.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to eat and drink while he lay on his side? (vv11-12)
Yahweh told Ezekiel to eat barley cakes and to drink water.

Ezekiel 4:12

ULT
12 You will eat it as barley cakes, but you will bake it on excrement of human dung within their sight!”

UST
12 Eat that bread like you would eat a loaf of barley bread. But use your own dried dung for fuel to bake the bread while people are watching.

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to bake using human excrement within the sight of the house of Israel? (vv12-13)
Ezekiel was to bake using human excrement as a sign that the food the people of Israel would eat among the nations would be unclean.

Ezekiel 4:13

ULT

13 For Yahweh says, “This means that the bread that the people of Israel will eat will be unclean, there among the nations where I will banish them.”

UST

13 That will symbolize that the Israelite people will be forced to eat food that is unacceptable to me when they are living in the nations to which I will force them to go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:14

ULT

14 But I said, “Alas, Lord Yahweh! I have never been unclean! I have never eaten either anything that died or anything killed by animals, from my youth until now, and foul meat has never entered my mouth!”

UST

14 Then I said, “No, Lord Yahweh! Do not force me to do that! I have never caused myself to become unacceptable to you. From the time when I was young, I have never eaten meat of any animal that was found dead or that had been killed by wild animals. And I have never eaten any meat that is unacceptable to you.”

Why did Yahweh then allow Ezekiel to use cow dung instead of man’s dung to bake? (vv14-15)

Yahweh allowed cow dung because Ezekiel had never eaten anything unclean in his life.

Ezekiel 4:15

ULT

15 So he said to me, “Look! I have given you cow manure instead of human dung so you can prepare your bread over that.”

UST

15 Yahweh replied, “Because of that, I will allow you to bake your bread using dried cow manure instead of human dung for fuel.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 4:16

ULT

16 He also said to me, “Son of man! Behold! I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread while rationing it in anxiety and drink water while rationing it in trembling.

UST

16 Then he said to me, “Son of man, I will cause the supply of food to Jerusalem to be cut off. Then the people will eat the small amounts of food and drink the small amounts of water that their leaders permit them to have, and they will be very distressed and anxious as they do that,

What did Yahweh say would happen in Jerusalem regarding food and drink?
Yahweh said that bread and water would be rationed.

Ezekiel 4:17

ULT

17 Because they will lack bread and water, every man will be dismayed at his brother and waste away because of their iniquity.”

UST

17 because water and food will be very scarce. They will see each other becoming extremely thin, and they will be appalled; but this will happen because they are being punished for the sins that they have committed.”

What did Yahweh say would happen to the people of Jerusalem during this time?
Yahweh said the people of Jerusalem would be dismayed and would melt away.

Ezekiel 5

Ezekiel 5:1

ULT

1 “Then you, son of man, take a sharp sword as a barber’s razor for yourself, and pass the razor over your head and your beard, then take scales to weigh and divide your hair.

UST

1 “Then, son of man, when you start doing those things, take a sharp sword and use it like a barber’s razor to shave your head and your beard. Put the hair that you shaved off on scales, and divide the hair into three equal parts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:2

ULT

2 Burn a third of it with fire in the midst of the city when the days of the siege are completed, and take a third of the hair and strike it with the sword all around the city. Then scatter a third of it to the wind, and I will draw out a sword to chase after the people.

UST

2 When the time during which you will symbolize that the city will be surrounded by enemy troops ends, put a third of the hair inside the drawing of the city and burn it. Take another third of the hair, scatter it all around the drawing of the city, and then strike it with your sword. That will symbolize that I will strike the people of Jerusalem with their enemies’ swords. Then allow the wind to scatter the other third of the hair. That will symbolize that even if they flee from the city, I will still cause their enemies to pursue them and attack them with swords.

What was Ezekiel do to with each third of his hair?

Ezekiel was to burn a third in the city, strike a third with the sword around the city, and scatter a third to the wind.

What did Yahweh say he would do after Ezekiel was finished?

Yahweh said he would draw out a sword to chase after the people.

Ezekiel 5:3

ULT
3 But take a small number of hairs from them and tie them into the folds of your robe.

UST
3 But take a few of your hairs and tie them to your sleeves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:4

ULT
4 Then take more of the hair and throw it into the midst of the fire; and burn it in the fire; from there a fire will go out to all the house of Israel.”

UST
4 Then take a few of those hairs, throw them into the fire, and burn them up. That will symbolize that a fire will spread from Jerusalem and destroy things throughout Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:5

ULT
5 The Lord Yahweh says this, “This is Jerusalem in the midst of the nations, where I have placed her, and where I have surrounded her with other lands.

UST
5 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: This drawing will represent Jerusalem, the city that I have placed in the center of the nations, with other countries around it.

According to Yahweh, where is Jerusalem?
Jerusalem is in the midst of the nations.

Ezekiel 5:6

ULT

6 But she has in wickedness rejected my decrees more than the nations have, and my statutes more than the countries that surround her. The people have rejected my judgments and have not walked in my statutes.”

UST

6 But the wicked people of Jerusalem rebel against obeying my commands, and they show that they are more wicked than the people of the surrounding countries. They rejected my laws and refused to obey my commands.

Why does Yahweh say he has surrounded Jerusalem with other lands?

Jerusalem rejected Yahweh’s decrees and did not walk in his statutes (laws).

Ezekiel 5:7

ULT

7 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, “Because you are more troublesome than the nations that surround you and have not walked in my statutes or acted according to my decrees, or even acted according to the decrees of the nations that surround you,”

UST

7 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You people of Jerusalem have been more rebellious than the people of the nations around you; you have not obeyed any of my laws. You have not even obeyed the laws of the nations around you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:8

ULT

8 therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, “Behold! I myself will act against you. I will execute judgments within your midst for the nations to see.

UST

8 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am opposed to you people of Jerusalem. I will punish you, and the people of other nations will see it.

What does Yahweh say he will do because of the nation of Israel’s behavior?

Yahweh says he will act against the nation of Israel and execute judgments within its midst.

Ezekiel 5:9

ULT

9 I will do to you what I have not done and the like of which I will not do again, because of all your disgusting actions.

UST

9 Because of all your detestable idols and practices, I will punish you people of Jerusalem like I have never done before and will never do again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:10

ULT

10 Therefore fathers will eat the children in your midst, and sons will eat their fathers, since I will execute judgment on you and scatter to every direction all of you who are left.

UST

10 As a result, parents among you will eat their children, and children will eat their parents because there will be nothing else to eat. I will punish you severely, and I will cause those who will still be alive to be scattered in every direction.

What horrible things will the people of Israel do because of Yahweh's judgment on them?

Fathers will eat their children, and sons will eat their fathers.

Ezekiel 5:11

ULT

11 Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—it is certainly because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your hateful things and with all your disgusting deeds, that I myself will reduce you in number; my eye will not have pity on you, and I will not spare you.

UST

11 Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, make this declaration! That as surely as I am alive, because you have polluted my temple with all your disgusting idols and with the other awful things that you do, I will no longer bless you. I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you.

Why does Yahweh say he is not going to spare the people of Israel?

Yahweh says will not spare them because they defiled Yahweh's sanctuary.

Ezekiel 5:12

ULT

12 A third of you will die by plague, and they will be consumed by famine in your midst. A third will fall by the sword surrounding you. Then I will scatter a third in every direction, and draw out a sword to chase after them as well.

UST

12 One-third of your people will die inside the city because of the plagues they will experience, or by famine. One-third of your people will be killed by your enemies' swords outside the city. And one-third I will scatter in every direction, but your enemies will still pursue you and kill you with their swords.

What will Yahweh do with each third of the people?

A third will die by plague, a third will fall by the sword, and a third will be scattered.

What did Yahweh say he would do after the thirds of the people were judged?

Yahweh said he would draw out a sword to chase after the people.

Ezekiel 5:13

ULT

13 Then my wrath will be completed, and I will cause my fury toward them to rest. I will be satisfied, and they will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken in my wrath when I have completed my fury against them.

UST

13 Then I will no longer be angry with you; I will stop punishing you after I have avenged myself against you. And when I stop punishing you, you will know that I, Yahweh, have spoken to you because I have finished punishing you in my anger.

What does Yahweh say he will do with his wrath after this judgment?

Yahweh says his wrath will be completed after this judgment.

Ezekiel 5:14

ULT

14 I will make you a desolation and a reproach to the nations that surround you in the sight of everyone who passes by.

UST

14 I will cause your city to be a ruins, so that people of other nations that are around you will pass by and see it and sneer at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:15

ULT

15 So Jerusalem will become something for other people to condemn and to mock, a warning and a horror to the nations that surround you. I will execute judgments against you in wrath and fury, and with a furious rebuke—I, Yahweh have declared this!

UST

15 They will scorn you and taunt you. When I severely punish you because of my great anger, they will be horrified and you will be a warning to them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

What will other people say about Jerusalem after Yahweh's judgments?

Other people will condemn and mock Jerusalem after Yahweh's judgments.

Ezekiel 5:16

ULT

16 I will send out harsh arrows of famine against you that will become the means with which I will destroy you. For I will increase the famine on you and break your staff of bread.

UST

16 And when I cut off your food supply and cause there to be more famine, it will be as though I am shooting at you with my arrows that will destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 5:17

ULT

17 I will send a famine and disasters against you so you will be childless. Plague and blood will pass through you, and I will bring a sword against you—I, Yahweh, have declared this."

UST

17 So I will cause you to experience a famine, and I will send wild beasts to attack you and your children, and all your children will be killed. You will experience plagues and wars, and I will cause your enemies to attack you with their swords. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6

Ezekiel 6:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, set your face against the mountains of Israel and prophesy to them.

UST
2 “Son of man, turn toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy about what will happen to them, and say,

What did Ezekiel prophesy against the high places of Israel? (vv2-3)
Ezekiel prophesied that the Lord Yahweh would destroy the high places of Israel with a sword.

Ezekiel 6:3

ULT
3 Say, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord Yahweh! The Lord Yahweh says this to the mountains and to the hills, to the streambeds, and to the valleys: Behold! I am bringing a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.

UST
3 ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to what Yahweh the Lord says to you! He says this to the mountains and the high hills and to the streambeds and the low valleys. He says: I am about to send enemy soldiers with swords to destroy all the hilltops where you worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:4

ULT

[4] Then your altars will become desolate and your pillars will be destroyed, and I will throw down your dead in front of their idols.

UST

[4] They will smash all your altars for worshiping idols and your pillars you use for astronomy, and they will kill many Israelite people in front of their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:5

ULT

[5] I will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before their idols, and scatter your bones around your altars.

UST

[5] Their corpses will lie in front of their idols, and their bones will be scattered around their altars.

What will happen before the idol altars of Israel?

The Lord Yahweh will lay the dead bodies of the people of Israel before the altars.

Ezekiel 6:6

ULT

[6] Everywhere you live, cities will be laid waste and the high places ruined, so that your altars will be laid waste and made desolate. Then they will be broken and disappear, your pillars will be cut down and your works will be wiped away.

UST

[6] Wherever you live, your towns will be ruined and the places where idols were worshiped on the hilltops will be smashed. Your altars will be completely smashed, and everything that you own will become a pile of ruins.

What will happen to the cities of Israel?

The cities of Israel will be laid waste.

Ezekiel 6:7

ULT

[7] The dead will fall down in your midst and you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

[7] Many of your people will be killed right in front of you, and then you will know that I am Yahweh and I do what I say I will do.

As a result of all the destruction, what will the people of Israel know?

The people of Israel will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 6:8

ULT

[8] But I will preserve a remnant among you, and there will be some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered throughout the countries.

UST

[8] But I will allow some of you to remain alive. They will escape death when your enemies scatter you among many other nations.

What will the remnant who escapes do after they are scattered? (vv8-9)

The remnant will remember Yahweh and will show loathing on their face for their wickedness.

Ezekiel 6:9

ULT

[9] Then those who escape will think of me among the nations where they will be held captive, that I was grieved by their promiscuous heart that turned away from me, and by their eyes that whored after their idols. Then they will show loathing on their face for the wickedness which they have committed with all their abominations.

UST

[9] When that happens, in those nations to which you have been forced to go, those of you who have escaped death will think about me. You will remember that I was very grieved because you turned away from me, because you were disloyal to me, and because you desired to worship your idols. You will hate yourselves because of the evil and detestable things that you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:10

ULT
10 So they will know that I am Yahweh. It was for a reason that I said I would bring this evil to them.

UST
10 And you will realize that I, Yahweh, have punished you. You will realize that when I threatened to punish you, I surely intended to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:11

ULT
11 The Lord Yahweh says this: Clap your hands and stomp your foot! Say, ‘Alas!’ because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they will fall by sword, famine, and plague.

UST
11 So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you, Ezekiel: Slap your hands and stamp your feet and cry out to show that you are distressed, and groan about what will happen to the Israelite people because of all their wicked and detestable behavior. They will be killed by their enemies’ swords, they will die from hunger, and they will die from plagues.

Why is Yahweh bringing sword, famine, and plague to the house of Israel?
Because of all the evil wickedness of the house of Israel, Yahweh is bringing sword, famine, and plague.

Ezekiel 6:12

ULT
12 The one far away will die by plague, and the one who is near will fall by the sword. Those who remain and survive will die by famine. In this way I will accomplish my fury against them.

UST
12 Those who are far from Jerusalem will die from plagues, those who are close to Jerusalem will be killed by their enemies’ swords. Those who are still alive after that will die from hunger. That is how I will punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 6:13

ULT

13 Then you will know that I am Yahweh, when their dead lie among their idols, around their altars, on every high hill—on all the mountain peaks, and under every flourishing tree and thick oak—the places where they burned incense to all their idols.

UST

13 Some of your people's corpses will lie among their idols around their altars, on every high hilltop and on all the mountaintops, under every big tree—at all the places where they burned incense to honor their idols. When this happens you will realize that I, Yahweh, have done this.

What were the people of Israel doing on the mountain peaks and under the trees?

The people of Israel were offering soothing fragrances to all their idols.

Ezekiel 6:14

ULT

14 I will strike with my hand and make the land desolate and a waste, from the wilderness to Diblah, throughout all the places where they live. Then they will know that I am Yahweh." [1]
6:14 [1] , some ancient copies and modern versions have .

UST

14 For I will display my power and cause every area in which they live in your country to become an empty wasteland, from the desert in the far south to the town of Diblah in the far north. Then they will realize that I, Yahweh, have done this.'"

What will happen to the land when Yahweh strikes?

The land will be a desolate and a waste when Yahweh strikes.

Ezekiel 7

Ezekiel 7:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

According to the word of Yahweh, what was coming to the land of Israel? (vv1-2)
According to the word of Yahweh, an end was coming to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 7:2

ULT
2 “You, son of man—the Lord Yahweh says this to the land of Israel.” ‘An end! An end has come to the four borders of the land.

UST
2 “You, son of man, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to the people of Israel: All of Israel, everything within its borders, will soon be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:3

ULT
3 Now the end is upon you, for I am sending out my wrath on you, and I will judge you according to your ways; then I will bring all your abominations upon you.

UST
3 You people of Israel, the end has come. I will punish you severely. I will judge you for all the wicked things that you have done, and pay you back for your disgusting behavior.

Yahweh will judge Israel according to what?
Yahweh will judge Israel according to its ways.

Ezekiel 7:4

ULT

4 For my eyes will not pity you, and I will not spare you. Instead, I will bring your ways upon you, and your abominations will be in your midst, so you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

4 I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you. I will surely punish you for your wicked behavior. Then you will know that it has happened because I, Yahweh, have done it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:5

ULT

5 The Lord Yahweh says this: Disaster! A unique disaster! Behold, it is coming. *[1]*

UST

5 This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: You will soon experience many terrible disasters!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:6

ULT

6 An end is surely coming. The end has woken up against you. Behold, it is coming!

UST

6 This will be the end of Israel; your country will be finished! And your lives will be ended!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:7

ULT

7 Your doom is coming to you who inhabit the land. The time has come; the day of destruction is near, and the mountains will no longer be joyful.

UST

7 It will be the end of you people who live in the land of Israel. The time has come; the day when you will be destroyed is near. At that time the people who worship idols on the mountains will not be happy; they will panic.

What time has come for Israel?
The time of Israel's doom and destruction has come.

Ezekiel 7:8

ULT

8 Now before long I will pour out my fury against you and fill up my wrath upon you when I judge you according to your ways and bring all your abominations upon you.

UST

8 I am very angry with you and am about to pour out my punishment on you. I will judge you for all the wicked things that you have done and pay you back for your disgusting behavior.

What is Yahweh pouring out and filling up against Israel?
Yahweh is pouring out his fury and filling up his wrath against Israel.

Ezekiel 7:9

ULT

9 For my eye will not look compassionately, and I will not spare you. As you have done, I will do to you; and your abominations will be in your midst so you will know that I am Yahweh, the one punishing you.

UST

9 I will not pity you or act mercifully toward you. I will surely punish you for your wicked behavior. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have punished you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:10

ULT
10 Behold, the day! Behold, it is coming! Doom has gone out! The rod has blossomed, arrogance has budded!

UST
10 The day of your punishment is here! It has arrived! Disasters have come as a result of your pride.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:11

ULT
11 Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness— none of them, and none of their multitude, none of their wealth, and none of their importance will last!

UST
11 People are acting violently and doing more wicked things. And nothing that belongs to those people will be left, none of their money, and they will not be respected by anyone.

What will not last in Israel?
None of the multitude, none of their wealth, and none of their importance will last.

Ezekiel 7:12

ULT
12 The time is coming; the day has come close. Do not let the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn, since my anger is on the entire multitude!

UST
12 Now is the time; that day has arrived. People who buy things should not rejoice because they bought things very cheaply and those who sell things should not be sad because they had to sell things cheaply, because Yahweh will be punishing everyone.

Why should the buyer not rejoice and the seller not mourn in Israel?
The buyer should not rejoice and the seller not mourn because Yahweh's anger is upon the entire multitude.

Ezekiel 7:13

ULT
13 For the seller will not return to the land he sold as long as they both live, because the vision concerning the entire multitude will not be reversed; and because of their sins, none of them will be strengthened!

UST
13 People who sell some of their property will never be able to buy it back—they will not even be able to return to see it; because they have sinned, not one of them will succeed in staying alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:14

ULT
14 They have blown the trumpet and made everything ready, but there is no one marching to battle; since my anger is on the entire multitude.

UST
14 Your commanders will blow trumpets to get the army ready to fight, but no one will respond, because I will be angry at all the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:15

ULT
15 The sword is on the outside, and plague and famine are inside the building. Those who are in the field will die by the sword, while famine and plague will consume those in the city.

UST
15 When those things happen, your enemies will be outside the city with their swords, and there will be plagues and famines inside the city. Those who are caught outside of the city in the fields will be killed by their enemies' swords, and those who are in the city will die from famines and plagues.

How will those in the city die?
Those in the city will die by famine and plague.

Ezekiel 7:16

ULT
16 But some survivors will escape from among them, and they will go to the mountains. Like doves of the valleys, all of them will moan—each man for his iniquity.

UST
16 Those who survive and escape will flee to the mountains, and they all will moan because of their sins, as pigeons moan.

To where will the survivors escape?
The survivors will escape to the mountains.

Ezekiel 7:17

ULT
17 Every hand will falter and every knee will be weak as water,

UST
17 Because they will be very afraid, all the people's hands will become limp and weak, and their knees will become very weak and unable to hold them up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:18

ULT
18 and they will wear sackcloth, and terror will cover them; and shame will be on every face, and baldness on all of their heads.

UST
18 They will put on clothes made from rough cloth, and they will be terrified. Their faces will show that they are ashamed, and they will shave their heads to show that they are very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:19

ULT

19 They will throw their silver into the streets and their gold will be like refuse. Their silver and their gold will not be able to rescue them in the day of Yahweh's rage. Their lives will not be saved, and their hunger will not be satisfied, because their iniquity has become a stumbling block.

UST

19 They will throw their silver into the streets, and consider their gold the same way they would consider garbage, because they will realize that their silver and gold will not be able to rescue them when Yahweh punishes them. They will not be able to buy food to fill their stomachs, because having a lot of gold and silver has led them to sin.

What will not be able to deliver the people of Israel?

Their silver and gold will not be able to deliver the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 7:20

ULT

20 In their pride they took the beauty of his jeweled ornaments, and with them they made their idolatrous figures, and their detestable things. Therefore, I am turning these into an unclean thing to them.

UST

20 They were proud, so they used their beautiful jewelry to make detestable and disgusting idols of their false gods. So I will make them see how disgusting and unacceptable these things are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:21

ULT

21 Then I will give those things into the hand of strangers as plunder and to the wicked of the earth as plunder, and they will defile them.

UST

21 I will give their silver and gold to foreigners who invade your country and take away your valuable treasures. I will give those things to wicked people, and I will not interfere when they will do disgraceful things to the things that they take.

What will happen to all the jeweled ornaments of the people of Israel?

The ornaments will be given into the hands of strangers and the wicked as plunder.

Ezekiel 7:22

ULT

22 Then I will turn my face away from them when they defile my cherished place; bandits will enter it and defile it.

UST

22 I will allow robbers to enter the temple I love and protect, and they will desecrate it.

What will happen to Yahweh's cherished place?

Bandits will enter Yahweh's cherished place and defile it.

Ezekiel 7:23

ULT

23 Make a chain, because the land is filled with the judgment of blood, and the city is full of violence.

UST

23 Prepare chains to be fastened on you when your enemies capture you as punishment because the people throughout the country are committing murder, and people in the city are being violent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:24

ULT

24 So I will bring the most wicked of the nations, and they will possess their houses, and I will bring an end to the pride of the mighty, for their holy places will be defiled!

UST

24 So I will bring armies of the nations whose people are extremely wicked to take the houses of the Israelite people. I will make Israelite people realize that they are to no longer be proud. Your enemies will cause your places of worship to no longer be acceptable to be used.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 7:25

ULT
25 Fear will come! They will seek peace, but there will be none.

UST
25 When your enemies cause you to be terrified, you will plead for them to make peace, but there will be no peace.

What will the people of Israel seek, but not find?
The people of Israel will seek peace, but there will be none.

Ezekiel 7:26

ULT
26 Disaster upon disaster will come, and there will be rumor after rumor. Then they will seek a vision from the prophet, but the law will perish from the priest and advice from the elders.

UST
26 You will experience many disasters, and you will continually hear rumors about disasters that are happening in other places. People will plead with prophets to tell them what visions they have received, but the prophets will not have received any visions. Priests will no longer teach people the laws that I gave to Moses. Even the wise older people will not have any answers.

What will happen when the people seek a vision from the prophet?
When the people seek a vision, the Law and counsel will perish.

Ezekiel 7:27

ULT
27 The king will mourn and the prince will dress in despair, while the hands of the people of the land will tremble in fear. According to their own ways I will do this to them! I will judge them with their own standards until they know that I am Yahweh.'"
7:5 *[1]* some ancient copies have

UST
27 Your king will mourn, and his son will no longer expect that good things will happen. The hands of people throughout the country will tremble. And I will do to them what they deserve for their wicked behavior. I will judge and condemn them the same way they have judged and condemned others. Then they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

How will the king and the people respond when Yahweh's judgment comes?
When judgment comes, the king will mourn and the people will tremble in fear.

Ezekiel 8

Ezekiel 8:1

ULT

1 So it came about in the sixth year and the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in my house and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord Yahweh again fell upon me there.

UST

1 On the fifth day of the sixth month, almost six years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, I was sitting with the leaders of Judah in my house when I felt the presence of Yahweh the Lord come on me again.

Where was Ezekiel when the hand of the Lord Yahweh fell on him?

Ezekiel was sitting in his house, with the elders of Judah sitting before him.

Ezekiel 8:2

ULT

2 So I looked, and behold, there was a likeness with the appearance of a man. From the appearance of his hips downward there was fire. And from his hips upward there was the appearance of something shining, like glowing metal.

UST

2 Then in a vision I saw someone who resembled a man, but below his waist his body was like fire and above his waist his body was glowing like very hot metal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:3

ULT

3 Then he reached out the form of a hand and took me by the hair of my head; the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and in visions from God, he brought me to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the inner northern gate, where the idol that provokes great jealousy was standing.

UST

3 He reached out what seemed to be a hand and grabbed me by the hair of my head. The Spirit lifted me up high above the earth, and in visions God took me from Babylon to Jerusalem. He took me to the temple, to the inner north gate, to the place where there was an idol that caused Yahweh to be very disgusted and furious.

Where did the Spirit take Ezekiel, and what did he see there?

The Spirit took Ezekiel to the inner Northern Gate in Jerusalem, where he saw the idol that provokes jealousy.

Ezekiel 8:4

ULT

4 Then behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision I had seen on the plain.

UST

4 And there in front of me was the very bright light of God himself whom the Israelite people previously worshiped. It was like the vision that I had seen in the plain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:5

ULT

5 Then he said to me, “Son of man, lift up your eyes to the north.” So I lifted up my eyes to the north, and to the north of the gate leading to the altar, there in the entrance, was the idol of jealousy.

UST

5 God said to me, “Son of man, look toward the north!” So I looked, and I saw at the entrance of the gate near the altar that idol that caused Yahweh to be disgusted and furious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:6

ULT

6 So he said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing? These are great abominations that the house of Israel is doing here to make me go far from my own sanctuary. But you will turn and see even greater abominations.”

UST

6 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what the Israelite people are doing? They are doing detestable things here, things that will cause me to abandon my temple. But you will see things that are even more detestable.”

What did the Spirit say he was being forced to do because of the great abominations (wickedness) of the house of Israel?
The Spirit said he was being forced to go far from his own sanctuary.

Ezekiel 8:7

ULT

7 Then he brought me to the doorway of the courtyard, and I looked, and there was a hole in the wall.

UST

7 Then he brought me to the entrance of the courtyard. I looked and saw a hole in the wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:8

ULT

8 He said to me, “Son of man, dig into this wall.” So I dug into the wall, and there was a door.

UST

8 He said to me, “Son of man, dig through the wall here.” So I dug through the wall, and I saw a doorway inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:9

ULT

[9] Then he said to me, “Go and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here.”

UST

[9] He said to me, “Go in and see the wicked and detestable things that they are doing here!”

After Ezekiel dug into the wall and saw a door, what did the Spirit tell Ezekiel to do?
The Spirit to Ezekiel to, “Go and see the wicked abominations that they are doing here.”

Ezekiel 8:10

ULT

[10] So I went in and looked, and behold! There was every form of creeping thing and detestable beast! Every idol of the house of Israel was carved into the wall all around.

UST

[10] So I went in through the doorway and looked, and I saw all over the walls of a big room, drawings of all kinds of creatures that crawl along the ground and other detestable animals, and drawings of all the idols that the people of Israel were worshiping.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:11

ULT

[11] Seventy elders of the house of Israel were there, and Jaazaniah son of Shaphan was standing in their midst. They were standing in front of the images, and each man had his censer in his hand so that the smell of the cloud of incense went up.

UST

[11] In front of them stood seventy elders of Israel. Jaazaniah son of Shaphan, was standing among them. Each of them was holding a pan in which incense was burning, and fragrant smoke of burning incense was rising up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:12

ULT
12 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark? Each one does this in the hidden chamber of his idol, for they say, ‘Yahweh does not see us! Yahweh has forsaken the land.’”

UST
12 God said to me, “Son of man, look at what the Israelite elders are doing here in the darkness, each of them standing in his rooms with the carved images, worshiping his own idols! They are saying, ‘Yahweh does not see us; Yahweh has deserted this country.’”

What were the elders saying about Yahweh as they worshiped their idols?
The elders were saying that Yahweh does not see them and that Yahweh had forsaken the land.

Ezekiel 8:13

ULT
13 Then he said to me, “Turn again and see the other great abominations that they are doing.”

UST
13 He also said, “But you will see things that are even more detestable!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:14

ULT
14 Next he brought me to the entrance of the gate of Yahweh’s house that was on the north side, and behold! The women were sitting there mourning for Tammuz.

UST
14 Then he took me to the entrance at the outer north gate of the temple. I saw women sitting there, mourning for the death of the god of the people of Babylonia, Tammuz.

What did Ezekiel see the women doing at the gate on the north side of Yahweh’s house?
The women were sitting there mourning for Tammuz.

Ezekiel 8:15

ULT

15 So he said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Turn again and see even greater abominations than these.”

UST

15 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see this? And you will see things that are more detestable than this!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:16

ULT

16 He brought me into the inner courtyard of Yahweh’s house, and behold! at the entrance of the temple of Yahweh between the portico and the altar, there were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh and their faces toward the east, and they were worshiping the sun.

UST

16 Then he took me into the inner courtyard inside the temple. There at the entrance of the temple, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men. Their backs were toward the temple, and their faces were toward the east; they were bowing down to worship the sun as it rose in the east.

What did Ezekiel see in the inner courtyard of Yahweh’s house?

There were twenty-five men with their faces to the east worshiping Shamesh.

Ezekiel 8:17

ULT

17 He said to me, “Do you see this, son of man? Is it a little thing for the house of Judah to do these abominations that they are doing here? For they have filled the land with violence and they have turned again to provoke me to anger, putting the branch to their noses.

UST

17 He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing? Do you think that it is not a serious thing that these men of Judah are doing, worshiping these detestable things here? But they are doing other terrible things. They are acting violently throughout their country, and continually provoking my anger. Look at them! They are insulting me by their actions of false worship!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 8:18

ULT

18 So I will also act among them; my eye will not have compassion, and I will not spare them. Though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

UST

18 So I will show them that I am very angry. I will not pity them or act mercifully toward them. And even if they shout loudly to me to help them, I will not pay attention to them.”

Because of the abominations of the house of Israel, what did the Spirit say he was going to do?

The Spirit said that he would act and not spare them, nor have compassion even though they cry with a loud voice.

Ezekiel 9

Ezekiel 9:1

ULT

[1] Then he cried in my hearing with a loud voice, and said, “Let the guards come up to the city, each with his weapon of destruction in his hand.”

UST

[1] Then I heard Yahweh call out loudly, “You men who are going to punish this city, bring your tools of destruction here.”

Who did the Spirit call to come up to the city? (vv1-2)

The Spirit called six men with weapons of destruction, and one man with a scribe’s equipment.

Ezekiel 9:2

ULT

[2] Then behold! Six men came from the pathway of the upper gate that faces north, each with his weapon of slaughter in his hand. There was a man in their midst dressed in linen with a scribe’s equipment at his side. So they went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

UST

[2] Then I saw six men coming from the north gate of the temple. Each one was carrying a weapon. With them was a man wearing a white linen robe. He carried at his side a case containing things to write with. They all came in and stood beside the bronze altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:3

ULT

[3] Then the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherubim where it had been to the threshold of the house. He called to the man dressed in linen who had the scribe’s equipment at his side.

UST

[3] Then the glory that symbolized the presence of the God of Israel rose up from above the four winged creatures and moved to the entrance of the temple, and Yahweh called to the man wearing the linen robe,

From where did the glory of the God of Israel move, and to where did it go?

The glory of the God of Israel moved from the cherubim where it had been to the threshold of the house.

Ezekiel 9:4

ULT

4 Yahweh said to him, “Pass through the midst of the city—the midst of Jerusalem—and make a mark on the foreheads of those who groan and sigh about all the abominations being performed in the midst of the city.”

UST

4 and said to him, “Go throughout Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who are very sad because of the detestable things that are being done inside the city.”

What did Yahweh tell the scribe to do?

Yahweh told the scribe to make a mark on the foreheads of the men who groaned and sighed about the abominations being performed in the city.

Ezekiel 9:5

ULT

5 Then he spoke to the others within my hearing, “Pass through the city after him and kill. Do not let your eyes have compassion, and do not spare

UST

5 While I was listening, he said to the other six men, “Follow the man wearing the white robe, and kill people. Do not pity them or act mercifully toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:6

ULT

6 either old man, young man, virgin, little children or women. Kill all of them! But do not approach anyone who has the mark on his head. Begin at my sanctuary!” So they began with the elders who were in front of the house.

UST

6 Slaughter old men, young men and women, older women and children; but do not harm any of those who have that mark on their forehead. Start at my temple.” So they began by killing the elders who were worshiping idols in front of the temple.

What did Yahweh tell the six men with weapons of destruction to do?

Yahweh told the six men to kill all of the people except those with the mark on their heads.

Ezekiel 9:7

ULT

[7] He said to them, “Defile the house, and fill its courtyards with the dead. Proceed!” So they went out and attacked the city.

UST

[7] Then Yahweh said to those men, “Pollute the temple by filling the courtyard with the corpses of those whom you kill! Start now!” So they went out and started killing people throughout the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:8

ULT

[8] As they were attacking it, I found myself alone and I fell on my face and cried out and said, “Ah, Lord Yahweh, will you destroy all the remnant of Israel in the outpouring of your wrath on Jerusalem?”

UST

[8] While they were doing that, I was left alone. I prostrated myself on the ground and cried out, “Yahweh my Lord, are you going to get rid of all the other people of Israel who are still alive, while you are severely punishing the people of Jerusalem?”

What question did Ezekiel ask Yahweh as he saw the six men striking the city?

Ezekiel asked Yahweh if all the remnant of Israel would be destroyed by Yahweh’s wrath.

Ezekiel 9:9

ULT

[9] He said to me, “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great. The land is full of blood and the city full of perversions, since they say, ‘Yahweh has forgotten the land,’ and ‘Yahweh does not see!’

UST

[9] He replied, “The sins of the people are numerous and severe! There is murder everywhere in this country, and this city is full of people who act unjustly. They say, ‘Yahweh has abandoned this country, and he does not see what we are doing.’

What was Yahweh’s answer to Ezekiel’s question? (vv9-10)

Yahweh answered that the iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah was great, and that he would not spare them.

Ezekiel 9:10

ULT

10 So then, my eye will not look with compassion, and I will not spare them. I will instead bring it all on their heads.”

UST

10 So I will not pity them or act mercifully toward them. I will do to them the evil things that they have done to other people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 9:11

ULT

11 Behold! The man dressed in linen who had the scribe’s equipment by his side came back. He reported and said, “I have done all that you have commanded.”

UST

11 Then the man wearing the linen robe returned, saying, “I have done what you commanded me to do.”

What did the scribe report?

The scribe reported that he had done all Yahweh had commanded him.

Ezekiel 10

Ezekiel 10:1

ULT

1 As I looked toward the dome that was over the heads of the cherubim; something appeared above them like a sapphire with the appearance of the likeness of a throne.

UST

1 Then I saw what resembled a throne made of sapphire above the thing that resembled a dome that was above the heads of the four winged creatures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:2

ULT

2 Then Yahweh spoke to the man dressed in linen and said, “Go between the wheels underneath the cherubim, and fill both your hands with fiery coals from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city.” Then the man went in as I watched.

UST

2 Yahweh said to the man wearing the linen robe, “Go between the wheels that are under the winged creatures. Pick up as many hot coals as you can, and scatter them over the city.” And while I watched, the man wearing the white robe left.

What did Yahweh tell the man dressed in linen to do?

Yahweh told the man dressed in linen to fill both his hands with fiery coals and to scatter them over the city.

Ezekiel 10:3

ULT

3 The cherubim stood on the right side of the house when the man went in, and a cloud filled the inner courtyard.

UST

3 The four winged creatures were standing on the south side of the temple when the man wearing the white robe entered. Then a cloud filled the inner courtyard of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:4

ULT

4 The glory of Yahweh rose up from the cherubim and stood over the threshold of the house. It filled the house with the cloud, and the courtyard was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory.

UST

4 And the glory of Yahweh went up from directly over the winged creatures and stood over the doorway of the temple. It filled the entire temple with a cloud and everything in the courtyard was bright because of Yahweh's glorious presence.

What did the glory of Yahweh then do?

The glory of Yahweh then rose up and stood over the threshold of the house, filling the house with a cloud and the courtyard with brightness.

Ezekiel 10:5

ULT

5 The sound of the cherubim's wings was heard as far as the outer courtyard, like the voice of God Almighty when he speaks.

UST

5 I also heard the sound made by the wings of the winged creatures in the courtyard outside the temple. It was very loud, like the voice of Almighty God when he speaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:6

ULT

6 It came about, when God commanded the man dressed in linen and said, "Take fire from between the wheels that are between the cherubim," the man went in and stood beside a wheel.

UST

6 When Yahweh commanded the man wearing the linen robe to take burning coals from among those winged creatures, the man went into the courtyard and stood beside one of the wheels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:7

ULT

7 A cherub reached out his hand between the cherubim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and lifted it up and placed it into the hands of the one dressed in linen. The man took it and went back out.

UST

7 Then one of those winged creatures reached out his hand to the fire that was there among them. He picked up some of the coals and put them in the hands of the man wearing the linen robe, and that man took them and left.

How did the man dressed in linen receive the fire which was among the cherubim?

The man dressed in linen went in, and a cherub lifted up the fire and placed it into the hands of the man.

Ezekiel 10:8

ULT

8 I saw on the cherubim something like a man's hand under their wings.

UST

8 Under the wings of the winged creatures was something that resembled a human's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:9

ULT

9 So I looked, and behold! Four wheels were beside the cherubim—one wheel beside each cherub—and the appearance of the wheels was like a beryl stone.

UST

9 Then I saw four wheels alongside the winged creatures. There was one wheel beside each of the winged creatures. The wheels shone like very valuable stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:10

ULT
10 Their appearance was the same likeness for all four of them, like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

UST
10 The wheels were all alike: Each had one wheel inside another wheel.

What was the likeness of the wheels that were beside the cherubim?
The wheels that were beside the cherubim were like a wheel intersecting another wheel.

Ezekiel 10:11

ULT
11 When they moved, they went in any of their four directions, without turning as they went; but whatever direction the head faced, they followed after it without turning as they went.

UST
11 Whenever they moved, they went straight in whatever direction one of the winged creatures faced. The wheels did not turn in another direction while the winged creatures flew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:12

ULT
12 Their whole body—including their backs, their hands, and their wings—was covered with eyes, and eyes covered the four wheels all around also.

UST
12 Their bodies, including their backs and hands and wings, were covered with eyes. The wheels were also covered with eyes.

What covered the cherubim and the four wheels?
Eyes covered the cherubim and the four wheels.

Ezekiel 10:13

ULT
13 As I listened, the wheels were called, “Whirling.”

UST
13 I heard someone call them ‘the whirling wheels.’

What was the name given to the four wheels?
The four wheels were called “Whirling”.

Ezekiel 10:14

ULT
14 They had four faces each; the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

UST
14 Each of the winged creatures had four faces. One face was like the face of a bull, one face was like the face of a human, one face was like the face of a lion, and one face was like the face of an eagle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:15

ULT
15 Then the cherubim—these were the living creatures that I had seen by the Kebar Canal—rose up.

UST
15 Then the winged creatures rose up. They were the same living creatures that I had seen alongside the Kebar Canal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:16

ULT

16 Whenever the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them, and whenever the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise up from the earth, the wheels did not turn. They still stayed beside them.

UST

16 When the winged creatures moved, the wheels moved with them. When the winged creatures spread their wings to fly over the ground, the wheels did not leave them but stayed beside them.

What did the wheels do as the cherubim moved? (vv16-17)

The wheels would go beside the cherubim when the cherubim moved.

Ezekiel 10:17

ULT

17 When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when they rose up, the wheels rose up with them, for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

UST

17 When the winged creatures stopped, the wheels stopped. When the winged creatures started to fly, the wheels flew with them, because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:18

ULT

18 Then the glory of Yahweh went out from over the threshold of the house and stood over the cherubim.

UST

18 Then the glory of Yahweh left the entrance of the temple and stopped above the winged creatures.

To where did the glory of Yahweh, the cherubim, and the wheels move? (vv18-19)

The glory of Yahweh, the cherubim, and the wheels moved to the eastern entrance of Yahweh's house.

Ezekiel 10:19

ULT

19 The cherubim lifted up their wings and rose from the earth in my sight when they went out, and the wheels did the same beside them. They stood at the eastern entrance to Yahweh's house, and the glory of the God of Israel came upon them from above.

UST

19 While I watched, the winged creatures spread their wings and started to fly, and the wheels went with them. They stopped at the gate on the east side of the temple, and the glory of God, the one whom the Israelites had worshiped, was above them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:20

ULT

20 These were the living creatures that I had seen below the God of Israel by the Kebar Canal, so I knew that they were cherubim!

UST

20 These were the same four living creatures that I had seen alongside the Kebar Canal, and I realized that they were the winged creatures.

Where had Ezekiel seen the same living creatures before? (vv20-22)

Ezekiel had seen the same living creatures before by the Chebar canal.

Ezekiel 10:21

ULT

21 They had four faces each and four wings each, and the likeness of human hands under their wings,

UST

21 Each of them had four faces and four wings, and under their wings was what resembled a human's hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 10:22

ULT

22 and the likeness of their faces was like the faces that I had seen in the vision at the Kebar Canal, and each of them went straight ahead.

UST

22 Their faces were the same as the faces that I had seen at the Kebar Canal. Each of them flew straight ahead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11

Ezekiel 11:1

ULT

1 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the eastern gate of Yahweh's house, facing east, and behold, in the doorway of the gate there were twenty-five men. I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people, among them.

UST

1 Then God's Spirit lifted me up and took me to the gate on the east side of the temple. There at the gate were twenty-five men. Among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur, and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, who were leaders of the people.

What did Ezekiel see when the Spirit brought him to the eastern gate of Yahweh's house?
Ezekiel saw twenty-five men, with the leaders of the people among them.

Ezekiel 11:2

ULT

2 God said to me, "Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity, and who decide wicked plans in this city.

UST

2 Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, these are the new leaders in Jerusalem who are planning to do evil things and who are giving wicked advice to people in this city.

Of what did God say the twenty-five men were guilty?
God said the men were guilty of devising inquity and deciding wicked plans in the city.

Ezekiel 11:3

ULT

3 They are saying, 'The time to build houses is not now; this city is the pot, and we are the meat.'

UST

3 They say, 'It is not the time to build houses yet, but just as pieces of meat are carefully stored in covered pots we will be protected from the bad things that will happen to others.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:4

ULT
4 Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, son of man."

UST
4 So, son of man, prophesy about the terrible things that will happen to them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:5

ULT
5 Then the Spirit of Yahweh fell on me and he said for me to say: This is what Yahweh says, "That is what you are saying, house of Israel; for I know what goes through your mind.

UST
5 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon me and told me to say to the people, "This is what Yahweh says, 'You Israelite people say those things, and I know what you are thinking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:6

ULT
6 You have multiplied the people you have killed in this city and filled its streets with them.

UST
6 You have killed many people in this city and filled the streets with their corpses.

With what had the twenty-five men filled the streets?
The twenty-five men had filled the streets with the people they had killed.

Ezekiel 11:7

ULT

[7] Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: The people you have killed, whose bodies you have laid in the midst of Jerusalem, are the meat, and this city is the pot. But you are going to be brought out from the midst of this city.

UST

[7] Therefore this is what Yahweh the Lord says, ‘The corpses of the people whom you have killed here are like the meat and Jerusalem is the cauldron, but I will expel you people from this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:8

ULT

[8] You have feared the sword, so I am bringing the sword upon you—this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

UST

[8] You are afraid of being killed by enemies’ swords, so that is what I will cause to happen to you.

What did the twenty-five men fear, and what did Yahweh say he would bring?

The twenty-five men feared the sword, and Yahweh said he would bring the sword upon them.

Ezekiel 11:9

ULT

[9] I will bring you out of the midst of the city, and put you into the hands of foreigners, for I will bring judgment against you.

UST

[9] I will expel you from this city and enable foreigners to capture you and punish you.

Into whose hands was Yahweh going to put the twenty-five men?

Yahweh was going to put the twenty-five men into the hands of foreigners.

Where were the twenty-five men to be judged and because of Yahweh’s judgment upon them, what would the twenty-five men know? (vv9-10)

The twenty-five men were to be judged within the borders of Israel and because of Yahweh’s judgment against them, the men would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 11:10

ULT

[10] You will fall by the sword. I will judge you within the borders of Israel so you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

[10] They will kill you with their swords; you will be punished right here in Israel! Then people will realize that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:11

ULT

[11] This city will not be your cooking pot, nor will you be the meat within her midst. I will judge you within the borders of Israel.

UST

[11] This city will not be a place where you will be protected like meat in a covered pot. I will punish you wherever you are in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:12

ULT

[12] Then you will know that I am Yahweh, the one whose statutes you have not walked in and whose decrees you have not carried out. Instead, you have carried out the decrees of the nations that surround you."

UST

[12] Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have predicted that would happen, because you have not obeyed my commands and decrees; instead, you have imitated the wicked behavior of the people of the nearby nations."

What decrees had the twenty-five men carried out?

The twenty-five men had carried out the decrees of the nations surrounding them.

Ezekiel 11:13

ULT

13 It came about that as I was prophesying, Pelatiah son of Benaiah, died. So I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, “Alas, Lord Yahweh, will you completely destroy the remnant of Israel?”

UST

13 While I was prophesying that, Pelatiah son of Benaiah suddenly died. Then I prostrated myself on the ground and cried out loudly, “Yahweh my Lord, are you going to similarly get rid of all the Israelite people who are still alive?”

What was Ezekiel afraid that Yahweh would do to Israel?

Ezekiel was afraid that Yahweh would completely destroy the remnant of Israel.

Ezekiel 11:14

ULT

14 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

14 Then Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:15

ULT

15 “Son of man, your brothers! Your brothers! The men of your clan and all the house of Israel! All of them are those of whom it is said by those living in Jerusalem, ‘They are far away from Yahweh! This land was given to us as our possession.’

UST

15 “Son of man, the people who are still in Jerusalem are talking about your relatives, your clan, and all the rest of the Israelites who were exiled and saying, ‘They are in Babylonia, far from Yahweh. They have left their property here in Israel, so their property now belongs to us!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:16

ULT

16 Therefore say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Though I have removed them far off among the nations, and though I have scattered them among the lands, yet I have been a sanctuary for them for a little while in the lands where they have gone.’

UST

16 So tell them, “This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Although I caused them to be taken far away from Israel and scattered them among other nations, for a short time I have become a sanctuary for them in the countries to which they have been taken.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:17

ULT

17 Therefore say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you from the lands where you were scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.’

UST

17 So also tell them, “This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Some day I will gather you from the nations to which you have been taken and bring you back to Israel, and you will live in your country again.

What promise did Yahweh give Israel despite his judgments upon them?

Yahweh promised to gather Israel from the peoples, and to assemble them in the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 11:18

ULT

18 Then they will go there and remove every detestable thing and every abomination from that place.

UST

18 When you return to your country, you will get rid of all the vile statues of gods and detestable idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:19

ULT

19 I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them. I will take out the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

UST

19 I will give you Israelistes one new heart and I will give you a new way of thinking when you return to Israel. You will not be stubborn, but will be obedient.

What did Yahweh promise to take from the people of Israel, and to give to them instead?

Yahweh promised to take from them their stone heart, and to give to them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:20

ULT

20 so that they will walk in my statutes, they will carry out my decrees and do them. Then they will be my people, and I will be their God.

UST

20 When I do that, you will carefully obey all my laws. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

How would the people of Israel then walk?

The people of Israel would then walk in Yahweh's statutes and decrees.

Ezekiel 11:21

ULT

21 But to those who walk with affection toward their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their conduct on their own heads—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

21 But as for those who are devoted to worshiping their vile statues and detestable idols, I will punish them as they deserve for the evil things that they have done." This is what Yahweh declared.

What did Yahweh say he would do for those who walk with affection towards their detestable things?

Yahweh said he would bring their conduct on their own heads.

Ezekiel 11:22

ULT

22 The cherubim lifted up their wings and the wheels that were beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high up over them.

UST

22 Then the winged creatures, with their wheels beside them, spread their wings and flew up into the air, and the dazzling brightness of Yahweh was above them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:23

ULT

23 Then the glory of Yahweh went up from within the midst of the city and stood on the mountain to the east of the city.

UST

23 That light went up away from the city and stopped above the mountain to the east of the city.

From where did the glory of Yahweh leave and to where did the glory of Yahweh go?

The glory of Yahweh left the midst of the city and stood on the mountain east of the city.

Ezekiel 11:24

ULT

24 The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into Chaldea, to the exiles, in the vision from the Spirit of God, and the vision that I had seen went up from upon me.

UST

24 In the vision that I had been seeing, God’s Spirit lifted me up and brought me back to the exiles in Babylon. Then the vision ended,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 11:25

ULT

25 Then I declared to the exiles all the things of Yahweh that I had seen.

UST

25 and I told the exiles everything that Yahweh had shown me in the vision.

What did Ezekiel do when the Spirit brought him into Chaldea?

Ezekiel declared to the exiles all the things of Yahweh he had seen.

Ezekiel 12

Ezekiel 12:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, you live in the midst of a rebellious house, where they have eyes to see but they do not see; and where they have ears to hear but do not listen, because they are a rebellious house.

UST
2 “Son of man, you are living among people who are very rebellious. They have eyes, but they do not see what I want them to see; they have ears, but they do not listen to what I want them to hear, because they are such a rebellious people.

Where did Yahweh say Ezekiel lived?
Yahweh said Ezekiel lived in the midst of a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 12:3

ULT
3 Therefore as for you, son of man, prepare your things for exile, and begin going out by day in their sight, for I will exile you in their sight from your place to another place. Perhaps they will begin to see, though they are a rebellious house.

UST
3 Therefore, son of man, pack your belongings as though you were going into exile. Then, during the daytime, while people are watching, prepare to go to another place. Even though the people are rebellious, perhaps they will understand what you are symbolizing.

What was Ezekiel to do in the sight of the people of Israel?
Ezekiel was to prepare for exile, going out in their sight to another place.

Ezekiel 12:4

ULT

4 You will bring out your things for an exile in the day in their sight; go out in the evening in their sight in the way that anyone goes into exile.

UST

4 During the daytime, while they are watching, bring out the things that you want to take, and pack them. Then in the evening, while they are watching, do what those who are preparing to go into exile do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:5

ULT

5 Dig a hole through the wall in their sight, and go out through it.

UST

5 Dig through the city wall and take your things through the hole.

How did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to go out?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to dig a hole through the wall and go out through it.

Ezekiel 12:6

ULT

6 In their sight, lift up your things onto your shoulder, and bring them out in the darkness. Cover your face, for you must not see the land, since I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel."

UST

6 Put them in a sack on your shoulder while they are watching, and leave when it becomes dark. Cover your face so you cannot see the path. I want you to do this because I want you to warn the Israelite people."

According to Yahweh, what was the purpose of Ezekiel's exile?

Yahweh said that Ezekiel's exile was a sign to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:7

ULT

7 So I did this, just as I was commanded. I brought out my things of exile in the daytime, and in the evening I dug a hole through the wall by hand. I brought my things out in the dark, and lifted them up on my shoulder in their sight.

UST

7 So I did what Yahweh told me to do. During the day I brought things out of my house as though I was packing to go into exile. Then in the evening I dug through the city wall. Then while people watched, I put my sack of belongings on my shoulder and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:8

ULT

8 Then the word of Yahweh came to me in the morning, saying,

UST

8 The next morning, Yahweh gave me this message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:9

ULT

9 “Son of man, is the house of Israel, that rebellious house, not asking, ‘What are you doing?’

UST

9 “Son of man, did the rebellious people of Israel not ask you, ‘What are you doing?’

What question was the house of Israel asking Ezekiel as he came out of his house?

The house of Israel was asking, “What are you doing?”

Ezekiel 12:10

ULT
10 Say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: this prophetic action concerns the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel in whose midst they are.’

UST
10 So go back and say to them, ‘What I did is about the king in Jerusalem and all the other people of Israel who are there.’

Who did Ezekiel’s prophetic action concern?
Ezekiel’s prophetic action concerned the prince in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:11

ULT
11 Say, ‘I am a sign to you.’ As I have done, so it will be done to them; they will go into exile and into captivity.

UST
11 Tell them, ‘What I did is a warning to you. What I did in front of you, they are going to have to do. They will be captured and forced to go to another country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:12

ULT
12 The prince who is among them will lift up his things upon his shoulder in the dark, and will go out through the wall. They will dig through the wall and bring out their things. He will cover his face, so he will not see the land with his eyes.

UST
12 Their king will put his belongings on his shoulder when it becomes dark and he will try to escape. His servants will dig a hole through the city wall, and he will take his belongings through it. He will cover his face so others will not recognize him and he will not be able to see the land.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the prince in Jerusalem? (vv12-13)
Yahweh said that the prince in Jerusalem would go out through the wall, but would be caught and taken to Babylon where he would die without sight.

Ezekiel 12:13

ULT

13 I will spread out my net over him and he will be caught in my snare; then I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, but he will not see it. He will die there.

UST

13 But it will be as though I will spread a net for him to be captured; enemy soldiers will capture him, blind him, and take him to the city of Babylon where the Chaldean people live. But he will not be able to see it because he will be blind; and there he will die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:14

ULT

14 I will also scatter in every direction all of those around him who were to assist him and his entire army, and I will send out a sword after them.

UST

14 I will scatter all those who have been around him—his advisors and his soldiers—in every direction; and I will cause his enemies to pursue them, with their swords ready to strike them.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the army of the prince in Jerusalem?

Yahweh said the army would be scattered, and he would send out a sword after them.

Ezekiel 12:15

ULT

15 Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands.

UST

15 Then, when I scatter them among many nations, they will know that I, Yahweh have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:16

ULT

16 But I will spare a few men from among them from the sword, famine, and plague, so they may record all of their abominations in the lands where I take them, so they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

16 But I will spare some of them from being killed by the sword, or starving to death, or dying of disease so they can record that they have been doing disgusting things, and they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

What two reasons did Yahweh give for sparing a few men?

Yahweh said he would spare a few men so they could record the abominations of Israel, and so they would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 12:17

ULT

17 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

17 Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:18

ULT

18 “Son of man, eat your bread with trembling, and drink your water with shaking and worry.

UST

18 “Son of man, tremble while you eat your food, and shudder fearfully while you drink your water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:19

ULT

19 Then say to the people of the land, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel, “They will eat their bread with trembling and drink their water while shaking, since the land will be despoiled of its fullness because of the violence of all those who live there.

UST

19 Tell this to the Israelite people: ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says about those who are still living in Jerusalem and in other places in Israel. They also will be very anxious while they eat their food and drink their water, because their country will soon have everything taken away. That will happen because the people who live there continually act very violently.

How did Yahweh say the the people of the land of Israel would eat and drink?

Yahweh said the people would eat their bread with trembling and drink their water while shaking.

Ezekiel 12:20

ULT

20 So the cities that were inhabited will be desolate, and the land will become a wasteland; so you will know that I am Yahweh.’”’

UST

20 The towns where people live will be devastated, and the land will become barren. Then you people will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.’”

What did Yahweh say would happen to the cities and the land?

Yahweh said the cities would be desolate and the land would be a wasteland.

Ezekiel 12:21

ULT

21 Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

21 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:22

ULT
22 “Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel that says, ‘The days are prolonged, and every vision fails’?

UST
22 “Son of man, the people in Israel have this proverb that says, ‘The days keep passing, and what the prophets predict never happens.’

What did the people of Israel think about prophetic visions?
The people thought that every prophetic vision was prolonged and failed.

Ezekiel 12:23

ULT
23 Therefore, say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: I will put an end to this proverb, and the people of Israel will no longer use it.’ Say to them, ‘The days have drawn near when every vision will be fulfilled.

UST
23 So say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I am going to prove that what they say is not correct, and then they will never say it again in Israel.’ Tell them, ‘It will soon be the time when everything that the prophets predict will happen.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:24

ULT
24 For there will no longer be any false visions or favorable divinations within the house of Israel.

UST
24 No longer will prophets tell the Israelite people false visions, or tell people prophecies just to please them.

What did Yahweh say there would no longer be within the house of Israel?
Yahweh said there would no longer be any false visions or favorable divination within the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 12:25

ULT

25 For I am Yahweh! I speak, and I carry out the words that I speak. The matter will no longer be delayed. For I will speak this word in your days, rebellious house, and I will carry it out!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

25 Instead, I, Yahweh, will say what I want to tell the people, and what I predict will quickly happen. You rebellious people, I will cause to happen everything that I say will happen. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:26

ULT

26 Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

26 Yahweh also gave me this message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 12:27

ULT

27 "Son of man! Behold, the house of Israel has said, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of far off times.'

UST

27 "Son of man, the Israelite people are constantly saying about you, 'The things that he sees in visions will not happen soon. They are about things that will happen many years from now, far in the future.'

When did the house of Israel think the prophetic vision of Ezekiel would be fulfilled?

The house of Israel had said, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of far off times.'

Ezekiel 12:28

ULT

28 Therefore say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: My words will not be delayed any longer, but the word that I have spoken will be done—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

28 Therefore say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I will no longer delay causing to happen any of the things that I have prophesied. Whatever I have predicted will soon happen.’”

What did Yahweh say about the fulfillment of Ezekiel’s vision.

Yahweh said his words would no longer be delayed but the word that Yahweh had spoken would be done.

Ezekiel 13

Ezekiel 13:1

ULT

1 Again, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:2

ULT

2 “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets who are prophesying in Israel, and say to those who are prophesying out of their own imaginations, ‘Listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

2 “Son of man, prophesy a warning against the prophets in Israel who are prophesying. Some of them are prophesying things that they themselves have imagined. Say to them, ‘Listen to what Yahweh says!

From where were the false prophets of Israel getting their prophecies? (vv2-3)

The false prophets in Israel were getting their prophecies from their own minds and spirits.

Ezekiel 13:3

ULT

3 The Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, but who have seen nothing!

UST

3 He says, “Terrible things will happen to those wicked prophets who proclaim their own ideas and have not seen any visions from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:4

ULT
4 Israel, your prophets have been like jackals in the wastelands.

UST
4 You Israelite people, your prophets are like jackals in the desert, they are scavengers feeding off of others' loss.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:5

ULT
5 You have not gone to the breaks in the wall around the house of Israel in order to repair it, in order to resist in battle on the day of Yahweh.

UST
5 Because you were listening to them, you have not repaired breeches or strengthened your walls. That needs to be done so that the walls will be strong when I, Yahweh, send your enemies to attack you.

What had the false prophets failed to do?
The false prophets had failed to repair the breaks in the wall around the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 13:6

ULT
6 The people have false visions and make false predictions, those who say, "Such and such is Yahweh's declaration." Yahweh has not sent them, but they nevertheless have made people hope that their messages would come true.

UST
6 The visions and prophecies of those prophets are false. They say, 'Yahweh told me this.' I have not sent them to you to be my prophets, but you expect that what they prophesy will truly happen!

What were the false prophets saying, even though Yahweh had not sent them? (vv6-7)
The false prophets were saying, "Such and such is Yahweh's declaration," even though Yahweh had not sent them.

Ezekiel 13:7

ULT

[7] Have you not had false visions and made false predictions, you who say, “Such and such is Yahweh’s declaration” when I myself have not spoken?’

UST

[7] They say that they have seen visions, but those visions are false, and the things that they prophesy are lies. They say, ‘Yahweh told me this,’ but I have told them nothing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:8

ULT

[8] Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Because you have had false visions and have told lies—therefore this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration against you:

UST

[8] Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you prophets have said what is false and because your visions are lies, I am opposed to you.

What declaration did Yahweh make against the false prophets of Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh declared that his hand was against the false prophets, and they would not be enrolled in the record of the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 13:9

ULT

[9] My hand will be against the prophets who have lying visions and who make false predictions. They will not be in the assembly of my people, or enrolled in the record of the house of Israel; they must not go to the land of Israel. For you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!

UST

[9] I will strike all you prophets who falsely say that you have seen visions and prophesy things that are lies. You will not have any place among my people, your names will not be listed in the records of the Israelite people, and you will never return to Israel. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:10

ULT

10 Because of this, and because they led my people astray and said, “Peace!” when there is no peace, they are building a wall that they will paint with whitewash.’

UST

10 They deceive my people, saying “Things will go well for us” when things will not go well. It is like they want to make people think that there is a very strong wall when it is not strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:11

ULT

11 Say to those who are whitewashing the wall, ‘It will fall down; there will be a downpour of rain, and I will send hailstones to make it fall down, and a windstorm wind to break it down.

UST

11 So, tell those prophets who cover the wall with whitewash that the wall will surely fall down. It will rain very hard. I will send big hailstones to fall. Very strong winds will blow against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:12

ULT

12 See, the wall will fall down. Have others not said to you, “Where is the whitewash that you put on it?”

UST

12 When the wall falls down, the people will certainly say to those prophets, “The white paint certainly did not make the wall strong!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:13

ULT

13 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I will bring a windstorm in my rage, and there will be floods of rain in my wrath! Hailstones in my rage will completely destroy it.

UST

13 So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because I am very angry with you, I will send enemy armies to destroy Jerusalem. It will be as though I will send a very strong wind and hailstones and very heavy rains to destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:14

ULT

14 For I will tear down the wall that you have covered with whitewash, and I will demolish it to the ground and lay bare its foundations. So it will fall, and you will be annihilated in the middle of it all. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

14 The false prophecies of your prophets are like a wall that they have covered with whitewash, but I will break it down, and shatter it down to the ground, with the result that people can see its foundations. When the wall collapses you also will be killed, and everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What would the people know when Yahweh destroys the false prophets?

The people would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 13:15

ULT

15 For I will annihilate in my fury the wall and those who whitewashed it. I will say to you, “The wall exists no more, nor do the people who whitewashed it—

UST

15 In that way I will show that I am very angry with the wall and with those who covered it with whitewash. And I will say, “The wall is gone and those who whitewashed it have been killed.”

What did Yahweh say he would do to the wall and those who whitewashed it?

Yahweh said he would annihilate the wall and those who whitewashed it.

Ezekiel 13:16

ULT

16 the prophets of Israel who prophesied about Jerusalem and who had visions of peace for her. But there is no peace!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

16 Those are the prophets who prophesied that things would go well for the people in Jerusalem, when things would not go well for them.'

What were the false prophets prophesying to the people concerning Jerusalem?
The false prophets were prophesying peace for Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 13:17

ULT

17 So you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people who prophesy out of their own minds, and prophesy against them.

UST

17 So you, son of man, show that you are angry with the women of Jerusalem who prophesy things that they themselves have imagined, and speak true prophesy against them.

What was the "son of man" told to do about the daughters of his people who prophesy out of their own minds?
The "son of man" was told to prophesy against them.

Ezekiel 13:18

ULT

18 Say, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the women who sew magic charms onto every part of their hand and make veils for their heads of every size, used to hunt down people. Will you hunt down my people but save your own lives?

UST

18 Tell them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Terrible things will happen to you women who fasten magic charms on your wrists and make veils of various sizes to put on your heads in order to deceive the people. You think that you will deceive others by telling them that you know what will happen in the future, and you will save your own lives.

What were the magic charms and the veils the women made used for?
The magic charms and veils the women made were used to hunt down people.

Ezekiel 13:19

ULT

19 You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and crumbs of bread, to kill people who should not die, and to preserve the lives of those who should not continue to live, because of your lies to my people who heard you.

UST

19 You dishonored me by telling lies in order to get from my people a few handfuls of barley and a few pieces of bread. My people listen to lies; and you women who are lying to them have caused people who did not deserve to die to be killed, and have spared those who should not continue to live.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:20

ULT

20 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I am against the magic charms that you have used to ensnare the people's lives as if they were birds. Indeed, I will tear them from your arms; and the people whom you have trapped like birds—I will let them go free.

UST

20 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to those women: 'I detest your magic charms by which you deceive people like other people trap birds. I will tear those charms off your wrists, and I will cause the people whom you have deceived to no longer be deceived by you.

What did Yahweh say he would do for his people who are trapped? (vv20-21)

Yahweh said he would let his people who are trapped go free.

Ezekiel 13:21

ULT

21 I will tear away your veils and rescue my people from your hand, so they will no longer be trapped in your hands. You will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

21 I will also tear off your veils and rescue my people from continuing to be deceived by you, and they will no longer be under your control. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 13:22

ULT

22 Because you discourage the heart of the righteous person with lies, even though I did not desire his discouragement, and because you encourage instead the actions of the wicked person so that he will not turn from his way to save his life—

UST

22 You have discouraged righteous people by telling them lies when I did not do things to cause them to be sad. And you have encouraged wicked people to keep on doing their wicked behavior; if they had turned away from it, they would have continued to live.

What were the false prophets doing to the righteous and the wicked person?

The false prophets were discouraging the righteous and encouraging the wicked person.

Ezekiel 13:23

ULT

23 therefore you will no longer have false visions or continue to make predictions, for I will rescue my people out of your hand. You will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST

23 Therefore, you will no longer falsely say that you have seen visions or tell people what will happen in the future in order to please them. I will rescue my people from being deceived by you. And then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

What did Yahweh say the false prophets would no longer have?

Yahweh said the false prophets would no longer have false visions or continue to make false predictions.

Ezekiel 14

Ezekiel 14:1

ULT
1 Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.

UST
1 One day some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me.

Who came to Ezekiel to inquire of him?
The elders of Israel came to Ezekiel to inquire of him.

Ezekiel 14:2

ULT
2 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
2 Then Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:3

ULT
3 “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts and have put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their own faces. Should I be inquired of at all by them?

UST
3 “Son of man, these men worship idols, and they are allowing idols to induce them to sin. So should I answer them if they ask me for advice?

Why did Yahweh question if he should be inquired of by these men?
Yahweh questioned because the elders had taken their idols into their hearts.

Ezekiel 14:4

ULT

4 Therefore announce this to them and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Every man of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart, or who puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and who then comes to a prophet—I, Yahweh, will answer him according to the number of his idols.

UST

4 But say this to them: ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: When any Israelite person wants to worship idols that will induce him to sin, and goes to a prophet to get advice, I, Yahweh, will give him the same answer that they deserve to receive because they worship idols.

How did Yahweh say he would answer those who take idols into their hearts?

Yahweh said he would answer those who take idols into their hearts according to the number of their idols.

Ezekiel 14:5

ULT

5 I will do this so that I may take back the house of Israel in their hearts that have been driven far from me through their idols.’

UST

5 I will do this so the Israelite people, who have abandoned me in order to worship their idols, will sincerely worship me again.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:6

ULT

6 Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Repent and turn away from your idols! Turn back your faces from all your abominations.

UST

6 Therefore, say to the Israelite people, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Repent! Stop worshiping your idols, and stop all your other detestable behavior!’

What did Yahweh call the house of Israel to do?

Yahweh called the house of Israel to repent and turn away from its idols.

Ezekiel 14:7

ULT

7 For every one from the house of Israel and every one of the foreigners staying in Israel who deserts me, who takes his idols into his heart and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his own face, and who then comes to a prophet to seek me—I, Yahweh, will answer him myself.

UST

7 When any of you Israelite people or any foreigner living among you turns away from me and starts worshiping idols that induce him to sin, and then goes to a prophet to find out what I want him to do, I myself will answer him.

What did Yahweh say he would do to every man who worships idols and then seeks to inquire from a prophet of Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Yahweh said he would make that man a sign and a proverb by cutting him off from the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 14:8

ULT

8 So I will set my face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, for I will cut him off from the midst of my people, and you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

8 I will show that I detest him, and cause what happens to him to be a warning to others, and cause him to be someone whom people despise. I will not allow him to associate with my people. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:9

ULT

9 If a prophet is deceived and speaks a message, then I, Yahweh, will deceive that prophet; I will reach out with my hand against him and destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

UST

9 And if a prophet is deceived and gives a false prophecy, even though I have allowed him to give that message, I will get rid of him and remove him from among my Israelite people.

What did Yahweh say he would do to every deceived prophet?

Yahweh said he would deceive that prophet and destroy him.

Ezekiel 14:10

ULT

10 They will carry their own iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet will be the same as the iniquity of the one who inquires from him.

UST

10 Both the prophet and the one who asks him for advice will be guilty, and I will punish both of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:11

ULT

11 Because of this, the house of Israel will no longer wander away from following me nor defile themselves any longer through all their transgressions. They will be my people, and I will be their God—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

11 Then the Israelite people will no longer abandon me, and they will no longer become unacceptable to me because of their sins. They will be my people, and I will be their God. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say."

What relationship did Yahweh say he wanted with the people of Israel?

Yahweh said he wanted the people to be his people, and for him to be their God.

Ezekiel 14:12

ULT

12 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

12 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:13

ULT
13 “Son of man, when a land sins against me by committing a sin so that I reach out with my hand against it and break the staff of its bread, and send out over it a famine and cut off both man and beast from the land;

UST
13 “You human, if the people of some country sin against me by abandoning me, and I punish them by cutting off their food supply and by sending a famine so that people and animals die,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:14

ULT
14 then even if these three men—Noah, Daniel, and Job—were in the land’s midst, they could only rescue their own lives by their righteousness—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

UST
14 even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, they would save only themselves because of their being righteous. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

When Yahweh brought judgment, what would be all that even the most righteous in the land could do?
When Yahweh brought judgment, even the most righteous in the land could only deliver their own souls.

Who did Yahweh use as examples of some of the most righteous men in history?
Yahweh used as examples of some of the most righteous men in history Noah, Daniel, and Job.

Ezekiel 14:15

ULT
15 If I send evil beasts through the land and make it barren so that it becomes a wasteland where no man may pass through because of the beasts,

UST
15 Or, if I send wild animals throughout the country, and they attack and kill many of the people, so that travel in that country becomes very dangerous and no one travels through that country,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:16

ULT

16 then even if these same three men were in it—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued, but the land would become a wasteland.

UST

16 as surely as I am alive, even if those three men were in that country, they could not save even their own sons or daughters from being killed. Only they three would be saved, and the country would become a wasteland. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

Who did Yahweh use as examples of some of the most righteous men in history?

Yahweh used as examples of some of the most righteous men in history Noah, Daniel, and Job.

When Yahweh brought judgment, who would the most righteous in the land not be able to deliver?

When Yahweh brought judgment, the most righteous in the land would not be able to deliver their sons or daughters.

Ezekiel 14:17

ULT

17 Or if I bring a sword against that land and say, ‘Sword, go through the land and cut off both man and beast from it’,

UST

17 Or, if I bring enemy soldiers to kill the people and animals throughout that country with their swords,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:18

ULT

18 then even if these three men were in the midst of the land—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued.

UST

18 as surely as I am alive, even if those three men were in that country, they would not be able to save even their own sons or daughters from being killed. They would save only themselves. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

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When Yahweh brought judgment, the most righteous in the land would not be able to deliver their sons or daughters.

Ezekiel 14:19

ULT

19 Or if I send a plague against this land and pour out my fury against it through bloodshed, in order to cut off both man and beast,

UST

19 Or, if I send a plague into that land and cause the people and the animals to die from the plague because I am very angry with those people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 14:20

ULT

20 then even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in that land—as I live, declares the Lord Yahweh—they would not be able to rescue even their own sons or daughters; only their own lives would be rescued by their righteousness.

UST

20 as surely as I am alive, even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in that country, they would not be able to save even their sons and daughters. They would save only themselves because of their being righteous. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

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When Yahweh brought judgment, the most righteous in the land would not be able to deliver their sons or daughters.

Ezekiel 14:21

ULT

21 For the Lord Yahweh says this: I will certainly make things worse by sending my four punishments—famine, sword, wild animals, and plague—against Jerusalem to cut off both man and beast from her.

UST

21 So now this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will cause four things to happen to the people of Jerusalem to punish them very severely. Some people and animals will be killed by swords, some will die from famines, others will be attacked and killed by wild animals, and others will die in plagues.

What four punishments did Yahweh say he would send to Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would send the four punishments of famine, sword, wild animals, and plague.

Ezekiel 14:22

ULT

22 Yet, behold! A remnant will be left in her, survivors who will go out with sons and daughters. Behold! They will go out to you, and you will see their ways and actions and be comforted concerning the punishment that I have sent to Jerusalem, and about everything else that I have sent against the land.

UST

22 But some of your people will remain alive, both adults and children. They will come to you, Ezekiel. And when you see their disgusting behavior and actions, you will realize that I had good reasons for causing the people of Jerusalem to experience those many great disasters that I have sent to them.

After Yahweh's judgment, who would be left?

After Yahweh's judgment, a remnant would be left who would go out with sons and daughters.

Ezekiel 14:23

ULT

23 The survivors will comfort you when you see their ways and their actions, so you will know all these things I have done against her, that I have not done them in vain!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

23 When you see those things that they do, you will know that there were very good reasons for me to do everything that I caused to happen to them. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare."

What would cause Ezekiel to be comforted?

When Ezekiel saw the ways and actions of the remnant of survivors, he would be comforted.

Ezekiel 15

Ezekiel 15:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, how is a vine better than any tree with branches that is among the trees in a forest?

UST
2 “Son of man, the wood of a grapevine is certainly not more useful than the branches of the trees in a forest.

What two things in the forest does Yahweh compare?
Yahweh compares the vine to any tree with branches.

Ezekiel 15:3

ULT
3 Do people take wood from a vine to make anything? Or do they make a peg from it to hang anything on it?

UST
3 No one even makes pegs from it to hang things on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:4

ULT

4 See! If it is thrown into a fire as fuel, and if the fire has burned both of its ends and also the middle, is it good for anything?

UST

4 And after a branch of a grapevine is thrown into a fire and the fire burns both ends and chars the branch in the middle, after that will it be useful for anything?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:5

ULT

5 See! When it was complete, it could not make anything; surely then, when the fire has burned, then it still will not make anything useful.

UST

5 No; if it was not useful for anything before it was burned, it certainly cannot be made into something useful after the fire has burned and charred it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 15:6

ULT

6 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Unlike the trees in the forests, I have given the vine as fuel for fires; I will act in the same way toward the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

6 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: The wood of grapevines is useful only for fuel in a fire. Similarly, the people who live in Jerusalem are useless.

What did the Lord Yahweh say he had given the vine for?

The Lord Yahweh said he had given the vine as fuel for fires.

How does Yahweh say the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like the vine?

Yahweh says the inhabitants of Jerusalem are like the vine in that both are given as fuel for fires.

Ezekiel 15:7

ULT

7 For I will set my face against them. Though they come out from the fire, yet the fire will consume them; so you will know that I am Yahweh, when I set my face against them.

UST

7 I will reject them. It will be as though they have escaped from a fire, but there will still be a fire that will burn them up. And when I punish them, you people who remain alive will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.

What will all know when Yahweh destroys the inhabitants of Jerusalem with fire?

All will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 15:8

ULT

8 Then I will make the land into an abandoned wasteland because they have committed sin—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

8 I will cause your country to become a wasteland because your people have not been loyal to me. That is what I, Yahweh, the Lord, say."

Why will Yahweh make the land into an abandoned wasteland?

Yahweh will make the land into an abandoned wasteland because the inhabitants of Jerusalem have committed sin.

Ezekiel 16

Ezekiel 16:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, inform Jerusalem about her abominations,

UST
2 “Son of man, inform the people of Jerusalem about their detestable behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:3

ULT
3 and declare, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this to Jerusalem: Your beginning and your birth took place in the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite.

UST
3 Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you people of Jerusalem: It is as though you are a woman whose father belonged to the Amor people group and your mother belonged to the Heth people group.

Where did Yahweh say Jerusalem had its beginning and birth?
Yahweh said Jerusalem had its beginning and birth in the land of Canaan.

Ezekiel 16:4

ULT

4 On the day of your birth, your mother did not cut your navel, nor did she purify you in water or rub you down with salt, or wrap cloth around you.

UST

4 It is as though on the day that you were born, your umbilical cord was not cut, and your body was not washed in water or rubbed with salt and wrapped in strips of cloth, like Israelite babies always are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:5

ULT

5 No eye had compassion for you to do any of these things for you, to be compassionate toward you. On the day that you were born, with loathing for your life, you were thrown out into the open field.

UST

5 No one pitied you or acted kindly toward you by doing those things for you. Instead, it was as though they hated you. As soon as you were born they threw you into a field to die.

What was done with Jerusalem on the day it was born?

Jerusalem was thrown out into the open field on the day it was born.

Ezekiel 16:6

ULT

6 But I passed by you, and I saw you writhing in your own blood; so I said to you in your blood, “Live!” I said to you in your blood, “Live!” *[1]*

UST

6 Then it was as though I passed by and saw you lying in your own blood and kicking. And while you lay there kicking in your own blood, I said to you, “I want you to remain alive!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:7

ULT

7 I made you grow like a plant in a field. You multiplied and became great, and you became the jewel of jewels. Your breasts became firm, and your hair grew thick, though you had been naked and bare.

UST

7 It was as though I caused you to grow up, like plants in the field grow; you grew up and became tall and became like the most precious jewel of all. You developed into a beautiful woman, but you were still completely naked.

What did Yahweh do for Jerusalem after its birth?

Yahweh made Jerusalem grow like a plant in a field after its birth.

Ezekiel 16:8

ULT

8 I passed by you again, and I saw you. See! the time of love came for you, so I spread my robe over you and covered your nakedness. Then I swore to you and brought you into a covenant—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and you became mine.

UST

8 When I saw you several years later, it was as though I spread the cloth of my robe over you to symbolize that I would marry you, with the result that you were no longer naked. I solemnly promised that I would marry you and made a marriage agreement with you, and you became my wife.' That is what Yahweh the Lord says.

What did Yahweh do for Jerusalem when it reached the age of maturity?

Yahweh spread his robe over Jerusalem, and brought it into covenant with him.

Ezekiel 16:9

ULT

9 So I washed you with water and rinsed your blood off you, and I anointed you with oil.

UST

9 And then it was as though I bathed you and washed the blood from you and put ointment on your body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:10

ULT

10 I dressed you in embroidered clothes and placed leather sandals on your feet. I wrapped you with fine linen and covered you with silk.

UST

10 It was as though I put a fine linen robe on you and gave you expensive clothes. I put an embroidered dress on you and put leather sandals on your feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:11

ULT

11 Next I adorned you with jewelry, and I put bracelets on your hands, and a chain around your neck.

UST

11 It was as though I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck. Those things all had nice jewels fastened to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:12

ULT

12 I put a nose ring in your nostrils and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head.

UST

12 I put a gold ring in your nose and fastened earrings to your ears and put a beautiful crown on your head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:13

ULT

13 So you were adorned with gold and silver, and you were dressed in fine linen, silk, and embroidered clothes; you ate fine flour, honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you became a queen.

UST

13 So it was as though you wore gold and silver ornaments. You had clothes made from fine linen and other expensive fabrics, and an embroidered dress. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil. You were the most beautiful woman and I made you into a queen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:14

ULT

14 Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect in the majesty that I had given to you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

14 You were very beautiful, with the result that people in other nations heard about you, because they knew that I, Yahweh the Lord, am the one who had caused you to become very beautiful.

Why did Jerusalem's fame go out among the nations?

Jerusalem's fame went out among the nations because of its beauty.

Ezekiel 16:15

ULT

15 But you trusted in your own beauty, and you acted like a prostitute because of your fame; you poured out your acts of prostitution on everyone who passed by, so that your beauty became his.

UST

15 But it was as though you forgot that I made you beautiful and started acting promiscuous with every man who came along, and they all enjoyed your beauty.

How did Jerusalem act after its fame went out among the nations? (vv15-16)

Jerusalem acted like a prostitute after its fame went out among the nations.

Ezekiel 16:16

ULT

16 Then you took your clothes and with them you made high places for yourself decorated in various colors, and there you acted like a prostitute. This should not have happened. Nor should such a thing exist.

UST

16 It was as though you took some of your clothes to make beautifully decorated the high places, and that is where you slept with those men. Those things should certainly never occur!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:17

ULT

17 You took the fine jewels of the gold and silver that I gave you, and you made for yourself male figures, and you did with them as a prostitute would do.

UST

17 You took the fine gold and silver jewelry that I gave you, and you made male idols for yourself, in order to sleep with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:18

ULT

18 You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set my oils and perfumes before them.

UST

18 You took some of your embroidered clothes to put on those idols, and you burned oil and incense in front of them to honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:19

ULT

19 My bread I gave you—made with fine flour, oil, and honey—you set before them for a fragrant aroma, for this is what happened—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

19 And the bread that was made from fine flour and the olive oil and honey that I gave to you to eat, you offered to be a fragrant sacrifice to those idols. I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that that is what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:20

ULT

[20] Then you took your sons and daughters whom you bore for me, and you sacrificed them to the images to be devoured as food. Are your acts of prostitution a small matter?

UST

[20] And you even took your sons and daughters who were supposed to be committed to me and sacrificed and killed them as though they were less important than your becoming a prostitute.

What did Jerusalem do with its sons and daughters born for Yahweh?
Jerusalem sacrificed its sons and daughters to the images.

Ezekiel 16:21

ULT

[21] You slaughtered my children to the idols and made them pass through the fire.

UST

[21] You slaughtered those who were like my children, and offered them to be sacrifices to these false gods!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:22

ULT

[22] In all your abominations and your acts of prostitution you have not thought about the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare as you thrashed about in your blood.

UST

[22] All during the time when you were acting like a prostitute and doing other detestable things, you did not think about the time when it was as though you were very young, naked, lying in your own blood and kicking in the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:23

ULT
23 Woe! Woe to you!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—therefore, in addition to all this wickedness,

UST
23 So I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that terrible things will happen to you. In addition to all the other wicked things that you did,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:24

ULT
24 you built yourself a mound and made yourself a lofty shrine in every public place.

UST
24 you built yourself a tall building in which you worship idols and you built a place to worship idols in every city square.

What did Jerusalem make in every public place?
Jerusalem made a shrine in every public place.

Ezekiel 16:25

ULT
25 You built your high place at the head of every road and made your beauty a disgrace, and you spread your legs to anyone who passed by, and you multiplied your acts of prostitution.

UST
25 At the beginning of every street you built a tall building for the worship of idols, and showed people your beautiful body, offering it to sleep with every man who walked by, and so you were known as a prostitute and your fame for your immorality grew every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:26

ULT

26 You have acted like a prostitute with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and you committed many more acts of prostitution, provoking me to anger.

UST

26 It was as though you had slept with men from Egypt who were eager to sleep with you, men who lived near Israel. You caused me to become very angry because you became more eager to sleep with more and more of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:27

ULT

27 See! I will strike you with my hand and cut off your food. I will hand your life over to your enemies, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your obscene behavior.

UST

27 So I punished you and caused your enemies to capture some of your country. I enabled your greedy enemies from Philistia to defeat you; and even they were shocked because of your disgraceful behavior.

What did Yahweh say he would cut off because of Jerusalem's prostitution?

Yahweh said he would cut off Jerusalem's food because of its prostitution.

Ezekiel 16:28

ULT

28 You have acted like a prostitute with the Assyrians because you could not be satisfied. You acted like a prostitute and still were not satisfied.

UST

28 It was as though you slept with soldiers from Assyria, too, because you always wanted to sleep with more men. And after that, you still were not satisfied.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:29

ULT

29 You performed many more acts of prostitution in the land of the merchants of Chaldea, and even this did not satisfy you.

UST

29 So you also slept with soldiers from Babylonia, a country full of merchants, but even that did not satisfy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:30

ULT

30 How sick is your heart—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—that you would do all these things, deeds of a shameless prostitute?

UST

30 I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that you are ruining your life! When you did all those things, you were acting like a prostitute who has no shame for all the things she does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:31

ULT

31 You have built your mounds at the head of every street and made your lofty shrines in every public square. Yet you were not like a prostitute because you scoffed at taking payment.

UST

31 But when you built the houses on the hills to worship idols in every city square, you were not really like a prostitute because prostitutes charge money. You refused to take money for what you did!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:32

ULT
32 You adulterous woman, you accept strangers instead of your husband.

UST
32 You are like a woman who commits adultery: You prefer to sleep with strangers rather than with your husband.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:33

ULT
33 People give payment to every prostitute, but you give your wages to all your lovers and bribe them to come to you from all around for your acts of prostitution.

UST
33 Prostitutes are paid, but it is as though you give gifts to all your lovers; you bribe them to come to you from everywhere to sleep with you.

What did Yahweh say is the difference between Jerusalem and every prostitute? (vv33-34)
Yahweh said the difference is that prostitutes are paid for their acts, but Jerusalem pays its lovers and bribes them.

Ezekiel 16:34

ULT
34 So there is a difference between you and other women. No one offers payment for you to act as a prostitute. You are the very opposite. You gave them payment and none was given to you.

UST
34 So although you act like you are a prostitute, you are actually the opposite of other prostitutes! Instead of them giving any money to you, you give men money to sleep with you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:35

ULT

35 Therefore, you prostitute, listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

35 Therefore, you people of Jerusalem, you, who are like a prostitute, listen to what Yahweh the Lord is saying about you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:36

ULT

36 The Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have poured out your lust and uncovered your nakedness through your acts of prostitution with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because you gave them your children's blood,

UST

36 He says that what you have done is as though you have lusted for everyone around you and had slept with them and with the male idols you made, so that you even made your own children to be sacrifices to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:37

ULT

37 therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers that you have met, all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated, and I will gather them against you on every side. I will uncover your nakedness to them so they see all your nakedness.

UST

37 So what I am going to do is as though I will gather those who you think have loved you and those whom you hated. I will gather them around you to attack you, and what I will do is as though I will strip your clothes off you, and they will see you when you are completely naked.

Who did Yahweh say he would gather against Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would gather all of Jerusalem's lovers against her on every side.

Ezekiel 16:38

ULT

38 For I will punish you for adultery and the shedding of blood, and I will bring on you the bloodshed of my anger and passion.

UST

38 I will punish you like women who commit adultery and who murder people are punished. I will get revenge on you and get rid of you because I am extremely angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:39

ULT

39 I will give you into their hands so they will throw down your vaulted chamber and break down your high places and they will strip you of your clothes and take all of your jewelry. They will leave you naked and bare.

UST

39 I will allow your enemies who you thought loved you break apart your high places of idol worship and pagan altars. They will strip you naked and keep your clothes and jewelry, and abandon you with nothing to cover yourself with.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:40

ULT

40 Then they will bring up a crowd against you and stone you with stones, and they will cut you apart with their swords.

UST

40 They will bring a mob to attack you, and that mob will throw stones at you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:41

ULT

41 They will burn your houses and will perform many acts of punishment on you in the sight of many women, for I will put a stop to your prostitution, and you will no longer pay your lovers.

UST

41 They will burn down your houses and punish you while many women are watching. I will let them do this so that you will learn a lesson for acting so adulterously and for paying people to sleep with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:42

ULT

42 Then I will calm my fury against you; my anger will leave you, for I will be satisfied, and will no longer be angry.

UST

42 Then I will no longer be angry with you. I will stop being jealous because your punishment will satisfy me.

How will Yahweh's attitude toward Jerusalem change after it is punished?

After Jerusalem is punished, Yahweh will no longer be angry with Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 16:43

ULT

43 Because you did not call to mind the days of your youth and have made me shake with anger because of all these things, therefore, behold! I myself will bring down on your own head the punishment for what you have done—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration. Have you not added prostitution to all your other detestable practices?

UST

43 You have forgotten the wonderful things that I did for you in previous years. You have caused me to become extremely angry because of all the evil things that you have done. In addition to all the other detestable things that you did, you committed many sexual sins. So I Yahweh the Lord declare that I will punish you for doing those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:44

ULT

44 Behold! Everyone who speaks proverbs concerning you will say, “As the mother is, so also is her daughter.”

UST

44 People who like to quote proverbs will quote this proverb about you: ‘Daughters behave like their mothers behave.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:45

ULT

45 You are the daughter of your mother, who detested her husband and her children, and you are the sister of your sisters who detested their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an Amorite.

UST

45 You are like your mother; it was as though she detested her husband and her children. You are like your sisters, who also despised their husbands and their children. It was as though your father belonged to the Amor people group and your mother belonged to the Heth people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:46

ULT

46 Your older sister was Samaria and her daughters were the ones living in the north, while your younger sister was the one living south of you, that is, Sodom and her daughters.

UST

46 And it was as though your older sister was Samaria, and she and her daughters lived to the north of you, and it was as though your younger sister was Sodom, and her daughters lived to the south of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:47

ULT
47 You not only walked in their ways and copied their behavior and practices, but in all your ways you have been worse than they were.

UST
47 You not only imitated all their detestable behavior, but you quickly became more sinful than they were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:48

ULT
48 As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—your sister Sodom and her daughters, have not done as much evil as you and your daughters have done.

UST
48 I, Yahweh the Lord, solemnly declare that as surely as I am alive, the people who lived in Sodom and other nearby cities never did the detestable things that you people in Jerusalem and other places in Judah have done.

Yahweh said that Jerusalem had done more evil than what other two places?
Yahweh said that Jerusalem had done more evil than Sodom and Samaria.

Ezekiel 16:49

ULT
49 Behold! This was the sin of your sister Sodom that she was arrogant in her leisure, careless and unconcerned about anything. She did not strengthen the hands of the poor and needy people.

UST
49 These are the sins of the people who lived in Sodom, who were like your sister people among them: they were prideful and did not think they would ever be punished. They ignored poor and hurting people around them.

Who did Sodom refuse to help?
Sodom refused to help the poor and needy.

Ezekiel 16:50

ULT

50 She was arrogant and committed disgusting actions before me, so I took them away just as you have seen.

UST

50 The people of Sodom and nearby cities were proud and did detestable things in my presence, so I got rid of them when I saw what they had been doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:51

ULT

51 Neither did Samaria commit even half of your sins; instead, you have done many more disgusting things than they did, and you have shown that your sisters were better than you because of all the disgusting things that you do!

UST

51 Also, the people of Samaria did not commit half as many sins as you commit. You have done more disgusting things than they have done. You cause the people of Samaria to appear to be good, compared to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:52

ULT

52 Especially you, show your own shame; in this way you have shown that your sisters were better than you, because of the sins you committed in all those disgusting ways. Your sisters now seem better than you. Especially you, show your own shame, for in this way you have shown that your sisters were better than you.

UST

52 Your sins are worse than their sins, so they seem to be less wicked than you are. So I will punish you more than I punished them. As a result, you will be ashamed and disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:53

ULT

53 For I will restore their fortunes—the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters; but your fortunes will be among them.

UST

53 However, some day I will cause the people of Sodom and Samaria and the cities near to them to prosper again. And I will cause you to prosper again, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:54

ULT

54 On account of these things you will show your shame; you will be humiliated because of everything that you have done, and in this way you will be a comfort to them.

UST

54 You will be very ashamed of the wicked things that you have done, and that will cause the people of those cities to be encouraged.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:55

ULT

55 So your sister Sodom and her daughters will be restored to their former condition, and Samaria and her daughters will be restored to their former estate. Then you and your daughters will be restored to your former condition.

UST

55 The people of Sodom and Samaria will prosper again, and you and the people in nearby cities will prosper also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:56

ULT
56 Sodom your sister was not even mentioned by your mouth in the days when you were proud,

UST
56 You sneered at the people of Sodom when you were proud,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:57

ULT
57 before your wickedness was revealed. But now you are an object of scorn to the daughters of Edom and to all the daughters of the Philistines around her. People all about despise you. [2]

UST
57 before it was revealed that you were more wicked than she was. And now the people of Edom and the people of Philistia all insult you and despise you.

What did the people all around Jerusalem think about the city?
The people around Jerusalem despised it and made it an object of scorn.

Ezekiel 16:58

ULT
58 You will show your shame and your disgusting actions!—this is Yahweh's declaration!

UST
58 And you are being punished for all your immoral behavior and other detestable things that you do. This is what Yahweh is saying to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:59

ULT

59 The Lord Yahweh says this: I will deal with you as you deserve, you who have despised your oath by breaking the covenant.

UST

59 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will continue to punish you like you deserve to be punished, because by rejecting the agreement that I made with you, you have despised that solemn agreement that you promised to obey.

Yahweh said he would treat Jerusalem as he would treat anyone who did what?

Yahweh said he would treat Jerusalem as he would treat anyone who despised their oath and broke a covenant.

Ezekiel 16:60

ULT

60 But I myself will call to mind my covenant with you made in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.

UST

60 But I will not forget the agreement that I made with you long ago and I will make an agreement with you that will endure forever.

What did Yahweh say he would call to mind and establish?

Yahweh said he would call to mind his covenant with Jerusalem and establish an everlasting covenant with it.

Ezekiel 16:61

ULT

61 Then you will call to mind your ways and be ashamed when you receive your older sisters and your younger sisters. I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

UST

61 Then you will think about what you have done, and you will be ashamed about those things when you welcome the people of Sodom and Samaria, cities which are like your daughters, but they will not have the same agreement that I will make with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:62

ULT

62 I myself will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

62 I will establish my agreement with you, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 16:63

ULT

63 Because of these things, you will call everything to mind and be ashamed, so you will no longer open your mouth to speak because of your shame, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"
16:6 [1] .
16:57 [2] , some ancient copies and modern versions have , that is, Syria.

UST

63 Then when I have forgiven you for all your sins, you will think about all the sins that you committed and you will be ashamed. You will never again boast about them, because you will be humiliated." I, the Lord Yahweh, have said so!' This is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

What will Jerusalem's reaction be when Yahweh forgives it for all it has done?

Jerusalem will be ashamed and will not longer speak because of its shame.

Ezekiel 17

Ezekiel 17:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, present a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.

UST
2 “Son of man, tell this story as an illustration to the people of Israel.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to present and speak to the house of Israel?
Yahweh told Ezekiel to present a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 17:3

ULT
3 Say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: A large eagle with large wings and long pinions, full of feathers, and that was multicolored went to Lebanon and took hold of the top of a cedar tree.

UST
3 Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: A huge eagle that had strong wings and long beautiful feathers of many colors flew to Lebanon. It grasped the top of a cedar tree

In the parable, where did the large eagle plant the tips of the cedar tree branches? (vv3-4)
The large eagle planted the tips of the cedar tree branches in the land of Canaan in a city of merchants.

Ezekiel 17:4

ULT

[4] It broke off the tips of the branches and took them to the land of Canaan; he planted it in a city of merchants.

UST

[4] and broke it off. Then the eagle carried it away to Canaan, a country that had many merchants, and planted it in one of the cities there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:5

ULT

[5] He also took some seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside a large body of water like a willow.

UST

[5] Then that eagle took a seedling from your country and planted it in a fertile field. He planted it like people plant a willow tree, alongside a stream that had plenty of water.

In the parable, where did the large eagle plant the seed of the land, and how did it grow? (vv5-6)

The large eagle planted the seed beside a large body of water, and the vine produced branches and sent out shoots.

Ezekiel 17:6

ULT

[6] Then it sprouted and became a spreading vine low to the ground. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots grew under it. So it became a vine and produced branches and sent out shoots.

UST

[6] It grew and became a low grapevine that spread along the ground. Its branches turned up toward the eagle, but its roots grew down into the ground. So it became a good vine and produced lots of branches and leaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:7

ULT

[7] But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers. Behold! This vine turned its roots toward the eagle, and it spread out its branches toward the eagle from the place it had been planted so it would be watered.

UST

[7] But there was another huge eagle that had strong wings and beautiful feathers. And some of the roots of the vine grew toward that eagle, and its branches also turned toward it, hoping that the eagle would bring more water to it.

In the parable, what did the vine do when the other great eagle came?

The vine turned its roots towards the other great eagle.

Ezekiel 17:8

ULT

[8] It had been planted in good soil beside a large body of water so it would produce branches and sprout fruit, to become a magnificent vine.'

UST

[8] That happened in spite of the fact that the vine had been planted in good soil, where there was plenty of water, with the result that it had produced branches and produced grapes and had become a very healthy vine.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:9

ULT

[9] Say to the people, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: Will it prosper? Will it not be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers, and all its fresh growth will wither? No strong arm or many people will be needed to pull it out by its roots.

UST

[9] Then after you have told that to the people, say to them, 'This is what Yahweh the Lord says: That vine will certainly not remain healthy. It will be pulled up by its roots by the eagle that planted it, and all its fruit will be stripped off and its leaves will wither. And it will not need someone with strong arms or many people to pull it out by its roots.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the vine in the parable? (vv9-10)

Yahweh said that the vine would completely wither away in its plot.

Ezekiel 17:10

ULT
10 So behold! After it has been planted, will it grow? Will it not wither when the eastern wind touches it? It will completely wither away in the garden plot where it sprouted.'"

UST
10 Even if that vine is transplanted, it certainly will not continue to grow. When the hot wind from the east blows against it, it will completely wither, there where it was planted!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:11

ULT
11 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
11 Then Yahweh gave this message to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:12

ULT
12 "Speak to the rebellious house, 'Do you not know what these things mean? Behold! The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took her king and her princes and brought them to him in Babylon.

UST
12 "Ask these rebellious Israelite people, 'Do you know what this parable means?' Tell them that it signifies that the king of Babylon went to Jerusalem with his army and captured the king of Judah and his officials, and took them back to Babylon.

What did the king of Babylon do with the king of Jerusalem?
The king of Babylon took the king of Jerusalem to Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:13

ULT

13 Then he took a royal descendant, made a covenant with him, and brought him under an oath. He took away the powerful people of the land,

UST

13 Then he took one of the king's close relatives, appointed one of them as king, and made an agreement with him, forcing him to solemnly promise to remain loyal. The king of Babylon also took to Babylon the other important citizens of Judah,

What did the king of Babylon do with the royal descendant of the king of Jerusalem?

The king of Babylon made a covenant with the royal descendant of the king of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 17:14

ULT

14 so the kingdom might become lowly and not lift itself up. By keeping his covenant the land will survive.

UST

14 in order that the kingdom of Judah would not be able to become powerful again. The king of Babylon intended that the kingdom of Judah would not continue to exist if the people did not obey that agreement that he made with the king of Babylon.

How did Yahweh say the land of Israel would survive?

Yahweh said the land of Israel would survive by the king of Jerusalem keeping his covenant with the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:15

ULT

15 But the king of Jerusalem rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt to acquire horses and an army. Will he succeed? Will the one doing these things escape? If he breaks the covenant, will he escape?

UST

15 The king of Judah rebelled against the king of Babylon by sending officials to Egypt to request from them horses and a large army to fight against the army of Babylonia. But the king of Judah will certainly not be sucessful. Rulers who rebel like that and refuse to obey solemn agreements will never escape.

How did the king of Jerusalem violate the covenant he made with the king of Babylon?

The king of Jerusalem rebelled and sent ambassadors to Egypt to acquire horses and an army.

Ezekiel 17:16

ULT

16 As I live!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—he will surely die in the land of the king who made him king, the king whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he broke. He will die in the middle of Babylon.

UST

16 I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, the king of Judah will die in Babylon, in the city where the king of Babylon appointed him to be the king of Judah. He will die because he despised the solemn agreement and refused to do what he promised to do.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the king of Jerusalem?

Yahweh said the king of Jerusalem would die in the middle of Babylon.

Ezekiel 17:17

ULT

17 Pharaoh with his mighty army and a great company of men will not help him in battle, when ramps are constructed and siege walls are built up to cut off many lives.

UST

17 The king of Egypt with all his very huge army will not be able to help the king of Judah: The soldiers from Babylonia will build ramps up against the city walls and set up devices to batter the walls. They will enter Jerusalem and kill many of its people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:18

ULT

18 For the king despised his oath by breaking the covenant. Behold, he reached out with his hand to make a promise and yet he did all these things. He will not escape.

UST

18 The king of Judah despised the solemn agreement by disregarding the treaty. Although he had solemnly promised to be under the control of the king of Babylon, he sent officials to request help from Egypt. Therefore he will not escape being punished by the king of Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:19

ULT

19 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: As I live, was it not my oath that he despised and my covenant that he broke? So I will bring his punishment on his head!

UST

19 Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Just as surely as I am alive, I will cause the king of Judah to be punished for ignoring the solemn agreement that he made with the king of Babylon and then refusing to obey it, since this violates what I expect.

According to Yahweh, whose covenant did the king of Jerusalem actually break?

According to Yahweh, the king of Jerusalem actually broke his covenant with Yahweh.

Ezekiel 17:20

ULT

20 I will spread my net out over him, and he will be caught in my hunting net. Then I will bring him to Babylon and execute judgment on him there for his treason that he committed when he betrayed me!

UST

20 It will be as though I will spread a net to capture him, and he will be caught in it. He will be captured and taken to Babylon and punished because he rebelled against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 17:21

ULT

21 All of his refugees in his armies will fall by the sword, and the ones who remain will be scattered in every direction. Then you will know that I am Yahweh; I have declared this would happen."

UST

21 Most of his soldiers who try to escape will be killed by their enemies' swords, and those who survive will be scattered in all directions. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What did Yahweh declare would happen to the armies of the king of Jerusalem?

Yahweh declared the armies of the king of Jerusalem would fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 17:22

ULT

22 The Lord Yahweh says this, ‘So I myself will take away the highest part of the cedar tree, and I will plant it away from its tender branches. I will break it off, and I myself will plant it on a high mountain.

UST

22 This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: “It will be as though I will take a shoot from the top of a very tall cedar tree and plant it in another place. I will plant it on a very high mountain.

What did Yahweh say he would do with the tender branches of the cedar tree?

Yahweh said he would plant the tender branches on a high mountain.

Ezekiel 17:23

ULT

23 I will plant it on the mountains of Israel so it will bear branches and produce fruit, and it will become a majestic cedar so that every winged bird will live under it. They will nest in the shade of its branches.

UST

23 It will be as though I will plant it on a mountain in Israel, and it will grow and become a beautiful cedar tree. Many kinds of birds will make their nests in the tree, and they will have shade in its branches.

What will the tender branches that Yahweh plants become?

The tender branches Yahweh plants will become a majestic cedar where every winged bird will live.

Ezekiel 17:24

ULT

24 Then all the trees of the field will know that I am Yahweh. I bring down the high trees and I raise up the low trees. I wither the watered tree and I cause the dried tree to bloom. I am Yahweh, I have declared that this will happen; and I have done it.’”

UST

24 And it will be as though all the trees in the field will know that I, Yahweh, get rid of tall trees and will make little ones grow. I cause big green trees to wither, and I cause dry trees to become green. I, Yahweh have said this, and I will certainly do what I have said that I will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18

Ezekiel 18:1

ULT

1 The word of Yahweh came to me again, saying,

UST

1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:2

ULT

2 “What do you mean, you who use this proverb concerning the land of Israel and say, ‘Fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are made blunt’?

UST

2 “You people quote this proverb and say that it is about Israel: ‘Parents eat sour grapes, but it is their children who have a very sour taste in their mouths.’ This means that you think that you must suffer for the sins that your ancestors committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:3

ULT

3 As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—there will certainly no longer be any occasion for you to use this proverb in Israel.

UST

3 But I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, you Israelite people will no longer say this proverb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:4

ULT

4 Behold! Every life belongs to me—the life of the father as well as the life of the son, they belong to me! The soul who sins is the one who will die!

UST

4 Everyone who is alive belongs to me. That includes children and their parents; they all belong to me. And it is those who sin who will die because of their sins.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to every person who sins?

Yahweh declares that every person who sins will die.

Ezekiel 18:5

ULT

5 What can be said about a man who is righteous and who carries out justice and righteousness—

UST

5 So suppose that there is a righteous person, one who always does what is fair and right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:6

ULT

6 if he does not eat upon the mountains or lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and he does not defile his neighbor’s wife, nor approached a woman during her monthly period, is he a righteous man?

UST

6 He does not eat meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops; he does not request help from idols as the rest of Israel has been doing. He does not sleep with someone else’s wife or with a woman during her monthly menstrual period.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:7

ULT

[7] What can be said about a man who does not oppress anyone, and he gives back to the debtor what was put up as security for a loan, and he does not commit theft but gives his food to the hungry and he covers the naked with clothes, is he a righteous man?

UST

[7] He does not mistreat people; if a person borrows money from him and gives him something to guarantee that he will pay the money back, this man always gives it back to that person before the sun goes down. He does not rob people. He gives food to hungry people. He gives clothing to people who need clothes.

Who does a righteous man help?

A righteous man gives his food to the hungry and covers the naked with clothes.

Ezekiel 18:8

ULT

[8] What can be said about a man who does not charge too much interest for the money he loans, and he does not take too much profit for what he sells? It is said of him that he carries out justice and establishes faithfulness between people.

UST

[8] When he lends money to people, he does not do it to make him pay interest. He does not do things that are evil. He always decides things fairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:9

ULT

[9] If that man walks in my statutes and keeps my decrees to act faithfully, then the promise for this righteous man is this: He will surely live!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[9] He faithfully obeys all my laws. That man is truly righteous; he will remain alive. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, promise.

What does a righteous man walk in and keep?

A righteous man walks in Yahweh's laws and keeps Yahweh's decrees.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a righteous man?

Yahweh declares a righteous man will live.

Ezekiel 18:10

ULT

10 But suppose that he has a violent son who sheds blood and does any one of these things that were mentioned, [1]

UST

10 But suppose that man has a son who acts violently, who murders people and does any of these other things, even though his father has not done any of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:11

ULT

11 (though his father has not done any of these things). He eats upon the mountains and he defiles his neighbor's wife, what can be said about him?

UST

11 He eats meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops. He sleeps with other people's wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:12

ULT

12 This man oppresses the poor and needy, and he seizes and robs, and he does not return a pledge, and he lifts up his eyes to the idols and commits disgusting actions,

UST

12 He mistreats poor and needy people. He robs people. If someone gives him something to guarantee that he will pay back money that he has borrowed, the unrighteous man never gives it back to him before the sun goes down. He seeks help from idols. He does other disgusting things.

If a righteous man has a son who oppresses the poor and needy, what does Yahweh declare will happen to him? (vv12-13)

Yahweh declares the unrighteous son will not live.

Ezekiel 18:13

ULT

13 and he lends out money at too high interest and he makes too much profit on what he sells, should that man live? Surely he will not! He will certainly die and his blood will be on him because he has done all these detestable things.

UST

13 When he lends money, he charges interest. If you think that I will keep such a person alive, you are certainly wrong. Because he has done all those detestable things, I will certainly make him die, and it will be his own fault.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:14

ULT

14 But behold! Suppose there is a man who bears a son, and his son sees all the sins that his father has committed, and though he sees them, he does not do those things.

UST

14 But suppose that man has a son who sees all the sins that his father commits, but he himself does not do those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:15

ULT

15 That son does not eat upon the mountains, and he does not lift up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, and he does not defile his neighbor’s wife, what can be said about him?

UST

15 The son does not eat meat sacrificed to idols on the hilltops. He does not request help from idols. He does not sleep with other people’s wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:16

ULT

16 That son does not oppress anyone, or seize a pledge, or take stolen things, but instead gives his food to the hungry and covers up the naked with clothes.

UST

16 He does not mistreat people. If he lends money to someone, he does not require that person to give him something to guarantee that he will pay the money back. He does not rob anyone. He gives food to those who need it. He gives clothes to those who need clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:17

ULT

17 That son does not oppress anyone or take interest that is too high or make too much profit for a loan, but he carries out my decrees and walks according to my statutes; that son will not die for his father's sin: He will surely live!

UST

17 He does not commit sins, unlike his father, and does not charge interest when he lends money. He faithfully obeys all my laws. I will make sure that that person does not die for his father's sins; he will certainly stay alive.

If a son does not walk in his father's sins, will a son die for his father's sins?

If a son carries out Yahweh's decrees and walks according to Yahweh's statutes, then he will not die for his father's sin.

Ezekiel 18:18

ULT

18 His father, since he oppressed others by extortion and robbed his brother, and did what is not good among his people—behold, he will die in his iniquity.

UST

18 But I will ensure that his father will die for the sins that he committed, because the father cheated and robbed people, and did other things that are evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:19

ULT

19 But you say, ‘Why does the son not bear the iniquity of his father?’ Because the son carries out justice and righteousness and keeps all my statutes; he does them. He will surely live!

UST

19 If you ask, ‘Why should the man’s son not suffer for the evil things that his father did?’, I will answer that the son has done what is fair and right and has obeyed all my laws, so he will surely remain alive.

Why does the righteous son not bear the iniquity of his father?

The righteous son does not bear the iniquity of the father because he carries out justice and righteousness.

Ezekiel 18:20

ULT

20 The one who sins, he is the one who will die. A son will not bear his father’s iniquity, and a father will not bear his son’s iniquity. The righteousness of the one who acts rightly will be on himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be on himself.

UST

20 It is those who sin who will die because of their sins. I will not punish people because their parents have sinned, or because their children have sinned. I will reward people who live rightly, and I will punish the wicked people, those who live wrongly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:21

ULT

21 But if the wicked turns away from all his sins that he has done, and keeps all my statutes and performs justice and righteousness, then he will certainly live and not die.

UST

21 But if a wicked person stops doing all the evil things that he did previously, and if he starts to obey faithfully all my laws, and if he does what is fair and right, he will surely remain alive; I will not kill him.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a wicked person who turns away from all his sins? (vv21-22)

Yahweh declares that a wicked person who turns away from all his sins will certainly live.

Ezekiel 18:22

ULT

22 All the transgressions that he has committed will not be called to mind against him. He will live by the righteousness that he practices.

UST

22 I will not punish him for the sins he committed previously. Because of the good things that he has done since that time, I will allow him to stay alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:23

ULT

23 Do I greatly rejoice over the death of the wicked—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and not in his turning away from his way so that he may live?

UST

23 I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that I certainly am not happy about wicked people dying. Instead, I am happy when they stop doing wicked things and remain alive as a result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:24

ULT

24 But if the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and practices abominations like all the abominations that the wicked person does, then will he live? All the righteousness that he had done will not be called to mind when he betrays me in his treason. So he will die in the sins that he committed.

UST

24 But if a righteous person stops doing right things and starts to commit sins and does the same disgusting things that wicked people do, I will certainly not allow him to remain alive. I will not think about the righteous things that he did previously. Because he did not faithfully do what pleases me, and because of all the sins that he has committed, he will certainly die.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to a righteous person who turns and commits sins and practices wickedness?

Yahweh declares that a righteous person who turns and commits iniquity will die in the sins that he commits.

Ezekiel 18:25

ULT

25 But you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair!’ Listen, house of Israel! Are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

UST

25 But you say that I, Yahweh, do not act fairly. You Israelite people, listen to what I say: It is certainly not what I do that is unfair; it is what you continually do that is not fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:26

ULT

26 When the righteous man turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity and dies because of them, then he will die in the iniquity that he has done.

UST

26 If a righteous person turns away from doing what is right and commits sins, he will die for committing those sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:27

ULT

27 But when a wicked man turns away from his wickedness that he has done and performs justice and righteousness, then he will preserve his life.

UST

27 But if a wicked person turns away from doing wicked things and does what is just and right, he will save himself from dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:28

ULT
28 For he has seen and turned away from all the transgressions that he had done. He will surely live, and he will not die.

UST
28 Because he has thought about all the evil things that he did and has turned away from doing them, I will certainly allow him to live. I will not kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:29

ULT
29 But the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair!’ How is my way not fair, house of Israel? It is your ways that are not fair.

UST
29 But you, the Israelites, say that I do not act fairly. You people of Israel, I always actly fairly. It is you who are acting wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 18:30

ULT
30 Therefore I will judge each man among you according to his ways, house of Israel!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration. Repent and turn away from all your transgressions so that they will not be stumbling blocks of iniquity against you.

UST
30 Therefore, you Israelite people, I, Yahweh the Lord, will judge each of you according to what you have done. Repent! Turn away from all your wicked behavior! Then I will not destroy you because of the wrong things you have done.

How does Yahweh say he will judge each man?
Yahweh says he will judge each man according to his ways.

What does Yahweh call the house of Israel to do?
Yahweh calls the house of Israel to repent and turn away from all its sins.

Ezekiel 18:31

ULT

31 Throw away from yourselves all of the transgressions that you have committed; make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, house of Israel?

UST

31 Stop doing wicked things; start thinking in a new way. You Israelite people, do you really want me to kill you because you have sinned?

What does Yahweh call the house of Israel to make for themselves?

Yahweh calls the house of Israel to make a new heart and a new spirit for themselves.

Ezekiel 18:32

ULT

32 For I have no delight in the death of the one who dies—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—so repent and live!"
18:10 [1] .

UST

32 I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that I am not pleased if you die. So turn away from your sins and stay alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19

Ezekiel 19:1

ULT
1 “Now you, take up a lamentation against the leaders of Israel

UST
1 Yahweh said to me,

What was Ezekiel told to lift up?
Ezekiel was told to lift up a lamentation against the leaders of Israel.

Ezekiel 19:2

ULT
2 and say, ‘Who was your mother? A lioness, she lived with a lion’s son; in the midst of young lions, she nurtured her cubs.

UST
2 “Ezekiel, sing a sad funeral song which will be a parable about the leaders of Israel. Say to the Israelite people, ‘It is as though your mother had been a brave female lion who raised her cubs among other lions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:3

ULT
3 She is the one who raised up one of her cubs to become a young lion, a lion who learned to tear apart his victims, and then he devoured men.

UST
3 She taught one of them to hunt for other animals to kill, and he even learned to kill and eat people.

In the parable of the lions, what did one of the cubs learn to do?
One of the cubs learned to tear his victims and devour men.

Ezekiel 19:4

ULT

[4] Then the nations heard about him. He was caught in their trap, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

UST

[4] When people from other nations heard about him, they trapped him in a pit. Then they used hooks to drag him to Egypt.

When the nations heard about this cub, what did they do?

The nations trapped the cub and brought him to the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 19:5

ULT

[5] Then she saw that although she had waited for his return, her expectation was now gone, so she took another of her cubs and raised him to become a young lion.

UST

[5] His mother waited for him to return, but soon she stopped hoping for that to happen. So she raised another cub who also became very fierce.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:6

ULT

[6] This young lion roamed about in the midst of lions. He was a young lion and learned to tear his victims; he devoured men.

UST

[6] He hunted along with other lions for animals to kill, and he even learned to kill and eat people.

After the first cub was gone, what did the second young lion learn to do?

The second young lion learned to tear his victims and devour men.

Ezekiel 19:7

ULT

7 He seized their widows and ruined their cities. The land and its fullness were abandoned because of the sound of his roaring. [1]

UST

7 He mistreated his victims' widows, and he destroyed cities. When he roared loudly, everyone was terrified and abandoned everything they owned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:8

ULT

8 But the nations came against him from the surrounding provinces; they spread their nets over him. He was caught in their trap.

UST

8 So people of other nations planned to kill him; and men came from many places to spread out a net for him. They caught him in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 19:9

ULT

9 With hooks they put him in a cage and then they brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him to the strongholds so that his voice would no longer be heard on the mountains of Israel.

UST

9 They pulled him with hooks in his flesh and put him into an iron cage, then they took him to the king of Babylon. There they locked him up so that the sound of his voice could never be heard echoing on the hills of Israel.'

What did the nations do with the second young lion?

The nations trapped the young lion and brought him to the king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 19:10

ULT

10 Your mother was like a vine planted in your blood beside the water. [2] it was fruitful and full of branches because of the abundance of water.

UST

10 ‘It is as though your mother were a grapevine fertilized in blood, and growing up beside a stream. There was plenty of water, so it had lots of branches and produced a lot of grapes.

What was Israel’s mother once like?

Israel’s mother was once like a fruitful vine planted beside the water.

Ezekiel 19:11

ULT

11 It had strong branches that were used for rulers’ scepters, and its size was exalted above the branches, and its height was seen by the greatness of its foliage.

UST

11 That grapevine grew and became taller than all the nearby trees; everyone could see that it was very strong and healthy. And those branches were good for making scepters that symbolize the power of a king.

For what were her strong branches to be used?

Her strong branches were to be used for ruler’s scepters.

Ezekiel 19:12

ULT

12 But the vine was uprooted in fury and thrown down to the earth, and an eastern wind dried out its fruit. Its strong branches were broken off and withered and fire consumed them.

UST

12 But Yahweh became very angry, so he pulled up the vine by its roots and threw it on the ground, where the very hot winds from the desert dried up all its fruit. The strong branches wilted and were burned in a fire.

What happened to the vine?

The vine was uprooted, thrown down, and dried out by an eastern wind.

Ezekiel 19:13

ULT

13 So now it is planted in the wilderness, in a land of drought and thirst.

UST

13 Now Yahweh has planted that vine in a hot, dry desert.

Where is the vine?

The vine is in the wilderness.

Ezekiel 19:14

ULT

14 For fire went out from her large branches and consumed its fruit. There is no strong branch on it, no scepter to rule.' This is a lamentation and will be sung as a lamentation."
19:7 [1] , some ancient copies and many modern versions have .
19:10 [2] , some ancient copies and many modern versions have .

UST

14 A fire started to burn its stem, and then started to burn the branches; it burned all the grapes. Now not even one strong branch remains; they will never become scepters for a king.' This funeral song must be sung very sadly."

What does the vine no longer have?

The vine no longer has strong branches or a scepter to rule.

Ezekiel 20

Ezekiel 20:1

ULT

1 It came about in the seventh year, on the tenth day of the fifth month, that elders of Israel came to inquire of Yahweh and sat before me.

UST

1 Almost seven years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the fifth month of that year, some Israelite elders came to me to ask if I had any message for them from Yahweh.

Who came to Ezekiel and why did they come?

The elders of Israel came to Ezekiel to inquire of Yahweh.

Ezekiel 20:2

ULT

2 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

2 Then Yahweh gave me a message for them. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:3

ULT

3 “Son of man, declare to the elders of Israel and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Have you come to inquire of me? As I live, I will not be inquired of by you!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

3 “Son of man, speak to the elders and tell them that the Lord Yahweh says this: ‘You say that you have come to ask if there is any message from me, but as surely as I am alive, I will not allow you to ask for any message from me.’

What was Yahweh’s response to those who came to Ezekiel?

Yahweh said that he would not be inquired of by the elders of Israel.

Ezekiel 20:4

ULT

[4] Will you judge them? Will you judge, son of man? Let them know about their fathers' abominations.

UST

[4] If you are willing to warn them, remind them of the disgusting things that their ancestors did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:5

ULT

[5] Say to them, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day that I chose Israel and raised my hand to swear an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I raised my hand to swear an oath to them. I said, "I am Yahweh your God"—

UST

[5] Then say to them, 'On the day that I chose you Israelite people to belong to me, I made a solemn oath to your ancestors while they were still in Egypt.' I said to them, 'I am Yahweh, your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:6

ULT

[6] on that day I raised my hand to swear an oath to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had carefully selected for them. It was flowing with milk and honey; it was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.

UST

[6] I will bring you out of Egypt and lead you to a land that I have chosen for you. It is the most fertile and beautiful land in the world.

What did Yahweh swear he would do for Israel when they were in the land of Egypt?

Yahweh swore that he would bring them into a land flowing with milk and honey.

Ezekiel 20:7

ULT

[7] I said to them, “Let each man throw away the detestable things from before his eyes and the idols of Egypt. Do not make yourselves unclean; I am Yahweh your God.”

UST

[7] Each of you must get rid of the disgusting idols that you love, and the idols which you learned to worship in Egypt, and with which you made it impossible for me to accept you. I, Yahweh your God, am saying this to you.’

What command did Yahweh give the people of Israel in the land of Egypt?

Yahweh commanded the people to throw away their idols of Egypt.

Ezekiel 20:8

ULT

[8] But they rebelled against me and were unwilling to listen to me. Each man did not throw away the detestable things from before his eyes nor forsake the idols of Egypt, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath among them in the middle of the land of Egypt.

UST

[8] But they rebelled against me. They would not pay attention to me. They did not get rid of the disgusting idols they loved; they did not reject the idols that they saw in Egypt. So because I was angry with them, I said that I would punish them in Egypt.

How did the people of Israel respond to Yahweh’s command?

The people rebelled against Yahweh and were unwilling to listen.

Ezekiel 20:9

ULT

[9] I acted for my name’s sake so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations among whom they were staying. I made myself known to them, in their eyes, by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

UST

[9] But for the sake of my own reputation, I decided to do something for your people so that the other people groups would not laugh at me and say I had no power. I decided that they would see me bring my people out of Egypt.

Why did Yahweh say he acted to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt?

Yahweh said he acted for his name’s sake so that it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations.

Ezekiel 20:10

ULT
10 So I sent them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

UST
10 Therefore I led your people out of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:11

ULT
11 Then I gave them my statutes and made my decrees known to them, by which a man will live if he obeys them.

UST
11 I gave them all my laws and decrees, in order that they would obey them, and as a result they would live for a long time.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?
Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

What did Yahweh give the people of Israel in the wilderness? (vv11-12)
Yahweh gave the people his statutes, decrees, and Sabbaths.

Ezekiel 20:12

ULT
12 I also gave them my Sabbaths as a sign between myself and them, for them to know that I am Yahweh who makes them holy.

UST
12 Also, I established the Sabbath days to be a reminder between me and them, so they would know that I am Yahweh, the one who sets them apart for my honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:13

ULT

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes; instead, they rejected my decrees, by which a man will live if he obeys them. They greatly profaned my Sabbaths, so I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness in order to end them.

UST

13 But the Israelite people rebelled against me in the wilderness also. They did not obey my commands; they rejected them, even though they would have lived a long time if they had obeyed them, and they treated the Sabbath days like any other day. So I said that I would destroy them in the wilderness, because that would show that I was very angry with them.

How did the people of Israel respond to what Yahweh gave them in the wilderness?

The people rebelled against Yahweh and rejected his decrees.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?

Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

Ezekiel 20:14

ULT

14 But I acted for my name's sake so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations, in whose sight I had brought them out of Egypt.

UST

14 But again, so that the other people groups would not laugh at me, I decided to do something in order to show those people groups that I was still as powerful as when they had seen me bring my people out of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:15

ULT

15 So I myself also raised my hand to swear an oath to them in the wilderness not to bring them into the land that I had been going to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey, which was the most beautiful ornament among all the lands.

UST

15 I solemnly swore to your people in the wilderness that I would not take them into the land that I had promised to give them, a land that was the most fertile and beautiful land in the world.

What did Yahweh then swear he would not do for the people of Israel because they rejected his decrees?

Yahweh then swore he would not bring them into the land he was going to give them.

Ezekiel 20:16

ULT

16 I swore this because they had rejected my decrees and did not walk in my statutes, and they profaned my Sabbaths, since their hearts walked after their idols.

UST

16 I made this oath, because they had rejected and disobeyed all my laws, and because they were treating the Sabbath days like any other day. And they insisted on worshiping their idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:17

ULT

17 But my eye spared them from their destruction and I did not annihilate them in the wilderness.

UST

17 But I still pitied them, so I did not destroy them in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:18

ULT

18 I said to their children in the wilderness, “Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, or keep their rules, or defile yourselves with their idols.

UST

18 I said to their children, the next generation, ‘Do not do the things that your parents always do. Do not worship their idols and so make it impossible for me to accept you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:19

ULT

19 I am Yahweh your God, walk in my statutes; keep my decrees and obey them.

UST

19 I am Yahweh your God. Carefully obey my laws and commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:20

ULT

20 Keep my Sabbaths holy so that they will be a sign between me and you, so that you will know that I am Yahweh your God.”

UST

20 Respect my Sabbath days, in order that by doing that, it will remind you that you belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:21

ULT

21 But their sons and daughters rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes or keep my decrees, by which a man might live if he obeys them. They profaned my Sabbaths, so I determined to pour out my fury upon them to satisfy my wrath against them in the wilderness.

UST

21 But their children also rebelled against me. They did not take care to obey my laws, even though anyone who obeys them will live for a long time; and they also treated the Sabbath days like any other day. So again I said that I would kill them all in the wilderness, and in this way I would stop being angry.

How did the sons and daughters of Israel respond when Yahweh commanded them to walk in his decrees?

The sons and daughters of Israel rebelled against Yahweh and did not keep his decrees.

What did Yahweh tell the people they would be able to do if they obeyed his decrees?

Yahweh told the people they would be able to live if they obeyed his decrees.

Ezekiel 20:22

ULT

22 But I turned my hand away and acted for my name's sake, so it would not be profaned in the eyes of the nations in whose sight I had brought out the Israelites.

UST

22 But I did not do that. I decided once more to do something so that the other people groups, those that had seen me bring your people out of Egypt, would not laugh and say that I had lost my power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:23

ULT

23 I myself also lifted up my hand to swear to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

UST

23 So I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among many people groups,

What did Yahweh then swear to do to the sons and daughters of Israel?

Yahweh then swore to scatter them among the nations.

Ezekiel 20:24

ULT

24 I decided to do this since they had not obeyed my decrees, and since they had rejected my statutes and profaned my Sabbaths. Their eyes were longing after their fathers' idols.

UST

24 because they had rejected and disobeyed all my laws, and because they were treating the Sabbath days like any other day—and because they were eager to worship the idols that their parents had worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:25

ULT

25 Then I also gave them statutes that were not good, and decrees by which they could not live.

UST

25 So I also allowed them to obey laws that were not good, laws that would not help them live a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:26

ULT

26 I declared them to be unclean through their gifts—they made a sacrifice of every firstborn of the womb and caused them to pass through the fire—that I might fill them with horror so they will know that I am Yahweh!'

UST

26 I allowed them to do things that made it impossible for me to accept them: I allowed them to sacrifice their firstborn children in fire. I allowed them to do that in order that they would be horrified at themselves, and in order that they would know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:27

ULT

[27] Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: In this also your fathers blasphemed me when they were unfaithful to me.

UST

[27] Therefore, son of man, speak to the Israelite people. Say this to them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you: This is one way that your ancestors dishonored me by turning away from me.’

How did the fathers of Israel blaspheme and betray Yahweh? (vv27-29)

The fathers of Israel blasphemed and betrayed Yahweh by offering sacrifices to idols on the high places.

Ezekiel 20:28

ULT

[28] When I brought them into the land that I had sworn to give them, and then whenever they saw any high hill and leafy tree, they offered their sacrifices, they provoked me by their offerings, and there they also burned their fragrant incense and poured out their drink offerings.

UST

[28] After I brought them into the land that I had sworn to give them, every time that they saw a high hill or a big green tree, they offered sacrifices to idols there. They made offerings to them, and that caused me to become angry. They presented to those idols their fragrant incense, and they poured out wine offerings to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:29

ULT

[29] Then I said to them, “What is this high place where you bring offerings there?” So the name is called Bamah to this day.’

UST

[29] Then I asked them, ‘What is this hilltop place where you go to worship idols?’ So they are still called Bamah, which means ‘hilltop.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:30

ULT

[30] Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Why do you make yourselves unclean with the ways of your fathers? So why do you act like prostitutes, searching for disgusting things?

UST

[30] Therefore, say this to the Israelite people: ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: Why do you imitate your ancestors in acting in ways that make me unable to accept you? You act like prostitutes, leaving their husbands for other men. In the same way, you have left me to worship disgusting idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:31

ULT

[31] When you offer up your gifts—when you cause your sons to pass through the fire—to this day you defile yourselves with all your idols. So why should I let you seek me, house of Israel? As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—I will not allow you to seek me.

UST

[31] When you sacrifice your children in the fire, you make me unable to accept you. It is the same as when you bow down to your idols. You Israelite people, should I allow you to ask me to direct you in any matter? I, Yahweh the Lord, say that as surely as I am alive, I will not answer if you ask me.’

What were the people of Israel doing with their sons?

The people of Israel were causing their sons to pass through the fire.

Ezekiel 20:32

ULT

[32] The thought that is forming in your mind will never happen. You say, “Let us be like the other nations, like the clans in the other lands who worship wood and stone.”

UST

[32] You say, ‘We want to be like the other people groups in the world. We want to worship idols made of wood and stone like they do.’ But what you want will never happen.’

What thought was in the minds of the people of Israel?

The people of Israel were thinking they wanted to be like the other nations, worshiping wood and stone.

Ezekiel 20:33

ULT

33 As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—I will certainly reign over you with a mighty hand, a raised arm, and fury that will be poured out on you.

UST

33 I, Yahweh your Lord, say that as surely as I am alive, I will use my great power to rule over you, and to show that I am angry with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:34

ULT

34 I will bring you out from the other peoples and will gather you out of the countries among whom you have been scattered. I will do this with a mighty hand and with fury poured out.

UST

34 With my great power I will gather you from the places to which I scattered you.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the people of Israel in order to judge them face to face? (vv34-35)

Yahweh said he would gather the people of Israel out of the countries where they were scattered into the wilderness of the peoples.

Ezekiel 20:35

ULT

35 Then I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will judge you face to face.

UST

35 I will bring you to a wilderness that is surrounded by other nations. There, while I am looking at you, I will judge you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:36

ULT
36 As I judged your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so also I will judge you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST
36 I will punish you, as I punished your ancestors in the wilderness near Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:37

ULT
37 I will cause you to pass under my rod, and I will make you obey the requirements of the covenant.

UST
37 I will make you submit to me; I will force you to obey the covenant that I made with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:38

ULT
38 I will purge from among you the rebels and those who revolt against me. I will send them out from the land where they are staying as foreigners, but they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST
38 I will destroy the people among you who rebel against me. Although I will bring them out of Babylonia, where they are now living, they will not enter Israel. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What did Yahweh say he would purge from among the people of Israel?
Yahweh said he would purge the rebellious and transgressing ones from among the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 20:39

ULT

39 So to you, house of Israel, the Lord Yahweh says this: Each of you should go to his own idols. Worship them if you will refuse to listen to me, but you must no longer profane my holy name with your gifts and your idols.

UST

39 As for you Israelite people, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Go and worship your idols now, each of you. But afterwards, you will surely pay attention to me and no longer dishonor me by taking gifts to your idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:40

ULT

40 For on my holy mountain, on the mountain peak of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—all of the house of Israel will worship me there in the land. I will be pleased to require your offerings there, and also the firstfruits of your tribute with all your holy things.

UST

40 I, Yahweh your Lord, declare that there on my sacred hill, Zion, that high hill in Israel, you will bring gifts to me, and I will accept them. I will require you to bring to me gifts and offerings there, and your sacrifices that you will set apart for me.

After Yahweh gathered the house of Israel on his holy mountain, how would Israel treat Yahweh? (vv40-41)

After Yahweh gathered the house of Israel on his holy mountain, Israel would treat Yahweh as holy in the sight of the nations.

Ezekiel 20:41

ULT

41 I will accept you like fragrant incense when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. I will show myself as holy among you for the nations to see.

UST

41 When I bring you out from the other nations to which you have been scattered, I will accept you as though you were fragrant incense. I will show the people of other nations that I have set myself apart as holy, that I might be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:42

ULT

42 Then, when I bring you to the land of Israel, to the land that I have lifted up my hand to swear to give to your fathers, you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

42 Then, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the land that I swore to give to your ancestors, you will know that I, Yahweh, have done it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:43

ULT

43 There you will call to mind your conduct and all of your deeds by which you defiled yourselves, and you will despise yourselves in your own eyes for all your evil deeds that you have done.

UST

43 And there in Israel you will remember how you conducted your lives previously, the actions that caused you to become unacceptable to me, and you will hate yourselves for all the evil things that you have done.

What would the house of Israel think of themselves as they called to mind their past evil ways?

The house of Israel would hate themselves for all the evil actions they committed.

Ezekiel 20:44

ULT

44 So you will know that I am Yahweh when I do this to you because of my name's sake, and not because of your evil deeds, and not because of your corrupt deeds, house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

44 When I act toward you Israelite people to protect my reputation, and not because of your evil deeds and corrupt behavior, you Israelite people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do. That is what Yahweh the Lord declares."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:45

ULT
45 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
45 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:46

ULT
46 “Son of man, set your face toward the southern lands, and speak against the south; prophesy against the forest of the Negev.

UST
46 “Son of man, turn toward the south. Preach about what will happen to that dry land, to the forest there.

What declaration did Yahweh make against the forest of the Negev? (vv46-47)
Yahweh declared that he would kindle a fire that would burn every face from south to north.

Ezekiel 20:47

ULT
47 Say to the forest of the Negev, ‘This is Yahweh’s declaration—the Lord Yahweh says this: See, I will set a fire among you. It will devour every fresh tree and every dried tree among you. The fiery flame will not be quenched; every face from the south to the north will be burned.

UST
47 Say to the forest in the southern wilderness of Israel: Listen to this message that Yahweh the Lord is saying about you: I am about to start a fire in your midst, and it will burn up all your trees, both the green trees and the withered trees. Nothing will extinguish the blazing flames. And the fire will scorch the faces of everyone who lives in that area, from the south to the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:48

ULT

48 Then all flesh will see that I am Yahweh when I light the fire, and it will not be quenched.'"

UST

48 Everyone will see that it is I, Yahweh, who have lit this fire, and no one will be able to put it out."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 20:49

ULT

49 Then I said, "Alas! Lord Yahweh, they are saying of me, 'Is he not a mere teller of parables?'"

UST

49 Then I said, "Yahweh, my Lord, when I tell things like this to people, they do not believe me. They say about me, 'He is only telling parables.'"

What were the people of Israel saying about Ezekiel?

The people of Israel were saying Ezekiel was a mere teller of parables.

Ezekiel 21

Ezekiel 21:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and speak against the sanctuaries; prophesy against the land of Israel.

UST
2 “Son of man, turn toward the south. Set yourself against them. Preach against the south and prophesy against the forest in the southern Judean wilderness.

Against whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to speak?
Yahweh told Ezekiel to speak against the sanctuaries; against the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:3

ULT
3 Say to the land of Israel, ‘Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you! I will draw my sword from its sheath and cut off both the righteous person and the wicked person from you!

UST
3 Say to them, ‘This is what Yahweh says: I am opposed to you, and it will be as though I pull my sword from its sheath to kill both the righteous and the wicked people among you!

Who did Yahweh say he would cut off from the land of Israel?
Yahweh said he would cut off both the righteous and wicked person from the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:4

ULT

[4] In order for me to cut off both the righteous and the wicked from you, my sword will go out from its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north.

UST

[4] So what I will do to you will be as though I pull my sword from its sheath and strike you. I will kill everyone, including righteous people and wicked people. I will get rid of everyone, from the south to the north.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:5

ULT

[5] Then all flesh will know that I, Yahweh, have drawn my sword from its sheath. It will no longer hold back!’

UST

[5] Then everyone will know that it is as though I, Yahweh, have struck people with my sword, and I will not put it back in its sheath again.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:6

ULT

[6] As for you, son of man, groan as your loins break! In bitterness groan before their eyes!

UST

[6] Therefore, Son of man, groan! Groan in front of the Israelite people very sadly and sorrowfully.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do before the eyes of the people?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to groan before the eyes of the people.

Ezekiel 21:7

ULT

7 Then it will happen that they will ask you, ‘For what reason are you groaning?’ Then you will say, ‘Because of the news that is coming, for every heart will faint away, and every hand will falter! Every spirit will grow faint, and every knee will flow like water. Behold! It is coming and it will be like this!—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’”

UST

7 And when they ask you, ‘Why are you groaning?’ tell them that it is because of the news that they soon will hear. Everyone will be very fearful, and their hands will tremble uncontrollably, while their knees become as weak as water. A great disaster will soon occur. This is what Yahweh the Lord is promising.”

Why did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to act this way before the eyes of the people?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to act this way to show what it would be like for them when Yahweh brought the sword against them.

Ezekiel 21:8

ULT

8 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

8 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:9

ULT

9 “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘The Lord says this: “Say: A sword! A sword! It will be sharpened and polished!

UST

9 “Son of man, prophesy and say to them, ‘This is what the Lord says: I will sharpen my sword and polish it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:10

ULT

10 It will be sharpened in order to engage in great slaughter! It will be polished in order to be like lightning! Should we rejoice in my son's scepter? The coming sword hates every such rod!

UST

10 It will be sharp in order that I can slaughter many people with it; I will polish it so that it will flash like lightning. The people of Judah will not celebrate about their king's scepter, because it will not resist the sword that is coming against it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:11

ULT

11 So the sword will be given to be polished, and then to be grasped by the hand! The sword is sharpened and it is polished and it is to be given into the hand of the one who kills!""

UST

11 So I will polish the sword, and the right person will then hold it in his hand. Now it is sharp; now it shines, ready for the killer to use!

Who was the sharpened and polished sword to be given to?

The polished and sharpened sword were to be given into the hand of a killer.

Ezekiel 21:12

ULT

12 Call for help and lament, son of man! For that sword has come against my people! It is against all the leaders of Israel. They are thrown against the sword with my people. Therefore, slap your thigh!

UST

12 So, Son of man, cry and wail, because I will use my sword to kill my people, including the leaders of Israel. That sword will kill them and all the others of my people; my sword will kill them all, so beat your chests to show that you are sad.

On whom would that sword come?

That sword would come on Yahweh's people and the leaders of Israel.

Ezekiel 21:13

ULT

13 For there is a trial, but what if the scepter does not last?—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

13 I am about to test my people, and what will happen if the scepter cannot resist? That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:14

ULT

14 Now you, son of man, prophesy and hit your two hands together, for the sword will attack even a third time! A sword for the ones to be slaughtered! It is a sword for the many to be slaughtered, piercing them everywhere!

UST

14 So, Son of man, prophesy; clap your hands to show that you are very sad about what is going to happen. My sword will strike my people again and again; it is a sword for slaughtering many people, while I attack them from every side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:15

ULT

15 In order to melt their hearts and to multiply their fallen, I have set the sword for slaughter at all their gates. Ah! It is made like lightning, it is grasped for slaughter.

UST

15 In order that people will be very much afraid and that many people will die, I have placed soldiers at every city gate, ready to slaughter people. My sword will flash like lightning, as the soldiers slaughter the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:16

ULT
16 You, sword! Strike to the right! Strike to the left! Go wherever your face is turned.

UST
16 I will tell my sword to slash to the right and then to the left, and to turn in every direction until no one remains alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:17

ULT
17 For I will also hit my two hands together, and then I will bring my fury to rest! I, Yahweh, declare it!”

UST
17 Then I will clap my hands triumphantly; and then I will no longer be angry. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.”’

What would come to rest after the great slaughter?
After the great slaughter, Yahweh’s fury would come to rest.

Ezekiel 21:18

ULT
18 The word of Yahweh came to me again, saying,

UST
18 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:19

ULT
19 “Now you, son of man, assign two roads for the sword of the king of Babylon to come. The two roads will start in the same land, and a signpost will mark one of them as leading to a city.

UST
19 “Son of man, draw on a map two roads for the king of Babylonia to march on with his army. When they depart from their own country, they will come to a signpost where a single road divides into those two roads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:20

ULT

[20] Mark one road for the Babylonian army to come to Rabbah, the city of the Ammonites. Mark the other to lead the army to Judah and the city of Jerusalem, which is fortified.

UST

[20] If they take one of those roads, they will attack the city of Rabbah, the capital of the Ammon people group. If they take the other road, they will come to Judah and Jerusalem, a city with walls around it.

What were the destinations of the two roads assigned for the king of Babylon?
The two destinations were Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Judah and Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 21:21

ULT

[21] For the king of Babylon will stop at the crossroads, at the junction, in order to practice divination. He will shake some arrows and ask direction from some idols and he will examine a liver.

UST

[21] When the army of Babylon comes to where the road divides, the army will stop, while the king performs magic rituals to decide which road to go on. He will throw arrows; then he will consult his idols about which road to go on, and he will examine the liver of a sheep.

How would the king of Babylon determine which road to take?
The king of Babylon would obtain a prophetic message from divination to determine which road to take.

Ezekiel 21:22

ULT

[22] In his right hand will be an omen about Jerusalem, to set battering rams against it, to open his mouth to order the slaughter, to sound a war cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp, and to erect siege towers.

UST

[22] With his right hand he will pick up the arrow marked with the name of Jerusalem. He will then command his soldiers to go to Jerusalem. When they arrive there, they will set up rams to batter down the walls, and then the king will give the command for them to slaughter the people. They will shout the battlecry, and they will set up the rams against the city gates. They will build a dirt ramp against the walls around the city, and set walls against the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:23

ULT

23 It will seem to be a useless omen in the eyes of the ones in Jerusalem, those who had sworn an oath to the Babylonians! But the king will accuse them of violating their treaty in order to besiege them!

UST

23 The people in Jerusalem who had promised to be loyal to the king of Babylonia will think that those magic rituals must be wrong. They will think that his army should not be attacking them. But he will remind them of the disloyalty of which they are guilty, and he will say that they have violated their agreement with him.

Of what would the king of Babylon accuse Israel in order to attack them?

The king of Babylon would accuse Israel of violating their treaty in order to attack them.

Ezekiel 21:24

ULT

24 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have made your guilt to be remembered, making your transgressions to be revealed, so that in all your actions your sins will be seen— because you have done this you will be taken in hand.

UST

24 Therefore, tell the Israelite people that this is what Yahweh the Lord says: ‘You people have allowed everyone to see that you are openly rebelling against the king of Babylonia, and by doing that you have shown that everything that you do is sinful. Therefore he will capture you and take you to Babylonia.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:25

ULT

25 As for you, profane and wicked ruler of Israel, whose day of punishment has come, and whose time of committing iniquity has ended,

UST

25 Also, say to the king of Judah, ‘You very wicked king of Israel, it is your time to die. It is the time for Yahweh to punish you.’

What did Yahweh tell the wicked ruler of Israel to do, and why? (vv25-27)

Yahweh told the wicked ruler of Israel to remove his turban and crown, because the crown would no longer exist.

Ezekiel 21:26

ULT

26 the Lord Yahweh says this to you: Remove the turban and take off the crown! Things will no longer be the same! Exalt the lowly and humble the exalted!

UST

26 And this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you about your king in Jerusalem, ‘Take off the king’s turban and his crown, because now things will be different than they were before. I will give power to those who had none, and I will disgrace those who had power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:27

ULT

27 A ruin! A ruin! I will make it a ruin! It will not be restored until the one comes who is assigned to execute judgment.

UST

27 I will cause the Babylonians to destroy everything. No one will be king of Judah again, not until the man comes who deserves to be king. Then I will make him become king.’

When did Yahweh say he would restore the crown in Israel?

Yahweh said he would restore the crown in Israel when one came who had a right to it.

Ezekiel 21:28

ULT

28 So you, son of man, prophesy and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this to the people of Ammon concerning their coming disgrace: A sword, a sword is drawn! It is sharpened for the slaughter in order to devour, so it will be like lightning!

UST

28 And, Son of man, prophesy and say that this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say about the Ammon people group, and about how I will disgrace them: ‘My soldiers have swords and they have pulled out those swords to slaughter many people. They have polished them in order to kill people, and to flash like lightning.

What do the prophets of Ammon do for the people of Ammon? (vv28-29)

Ammon’s prophets see empty visions for the people of Ammon, while they perform rituals to come up with lies for the people of Ammon.

Ezekiel 21:29

ULT

29 While prophets see empty visions for you, while they perform rituals to come up with lies for you, this sword will lie on the necks of the wicked who are about to be killed, whose day of punishment has come and whose time of iniquity is about to end.

UST

29 Your Ammonite prophets have given you false visions about what will happen to you, and they have held useless ceremonies that give you false messages. So swords will strike the necks of those wicked people. The day when I punish them has come, because they have not been loyal to me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:30

ULT

30 Return the sword to its sheath. In the place of your creation, in the land of your origin, I will judge you!

UST

30 But later the soldiers of Babylon will have to put their swords back into their sheaths, because the time for them to slaughter their enemies will end. I will judge these Babylonians in the country where they were born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 21:31

ULT

31 I will pour out my indignation on you! I will fan the fire of my rage against you and put you into the hand of cruel men, craftsmen of destruction!

UST

31 I will pour out my punishment on them. Because I am very angry with them, my breath on them will scorch them like a fire. I will allow brutal men to capture them, men who are experts at killing people.

Who was the Lord Yahweh going to give the people of Ammon over to?

The Lord Yahweh was going to give the Ammonites into the hand of cruel men, craftsmen of destruction.

Ezekiel 21:32

ULT

32 You will become fuel for the fire! Your blood will be in the midst of the land. You will not be remembered, for I, Yahweh have declared this!'"

UST

32 They will be like fuel that is burned in a fire. Their blood will flow in their own land. No one will remember them anymore. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22

Ezekiel 22:1

ULT

1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:2

ULT

2 “Now you, son of man, will you judge? Will you judge the city of blood? Make her know all her abominations.

UST

2 “Son of man, are you ready to condemn the people of Jerusalem? It is a city full of murderers. Remind them of all the detestable things that they have done.

What name does Yahweh give the city of Jerusalem that he is judging? (vv2-3)

Yahweh calls the city of Jerusalem the city of blood.

Ezekiel 22:3

ULT

3 You must say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: This is a city that pours out blood in her midst so that her time may come; a city that makes idols to make herself unclean.

UST

3 Then say, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: By murdering people and by defiling yourselves, by making idols, you people of this city have brought on yourselves the time when I will destroy you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:4

ULT

4 You have become guilty by the blood that you have poured out, and you have become unclean by the idols that you have made. You have drawn your days to a close, and the end of your years has come. Therefore I will make you a reproach to the nations and a laughingstock to all the lands.

UST

4 You have become guilty by murdering innocent people. You have made it impossible for me to accept you, by making idols for yourselves. You are bringing your time to an end. Therefore I will cause the other people groups to laugh at you and mock you.

What two sins does Yahweh name that have made the city guilty?

The city is guilty of the blood it has poured out, and is made unclean by the idols it has made.

Ezekiel 22:5

ULT

5 Both those who are near and those who are far away from you will mock you—you unclean city—with the reputation known everywhere as being full of confusion.

UST

5 People in countries that are near you and people who live far from you will make fun of you, because your city is full of confusion, and because you have made it impossible for me, your own God, to accept you.

What reputation will the city have after Yahweh judges it?

The reputation known everywhere will be that it is a city of confusion.

Ezekiel 22:6

ULT

6 Behold! The rulers of Israel, each one by his own power, have come to you to pour out blood.

UST

6 Think about how each of your Israelite kings have used his power to murder people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:7

ULT

[7] They have dishonored fathers and mothers within you, and they have performed oppression on the foreigners in your midst. They have mistreated the orphans and the widows within you.

UST

[7] Your people do not respect their parents; they have oppressed foreigners; they mistreat orphans and widows.

Which three groups of people have been mistreated by the rulers of Israel?
Fathers and mothers have been dishonored, foreigners have been oppressed, and orphans and widows have been mistreated.

Ezekiel 22:8

ULT

[8] You have despised my holy things and have profaned my Sabbaths.

UST

[8] You despise my sacred places and practices, and you treat the Sabbath days like any other day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:9

ULT

[9] Slanderous men have come within you in order to pour out blood, and they eat on the mountains. They perform wickedness in your midst.

UST

[9] Among you are men who tell lies in order to cause others to be executed. There are those who go to the hilltops and eat food offered to idols, and they openly perform evil acts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:10

ULT

10 Within you men uncover the nakedness of their father. Within you they have violated unclean women during their menstrual period.

UST

10 There are men who sleep with their father's wife, and men who sleep with women during their monthly menstrual periods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:11

ULT

11 Men who commit abominations with their neighbors' wives, and men who make their own daughters-in-law shamefully unclean; men who abuse their own sisters—daughters of their own fathers—all these are done within you.

UST

11 There are men who sleep with someone else's wife. Some of your men sleep with their daughters-in-law or with their own sisters or half-sisters.

What three sexual sins are being committed by men in the city?

Men are committing sins with their neighbor's wife, are making their daughters-in-law unclean, and are abusing their sisters.

Ezekiel 22:12

ULT

12 These men take bribes within you in order to pour out blood and you have taken interest and gained too much profit, and you have damaged your neighbors through oppression, and you have forgotten me—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

12 There are among you men who accept bribes in order to cause someone to be executed. You charge interest when you lend people money. You become rich by forcing people to give you money. And you have forgotten me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:13

ULT

13 See! With my hand I have struck the dishonest gain that you have made, and the bloodshed that is done in the midst of you.

UST

13 So I will shake my fist at your unfair profits and at the murderers who live among you.

What does Yahweh declare he is going to do to the people because of their sins?

Yahweh declares he is going to scatter the people among the nations.

Ezekiel 22:14

ULT

14 Will your heart stand, will your hands be strong on the days when I myself will deal with you? I, Yahweh, am declaring this, and I will do it.

UST

14 When I finish punishing you, you will no longer be courageous. I, Yahweh, have said what I will do to you, and I will do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:15

ULT

15 So I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands. In this way, I will purge your uncleanness from you.

UST

15 I will scatter you among many people groups, and I will make you stop your sinful behavior.

What does Yahweh declare he is going to do to the people because of their sins?

Yahweh declares he is going to scatter the people among the nations.

Ezekiel 22:16

ULT

16 So you will become unclean in the eyes of the nations. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.'" [1]

UST

16 When the people of other nations see that you have been humiliated, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

What will the people know after Yahweh strikes them?

The people will know the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 22:17

ULT

17 Next the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

17 Yahweh then said to me,

In his parable, to what does Yahweh liken the house of Israel?

In his parable, Yahweh likens the house of Israel to dross.

Ezekiel 22:18

ULT

18 "Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to me. All of them are the leftovers of bronze and tin, and iron and lead in the midst of you. They will be like the dross of silver in your furnace.

UST

18 "Son of man, your Israelite people have become useless to me. They are like dross to me. They are like the useless copper, tin, iron, and lead that remains after silver is melted in a very hot furnace

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:19

ULT

[19] Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Because all of you have become like dross, therefore, behold! I am about to gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

UST

[19] Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you have all become like dross, I will gather you in Jerusalem.

Where does Yahweh say he will gather the dross?

Yahweh says he will gather the dross into the midst of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 22:20

ULT

[20] As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead and tin and put it inside a furnace to melt it, and they blow the fire on it in order to melt it, so I will gather you in my anger and my wrath, and I will put you there and melt you.

UST

[20] People put ore containing silver, copper, iron, lead, and tin in a very hot furnace and melt them in a blazing fire to burn up the impurities. Similarly, I will gather you together inside Jerusalem, and because I am very angry with you, what I will do will be as though I am melting you.

What will Yahweh do to the dross as he pours out his fury? (vv20-22)

Yahweh will pour out the dross and melt it down as he pours out his fury.

Ezekiel 22:21

ULT

[21] I will gather you and blow on you the fire of my wrath, and you will be melted in the midst of it.

UST

[21] It will be as though I am blowing on you with a hot breath that shows that I am very angry, and it will be as though you will melt,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:22

ULT
22 As silver is melted in a furnace, you will be melted in it, and you will know that I, Yahweh, have poured out my wrath on you!'"

UST
22 as though you will melt like silver melts in a furnace, and then you will know that I, Yahweh, have punished you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:23

ULT
23 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
23 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:24

ULT
24 "Son of man, say to her, 'You are a land that has not been cleansed. There is no rain on the day of wrath!

UST
24 "Son of man, say to the Israelite people, 'You are disgusting to Yahweh, completely unacceptable to him. So Yahweh is angry with you. There will be no rain in your country.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:25

ULT
25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing apart a victim. They consume life and take precious wealth; they make many widows within her! [2]

UST
25 Their leaders are like lions that tear apart the animals that they have killed. The leaders destroy their people. They steal treasures and other valuable things from people, and they murder many men and make their wives into widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:26

ULT

26 Her priests do violence to my law, and they profane my holy things. They do not distinguish between holy things and profane things, and do not teach the difference between the unclean and the clean. They hide their eyes from my Sabbaths so that I am profaned in their midst.

UST

26 Their priests disobey my laws and dishonor my sacred things by saying that there is no difference between things that are sacred and those that are not sacred, and by ignoring my laws about resting on the Sabbath days. As a result, they no longer honor me.

What are the priests of the land failing to distinguish and failing to teach?

The priests are failing to distinguish between holy and profane things, and failing to teach the difference between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 22:27

ULT

27 Her princes within her are like wolves tearing apart their victims. They pour out blood and destroy life, to make a profit dishonestly.

UST

27 Their officials are like wolves that tear apart the animals that they have killed. They murder people in order to get their money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:28

ULT

28 Her prophets have painted them over with whitewash; they see false visions and predict falsehoods to them. They say “The Lord Yahweh says this” when Yahweh has not spoken.

UST

28 Their prophets try to cover up those sins by saying they have received visions from God. They say, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says,’ when I have said nothing to them.

What are the prophets of the land doing?

The prophets of the land are painting with whitewash, seeing false visions and making false predictions.

Ezekiel 22:29

ULT

29 The people of the land have oppressed through extortion and plundered through robbery, and they mistreat the poor and needy, and oppress the foreigner without justice.

UST

29 The Israelite people force others to give them money, and they rob people. They oppress poor people, and they mistreat foreigners among them by not treating them fairly in the courts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 22:30

ULT

30 So I searched for a man from them who would build up a wall and who would stand before me in its breach for the land so I would not destroy it, but I found no one.

UST

30 I looked among them to find a man who would pray for the people and cause them to repent so that I would not need to destroy them. But I did not find anyone.

What did Yahweh look for and not find?

Yahweh looked for a man who would build up a wall and stand before him in its breach for the land, but he did not find one.

Ezekiel 22:31

ULT

31 So I will pour out my indignation upon them. I will finish them with the fire of my indignation and set their way on their own heads—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"
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22:25 [2] , some ancient copies have .

UST

31 So because I am very angry with them, I will severely punish them for all the wicked things that they have done. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23

Ezekiel 23:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, there were two women, daughters of the same mother.

UST
2 “Son of man, listen to this parable about Jerusalem and Samaria. Once there were two women, daughters of the same mother.

In Yahweh’s parable, what do the two daughters do in Egypt? (vv2-3)
The two daughters act as prostitutes in Egypt.

Ezekiel 23:3

ULT
3 They acted as prostitutes in Egypt in the time of their youth. They acted as prostitutes there. Their breasts were squeezed and their virgin nipples were fondled there.

UST
3 They lived in Egypt. And from the time that they were young women, they became prostitutes. In that land, men fondled their breasts and caressed their young bosoms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:4

ULT

4 Their names were Oholah—the older sister—and Oholibah—her younger sister. Then they became mine and bore sons and daughters. Their names mean this: Oholah means Samaria, and Oholibah means Jerusalem.

UST

4 The older sister was Oholah, and her younger sister was Oholibah. It was as though they later became my wives. Later they gave birth to sons and daughters. Oholah represents Samaria, and Oholibah represents Jerusalem.

What does the older daughter represent and what does the younger daughter represent?
The older daughter represents Samaria and the younger daughter represents Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 23:5

ULT

5 But Oholah acted as a prostitute even when she was mine; she lusted for her lovers, for the Assyrians who were dominant,

UST

5 Oholah acted like a prostitute while she was still my wife. She desired to sleep with those whom she loved—soldiers from Assyria.

What did the older daughter do even though she was Yahweh's? (vv5-7)
The older daughter gave herself as a prostitute to Assyria's men.

Ezekiel 23:6

ULT

6 the governor who wore blue, and for his officials, who were strong and handsome, all of them men riding on horses.

UST

6 Some of them were army officers and commanders. They wore beautiful purple uniforms. They were all handsome young men who rode horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:7

ULT

[7] So she gave herself as a prostitute to them, to all the best of Assyria's men, and she made herself unclean with everyone she lusted for—and with all their idols.

UST

[7] She acted like a prostitute toward all the important Assyrian officials. I could no longer accept her as belonging to me, because she was worshiping all the idols of the men she wanted to sleep with.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:8

ULT

[8] For she had not left her prostitute behavior behind in Egypt, when they had lain with her when she had been a young girl, when they caressed her virgin bosom and poured out their lust upon her.

UST

[8] When she was a young woman in Egypt, she started being a prostitute, and she allowed young men to caress her breasts and have sex with her. When she became older, she did not quit acting like a prostitute.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:9

ULT

[9] Therefore I gave her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians for whom she lusted.

UST

[9] So I allowed the Assyrian soldiers, whom she wanted to sleep with, to capture her.

What did the older daughter's lovers do to her when Yahweh gave her over to them? (vv9-10)

The older daughter's lovers stripped her naked, took her sons and daughters, and killed her.

Ezekiel 23:10

ULT

10 They uncovered her nakedness, took her sons and daughters, killed her with the sword, and she became notorious among other women, so they executed judgment on her.

UST

10 They stripped all her clothes off her. They took away her sons and daughters. And then they killed her with a sword. Other women started talking about how she was disgraced, and about how she deserved to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:11

ULT

11 Her sister Oholibah saw this, but she lusted even more passionately and acted like a prostitute even more than her sister.

UST

11 Her younger sister Oholibah saw those things that happened to Oholah, but she was also a prostitute, and she desired to sleep with men even more than her older sister had desired.

What did the younger daughter do when she saw what happened to the older daughter?
The younger daughter acted like a prostitute even more than her sister.

Ezekiel 23:12

ULT

12 She lusted for the Assyrians, the governors and the dominating officials who dressed impressively, who were men riding horses. All of them were strong, handsome men.

UST

12 Oholibah also wanted to sleep with the Assyrian soldiers. Some of them were army officers and commanders. They all wore beautiful uniforms. They were all handsome young men. And they rode horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:13

ULT
13 I saw that she had made herself unclean. It was the same for both sisters.

UST
13 I saw what she did that caused me to be unable to accept her, just like her older sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:14

ULT
14 Then she increased her prostitution even more. She saw men carved on walls, figures of Chaldeans painted in red,

UST
14 But she did even worse things. She saw drawings of men from Babylonia on the walls, painted in red.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:15

ULT
15 wearing belts around their waists, with flowing turbans on their heads. All of them had the appearance of officers of chariot troops, the likeness of sons of Babylonia, whose native land is Chaldea.

UST
15 The men in the drawings had belts around their waists and long turbans on their heads. They all resembled officers from Babylonia who rode in chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:16

ULT
16 As soon as her eyes saw them, she lusted for them, so she sent out messengers to them in Chaldea.

UST
16 As soon as she saw those drawings, she wanted to sleep with those men, and she sent messages to them in Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:17

ULT

17 Then the Babylonians came to her and to her bed of lust, and they made her unclean with their promiscuousness. By what she had done she was made unclean, so she turned herself away from them in disgust.

UST

17 Then the soldiers from Babylonia came to her, lay in bed with her, and slept with her. Then she became disgusted with them and turned away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:18

ULT

18 When she displayed her acts of prostitution and uncovered her nakedness, I turned away from her, just as I had turned away in disgust from her sister.

UST

18 But when she continued to openly act like a prostitute and to show herself naked to others, I became disgusted with her and rejected her, as I had rejected her older sister.

Because of their prostitution, how did Yahweh's attitude change toward the two sisters?
Because of their prostitution, Yahweh turned away his soul from the two sisters.

Ezekiel 23:19

ULT

19 Then she increased her prostitution as she remembered the days of her youth, when she was a prostitute in the land of Egypt.

UST

19 But she became even more immoral, as she remembered when she was a young woman learning to be a prostitute in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:20

ULT

20 So she lusted for her lovers, whose private parts were like those of donkeys, and whose reproductive emissions were like those of horses.

UST

20 There she wanted to sleep with those who loved her, whose private parts were very long, like those of donkeys, and whose reproductive emissions were huge, like those of horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:21

ULT

21 This is how you committed shameful acts of your youth, when the Egyptians fondled your nipples and squeezed your young breasts.

UST

21 So she desired to be immoral like she was when she was young, when men in Egypt caressed her bosom and fondled her young breasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:22

ULT

22 Therefore, Oholibah, the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Behold! I will turn your lovers against you. Those from whom you turned away, I will bring them against you from every side:

UST

22 Oholibah represents you people of Jerusalem. Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord say: Those soldiers who loved you but from whom you turned away because you became disgusted with them—I will make them angry with you. I will make them come and attack you from every side—

What did Yahweh say he would do to the younger sister because of her prostitution?

Yahweh said he would turn her lovers against her.

Ezekiel 23:23

ULT

23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them, strong, handsome men, governors and commanders, all of them are officers and men of reputation, all of them riding on horses.

UST

23 soldiers from Babylon and all the other places in Babylonia, and their allies from the regions of Pekod, Shoa, and Koa, and all the army of Assyria. Yes, all of them are handsome young men, army officers and commanders, officers who have great fame, all riding on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:24

ULT

24 They will come against you with weapons, and with chariots and wagons, and with a great crowd of people. They will set large shields, small shields, and helmets against you all around. I will give them the opportunity to punish you, and they will punish you with their actions.

UST

24 Their huge army will attack you with weapons, riding in chariots and pulling wagons that will carry the army supplies. They will surround you, carrying large and small shields, and wearing helmets. I will allow them to capture you and punish you in the way that they always punish their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:25

ULT

25 For I will set my jealous anger on you, and they will deal with you in fury. They will cut off your noses and your ears, and your survivors will fall by the sword. They will take away your sons and your daughters, and your survivors will be devoured by fire.

UST

25 Because I am very angry with you, I will cause them to act furiously toward you. They will cut off your noses and your ears. Then, those who are still alive, they will kill with their swords. They will take away your sons and daughters, and it will be like a fire that burns up your descendants.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the younger sister and her descendants?

The younger sister will have her nose and ears cut off, and her descendants will be devoured by fire.

Ezekiel 23:26

ULT

26 They will strip you of your clothes and take away all of your jewelry.

UST

26 They will strip off your clothes and your fine jewelry, and they will take them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:27

ULT

27 So I will remove your shameful behavior from you and your acts of prostitution from the land of Egypt. You will not lift up your eyes toward them with longing, and you will think of Egypt no longer.'

UST

27 In that way, I will stop all the immoral behavior that began when you became a prostitute in Egypt. You will no longer desire to do those things; you will no longer think about what you did in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:28

ULT

28 For the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I will give you into the hand of the ones you hate, back into the hand of the ones from whom you had turned away.

UST

28 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord say: Those whom you hate, those with whom you became disgusted and from whom you turned away—I am about to allow them to capture you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:29

ULT

29 They will deal with you hatefully; they will take all your possessions and abandon you naked and bare, and your nakedness will be uncovered just as when you engaged in promiscuity and prostitutions.

UST

29 They will be cruel; they will take away everything that you own. They will leave you completely naked, and everyone will see that you truly are a prostitute.

What will be revealed when the younger sister is given into the hand of the ones she hates?

The naked shame of the younger sister's prostitution will be revealed.

Ezekiel 23:30

ULT

30 These things will be done to you in your acting like a prostitute, lusting after nations by which you became unclean with their idols.

UST

30 It is because of what you have done that you will be punished in that way; you have been an immoral prostitute; you have slept with men of other nations, and you have made it impossible for me to accept you, because you have worshiped their idols.

Because of their prostitution, what does Yahweh put into the hands of the younger and older sister? (vv30-31)

Because of their prostitution, Yahweh puts a cup of punishment into the hands of the younger and older sister.

Ezekiel 23:31

ULT

31 You have walked in the way of your sister, so I will put her cup of punishment into your hand.'

UST

31 You have behaved like the people of Samaria, who are like your older sister. So I will cause you to be punished as they were punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:32

ULT

32 The Lord Yahweh says this, ‘You will drink your sister’s cup that is deep and large. You will become a laughingstock and a subject for derision—this cup contains a great amount.

UST

32 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You will suffer when you drink from a cup that is deep and large. It will be as though you will drink from the same cup that the people of Samaria drank from. And it is because you will drink what it is in that cup, many people will scorn you and make fun of you, because when you drink from the cup it will make you drunk and then you will be overcome with sadness.

What will the younger sister become to those around her?

The younger sister will become a laughingstock and a subject for moking to those around her.

Ezekiel 23:33

ULT

33 You will be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, the cup of horror and devastation; the cup of your sister Samaria.

UST

33 When you become very drunk, you will become very sad, because drinking what is in that cup will cause you to be ruined; everyone will leave you. This is what happened to the people of Samaria, who are like your sister.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:34

ULT

34 You will drink it and drain it empty; then you will shatter it and tear your breasts with the pieces. For I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

34 You will drink all the liquid that is in that cup; then you will break that cup into pieces and use those pieces to cut your breasts because you will be very sad. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:35

ULT

35 Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Because you have forgotten me and thrown me away behind your back, so also you will bear the consequences of your shameful behavior and acts of sexual immorality.’”

UST

35 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Because you have forgotten me and rejected me, I must punish you for your immoral behavior and for being a prostitute.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:36

ULT

36 Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, will you judge Oholah and Oholibah? So present to them their disgusting actions,

UST

36 Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, judge the people of those two cities represented by Oholah and Oholibah. You must remind them of their detestable behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:37

ULT

37 since they have committed adultery, and since there is blood on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and they have even caused their sons to pass through the fire, as food for their idols.

UST

37 It is as though they have committed adultery and have murdered people. They have been unfaithful to me by worshiping idols. They have even sacrificed their own children, who belonged to me, in fire.

What were the two sisters doing with their sons born for Yahweh?

The two sisters were passing their sons born for Yahweh through the fire to be consumed.

Ezekiel 23:38

ULT

38 Then they continue to do this to me: They make my sanctuary unclean, and on the same day they defile my Sabbaths.

UST

38 They have done other disgraceful things: they have caused my temple to be an unacceptable place for worship, and they treat the Sabbath days like any other day.

What did the two sisters do on the same day they slaughtered their children? (vv38-39)

On the same day they slaughtered their children, the two sisters came to Yahweh's sanctuary to defile it.

Ezekiel 23:39

ULT

39 For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, then they came to my sanctuary on the same day to defile it! So behold! This is what they have done in the middle of my house.

UST

39 On the same day that they sacrificed their children to their idols, they entered my temple, which caused it to be an unacceptable place for worshiping me. They did these things in my own house!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:40

ULT

40 You sent out for men who came from far away, to whom messengers had been sent—now behold. They indeed came, those for whom you bathed, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with jewelry.

UST

40 They sent messages to men in countries far away. And as those men were coming, the two sisters bathed themselves for them, painted their eyebrows, and put on jewelry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:41

ULT

41 There you sat on a beautiful bed and at a table arranged before it where you placed my incense and my oil.

UST

41 They sat on a beautiful couch, with a table in front of it on which they had put incense and olive oil that belonged to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:42

ULT

42 So the sound of a noisy crowd was around her; including all kinds of men, even Sabeans were brought in from the wilderness, and they put bracelets on their hands and beautiful crowns on their heads.

UST

42 Soon there was a noisy crowd around them. Among the crowd there were drunkards who had come from the desert of Arabia. They put bracelets on the arms of the two sisters, and they put beautiful crowns on their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:43

ULT

43 Then I said of her who was worn out by adultery, ‘Now they will be sexually immoral with her, and she with them.’

UST

43 Then I said about the woman who had become exhausted by sleeping with many men, ‘Now those men will act toward her as though she were a prostitute, because that is all that she is.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:44

ULT

44 They went in to her, as men go in to a prostitute. In this way they went in to Oholah and Oholibah, immoral women.

UST

44 So they slept with those two women, Oholah and Oholibah, as men sleep with prostitutes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:45

ULT

45 But righteous men will pass judgment and punish them as adulteresses, and they will punish them with the sentence for those who shed blood, because they are adulteresses and blood is on their hands.

UST

45 But righteous men will condemn them to be punished, as women who commit adultery and who murder others are punished, because those women commit adultery and they murder others.

What does Yahweh say righteous men will do to the prostitutes?

Yahweh says righteous men will condemn the prostitutes to punishment for adultery.

Ezekiel 23:46

ULT

46 So the Lord Yahweh says this: I will raise up a company against them and give them up to be terrorized and plundered.

UST

46 So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Bring a mob to attack Samaria and Jerusalem, and allow that mob to cause the people of those cities to be terrified; allow the mob to rob them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:47

ULT
47 Then that company will stone them with stones and cut them down with their swords. They will kill their sons and daughters and burn down their houses.

UST
47 The mob will throw stones at them to kill them; they will cut them into pieces with their swords, they will kill their sons and daughters, and they will burn down their houses.

What will the company do that Yahweh raises up against the prostitutes?
The company that Yahweh raises up will stone the prostitutes with stones and cut them down with their swords.

Ezekiel 23:48

ULT
48 For I will remove shameful behavior from the land and discipline all the women so they will no longer act like prostitutes.

UST
48 In that way I will cause them to stop their immoral behavior. This will warn other women to not imitate what you people of Jerusalem are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 23:49

ULT
49 So they will set your shameful behavior against you. You will bear the guilt of your sins with your idols, and in this way you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh."

UST
49 I will punish you people of Jerusalem for your immoral behavior and for worshiping idols. Then you will know that I, Yahweh the Lord, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

What will the prostitutes know when they bear the guilt of their sins with their idols?
When they bear the guilt of their sins with their idols, the prostitutes will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 24

Ezekiel 24:1

ULT

1 The word of Yahweh came to me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, and on the tenth day of the month, saying,

UST

1 Almost nine years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:2

ULT

2 “Son of man, write for yourself the name of this day, this exact day, for this exact day the king of Babylon has besieged Jerusalem.

UST

2 “Son of man, write down what day of the month this is. On this day the army of the king of Babylon has surrounded Jerusalem.

What did Yahweh say was happening on the exact day he spoke to Ezekiel?

Yahweh said that the king of Babylon was attacking Jerusalem on that exact day.

Ezekiel 24:3

ULT

3 So speak a proverb against this rebellious house, a parable. Say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Place the cooking pot. Place it and pour water into it.

UST

3 Tell those rebellious Israelite people in Babylon a parable. Say this to them: This is what Yahweh the Lord says: ‘Pour water into the cooking pot and put the pot on the fire.

In Yahweh’s parable, what does Yahweh tell the people of Jerusalem to do? (vv3-5)

Yahweh tells them to pour water into the cooking pot, fill it with the best bones, and boil it thoroughly.

Ezekiel 24:4

ULT

4 Gather pieces of food within it, every good piece—the thigh and shoulder— and fill it with the best bones.

UST

4 Put into the pot some pieces of meat from one of your best sheep: put in the leg and shoulder, which are the best pieces. Then fill the rest of the pot with the best bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:5

ULT

5 Take the best of the flock and pile up the bones under it. Bring it to a boil and cook the bones in it.

UST

5 Pile wood on the fire, and cook the bones and the meat in the boiling water.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:6

ULT

6 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the city of blood, a cooking pot that has rust in it and that rust will not come out of it. Take piece after piece from it, but do not cast lots for it.

UST

6 Do that because this is what Yahweh the Lord says: ‘Terrible things will happen to Jerusalem; it is city that is full of murderers, a city that is like a corroded copper pot, and the corrosion cannot be removed. Take the pieces of meat out of the pot, but do not choose which pieces to take out.

What is wrong with the cooking pot of Jerusalem that will not come out of it?

The cooking pot of Jerusalem has rust in it that will not come out of it.

Ezekiel 24:7

ULT

[7] For her blood is in the midst of her. She has set it on the smooth rock; she has not poured it out on the ground to cover it with dust,

UST

[7] The blood of the people who were murdered in Jerusalem is still there; they were murdered on the bare rocks, not on the soil, where their blood could be covered.

What has Jerusalem done to exact vengeance from Yahweh? (vv7-8)

Jerusalem has not covered the blood that is in her midst.

Ezekiel 24:8

ULT

[8] so it brings fury up to exact vengeance. I placed her blood on the smooth rock so it could not be covered.

UST

[8] But I am the one who caused the blood of those who were murdered to be smeared on the bare rock, where their blood could not be covered; I did that in order that I could see it and then be angry and get revenge.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:9

ULT

[9] Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: Woe to the city of blood. I will also enlarge the pile of wood.

UST

[9] Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'Terrible things will happen to that city that is full of murderers! It will be as though I also will pile high the wood in the fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:10

ULT
10 Stack up the wood and kindle the fire. Cook the meat well and mix in the spices and let the bones be charred.

UST
10 So heap on the wood and light the fire! Cook the meat well, and mix some spices with it; cook it until the bones are black.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:11

ULT
11 Then set the pot on its coals empty, in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so its uncleanness within it will be melted, its corrosion consumed.’

UST
11 Then set the empty pot on the coals of the fire until the pot becomes very hot and the copper glows, so that the corrosion will disappear.

Why set the empty pot on the fire?
Set the empty pot on the fire in order to heat and scorch its bronze, so its uncleanness within it will be melted, its corrosion consumed!

Ezekiel 24:12

ULT
12 She has become weary because of toil, but her corrosion has not gone out of her by the fire.

UST
12 It is as though I tried to get rid of that corrosion, but I was not able to do it, not even by putting that pot on the fire.

What has not been removed from Jerusalem by the fire?
The corrosion of Jerusalem has not been removed by the fire.

Ezekiel 24:13

ULT
13 Your shameful behavior is in your uncleanness. Because I tried to cleanse you but still you would not be cleansed from your uncleanness, you will not be cleansed anymore until I have satisfied my fury upon you.

UST
13 The corrosion in the pot represents your immoral behavior. I tried to cleanse you from your wicked behavior, but you did not allow me to do that. So you will not be cleansed from the guilt of your sin until I have punished you and I am no longer angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:14

ULT
14 I, Yahweh, have declared it, and I will do it. I will not relent nor will I rest from it. As your ways were, and as your activities, they will judge you!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST
14 I, Yahweh, have said that I will surely punish you. And it is time for me to do that. I will not change my mind; I will not refrain from punishing you, and I will not pity you. I will judge you and punish you as you deserve to be punished for your sinful behavior. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it.'"

According to Yahweh, by what will the people of Jerusalem be judged?
The people of Jerusalem will be judged by their ways and their activities.

Ezekiel 24:15

ULT
15 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
15 One day Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:16

ULT

16 “Son of man! Behold, I am taking the desire of your eyes from you with a plague, but you must not mourn nor weep, and your tears must not flow.

UST

16 “Son of man, I am going to suddenly take from you your wife by means of a disease, your wife, whom you love very much. But when she dies, do not show that you are sad or lament or cry.

What did Yahweh say he was taking from Ezekiel? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said he was taking Ezekiel’s wife from him.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel not to do? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told Ezekiel not to mourn or weep for having lost his wife.

Ezekiel 24:17

ULT

17 You must groan silently. Do not conduct a funeral for the dead. Tie your turban on you and place your sandals on your feet, but do not veil your facial hair or eat the bread of men who mourn for having lost their wives.”

UST

17 Groan quietly; do not cry openly for her. Keep your turban wrapped around your head, and instead of being barefoot, keep your sandals on your feet. Do not cover the lower part of your face to show that you are sad. And do not eat the kind of food that people who are mourning usually eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:18

ULT

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and my wife died in the evening. In the morning I did what I had been commanded to do.

UST

18 So one morning I talked to the people as usual, and that evening my wife suddenly died. The next morning I did what Yahweh had told me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:19

ULT

[19] The people asked me, “Will you not tell us what these things mean, the things that you are doing?”

UST

[19] Then the people asked me, “What do the things that you are doing signify to us?”

What did Yahweh say was the meaning of the events which happened to Ezekiel? (vv19-21)

Yahweh said that the desire of the people’s eyes was defiling the sanctuary, so their sons and daughters would fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 24:20

ULT

[20] So I said to them, “The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

[20] I answered them, “This is what Yahweh told me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:21

ULT

[21] ‘Say to the house of Israel, the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will desecrate my sanctuary—the pride of your power, the delight of your eyes, and the yearning of your soul, and your sons and your daughters whom you left behind will fall by the sword.

UST

[21] ‘Tell the Israelite people that I am about to destroy the temple, the building that you are very proud of, the building that you delight to look at. Your children whom you left in Jerusalem when you were forced to come to Babylon—your enemies will kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:22

ULT
22 Then you will do exactly as I have done: you will not veil your facial hair, nor eat the bread of mourning men!

UST
22 When that happens, you will do as I have done: You will not cover the lower part of your faces, or eat the kinds of food that people who are mourning usually eat.

What would the people of Jerusalem do when they suffered their loss? (vv22-23)
The people would do exactly as Ezekiel did, and not mourn or weep.

Ezekiel 24:23

ULT
23 Instead, your turbans will be on your heads, and your sandals on your feet; you will not mourn nor weep, for you will melt away in your iniquities, and each man will groan for his brother.

UST
23 You will keep your turbans wrapped around your heads and keep your sandals on your feet. You will not mourn or cry, but your bodies will become very thin and slowly die; I will not forgive your sins at all. And you will groan for each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:24

ULT
24 So Ezekiel will be a sign for you, as everything that he has done you will do when this comes. Then you will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!'"

UST
24 Ezekiel will be a warning to you, and you must do what he has done. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh the Lord have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

As what did Ezekiel serve for the people of Jerusalem?
Ezekiel served as a sign for the people of Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 24:25

ULT

25 “But you, son of man, on the day that I capture their temple, which is their joy, their pride, and what they see and desire—and when I take away their sons and daughters—

UST

25 Then Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, soon I will destroy their sacred temple, which they rejoice about and which they respect and delight to look at, and I will get rid of their sons and daughters also.

What did Yahweh say would happen on the day the temple was captured? (vv25-26)

Yahweh said that on the day the temple was captured, a refugee would come to Ezekiel to give him the news.

Ezekiel 24:26

ULT

26 on that day, a refugee will come to you to give you the news!

UST

26 On that day, someone will escape from Jerusalem and come and tell you what has happened there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 24:27

ULT

27 On that day your mouth will be opened up to that refugee and you will speak—you will no longer be silent. You will be a sign for them so that they will know that I am Yahweh.”

UST

27 When that happens, you will be able to speak again without constraint. You two will talk together. You will be a warning to the people; and they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

On the day the temple was captured, what would the people of Jerusalem know?

On the day the temple was captured, the people of Jerusalem would know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 25

Ezekiel 25:1

ULT

1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

1 Some time later, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:2

ULT

2 “Son of man, set your face against the people of Ammon and prophesy against them.

UST

2 “Son of man, turn toward where the Ammon people group lives, and prophesy about the terrible things that will happen to them.

Who did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against the people of Ammon.

Ezekiel 25:3

ULT

3 Say to the people of Ammon, ‘Hear the word of the Lord Yahweh. This is what the Lord Yahweh says: Because you said, “Aha!” over my sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile,

UST

3 Say about them, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: You shouted joyfully when my temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, and when the country of Israel was ruined, and when the people of Judah were exiled to Babylon.

What did the people of Ammon do when the sanctuary was profaned and the house of Judah went into exile?

When the sanctuary was profaned and the house of Judah went into exile, the people of Ammon said, “Aha!”

Ezekiel 25:4

ULT

4 therefore, behold, I am giving you to a people in the east as their possession. They will set up camp against you and set up their tents among you. They will eat your fruit and they will drink your milk.

UST

4 Therefore, I am going to allow an army of the people in the east to come and conquer you. They will set up their tents in your country and live there. They will eat the fruit from your fruit trees and drink the milk from your cattle.

What will Yahweh do to the people of Ammon because of what they said when the house of Judah went into exile?
Yahweh will give the people of Ammon to a people in the east.

Ezekiel 25:5

ULT

5 I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the people of Ammon a field for flocks. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

5 I will cause your capital city of Rabbah to become a pasture for camels, and the rest of Ammon, where your people are now living, to become only a resting place for sheep. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:6

ULT

6 For the Lord Yahweh says this: You have clapped your hands and stamped your feet, and rejoiced with all the contempt within you against the land of Israel.

UST

6 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You clapped your hands joyfully and stomped your feet, and laughed because you despised the people in the land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:7

ULT

7 Therefore, behold! I will strike you with my hand and give you as plunder to the nations. I will cut you off from the peoples and make you perish from among the countries! I will destroy you, and you will know that I am Yahweh.'

UST

7 Therefore, I will use my power against you, and I will enable other nations to conquer you and take you away like any other possessions of yours. I will destroy you completely, and you will no longer be one of the nations. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

What will Yahweh do to Ammon that will cause them to know that Yahweh is Lord?

Yahweh will cut Ammon off from the other peoples and destroy them.

Ezekiel 25:8

ULT

8 The Lord Yahweh says this, 'Because Moab and Seir say, "Behold! The house of Judah is like every other nation."

UST

8 This is also what the Lord Yahweh says: The people of Moab south of Ammon and the people of Seir south of Moab despised Israel and said, "The people of Israel have become as unimportant as all the other nations!"

What did Moab and Seir say when the house of Judah went into exile?

When the house of Judah went into exile, Moab and Seir said that the house of Judah was like every other nation.

Ezekiel 25:9

ULT

9 Therefore, behold! I will open the slopes of Moab, starting at his cities on the border—the splendor of Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim—

UST

9 Therefore I will destroy the cities that protect the borders of Moab, starting at Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kiriathaim, the finest cities in Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:10

ULT
10 to the people of the east who have been against the people of Ammon. I will give them up as a possession so that the people of Ammon will not be remembered among the nations.

UST
10 I will enable people from the east to conquer Moab and also to conquer Ammon. As the result, just as I will cause Ammon to be no longer remembered by other nations,

What will no longer be remembered among the nations?
The people of Ammon will no longer be remembered among the nations.

Ezekiel 25:11

ULT
11 So I will perform judgments against Moab, and they will know that I am Yahweh.'

UST
11 I will also punish the people of Moab. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:12

ULT
12 The Lord Yahweh says this, 'Edom has taken vengeance against the house of Judah and has committed wrong in doing so.

UST
12 This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "You people of Edom are guilty of getting revenge on the people of Judah.

What had Edom done against the house of Judah?
Edom had exacted vengeance against the house of Judah.

Ezekiel 25:13

ULT

13 Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: I will strike Edom with my hand and destroy every person and animal there. I will make them a ruined, abandoned place, from Teman to Dedan. They will fall by the sword.

UST

13 Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will use my power against the people of Edom and will get rid of their men and their animals. I will ruin the land from the region of Teman in central Edom to the region of Dedan in the south of Edom, and their enemies will kill many of their men.

What will Yahweh do to Edom because of what Edom did to the house of Judah?

Yahweh will destroy every person and animal in Edom.

Ezekiel 25:14

ULT

14 I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they will do to Edom according to my anger and my fury, and they will know my vengeance—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

UST

14 The Israelite people will use their power to get revenge on the people of Edom. They will show the people of Edom that I have been angry with them and that I will punish them. I will get revenge on the people of Edom. Then they will know that I, Yahweh the Lord, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 25:15

ULT

15 The Lord Yahweh says this, 'The Philistines have taken vengeance with malice and from within themselves they tried to destroy Judah again and again.

UST

15 This is also what Yahweh the Lord says: "The Philistia people group wanted very much for a long time to get revenge on the people of Judah. They very maliciously wanted to destroy Judah.

What had the Philistines done against the house of Judah?

The Philistines had taken vengeance with disdain against the house of Judah.

Ezekiel 25:16

ULT

16 So this is what the Lord Yahweh says: Behold! I will reach out with my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethites and destroy the remnant who are along the seacoast.

UST

16 Therefore this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am about to use my power against the Philistia people. I will get rid of the Kereth people group and all those who live along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

What will Yahweh do to the Philistines because of what the Philistines did to the house of Judah?

Yahweh will destroy the Philistines.

Ezekiel 25:17

ULT

17 For I will take great vengeance against them with furious acts of punishment, so they will know that I am Yahweh, when I take my vengeance on them.'"

UST

17 I will get great revenge on them and show that I am angry with them by the way I punish them. And when I get revenge on them, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26

Ezekiel 26:1

ULT

[1] So it was in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

[1] It was almost eleven years after the Babylonians had taken the Israelites to their land, on the first day of the month, Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:2

ULT

[2] "Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, 'Aha! The gates of the people are broken! She has turned to me; I will be filled up because she is ruined.'

UST

[2] "Son of man, the people of the city of Tyre shouted joyfully and they said about Jerusalem, 'Jerusalem, the city from which traders went to many nations, is now destroyed. Now people from all over the world will come to us to buy and sell things. We will prosper because Jerusalem has now been ruined!'

What were the people of Tyre saying against Jerusalem?

The people of Tyre were saying they would be filled up as Jerusalem was ruined.

Ezekiel 26:3

ULT

[3] Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, 'Behold! I am against you, Tyre, and I will raise up many nations against you like the sea raises its waves.

UST

[3] Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'I am now your enemy, you people of Tyre. I will cause the armies of many nations to come and attack your city, as the waves of the sea beat against the shores.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:4

ULT

[4] They will destroy the walls of Tyre and tear down her towers. I will sweep her dust away and make her like a bare rock.

UST

[4] Their soldiers will destroy the walls around Tyre and tear down your towers. The city will be completely destroyed. Then they will scrape away the rubble and cause the city to become a bare rock.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Tyre?
Yahweh said he would raise up many nations against Tyre, who would destroy its walls and towers.

Ezekiel 26:5

ULT

[5] She will become a place for nets to dry out in the midst of the sea, since I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—and she will become plunder for the nations.

UST

[5] Out in the sea, the part of your city that is on an island will become a place where men spread their fishing nets to dry them. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have predicted it: People from many nations will carry off everything of value in your city.

What did Yahweh say would be done at the place Tyre once stood?
Yahweh said that nets would be dried out at the place Tyre once stood.

Ezekiel 26:6

ULT

[6] Her daughters who are in the fields will be slaughtered by the swords, and they will know that I am Yahweh.'

UST

[6] The people in small villages on the coast near Tyre—your enemies will kill them with their swords. Then people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:7

ULT

[7] For this is what Yahweh says: Behold, from the north I am bringing Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, against Tyre, with horses and chariots, and with horsemen and a great many people.

UST

[7] This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say is going to happen: From the north, I am going to bring the most powerful king in the world, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, with his army to attack Tyre. They will bring horses and chariots, and men who ride the horses and men who drive the chariots; it will be a huge army.

Who did Yahweh say he was bringing against Tyre?

Yahweh said he was bringing Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, against Tyre.

Ezekiel 26:8

ULT

[8] He will kill your daughters in the field. He will set up a siege work and build a ramp against your walls and raise up shields against you.

UST

[8] In the battles in the small villages on the coast, their soldiers will kill many people with their swords. Then they will build up walls outside the city of Tyre. They will build a dirt ramp up to the top of the wall, and they will all hold up shields to protect themselves from arrows being shot from the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:9

ULT

[9] He will place his battering rams to hit against your walls, and his tools will tear down your towers.

UST

[9] The king will direct the soldiers who operate the rams to batter the wall, and those who will use iron bars to tear down the towers in the wall.

How did Yahweh say the walls of Tyre would be broken down?

Yahweh said the walls of Tyre would be broken down with Nebuchadnezzar's battering rams.

Ezekiel 26:10

ULT

10 His horses will be so many that their dust will cover you. Your walls will shake with the sound of horsemen, wagons, and chariots. When he enters your gates, he will enter as men come into a city whose walls have been broken down.

UST

10 The king will have a huge number of horses, and the stamping of their hooves will raise dust to cover the whole city. It will be as though the walls tremble because of the noise made by the horses, the supply wagons, and the chariots when they enter the city where the enemy has broken down the walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:11

ULT

11 The hooves of his horses will trample all of your streets. He will kill your people with the sword and your mighty stone pillars will fall to the ground.

UST

11 The horses will trample all of the streets of the city with their hooves. The soldiers will kill the people with their swords; they will cause the monuments that celebrated their strength to collapse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:12

ULT

12 They will plunder your riches and loot your merchandise. They will tear down your walls and destroy your luxurious homes. Your stones, your timber, and the rubble they will throw into the waters.

UST

12 They will take away all the people's valuable possessions and steal the things that the merchants sell. They will tear down the walls of the houses and destroy their fine houses. Then they will throw into the sea the stones from the walls of those houses and the timber and the rubble.

Where did Yahweh say the stone and wood of Tyre's houses would be laid?

Yahweh said the stone and wood of Tyre's houses would be laid in the midst of the waters.

Ezekiel 26:13

ULT

13 I will stop the noise of your songs. The sound of your harps will be heard no more.

UST

13 No longer will the people sing noisy songs or play their harps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:14

ULT

14 I will make you a bare rock, you will become a place where nets are spread out to dry. You will never be built again, for I, Lord Yahweh have spoken—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

14 They will cause the city to become a bare rock and only a place where men spread their fishing nets. And the city will never be rebuilt.'" Those things will certainly happen because the Lord Yahweh has declared that they will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:15

ULT

15 The Lord Yahweh says this to Tyre, 'Will not the islands quake with the sound of your downfall, and with the groans of the wounded when the terrible slaughter is in your midst?

UST

15 This is also what the Lord Yahweh says about the people of Tyre: When the people in Tyre groan because the enemy has wounded them, when many people die, and when the enemy destroys the city, the people living along the coast will tremble because they are afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:16

ULT

16 Then all the princes of the sea will step down from their thrones and remove their robes and cast off their embroidered garments. They will clothe themselves with trembling, they will sit on the ground and tremble every moment, and they will be appalled because of you.

UST

16 Then all the kings in the cities along the coast will step down from their thrones and lay aside their robes and their embroidered clothes. They will be terrified, and they will sit on the ground, trembling. They will be shocked because of what has happened to the city of Tyre.

What will the chiefs of the sea do when the terrible slaughter occurs in Tyre?

The chiefs of the sea will come down from their thrones, lay aside their robes, strip off their colorful clothing, and sit on the ground trembling.

Ezekiel 26:17

ULT

17 They will lift up a lament for you and say to you, How you, who were inhabited by sailors, have been destroyed. The famous city that was so strong—it is now gone from the sea. The ones living in her once spread a terror about themselves upon everyone who lived near them.

UST

17 Then they will sing a sad song about the city, like this: ‘The famous city, in which many men who sailed on the seas lived, is now no more! The people of that city had great power as they sailed, but now they are at the bottom of the sea; they terrified all the people living near them.

Where do the chiefs of the sea lament that the famous city of Tyre is now?

The chiefs of the sea lament that the famous city of Tyre is now in the sea.

Ezekiel 26:18

ULT

18 Now the coasts tremble on the day of your downfall. The islands in the sea are terrified, because you are no longer in your place.’

UST

18 But now everyone living along the coast is terrified because the enemy has destroyed the great city. It is as though the land along the coast itself were trembling; the people on the islands in the sea are terrified because that city exists no more.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:19

ULT

19 For the Lord Yahweh says this: When I make you a desolate city, like the other cities that are not inhabited, when I raise up the deeps against you, and when the great waters cover you,

UST

19 This is also what the Lord Yahweh says: ‘When I cause everyone to leave the city of Tyre, like people have left other cities in which no one lives any longer, and when I cause the huge waves of the sea to cover the city,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 26:20

ULT

20 then I will bring you down to the people of ancient times, like the others who have gone down into the pit; for I will make you live in the lowest realms of the earth as in ruins of ancient times. Because of this you will not come back and stand in the land of the living. *[1]*

UST

20 then I will bring the people of that city down to be with everyone else who is dead, those who died long ago. I will cause them to live in the place below the earth that is like old ruins, with those who have gone down to that pit previously, and they will never return to the earth, to where people are alive.

To where did Yahweh say the people of Tyre would be brought down?

Yahweh said the people of Tyre would be brought down into the pit.

Ezekiel 26:21

ULT

21 I will place disaster on you, and you will be no more forever. Then you will be sought, but you will never be found ever again—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”
26:20 *[1]* is supplied by an ancient version. The Hebrew has , which does not seem to fit the context here.

UST

21 I will cause them to die in a horrible way, and that will be the end of them. People will search for that city, but it will no longer exist.” This is what the Lord Yahweh declares will happen.

According to Yahweh, when would Tyre be found again?

According to Yahweh, Tyre would never be found ever again.

Ezekiel 27

Ezekiel 27:1

ULT
1 Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:2

ULT
2 “Now you, son of man, begin a lamentation concerning Tyre,

UST
2 “Son of man, sing a funeral song about Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:3

ULT
3 and say to Tyre, who lives within the gates of the sea, merchants of peoples to many islands, the Lord Yahweh says this to you: Tyre, you have said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’

UST
3 The city of Tyre is on an island at the edge of the sea, and their merchants traded with people groups who live along many seacoasts. This is what Yahweh the Lord says that you should tell them: You people of Tyre said that your city was very beautiful.

For what trade were the people of Tyre famous?
The people of Tyre were famous for being merchants of peoples to many islands.

What had Tyre said about itself?
Tyre had said about itself that it was perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 27:4

ULT

4 Your borders are in the heart of the seas; your builders have perfected your beauty.

UST

4 You controlled what people bought and sold—the people who lived along the sea. Those who built your city made it very beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:5

ULT

5 They have made all your planks with cypress from Senir; they took a cedar from Lebanon to make a mast for you.

UST

5 You and your city were like a huge ship that you built from fir trees on Mount Hermon. Then you took cedar wood from Lebanon to make a mast for the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:6

ULT

6 They made your oars from the oaks of Bashan; they made your decks out of cypress wood from Cyprus, and they overlaid them with ivory.

UST

6 You carved oars from oak trees from the region of Bashan. You made the deck from cypress wood from the island of Cyprus, and you covered the decks with ivory.

Of what were the ship decks of Tyre made?

The ship decks of Tyre were made with cypress wood overlaid with ivory.

Ezekiel 27:7

ULT

[7] Your sails were made from colorful linen from Egypt that served as your banner; the colors of blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah are used for the awning on your boat.

UST

[7] You made the sails from fine embroidered linen from Egypt; those sails were like flags that people could see far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:8

ULT

[8] Those who were living in Sidon and Arvad were your rowers; the sages of Tyre were within you; they were your pilots.

UST

[8] Men from the cities of Sidon and Arvad pulled your oars; the men who steered the ship were experienced sailors from Tyre.

Who were the ship pilots of Tyre?

The ship pilots were the sages of Tyre.

Ezekiel 27:9

ULT

[9] Highly experienced craftsmen from Byblos filled your seams; all the ships of the sea and their sailors among you were carrying your merchandise for trade.

UST

[9] Experienced craftsmen from Gebal were on board. They caulked the seams of your ships. Sailors from many countries came in their ships to buy and sell goods with you.

What were the ships of Tyre carrying?

The ships of Tyre were carrying merchandise for trade.

Ezekiel 27:10

ULT
10 Persia, Lydia, and Libya were in your army, your men of war. they hung shield and helmet within you; they showed your splendor.

UST
10 Men who came from the far away lands of Persia, Lud, and Put were soldiers in your army. They hung their shields and helmets on the walls of your city; this caused many people to admire your city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:11

ULT
11 The men of Arvad and Helek in your army were on your walls surrounding you, and the people of Gammad were in your towers. They hung up their shields on your walls all around you! They completed your beauty.

UST
11 Men from the cities of Arvad and Helek were watchmen on your city walls; men from the city of Gammad were in your towers. They also hung their shields on your walls; they also made your city very beautiful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:12

ULT
12 Tarshish was a trading partner with you because of your abundant wealth of goods to sell: Silver, iron, tin, and lead. They bought and sold your wares!

UST
12 Because of the many things that you had to trade, men from Tarshish sent merchants who brought silver, iron, tin, and lead to trade for things that you had.

Why was Tarshish a client of Tyre?
Tarshish was a client of Tyre because of the multitude of every kind of wealth.

Ezekiel 27:13

ULT

13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech—they traded slaves and in items made of bronze. They handled your merchandise.

UST

13 Merchants from the regions of Greece, Tubal, and Meshech brought slaves and things made from bronze to trade for things that you had.

In what was Tyre dealing with Javan, Tubal, and Meshech?

Tyre was dealing in men's lives and in items of bronze.

Ezekiel 27:14

ULT

14 Beth Togarmah provided horses, stallions, and mules as your merchandise.

UST

14 Men from Beth Togarmah brought work horses, war horses, and mules to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:15

ULT

15 The men of Rhodes were your traders on many coasts. Merchandise was in your hand; they sent back horn, ivory, and ebony as tribute!

UST

15 Merchants came to you from the island of Rhodes. People from many nations by the sea traded with you; they brought ivory and valuable black ebony wood to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:16

ULT
16 Aram was a dealer in your many products; they provided emeralds, purple, colored cloth, fine fabric, pearls, and rubies as your merchandise.

UST
16 Because you had very many things to trade, people from the land of Aram brought to you valuable turquoise stones, purple cloth, embroidered cloth, fine linen cloth, and jewelry made from coral and rubies to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:17

ULT
17 Judah and the land of Israel were trading with you. They provided wheat from Minnith, cakes, honey, oil, and balsam as your merchandise.

UST
17 Men from Judah and Israel brought wheat from the city of Minnith in Ammon, and cakes, honey, olive oil, and ointment to trade for your things.

With what items did Judah and the land of Israel trade with Tyre?
Judah and the land of Israel traded with wheat, millet, honey, oil, and balsam.

Ezekiel 27:18

ULT
18 Damascus was a trader of all your products, of all your enormous wealth, and of the wine of Helbon and the wool of Zahar.

UST
18 Because you had very many things to sell, men from the city of Damascus brought wine from the town of Helbon and white wool from the area of Zahar to trade for many things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:19

ULT

19 Dan and Javan from Izal provided you with merchandise of wrought iron, cinnamon, and calamus. This became merchandise for you.

UST

19 Men from the tribe of Dan and Greek men from the area of Izal brought things made of iron, cassia spice, and fragrant calamus seeds to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:20

ULT

20 Dedan was your dealer in fine saddle blankets.

UST

20 Merchants came from Dedan in southern Edom bringing saddle blankets to trade for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:21

ULT

21 Arabia and all the chiefs of Kedar were traders with you; they provided you with lambs, rams and goats.

UST

21 Men from Arabia and all the rulers of the region of Kedar sent merchants to trade lambs and rams and male goats for things that you had.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:22

ULT
22 The traders of Sheba and Raamah came to sell you the best of every spice and in all kinds of precious gems; they traded gold for your merchandise.

UST
22 Merchants from Sheba and Raamah in Arabia brought many kinds of very good spices and jewels and gold to exchange for things that you had.

With what items did Sheba trade with Tyre?
Sheba traded with spices, precious gems, and gold.

Ezekiel 27:23

ULT
23 Haran, Kanneh, and Eden were traders with you, along with Sheba, Ashur, and Kilmad.

UST
23 Men came from Haran, Kanneh, Eden, Sheba, Ashur and Kilmad in Mesopotamia with their goods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:24

ULT
24 These were your dealers in ornate robes of violet cloths with woven colors, and in blankets of multicolored, embroidered, and well-woven cloth in your marketplaces.

UST
24 They brought beautiful things to trade with you: Blue cloth, embroidered cloth, and rugs of many colors that were rolled up and tied with ropes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:25

ULT
25 The ships of Tarshish were the transporters of your merchandise! So you were filled up, heavily laden with cargo in the heart of the seas!

UST
25 Cargo ships from Tarshish carried all those things that you sold; the warehouses on your island were full of all those things and brought you great honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:26

ULT
26 Your rowers have brought you into vast seas; the eastern wind has broken you in the middle of them.

UST
26 The men who row your ships took the ships full of cargo out onto the large seas. But now the strong east wind has wrecked those ships.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:27

ULT
27 Your wealth, merchandise, and trade goods; your sailors and pilots, and ship builders; your traders of merchandise and all the men of war who are in you, and all your crew—they will sink into the depths of the sea on the day of your destruction.

UST
27 Everything in the ships has been lost— all the valuable cargo and many of the sailors and ship pilots, the ship workers and merchants and soldiers. On the day that the ships were wrecked, all their crews sank to the bottom of the sea.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the wealth of Tyre on the day of its destruction?
Yahweh said the wealth of Tyre would fall into the depths of the sea on the day of its destruction.

Ezekiel 27:28

ULT
28 Cities at the sea will tremble at the sound of your pilots' cry;

UST
28 The people in cities along the coast trembled when they heard your ship pilots cry out.

What will the cities at the sea do when they hear the sound of their pilot's cry?
The cities at the sea will tremble at the sound of their pilot's cry.

Ezekiel 27:29

ULT
29 All those who handle oars will come down from their ships; mariners and all the pilots on the sea will stand on the land.

UST
29 All the men who pulled the oars will leave the ships; the sailors and pilots will come to the shore and stand on the beach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:30

ULT
30 Then they will make you listen to their voice and will wail bitterly; they will cast dust up on their heads. They will roll about in ashes.

UST
30 They will cry aloud because of what has happened to you, and they weep bitterly. They will throw earth on their heads and roll around in ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:31

ULT

31 They will shave their heads bald for you and bind themselves with sackcloth, and they will weep bitterly over you and they will cry out.

UST

31 They shave their heads to show that they are very sad because of what has happened to you, and they put on rough sackcloth to mourn. They weep for you very bitterly and mourn for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:32

ULT

32 They will lift up their wails of lamentation for you and sing dirges over you, Who is like Tyre, who has now been brought to silence in the middle of the sea?

UST

32 While they wail and mourn because of what has happened to you they sing this sad funeral song: ‘There was certainly never a city like Tyre, which now is silent, covered by the waves of the sea.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:33

ULT

33 When your merchandise went ashore from the sea, it satisfied many peoples; you enriched the kings of the earth with your great wealth and merchandise!

UST

33 The goods that your merchants traded were things that pleased the people of many countries. Kings in very distant places became rich from the money they made by buying and selling with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:34

ULT
34 But when you were shattered by the seas, by deep waters, your merchandise and all your crew sank!

UST
34 But now your city is like a ship wrecked in the sea; and everything in it is broken, and it is now at the bottom of the sea. All of your cargo and your sailors have sunk to the bottom of the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 27:35

ULT
35 All the inhabitants of the coasts were appalled at you, and their kings shuddered in horror! Their faces trembled!

UST
35 All the people who live along the seacoast are appalled because of what has happened to you. Their kings are very horrified; they shake with fear as they watch.

What would the kings of the coasts do when they saw Tyre's destruction?
The kings of the coasts would shudder in horror and tremble when they saw Tyre's destruction.

Ezekiel 27:36

ULT
36 The merchants of the people hiss at you; you have become a horror, and you will be no more forever."

UST
36 The merchants of the other nations shake their heads because it is difficult for them to believe what has happened; now your city has disappeared, and it will not exist anymore."

When did Yahweh say Tyre would again exist?
Yahweh said Tyre would never again exist.

Ezekiel 28

Ezekiel 28:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, say to the ruler of Tyre, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Your heart is arrogant! You have said, “I am a god! I will sit in the seat of the gods in the heart of the seas!” Even though you are a man and not a god, you make your heart like the heart of a god;

UST
2 “Son of man, give to the king of Tyre this message from me, Yahweh the Lord: ‘You have very proudly claimed that you are a god, and that you are untouchable, since you sit on a throne in a city on an island in the sea! You boast that you are a god, but you are in reality only a man, not a god.

What did the ruler of Tyre say about himself?
The ruler of Tyre said about himself, “I am a god!”

Ezekiel 28:3

ULT
3 you think that you are wiser than Daniel, and that no secret amazes you!

UST
3 You think that you are wiser than Daniel was, and you think that you can understand every secret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:4

ULT

[4] You have made yourself wealthy with wisdom and skill, and obtained gold and silver in your treasuries!

UST

[4] Because you were wise and shrewd in business, you have become very rich; you have acquired much gold and silver for your treasuries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:5

ULT

[5] By great wisdom and by your trading, you have multiplied your wealth, so your heart is arrogant because of your wealth.

UST

[5] Yes, it is true that by buying and selling wisely, you have become very rich; and because you are rich, you have become very proud.

Why was the heart of the ruler of Tyre arrogant?

The ruler's heart was arrogant because of his wealth.

Ezekiel 28:6

ULT

[6] Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: Because you have made your heart like the heart of a god,

UST

[6] Therefore, Yahweh the Lord says that because you think that you are as wise as a god,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:7

ULT

7 I will therefore bring foreigners against you, terrifying men from other nations. They will bring their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they will profane your splendor.

UST

7 he will bring a foreign army to attack your country, an army that causes other nations to be terrified. They will pull out their swords to strike you, you who think that you have marvelous wisdom, and they will ruin all your beautiful things and make them ugly.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the ruler of Tyre because of his arrogance?
Yahweh said he would bring foreigners against the ruler of Tyre.

Ezekiel 28:8

ULT

8 They will send you down to the pit, and you will die the death of those who die in the heart of the seas.

UST

8 They will bring you down to your grave; you will die violently like those who died in the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:9

ULT

9 Will you truly say, “I am a god” to the face of one who kills you? You are a man and not God, and you will be in the hand of the one who pierces you.

UST

9 Then you will certainly not tell those who are killing you that you are a god, because they will know that you are not a god; you are only a man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:10

ULT

10 You will die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners, for I have declared it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

10 You will die like other people die, those who are unacceptable to God, those whom foreigners kill. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.'"

How did Yahweh say the ruler of Tyre would die?

The ruler of Tyre would die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners.

Ezekiel 28:11

ULT

11 The word of Yahweh came again to me, saying,

UST

11 Yahweh also gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:12

ULT

12 "Son of man, lift up a lament for the king of Tyre and say to him, 'The Lord Yahweh says this: You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

UST

12 "Son of man, sing a sad song about the king of Tyre. Tell him that Yahweh the Lord says this to him: 'You were completely perfect, extremely wise and handsome.

What did Yahweh say the king of Tyre once was?

Yahweh said the king of Tyre was once the model of perfection, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Ezekiel 28:13

ULT

13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone covered you: ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made from gold. It was on the day you were created that they were prepared.

UST

13 You had a wonderful life, because you were in my beautiful garden in Eden. Your clothes were decorated with many kinds of very valuable stones— ruby, topaz, emerald, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and beryl stones. Those stones were set in gold mountings which I prepared for you on the day that I created you.

According to Yahweh, where was the king of Tyre when he was created?

The king of Tyre was in Eden, the garden of God.

Ezekiel 28:14

ULT

14 I placed you on the holy mountain of God as the cherub I anointed to guard mankind. You were in the midst of the fiery stones where you walked about.

UST

14 I appointed you to be a strong angel to guard the people. I placed you on my holy mountain, and you walked among fiery stones.

Where did Yahweh place the king of Tyre, and what responsibility did the king of Tyre have?

The king of Tyre was on the holy mountain of God as the cherub anointed to guard mankind.

Ezekiel 28:15

ULT

15 You had integrity in your ways from the day you were created until injustice was found within you.

UST

15 You were completely good in all that you did from the day that you were created, until you started to do wicked things.

What was later found within the king of Tyre?

Injustice was later found within the king of Tyre.

Ezekiel 28:16

ULT

16 Through your great trade you were filled with violence, and so you sinned. So I threw you out of the mountain of God, as one who was defiled, and I destroyed you, guardian cherub, and drove you from among the fiery stones.

UST

16 Then you became busy buying and selling things, you started to act violently, and you sinned. So I disgraced you. You, the angel who was supposed to guard the people—I forced you to leave my own mountain; I forced you to leave those fiery stones.

Because of the sin of the king of Tyre, what did Yahweh do to him?
Yahweh threw the king of Tyre down as defiled from the mountain of God and destroyed him.

Ezekiel 28:17

ULT

17 Your heart was arrogant with your beauty; you ruined your wisdom because of your splendor. I have sent you down to the earth. I have placed you before kings so they may see you.

UST

17 You were extremely proud because you were very handsome. Because you loved beautiful things, you did things that wise people do not do. So I threw you to the ground, and allowed other kings who saw you to laugh at you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:18

ULT

18 Because of your many sins and your dishonest trade, you have defiled your holy places. So I have made fire come out from you; it will consume you. I will turn you into ashes on the earth in the sight of all who look at you.

UST

18 By committing many sins and by buying and selling things dishonestly, you caused the places where people worshiped me to become unacceptable to me. So I will make a fire that will burn your city down. Your city will be burned completely, and the people who watch it will see that what is left of the city will only be ashes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:19

ULT
19 All the ones who knew you among the peoples will shudder at you; they will be horrified, and you will be no more forever.'"

UST
19 All the people who knew what your city was like previously will be appalled. Now your city will disappear, and it will not exist anymore.'"

What will the ones who knew the king of Tyre do when they see his destruction?
The ones who knew the king of Tyre will shudder at him and will be horrified.

Ezekiel 28:20

ULT
20 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
20 Then Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:21

ULT
21 "Son of man, set your face against Sidon and prophesy against her.

UST
21 "Son of man, turn toward the city of Sidon, and announce the terrible things that will happen to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:22

ULT

22 Say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Sidon! For I will be glorified in your midst so your people will know that I am Yahweh when I execute justice within you. I will be shown to be holy in you.

UST

22 Give the people of Sidon this message from Yahweh the Lord. Tell them: ‘I am your enemy, you people of Sidon. By what I do to you, I will show you how great I am, and you will know that it is Yahweh who punishes you and judges you with justice. You will know that I am different from you, and that I will be honored by what I do to you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 28:23

ULT

23 I will send out a plague in you and blood in your streets, and the slain will fall in your midst. When the sword comes against you from all around, then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

23 I will send a plague on you, and I will send enemies to come and kill you in your streets. They will attack you from every direction, and they will slaughter your people inside the walls of your city. Then everyone will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.’

What did Yahweh say he was sending out to Sidon?

Yahweh said he was sending out a plague and blood in the streets of Sidon.

Ezekiel 28:24

ULT

24 Then there will no longer be pricking briars and painful thorns for the house of Israel from all those around her who despise her people, so they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh!’

UST

24 No longer will people who live near the people of Israel hurt them as painful briers and sharp thorns hurt people. And then the Israelites will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

According to Yahweh, what were the peoples around Israel like for the house of Israel?

The peoples around Israel were like pricking briers and painful thorns.

Ezekiel 28:25

ULT

25 The Lord Yahweh says this, ‘When I gather the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they were scattered, and when I am set apart among them, so the nations may see, then they will make their homes in the land I will give to my servant Jacob.

UST

25 And this is also what Yahweh the Lord says: “I will gather them from distant countries where I have scattered them. And the other people groups will see that I am set apart and honored, when the house of Israel makes their homes in the land I gave my servant Jacob!

After Yahweh executes justice on the ones who despise Israel, what will happen to Israel? (vv25-26)

Israel will live securely, build houses, and plant vineyards in the land Yahweh will give to his servant Jacob.

Ezekiel 28:26

ULT

26 Then they will live securely within her and build houses, plant vineyards, and live securely when I execute justice on all the ones who now despise them from all around; so they will know that I am Yahweh their God!’”

UST

26 My people will live safely in Israel; they will build houses and plant vineyards. And when I punish the nearby people groups that despised them, my people will know that it is I, Yahweh their God, who has done this.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29

Ezekiel 29:1

ULT

1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month on the twelfth day of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

1 Almost ten years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the twelfth day of the tenth month of that year, Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:2

ULT

2 “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt; prophesy against him and against all of Egypt.

UST

2 “Son of man, turn toward Egypt and proclaim the terrible things that will happen to the king of Egypt and all his people.

Who did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Ezekiel 29:3

ULT

3 Declare and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Pharaoh, king of Egypt. You, the great sea monster that lurks in the midst of the river, that says, “My river is my own. I have made it for myself.”

UST

3 Give the king this message from me, for I am Yahweh the Lord: ‘Know this, Pharaoh, king of Egypt that I, Yahweh, am your enemy. You are like a great monster that lies in the streams of the Nile River. You are so bold to say that the Nile River is yours, and that you made it for yourself.

What animal does Yahweh say the king of Egypt is like?

Yahweh says the king of Egypt is like a great sea creature that lies in the midst of the river.

Ezekiel 29:4

ULT

4 For I will place hooks in your jaw, and the fish of your Nile will cling to your scales; I will lift you up from the middle of your river along with all the fish of the river that cling to your scales.

UST

4 But it will be as though I will put hooks in your jaws and drag you out onto the land, with fish sticking to your scales.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:5

ULT

5 I will throw you down into the wilderness, you and all the fish from your river. You will fall on the open field; you will not be gathered nor lifted up. I will give you as food to the living things of the earth and to the birds of the heavens.

UST

5 I will leave you and all those fish to die in the desert; you will fall to the ground, and no one will pick up your corpse to bury you, because I declare that your body will be food for the wild animals and birds.

Where does Yahweh say he is going to throw the king of Egypt?

Yahweh says he is going to throw the king of Egypt down into the wilderness.

Ezekiel 29:6

ULT

6 Then all the inhabitants of Egypt will know that I am Yahweh, because they have been a reed stalk to the house of Israel.

UST

6 When that happens, all the people of Egypt will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do. The Israelite people have trusted that you would help them. But you have been like a reed pole in their hands.

What plant does Yahweh say Egypt is like to the house of Israel?

Yahweh says Egypt is like a reed stalk to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 29:7

ULT

7 When they took hold of you in their hand, you broke and tore open their shoulder; and when they leaned on you, you were broken, and you caused their legs to be unsteady.

UST

7 And when they leaned on that pole, it broke and tore open their shoulders. When they leaned on you, you were like a pole that broke in their hand, and as a result you caused their legs to be wrenched and that made it impossible for them to stand.'

What had Egypt done when the house of Israel leaned on Egypt?

Egypt shattered Israel's legs and made their hip shake when Israel leaned on Egypt.

Ezekiel 29:8

ULT

8 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will bring a sword against you. I will cut off both man and beast from you.

UST

8 Therefore Yahweh the Lord says, 'I will bring Egypt's enemies to attack them with their swords; they will kill Egypt's people and animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:9

ULT

9 So the land of Egypt will become desolate and a ruin. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, because the sea monster had said, "The river is mine, for I have made it."

UST

9 Egypt will become an empty desert. Then the people of Egypt will know that it is I, Yahweh, who has the power to do what he says he will do, and that he will punish the people of Egypt for saying that the Nile River is theirs because they made it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:10

ULT

10 Therefore, behold! I am against you and against your river, so I will give the land of Egypt over to desolation and waste, and you will become a wasteland from the Migdol to Syene and the borders of Cush.

UST

10 I am against you and your streams, and I will ruin Egypt and make it into an empty desert, from the city of Migdol in the north to Syene in the south, as far south as the border of Cush.

To what does Yahweh say the land of Egypt will be given over?

Yahweh says the land of Egypt will be given over to desolation and waste.

Ezekiel 29:11

ULT

11 No man's foot will pass through it, and no wild animal's foot will pass through it. It will not be inhabited for forty years.

UST

11 For forty years no one will walk through that area, and no one will live there.

For how long does Yahweh say the land of Egypt will not be inhabited? (vv11-12)

Yahweh says the land of Egypt will not be inhabited for forty years.

Ezekiel 29:12

ULT

12 For I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of uninhabited lands, and its cities in the midst of wasted cities will become a desolation for forty years; then I will scatter Egypt among the nations, and I will disperse them through the lands.

UST

12 Egypt will be barren, and it will be surrounded by other abandoned nations. The cities of Egypt will be empty and without people for forty years, and the surrounding lands will be the same. I will scatter the people of Egypt to countries far away.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:13

ULT

13 For the Lord Yahweh says this: At the end of forty years I will gather Egypt from the peoples among whom they were scattered.

UST

13 But Yahweh the Lord also says this: ‘At the end of forty years, I will enable the people of Egypt to return home again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:14

ULT

14 I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring them back to the region of Pathros, to the land of their origin. Then they will be a lowly kingdom there.

UST

14 I will bring back the people of Egypt whom their enemies had captured, and I will allow them to live again in the region of Pathros in the south, where they lived previously. But Egypt will continue to be a very unimportant kingdom.

What does Yahweh say Egypt will be after they return from being scattered?

Yahweh says Egypt will be a lowly kingdom after they return from being scattered.

Ezekiel 29:15

ULT

15 It will be the lowliest of the kingdoms, and it will not be lifted up any more among the nations. I will diminish them so they will no longer rule over nations.

UST

15 It will be the least important of all the nations; it will never again be greater than the nearby countries. I will cause Egypt to be very weak, and they will never again rule over other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:16

ULT

16 The Egyptians will no longer be a reason for confidence for the house of Israel. Instead, they will be a reminder of the iniquity that Israel committed when they turned to Egypt for help. Then they will know that I am the Lord Yahweh.'"

UST

16 When that happens, the leaders of Israel will no longer think of asking Egypt to help them. When I punish Egypt, the Israelites will be reminded that they previously sinned by trusting that Egypt could help them. And the people of Israel will know that Yahweh the Lord has the power to do what he says he will do.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:17

ULT

17 Then it came about in the twenty-seventh year on the first day of the first month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

17 Almost twenty-seven years after we Israelites prisoners had been taken to Babylonia, on the first day of the new year, Yahweh gave me this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:18

ULT

18 "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon stationed his army to do hard work against Tyre. Every head was rubbed until it was made bald, and every shoulder was made raw. Yet he and his army received no payment from Tyre for the hard work that he carried out against it.

UST

18 "Son of man, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon fought very hard against Tyre, with the result that their heads were rubbed bare under their helmets, and their shoulders became raw. But Nebuchadnezzar and his army did not get any valuable things from Tyre to reward them for their hard work in that campaign.

What wages did Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon receive for all the hard work he did against Tyre?

Nebuchadnezzar received no wages for all the hard work he did against Tyre.

Ezekiel 29:19

ULT

[19] Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Behold! I am giving the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and he will take away its wealth, plunder its possessions, and carry off all he finds there; that will be his army’s wages.

UST

[19] Therefore, Yahweh the Lord says that he will enable King Nebuchadnezzar’s army to conquer Egypt. They will carry away from there all the valuable things, in order that the king can give them to his soldiers.

What will Yahweh give Nebuchadnezzar in return for all the hard work he did against Tyre? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will give Nebuchadnezzar the land of Egypt as the wages for all the hard work he did against Tyre.

Ezekiel 29:20

ULT

[20] I have given him the land of Egypt as the wages for the work they did for me—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

[20] Yahweh says that he will enable them to conquer Egypt as payment for what they did to Tyre, because Nebuchadnezzar and his army were working for him, doing what he wanted them to do, which was to destroy Tyre.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 29:21

ULT

[21] On that day I will make a horn sprout up for the house of Israel, and I make you speak in their midst, so that they will know that I am Yahweh.’”

UST

[21] Yahweh said to me, “Some day I will make Israel become a mighty nation. When that happens, I will make them listen to what you tell them. Then they will know that all this has happened because I, Yahweh, will have done this.”

On that day, what will Yahweh make Ezekiel do?

On that day, Yahweh will make Ezekiel speak in the midst of the house of Israel.

On that day, what will the house of Israel know?

On that day, the house of Israel will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 30

Ezekiel 30:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Wail, “Woe is the coming day.”

UST
2 “Son of man, prophesy about what will happen to Egypt. Say that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say: ‘Weep and wail, because terrible things will happen one day that is coming.

According to Yahweh, what kind of day and time is the coming day of Yahweh? (vv2-3)
The coming day of Yahweh is a day of clouds, a time of doom for nations.

Ezekiel 30:3

ULT
3 The day is near. The day is near for Yahweh. It will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for nations.

UST
3 That day is near, the day when I, Yahweh, will punish people; it will be like a day of full of storm clouds and disaster for many nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:4

ULT

[4] Then a sword will come against Egypt, and there will be anguish in Cush when the killed people fall in Egypt — when they take her wealth, and when her foundations are ruined.

UST

[4] An enemy army will come to attack Egypt with their swords, and there will be great distress for the people in Cush. The enemy army will kill many people in Egypt; they will take away everything of value, and they will even tear the buildings down to their foundations.

On the day of Yahweh, what will happen to Egypt, Cush, Libya, Lydia, and the people belonging to the covenant? (vv4-5)

On the day of Yahweh, they will all fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 30:5

ULT

[5] Cush and Put, Lydia and all Arabia, and Libya, together with the people belonging to the covenant—they will all fall by the sword.

UST

[5] Soldiers of Cush, Libya, Lydia, and all the foreigners in the land of Egypt, together with the Jews living in Egypt—they will all die because of war.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:6

ULT

[6] Yahweh says this: So the ones who support Egypt will fall, and the pride of her strength will go down. From Migdol to Syene their soldiers will fall by the sword—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[6] This is what Yahweh says: 'This army will defeat Egypt's allies, and the power that the people of Egypt are so proud of will end. From the city of Migdol in the north to the city of Syene in the south, they will kill the soldiers of Egypt's allies. This is what Yahweh the Lord declares.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:7

ULT

7 They will be appalled in the midst of the abandoned lands, and their cities will be among all the ruined cities.

UST

7 Egypt's allies' soldiers will be shocked, and her allies' cities will be destroyed, surrounded by ruined cities in nearby nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:8

ULT

8 Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I set fire in Egypt, and when all of her helpers are destroyed.

UST

8 Then, when I cause everything in Egypt to be burned down, and when I cause their enemies to defeat all their allies, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will the people know when Egypt and her helpers are destroyed?

The people will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 30:9

ULT

9 In that day messengers will go out from before me in ships to terrorize a secure Cush, and there will be anguish among them on the day of Egypt's doom. For behold! It is coming.

UST

9 At that time, I will send messengers to go swiftly up the Nile River in boats to terrify the people of Cush, who still think they are safe. They will be horrified when they hear that Egypt has been destroyed. This will soon happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:10

ULT

10 The Lord Yahweh says this: I will make an end of the multitudes of Egypt by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon.

UST

10 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: By the power of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon I will destroy very many people in Egypt.

Who's hand will Yahweh use to destroy the land of Egypt?

Yahweh will use the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, to destroy the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 30:11

ULT

11 He and his army with him, the terror of nations, will be brought to destroy the land; they will draw out their swords against Egypt and fill the land with those who have been killed.

UST

11 Nebuchadnezzar and his army, whose soldiers have no pity on anyone, will come to destroy Egypt. They will pull out their swords and fill Egypt with the corpses of those whom they have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:12

ULT

12 I will make the rivers into dry ground, and I will sell the land into the hand of wicked men. I will make the land and its fullness desolate by the hand of strangers—I, Yahweh, have spoken.

UST

12 I will cause the streams of the Nile River to become dry, and I will sell the nation of Egypt to evil men. By the power of foreigners I will ruin the land and everything that is in it. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:13

ULT
13 The Lord Yahweh says this: I will destroy idols, and I will bring an end to the worthless idols of Memphis. There will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt, and I will put terror on the land of Egypt.

UST
13 This is also what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I will cause the enemy to destroy the idols in the city of Memphis. No longer will there be a king in Egypt, and I will terrify everyone in the land of Egypt.

To what will Yahweh bring an end in Memphis?
Yahweh will destroy and bring an end to the worthless idols of Memphis.

Ezekiel 30:14

ULT
14 Then I will make Pathros desolate and set fire in Zoan, and I will execute acts of judgment on Thebes.

UST
14 I will cause all people to leave the region of Pathros in southern Egypt. I will start fires in the city of Zoan in northeast Egypt and punish the people in the city of Thebes in southern Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:15

ULT
15 For I will pour out my fury on Pelusium, the stronghold of Egypt, and cut off the multitude of Thebes.

UST
15 I will punish the soldiers in the fortress of Pelusium in northern Egypt, and I will destroy the people in Thebes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:16

ULT

16 Then I will set fire in Egypt; Pelusium will be in great agony, Thebes will be broken up, and Memphis will face enemies every day.

UST

16 I will burn Egypt with fire; the people in Pelusium will suffer severe pain. Enemies will conquer Thebes, and the enemies of Memphis will attack the people who live there every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:17

ULT

17 The young men in Heliopolis and Bubastis will fall by the sword, and their cities will go into captivity.

UST

17 The enemy will kill many young men in the cities of Heliopolis and Bubastis in northern Egypt, and the people who are left will have to go to Babylon.

What will happen to the survivors in the Egyptian cities when Yahweh brings destruction? (vv17-18)

The survivors will walk into captivity when Yahweh brings destruction.

Ezekiel 30:18

ULT

18 In Tahpanhes, the day will hold back its light when I break the yoke of Egypt there, and the pride of her strength will be finished. There will be a cloud covering her, and her daughters will walk into captivity.

UST

18 It will be a dark day of destruction at the city of Tahpanhes in northeast Egypt when I cause the power of Egypt to end; that country will no longer be strong. It will be as though a dark cloud will cover Egypt, because the people of its villages will go to Babylon as prisoners.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:19

ULT
19 I will execute acts of judgment in Egypt, so they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST
19 That is how I will punish Egypt, and people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:20

ULT
20 Then it came about in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
20 Almost eleven years after the Babylonians took us Israelites to their country, Yahweh gave me another message on the seventh day of the first month of that year. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:21

ULT
21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Behold! It has not been bound up, or set to heal with a bandage, so that it will become strong enough to grasp a sword.

UST
21 "Son of man, I have enabled the army of Nebuchadnezzar to defeat the army of the king of Egypt. It is as though I have broken one of the arms of the king of Egypt, and it has not been bandaged in order that it could be healed, and it has not been put in splints in order that after it heals the arm will be strong enough to hold a sword.

What did Yahweh say he had done to Pharaoh's arm, and what would Pharaoh now not be able to do?
Yahweh said he had broken the arm of Pharaoh, so it was not strong enough to grasp a sword.

Ezekiel 30:22

ULT

22 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this, ‘Behold, I am against Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. For I will break his arm, both the strong one and the broken one, and I will make the sword fall from his hand.

UST

22 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I am the enemy of the king of Egypt. I will completely destroy Egypt’s power; it is as though now I will break both of the king’s arms, the good one and the broken one, and cause the sword to fall from his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:23

ULT

23 Then I will scatter Egypt among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

UST

23 I will scatter the people of Egypt among the nations.

After Egypt is destroyed, what will Yahweh do to Egypt among the nations?

Yahweh will scatter and disperse Egypt among the nations.

Ezekiel 30:24

ULT

24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and place my sword in his hand so that I might destroy Pharaoh’s arms. He will groan before the king of Babylon with the groans of a dying man.

UST

24 It is as though I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put a sword in his hand, and as though I will break the arms of the king of Egypt, and he will groan in front of the king of Babylon like a soldier who is wounded and about to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 30:25

ULT

25 For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, while Pharaoh's arms will fall. Then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon; for he will attack the land of Egypt with it.

UST

25 I will cause the king of Babylon to become stronger and stronger, and the king of Egypt to become completely weak. When that happens, when I make the Babylonian army strong, they will use that power to attack Egypt.

Whose arms will Yahweh strengthen?

Yahweh will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon.

What will happen to arms of Pharoah?

Pharaoh's arms will fall.

Ezekiel 30:26

ULT

26 So I will scatter Egypt among the nations and disperse them through the lands. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST

26 I will scatter the people of Egypt among the nations. And when that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31

Ezekiel 31:1

ULT

[1] Then it came about in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

[1] Almost eleven years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, Yahweh gave me another message, on the first day of the third month of that year. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:2

ULT

[2] "Son of man, say to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to his multitudes around him, 'In your greatness, who are you like?

UST

[2] "Son of man, say to the king of Egypt and to the immense numbers of his people, 'You think that there is no country whose power is as great as the power of your country.

To whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy to Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

Ezekiel 31:3

ULT

[3] Behold! Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon with beautiful branches, giving shade to the forest, and the tallest in height, and the branches formed its treetop.

UST

[3] You think that your country is as great as Assyria was. Well, Assyria was like a tall cedar tree in Lebanon; it had big beautiful branches that provided shade for other trees in the forest. It was very tall; and the branches of the tallest trees made a treetop that was a roof over the forest.

To what kind of plant did Yahweh liken Assyria?

Yahweh likened Assyria to a great cedar in Lebanon.

Ezekiel 31:4

ULT

4 Many waters made it tall; the deep waters made it huge. Rivers flowed all around its area, for their channels stretched out to all the trees in the field.

UST

4 Water came to it from deep springs, and as a result that cedar tree grew tall and very green. Then water flowed around the base of the tree into channels that took water to other nearby trees in the open countryside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:5

ULT

5 Its great height was more than any of the other trees in the field, and its branches became very many; its branches grew long because of many waters as they grew.

UST

5 That huge tree grew very tall, higher than all the other trees around it. Its branches grew very thick and long because of the abundant water at the base of the tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:6

ULT

6 Every bird of the heavens nested in its branches, while every living thing of the field gave birth to its young under its foliage. All of the many nations lived under its shade.

UST

6 Birds built their nests in the branches, and wild animals gave birth to their young under those branches. And it was as though people of all the great nations lived in the shade of that tree.

In Yahweh's parable of Assyria as a tree, what lived in and around the great cedar?

Every bird of the heavens nested in the cedar's branches, and every living thing of the field gave birth under its foliage.

Ezekiel 31:7

ULT

7 For it was beautiful in its greatness and the length of its branches, for its roots were in many waters.

UST

7 It was majestic and beautiful; its branches spread out widely because the roots of the tree grew down into the ground where there was a plentiful supply of water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:8

ULT

8 Cedars in the garden of God could not equal it. None among the cypress trees matched its branches, and the plane tree could not equal its boughs. There was no other tree in the garden of God that was like it in its beauty.

UST

8 The cedar trees in my garden in Eden were not as great as that tree, and the branches of the fir trees were not as long and thick as the branches of that cedar tree. And the branches of the plane trees were not as long and thick, either. No tree in my garden was as beautiful as that cedar tree.

What was the great cedar of Assyria greater than? (vv8-9)

The great cedar of Assyria was greater than all the trees in the garden of God.

Ezekiel 31:9

ULT

9 I made it beautiful with its many branches and all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of God envied it.

UST

9 Because I caused that tree to become very beautiful because of its magnificent green branches, all the leaders of other countries represented by those other trees in Eden envied the country represented by that tree.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:10

ULT

10 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Because it was tall in height, and it set its treetop between its branches, it lifted up its heart because of its height.

UST

10 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: ‘That tree, which represents Assyria, grew very tall; its top was higher than the other trees, and it became very proud because it was so tall.

Why did Yahweh grasp Assyria and drive it away? (vv10-11)

Yahweh grasped Assyria and drove it away because its heart was lifted up (proud) and it was wicked.

Ezekiel 31:11

ULT

11 I have given it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations, to deal with it according to what its wickedness deserves. I have thrown it out.

UST

11 Therefore, I enabled another mighty nation to conquer it, to destroy it as it deserved to be destroyed. I have already discarded it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:12

ULT

12 Foreigners who were the terror of all the nations cut it off and left it to die. Its branches fell on the mountains and all the valleys, and its boughs lay broken in all the ravines of the land. Then all the nations on earth came out from under its shade and they went away from it.

UST

12 A foreign army, one that has caused people of other nations to be terrified, cut it down and left it. Its branches fell on the mountains and in the valleys. Some of its branches lay broken in all the ravines in the land. All the people of other nations came out from being under its shade and left it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:13

ULT

13 All the birds of the sky rested on the trunk of the fallen tree, and every animal of the field came to its branches.

UST

13 Birds of the sky settled on the fallen tree, and wild animals lived among its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 31:14

ULT

14 This happened so that no other trees that grow by the waters will lift up their foliage to the height of the tallest trees, and that no other trees that grow beside the waters will reach up to that height. All of them have been assigned to death, to the earth below, among the children of humanity, with those that go down to the pit.

UST

14 As a result, no other tree, even if the tree has plenty of water, will ever grow to such great height, or lift its top above the branches higher than other trees. They will all certainly die and decay; they will go to the place of the dead; they will go to the grave.'"

After the cedar of Assyria was abandoned, what did Yahweh say would never happen again?

Yahweh said that no other tree would ever again grow that tall.

Ezekiel 31:15

ULT

15 The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day when the cedar went down to Sheol I brought mourning to the earth. I covered the deep waters over it, and I held back the ocean waters. I kept back the great waters, and I brought mourning to Lebanon for him. So all the trees of the field mourned because of it.

UST

15 This is what Yahweh the Lord says: "When that great tree was cut down, it was as though the springs that watered it mourned for it, because I caused the plentiful water from the springs to dry up. It was as if I had caused the mountains in Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees there to weep.

What did Yahweh bring to the earth on the day when Assyria went down to sheol?

On that day Yahweh brought mourning to the earth

Ezekiel 31:16

ULT

16 I brought shuddering to the nations at the sound of its downfall, when I threw it down to Sheol with those who went down into the pit. So I comforted all the trees of Eden in the lowest parts of the earth. These had been the choicest and best trees of Lebanon; the trees that drank the waters.

UST

16 I caused the people of other nations to tremble when they heard that tree fall to the ground—when they heard that Assyria had been destroyed. All the other people groups had also been like beautiful, well-watered trees in Lebanon, but they were comforted when the king represented by that cedar tree arrived among them in the place where they were as dead people.

To where did Yahweh throw the great cedar of Assyria?
Yahweh threw the great cedar of Assyria down to Sheol.

Ezekiel 31:17

ULT

17 For they also went down with it to Sheol, to the ones who had been killed by the sword. These were its strong arm, those nations who had lived in its shade.

UST

17 The people represented by the trees that grew in the shade of that huge tree, the allies of the great nation that the cedar tree represents, had also died and gone down to where the dead people are.

What happened to those nations that had lived in the shade of the great cedar of Assyria?
Those nations that had lived in the shade of Assyria also went down to Sheol.

Ezekiel 31:18

ULT

18 Which of the trees in Eden was your equal in glory and greatness? For you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lowest parts of the earth among the uncircumcised; you will live with those who were killed by the sword.’ This is Pharaoh and all of his multitudes—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

18 This parable is a warning to you people of Egypt. You think that there is no other nation that is as great and glorious as yours is. But your nation will also be destroyed, along with those other nations. Your people will be there among the other people who are not fit to worship me, people who have been killed by their enemies’ swords. That is what will happen to the king of Egypt and all his many people.” This is what the Lord Yahweh has declared will happen.

Who does Yahweh declare will be brought down to the lowest parts of the earth?

Yahweh declares that Pharaoh and his servants will be brought down to the lowest parts of the earth.

Ezekiel 32

Ezekiel 32:1

ULT

1 Then it happened in the twelfth month of the twelfth year, on the first of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

1 Almost twelve years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, Yahweh gave me another message, on the first day of the twelfth month of that year. He told me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:2

ULT

2 “Son of man, lift up a lament concerning Pharaoh the king of Egypt; say to him, ‘You are like a young lion among the nations, but you are like a monster in the seas; you churn up the water, you stir up the waters with your feet and muddy their waters.

UST

2 “Son of man, sing a sad song about Pharaoh the king of Egypt. Sing this to him: ‘People think that you are like a lion among the nations; but you are like a sea monster in the river thrashing around in the water, churning up the water with your feet and making all the water muddy.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to lift up concerning Pharaoh?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to lift up a lament concerning Pharaoh.

What two animals did Yahweh say Pharaoh was like?

Yahweh said Pharaoh was like a young lion and like a monster in the seas.

Ezekiel 32:3

ULT

3 The Lord Yahweh says this: So I will spread my net over you in the assembly of many peoples, and they will lift you up in my net.

UST

3 But I, the Lord Yahweh, say to you that I will send many people to throw my net over you, and that they will haul you up onto the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:4

ULT

[4] I will abandon you in the land. I will throw you into a field and cause all the birds of the heavens to settle on you; the hunger of all living animals on earth will be satisfied by you.

UST

[4] They will throw you into a field, where I will leave you to your fate. I will allow the birds to sit on you, and all the wild animals will eat the flesh of your corpse until their stomachs are full.

When Yahweh throws the sea monster into a field, what will happen to it?

When the sea monster is thrown into a field, the birds and animals will eat it.

Ezekiel 32:5

ULT

[5] For I will put your flesh on the mountains, and I will fill the valleys with your worm-filled corpse.

UST

[5] I will cause them to scatter your flesh on the hills and fill the valleys with the parts of your rotting body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:6

ULT

[6] Then I will pour your blood over the mountains, and the stream beds will be filled with your blood.

UST

[6] I will cause them to fill the land with your blood, and also the mountains; they will fill the ravines with your blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:7

ULT

7 Then when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with clouds, and the moon will not shine its light.

UST

7 When I kill you, I will cover the sky and not allow the stars to shine. I will put a dark cloud in front of the sun, and the moon will not shine.

What will happen in the heavens when Yahweh puts out the lamp of Egypt?

The stars will be darkened, clouds will cover the sun, and the moon will not shine.

Ezekiel 32:8

ULT

8 All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you, and I will put darkness over your land—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

8 I will cause the stars in the sky to be dark, and there will be darkness over your entire land; this will surely happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:9

ULT

9 So I will terrify the heart of many peoples in lands that you do not know, when I bring about your collapse among the nations, among lands that you have not known. *[1]*

UST

9 And I will terrify the people of many nations when they hear how I destroy you, there where I will send you, in countries that you have never known about.

How will the people of the nations react when they see Egypt's collapse? (vv9-10)

The people of the nations will be terrified and will shudder in horror.

Ezekiel 32:10

ULT

10 I will shock many peoples concerning you; their kings will shudder in horror concerning you when I swing my sword before them. Every moment each one will tremble because of you, on the day of your downfall.

UST

10 I will cause many people to be shocked because of what has happened to you; their kings will be horrified and shudder because I destroyed you, when I swung my sword in front of them to kill you. At the time that you die, all of them will tremble, fearing that I will kill them, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:11

ULT

11 For the Lord Yahweh says this: The sword of the king of Babylon will come against you.

UST

11 I, the Lord Yahweh tell you, Egypt, that the swords of the army of the king of Babylon will strike you.

Who will come against Egypt and devastate it?

The king of Babylon will come against Egypt and devastate it.

Ezekiel 32:12

ULT

12 I will cause your multitudes to fall by warriors' swords—each warrior a terror of nations. These warriors will devastate the pride of Egypt and destroy all of its multitudes.

UST

12 I will cause the mighty soldiers of Babylonia to kill your best soldiers— the soldiers of Babylonia, who are more ruthless than those of any other nation. They will cause the people of Egypt to quit being proud, because they will kill very many of your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:13

ULT
13 For I will destroy all the livestock from beside the plentiful waters; the foot of man will no longer stir the waters up, neither will the hooves of cattle stir them.

UST
13 I will destroy all the cattle in Egypt, which graze alongside the streams. As a result, the water in those streams will never again become muddy because of people and cattle walking in them.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to man and animal in Egypt?
Neither man nor animal will stir the waters of Egypt.

Ezekiel 32:14

ULT
14 Then I will calm their waters and make their rivers run like oil— this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST
14 Then I will allow the streams in Egypt to become calm again and to flow as smoothly as olive oil flows.'" This is what the Lord Yahweh announces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:15

ULT
15 When I make the land of Egypt an abandoned place, when the land is made bare of all its fullness, when I attack all the inhabitants in her, they will know that I am Yahweh.

UST
15 He also says this: "When I cause Egypt to become empty, when I strip off everything that grows on the land, and when I get rid of all the people who live there, people will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will the people of Egypt know when they are attacked and destroyed?
The people of Egypt will know that the Lord is Yahweh.

Ezekiel 32:16

ULT

16 There will be a lament; the daughters of the nations will lament over her; they will lament over Egypt, over all her multitudes they will lament—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

16 There will be a sad song that people will sing about Egypt. Women of many nations will sing it; they will chant it about Egypt and all its many people." This will surely happen because Yahweh has said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:17

ULT

17 Then it happened in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

17 On the fifteenth day of that same month, Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:18

ULT

18 "Son of man, weep for the multitudes of Egypt and bring them down— her and the daughters of majestic nations—to the lowest earth with those who have gone down to the pit.

UST

18 "Son of man, wail about the many people of Egypt, because I will send them to the place under the earth, where they and people of other mighty nations will be. I will send them there, along with others, down to the place where the dead are.

To where will the servants of Egypt and the daughters of majestic nations be thrown?

They will be thrown down to the lowest earth with those who have gone down to the pit.

Ezekiel 32:19

ULT
19 ‘Are you really more beautiful than anyone else? Go down and lie down with the uncircumcised.’

UST
19 Say to them, ‘You people of Egypt, you think that you are more beautiful than the people of other nations. But you also will descend to the place where the godless dead people are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:20

ULT
20 They will fall among those who were killed by the sword. The sword has been drawn! She has been given to the sword; they will seize her and her multitudes.

UST
20 You will die along with many others whom their enemies have killed. Their enemies have begun to attack, and they will drag away a huge number people of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:21

ULT
21 The strongest of the warriors in Sheol will declare about Egypt and her allies, ‘They have come down here! They will lie with the uncircumcised, with those who were killed by the sword.’

UST
21 In the place where the dead people are, mighty leaders of other countries will make fun of you people of Egypt and your allies. They will say that you have come to lie dead with them, those godless people whom their enemies killed.

What will the warriors in Sheol declare about Egypt and her allies?
They will declare that Egypt and her allies have come down here and will lie with the uncircumcised killed by the sword.

Ezekiel 32:22

ULT
22 Assyria is there with all her assembly. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed by the sword.

UST
22 The dead of the people of Assyria and their army will also be there. They will be surrounded by the dead of others whom their enemies killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:23

ULT
23 Those whose graves are set in the recesses of the pit are there, with all her assembly. Her graves surround all of those who were killed, who fell by the sword, those who brought terror on the land of the living.

UST
23 Their graves will be there in the deep pit, and the dead soldiers of their army will lie around their graves. The dead of all those who had terrified so many others will also be there, for their enemies will have killed them, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:24

ULT
24 Elam is there with all her multitudes. Her graves surround her; all of them were killed. Those who fell by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the lowest parts of the earth, who brought their terrors on the land of the living and who carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit.

UST
24 Many, many people from the country of Elam will be there, too, and Elam's servants, because their enemies will have killed them. These were soldiers who had terrified people in many places. At that time they will lie there in that deep pit below the earth, and they, along with the others who have gone there, will be disgraced.

What did Elam on the land of the living?
Elam brought their terrors on the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:25

ULT

25 They set a bedroll for Elam and all her multitudes in the midst of the slain; her graves surround her. All of them are uncircumcised, pierced by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living. So they carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit among all those who have been killed, those who are going down to the pit. Elam is among all those who were killed.

UST

25 The people of Elam in their huge numbers will lie there among others who were slaughtered, surrounded by the graves of a huge crowd of other people. While they were alive, they caused people of other nations to be terrified; but they were godless, and now, because their enemies will have killed them, they will lie with others in that deep pit, disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:26

ULT

26 Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitudes are there! Their graves surround them. All of them are uncircumcised, killed by the sword, because they had brought their terrors on the land of the living.

UST

26 The dead of all the soldiers of the lands of Meshech and Tubal will be there, surrounded by the graves of a huge crowd. While they were alive, they also caused people in many places to be terrified. They are uncircumcised people whom their enemies will have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:27

ULT

27 They do not lie with the fallen warriors of the uncircumcised who have gone down to Sheol with all their weapons of war, and with their swords placed under their heads and their iniquities over their bones. For they were the terror of warriors in the land of the living.

UST

27 They will not lie there beside the uncircumcised warriors who have gone to the grave highly honored with their shields over their bodies and their swords under their heads. While they were alive, they terrified many people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:28

ULT

28 So you, Egypt, will be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised! You will lie alongside those who were pierced by the sword.

UST

28 You king of Egypt, I will kill you also, and you will lie there with other godless people whom their enemies will have killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:29

ULT

29 Edom is there with her kings and all her leaders. They have been placed in their strength with those killed by the sword. With the uncircumcised they lie, with those who have gone down to the pit.

UST

29 People of Edom will be there, along with their kings and leaders. They were powerful, but I will kill them. They will lie there in the place where the other godless people lie.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 32:30

ULT

30 The princes of the north are there—all of them and all the Sidonians who went down with the ones who had been pierced. They were powerful and made others to be afraid, but now they are there in shame, uncircumcised with those who were pierced by the sword. They carry their own shame, together with the ones going down to the pit.

UST

30 All the rulers of countries north of Israel, including people from the city of Sidon, will be there. Because of their power, they terrified other people, but they will lie there. They were godless, and they will lie there along with others whom their enemies will have killed. They, along with everyone else who goes down into that deep pit, will be disgraced.

What do the princes of the north and all the Sidonians who went down with the dead, carry?

They carry their own shame.

Ezekiel 32:31

ULT

31 Pharaoh will look and be comforted about all his multitudes who were pierced by the sword—Pharaoh and all his army—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

31 The king of Egypt and all his army will see them, and they will be comforted about the death of their many people, because they know that there were other huge groups of people whom their enemies killed.

In Sheol, what will comfort Pharaoh?

In Sheol, Pharaoh will be comforted about all his servants who were killed by the sword.

Ezekiel 32:32

ULT

32 I put him as my terrifying one in the land of the living, but he will be laid down in the midst of the uncircumcised, among those pierced by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitudes—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."
32:9 [1] , some ancient and modern versions have .

UST

32 While that king was living, I allowed him to terrify others in many countries, but he and his huge army will be there among other godless people whom their enemies have killed." This will certainly surely happen because the Lord Yahweh has said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33

Ezekiel 33:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, declare this to your people; say to them, ‘When I bring a sword against any land, then the people of that land take one man from among themselves and make him a watchman for them.

UST
2 “Son of man, speak to your fellow Israelites and say this to them: ‘Suppose that I bring an enemy army to attack a country, and the people of that country choose one of their own people to be a watchman.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:3

ULT
3 He looks for the sword as it comes on the land, and he blows his horn to warn the people!

UST
3 And suppose that he sees the enemy army come into view, and that he blows a trumpet to warn everyone.

What does the watchman do for the people of the land?
The watchman looks for the sword coming on the land, and blows his horn to warn the people.

Ezekiel 33:4

ULT

4 If the people hear the sound of the horn but do not pay attention, and if the sword comes and kills them, then each one's blood is on his own head.

UST

4 If anyone hears the trumpet but pays no attention, and if that person then dies because of the enemy, that person is responsible for his own death.

What happens if the people do not pay attention to the watchman?

If the people do not pay attention, the sword kills the people and each one's blood is on his own head.

Ezekiel 33:5

ULT

5 If someone hears the sound of the horn and pays no attention, his blood is on him; but if he pays attention, he will save his own life.

UST

5 If he had paid attention, he would have saved his own life. But as it is, he will die, and it will be his own fault.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:6

ULT

6 However, if the watchman sees the sword as it is coming, but if he does not blow the horn, with the result that the people are not warned, and if the sword comes and takes anyone's life, then that person dies in his own sin, but I will require his blood from the watchman.'

UST

6 Now suppose that the watchman sees the enemy army coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people. Then suppose that one of his people dies because of the enemy. That person will die because of his own mistake, but I will hold the watchman responsible for it.

What happens to the watchman if he does not warn the people?

If the watchman does not warn the people, his blood will be required by Yahweh.

Ezekiel 33:7

ULT

[7] Now you yourself, son of man! I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; you will hear the words from my mouth and warn them on my behalf.

UST

[7] Son of man, this parable has a meaning for you. I have appointed you to be a watchman for the Israelites. So always listen to what I say, and warn the people for me.

Who did Yahweh make a watchman for the house of Israel?

Yahweh made Ezekiel a watchman for the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 33:8

ULT

[8] If I say to a wicked person, ‘Wicked one, you will surely die!’ but if you do not announce this so as to warn the wicked about his way, then he who is wicked will die in his sin, but I will require his blood from your hand!

UST

[8] When I say to some wicked person, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die because of your sins,’ you must tell him what I said. If you do not speak to that person to warn him to turn away from his sins, that wicked person will die because of his sins, but I will make you responsible for his death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:9

ULT

[9] But you, if you warn the wicked about his way, so that he might turn back from it, and if he does not turn back from his way, then he will die in his sin, but you yourself will have saved your own life.

UST

[9] But if you warn that wicked person that he should turn away from his sins, but if he does not do so, then he will die because of his sins, but you will have saved your own life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:10

ULT

10 So you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘You are saying this, “Our transgressions and our sins are on us, and we are decaying in them! How can we live?”’

UST

10 Son of man, say to the Israelite people, ‘This is what you all are saying: “The guilt that we feel for disobeying God’s laws and sinning is like a heavy weight on us, and our sins are hurting us, and we are slowly dying. So what can we do to continue to remain alive?”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:11

ULT

11 Say to them, ‘As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—I do not delight in the death of the wicked, for if the wicked repents from his way, then he will live! Repent! Repent from your wicked ways! For why should you die, house of Israel?’

UST

11 Say to them, ‘Yahweh the Lord says, “As surely as I am alive, I am not happy when wicked people die; I would prefer that they turn away from their wicked behavior and continue to live. So repent! Turn away from your evil behavior! You Israelite people, do you really want to die?”’

In what does Yahweh say he does not delight?

Yahweh says he does not delight in the death of the wicked.

What does Yahweh call the wicked to do?

Yahweh calls the wicked to repent so they will live.

Ezekiel 33:12

ULT

12 So now you, son of man, say to your people, ‘The righteousness of a righteous person will not save him if he sins! The wickedness of a wicked person will not cause him to perish if he repents from his sin! For the righteous person will not be able to live because of his righteousness if he sins.

UST

12 Therefore, Son of man, say to your fellow Israelites that if good people start to disobey me, the fact that they were previously righteous will not keep me from punishing them. Similarly, if wicked people turn away from their wicked behavior, they will not die because of those sins. And if good people start to sin, I will not allow the fact that they had been good to keep me from punishing them now.

What does Yahweh say will happen to a righteous person who then commits injustice? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says the righteous person who then commits injustice will die in the wickedness that he has committed.

Ezekiel 33:13

ULT

13 If I say to the righteous, “He will surely live!” and if he trusts in his righteousness and then commits injustice, I will not call to mind any of his righteousness. He will die for the wickedness he committed.

UST

13 If I tell those who do what is right that they will surely remain alive because of all the good they do, but then if they turn away and become proud of all their good deeds, then I will ignore all the good things that they had done before. I will make sure that they will die because of the evil things that they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:14

ULT

14 So if I say to the wicked, “You will surely die,” but if he then repents from his sins and does what is just and right—

UST

14 Continue to tell the people these things: If I say to some wicked person, ‘You will surely die because of your sins,’ perhaps that person will stop doing evil and start doing what is just and right.

What does Yahweh say will happen to a wicked person who repents and does what is just and right? (vv14-16)

Yahweh says the wicked person who repents and does what is just and right will surely live.

Ezekiel 33:15

ULT

15 if he restores the loan guarantee that he wickedly demanded, or if he makes restitution for what he has stolen, and if he walks in the statutes that give life and no longer commits sin—then he will surely live. He will not die.

UST

15 For example, he might return what he took from another person to guarantee that that person would pay back what he owes, or he might return things that he has stolen, or he might obey the laws that will enable those who obey them to remain alive. If this happens, he will surely remain alive; he will not die because of the sins that he committed previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:16

ULT

16 None of the sins that he has committed will be called to mind for him. He has acted justly and rightly, and so, he will surely live!

UST

16 I will ignore the sins that he previously committed; he will surely remain alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:17

ULT

17 But your people say, “The way of the Lord is not fair!” but it is your ways that are not fair!

UST

17 Tell the people this: That they say that what I do is not fair, but that it is really what they do that is not fair. Then tell them these things, also:

According to Yahweh, whose ways are not fair?

According to Yahweh, the ways of the people of Israel are not fair.

Ezekiel 33:18

ULT
18 When the righteous person turns away from his righteousness and commits sin, then he will die in it!

UST
18 If a good person stops doing what is good and starts to do what is evil, it is fair that he should die because of his sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:19

ULT
19 When the wicked turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and righteous, he will live because of those things!

UST
19 And if a wicked person turns away from his wicked behavior and does what is right and fair, it is fair for him to remain alive because of doing that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:20

ULT
20 But you people say, “The way of the Lord is not fair!” I will judge each of you according to his way, house of Israel!”

UST
20 Remind the people that they are still saying that what I do is not fair. They can talk all they want, but I will punish each of them for what they do. Tell them this.”

How does Yahweh say he will judge each person of the house of Israel?
Yahweh says he will judge each person according to his way.

Ezekiel 33:21

ULT

21 It happened in the twelfth year, on the fifth day of the tenth month of our captivity, that a fugitive came to me from Jerusalem and said, “The city has been captured!”

UST

21 Almost twelve years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the fifth day of the tenth month of that year, a man who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me in Babylon and said, “Jerusalem has been captured!”

What message did the fugitive bring to Ezekiel?

The fugitive brought the message that the city of Jerusalem had been captured.

Ezekiel 33:22

ULT

22 The hand of Yahweh had been on me in the evening before the fugitive came, and my mouth was opened by the time that he came to me in the dawn. So my mouth was open; I was no longer mute!

UST

22 The evening before that man arrived, Yahweh took control of me. So when that man arrived, Yahweh enabled me to speak again; I was no longer forced to be silent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:23

ULT

23 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

23 Then Yahweh gave a message to me. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:24

ULT
24 “Son of man, the ones inhabiting those ruins in the land of Israel are talking and say, ‘Abraham was only one person, and he inherited the land, but we are many! The land has been given to us as a possession.’

UST
24 “Son of man, the people who are living in the ruins in Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was only one person, but Yahweh promised him that he and his descendants would possess this land. But we are many; so surely Yahweh has given us this land to possess.’

What were the people of Israel saying about the land that Abraham inherited?
The people of Israel were saying the land that Abraham inherited was their possession.

Ezekiel 33:25

ULT
25 Therefore say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: You eat blood, and you lift up your eyes towards your idols, then you pour out people’s blood. Should you really possess the land?

UST
25 So send a message to them. Say, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: “You eat meat that still has the animal’s blood in it. You still worship idols. And you still murder others. So should this land belong to you?

Why does Yahweh question whether or not the people of Israel should really possess the land? (vv25-26)
Yahweh questions whether or not they should possess the land because they had depended on their swords and had done disgusting things.

Ezekiel 33:26

ULT
26 You have depended on your swords and have done disgusting things; each man defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you really possess the land?’

UST
26 You rely on using your swords to obtain things that you want. You do many detestable things. Each of you sleeps with other men’s wives. So should you really possess the land of Israel?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:27

ULT

27 You will say this to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: As I live, surely the ones in the ruins will fall by the sword, and I will give those in the fields to the living creatures as food, and those in fortresses and in caves will die of plagues.

UST

27 Send this message to them and tell them that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say to them: ‘As surely as I am alive, those who are left in the ruins in Jerusalem—their enemies will also kill them. And those who are living in the countryside—wild animals will kill them. Those who are living in forts and caves will die from disease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:28

ULT

28 Then I will turn the land into a desolation and a horror, and the pride of its might will end, for the mountains of Israel will be deserted, and there will be no one to pass through them.’

UST

28 I will cause your country to become a desolate wasteland. You will no longer be proud of being a strong country. The mountains of Israel will become very desolate, with the result that no one will walk across them.’

What does Yahweh say he will do to the land because of the things the people of Israel have done? (vv28-29)

Yahweh says he will turn the land into a desolation and a horror because of the things the people of Israel have done.

Ezekiel 33:29

ULT

29 So they will know that I am Yahweh, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all the abominations that they have done.

UST

29 Then, when I have caused their country to become a desolate wasteland because of all the disgusting things that you have done, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:30

ULT

30 So now you, son of man—your people are saying things about you beside the walls and the gates of the houses, and each says to one another—each man to his brother, ‘Let us go and listen to the prophet’s word that comes out from Yahweh!’

UST

30 As for you, Son of man, your fellow Israelites here in Babylon stand beside the city wall or at the doors of their houses and are talking with each other. They are saying, ‘Come and listen to the message that has come from Yahweh.’

What will the people of Israel do with the words of Ezekiel? (vv30-31)

The people of Israel will listen to the words of Ezekiel, but they will not obey them.

Ezekiel 33:31

ULT

31 So my people will come to you, as they often do, and will sit in front of you and listen to your words, but they will not obey them. Right words are in their mouths, but their hearts are going after unjust profit.

UST

31 My people come to you as they often have done, and they sit in front of you to listen to what you say. But they do not do what you tell them that they must do. With their mouths they say that they love me, but in their inner beings they are eager to acquire things by doing what is unjust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:32

ULT

32 For you are like a lovely song to them, a beautiful sound that is well played on a stringed instrument, so they will listen to your words, but none of them will obey them.

UST

32 To them, you are only a man who sings them beautiful songs and plays a musical instrument well. They hear what you say, but they do not do what you tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 33:33

ULT

33 So when all of this happens—behold! it will happen!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

UST

33 The terrible things that I have said will happen to them will surely happen. And then they will know that a prophet has been among them, and that you are that prophet.”

What will the people of Israel know when everything comes to pass?

The people of Israel will know that a prophet has been among them when everything comes to pass.

Ezekiel 34

Ezekiel 34:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who are shepherding themselves. Should not shepherds guard the flock?

UST
2 “Son of man, speak my message against the leaders of Israel. They should be taking care of my people, like shepherds take care of their flocks. Say to them that this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, have to tell them: ‘You shepherds of Israel, terrible things will happen to you because you take care only of yourselves. You should certainly take care of my sheep.

What accusation does Yahweh make against the shepherds of Israel? (vv2-3)
Yahweh accuses the shepherds of Israel of not shepherding at all, but of slaughtering the best animals of the flock.

Ezekiel 34:3

ULT
3 You eat the fatty portions and you dress in wool. You slaughter the fatlings of the flock. You do not shepherd at all.

UST
3 But you are like shepherds who eat the fat sheep, who slaughter the best animals for their wool. You are not real shepherds at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:4

ULT

4 You have not strengthened those who have diseases, nor do you heal the ones who are ill. You do not bind up the ones who are broken, and you do not restore the outcasts or seek the lost. Instead, you rule over them through strength and violence.

UST

4 You have not taken care of the sick sheep; you have paid no attention to those who are wounded. You have not looked for the sheep who have wandered off. You rule over them with force and violence.

How did the shepherds of Israel rule over the flock?

The shepherds of Israel ruled over the flock with strength and violence.

Ezekiel 34:5

ULT

5 Then they were scattered without a shepherd, and they became food for all the living beasts in the fields, after they were scattered.

UST

5 Because you did not take care of them, my people have wandered away like sheep. And while they are scattered, wild animals attack and kill them, and then eat their flesh.

What then happened to the flock? (vv5-6)

The flock was then scattered and became food for all the living beasts in the fields.

Ezekiel 34:6

ULT

6 My flock strays on all of the mountains and on every high hill, and it is dispersed over the entire surface of the earth. Yet no one is searching for them.

UST

6 My people wander like sheep all over the high hills and mountains. They are scattered all over the earth, and no one is searching for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:7

ULT
[7] Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh:

UST
[7] Therefore, you who should be acting like shepherds, listen to what I, Yahweh the Lord, have to say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:8

ULT
[8] As I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—because my flock has become plunder and food for all the beasts in the fields, because there was no shepherd and none of my shepherds sought my flock, but the shepherds guarded themselves and did not shepherd my flock.

UST
[8] As surely as I am alive, my people are like a flock of sheep without any shepherd, and as a result it is as though wild animals have attacked my people and eaten them. You shepherds did not search for them; instead, you only wanted to provide food for yourselves.

Who were the shepherds of Israel actually guarding?
The shepherds of Israel were actually guarding themselves.

Ezekiel 34:9

ULT
[9] Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh:

UST
[9] Therefore, you who should be shepherds of my people, listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:10

ULT

10 The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against the shepherds, and I will require my flock from their hand. Then I will dismiss them from shepherding the flock; neither will the shepherds any longer shepherd themselves since I will take away my flock from their mouths, so that my flock will no longer be food for them.

UST

10 I am opposed to you leaders. I will punish you for mistreating my people. I will remove you from taking care of my people; you will no longer feed yourselves while ignoring them. I will rescue my people from you, and you will no longer be able to butcher them and eat them.

What does Yahweh say he will do to the shepherds of Israel?

Yahweh says he will dismiss the shepherds of Israel and take away the flock from their mouths.

Ezekiel 34:11

ULT

11 For the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I myself will seek out my flock and I will look after them,

UST

11 I, the Lord Yahweh, tell you leaders that I myself will search for my sheep and take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:12

ULT

12 like a shepherd seeking his flock on the day he is within the midst of his scattered flock. Thus I will seek my flock, and I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on the day of clouds and darkness.

UST

12 As a shepherd takes care of his sheep, I will rescue my people from all the places to which you scattered them, when disasters struck them and they were afraid.

From where does Yahweh say he will gather his flock? (vv12-13)

Yahweh says he will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on the day of clouds and darkness. Then he will bring them out from among the peoples, he will gather them from the lands.

Ezekiel 34:13

ULT

13 Then I will bring them out from among the peoples; I will gather them from the lands and bring them to their land. I will put them in pastures on the mountainsides of Israel, by the streams, and in every settlement in the land.

UST

13 I will bring them back from those countries and gather them together again in their own land. I will lead my sheep to good pastureland on the hills of Israel, in the ravines, and in the villages of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:14

ULT

14 I will put them in good pastures; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing places. They will lie down there in good places for grazing, in abundant pastures, and they will graze on the mountains of Israel.

UST

14 My sheep will graze in good pastures on the mountaintops. They will lie down in good grazing areas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:15

ULT

15 I myself will shepherd my flock, and I myself will make them lie down—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—

UST

15 I myself will take care of my people and allow them to lie down and rest. This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:16

ULT

16 I will seek the lost and restore the outcast. I will bind up the broken sheep and heal the sick sheep but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd with justice.

UST

16 I will search for those who are lost; I will bring back the ones who have strayed away. I will bandage those who have been injured and strengthen those who are weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will act fairly toward my sheep, my people.

How does Yahweh say he will shepherd?

Yahweh says he will shepherd with justice.

Ezekiel 34:17

ULT

17 So now you, my flock—this is what the Lord Yahweh says—behold, I will be a judge between sheep and sheep and between rams and male goats.

UST

17 And as for you, my people, my sheep, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: 'I will judge between each of you; I will separate those who are peaceful from those who are cruel and powerful.

Among what three groups does Yahweh say he will judge?

Yahweh says he will judge among the sheep, rams, and goats.

Ezekiel 34:18

ULT

18 Is it not enough to feed on the good pasture, that you must trample down with your feet what is left of the pasture; and to drink from clear waters, that you must muddy the rivers with your feet?

UST

18 You leaders, you who are like strong sheep who do evil to the others: It is bad that you keep the best pastures for yourselves. It is even worse that you trample the good grass with your feet. It is bad that you yourselves drink the clear water. It is even worse that with your feet you cause the rest of the water to become muddy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:19

ULT

19 Must my sheep eat what you have trampled with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

UST

19 You are forcing my flock to eat the grass that you have trampled and to drink the water that you have caused to become muddy!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:20

ULT

20 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this to them: Behold! I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin ones,

UST

20 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to you: I myself will judge between those of you who are like the fat sheep and the rest of my people, those who are like the thin sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:21

ULT

21 for you have pushed them with your sides and shoulders, and you have gored all of the weak ones with your horns until you have scattered them away from the land.

UST

21 You who are like strong sheep, with your shoulders and buttocks you have shoved the others away. You butted them with your horns, until you chased them all away from the good pastureland.

What has been done to the weak and thin sheep?

The weak and thin sheep have been pushed and gored until they have been scattered.

Ezekiel 34:22

ULT
22 I will save my flock and they will no longer be plunder, and I will judge between one sheep and another!

UST
22 But I will rescue my people, and you will no longer steal from them. I will judge between one person and another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:23

ULT
23 I will set over them one shepherd, my servant David. He will shepherd them, he will feed them, and he will be their shepherd.

UST
23 And I will appoint one leader for them, someone who will be like King David, who served me very well. That leader will take care of them and be like their shepherd.

Who does Yahweh say he will raise up to shepherd the flock? (vv23-24)
Yahweh says he will raise up his servant David to shepherd the flock.

Ezekiel 34:24

ULT
24 For I, Yahweh, will be their God, and my servant David will be a prince among them—I, Yahweh, have declared this.

UST
24 I, Yahweh, will be their God, and the one who is like King David will be their king. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:25

ULT

25 Then I will make a covenant of peace with them and remove the evil wild animals from the land, so that they will live securely in the wilderness and safely sleep in the forests.

UST

25 I will make a covenant with the people of Israel. I will promise to give them peace. I will promise to get rid of all the wild animals in Israel, in order that my people may live safely, even in the wilderness and in the forests.

When Yahweh raises up his shepherd, what will Yahweh do so the sheep will live securely?
Yahweh will make a covenant of peace with the sheep and remove the evil wild animals from the land.

Ezekiel 34:26

ULT

26 I will also bring blessings on them and on the places around my hill, for I will send out showers in due season. These will be showers of blessing.

UST

26 I will bless them, and I will bless all the region close to Mount Zion, where they will worship me in my temple. I will bless them by sending them rain showers at the right season; they will be showers to bless them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:27

ULT

27 Then the trees of the field will produce their fruit, and the earth will yield its produce. My sheep will be secure in their land; then they will know that I am Yahweh, when I break the bars of their yoke, and when I rescue them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

UST

27 The fruit trees will produce fruit, and the ground will produce crops. And my people will live safely in their land. When I rescue them from people who made them slaves, they will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:28

ULT

28 They will no longer be plunder for the nations, and the wild animals on the earth will no longer devour them. For they will live securely, and no one will frighten them.

UST

28 Soldiers from other nations will no longer take away their valuable possessions, and wild animals will no longer attack them. They will live safely, and no one will make them afraid.

What will the nations no longer be able to do to the sheep? (vv28-29)

The nations will no longer be able to plunder the sheep or bring insults against them.

Ezekiel 34:29

ULT

29 For I will provide them a land known for its crops; so they will not be victims of famine in the land, and they will not bear the scorn of the nations.

UST

29 I will cause their land to be peaceful and to produce good crops. There will no longer be famines in the land, and people in other nations will no longer mock them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 34:30

ULT

30 Then they will know that I, Yahweh their God, am with them. They are my people, the house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

30 Then they will know that I, Yahweh their God, am helping them, and they will know that they, the Israelite people, are my people.

What will the house of Israel then know?

The house of Israel will then know that Yahweh their God is with them.

Ezekiel 34:31

ULT

31 For you are my sheep, the flock of my pasture, and my people, and I am your God—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

31 It is as though you, my people, are my sheep whom I take care of, and I am your God. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.'"

What does Yahweh declare to the sheep, the house of Israel?

Yahweh declares that he is the God of the house of Israel, and that they are his people.

Ezekiel 35

Ezekiel 35:1

ULT
1 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it.

UST
2 “Son of man, turn toward Edom and prophesy what will happen to its people. Say this to them:

Who does Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy against?
Yahweh tells Ezekiel to prophesy against Mount Seir.

Ezekiel 35:3

ULT
3 Say to it, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will strike you with my hand and make you a desolation and a waste.

UST
3 ‘You who live near Mount Seir in Edom, I am your enemy. I will use my power to strike you and ruin your country.

What does Yahweh say he will do to Mount Seir?
Yahweh says he will make Mount Seir a desolation and a horror.

Ezekiel 35:4

ULT

4 I will make your cities ruins, and you yourself will become desolate; then you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

4 I will destroy your cities, and everyone will leave them. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:5

ULT

5 Because you have always been hostile to the people of Israel, and because you poured them out into the hands of the sword at the time of their distress, at the time their punishment was at its greatest.

UST

5 You have always been enemies of the Israelite people. You rejoiced when they experienced a great disaster, when their enemies attacked them, when I was punishing them most severely for the sins that they had committed.

What did the people of Mount Seir do that is bringing the judgment of Yahweh upon them?

The people of Mount Seir were hostile to the people of Israel, and poured them out into the hands of the sword.

Ezekiel 35:6

ULT

6 Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—I will prepare you for bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you! Since you did not hate bloodshed, bloodshed will pursue you.

UST

6 Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, I will allow your enemies to slaughter you. They will attack you again and again. You enjoyed watching other people die, so I will slaughter you.

According to Yahweh, what will pursue the people of Mount Seir, and why?

Bloodshed will pursue the people of Mount Seir because they did not hate bloodshed.

Ezekiel 35:7

ULT

7 I will make Mount Seir a complete desolation when I cut off from it anyone who passes through and returns again.

UST

7 I will therefore make everyone leave Mount Seir, and I will destroy anyone who enters it or leaves it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:8

ULT

8 I will fill its mountains with those who were killed; on your high hills and valleys and in all your streams those who were killed by the sword will fall.

UST

8 I will cause your mountains to be filled with the corpses of those who have been killed. The corpses of those whom your enemies have killed will lie on your hills, in your valleys, and in all your ravines.

What will fill the mountains in the area of Mount Seir?

The mountains in the area of Mount Seir will be filled with its dead.

Ezekiel 35:9

ULT

9 I will make you a perpetual desolation. Your cities will not be inhabited, but you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

9 I will cause your land to be forever without people. No one will live in your towns again. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

For how long will the desolation of Mount Seir last?

The desolation of Mount Seir will be a perpetual desolation.

Ezekiel 35:10

ULT

10 You have said, “These two nations and these two lands will become mine, and we will possess them,” even when Yahweh was present with them.

UST

10 Your people said, ‘Israel and Judah will become ours. We will take over their territory!’ You said that even though I, Yahweh, was still there and protecting them.

What did the people of Mount Seir say about the two nations of Yahweh’s people Israel?
The people of Mount Seir said that the two nations would become theirs.

Ezekiel 35:11

ULT

11 Therefore, as I live—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—so I will do according to your anger and according to your jealousy that you had in your hatred of Israel, and I will show myself to them when I judge you.

UST

11 Therefore, I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that as surely as I am alive, I will punish you for being angry with my people, for envying them, and for hating them. And when I punish you, I will make sure that the Israelites know that it is I who have punished you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:12

ULT

12 So you will know that I am Yahweh. I have heard all the insults you spoke against the mountains of Israel, when you said, “They have been destroyed; they have been given over to us to devour.”

UST

12 Then you will know that I, Yahweh, have heard all the disgusting things that you have said about the land of Israel; you said that the land was ruined, and that you could capture it for yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 35:13

ULT

13 You exalted yourselves against me with what you said, and you multiplied the words you said against me; and I heard it all.

UST

13 You insulted me; I heard everything that you said about me.

What did Yahweh hear the people of Mount Seir saying against him?

Yahweh heard the people of Mount Seir boasting against Yahweh and saying many things against him.

Ezekiel 35:14

ULT

14 The Lord Yahweh says this: I will make you a desolation, while the entire earth rejoices.

UST

14 So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You people who live on Mount Seir and in all the other places in Edom, when I make everyone leave your land, everyone else in the world will rejoice.

What will the entire earth do when the people of Mount Seir are desolated? (vv14-15)

The entire earth will rejoice when the people of Mount Seir are desolated.

Ezekiel 35:15

ULT

15 As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the people of Israel because of its desolation, I will do the same to you. You will become a desolation, Mount Seir, and all of Edom—all of it! Then they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST

15 You were happy when the land of the Israelite people was ruined, so I will do the same thing to your land. When that happens, people will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.'"

What did the people of Mount Seir do when the people of Israel were desolated?

The people of Mount Seir rejoiced when the people of Israel were desolated.

Yahweh declares that all of what area will become a desolation?

Yahweh declares that Mount Seir and all of Edom will become a desolation.

What will the people of Mount Seir and Edom know when Yahweh judges them?

The people of Mount Seir and Edom will know that the Lord is Yahweh when Yahweh judges them.

Ezekiel 36

Ezekiel 36:1

ULT

1 “Now you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

1 Yahweh said to Ezekiel, “Son of man, give a message to the hill country and mountains in Israel just as if they were people. Tell them to listen to my message for them.

To what did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:2

ULT

2 The Lord Yahweh says this: The enemy has said about you, “Aha!” and “The ancient high places have become our possession.’”

UST

2 This is it: The enemies of Israel, those people groups who live nearby, are now very happy, because they are saying that Jerusalem has been destroyed, so the ancient mountains of Israel will now belong to them.

What was the enemy saying about the mountains of Israel?

The enemy was saying that the ancient high places had become their possession.

Ezekiel 36:3

ULT

3 Therefore prophesy and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Because of your desolation and because of the attacks that came on you from all sides, you have become a possession of the other nations; you have been the subject of slanderous lips and tongues, and of people’s stories.

UST

3 So you, Ezekiel, must tell the mountains of Israel what I, the Lord Yahweh, am saying to them: ‘Armies of other nations attacked you from every direction, and everyone has left you. Those foreign armies are now in your land. They have spoken very maliciously about your people, the Israelites, and have told all kinds of lies about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:4

ULT

4 Therefore, mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord Yahweh: The Lord Yahweh says this to the mountains and the high hills, to the streambeds and valleys, to the uninhabited desolations and the forsaken cities that have become plunder and a subject of mocking for the other nations that surround them—

UST

4-6 Therefore, you mountains of Israel, listen to this message from me. I, Yahweh the Lord, have something to say to you, the hills and mountains, and to you, the ravines and valleys, and to you, the towns and cities which the enemy burned down, where no one is living any longer, from where the enemy has taken everything valuable, and whose people the people groups all around are mocking. “This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare: I am very angry with the people of Edom and the other people groups; they have insulted your Israelite people and happily taken all their land as pastures. So Ezekiel must speak for me to you, the land of Israel, mountains and hills, valleys and ravines: I, Yahweh the Lord, am very angry because the enemy has insulted you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:5

ULT

5 therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: I have certainly spoken in the fire of my fury against the other nations, against Edom and all who took my land for themselves as a possession, against all those who had both joy in their heart and disdain in their spirit, as they seized my land that they might claim its pasturelands for themselves.’

Against whom did Yahweh speak in the fire of his fury?

Yahweh spoke in the fire of his fury against Edom and all who took the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:6

ULT

6 Therefore, prophesy to the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the high hills, to the streambeds and to the valleys, ‘the Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! In my fury and in my anger I am declaring this because you have borne the insults of nations.

UST

4-6 Therefore, you mountains of Israel, listen to this message from me. I, Yahweh the Lord, have something to say to you, the hills and mountains, and to you, the ravines and valleys, and to you, the towns and cities which the enemy burned down, where no one is living any longer, from where the enemy has taken everything valuable, and whose people the people groups all around are mocking. “This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare: I am very angry with the people of Edom and the other people groups; they have insulted your Israelite people and happily taken all their land as pastures. So Ezekiel must speak for me to you, the land of Israel, mountains and hills, valleys and ravines: I, Yahweh the Lord, am very angry because the enemy has insulted you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:7

ULT

7 Therefore, the Lord Yahweh says this: I myself will lift up my hand to swear that the nations that surround you will certainly carry their own shame.

UST

7 Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: I solemnly declare I will shame the people of the nations that are around you.

What did Yahweh swear concerning the nations that surrounded Israel?

Yahweh swore that the nations surrounding Israel would carry their own shame.

Ezekiel 36:8

ULT

8 But you, mountains of Israel, you will grow branches and bear fruit for my people Israel, since they will soon come back to you.

UST

8 But I say to you mountains of Israel that huge crops of fruit will grow on your trees for my Israelite people, because they will soon return home from Babylonia.

Who did Yahweh say would soon be coming back to the mountains of Israel?

Yahweh said the people of Israel would soon be coming back to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:9

ULT

9 For behold, I am for you, and I treat you with favor; you will be plowed and sown with seed.

UST

9 I will work to help you, and I will be kind to you. I will enable farmers to plow the ground and plant seed in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:10

ULT

10 So I will multiply upon you the number of your people, even the whole house of Israel. The cities will be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

UST

10 I will cause the number of people who live there on you mountains and everywhere else in Israel to greatly increase. People will live in the cities and rebuild houses where there are now only ruins.

What will be multiplied on the mountains of Israel? (vv10-12)

Man and beast will be multiplied on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 36:11

ULT

11 I will multiply man and beast on you mountains so that they will multiply and be fruitful. Then I will cause you to be inhabited as you previously were, and I will make you prosper more than you did in the past, for you will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

11 I will cause the number of people and domestic animals to increase. People will have many children. I will enable people to live there as they did previously, and I will enable them to prosper as they did before. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:12

ULT

12 I will bring men, my people Israel, to walk on you. They will possess you, and you will be their inheritance, and you will no longer cause their children to die.

UST

12 I will enable my Israelite people to walk through your mountains. They will own the land on you; you will belong to them forever. You will always grow enough food for them to eat, so they will never again go hungry and die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:13

ULT

13 The Lord Yahweh says this: Because they are saying to you, “You devour men, bereaving your nation of children,”

UST

13 I, Yahweh the Lord, am telling you mountains this: It is true that people have said they could not grow many crops on you, and so they died from hunger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:14

ULT

14 therefore you will not consume people any longer, and you will no longer make your nation mourn their deaths. This is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

14 But that will no longer happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:15

ULT

15 Nor will I allow you to hear the insults of the nations any longer; you will no longer have to bear the shame of the peoples or cause your nation to fall—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

15 No longer will the other people groups ridicule you mountains. No longer will they laugh at you; no longer will you mountains make your nation suffer defeat. I, the Lord Yahweh, am telling you this myself.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:16

ULT

16 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

16 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:17

ULT

17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel inhabited their land, they defiled it with their ways and their deeds. Their ways were like the unclean menstruation of a woman before me.

UST

17 "Son of man, when the Israelite people were living in their own land, they defiled it by the things that they did. They made it unacceptable to me. I considered that their behavior was as disgusting as the rags that women use during their monthly menstrual periods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:18

ULT

18 So I poured out my fury against them for the blood that they poured out on the land and for their pollution of it by their idols.

UST

18 So I severely punished them, because they had murdered many people and because they had worshiped idols there. They made their entire land unacceptable to me.

Why had Yahweh poured out his fury against Israel?

Yahweh had poured out his fury against Israel because Israel had polluted the land by their idols.

Ezekiel 36:19

ULT

19 I scattered them among the nations; they were dispersed through the lands. I judged them according to their ways and their deeds.

UST

19 So I made their enemies scatter them into other lands. I punished them as they deserved to be punished because they had done so many evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:20

ULT

20 Then they went to the nations, and wherever they went, they profaned my holy name when people said of them, ‘Are these really the people of Yahweh? For they have been thrown out of his land.’

UST

20 Wherever they went among those lands, they caused other people to mock me, when they should have honored me. Those people have been saying, ‘The Israelites belong to Yahweh, but he was not strong enough to protect them. They had to leave the land that he had given to them.’

What did the people of Israel do when they went to the nations?

When they went to the nations, the people of Israel profaned Yahweh’s holy name.

Ezekiel 36:21

ULT

21 But I had compassion for my holy name that the house of Israel had defiled among the nations, when they went there.

UST

21 The people of Israel had disgraced me among the people groups to which they had to go, but I deserve that those people groups worship me instead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:22

ULT

22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: I am not doing this for your sake, house of Israel, but for my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations everywhere you have gone.

UST

22 So you, Ezekiel, say to the Israelite people that I, the Lord Yahweh, am telling them this: ‘You Israelite people, it is not for your sake that I am going to rescue you from your enemies. Instead, I will do this so that the people in these other lands will worship me as God. You have done your best to disgrace me wherever you have gone.

Why does Yahweh say he is going to bring back the house of Israel to the mountains of Israel?

Yahweh says he is going to bring the house of Israel back for the sake of his holy name.

Ezekiel 36:23

ULT

23 For I will make my great name holy, which you have profaned among the nations—in the midst of the nations, you profaned it. Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh—this is the Lord Yahweh’s declaration—when you see that I am holy.

UST

23 I will show that these other people groups should worship me as God, even though they would never know it by watching how you act. When I prove to them that I am powerful and can do anything, then they will know that I will carry out everything that I say I will do. And they will see you honor me as the God who is holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:24

ULT

24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from every land, and I will bring you to your land.

UST

24 I will take you out of those distant lands. I will gather you from all those places where you had to go, and I will bring you back to your own land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:25

ULT

25 Then I will sprinkle pure water on you so you will be purified from all of your impurities, and I will purify you from all of your idols.

UST

25 It will be as though I will sprinkle clean water on you, and then you will be clean. I will make you clean from everything that has made me reject you, and I will cause you to stop worshiping idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:26

ULT

26 I will give you a new heart and a new spirit in your innermost parts, and I will take away the heart of stone from your flesh. For I will give you a heart of flesh.

UST

26 I will give you a completely new way of thinking. I will enable you to stop being stubborn, and I will enable you to obey me from your inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:27

ULT

27 I will set my Spirit in you and enable you to walk in my statutes and keep my decrees, so you will do them.

UST

27 I will put my Spirit within you and enable you to carefully obey all my laws.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the house of Israel to enable them to walk in his statutes and keep his decrees?

Yahweh said would set his Spirit in them and enable them to walk in his statutes and keep his decrees, so they would do them.

Ezekiel 36:28

ULT

28 Then you will inhabit the land that I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

UST

28 You will again live in the land that I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:29

ULT

29 For I will save you from all of your uncleanness. I will summon the grain and multiply it. I will no longer put famine upon you.

UST

29 I will free you from everything that made me reject you. I will cause your grain to be plentiful, and I will not send a famine to you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:30

ULT

30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field so that you will no longer bear the shame of famine among the nations.

UST

30 I will cause your fruit trees to produce plenty of fruit and your ground to produce plenty of good crops, with the result that the people of other lands will not mock you because you do not have enough food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:31

ULT

31 Then you will think of your wicked ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will show loathing on your faces because of your own sins and your disgusting deeds.

UST

31 When that happens, you will think about your previous evil behavior and wicked deeds, and you will be very displeased with yourselves for your sins and the detestable things that you did.

After Yahweh saves the house of Israel, what will the house of Israel think of their previous wicked ways?

The house of Israel will hate themselves because of their previous wicked ways.

Ezekiel 36:32

ULT

32 I am not doing this for your sake—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—let this be known to you. So be ashamed and disgraced because of your ways, house of Israel.

UST

32 But I, the Lord Yahweh, tell you this: It is not for your sake that I will do those things. You Israelite people ought to be ashamed of your behavior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:33

ULT

33 The Lord Yahweh says this: On the day that I purify you from all your iniquity, I will cause you to inhabit the cities and to rebuild the ruined places.

UST

33 I, the Lord Yahweh, also tell you this: At the time that I cleanse you from all the sins that you have committed, I will enable you to live in your cities again and to build houses where there are now only ruins.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the cities and ruined places of Israel?

Yahweh says the cities will be inhabited and the ruined places will be rebuilt.

Ezekiel 36:34

ULT

34 For you will plow the ruined land until it is no longer a ruin before the eyes of all who pass by.

UST

34 People who walk through your country will see that you are once again cultivating your land, and that your people are living in it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:35

ULT

35 Then they will say, “This land was desolate, but it has become like the garden of Eden; the desolate cities and the uninhabited ruins that were torn down are now fortified and inhabited.”

UST

35 Then they will say, “This land that was ruined has become very fertile, like the garden of Eden. The cities that were piles of ruins, empty and destroyed, now have houses around them, and people are living in those cities.”

Like what place will the land of Israel become?

The land of Israel will become like the garden of Eden.

What will the other nations know when they see the inhabited cities and rebuilt ruins of Israel? (vv35-36)

The nations will know that the Lord is Yahweh, and that Yahweh rebuilt Israel.

Ezekiel 36:36

ULT

36 Then the other nations around you will know that I am Yahweh, that I built up the ruins and replanted the abandoned places. I am Yahweh. I have declared it and I will do it.

UST

36 When that happens, the people who are still left in the lands that are around you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have enabled you to rebuild what was destroyed, and to again plant crops in the fields that had nothing growing in them. I, Yahweh, have said that it will happen, and I will cause it to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:37

ULT

37 The Lord Yahweh says this: Again I will be asked by the house of Israel to do this for them, to increase them like a flock of people.

UST

37 This is also what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: Again I will answer your pleas for me to make your people become as numerous as sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 36:38

ULT

38 Like the flock is set apart for sacrifices, like the flock in Jerusalem at her appointed feasts, so will the ruined cities be filled with flocks of people and they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST

38 I will make them as numerous as the flocks of sheep that will be needed for offerings in Jerusalem during your regular festivals. The cities that are now ruined will be filled with people, and then you will know that I, Yahweh, have done this.'"

Yahweh says that the number of the people of Israel will become like what?

The number of the people of Israel will become like the flocks in Jerusalem at her appointed feasts.

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel 37:1

ULT
1 The hand of Yahweh was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of Yahweh and set me down in the midst of a valley; it was full of bones.

UST
1 One day Yahweh gave me another vision. In the vision I felt the power of God on me, and by his Spirit he took me to the middle of a valley. It was full of bones of people who had been killed.

Where did the Spirit of Yahweh set Ezekiel down, and what was there?
The Spirit of Yahweh set Ezekiel down in the midst of a valley full of bones.

Ezekiel 37:2

ULT
2 Then he made me pass through them round and round. Behold! A great many of them were in the valley. Behold! They were very dry.

UST
2 He led me to walk back and forth among those bones. I saw that there were very many bones there, bones that were very dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:3

ULT
3 He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live again?” So I said, “Lord Yahweh, you alone know.”

UST
3 He asked me, “Son of man, do you think that these bones can become living people again?” I replied, “Yahweh my Lord, only you know if that can happen.”

What question did Yahweh ask Ezekiel?
Yahweh asked Ezekiel if the dry bones could live again.

Ezekiel 37:4

ULT

4 Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones. Listen to the word of Yahweh.

UST

4 Then he said to me, “Speak a message for me to these bones. Say to them, ‘You dry bones, listen to what Yahweh says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:5

ULT

5 The Lord Yahweh says this to these bones: Behold! I am about to put breath into you, and you will live.

UST

5 This is what Yahweh the Lord says to you bones: I am going to put my breath into each of you, and you will become alive again.

What did Ezekiel prophesy would happen to the dry bones? (vv5-6)

Ezekiel prophesied that the dry bones would have flesh and live again.

Ezekiel 37:6

ULT

6 I will place sinews over you and bring flesh onto you. I will cover you with skin and put breath within you so you will live. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.’”

UST

6 I will fasten tendons to your bones and cause your bones to be covered with flesh. I will cover the flesh with skin. Then I will breathe into you, and you will become alive. When that happens, you will know that I, Yahweh, have the power to do what I say that I will do.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:7

ULT

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; as I prophesied, behold, a sound came, that of shaking. Then the bones drew together—bone against bone.

UST

7 So I spoke to the bones as Yahweh commanded me to speak. As I was speaking, there was a noise, a sound of shaking, and the bones came together, bones joining to each other.

What happened to the bones when Ezekiel prophesied to them the first time? (vv7-8)

When Ezekiel prophesied to them the first time, the dry bones drew together and flesh and skin covered them.

Ezekiel 37:8

ULT

8 I looked and, behold, sinews were now on them, and flesh grew up and skin covered them. But there was still no breath in them.

UST

8 While I was looking, I saw tendons fastening to them and flesh covering them, and then skin covered the flesh, but they were not breathing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:9

ULT

9 Then Yahweh said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Breath, come from the four winds, and breathe on these who have been killed, so they may live.’”

UST

9 Then he said to me, “Son of man, speak a message for me to the wind. Say to the wind, ‘Wind, Yahweh says to you, blow from all four directions. Breathe into these people who have been killed, in order that they can come alive again!’”

What happened to the bones when Ezekiel prophesied to them the second time? (vv9-10)

When Ezekiel prophesied to the bones the second time, the Spirit came into them and they lived.

Ezekiel 37:10

ULT

10 So I prophesied as I was commanded; the breath came into them and they lived. Then they stood on their feet, a very great army.

UST

10 So I said what he commanded me to say, and then breath entered them, and they began to breathe. They became alive and stood up, like a huge army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:11

ULT

11 Then Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel. Behold! They are saying, ‘Our bones have dried up, and our hope is gone. We have been cut off.’

UST

11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent all the Israelite people. The people say, ‘It is as though our bones are dried up; we can hope for nothing good any longer; our nation is destroyed.’

According to Yahweh, who did the valley of dry bones represent?

According to Yahweh, the valley of dry bones represented the entire house of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:12

ULT

12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I will open your graves and lift you out from them, my people. I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

UST

12 So speak my message to them and say, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says: My people, it will be as though I will open your graves and cause your corpses to become alive again. I will bring you back to Israel.

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel, which was represented by the dry bones coming back to life?

Yahweh said he would lift the people of Israel from their graves and bring them back to the land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:13

ULT

13 Then you will know that I am Yahweh, when I open your graves and bring you out from them, my people.

UST

13 Then when that happens, you my people will know that I, Yahweh, have done this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:14

ULT

14 I will place my Spirit within you so you will live, and I will cause you to rest in your land when you know that I am Yahweh. I declare and will do it—this is Yahweh's declaration.'"

UST

14 I will put my spirit in you, and it will be as though you will become alive again, and I will enable you to live in your own land again. Then you will know that it is I, Yahweh, who said that it would happen and who has caused it to happen. That is what I, Yahweh, declare.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:15

ULT

15 Then the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

15 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:16

ULT

16 “So now you, son of man, take one stick for yourself and write on it, ‘For Judah and for the people of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the branch of Ephraim, and for all the people of Israel, their companions.’

UST

16 “Son of man, take a wooden stick and write on it, ‘This represents Judah and all the tribes of Judah.’ Then take another one and write on it, ‘This represents Israel and all the tribes of Israel.’

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do with the two sticks? (vv16-17)

Yahweh told Ezekiel to write a name on each stick, Judah and Joseph, and then bring both sticks together.

Ezekiel 37:17

ULT

17 Bring both of them together into one stick, so that they become one in your hand.

UST

17 Then join them together to become as though they were one larger wooden stick in your hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:18

ULT

18 When your people speak to you and say, ‘Will you not tell us what these things of yours mean?’

UST

18 When your fellow Israelites ask you, ‘What does this action mean?’,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:19

ULT
19 then say to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am taking the branch of Joseph that is in the hand of Ephraim and the tribes of Israel his companions and joining it to the branch of Judah, so that they will make one branch, and they will become one in my hand.’

UST
19 tell them, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says: One of the pieces of wood in Ezekiel’s hand represents Israel and all the tribes of Israel. I am joining it to the piece of wood that represents Judah, to form one stick in his hand.’

What did Yahweh say was the meaning of Ezekiel’s two sticks?
Yahweh said he was joining the two branches of Joseph and Judah so that they would be one in his hand.

Ezekiel 37:20

ULT
20 Hold in your hand the branches that you wrote on before their eyes.

UST
20 Then, Son of man, hold up the pieces of wood that you have written on, in order that the people can see them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:21

ULT
21 Declare to them, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am about to take the people of Israel from among the nations where they went. I will gather them from the surrounding lands and I will bring them to their land.

UST
21 Say to the people, ‘This is what Yahweh the Lord says: I will take you Israelite people out of the countries to which you have been forced to go. I will gather you from all those lands, back to your own land.

What did Yahweh say he was about to do for the people of Israel? (vv21-22)
Yahweh said he was about to gather the people of Israel on the mountains of Israel as one nation with one king.

Ezekiel 37:22

ULT

22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and there will be one king as king over all of them, and they will no longer be two nations. They will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

UST

22 And I will cause you to again be one nation in your land, on the mountains of Israel. And there will be one king to rule over all of you. Never again will you be two nations or divided into two kingdoms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:23

ULT

23 Then they will no longer defile themselves with their idols, their disgusting things, or any of their other sins. For I will save them from all of their faithless actions with which they have sinned, and I will purify them, so they will be my people and I will be their God. *[1]*

UST

23 No longer will you defile yourselves by worshiping idols and disgusting statues of your gods, because I will enable you to stop sinning and to stop rejecting me. You will be my people, and I will be your God.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 37:24

ULT

24 David my servant will be king over them. So there will be one shepherd over them all, and they will walk according to my decrees and they will keep my statutes and obey them.

UST

24 The king who rules over them will always come from the family of King David. David was the one who served me well. There will be one shepherd to watch over them and to take care of all of them. They will carefully obey all my laws.

Who did Yahweh say would be king over the united nation of Israel?

Yahweh said that his servant David would be king over the united nation of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:25

ULT

25 They will live in the land that I have given to my servant Jacob, where your fathers had stayed. They will live in it forever—they, their children, and their grandchildren, for David my servant will be their chief forever.

UST

25 They will live in the land that I gave to Jacob, who also served me well; they will live in the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their grandchildren will live there forever, and the one who will be like King David will be their king forever.

According to Yahweh, how long would the king of Israel be their chief?

According to Yahweh, the king of Israel would be their chief forever.

Ezekiel 37:26

ULT

26 I will establish a covenant of peace with them. It will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will establish them and multiply them and set my holy place in their midst forever.

UST

26 I will make a covenant with them to give them peace; it will be a covenant that will last forever. I will give them that land again and cause their population to increase. And I will put my temple among them forever.

What did Yahweh say he would establish with Israel, and for how long?

Yahweh said he would establish a covenant of peace with Israel for eternity.

Ezekiel 37:27

ULT

27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

UST

27 My home, where I will live, will be among them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Where did Yahweh say he would live forever? (vv27-28)

Yahweh said he would live forever in the midst of the people of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:28

ULT

28 Then the nations will know that I am Yahweh who sets Israel apart, when my holy place is among them forever.'"
37:23 [1] . However, the Hebrew text reads , which many think makes little sense in this context.

UST

28 Then, when my temple is there again among them, the people of nations will know that I, Yahweh, set apart Israel for my honor."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38

Ezekiel 38:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:2

ULT
2 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; and prophesy against him.

UST
2 “Son of man, turn and face Magog, the country where Gog is the king. He is also the ruler of the nations of Meshech and Tubal. Announce my message about the terrible things that will happen to him.

Against whom did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to prophesy?
Yahweh told Ezekiel to prophesy against Gog from the land of Magog.

Ezekiel 38:3

ULT
3 Say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.

UST
3 Say this: ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says: Gog, you who rule Meshech and Tubal, I am your enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:4

ULT

4 So I will turn you around and set hooks in your jaw; I will send you out with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all of them dressed in full armor, a great company with large shields and small shields, all of them holding swords!

UST

4 It wlll be as though I will turn you around and put hooks in your jaws and bring you to Israel—you and all of your army, including your horses and the men carrying weapons who ride those horses, and many other soldiers carrying large shields and small shields, all of them carrying swords.

With what does Yahweh say he will send out Gog?

Yahweh says he will send out Gog with all his army, horses, and horsemen.

Ezekiel 38:5

ULT

5 Persia, Cush, and Libya are with them, all of them with shields and helmets!

UST

5 Your soldiers also include armies from Persia, Ethiopia, and Put, all of them with shields and helmets—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:6

ULT

6 Gomer and all her troops, and Beth Togarmah, from the far parts of the north, and all its troops! Many peoples are with you!

UST

6 also all the soldiers from Gomer and an army from Beth Togarmah—both of these lands that are far north of Israel. Armies of many nations will come with you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:7

ULT

[7] Get ready! Yes, prepare yourself and your troops assembled with you, and be their commander.

UST

[7] Tell Gog this: ‘Get ready, and be prepared to be the commander of all those soldiers.

Who is the commander of all the troops from Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth Togarmah?

Gog is the commander of all these troops assembled with him.

Ezekiel 38:8

ULT

[8] You will be called after many days, and after some years you will go to a land that has recovered from the sword and that has been gathered from many peoples, gathered back to the mountains of Israel that had been a continuous ruin. But the land’s people will be brought out of the peoples, and they will live in safety, all of them!

UST

[8] At some future time, Yahweh will command you to lead those armies to attack Israel, a country whose buildings have been rebuilt after they were destroyed in wars. Their people will have been brought back from many nations to live again on the hills of Israel, where no one had been living for a long time. Yahweh will bring the Israelites back from other lands, and they will be living peacefully.

To which land will Gog be called to go?

Gog will go to a land that has recovered from the sword and that has been gathered from many peoples to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 38:9

ULT

[9] So you will go up as a storm goes; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, all the many soldiers with you.

UST

[9] You and all those armies from many nations will go up to Israel, advancing like a great storm. Your army will be like a huge cloud that covers the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:10

ULT
10 The Lord Yahweh says this: It will happen on that day that plans will form in your heart, and you will devise wicked schemes.’

UST
10 But this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: On that day, you will plan to do something very evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:11

ULT
11 Then you will say, ‘I will go up to the open land; I will go to the quiet people living in safety, all of them living where there are no walls or bars, and where there are no city gates.

UST
11 You will say this to yourself: “My army will invade a country where the villages do not have walls around them. We will attack people who are peaceful and think that no one will harm them. Their towns and villages do not have walls with gates and bars.

What will be the wicked scheme that Gog devises? (vv11-12)
Gog will devise a scheme to capture booty and steal plunder from the quiet people living in safety.

Ezekiel 38:12

ULT
12 I will capture booty and steal plunder, in order to bring my hand against the ruins that are newly inhabited, and against the people gathered from the nations, people who are gaining livestock and property, and who are living at the center of the earth.’

UST
12 So it will be easy for us to attack these people. They are people who come back together from many countries where they had lived for many years, people who now live safely in their land with all their livestock and other possessions. They are living in the country that is in the middle of the most important countries in the world. Our soldiers will take away all their valuable possessions.”

At what part of the earth are the people who have been gathered from the nations living?
The people gathered from the nations are living at the center of the earth.

Ezekiel 38:13

ULT

13 Sheba and Dedan, and the traders of Tarshish along with all its young warriors will say to you, ‘Have you come to plunder? Have you assembled your armies to take away spoil, to carry off silver and gold, to take their livestock and property and to haul away much plunder?’

UST

13 Then people of Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish will come and say to you, “Are you gathering all your soldiers in order to attack Israel and take away all their silver and gold? Do you plan to take away their livestock and all their other valuable possessions?”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:14

ULT

14 Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: On that day, when my people Israel are living securely, will you not learn about them?

UST

14 Therefore, Son of man, take my message about Gog and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord Yahweh says: At that time, when my people of Israel are living safely, you will certainly think about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:15

ULT

15 You will come from your place far away in the north with a great army, all of them riding on horses, a great company, a large army.

UST

15 You will come from your place far north of Israel, with the armies of many other nations, all riding horses, a huge army.

From what direction does Gog and his great army come?

Gog and his great army come from a place far away in the north.

Ezekiel 38:16

ULT

16 You will attack my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, so the nations might know me when I show myself through you, Gog, to be holy before their eyes.

UST

16 You will march toward my Israelite people, and your soldiers will cover the land like a huge cloud. Gog, I will bring your army to attack the country that belongs to me, but what I will do to you will show the people of other nations that I am holy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:17

ULT

17 The Lord Yahweh says this: Are you not the one of whom I spoke in former days by the hand of my servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in their own time for years that I would bring you against them?

UST

17 This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say to Gog: In past years, when I gave messages to my servants, the prophets in Israel, there were messages about you. At that time, they said for many years that I would bring your armies to attack my people.

Through whom had Yahweh spoken that Gog would come against Israel?

Yahweh had spoken through the prophets of Israel that Gog would come against Israel.

Ezekiel 38:18

ULT

18 So it will come to be in that day when Gog attacks the land of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—my wrath will mount up in my anger.

UST

18 So this is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say will happen: When your army attacks Israel, I will be very angry with you.

How will Yahweh respond when Gog attacks the land of Israel?

When Gog attacks the land of Israel, Yahweh will respond with fury in his nostrils.

Ezekiel 38:19

ULT

19 In my zeal and in the fire of my anger, I declare that on that day there will be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.

UST

19 I will be furious, and to show that I am angry, there will be a great earthquake in Israel, where your armies will be.

What great event does Yahweh say will happen on the day Gog attacks Israel? (vv19-20)
Yahweh says that there will be a great earthquake on the day Gog attacks Israel.

Ezekiel 38:20

ULT

20 They will shake before me—the fish of the sea and the birds of the skies, the beasts of the fields, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth, and every person who is on the surface of the land. The mountains will be thrown down and the cliffs will fall, until every wall falls to the earth.

UST

20 The fish in the sea, the birds, the wild animals, and the animals that crawl on the ground, and all the people on the earth will tremble because of what I will do. Mountains will fall down, cliffs will crumble, and walls everywhere will fall to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:21

ULT

21 I will summon a sword against him on all my mountains—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—each man's sword will be against his brother.

UST

21 Gog, on all the mountains in the country that belongs to me I will cause your soldiers to fight against each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 38:22

ULT

22 Then I will judge him by plague and blood; and overflowing rain and hailstones and burning sulfur I will rain down upon him and his troops and the many nations that are with him.

UST

22 I will punish you and your soldiers with plagues, and I will kill them. I will send down from the sky, on you and your troops who have come from many lands, huge amounts of rain, hail, and burning sulfur.

With what will Yahweh judge Gog and his troops on that day?

Yahweh will judge Gog and his troops on that day with plague, blood, flooding rains, hailstones of fire, and rains of brimstone.

Ezekiel 38:23

ULT

23 For I will show my greatness and my holiness and I will make myself known in the eyes of the many nations, and they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

UST

23 In this way, I will cause the people of many nations to know that I am very great, and I will show them my holiness. And they will see who I am and they will know that I am Yahweh.'"

In that day, what will Yahweh show in the eyes of many nations?

In that day, Yahweh will show his greatness and holiness in the eyes of many nations.

Ezekiel 39

Ezekiel 39:1

ULT

[1] “Now you, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Behold! I am against you, Gog, chief of Meshech and Tubal.

UST

[1] Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, speak for me about the terrible things that will happen to Gog. Say this to him: ‘Gog, I am your enemy, you who rule Meshech and Tubal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:2

ULT

[2] I will turn you and lead you on; I will bring you up from the far north and bring you to the mountains of Israel.

UST

[2] I will turn you around and drag you and your armies from far north of Israel and send you to fight on the mountains of Israel.

To where does Yahweh say he will bring Gog, chief of Meshech and Tubal?
Yahweh says he will bring Gog to the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:3

ULT

[3] Then I will knock your bow out of your left hand and make the arrows fall from your right hand.

UST

[3] When you are there, I will snatch your bows from your left hands and cause your arrows to fall from your right hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:4

ULT

4 You will fall on the mountains of Israel—you and all your troops and the soldiers who are with you. I will give you to the birds of prey and the wild beasts of the fields for food.

UST

4 You and all the soldiers that are with you will die on the mountains of Israel. I will give your corpses to be food for the birds that eat dead flesh, and to the wild animals.

Where will Gog fall dead?

Gog will fall dead on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:5

ULT

5 You will fall on the open field, for I myself declare it—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

5 You will die in the open fields. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said that it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:6

ULT

6 Then I will send out fire on Magog and on those living in safety on the coasts, and they will know that I am Yahweh.

UST

6 I will cause many fires to burn in Magog and to all those who live safely in the areas along their coasts, and they will know that it is I, Yahweh, who have the power to do what I say that I will do.

What will Yahweh do to Magog and to those living in safety on the coasts?

Yahweh will send out fire to Magog and to those living in safety on the coasts.

Ezekiel 39:7

ULT

7 For I will make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel, and I will no longer allow my holy name to be profaned; the nations will know that I am Yahweh, the Holy One in Israel.

UST

7 I will enable my Israelite people to know that I am holy. I will no longer allow them to mock me, and the people groups in the other lands will know that I am Yahweh, the God whom Israel worships and honors.

What does Yahweh say he will no longer allow?

Yahweh says he will no longer allow his holy name to be profaned.

Ezekiel 39:8

ULT

8 Behold! The day is coming, and it will take place—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

8 That day is fast approaching. I, Yahweh the Lord, declare that those things will happen soon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:9

ULT

9 The ones living in the cities of Israel will go out and they will use weapons to kindle and make fires and burn them—small shields, large shields, bows, arrows, the clubs and spears; they will make fires with them for seven years.

UST

9 At that time, the people who live in the cities of Israel will go out and gather the weapons from the dead soldiers, and will use them to make fires to cook their food. They will burn the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs, and spears. There will be enough weapons to use as firewood for seven years.

Why will the ones living in the cities of Israel not need to gather wood for seven years? (vv9-10)

They will not need to gather wood for seven years because they will burn the weapons of Gog.

Ezekiel 39:10

ULT

10 They will not gather wood from the fields or cut down trees from the forests, since they will burn the weapons; they will take from those who wanted to take from them; they will plunder those who wanted to plunder them—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

10 They will not need to gather firewood in the fields or cut wood from trees in the forests, because those weapons will be all the firewood that they will need. And they will take valuable things from those who took valuable things from them, and steal things from people who stole things from them. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:11

ULT

11 Then it will happen on that day that I will make a place there for Gog—a grave in Israel, a valley for those who journey to the east of the sea. It will block those who wish to cross over. There they will bury Gog with all his multitudes. They will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

UST

11 At that time I will create a graveyard for you, Gog, and your soldiers, in the valley east of the Dead Sea. That graveyard will block the road that travelers usually walk on, because you, Gog and all the soldiers of your huge army will be buried there. So it will be named the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Where will Gog and all his multitudes be buried?

Gog and all his multitudes will be buried in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

Ezekiel 39:12

ULT

12 For seven months the house of Israel will bury them in order to purify the land.

UST

12 For seven months the people of Israel will be burying your corpses. It will be necessary to bury all of them, in order that the land will not be defiled because of any unburied corpses.

What will the house of Israel have to do in order to purify the land?

The house of Israel will have to bury Gog and all his multitudes for seven months in order to purify the land.

Ezekiel 39:13

ULT

13 For all the people of the land will bury them; it will be a memorable day for them when I am glorified—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

13 All the people of Israel will do the work of burying them. The day when I win that victory they will honor me, and they will remember that day forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:14

ULT

14 Then they will designate men to continually go through the land, to find those who were traveling through, but who died and their bodies remained on the surface of the land, so that they may bury them, in order to cleanse the land. At the end of the seventh month they will begin their search.

UST

14 After those seven months are ended, the Israelite people will designate men to go throughout the land to bury any remaining corpses, in order that the land might not remain defiled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:15

ULT

15 As these men pass through the land, when they see any human bone, they will put a marker by it, until gravediggers come and bury it in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

UST

15 When they go through the land, whenever one of them sees a human bone, he will set up a marker beside it. When the gravediggers see the markers, they will pick up the bones and bury them in the Valley of Hamon Gog.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:16

ULT

16 There will be a city there by the name of Hamonah. In this way they will purify the land.

UST

16 There will be a city there named Hamonah. And by doing this work of burying the corpses, they will cleanse the land.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:17

ULT

17 Now to you, son of man, the Lord Yahweh says this: Say to all the winged birds and all the wild beasts in the fields, 'Gather together and come. Gather from all around to the sacrifice that I myself am making for you, a large sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, so that you may consume flesh and drink blood.

UST

17 Yahweh said to me, "Son of man, this is what I, the Lord Yahweh, say: Summon every kind of bird and wild animal. Say to them, 'Gather together from everywhere and come to the feast that Yahweh is preparing for you. It will be a great feast on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat men's flesh and drink their blood.

What large sacrifice is Yahweh making on the mountains of Israel? (vv17-18)

Yahweh is making a large sacrifice of the flesh of warriors and the blood of princes of the earth on the mountains of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:18

ULT

18 You will consume the flesh of warriors and drink the blood of the princes of the earth; they will be rams, lambs, goats, and bulls, they were all fattened in Bashan.

UST

18 You will eat the flesh of strong soldiers and drink the blood of kings as if they were fat animals from the region of Bashan—as if they were male sheep, lambs, goats, and bulls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:19

ULT
19 Then you will eat fat to your satisfaction; you will drink blood until drunkenness; this will be the sacrifice that I will slaughter for you.

UST
19 At the feast that Yahweh is preparing for you, you will eat fat until your stomachs are full, and you will drink blood until it is as though you are drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:20

ULT
20 You will be satisfied at my table with horse, chariot, warrior, and every man of war—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.'

UST
20 It will be as though you are eating at a table that I have set up for you. You will eat all you want of the flesh of horses and their riders, strong soldiers of every kind.' That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:21

ULT
21 I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations will see my judgment that I perform and my hand that I have set against them.

UST
21 'I will show people of the nations that I am powerful, and all the nations will see how I punish them.

What will all the nations see when Yahweh makes his large sacrifice on the mountains of Israel?
All the nations will see Yahweh's judgment and his hand.

Ezekiel 39:22

ULT
22 The house of Israel will know that I am Yahweh their God from that day onward.

UST
22 At that time, the Israelite people will learn that I, Yahweh their God, have the power to do what I say that I will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:23

ULT
23 The nations will know that the house of Israel went into captivity because of their iniquity by which they betrayed me, so I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries so that all of them fell by the sword.

UST
23 And the people of the other lands will know that the Israelites had been forced to go to other countries because they sinned by not being faithful to me. I turned away from them, and I allowed their enemies to capture them and kill many of them.

Why did the house of Israel go into captivity?
The house of Israel went into captivity because of their sins.

Ezekiel 39:24

ULT
24 I did to them according to their uncleanness and their sins, when I hid my face from them.

UST
24 I punished them as they deserved because of their disgusting behavior and sins, and I turned away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:25

ULT

25 Therefore the Lord Yahweh says this: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob, and I will have compassion on all the house of Israel, when I act with zeal for my holy name.

UST

25 Therefore, this is now what I, the Lord Yahweh say: I will now bring back from exile the descendants of Jacob; I will have mercy on all the Israelite people, and I will also make sure that they honor me.

What will Yahweh do for the house of Israel when he acts in zeal for his holy name?

Yahweh will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have compassion on the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 39:26

ULT

26 Then they will bear their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed me. They will forget all this when they rest in their land in safety, with no one to terrify them.

UST

26 When the Israelite people are back in their own country, they will live safely in their land, with no one to cause them to be afraid. They will forget about the disgraceful and unfaithful things that they did previously.

What will the house of Israel forget when they rest in their land in safety?

The house of Israel will forget their shame and all the treason in which they betrayed Yahweh.

Ezekiel 39:27

ULT

27 When I restore them from the peoples and gather them from the lands of their enemies, I will show myself to be holy in the sight of many nations.

UST

27 When I have brought them back from their enemies' countries and gathered them together in Israel, the people of many nations will know how holy I am because of what I did for my people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:28

ULT

28 Then they will know that I am Yahweh their God, for I sent them into captivity among the nations, but then I will gather them back to their land. I will not leave any of them among the nations.

UST

28 The Israelite people will know that I, Yahweh, have done this. They will know that because I forced them to go to other countries, and then I gathered them together in their own country. I will not leave any of them in those countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 39:29

ULT

29 I will no longer hide my face from them when I pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."

UST

29 I will no longer turn away from them; I will give my Spirit to the Israelite people. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh the Lord, have said it."

What does Yahweh declare he will do when he pours out his Spirit on the house of Israel?

Yahweh declares that when he pours out his Spirit on the house of Israel he will no longer hide his face from them.

Ezekiel 40

Ezekiel 40:1

ULT

1 In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity at the beginning of the year on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was captured—on that same day, the hand of Yahweh was upon me and he took me there.

UST

1 Almost twenty-five years after the Babylonians had taken us Israelites to their land, on the tenth day of the first month of that year, almost fourteen years after Jerusalem had been destroyed, Yahweh grabbed hold of me with his power, and he took me in a vision to Israel.

For how many years had Ezekiel been a captive of the Babylonians?

Ezekiel had been a captive of the Babylonians for twenty-five years.

How many years ago had the city of Jerusalem been captured?

The city of Jerusalem had been captured fourteen years ago.

Ezekiel 40:2

ULT

2 In visions from God he brought me to the land of Israel. He brought me to rest on a very high mountain; to the south were what appeared to be buildings of a city.

UST

2 He set me on a very high mountain. On the south side of that mountain there were some buildings that looked like part of a city.

To where did God bring Ezekiel in visions?

God brought Ezekiel to the land of Israel in visions.

Ezekiel 40:3

ULT

[3] Then he brought me there. Behold, a man! His appearance was like the appearance of bronze. A linen cord and a measuring stick were in his hand, and he stood in the city gate.

UST

[3] When he took me there, I saw a man who looked as if he had been made of bronze. He was standing inside the city gate, and he was holding a linen cord and a measuring stick in his hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:4

ULT

[4] The man said to me, “Son of man, look with your eyes and listen with your ears, and fix your mind on all that I am revealing to you, for you were brought here so I could reveal them to you. Report everything that you will see to the house of Israel.”

UST

[4] He said to me, “Son of man, look carefully at everything that I am going to show you, and pay attention to everything that I say and everything that I wll show you, because that is why God brought you here. And then later you must tell the Israelite people everything that you have seen here.”

What was Ezekiel told to report to the house of Israel?

Ezekiel was told to report everything that he saw to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 40:5

ULT

[5] There was a wall surrounding the temple area. The length of the measuring stick in the man’s hand was six long cubits. Each long cubit was a cubit and a handbreadth in length. So he measured the wall, and it was one measuring stick thick and one rod high.

UST

[5] In the vision I saw that there was a wall that completely surrounded the temple area. The measuring stick in the man’s hand was three and one-tenth meters long. He measured the wall and it was three and one-tenth meters thick and three and one-tenth meters high.

In Ezekiel’s vision, what was surrounding the temple complex?

In Ezekiel’s vision, a wall surrounded the temple complex.

Ezekiel 40:6

ULT

6 Then he went to the temple gate that faced east. He went up its steps and measured the threshold of the gate—one stick in depth. [1]

UST

6 Then he went to the gate in the temple wall on the temple's east side. He climbed the steps and measured the gateway that faced outward; it was three and one-tenth meters deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:7

ULT

7 The guard chambers were each one stick in length and one stick in width; there were five cubits between any two of the chambers, and the threshold of the temple gate by the temple portico was one stick deep.

UST

7 Next, there were alcoves for the temple guards, each being three and one-tenth meters long and deep. The distance of the wall between each alcove was two and three-quarters meters. The gateway that faced inward, which led to the temple portico, was also three and one-tenth meters deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:8

ULT

8 He measured the portico of the gate; it was one stick in length.

UST

8 Then he measured the portico that was after the gate; it was three and one-tenth meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:9

ULT

[9] He measured the portico of the gate. It was one stick deep. The doorposts were two cubits in width. This was the portico of the gate facing the temple.

UST

[9] He also measured the depth, which was three and one-tenth of a meter. The doorposts on either side were one meter thick. This was the portico attached to the temple gate on the gate's inner side, facing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:10

ULT

[10] There were three guard chambers on either side of the east gate, and each of them had the same measurement, and the walls that separated them had the same measurement.

UST

[10] Inside the east gate there were three alcoves for guards on each side of the gate. They all had the same length and depth. And the distance of wall between them was the same.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:11

ULT

[11] Then the man measured the width of the gateway entrance—ten cubits; and he measured the length of the gateway entrance—thirteen cubits.

UST

[11] Then he measured the opening of the gate; it was five and two-fifths meters wide, and the entrance from the gate was seven meters long.

What did the man who looked like bronze measure the width of the gateway entrance to be?

The man measured the width of the gateway entrance to be ten cubits.

Ezekiel 40:12

ULT
12 He measured the wall that was bordering the front of the chambers—one cubit high. The chambers measured six cubits on each side.

UST
12 Running along in front of the alcoves was a low wall one-half meter high. Each of the alcoves was three and one-tenth meters long on all sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:13

ULT
13 Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one chamber to that of the next chamber—twenty-five cubits, from the entrance of the first chamber to that of the second.

UST
13 Then the man measured the gateway's width from the roof of the alcove on one side, to the roof of the alcove on the other side. The distance was 13 and one-half, from one alcove's entrance to that of the other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:14

ULT
14 Then he measured the wall that went between the guard chambers—sixty cubits in length; he measured as far as the gate's portico.

UST
14 Then the man measured along the wall that separated the alcoves from each other; it was thirty-two meters long. He measured them as far as the gate's portico.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:15

ULT
15 The entrance from the front of the gate to the other end of the gate's portico was fifty cubits.

UST
15 The distance from the entrance of the gate to the far end of its portico was twenty-seven meters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:16

ULT

16 There were closed windows toward the chambers and toward their pillars within the gates all around; and likewise for the porches. There were windows all around the inside, and each jamb was decorated with palm trees.

UST

16 There were narrow windows in the walls of all the alcoves, and also in the inner walls between the alcoves. The portico also had these same windows on its inner side. The wall that ran between the alcoves was decorated with carvings of palm trees.

What did Ezekiel see carved on the walls?

Ezekiel saw carvings of palm trees on the walls.

Ezekiel 40:17

ULT

17 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard of the temple. Behold, there were rooms, and there was pavement in the courtyard, with thirty rooms next to the pavement.

UST

17 Then the man brought me to the temple's outer courtyard. There I saw some rooms, and a stone pavement in the courtyard. There were thirty rooms facing the courtyard.

Where did the man who looked like bronze take Ezekiel after measuring in the area of the gate?

The man took Ezekiel to the outer courtyard of the temple.

Ezekiel 40:18

ULT

18 The pavement went up to the side of the gates, and its width was the same as the gates' length. This was the lower pavement.

UST

18 The stone pavement was all around the courtyard, and it extended out from the walls into the courtyard for the same distance as the gate entrances. That was the lower pavement.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:19

ULT

19 Then the man measured the distance from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner gate; it was one hundred cubits on the east side, and the same on the north side.

UST

19 Then the man measured the distance across the outer courtyard of the temple, between the outer gate and inner courtyard; it was fifty-four meters on the east side, and the same distance on the north side of the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:20

ULT

20 Then he measured the length and width of the gate that was at the north of the outer court.

UST

20 Then he measured how long and how wide was the gateway on the north side, which was an entrance into the outer courtyard of the temple complex.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:21

ULT

21 There were three chambers on either side of that gate, and the gate and its portico measured the same as the main gate—fifty cubits in total length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

21 There were three alcoves for guards on each side of that gateway. From the gateway to the end of its portico was twenty-seven meters, and they were thirteen and one-half meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:22

ULT

22 Its windows, portico, chambers, and its palm trees corresponded to the gate that faced east. Seven steps went up to it and to its portico.

UST

22 It had the same windows, portico, guard alcoves, and palm tree decorations as the east gate had. Like the east gate, there were seven steps leading up to it and its portico.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:23

ULT

23 There was a gate to the inner courtyard in front of the gate facing north, just as also there was a gate to the east; the man measured from one gate to the other gate—one hundred cubits in distance.

UST

23 Across the outer courtyard from the north gate was a gate leading to the inner courtyard, just as there was on the east side. The man measured the distance from the north gate to the gate leading to the inner courtyard; it was fifty-four meters in distance.

Through what did a person have to go in order to enter the inner courtyard?

A person had to go through a gate in order to enter the inner courtyard.

Ezekiel 40:24

ULT

24 Next the man brought me to the gate of the southern entrance, and its walls and portico measured the same as the other outer gates.

UST

24 Then he brought me through the south gateway into the inner courtyard, and he measured the entrance. It measured the same as the other gateways. Its alcoves, its walls between the alcoves, and its entry room measured the same as the ones on the other sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:25

ULT

25 There were closed windows in the gateway and its portico just as at that gate. The south gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

25 The gateway and its portico had narrow windows along the walls, as on the other sides. The gateway and its portico measured twenty-five meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:26

ULT

26 There were seven steps up to the gate and its portico, and there were carvings of palm trees on the walls on either side.

UST

26 There were seven steps leading up to that gate and its portico. It also had carvings of palm trees on the walls that were between the rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:27

ULT

27 There was a gate to the inner courtyard on the southern side, and the man measured from that gate to the gate of the south entrance—one hundred cubits in distance.

UST

27 Across the outer courtyard from the south gate was a gate opening onto the inner courtyard. The man measured from that gateway to the entrance on the south side of the outer courtyard; it was also fifty-four meters in distance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:28

ULT

28 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by way of its southern gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.

UST

28 Then the man brought me through the south entrance into the inner courtyard, and he measured the south entrance. It measured the same as the other gates.

How did the gates to the inner courtyard compare in size? (vv28-29)

The gates of the inner courtyard all had the same measurements.

Ezekiel 40:29

ULT

29 Its chambers, walls, and porticos measured the same as the other gates; there were windows all around in the portico. The inner gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

29 He measured its alcoves, its walls, and its portico with the same measuring standards he had been using. The gate and its portico had windows all around. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:30

ULT

30 There were also porticos all around the inner wall; these were twenty-five cubits in length and five cubits in width.

UST

30 The porticos of the inner gates, which led to the inner courtyard, were about thirteen and one-half meters long and two and three-quarters meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:31

ULT

31 This portico faced the outer courtyard with carved palm trees on its walls and eight steps going up to it.

UST

31 The portico's entrance faced the outer courtyard. Carvings of palm trees decorated the walls, and there were eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:32

ULT

32 Then the man brought me to the inner courtyard by the eastern way and measured the gate, which had the same measurements as the other gates.

UST

32 Then the man led me to the east side of the inner courtyard, and he measured the gate. It had the same measurements as the other gates.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:33

ULT

33 Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The inner gate and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

33 Its alcoves, walls, and portico measured the same as the others. The gate and its portico had windows all around. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:34

ULT

34 Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up it.

UST

34 Its portico faced the outer courtyard. It also had carvings of palm trees decorating the walls, and it had eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:35

ULT

35 Next the man brought me to the northern gate and measured it; it measured the same as the other gates.

UST

35 Then he led me to the entrance on the north side and measured it. It measured the same as the other entrances.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:36

ULT

36 Its chambers, walls, and portico measured the same as the other gates, and there were windows all around. The gateway and its portico measured fifty cubits in length and twenty-five cubits in width.

UST

36 And its alcoves and walls between them and the entry room all had small windows in the walls. It all measured the same as the other gates. The gate and its portico measured twenty-seven meters long and thirteen and one-half meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:37

ULT

37 Its portico faced the outer courtyard; it had palm trees on either side of it and eight steps going up it.

UST

37 Its portico faced the outer courtyard. It also had carvings of palm trees decorating the walls, and it had eight steps leading up to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:38

ULT

38 There was a room with a door by each of the inner gateways. This was where they rinsed the burnt offerings.

UST

38 In each of the inner entrances there was a room with a door. They were rooms where the carcasses of the animals that were to be completely burned on the altar were washed.

For what were the rooms with doors by each of the inner gateways used?

The rooms with doors by each of the inner gateways were used to rinse the burnt offerings.

Ezekiel 40:39

ULT

39 There were two tables on each side of each portico, on which the burnt offering was slaughtered, and also the sin offering and the guilt offering.

UST

39 In each portico were four tables, two on each side. On those tables would be slaughtered the animals that were to be completely burned, also the animals for offerings of sins that people had committed, and offerings that acknowledged their guilt for having sinned against other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:40

ULT

40 By the wall of the courtyard, going up to the gate to the north, there were two tables. Also on the other side there were two tables at the gate's portico.

UST

40 Just outside the inner courtyard, to the left of the steps leading up to its north gate, there were two tables, and to the right of the steps were two more tables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:41

ULT

41 There were four tables on either side by the gate; they slaughtered animals on the eight tables.

UST

41 There were four tables on the outer side of each inner courtyard gate, and there were also four tables on the inner side. The animals to be sacrificed were slaughtered on these tables.

For what were the four tables on either side of each gate used?

The four tables on either side of each gate were used for slaughtering animals.

Ezekiel 40:42

ULT

42 There were four tables of cut stone for the burnt offerings, one and a half cubits in length, one and a half cubits in width, and one cubit tall. On them they laid the tools with which they slaughtered the burnt offerings for the sacrifices.

UST

42 There were also four tables of cut stone for the preparation of the offerings that were to be completely burned, four-fifths of a meter long on each side and one-half meter high. The priests would put on those stone tables the tools for slaughtering all the animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:43

ULT

43 Two-pronged hooks a handbreadth in length were fastened in the portico all around, and the flesh of the offerings would be put on the tables.

UST

43 The meat for the offerings would be placed on those stone tables. There were hooks on which the meat was hung, each with two prongs, each eight centimeters long, fastened to the walls of the porticos.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:44

ULT
44 On the outside of the inner gate, within the inner courtyard, were singers' chambers, one on the north side facing south, and the other on the south side facing north.

UST
44 Outside two of the inner gateways, on the inner courtyard side, there were rooms for those who led in singing during the worship, one on the north side and one on the south side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:45

ULT
45 Then the man said to me, "This room facing south is for the priests who are on duty in the temple.

UST
45 The man said to me, "The room whose door faces south is for the priests who are working in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:46

ULT
46 The room facing north is for the priests on duty at the altar. These are the sons of Zadok who come near to Yahweh to serve him; they are among the sons of Levi."

UST
46 The room whose door faces north is for the priests who are in charge of the work at the altar. They are the descendants of Zadok; they are the only descendants of Levi who are permitted to approach Yahweh while they work for him."

Whose sons were serving as priests in the temple?
The sons of Zadok were serving as priests in the temple.

Ezekiel 40:47

ULT

47 Next he measured the courtyard—one hundred cubits in length and one hundred cubits in width in a square, with the altar in front of the house.

UST

47 Then he measured the courtyard; it was square, fifty-four meters long and fifty-four meters wide. The altar was in front of the sanctuary.

How large was the inner courtyard?

The inner courtyard was one hundred cubits long and wide in a square.

Ezekiel 40:48

ULT

48 Then the man brought me to the portico of the house and measured its doorposts—they were five cubits thick on either side. The entryway itself was fourteen cubits in width, and the walls on each side of it were three cubits in width. [2]

UST

48 Then he brought me to the portico of the sanctuary and measured the doorposts and their walls on each side of the entrance; they were about two and three-quarters meters thick. The doorway was seven meters wide, and the sides on each side of it were one and three-fifths meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 40:49

ULT

49 The length of the portico was twenty cubits, and its depth was eleven cubits. There were steps that went up to it and columns that stood on either side of it. [3][4]

40:6 [1] , the Hebrew text reads in addition: . Many modern versions, however, leave this expression out, because it seems to be a repetition of preceding text.

40:48 [2] , the Hebrew text reads , but this seems to be a mistake, judging from the preceding words in this verse.

40:49 [3] , some ancient and modern versions read .

40:49 [4] , some ancient and modern versions read .

UST

49 The portico was eleven meters wide, and its depth was six meters on each side. There were steps leading up to it, and there were columns on each side of the portico.

What stood on either side of the sanctuary's portico?

Columns stood on either side of the sanctuary's portico.

Ezekiel 41

Ezekiel 41:1

ULT

1 Then the man brought me into the temple's holy place and measured the doorposts—six cubits in width on either side. [1]

UST

1 Then in the vision the man brought me to into the holy place in the temple and measured the doorposts on either side of the entrance; they were each three and one-tenth meters wide.

To where did the man bring Ezekiel?

The man brought Ezekiel into the temple's holy place.

Ezekiel 41:2

ULT

2 The width of the doorway was ten cubits; the wall on each side was five cubits in length. Then the man measured the dimensions of the holy place—forty cubits in length and twenty cubits in width.

UST

2 The entrance was five and two-fifths meters wide, and the walls of each side of it were two and three-quarters meters long. He also measured the holy place. It was twenty-two meters long and eleven meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:3

ULT

3 Then the man went into the very holy place and measured the posts of the doorway—two cubits, and the doorway was six cubits in width. The walls on either side were seven cubits in width.

UST

3 Then he entered the inner room of the temple, the very holy place, and measured the walls to either side of the entrance; each was one meter wide. The doorway was three and one-tenth meters wide, and each of the walls on each side of the entrance was three and four-fifths meters long.

Where did the man go next?

The man went next into the very holy place.

Ezekiel 41:4

ULT

[4] Then he measured the room's length—twenty cubits. Its width—twenty cubits to the front of the temple hall. Then he said to me, "This is the most holy place."

UST

[4] Then he measured the inner room; it was eleven meters long and eleven meters wide. Then he said to me, "This is the very holy place."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:5

ULT

[5] Then the man measured the wall of the house—it was six cubits thick. The width of each side room around the house was four cubits in width.

UST

[5] Then he measured the wall of the temple; it was three and one-tenth meters thick. There was a row of rooms along the outside wall of the temple. Each of those rooms was two meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:6

ULT

[6] There were side rooms on three levels, one room above another, thirty rooms on each level. There were ledges around the wall of the house, to support all of the side rooms, for there was no support put in the wall of the house.

UST

[6] There were three stories of rooms, with thirty rooms on each story. There were ledges all around the wall of the temple that were supports for the side rooms above. There were no extra supports built into the sanctuary wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:7

ULT

7 So the side rooms widened and went around going up, for the house went around higher and higher all around; the rooms widened as the house went up, and a stairway went up to the highest level, through the middle level.

UST

7 Each of the side rooms was wider than the one below it. The most narrow rooms were built first, at the bottom. Then a wider set of rooms was built over it, and the widest set was at the top. A set of stairs was built from the lowest level through the middle level to the highest level.

How would someone get to the highest level of the house?

To get to the highest level of the house, there was a stairway that went up through the middle level.

Ezekiel 41:8

ULT

8 Then I saw a raised part all around the house, the foundation for the side chambers; it measured a full stick in height—six cubits.

UST

8 I saw that there was a terrace around the temple. The terrace was the foundation for those side rooms; it was three and one-tenth meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:9

ULT

9 The width of the wall of the side rooms on the outside was five cubits. There was an open space to the outside of these rooms in the sanctuary.

UST

9 The outer wall of those side rooms was two and three-quarters meters thick. All around the sanctuary there was an open area between those side rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:10

ULT

10 On the other side of this open space were the priests' outer side rooms; this space was twenty cubits in width all around the sanctuary.

UST

10 The open areas were near the priests' rooms that were surrounding the courtyard; there was a distance of eleven meters between the two sets of side rooms all around the sanctuary.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:11

ULT

11 There were doors into the side rooms from another open space—one doorway was on the north side, and the other on the south side. The width of this open area was five cubits all around.

UST

11 There were two doors from those side rooms into another open area; one faced north and one faced south. This open area was two and three-quarters meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:12

ULT

12 The building that faced the courtyard on the west side was seventy cubits in width. Its wall measured five cubits thick all around, and it was ninety cubits in length.

UST

12 There was a large building on the west side of the temple area. It was thirty-eight meters wide, and it had a wall two and three-quarters meters thick and forty-nine meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:13

ULT

13 Then the man measured the sanctuary—one hundred cubits in length. The separated building, its wall, and the courtyard also measured one hundred cubits in length.

UST

13 Then the man measured the temple. It was fifty-four meters long, and the temple courtyard, where the large building was, was fifty-four meters wide. The building and its wall measured the same.

What was the size of the sanctuary and the width of the front of the courtyard in front of the sanctuary? (vv13-14)

The sanctuary and the front of the courtyard were both one hundred cubits.

Ezekiel 41:14

ULT

14 The width of the front of the courtyard in front of the sanctuary was also one hundred cubits.

UST

14 The courtyard on the east side of the temple, across the front of the temple, was also fifty-four meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:15

ULT

15 Then the man measured the length of the building behind the sanctuary, to its west, and the galleries on either side—one hundred cubits. The holy place and the portico,

UST

15 Then he measured the building on the west side. Including its walls, it was also fifty-four meters long. The outer walls of the holy place, of the very holy place, and the portico,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:16

ULT
16 the inner walls and the windows, including the narrow windows, and the galleries all around on three levels, were all paneled in wood.

UST
16 the inner walls above and below the narrow windows, and the galleries on all the storys—all these things were covered with thin panels of wood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:17

ULT
17 Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary and spaced along the walls there was a measured pattern.

UST
17 All the walls inside the temple were decorated with carvings of winged creatures and palm trees; between each figure of a winged creature was a carving of a palm tree.

What was above the entryway to the inner sanctuary?
Above the entryway to the inner sanctuary there was a measured pattern.

Ezekiel 41:18

ULT
18 It was decorated with cherubim and palm trees; with a palm tree between each cherub, and each cherub had two faces:

UST
18-19 Each winged creature had two faces. One face was the face of a human, and one was the face of a lion. Those figures were carved on the walls all around the inside of the temple, and each face looked at the carving of a palm tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:19

ULT
19 the face of a man looked toward a palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion looked toward a palm tree on the other side. They were carved all around the entire house.

UST
18-19 Each winged creature had two faces. One face was the face of a human, and one was the face of a lion. Those figures were carved on the walls all around the inside of the temple, and each face looked at the carving of a palm tree.

What two faces did each cherub have?
Each cherub had the face of a man and the face of a young lion.

Ezekiel 41:20

ULT
20 From the ground to above the doorway, cherubim and palm trees were carved on the outer wall of the house.

UST
20 They covered all the walls, from the floor to the wall above the entryway.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:21

ULT
21 The gate posts of the holy place were square. Their appearance was like the appearance of

UST
21 At the entrance to the main room of the temple there were square doorposts, all the same in appearance.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:22

ULT
22 the wooden altar in front of the holy place, which was three cubits high and two cubits in length on each side. Its corner posts, base, and frame were made of wood. Then the man said to me, “This is the table that stands before Yahweh.” [2]

UST
22 In front of the very holy place there was a wooden altar. It was one and three-fifths meters high and one meter wide on all four sides. Its corners and base and sides were all made of wood. The man said to me, “This is the table that is in the presence of Yahweh.”

What did the man say about the wooden altar in front of the holy place?
The man said that the wooden altar was the table that stood before Yahweh.

Ezekiel 41:23

ULT
23 There were double doors for the holy place and the most holy place.

UST
23 The holy place and the very holy place had folding doors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:24

ULT
24 These doors had two hinged door panels each, two panels for one door and two panels for the other.

UST
24 Each door consisted of two parts that swung on hinges.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 41:25

ULT

25 Carved on them—on the doors of the holy place—were cherubim and palm trees just as the walls were decorated, and there was a wooden roof over the portico at the front.

UST

25 On these doors there were carvings of winged creatures and palm trees. There was also a wooden roof over the front portico of the sanctuary.

What was carved on the doors of the holy place?

Cherubim and palm trees were carved on the doors of the holy place.

Ezekiel 41:26

ULT

26 There were narrow windows and palm trees on either side of the portico. These were the side rooms of the house, and they also had overhanging roofs.
41:1 [1] , most ancient copies and some modern versions add .
41:22 [2] , some modern versions have .

UST

26 On the side walls of the portico were narrow windows with figures of palm trees carved on the sides of the windows. The side rooms around the temple also had projecting roofs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42

Ezekiel 42:1

ULT

[1] Next the man sent me out to the outer courtyard on the north side, and he brought me to rooms in front of the outer courtyard and the northern outer wall.

UST

[1] Then in the vision the man led me out of the inner courtyard, through the gate on the north side. We entered the outer courtyard and came to rooms that were facing the northern outer wall.

To which part of the temple did the man send Ezekiel?
The man sent Ezekiel to the outer courtyard on the north side.

Ezekiel 42:2

ULT

[2] Those rooms were one hundred cubits along their front and fifty cubits in width.

UST

[2] The building with those rooms was fifty-four meters long and twenty-seven meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:3

ULT

[3] Some of those rooms faced the inner courtyard and were twenty cubits away from the sanctuary. There were three levels of rooms, and the ones above looked down on the ones below and were open to them, having a walkway. Some of the rooms looked out onto the outer courtyard.

UST

[3] In that building there was one group of rooms that faced the inner courtyard. The distance between those rooms and the sanctuary, the main temple building, was eleven meters. These rooms were built on three stories. Each set of rooms had a walkway over the set of rooms below it. There were rooms that overlooked the open area of the outer courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:4

ULT

4 A passage ten cubits in width and one hundred cubits in length ran in front of the rooms. The rooms' doors were toward the north. [1]

UST

4 To one side of the rooms was a walkway that was five and two-fifths meters wide and fifty-four meters long. All the doors of the rooms were on their north side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:5

ULT

5 But the upper halls were smaller, for the walkways took away from them more space than they did in the lowest and middle levels of the building.

UST

5 Each set of rooms was narrower than the set of rooms below them, because each upper set had a walkway in front.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:6

ULT

6 For the halls on the third story had no columns, unlike the courtyards, which did have columns. So the highest level's rooms were smaller in size compared to the rooms in the lowest and middle levels.

UST

6 The rooms on the upper levels had no pillars to support them as there were in the courtyard, because those rooms were supported by the walls of the rooms below.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:7

ULT

7 The outside wall ran along the rooms toward the outer courtyard, the courtyard that was in front of the rooms. That wall was fifty cubits in length.

UST

7 The outer wall ran parallel to the rooms that faced the outer courtyard; this part of the outer wall was twenty-seven meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:8

ULT

8 The length of the rooms of the outer courtyard was fifty cubits, and the rooms facing the sanctuary were one hundred cubits in length.

UST

8 The row of rooms that was along the outer courtyard was twenty-seven meters long, and the row of rooms that faced the temple was fifty-four meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:9

ULT

9 There was an entrance to the lowest rooms from the east side, coming from the outer courtyard.

UST

9 The bottom story had an entrance on its east side, coming from the outer courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:10

ULT

10 Along the wall of the outer courtyard on the eastern side of the outer courtyard, in front of the sanctuary's inner courtyard, there were also rooms [2]

UST

10 On the eastern side, along the outer wall of the outer courtyard, next to the temple courtyard, there was also a set of rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:11

ULT

11 with a walkway in front of them. They were as the appearance of the rooms on the northern side. They had the same length and breadth and the same exits and arrangements and doors.

UST

11 There was a walkway in front of them. These rooms were like the rooms on the north side. They had the same length and width, and also the same kind of entrances.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:12

ULT

12 On the south side were doors into rooms that were just the same as on the north side. A passage on the inside had a door at its head, and the passage opened into the various rooms. On the east side there was a doorway into the passage at one end.

UST

12 There were also doorways into rooms on the south side that were similar to what was on the north side. There was an inside passage with an outer door; the passage had doors into all the rooms. At the east end of the passage was an outside door leading into it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:13

ULT

13 Then the man said to me, “The northern rooms and the southern rooms that are in front of the outer courtyard are holy rooms where the priests who work nearest to Yahweh may eat the most holy food. They will put the most holy things there—the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering—for this is a holy place.

UST

13 Then the man said to me, “The rooms on the northern and southern sides that overlook the temple sanctuary are only for Yahweh’s special purposes. Here the priests who offer sacrifices to Yahweh will eat their portions of those offerings. Because these rooms are special, they will be used to store the offerings for Yahweh: The flour for the flour offerings, for the offerings for the sins that people have committed, and for the offerings that people make for their sins.

For what did the man say the northern and southern rooms in front of the outer courtyard were used?

In those rooms the priests ate the most holy food, and put the most holy things.

What were the most holy things of the priests?

The most holy things of the priests were the food offering, the sin offering, and the guilt offering.

What kind of place did the man say the northern and southern rooms were?

The man said the northern and southern rooms were holy places.

Ezekiel 42:14

ULT

14 When the priests enter there, they must not go out of the holy place to the outer court, without laying aside the clothes in which they served, since these are holy. So they must dress in other clothes before going near the people.”

UST

14 When the priests leave the temple, they will not be allowed to immediately enter the outer courtyard. First they must remove the clothes that they had been wearing inside the holy place, because those clothes are special, reserved for their work. They must put on other clothes before they enter the parts of the temple area where the other people gather.”

What did the priests have to do before going near the people?

The priests had to dress in other clothes before going near the people.

Ezekiel 42:15

ULT

15 The man completed measuring the inner house and then took me out to the gate that faced the east and measured all the surrounding area there.

UST

15 When the man had finished measuring the inside of the temple area, he led me out through the east entrance and measured all the surrounding area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:16

ULT

16 He measured the east side with a measuring stick—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. [3]

UST

16-19 He measured the four sides of the area. There was a wall around the area that was two-hundred and seventy meters long on each side.

What was the length of each side; north, south east and west? (vv16-19)

Each side was five hundred cubits long

Ezekiel 42:17

ULT

17 He measured the north side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. [4]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:18

ULT

18 He also measured the south side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. [5]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:19

ULT

19 He also turned and measured the west side—five hundred cubits with the measuring stick. [6]

UST

16-19 He measured the four sides of the area. There was a wall around the area that was two-hundred and seventy meters long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 42:20

ULT

20 He measured it on four sides. It had a wall around it that was five hundred cubits in length, and five hundred cubits in width, to separate the holy from that which is common.
42:4 [1] . Ancient Hebrew copies and some modern versions read .
42:10 [2] . However, some ancient copies and most modern versions read .
42:16 [3] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.
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42:18 [5] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.
42:19 [6] , which some ancient and most modern versions read, Hebrew reads , which seems to be an error.

UST

20 He measured the wall that separated what was sacred from the areas that were not sacred on four sides. The wall was five hundred cubits long and five hundred cubits wide.

What two things did the east gate separate between?

The east gate separated between the holy and the not holy.

Ezekiel 43

Ezekiel 43:1

ULT

1 The man then brought me to the gate that opened to the east.

UST

1 Then the man brought me to the entrance on the east side.

To which place did the man then bring Ezekiel?

The man then brought Ezekiel to the gate that opened to the east.

Ezekiel 43:2

ULT

2 Behold! The glory of the God of Israel came from the east; his voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with his glory.

UST

2 Suddenly I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of a rushing river, and all that area shone with his glory.

What did Ezekiel see and from what direction did it come?

Ezekiel saw the glory of the God of Israel come from the east.

Ezekiel 43:3

ULT

3 It was according to the appearance of the vision that I saw, according to the vision that I saw when he had come [1] to destroy the city, and the visions were like the vision that I saw at the Kebar Canal—and I fell to my face.

UST

3 What I saw in this vision was like what I had seen in my earlier visions, first by the Kebar Canal and later when God came to destroy Jerusalem. I prostrated myself on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:4

ULT
4 So the glory of Yahweh came to the house by way of the gate that opened to the east.

UST
4 The glory of Yahweh entered the temple through the east entrance,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:5

ULT
5 Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court. Behold! The glory of Yahweh was filling the house.

UST
5 and then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, while the glory of Yahweh filled the temple.

How did Ezekiel get to the inner court?
The Spirit lifted Ezekiel up and brought him to the inner court.

Ezekiel 43:6

ULT
6 The man was standing beside me, and I heard someone else speaking to me from the house.

UST
6 Then, while the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speak to me from inside the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:7

ULT

[7] He said to me, “Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will live in the midst of the people of Israel forever. The house of Israel will no longer profane my holy name—they or their kings—with their faithlessness or with the corpses of their kings at their high places.

UST

[7] He said, “Son of man, this is my temple, the place where I sit on my throne and where I rest my feet. This is where I will live with the Israelite people forever. The Israelite people and their kings will never again disgrace me by worshiping other gods at their hilltop places of idol worship, or by building lifeless idols of their past kings.

What did Yahweh say he would do in the inner court?

Yahweh said he would place his throne there and would live in the midst of the people of Israel there forever.

Ezekiel 43:8

ULT

[8] They will no longer profane my holy name by putting their threshold next to my threshold, and their gateposts next to my gateposts, with nothing but a wall between me and them. They profaned my holy name with their disgusting actions, so I consumed them with my anger.

UST

[8] Your people placed their altars near mine, and the doorposts of their temples were next to the doorposts of my temple. There was only a wall between them. And they disgraced me by the detestable things that they did. So I was angry and destroyed them.

In what way would the people of Israel no longer profane Yahweh’s holy name?

The people of Israel would no longer profane Yahweh’s holy name by putting the thresholds of their shrines next to Yahweh’s.

Ezekiel 43:9

ULT

[9] Now let them remove their faithlessness and the corpses of their kings from before me, and I will live in their midst forever.

UST

[9] Now they must stop this disgusting worship of idols and these rituals to honor kings’ idols. If they stop doing those things, I will live among them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:10

ULT

10 Son of man, you yourself must tell the house of Israel about this house so they will be ashamed of their iniquities. They should think about this description.

UST

10 Son of man, describe to the Israelite people what this temple that I have shown you in a vision is like, in order that they will be ashamed of the sins.

What did Yahweh tell Ezekiel to do about the house he had seen in the vision?

Yahweh told Ezekiel to tell the house of Israel about the house he had seen in the vision.

What would Israel have to do in order for Ezekiel to reveal to them the design of the house? (vv10-11)

Israel would have to be ashamed of their sins in order for Ezekiel to reveal to them the design of the house.

Ezekiel 43:11

ULT

11 For if they are ashamed of all that they have done, then reveal to them the design of the house, its details, its exits, its entrances, and all its designs, all its decrees and rules. Then write this down before their eyes so they will keep to all its design and all its rules, so as to obey them.

UST

11 If they are ashamed of all the evil things that they have done, tell them all about the temple that I showed you: Its design, the exits and entrances, and everything else about it. And tell them all my laws and regulations about worshiping me there. Write all these things down while they watch you, in order that they will be able to faithfully obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:12

ULT

12 This is the regulation for the house: From the peak of the hill to all the surrounding border around it, it will be most holy. Behold! This is the regulation for the house.

UST

12 And this is the supreme law about the temple: All of the area on top of the hill where the temple will be built must be kept sacred and holy.

What did Yahweh say was the regulation for the house?

Yahweh said the regulation for the house was that it would be most holy.

Ezekiel 43:13

ULT

13 These will be the measurements of the altar in cubits—that cubit being a regular cubit and a handbreadth in length. So the gutter around the altar will be a cubit deep, and its width will also be a cubit. The border around its surrounding edge will be one span. This will be the base of the altar.

UST

13 These are the measurements of the altar, using the same kind of measuring stick that was used for the temple area: There is a gutter around the altar that is one-half meter deep and one-half meter wide. There is a rim around it that is twenty-three centimeters wide. This will compose the base for the rest of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:14

ULT

14 From the gutter at the ground level up to the lower ledge of the altar is two cubits, and that ledge itself is one cubit in width. Then from the small ledge up to the large edge of the altar, it is four cubits, and the large edge is a cubit in width.

UST

14 The lower part of the gutter is one meter high to the lower ledge that surrounds the altar. The lower ledge is one-half meter wide. From that ledge to the upper ledge, it is two meters. That ledge is also one-half meter wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:15

ULT

15 The hearth on the altar for the burnt offerings is four cubits high, and there are four horns pointing upward on the hearth.

UST

15 The hearth at the top of the altar is another two meters high, and there is a hornlike projection that juts up from each of the four corners.

For what would the hearth on the altar be used?

The hearth on the altar would be used for the burnt offerings.

What things pointed upward on the hearth?

There were four horns pointing upward on the hearth.

Ezekiel 43:16

ULT

16 The hearth is twelve cubits in length and twelve cubits in width, a square.

UST

16 That place at the top of the altar is square, six and one-half meters long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:17

ULT

17 Its border is fourteen cubits in length and fourteen cubits in width on each of its four sides, and its rim is a half cubit in width. The gutter is a cubit in width all around with its steps facing east.”

UST

17 The upper ledge that borders the hearth is also a square, seven and three-fifths meters long on each side, and has a rim all around that is twenty-seven centimeters wide. There is a gutter measuring one-half meter at the bottom of the altar. There are steps leading up to the east side of the altar.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:18

ULT

18 Next he said to me, “Son of man, the Lord Yahweh says this: These are the regulations for the altar on the day they make it, for raising the burnt offering onto it, and for sprinkling blood on it.

UST

18 Then the man said to me, “Son of man, this is what Yahweh the Lord says: These are the regulations for sacrificing offerings that will be completely burned and for sprinkling the blood against the sides of the altar when it is built:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:19

ULT

19 You will give a bull from the cattle as a sin offering for the Levitical priests who are the descendants of Zadok, those who come near to me to serve me—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

19 You must present to the priests a young bull to be an offering for the sins of the priests, the descendants of Levi, from the clan of Zadok, who come near to the altar to serve me.

What did Yahweh say would be the sin offering for the Levitical priests on the first day?

Yahweh said a bull from the cattle would be a sin offering for the Levitical priests on the first day.

Whose descendants would serve as the Levitical priests at this altar?

The descendants of Zadok would serve as Levitical priests at this altar.

Ezekiel 43:20

ULT

20 Then you will take some of its blood and place it on the altar's four horns and the four sides of its edge and on the surrounding rim; you will cleanse it and make atonement for it.

UST

20 You must take some of the blood from the bull and smear it on the four projections of the altar and on the four corners of the upper ledge, and all around the rim, so I will accept the altar, and to make the altar belong only to me.

What would placing the blood on the altar do for it?

Placing the blood on the altar would cleanse it and make atonement for it.

Ezekiel 43:21

ULT

21 Then take the bull for the sin offering and burn it in the appointed part of the temple area outside of the sanctuary.

UST

21 You must burn that bull outside the temple in the part of the temple area designated for that purpose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:22

ULT

22 Then on the second day you will offer a male goat without blemish from the goats as a sin offering; the priests will cleanse the altar just as they cleansed it with the bull.

UST

22 The next day you must offer a male goat that has no defects, to be an offering, so I will accept the altar. Then you must purify the altar again, as you did with the bull that was sacrificed.

What did Yahweh say would be the sin offering for the Levitical priests on the second day?
Yahweh said a male goat without blemish would be a sin offering for the Levitical priests on the second day.

Ezekiel 43:23

ULT

23 When you finish its cleansing, offer an unblemished bull from the cattle and an unblemished ram from the flock.

UST

23 When you have finished doing all that, you must offer a young bull and a ram, both of them without any defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:24

ULT

24 Offer them before Yahweh; the priests will throw salt onto them and raise them up as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

UST

24 You must offer them to me, Yahweh. The priests must sprinkle salt on them and burn them completely on the altar as a sacrifice to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:25

ULT

25 You must prepare a male goat as a sin offering daily for seven days, and the priests must also prepare an unblemished bull of the cattle and unblemished ram from the flock.

UST

25 Then, each day for seven days you must bring to the priest a male goat to be sacrificed for an offering, so I will accept the altar. You must also sacrifice a young bull and a ram, each without any defect, that the priests will provide.

What would the priests have to do for seven days in order to atone for the altar? (vv25-26)

The priests would have to prepare an unblemished bull and an unblemished ram as a burnt offering to atone for the altar.

Ezekiel 43:26

ULT

26 They must atone for the altar for seven days and purify it, and in this way they must consecrate it.

UST

26 For seven days the priests will consecrate the altar, so I will accept the altar. By doing that they will set it apart for my honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 43:27

ULT

27 They must complete these days, and on the eighth day and onward it will come about that the priests will prepare your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar, and I will accept you—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."
43:3 [1] which some Hebrew manuscripts and some ancient and many modern versions have, the other Hebrew manuscripts have .

UST

27 At the end of those seven days, starting on the following day, the priests will continue to put on the altar offerings to be completely burned and offerings to promise friendship with me. Then I will accept you. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare."

On the eighth day and onward, what did Yahweh declare he would do?

On the eighth day and onward, Yahweh declared he would accept them.

Ezekiel 44

Ezekiel 44:1

ULT
1 Then the man brought me back to the outer sanctuary gate that faced east; it was closed tightly.

UST
1 Then the man brought me back to the outer entrance to the temple area, the one on the east side, but the gate was shut.

To where did the man bring Ezekiel?
The man brought Ezekiel back to the outer sanctuary gate that faced east.

What had been done to the east gate, and why? (vv1-2)
The east gate had been sealed shut, because Yahweh the God of Israel had come through it.

Ezekiel 44:2

ULT
2 Yahweh said to me, “This gate has been sealed shut; it will not be opened. No man will go through it, for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has come through it, so it has been closed tightly.

UST
2 Yahweh said to me, “This gate must remain shut. It must not be opened by anyone; no one will be permitted to enter it. It must remain shut because I, Yahweh, the God of Israel, made it to be special to me when I came in through it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:3

ULT
3 The ruler of Israel will sit in it to eat food before Yahweh. He will enter by way of the gate’s portico and go out the same way.”

UST
3 Only the ruler of Israel will be permitted to sit inside this entrance to eat food in my presence. He must enter and leave the temple area through this gate.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:4

ULT

4 Then he brought me by way of the northern gate to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh, and I fell to my face.

UST

4 Then the man brought me through the north entrance to the front of the temple. I looked and saw that the glory of Yahweh filled his temple, and I prostrated myself on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:5

ULT

5 Then Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, set your heart and look with your eyes and listen with your ears to all that I am declaring to you, to all the statutes of the house of Yahweh and all its regulations. Think about the house’s entrance and exits.

UST

5 Yahweh said to me, “Son of man, look carefully, and listen carefully to everything that I tell you about all the regulations concerning the temple. Note carefully the temple entrance and all the exits.

About what was Ezekiel told to think regarding the house of Yahweh?

Ezekiel was told to think about the house of Yahweh’s entrance and exits.

Ezekiel 44:6

ULT

6 Then say to the rebellious ones, the house of Israel, ‘The Lord Yahweh says this: Let all of your disgusting actions be enough for you, house of Israel—

UST

6 Say this to the rebellious Israelite people: ‘This is what I, Yahweh the Lord, say: You Israelite people, I will no longer endure the detestable things that you do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:7

ULT

7 that you brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and uncircumcised flesh to be in my sanctuary, profaning my house, while you were offering me food, fat and blood—you have broken my covenant by all your disgusting actions.

UST

7 In addition to all the other detestable things that you do, you brought into my temple foreign men who had not been circumcised and who knew nothing about how to honor me. By doing that, you caused my temple to be an unacceptable place to worship me, while you offered food and fat and blood, and you disobeyed my covenant with you.

What disgusting actions had the house of Israel done to profane Yahweh's sanctuary?
The house of Israel had brought foreigners with uncircumcised hearts and flesh to the sanctuary.

Ezekiel 44:8

ULT

8 You have not carried out your duties regarding my holy things, but you appointed others to take up your duties, and you assigned them to care for my holy place.

UST

8 Instead of doing what I commanded you to do in regard to my holy things, you appointed foreigners to be in charge of my temple.

Why did the house of Israel allow foreigners into Yahweh's sanctuary?
The house of Israel allowed foreigners into Yahweh's sanctuary because Israel gave the duty of caring for the sanctuary to them.

Ezekiel 44:9

ULT

9 The Lord Yahweh says this: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, from any of those who live among the people of Israel, may enter my holy place.

UST

9 But this is what I, Yahweh, have said: No foreigners, no men who are not circumcised, no godless people are permitted to enter my temple, not even foreigners who live among you Israelites permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:10

ULT

10 Yet the Levites went far from me—they wandered away from me, going after their idols—but they will pay for their sin.

UST

10 Many of the descendants of Levi deserted me along with most of the Israelite people, and started to worship idols. I will punish them for their sin.

What had the Levites done who wandered away from Yahweh? (vv10-12)

The Levites who had wandered away from Yahweh had performed sacrifices before their idols.

Ezekiel 44:11

ULT

11 They are servants in my sanctuary, watching the gates of the house and serving in the house and they slaughter the burnt offerings and the people's sacrifices, and they will stand before the people and serve them.

UST

11 I will permit them to work in my temple and to be in charge of the temple gates. They will be able to slaughter the animals that will be completely burned on the altar, and to burn other sacrifices for the people, and they will be able to help the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:12

ULT

12 But because they performed the sacrifices before their idols, they became stumbling blocks for sin for the house of Israel. Therefore I will lift up my hand to swear an oath against them—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration—they will bear their punishment.

UST

12 But because they helped the people to worship idols and caused many of the people of Israel to sin by worshiping idols, I swear that I will punish them for their sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:13

ULT

13 They will not come near me to act as my priests or to approach any of my holy things, the most holy things. Instead, they will bear their reproach and their guilt for the disgusting actions that they have done.

UST

13 They must not come near me to serve as priests. They must not come near any sacred things or the holy offerings. They will be ashamed of the things that they did, of which they are guilty.

What did Yahweh say the Levites who wandered away from him would not be allowed to do?

Yahweh declared that the Levites who wandered away from him would not come near him to act as his priests or to approach any of his holy things, the most holy things.

Ezekiel 44:14

ULT

14 But I will place them as keepers of the work in the house, for all of its duties and everything that is done in it.

UST

14 But I will still put them in charge of the work in the temple, and allow them to do all the work that needs to be done there.

Where was Yahweh going to place the Levites who wandered away from him?

Yahweh said he would place them as keepers of the work in the house, for all of its duties and everything that is done in it.

Ezekiel 44:15

ULT

15 Then the Levitical priests, those sons of Zadok who fulfilled the duties of my sanctuary when the people of Israel were wandering away from me—they will come near me to worship me. They will stand before me to offer me the fat and the blood—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

15 But the priests who are descended from Levi and from the clan of Zadok faithfully worked in my temple when the other Israelites deserted me. So they must come near to me to work for me. They will stand in my presence to offer sacrifices of animals' fat and blood.

Why did Yahweh declare that the sons of Zadok would come near to him and would stand before him?

The sons of Zadok would come near and stand before Yahweh because they fulfilled the duties of Yahweh's sanctuary when the people of Israel wandered away.

Ezekiel 44:16

ULT

16 They will come to my sanctuary; they will approach my table to worship me and to fulfill their duties to me.

UST

16 They are the only ones who are permitted to enter my temple. They are the only ones who are permitted to come near my altar to serve me and do what I tell them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:17

ULT

17 So it will be that when they come to the gates of the inner courtyard, they will have to dress in linen clothes, for they must not come in wool inside the gates of the courtyard and its house.

UST

17 When they enter the gateway into the inner courtyard, they must wear white linen clothes. They must not wear any clothes made of wool while they do their work at the gates of the inner courtyard or inside the temple.

What kind of clothes were the priests to wear when they came to the gates of the inner courtyard, and why? (vv17-18)

The priests were to wear linen clothes when they came to the gates of the inner courtyard so that they did not sweat.

Ezekiel 44:18

ULT

18 There should be linen turbans on their heads and linen underclothes on their hips. They must not dress in clothes that make them sweat.

UST

18 They must wear white linen turbans on their heads and linen undergarments around their waists. They must not wear anything that would cause them to perspire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:19

ULT

19 When they go out to the outer courtyard, to the outer courtyard in order to go to the people, they must take off the clothes they wore when they served; they must take them off and lay them down in a holy room, so they do not make other people holy by contact with their special clothing.

UST

19 Before they go out into the courtyard where other people are, they must take off the clothes that they have been wearing and leave them in the sacred rooms, and put on other clothes, in order that the people are not consecrated by touching the sacred clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:20

ULT

20 Also they must neither shave their heads nor allow their hair to hang loosely, but they must trim the hair of their heads.

UST

20 The priests must not shave their heads or let their hair become long; but they must keep their hair trimmed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:21

ULT
21 No priest may drink wine when he comes to the inner court,

UST
21 Priests must not drink wine before they enter the inner courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:22

ULT
22 nor take a widow or a divorced woman as a wife for himself, but only a virgin from the line of the house of Israel or a widow who was previously married to a priest.

UST
22 Also, priests must not marry widows of men who were not priests or women who have been divorced. They are permitted to marry only virgins or widows of other priests.

Who was the priest allowed to marry?
The priest was allowed to marry a virgin from the line of the house of Israel, or a widow who was married to a priest.

Ezekiel 44:23

ULT
23 For they will teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane; they will make them know the unclean from the clean.

UST
23 They must teach the people the difference between things that are holy and things that are not, and teach them how to know what things are acceptable to me and what things are not.

Between what would the priests teach the people the difference?
The priests would teach the people the difference between the holy and the profane, the unclean from the clean.

Ezekiel 44:24

ULT
24 In a dispute they will stand to judge with my decrees; they must be just. They will keep my law and my statutes in every feast, and they will celebrate my holy Sabbaths.

UST
24 If there is a dispute between people, the priests are the ones who must serve as judges and decide matters according to my laws. They must obey all my laws and decrees concerning the sacred festivals, and they must treat my Sabbath days as special for me.

What was the priest's role in a dispute between Israelites?
The priest stood to judge between the people with Yahweh's decrees, and had to be just.

Ezekiel 44:25

ULT
25 They must not defile themselves by going near to a dead person; however, if the dead person was his father or mother, son or daughter, brother or unmarried sister, then they may defile themselves.

UST
25 Priests are permitted to go near the corpse of a father or mother or son or daughter or brother or unmarried sister. But they must not defile themselves by going near a corpse of anyone else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:26

ULT
26 After a priest has become unclean, they will count off a period of seven days for him.

UST
26 If a priest touches the corpse of a close relative, he must perform the rituals to become acceptable to serve me again. After he performs those rituals, he must wait seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:27

ULT
27 On the day he enters the holy place, into the inner courtyard to serve in the holy place, he must bring a sin offering for himself—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST
27 Then, on the day that he enters the inner courtyard again to serve me in the temple, he must give an offering to remove his guilt for having sinned. That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:28

ULT
28 This will be their inheritance: I am their inheritance, and you must give them no property in Israel; I will be their property!

UST
28 The priests will not own any land. They will have only what I provide for them.

Why did the priests not receive any property or inheritance in the land of Israel?
The priests did not receive any property or inheritance in the land of Israel because Yahweh was their inheritance and property.

Ezekiel 44:29

ULT
29 They will eat the food offerings, the sin offerings, the guilt offerings, and everything devoted to Yahweh in Israel, will be theirs.

UST
29 They will eat the offerings made from flour, offerings to remove people's guilt for having sinned, and offerings made when people fail to give to me the things that they are required to give. Everything else in Israel that is dedicated to me will belong to the priests.

In short what were the priest to eat?
The priests were to eat the food offerings.

Ezekiel 44:30

ULT

30 The best of the firstfruits of all things and every contribution, anything from all of your contributions will belong to the priests, and you will give the first of your dough to the priests so that blessing may rest on your house.

UST

30 The best fruits of the first part of each harvest and all the other special gifts will belong to the priests. You must give them the first part of your ground flour, in order that I will bless the people who live in your house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 44:31

ULT

31 The priests will not eat any carcass or animal torn by a beast, whether bird or beast.

UST

31 Priests must not eat the flesh of any bird or animal that is found dead or that has been killed by wild animals.

What were the priests not to eat?

The priests were not to eat any carcass or animal torn by a beast, whether bird or beast.

Ezekiel 45

Ezekiel 45:1

ULT

1 When you cast lots to divide up the land as an inheritance, you must make an offering to Yahweh; this offering will be a holy part of the land, twenty-five thousand cubits in length, and ten thousand cubits in width. It will be holy, all its area round about. [1]

UST

1 When the land of Israel is divided among the twelve tribes, you must present to Yahweh one part of the land to be a sacred district. It will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. This entire area will be reserved for Yahweh.

What offering were the people to make to Yahweh when they cast lots to divide up the land?

The people were to make an offering of a holy part of the land when they cast lots to divide up the land.

Ezekiel 45:2

ULT

2 From this there will be a five hundred cubits by five hundred cubits square surrounding the holy place, with a surrounding border fifty cubits in width.

UST

2 Part of that area, a square about 270 meters long on each side will be left empty all around the temple area. An additional strip of ground, about twenty-seven meters wide, will be left empty all around the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:3

ULT

3 From this area you will measure a portion that is twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width; it will be the sanctuary, the most holy place.

UST

3 Inside the sacred district, measure a section thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. It will be where the sanctuary is, and that is the most holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:4

ULT

4 It will be a holy place in the land for the priests who serve Yahweh, who come near Yahweh to serve him. It will be a place for their houses and a holy area for the holy place.

UST

4 It will be the sacred portion of the land for the priests who work in the temple, those who come near to Yahweh to serve him. It will be a place very special for Yahweh, for the priests' houses, as well as for the temple.

The holy part of the land would be a place for what? (vv4-5)

The holy part of the land would be a place for the houses and towns of the priests.

Ezekiel 45:5

ULT

5 So it will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand in width, and it will be for towns for the Levites who serve in the house.

UST

5 An area thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide will be for the descendants of Levi who work in the temple. That area will belong to them, and they can build towns there to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:6

ULT

6 You will designate an area for the city, five thousand cubits in width and twenty-five thousand in length, that will be next to the area reserved for the holy place; this city will belong to all the house of Israel.

UST

6 Alongside this sacred area will be a section of land that is thirteen and one-half kilometers long and two and three-quarters kilometers wide. It will be for a city where anyone in Israel may live.

To whom would the area of the city belong?

The area of the city would belong to all the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 45:7

ULT

[7] The prince's land will be on both sides of the area reserved for the holy place and the city. It will be to their west and to their east. The length will correspond to the length of one of those portions, from the west to the east.

UST

[7] The ruler of Israel will have the land that is on each side of the area formed by the temple district and the city. It will extend to the west from the western end of those areas, and to the east from the eastern end of those areas. The far eastern and far western borders of the king's land will measure the same as the parallel borders of those other tracts.

Whose land would be on both sides of the holy place and the city?

The land of the princes of Israel would be on both sides of the holy place and the city.

Ezekiel 45:8

ULT

[8] This land will be property for the prince in Israel. My princes will no longer oppress my people; instead, they will give the land to the house of Israel, for their tribes.

UST

[8] This portion of land will belong to the ruler. So the rulers will no longer have any excuse for oppressing my people and stealing their land. They will assign the remaining parts of the land in Israel to each tribe, to be divided up among the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:9

ULT

[9] The Lord Yahweh says this: It is enough for you, princes of Israel! Remove violence and strife; do justice and righteousness! Quit your evictions of my people!—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[9] This is what Yahweh the Lord says: You rulers of Israel must stop acting violently and oppressing the people! You must do what is fair and right. Stop taking land from the people; stop forcing them off their land!

What does Yahweh tell the princes of Israel to stop doing?

Yahweh tells the princes of Israel to stop evicting Yahweh's people, and to remove violence and strife.

Ezekiel 45:10

ULT
10 You must have accurate scales, accurate ephahs, and accurate baths!

UST
10 Also, you must use accurate scales and accurate containers for measuring things.

What does Yahweh say must be made accurate?
Yahweh says the balances, ephahs, and baths must be made accurate.

Ezekiel 45:11

ULT
11 The ephah and the bath will be the same amount, so that a bath will be a tenth of a homer; the ephah will be a tenth of a homer. Their measure will be corresponding to the homer.

UST
11 The baskets for measuring dry things and containers for measuring liquids must be the same size; each must hold twenty-two liters—called an ephah (for dry measure) and a bath (for liquid measure).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:12

ULT
12 The shekel will be twenty gerahs; sixty shekels will make a mina for you.

UST
12 When you weigh things, you must use weights that everyone accepts as being correct. The shekel is to be divided into twenty gerahs, and a mina will be worth sixty shekels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:13

ULT
13 This is the contribution that you must present: A sixth of an ephah for every homer of wheat, and you will give a sixth of an ephah for every homer of barley.

UST
13 You must present to the ruler one measure of wheat or barley for every sixty measures that you harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:14

ULT

14 The regulation offering of oil will be a tenth of a bath for every cor (which is ten baths), or for every homer, since a homer is also ten baths.

UST

14 You must give him one measure of olive oil for every one hundred measures that you produce.

How much oil from ten baths would be the regulation offering of oil?

A tenth of a bath for every ten baths would be the regulation offering of oil.

Ezekiel 45:15

ULT

15 One sheep or goat from the flock for every two hundred animals from the watered regions of Israel will be used for any burnt offering or peace offering to make atonement for the people—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

15 Also, Yahweh declares that you must take one sheep or goat from every two hundred in your flocks in the lush pastures of Israel. You must offer a sheep or a goat for various offerings: Burnt offerings and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh, offerings to atone for the people's sins. "This is the Lord Yahweh's command."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:16

ULT

16 All the people of the land will give this contribution to the prince in Israel.

UST

16 All the people in the land must join in bringing these offerings to the ruler of Israel.

To whom would the people of the land give their contributions?

The people of the land would give their contributions to the prince in Israel.

Ezekiel 45:17

ULT

17 It will be the prince's responsibility to furnish animals for the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the drink offerings at the festivals and the new moon celebrations, and on the Sabbath days—all the fixed festivals of the house of Israel. He will provide for the sin offerings, the grain offerings, the burnt offerings, and the peace offerings for atonement on behalf of the house of Israel.

UST

17 The ruler must provide the animals to be completely burned on the altar, flour for the offerings made from grain, and wine for the sacred festivals that Yahweh has appointed for the people Israel—including the festivals to celebrate the new moons, and the offerings for the Sabbath days. He must provide the animals for the offerings for the people to become acceptable to God, offerings of flour made from grain, offerings to be completely burned, and offerings to promise friendship with Yahweh, to atone for the sins of the people of Israel."

Who would be responsible to furnish animals for the offerings at the festivals of the house of Israel?

The prince in Israel would be responsible to furnish animals for the offerings.

Ezekiel 45:18

ULT

18 The Lord Yahweh says this: In the first month, on the first day of the month, you will take an unblemished bull from the herd and perform a sin offering for the sanctuary.

UST

18 This is also what the Lord Yahweh declares: "On the first day of the first month of each year you must take one young bull that has no defects and sacrifice it to purify the temple.

When were the priests to offer an unblemished bull as a sin offering for the sanctuary?

The priests were to offer an unblemished bull as a sin offering on the first day of the first month.

Ezekiel 45:19

ULT

19 The priest will take some of the blood of the sin offering and place it on the doorposts of the house and on the four corners of the border of the altar, and on the doorposts of the gate to the inner court.

UST

19 The priest must take some of the blood of the offering to atone for the people's sins, and he must smear it on the temple doorposts, on the four corners of the upper ledge surrounding the altar, and on the gateposts of the inner courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:20

ULT

[20] You will do this on the seventh of the month for each person's sin by accident or ignorance; in this way you will atone for the temple.

UST

[20] You must do the same thing on the seventh day of the month for any people who sin accidentally or without knowing that they sinned. By doing that you will purify the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:21

ULT

[21] In the first month on the fourteenth day of the month, there will be for you a festival, a seven-day festival. You will eat unleavened bread.

UST

[21] In the first month of each year, on the fourteenth day of the month, you must start to celebrate the Passover festival. The festival will last for seven days. During that time you must not eat any bread made with yeast.

When would there be a seven day festival of unleavened bread?
On the fourteenth day of the first month there would be a seven day festival of unleavened bread.

Ezekiel 45:22

ULT

[22] On that day, the prince will prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull as a sin offering.

UST

[22] On the first day, the ruler must provide a bull as an offering for himself and for the other people of the country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:23

ULT

23 For the seven days of the festival, the prince will prepare a burnt offering for Yahweh: Seven bulls and seven unblemished rams each day for seven days, and a male goat each day as a sin offering.

UST

23 And every day during those seven days he must provide seven bulls and seven rams that have no defects, to be an offering to make it possible for Yahweh to accept the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:24

ULT

24 Then the prince will perform a food offering of an ephah for each bull and an ephah for each ram with a hin of oil for each ephah.

UST

24 He must also provide twenty-two liters of flour as an offering with each bull, and the same amount of flour with each ram, and also four liters of olive oil with each offering of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 45:25

ULT

25 In the seventh month on the fifteenth day of the month, at the festival, the prince will perform offerings on these seven days: Sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil.
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UST

25 During the seven days of the festival celebrating when the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus from Egypt, which starts on the fifteenth day of the seventh month of each year, the ruler must provide the same things for offerings to make it possible for God to accept the people, for offerings to be completely burned, for offerings of things made from grain, and for offerings of olive oil.

What offerings were to be given on the fifteenth day of the seventh month?

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, sin offerings, burnt offerings, food offerings, and offerings of oil were to be given.

Ezekiel 46

Ezekiel 46:1

ULT

[1] The Lord Yahweh says this: The gate of the inner courtyard, facing east, will be shut for the six days of work, but on the Sabbath it will be opened, and on the day of the new moon it will be opened.

UST

[1] This is also what Yahweh the Lord declares: ‘The east gateway of the inner courtyard must be shut during the six days you work each week, but on the Sabbath days and on the days when there is a new moon, the gateway must be open.

When did Yahweh say the east gate of the inner courtyard would be opened?

Yahweh said the east gate of the inner courtyard would be opened on the Sabbath and on the day of the new moon.

Ezekiel 46:2

ULT

[2] The prince will enter the outer courtyard by the way of the gate and its portico from outside, and he will stand before the doorposts of the inner gate while the priests perform his burnt offering and peace offering. Then he will worship at the threshold of the inner gate and go out, but the gate will not be shut until evening.

UST

[2] The ruler must enter the courtyard through the entry room of the gateway, and stand alongside the gateposts of the inner courtyard. Then the priests must sacrifice the animal that will be completely burned on the altar, and also his offering to promise friendship with me. The ruler must worship me at the entrance of the inner gateway, and then he must leave. But the gate will not be shut until that evening.

Where would the prince of Israel worship?

The prince of Israel would worship at the threshold of the inner gate.

Ezekiel 46:3

ULT

[3] The people of the land will also worship before Yahweh at the entrance to this gate on the Sabbaths and new moons.

UST

[3] On the Sabbath days and on the days when there is a new moon, the people also must worship me at the entrance of this gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:4

ULT

[4] The burnt offering that the prince offers to Yahweh on the Sabbath day will be six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram.

UST

[4] The offering that the ruler brings to be completely burned on the Sabbath day must be six male lambs and one ram, all with no defects.

What would be the burnt offering of the prince on the Sabbath day?

The prince would offer six unblemished lambs and an unblemished ram.

Ezekiel 46:5

ULT

[5] The grain offering with the ram will be an ephah, and the grain offering with the lambs will be what he wishes to give, and a hin of oil with each ephah of grain.

UST

[5] The offering that he gives with the ram is twenty-two liters of flour, and the flour that he offers with the lambs should be as much as he pleases, along with one liter of olive oil for every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:6

ULT

[6] On the day of the new moon he must offer an unblemished bull from a herd, six lambs, and an unblemished ram.

UST

[6] Then each day that there is a new moon, he must offer a young bull, six lambs and a ram, all with no defects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:7

ULT

[7] He must make a grain offering of an ephah for the bull and an ephah for the ram, and what he wishes to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil for every ephah of grain.

UST

[7] He must also provide twenty-two liters of flour with the bull, the same amount of flour with the ram, and as much flour as he wants with the lambs, along with one liter of olive oil with every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:8

ULT

[8] When the prince enters by the way of the gate and its portico, he must leave by the same way.

UST

[8] When the ruler enters the temple area, he must enter through gate and its entry room, and he must go out by the same way.

What did Yahweh say was the rule about how the prince must leave after he worships?
Yahweh said the rule was that the prince must leave by the same way he came in to worship.

Ezekiel 46:9

ULT

[9] But when the people of the land come before Yahweh at the appointed festivals, anyone entering through the north gate to worship must leave through the south gate; and anyone entering through the south gate must leave through the north gate. No one may turn back to the gate through which he entered, for he must go out straight ahead.

UST

[9] When the people come to worship me at the festivals that I, Yahweh, have commanded, those who enter the temple area through the north gateway must go out through the south gateway. And those who enter through the south gateway must go out through the north gateway. People must not go out through the gateway through which they entered; they must go out through the opposite gateway.

What did Yahweh say was the rule about how the people must leave after they worship?
Yahweh said the rule was that the people must leave by going out straight ahead from where they came in.

Ezekiel 46:10

ULT

[10] The prince must be in their midst; when they go in, he must go in, and when they leave, he must leave.

UST

[10] The ruler must go in when the other people go in, and go out when the people go out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:11

ULT

[11] At the festivals, the grain offering must be an ephah of grain for the bull and an ephah for the ram, and whatever he wishes to give with the lambs, and a hin of oil for every ephah.

UST

[11] During the festivals that you hold for me, the king must present twenty-two liters of flour along with a bull or a ram, and as much flour as he wants to with the lambs, along with one liter of olive oil with every twenty-two liters of flour.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:12

ULT

12 When the prince gives a freewill offering, either a burnt offering or a peace offering to Yahweh, the gate facing east will be opened for him. He will offer his burnt offering or his peace offering as he does it on the Sabbath day. Then he must go out, and after he has gone out the gate will be shut.

UST

12 When the ruler gives an offering that is not required, either one to be completely burned or an offering to celebrate fellowship with me, the gate on the east side must be opened for him. He must then present his offerings like he does on the Sabbath days. Then he will go out, and after he goes out, they must shut the gateway.

What would the prince have to do at a festival when he gave a freewill offering?
The prince would have to open the east gate for the offering, and then go out and shut the gate after him.

Ezekiel 46:13

ULT

13 In addition, you will give an unblemished lamb one year old as a burnt offering to Yahweh daily; you will do this morning after morning.

UST

13 In the morning of every day, someone must provide a one year old lamb with no defects to be an offering to me, one that the priests will completely burn.

What did Yahweh say would be given as a burnt offering every morning?
Yahweh said an unblemished lamb one year old would be given as a burnt offered every morning.

Ezekiel 46:14

ULT

14 You will give a grain offering with it morning after morning, a sixth of an ephah and a third of a hin of oil to moisten the flour of the grain offering for Yahweh, according to a permanent statute.

UST

14 Someone must also provide each morning an offering of flour. It must be three and one-half liters of flour mixed with one liter of olive oil. You must never stop presenting these offerings of flour and olive oil to me, Yahweh, each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:15

ULT
15 They will prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil morning after morning, a permanent burnt offering.

UST
15 The lamb and the offering of flour and olive oil must be presented to me every morning, to be completely burned on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:16

ULT
16 The Lord Yahweh says this: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, it is his inheritance. It will be the property of his sons, it is an inheritance.

UST
16 This is what Yahweh the Lord declares: If the ruler gives some of his land to one of his sons, to belong to him permanently, it will then eventually belong to his son's descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:17

ULT
17 But if he gives a gift from his inheritance to one of his servants, then it will be that servant's until the year of liberty, and then it will return to the prince. His inheritance will certainly be for his sons.

UST
17 However, if he gives some of his land to one of his servants, the servant is allowed to keep that land until the year of the celebration of Jubilee. Then the ruler must take possession of it again. But if the ruler gives land to his sons, that land will belong to them permanently.

According to Yahweh, who would receive the inheritance of the prince?
The inheritance of the prince would be received by his sons.

Ezekiel 46:18

ULT

18 The prince will not take the people's inheritance away from their own property; he must provide for his sons from his own property so that my people will not be scattered, each man from his own property.'"

UST

18 The ruler must not take any land that the people own and force them to live somewhere else. The land that he gives to his sons must be from his own property, not from anyone else's property, in order that none of my people will be separated from his own property.'"

Why did Yahweh say the prince must not take the people's inheritance away?

The people's inheritance must not be taken away so they are not scattered from their own property.

Ezekiel 46:19

ULT

19 Next the man brought me through the entrance at the gate to the holy rooms for the priests, which faced north and behold! There was a place toward the west.

UST

19 Then, in the vision, the man brought me through the entrance alongside the gateway to the sacred rooms on the north side, the rooms that belonged to the priests, and he showed me a place at the western end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:20

ULT

20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests must boil the guilt offering and the sin offering and where they must bake the grain offering. They must not bring the offerings into the outer courtyard, for then the people would be consecrated."

UST

20 He said to me, "This is the place where the priests will cook the meat of the offerings that people make because they failed to do what they promised Yahweh that they would do, and offerings to cause people to become acceptable to God, and where they will bake bread made with the flour brought as offerings. They will cook those things in their rooms in order to avoid bringing them into the outer courtyard to cook them there, lest someone might be consecrated by touching them."

Why were the priests not to bring the guilt, sin, and grain offerings out to the outer courtyard?

The priests were not to bring the offerings out to the outer courtyard and so consecrate the people.

Ezekiel 46:21

ULT

21 Then he brought me to the outer courtyard and he led me past the four corners of that courtyard, and I saw that in every corner of the courtyard there was a another court.

UST

21 Then the man brought me to the outer courtyard and led me around to its four corners. In each corner I saw an enclosed area;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:22

ULT

22 In the four corners of the outer courtyard there were four small courtyards, forty cubits in length and thirty in width. There were the same dimensions for all four of the courtyards. [1]

UST

22 each was twenty-two meters long and sixteen meters wide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:23

ULT

23 There was a row made of stone all around the four of them, and cooking hearths were under the stone row.

UST

23 Around the inside of each of these enclosed areas was a stone ledge, with places to make fires all around under the ledge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 46:24

ULT

24 The man said to me, “These are the places where the temple servants will boil the people’s sacrifices.”
46:22 [1] is unclear. It is translated in this way by some ancient and some modern versions. However, other modern versions translate it differently.

UST

24 The man said to me, “These are the kitchens where the descendants of Levi who work in the temple will cook the sacrifices that the people bring.”

What would be done in the cooking hearths at the corners of the outer courtyard?

In the cooking hearths at the corners of the outer courtyard, the temple servants would boil the people’s sacrifices.

Ezekiel 47

Ezekiel 47:1

ULT

1 Then the man took me back to the entrance to the temple, and there was water flowing out from under the temple threshold of the house toward the east—for the front of the temple faced east—and the water was flowing down the south side of the temple, to the right of the altar.

UST

1 Then in the vision, the man brought me back to the entrance of the temple. There I saw water coming out from under the entrance and flowing toward the east. The water was flowing down the south side of the entrance, to the right of the altar.

Which direction did the temple face in Ezekiel's vision?
The temple faced east.

Ezekiel 47:2

ULT

2 So he brought me out through the northern gate and led me around to the gate facing east, and there the water was flowing from this gate on its south side.

UST

2 Then he brought me out through the north gate and led me around to the eastern gate at its exterior side.

What did Ezekiel see at the gate facing east?
Ezekiel saw water flowing from the gate facing east, on its south side.

Ezekiel 47:3

ULT

3 As the man was going toward the east, there was a measuring line in his hand; he measured off one thousand cubits and brought me through the water to ankle-deep water.

UST

3 As the man continued walking toward the east, I saw that he had a measuring line in his hand. He measured off 540 meters and then led me through water that covered my ankles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:4

ULT

[4] Then he measured one thousand cubits again and brought me through the water to knee-deep water; and he measured another thousand cubits and brought me to hip-deep water.

UST

[4] Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was up to my knees. Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was up to my waist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:5

ULT

[5] Next he measured off another thousand cubits, but it was a river that I could not cross through because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—it was a river that could not be crossed.

UST

[5] Then he measured off another 540 meters and led me through water that was now a river that I could not cross, because the water was so deep; to continue farther would have required me to swim.

How deep did the water become that Ezekiel saw?

The water became a river that was too deep to pass without swimming.

Ezekiel 47:6

ULT

[6] The man said to me, “Son of man, do you see this?” and he brought me out and had me walk back along the riverbank.

UST

[6] Then he asked me, “Son of man, think about this carefully.” Then he led me onto the bank of the river

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:7

ULT

[7] As I walked back, there the riverbank had many trees on this side and also the other side.

UST

[7] and back along it toward in the direction from where we had come. There I saw many trees growing on each side of the river.

What were on both sides of the river?

On both sides of the river, the riverbank had many trees.

Ezekiel 47:8

ULT

[8] The man said to me, “This water is going out to the eastern territory and down to the Arabah; this water flows into the Salt Sea and will make it fresh.

UST

[8] He said to me, “This water flows east and goes down into the Dead Sea. And when the water enters the Dead Sea, it stays fresh and restores the water of the Sea and makes it fresh again.

To where did this water flow, and what did it do there?

This water flowed to the Salt Sea and would restore it to freshness.

Ezekiel 47:9

ULT

[9] It will be that every living creature that swarms will live where the water goes; there will be many fish, for these waters flow there. It will make the salt water fresh. Everything will live wherever the river goes.

UST

[9] Swarms of fish will live in the water wherever the river flows. There will be many fish in the Dead Sea, because the water that flows into it will cause the salt water to become fresh water. Wherever the river flows, everything alongside it will flourish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:10

ULT

10 Then it will happen that fishermen of En Gedi will stand by the water, and there will be a place to dry out the fishing nets by En Eglaim. There will be many kinds of fish in the Salt Sea, like the fish in the Great Sea for their abundance.

UST

10 Fishermen will stand along the riverbank to catch fish. From En Gedi on the western side to En Eglaim there will be places to spread fishing nets. There will be many kinds of fish, as there are in the Great Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:11

ULT

11 But the Salt Sea's swamps and marshes will not be made fresh; they will be for providing salt.

UST

11 But the swamps and marshes along the shore will not become fresh; they will be left to make salt.

What would not be made fresh at the Salt Sea?

The swamps and marshes would not be made fresh at the Salt Sea.

Ezekiel 47:12

ULT

12 Beside this river on its banks, on both sides, all kinds of trees will grow that bear food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will never fail to grow. Each month the trees will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves will be for healing.

UST

12 Many kinds of fruit trees will grow on both sides of the river. Their leaves will not wither, and they will always have fruit. They will bear new fruit every month, because the water that comes from the temple flows continually to the trees. Their fruit will be good to eat and their leaves will be good for healing."

What kind of trees would grow on the riverbanks, and how would they grow?

Edible trees would grow on the riverbanks, bearing fruit each month and never withering.

Ezekiel 47:13

ULT

13 The Lord Yahweh says this: This will be the way that you divide the land up for the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph will have two portions.

UST

13 In the vision, Yahweh also said this to me: “Here is a list of the twelve tribes of Israel and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The descendants of Joseph will receive two portions.

Who would receive two portions of land among the tribes of Israel?

Joseph would receive two portions of land among the tribes of Israel.

Ezekiel 47:14

ULT

14 You are to divide equally what I lifted up my hand and swore to give to your fathers. This land will come to you as an inheritance.

UST

14 Divide the land equally among all of the tribes. I lifted up my hand to swear to your ancestors that I would give them this land to own permanently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:15

ULT

15 This will be the boundary of the land on the north side from the Great Sea by way of Hethlon, and then to Zedad. *[1]*

UST

15 These will be the boundaries of the land: On the north side, it will extend from the Mediterranean Sea east along the road to Hethlon, and then on to Zedad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:16

ULT

16 Then the boundary will go to Berothah, to Sibraim, which is between Damascus and Hamath, and then to Hazer Hattikon, which is beside the boundary of Hauran.

UST

16 to Berothah, and then on to Sibraim, which is on the border between Damascus and Hamath. The boundary will run as far as Hazer Hattikon, which is on the border of the region of Hauran.

The northern boundary of the land would reach to the border of what city? (vv16-17)

The northern boundary of the land would reach to the border of Damascus.

Ezekiel 47:17

ULT

17 So the boundary will go from the sea to Hazar Enan on the border with Damascus and Hamath to the north. This will be the north side.

UST

17 So the boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to Hazar Enan on the border between Hamath to the north and Damascus to the south. That will be the northern boundary.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:18

ULT

18 On the east side the boundary will run between Hauran and Damascus, along the Jordan River between Gilead and the land of Israel. You will measure from the border to the eastern sea. This will be the eastern border. [2]

UST

18 On the east side, the boundary will extend between Hauran and Damascus, south along the Jordan River between the region of Gilead and the territory of Israel, along the Dead Sea as far as Tamar. That will be the eastern boundary.

What would be the eastern border of the land?

The eastern border of the land would be the Jordan River.

Ezekiel 47:19

ULT

[19] Then on the south side the boundary will run from Tamar as far as the waters of Meribah Kadesh, then along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. This will be the boundary on the south side.

UST

[19] On the south side, the boundary will extend from Tamar to the springs near Meribah Kadesh. Then it will extend west along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea. That will be the southern boundary.

What brook would be part of the southern border of the land?

The Brook of Egypt would be part of the southern border of the land.

Ezekiel 47:20

ULT

[20] Then the boundary on the west side will be the Great Sea to a point opposite Lebo Hamath. This will be the west side.

UST

[20] On the west side, the boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea, north to a point near Lebo Hamath.

What would be the western border of the land?

The western border of the land would be the Great Sea.

Ezekiel 47:21

ULT

[21] In this way you will divide this land for yourselves, for the tribes of Israel.

UST

[21] You must distribute this land among yourselves, among the tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 47:22

ULT

22 So you will distribute the inheritances for yourselves and for the foreigners in your midst, those who have given birth to children in your midst and who are, with you, like the native born people of Israel. You will cast lots for inheritances among the tribes of Israel.

UST

22 You must assign the land as a permanent possession for yourselves and also for any foreigners who are living and raising their children among you. You must consider them to be like native born Israelites, and they must be assigned land among the tribes of Israel.

How were the Israelites to determine the inheritances for each person in the land?

The Israelites were to throw lots to determine the inheritance for each person in the land.

Who were to be treated just like the native born people of Israel?

Foreigners living in the midst of the Israelites were to be treated just like the native born people of Israel.

Ezekiel 47:23

ULT

23 Then it will happen that the foreigner will be with the tribe among whom he is living. You must give him an inheritance—this is the Lord Yahweh's declaration."
47:15 [1] , but some modern versions imitate 48:1 and add .
47:18 [2] . However, some ancient and modern versions read .

UST

23 Wherever foreigners are living, you must give them some land to belong to them permanently.' That is what the Lord Yahweh declares."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48

Ezekiel 48:1

ULT

[1] These are the names of the tribes. The tribe of Dan will receive one portion of land; its boundary will run along the northern boundary of Israel by way of Hethlon and Lebo Hamath. Its boundary will go on to Hazar Enan and along the border with Damascus to the north and then on to Hamath. Dan's boundary will go from east all the way to the Great Sea.

UST

[1] Here is a list of the tribes of Israel and the territory that each tribe is to receive. The northern boundary of Israel will start at the Mediterranean Sea and go east to the city of Hethlon, then to Lebo Hamath, and farther on to Hazar Enan, which is south of Damascus, and it will continue to Hamath. Each tribe will receive land that will extend from the eastern boundary of Israel west to the Great Sea. The tribe of Dan will receive land alongside the northern border of Israel.

Which tribe would be given the land on the northern border of Israel?

The tribe of Dan would be given the land on the northern border of Israel.

Ezekiel 48:2

ULT

[2] Adjoining the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, Asher will have one portion.

UST

[2] South of their area will be the territory for the tribe of Asher.

Which tribe would be south of the border of the tribe of Dan?

The tribe of Asher would be south of the border of Dan.

Ezekiel 48:3

ULT

[3] Adjoining the border of Asher from the east side to the west, Naphtali will have one portion.

UST

[3] South of Asher's land will be territory for the tribe of Naphtali.

Which tribe would be south of the border of the tribe of Asher?

The tribe of Naphtali would be south of the border of Asher.

Ezekiel 48:4

ULT
[4] Adjoining the border of Naphtali from the east side to the west, Manasseh will have one portion.

UST
[4] South of Naphtali's land will be territory for the tribe of Manasseh.

In order, which four tribes would be south of the tribe of Naphtali? (vv4-7)
In order, the four tribes south of Naphtali would be Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, and Judah.

Ezekiel 48:5

ULT
[5] Adjoining the border of Manasseh from the east side to the west, Ephraim will have one portion.

UST
[5] South of Manasseh's land will be territory for the tribe of Ephraim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:6

ULT
[6] Adjoining the border of Ephraim from the east side to the west, Reuben will have one portion.

UST
[6] South of Ephraim's land will be territory for the tribe of Reuben.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:7

ULT
[7] Adjoining the border of Reuben from the east side to the west, Judah will have one portion.

UST
[7] South of their land will be territory for the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:8

ULT

8 The offering of land that you will make will be along the border with Judah and extend from the east side to the west side; it will be twenty-five thousand cubits in width. Its length will correspond to one tribe's portion from the east side to the west side, and the temple will be in the middle of it.

UST

8 South of Judah's land will be an area that the entire nation will give to me; you will set it apart for special use. The temple will be in the center of this area. It will be as long as any of the portions of land assigned a tribe of Israel.

What would be in the middle of the land located along the border with Judah?

The temple would be in the middle of the land located along the border with Judah.

Ezekiel 48:9

ULT

9 This land that you will offer up to Yahweh will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand cubits in width.

UST

9 This special area will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and five and two-fifths kilometers wide. This is what you will give to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:10

ULT

10 These will be the assignments of this holy portion of land: The priests will have land assigned to them measuring twenty-five thousand cubits in length on the north side; ten thousand cubits in width on the west side; ten thousand cubits in width on the east side; and twenty-five thousand cubits in length on the south side, with the holy place of Yahweh in the middle of it.

UST

10 Within this special area, these will what you will assign to the priests: you will assign them an area of land measuring thirteen and one-half kilometers on the northern and southern side; and five and two-fifths kilometers on the western and eastern sides. The temple of Yahweh will be in the middle of this special area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:11

ULT

11 This will be for the consecration of the priests of the line of Zadok, who have served me faithfully and who did not go astray when the people of Israel went astray, as the Levites did.

UST

11 The temple area will be for the priests, those set apart for my honor, who are descendants of Zadok. They are ones who served me faithfully and did not turn away from Yahweh as the descendants of Levi did.

Who would live on the land surrounding the sanctuary of Yahweh?

The priests of the line of Zadok would live on the land surrounding the sanctuary of Yahweh.

Ezekiel 48:12

ULT

12 The offering for them will be a portion of this most holy land, extending to the border of the Levites.

UST

12 When the land is distributed, you will offer that special area to me, for it to be the priests' special portion; it is land that you will treat as very special to me. Next to the priests' territory will be where the other descendants of Levi will live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:13

ULT

13 The Levites' land along the border with the priests' land will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and ten thousand cubits in width. The entire length of the two tracts of land will be twenty-five thousand cubits in length and twenty thousand cubits in width.

UST

13 The land that you will assign to the descendants of Levi will be the same size as the land that the priests will receive. So together, these two portions of land will be thirteen and one-half kilometers long and about eleven kilometers wide.

Who would live on the land bordering the priests' land?

The Levites would live on the land bordering the priests' land.

Ezekiel 48:14

ULT

14 They must not sell it or exchange it; none of this firstfruits of the land of Israel must ever be separated from these tracts, for it all is holy to Yahweh.

UST

14 None of this special land, this best land, may ever be sold or traded or used by other people, because it belongs to Yahweh. It is set apart for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:15

ULT

15 The remaining land, five thousand cubits in width and twenty-five thousand cubits in length, will be for the collective use of the city, the houses, and the pastureland; the city will be in its midst.

UST

15 Another strip of land thirteen and one-half kilometers long and about two and three-quarters kilometers wide will be allotted for other people iving in the special area to use. There they may build homes and have pasturelands, and there will be a city in the middle of this area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:16

ULT

16 These will be the city's measurements: The north side will be 4,500 cubits in length; the south side will be 4,500 cubits in length; the east side will be 4,500 cubits in length; and the west side will be 4,500 cubits in length.

UST

16 The city will be square, two and two-fifths kilometers long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:17

ULT

17 There will be pasture for the city toward the north, 250 cubits deep; to the south, 250 cubits deep; to the east, 250 cubits deep, and to the west, 250 cubits deep.

UST

17 There will be an open area around the city, within the special area, that will be about 135 meters deep in each direction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:18

ULT

18 The remaining area of the holy offering will stretch for ten thousand cubits to the east and ten thousand cubits to the west. It will stretch along the border of the holy offering, and its produce will be food for those working in the city.

UST

18 Outside the city there will be a farming area that will extend five and two-fifths kilometers on the east side and five and two-fifths kilometers on the west side. Men who work there will produce food for the people who work in the city.

For what would the remaining area of the holy offering of land be used?

The remaining area of the holy offering of land would be used to produce food for those working in the city.

Ezekiel 48:19

ULT

19 The people who work in the city, people belong to all the tribes of Israel, will farm that land.

UST

19 Those who come from the various tribes to work in the city may also work in this farmland.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:20

ULT

[20] All the land offering will measure twenty-five thousand cubits by twenty-five thousand cubits. In this way you will make the holy offering of land, together with the land for the city.

UST

[20] This entire special area, including the land given for Yahweh's use and the city, will be a square that is thirteen and one-half kilometers long on each side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:21

ULT

[21] The rest of the land on either side of the holy offering and the city area will be for the prince. The prince's tract of land to the east will extend for twenty-five thousand cubits from boundary of the holy offering to the eastern border—and his tract to the west will extend for twenty-five thousand cubits to the western border. In the middle will be the holy offering, and the holy place of the temple will be in its midst.

UST

[21] The tracts of land to the east and to the west of Yahweh's area and the city will belong to the ruler. One area will extend east to the eastern boundary of Israel, and the other will extend west to the Great Sea. Yahweh's area, which contains the temple, will be in the middle.

For whom would be the land on the eastern and western borders of the holy offering of land?

The land on the eastern and western borders of the holy offering of land would be for the prince.

Ezekiel 48:22

ULT

[22] The land extending from the property of the Levites and the area of the city in its midst will be for the prince; it will be between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin—this land will be for the prince.

UST

[22] The area that belongs to the ruler will be between the tribe of Judah to the north and the tribe of Benjamin to the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:23

ULT

23 As for the remaining tribes, their portions will also run from the eastern side to the west side. Benjamin will receive one portion.

UST

23 South of Yahweh's area, each of the other tribes will receive one portion of land that extends from the eastern boundary of Israel west to the Great Sea. Just south of Yahweh's area will be territory for the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:24

ULT

24 Adjoining the border of Benjamin from the east side to the west, Simeon will have one portion.

UST

24 South of Benjamin's land will be the land for the tribe of Simeon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:25

ULT

25 Adjoining the border of Simeon from the east side to the west, Issachar will have one portion.

UST

25 South of Simeon's land will be the land for the tribe of Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:26

ULT

26 Adjoining the border of Issachar from the east side to the west, Zebulun will have one portion.

UST

26 South of Issachar's land will be the land for the tribe of Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:27

ULT

27 To the south of Zebulun's boundary, running from the east side to the west side, will be the land of Gad—one portion.

UST

27 South of Zebulun's land will be the land for the tribe of Gad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:28

ULT

28 The southern boundary of Gad will extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh, and farther to the brook of Egypt, and then to the Great Sea.

UST

28 The southern boundary of Gad's land will extend south from En Gedi to the springs at Meribah Kadesh, and then to the west along the brook of Egypt to the Great Sea.

What was to be the southern boundary of Gad?

The southern boundary of Gad was to extend from Tamar to the waters of Meribah Kadesh, and farther to the brook of Egypt, and then to the Great Sea.

Ezekiel 48:29

ULT

29 This is the land for which you will cast lots; it will be the inheritance of the tribes of Israel. These will be their portions. This is the Lord Yahweh's declaration.

UST

29 This is a description of the land that you must assign to the tribes of Israel, for it to belong to them permanently.' That is what I, Yahweh the Lord, declare.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:30

ULT
30 These will be the exits from the city: On the north side, which will measure 4,500 cubits in length,

UST
30 Here are the city gates: On the north side, which is two and two-fifths kilometers long,

How many gates were to be on the north side of the city, and what were they to be named for? (vv30-31)
There would be three gates on the north side of the city, with one being named for Reuben, one for Judah, and one for Levi.

Ezekiel 48:31

ULT
31 will be three gates, named for tribes of Israel: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi.

UST
31 there will be three gates. Each gate will have the name of one of the tribes of Israel. The first one will be named for Reuben, the next for Judah, the next for Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:32

ULT
32 On the east side, which will measure 4,500 cubits in length, will be three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan.

UST
32 On the east side, also two and two-fifths kilometers long, will be gates named for Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:33

ULT
33 On the south side, which is 4,500 cubits in length, will be three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun.

UST
33 On the south side, also two-fifths of a kilometer long, will be gates named for Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:34

ULT
34 On the west side, which will measure 4,500 cubits, will be three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali.

UST
34 On the west side, also two-fifths of a kilometer long, will be gates named for Gad, Asher, and Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ezekiel 48:35

ULT
35 The distance around the city will be eighteen thousand cubits; from that day on, the city's name will be "Yahweh Is There."

UST
35 The distance around the city would be nine and three-quarters kilometers. From that time on, the name of the city will be "Yahweh is there."

What would be the city's name?
The city's name would be "Yahweh is There".

Daniel

Daniel 1

Daniel 1:1

ULT

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.

UST

1 After King Jehoiakim had been ruling in Judah for almost three years, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem with his army and surrounded the city.

When did Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon come to Jerusalem to surround the city and cut off all suppliles to it?

Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

Daniel 1:2

ULT

2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels from the house of God. He brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he placed the vessels in the treasury of his god.

UST

2 After two years, the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers to capture Jehoiakim, who was the King of Judah. They also took some of the things that were in the temple of God, and took them to Babylonia. There Nebuchadnezzar put them in the temple of his god.

Who gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim king of Judah?

The Lord gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim.

Daniel 1:3

ULT

[3] Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility,

UST

[3] Then Nebuchadnezzar commanded Ashpenaz, the chief official in his palace, to bring to him some of the Israeli men whom they had brought to Babylon. He wanted men who belonged to important families, including the family of the king of Judah.

What did the king tell Ashpenaz to do?

The king told Ashpenaz to bring in some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility.

Daniel 1:4

ULT

[4] youths in whom was no blemish, who were good-looking, skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge and understanding learning, and who were competent to stand in the palace of the king, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

UST

[4] King Nebuchadnezzar wanted only men who were very healthy, handsome, wise, well-educated, capable of learning many things, and suitable for working in the palace. He also wanted to teach them the Babylonian language and have them read things that had been written in the Babylonian language.

What kind of young men did the king want to be brought in to Babylon?

The king wanted young men without blemish, attractive in appearance, skillful in all wisdom, filled with knowledge and understanding, qualified to serve in the king's palace.

Daniel 1:5

ULT

[5] The king assigned them a daily portion of the choice food of the king and of the wine that he drank. They were to be trained for three years, and at the end of which they were to stand before the king.

UST

[5] The king commanded his servants, "Give them the same kind of food and wine that is given to me. Train them for three years. Then they will become my servants."

What were these young men to be fed?

They were to be fed a daily portion of the king's delicacies and some of the king's wine.

Daniel 1:6

ULT

[6] Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, some of the sons of Judah.

UST

[6] Among the young Israeli men who were chosen were me, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, who all came from Judah.

What was the name of some of these young men from Israel and what names were they given by the chief official? (vv6-7)

The names of some of these young men and the names given to them by the chief official were: Daniel called Belteshazzer, Hananiah called Shadrach, Mishael called Meshach, and Azariah called Abednego.

Daniel 1:7

ULT

[7] The chief of the officials gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.

UST

[7] But Ashpenaz gave us Babylonian names. The name he gave to me was Belteshazzar, the name he gave to Hananiah was Shadrach, the name he gave to Mishael was Meshach, and the name he gave to Azariah was Abednego.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:8

ULT

[8] But Daniel resolved in his heart that he would not defile himself with the choice food of the king or with the wine that he drank. So he asked permission from the chief of the officials that he might not defile himself.

UST

[8] But I decided that I would not eat the kind of food that the king ate, or drink the wine that he drank, because that would make me ritually defiled. So I asked Ashpenaz to allow me to eat and drink other things.

What did Daniel intend in his mind?

Daniel intended in his mind that he would not pollute himself with the king’s delicacies or the king’s wine.

Daniel 1:9

ULT
9 Now God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the officials.

UST
9 God had caused Ashpenaz to greatly respect me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:10

ULT
10 The chief of the officials said to Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking worse than the youths who are of your own age? Then you would endanger my head with the king.”

UST
10 but he was worried about what I suggested. He said, “My master, the king, has commanded that you eat the kinds of food and drink that he does. If you eat other things and as a result you become more thin and pale than the other young men who are your age, he will order his soldiers to cut off my head because of what you have done!”

How did the chief official respond when Daniel asked him for permission not to pollute himself with the king’s delicacies and wine?
The chief official told Daniel that he was afraid of the king, that the king had commanded what food and drink Daniel should have and that the king might have the chief official’s head if the king saw Daniel looking worse than the other young men of Daniel’s own age.

Daniel 1:11

ULT
11 Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the officials had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

UST
11 Ashpenaz had ordered a guard to watch me, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

What did Daniel ask of the steward who had been assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah? (vv11-13)
Daniel asked the steward to test them for ten days by giving them only vegetables to eat and water to drink and at the end of ten days to compare them with the other young men who ate the king’s delicacies and then to treat them based of what he saw.

Daniel 1:12

ULT
12 “Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.

UST
12 So I said to this guard: “ Please test us for ten days. During that time give us only vegetables to eat and water to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:13

ULT
13 Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who eat the choice food of the king, and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

UST
13 After ten days, see how we look, and see how the other young men look, the ones who are eating the kind of food that the king eats. Then you can decide about what food you will let us eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:14

ULT
14 So he listened to them in this matter, and he tested them for ten days.

UST
14 The guard agreed to do what I suggested, and he tested us like that for ten days.

After the steward agreed to the test, what did he observe after ten days when he compared Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah to the other young men? (vv14-15)
The steward observed that the appearance of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah was more healthy, and that they were better nourished than all the young men who ate the king’s delicacies.

Daniel 1:15

ULT

15 At the end of ten days their appearance appeared better, and they were fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the choice food of the king.

UST

15 After ten days, he saw that I and my three friends looked to be more healthy than the young men who had been eating the food that the king wanted them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:16

ULT

16 So the steward took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables.

UST

16 So after that, the guard gave us only vegetables to eat; he did not give us the king's special food and wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:17

ULT

17 As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and insight in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

UST

17 And God gave to us four young men wisdom and the ability to study many things that Babylonians had written and studied. And he also gave to me the ability to understand the meaning of visions and dreams.

What did God give to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

God gave them knowledge and insight in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel could understand all kinds of visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:18

ULT

18 At the end of the time, when the king had commanded to bring them in, the chief of the officials brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

UST

18 When those three years that the king had set for training us young men from Judah were ended, Ashpenaz brought all of us to King Nebuchadnezzar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:19

ULT

19 The king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king.

UST

19 The king talked with each of us, and realized that none of the other young men were as capable as I, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were. So we four became the king's special advisors.

What did the king find when he spoke with the whole group of young men? (vv19-20)

The king found that there were none to compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. In every question of wisdom and knowledge that the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and those who claimed to speak with the dead, who were in his entire kingdom.

Daniel 1:20

ULT

20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters, who were in his entire kingdom.

UST

20 In all important matters which the king inquired of us, he found that what we four men advised was ten times as good as what all the magicians and sorcerers in his kingdom advised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 1:21

ULT

21 And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

UST

21 I remained there serving the king more than sixty years, until the first year that Cyrus became king.

How long was Daniel in Babylon?

He was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2

Daniel 2:1

ULT

[1] In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams. His spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

UST

[1] One night during the second year that Nebuchadnezzar ruled, he had a dream. The dream worried him very much; and as a result he could not sleep.

When did Nebuchadnezzar have dreams that troubled his mind so that he could not sleep?
This occurred in the second year of his reign.

Daniel 2:2

ULT

[2] Then the king gave orders to summon the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

UST

[2] The next morning he summoned his men who worked magic, fortune-tellers, those who worked sorcery, and those who studied the stars. Because he had forgotten what he had dreamed, he insisted that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood there in front of the king,

Why did the king summon the magicians, the sorcerers, the wise men and those who claimed to speak for the dead?
The king wanted these men to tell him about his dreams.

Daniel 2:3

ULT

[3] The king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.”

UST

[3] he said, “I had a dream last night that worries me. Tell me what I dreamed, because I want to know what the dream means.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:4

ULT

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, “O King, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will show the interpretation.”

UST

4 The men who studied the stars replied to the king, speaking in the Aramaic language. They said, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we hope that you will live a long time! Tell us what you dreamed, and then we will tell you what it means!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:5

ULT

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm. If you do not make known the dream to me and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses made a rubbish heap.

UST

5 But the king replied to them, “I have firmly decided that you must tell me the dream, and also tell me what it means. If you do not do that, I will order my soldiers to cut you into pieces, and to cause your houses to become only piles of stones!

What did the king specifically want the wise men to do?

The king wanted the wise men to reveal the dream to him and also to interpret the dream for the king.

What did the king say would happen to the wise men if they failed to tell the king his dream and interpret it for him?

The king said if they failed, the bodies of the wise men would be torn apart and their houses made into hills of dung.

Daniel 2:6

ULT

[6] But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive gifts from me, a reward, and great honor. Therefore show me the dream and its interpretation.”

UST

[6] But if you tell me what I dreamed and what it means, I will reward you. I will give you wonderful gifts and greatly honor you. So tell me what I dreamed and what it means!”

What did the king say he would do for the person or people who revealed the dream to him and interpreted it?

The king said he would give that person or persons gifts, a reward, and great honor.

Daniel 2:7

ULT

[7] They answered a second time and said, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.”

UST

[7] But again they replied, “Tell us what you dreamed, and then we will tell you what it means.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:8

ULT

[8] The king answered and said, “I know for certain that you are trying to gain time because you see that the word from me is firm.

UST

[8] The king replied, “I know that you are just trying to get more time, because you know that I will do to you what I said that I would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:9

ULT

9 that if you do not make the dream known to me, there is only one sentence for you. For you have agreed together to speak lying and corrupt words before me until the times change. So then, tell me the dream, and I will know that you can show me its interpretion."

UST

9 If you do not tell me what I dreamed, you will be punished. I think that you have all agreed to tell me lies and other wicked things, because you hope that I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I will know that you can also tell me what it means."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:10

ULT

10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who is able to reveal the matter for the king, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing from any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.

UST

10 The men who studied the stars replied to the king, "There is no one on the earth who can do what you ask! There is no king, even a great and mighty king, who has ever asked his men who work magic or his fortune-tellers or men who study the stars to do something like that!

Who did the wise men say could do what the king asked concerning his dream? (vv10-11)

The wise men said that there was not a man on earth who could meet the king's demand, only the gods could do that.

Daniel 2:11

ULT

11 The thing that the king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

UST

11 What you are asking us to do is impossible. Only the gods can tell you what you dreamed, and they do not live among us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:12

ULT
12 Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and he gave an order to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

UST
12 The king was very angry when he heard that, so he commanded his soldiers that they execute all such wise men in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:13

ULT
13 So the decree went out that the wise men were to be killed; and they searched for Daniel and his friends to kill them.

UST
13 And because of what the king commanded, they sent some men to find me and my three friends, to execute us also.

After the wise men’s reply to Nebuchadnezzar, what did the king decree?
The king decreed that all those known for their wisdom were to be put to death.

Daniel 2:14

ULT
14 Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch the captain of the guard of the king, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

UST
14 Arioch, the commander of the king's guards, came to kill us. But I spoke to him very wisely and tactfully.

Who was Arioch?
He was the commander of the king’s bodyguard, the one the king appointed to kill everyone who was wise in Babylon.

How did Daniel interact with Arioch, when he came to Daniel? (vv14-15)
Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch. He asked Arioch why the king’s decree was so urgent.

Daniel 2:15

ULT

15 He answered and said to Arioch, the commander of the king, “Why is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch made the matter known to Daniel.

UST

15 I asked Arioch, “Why has the king made such a harsh decree?” So Arioch told me all that had happened because of the king's dream.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:16

ULT

16 Then Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time so that he might show the interpretation to the king.

UST

16 I immediately went to talk to the king and requested that king give me some time, so that I could find out what the dream was and what the dream meant.

What did Daniel request after speaking with Arioch?

Daniel went in and requested an appointment with the king so he could present the interpretation to the king.

Daniel 2:17

ULT

17 Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,

UST

17 Then I went home, and I told my friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:18

ULT

18 so that they might seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

UST

18 I urged them to ask God, who lives in heaven, to act mercifully toward us by telling us the secret meaning of what the king dreamed, in order that we and the other wise men in Babylon would not be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:19

ULT

19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven

UST

19 And that night God gave to me a vision in which he revealed the secret. Then I praised God,

What did Daniel do after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel praised the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:20

ULT

20 Daniel answered and said, “Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever; for wisdom and power belong to him.

UST

20 saying, “We should praise God forever, because only he truly is wise and powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:21

ULT

21 He changes the times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

UST

21 He determines what events will happen through the years. He removes some kings and gives their authority to new kings. He gives wisdom to some, and people become wise. He is the one who causes people to become wise and enables those who study to understand many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:22

ULT

22 He reveals the deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

UST

22 He reveals things that are very mysterious; he is surrounded by light but he knows things that are hidden as though they were in the darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:23

ULT

23 O God of my fathers, I thank you and praise you for the wisdom and power you have given to me. Now you have made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the matter that concerns the king."

UST

23 God, whom my ancestors worshiped, I thank you and I praise you, because you have caused me to be wise and made me strong. You have told me what my friends and I asked you to tell us; and you have revealed to us what the king demanded to know."

For what did Daniel thank the God of his ancestors?

Daniel thanked the God of his ancestors for the wisdom and power the God of his ancestors had given him.

Daniel 2:24

ULT

24 Therefore Daniel went in to Arioch whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him, “Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show the king the interpretation.”

UST

24 Then I went to Arioch, the man whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men in Babylon. I said to him, “Do not kill those wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him what his dream means.”

Who did Daniel go see after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel went in to see Arioch.

What did Daniel tell Arioch?

Daniel told Arioch not to kill the wise men in Babylon. Daniel told Arioch to escort him before the king so Daniel could tell the king the dream’s meaning.

Daniel 2:25

ULT

25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel in haste before the king and said thus to him, “I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation.”

UST

25 So Arioch quickly took me to the king. He said to the king, “I have found one of the men whom we brought from Judah who says he can tell you what your dream means!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:26

ULT

26 The king said to Daniel (whose name was Belteshazzar), “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I saw and its interpretation?”

UST

26 The king said to me, whose new name was Belteshazzar, “ Is this true? Can you tell me what I dreamed and what it means?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:27

ULT

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers are able to show to the king the mystery that the king has asked.

UST

27 I replied, “There are no wise men or fortune-tellers or men who work magic or men who work sorcery who can tell such things to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:28

ULT

28 However, there is a God in heaven, who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions of your head while on your bed.

UST

28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets. And he has shown in your dream what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you what you dreamed, and the vision you saw as you were lying on your bed.

When Daniel was brought in to the king, who did Daniel say could reveal the mystery the king had demanded?

Daniel said there is a God who lives in the heavens, who reveals secrets.

In general what did Daniel say the king’s dream was about?

Daniel said the dream was about what would happen in the days to come.

Daniel 2:29

ULT

29 As for you, O king, your thoughts on your bed turned to what would happen after this, and he who reveals mysteries has made known to you what is going to happen.

UST

29 O King, while you were sleeping, you dreamed about events that will happen in the future. The one who reveals mysteries has shown you what is going to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:30

ULT

30 As for me, this mystery was revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and so that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

UST

30 And it is not because I am wiser than anyone else on earth that I know the meaning of this mysterious dream. It is because God wanted you to understand what you were thinking.

Why was the dream revealed to Daniel?

The dream was revealed to Daniel so that the king might understand the meaning and know the thoughts deep within himself.

Daniel 2:31

ULT

31 You, O King, were looking and behold, a great statue. This statue, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you. Its appearance was terrifying.

UST

31 O King, in your vision you saw in front of you a huge and terrifying statue of a man. It was shining very brightly, and it was frightening and awesome.

What did the statue that the king saw in his dream look like? (vv31-32)

The statue was large and had a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, its middle and thighs were bronze, its legs of iron and its feet part iron and part clay.

Daniel 2:32

ULT

32 The head of this statue was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and its thighs of bronze,

UST

32 The head of the statue was made of pure gold. Its chest and arms were made of silver. Its belly and thighs were made of bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:33

ULT
33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

UST
33 Its legs were made of iron, and its feet were a mixture of clay and iron.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:34

ULT
34 You continued looking until a stone was cut out, although not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay, and it crushed them.

UST
34 As you watched, something cut a rock from a mountain, but it was not a human who cut it. The rock tumbled down and smashed the feet of the statue, feet that were made of iron and clay. It smashed them to bits.

What happened to the statue the king saw in his dream? (vv34-35)
The king saw a stone cut, but not by human hands. The stone struck the statue's feet and the whole statue shattered into pieces which the wind carried away.

Daniel 2:35

ULT
35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. The wind carried them away so that no trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

UST
35 Then the rest of the statue collapsed into a big heap of iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold. The pieces of the statue were as small as bits of chaff on the ground where it is threshed, and the wind blew away all the tiny pieces. There was nothing left. But the rock that smashed the statue became a large mountain that covered the whole earth.

What happened to the stone that struck the statue?
The stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:36

ULT
36 This was the dream. Now we will tell its interpretation before the king.

UST
36 That was what you dreamed. Now I will tell you what it means.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:37

ULT
37 You, O king, are the king of kings to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory;

UST
37 You are a king who rules over many other kings. The God who rules in heaven has caused you to rule over them and has given you great power and has honored you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:38

ULT
38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, the animals of the fields and the birds of the heavens, he has given them into your hand, and he has made you rule over them all. You are the head of gold.

UST
38 He has caused you to be the ruler over all people, and even the animals and birds are controlled by you. So the head of the statue represents you.

Who was the head of gold?
King Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold.

Daniel 2:39

ULT

39 After you will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

UST

39 But after your kingdom ends, there will be another great kingdom, but it will not be as great as yours. The silver parts of the statue represent that kingdom. Then there will be a third great kingdom whose king will rule over the whole earth. The bronze parts of the statue represent that kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:40

ULT

40 Then there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron crushes and shatters all things. And like iron that breaks into pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces.

UST

40 After that kingdom ends, there will be a fourth great kingdom. The iron parts of the statue represent that kingdom. The army of that kingdom will smash the previous kingdoms, just like iron smashes everything that it strikes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:41

ULT

41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of the clay of a potter and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom; some of the firmness of iron will be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.

UST

41 The feet and toes of the statue that you saw, that were a mixture of iron and clay, indicate that the kingdom they represent will later be divided.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:42

ULT

42 As the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle.

UST

42 Some parts of that kingdom will be as strong as iron, but some parts will not remain together, just as iron and clay do not stick together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:43

ULT

43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

UST

43 The mixture of iron and clay in the statue shows also that the rulers of those kingdoms that separate from each other will try to form alliances with each other as a result of members of the royal families of these kingdoms marrying each other. But that will not succeed, just as iron and clay do not stick together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:44

ULT

44 In the days of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will the kingdom be left to another people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it will stand forever.

UST

44 But while those kings are ruling, God who rules in heaven will establish a kingdom that will never end. No one will ever defeat its king. He will completely destroy all those kingdoms, but his kingdom will remain forever.

What will the God of heaven do in the days of the kingdom that is partly iron and partly clay?

In those days the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered by another people.

Daniel 2:45

ULT

45 Just as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain by no human hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen after this. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

UST

45 That is the meaning of the rock that something cut from the mountain, the rock that will crush to tiny bits the statue that is made of iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold. O king, the great God has shown you what will truly happen in the future. And you can trust what I told you about the meaning of the dream."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:46

ULT

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and paid homage to Daniel, and he commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him.

UST

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar prostrated himself in front of me in great respect. He commanded his people that they burn incense and burn an offering of grain to honor me.

What did Nebuchadnezzar command to be done for Daniel after he finished telling the king the dream and its interpretation?

The king commanded an offering to be made and incense be offered up to Daniel.

Daniel 2:47

ULT

47 The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings, and the one who reveals mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”

UST

47 The king said to Daniel, “Your God has enabled you to tell me the meaning of this dream, so now I truly know that your God is greater than all the other gods, and King over all other kings. He reveals secrets; he makes known mysteries no one else could know.”

What did Nebuchadnezzar say concerning Daniel’s God?

Nebuchadnezzar said Daniel’s God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings and the one who reveals secrets.

Daniel 2:48

ULT

48 Then the king gave Daniel high honors and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

UST

48 Then the king gave many gifts to me, and he also appointed me to rule over the entire province of Babylon, and also to be the boss of all his wise men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 2:49

ULT

49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the administration of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the court of the king.

UST

49 I asked the king to appoint Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to also have important positions in Babylon province, and the king did what I asked him to do. But I did my work while I stayed at the king's palace.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after Daniel made a request of the king?

The king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be administrators over the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3

Daniel 3:1

ULT

1 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up on the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

UST

1 King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his men to make a gold statue. It was 27 meters high and 2.7 meters wide. They set it up in the Dura plain in Babylon province.

What were the dimensions of the gold statue that king Nebuchadnezzar made and set up on the Plain of Dura?

The statue was sixty cubits tall and six cubits wide.

Daniel 3:2

ULT

2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

UST

2 Then he sent messages to all the provincial governors, the district governors, the chief advisors, the counselors, the various judges, and all the other officials in the province. He told them to come to the dedication of the statue that he had set up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:3

ULT

3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

UST

3 When they all arrived, they all stood in front of that statue.

Who came to the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had made?

The provincial governors, regional governors, and local governors, together with the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the high officials of the provinces came to the dedication.

Daniel 3:4

ULT

[4] Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

UST

[4] Then an announcer shouted, “You people who come from many countries and many people-groups and who speak many languages, listen to what the king has commanded!

What did Nebuchadnezzar want those in attendance at the dedication to do? (vv4-5)

He wanted those in attendance to fall down and prostrate themselves to the golden statue when they heard the sound of the horns, flutes, zithers, lyres, harps, and pipes, and all kinds of music.

Daniel 3:5

ULT

[5] that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

UST

[5] When you hear the sounds made by the trumpets, the flutes, the guitars, the harps, the wind instruments, and all the other musical instruments, bow down to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:6

ULT

[6] But whoever does not fall down and worship, at that very moment, will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.”

UST

[6] Anyone who refuses to do that will be thrown into a blazing furnace!”

What did the king command to happen to those who didn’t fall down and worship the statue when they heard all the instruments and the music?

The king said that those who wouldn’t fall down and worship, at that very moment, would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:7

ULT

7 Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

UST

7 So when all those people who had gathered heard the sounds made by the musical instruments, they all bowed down to worship the statue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:8

ULT

8 Therefore at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought malicious accusations against the Jews.

UST

8 But some of the men who studied the stars went to the king.

Who brought accusations against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Certain Chaldeans came and brought accusations against them.

Daniel 3:9

ULT

9 They responded and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever!

UST

9 They reported to him, “We hope that you, O king, will live a long time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:10

ULT

10 You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, must fall down and worship the golden image.

UST

10 You decreed that all the officials whom you had gathered should bow down and worship the gold statue when they heard the sounds made by the musical instruments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:11

ULT

11 But whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

UST

11 You also decreed that those who refused to do that would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:12

ULT

12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you. They do not serve your gods, or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

UST

12 Sir, there are some men from Judah whom you have appointed to be officials in Babylon province who have not obeyed your decree. Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They have refused to worship your god and the gold statue that you have set up.”

Who didn’t fall down and worship the statue?

Certain Jews, their names being Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, would not fall down and worship the statue.

Daniel 3:13

ULT

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.

UST

13 Nebuchadnezzar became very angry. He commanded his soldiers to bring in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. When they were brought to him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:14

ULT

14 Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you will not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?

UST

14 Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true that you three men have refused to worship my gods or the gold statue that I have set up?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:15

ULT

15 Now if you are ready—at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music—to fall down and worship the image that I have made, all will be well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. Who is the god who will rescue you out of my hands?”

UST

15 If that is true, I will give you one more chance. If you bow down to worship the statue that I have set up when you hear the sounds of the musical instruments, fine. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:16

ULT

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

UST

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend our actions to you in this matter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:17

ULT

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he will rescue us out of your hand, O king.

UST

17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we worship is able to rescue us. Sir, he will rescue us from your power.

What was the response of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to the king when the king repeated the command to fall down and worship the statue, and stated the consequences if they didn’t follow the king’s command? (vv17-18)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego responded that their God could and would keep them safe and rescue them from the blazing furnace. But even if not, they would not worship Nebuchadnezzar’s gods or prostrate themselves to the statue.

Daniel 3:18

ULT

18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you set up.”

UST

18 But even if he does not rescue us, you need to know that we will never worship your gods or the gold statue that you have set up.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:19

ULT

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was normally heated.

UST

19 Nebuchadnezzar was extremely angry. His being very angry even showed on his face. He commanded that the furnace should be made seven times as hot as usual.

What did Nebuchadnezzar command concerning Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (vv19-20)

Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than normal, and for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to be tied up and thrown into the furnace.

Daniel 3:20

ULT

20 He commanded certain mighty men who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire.

UST

20 After that was done, he commanded some of the very strong men of his army to tie Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and then to throw them into the blazing furnace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:21

ULT

21 Then these men were tied up in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

UST

21 So the soldiers tied them up and threw them into the furnace, while they were wearing their clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:22

ULT

22 For this reason, because the command of the king was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

UST

22 Because the fire had been made very hot because the king had very strongly ordered them to do that, the flames leaped out and killed the soldiers as they were throwing the men into the fire!

What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and the men who took them to put them in the furnace? (vv22-23)

The men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were killed by the very hot flames from the furnace and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fell into the furnace.

Daniel 3:23

ULT

23 But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.

UST

23 So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell into the roaring flames.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:24

ULT

24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and stood up in haste. He said to his counselors, “Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “Certainly, O king.”

UST

24 But as Nebuchadnezzar was watching, he was amazed. He suddenly jumped up and shouted to his advisors, “Did we tie up three men and throw them into the flames, or not?” They replied, “Yes, O king, we did.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:25

ULT

25 He answered and said, “Look! I see four men unbound walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt. The appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

UST

25 Nebuchadnezzar shouted, “ Look! I see four men in the fire! They have no ropes on them, they are walking around, and the flames are not hurting them! And the fourth man looks like a divine being!”

What caused Nebuchadnezzar to be amazed and stand up quickly?

Nebuchadnezzar was amazed because he saw four men, not tied up, walking around in the fire and they weren’t hurt and the brilliance of the fourth man was like a son of the gods.

Daniel 3:26

ULT

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he responded and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the midst of the fire.

UST

26 Nebuchadnezzar came closer to the opening of the flaming furnace, and he shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you who worship the Supreme God, come out of there! Come here!” So they stepped out of the fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:27

ULT

27 The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the counselors of the king gathered together and saw that the fire had no power over the bodies of these men; the hair of their heads was not singed; their cloaks were not harmed; and the smell of fire had not come on them.

UST

27 Then all the king's officials crowded around them. They saw that the flames had not harmed them. The flames had not even singed any of the hair on their heads or scorched any of their clothes! There was not even any smell of smoke on them!

What did those present observe about Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego after they came out of the fire.

Those present observed that the fire had not hurt their bodies; the hair on their heads was not singed; their robes were not harmed; and there was no smell of fire on them.

Daniel 3:28

ULT

28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the command of the king, and gave up their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their God.

UST

28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship! He sent one of his angels to rescue these three men who worship him and trust in him. They ignored my command; they insisted that they would worship only their God, and were willing to die instead of worshiping any other god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 3:29

ULT

29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb, and their houses be made into rubbish heaps because there is no other god who is able to save like this.”

UST

29 Therefore, I am now making this decree: ‘If any people, from any country or people-group or any language group, criticize the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship, they will be cut in pieces and their houses will be torn down and made into a pile of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue people like this!’”

What decree did Nebuchadnezzar issue after the event of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the blazing furnace?

Nebuchadnezzar decreed that any people, nation or language that spoke anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would be torn apart, their houses would be made into hills of sewage because there was no other god who was able to save like that.

Daniel 3:30

ULT

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

UST

30 Then the king gave Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego more important positions in Babylon province than they had before.

What did the king do for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

Nebuchadnezzar, the king, promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4

Daniel 4:1

ULT

1 King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live in all the earth: May your peace abound!

UST

1 Several years after Nebuchadnezzar started to rule, he sent this message to the people of every nation and people-group and all language groups in his empire. He wrote, “I wish that all things will go very well with you!

To whom did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to all peoples, nations, and languages who lived on the earth.

Daniel 4:2

ULT

2 It has seemed good to me to make known the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

UST

2 I want you to know about all the wonderful miracles that the Supreme God has performed for me.

Why did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to tell everyone about the signs and wonders the Most High had done for him.

Daniel 4:3

ULT

3 How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.”

UST

3 He performs great miracles, and does wonderful things. His kingdom will last forever; his rule over people will never end.

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the Most High?

Nebuchadnezzar said about the Most High, “How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion lasts from generation to generation.”

Daniel 4:4

ULT

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace.

UST

4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace. I was living luxuriantly, and everything was going very well for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:5

ULT

5 I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay on my bed, the fantasies and the visions of my head alarmed me.

UST

5 But one night I had a dream that caused me to be very afraid. I saw visions that terrified me as I lay on my bed.

What made Nebuchadnezzar afraid?

A dream Nebuchadnezzar made him afraid.

Daniel 4:6

ULT

6 So I gave a decree to bring before me all the wise men of Babylon that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream.

UST

6 So I summoned all the wise men in Babylon, in order that they would come and tell me what it meant.

Why did Nebuchadnezzar issue a decree to bring before him all the wise men of Babylon?

Nebuchadnezzar wanted the wise men of Babylon to come and interpret his dream for him.

Daniel 4:7

ULT

[7] Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not make known to me its interpretion.

UST

[7] All the men who worked magic, the fortune-tellers, the men who worked sorcery, and men who studied the stars came to me. I told them what I had dreamed, but they could not tell me what it meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:8

ULT

[8] But at last Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and I told him the dream.

UST

[8] Finally, Daniel came to me, and I decided to tell him what I had dreamed. One of my officials had given him a new name, Belteshazzar, to honor my own god. I knew that the spirit of the holy gods was in him.

What was Daniel's Babylonian name and what was Daniel's position in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom? (vv8-9)

Daniel's Babylonian name was Belteshazzar and he held the position of "chief of the magicians".

Who did Nebuchadnezzar believe was able to tell the interpretation of his dream? (vv8-9)

Nebuchadnezzar believed Daniel could interpret his dream for him, for Nebuchadnezzar said of Daniel, "...the spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery is too difficult for you."

Daniel 4:9

ULT

[9] "O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that no mystery is too difficult for you, tell me the visions of my dream that I saw and their interpretation.

UST

[9] So, using the name that had been given to him, I said, 'Belteshazzar, you are the most important of all my fortune-tellers. I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and that you can reveal all mysteries. There is none that is too difficult for you. So, tell me what my dream means.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:10

ULT

10 These were the visions of my head as I lay upon my bed: I was looking, and behold, a tree in the middle of the earth, and its height was great.

UST

10 This is what I dreamed while I was lying on my bed: I saw a large tree growing in the middle of the land.

What did Nebuchadnezzar see in the first part of his dream? (vv10-12)

Nebuchadnezzar saw a great, strong, beautiful tree that reached to the heavens. It provided shade for animals and an abode for the birds. It had abundant fruit that fed all living creatures.

Daniel 4:11

ULT

11 The tree grew and became strong. Its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth.

UST

11 The tree was very strong and had grown very tall; it seemed that its top reached up to the sky, with the result that everyone in the world could see it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:12

ULT

12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit was abundant, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in its branches. All flesh was fed from it.

UST

12 It had beautiful leaves, and it had produced a lot of fruit for people to eat. Wild animals rested in the shade of that tree, and birds built nests in its branches. All the living creatures everywhere in the world got food from that tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:13

ULT

13 I was looking in the visions of my head as I lay on my bed, and behold, a watcher, a holy one, came down from heaven.

UST

13 While I was still lying on my bed, I saw a vision. In the vision I saw a holy angel coming down from heaven.

What did the holy messenger from the heavens say to do to the tree? (vv13-14)

The holy messenger said to chop down the tree, cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.

Daniel 4:14

ULT

14 He shouted aloud and said thus, ‘Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches.

UST

14 The angel shouted, “Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches! Strip off all of its leaves, and scatter its fruit. Chase away the animals that are lying in the shade of the tree, and the birds that are in its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:15

ULT

15 But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth.

UST

15 But leave the stump of the tree and its roots in the ground. Fasten a band of iron and bronze around the stump, and allow it to stay there with grass around it.”

What was to be done with the tree stump? (vv15-16)

The stump was to be left in the earth bound with a band of iron and brass. Let it be wet with dew. Let it live with the animals. Let his mind be that of an animal and not of a man for seven years.

Daniel 4:16

ULT

16 Let his mind be changed from that of a man, and let the mind of an animal be given to him, and let seven periods of time pass over him.

UST

16 That tree seems to have represented a man, because the angel also said, “Cause that man to live out in the fields among the animals and plants. Cause the dew from the sky to make his body damp each morning. Do not allow him to continue to have a mind like humans; instead, cause him to have a mind like animals have, for seven years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:17

ULT

17 The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the decision is a command of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he wishes and sets over it the lowliest of men.’

UST

17 ‘The holy ones in heaven have issued a decree. They want everyone to know that God Most High rules over all the kingdoms in this world. He is the one who chooses the people to rule these kingdoms. He sometimes places very unimportant people in places of importance.’

What was the purpose of doing this to the tree in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream?

The purpose was so that those who are alive would know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of peoples and gives them to anyone he wishes to place over them.

Daniel 4:18

ULT

18 I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw this dream. Now you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation. But you are able, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”

UST

18 Belteshazzar, that is what I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw in my dream. Now tell me what the dream means. No one else can tell me. I asked all the very wise men in my kingdom to tell me what it means, but they were unable to do that. But you can tell me, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:19

ULT

19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or the interpretation alarm you.” Belteshazzar asnwered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies.

UST

19 I, whose new name was Belteshazzar, did not say anything for some time, because I was very worried about the meaning of the dream. Finally, the king said to me, “Belteshazzar, do not be afraid about the dream and about what it means.” I replied, “Sir, I wish that the events that were predicted in your dream would happen to your enemies, and not to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:20

ULT

20 The tree that you saw, which grew and became strong, and whose top reached to heaven and was visible to all the earth

UST

20 In your dream you saw a very strong and very tall tree. It seemed to reach to the sky, with the result that everyone in the world could see it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:21

ULT

21 and whose leaves were beautiful, and whose fruit was abundant, and in which was food for all, under which the animals of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived—

UST

21 It had beautiful leaves and it had produced a lot of fruit for people to eat. Wild animals rested in the shade of that tree, and birds built nests in its branches.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:22

ULT

22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth.

UST

22 Your majesty, that tree represents you! You have become very powerful. It is as though your greatness reaches up to the sky, and you rule people all over the world.

Who did Daniel say the tree was in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Daniel said the tree was Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:23

ULT

23 In that the king saw a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Chop down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field, and let him be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the animals of the fields until seven periods of time pass over him,'

UST

23 Then you saw a holy angel coming down from heaven. That angel said, 'Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches! Strip off all of its leaves, and scatter its fruit. But leave the stump of the tree and its roots in the ground. Fasten a band of iron and bronze around the stump and allow it to stay there with grass around it. Each morning cause the dew from the sky to make this man, who was represented by the tree, damp. Cause him to live in the fields with the animals for seven years.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:24

ULT

24 this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king:

UST

24 Your Majesty, that is what your dream means. That is what the Supreme God has declared will happen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:25

ULT

25 that you will be driven from among men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the fields. You will be made to eat grass like an ox, and you will be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and he gives it to whom he wishes.

UST

25 Your advisors will force you to live away from other people. You will live in the fields with the wild animals. You will eat grass like cows do, and dew from the sky will cause your body to be damp every morning. You will live that way for seven years, until you learn that it is the Supreme God who rules over the kingdoms of the world, and he appoints the ones whom he chooses to rule them.

What was to happen to Nebuchadnezzar's until he acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and that he gives them to anyone he wishes?

Nebuchadnezzar was to be driven from among men. He would live in the fields with the wild animals and eat grass like an ox and be wet with the dew from the heavens.

How long was it to be before Nebuchadnezzar would acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes?

Seven years were to pass until Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes.

Daniel 4:26

ULT

26 And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you from the time you recognize that Heaven rules.

UST

26 But the stump of the tree and its roots were left in the ground. That means that you will rule your kingdom again when you learn that it is God who is really the ruler.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:27

ULT

27 Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that perhaps there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.”

UST

27 Your Majesty, please do what I am telling you to do. Stop sinning, and do what is right. Turn away from your evil behavior. Act mercifully to poor people. If you do that, perhaps you will continue to be sucessful.”

After interpreting the dream for Nebuchadnezzar what was Daniel’s advice for him?

Daniel advised Nebuchadnezzar to stop sinning and to do what was right. He also told Nebuchadnezzar to turn away from his sins by showing mercy to the oppressed.

Daniel 4:28

ULT

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

UST

28 But the king refused to do those things. So that is what happened to him.

How long was it before the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s dream began to happen?

All these things began to happen twelve months after his dream.

Daniel 4:29

ULT

29 At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon.

UST

29 Twelve months later, one day he was walking on the flat roof of his palace in Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:30

ULT

30 The king answered and said, “Is this not the great Babylon, which I have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?”

UST

30 As he looked out over the city, he said to those around him, “I have built this great city of Babylon to be the place where I rule! I have built it with my own power, in order to show people my glory, to show them that I am very great!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:31

ULT

31 While the words were still in the mouth of the king, a voice fell from heaven: “O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: the kingdom has departed from you.

UST

31 While he was still saying this, God spoke from heaven and said, “King Nebuchadnezzar, this is what I am saying to you: You are no longer the ruler of this kingdom!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:32

ULT

32 You will be driven away from men, and your dwelling will be with the animals of the field. You will be made to eat grass like an ox. Seven periods of time will pass over you until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men and he gives it to whom he wishes.”

UST

32 Your advisors will force you to live away from other people. You will live in the fields with wild animals, and you will eat grass like cows do. You will live that way for seven years, until you learn that it is the Supreme God, who rules over the kingdoms of this world, and I appoint the ones whom I have chosen to rule them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:33

ULT

33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven away from men. He ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown long like the feathers of eagles, and his nails like the claws of birds.

UST

33 Immediately what God predicted happened. Nebuchadnezzar became insane, so his advisors forced him to live away from other people. He ate grass like cows do, and dew from the sky caused his body to be damp every morning. He lived like that until his hair was as long as eagles' feathers, and his fingernails became like birds' claws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:34

ULT

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me. “I blessed the Most High, and I praised and glorified him who lives forever. For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

UST

34 After those seven years ended, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up toward heaven, and I acknowledged that what God said was true. Then I could think correctly again. I praised and worshiped the Supreme God, and I honored him, the one who lives forever. He rules forever; his kingdom will never end.

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the seven years?

Nebuchadnezzar’s sanity was restored to him?

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after his sanity was restored to him?

Nebuchadnezzar praised and honored the Most High who rules forever.

Daniel 4:35

ULT

35 All the inhabitants of the earth are regarded as nothing; he does according to his will among the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

UST

35 All the people in the world are very insignificant; we are not like him. He has the power to do whatever he wants to do, among the angels in heaven and among us people who live on the earth. So no one can stop him, and no one can challenge him, saying to him, “Why are you doing these things?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 4:36

ULT

36 At that time my reason returned to me, and my majesty and my splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My counselors and my noblemen sought me, and I was reestablished in my kingdom, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

UST

36 When I was able to think correctly again, I was honored again, and I was able to rule my glorious kingdom again. My advisors came to me again to talk about what should be done, and I became greater and more powerful than I was before.

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom?

The kingdom was given back to him.

Daniel 4:37

ULT

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol, and honor the King of heaven, for all his deeds are right, and his ways are just; and he is able to humble those who walk in pride.

UST

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and honor God, the king who rules in heaven. All of his actions are just and right. And he is able to cause to become humble those who are proud, like I was.

What was Nebuchadnezzar's final statement concerning the King of heaven?

His statement was: "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, extol, and honor the King of heaven, for all his deeds are right, and his ways are just. He can humble those who walk in their own pride."

Daniel 5

Daniel 5:1

ULT

1 King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his noblemen, and he drank wine in front of the thousand.

UST

1 Several years later, Belshazzar became the king of Babylon. One day he invited a thousand of his officers to a big feast, and he drank a lot of wine with them.

For whom did Belshazzar, the king, make a great feast?
He made a great feast for a thousand of his noblemen.

Daniel 5:2

ULT

2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the vessels of gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his noblemen, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.

UST

2 While he was drinking, he commanded that his servants bring to him the gold and silver cups that the previous king, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. He did that because he wanted himself and his officials, his wives, and even his concubines to drink from them, making fun of the god that the Israelis worshiped.

Who was this Belshazzar?
He was the son of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 5:3

ULT

[3] Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem, and the king and his noblemen, his wives and his concubines drank from them.

UST

[3] So his servants brought in all those gold cups, that had been taken many years previously from the temple of the true God in Jerusalem. Then the king and his officials and his wives and his slave wives drank wine from those cups.

What containers did they use to drink the wine from at this feast?

They used the gold containers that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God, in Jerusalem.

Daniel 5:4

ULT

[4] They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

UST

[4] They drank to praise their idols that were made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and even wood and stone.

What did the people at the feast do as they drank the wine?

They praised their idols made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Daniel 5:5

ULT

[5] Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the palace of the king, opposite the lampstand. The king saw the back of the hand that was writing.

UST

[5] Suddenly they saw a man's hand writing on the plaster of the wall opposite the lampstand. The king also saw the hand as it was writing.

As the people were drinking wine and praising their idols what happened?

The fingers of a human hand appeared in front of the lamp stand and wrote on the plaster wall in the king’s palace.

Daniel 5:6

ULT

6 Then the color of the king changed, and his thoughts frightened him; the joints of his hips loosened, and his knees knocked together.

UST

6 He became very frightened, and his face became pale. His knees started shaking, and his legs became very weak, with the result that he could not stand up.

What was the king's immediate response when he saw the hand?

The king's face changed and his thoughts frightened him; his limbs could not support him, and his knees were knocking together.

Daniel 5:7

ULT

7 The king called aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the astrologers. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who reads this writing and shows me its intepretation will be clothed with purple and will have a chain of gold around his neck, and he will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

UST

7 Then he shouted to summon the men who worked magic, the men who studied the stars, and the fortune-tellers. He said, "I will greatly honor any one of them who can read this writing and tell me what it means. I will give him a purple robe like I wear because I am the king, and I will put a gold chain around his neck. He will become a very important official in my kingdom; there will be only two others who will be more important than he will be."

What did the king promise to the one who could explain the writing on the plaster wall and its meaning?

The king promised that the one who explained the writing and its meaning would be clothed in purple and would have a gold chain put around his neck and that he would have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:8

ULT

8 Then all the wise men of the king came in, but they could not read the writing or make known the intepretation to the king.

UST

8 But when all those wise men came in, none of them could read the writing, or tell him what it meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:9

ULT

9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and his noblemen were perplexed.

UST

9 So King Belshazzar became more afraid. His face became even paler. And all his officials who were there at the feast did not know what to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:10

ULT

10 The queen came into the banquet house because of the words of the king and his noblemen. The queen spoke and said, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you. Do not let your color change.

UST

10 But when the mother of the king heard the king and his officials talking loudly about what had happened, she entered the room where they were having the feast. She said to Belshazzar, “Your majesty, I hope you will live for a long time! But do not be pale and afraid about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:11

ULT

11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers,

UST

11 There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. When Nebuchadnezzar was ruling, they discovered that this man understood many things and was wise, just like the gods. The man who was king previously, Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him to be in charge of all the men in Babylon who worked magic, the men who worked sorcery, the men who studied the stars, and the fortune-tellers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:12

ULT

12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and insight for interpreting dreams, explaining riddles and solving problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called and he will show the interpretation."

UST

12 That man's name is Daniel; the king gave him a new name, Belteshazzar. He is very intelligent and is able to know and understand many things. He is even able tell the meaning of dreams, and explain riddles, and explain things that are very difficult to understand. Summon him, and he will tell you what this writing means."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:13

ULT

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah.

UST

13 So they went and brought me in. The king asked me, "You must be Daniel! They told me that you are one of those who was brought here from Judah by the previous king.

According to the king what qualities did he say he had heard about Daniel?

The king told Daniel he had heard that Daniel had the spirit of the Gods in him and that Daniel possessed light and understanding and excellent wisdom.

Daniel 5:14

ULT

14 I have heard about you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination and insight and excellent wisdom are found in you.

UST

14 I have also heard that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that you are very wise and understand many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:15

ULT

15 Now the wise men and enchanters have been brought in before me to read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not show the interpretation of the matter.

UST

15 My wise men and men who work magic have tried to read the writing on this wall and tell me what it means, but they are not able to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:16

ULT

16 But I have heard about you, that you are able to give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you will be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and you will be the third ruler in the kingdom."

UST

16 Someone told me that you can tell what dreams mean and explain things that are very difficult to understand. If you can read these words and tell me what they mean, I will give you a purple robe like I wear because I am the king, and I will put a gold chain around your neck. You will become a very important official in my kingdom; there will be only two others who will be more important than you will be."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:17

ULT

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation.

UST

17 I replied to the king, " I do not want your gifts; keep them, or give them to someone else. But I will read for you the writing on the wall, and I will tell you what it means.

What was Daniel's response when he was told of the rewards he would receive for reading the writing and explaining its meaning?

Daniel told the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another person. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to you, king, and will tell you the meaning."

Daniel 5:18

ULT

18 As for you, O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship, greatness, honor, and majesty.

UST

18 Your Majesty, the Supreme God caused the man who was king before you, Nebuchadnezzar, to become a great ruler, who was greatly praised and honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:19

ULT

19 Because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he wished, he killed, and whom he wished, he kept alive. Whom he wished, he raised up, and whom he wished, he humbled.

UST

19 Because God caused him to become very great, people of many people-groups and nations and who spoke many different languages were very much afraid of him. He commanded his soldiers to kill those whom he wanted to be killed, and he spared those whom he wanted to spare. He honored those whom he wanted to honor, and he caused to be disgraced those whom he wanted to be disgraced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:20

ULT

20 But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted presumptuously, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken away from him.

UST

20 But when he became very proud and stubborn, he was removed from being king. People did not consider him to be glorious anymore.

Why was Nebuchadnezzar brought down from his kingly throne and why was his majesty taken away from him?

Nebuchadnezzar lost his majesty and his throne because his heart became arrogant and his spirit was hardened so that he acted presumptuously.

Daniel 5:21

ULT

21 He was driven away from the sons of mankind, and his mind was made like that of an animal, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like an ox. His body was wet with the dew of heaven until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the kingdom of mankind and that he sets over it whom he wishes.

UST

21 His officials sent him away in order that he would not be near other people. God caused him to have a mind like animals have. He lived among the wild donkeys. He ate grass like cows do, and dew from the sky caused his body to be damp each morning. He was like that until he learned that the Supreme God is really the one who rules the kingdoms of this world, and that he appoints whomever he chooses to rule those kingdoms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:22

ULT

22 Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this.

UST

22 Now, Belshazzar, you have become the king. You also knew all those things, but you have not made yourself humble.

What were Daniel's charges against Belshazzar? (vv22-23)

Daniel said Belshazzar had not humbled his heart, he had lifted himself up against the Lord of Heaven and he had not honored the God who held his breath in his hand and who knew all his ways.

Daniel 5:23

ULT

23 Instead, you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. The vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have drunk wine from them, and you praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, hear, or know, but you have not honored the God in whose hand is your breath and whose are all your ways.

UST

23 You have considered yourself to be greater than God, the Lord of heaven. So you have commanded your servants to bring to you these sacred cups, which were dedicated to the Supreme God, and which were taken from his temple in Jerusalem. You and your officials and your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from these cups, while you have been praising your own gods—gods which are made of gold and silver and bronze and iron and wood and stone. Those are gods that cannot see, that cannot hear, and that do not know anything! You have not honored the God who gives you breath and who controls everything that happens to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:24

ULT

24 Then from his presence the palm of a hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.

UST

24 So God sent this hand to write a message for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:25

ULT

25 This is the writing that was inscribed: ‘Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.’

UST

25 This is the message that it wrote: ‘ Mene, mene, tekel, parsin.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:26

ULT

26 This is the interpretation of the matter: ‘Mene,’ ‘God has numbered your kingdom and brought it to an end.’

UST

26 This is what those words mean: ‘Mene’ means ‘numbered.’ That means that God has been counting the days that you will rule, and he has decided that you will not rule anymore.

What was the meaning of the writing on the plaster wall? (vv26-28)

The meaning was as follows: God has numbered Belshazzar’s kingdom and brought it to an end. Belshazzar is weighed in the scales and found lacking. Belshazzar’s kingdom is divided and is given to the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 5:27

ULT

27 ‘Tekel,’ ‘you have been weighed on the scales and found lacking.’

UST

27 ‘Tekel’ means ‘weighed.’ God has weighed you on a scale, and you do not weigh what you should.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:28

ULT

28 ‘Peres,’ ‘your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.’”

UST

28 ‘Peres’ means ‘divided.’ God has divided your kingdom. It will be ruled by people from Media and by people from Persia.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:29

ULT

29 Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple. A chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he would be the third ruler in the kingdom.

UST

29 Then Belshazzar did what he had promised. He put on me a purple robe like the one he himself wore. He put a gold chain around my neck. And he proclaimed that there would be only two others who would be more important than me in his kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 5:30

ULT

30 That same night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed,

UST

30 But that same night soldiers from Media entered the city and killed Belshazzar, the King of Babylonia.

What happened that night after Daniel gave his interpretation of the writing to Belshazzar? (vv30-31)

That night Belshazzar, the Babylonian king, was killed, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

Daniel 5:31

ULT

31 and Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about sixty-two years old.

UST

31 Darius, the King of Media, became the King of Babylonia when he was sixty-two years old.

How old was Darius the Mede when he received the kingdom?

Darius the Mede was about sixty-two years old when he received the kingdom.

Daniel 6

Daniel 6:1

ULT

[1] It pleased Darius to appoint over the kingdom 120 satraps, who would be throughout the whole kingdom.

UST

[1] King Darius decided to divide his kingdom into 120 provinces. He appointed a governor to rule each province.

Who did Darius appoint over the kingdom? (vv1-2)

He appointed 120 provincial governors with three chief administrators over them.

Daniel 6:2

ULT

[2] Over them were three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.

UST

[2] He also appointed me and two other men to be administrators, to supervise the governors and to be sure that they did the king's work properly, in order that the king would not have to worry.

Who was one of the three chief administrators?

Daniel was one of the three chief administrators.

Why were the three chief administrators appointed?

They were appointed to supervise the provincial governors, so that the king should suffer no loss.

Daniel 6:3

ULT

[3] Then this Daniel became distinguished above the high officials and satraps because an extraordinary spirit was in him, and the king planned to appoint him over the whole kingdom.

UST

[3] I soon showed that I was more capable to do the work better than all the other administrators and the governors. Because of that, the king planned to appoint me to be in charge of the entire empire.

Who was the king planning to put over the whole kingdom?

The king planned to put Daniel over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:4

ULT

4 Then the high officials and the satraps were seeking to find a ground for accusation against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they were not able to find any ground for accusation or corruption because he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was found in him.

UST

4 Then, the other administrators and the governors became jealous. So they began to search to find something that they could criticize about the way I was working for the king. But I always did my work faithfully and honestly, and was never lazy. So they could not find anything to criticize.

Why could the other chief administrators and provincial governors find no corruption, no failure in his duty, no mistakes and no negligence in Daniel's work for the kingdom?
They could find none of these things because Daniel was faithful.

Daniel 6:5

ULT

5 Then these men said, "We will not find any ground for accusation against this Daniel unless we find something against him with regard to the law of his God."

UST

5 They concluded, "The only way we can find something for which we can criticize Daniel will be something concerning the laws that his god has given him."

What was the only area of his life that the other chief administrators and provincial governors think they might find something to complain against Daniel?
They thought they might find something against Daniel regarding the law of his God.

Daniel 6:6

ULT

6 Then these high officials and satraps went as a group to the king and said to him as follows, "O King Darius, live forever!

UST

6 So the administrators and governors went as one group to the king and said, "Your Majesty, we wish that you will live a long time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:7

ULT

7 All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the counselors, and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes a petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions.

UST

7 We administrators and governors and district governors and advisors and other officials have all agreed that you should make a law that everyone must obey. We want you to command that for the next thirty days people may pray only to you. If anyone prays to anyone else, either to a human or to a god, he must be thrown into a pit of lions.

What did the provincial governors and the other chief administrators advise King Darius to do?

They advised Darius to issue a decree and enforce it that whoever made a a petition to any god or man except King Darius for thirty days, that person had to be thrown into a den of lions.

Daniel 6:8

ULT

8 Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked."

UST

8 And because laws made by our governments of Media and Persia cannot be changed, we want you, the head of our government, to sign it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:9

ULT

9 Therefore king Darius signed the document and injunction.

UST

9 So King Darius wrote the law and signed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:10

ULT

10 Now when Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his roof chamber toward Jerusalem), and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

UST

10 But when I found out that the king had written and signed that law, I went home. I knelt down in my upstairs room and prayed. I looked toward Jerusalem, and the windows were open with the result that everyone could see me while I was praying. I prayed three times each day, just as I always did, thanking God.

What did Daniel do after he learned that the decree had been issued and the document signed into law?

Daniel went into his house, got down on his knees and prayed giving thanks to God as he had done before.

Daniel 6:11

ULT

11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel making petition and imploring favor before his God.

UST

11 The officials went together to my house and they saw me praying and requesting God to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:12

ULT

12 Then they approached and spoke before the king about the injunction of the king: “Did you not sign an injunction that any man who makes a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except to you, O king, must be thrown into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The matter is certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which may not be revoked.”

UST

12 So they returned to the king and said to him, “ Do you remember that you wrote a law stating that for the next thirty days people may pray only to you, and if anyone prays to anyone else, either to a human or to a god, he will be thrown into a pit of lions?” The king replied, “Yes, that is the law that I wrote. It is a law of our governments of Media and Persia, which cannot be canceled.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:13

ULT

13 Then they answered and said before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the people of the exile from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

UST

13 Then they said to the king, “That man Daniel, one of the men who were brought from Judah, is not paying any attention to you or the law that you signed. He prays to his god three times each day!”

What did the men who plotted against Daniel do when they saw Daniel make requests and seek help from God?

Those men went to the king and told him that Daniel paid no attention to the king or his decree and that Daniel prayed to God three times a day.

Daniel 6:14

ULT

14 Then the king, when he heard the matter, was greatly distressed, and he set his mind on Daniel to deliver him; and until the sun went down he kept exerting himself to rescue him.

UST

14 When the king heard that, he was very distressed. He tried to find a way to save me. All the rest of the day he tried to think of a way to rescue me.

What did the king do when he heard Daniel had disobeyed the king’s decree?

The king became terribly distressed and he applied his mind to rescue Daniel from his ruling.

Daniel 6:15

ULT

15 Then these men went as a group to the king and said to the king, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no injunction or statute that the king establishes can be changed.”

UST

15 In the evening, many of the officials went together to the king and said, “Your Majesty, you know that our governments of Media and Persia have declared that no law that the king signs can be canceled. So Daniel must be thrown to the lions!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:16

ULT

16 Then the king gave an order, and Daniel was brought in and thrown into the den of lions. The king responded and said to Daniel, “Your God, whom you serve continually, may he deliver you.”

UST

16 So the king gave the order, and his servants brought me and threw me into a pit where the lions were. Before they threw me in, the king said to me, “I hope that your God, whom you worship regularly, will rescue you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:17

ULT

17 A stone was brought and laid over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

UST

17 They rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the pit. Then the king fastened a string across the entrance and put wax at each end, and stamped the wax with the seal from his ring and the seals of the rings of his officials, in order that no one could secretly rescue me.

After Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den, what did the king do? (vv17-18)

The king sealed the entrance to the den with his own signet ring. He then went to the palace and fasted through the night and did not sleep.

Daniel 6:18

ULT

18 Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. No entertainment was brought before him, and his sleep fled from him.

UST

18 Then the king returned to his palace. That night he refused to eat any food. He would not allow any one to entertain him because he did not want to be happy, with the result that he would forget about me. And that night he was unable to sleep because he was worried about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:19

ULT
19 Then the king got up at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the den of lions.

UST
19 At dawn the next morning, the king got up and went quickly to the pit where the lions were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:20

ULT
20 As he came near to the den to Daniel, he cried out in a troubled voice. The king responded and said to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

UST
20 When he came near it, he was very worried. He called out, “Daniel, you who serve the all-powerful God! Was your God, whom you worship regularly, able to save you from the lions?”

The next day after Daniel was thrown into the lions den, when the king went to the den, what did he ask Daniel?
The king asked Daniel if the God whom Daniel served continually had been able to save him from the lions.

Daniel 6:21

ULT
21 Then Daniel spoke to the king, “O king, live forever!

UST
21 I answered, “Your Majesty, I hope that you will live a long time!

How did Daniel answer the king? (vv21-22)
Daniel said to the king, “King, live forever! My God has sent his messenger and has shut the lion’s mouths, and they have not hurt me. For I was found blameless before him and also before you, king, and I have done you no harm.”

Daniel 6:22

ULT

22 My God sent his angel and shut the mouths of the lions, and they have not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

UST

22 Yes, my God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths, in order that they would not harm me! He did that because he knows that I have done nothing that he thinks is wrong. And, Your Majesty, I never did anything wrong to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:23

ULT

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad, and gave an order for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

UST

23 The king was extremely happy, and he commanded his servants to lift me out of the pit. When they did that, they saw that the lions had not wounded me at all. God had protected me because I trusted in him.

What was the first order the king gave after he found Daniel alive in the lion's den?

The first order the king gave after finding Daniel alive was that they should take Daniel up out of the den.

Daniel 6:24

ULT

24 The king gave an order, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel and threw them, their children, and their wives into the den of lions; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

UST

24 Then the king commanded that the men who had accused me should be seized and be thrown, along with their wives and children, into the pit where the lions were. When they were thrown into the pit, the lions leaped on them and crushed their bones before they fell onto the bottom of the pit!

What was the second order the king gave after he found Daniel alive in the lion's den?

The second order was to bring the men who had accused Daniel and throw them into the lion's den along with their children and their wives.

Daniel 6:25

ULT

25 Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that live in all the earth: “May your peace abound.

UST

25 Then King Darius wrote this message and sent it throughout his kingdom to the people of every people-group and nation and from all language groups: “I wish that all things go very well with you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:26

ULT

26 I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God and enduring forever, and his kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and his dominion will be to the end.

UST

26 I command that everyone in my kingdom should fear and revere the God that Daniel worships. He is the all-powerful God, and he will live forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed; he will rule forever.

What did Darius say concerning God in his decree about the God of Daniel? (vv26-27)

Darius said of the God of Daniel “...he is the living God and lives forever, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed; his dominion shall be to the end. He makes us safe and rescues us, and he does signs and wonders in heaven and in earth; he has kept Daniel safe from the power of the lions.”

Daniel 6:27

ULT

27 He delivers and rescues, and he does signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.”

UST

27 He rescues and saves his people, he performs all kinds of miracles in heaven and on the earth. He rescued Daniel from the power of the lions!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 6:28

ULT

28 So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

UST

28 So I was successful all during the time that Darius ruled and during the time that Cyrus, the King of Persia, ruled.

During whose reign did Daniel prosper?

Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 7

Daniel 7:1

ULT

[1] In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions in his mind while lying on his bed. Then he wrote the dream down and told the sum of the matter:

UST

[1] Previously, during the first year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylonia, I had a dream and a vision one night as I lay on my bed. The next morning I wrote down what I had dreamed. This is what I wrote:

When did Daniel have a dream and visions in his mind?
Daniel had a dream and visions while lying on his bed during the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylonia.

Daniel 7:2

ULT

[2] Daniel related and said, “In my vision at night I was looking, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

UST

[2] Daniel, had a vision during the night. In the vision I saw that strong winds were blowing from all four directions, stirring up the water in the ocean.

In Daniel’s vision what was stirring up the great sea?
The four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.

Daniel 7:3

ULT

[3] And four great beasts, each one different from the other, were coming up out of the sea.

UST

[3] Then I saw four beasts coming out of the ocean. All four of them were different.

What came up out of the sea?
Four large animals, each one different from the other came up out of the sea.

Daniel 7:4

ULT

4 The first was like a lion but had the wings of an eagle. I kept looking until its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it.

UST

4 The first one resembled a lion, but it had wings like an eagle has. But as I watched, something tore off its wings. The beast was left there, standing on its two hind legs, like a human being stands. And it was given a mind like humans have.

What was given to the animal that was like a lion?

The mind of a man was given to it.

Daniel 7:5

ULT

5 And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. Three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and thus it was told, ‘Arise, devour much flesh.’

UST

5 The second beast resembled a bear. It was crouching, and it held between its teeth three ribs from another animal that it had killed and eaten. Someone said to it, “Stand up and eat as much meat as you want!”

What was the bear-like animal told to do?

It was told to get up and devour many people.

Daniel 7:6

ULT

6 After this I was looking, and behold, another, like a leopard, and on its back it had four wings of a bird. And the beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

UST

6 Then I saw in front of me the third of these beasts. It resembled a leopard, but it had four wings protruding from its back. The wings were like a bird's wings. It had four heads. It was given the power to rule people.

What was the leopard-like animal given?

It was given authority to rule.

Daniel 7:7

ULT

7 After this I was looking in the visions of the night, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and exceedingly strong. It had large iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

UST

7 In the vision I saw a fourth beast. It was stronger than the other beasts, and it was more terrifying. It crushed other creatures with its huge iron teeth and ate their flesh. The parts of animals that it did not grind with its teeth, it trampled on the ground. It was different from the other three beasts: It had ten horns on its head.

What did the fourth animal do?

The fourth animal devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled underfoot what was left.

Daniel 7:8

ULT

8 While I was considering the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots before it. And behold in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

UST

8 While I was looking at those horns, I saw a little horn appear on the head of that beast. It tore out three of the other horns. This little horn had eyes like humans have, and it had a mouth with which it spoke very boastfully.

What did Daniel see happen to the fourth animal as he considered its horns?

Daniel saw another little horn grow up among the other ten horns. Three of the first horns were wrenched out by the roots. Daniel saw that the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that boasted about great things.

Daniel 7:9

ULT

9 I kept looking until thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire, its wheels were burning fire.

UST

9 Then while I watched, thrones were put in the places where they belonged, and God, the one who had been living forever, sat on one of the thrones. His clothes were as white as snow, and his hair was as white as pure wool. His throne had wheels that were blazing with fire, and his throne was also blazing.

Who sat on one of the thrones that was set up?

The Ancient of Days sat upon one of the thrones.

Daniel 7:10

ULT

10 A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before him; thousands upon thousands served him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before him. The court sat, and the books were opened.

UST

10 A fire was rushing out of in front of him like a stream. Many thousands of people were there serving him, and millions of other people were standing in front of him. They started the court session, and they opened the books in which they had written the record of all the good and bad things that people had done.

What business was being conducted by the Ancient of Days?

The court was in session and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:11

ULT

11 Then I continued looking because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed, and it was given to the burning fire.

UST

11 While I was watching, I could hear the little horn speaking very boastfully. As I continued to watch, the fourth beast was killed. Its corpse was thrown into a fire and completely burned.

What happened to the four animals? (vv11-12)

The animal with the horn that spoke boastful words was killed, its body destroyed and it was handed over to be burned up. The other three animals had their authority to rule taken away but their lives were prolonged for a time.

Daniel 7:12

ULT

12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension in life was given to them for a season and a time.

UST

12 The power of the other three beasts was taken away from them, but they were allowed to continue to live for a while.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:13

ULT

13 I was looking in the visions of the night, and behold, with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man was coming, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

UST

13 While I continued to see the vision that night, I saw someone who resembled a human being. He was coming closer to me, surrounded by clouds. Then he was taken to God, the one who had been living forever.

In Daniel's vision, who was presented to the Ancient of Days?

One who came with the clouds of heaven like a son of man was presented to the Ancient of Days.

Daniel 7:14

ULT

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

UST

14 He was honored and given great authority to rule over all the nations in the world, in order that people from every people-group and every nation, people from all language groups, would worship him. He will rule forever; he will never stop ruling. The kingdom that he rules will never be destroyed.

What was given to this one who was "like a son of man"?

Everlasting authority to rule, a kingdom that will never be destroyed, and glory and royal power were given to this one who was "like a son of man".

Daniel 7:15

ULT
15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed inside of me, and the visions of my head kept alarming me.

UST
15 As for me, Daniel, I was very terrified by what I had seen in that vision, and I did not know what to think about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:16

ULT
16 I approached one of those who were standing there and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of the things.

UST
16 I went to one of those who were standing in front of the throne of God, and I asked him to tell me what it meant. So he told me the meaning of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:17

ULT
17 ‘These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.

UST
17 He said, “The four huge beasts represent four kingdoms that will exist on the earth.

What was Daniel told the four animals represented in his vision?
Daniel was told that the four animals were four kings that would arise from the earth.

Daniel 7:18

ULT

18 But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever.’

UST

18 But the Supreme God will give power to his people to rule, and they shall rule forever.”

Who will receive the kingdom and possess it forever?
The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever and ever.

Daniel 7:19

ULT

19 Then I desired to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled down what was left with its feet,

UST

19 Then I wanted to know what the fourth beast signified— the beast that was different from the other three, the beast that crushed those that it attacked with its bronze claws, and then ate their flesh with its iron teeth, and trampled on the parts of their bodies that it did not eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:20

ULT

20 and about the ten horns that were on its head, and the other that came up, and before which three fell down, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth speaking great things, and which was greater in appearance than its companions.

UST

20 I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head, and about the horn that appeared later, which got rid of three of the other horns. I wanted to know what it meant that it had eyes and a mouth with which it spoke very boastfully. The beast that was represented by that horn was more terrifying than the other beasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:21

ULT
21 I kept looking, and this horn was waging war with the saints and prevailing against them

UST
21 While I was having the vision, I saw that this horn attacked God's people and was defeating them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:22

ULT
22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High. Then the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

UST
22 But then the Supreme God, the one who had been living forever, came and judged in favor of the people who belonged to him. And I knew that it was time for God's people to receive authority to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:23

ULT
23 Thus he said, ‘the fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, and trample it down and crush it.

UST
23 Then the man who was standing there said to me, “The fourth beast represents an empire that will exist on the earth; that empire will be different from all other empires. The army of that empire will crush people all over the world and trample on their bodies.

When Daniel asked one standing there about the fourth animal, what did that one say the fourth animal was and would do to the earth?
That one said the fourth animal was a fourth kingdom and that it would devour the whole earth, trample it down and break it into pieces.

Daniel 7:24

ULT

24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them. He will be different from the previous ones, and he will put down three kings.

UST

24 As for its ten horns, they represent ten kings who will rule that empire, one after the other. Then another king will appear. He will be different from the previous kings. He will defeat the three kings that were represented by the three horns that were pulled out.

What did the one standing there say about the ten horns?

That one standing there said that ten kings would arise out of the fourth kingdom.

Daniel 7:25

ULT

25 He will speak words against the Most High and will wear out the saints of the Most High. He will intend to change the times and the law. They will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

UST

25 He will rebuke the Supreme God, and he will oppress God's people. He will try to change the sacred festivals and their religious laws. He will control them for three and a half years.

What will the one who speaks against the most high do and what will be his end? (vv25-26)

He will oppress the holy people of the most high. He will try to change the festivals and the law. He will rule over these things for one year, two years, and half a year but his royal power would be taken away to be consumed and destroyed at the end.

Daniel 7:26

ULT

26 But the court will sit, and his dominion will be taken away, to be consumed and destroyed to the end.

UST

26 But there will be a session of the court in heaven, and that king's authority will be taken away, and he will be completely destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 7:27

ULT

27 Then the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions will serve and obey him.’

UST

27 Then all the power and the greatness of all the kingdoms on the earth will be given to the people who belong to the Supreme God. The kingdom that he rules will endure forever. And the rulers of all the nations on the earth will serve and obey him.”

To whom will the kingdom and dominion under the whole heaven be given?

It will be given to the people who belong to the Most High.

Daniel 7:28

ULT

28 Here is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me, and my face grew pale. But I kept the matter in my heart.”

UST

28 That is what I saw in my vision. I, Daniel, was terrified, with the result that my face became pale. But I did not tell anyone about the vision that I had seen.

What was Daniel’s response to this vision?

Daniel was greatly alarmed and his face changed in appearance, but he kept the vision to himself.

Daniel 8

Daniel 8:1

ULT

[1] In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar, I, Daniel, had a vision appear to me (after the one that appeared to me at the first).

UST

[1] During the third year that Belshazzar was the King of Babylonia, I had another vision.

When did Daniel have his second vision?

Daniel had his second vision in the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar.

Daniel 8:2

ULT

[2] I saw in the vision, and as I was looking, that I was in Susa, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision that I was beside the Ulai Canal.

UST

[2] In that vision I was in Susa, the capital city of Elam Province. I was standing alongside the Ulai Canal.

Where was Daniel in his vision?

Daniel was in the fortified city of Susa in the province of Elam beside the Ulai Canal.

Daniel 8:3

ULT

[3] Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram standing beside the canal. It had two horns and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

UST

[3] I looked up and saw a ram that was standing alongside the canal. It had two long horns, but the one that grew last was longer than the one that grew first.

What were the two animals Daniel saw in this vision?

Daniel saw a ram and a male goat in this vision.

What were the ram's two horns like?

One of the ram's horns was longer than the other but the shorter horn grew longer than the previously longer horn.

Daniel 8:4

ULT

4 I saw the ram charging westward, and northward, and southward; no animal could stand before him. There was no one to rescue out of his hand. He did as he pleased and magnified himself.

UST

4 The ram butted away with its horns everything that was west and everything that was north and everything that was south of it. There were no other animals that were able to oppose it, and none that could rescue other animals from its power. The ram did whatever it wanted to do and became very powerful.

How powerful was the ram?

No animal could stand before the ram. None could be rescued from the ram's hand. He did whatever he wanted, and he became great.

Daniel 8:5

ULT

5 As I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. The goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes.

UST

5 While I was thinking about what I had seen, in the vision I saw a goat come from the west. It ran across the land very quickly, with the result that it seemed that its feet did not touch the ground. This goat had one very large horn between its eyes.

What kind of horns did the goat have?

The goat only had one large horn between his eyes.

Daniel 8:6

ULT

6 He came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful rage.

UST

6 It was very angry, and it ran straighttoward at the ram that I had seen previously, the ram that was standing alongside the canal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:7

ULT

7 I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him, and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns. The ram had no strength to stand before him. So he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. There was no one who could rescue the ram from his power.

UST

7 The goat struck the ram furiously and broke off its two horns, with the result that the ram had no power to defend itself. So the goat knocked the ram down and trampled on it. No one could rescue the ram from the goat's power.

What did the goat do to the ram?

The goat hit the ram and broke off its two horns, knocked the ram down to the ground and trampled on him.

Daniel 8:8

ULT

8 Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But when he was mighty, the great horn was broken, and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

UST

8 The goat became very powerful. But when its power was very great, its horn was broken off. But four other large horns took its place. They each pointed in a different direction.

When the large horn of the goat was broken off, what grew in its place?

Four other large horns that pointed to the four winds of heaven grew up in place of the one that was broken off.

Daniel 8:9

ULT

9 Out of one of them came forth a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.

UST

9 Then from one of those large horns appeared a little horn, which became very big, and pointed toward the south and then toward the east and then toward the beautiful land of Israel.

What happened to one of the goat’s four horns?

Out of one of the horns grew another horn, little at first, but which became very large in the south, in the east, and in the glorious land of Israel.

Daniel 8:10

ULT

10 It grew up to the host of heaven. Some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the earth and trampled on them.

UST

10 The man who was represented by that horn became very strong, with the result that he attacked some of the soldiers of the army of heaven, and the stars in the sky which represented God's people. He threw some of them to the ground and trampled on them.

What did this horn do when it became large?

It became so large that it engaged in war with the army of heaven.

Daniel 8:11

ULT

11 It magnified itself to be as great as the Prince of the host. It took away from him the regular burnt offering, and the place of his sanctuary was overthrown.

UST

11 He defied himself to be greater than the leader of the army of heaven, and prevented priests from offering sacrifices to him. He also defiled the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:12

ULT

12 Because of transgression, the host will be given over to it along with the regular burnt offering. It will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper.

UST

12 Then God's people allowed the man who was represented by that horn to control them, with the result that they sinned by offering sacrifices to him. And he threw to the ground the laws that contained the true religion. Everything that he did was successful.

Why will the army be given over to the goat’s horn and the burnt offering stopped?

This will happen because of rebellion.

Daniel 8:13

ULT

13 Then I heard a holy one speaking and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, “For how long is the vision about the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, the giving over of the sanctuary and the host to be trampled on?”

UST

13 Then I heard two angels who were talking to each other. One of them asked, “How long will the things that were in this vision continue? How long will the man who rebels against God and causes the temple to be defiled be able to prevent priests from offering sacrifices? How long will he trample on the temple and on the armies of heaven?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:14

ULT

14 He said to me, “For 2300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary will be put right.”

UST

14 The other angel replied, “It will continue for 1,150 days. During each of those days, people will not be permitted to offer sacrifices in the morning or in the evening. After that, the temple will be purified.”

How long will these things last, this vision about the burnt offering, the sin that brings destruction, the handing over of the sanctuary, and heaven’s army being trampled on?
It will last for 2,300 evenings and mornings.

What will happen after the 2,300 evenings and mornings?
The sanctuary will be put right.

Daniel 8:15

ULT

15 When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, standing before me was one having the appearance of a man.

UST

15 While I, Daniel, was trying to understand what the vision meant, suddenly an angel who resembled a man stood in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:16

ULT

16 I heard the voice of a man between the banks of the Ulai, and he called out and said, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.”

UST

16 And I heard a man call out from the other side of the Ulai Canal, saying, “Gabriel, explain to him the meaning of the vision that he saw!”

Who was told to help Daniel understand the vision?

Gabriel was told to help Daniel understand the vision.

Daniel 8:17

ULT

17 So he came near where I stood. When he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.”

UST

17 So Gabriel came and stood beside me. I was very terrified, with the result that I fell onto the ground. But he said to me, “You human, it is necessary for you to understand that the events that you saw in the vision will occur near the time that the world will end.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:18

ULT

18 Now while he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. Then he touched me and made me stand on my feet.

UST

18 While he was speaking, I fainted. I lay there, unconscious, with my face still on the ground. But Gabriel put his hand on me and lifted me up in order that I could stand again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:19

ULT

19 He said, “Behold, I am going to make known to you what will happen at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end.

UST

19 Then he said, “I have come here to tell you what will happen because of God being angry. These things will happen near the time when the world will end.

For when was the vision? What time did it concern?

The vision was for the time of wrath. It concerned the fixed time for the end.

Daniel 8:20

ULT

20 The ram that you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia.

UST

20 As for the ram with two horns that you saw, those horns represent the kingdoms of Media and Persia.

What did the ram with two horns and the male goat represent in Daniel’s vision? (vv20-21)

The ram with the two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. The male goat is the king of Greece.

Daniel 8:21

ULT

21 The shaggy goat is the king of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

UST

21 The goat that you saw represents the kingdom of Greece, and the horn that appeared between its eyes represents its first king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:22

ULT

22 The horn that was broken and the four that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, but not with his power.

UST

22 As for the four horns that grew after the first horn was broken off, they represent four kingdoms into which that first kingdom will be divided after the first king dies. Those four kingdoms will not be as strong as the first kingdom was.

What did the four horns represent, the horns that came in place of the horn that was broken off?

The four horns represent four kingdoms that will arise from the nation represented by the horn that was broken off.

Daniel 8:23

ULT

23 At the latter end of their rule, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, will arise.

UST

23 The people in those kingdoms will become very wicked, with the result that it will be necessary for them to be punished. But near the time when those kingdoms will end, one of those kingdoms will have a king who will be very proud. He will also be very fierce and very deceitful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:24

ULT

24 His power will be great—but not by his own power. He will destroy to an extraordinary degree; he will succeed in what he does. He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.

UST

24 He will become very powerful, but it will not be because of what he himself does. He will terribly destroy things in many places, and he will succeed in doing everything that he wants to. He will get rid of many powerful men, and also some of God's people.

What will this intelligent, grim-face king do? (vv24-25)

He will cause widespread destruction and succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy powerful people, people who are holy. He will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will rise up against the king of kings.

Daniel 8:25

ULT

25 By his cunning he will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will magnify himself in his heart. He will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he will be broken, but by no human hand.

UST

25 Because he is very cunning, he will succeed by doing things that deceive many people. He will be proud of himself. He will get rid of many people when they think that they are safe. He will also rebel against God, who is the greatest king. But God will destroy him, without the help of any human being.

What will finally happen to the intelligent, grim-faced king?

He will be broken, but not by human power.

Daniel 8:26

ULT

26 The vision of the evenings and mornings that has been told is true. But seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future."

UST

26 What you saw in the vision about priests being prevented from making sacrifices in the morning and in the evening, which I explained to you, will surely happen. But for the present time, do not reveal the vision to others, because it will be many years before those things happen."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 8:27

ULT

27 Then I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for days. Then I got up, and went about the business of the king. But I was appalled by the vision, and there was no one to explain it.

UST

27 Then I, Daniel, became weak, and I was sick for several days. Then I arose and returned to doing the work that the king had given to me, but I was perplexed about the vision, and I could not understand it.

How did this vision affect Daniel?

Daniel was overcome and lay weak for several days and he was appalled by the vision.

Daniel 9

Daniel 9:1

ULT

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, a descendant of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans--

UST

1 Now I am going to tell you about what happened when Darius, who was from the Mede people-group and who was the son of Xerxes, ruled as the King of Babylonia.

Ahasuerus was king over what realm?
He was the king over the realm of the Babylonians.

Daniel 9:2

ULT

2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years which was revealed as the word of Yahweh to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.

UST

2 During the first year that he was the king, I, Daniel, was studying in the holy books the message that Yahweh had given to the prophet Jeremiah. In that message Jeremiah had written that Jerusalem would be destroyed and remain ruined for seventy years.

What did Daniel observed by studying Yahweh's word to Jeremiah the prophet?
He observed that Jerusalem's abandonment would end after seventy years.

Daniel 9:3

ULT

3 Then I turned my face to the Lord God, to seek him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

UST

3 After I read that, I pleaded to Yahweh my God to help us, praying and fasting. While doing that, I was wearing rough cloth and sitting in ashes to show that I was very sad about what had happened to us.

How did Daniel seek the Lord God?
Daniel sought the Lord God with prayer and requests, with fasting, wearing sackcloth, and sitting in ashes.

Daniel 9:4

ULT

4 I prayed to Yahweh my God, and I made confession and said, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love for those who love him and keep his commandments.

UST

4 I confessed the sins that we had committed, and this is what I prayed: Lord, you are great and awesome! You have faithfully done what you said that you would do for us. You faithfully love those who love you and who do what you have commanded that they should do.

What was the first thing Daniel did when he went to the Lord God in prayer?

Daniel made confession of the sins of the Israelites.

Daniel 9:5

ULT

5 We have sinned and done wrong. We have acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances.

UST

5 But we Israelis have sinned. We have done things that are wrong. We have done wicked things, and we have rebelled against you. We have turned away from obeying your commands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:6

ULT

6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

UST

6 Your prophets spoke for you, giving your messages to our kings, to our other rulers, to our other ancestors, and to all the Israeli people, but we have refused to pay attention to those prophets.

To whom did the prophets speak in the name of God?

The prophets spoke to the kings, the leaders, the ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:7

ULT

7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us belongs shame on our faces, as it is this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands where you have driven them, because of their treachery which they have committed against you.

UST

7 Lord, you always do what is righteous, but we have caused ourselves to be ashamed. This is still true about all of the Israelis who live in Jerusalem and who live in other places in Judea. It is also true about all us Israelis whom you scattered, who were taken to other countries, some near Israel and some far away, because we were very unfaithful to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:8

ULT

8 To us, O Yahweh, belongs shame on our faces, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

UST

8 Yahweh, we and our kings and our other rulers and our other ancestors have done very shameful things and have sinned against you.

Why did shame belong on the faces of the Israelites?

Shame belonged on their faces because they sinned against the Lord.

Daniel 9:9

ULT

9 To the Lord our God belong compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him

UST

9 Although we have rebelled against you, you act mercifully toward us and you are willing to forgive us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:10

ULT

10 and have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our God by walking in his laws which he set before us through his servants the prophets.

UST

10 Yahweh our God, when you gave your laws to your prophets who served you, and they told us to conduct our lives according to those laws, we did not listen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:11

ULT

11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, not obeying your voice. The curse and oath that are written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against him.

UST

11 All of us Israeli people have disobeyed your laws, and we have turned away from obeying what you said. We have sinned against you. As a result, you have caused us to experience the terrible things that your servant Moses said would happen to us if we sinned against you.

What had been poured out on Israel because of their sin?

The curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, had been poured out on them.

Daniel 9:12

ULT

12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, to bring on us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done to Jerusalem.

UST

12 You warned us and our rulers that you would punish Jerusalem severely by causing a great disaster there, a disaster that would be worse than any disaster that any other city had ever experienced, and you have done what you said that you would do.

How did Yahweh confirm the words he spoke against Israel and their rulers?

Yahweh confirmed his words by bringing on Israel and their rulers a great disaster.

Daniel 9:13

ULT

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us, yet we have not entreated the favor of Yahweh our God, turning away from our iniquities and giving attention to your truth.

UST

13 You punished us just like Moses wrote that you would do. But, Yahweh our God, we still have not tried, by turning away from our sinning and by heeding your truth, to persuade you to act mercifully toward us.

What did Daniel say that Israel had not done to beg God for mercy?

Daniel said they had not turned away from their sins and had not paid attention to God's truth.

Daniel 9:14

ULT

14 Therefore Yahweh has kept the calamity ready and has brought it on us, for Yahweh our God is righteous in all his deeds which he has done, yet we have not obeyed his voice.

UST

14 So, because we did not obey you, you prepared to punish us, and then you did punish us, because you always do what is righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:15

ULT

15 Now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as it is this day, we have sinned, we have been wicked.

UST

15 Lord our God, you brought your people out of Egypt by your great power, and by doing that you have caused people from that time until the present time to know that you are great even though we have sinned and done wicked things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:16

ULT

16 O Lord, in accordance with all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy mountain. Because for our sins and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become an object of scorn to all those around us.

UST

16 Lord, Jerusalem is your city, and your temple was built there on your sacred hill. Now all the people who live in nearby countries despise Jerusalem and us your people because of our sins and because of the evil things that our ancestors did. But now, because you do what is righteous, we request you to not be angry with Jerusalem any longer.

What did Daniel say was the reason the Lord God should forgive Israel?

Daniel said the Lord should forgive Israel because of the Lord's righteous deeds.

Daniel 9:17

ULT

17 So now, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy; for your sake, O Lord, make your face shine on your desolate sanctuary.

UST

17 Lord our God, listen to what I am praying and pleading for you to do. For your own sake that people will know that you are very great, act kindly concerning your temple, which was destroyed by the armies of Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:18

ULT

18 O my God, incline your ear and hear; open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we are not presenting our supplications before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.

UST

18 My God, listen to my prayer. Look at us and see our troubles, and see that this city that belongs to you has been ruined. We are praying to you because you are merciful, not because we have done what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:19

ULT

19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, pay attention and take action! For your own sake, do not delay, my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

UST

19 Lord, listen to us! Lord, forgive us! Lord, this city and these people belong to you, so we plead with you to heed what we are saying and act to help us right now, for your own sake that people will know that you are very great!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:20

ULT

20 While I was speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before Yahweh my God on behalf of the holy mountain of my God,

UST

20 I continued praying and confessing the sins that I and my people Israel had committed, and pleading with Yahweh my God that he would restore the temple on the sacred hill in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:21

ULT

21 while I was still speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight, at the time of the evening sacrifice.

UST

21 While I was praying, Gabriel, the angel whom I had seen in the vision previously, came flying rapidly to me, at the time in the evening when the priests offered sacrifices.

When did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to Daniel at the time of the evening sacrifice while Daniel was praying.

Daniel 9:22

ULT

22 He gave me understanding and spoke with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding.

UST

22 He said to me, “Daniel, I have come to you to enable you to understand clearly the message that God gave to Jeremiah.

Why did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to give Daniel insight and understanding.

Daniel 9:23

ULT

23 At the beginning of your supplications, a word went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.

UST

23 When you began to plead with God, he gave me a message to give to you. He loves you very much, so he has sent me to tell you what he said to me. So now pay attention in order that you may understand the meaning of what he revealed to Jeremiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 9:24

ULT

24 Seventy sevens are decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place.

UST

24 God has determined that there will be 490 years until he frees your people from the guilt of their sins and to atone for the evil things that they have done. Then God will rule everyone justly, and he will do that forever. And what you saw in the vision and what Jeremiah prophesied will come true, and the sacred temple will be dedicated to God again.

Why were seventy sevens of years decreed for Daniel’s people and his holy city?

The seventy sevens of years were decreed to end the guilt, put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring everlasting righteousness, to carry out the vision and the prophecy, and to consecrate the most holy place.

Daniel 9:25

ULT

25 Know and understand that from the issuing of the word to restore and build Jerusalem until an anointed one, a prince, there will be seven sevens and sixty-two sevens. It will be built again with plaza and moat, but in times of distress.

UST

25 You need to know and understand this: There will be 49 years from the time that the king commands that Jerusalem should be rebuilt until the leader that God has chosen will come. Then 434 years later, Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and it will have streets and will have a moat around it to protect the city. But that will be a time when God's people have a lot of troubles.

How much time will elapse between the issuing of the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the anointed one?

Seven sevens and sixty-two sevens will elapse between the two events..

Daniel 9:26

ULT

26 After the sixty-two sevens, the anointed one will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end will come with a flood, and there will be war to the end. Desolations are decreed.

UST

26 After those 434 years, the leader whom God has appointed will be killed when it seems that he will have acomplished nothing unjustly. After that, the temple will be destroyed by the army of a powerful ruler. The city and the temple will be destroyed like a flood destroys everything. That will be the beginning of the war and destruction that God has decreed will happen.

When will the anointed one be destroyed?

He will be destroyed after the sixty-two sevens of years.

Daniel 9:27

ULT

27 He will make a strong covenant with the many for one seven. In the middle of the seven, he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. On the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, until the complete destruction that is decreed is poured out on the desolator.”

UST

27 That ruler will make a strong agreement with many people. He will promise to do for seven years what he has said in that agreement. But when that time is half finished, he will prevent priests from giving any more offerings and sacrifices to God. A disgusting idol will be put on the highest part of the temple, and it will stay there until God gets rid of the one who put it there, which is what he said that he would do.”

What will a coming ruler do?

He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven. In the middle of the seven he will put an end to the sacrifice and the offering.

What will happen to the one who makes desolate?

A full end and destruction are decreed for that one.

Daniel 10

Daniel 10:1

ULT

[1] In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. The word was true, and it was a great conflict. He understood the word and had an understanding of the vision.

UST

[1] During the third year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, I Daniel, who had been given the name Belteshazzar, received another message from God. The message was true, but it was very difficult for me to understand it. But later I understood the message because of the vision that I had seen.

What message was revealed to Daniel in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia?

The message was about a great war.

How was Daniel able to understand the message?

Daniel understood the message because he had insight from a vision.

Daniel 10:2

ULT

[2] In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three whole weeks.

UST

[2] At that time I had been sad for three weeks about what had happened to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:3

ULT

[3] I ate no tasty food, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all until three entire weeks were completed.

UST

[3] I did not eat any tasty food or any meat or drink any wine. I did not even put any perfumed oil on my face or hair for those three weeks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:4

ULT

4 On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was on the bank of the great river (that is, the Tigris),

UST

4 When those three weeks ended, on April 23, my companions and I were standing on the bank of the great Tigris River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:5

ULT

5 I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold from Uphaz.

UST

5 I looked up and saw someone there who was wearing fine white clothes and a belt made of pure gold.

Who did Daniel see in his vision?

He saw a man dressed in linen with a pure gold belt around his waist.

Daniel 10:6

ULT

6 His body was like topaz, his face was like the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet were like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the sound of a multitude.

UST

6 His body shone like a precious beryl stone. His face was as bright as a flash of lightning. His eyes were like flaming torches. His arms and legs shone like polished bronze. And his voice was very loud, like the roar of a huge crowd.

What was the man in Daniel's vision like?

The man's body was like topaz, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and feet like polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a great crown.

Daniel 10:7

ULT

7 I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision. However, a great trembling fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves.

UST

7 I, Daniel, was the only one who saw this vision. The men who were with me did not see anything, but they sensed that someone was there, and they became terrified. They ran away and hid themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:8

ULT

8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision. No strength remained in me; my complexion turned to deathly pale, and I retained no strength.

UST

8 So I was left there by myself, looking at this very unusual vision. I had no strength left. My face became very pale, with the result that no one would have recognized me.

What was Daniel's response when he saw the great vision and heard the man's words? (vv8-9)

Daniel's radiant appearance was fearfully changed, and no strength remained in him. He fell on his face in deep sleep with his face to the ground.

Daniel 10:9

ULT

9 Then I heard the sound of his words, and as I heard the sound of his words, I fell on my face in a deep sleep with my face to the ground.

UST

9 I saw a man there, and when I heard him speak, I fell to the ground. I fainted, and I lay there with my face on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:10

ULT

10 Then behold, a hand touched me, and set me trembling on my knees and the palms of my hands.

UST

10 Suddenly someone's hand took hold of me and lifted me, with the result that I was on my hands and knees, but I was still trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:11

ULT

11 He said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly treasured, understand the words that I am about to speak to you. Stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” When he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

UST

11 The man said to me, “Daniel, God loves you very much. Stand up and listen to what I am going to say to you, because God sent me to you.” When he said that, I stood up, but I was stil trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:12

ULT

12 Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come because of your words.

UST

12 Then he said to me, “Daniel, do not be afraid. God has heard what you have prayed ever since the first day that you determined to humble yourself in order to understand the vision. I have come to you because of what you prayed.

When was the angel sent to Daniel?

The angel was sent on the first day Daniel set his mind to understand and humble himself before God.

Daniel 10:13

ULT

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. Then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. [1]

UST

13 The evil spirit who rules the kingdom of Persia resisted me for 21 days, but Michael, who is one of God's chief angels, came to help me. I left him there in Persia to resist that evil spirit who rules there.

Why did it take the angel twenty-one days to come to Daniel?

The angel was detained by the prince of the kingdom of Persia who resisted him.

Daniel 10:14

ULT

14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come."

UST

14 I have come here to enable you to understand what will happen to the Israeli people in the future. Do not forget that the vision that you saw is about things that will happen in the future, not about things that will happen very soon."

When will the events of the vision happen?

The vision was about the last days, the days yet to come.

Daniel 10:15

ULT

15 While he was speaking to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and was unable to speak.

UST

15 While he was saying that, I stared at the ground and was unable to say anything because I was very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:16

ULT

16 And behold, one in the likeness of the sons of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me: “O my lord, pains have come upon me because of the vision; I retain no strength.

UST

16 Suddenly the angel, who resembled a human, touched my lips. Then I was able to speak, and I said to him, “Sir, because I have seen this vision, I have become very weak, with the result that I cannot stop trembling.

What did Daniel say the vision had done to him? (vv16-17)

Daniel said the vision had turned his anguish on him and the he had no strength left and no breath left in him.

Daniel 10:17

ULT

17 How can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains now no strength in me, and there is no breath left in me.”

UST

17 I am not able to talk to you, my master. I have no strength left, and it is very difficult for me to breathe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:18

ULT

18 Again the one with the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me.

UST

18 But he took hold of me again, and enabled me to become stronger again.

What did the one with an appearance like a human being do to strengthen Daniel?

The one who looked like a human being touched Daniel to strengthen him.

Daniel 10:19

ULT

19 He said, “Do not be afraid, O man greatly treasured. May peace be to you! Be strong and be strong!” While he was speaking to me, I was strengthened and said, “Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.”

UST

19 He said to me, “You human, God loves you very much. So do not be afraid. I desire that things will go well for you and that you will be encouraged.” When he had said that, I felt even stronger, and I said, “Sir, tell me what you want to tell me. You have enabled me to feel stronger.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 10:20

ULT

20 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia. When I go out, behold, the prince of Greece will come.

UST

20-21 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? It is to reveal to you what is written in the book which reveals God’s truth. But now I must return to fight against the evil spirit who rules the kingdom of Persia. After I have defeated him, the evil angel who guards Greece will appear and I must defeat him. Michael, who guards you Israelite people, will certainly help me, but there is no one else to help me.”

What was the one who looked like a human being say he was going to do after he left Daniel?

He said he was returning to fight against the prince of Persia.

Daniel 10:21

ULT

21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the Book of Truth. There is no one who stands strong with me against these, except Michael your prince.”
10:13 *[1]* , some ancient copies have

UST

20-21 Then he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? It is to reveal to you what is written in the book which reveals God’s truth. But now I must return to fight against the evil spirit who rules the kingdom of Persia. After I have defeated him, the evil angel who guards Greece will appear and I must defeat him. Michael, who guards you Israelite people, will certainly help me, but there is no one else to help me.”

What did the one who looked like a human being say he was going to tell Daniel?

He said he was going to tell Daniel what was written in the book of truth.

Daniel 11

Daniel 11:1

ULT

[1] As for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to support and protect him.

UST

[1] "As for me, during the first year that Darius was king, I helped and encouraged Michael."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:2

ULT

[2] Now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and a fourth will gain far more riches than all the others. When he becomes strong through his riches, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.

UST

[2] The angel also said, "And what I am going to reveal to you now will truly happen. There will be three more kings to rule Persia, one after the other. Then there will be a fourth king, who will be much richer than the others. As a result of his giving a lot of money to people, they will enable him to become very powerful. Then he will incite many nations to fight against the kingdom of Greece.

How will a fourth king in Persia gain power?

He will gain power through his riches.

Against what kingdom did that fourth Persian king stir up everyone?

He stirred everyone up against the kingdom of Greece.

Daniel 11:3

ULT

[3] Then a mighty king will arise, and he will rule with great dominion and do according to his desires.

UST

[3] Then a very powerful king will appear in Greece. He will rule over a very large empire, and he will do whatever he wants to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:4

ULT

4 But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, and not according to his authority with which he ruled. For his kingdom will be uprooted and given to others besides these.

UST

4 But when he has become very powerful, he will die. Then his kingdom will be divided into four parts. Kings who are not his descendants will rule, but they will not be as powerful as he was.

To whom will the kingdom of the mighty king not be given?

That kingdom will not be given to the king's own descendants.

Daniel 11:5

ULT

5 Then the king of the South will become strong, but one of his princes will become stronger than he and will rule; his dominion will be a great dominion.

UST

5 Then the King of Egypt will become very powerful. But one of his army generals will become more powerful than he is, and he will rule a bigger area.

Who will make an alliance? (vv5-6)

The king of the South and one of his commanders who will become a king of the North will make an alliance.

Daniel 11:6

ULT

6 After some years, they will make an alliance. The daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to make an agreement. But she will not retain the strength of her arm, nor will he endure, or his arm. She will be given up, along with those who brought her, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times. *[1]*

UST

6 Several years later, the King of Egypt and the King of Syria will make an alliance to help each other. The King of Syria will give his daughter to the King of Egypt to become his wife. But she will not be able to influence him very long, and that woman, her husband, her child, and her servants will all be killed.

Who will come to confirm the alliance between the king of the South and the king of the North?

The daughter of the king of the South will come to the king of the North to confirm the agreement.

Daniel 11:7

ULT

[7] But from a branch of her roots one will rise up in his place. He will come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the North. He will deal with them and will prevail.

UST

[7] Soon after that, one of her relatives will become King of Egypt. His army will attack the army of Syria. They will enter the fortress of the soldiers of Syria and defeat them.

What will the branch from the daughter of the king of the South do to the king of the North?

He will attack the army and enter the fortress of the king of the North and conquer them.

Daniel 11:8

ULT

[8] He will also carry away as booty to Egypt their gods along with their cast metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold. For some years he will stay away from the king of the North.

UST

[8] They will return to Egypt, taking the statues of the gods of the people of Syria and many items made of silver and gold that had been dedicated to those gods. Then for several years his army will not attack the army of the King of Syria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:9

ULT

[9] Then he will come into the realm of the king of the South but will return to his own land.

UST

[9] Then the army of the King of Syria will invade Egypt, but they will soon return to Syria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:10

ULT

10 His sons will wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces. It will keep coming and overflow like a flood and pass through, and again will carry the war as far as his fortress.

UST

10 However, the sons of the King of Syria will prepare to start a war, and they will gather a large army. That army will march south and spread all over Israel like a huge flood. They will attack a strong fortress in the south of Israel.

What will the sons of the king of the North do?

They will wage war and assemble a great army. They will overflow like a flood, pass through, and repeat the assault all the way to the fortress of the king of the South.

Daniel 11:11

ULT

11 Then the king of the South will be enraged and go out and fight against him, against the king of the North. Then he will raise up a great multitude, but the multitude will be given into his hand.

UST

11 Then the King of Egypt, having become very angry, will march with his army north from Egypt and fight against the army of Syria. The King of Syria will gather together a very large army, but the army of the King of Egypt will defeat them.

What will the king of the South do in response to the attack by the sons of the king of the North?

The king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North.

Who won this battle between the North and the South? (vv11-12)

The king of the South won that battle.

Daniel 11:12

ULT

12 When the multitude is carried off, his heart will be lifted up, and he will cause tens of thousands to fall, but he will not prevail.

UST

12 The King of Egypt will become very proud because of his army having killed a very large number of soldiers from Syria, but his army will not continue to win battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:13

ULT

13 For the king of the North will again raise a multitude, greater than the first. At the end of some years, he will surely come with a great army and much equipment.

UST

13 The King of Syria will again gather together an army that will be bigger than the one that he had before. After a few years, he will again march south on their way to Egypt with a large army and a lot of equipment for fighting battles.

After some years, what will the king of the North do?

He will raise another great army supplied with much equipment and will surely come.

Daniel 11:14

ULT

14 In those times many will rise against the king of the South. Men of violence among your people will lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they will stumble.

UST

14 At that time, many people in Egypt will rebel against their king. In order to fulfill a vision that one of their leaders had seen, some violent people from your country of Israel will also rebel in order to not be controlled by Egypt anymore, but they will be defeated.

In those times who else will rise against the king of the South?

In those times many will rise against the king of the South including the most violent among Daniel's people.

Daniel 11:15

ULT

15 Then the king of the North will come, heap up siege ramps, and capture a city with fortifications. The forces of the South will not stand, not even his choicest troops, for there will be no strength to stand.

UST

15 Then the King of Syria will come south with his army and pile up dirt against the walls of a city that is well protected, and they will break through those walls and they will capture the city. The soldiers from Egypt who have come to defend that city, even the best troops, will not be strong enough to continue to fight.

What will happen this time when the king of the North attacks the king of the South? (vv15-16)

The king of the South will not be able to stand against him. The king of the North will do whatever he wants against the king of the South.

Daniel 11:16

ULT

16 But he who comes against him will act according to his desires; no one will stand before him. He will stand in the Beautiful Land, with destruction in his hand.

UST

16 So the King of Syria will do whatever he wants to, and no one will be able to oppose him. His army will occupy the glorious land of Israel and completely control it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:17

ULT

17 He will set his face to come with the strength of his entire kingdom, and with him will be an agreement that he will make. He will give him the daughter of women to ruin it. But it will not stand or be to his advantage.

UST

17 Then he will decide to march south with all the soldiers from his kingdom. He will make an alliance with the King of Egypt and in order that his daughter will help him to destroy the kingdom of Egypt, he will give her to the King of Egypt to become his wife. But that plan will fail.

Why will the king of the North give a daughter in marriage to the king of the South?

The king of the North will do this in order to destroy the kingdom of the South.

Daniel 11:18

ULT

18 After this, he will turn his face to the coastlands and will capture many. But a commander will end his insolence against him. Moreover, he will cause his insolence to turn back upon him.

UST

18 After that, the army of the King of Syria will attack the regions that are close to the Mediterranean Sea, and his army will conquer many of them. But the army of a leader from another country will defeat the army of Syria and will stop their king from continuing to be proud. He will do to the King of Syria what he deserved for being very insolent.

What will happen to this king of the North? (vv18-19)

A commander will put an end to the insolence of the king of the North and will cause his insolence to turn back upon him. He will stumble and fall; he will not be found.

Daniel 11:19

ULT

19 Then he will turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and fall and not be found.

UST

19 Then the King of Syria will return to the fortresses in his own land. But he will be defeated, and he will die there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:20

ULT

20 Then will arise in his place one who will send a tax collector for the splendor of the kingdom. But in a few days he will be broken, though not in anger nor in battle.

UST

20 Then another man will succeed him. That king will send one of his officers to oppress the people in Jerusalem by forcing them to pay big taxes, in order to get more money for his kingdom. But after a few years that king will die, but he will not die as a result of people being angry with him or in a battle.

What will the one who rises up in place of the king of the North do?

He will force taxes to be paid to provide for the splendor of the kingdom.

What will happen to this one who forces taxes to be paid?

After only a few days that one will be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

Daniel 11:21

ULT

21 In his place will arise a despicable person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He will come unexpectedly and seize the kingdom by intrigue.

UST

21 The next King of Syria will be an evil man who, because he will not be the son of the previous king, he will not have the right to become king. But he will come when people do not expect it, and he will become king by tricking the people.

How will a despised person who has not been given the honor of royalty come to power?

He will come in quietly and will take over the kingdom by flattery.

Daniel 11:22

ULT

22 And the overflowing forces will be swept away before him and broken, and also the prince of the covenant.

UST

22 When his army advances, they will attack any armies that oppose him and destroy those armies. They will also kill God's Supreme Priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:23

ULT

23 After an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully, and he will go up and become strong with a small number of people.

UST

23 By making treaties with the rulers of other nations, he will deceive them, and he will become very powerful, even though he rules a nation that does not have a lot of people.

What will this despised king do once an alliance is made with him?

From the time an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully.

Daniel 11:24

ULT

24 Without warning he will come into the richest parts of the province, and he will do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers did. He will scatter among them plunder, booty, and possessions. He will devise his plans against fortresses, but only for a time.

UST

24 Suddenly his army will invade a province that is very wealthy, and they will do things that none of his ancestors did: they will capture in battles all kinds of possessions from the people whom they defeat. Then the king will divide those possessions among his friends. He will also plan for his army to attack fortresses in Egypt, but only for a short time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:25

ULT

25 He will stir up his power and his heart against the king of the South with a great army. The king of the South will wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he will not stand, because plots will be devised against him.

UST

25 He will courageously conscript a large and powerful army to attack the army of the king of Egypt. But the King of Egypt will prepare to fight against them with a huge and powerful army. However, someone will deceive him, with the result that his plan will not be successful.

What will happen when this deceitful king wages war against the king of the South?

The king of the South will not be able to stand against the deceitful king because of all the plots devised against him.

Daniel 11:26

ULT

26 Even those who eat his fine food will break him. His army will be swept away, and many will fall down slain.

UST

26 Even his most trusted advisors will plan to get rid of him. His army will be defeated and many of his soldiers will be killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:27

ULT

27 The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will speak lies at the same table, but it will not suceed, for the end is still to come at the appointed time.

UST

27 Then the two kings who both want to rule that area will sit down at the same table and eat together, but they will both lie to each other. Neither of them will get what he wants, because it will not be the time that God has determined for them to rule.

Why will the king of the North and the king of the South sit at the same table and lie to each other?

They will lie to each other because their hearts are set on evil against each other.

Daniel 11:28

ULT

28 Then he will return to his land with much plunder, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action and then return to his own land.

UST

28 The army of the King of Syria will return to Syria, taking with them all the valuable things that they had captured. The king will be determined to get rid of the Supreme Priest of the Jewish people. He will do what he wants to in Israel, and then return to his own country.

What will the heart of the king of the North be set against?

His heart will be set against the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:29

ULT

29 At the appointed time he will return and come into the South. But this last time it will not be as before.

UST

29 When it is the time that God has decided, the King of Syria and his army will invade Egypt again. But this time he will not be successful like he was before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:30

ULT

30 For ships of Kittim will come against him, and he will withdraw in fear and return. He will curse the holy covenant and take action. He will come back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

UST

30 The army of Rome will come in ships and oppose his army and cause him to be afraid. So he will be very angry, and with his army he will return to Israel and try to get rid of the Supreme Priest. The King of Syria will do what those who have abandoned the Jewish religion advise him to do for them.

How will the rage of the king of the North against the holy covenant manifest itself?

The king of the North will manifest his rage against the holy covenant by showing favor to those who forsake the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:31

ULT

31 Forces from him will rise up and profane the sanctuary fortress. They will take away the regular burnt offering, and they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

UST

31 Some of his soldiers will do things to defile the temple. They will prevent the priests from offering sacrifices each day, and they will put in the temple something that is disgusting.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:32

ULT

32 He will corrupt with flattery those who act wickedly toward the covenant. But the people who know their God will be strong and take action.

UST

32 By deceiving those who have abandoned the Jewish religion, he will win them to become his supporters. But those who are devoted to their God will firmly oppose them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:33

ULT

33 Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many. But they will stumble by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for some days.

UST

33 And wise Israeli leaders will teach others also. But for a while, some of those wise leaders will be killed in battles, and some will be burned to death, and some will be robbed, and some will be put in prison.

What will the wise do at that time?

At that time the wise will give understanding to many?

What will happen to the wise? (vv33-34)

For days the wise will fall by the sword and flame, they will be taken as prisoners and robbed of their possessions. When they stumble they will receive a little help.

Daniel 11:34

ULT
34 When they stumble, they will receive a little help. Many will join themselves with them in hypocrisy.

UST
34 While God's people are being persecuted, some people will help them a little bit, although some of those who help them will not do it sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:35

ULT
35 Some of those who have insight will stumble in order to refine, purify, and cleanse them, until the time of the end. For it is still to come at the appointed time.

UST
35 Some of those wise leaders will be killed, but as a result the others will be purified. This suffering will continue until it is the time that God has appointed for it to end.

Why will some of the wise stumble?
Some of them will stumble so that they may be refined, cleansed, and made pure until the time of the end.

Daniel 11:36

ULT
36 The king will act according to his desires. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god. Against the God of gods, he will speak astonishing things. He will be succeessful until the indignation is accomplished. For what is decreed will be done.

UST
36 The King of Syria will do what he wants to. He will boast and say that he is greater than any god. He will even revile the Supreme God. He will be able to do what he wants until the time that God punishes him. God will accomplish what he has planned.

Above whom will this deceitful king of the North exalt himself? (vv36-37)
He will exalt and magnify himself above every god; including the God of gods, the gods of his ancestors, and the god desired by women.

Daniel 11:37

ULT

37 He will pay no attention to the gods of his fathers or to the one desired by women. Neither will he pay attention to any other god. For he will magnify himself above all.

UST

37 The King of Syria will ignore the god that his ancestors worshiped and the god that many women love. He will ignore every god, because he will think that he is greater than all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:38

ULT

38 He will honor the god of fortresses instead of these. A god whom his fathers did not know, he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and treasures.

UST

38 But he will honor the god who people think protects fortresses. That is a god whom his ancestors did not honor. And he will give gold, silver, jewels and other expensive gifts to that god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:39

ULT

39 He will take action against the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He will heap great honor on those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over the many, and he will divide up the land for a price. [2]

UST

39 He will ask that god from another country to help him to defend his fortresses. He will greatly honor those who allow him to be their ruler. He will appoint some of them to important positions in the government; and to reward them, he will give them some land.

What will this deceitful king of the North do for those who acknowledge him?

He will give honor to those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people.

Daniel 11:40

ULT

40 At the time of the end the king of the South will wage war with him. But the king of the North will storm against him with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He will come into countries, overflow, and pass through.

UST

40 But when his time to rule is almost ended, the army of the King of Egypt will attack his army. The army of the King of Syria will fight against them furiously. His soldiers will be driving chariots and riding on horses and traveling in many ships. His army will invade many countries and spread all over those countries like a flood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:41

ULT

41 He will come into the Beautiful Land, and many will fall. But these will escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the main part of the sons of Ammon.

UST

41 They will invade the glorious land of Israel and kill tens of thousands of people. But the people of the Edom people-group and the people of the Moab people-group and the people of the Ammon people-group who are still alive will escape.

At the time of the end what will happen when the king of the North comes into the glorious land?

At that time tens of thousands of Israelites will stumble and fall.

Who will escape from the hand of the king of the North?

Many from Edom and Moab, and the remaining people of Ammon will escape from his hand.

Daniel 11:42

ULT

42 He will stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

UST

42 When the army of Syria invades other countries, even the people of Egypt will be defeated.

What are some of the countries over which this king of the North will extend his power? (vv42-43)

This king of the North will extend his power over Egypt, the Libyans, and the Ethiopians.

Daniel 11:43

ULT

43 He will become ruler over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; the Libyans and the Cushites will be in his footsteps.

UST

43 The army of Syria will take away from Egypt gold, silver, and other valuable items. The people of Libya and Ethiopia will allow the King of Syria to rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 11:44

ULT

44 But rumors from the east and the north will terrify him, and he will go out with great rage to exterminate and to devote many to destruction.

UST

44 But he will become very frightened when he hears reports about what is happening in the east and in the north. So he will become very angry, and send his army to fight furiously and kill many of their enemies.

What will this king of the North do when reports from the east and north alarm him?

He will go out with great rage to destroy and to devote many to destruction.

Daniel 11:45

ULT

45 He will pitch his palatial tents between the seas and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.
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11:39 [2] , some modern versions have

UST

45 The King of Syria will set up his royal tents in the area between the Mediterranean Sea and the hill in Jerusalem on which the temple exists. But he will be killed there, because there will be no one to help him.”

Where will this king of the North set up his the tents of his palace?

He will set up the tents of his palace between the seas, at the mountain of the beauty of holiness.

Who will help the king of the North at the end?

The king of the North will come to his end and there will be no one to help him.

Daniel 12

Daniel 12:1

ULT

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as never has been since there was a nation until that time. But at that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

UST

1 The angel also said to me, “After those things happen, the great angel Michael, who protects the Israeli people, will appear. Then there will be a time when there will be great troubles. The troubles will be greater than any troubles since the nations began. At that time, all of your people whose names have been written in the book containing the names of those who have eternal life will be saved.

Who is it that guards Daniel’s people?

Michael, the great prince guards Daniel’s people.

How bad will be the time of trouble written of here?

It will be a time of trouble such as never was since the beginning of any nation until that time.

At that time who will be saved?

At that time Daniel’s people will be saved, everyone whose name is found written in the book.

Daniel 12:2

ULT

2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

UST

2 Many of those who have died will become alive again. Some of them will live eternally with God, and some will be eternally shamed in hell.

What will happen to many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth?

Some of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will rise up to everlasting life and some will rise up to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:3

ULT

[3] Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse, and those who turn the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

UST

[3] Those who were wise will shine as brightly as the sky is bright when the sun is shining. And those who have shown to others the way to live righteously will shine forever, like the stars.

What will happen to those who are wise and those who turn many to righteousness?
Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:4

ULT

[4] But you, Daniel, keep the words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end. Many will run back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

UST

[4] But as for you, Daniel, close up the scroll in which you are writing, and seal it in order that no one can open it until the end of the world is near. Before that happens, many people will travel rapidly here and there, learning more and more about many things."

How long was Daniel told to keep the book sealed?
He was told to keep the book sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:5

ULT

[5] Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the stream, and one on that bank of the stream.

UST

[5] When that angel finished speaking, I, Daniel, looked up, and suddenly I saw two other angels. One was standing on the side of the river where I was, and one was standing on the other side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:6

ULT

6 One said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long will it be until the end of these wonders?”

UST

6 One of them called to the other one, who was wearing linen clothes, who was now standing further up the river, “How long will it be until these amazing events end?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:7

ULT

7 I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream. He raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the smashing of the power of the holy people has come to an end, all these things will be completed.

UST

7 The one wearing the linen clothes and standing further up the river raised his hands toward the sky and solemnly promised to the one who lives forever, “It will be three and a half years, and when God’s holy people and their strength are no longer being shattered to pieces, then all these things are finished.”

How long did the man clothed in linen say it would be until the end of these amazing events?

The man clothed in linen said it would be for a time, times, and a half. When the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things will be completed.

Daniel 12:8

ULT

8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I said, “O my lord, what will be the outcome of these things?”

UST

8 I heard what he said, but I did not understand it. So I asked, “Sir, what will be the result when these things end?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Daniel 12:9

ULT

[9] He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.

UST

[9] He replied, “Daniel, you must leave now. I cannot answer your question because what it means must be kept secret until the time when everything ends.

What did the man clothed in linen give as a reason why Daniel did not understand what the man clothed in linen was telling him?

The man clothed in linen said to Daniel, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.”

Daniel 12:10

ULT

[10] Many will be purified, cleansed, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly. None of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.

UST

[10] Many people will thoroughly purify their inner beings. But wicked people will not understand these things. They will continue to be wicked. Only those who are wise will understand these things.

At the time of the end who will and who won’t understand the words of the prophecy?

None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Daniel 12:11

ULT

[11] From the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1, 290 days.

UST

[11] But I can tell you that before everything ends, there will be one thousand two hundred ninety days, from the time that people are prevented from offering sacrifices each day, that is, from the time that the abominable thing is put in the temple.

How much time will elapse between the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes complete desolation is set up?

There will be 1,290 days between those two events.

Daniel 12:12

ULT

12 Blessed is he who is patient and arrives at the 1, 335 days.

UST

12 God will be pleased with those who remain faithful until the end of one thousand three hundred thirty five days.

At that time who does the man clothed in linen say will be blessed?

The man clothed in linen said, “Blessed is the one who waits until the end of the 1,335 days.”

Daniel 12:13

ULT

13 But as for you, go your way until the end. Then you will rest and will stand for your allotted portion at the end of the days.”

UST

13 So now I say to you, continue to faithfully trust God until your life on earth ends. You will die, but when everything ends, you will receive your reward from God.”

What did the man clothed in lined say would happen to Daniel?

He said that Daniel would rest and that he would rise in the place assigned to him at the end of days.

Hosea

Hosea 1

Hosea 1:1

ULT

1 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Hosea son of Beeri in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel.

UST

1 Yahweh gave Hosea these messages during the years that Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and when Jeroboam son of Jehoash was king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 1:2

ULT

2 When Yahweh spoke at first through Hosea, Yahweh said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of harlotry. For the land is committing flagrant harlotry by forsaking Yahweh.”

UST

2 When Yahweh spoke for the first time through the prophet Hosea, he said, “Go and marry a prostitute. She will have children because she has given herself to other men. When you marry a prostitute, this will show how my people have been so shamefully unfaithful to me. It will show them how they have left me, their God.”

What kind of wife did Yahweh tell Hosea to take for himself?

Yahweh told him to take for himself a wife who was a prostitute.

Hosea 1:3

ULT

3 So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

UST

3 So Hosea married Gomer, daughter of Diblaim. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 1:4

ULT

4 Yahweh said to him, “Call his name Jezreel. For yet a little while I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.

UST

4 Yahweh said to Hosea, “Give your baby the name Jezreel, because I will soon punish the family members of King Jehu for the murders that he committed in the city of Jezreel. I will also bring the kingdom of Israel to an end.

Why should Hosea call the name of his first son Jezreel?

Hosea should call his name Jezreel. For in a little while Yahweh will punish the house of Jehu for the bloodshed at Jezreel.

Hosea 1:5

ULT

5 It will happen on that day that I break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.”

UST

5 On that day I will destroy the fighting strength of the army of Israel, there in the Valley of Jezreel.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 1:6

ULT

6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then Yahweh said to Hosea, “Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, for I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, that I should forgive them at all.

UST

6 Gomer soon became pregnant again, and this time she gave birth to a daughter. Then Yahweh spoke to him, “Give her the name Lo-Ruhamah, which means ‘no mercy,’ because I will no longer have any mercy for the people of Israel, and I will not forgive them for even one sin they have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 1:7

ULT

7 But I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them by Yahweh their God. I will not save them by bow, sword, battle, horses, or horsemen."

UST

7 But I will have mercy on the people of Judah. I will save them—but not by deadly weapons, the bow, the sword, or battle. I will not save them by armies or by strong horses and those who ride on them. Instead, I, Yahweh myself, will save them."

On whom will Yahweh have mercy?

Yahweh will have mercy on the house of Judah.

Hosea 1:8

ULT

8 After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son.

UST

8 After Gomer had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she became pregnant again and gave birth to a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 1:9

ULT

9 Then Yahweh said, "Call his name Lo-Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.

UST

9 Yahweh said "Give him the name Lo-Ammi, which means 'not my people,' because you, O Israel, are not my people—and I will no longer protect you as your God.

Why should Hosea call the name of his second son Lo Ammi?

Hosea should call his name Lo Ammi, for the Israelites were no longer his people.

Hosea 1:10

ULT

10 Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the seashore, which cannot be measured or counted. In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ it will be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’

UST

10 One day in the future, the people of Israel will be as numerous as the grains of sand by the sea. No one will be able to count them. I have said to Israel, ‘You are not my people,’—but one day I will say to them, ‘You are the people whom I will protect and love.’

What will be said to those who formerly were not Yahweh’s people?

It will be said to them that they were people of the living God.

Hosea 1:11

ULT

11 The people of Judah and the people of Israel will be gathered together. They will appoint one leader for themselves, and they will go up from the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel.

UST

11 On that day I, Yahweh, will gather all the people of Judah and bring them together with all the people of Israel. They will choose from among themselves a single leader, and they will go out of that land in which they were held as exiles. On that day they will say, ‘Great is the day of Jezreel!’ (Jezreel means, ‘God plants his people in his land.’)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2

Hosea 2:1

ULT

1 Say to your brothers, ‘My people!’ and to your sisters, ‘You have been shown compassion.’”

UST

1 Call your male fellow Israelites, ‘You are Yahweh’s people,’ and call your female fellow Israelites, ‘Yahweh has been kind to you.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:2

ULT

2 Contend with your mother, contend, for she is not my wife, and neither am I her husband. Let her put away her harlotry from her face, and her adultery from between her breasts.

UST

2 Yahweh said to me, “I want you to accuse Israel, who is like a mother to you, of being like an unfaithful wife to me. This nation is no longer like a wife to me, and I am no longer like a husband to her. Tell Israel that they must stop acting like a prostitute; she must stop worshiping idols. Israel must stop worshiping idols. She must stop acting like a woman who leaves her husband and goes to other men.

What will Yahweh do if Israel does not put away her prostitution? (vv2-3)

If Israel does not put away her prostitution, Yahweh will strip her naked and show her nakedness as on the day that she was born.

Hosea 2:3

ULT

3 If not, I will strip her naked and expose her as on the day that she was born. I will make her like the wilderness, and make her like a parched land, and I will make her die from thirst.

UST

3 If she does not stop, I will take her clothes off her and make her naked like she was when she was born. I will make her like the barren wilderness—dry and lifeless; I will make her like a woman dying from thirst in the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:4

ULT

4 I will have no mercy on her children, because they are children of harlotry.

UST

4 I will have no pity on her people, the people of Israel, because their nation is like a prostitute.

Why will Yahweh not have any mercy on Israel's children?

Yahweh will not have any mercy on her children, for they were children of prostitution.

Hosea 2:5

ULT

5 For their mother has played the harlot, and she who conceived them has acted shamefully. For she said, "I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink."

UST

5 Israel is like a prostitute; she is like a woman who has had these children from doing shameful things with other men. Israel decided to hurry after these idols whom she loved, to worship other gods. She thought that it was those gods who gave her bread and water. She thought that it was those gods who gave her wool, linen, and olive oil, and also wine to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:6

ULT

6 Therefore, I will hedge up her way with thorns. I will build up a wall against her so she cannot find her paths.

UST

6 So I will block Israel's road with thornbushes, and I will build a wall around her, so that she cannot find the path to take.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:7

ULT

7 She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them. She will seek them, but she will not find them. Then she will say, “I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than it is now.”

UST

7 Israel will run after her idols but she will not find them. She will search for her false gods, but she will not find them. Then, like a prostitute who wants to return to her husband, she will say to me, ‘I will go back to you, the one I loved at first, because my life was better with you than it is now.’

Why will Israel return to her first husband?

Israel will return to her first husband, for was it better for her then than it now.

Hosea 2:8

ULT

8 For she had not known that it was I who gave her the grain, the new wine and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they then used for Baal.

UST

8 The people will say this, because they did not know that it was I, Yahweh, who had given them their grain, new wine, and olive oil. It was I who had given them much silver and gold so they would become wealthy. But then they made all that gold and silver into objects to use in worshiping the idol Baal.

Who lavished on Israel silver and gold?

Yahweh lavished on her silver and gold.

Hosea 2:9

ULT

9 Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my new wine in its season. I will take away my wool and my flax that were used to cover her nakedness.

UST

9 Therefore I will take away from Israel all the grain I gave them. When the wheat is ready for harvest, I will keep them from getting it. The new wine that I gave them, I will take it away. I will take away from them all the wool and linen I gave them to make clothes for themselves, the clothes that covered their nakedness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:10

ULT
10 Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one will rescue her out of my hand.

UST
10 I will treat Israel as a man treats his wife when he finds her with other men. I will strip her naked in front of her lovers. No one will be able rescue her from what I will do to her.

What will Yahweh do to Israel in the sight of her lovers?
Yahweh will strip her naked in the sight of her lovers.

Hosea 2:11

ULT
11 I will also put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moon celebrations, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed festivals.

UST
11 I will make the people in Israel stop holding their celebrations; they will stop holding their festivals every year. They will no longer celebrate the beginning of every month. They will no longer celebrate the Sabbath days. They will no longer be able to hold the festivals scheduled throughout the year.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:12

ULT
12 "I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, 'These are my wages that my lovers gave me.' I will make them a forest, and the animals of the field will devour them.

UST
12 I will destroy all of Israel's grapevines and fig trees. This is because Israel is like a woman who says, 'These were the things that my lovers gave me in payment.' I, Yahweh, will turn those places into a forest, a thicket in which no vines can grow, and where wild animals will devour any fruit that grows there.'

What wages did Israel's lovers give her?
Israel's lovers gave her vines and fig trees.

Hosea 2:13

ULT

13 I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals, when she burned incense to them, when she adorned herself with her rings and jewelry, and she went after her lovers and forgot me— this is the declaration of Yahweh.”

UST

13 I will punish this woman named Israel for all the times that she burned incense to worship the Baal idols. She decorated herself with rings and jewelry, as a prostitute would adorn herself for her lovers. She used to follow her lovers—like Israel has gone after the Baals—those false gods that she worshiped. And she forgot about me.” This is what Yahweh says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:14

ULT

14 Therefore, behold, I am going to allure her. I will bring her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

UST

14 “I will lead her into the wilderness and tell her that I love her. I will persuade her to love me again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:15

ULT

15 I will give her back her vineyards, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. She will answer me there as in the days of her youth, as in the days that she came out of the land of Egypt.

UST

15 I will give her vineyards back to her once more, and in the Valley of Achor I will cause her to hope once more. She will answer me with love and delight, as it was back in the first days when we first loved each other — when I set her free, and she came up out of Egypt.

How will the prostitute answer Yahweh after he goes to win her back?

She will answer him as she did in the days of her youth, as in the days that she came out of the land of Egypt.

Hosea 2:16

ULT

16 “It will be in that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh— that you will call me, ‘My husband,’ and you will no longer call me, ‘My Baal.’

UST

16 At that time, Israel will call me, ‘My Husband,’ as a woman would say to her human husband. She will no longer call out to a god, ‘My Baal,’ but she will call out to me as ‘My Husband.’

In that day, what will Israel call Yahweh?

She will call him ‘My husband,’ and no longer, ‘My Baal.’

Hosea 2:17

ULT

17 For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth; and they will be remembered by their names no more.”

UST

17 I will not allow Israel to speak the names of the images of Baal that she used to worship. My people will forget the names of those Baals and their idols, and my people Israel will never worship them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:18

ULT

18 “On that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts in the fields, with the birds in the sky, and with the crawling things on the ground. I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety.

UST

18 At that time I will make a covenant for them: it will be with all the wild animals and birds, and even with the little animals that crawl along the ground. They will never harm my people again. I will promise to remove all the weapons that are used for fighting battles, the bows and arrows, and the swords, and every war, I will take them all away and destroy all of them. And I will let all of my people rest in peace; they will be not be afraid anymore.

What will Yahweh make his people do?

He will make them lie down in safety.

Hosea 2:19

ULT

19 I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness, in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.

UST

19 You will be like my wife forever, Israel. I will promise myself to you, by doing what is right, and by loving what is just. I promise to love you and to show you kindness even when you do not deserve it.

For how long will Yahweh promise to be his people's husband?

Yahweh will promise to be their husband forever.

Hosea 2:20

ULT

20 I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you will know Yahweh.

UST

20 I will keep my promise to you, Israel. I will never lie to you; and you will come to know me—my name is Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:21

ULT

21 On that day, I will answer—this is the declaration of Yahweh— I will answer the heavens, and they will answer the earth.

UST

21 At that time, I will help you," says Yahweh. "I will give a command to the sky, and the sky will pour out rain onto the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 2:22

ULT

22 The earth will answer the grain, the new wine and the oil, and they will answer Jezreel.

UST

22 And the ground will provide grain, new wine and olive trees, and they will grow for the people of Israel.

What will the new wine and the oil answer?

The new wine and the oil will answer Jezreel.

Hosea 2:23

ULT

23 I will sow her for myself in the land, and I will have mercy on Lo-Ruhamah. I will say to Lo-Ammi, ‘You are my people,’ and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”

UST

23 At that time, I will take care of the Israelite people as a farmer plants his own land and takes care of his crops. I will show my love to those people whom I called ‘Not my People’. And those whom I called ‘Not my People’, I will now call by a new name: ‘You are my People’. They will say to me, ‘You are our God.’”

What will Yahweh say to those who were not his people?

Yahweh will say to those who were not his people, ‘You are my people.’

Hosea 3

Hosea 3:1

ULT

1 Yahweh said to me, “Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as Yahweh loves the sons of Israel, although they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes.”

UST

1 Then Yahweh said to me, “Go and love a woman, even though she is loved by another man, and she is also unfaithful to her husband. You will be like me, because I love the people of Israel, even though they worship other gods and eat raisin cakes in their honor.”

In what way must Hosea love his wife?

Hosea must love her just as Yahweh loves the people of Israel.

Hosea 3:2

ULT

2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a lethek of barley.

UST

2 Even though she was a slave, owned by another person, I bought her for 170 grams of silver, and 330 liters of barley grain.

For how much did Yahweh buy Israel?

He bought her for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a lethek of barley.

Hosea 3:3

ULT

3 I said to her, “You must dwell with me many days. You will not play the harlot or belong to any other man. In the same way, I will be with you.”

UST

3 Then I said to her, “You will live with me from now on. You will no longer be a prostitute who sleeps with various men. You will not belong to any other man, only to me, and I will be faithful to you and live with you for the rest of my life.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 3:4

ULT

4 For the sons of Israel will dwell for many days without a king, prince, sacrifice, stone pillar, ephod or household idols.

UST

4 When I do these things, this is to show that the people of Israel will live for a long time and not have any king ruling over them. They will have no prince, no sacrifices or pillars set up for worship, ephods or idols in their houses.

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, who will they seek? (vv4-5)

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, they will seek Yahweh their God and David their king.

Hosea 3:5

ULT

5 Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek Yahweh their God and David their king, and in the last days, they will come trembling to Yahweh and to his goodness.

UST

5 After some time, the people of Israel will return to Yahweh; they will hope that he will receive them back. They will hope to have a descendant of David for their king again. In the later time, they will come to Yahweh to honor him and tremble before him because of his goodness to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4

Hosea 4:1

ULT

1 Hear the word of Yahweh, O sons of Israel. For Yahweh has a lawsuit against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or steadfast love, no knowledge of God in the land.

UST

1 Listen to the message Yahweh has for you. “You people of Israel, Yahweh is accusing you, you who live in this place.” He says, “I cannot find anyone here who tells the truth. I cannot see anyone who loves me. None of you can honestly say that he knows me.

Against whom did Yahweh have a lawsuit?

Yahweh had a lawsuit against the inhabitants of the land.

Hosea 4:2

ULT

2 There is cursing, lying, murder, stealing and adultery. They have broken all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

UST

2 You curse and lie, you kill and steal, and you commit adultery. You have broken every law, and you commit one murder after another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:3

ULT

3 Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it are wasting away, along with the beasts in the fields and the birds in the sky, even the fish in the sea, are being taken away.

UST

3 Because of what the people are doing, the land is now a wilderness. Every creature that lives here is dying, from the animals that live in the fields, to the birds that fly in the sky; even the fish in the sea, they are also dying.

What was happening to every one who was living in the land?

Every one who was living in it was wasting away.

Hosea 4:4

ULT

4 But let no one bring a lawsuit; and let no one accuse. For my contention is with you, O priests.

UST

4 But you must not accuse anyone else for this trouble. You must not allow anyone to correct another person; no one has that right, because everyone is guilty. And I am also accusing the priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:5

ULT

5 You will stumble by day; the prophets will also stumble with you by night, and I will destroy your mother.

UST

5 You priests sin during the day and the prophets with you sin at night. I promise you, I will destroy Israel, who is like a mother to you.

Who will stumble by night?

The prophets will stumble by night.

Hosea 4:6

ULT

6 My people are destroyed because of the lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you from being priests to me. Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

UST

6 My people are perishing because you priests have refused to understand me. And why do you understand me so little? Because you have rejected the things I have instructed you to do. So I am rejecting you from being priests to me. Look at what you have forgotten: You have forgotten the instructions that I, your God, gave to you. Because you forgot me, I will forget your children.

Why will Yahweh forget the children of the people of Israel?

Yahweh will forget the children of the people of Israel because they forgot the Law of God.

Hosea 4:7

ULT

7 The more they multiplied, the more they sinned against me. I will change their glory into shame.

UST

7 The more numerous you priests become, the more you do the things that I have forbidden. You have abandoned me in order to become shameful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:8

ULT

8 They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity.

UST

8 When other people sin, they bring sacrifices to me, some of which you eat. So you want the people to sin more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:9

ULT

9 It will be like people, like priests: I will punish them for their ways; I will repay them for their deeds.

UST

9 I will punish you priests just as I punish the people. I will punish all of you for your behavior; I will pay you all back for all the wicked deeds you have done.

How will the people act?

They will act like the priests.

Hosea 4:10

ULT

10 They will eat but not have enough; they will play the harlot but not increase, because they have forsaken Yahweh to devote themselves to

UST

10 You all will eat, but you will never get enough. You will always be hungry. They will continue to sleep with other women, but the women will not conceive, because you have all abandoned me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:11

ULT

11 harlotry, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding.

UST

11 You love to do forbidden sexual acts, and to drink wine and new wine. All these things have made it impossible for you to know right from wrong.

What things took away the understanding of the people?

Sexual promiscuity, wine, and new wine took away their understanding.

Hosea 4:12

ULT

12 My people consult their wooden idols, and their walking sticks inform them. For a spirit of harlotry has led them astray, and they have played the harlot, departing from their God.

UST

12 My own people pray to an idol made from a piece of wood. They ask their walking staffs to tell them which way they should go! They are always wanting to sin in sexual ways, so they have stopped obeying me, the God whom they should worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:13

ULT

13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains and burn incense on the hills, under oaks, poplars and terebinths, because the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.

UST

13 They worship other gods in the places on the tops of the mountains where they have set up idols. They burn offerings to the idols up on those hills— in all the places where they worship those idols—under the oak trees, poplar trees, and the terebinth trees— because these trees give good shade. Following your example, your daughters decided to become prostitutes, and your daughters-in-law committed adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:14

ULT

14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery. For the men themselves go aside with harlots, and they offer sacrifices with cult prostitutes. So the people without understanding will be thrown down.

UST

14 But I will not punish the women for turning to prostitution, or your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery. It is the men who are doing the very same thing! The men sleep with prostitutes, and they offer sacrifices in the houses of idols where there are prostitutes. It is true: “A people who have not lived as they were taught to live, will come to destruction.”

Why will Yahweh not punish the people’s daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality?

Yahweh will not punish the people’s daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality, for the men also give themselves to the prostitutes.

Hosea 4:15

ULT

15 Though you, O Israel, play the harlot, let not Judah become guilty. Do not go to Gilgal, do not go up to Beth Aven, and do not swear, saying, “As Yahweh lives.”

UST

15 Israel, you have left me and gone to idols. But I hope that Judah will not do the same thing. You people of Judah, do not go to Gilgal. Do not go up to Beth Aven to worship idols there. Do not make solemn oaths, calling on me to make good on your promises, adding to your vows the words, ‘As Yahweh lives!”

Where should the people not go?

They should not go to Gilgal or Beth Aven.

Hosea 4:16

ULT

16 Israel is stubborn, like a stubborn heifer; can Yahweh now feed them like lambs in a broad pasture?

UST

16 Israel is as stubborn as a young cow. Can I now feed them as if they were little lambs in a meadow?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:17

ULT

17 Ephraim is joined to idols; leave him alone.

UST

17 Ephraim has gone to join idols. Leave those people alone!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 4:18

ULT

18 Even when their liquor is gone, they play the harlot continually; her rulers dearly love their shame.

UST

18 When they have finished drinking all their alcoholic drinks then they will commit even more sexual sins. Their rulers love to do these shameful things.

What did Ephraim do even when their strong drink was gone?

Ephraim continued to commit adultery even when their strong drink was gone.

Hosea 4:19

ULT

19 The wind will wrap her up in its wings; and they will be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

UST

19 Someone will attack them; he will be like a whirlwind that lifts them up and carries them away to another place. Only then will they be ashamed because they gave offerings to the idols.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5

Hosea 5:1

ULT

1 “Hear this, O priests! Pay attention, O house of Israel! Listen, O house of the king! For the judgment is for you, for you have been a snare at Mizpah and a net spread over Tabor.

UST

1 “Listen, you priests! Pay attention, you people of Israel! And you members of the king’s family, you also need to listen! For I will punish all of you. The things you have done have been like a trap for the people at Mizpah. The things you have done have become like a net spread out to catch the people who live on Mount Tabor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:2

ULT

2 The rebels stand deep in slaughter, but I will discipline all of them. *[1]*

UST

2 Those who rebelled against me have now killed so many that they are standing deep in their blood. I tell you that I will punish them all.

Where did the rebels stand?

The rebels stood deep in slaughter.

Hosea 5:3

ULT

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot; Israel is defiled.

UST

3 You, the people in Ephraim, the center of Israel—I know you. I know very well what you are like, you people of Israel. You people in Ephraim, you have acted like prostitutes. Yes, you people in Israel are polluted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:4

ULT

4 Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God, for a spirit of harlotry is within them, and they do not know Yahweh.

UST

4 Ephraim and Israel are not able to ask me to forgive them, because of what they have done. They have chosen to be unfaithful and immoral, and they do not know me, Yahweh.”

What will not allow Ephraim to turn to their God?

Ephraim’s deeds will not allow them to turn to their God.

Hosea 5:5

ULT

5 The pride of Israel testifies against him; Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their guilt; Judah also will stumble with them.

UST

5 Israel is proud; because of this others know how guilty she is. The sins that the people of Israel have committed are making them faithless to Yahweh. Judah is becoming faithless, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:6

ULT

6 They will go with their flocks and herds to seek Yahweh, but they will not find him, for he has withdrawn from them.

UST

6 They are hoping to persuade Yahweh to have mercy on them. They are coming to sacrifice sheep and cattle to him from their flocks and herds. But they will find that Yahweh will have no mercy on them because he has stopped helping them; he is leaving them alone.

Why will Israel, Ephraim, and Judah not find Yahweh?

Israel, Ephraim, and Judah will not find Yahweh, for he has withdrawn himself from them.

Hosea 5:7

ULT

[7] They were unfaithful to Yahweh, for they have borne illegitimate children. Now the new moon will devour them with their fields.

UST

[7] They did not keep their promises to Yahweh. and they have had children by foreign women. So at the time of the new moon festivals, they will perish, together with their cultivated fields.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:8

ULT

[8] Blow the horn in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth Aven: ‘We will follow you, O Benjamin!’

UST

[8] Yahweh says, “Blow the ram horns at the city of Gibeah! Blow the trumpets at the city of Ramah! Shout a battle cry at the city of Beth Aven! Lead us into battle, you people of the tribe of Benjamin!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:9

ULT

[9] Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of punishment. Among the tribes of Israel I declare what is certain.

UST

[9] I will punish the people of Ephraim and turn their city into a pile of rubble. This is my promise to the tribes of Israel—I pledge to you all that I will do this.

Who declared that Ephraim will become a desolation?

Yahweh declared that Ephraim will become a desolation.

Hosea 5:10

ULT

10 The princes of Judah are like those who move a boundary. I will pour out my wrath on them like water.

UST

10 The leaders of Judah are as bad as people who steal farmland by moving boundary markers; they steal land that does not belong to them. I will punish them in a way that will make them perish.

On whom will Yahweh pour his wrath?

Yahweh will pour his wrath on the leaders of Judah.

Hosea 5:11

ULT

11 Ephraim is oppresssed; he is crushed in judgment, because he was determined to go after idols.

UST

11 Ephraim will suffer greatly; the people will perish when I punish them, because they were determined to worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:12

ULT

12 So I will be like a moth to Ephraim, and like rot to the house of Judah.

UST

12 I will destroy Ephraim as a moth destroys wool; I will destroy Judah as rot destroys wood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:13

ULT

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria, and sent to the great king. But he is not able to cure you or heal your wound.

UST

13 When the people of Ephraim realized how weak they were, then they asked the people of Assyria for help. When the people of Judah realized how weak they were, they sent messengers to the great king of Assyria. But he could not help you people; he could not make you people strong again.

When did Ephraim go to Assyria?

When Ephraim saw his sickness, then he went to Assyria.

Hosea 5:14

ULT

14 For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there will be no one to rescue.

UST

14 I will become like a lion to the people of Ephraim in Israel; I will become like a young lion to the people of Judah. I will destroy them and leave them; I will carry them far away, and no one will be able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 5:15

ULT

15 I will go and return to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, until they earnestly seek me in their distress."
5:2 [1] , , or, continuing on from the previous verse, .

UST

15 Then I will go back to where I came from; from there I will wait for them to admit that they have sinned; I will wait for them to come and ask me to help them."

For how long will Yahweh go and return to his place?

Yahweh will go and return to his place until Ephraim and Judah acknowledge their guilt and seek his face; until they earnestly seek him in their distress.

Hosea 6

Hosea 6:1

ULT

1 “Come, let us return to Yahweh. For he has torn us, but he will heal us; he has struck us down, but he will bandage us.

UST

1 The people say, “Come, let us return to Yahweh. He has torn our flesh to pieces as a lion tears up his victim. He did this, but he will heal our wounds. He has hurt us and made us fall down, but he will treat our wounds and bind them up so they will heal.

Although Yahweh tore his people to pieces, what will he then do?

Although he tore them to pieces, he will heal them.

Hosea 6:2

ULT

2 After two days he will revive us; he will raise us up on the third day, that we may live before him.

UST

2 After the second day he will restore our strength; and on the third day he will raise us up, so we will live close to him.

When will Yahweh raise up his people?

He will raise them up on the third day.

Hosea 6:3

ULT

3 Let us know; let us press on to know Yahweh. His going forth is sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

UST

3 Try to know Yahweh; do all you can to be faithful to him. It is as certain as tomorrow’s sunrise that he will come to us; he will come to us like the rain, like the rain comes in the spring on our fields.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 6:4

ULT

4 O Ephraim, what will I do with you? O Judah, what will I do with you? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

UST

4 But Yahweh says, “What can I do with you, you people of Ephraim? What can I do with you, you people of the tribe of Judah? You love me for just as long as the clouds come in the morning before they disappear again. You love me for just as long as the dew stays before the warm sun shines on it.

What was the faithfulness of Ephraim and Judah like?

Their faithfulness was like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Hosea 6:5

ULT

5 Therefore I have cut them to pieces by the prophets, I have killed them with the words of my mouth. My judgments are like the light that goes forth.

UST

5 I sent my prophets to you, and it was as though I had cut you into pieces when they spoke the messages I gave them. You were devastated by what they said to you. It was as though I had killed you with the words I spoke to you. I spoke about how I would punish you. I told you by the prophets that I was angry with you, and they told you this.” “Yahweh, you will punish them by commanding that it happen; your words are like lightning bolts.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 6:6

ULT

6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

UST

6 Yahweh says, “I want you to be faithful to me forever. I want that more than I want you to offer me sacrifices. I want you to know me—that is much more important to me than when you give me offerings that the priests burn on the altar.

What did God desire?

God desired faithfulness and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of him more than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:7

ULT

7 Like Adam they have transgressed the covenant; there they were unfaithful to me.

UST

7 But like Adam, the first man, the covenant that they made with me and that I, Yahweh, made with them—they broke it. When they did that, they were not faithful to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 6:8

ULT

8 Gilead is a city of evildoers with footprints of blood.

UST

8 Gilead is a city of people who do wicked things; in the streets of that city are the footprints of murderers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 6:9

ULT

9 As a band of raiders lie in wait for a man, so the priests band together to commit murder on the way to Shechem; surely they have committed shameful crimes.

UST

9 As robbers make their plans to hide and then rob someone walking past them, so are the priests—they band together making their plans, just like the robbers, and they commit murder along the way to Shechem. They commit terrible crimes.

In what way did the priests band together to commit murder on the way to Shechem?

As gangs of robbers wait for someone, so the priests banded together to commit murder on the way to Shechem.

Hosea 6:10

ULT

10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing; the harlotry of Ephraim is there; Israel is defiled.

UST

10 Among the people of Israel, I have seen a horrible thing— the people of Ephraim worship idols everywhere. The people of Israel have become filthy by what they have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 6:11

ULT

11 For you also, Judah, a harvest has been appointed. When I restore the fortunes of my people,

UST

11 And for you also, you people of Judah, I have set for you a time when I will separate out your good people from your bad people. Just as in the harvest when you take all the crops in, and you keep the good and throw away the bad, that is what is coming for you, people of Judah. That will be the day when I bring back the blessings and riches of my people once more.”

What was appointed to Judah when Yahweh will restore the fortunes of his people?

A harvest was appointed, when Yahweh will restore the fortunes of his people.

Hosea 7

Hosea 7:1

ULT

[1] when I would heal Israel, the sin of Ephraim is exposed, as well as the evil deeds of Samaria, for they practice deceit; the thief breaks in, and the marauding band raids outside.

UST

[1] As often as I try to heal Israel, the people openly show that they are sinning, and the people in the city of Samaria show the same thing. They lie and cheat in their buying and selling; they are like lawless men who attack people who are walking in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:2

ULT

[2] But they do not realize in their hearts that I remember all their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.

UST

[2] But they do not take a moment to think that I, Yahweh, see everything they do. Everywhere they go, they commit evil, and I see it all.

What did Yahweh remember?

Yahweh remembered all their evil deeds.

Hosea 7:3

ULT

[3] By their evil they make the king glad, and by their lies the princes.

UST

[3] The wicked things they do bring delight to their king, and the king's officials are happy when they tell lies.

How did the people make the officials glad?

By their lies they made the officials glad.

Hosea 7:4

ULT

4 They are all adulterers, like an oven heated by the baker, who ceases to stir the fire from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.

UST

4 They are all sexually immoral; they burn with lust like a baker's oven that is burning hot; once he lights the fire, he does not need to put any more wood on it, until he is ready to bake the bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:5

ULT

5 On the day of our king the princes became sick with the heat of wine. He stretched out his hand with those who were mocking.

UST

5 At the king's festivals, his officials do outrageous things because they are drunk with wine, and the king joins in with them as they mock me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:6

ULT

6 For with their hearts like an oven, they approach their intrigue. Their anger smolders all night; in the morning it burns like a flaming fire.

UST

6 But these same officials then set about making plans to murder the king. They are quietly angry all night, and they are openly angry in the morning.

What were the people's hearts like?

Their hearts were like an oven.

Hosea 7:7

ULT

[7] All of them are hot as an oven, and they devour those who rule over them. All their kings have fallen; none of them calls on me.

UST

[7] All those officials become so angry at the king, that they kill all their rulers. In the end, all their kings were killed; not one of them called on me, Yahweh, to help.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:8

ULT

[8] Ephraim mixes himself among the peoples. Ephraim is a flat cake that has not been turned over.

UST

[8] “Israel joins with other people groups, but all the people are like a flat cake that is only cooked on one side; they are weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:9

ULT

[9] Foreigners have devoured his strength, but he does not know it. Gray hairs are sprinkled on him, but he does not know it.

UST

[9] People who come from far away have taken away Israel’s strength. The nation is gorwing very weak, like an old man whose hair is turning gray. But the nation does not know it is weak.

What did Ephraim not know?

Ephraim did not know that foreigners devoured his strength or that gray hairs were sprinkled on him.

Hosea 7:10

ULT

10 The pride of Israel testifies against him; yet they have not returned to Yahweh their God, nor have they sought him, for all this.

UST

10 Israel is so proud that everyone else sees it. Even so, they will not return to me—to Yahweh their God. They will not try to persuade me to have mercy on them, no matter what happens to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:11

ULT

11 Ephraim is like a dove, silly and without sense, calling to Egypt, then going to Assyria.

UST

11 Israel is like a foolish bird, a dove that anyone can easily deceive. He calls out first to Egypt, and then like a bird, he flies up to Assyria.

How was Ephraim like a dove?

Ephraim was like a dove, gullible and without sense.

Hosea 7:12

ULT

12 When they go, I will spread my net over them, I will bring them down like the birds of the sky. I will discipline them in accordance with the report to their assembly.

UST

12 But when they are on their way there, I will spread my net over them, I will bring them down as a hunter brings down birds from the air into a net. I will punish them all together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:13

ULT

13 Woe to them! For they have strayed from me. Destruction to them! For they have rebelled against me! I would have redeemed them, but they spoke lies against me.

UST

13 How terrible it will be for my people, because they have abandoned me! They will perish because they have rebelled against me. I wanted to rescue them, but they kept telling lies against me.

Why did Yahweh not rescue the people?

Yahweh did not rescue the people because they spoke lies against him.

Hosea 7:14

ULT

14 They do not cry to me with their heart, but they wail on their beds. They gather together for grain and new wine; they turn away from me. *[1]*

UST

14 They do not cry out to me; they do not call to me from their hearts; they only lie on their beds and howl and cry out. They meet together to ask their idols for their grain and new wine. They have rebelled against me.

What did the people do to obtain grain and new wine?

They cut themselves to obtain grain and new wine.

Hosea 7:15

ULT

15 Though I trained and strengthened their arms, yet they plot evil against me.

UST

15 Even though I trained them and helped them become strong, even now they are planning to do evil against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 7:16

ULT

16 They return, but not upward. They are like a slack bow. Their princes will fall by the sword because of the insolence of their tongues. This will be their derision in the land of Egypt.

7:14 [1] , which the Hebrew text has, some ancient copies and many modern versions have , an allusion to the pagan custom of idol worshipers wounding themselves in the frenzy of prayer.

UST

16 They go this way and that, but never to me, God Most High. They are like a bow that cannot shoot. Their officers will be killed by their enemies' swords; they will die because they have insulted me. This is why the people in Egypt will insult them."

Why will the officials fall?

The officials will fall because of the wickedness of their tongues.

Hosea 8

Hosea 8:1

ULT
1 “Put the trumpet to your lips! One like a vulture is over the house of Yahweh because they have transgressed my covenant and rebelled against my law.

UST
1 Yahweh says, “Get a trumpet and blow it. There are enemies swooping down over my people, as an eagle swoops down over a victim. This is because my people have left my covenant with them and have violated the law I gave them.

Why was an eagle coming over the house of Yahweh?
An eagle was coming over the house of Yahweh because the people broke his covenant and rebelled against his Law.

Hosea 8:2

ULT
2 They cry out to me, ‘My God, we in Israel know you.’

UST
2 My people Israel cry out to me and say, ‘Our God, we are loyal to you!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:3

ULT
3 Israel has rejected the good; the enemy will pursue him.

UST
3 But the people of Israel have thrown away what is good, so their enemies will chase after them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:4

ULT

4 They have set up kings, but not by me. They have appointed princes, but I did not know. With their silver and gold they have made idols for themselves, so that they might be cut off.”

UST

4 Israel has appointed kings for themselves, but they did not consult with me about it. They chose their own kings without asking me to approve them. They took their silver and gold and formed them into the idols they worshiped, but the people will perish as a result.”

With what did the people make idols for themselves?

With their silver and gold they made idols for themselves.

Hosea 8:5

ULT

5 “Your calf has been rejected, O Samaria. My anger burns against them. How long will they be incapable of innocence?

UST

5 The prophet says, “Yes, Yahweh has rejected your idol, you people of Samaria—an idol made in the form of a calf!” Yahweh says, “Perhaps these people will never again be innocent of evildoing. I am very angry with them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:6

ULT

6 For from Israel is even this; a craftsman made it; it is not God! Surely the calf of Samaria will be broken to pieces.

UST

6 The shame of it is that this idol came from Israel! A craftsman made it. It is only an idol; it cannot be the true and living God! I will ensure that someone will smash it to bits.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:7

ULT

7 For they sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it yields no flour. If it were to yield, strangers would devour it.

UST

7 This is because these people do useless things, so something terrible will destroy them. Their grain standing in the fields will give no harvest. And even if it does, foreign soldiers will eat everything it produces.

What happened when people sowed the wind?
People sowed the wind and reaped the whirlwind.

Hosea 8:8

ULT

8 Israel is swallowed up; they are now among the nations like a vessel in which no one delights.

UST

8 Other nations have destroyed Israel's power. Now Israel is like an old, broken pot that no one wants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:9

ULT

9 For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey all alone. Ephraim has hired lovers for herself.

UST

9 They asked the king of Assyria for help; they were like a wild donkey wandering off by itself. The people of Israel have tried to pay other nations to protect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:10

ULT

10 Even though they hire lovers among the nations, I will now gather them together. They will begin to waste away because of the burden of the king of princes.

UST

10 Although they do this, I will soon gather them up to destroy them. They will begin to become poor because they will have to pay money to Assyria's king.

What will Yahweh do even though the people hired lovers among the nations?

Even though they hired lovers among the nations, Yahweh will gather them together.

Hosea 8:11

ULT

11 Since Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin offerings, they have become altars for sinning for him.

UST

11 The people of Ephraim have built many altars on which to offer sacrifices for their sins; however, these altars have become places where the people commit terrible sins against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 8:12

ULT

12 Were I to write for him my law ten thousand times, they would be regarded as something strange.

UST

12 Even if I wrote out for the people of Israel my laws ten thousand times, they would refuse to obey them. They would say they had never heard of them.

If Yahweh wrote down his Law for them ten thousand times, how would they view it?

If Yahweh wrote down his Law for them ten thousand times, they would view it as something strange to them.

Hosea 8:13

ULT

13 As for my sacrificial gifts, they sacrifice meat and eat it, but Yahweh does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They will return to Egypt.

UST

13 Let us think about the sacrifices that they give to me. They sacrifice the meat and then they eat it; but I, Yahweh, am not pleased with those sacrifices. I will think about their sins and will punish the people for them. I will make them go back to Egypt.

How will Yahweh punish the people's sins?

He will punish their sins by returning them to Egypt.

Hosea 8:14

ULT

14 Israel has forgotten his Maker and has built palaces. Judah has multiplied fortified cities, but I will send fire on his cities; it will devour his fortresses.

UST

14 And why has this happened? The people of Israel have forgotten me, the God who made them a nation. Instead of honoring me, they have built huge homes to live in. And instead of worshiping Yahweh, the people of Judah have built walls around their cities for protection. So this is what I, Yahweh, will do: I will send a fire that will destroy all their palaces and all their fortified cities."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9

Hosea 9:1

ULT

1 Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like the peoples. For you have played the harlot, forsaking your God. You have loved the wages of a harlot on all the threshing floors.

UST

1 Hosea says this: Do not be happy, O Israel; do not celebrate like other people groups! You have been unfaithful to your God. You have refused to do what he told you. At every place where people thresh their grain, you give your offerings and sacrifices to idols. You are just like men who pay money to sleep with women.

What did Israel love to pay?
Israel loved to pay the wages a prostitute required on all the threshing floors.

Hosea 9:2

ULT

2 The threshing floor and the winepress will not feed them; and the new wine will fail them.

UST

2 Now you will not have enough grain or wine to feed your people. You will have no hope for any new wine, for the vines will fail you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:3

ULT

3 They will not remain in the land of Yahweh; instead, Ephraim will return to Egypt, and they will eat unclean food in Assyria.

UST

3 The people of Israel will not continue to live in the land that Yahweh has chosen as his own. Instead, they will go back to Egypt one day. And in Assyria they will have to eat the kind of food that God had forbidden them to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:4

ULT

4 They will not pour out wine offerings to Yahweh, neither will their sacrifices be pleasing to him. It will be like the bread of mourners to them: all who eat it will be defiled. For their bread will be for themselves only; it will not come into the house of Yahweh.

UST

4 No longer will they pour out wine to offer it to Yahweh; their sacrifices will not please him at all. Their sacrifices will be as unacceptable to God as the food that people eat at funerals; and everyone who eats that food becomes unacceptable to God. That food will be all they eat; they will not be able to bring it into Yahweh's house to offer it to him.

What will Ephraim's sacrifices be to them like?

Their sacrifices will be to them like mourners' food: all who eat it will be defiled.

Hosea 9:5

ULT

5 What will you do on the day of an appointed festival, and on the day of a festival for Yahweh?

UST

5 There, in a country far from your home, you will not be able to celebrate the festivals that Yahweh commanded you to celebrate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:6

ULT

6 For behold, they go away from destruction, but Egypt will gather them, Memphis will bury them. As for their treasures of silver— sharp briers will possess them, thorns will be in their tents.

UST

6 Look! If you escape and the Assyrians do not kill you, the army of Egypt will capture you. You will die there, and the people in the city of Memphis will bury you. All your wealth in silver will be covered up and lost when the desert plants grow into your homes and take them over.

If the people escaped from destruction, what will happen?

If the people escaped from destruction, Egypt will gather them, and Memphis will bury them.

Hosea 9:7

ULT

[7] The days of punishment have come; the days of retribution have come. Let Israel know these things. The prophet is a fool, the man of the spirit is insane, because of your great iniquity and great hostility.

UST

[7] It is now the time for God to punish you; the time has come in which God will pay you back for every sin you have committed. And all you people of Israel must realize that these things will happen. So your false prophets are fools, and those who you thought were inspired by God are actually insane. This is because you have sinned so much and because you have become Yahweh's enemies.

What days were coming?

The days for punishment were coming. The days for retribution were coming.

Hosea 9:8

ULT

[8] The prophet is the watchman with my God over Ephraim. But the snare of a fowler is on all of his ways, and hostility in the house of his God.

UST

[8] True prophets are people whom God has assigned to guard the people of Israel. But everywhere they go, others set traps for them; even in the temple of their God, others hate them.

What was on the prophet's paths?

A bird's snare was on his paths.

Hosea 9:9

ULT

[9] They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity, he will punish their sins.

UST

[9] The people have polluted themselves by sinning as the Israelites did at Gibeah long ago. God will not forget the wicked things they did; he will certainly punish them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:10

ULT

10 Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its first season, I saw your fathers. But they came to Baal Peor, and they devoted themselves to that shameful thing. They became detestable like that which they loved.

UST

10 Yahweh says, “When I found Israel, it was like someone finding grapes growing in the wilderness. When I saw your ancestors, they were like the very first figs that appear in the year, figs growing on a young fig tree. But when they came to Mount Peor, they gave themselves completely to that disgusting idol Baal, and they became as detestable as the idol they loved.

After the fathers went to Baal Peor, what did they become like?

After the fathers went to Baal Peor, they became as detestable as the idol they loved.

Hosea 9:11

ULT

11 As for Ephraim, their glory will fly away like a bird-- no birth, no pregnancy, and no conception.

UST

11 The honor of Ephraim is like a bird that is flying away. I will make their women so they cannot give birth, no woman will be pregnant, and no one will even conceive a child in the womb.

What will happen to Ephraim’s glory?

Ephraim’s glory will fly away like a bird.

Hosea 9:12

ULT

12 Even if they bring up their children, I will bereave them until no one is left. Yes, woe to them indeed when I turn away from them!

UST

12 Even if they raise children not their own, I will take them from their mothers. It will be the worst that could happen to them, when I abandon them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:13

ULT

13 Ephraim, as I have seen, is like Tyre planted in a meadow; but Ephraim will bring out his children to him who slaughters."

UST

13 I have seen the people of Israel; they were like Tyre; they were like a tree planted in a beautiful meadow. But they will have to lead their own children out to their enemies, who will slaughter them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 9:14

ULT

14 Give them, O Yahweh—what will you give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

UST

14 Hosea says, Yahweh, give them— what should you give them? Give them wombs that miscarry, and let their mothers' breasts have no milk for their babies.

What will Yahweh give Ephraim?

Yahweh will give them a miscarrying womb and breasts that give no milk.

Hosea 9:15

ULT

15 "All their evil is in Gilgal, indeed I came to hate them there. Because of the wickedness of their deeds, I will drive them out of my house. I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels.

UST

15 Yahweh says, "Because of all the wicked things my people did at Gilgal, that is where I started to hate them. And because of all the sinful deeds they have done, I will drive them out of the place they live. I will not love them any more; all their officials fight against me.

Why will Yahweh drive Ephraim out of his house?

Because of their sinful deeds, Yahweh will drive them out of his house.

Hosea 9:16

ULT

16 Ephraim is stricken; their root is dried up; they will bear no fruit. Even if they give birth, I will kill the precious ones of their womb.”

UST

16 Ephraim is like a vine that has dried up and produces no fruit. Even if they give birth, I will put to death those children they love.”

What would happen even if Ephraim had children?

Even if they had children, Yahweh would put their beloved children to death.

Hosea 9:17

ULT

17 My God will reject them because they have not listened to him. They will become wanderers among the nations.

UST

17 Hosea says, My God rejected the people of Israel because they have not obeyed him, and they will wander from one nation to another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10

Hosea 10:1

ULT

[1] Israel is a luxuriant vine that produces his fruit. The more his fruit increased, the more altars he built. As his land prospered, he improved his pillars.

UST

[1] Israel is like a vine that produces many bundles of grapes. But the more their fruit increased, the richer they became. With that money they made more stone columns in honor of their idols.

What happened as Israel's fruit increased?
As his fruit increased, the more altars he built.

Hosea 10:2

ULT

[2] Their heart is deceitful; now they must bear their guilt. He will break down their altars; he will destroy their pillars.

UST

[2] They are deceitful and cannot be trusted; but the time has come that they must pay for their sins. Yahweh will break their altars into pieces— the places where they gave sacrifices to their idols, and he promises to destroy those pillars beside which they worshiped their false gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:3

ULT

[3] For now they will say, "We have no king, for we do not fear Yahweh, and a king—what could he do for us?"

UST

[3] They say, "We have no king now because we did not honor or respect Yahweh. But even if we had a king, how could a king help us?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:4

ULT

4 They speak mere words, they make covenants with worthless oaths. So judgment springs up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of a field.

UST

4 The people of Israel make lying promises and false covenants; and because their promises are not kept, their sort of justice kills people, as poisonous weeds in a field would do.

How did Israel make covenants?

Israel made covenants by swearing falsely.

Hosea 10:5

ULT

5 The inhabitants of Samaria will be afraid for the calf of Beth Aven. Indeed, its people will mourn over it, as will its idolatrous priests who had rejoiced over it and over its splendor, for it has departed from them.

UST

5 Those people of Samaria tremble with fear because of what happened to the calf idols at Beth Aven. Those people mourn over what happened to those idols, as did the priests who served them; they rejoiced over them and praised their splendor, but now those idols have been taken away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:6

ULT

6 The thing itself will be carried to Assyria as tribute for the great king. Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of its idol.

UST

6 Their idols will be carried to Assyria to be a gift for the great king. The people of Israel will be disgraced; they will be ashamed for having trusted in the advice they received by consulting idols.

Why will the inhabitants of Samaria be carried to Assyria?

They will be carried to Assyria for a present for the great king.

Hosea 10:7

ULT

7 The king of Samaria will be cut off, like a twig on the face of the waters.

UST

7 The king of Samaria will die. He will be like a small piece of wood that floats away down a stream.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:8

ULT

8 The high places of Aven, the sin of Israel, will be destroyed. Thorns and thistles will grow up on their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”

UST

8 The hilltop places known for their wickedness—altars where the people worshiped idols—will all be destroyed. Thorns and thistles will grow and cover all the altars that were in Samaria. The people will beg the mountains and say, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”

What will grow over the altar?

Thorns and thistles will grow over the altar.

Hosea 10:9

ULT

9 “O Israel, you have sinned since the days of Gibeah; there they have remained. Will not the war against the sons of injustice overtake them in Gibeah?

UST

9 People of Israel, since the days of Gibeah you have been sinning; it is as if you have been living there ever since then, because you think as they did. Enemies will attack you evildoers at Gibeah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:10

ULT

10 When it is my desire, I will discipline them; and the nations will be gathered against them when they are bound for their double iniquity.

UST

10 Yahweh says, “When I decide to act, I will punish them. People groups will gather to fight against them; those people groups will capture them and put them in chains because of their many sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:11

ULT

11 Ephraim is a trained heifer that loves to thresh, and I spared her fair neck; but I will harness Ephraim; Judah will plow; Jacob will harrow for himself.

UST

11 Ephraim is like a trained calf that loves to thresh grain, separating out the grain from the chaff, and I did not put a heavy yoke on her tender neck. But now I will put Ephraim under that yoke, and Judah must plow. and Jacob must break up the ground with the harrow.

Why will Yahweh put a yoke on Ephraim’s fair neck?

Because Ephraim was a trained heifer that loves to thresh the grain, Yahweh will put a yoke on her fair neck.

Hosea 10:12

ULT

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap in accordance with steadfast love. Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.

UST

12 Plow, now, and do what is right, and you will reap the fruit of faithful love. Do the hard work of breaking up the unplowed ground, for now is the time for you to ask Yahweh to have mercy on you, so that he may come and rescue you because he does what is right.

For how long should the people seek Yahweh?

They should seek Yahweh until he comes and rains righteousness on them.

Hosea 10:13

ULT

13 You have plowed wickedness; you reaped injustice. You have eaten the fruit of lies because you trusted in your way, in your many warriors.

UST

13 You have sinned wickedly, and now you will have to bear the consequences. You told lies, and now you must suffer the results of the lies you told. You have trusted in your own abilities and wisdom, and you have relied on the soldiers in your armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 10:14

ULT

14 Therefore a tumult will rise among your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel on the day of battle, when mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.

UST

14 The sound of war will be among your people; all your fortified cities will be destroyed. It will be as when Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel in battle, when mothers were killed while they were holding their children.

What happened to mothers with their children when Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel?

When Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel, mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.

Hosea 10:15

ULT

15 So it will be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great wickedness. At dawn the king of Israel will be completely cut off.”

UST

15 That is what will be done to you, you people of the city of Bethel, because of all the evil things you have done. When the battle begins at dawn, the king of Israel will be destroyed; the enemy will kill him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11

Hosea 11:1

ULT

1 “When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “When the nation of Israel was like a young man, I loved him. He was like a son to me, whom I called out of Egypt.

From where did Yahweh call Israel when Israel was a young man?

When Israel was a young man, Yahweh called him out of Egypt.

Hosea 11:2

ULT

2 The more they called them, the more they went away from me. They kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to idols. [1]

UST

2 But the more I called out to them, the more they ran away. Day after day they offered their sacrifices to the idols named Baal, and they burned incense to honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:3

ULT

3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk. I took them by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

UST

3 But it was I who taught them to do everything good, as a father teaches his son to walk. I was like a father, holding them by their little arms. But they did not understand that I was the one who was taking care of them.

Who lifted Ephraim up by their arms?

Yahweh lifted them up by their arms.

Hosea 11:4

ULT

4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like someone who eased the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

UST

4 With kindness I guided them, with the tender cords of human kindness I led them. I loved them so much that I guided them and led by my own hand. They worked very hard, like a yoke of oxen pulling a plow, but I made their yoke light and loosened its weight on their jaws, so they did not suffer pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:5

ULT

5 They will not return to the land of Egypt; but Assyria--he will be their king, because they refused to return to me.

UST

5 But Israel will certainly return to Egypt, and Assyria will certainly rule over them, because they refused to turn back to me and worship me as their God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:6

ULT

6 The sword will whirl against their cities, and destroy the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own plans.

UST

6 Their enemies will attack Israel's cities with swords; their enemies will destroy the bars that keep their gates closed and safe. Their enemies will destroy the people of Israel and put an end to all the plans they made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:7

ULT

7 My people are bent on turning away from me. Though they call to the Most High, he will not raise them up at all.

UST

7 My people are determined to turn away from me. They pretend to call out to me, the Most High God, but I will allow no one to help them.

What were Yahweh's people determined to do?

Yahweh's people were determined to turn away from him.

Hosea 11:8

ULT

8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is turned over within me; all my compassions are aroused.

UST

8 But you people of Israel—dear Israel—I cannot abandon you. I cannot give you over to your enemies. I do not want to act toward you as I acted toward Admah or make you like Zeboyim— cities that I destroyed along with Sodom. I have changed my mind about punishing you; I earnestly long to have mercy on you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:9

ULT

9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

UST

9 I have decided not to punish you severely. I do not want to destroy you, the people of my Israel, whom I love. Human beings would easily decide to do that, but I am God, not human. I am the Holy One who lives among you; I will not come to you and be angry with you.

Why will Yahweh not again destroy Ephraim?

Yahweh will not again destroy Ephraim, for he is God and not a man.

Hosea 11:10

ULT

10 They will go after Yahweh; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his sons will come trembling from the west.

UST

10 They will live their lives following my commands. I will roar like a lion. And when I roar, my people will hear and will come trembling. They will come back to me from far away— from the west they will come back to me.

How will the people come? (vv10-11)

The people will come trembling from the west like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria.

Hosea 11:11

ULT

11 They will come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. I will settle them in their homes—this is the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

11 They will come fluttering into the land like a flock of birds coming up from Egypt. And some will be like pigeons that fly in from Assyria. I will let them live in their own homes once more, in the land of Israel. I, Yahweh, have promised this."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 11:12

ULT

12 Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah still goes about with God, and is faithful to the Holy One."
11:2 [1] . The Hebrew text has .

UST

12 "The people of Israel have continually lied to me. But the people of Judah they still obey me and are faithful to me, the Holy One."

Who was still faithful to God?

Judah was still faithful to God.

Hosea 12

Hosea 12:1

ULT

[1] Ephraim feeds on the wind and pursues the east wind all day. He multiplies lies and violence. They make a covenant with Assyria and olive oil is carried to Egypt.

UST

[1] The people of Israel do only what is useless; they do only things that will destroy them. They tell more and more lies; they do more and more acts of violence. They make a treaty with Assyria, and they send olive oil to Egypt, to persuade those nations to protect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:2

ULT

[2] Yahweh also has a dispute with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds.

UST

[2] Yahweh is also accusing the people of Judah of breaking his covenant. He will punish those descendants of Jacob for what they have done. He will pay them back; he will give them what they deserve.

What did Yahweh have against Judah?

Yahweh had a lawsuit against Judah.

Hosea 12:3

ULT

[3] In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he struggled with God.

UST

[3] When Jacob was in his mother’s womb, he grabbed his brother Esau’s heel because he wanted to take his brother’s place and be the firstborn. When Jacob grew up, he wrestled with God.

What did Jacob do in the womb?

In the womb, Jacob grasped his brother by the heel.

Hosea 12:4

ULT

[4] He struggled with the angel and prevailed. He wept and begged for his favor. He found him at Bethel; and there he spoke with us.

UST

[4] When the angel appeared to him, he struggled with him and won. Jacob cried out to the angel and begged him to bless him. Jacob found Yahweh at Bethel; it was there that Yahweh spoke with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:5

ULT

[5] Yahweh, the God of hosts; Yahweh is his memorial name.

UST

[5] This is Yahweh, the God of the angel armies! "Yahweh" is the name by which we should worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:6

ULT

[6] But you must return to your God. Keep covenantal love and justice, and wait continually for your God.

UST

[6] Turn to your God! Obey his covenant and do what is right. Never stop trusting in your God for him to help you.

For what should the people wait?

They should wait continually for their God.

Hosea 12:7

ULT

[7] A merchant has false scales in his hands; he loves to oppress.

UST

[7] The merchants are wicked; they use scales that give wrong weights and measures, so they can cheat those who buy from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:8

ULT

8 Ephraim said, “Surely I have become rich; I have found wealth for myself. In all my labors they will not find iniquity in me, which would be sin.”

UST

8 The people of Israel boast, “We are very rich, and we have found ways to make ourselves even more wealthy than we are now. In all our buying and selling, no one can see anything wrong in what we do.”

What will no one find in Ephraim’s work?

In all Ephraim’s work no one will find any sin in him, anything that would be sin.

Hosea 12:9

ULT

9 “I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt. I will again make you live in tents, as in the days of the appointed festival.

UST

9 But Yahweh says, “I am Yahweh, whom you should worship; I am the one who brought your ancestors out of Egypt. I will force you away from your homes and make you live in tents again, just as when you live in tents for a few days every year when you celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

How long had Yahweh been with the people?

Yahweh had been with them from the land of Egypt.

Hosea 12:10

ULT

10 I spoke to the prophets, and I multiplied visions. By the hand of the prophets I gave parables.”

UST

10 Many times I spoke to the prophets and gave them messages, for them to give to you; and I gave them many visions for you, and I gave them parables, for them to speak to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:11

ULT

11 If there is iniquity in Gilead, surely they are worthless. In Gilgal they sacrifice bulls; their altars also will be like heaps of stone beside the furrows of the fields.

UST

11 The prophet says that if it is true that the people in the region of Gilead are wicked, then surely they are also worthless! In Gilgal they kill bulls and offer them to their idols; but these altars will be pulled down and turned into piles of stones in their fields.

What will Gilgal's altars be like?

Gilgal's altars will be like heaps of stone in the furrows of the fields.

Hosea 12:12

ULT

12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram; Israel worked for a wife; and for a wife, he kept sheep.

UST

12 Jacob fled to the land of Aram; he, whose name God would later change to Israel, worked many years so he could marry a woman. He took care of his uncle's sheep in order to marry her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 12:13

ULT

13 Yahweh brought Israel up from Egypt by a prophet, and by a prophet he was kept.

UST

13 Yahweh used the prophet Moses to bring Israel out of Egypt, and he took care of them by the prophet who led them.

What did Yahweh do by a prophet?

Yahweh brought Israel out of Egypt by a prophet, and by a prophet he took care of them.

Hosea 12:14

ULT

14 Ephraim has bitterly provoked to anger. So his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will turn back his reproach to him.

UST

14 The people of Israel have caused Yahweh to become very angry; their Lord says that they are guilty of the death of many, and that their guilt remains on them. He will pay them back because they have insulted him with their shameful deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13

Hosea 13:1

ULT

1 “When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling. He exalted himself in Israel, but he became guilty through Baal and died.

UST

1 Yahweh says, “When the leaders of Israel spoke, the people trembled; they were respected in Israel. But because they all worshiped Baal, they became guilty, and they died.

Why did Ephraim become guilty?
He became guilty because of Baal worship.

Hosea 13:2

ULT

2 And now they sin more and more, and they make for themselves cast metal images, idols skillfully made from their silver, all of them the work of craftsmen. They say of them, ‘Those who sacrifice people kiss calves.’

UST

2 Now they sin more and more; they make cast metal figures out of silver to make them their idols. Those idols are statues that are very cleverly made, but those statues are made only by craftsmen. But other people see that the men of Israel sacrifice to these calf-idols and kiss them to worship them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:3

ULT

3 Therefore they will be like the morning clouds, and like the dew that goes away early, like the chaff that swirls from the threshing floor, and like smoke from a window.

UST

3 So the people of Israel will disappear as quickly as the clouds that form in the morning, as quickly as the dew, when the sun dries it up. They will disappear as easily as the chaff that the wind blows away from the threshing place. They will disappear as easily as the smoke that goes out of the chimney.

What happens to chaff?
Chaff is driven by the wind away from a threshing floor.

Hosea 13:4

ULT

4 But I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt; and you were to know no god except me, for there is no savior besides me.

UST

4 But I am Yahweh, whom you should worship; I am the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt. You must worship no other God; you must worship only Me. There is no one else who can rescue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:5

ULT

5 I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.

UST

5 I took charge of you in the wilderness, in a desert where there was no water to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:6

ULT

6 When they had their pasture, then they became full; they were filled, and their heart became lifted up. Therefore they forgot me.

UST

6 When I provided food for you, you ate as much as you wanted and were satisfied. But when you were no longer hungry, you became proud and forgot about me.

What happened when Yahweh's people were filled?

When Yahweh's people were filled, their heart became lifted up and they forgot him.

Hosea 13:7

ULT
7 So I will become like a lion to them; like a leopard I will lurk along the path.

UST
7 So I will attack you like a lion; I will attack you like a leopard that waits beside the road to suddenly jump on a traveler.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:8

ULT
8 I will encounter them like a bear robbed of her cubs. I will rip open their chests, and there I will devour them like a lion, as a wild beast would tear them apart.

UST
8 I will come against you like a female bear when someone steals her cubs, and I will rip open your chests. Like a lion that attacks— as a wild animal would tear you apart.

Like what will Yahweh attack his people?
He will attack them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs.

Hosea 13:9

ULT
9 He destroys you, O Israel; for you are against me, against your helper.

UST
9 You people of Israel, I will destroy you. No one will be able to help you.

Why was Israel's destruction coming?
Israel's destruction was coming because they were against Yahweh, their helper.

Hosea 13:10

ULT

10 Where now is your king, that he may save you in all your cities, and your rulers, about whom you said, ‘Give me a king and princes’?

UST

10 You no longer have any king who can save you in any of your cities. You no longer have any of the rulers whom you asked me to give you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:11

ULT

11 I gave you a king in my anger, and I took him away in my wrath.

UST

11 When I gave you a king, I gave him to you because I was angry with you. And because I was angry with you, I took your kings away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:12

ULT

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is stored up.

UST

12 I have kept track of all the wicked deeds that you people of Israel have committed; I have recorded all your guilt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 13:13

ULT

13 Pains of childbirth will come on him, but he is an unwise son, for at the right time he does not present himself at the opening of the womb.

UST

13 You are like a baby ready to be born, but you are foolish, because you are like a child who refuses to be born.

When it was time for Ephraim to be born, what happened?

When it was time for Ephraim to be born, he did not come out of the womb.

Hosea 13:14

ULT

14 Will I ransom them from the hand of Sheol? Will I redeem them from death? Where, O Death, are your plagues? Where, O Sheol, is your destruction? Compassion is hidden from my eyes."

UST

14 Will I really keep you from dying? Will I rescue you from dying? No! I will let you die I will let you perish. I have no more compassion left for you."

What did Yahweh want brought to him?

Yahweh wanted death's plagues and Sheol's destruction brought to him.

Hosea 13:15

ULT

15 Though he flourishes among his brothers, an east wind will come; the wind of Yahweh will come up from the wilderness. His fountain will dry up, and his spring will be parched. It will plunder his treasury of every precious object.

UST

15 The prophet Hosea says: "Even though you people of Israel are wealthier than those of Judah, the day is coming when Yahweh will destroy you. You will meet disaster. Your enemies will take everything valuable away from you.

What will Ephraim's enemy plunder?

His enemy will plunder the storehouse of every precious object.

Hosea 13:16

ULT

16 Samaria will be held guilty, for she has rebelled against her God. They will fall by the sword; their young children will be dashed to pieces, and their pregnant women will be ripped open.

UST

16 The people of the city of Samaria are guilty because they have rebelled against God. Their enemies will kill them with swords. they will thrown their children far down to the ground and kill them; they will rip open their pregnant women.”

What will happen to Samaria’s young children?

Their young children will be dashed to pieces.

Hosea 14

Hosea 14:1

ULT
1 Return, O Israel, to Yahweh your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

UST
1 Israel, return to Yahweh your God! You have sinned because you have done wicked things.

Why did Israel fall?
Israel fell because of their sin.

Hosea 14:2

ULT
2 Take with you words and return to Yahweh. Say to him, “Take away all iniquity and accept what is good, so that we may offer the fruit of our lips. [1]

UST
2 So now, return to Yahweh, and think about how you will confess your sins to him. Say this to him: “Take away all our sins, and accept us; please be kind to us. Please accept us back, so that we may praise you in our words and song.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 14:3

ULT
3 Assyria will not save us; we will not ride on horses. Neither will we say anymore to the work of our hands, ‘Our God,’ for in you the fatherless finds compassion.”

UST
3 Assyria cannot save us. It is useless for us to ride horses into battle. We will never again say, ‘You are our gods’ to the idols we have made with our own hands. Even children with no fathers look to you, Yahweh, and they find that you are kind to them.”

Why will Israel not say to the work of their hands, “You are our gods”?
Israel will not say to the work of their hands, “You are our gods,” for in Yahweh the fatherless person finds compassion.

Hosea 14:4

ULT

4 “I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.

UST

4 Yahweh says, “I will forgive these people for having stopped honoring me; I will love them without ceasing, because I have decided to stop being angry at them.

When will Yahweh heal Israel?

Yahweh will heal them when they turn back to him.

Hosea 14:5

ULT

5 I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily and take root like the cedar of Lebanon.

UST

5 I will help the people of Israel as the dew helps the ground. They will prosper like the lilies bloom. They will become as strong as the cedar trees in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 14:6

ULT

6 His shoots will sprout; his beauty will be like the olive trees, and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon.

UST

6 They will be like trees whose branches spread out. They will be as beautiful as the olive trees, and they will please others as much as the fragrant cedar trees in Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 14:7

ULT

7 Those who live in his shadow will return; they will revive like the grain and blossom like the vine. His fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.

UST

7 They will return and live under the protection that Israel has from me; I will protect them from hardship. They will be successful like a field of grain that grows well, like grapevines that are growing well. They will become as famous as the wine that people produce in the land of Lebanon.

What will the people's fame be like?

Their fame will be like the wine of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:8

ULT

8 O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after him. I am like a luxuriant cypress; from me comes your fruit."

UST

8 You people of Israel, I will completely stop you from worshiping idols. It is I, Yahweh, who will take care of you. No idol can do that. I am like a cypress tree that grows and stays fresh the entire year; all your good gifts come from me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hosea 14:9

ULT

9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them. For the ways of Yahweh are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but transgressors will stumble in them.
14:2 [1] represents the interpretation of some ancient versions. The Hebrew text has . Some modern versions interpret this to mean, .

UST

9 Every wise person will understand the things about which I have written; those who have understanding will study these things and pay careful attention to them. The way in which Yahweh wants us to live is right. Those who do what is right live by them. The rebellious people, however, sin, unable to obey him.

Who will stumble in the ways of Yahweh?

The rebellious will stumble in them.

Joel

Joel 1

Joel 1:1

ULT

1 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Joel son of Pethuel.

UST

1 I am Joel son of Pethuel. This is a message that Yahweh gave to me.

Whose word came to Joel?
The word of Yahweh came to Joel.

Joel 1:2

ULT

2 Hear this, you elders, and listen, all you inhabitants of the land. Has anything like this happened in your days or in the days of your fathers?

UST

2 You leaders of Israel, and everyone else who lives in this country, listen to this message! Nothing like this has ever happened during the time that we have lived or during the time when our ancestors lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:3

ULT

3 Tell your sons about it, and let your sons tell their sons, and their sons the next generation.

UST

3 Tell your children about it, and tell your children to tell it to their children, and tell your grandchildren to tell it to their children.

To whom were the elder to tell the word of Yahweh?
They were to tell their children, and their children were to tell their children.

Joel 1:4

ULT

4 What the cutting locust has left the swarming locust has eaten; what the swarming locust has left the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust has left the destroying locust has eaten.

UST

4 I am talking about the locusts that have eaten our crops. The first swarm of locusts came and cut many of the leaves of the crops; then another swarm came and ate the rest of the leaves, then another swarm came hopping along, and finally another swarm came and they destroyed everything else.

What happened to what the great locusts have left?
The grasshopper has eaten what the great locusts have left.

Joel 1:5

ULT

5 Wake up, you drunkards, and weep! Wail, all you drinkers of wine, because the sweet wine has been cut off from your mouth.

UST

5 You people who are drunk, wake up! Wake up and wail loudly, because all the grapes are ruined, and so there will be no new wine!

Why will drinkers of wine wail?
They will wail because the sweet wine has been cut off.

Joel 1:6

ULT

6 For a nation has come up against my land, strong and without number. Its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the fangs of a lioness.

UST

6 Huge swarms of locusts have entered our country. They are like a powerful army that has very many soldiers; no one can count them. The locusts have teeth that are as sharp as the teeth of lions!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:7

ULT

7 It has made my vine into a waste and has splintered my fig tree. It has stripped its bark and thrown it away; their branches are bare white.

UST

7 They have destroyed our grapevines and our fig trees by stripping off and eating all the bark, with the result that the branches are white and bare.

Into what has the enemy made the vineyard?
He has made the vineyard into a terrifying place.

Joel 1:8

ULT

8 Mourn like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth.

UST

8 Cry and wail as a young woman does when the young man to whom she was engaged has died.

For what reason does the virgin mourn?
The virgin mourns for the death of her young husband.

Joel 1:9

ULT

9 The grain offering and the drink offering have been cut off from Yahweh's house. The priests, Yahweh's servants, mourn.

UST

9 There is no more flour or wine for us to offer to be sacrifices at the temple, so the priests who serve Yahweh are mourning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:10

ULT

10 The fields are ruined, the ground is mourning because the grain has been destroyed. The new wine has dried up, the oil fails.

UST

10 The crops in the fields have been ruined; it is as though the ground itself had died. The grain has been destroyed, there are no grapes to make wine, and there is no more olive oil.

What has happened to the grain?
The grain had been destroyed.

Joel 1:11

ULT

11 Be ashamed, you farmers, and wail, you vine growers, for the wheat and the barley. For the harvest of the fields has perished.

UST

11 You farmers, grieve! You who take care of grapevines, wail, because the grain has been destroyed; there is no wheat or barley growing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:12

ULT

12 The vines have withered and the fig trees have dried up, the pomegranate trees, also the palm trees, and the apple trees— all the trees of the field have withered. For joy has withered away from the sons of mankind.

UST

12 The grapevines and the fig trees have withered, and the pomegranate trees, palm trees, and apricot trees have also dried up. The people are no longer joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:13

ULT

13 Put on sackcloth and mourn, you priests! Wail, you servants of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, you servants of my God. For the grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of your God.

UST

13 You priests, put on rough sack clothes and wail. You who serve God by offering sacrifices on the altar, wear those sack clothes all night to show that you are mourning, because there is no flour or wine to be offered at the temple of your God.

What has been withheld from the house of God?

The grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of God.

Joel 1:14

ULT

14 Call for a holy fast, and call a holy assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of Yahweh your God, and cry to Yahweh.

UST

14 Set apart a day for when the people should go without food. Tell the leaders and the other people to gather at the temple and to cry out to Yahweh there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:15

ULT

15 Alas for the day! For the day of Yahweh is almost here. With it will come destruction from the Almighty.

UST

15 Terrible things are happening to us! It will soon be the time when Yahweh, who is the Almighty God, will punish us, when he will cause us to experience more disasters.

When will the day of Yahweh be here?

The day of Yahweh is almost here.

Joel 1:16

ULT

16 Has not food been cut off from before our eyes, and joy and gladness from the house of our God?

UST

16 Our crops are already gone, and no one is rejoicing at all at the temple of our God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 1:17

ULT

17 The seeds shrivel under their clods, the storehouses are desolate, and the granaries have been broken down, because the grain has dried up.

UST

17 When we plant seeds, they do not grow; they dry up in the ground, so there are no crops to harvest. Our barns are empty; there is no grain to store in them.

What has been broken down?

The barns have been broken down.

Joel 1:18

ULT

18 How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed because they have no pasture. Also, the flocks of sheep suffer.

UST

18 Our cattle groan, searching for a pasture with some grass to eat, and the sheep bleat because they are suffering.

Why are the herds of cattle suffering?

The herds of cattle are suffering because they have no pasture.

Joel 1:19

ULT

19 Yahweh, I cry to you. For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flames have burned all the trees of the fields.

UST

19 Yahweh, I cry out to you, because our pastures and our forests have dried up in the hot sunshine.

To whom does Joel call?

Joel calls to Yahweh.

Joel 1:20

ULT

20 Even the animals of the fields pant for you, for the water brooks have dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

UST

20 It is as though even the wild animals cry out to you because all the streams have dried up. The dryness is like a fire burning up the wilderness pastures.

For whom do the animals of the field pant?

The animals of the field pant for Yahweh

Joel 2

Joel 2:1

ULT

1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble in fear, for the day of Yahweh is coming; indeed, it is near.

UST

1 Blow trumpets on Mount Zion, God's sacred hill in Jerusalem! Tell the people of Judah that they should be afraid and tremble, because it will soon be the time for Yahweh to punish us further.

Why should all the inhabitants of the land tremble in fear?
They should tremble in fear, for the day of Yahweh is coming.

Joel 2:2

ULT

2 It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. Like the dawn that spreads on the mountains, a large and mighty army is approaching. There has never been an army like it before, and there never will be again, even after many generations.

UST

2 That will be a very dark and gloomy day; there will be black clouds and it will be very dark. A huge swarm of locusts has covered the mountains like a black cloud. Nothing like this has ever happened before, and nothing like this will ever happen again.

When has there been an army like this one?
There has never been an army like this one, and there never will be again.

Joel 2:3

ULT

3 A fire is consuming everything in front of it, and behind it a flame is burning. The land is like the garden of Eden in front of it, but behind it there is a ruined wilderness. Indeed, nothing will escape from it.

UST

3 It is as though they bring flames of fire from which no one can escape. In front of them, the land was as beautiful as the garden of Eden, but behind them the land is like a desert, and nothing survives.

What is the land like behind the army?
The land behind the army is a ruined wilderness.

Joel 2:4

ULT
4 The army's appearance is like the appearance of horses, and they run like war horses.

UST
4 The locusts resemble horses, and they run like soldiers on horses.

What does the army look like and act like?
The army looks like horses and runs like horsemen.

Joel 2:5

ULT
5 With a noise like that of chariots they jump on the tops of the mountains, like the noise of fiery flames that devour the stubble, like a mighty army ready for battle.

UST
5 Leaping over the mountaintops, they make a noise like rumbling chariots, like a mighty army that is preparing for a battle, or like the roar of a fire that burns up stubble in a field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:6

ULT
6 At their presence people are in anguish and all their faces become pale.

UST
6 When people see them coming, they become very pale and frightened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:7

ULT
7 They run like mighty warriors; they climb the walls like soldiers; they march, every one in step, and do not swearve from their paths.

UST
7 The locusts climb over walls like soldiers do; they march along in columns and never turn aside from their lines.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:8

ULT

8 Neither does one thrust another aside; they march, each in his path; they break through the weapons and do not fall out of line.

UST

8 They rush straight ahead without pushing each other. Even though people throw spears and javelins at them, that will not cause them to stop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:9

ULT

9 They rush on the city, they run on the wall, they climb into the houses, they enter through the windows like thieves.

UST

9 They swarm over the city walls and enter our houses; they enter through our windows as thieves do.

How does the army enter the city?
They rush on the city, they run on the wall, they climb in houses, and they go through windows like thieves.

Joel 2:10

ULT

10 The earth shakes in front of them, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars stop shining.

UST

10 It is as though they cause the earth to shake and the sky to tremble. The sun and the moon become dark, and the stars do not shine because there are so many locusts in the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:11

ULT

11 Yahweh raises his voice in front of his army, for his warriors are very numerous; for they are strong, those who carry out his commands. For the day of Yahweh is great and very terrible. Who can survive it?

UST

11 Yahweh leads this army of countless locusts, and they obey his commands. This time when he is judging and punishing us is very terrible, with the result that it seems that no one can survive it.

Whose army is this?

This is Yahweh's army.

Joel 2:12

ULT

12 "Yet even now," says Yahweh, "Return to me with all your heart. Fast, weep, and mourn."

UST

12 But Yahweh says, "In spite of these disasters that you have experienced, you can return to me with all your inner being. Weep, and mourn, and fast to show that you are sorry that you have abandoned me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:13

ULT

13 Tear your heart and not only your garments, and return to Yahweh your God. For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and he relents from inflicting punishment.

UST

13 Do not tear only your clothes to show that you are sorry; more importantly, show in your inner being that you are sorry." Yahweh is merciful and kind; he does not quickly become angry; he faithfully loves people. He does not quickly become angry; instead, he greatly and faithfully loves you, and he does not like to punish us.

What two things should the people tear?

They should tear their hearts and their garments.

Why should the people return to Yahweh?

He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in love, and he would like to turn from inflicting punishment.

Joel 2:14

ULT

14 Who knows? Will he perhaps turn and have compassion, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for Yahweh your God?

UST

14 No one knows if he will change his mind about punishing you and instead act mercifully toward you. If he does that, he will bless you by giving you plenty of grain and wine in order that you can offer some of those things for sacrifices to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:15

ULT

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, call for a holy fast, and call a holy assembly.

UST

15 Blow the trumpets on Mount Zion! Gather the people together! Set apart time to fast, to show that you are sorry for your sins.

Why should the people blow a trumpet in Zion?

They should blow a trumpet to consecrate a fast, and to call a sacred assembly.

Joel 2:16

ULT

16 Gather the people, call for the holy assembly. Assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegrooms come out of their rooms, and the brides out of their bridal chambers.

UST

16 Perform the rituals to cause yourselves to be acceptable to Yahweh. Come apart and join together as a group with a purpose— the old people and the children, even the babies, and summon brides and bridegrooms from their rooms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:17

ULT

17 Let the priests, the servants of Yahweh, weep between the porch and the altar. Let them say, “Spare your people, Yahweh, and do not make your inheritance into an object of scorn, that the nations mock them. Why should they say among the nations, ‘Where is their God?”’

UST

17 Tell the priests who serve Yahweh to cry between the altar and the entrance to the temple and to pray this: “Yahweh, rescue us, your people; do not allow people from other nations to despise us; do not allow them to ridicule us and say, ‘Why has their God abandoned them?”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:18

ULT

18 Then Yahweh was zealous for his land and had pity on his people.

UST

18 But Yahweh showed that he was concerned about his people and that he would act mercifully toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:19

ULT

19 Yahweh answered and said to his people, “Look, I will send you grain, new wine, and oil. You will be satisfied with them, and I will no longer make you a disgrace among the nations.

UST

19 When the people prayed, Yahweh answered and said, “I will give you plenty of grain and wine and olive oil, and you will be satisfied. I will no longer allow other nations to insult you.

What had Yahweh’s people been among the nations?

Yahweh’s people had been a disgrace among the nations.

Joel 2:20

ULT

20 I will remove the northern attackers far from you, and will drive them into a dry and abandoned land. The front of their army will go into the eastern sea, and the rear into the western sea. Its stench will rise, and its bad smell will rise.” Indeed, he has done great things.

UST

20 Another army of locusts will come from the north to attack you, but I will force them to continue past Jerusalem into the desert. Some will go into the Dead Sea in the east, and some will go into the Mediterranean Sea in the west. There they will all die, and their bodies will stink.” God will certainly do wonderful things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:21

ULT

21 Do not fear, O land, be glad and rejoice, for Yahweh will do great things.

UST

21 Yahweh will indeed do wonderful things! So even the ground should rejoice!

Why should the land not fear?

The land should not fear for Yahweh has done great things.

Joel 2:22

ULT

22 Do not fear, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness will sprout, the trees will bear their fruit, and the fig trees and the vines will yield their full harvest.

UST

22 And the wild animals should not be afraid, because the meadows will soon become green again; the fig trees and other trees will be full of fruit, and the grapevines will be covered with grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:23

ULT

23 Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in Yahweh your God. For he will give you the autumn rain for your vindication and bring down showers for you, the autumn rain and the spring rain as before.

UST

23 You people of Jerusalem, rejoice about what Yahweh, your God, will do for you. He will send abundant rain at the right time— in the spring and in the autumn, as he did previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:24

ULT

24 The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

UST

24 The ground where you thresh the grain will be covered with grain, and your vats where you store the fresh grape juice and olive oil will overflow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:25

ULT

25 "I will restore to you the years of crops that the swarming locust has eaten— the hopping locust, the destroying locust, and the cutting locust— my mighty army that I sent among you.

UST

25 Yahweh said, "I will repay you for everything that was destroyed by those great swarms of locusts, that enormous army that I sent to attack you.

Who sent the mighty army?

Yahweh sent the mighty army.

Joel 2:26

ULT

26 You will eat plentifully and be full, and praise the name of Yahweh your God, who has done wonders among you, and never again will my people be put to shame.

UST

26 You, my people, will eat until your stomachs are full. Then you will praise me, Yahweh, your God, for the wonderful things that I have done for you. And never again will I let others shame you.

Will Yahweh ever bring shame on his people again? (vv26-27)

No, he will never bring shame on his people again.

Joel 2:27

ULT

27 You will know that I am among Israel, and that I am Yahweh your God, and there is none else, and never again will my people be put to shame.

UST

27 When that happens, you will know that I am always among you, that I am Yahweh, your God, and that there is no other God. Never again will I let others shame you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:28

ULT

28 It will come about afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

UST

28 “Some time later, I will give my Spirit to many people. You sons and daughters will proclaim messages that come directly from me. Your old men will have dreams that come from me, and your young men will have visions that come from me.

What will happen when Yahweh pours out his Spirit? (vv28-29)

Their sons and your daughters will prophesy, their old men will dream dreams, and their young men will see visions.

Joel 2:29

ULT

29 Also on male servants and female servants, in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

UST

29 At that time, I will give my Spirit even to servants, both men and women.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 2:30

ULT

30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood, fire, and pillars of smoke.

UST

30 I will do unusual things on the earth and in the sky. On the earth, there will be much blood shed, and there will be very large fires and smoke that resembles huge clouds.

What will Yahweh show in heavens and on the earth?

Yahweh show wonders in heavens and on the earth.

Joel 2:31

ULT

31 The sun will turn into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Yahweh comes.

UST

31 In the sky, the sun will become dark, and the moon will become as red as blood. Those things will happen before that great and terrible day when I, Yahweh, come to judge all people.

Into what will the sun turn?

The sun will turn into darkness.

Joel 2:32

ULT

32 It will be that everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved. For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who escape, as Yahweh has said, and among the survivors, those whom Yahweh calls.

UST

32 But at that time I will save everyone who worships me. I promise that some people in Jerusalem will escape those disasters; those whom I have chosen will survive.”

Who will be saved at that time?

Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.

Joel 3

Joel 3:1

ULT

[1] Behold, in those days and at that time, when I return the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

UST

[1] Yahweh says this: "At that time, I will bring back the people whom their enemies took away from Jerusalem and from other places in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:2

ULT

[2] I will gather all the nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. I will judge them there, because of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, and because they divided up my land.

UST

[2] Then in the Valley of Jehoshaphat I will gather together the people of all the other nations; I will judge and punish them because they scattered my Israelite people and forced them to go to other countries, and because they divided up my land among themselves.

Who will Yahweh bring to the Valley of Jehoshphat?

Yahweh will bring the nations to the Valley of Jehoshphat.

Who did the nations scatter?

The nations scattered Yahweh's people.

Joel 3:3

ULT

[3] They cast lots for my people, traded a boy for a prostitute, and sold a girl for wine so they could drink.

UST

[3] They played games of chance to determine who would get each of my people. Then they sold some of the Israelite boys and girls to get money to pay for prostitutes and wine to drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:4

ULT

4 Now, what have you against me, Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia? Are you paying me back for something? If you are paying me back, I will immediately return your retribution on your own head.

UST

4 You people of the cities of Tyre and Sidon, and you people of Philistia—you are angry at me, but you have no reason to be. If you are trying to get revenge on me, I will very quickly get revenge on you.

At whom are Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia angry?
Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia are angry at Yahweh.

Joel 3:5

ULT

5 For you took my silver and my gold, and you brought my precious treasures into your temples.

UST

5 You took the silver and gold and other valuable things from my temple and put them into your own temples.

What did Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia do with Yahweh's treasures?
They brought his treasures into their temples.

Joel 3:6

ULT

6 You sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks, in order to remove them far from their territory.

UST

6 You dragged away the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, and you took them far away and sold them to Greek traders.

What did Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia do to the people of Judah and Jerusalem?
They sold the people to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory.

Joel 3:7

ULT

7 Look, I am about to stir them up, out of the place where you sold them, and will return your payment on your own head.

UST

7 But I will make it possible for my people to return from the places to which you sold them, and I will do to you what you did to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:8

ULT

8 I will sell your sons and your daughters, into the hand of the sons of Judah. They will sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far off, for Yahweh has spoken."

UST

8 Then I will cause some of your sons and your daughters to be sold to the people of Judah! And they will be sold to the Sabea people group, who live far away. That will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will Yahweh do to the sons and daughters of Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia?

Yahweh will sell their sons and daughters to the Sabeans by the hand of the people of Judah.

Joel 3:9

ULT

9 Proclaim this among the nations, "Prepare yourselves for war, rouse the mighty men, let them come near, let all the men of battle come up.

UST

9 Proclaim to the people of all nations, "Prepare for a war! Summon your soldiers; tell them to stand in their battle positions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:10

ULT

10 Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning knives into spears. Let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’

UST

10 Take your plows and make swords from them; take your pruning knives and make spears from them. Even the weak people must also say they are strong soldiers.

Into what should the nations beat their plowshares?

They should beat their plowshares into swords.

Joel 3:11

ULT

11 Hurry and come, all you surrounding nations, gather yourselves together there. O Yahweh, bring down your mighty warriors.

UST

11 All you people from the nations that are near Judah must come quickly and gather there.” But Yahweh, when that happens, send your army of angels to attack them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:12

ULT

12 Let the nations wake themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. For there will I sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

UST

12 Yahweh says, “The people in the nations near Judah must get ready and come to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will sit as a judge, and I will punish them.

What will Yahweh do to all surrounding nations?

Yahweh will sit to judge all surrounding nations.

Joel 3:13

ULT

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, crush the grapes, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their wickedness is enormous.”

UST

13 They are like crops that are ready to be harvested; so strike them as a farmer swings his sickle to cut the grain. They are like grapes that are piled high in the pits where they will be pressed; because they are very wicked, punish them severely now, as a farmer tramples on the grapes until the pits overflow with juice.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:14

ULT

14 There are multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Judgment. For the day of Yahweh is near in the Valley of Judgment.

UST

14 There will be the noise of huge crowds of people in that Valley of Judgment. It will soon be the time that Yahweh will punish them.

What will happen to the sun, moon, and stars?

The sun and the moon will become dark, and the stars will keep back their brightness.

Joel 3:15

ULT

15 The sun and the moon become dark, the stars keep back their brightness.

UST

15 At that time there will be no light from the sun or moon, and the stars will not shine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:16

ULT

16 Yahweh will roar from Zion, and raise his voice from Jerusalem. The heavens and earth will shake, but Yahweh will be a shelter for his people, and a fortress for the sons of Israel.

UST

16 From Mount Zion in Jerusalem Yahweh will shout; his voice will be like thunder, and his voice will cause the sky and the earth to shake. But Yahweh will protect his people; he will be like a strong wall behind which the people of Israel will be protected.

What two things will Yahweh be for his people?

Yahweh be a shelter and a fortress for his people.

Joel 3:17

ULT

17 “So you will know that I am Yahweh your God who lives in Zion, my holy mountain. Then Jerusalem will be holy, and no strangers will pass through it again.

UST

17 Yahweh says, “At that time, you Israelite people will know that I am Yahweh, your God. I live on Zion, the hill I have set apart for myself. Jerusalem will be a city very special to me, and soldiers from other countries will never conquer it again.

Who lives in Zion?

Yahweh theirs God lives in Zion.

Joel 3:18

ULT

18 It will come about on that day that the mountains will drip with sweet wine, the hills will flow with milk, all the brooks of Judah will flow with water, and a fountain will come from the house of Yahweh and water the Valley of Shittim.

UST

18 At that time, there will be vineyards covering the hills, and your cattle and goats on those hills will produce plenty of milk. The streams in Judah will never dry up, And a stream will flow from my temple into the Valley of Acacia northeast of the Dead Sea.

With what will the hills flow?

The hills will flow with milk.

Joel 3:19

ULT

19 Egypt will become an abandoned devastation, and Edom will become an abandoned wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, because they shed innocent blood in their land.

UST

19 The armies of Egypt and Edom attacked the people of Judah and killed many people who had not done anything that was wrong. So now those countries will be ruined, with no one living there any longer.

Who will be abandoned because of the violence they did to the people of Judah?
Egypt and Edom will be abandoned.

Joel 3:20

ULT

20 But Judah will be inhabited forever, and Jerusalem will be inhabited from generation to generation.

UST

20 But there will always be people living in Jerusalem and in other places in Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Joel 3:21

ULT

21 I will avenge their blood that I have not yet avenged, for Yahweh lives in Zion."

UST

21 I, Yahweh, live on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, and I will get revenge on the people of Egypt and Edom who killed many of my people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos

Amos 1

Amos 1:1

ULT

1 The message of Amos, who was among the shepherds in Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and also in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

UST

1 This is the message that Yahweh gave to Amos. He was one of the shepherds near the town of Tekoa south of Jerusalem. He received this message about Israel in a vision two years before the big earthquake. It was when Uzziah was the king of Judah and Jeroboam son of King Jehoash, was the king of Israel.

How did Amos receive the things he spoke concerning Israel?
Amos received the things he spoke concerning Israel in revelation.

What was Amos' occupation?
Amos was a shepherd.

Amos 1:2

ULT

2 He said, "Yahweh will roar from Zion; he will raise his voice from Jerusalem. The pastures of the shepherds will wither; the top of Carmel will dry up."

UST

2 Amos said: "Yahweh will shout very loudly; when he speaks from Mount Zion in Jerusalem, his voice will sound like thunder. When that happens, the pastures where you shepherds take care of your sheep will dry up, and the grass on top of Mount Carmel will wither because Yahweh will order the rain not to fall."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:3

ULT

3 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they threshed Gilead with instruments of iron.

UST

3 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Aram: “I will not change my mind about punishing the people of Damascus, the capital of Aram, because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because of the cruel things that they did to the people of the region of Gilead.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Damascus?

Yahweh declared punishment against Damascus because they threshed Gilead with instruments of iron.

Amos 1:4

ULT

4 I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it will devour the fortresses of Ben Hadad.

UST

4 I will cause a fire to burn the palace that King Hazael built and lived in. It will consume the fortresses where his son King Ben Hadad also lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:5

ULT

5 I will break the gate bars of Damascus and cut off the one who rules over the Valley of Aven, and also the one who holds the scepter in Beth Eden. The people of Aram will go in captivity to Kir,” says Yahweh.

UST

5 I will cause the gates of Damascus to be broken down; I will get rid of the king of Biqat Aven and the man who rules in Beth Eden. The people of Aram will be captured and taken to the region of Kir.” Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:6

ULT

6 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they carried away captive a whole people, to hand them over to Edom.

UST

6 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Philistia: “ I will not change my mind about punishing the people of Gaza because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because they captured large groups of people and took them to Edom and sold them to become the slaves of the people there.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Gaza?

Yahweh declared punishment against Gaza because they carried away captive a whole people to hand them over to Edom.

Amos 1:7

ULT

7 I will send fire on the walls of Gaza, and it will devour her fortresses.

UST

7 I will cause a fire to completely burn the walls of Gaza and also destroy its fortresses.

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the fortresses of Ben Hadad, Gaza, and Tyre?

Yahweh declared he would devour the fortresses of Ben Hadad, Gaza, and Tyre.

Amos 1:8

ULT

8 I will cut off the one who lives in Ashdod and the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon. I will turn my hand against Ekron, and the rest of the Philistines will perish,” says the Lord Yahweh.

UST

8 I will get rid of the king of the city of Ashdod and the king who rules in the city of Ashkelon. I will also strike the people of the city of Ekron, and all the people of Philistia who are still alive will be killed.” The Lord Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:9

ULT

9 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they had delivered up a whole people to Edom, and they did not remember their covenant of brotherhood.

UST

9 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Tyre: “I will not change my mind about punishing the people of Tyre because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them because they also captured large groups of our people and took them to Edom, In doing so, they did not act in accordance with the treaty of friendship that they had made with your rulers.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Tyre?

Yahweh declared punishment against Tyre because they handed over whole people groups to Edom and broke their treaty of brotherhood.

Amos 1:10

ULT

10 I will send fire on the walls of Tyre, and it will devour her fortresses.”

UST

10 So I will cause a fire to completely burn the walls of Tyre and also destroy its fortresses.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:11

ULT

11 This is what Yahweh says, “For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because he pursued his brother with the sword and cast off all pity. His anger raged continually, and his wrath lasted forever.

UST

11 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Edom: “I will not change my mind about punishing the people of Edom because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because they pursued the people of Israel, who descended from Esau’s brother Jacob, and killed them with swords; they did not act mercifully toward them at all. They were extremely angry with the people of Israel, and they continue to be angry with them.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Edom?

Yahweh declared punishment against Edom because he pursued his brother with the sword.

Amos 1:12

ULT
12 I will send fire on Teman, and it will devour the palaces of Bozrah.”

UST
12 I will cause a fire to burn the district of Teman in Edom and completely burn the fortresses of Bozrah, the biggest city in Edom.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 1:13

ULT
13 This is what Yahweh says, “For three sins of the sons of Ammon, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead, that they may enlarge their borders.

UST
13 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Ammon: “I will not change my mind about punishing the people of Ammon because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because their soldiers even ripped open the bellies of pregnant women when their army attacked the region of Gilead to order to gain more territory.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Ammon?
Yahweh declared punishment against Ammon because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead.

Amos 1:14

ULT
14 I will light a fire in the walls of Rabbah, and it will devour the palaces, with a shout in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.

UST
14 I will cause a fire to completely burn the walls of the city of Rabbah and to completely burn its fortresses. During that battle, their enemies will shout loudly and the fighting will be like a great storm.

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the palaces of Rabbah?
Yahweh declared he would devour the palaces of Rabbah.

Amos 1:15

ULT

15 Their king will go into captivity, he and his officials together," says Yahweh.

UST

15 After the battle, the king of Ammon and his officials will together go into exile." Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen.

What did Yahweh declare would happen to the king of Ammon?

Yahweh declared the king of Ammon would go into captivity.

Amos 2

Amos 2:1

ULT

1 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime.

UST

1 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Moab: “I will punish the people of Moab because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because they dug up the bones of the king of Edom and burned them completely, with the result that the ashes became as white as lime.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Moab?

Yahweh declared punishment against Moab because Moab burned the bones of the king of Edom.

Amos 2:2

ULT

2 I will send fire on Moab, and it will devour the fortresses of Kerioth. Moab will die in an uproar, with shouting and the sound of the horn.

UST

2 So I will cause a fire to completely burn the fortresses of the city of Kerioth in Moab. People will hear soldiers shouting and blowing trumpets loudly while I am causing Moab to be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:3

ULT

3 I will destroy the judge in her, and I will kill all the princes with him,” says Yahweh.

UST

3 I will destroy the king inside the city, and I will kill all his nobles. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:4

ULT

4 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they rejected the law of Yahweh and did not keep his statutes. Their lies caused them to go astray, after which their fathers had also walked.

UST

4 This is what Yahweh has declared regaring the people of Judah: “I will punish the people of Judah because of the many sins that they have committed; I will not change my mind about punishing them, because they have rejected what I taught them and they have not obeyed my commands. They have been deceived and persuaded to worship false gods, the same gods that their ancestors worshiped.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Judah?

Yahweh declared punishment against Judah because Judah rejected the law of Yahweh.

Amos 2:5

ULT

5 I will send fire on Judah, and it will devour the fortresses of Jerusalem.”

UST

5 So I will cause a fire to completely burn everything in Judah, including the fortresses in Jerusalem.”

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the fortresses of Moab and Judah?

Yahweh declared he would devour the fortresses of Moab and Judah.

Amos 2:6

ULT

6 This is what Yahweh says: “For three sins of Israel, even for four, I will not turn away punishment, because they sold the innocent for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals.

UST

6 This is what Yahweh has declared regarding the people of Israel: “I will punish the people of Israel because of the many sins that they have committed. I will not change my mind about punishing them, because the wealthy landowners and merchants sell into slavery innocent people for a small profit and poor people for the cheap price of a pair of sandals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:7

ULT

[7] They trample the heads of the poor into the dust of the ground; they thrust aside the way of the oppressed.
A man and his father go in to the same girl and so profane my holy name.

UST

[7] It is as though they trample the needy into the dirt and do not treat the helpless fairly. Men and their
fathers dishonor me by sleeping with the same slave girl.

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Israel?

Yahweh declared punishment against Israel because Israel trampled the heads of the poor.

Amos 2:8

ULT

[8] They lie down beside every altar on clothes taken as pledges, and in the house of their God they drink the
wine of those who were fined.

UST

[8] Furthermore, the rich lenders refuse to return to the poor the garments taken as a pledge at the end of the
day as commanded in the law. The poor are left with no blankets to sleep with, while the rich lay on those
garment pledges beside the altars where they worship their false gods. They buy wine with the interest they
charge, and then they drink it in the temples of their false gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:9

ULT

[9] Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them, whose height was like the height of cedars; he was strong as the
oaks. Yet I destroyed his fruit above and his roots below.

UST

[9] Long ago, to assist your ancestors, I got rid of the Amor people group. They seemed to be as tall as cedar
trees and as strong as oak trees, but I got rid of them completely, as easily as someone cuts off the branches
of a tree and then digs out all the roots.

How had the Israelites been able to defeat the Amorites?

The Israelites had been able to defeat the Amorites because Yahweh destroyed the Amorites before them.

Amos 2:10

ULT

10 Also, I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness to possess the land of the Amorites.

UST

10 I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, and then I led them through the desert for forty years. Then I enabled them to conquer the land of the Amorites, Canaan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:11

ULT

11 I raised up prophets from among your sons and Nazirites from your young men. Is it not so, sons of Israel? — this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

11 I chose some of you Israelites to be prophets, and I chose others to be Nazir who were completely dedicated to me. You people of Israel certainly know that what I, Yahweh, have declared will happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:12

ULT

12 But you persuaded the Nazirites to drink wine and commanded the prophets saying, "Do not prophesy!"

UST

12 But you commanded the prophets to not speak the messages that I gave to them, and you persuaded the Nazir to drink wine, which I told them never to do.

What did the Israelites do with the prophets Yahweh had raised up among them?

The Israelites commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

What did the Israelites do with the Nazarites Yahweh had raised up among them?

The Israelites persuaded the Nazarites to drink wine.

Amos 2:13

ULT
13 Behold, I will crush you as a cart that is full of grain can crush someone.

UST
13 So I will crush you as the wheels of a wagon that is loaded with grain crushes whatever it rolls over.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 2:14

ULT
14 A place of refuge will be lost by the swift; the strong will not add to his own strength; neither will the mighty save himself.

UST
14 Even if you run fast, you will not escape; even if you are strong, it will be as though you are weak, and warriors will be unable to save themselves.

What will the swift person and the strong person not be able to do?
The swift person will find no escape and the strong will not add to his own strength.

Amos 2:15

ULT
15 The one who holds the bow will not stand; the one who is swift with his feet will not escape; the one who rides the horse will not escape with his life.

UST
15 Even if you are able to shoot arrows well, you will not survive; even if you run fast or if you ride away on a horse, you will not be able to save yourself.

What did Yahweh declare concerning the archer, the fast runner, the horseman, and the bravest warriors? (vv15-16)
Yahweh declared the archer will not stand, the fast runner will not escape, the horseman will not save himself, and even the bravest warriors will flee naked in that day.

Amos 2:16

ULT

16 Even the bravest warriors will flee naked in that day— this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

16 Even warriors who are very brave will drop their weapons when they try to flee on the day that I get rid of them." Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 3

Amos 3:1

ULT
1 Hear this word that Yahweh has spoken against you, people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt saying:

UST
1 "You people of Israel, I brought all your ancestors out of Egypt; so listen to what I am saying about you.

Against whom is this word of Yahweh?
This word of Yahweh is against the people of Israel, the whole family Yahweh brought up out of Egypt.

Amos 3:2

ULT
2 "I have chosen only you from all the families of the earth. Therefore I will punish you for all your sins."

UST
2 From all the people groups on the earth, I chose and took care of only you. That is the reason that I will punish you for the sins that you have committed."

Who did Yahweh choose from all the families of the earth?
Yahweh chose Israel from all the families of the earth.

Amos 3:3

ULT
3 Will two walk together unless they have agreed?

UST
3 Two people certainly cannot walk together if they have not already agreed what place they will start walking from.

What must two persons do in order to walk together?
Two persons must agree in order to walk together.

Amos 3:4

ULT

4 Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no victim? Will a young lion growl from his den if he has caught nothing?

UST

4 A lion in a forest certainly does not roar if it has not killed another animal. It does not growl in its den if it is not eating the flesh of an animal that it has caught.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 3:5

ULT

5 Can a bird fall in a trap on the ground when no bait is set for him? Will a trap spring up from the ground when it has not caught anything?

UST

5 No one can catch a bird if he does not set a trap for it. A trap does not spring shut when some animal has not sprung the trap.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 3:6

ULT

6 If a trumpet sounds in a city, will the people not tremble? If disaster overtakes a city, has Yahweh not sent it?

UST

6 Similarly, all the people in a city certainly become afraid when they hear someone blowing a horn to signal that enemies are attacking. And when a city experiences disaster, Yahweh is the one who has caused it.

When disaster comes on a city, who has sent it?

When disaster comes on a city, Yahweh has sent it.

Amos 3:7

ULT

[7] Surely the Lord Yahweh will not do anything unless he reveals his plan to his servants the prophets.

UST

[7] For Yahweh the Lord does nothing without first disclosing his secret plans to the prophets, his servants.

What does Yahweh do before he takes action?

Yahweh reveals his plan to his prophets before he takes action.

Amos 3:8

ULT

[8] The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord Yahweh has spoken; who will not prophesy?

UST

[8] Everyone certainly becomes terrified when they hear a lion roar; Yahweh the Lord has given messages to his prophets, and that is why I am proclaiming his message to you, even though it may terrify you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 3:9

ULT

[9] Proclaim this in the fortresses at Ashdod, and in the fortresses in the land of Egypt; say, “Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria and see what great confusion is in her, and what oppression is in her.

UST

[9] Proclaim to the people in the strongholds in Ashdod, and to the people in the fortresses in the land of Egypt say this: “Come together on the hills of Samaria, and see how much the people in that city are frightened, and see the way the people are suffering because of what they are doing to each other!”

What would Egypt see if they saw what was happening in Samaria?

Egypt would see great confusion and oppression in Samaria.

Amos 3:10

ULT

[10] For they do not know how to do right— this is Yahweh's declaration— They store up violence and destruction in their fortresses."

UST

[10] The people there do not know how to do things that are right. They have filled their fortresses with valuable things they stole or took violently from others." Yahweh has declared this.

What was Israel storing up in their fortresses?

Israel was storing up violence and destruction in their fortresses.

Amos 3:11

ULT

[11] Therefore, this is what the Lord Yahweh says: "An enemy will surround the land, and pull down your strongholds and plunder your fortresses."

UST

[11] Therefore Yahweh our Lord has declared this: "Doom is coming! Soon their enemies will come into their land and tear down their defenses and take away those valuable things.

What punishment does Yahweh declare against Israel?

Yahweh declares that an enemy will plunder the fortresses of Israel.

Amos 3:12

ULT

[12] This is what Yahweh says: "As the shepherd rescues out of the mouth of the lion two legs only, or a piece of an ear; so will the sons of Israel who live in Samaria be rescued with only the corner of a couch or a piece of a bed."

UST

[12] Yahweh has declared this: "When a lion attacks a sheep, sometimes a shepherd is able to snatch from the lion's mouth only two legs or an ear of the sheep. Similarly, only a few people from Samaria will escape, just as if someone could save only a part of a couch or a bed from a fire in the house."

Who will escape Yahweh's punishment?

Only a few will escape Yahweh's punishment.

Amos 3:13

ULT

13 Hear and testify against the house of Jacob— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh, the God of hosts:

UST

13 Yahweh our Lord, the commander of the angel armies, has decalred this: “Proclaim this message about the descendants of Jacob:

In the day Yahweh punishes the sins of Israel, who else will he punish? (vv13-14)

Yahweh will also punish the altars of Bethel, of the house of Jacob.

Amos 3:14

ULT

14 “For on the day that I bring punishment for the sins of Israel on her, I will also bring punishment on the altars of Bethel. The horns of the altar will be cut off and fall to the ground.

UST

14 For on the day of judgment when I punish the people of Israel because of the sins that they have committed, I will destroy the altars at the town of Bethel; even the projections at the corners of the altars will break and fall to the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 3:15

ULT

15 I will destroy the winter house with the summer house. The houses of ivory will perish, and the large houses will vanish— this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

15 I will cause the houses that they live in during the winter to be torn down; and the houses they live in during the summer, they will also be torn down. Beautiful big houses and houses that are decorated with ivory will be destroyed.” Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 4

Amos 4:1

ULT

1 Listen to this word, you cows of Bashan, you who are in the mountain of Samaria, you who oppress the poor, you who crush the needy, you who say to your husbands, “Bring us drinks.”

UST

1 Listen up, you wealthy women of Samaria! You have gorged yourselves on luxuries and grown fat like the cows of the region of Bashan. You oppress poor people, and you cause needy people to suffer. And you say to your husbands, “Bring us more wine to drink!”

What name does Yahweh give the wives of the rich who live in Samaria?

Yahweh calls the wives of the rich, “cows of Bashan”.

What are the wives of the rich in Samaria doing to the poor?

The wives of the rich are oppressing the poor and crushing the needy.

Amos 4:2

ULT

2 The Lord Yahweh has sworn by his holiness saying, “Behold, the days will come on you when they will take you away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks.

UST

2 But Yahweh our God has said this: “Because I am holy, I solemnly promise this: It will soon be the time when you all will be taken to another country; your enemies will take you away using sharp hooks to grab you.

What does Yahweh declare will happen to the wives of the rich in Samaria?

Yahweh declares the wives will be taken away with hooks and driven out from the city.

Amos 4:3

ULT

3 You will go out through the breaks in the city wall, each one going straight through, and you will be thrown out toward Harmon— this is Yahweh’s declaration.”

UST

3 Your enemies will drag you out and you will go through breaks in your city walls, and they will force you to go toward Harmon.” Yahweh has declared this, so it will certainly happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 4:4

ULT

4 “Go to Bethel and sin, to Gilgal and multiply sin, bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days.

UST

4 Go ahead: go to the hilltop places of idol worship that are at Bethel and Gilgal, where many people worship me; go and rebel more and more against me! Offer sacrifices on the morning after you arrive, and bring me a tenth of your crops the next day.

What pleases the people of Israel? (vv4-5)

The people of Israel are pleased to sin in Bethel and multiply sin in Gilgal, to bring sacrifices and tithes, to offer a thanksgiving sacrifice, and proclaim freewill offerings.

Amos 4:5

ULT

5 Offer a thanksgiving sacrifice with bread; proclaim freewill offerings; announce them, for this pleases you, you sons of Israel— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh.

UST

5 Bring offerings of bread to thank me, and other offerings that are not required, and boast about these offerings that you bring, because that is what you like to do; but you do it to impress others, not to please me.” Yahweh the Lord has declared this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 4:6

ULT

6 For I also gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities and lack of bread in all your places. Yet you have not returned to me— this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

6 “What’s more, I am the one who caused there to be no food in any of your cities and towns, yet you did not return to me.” declares Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 4:7

ULT

[7] I also withheld rain from you when there were still three months to the harvest. I caused it to rain on one city, and caused it not to rain on another city. One piece of land was rained on, but the piece of land where he caused it not to rain on it dried up.

UST

[7] Furthermore, when it was still three months before the time of harvesting crops, at the time when your crops needed rain the most, I prevented rain from falling. Sometimes I allowed rain to fall on some towns and prevented it from falling on other towns. Rain fell on some fields, but it did not fall on other fields, with the result that the soil in those fields where it did not rain dried up.

What did Yahweh do to the rain so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh withheld rain from Israel so that the people of Israel would return to him.

Amos 4:8

ULT

[8] Two or three cities staggered to another city to drink water, but were not satisfied. Yet you have not returned to me— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[8] Your people would stagger from one town to another town to find water, but they could not even get enough water to drink. Yet, you did not return to me." declares Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 4:9

ULT

[9] I afflicted you with blight and mildew. The multitude of your gardens, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees— the locusts devoured them all. Yet you have not returned to me— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

[9] Many times I struck your crops with disease and mildew. The locusts devoured your gardens and vineyards, your fig trees and olive trees, yet you did not return to me." declares Yahweh.

What did Yahweh do to the gardens, vineyards, and trees so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh afflicted the gardens, vineyards, and trees with blight and mildew, and devoured them with locusts.

Amos 4:10

ULT

10 I sent a plague on you in the manner of Egypt. I killed your young men with the sword, carried away your horses, and made the stench of your camp come up to your nostrils. Yet you have not returned to me— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

10 I caused you to experience plagues like the plagues that I sent to the people of Egypt. I caused many of your young men to die in battles. and allowed your enemies to capture your horses. Many of your soldiers were killed, and your camps were filled with the smell of their corpses. Yet, you did not return to me." declares Yahweh.

What did Yahweh do to the young men so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh killed the young men with the sword so that the people of Israel would return to him.

Amos 4:11

ULT

11 I overthrew cities among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched out of the fire. Yet you have not returned to me— this is Yahweh's declaration.

UST

11 I got rid of many of you, like the people in Sodom and Gomorrah. Those of you who did not die were like a burning stick that was snatched from a fire so that it would not burn completely. Yet, you did not return to me." declares Yahweh.

What did Yahweh do to the cities so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh overthrew the cities so that the people of Israel would return to him.

How did the people of Israel respond to Yahweh's attempts to cause them to return?

The people of Israel did not return to Yahweh.

Amos 4:12

ULT

12 Therefore I will do something terrible to you, Israel; and because I will do something terrible to you, prepare to meet your God, Israel!

UST

12 So now, you people of Israel, I am going to punish you. Prepare to stand in front of me, your God, when I judge you!

What does Yahweh tell the people of Israel they must now prepare to do?

Yahweh tells the people of Israel they must now prepare to meet their God.

Amos 4:13

ULT

13 For, behold, he who forms the mountains also creates the wind, reveals his thoughts to mankind, makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the earth. Yahweh, God of hosts, is his name.”

UST

13 So, listen! I created the mountains, and the winds. I reveal to humans what I am thinking. and sometimes cause the daylight to become dark like the night. I rule over everything, and even walk on the highest mountains on the earth! I am Yahweh, commander of the angel armies!”

Who formed the mountains and revealed his thoughts to mankind?

Yahweh, God of hosts, formed the mountains and revealed his thoughts to mankind.

Amos 5

Amos 5:1

ULT
[1] Hear this word that I take up as a lament over you, house of Israel.

UST
[1] You people of Israel, listen to this funeral song that I will sing about you:

Who has fallen in this lament? (vv1-2)
The virgin Israel has fallen in this lament.

Amos 5:2

ULT
[2] The virgin Israel has fallen; she will rise no more; she is forsaken on her land; there is no one to raise her up.

UST
[2] "You are like a young woman, but in spite of that, you will certainly be struck down and you will never get up again! You will lie on the ground, abandoned, and there will be no one to help you stand up."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:3

ULT
[3] For this is what the Lord Yahweh says: "The city that went out with a thousand will have a hundred left, and the one that went out with a hundred will have ten left belonging to the house of Israel."

UST
[3] This is what Yahweh the Lord has declared to the people of Israel: "When your enemies attack you, and when a thousand of your soldiers go into battle, only a hundred will survive. When a hundred soldiers march out from a city to fight, only ten will remain alive."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:4

ULT

4 For this is what Yahweh says to the house of Israel: “Seek me and live!

UST

4 This is what Yahweh has declared to the people of Israel: “You Israelite people, return to me! If you do that, you will continue to remain alive.

What does Yahweh tell the house of Israel to do?

Yahweh tells the house of Israel to seek him and live.

Amos 5:5

ULT

5 Do not seek Bethel; nor enter Gilgal; do not journey to Beersheba. For Gilgal will surely go into captivity, and Bethel will become nothing.

UST

5 Do not go to Bethel to seek my help; do not go to Gilgal to worship; do not go to Beersheba, because your enemies will drag away the people of Gilgal to other countries, and they will completely destroy Bethel.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:6

ULT

6 Seek Yahweh and live, or he will break out like fire in the house of Joseph. It will devour, and there will be no one to quench it in Bethel.

UST

6 So come to Yahweh; if you do that, you will remain alive. If you do not do that, Yahweh will come down on you descendants of Joseph like a fire; that fire will burn everything in Bethel and nothing will be able to save that town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:7

ULT

[7] Those people turn justice into a bitter thing and throw righteousness down to the ground!”

UST

[7] You people distort what is right; you make others think that it is something very bitter; you treat good things as though they were evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:8

ULT

[8] God made the Pleiades and Orion; he turns darkness into the morning; he makes the day dark with night and calls for the waters of the sea; he pours them out on the surface of the earth. Yahweh is his name!

UST

[8] God created all the groups of stars and he put them in their places. Each morning he causes the darkness to become the dawn, and each evening he causes the daylight to become darkness. He scoops up water from the oceans to become clouds, and then he dumps the water from the clouds onto the earth. The one who does those things is Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:9

ULT

[9] He causes destruction to fall on the strong, and destruction comes down on the fortresses.

UST

[9] He brings sudden destruction on the rulers and the wealthy landowners, and he destroys their fortified cities.

What does Yahweh bring on the strong?

Yahweh brings sudden destruction on the strong.

Amos 5:10

ULT

10 They hate anyone who corrects them in the city gate, and they abhor anyone who speaks the truth.

UST

10 You hate those who challenge anyone who tries to make unjust decisions; you hate those who tell the truth in your courts.

Who do the strong hate and abhor?

The strong hate those who correct them, and abhor anyone who speaks the truth.

Amos 5:11

ULT

11 Therefore, because you trample down the poor and take portions of wheat from him— although you have built houses of worked stone, you will not live in them. You have delightful vineyards, but you will not drink their wine.

UST

11 Doom is coming on you wealthy landowners and nobles because you oppress poor people and force them to pay hefty taxes. You have built big stone mansions for yourselves, but you will not be able to live in them. You have planted delightful vineyards, but there will not be any grapes for you to harvest to make wine.

What had the strong done, for which Yahweh will punish them?

The strong had trampled down the poor, for which Yahweh will punish them.

Amos 5:12

ULT

12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great are your sins— you who afflict the just, take bribes, and turn aside the needy in the city gate.

UST

12 For I know all of your sins and the terrible crimes that you have committed. You oppress righteous people, and you accept bribes. You do not allow judges to treat poor people justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:13

ULT
13 Therefore any prudent person is silent at such a time, for it is an evil time.

UST
13 This is a time when many people do evil things, so people who have good sense say nothing at all.

What does a prudent person do at such an evil time?
A prudent person is silent at such an evil time.

Amos 5:14

ULT
14 Seek good and not evil, so that you may live. So Yahweh, the God of hosts, will really be with you, as you say he is.

UST
14 In order to remain alive, you must stop doing what is wrong, and start doing what is right. If you do that, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will be with you as you claim that he always is.

What should the people do so that Yahweh is really with them?
The people should seek good and not evil, so that Yahweh is really with them.

Amos 5:15

ULT
15 Hate evil, love good, establish justice in the city gate. Perhaps Yahweh, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

UST
15 Love what is good, and hate what is evil! Try to cause judges in your courts to make decisions that are right! If you do those things, perhaps Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will act mercifully toward you descendants of Joseph who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:16

ULT

16 Therefore, this is what Yahweh says, the God of hosts, the Lord, “Wailing will be in all the squares, and they will say in all the streets, ‘Woe! Woe!’ They will call the farmers to mourning and the mourners to wail.

UST

16 Therefore, Yahweh will punish you for your sins! This is what Yahweh, the Lord, the commander of angel armies, has solemnly declared: “People will be wailing loudly in every street, and people will cry in horror in every plaza at the complete desolation. Farmers will leave their fields to come and weep, along with the other official mourners who will wail for those who have died.

What will be heard in the streets when Yahweh passes through the people’s midst? (vv16-17)

Wailing and woes will be heard in the streets when Yahweh passes through the people’s midst.

Amos 5:17

ULT

17 In all vineyards there will be wailing, for I will pass through your midst,” says Yahweh.

UST

17 People will be wailing in your vineyards, because I will punish you severely,” declares Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:18

ULT

18 Woe to you who desire the day of Yahweh! Why do you long for the day of Yahweh? It will be darkness and not light,

UST

18 Terrible things will happen to you who want Yahweh to punish his enemies, because that will be a day of darkness, not of light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:19

ULT
19 as when a man flees from a lion and a bear meets him, or he goes in a house and puts his hand on the wall
and a snake bites him.

UST
19 At that time, when you try to run from a lion, you will face a bear. When you run into your house to be safe,
and you put your hand on the wall, a snake will bite it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:20

ULT
20 Will not the day of Yahweh be darkness and not light? Gloom and no brightness?

UST
20 That day, when he punishes people, will certainly be awful, like a dark night without even a little bit of light.

What will the day of Yahweh be?
The day of Yahweh will be darkness and gloom.

Amos 5:21

ULT
21 “I hate, I despise your festivals, I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

UST
21 Yahweh says, “I hate your religious celebrations and the times when you gather to worship me; I detest
them all.

What does Yahweh think about the solemn assemblies of the people?
Yahweh takes no delight in the solemn assemblies of the people.

Amos 5:22

ULT
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, neither will I look at the fellowship offerings of your fattened animals.

UST
22 Even if you bring me offerings to burn on the altar and offerings of grain, I will no longer accept them. Even if you bring me offerings to restore fellowship with me, I will not pay any attention to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:23

ULT
23 Remove from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the sound of your harps.

UST
23 So stop singing noisy songs! I will not listen when you play harps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:24

ULT
24 Instead, let justice flow like water, and righteousness like a constantly flowing stream.

UST
24 Instead, act justly and righteously; you should do this and never stop; if you do, it will be like the water in a river that never stops flowing.

What does Yahweh want to see flowing from the people?
Yahweh wants to see justice and righteousness flowing from the people.

Amos 5:25

ULT
25 Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness for forty years, house of Israel?

UST
25 You Israelite people, your ancestors wandered through the wilderness for forty years; and during that time, they never brought any sacrifices and offerings to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 5:26

ULT

26 You have lifted up the images of Sikkuth, your king, and Kaiwan, your star god, which you made for yourselves.

UST

26 But you carried the two idols that you have made for yourselves— Sikkuth, the god whom you call ‘king,’ and Kaiwan, the image of the star that you worship.

What had the people made for themselves?

The people had made for themselves idols.

Amos 5:27

ULT

27 Therefore I will exile you beyond Damascus,” says Yahweh, whose name is the God of hosts.

UST

27 For I will now force you to go to a country that is far beyond Damascus!” Yahweh has declared this; He is the commander of angel armies.

Where will Yahweh send the people?

Yahweh will exile the people beyond Damascus.

Amos 6

Amos 6:1

ULT

[1] Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who are secure in the hill country of Samaria, the notable men of the best of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes for help!

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to you people in Jerusalem who are not worried about anything, and also to you leaders who live on the hill of the city of Samaria, you who think that you are safe. You call yourselves the most important people in the world, and you are the leaders to whom Israelites go for help.

On whom does Yahweh declare a woe?

Yahweh declares a woe on those at ease in Zion, and those secure in Samaria.

Amos 6:2

ULT

[2] "Go to Kalneh and look; from there go to Hamath, the great city; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than your two kingdoms? Is their border larger than your border?"

UST

[2] You tell them, "Just go to the city of Kalneh and look at it. Then go to see the great city Hamath and to Gath in Philistia and look at it. They are all prosperous. Now your lands are better than those places, and your two countries—Judah and Samaria—are bigger. So you are safe."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:3

ULT

[3] Woe to those who put off the day of disaster and make the throne of violence come near.

UST

[3] Terrible things will happen to you leaders! You are trying to avoid thinking about the coming time when you will experience disasters, when your enemies will violently attack you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:4

ULT

[4] They lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches. They eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall.

UST

[4] You recline on couches decorated with expensive ivory and lounge on padded beds. You eat the tender meat of lambs and fat calves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:5

ULT

[5] They sing foolish songs to the music of the harp; they improvise on musical instruments as David did.

UST

[5] You create new songs as if you had nothing better to do, and you play them on your harps like King David did.

What are those receiving Yahweh's woe doing with their time? (vv5-6)

Those receiving Yahweh's woe are using their time lounging, feasting, singing songs, and drinking.

Amos 6:6

ULT

[6] They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

UST

[6] You drink entire bowlfuls of wine, and you put expensive oils on your bodies, but you do not grieve about our country of Israel.

What are those receiving Yahweh's woe not doing with their time?

Those receiving Yahweh's woe are not using their time grieving over the ruin of Joseph.

Amos 6:7

ULT

7 Therefore, now they will go into exile with the first exiles, and the feasts of those who lounge about will pass away.

UST

7 Therefore judgment is coming, and coming soon. Your feasting and lounging on soft couches will end, and you will be among the first ones to be forced by your enemies to go into exile.

Where are those receiving Yahweh's woe now going?

Those receiving Yahweh's woe are now going into exile.

Amos 6:8

ULT

8 "I, the Lord Yahweh, have sworn by myself— this is the declaration of Yahweh, the God of hosts, I detest the pride of Jacob; I hate his fortresses. Therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it."

UST

8 Yahweh the Lord, the commander of angel armies has solemnly declared that this will happen: "I hate the people of Israel because they are very proud; I detest their fortresses. I will enable their enemies to capture their capital city and everything in it."

What does Yahweh hate about these people of Jacob?

Yahweh hates the pride and fortresses of these people of Jacob.

Amos 6:9

ULT

9 It will come about that if there are ten men left in one house, they will all die.

UST

9 When that happens, if there are ten people in one house, they will all die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:10

ULT

10 When a man's relative comes to take their bodies up—the one who is to cremate them after bringing the corpses out of the house—if he says to the person in the house, "Is there anyone with you?" What if that person says, "No." Then he will say, "Be quiet, for we must not mention Yahweh's name."

UST

10 If a relative who has the task of burning their corpses comes to the house and inquires of anyone who is still hiding there, "Is there anyone here with you?" and that person replies "No," the one who inquired will say, "Be quiet! You must not call Yahweh's attention to us by mentioning his name, or he may have a reason to kill us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:11

ULT

11 For, behold, Yahweh will give a command, and the big house will be smashed to pieces, and the little house to bits.

UST

11 Terrible things like that will happen because Yahweh has commanded that the large houses in Israel must be smashed into pieces, and small houses must be smashed into tiny bits.

What will happen to the houses of these people of Jacob?

Their houses will be smashed to bits.

Amos 6:12

ULT

12 Do horses run on the rocky cliffs? Does one plow there with oxen? Yet you have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness.

UST

12 Horses certainly do not run on big rocks, and certainly people cannot plow the rocks with oxen. But you have distorted what is fair; you have changed what is right, crippling and impoverishing the very ones the laws were meant to protect

What have these people of Jacob done to justice and righteousness?

These people of Jacob have turned justice into poison and righteousness into bitterness.

Amos 6:13

ULT

13 You who rejoice over Lo Debar, who say, “Have we not taken Karnaim by our own strength?”

UST

13 You are proud because you have captured the town of Lo Debar, and you have said, “We certainly took the town of Karnaim by our own power!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 6:14

ULT

14 Therefore, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, house of Israel—this is the declaration of Yahweh, the God of hosts. They will afflict you from Lebo Hamath to the brook of the Arabah.”

UST

14 Therefore, Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, has declared this: “Behold, I will cause a certain nation to attack you people of Israel; they will oppress you all the way from Hamath Pass in the northwest to the brook of the Arabah.

What does Yahweh declare he will do against the house of Israel?

Yahweh declares he will raise up a nation against the house of Israel.

What will this nation do against the house of Israel?

This nation will afflict the house of Israel.

Amos 7

Amos 7:1

ULT

[1] This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me. Behold, he formed a locust swarm when the spring crop began to come up, and, behold, it was the late crop after the king's harvest.

UST

[1] This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me in a vision: "Behold, he is going to send locusts to destroy our crops. It is going to happen right after the king's share of the hay has been harvested and before the rest of the hay is ready to be harvested.

In his vision, what did Amos see Yahweh forming in the spring?

Amos saw Yahweh forming a locust swarm in the spring to eat the vegetation of the land.

Amos 7:2

ULT

[2] When they finished eating the vegetation of the land, then I said, "Lord Yahweh, please forgive; how will Jacob survive? For he is so small."

UST

[2] In the vision I saw those locusts come, and they ate everything that was green. Then I cried out, "Yahweh our Lord, please forgive us! We Israelite people are very helpless; how will we be able to survive?"

When Amos asked Yahweh to forgive Jacob and not bring this disaster on them, what did Yahweh answer? (vv2-3)

Yahweh answered that this disaster would not happen.

Amos 7:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh relented concerning this. "It will not happen," he said.

UST

[3] So Yahweh showed mercy and said, "That will not happen."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 7:4

ULT

4 This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me: Behold, the Lord Yahweh called on fire to judge. It dried the vast, deep water under the earth and would have devoured the land, also.

UST

4 Then this is what Yahweh our Lord showed me in another vision: Behold, Yahweh our Lord was calling to a fire to come and punish his people. In the vision I saw that the fire had dried up the water under all the land and also had burned everything on the land.

In his vision, on what did Amos see Yahweh calling?

Amos saw Yahweh calling on fire to judge.

Amos 7:5

ULT

5 But I said, “Lord Yahweh, please stop; how will Jacob survive? For he is so small.”

UST

5 Then I cried out again, “Yahweh our Lord, I plead with you, please stop this! We Israelite people are very helpless; how will we be able to survive?”

When Amos asked Yahweh to forgive Jacob and not bring this disaster on them, what did Yahweh answer? (vv5-6)

Yahweh answered that this disaster also would not happen.

Amos 7:6

ULT

6 Yahweh relented concerning this, “This also will not happen,” said the Lord Yahweh.

UST

6 So Yahweh showed mercy again, and Yahweh the Lord said, “That also will not happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 7:7

ULT

[7] This is what he showed me: Behold, the Lord stood beside a wall with a plumb line, and the plumb line was in his hand.

UST

[7] Then he showed me another vision. Behold, I saw the Lord standing beside a wall. It was very straight because it had been built using a plumb line. The Lord had the plumb line in his hand.

In his vision, what did Amos see the Lord standing and doing?

Amos saw the Lord standing beside a wall with a plumb line in his hand.

Amos 7:8

ULT

[8] Yahweh said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I will put a plumb line among my people Israel. Never again will I spare them.

UST

[8] Yahweh asked me, “Amos, what do you see?” I replied, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Look, I am going to use a plumb line among my people, Israel, to show that they are crooked. I will not spare them from punishment any longer.

What did the Lord say was the meaning of the plumb line?

The Lord said the plumb line meant Israel would be spared no longer.

Amos 7:9

ULT

[9] The high places of Isaac will be destroyed, the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

UST

[9] Then I will destroy the hilltop places where the descendants of Isaac worship idols. And I will also lay waste to the other important holy places in Israel. And I will raise up against King Jeroboam and all his descendants the swords of his enemies.

What did Yahweh declare he would do to Israel?

Yahweh declared he would destroy the high places and sanctuaries of Israel.

Amos 7:10

ULT

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying: “Amos has conspired against you in the middle of the house of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

UST

10 Then Amaziah the priest at Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, the king of Israel. In the message he said, “Amos is plotting against you among the Israelite people. I am worried that the people of this country will not know that he is wrong.

Of what was Amos accused by Amaziah, priest of Bethel?

Amos was accused of conspiring against Jeroboam, king of Israel.

Amos 7:11

ULT

11 For this is what Amos said, ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile away from his land.’”

UST

11 This is what Amos is saying: ‘Jeroboam will soon die, murdered by an enemy wielding a sword. and the enemies of Israel will forcibly remove the people of Israel and send them away from their land.’”

What had Amos prophesied about Jeroboam?

Amos had prophesied that Jeroboam would die by the sword.

Amos 7:12

ULT

12 Amaziah said to Amos, “Seer, go, run yourself back to the land of Judah, and there eat bread and prophesy.

UST

12 Then Amaziah came to Amos and said, “You prophet, get out of here! Flee for your life back to the country of Judah! Do your prophesying there if you want to earn money!

To where was Amos told to return and prophesy?

Amos was told to return to the land of Judah and prophesy there.

Amos 7:13

ULT
13 But you must never again prophesy here at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house."

UST
13 Do not prophesy anymore here at Bethel, because this is where the national temple, the king's temple, is!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 7:14

ULT
14 Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet nor am I a prophet's son, for I am a herdsman, and I take care of sycamore fig trees.

UST
14 Amos replied to Amaziah, "I was previously not a prophet and my father was not a prophet; I was a shepherd. I also took care of sycamore fig trees.

What was Amos' work before Yahweh took him to be his prophet? (vv14-15)
Amos was a herdsman and keeper of sycamore fig trees.

Amos 7:15

ULT
15 But Yahweh took me from tending the flock, and Yahweh said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

UST
15 But Yahweh took me away from taking care of my sheep, and Yahweh said to me, 'Go to Israel and prophesy to my people there!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 7:16

ULT

16 Now hear the word of Yahweh. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not speak against the house of Isaac.’

UST

16 So now, listen to Yahweh’s judgment. “You said to me, ‘Do not prophesy and say that terrible things will happen to the people of Israel; stop saying those things!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 7:17

ULT

17 Therefore this is what Yahweh says, ‘Your wife will be a prostitute in the city; your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword; your land will be measured and divided up; you will die in an unclean land, and Israel will surely go into exile from his land.’”

UST

17 Therefore, this is what Yahweh has declared about you: ‘Your wife will become a prostitute in this very city; your sons and daughters will die because their enemies will kill them. Others will measure your land and divide it up among themselves; and you yourself will die in a foreign country. And the people of Israel will certainly have to leave their country and go into exile.’”

What did Yahweh declare against Amaziah, priest of Bethel?

Yahweh declared that Amaziah would die in an unclean land, his wife would be a prostitute, his sons and daughters would be killed, and his land would be divided up.

What did Yahweh declare he would do with Israel?

Yahweh declared he would exile Israel from its land.

Amos 8

Amos 8:1

ULT

[1] This is what the Lord Yahweh showed me. Behold, a basket of summer fruit!

UST

[1] This is what Yahweh our Lord showed me in a vision: Look, a basket full of ripe fruit.

What did Yahweh show Amos? (vv1-2)

Yahweh showed Amos a basket of summer fruit.

Amos 8:2

ULT

[2] He said, “What do you see, Amos?” I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then Yahweh said to me, “The end has come for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

UST

[2] Yahweh asked me, “Amos, what do you see?” I replied, “A basket full of ripe fruit.” He said, “That indicates that it is almost the end for my Israelite people. I will not spare them from punishment any longer.

What did Yahweh say had come for his people Israel?

Yahweh said the end had come for his people Israel.

Amos 8:3

ULT

[3] The songs of the temple will become wailings in that day— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh— many dead bodies, they are thrown everywhere! Silence!”

UST

[3] Soon the people will be wailing instead of singing in the temple. There will be corpses everywhere, and people will say nothing as they remove them.” Yahweh the Lord has declared this will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 8:4

ULT

4 Listen to this, you who trample the needy and remove the poor of the land.

UST

4 Listen to your covenant crimes, rich rulers! When you cheat the poor, it is as though you people are trampling on the needy people, and you destroy the poor people.

What sins had the people of Israel committed?

The people of Israel had trampled the needy and removed the poor of the land.

Amos 8:5

ULT

5 They say, “When will the new moon be over, so we can sell grain again? When will the Sabbath day be over, so that we can sell wheat? We will make the measure small and increase the price, as we cheat with false scales.

UST

5 You habitually say, “We wish that the new moon festival would end soon, in order that we may sell our grain. We wish that the Sabbath would end soon, in order that we may sell our wheat.— When we sell it, we can charge a big price for it, and we can cheat people by using scales that do not weigh correctly.

Why were the people anxious for the new moon and Sabbath to be over? (vv5-6)

The people were anxious because they wanted to sell grain again and cheat the poor.

Amos 8:6

ULT

6 This is so we can sell bad wheat, buy the poor with silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals.”

UST

6 We will sell wheat that is no good. Those who are needy and poor and who do not have money to buy things, we will make them our slaves by buying them with the little amount of silver with which we could buy a pair of sandals!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 8:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh has sworn by the pride of Jacob, “Surely I will never forget any of their actions.”

UST

[7] Yahweh has declared, “I am the God you should worship. Surely I will never forget the evil things that you have done.

What did Yahweh say he would never do with any of the people’s actions?

Yahweh said he would never forget any of the people’s actions.

Amos 8:8

ULT

[8] Will not the land quake for this, and every one who lives in it mourn? All of it will rise up like the Nile River, and it will be tossed about and settle again, like the river of Egypt.

UST

[8] Because of those evil things, your country will certainly soon tremble, and everyone who lives there will mourn. It will repeatedly rise and fall like the Nile River whose floodwaters overflow its banks and then recede.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 8:9

ULT

[9] “It will come in that day— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh— that I will make the sun set at noon, and I will darken the earth at daylight.

UST

[9] Yahweh the Lord has declared this will happen: "The time is coming soon when I will bring judgment. I will cause the sun to set at noontime, and the entire earth will be dark in the daytime.

In that day, what did Yahweh say he would do to the sun?

In that day, Yahweh said he would make the sun set at noon.

Amos 8:10

ULT

10 I will turn your festivals into mourning and all your songs into lamentation. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and have baldness on every head. I will make it like mourning for an only son, and a bitter day to its end.

UST

10 I will cause your religious celebrations to become times when you mourn; instead of singing, everyone will be weeping. Because of what I will do, all of you will wear rough sackcloth and shave your heads to show that you are sorrowing. I will cause that time to be like when people mourn after an only son has died. All of you will be very sad all of that time."

What would the people wear on that day?

The people would wear sackcloth on that day.

Amos 8:11

ULT

11 Behold, the days are coming— this is the declaration of the Lord Yahweh— when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, nor of thirst for water, but for hearing the words of Yahweh.

UST

11 Yahweh the Lord declares this: "Behold, It will soon be the time when I will cause something to be very scarce throughout the country. But it will not be a time when there is no food or water; it will instead be a time when there will be no messages from me for anyone to hear.

What famine did Yahweh say he would send in the land?

Yahweh said he would send a famine in the land for hearing the words of Yahweh.

Amos 8:12

ULT

12 They will stagger from sea to sea; they will run from the north to the east to seek the word of Yahweh, but they will not find it.

UST

12 People will stagger from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and wander from the north to the east, searching for a message from me, but there will not be any.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 8:13

ULT

13 In that day the beautiful virgins and the young men will faint from thirst.

UST

13 At that time, even beautiful young women and strong young men will faint because they will be very thirsty.

In that day, who would faint from thirst?

In that day, the virgins and young men would faint from thirst.

Amos 8:14

ULT

14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria [1] and say, ‘As your god lives, Dan,’ and, ‘As the way to Beersheba exists’— [2] they will fall and never rise again.”

8:14 [1] , some versions have .

8:14 [2] , where this might refer to what people going to worship Beersheba’s idols might have said. However, some versions change the Hebrew text to read . Here “loved one” stands for an idol worshiped in Beersheba.

UST

14 Those who make oaths using the name of their shameful god of Samaria, and those who solemnly promise to do something using the name of the god of Dan, and those who swear using the name of the god of Beersheba— they will all die; they will never get up again.”

Who does Yahweh say would never rise again?

Those who swear by the sin of Samaria would never rise again.

Amos 9

Amos 9:1

ULT

[1] I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said, “Strike the tops of the pillars so that the foundations will shake. Break them in pieces on all of their heads, and I will kill the last of them with the sword. Not one of them will get away, not one of them will escape.

UST

[1] The Lord appeared to me in another vision. I saw him standing next to the altar. He said, “Strike the temple pillars until they fall down, so that the building collapses and the foundation shakes. Shatter them so that the pieces crush all the people who are inside. Anyone who lives I will kill with the sword; No one will succeed in running away; no one will escape.

Who will escape the Lord’s judgment of Israel?

Not one of them will escape the Lord’s judgment.

Amos 9:2

ULT

[2] Though they dig into Sheol, there my hand will take them. Though they climb up to heaven, there I will bring them down.

UST

[2] If, in trying to escape, they dig deep pits in the ground, even all the way to the place of the dead, I will grab them from there. Or, if they try to climb up to the sky, from there I will seize them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 9:3

ULT

[3] Though they hide on the top of Carmel, there I will search and take them. Though they are hidden from my sight in the bottom of the sea, there will I give orders to the serpent, and it will bite them.

UST

[3] If they go to the top of Mount Carmel to escape, I will search for them and seize them. If they try to hide from me at the bottom of the sea, I will command the huge sea monster to devour them there.

What will the Lord do to those who would hide in the bottom of the sea?

The Lord will give orders to the serpent to bite them.

Amos 9:4

ULT

4 Though they go into captivity, driven by their enemies before them, there will I give orders to the sword, and it will kill them. I will keep my eyes on them for harm and not for good.”

UST

4 If their enemies capture them and force them to go to other countries, I will command that they be killed there with swords. I am determined to destroy them, not to help them.”

For what purpose will the Lord keep his eyes on Israel?
The Lord will keep his eyes on Israel for harm.

Amos 9:5

ULT

5 The Lord Yahweh of hosts touches the land and it melts; all who live in it mourn; all of it will rise up like the River, and sink again like the river of Egypt.

UST

5 When Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, touches the earth, it melts, and all over the earth many people die, and the others mourn for them. It is as though Yahweh causes the earth repeatedly to rise and fall like water in the Nile River rises and falls.

What do the people do when Yahweh touches the land to melt it?
The people mourn when Yahweh touches the land to melt it.

Amos 9:6

ULT

6 It is he who builds his steps in the heavens, and has established his vault over the earth. He calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, Yahweh is his name.

UST

6 He builds his beautiful palace in heaven and sets the sky to be like a dome over the earth. He scoops up the water from the ocean and puts it into clouds, and then empties the clouds onto the earth. His name is Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 9:7

ULT

7 “Are you not like the sons of Cush to me, sons of Israel— this is Yahweh’s declaration— did I not bring up Israel out of the land of Egypt, the Philistines from Crete, and the Arameans from Kir?

UST

7 Yahweh has declared, “You people of Israel, you are certainly now no more important to me than the people of Ethiopia. I brought your ancestors here from Egypt, but I also brought the people of Philistia from the Island of Crete, and I brought the people of Aram from the region of Kir.

From where did Yahweh bring up Israel?

Yahweh brought up Israel from the land of Egypt.

From where did Yahweh bring the Philistines?

Yahweh brought the Philistines from Crete.

Amos 9:8

ULT

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Yahweh are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the face of the earth, except that I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob— this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

8 Take note! I, Yahweh the Lord, have seen just how sinful you wealthy landowners and nobles are in the kingdom of Israel, so I will destroy you and your kingdom. However, I will not completely destroy all the descendants of Jacob.” Yahweh has declared that this will certainly happen.

Does Yahweh say he will totally destroy the people of Israel?

No, Yahweh says he will not totally destroy the people of Israel.

Amos 9:9

ULT

9 For, behold, I will give a command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations, as one shakes grain in a sieve, so that not the smallest stone will fall to the ground.

UST

9 Take note! Because you treated your fellow person injustly, I will send my judgment. I will punish the people of Israel for their sins, along with the other nations. My judgment will be thorough; not one wicked person will survive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 9:10

ULT

10 All the sinners of my people will die by the sword, those who say, ‘Disaster will not overtake or meet us.’

UST

10 From among my people, all you sinful people who say, ‘We will not experience disasters; nothing evil will happen to us,’ your enemies will kill you with their swords.”

What were the sinners in Israel saying, those that Yahweh will kill?

The sinners were saying that disaster would not overtake them.

Amos 9:11

ULT

11 In that day I will raise up the tent of David that has fallen, and close up its breaches. I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old,

UST

11 “The kingdom over which King David ruled has been destroyed, like a house that collapsed and then became ruins. But some day I will cause it to be a kingdom again. I will cause it to prosper again just like it did previously.

In that day, what does Yahweh say he will raise up?

In that day, Yahweh says that he will raise up the tent of David that has fallen.

Amos 9:12

ULT

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name after them—this is Yahweh’s declaration—he does this.

UST

12 The result will be that your kingdom will include the remaining part of the region of Edom, and your kingdom will include anyone among the other nations who worships me. I, Yahweh, have declared that I will do these things, and I will certainly cause them to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Amos 9:13

ULT

13 Behold, the days will come—this is Yahweh's declaration— when the plowman will overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes will overtake him who plants seed. The mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it.

UST

13 Yahweh has declared this: "Hear this! The time is coming when the harvest will be so plentiful! The reaper will still be harvesting crops when the plowman comes to till the field the following season. And, the grape-treaders will still be juicing the grapes when the planter comes the following season. The peace and prosperity will be so abundant that new wine will overflow and spill out of the wine presses onto the hillsides and run down every slope.

With what does Yahweh say the mountains will drip and the hills will flow in the coming days?

In the coming days, the mountains will drip and the hills will flow with sweet wine.

Amos 9:14

ULT

14 I will bring back from captivity my people Israel. They will build the ruined cities and inhabit them, they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

UST

14 I will cause you, my Israelite people, to prosper again. You will rebuild your towns which your enemies destroyed, and you will live there. You will plant vineyards and drink wine made from the grapes that grow in them. You will plant gardens and eat produce which grows in them.

From what does Yahweh promise to bring Israel back?

Yahweh promises to bring Israel back from captivity.

Amos 9:15

ULT

15 I will plant them upon their land, and they will never again be uprooted from the land that I have given them,” says Yahweh your God.

UST

15 I will enable you to live in your land again, the land that I gave to your ancestors; never again will your enemies force you to leave it. This will surely happen because I, Yahweh your covenant-keeping God, have declared it.”

After Yahweh brings back Israel, how long will Israel remain in the land?

After Yahweh brings back Israel, Israel will remain in the land forever.

Obadiah

Obadiah 1

Obadiah 1:1

ULT

1 The vision of Obadiah: thus says my Lord Yahweh concerning Edom. We have heard a message from Yahweh, and a messenger has been sent off among the nations: Get up! And let us rise up against her for battle!

UST

1 This is a message that Yahweh our God gave to {me,} Obadiah, about the people of Edom. Yahweh our God has said this to us: “I have sent a messenger to other nations, telling them to prepare to go and attack Edom.”

For what purpose did Yahweh send an ambassador among the nations?
Yahweh sent an ambassador among the nations to cause the nations to rise up for battle against Edom.

Obadiah 1:2

ULT

2 Behold, I am making you small among the nations, you are extremely despised.

UST

2 {Now Yahweh says this to the people of Edom:} “Listen to me—I will soon cause you to become the weakest and most despised nation {on the earth}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:3

ULT

[3] The pride of your heart has deceived you: he who dwells in the clefts of the rock, lofty in his dwelling; he who says in his heart, “Who will bring me down to earth?”

UST

[3] Your capital city is high in the rocky cliffs, and you are very proud. You think that you are safe there—that no army can conquer you. But you have deceived yourselves.

What was one of the sins of the Edomites?

The Edomites had pride in their hearts and believed that they could not be brought down to the ground.

Obadiah 1:4

ULT

[4] If you make yourself high like the eagle, even if your nest is set between the stars, from there I will bring you down: a declaration of Yahweh.

UST

[4] Even if you could live where eagles live or even higher than that, among the stars, you would still not be safe there from the attackers that I am sending to you. I, Yahweh, declare this {to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:5

ULT

[5] If thieves came to you, and plunderers by night (how you are being destroyed!), would they not steal enough for them? If grape-cutters came to you, would they not leave behind gleanings?

UST

[5] When thieves break into someone’s house during the night and rob them, they certainly steal only the things that they want. And people who pick grapes always leave a few grapes on the vines. But{, unlike them,} attackers will destroy your country completely!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:6

ULT

6 How Esau is being ransacked, his hidden treasures being searched out!

UST

6 Descendants of Esau, these attackers will completely take away everything that you own. They will even find {and take away} the valuable things that you have hidden.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:7

ULT

7 All the men of your covenant are sending you away as far as the border. The men of your peace are deceiving you and are prevailing against you. They of your bread will set a trap under you. There is no understanding in him.

UST

7 All your allies will turn against you, and they will force you to leave your country. Those with whom you have peace now will trick you and defeat you. Those who eat meals with you now are planning to trap you. You people of Edom do not understand any of this.

Who will deceive and prevail against Edom?

The men who had an alliance of peace with Edom will deceive and prevail against Edom.

Obadiah 1:8

ULT

8 Will I not on that day (a declaration of Yahweh) destroy wise men from Edom, and understanding from the mountain of Esau?

UST

8 I, Yahweh, declare that at that time, I will certainly destroy {even} Edom's {famous} wise men. No one living in those cliffs will know what to do any more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:9

ULT

[9] And your mighty men will be dismayed, O Teman, so that a man will be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter.

UST

[9] The soldiers in the army of Edom will become terrified. Then when your army stops fighting, the attackers will completely destroy all you people who live in the land of Edom.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:10

ULT

[10] Because of violence against your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off for eternity.

UST

[10] “{All of this will happen because} you acted cruelly to your relatives who are descendants of Jacob{, the twin brother of your ancestor Esau}. So now everyone will be ashamed of you, and the attackers will destroy you forever.

Why will Edom be covered with shame and cut off forever?

Edom will be covered with shame and cut off forever because of the violence Edom did to his brother Jacob.

Obadiah 1:11

ULT

[11] On the day that you stood opposite, on the day that strangers took captive his wealth, and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you also were like one of them.

UST

[11] At the time when strangers carried away the Israelite’s wealth, you did nothing to help them. Foreigners conquered all the cities of Judah, and they even took whatever they wanted from Jerusalem. And you were just as bad as those foreigners{, because you did nothing to help}.

What happened on the day that Edom stood aloof from Jacob?

On that day, strangers entered the gates of Jacob and took captive its wealth.

Obadiah 1:12

ULT

12 But you should not have looked on the day of your brother, on the day of his misfortune. And you should not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their perishing. And you should not have made your mouth great in a day of distress.

UST

12 You should not have gloated about the disaster that the Israelites were experiencing. You should not have been happy when their towns were ruined. You should not have made fun of them when they were suffering.

What did Yahweh tell Edom not to do regarding Judah in the day of Judah's distress?
Yahweh said that Edom should not have looked, rejoiced, or made their mouth great.

Obadiah 1:13

ULT

13 You should not have entered the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. You should not have looked—yes, you!—on his evil in the day of his calamity. And you women should not have looted his wealth in the day of his calamity.

UST

13 They are my people, so you should not have entered their city gates when they were experiencing this terrible disaster. Yes, you! You should not have enjoyed watching them suffer. You women should not have taken away their valuable possessions.

What did Yahweh tell Edom not to do regarding Judah in the day of Judah's calamity?
Yahweh said that Edom should not have entered Judah's gates, rejoiced, or looted Judah's wealth in the day of Judah's calamity.

Obadiah 1:14

ULT

14 And you should not have stood at the crossroads to cut down his fugitives. And you should not have delivered up his survivors in a day of distress.

UST

14 You should not have stood at the crossroads to kill some of the Israelites who were trying to escape. You should not have captured others of them who had survived {and turned them over to their enemies} when they were experiencing those disasters."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:15

ULT

15 For the day of Yahweh is near upon all the nations. According to what you have done, it will be done to you; your recompense will return on your own head.

UST

15 "{You should have helped the Israelites,} because the time is coming soon when I, Yahweh, will judge and punish all the nations. I will do the same things to you {people of Edom} that you did to others. The same {evil} things that you did to others will happen to you.

What did Yahweh say would return on Edom's head?

Yahweh said that Edom's recompense would return on Edom's head.

Obadiah 1:16

ULT

16 For according to how you drank on the mountain of my holiness, all the nations shall drink continually. And they will drink, and they will swallow, and they will become like they never existed.

UST

16 {The people of Edom should not have done these evil things to you, people of Israel,} because in the way that you suffered in Jerusalem, the hill where my holy temple is, in that same way I will continue to punish all the other nations. I will punish them severely and make them disappear completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:17

ULT

17 But in the mountain of Zion there will be an escape, and there will be holiness, and the house of Jacob will possess their own possessions.

UST

17 But some people in Jerusalem will survive, and Jerusalem will become a holy place. Then the Israelites will once again occupy the land that belongs to them.

What would some in Mount Zion be able to do despite the distress of Judah?

Some in Mount Zion would be able to escape despite the distress of Judah.

Obadiah 1:18

ULT

18 And the house of Jacob will become a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble. And they will burn them, and consume them. And there will be no survivor for the house of Esau, for Yahweh has spoken.

UST

18 The people of Israel will be like a fire, and the people of Edom will be like dry grass. They will destroy the people of Edom, just as fire completely burns up dry grass. None of the descendants of Edom will survive. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it will happen."

How many of Edom would escape the judgment of Yahweh?

There would be no survivors in Edom after Yahweh's judgment.

Obadiah 1:19

ULT

19 And the Negev will possess the mountain of Esau, and the Shephelah, the Philistines. And they will possess the field of Ephraim and the field of Samaria, and Benjamin, Gilead.

UST

19 The Israelites who live in the southern wilderness of Judea will capture the land of Edom. The Israelites who live in the western foothills will capture the region of Phoenicia. The Israelites will also capture the areas that belonged to {the tribe of} Ephraim and that surrounded {the city of} Samaria {to the north}. The people of the tribe of Benjamin will capture the region east of the Jordan River.

Who would then possess the mount of Esau?

Those from the Negev would then possess the mount of Esau.

Obadiah 1:20

ULT

20 And the exile of this army of the sons of Israel, who are Canaanites, as far as Zarephath, and the exile of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad: they will possess the cities of the Negev.

UST

20 A great number of the people from {the kingdom of} Israel were captured and taken away from their homes. They lived in the land of Canaan. {But they will return, and} they will capture and occupy that land as far {north} as Zarephath. Many of the people were captured and taken away from Jerusalem. They now live in Sepharad. They will {return and} occupy the cities in the southern wilderness of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Obadiah 1:21

ULT

21 And saviors will go up to the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom will belong to Yahweh.

UST

21 {After}Israel's military leaders {conquer the land of Edom, they} will {then} rule over Edom from high up in Jerusalem. And Yahweh will be their king.

From where would the mountain of Esau then be judged?

The mountain of Esau would then be judged from Mount Zion.

Jonah

Jonah 1

Jonah 1:1

ULT
1 Now the word of Yahweh came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying,

UST
1 It happened one day that Yahweh spoke to the prophet Jonah, the son of Amittai. This is what Yahweh said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:2

ULT
2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and call out against it, because their wickedness has risen up before my face.”

UST
2 “I have seen that the people of Nineveh are continually doing things that are very evil. Therefore, get moving. Go to Nineveh, that huge capital city of Assyria, and proclaim to the people there that I am planning to punish them for their sins.”

What did Yahweh tell Jonah to do?
Yahweh told Jonah to get up and go to Nineveh and speak out against it.

Jonah 1:3

ULT

3 But Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish from before the face of Yahweh. And he went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish, away from before the face of Yahweh.

UST

3 So Jonah went, but in the opposite direction, towards the far-away city of Tarshish, thinking that he could get away from Yahweh there. He went down to the port at the city of Joppa and found a ship that was about to go to Tarshish. The captain of the ship asked him for money and he gave it to him. Then he went down into the ship in order to go with the crew of the ship to Tarshish, in order to get away from Yahweh.

What did Jonah do after Yahweh told him to go to Nineveh?
Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish from before the face of Yahweh.

Jonah 1:4

ULT

4 But Yahweh sent out a great wind on the sea and a great storm happened on the sea, so that the ship was thinking to be broken apart.

UST

4 But Yahweh caused a strong wind to blow over the sea, and such an enormous storm happened that the waves were about to break the ship apart.

What did Yahweh do to the ship which Jonah had boarded?
Yahweh sent a great wind and a great storm on the sea so that the ship was near to being broken up.

Jonah 1:5

ULT

5 Then the sailors were frightened and each man cried out to his own god. And they threw the things that were in the ship into the sea to lighten it from upon them. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and had lain down, and was deeply asleep.

UST

5 The sailors were frightened and each one prayed loudly to the god that he worshiped for that god to save them from the storm. They even threw the cargo from the ship into the sea in order to make the ship lighter. By doing that, they hoped that the ship would not so easily turn over and sink. While all of this was going on, Jonah was down below the decks of the ship, lying down and sleeping soundly!

To whom did the sailors cry out in the midst of the storm?
The sailors became very afraid and each cried out to his own god.

Jonah 1:6

ULT

6 Then the captain of the crew came to him and said to him, “What are you doing sleeping? Get up! Cry out to your god! Maybe that god will notice us and we will not perish.”

UST

6 Then the captain of the crew went down to where Jonah was sleeping. He wakened Jonah and said to him, “Something must be wrong with you, to sleep during a storm like this! Get up! Pray earnestly to the god that you worship! Perhaps that god will think about us and save us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:7

ULT

7 Then every man said to his friend, “Come, and let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this evil is happening to us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

UST

7 Then one of the sailors said to the others, “We need to cast lots, to determine who has caused this terrible thing to happen to us!” So they cast lots, and the lot indicated Jonah.

How did the sailors determine who was the cause of the evil?

The sailors cast lots to determine the cause of the evil and the lot indicated Jonah.

What was the result of casting lots?

The result was that the lot indicated that Jonah was the cause of the evil they were experiencing.

Jonah 1:8

ULT

8 Then they said to him, “Please tell us on whose account this evil is happening to us. What is your occupation, and where do you come from? What is your country, and from which people are you?”

UST

8 So one of the sailors said to him, “You must tell us who has caused this terrible thing to happen to us. What kind of work do you do? Where do you come from? What country are you from? What group of people do you belong to?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:9

ULT

[9] So he said to them, “I am a Hebrew; and I fear Yahweh, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land.”

UST

[9] Jonah answered them, “I am a Hebrew. I worship Yahweh, the One True God who lives in heaven. He is the one who made both the sea and the land.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:10

ULT

[10] Then the men were afraid with great fear, and they said to him, “What is this that you have done?” For the men knew that he was running away from before the face of Yahweh, because he had told them.

UST

[10] The sailors knew that Jonah was trying to get away from Yahweh in order to avoid doing something that Yahweh had told him to do, because he had already told them that. But now, when they learned that Yahweh was the one controlling the sea, they were terrified. One of the sailors said to Jonah, “You have done a terrible thing! Now we are all about to die because of you!”

How did the sailors know that Jonah was running away from before the face of Yahweh?

The sailors knew that Jonah was running away from before the face of Yahweh because Jonah told them.

Jonah 1:11

ULT

[11] Then they said to him, “What should we do to you so that the sea will calm down from upon us?” For the sea was going forward and storming.

UST

[11] The storm continued to become worse, and the waves continued to become bigger. So one of the sailors asked Jonah, “What should we do to you so that the sea might calm down and stop threatening us?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:12

ULT

12 And he said to them, “Lift me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will calm down from upon you, for I know that this great storm is upon you because of me.”

UST

12 Jonah told them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea. If you do that, the sea will calm down and stop threatening you. This will work because I am certain that this terrible storm happened to you because I did not do what Yahweh told me to do.”

What did Jonah tell the men to do in order to stop the storm?

Jonah told the men to lift him up and throw him into the sea.

Jonah 1:13

ULT

13 But the men rowed hard to return themselves to the land, but they could not, because the sea was going forward and storming over them.

UST

13 But the sailors did not want to do that. Instead, they tried hard to row the ship back to the land. But they could not do it because the waves became even bigger and stronger against them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:14

ULT

14 So they cried out to Yahweh and said, “Ah! Yahweh, please do not let us perish on account of the life of this man, and do not put innocent blood upon us, because you, Yahweh, have done just as you desired.”

UST

14 Finally, all of the sailors prayed to Yahweh, “O Yahweh, you were the one who controlled all of these things that have happened to us, including this storm and the lot that we cast. Therefore we beg you, Yahweh, please do not let us die because of this man, and do not kill us for killing someone who has done nothing against us.”

What two requests did the sailors make of Yahweh?

The sailors asked Yahweh to not let them perish on account of the life of Jonah and to not hold them guilty for Jonah’s death.

Jonah 1:15

ULT
15 So they lifted up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

UST
15 Then they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea. Immediately, the sea became calm.

What happened when the sailors threw Jonah into the sea?
When the sailors threw Jonah into the sea, the sea stopped raging.

Jonah 1:16

ULT
16 Then the men feared Yahweh with great fear, and they offered a sacrifice to Yahweh and vowed vows.

UST
16 When that happened, the sailors became greatly awed at how powerful Yahweh was. They offered a sacrifice to Yahweh and solemnly promised to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 1:17

ULT
17 Now Yahweh appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the abdomen of the fish three days and three nights. *[1]*
1:17 *[1]*

UST
17 Meanwhile, Yahweh caused a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.

What happened to Jonah when the sailors threw him into the sea?
Yahweh appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the abdomen of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2

Jonah 2:1

ULT

1 And Jonah prayed to Yahweh his God from the abdomen of the fish. *[1]*

UST

1 While he was inside the fish, Jonah prayed to Yahweh, the God whom he worshiped.

What did Jonah do in the belly of the fish?
Jonah cried out to Yahweh in prayer because he was distressed.

Jonah 2:2

ULT

2 And he said, “I cried out to Yahweh from my distress, and he answered me; from the belly of Sheol I cried out, you heard my voice.

UST

2 This is what he said: “When I was deeply distressed, I prayed to Yahweh to rescue me, and he did. Even though I was in the belly of a fish where I thought I would die, yet even there you heard my voice and listened to me when I begged for you to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 2:3

ULT

3 Now you had cast me deep into the heart of the seas, and a current surrounded me; all your billows and your waves passed over me.

UST

3 You had thrown me into the deep water, into the middle of the sea where the currents swirled around me. All of those terrible waves that you made passed above me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 2:4

ULT

4 But as for me, I said, ‘I have been driven out from before your eyes; yet I might again look toward your holy temple.’

UST

4 I thought, ‘You have thrown me away; you do not care even to look at me;’ yet I still had some hope of seeing your holy temple again.

What did Jonah hope he might be able to do again?

Jonah hoped that he might be able to look toward Yahweh’s holy temple again.

Jonah 2:5

ULT

5 Water had closed around me even as far as life, the deep was surrounding me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

UST

5 Water was all around me, close to ending my life; deep water surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 2:6

ULT

6 I had gone down to the bases of the mountains, the earth with its bars were around me forever; but you brought up my life from the pit, Yahweh, my God!

UST

6 I went down as far as the place where the mountains start rising from the bottom of the sea; I felt as though the earth was a prison with no possible way for me to escape. But you, Yahweh God, whom I worship, rescued me from going down to the place of the dead.

From where did Yahweh bring up Jonah’s life?

Yahweh brought Jonah’s life up from the pit.

Jonah 2:7

ULT

[7] When my spirit fainted upon me, I remembered Yahweh and my prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

UST

[7] When I was almost dead, I thought about you, Yahweh, to ask you for help. And from your holy place where you live, you accepted my prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 2:8

ULT

[8] Those who give attention to empty vanities forsake their covenant faithfulness.

UST

[8] Those who worship worthless idols reject you, the one who would always be faithful to them.

What did Jonah say happens to those who give attention to empty vanities?
Jonah said those who give attention to empty vanities forsake their covenant faithfulness.

Jonah 2:9

ULT

[9] But as for me, I will sacrifice to you with a voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation belongs to Yahweh!”

UST

[9] But I will not do that. Rather, I will offer a sacrifice to you by audibly thanking you with my voice. I will do what I have solemnly promised to do. Yahweh, you are the only One True God who saves people.”

When Jonah prayed in the belly of the fish, what did he say that he would do?
Jonah said he would sacrifice to Yahweh with a voice of thanksgiving and fulfill what he had vowed.

To whom did Jonah say salvation belongs?
Jonah said that salvation belongs to Yahweh.

Jonah 2:10

ULT

10 And Yahweh spoke to the fish, and it vomited up Jonah onto the dry land.
2:1 *[1]*

UST

10 Then Yahweh commanded the huge fish to vomit out Jonah, and the fish vomited him out onto the dry land.

How did Yahweh respond to Jonah's prayer?

Yahweh spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

Jonah 3

Jonah 3:1

ULT

[1] Then the word of Yahweh came to Jonah a second time, saying,

UST

[1] Then Yahweh spoke to Jonah again. This is what Yahweh said:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 3:2

ULT

[2] “Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and call out to it the proclamation that I tell to you.”

UST

[2] “Get moving! Go to Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, and preach to the people who live there the message that I tell you to preach to them.”

What did Yahweh command Jonah to do for the second time?

Yahweh commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh and speak Yahweh’s message.

Jonah 3:3

ULT

[3] So Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh was great city to God, a journey of three days.

UST

[3] This time, Jonah got moving and went to Nineveh, just as Yahweh had told him to do. Now Nineveh was an extremely large city, one of the largest cities in the world. It was so large that a person had to walk for three days to go completely through it.

How did Jonah respond the second time Yahweh told him to go to Nineveh?

Jonah obeyed Yahweh and went to Nineveh.

Jonah 3:4

ULT

4 So Jonah began to go into the city a journey of one day, and he called out and said, “Until forty days, then Nineveh will be overthrown.”

UST

4 When Jonah arrived, he began walking through the city for about one day. Then he proclaimed to the people in the city, “Forty days from now, God will destroy Nineveh!”

What message did Jonah speak in Nineveh?
Jonah said that in 40 days Nineveh would be overthrown.

Jonah 3:5

ULT

5 And the men of Nineveh believed God. And they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

UST

5 The people of Nineveh believed the message from God that Jonah proclaimed. They decided that everyone should fast and wear coarse cloth on their bodies in order to show that they were sorry for the evil things that they had been doing. So everyone in the city did that, from the most important people to the least important people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 3:6

ULT

6 Then the word came to the king of Nineveh, and he rose up from his throne, and he took off his robe from being on him; and he covered himself with sackcloth, and sat down on the ash heap.

UST

6 When the king of Nineveh heard about the message that Jonah was preaching, he got up from his throne. He took off his royal robes, put on coarse cloth instead, and sat down on a heap of cold ashes. He did all this to show that he also was sorry for the evil actions that he had been doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 3:7

ULT

[7] And he proclaimed and spoke within Nineveh from a decree of the king and his nobles, saying: “No person or animal, herd or flock, may taste anything; they must not graze, and they must not drink water.

UST

[7] Then he sent messengers to proclaim to the people in Nineveh: “The king and his nobles have decreed that no person or animal may taste any food nor drink any water. Even the cows and the sheep may not graze.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 3:8

ULT

[8] But every person and every animal must cover themselves with sackcloth, and they must cry out to God with strength; and each man must turn back from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

UST

[8] Every person and every animal must wear coarse cloth on their bodies. Everyone must pray fervently to God. Also, everyone must stop doing the evil things that they have been doing and the violent things that they have been doing to other people.

How did the Ninevites respond to Yahweh’s message that Jonah preached?

The Ninevites believed God, fasted, and put on sackcloth. The king of Nineveh made a decree which said that no person or animal should eat or drink water and that each person and animal must be covered with sackcloth and that each person should cry out to God and stop doing evil deeds including violent acts.

Jonah 3:9

ULT

[9] Who knows? This god might turn back and have compassion and relent from the burning of his nose so that we will not perish.”

UST

[9] If everyone does those things, it is possible that this god will change his mind and be merciful to us. He may relent from being so angry with us, with the result that we will not die.”

What hope did the king of Nineveh have for the people of Nineveh and the city?

The king of Nineveh hoped that God would turn back from his anger and have compassion on them so that the people of Nineveh would not perish.

Jonah 3:10

ULT

10 And God saw their deeds, that they turned away from their evil ways. And God relented in regard to the evil that he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

UST

10 So the people did those things and stopped doing the evil actions that they had been doing. God saw all of this. So God had mercy on them and did not destroy them as he had said he would do. Even though he had said that, he did not do it.

How did God respond to the Ninevites' repentance?

God saw their deeds, that they turned away from their evil ways. And God relented in regard to the evil that he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 4

Jonah 4:1

ULT

1 But this was evil to Jonah, a great evil, and it burned to him.

UST

1 For Jonah, it was terribly wrong that God did not destroy Nineveh. He became very angry about it.

Why was Jonah angry?

Jonah was angry because it seemed like a great evil to Jonah that Yahweh had mercy on the Ninevites and did not punish them.

Jonah 4:2

ULT

2 So he prayed to Yahweh and said, “Ah! Yahweh, was this not my word while I was in my country? Because of this I acted preemptively to flee to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, long of nostrils and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and one who relents from evil.

UST

2 He prayed to Yahweh, “O Yahweh, This is exactly what I said would happen even before I left home! I know that you are a God who acts very kindly and compassionately toward all people. You do not quickly become angry with people who act in evil ways. You love people very much, and you prefer to be merciful to people rather than to punish them. The reason that I ran away to go to Tarshish was to stop this very thing from happening, because I wanted you to punish Nineveh.

Why did Jonah say that he had tried to flee to Tarshish?

Jonah said that he had tried to flee to Tarshish because he knew that Yahweh was a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and one who relents from evil.

Jonah 4:3

ULT

[3] So now, Yahweh, I beg you, take my life from me, for my death is better than my life.”

UST

[3] So now, Yahweh, please kill me, because I would rather die than continue to live, if you do not destroy Nineveh.”

What did Jonah ask Yahweh to do to him?

Jonah asked Yahweh to take his life.

Jonah 4:4

ULT

[4] And Yahweh said, “Is it right that it burns to you?”

UST

[4] Yahweh replied, “Is it right for you to be angry that I did not destroy Nineveh?”

What question did Yahweh ask Jonah?

Yahweh asked Jonah if it was right for Jonah to be angry.

Jonah 4:5

ULT

[5] Then Jonah went out from the city and sat down facing the city from the east. And there he made a shelter for himself, and he sat under it in the shade until he might see what would transpire within the city.

UST

[5] Jonah did not answer, but went out of the city and sat down a short distance away on the east side of the city. There he made a small shelter to shade himself from the sun. He stayed under the shelter and waited to see what would happen to the city.

Why did Jonah go out of the city and sit down facing the city?

Jonah wanted to see what would happen to the city of Nineveh.

Jonah 4:6

ULT

6 Then Yahweh God appointed a plant and caused it to grow up from over Jonah to be a shade over his head in order to rescue him from his evil. And Jonah rejoiced with great rejoicing because of the plant.

UST

6 Then Yahweh God caused a plant to grow up very quickly above Jonah to shade his head from the sun. Yahweh did that in order to help Jonah change his evil attitude. Jonah was very happy to have this plant that shaded him from the sun.

What did Yahweh do for Jonah while he sat outside the city?
Yahweh caused a plant to grow up over Jonah to be a shade for his head.

Jonah 4:7

ULT

7 Then God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the next day; and it attacked the plant, and it withered.

UST

7 Then, at dawn the next day, God caused a worm to chew the plant so much that the plant withered away.

What did Yahweh do to the plant that had provided shade for Jonah?
God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the next day; and it attacked the plant, and it withered.

Jonah 4:8

ULT

8 And as soon as the rising of the sun happened, then God appointed a hot east wind; and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah, and he became faint. Then he asked his spirit to die and said, “My death is better than my life.”

UST

8 Then, shortly after the sun had risen, God caused a hot wind to blow from the east. The sun shone very hot on Jonah’s head, and Jonah began to feel faint. He wanted to die, and he said, “It would be better for me to die than to continue living!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jonah 4:9

ULT

9 Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right that it burns to you about the plant?” And he said, “It is right that it burns to me, even as far as death.”

UST

9 Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about what happened to the plant?” Jonah replied, “Yes, it is right for me to be angry! I am so angry that I want to die!”

What question did Yahweh ask Jonah after Yahweh caused the plant to wither and a hot east wind to blow on Jonah?

Yahweh asked Jonah if it was right for him to be angry about the plant.

Jonah 4:10

ULT

10 Then Yahweh said, “As for you, you feel troubled about the plant, for which you did no work, nor did you make it grow; it came as a son of a night, and it perished as a son of a night.

UST

10 Then Yahweh said to him, “You yourself felt very sad about the plant when it died, even though you did not work to take care of it, nor did you do anything to make it grow. It grew up in one night, and it completely withered at the end of the next night.

How did Jonah feel when the plant that had given him shade withered and died?

Jonah felt compassion for the plant that had withered and died.

Jonah 4:11

ULT

11 So as for me, should I not feel troubled about Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than 120,000 people who cannot distinguish between their right hand and their left hand, and many animals?”

UST

11 In the same way, but very much more, it is right for me to feel sad about destroying the huge city of Nineveh. There are more than 120,000 people living there who do not know right from wrong. There are also many animals. I created all of them, so it is right for me to be concerned about them.”

For whom did Yahweh feel compassion?

Yahweh felt compassion for the people and animals in Nineveh.

Micah

Micah 1

Micah 1:1

ULT

1 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

UST

1 Yahweh gave Micah, who was from Moresheth in Judah, these messages in visions about Samaria and Jerusalem during the time when Jotham, and then Ahaz, and then Hezekiah were the kings of Judah.

Who were the kings of Judah when the word of Yahweh came to Micah?
Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah when the word of Yahweh came to Micah.

Micah 1:2

ULT

2 Hear, all you peoples. Listen, earth, and all that is in it. Let the Lord Yahweh be against you as a witness, the Lord from his holy temple.

UST

2 You people everywhere on the earth, pay attention to this. Yahweh our God is accusing you from his holy temple in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:3

ULT

3 For look, Yahweh comes out of his place; he will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.

UST

3 He will come down from heaven and walk over the high places where you worship idols.

On what will Yahweh come down and tread?
Yahweh will come down and tread on the pagan shrines on the earth.

Micah 1:4

ULT

4 The mountains will melt under him; the valleys will break apart, like wax before fire, like waters that are poured down a steep place.

UST

4 It will be as though the mountains will melt under his feet as wax melts in front of a fire, and as water disappears when it rushes down into a valley.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:5

ULT

5 All this is because of the Jacob's transgression, and because of the sins of the house of Israel. What is Jacob's transgression? Is it not Samaria? What is Judah's high place? Is it not Jerusalem?

UST

5 Those things will happen because of the terrible sins that the people of Israel, the descendants of Jacob, have committed. But it was the people of the city of Samaria who persuaded all the people of Israel to sin. And it was because the people of Jerusalem set up altars to worship their gods that the other people of Judah thought they should also worship idols on the hilltops.

Why will Yahweh bring this judgment?

Yahweh will bring this judgment because of the rebellion of Jacob, and because of the sins of the house of Israel.

Micah 1:6

ULT

6 "I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the field, a place for planting vineyards, and I will pour her stones down into the valley and I will uncover her foundations.

UST

6 Yahweh says this: "I will cause Samaria to become a heap of rubble; it will be only a field for planting vineyards. I will cause the stones of its buildings to roll down into the valley. I will destroy the buildings down to their foundations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:7

ULT

7 All her carved figures will be broken to pieces, and all her payments will be burned with fire, and all her idols, I will make a complete destruction. Since from the payments of prostitutes she gathered them, to the payments of prostitutes, they will return.”

UST

7 I will make others smash the idols in Samaria to pieces. The gifts given to prostitutes at the temples of their idols will be burned in fire. Because people paid prostitutes there, their enemies will take away those idols and sell them to pay prostitutes in other countries.

How did Samaria gather carved figures, gifts, and idols?

Samaria gathered carved figures, gifts, and idols from the gifts to her prostitution.

Micah 1:8

ULT

8 Because of this, I will lament and wail; I will go barefoot and naked; I will wail like the jackals and mourn like owls.

UST

8 Because Samaria will be destroyed, I will weep and wail. I will walk around barefoot and naked. I will howl like a jackal and screech like an owl.

How did Micah express his grief over the sin of Israel and Jacob?

Micah lamented and wailed, and went barefoot and naked.

Micah 1:9

ULT

9 For her wound is incurable, for it has come to Judah. It has reached the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.

UST

9 I will lament because Samaria will be completely destroyed; nothing can save that city. But the same thing will happen to Judah. It is as though the enemy army had already reached the city gates of Jerusalem, the main city where my people live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:10

ULT
10 Do not tell about it in Gath; do not weep at all. At Beth Leaphrah I roll myself in the dust.

UST
10 Do not tell that to our enemies in the city of Gath in Philistia! Do not cry, or the people there will find out what is happening. Instead, just roll on the ground in Beth Leaphrah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:11

ULT
11 Pass by, inhabitants of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame. do not come out, inhabitants of Zaanan. Beth Ezel mourns, its place to stand is taken from you.

UST
11 You people who live in Shaphir, naked and ashamed, you will be taken to another country. You people in Beth Ezel should mourn, because no one from Zaanan will go out to help you.

Why did Beth Ezel mourn?
Beth Ezel mourned, for their protection was taken away.

Micah 1:12

ULT
12 For the inhabitants of Maroth wait anxiously for good, because disaster has come down from Yahweh to the gates of Jerusalem.

UST
12 The people of Maroth are anxiously waiting for good things to happen to them. But I will make terrible things to happen to them, and they will soon happen at the gates of Jerusalem.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:13

ULT

13 Harness the chariot to the team of horses, inhabitants of Lachish. She was the beginning of sin for the daughter of Zion, for in you were found, the transgressions of Israel.

UST

13 You people in the city of Lachish, hitch your horses to pull the chariots in which you can ride to flee from your enemies. The Israelite people rebelled against Yahweh, and you imitated them, and that caused the people of Jerusalem to start sinning, too.

What city was the beginning of sin for the daughter of Zion?
Lachish was the beginning of sin for the daughter of Zion.

Micah 1:14

ULT

14 So you will give a parting gift to Moresheth Gath; the town of Akzib will decieve the kings of Israel.

UST

14 You people of Judah, send a farewell gift to the people of Moresheth, because their enemies will soon destroy it. The kings of Israel will soon find out that the people of the town of Akzib will disappoint them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:15

ULT

15 I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah; the splendor of Israel will come to Adullam.

UST

15 You people of Mareshah, Yahweh will soon send someone to conquer your town. It will be necessary for the great leaders of Israel to go and hide in the cave near Adullam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 1:16

ULT

16 Shave your head and cut off your hair for the sons in whom you delight. Make yourself as bald as eagles, for they will go into exile from you.

UST

16 You people of Judah, shave your heads and go into mourning, because the children whom you love will soon go into exile.

Why should the Israelites shave their heads?

They should shave their heads, for their children would go into exile from them.

Micah 2

Micah 2:1

ULT

[1] Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who do evil on their beds. In the light of morning, they do it because there is power in their hands

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to you who lie awake at night, planning to do wicked things. Then you get up at dawn, and you do those things as soon as you are able to do them.

Where are people planning to do evil?
They are planning on their beds to do evil.

Micah 2:2

ULT

[2] They desire fields and seize them; and houses and they take them. They oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

UST

[2] You want fields that belong to other people, so you seize them; you also take their houses. You cheat people to get their homes, taking away the property that belongs to their families.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:3

ULT

[3] Therefore Yahweh says this, “Look, I am planning to bring disaster against this clan, from which you will not remove your necks. You will not walk arrogantly, for it will be an evil time.

UST

[3] Therefore, this is what Yahweh says: “I will cause you people of Israel to experience disasters, and you will not be able to escape from them. You will no longer walk around proudly, because when that happens, it will be a time of much trouble for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:4

ULT

4 In that day he lifts up against you a song, and lament with a wailing lamentation. and say, ‘We are completely ruined; He changes the territory of my people. How can he remove it from me? He portions out our fields to traitors!’”

UST

4 At that time, your enemies will make fun of you rich people; they will ridicule you by singing this sad song about you: ‘We Israelites are completely ruined; Yahweh is taking our land from us, and he will give it to those who capture us.’”

Why will the rich people have no descendants to divide up the territory? (vv4-5)

Yahweh will change the territory of the people, and remove it from them. So the rich people will have no descendants to divide up the territory.

Micah 2:5

ULT

5 Therefore, you will not have one who casts the line by lot in the assembly of Yahweh.

UST

5 So when it is the time for the land to be given back to you people who belong to Yahweh, there will be no one alive among you rich families to receive back any of that land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:6

ULT

6 “Do not preach,” they preach. “They should not preach these things; reproaches will not overtake us.”

UST

6 The people who heard me say that replied to me, “Do not prophesy such things! Do not say that Yahweh is going to humiliate us by causing us to experience disasters!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:7

ULT

[7] Should it really be said, house of Jacob, “Is the Spirit of Yahweh angry? Are these his deeds?” Do not my words do good to anyone who walks uprightly?

UST

[7] But you people talk like that! You say that Yahweh never gets angry, and that he never really punishes us.” Of course, what I say certainly helps those who live in the right way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:8

ULT

[8] Lately my people have risen up like an enemy. You strip the rich robe from those who pass trustingly as those returning from battle.

UST

[8] But Yahweh says, “Recently my people have been acting toward me like an enemy. You rich people refuse to return the coats of those who have borrowed money from you, the coats they gave you to promise that they would repay their debts. You take their coats without warning, surprising them as much as soldiers returning from war would be surprised by attacks instead of safety at home.

From whom do Yahweh’s people strip the robe?

They strip the robe from those who pass by unsuspectingly.

Micah 2:9

ULT

[9] The women of my people, you drive from their pleasant houses; from their young children, you take my splendor forever.

UST

[9] You have forced women to leave their nice homes, and you have stolen from their children forever the blessings that I wanted to give them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:10

ULT

10 Get up and leave, for this is not a resting place because of its uncleanness; it is destroyed with complete destruction.

UST

10 So get up and leave here! This is not a place where you can rest and be safe, because you have defiled it. I will make sure it will be completely destroyed.

Why should Yahweh's people get up and leave?

They should get up and leave for this was not a place where they could stay, because of its uncleanness.

Micah 2:11

ULT

11 If someone comes to you in a spirit of falsehood and lies and says, "I will prophesy to you about wine and strong drink," he would be considered to be a prophet for this people.

UST

11 You people want a prophet who will lie to you, saying, 'I will preach that you should drink plenty of wine and other alcoholic drinks!' That is the kind of prophet who would please you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 2:12

ULT

12 I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob. I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture. There will be a loud noise because of the multitude of people.

UST

12 "But some day, you descendants of Jacob, I will bring back from exile the Israelite people who have survived. I will gather you together like a shepherd gathers his sheep into a pen, and there will be many of you in your land.

Who will gather the remnant of Israel?

Yahweh will gather the remnant of Israel.

Micah 2:13

ULT

13 Someone who breaks open their way for them will go ahead of them. They break through the gate and go out; their king will pass on before them. Yahweh will be at their head.

UST

13 Your leader will enable them to leave the countries where they have been exiled; he will lead them out of the gates of their enemies' cities, back to your own country. Your king will lead them; it is I, Yahweh, who will be their king!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3

Micah 3:1

ULT

[1] And I said, “Now listen, you leaders of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to understand justice?

UST

[1] Then I said, “You Israelite leaders, listen to what I say! You should certainly know what things are right to do and what things are wrong,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:2

ULT

[2] Those who hate good and love evil, those who tear off their skin from off them their flesh from their bones —

UST

[2] but you hate what is good and love what is evil. You act like butchers: it is as though you strip the skin off my people and tear the flesh from their bones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:3

ULT

[3] those who eat the flesh of my people, and their skin from off them, they tear off and their bones, they break and chop them in pieces, just like a pot, and as meat in the midst of a cauldron.

UST

[3] It is as though you chop them into pieces like meat to be cooked in a pot.

Who eats the flesh of Yahweh’s people?

The leaders of Jacob eat the flesh of Yahweh’s people.

Micah 3:4

ULT

4 Then they will cry out to Yahweh, but he will not answer them. He will hide his face from them at that time, because they have done evil deeds.”

UST

4 Then, when you have troubles, you plead to Yahweh to help you, but he will not answer you. At that time, he will turn his face away from you because of the evil things that you have done.”

Why will Yahweh hide his face from the leaders of Jacob?

Yahweh will hide his face from the leaders of Jacob because they have done evil deeds.

Micah 3:5

ULT

5 Thus Yahweh says against the prophets, who lead my people astray, who bite with their teeth, they proclaim, ‘Peace.’ and who do not give in their mouths, they consecreate against him war.

UST

5 This is what Yahweh says about your false prophets who are deceiving the people: “If someone gives them food, those prophets say that things will go well for him. But they declare that I will punish anyone who does not give them food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:6

ULT

6 Therefore, it will be night for you without a vision; it will be dark for you, without divination. The sun will go down on the prophets, and the day will be dark on them.

UST

6 So now it is as though night will descend on you prophets; you will not receive any more visions. It is as though the sun will set for you; the time when you are greatly honored will end.

Why will the prophets do no divination?

It will be dark so that the prophets will do no divination.

Micah 3:7

ULT

7 The seers will be put to shame, and the diviners will be disgraced. They will cover their lips, all of them, for there is no answer from God.”

UST

7 Then you seers will be disgraced; you will cover your faces because you will be ashamed, because when you ask me what will happen, there will be no answer from me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:8

ULT

8 But, I am full of power by the Spirit of Yahweh, and justice and strength, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

UST

8 But as for me, I am full of God’s power, power from the Spirit of Yahweh. I am just and strong and declare to the Israelite people that they have sinned and rebelled against Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:9

ULT

9 Now listen to this, you leaders of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, you who detest justice, and all that is upright, they make crooked.

UST

9 You leaders of the people of Israel, listen to this: You hate it when people do what is just, and when people say what is true, you say it is false.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:10

ULT

10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity.

UST

10 It is as though you are building houses in Jerusalem on foundations that consist of murdering people and doing what is corrupt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 3:11

ULT

11 Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets do divination for money. Yet on Yahweh, they lean saying, “Is not Yahweh in our midst? No evil will come on us.”

UST

11 Your leaders make favorable decisions only if they receive bribes. Your priests teach people only if those people pay them well. Your false prophets require people to pay them to tell people what will happen to them in the future. Those prophets say, “Yahweh is telling us what we should say, and we say that we will not experience any disasters.”

For what do the leaders judge?

The leaders judge for a bribe.

Micah 3:12

ULT

12 Therefore, because of you, Zion will become a plowed field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, and the hill of the temple will become a thicket.

UST

12 Because of what you leaders do, Mount Zion will be plowed like a field; it will become a heap of ruins. The top of the hill, where the temple is now, will be covered with trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4

Micah 4:1

ULT

1 And it will be in the last days it will come about that the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be established as a head over the mountains. And, it will be lifted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

UST

1 Yahweh says that some day his temple will be on top of a mountain, and that mountain will be the most important one on the earth; it will be as though it was higher than all the hills, and huge groups of people from all over the world will come there to worship.

When will the mountain of Yahweh's house be established over the other mountains?

In the last days the mountain of Yahweh's house will be established over the other mountains.

Micah 4:2

ULT

2 Many nations will go and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob so that he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For from Zion the law will go out, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

UST

2 People from many nations will say to each other, "Let us go to the mountain where Yahweh is, to the temple where we can worship the God whom Jacob worshiped. There he will teach us how he wants us to conduct our lives, and we will do what he wants us to do." Mount Zion is the place where he will teach people; and people will go out from Jerusalem to tell others his messages.

Why will many nations want to go to the mountain of Yahweh?

Many nations will want to go to the mountain of Yahweh, so he will teach them his ways, and they will walk in his paths.

Micah 4:3

ULT

3 He will judge among many peoples and will decide for strong nations far away. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any longer.

UST

3 Yahweh will settle disputes between many different people and groups who are fighting against each other, and he will also settle disputes between powerful nations that are far away. Then people will hammer their swords to cause them to become plow blades, and hammer their spears to cause them to become pruning knives. Armies of nations will no longer fight against armies of other nations, and they will no longer train men how to fight in wars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:4

ULT

4 And, they will sit every person under his vine and under his fig tree. No one will make them afraid, for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts has spoken.

UST

4 Everyone will sit peacefully under his own grapevines, and under his own fig trees; no one will cause them to be afraid. That is what will surely happen because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:5

ULT

5 For all the peoples walk, each one, in the name of their god. But we will walk in the name of Yahweh our God forever and ever.

UST

5 Many of the people of other nations will worship their own gods, but we will worship Yahweh our God always, forever.

In what do all the peoples walk?

All the peoples walk in the name of their god.

Micah 4:6

ULT

6 “On that day,” declares Yahweh, “I will assemble the lame and gather the outcast, those whom I have afflicted.

UST

6 Yahweh says, “There will soon be a time when I will gather the people whom I have punished, who have been exiled, all those whom I have caused to suffer much.

Whom will Yahweh assemble?

Yahweh will assemble the lame and gather the outcast, those whom he had afflicted.

Micah 4:7

ULT

7 And I will turn the lame into a remnant, and the ones driven away into a strong nation, and Yahweh will reign over them on Mount Zion, from now and until forever.

UST

7 My people who did not die while they were exiled will become a strong nation again. Then I, Yahweh, will be their king, and I will rule from Jerusalem forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:8

ULT

8 And you, watchtower for the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion— to you it will come, your former dominion will arrive, the kingdom that belongs to the daughter of Jerusalem.

UST

8 As for you people of Jerusalem, you who guard all of my people as a shepherd guards his sheep from a tower, you who live on Mount Zion will have great power again. You people who live in Jerusalem will again rule as you did previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:9

ULT

9 Now, why do you shout so loudly? Is there no king among you? Has your counselor died, that pain grips you like that of a woman in labor?

UST

9 So why are you wailing now? Is it because you have no king? Have all your wise people died? You are weeping loudly like a woman who is giving birth to a baby.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:10

ULT

10 Be in pain and labor daughter of Zion like a woman giving birth. For now you will you go out of the city, and live in the field, and go to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There Yahweh will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

UST

10 Well, you people of Jerusalem should twist and groan as a woman who is having birth pains, because now you must leave this city. While you are traveling, you will set up tents in open fields at night; you will go to live in Babylon. But while you are there, I, Yahweh, will rescue you; I will free you from the power of your enemies.

Where will the daughter of Zion be rescued?

The daughter of Zion will be rescued in Babylon.

Micah 4:11

ULT

11 Now many nations are assembled against you; they say, ‘Let her be defiled; let our eyes gloat over Zion.’

UST

11 Now the armies of many nations have gathered to attack you. They are saying, ‘Jerusalem must be destroyed! We want to see this city when it becomes ruins!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 4:12

ULT

12 And they do not know the thoughts of Yahweh neither do they understand his plans, for he has gathered them like bundles of grain prepared for the threshing floor.

UST

12 The prophet says, they do not know what Yahweh thinks; and they do not understand what he is planning. He will gather them and punish them as farmers thresh grain on the ground.

According to the prophet, who does not know Yahweh's thoughts?

The nations do not know Yahweh's thoughts

Micah 4:13

ULT

13 Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn to be iron, and I will make your hooves to be bronze. And you will break into pieces many peoples and you will devote to Yahweh their unjust earnings, their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth."

UST

13 Yahweh says, "So, you people of Jerusalem, rise up and punish the nations who oppose you. I will cause you to be very strong, as if you had horns made of iron, as if you had hooves made of bronze; and you will crush many nations. Then you will take from your enemies the valuable things that they have taken from other countries, and I will cause you to dedicate those things to me, the one who is the Lord of all the people on the earth."

To whom will Yahweh devote many peoples' unjust wealth?

Yahweh will devote their unjust wealth to himself.

Micah 5

Micah 5:1

ULT

1 Now come together in battle ranks, daughter of soldiers! A siege has been set up against us! With a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. [1]

UST

1 You people of Jerusalem, gather your troops together. Even though you have a wall around your city to protect it, enemy soldiers are surrounding the city. Soon they will strike your leader on his face with a rod.

With what will the enemy strike the leader of Israel?
They will strike the leader of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

Micah 5:2

ULT

2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, even though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come to me to rule in Israel, whose beginning is from ancient times, from everlasting.

UST

2 But you people of Bethlehem in the district of Ephrathah, even though your town is a very small one among all the towns in Judah, someone who will rule Israel will be born in your town. He will be someone whose family existed a very long time ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:3

ULT

3 Therefore God will give them up, until the time when she who is in labor bears a child, and the rest of his brothers return to the people of Israel.

UST

3 Now God will allow your enemies to conquer you, you people of Israel, but it will be for only a short time, like the short time that women have great pain while their babies are being born. After that, your fellow countrymen who were exiled will return to their own country.

For how long will God give up the clans of Judah?
God will give them up, until the time when she who was in labor bears a child.

Micah 5:4

ULT

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. They will remain, for then he will be great to the ends of the earth.

UST

4 And that a man who will rule there in Jerusalem will stand and lead his people well, because Yahweh, his God, will cause him to be strong and greatly honored. Then the people whom he rules will live in Jerusalem safely; he will be greatly honored by people all over the earth so no one will dare to attack Jerusalem.

Who will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh?

The child will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh.

Micah 5:5

ULT

5 For this shall be the peace— when the Assyrians come into our land, and when they march against our fortresses, then we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight leaders over men.

UST

5 And he will cause things to go well with his people. When the army of Assyria attacks our country and breaks through our fortresses, we will appoint seven or eight leaders to lead our army to fight against them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:6

ULT

6 They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances. [2] He will rescue us from the Assyrians, when they come into our land, when they march inside our borders.

UST

6 With their swords our army will defeat the army of Assyria, whose capital Nimrod founded long ago. Our army will rule their cities. So our army will rescue us from the Assyrian army when they invade our country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:7

ULT

[7] The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from Yahweh, like showers on the grass, that do not wait for a man, and they do not wait for the children of mankind.

UST

[7] The descendants of Jacob who survive will be a blessing to the people of other nations like dew and rain sent by Yahweh do good to the grass. They will not trust in humans to help them; instead, they will rely on Yahweh.

For what do the remnant of Jacob not wait?

The remnant of Jacob do not wait for man.

Micah 5:8

ULT

[8] The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, among many peoples, like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep. When he goes through them, he will trample over them and tear them to pieces, and there will be no one to save them.

UST

[8] In the midst of their enemies in many people groups, the descendants of Jacob who remain alive will be like a lion among the other wild beasts of the forest, like a strong young lion that attacks sheep in a flock, and no one will be able to rescue their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:9

ULT

[9] Your hand will be lifted against your enemies, and it will destroy them.

UST

[9] You Israelites will defeat all your enemies and completely destroy them.

What will happen when the Israelites' hand will be lifted against their enemies?

When the Israelites' hand is lifted against their enemies, it will destroy them.

Micah 5:10

ULT

10 “It will happen in that day”—this is Yahweh’s declaration— “that I will destroy your horses from among you and will demolish your chariots.

UST

10 Yahweh says, “At that time, I will destroy you Israelite people’s horses that your soldiers use in war, together with your chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:11

ULT

11 I will destroy the cities in your land and throw down all your strongholds.

UST

11 I will tear down your city walls and destroy all your fortified cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:12

ULT

12 I will destroy the witchcraft in your hand, and you will no longer have any diviners.

UST

12 I will get rid of all those among you who practice magic and the fortune tellers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:13

ULT

13 I will destroy your carved figures and your stone pillars from among you. You will no longer worship the workmanship of your hands.

UST

13 I will destroy all your idols and stone pillars, and then you will no longer bow down and worship things that you yourselves have made.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:14

ULT

14 I will uproot your Asherah poles from among you, and I will destroy your cities.

UST

14 I will get rid of your poles that represent the goddess Asherah, and I will also destroy all your idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 5:15

ULT

15 I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that have not listened."
5:1 [1] , some interpreters translate , referring to the pagan practice of cutting oneself while praying to idols. Also, some modern versions follow an ancient version that reads .
5:6 [2] , that is, in their gates. However, some modern versions suppose that a different Hebrew word was intended: .

UST

15 Because I will be very angry, I will also punish the people of all the nations who have not obeyed me."

On whom will Yahweh execute vengeance?

Yahweh will execute vengeance on the nations that have not listened.

Micah 6

Micah 6:1

ULT

[1] Now listen to what Yahweh says, “Arise, state your case before the mountains; and let the hills hear your voice.

UST

[1] Pay attention to what Yahweh will say: Micah says to Yahweh, “Stand up in court and accuse the Israelites. Allow the hills and mountains to hear what you will say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:2

ULT

[2] Listen to Yahweh’s lawsuit, you mountains, and you enduring foundations of the earth. For Yahweh has a lawsuit with his people, and he will fight in court against Israel.”

UST

[2] The mountains must listen carefully to what Yahweh says about his people, so they can be witnesses. Indeed, Yahweh has many things to accuse his people Israel about.

What will Yahweh do against Israel?

Yahweh will fight in court against Israel.

Micah 6:3

ULT

[3] “My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Testify against me!

UST

[3] He says this: “My people, what have I done to cause trouble for you? What have I done to cause you to experience difficulties? Answer me!

What did Yahweh command his people to do against him?

He commanded them to testify against him.

Micah 6:4

ULT

4 For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and rescued you out of the house of bondage. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to you.

UST

4 I did great things for your ancestors; I brought them out of Egypt; I rescued them from that land where they were slaves. I sent Moses to lead them, and his older brother Aaron and his older sister Miriam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:5

ULT

5 My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and how Balaam son of Beor answered him as you went from Shittim to Gilgal, so you may know the righteous acts of Yahweh."

UST

5 My people, think about when Balak, the king of Moab, requested Beor's son Balaam to curse your ancestors, and think about what Balaam replied. Think about how your ancestors crossed the Jordan River miraculously while they were traveling from Acacia to Gilgal. Think about those things in order that you may know that I, Yahweh, do what is right."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:6

ULT

6 What should I bring to Yahweh, as I bow down to the high God? Should I come to him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

UST

6 The Israelite people ask, "What shall we bring to Yahweh who lives in heaven when we come to him and bow down before him? Should we bring calves that are a year old that will be offerings that will be killed and completely burned on the altar?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:7

ULT

7 Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand rivers of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for my own sin?

UST

7 Would Yahweh be pleased if we offered to him a thousand rams and ten thousand streams of olive oil? Should we offer our firstborn children to be sacrifices to pay for the sins that we have committed?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:8

ULT

8 He has told you, man, what is good, and what Yahweh requires from you: Act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

UST

8 No, because he has shown each of us what is good to do; he has shown us what he requires each of us to do: he wants us to do what is just and to love to act mercifully toward others, and he wants us to live humbly while we fellowship with him, our God.

What did Yahweh require from his people?

Yahweh required his people to act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God.

Micah 6:9

ULT

9 The voice of Yahweh is making a proclamation to the city— even now wisdom acknowledges your name: "Pay attention to the rod, and to the one who has put it in place. *[1]*

UST

9 God says this: "I am Yahweh, so if you are wise, you should honor me. I am calling out to you people of Jerusalem to tell you this: The armies that will destroy your city are coming, so pay careful attention to me, the one who is causing them to punish you with my rod.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:10

ULT

10 There is wealth in the houses of the wicked that is dishonest, and false measures that are abominable.

UST

10 You wicked people have filled your homes with valuable things that you acquired by cheating others. You use false measures when you buy and sell things. Those are things that I hate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:11

ULT

11 Should I consider a person to be innocent if he uses fraudulent scales, with a bag of deceptive weights?

UST

11 You do not think that I should say nothing about people who use scales that do not weigh correctly, and who use weights that are not accurate, do you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:12

ULT

12 The rich men are full of violence, the inhabitants have spoken lies, and their tongue in their mouth is deceitful.

UST

12 The rich people among you always act violently to get money from poor people. All of the people in Jerusalem are liars, and they always deceive people.

Whose tongue is deceitful?

The tongue of the inhabitants who have spoken lies is deceitful.

Micah 6:13

ULT

13 Therefore I will strike you with a terrible blow, and I will make you desolate because of your sins.

UST

13 Therefore, I have already begun to get rid of you, to ruin you because of the sins that you have committed.

Why did Yahweh make the city a ruin?

Yahweh made the city a ruin because of his sins.

Micah 6:14

ULT

14 You will eat but not be satisfied; your emptiness will remain inside you. You will store goods away but not save, and what you do save I will give to the sword. [2]

UST

14 Soon you will eat food, but you will not have enough to satisfy you; your stomachs will still feel as though they are empty. You will try to save up money, but you will be able to save nothing, because I will send your enemies to take it from you in wars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:15

ULT

15 You will sow but not reap; you will tread the olives but not anoint yourselves with oil; you will press grapes but drink no wine.

UST

15 You will plant crops, but you will not harvest anything. You will press olives, but others, not you, will use the olive oil. You will trample on the grapes and make wine from the juice, but others, not you, will drink the wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 6:16

ULT

16 The regulations made by Omri have been kept, and all the deeds of the house of Ahab. You walk by their advice. So I will make you, city, a ruin, and you inhabitants an object of hissing, and you will bear the reproach of my people." [3]

6:9 [1] , some modern versions have .

6:14 [2]

6:16 [3] , but an ancient Greek version has . Some modern versions follow this reading.

UST

16 Those things will happen to you because you obey only the wicked laws of King Omri, and you do the terrible things that King Ahab and his descendants commanded. So I will destroy your country, and I will cause the other people groups to despise you, my own people."

By whose advice did the city walk?

The city walked by the advice of Omri and Ahab.

Micah 7

Micah 7:1

ULT

[1] Woe is me! I have become like the gathering of summer fruit, and like the grapes that have been gleaned; there is no grape cluster to eat, no ripe early fig that my soul desires.

UST

[1] I am very miserable! I am like someone who is hungry, who searches for fruit to eat and who finds no grapes or figs to eat because all the fruit has been picked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:2

ULT

[2] The faithful ones have disappeared from the land; there is no upright person in all mankind. They all lie in wait to shed blood; each one hunts his own brother with a net.

UST

[2] Everyone who honored God has disappeared from this land; not one of them is left. The people who are left are all murderers; it is as though everyone is eager to kill his fellow countryman.

Who perished from the earth?
The godly man perished from the earth.

Micah 7:3

ULT

[3] Their hands are very good at doing harm: the ruler asks for money, the judge is ready for bribes, and the powerful man is saying to others what he wants to obtain. Thus they plot together.

UST

[3] They do what is evil with all their might. Government officials and judges all ask for bribes. Important people tell others what they want, and they plot together about how to get it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:4

ULT

4 The best of them is like a brier, the most upright is worse than a thorn hedge. It is the day foretold by your watchmen, the day of your punishment. Now is the time of their confusion.

UST

4 Even the best people are as worthless as briers; the people who we thought to be the most honest are worse than thornbushes. But Yahweh will soon judge them. Now is the time that he will punish people, when they will be very confused because of it.

Who foretold the day of the punishment of the remaining people?

The watchmen foretold the day of the punishment of the remaining people.

Micah 7:5

ULT

5 Do not trust any neighbor; put no confidence in any friend. Be careful about what you say even to the woman who lies in your arms.

UST

5 So do not trust anyone! Do not trust even a friend; even be careful what you say to your wife, whom you love.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:6

ULT

6 For a son dishonors his father, a daughter rises up against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies are the people of his own house.

UST

6 Boys will despise their fathers, and girls will defy their mothers. Women will defy their mothers-in-law. Your enemies will be those who live in your own house.

Who are a man's enemies?

A man's enemies are the people of his own house.

Micah 7:7

ULT

7 But as for me, I will look to Yahweh. I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

UST

7 As for me, I wait for Yahweh to help me. I confidently expect that God, my Savior, will answer me when I pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:8

ULT

8 Do not rejoice over me, my enemy. After I fall, I will rise. When I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light for me.

UST

8 You who are our enemies, do not gloat about what has happened to us, because even if we have experienced disasters, those disasters will end, and we will be prosperous again. Even if it is as though we are sitting in the darkness, Yahweh will be our light.

What would happen after Micah falls?

After Micah falls, he will rise.

Micah 7:9

ULT

9 Because I sinned against Yahweh, I will bear his rage until he pleads my cause, and executes judgment for me. He will bring me to the light, and I will see him rescue me in his justice.

UST

9 We must be patient while Yahweh punishes us because we have sinned against him. But later, it will be as though he will go to court and defend us. He will make sure that the judge makes a right decision about us. It will be as though he will bring us out into the light, and we will see him rescue us.

For how long will Micah bear Yahweh's rage?

Micah will bear Yahweh's rage until Yahweh pleaded his cause, and executed judgment for Micah.

Micah 7:10

ULT

10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover the one who said to me, “Where is Yahweh your God?” My eyes will look at her; she will be trampled down like the mud in the streets.

UST

10 Our enemies will also see it, and they will be disgraced because they ridiculed us, saying “Why is Yahweh, that God of yours, not helping you?” But with our own eyes we will see them be defeated; we will see them trampled like mud in the streets.

At whom will Micah’s eyes look?

Micah’s eyes will look at his enemy.

Micah 7:11

ULT

11 A day to build your walls will come; on that day the boundaries will be extended very far.

UST

11 You people of Israel, at that time your cities will be rebuilt, and your territory will become larger.

What will happen when a day comes to build the walls? (vv11-12)

When a day comes to build the walls, the boundaries will be extended very far.

Micah 7:12

ULT

12 On that day your people will come to you, from Assyria and the cities in Egypt, from Egypt to the River, from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.

UST

12 Your people will come back to you from many countries, from Assyria, from near the Euphrates River in the east, and from Egypt in the south, from the Dead Sea to the Mediterranean Sea, and from many mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:13

ULT
13 But the land will be desolate because of the people who are living there, because of the fruit of their actions.

UST
13 But the other countries on the earth will become desolate because of the evil deeds that their people have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Micah 7:14

ULT
14 Shepherd your people with your rod, the flock of your inheritance. They live alone in a thicket, in the midst of a pastureland. Let them graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the old days.

UST
14 Yahweh, protect your people as a shepherd protects his sheep with his staff. Lead the people whom you have chosen to belong to you. Even though some of them live by themselves in a forest, give them the fertile pastureland in the regions of Bashan and Gilead, which they possessed long ago.

How did Micah ask Yahweh to shepherd his people?
Micah asked Yahweh to shepherd his people with his rod.

Micah 7:15

ULT
15 As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders.

UST
15 Yahweh says, “Yes, I will perform miracles for you like the miracles that I performed when I rescued your ancestors from being slaves in Egypt.”

What will Yahweh show his people?
Yahweh will show them wonders.

Micah 7:16

ULT

16 The nations will see and be ashamed of all their power. They will put their hands on their mouths; their ears will be deaf.

UST

16 People from many nations will see what Yahweh does for you, and they will be ashamed because they do not have any power. They will put their hands over their mouths and their ears because they will be very amazed at what Yahweh does. They will not be able to say anything or hear anything, because they will be terrified.

What will the nations see and be ashamed of?

They will see and be ashamed of all their power.

Micah 7:17

ULT

17 They will lick the dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the earth. They will come out of their dens with fear; they will come with fear to you, Yahweh our God, and they will be afraid because of you.

UST

17 Being very humiliated, they will crawl on the ground like snakes. They will come out of their homes trembling and stand to honor Yahweh our God. They will be very afraid of him and will tremble in front of him.

Who will the nations come to and be afraid of?

The nations will come to Yahweh and they will be afraid because of him.

Micah 7:18

ULT

18 Who is a God like you— who takes away sin, who passes over the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? He does not keep his anger forever, because he delights in his covenant faithfulness.

UST

18 Yahweh, there is no God like you; you forgive the sins that the people who have survived committed, the people who belong to you. You do not remain angry forever; you are very happy to show us that you faithfully love us.

Why will Yahweh not keep his anger anger forever?

Yahweh will not keep his anger forever, because he loves to show his covenant faithfulness.

Micah 7:19

ULT

19 You will again have compassion on us; you will trample our iniquities under your feet. You will throw all our sins into the depths of the sea.

UST

19 You will again act kindly toward us. You will get rid of the scroll on which you have written the sins that we have committed, as though you were trampling it under your feet or throwing it into the deep ocean.

Into what will Yahweh throw all the sins of the people of Israel?

Yahweh will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:20

ULT

20 You will give truth to Jacob and covenant faithfulness to Abraham, as you swore to our ancestors in ancient days.

UST

20 You will show that you faithfully do what you promised for us and faithfully love us, just as you solemnly promised long ago to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob that you would do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum

Nahum 1

Nahum 1:1

ULT

1 The declaration about Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum, the Elkoshite.

UST

1 I am Nahum, from the village of Elkosh. This is a message about the city of Nineveh, a message that Yahweh gave me in a vision.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:2

ULT

2 Yahweh is a jealous God and avenges; Yahweh avenges and is full of wrath; Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he continues his anger for his enemies.

UST

2 Yahweh our God tolerates no rival gods to himself. He is very angry with those who worship other gods, and he continues to be angry with his enemies.

Of what is Yahweh full?
Yahweh is full of wrath.

On whom does Yahweh take vengeance?
Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries.

Nahum 1:3

ULT

[3] Yahweh is slow to anger and great in power; he will certainly not allow the wicked to go unpunished. Yahweh makes his way in the whirlwind and the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

UST

[3] Yahweh does not quickly become angry; but he is very powerful, and he will never say that his enemies are innocent. Wherever he walks, there are whirlwinds and storms, and clouds are like the dust stirred up by his feet.

Where does Yahweh make his way?
Yahweh makes his way in the whirlwind and the storm.

Nahum 1:4

ULT

[4] He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers. Bashan withers, and Carmel also; the flowers of Lebanon wither.

UST

[4] When he commands oceans and rivers to become dry, they dry up. He causes the grass to wither in the fields in the region of Bashan and on the slopes of Mount Carmel, and he causes the flowers in Lebanon to fade.

What is happening to the flowers of Lebanon?
The flowers of Lebanon are weak.

Nahum 1:5

ULT

[5] The mountains shake in his presence, and the hills melt; the earth heaves in his presence, indeed, the world and all people who live in it.

UST

[5] When he appears, it is as though the mountains shake and the hills melt; the earth quakes, and the people on the earth tremble.

What happens to the earth in Yahweh's presence?
The earth collapses in Yahweh's presence.

Nahum 1:6

ULT

[6] Who can stand before his indignation? Who can resist the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken apart by him.

UST

[6] There is no one who can resist him when he becomes extremely angry; there is no one who can survive when his anger is very hot. When he is very angry, it is as though his anger is like a blazing fire, and it is as though mountains are shattered into pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:7

ULT

[7] Yahweh is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who take refuge in him.

UST

[7] But he is good; he protects us, his people, when we experience troubles. He takes care of those who trust in him.

To what can we compare Yahweh in the day of trouble?

Yahweh is a stronghold in the day of trouble.

Nahum 1:8

ULT

[8] But he will make a complete end to its place with an overwhelming flood; he will pursue his enemies into darkness.

UST

[8] But he will get rid of his enemies; he will be to them like a flood that destroys everything. He will chase his enemies into the darkness of the place where the dead are.

Into what will Yahweh pursue his enemies?

Yahweh will pursue his enemies into darkness.

Nahum 1:9

ULT

9 What are you people plotting against Yahweh? He will make a complete end to it; trouble will not rise up a second time.

UST

9 So it is useless for you people of Nineveh to plot against Yahweh. He will not need to strike you two times to destroy you; he will destroy you by striking you only once.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:10

ULT

10 For they will become tangled up like thornbushes; and like those who are drunken with their drink; they will be devoured by fire like stubble fully dried.

UST

10 It will be as though his enemies are tangled in thorns and they will stagger like people who have drunk a lot of wine. It will be as though they will be burned up like dry stubble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:11

ULT

11 Someone arose among you, Nineveh, who planned evil against Yahweh, someone who promoted wickedness.

UST

11 In Nineveh there was a man who advised people to do very wicked things against Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:12

ULT

12 This is what Yahweh says, “Even if they are at their full strength and full numbers, they will nevertheless be cut off; their people will be no more. But you, Judah: Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.

UST

12 But this is what Yahweh says to you Israelites: “Although the people of Assyria have very many people and their army is very powerful, they will be destroyed and they will disappear. I say to my people in Judah, I have already punished you, but I will not punish you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 1:13

ULT

13 Now will I break that people’s yoke from off you; I will break your chains.”

UST

13 Now I will cause the people of Assyria to no longer enslave you; it will be as though I will tear off the shackles on your hands and feet.”

What will Yahweh do to the people’s yoke?

He will break the people’s yoke from them.

Nahum 1:14

ULT

14 Yahweh has given a command about you, Nineveh: “There will be no more descendants bearing your name. I will cut off the carved figures and the cast metal figures from the houses of your gods. I will dig your graves, for you are contemptible.”

UST

14 And this is what Yahweh also declares about you people of Nineveh: “You will not have any descendants who will continue to have your family names. And I will destroy all the statues of your gods that were carved or formed in molds. I will cause you to be killed and sent to your graves, because you are vile!”

Why will Yahweh dig graves for the people of Nineveh?

He will dig their graves, for they are wicked.

Nahum 1:15

ULT

15 Look, on the mountains there are the feet of him who is bringing good news, who is announcing peace!
Celebrate your festivals, O Judah, and keep your vows, for the wicked one will invade you no more; he is
completely cut off.

UST

15 You people of Judah. Look! A messenger will come across the mountains, and he will bring good news to
you. He will declare that you will now have peace. So celebrate your festivals, and do what you solemnly
promised to do when your enemies were threatening to attack you, because your wicked enemies will not
invade your country again, because they will be completely destroyed.

Where are the feet of him who brings good news?

On the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news.

Why should Judah celebrate the festivals and keep its vows?

Judah should celebrate its festivals and keep its vows, for the wicked one will invade them no more.

Nahum 2

Nahum 2:1

ULT

1 The one who will scatter you is coming up against you. Guard the city walls, watch the roads, gird your loins, marshal all your strength.

UST

1 You people of Nineveh, your enemies are coming to attack you. So place guards on the tops of the walls around the city! Guard the roads into the city! Get ready to fight! Gather your troops together!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 2:2

ULT

2 For Yahweh is restoring the majesty of Jacob, like the majesty of Israel, although the plunderers devastated them and destroyed their vine branches.

UST

2 Even though your soldiers have destroyed the descendants of Jacob, Yahweh will cause other nations to honor them again. Invaders from your country have ruined Israel as enemies would uproot a vineyard, but Israel will prosper again.

What is Yahweh restoring?

Yahweh is restoring the majesty of Jacob.

Nahum 2:3

ULT

3 The shields of his mighty men are red, and the soldiers are clothed in scarlet; the chariots flash with their metal on the day that they are made ready, and the cypress spears are brandished.

UST

3 The shields of the enemy soldiers who are coming to attack you will shine red as the sun shines on them, and they will wear bright red uniforms. The metal of their chariot wheels will flash when they line up before the battle, and their soldiers will lift up their cypress spear and wave them.

What color are the shields of his mighty men?

The shields of his mighty men are red.

Nahum 2:4

ULT

[4] The chariots race madly through the streets; they rush back and forth in the squares. They look like torches, and they run like lightning.

UST

[4] Their chariots dash through the streets of Nineveh and rush furiously through the plazas. Going as quickly as lightning, they look like flaming torches.

What speeds through the streets?
The chariots speed through the streets.

Nahum 2:5

ULT

[5] The invader calls his officers; they stumble in their marching; they hurry to attack the city wall. The large shield used in a siege is made ready to protect these attackers.

UST

[5] An officer gives a command to his officials, and they come to him so quickly that they stumble. They run up the city wall to attack it, and they set up a large wooden shield above the soldiers to protect them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 2:6

ULT

[6] The gates at the rivers are forced open, and the palace melts away.

UST

[6] The enemy soldiers will force open the city gates on the rivers; the palace will collapse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 2:7

ULT

7 It is decreed: she is stripped of her clothes and is taken away; her female servants moan like doves, beating on their breasts.

UST

7 The queen will have her clothes stripped off her by enemy soldiers, and her slave girls will moan like doves and beat their breasts to show that they are very sad.

What has been decreed?

It has been decreed: the queen is stripped and taken away; her female servants moan like doves, beating on their breasts.

Nahum 2:8

ULT

8 Though Nineveh was like a pool of water throughout her days, now its people are fleeing away like rushing water. Others shout, “Stop, stop,” but no one turns back.

UST

8 The people will rush from Nineveh like water rushes from a broken dam. The officials will shout, “Stop! Stop!” but the people will not even look back as they run away.

What will the people of Nineveh do?

They will flee away like rushing water.

Nahum 2:9

ULT

9 Take the silver plunder, take the gold plunder, for there is no end to the supply, wealth from all Nineveh’s desirable things.

UST

9 The enemy attackers say to each other, “Seize the silver! Grab the gold! There is a huge amount of very valuable things in the city, more valuable things than anyone can count!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 2:10

ULT
10 Nineveh is empty, desolate and ruined. Everyone's heart melts, everyone's knees strike together, and anguish is in all loins; all their faces grow pale.

UST
10 Soon everything valuable in the city will be seized or ruined. People will be trembling, with the result that they will not be able to fight. Their faces will all become pale with fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 2:11

ULT
11 Where now is the lions' den, the place where the young lion cubs were fed, the place where the lion and lioness walked, where the cubs of the lion were, where they were afraid of nothing?

UST
11 After that happens, people will say, "What happened to that great city of Nineveh? It was like a den full of young lions, where the male and female lions lived and fed the young ones, where they were afraid of nothing.

Of what were the lions afraid?
They were afraid of nothing.

Nahum 2:12

ULT
12 The lion tore enough for his cubs; he strangled victims for his lionesses, and filled his cave with prey, his dens with torn carcasses.

UST
12 The soldiers in Nineveh were like lions that killed or strangled other animals and brought the meat to their dens."

With what did the lion fill his cave and his dens?
The lion filled his cave with victims and his dens with his prey.

Nahum 2:13

ULT

13 “See, I am against you—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts. I will burn your chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. I will cut off your prey from your land, and the voices of your messengers will be heard no more.”

UST

13 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to the people of Nineveh, “I am your enemy; I will cause your chariots to burn in fire and go up in smoke. Your young men will be killed with swords. I will make all the valuable things you stole from other nations disappear. Your messengers will never again take messages to other nations, demanding that their armies surrender to them.”

What will Yahweh do to Nineveh?

Yahweh will burn their chariots in the smoke, devour their young lions, and cut off their prey from the land.

Nahum 3

Nahum 3:1

ULT

[1] Woe to the city full of blood! It is all full of lies and stolen property; Her prey never departs.

UST

[1] Terrible things will happen to Nineveh, that city that is full of people who murder, steal and lie. The city is full of people who the soldiers carried away from other countries.

Of what is the city full?

The city is full of blood, lies and stolen property.

Nahum 3:2

ULT

[2] But now there is the noise of whips and the sound of rattling wheels, galloping horses, and bounding chariots.

UST

[2] But now listen to the enemy soldiers coming to attack Nineveh; listen to them cracking their whips, and listen to the rattle of their chariot wheels! Listen to their galloping horses and their chariots as they bounce along!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:3

ULT

[3] There are charging horsemen, flashing swords, glittering spears, many slain, heaps of corpses. There is no end to the dead bodies; their attackers stumble over the dead bodies.

UST

[3] Look at their flashing swords and glittering spears as the horsemen race forward! Many people of Nineveh will be killed; there will be piles of corpses, so many that the attackers will stumble over them.

How many people will be killed by the attacking horsemen?

There will be heaps of corpses, a great pile of bodies, and no end of the bodies.

Nahum 3:4

ULT

4 This is happening because of the many harlotries of the beautiful prostitute, the mistress of witchcraft, who sells nations through her prostitution, and peoples through her acts of witchcraft.

UST

4 All that will happen because Nineveh is like a beautiful prostitute who lures men to where they will be ruined; Nineveh is a beautiful city that has attracted people of other nations to come there. The people of Nineveh taught those people of other nations rituals of magic, and caused them to become their slaves.

Why are these things happening?

This is happening because of the lustful actions of the beautiful prostitute.

Nahum 3:5

ULT

5 "See, I am against you—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—I will raise up your skirt over your face and show your nakedness to the nations, your shame to the kingdoms.

UST

5 So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to the people of Nineveh: "I am your enemy, and I will cause the people in other nations to see you completely humiliated; like women who have committed adultery are humiliated by having their skirts lifted high, with the result that people can see their naked bodies.

What will Yahweh of hosts do against the prostitute because he is against her? (vv5-6)

Yahweh will raise up her skirt over her face and show her private parts to the nations, her shame to the kingdoms. He will throw disgusting filth on her and make her vile. He will make her someone that everyone will look at.

Nahum 3:6

ULT

6 I will throw disgusting filth on you and make you vile; I will make you someone that everyone will look at with digust.

UST

6 I will cause others to throw garbage at you; I will show others that I despise you very much, and I will cause everyone to ridicule you in public.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:7

ULT

7 It will come about that everyone who looks at you will flee from you and say, ‘Nineveh is destroyed; who will weep for her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you?”

UST

7 All those who see you will turn their backs to you and say, ‘Nineveh is ruined, but absolutely no one will mourn for it.’ Nineveh, no one will want to comfort you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:8

ULT

8 Nineveh, are you better than Thebes, that was built on the Nile River, that had water around her, whose defense was the ocean, whose wall was the sea itself?

UST

8 Your city is certainly no safer than the city of Thebes was. Thebes was an important city beside the Nile River; the river was like a wall around her.

Whose wall was the sea?

Thebe’s wall was the sea.

Nahum 3:9

ULT

9 Cush and Egypt were her strength, and there was no end to its strength; Put and Libya were allies to her.

UST

9 The rulers of Ethiopia and Egypt helped Thebes; there was no limit to their power. The governments of the nearby countries of Put and Libya were also allies of Thebes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:10

ULT

10 Yet Thebes was carried away; she went into captivity; her young children were dashed in pieces at the head of every street; her enemies threw lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

UST

10 Nevertheless, Thebes was captured, and its people were exiled. Their babies were dashed to pieces in the streets of the city. Enemy soldiers cast lots to decide who would get each official in Thebes to become his slave. All the leaders of Thebes were fastened by chains.

Who threw lots for Thebes' honorable men?

Thebes' enemies threw lots for her honorable men.

Nahum 3:11

ULT

11 You also will become drunk; you will try to hide, and you will also look for a refuge from your enemy.

UST

11 You people of Nineveh will similarly become dazed and drunk, and you will search for places to hide to escape from your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:12

ULT

12 All your fortresses will be like fig trees with the earliest ripe figs: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

UST

12 Your enemies will cause the walls around your city to fall down like the first figs that fall right into your mouths when you shake the tree. This is how easily your city will be captured.

If Nineveh's fortresses are shaken, what happens?

If Nineveh's fortresses are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

Nahum 3:13

ULT

13 See, the people among you are women; the gates of your land have been opened wide to your enemies; fire has devoured their bars.

UST

13 Look at your soldiers! They will be like weak women! The gates of your city will be opened wide to allow your enemies to enter them, and then the bars of those gates will be burned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:14

ULT

14 Go draw water for the siege; strengthen your fortresses; go into the clay and tread the mortar; pick up the molds for the bricks.

UST

14 Store up water now to use when your enemies surround the city! Repair the forts! Dig up clay and trample it to make it soft, and put it into molds to make bricks to repair the walls!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:15

ULT

15 Fire will devour you there, and the sword will cut you off. It will devour you as creeping locusts devour everything. Make yourselves as many as the creeping locusts, as many as the swarming locusts.

UST

15 Nevertheless, your enemies will burn your city; they will kill you with their swords; they will kill you as locusts destroy crops. Go ahead and increase your population like swarms of locusts and grasshoppers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:16

ULT

16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars in the heavens; but they are like locusts: they spread their wings and then fly away.

UST

16 In your city there are now very many merchants; more than stars. But when your city is being destroyed, those merchants will take the valuable things and disappear like locusts that strip the leaves from plants and then fly away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:17

ULT

17 Your princes are like locusts, and your generals are like swarms of locusts that settle on the walls on a cold day. But when the sun rises they fly away and no one knows where they are.

UST

17 Your leaders are also like a swarm of locusts that crowd together on the fences on a cold day, and then fly away when the sun comes up, and no one knows where they have gone.

How many princes are there?
The princes are as many as the locusts.

Nahum 3:18

ULT

18 King of Assyria, your shepherds are asleep; your nobles are lying down resting. Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to gather them.

UST

18 King of Assyria, your officials will all die; your important people will lie down and rest forever. Your people will be scattered over the mountains, and there will be no one to gather them together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Nahum 3:19

ULT

19 No healing is possible for your wounds. Your wounds are severe. Everyone who hears the news about you will clap their hands in joy over you. For upon whom has not come your endless evil?

UST

19 You are like someone who has a wound that cannot be healed; it will be a wound that causes him to die. And all those who hear about what has happened to you will clap their hands joyfully. They will say, “Everyone has suffered because he continually acted very cruelly toward us.”

What will everyone who hears the news about you do?

Everyone who hears the news about you will clap their hands in joy over you.

Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1

Habakkuk 1:1

ULT
[1] The message that Habakkuk the prophet received,

UST
[1] This is the conversation between Habakkuk the prophet and Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:2

ULT
[2] "Yahweh, how long will I cry for help, and you will not hear? I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you will not save.

UST
[2] I said, "Yahweh, how long must I continue to call to you for help before you respond? I cry out, "The people are acting so violently!" but you do not rescue me!

What question does Habakkuk ask Yahweh as he begins his pronouncement?
Habakkuk asks why Yahweh has not heard or saved him, even though he has cried for help.

Habakkuk 1:3

ULT
[3] Why do you make me see iniquity and look upon wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention rises up.

UST
[3] Why do you make me watch people do what is wrong, but you do nothing? I see people destroying things and acting violently; they fight and quarrel everywhere.

What is Habakkuk being made to see?
Habakkuk is being made to see iniquity, wrongdoing, destruction, violence, strife, and contention.

Habakkuk 1:4

ULT

4 Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice does not last for any time. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore false justice goes out.”

UST

4 No one obeys the law of Moses, and no one acts in a right way for very long. Wicked people always defeat the righteous people in the courts, because judges never make fair decisions.”

What kind of justice is going forth?

False justice is going forth.

Habakkuk 1:5

ULT

5 “Look at the nations and observe them; be amazed and astonished! For I am surely about to do something in your days that you will not believe even if it is told to you.

UST

5 Yahweh replied to me, “This is happening, but look around at what is happening in the other nations. If you look, you will be amazed, and even astonished, since I am doing something during this time that you would never have believed would happen, even if someone told you about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:6

ULT

6 For look! I am about to raise up the Chaldeans—that fierce and impetuous nation— they are marching throughout the breadth of the earth to seize dwelling places that were not their own.

UST

6 Very soon I will bring the soldiers of Babylonia, who are fierce and swift. They will march across the entire earth and conquer many other countries.

What does Yahweh tell Habakkuk that he will see in his days?

Yahweh says that Habakkuk will see the Chaldeans march through the land to seize dwellings.

Habakkuk 1:7

ULT

7 They are terrifying and fearsome; their judgment and splendor proceed from themselves.

UST

7 They are a people whom others fear very much, and they do whatever they want to, because they believe that they are very great and that they have the right to judge everyone else.

What kind of people are the Chaldeans?

The Chaldeans are terrifying and fearsome.

Habakkuk 1:8

ULT

8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, quicker than the evening wolves. So their horsemen come galloping, and their horsemen come from a great distance—they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

UST

8 The horses that pull their chariots go faster than leopards, and they are fiercer than wolves are in the evening. The horses on which the soldiers ride gallop swiftly; the soldiers riding them come from distant places. They are like eagles that swoop down to snatch their prey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:9

ULT

9 They all come for violence; all their faces moving foward, and they gather captives like sand. [1]

UST

9 As they ride along, they are determined to act violently. They advance eagerly, as fast as the wind over the desert, and gather up as many prisoners as there are grains of sand!

What do the Chaldeans gather with violence?

The Chaldeans gather captives like sand with violence.

Habakkuk 1:10

ULT

10 So they mock kings, and rulers are only a mockery for them. They laugh at every stronghold, for they pile up earth and capture them.

UST

10 They make fun of kings and princes of other countries, and they ridicule all the cities that have high walls around them. They pile up earth around those cities to capture them.

What is the Chaldeans' attitude toward other kings and rulers?

The Chaldeans mock other kings and rulers.

Habakkuk 1:11

ULT

11 Then they sweep past like the wind and pass on—guilty men, those whose might is their god."

UST

11 They rush past like the wind, and then they go to attack other cities. But they are very guilty, because they think that their own power is their god!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:12

ULT

12 "Are you not from ancient times, O Yahweh my God, my Holy One? We will not die. O Yahweh, you have ordained them for judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for correction.

UST

12 Then I said, "Yahweh, are you not the eternal God? You are my Holy One, so we will not die. So why have you sent those men from Babylonia to judge us and kill us? You are like our Rock, on top of which we can hide, so why have you sent them to punish us?

Who has ordained that the Chaldeans come and bring judgment?

Yahweh has ordained that the Chaldeans come and bring judgment.

What titles does Habakkuk use for Yahweh?

Habakkuk uses the titles "my God," "Holy One," and "Rock" for Yahweh.

Habakkuk 1:13

ULT

13 Your eyes are too pure to gaze upon evil, and you are not able to look on wrongdoing with favor; why then have you looked favorably on those who betray? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they are?

UST

13 You are pure, and you cannot endure looking at what is evil, so why are you ignoring men who are treacherous? Why do you do nothing to punish those wicked men from Babylonia, who destroy people who are more righteous than they are?

What question or complaint does Habakkuk make to Yahweh?

Habakkuk asks Yahweh why he is silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous.

Habakkuk 1:14

ULT

14 You make men like fish in the sea, like creeping things without a ruler over them.

UST

14 They treat us like fish in the sea, or like other creatures in the sea, that have no ruler.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:15

ULT

15 He brings all of them up with a fishhook; he drags men away in his fishnet; he gathers them together in his dragnet; so he rejoices and he is glad.

UST

15 The soldiers of Babylonia think that we are fish for them to pull out of the sea with hooks or to catch in their nets, while they rejoice and celebrate.

About what are those who are slaughtering the nations rejoicing?

They are rejoicing as they gather and drag men away.

What occupation does Habakkuk say is like the gathering of men for judgment?

Habakkuk says the gathering of men for judgment is like gathering in fishnets.

Habakkuk 1:16

ULT

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net and burns incense to his dragnet, for by his net his portion is fat, and his food is the richest kind.

UST

16 If they catch us, they will worship their weapons with which they captured us and offer sacrifices to them and burn incense in front of them! They will say, ‘These weapons have enabled us to become rich and eat expensive food.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 1:17

ULT

17 Will he therefore keep emptying his net, and will he continually slaughter the nations without mercy?”
1:9 *[1]* is very difficult; many modern versions have other interpretations.

UST

17 Will you allow them to continue to conquer people forever? Will you allow them to destroy people of other nations without any mercy for anyone?”

What emotion do those who are slaughtering the nations lack?

Those slaughtering the nations lack compassion.

Habakkuk 2

Habakkuk 2:1

ULT

1 I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the watchtower, and I will watch carefully to see what he will say to me and how I should turn from my complaint. *[1]*

UST

1 After I said that, I said to myself, “I will climb up into my guard post, and stand there in my watchtower. I will wait there to find out what Yahweh will say, what he will reply and how I should answer.”

For what was Habakkuk watching carefully?

Habakkuk was watching carefully to see what Yahweh would say to him.

Habakkuk 2:2

ULT

2 Yahweh answered me and said, “Record this vision, and write plainly on the tablets so that the one reading them might run.

UST

2 Then Yahweh replied to me, “Write plainly on tablets what I am revealing to you in this vision, and then read it to a messenger so he can run with it to tell it to other people.

What did Yahweh tell Habakkuk to do with the vision?

Yahweh told Habakkuk to record the vision upon tablets.

Habakkuk 2:3

ULT

3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end and will not fail. Though it delays, wait for it. For it will surely come and will not tarry.

UST

3 In this vision I will talk about things that will happen in the future. Now is not the time when those things will happen, but they certainly will happen, and when they occur, they will occur quickly, and they will not be delayed. You want those things to happen immediately, but they are not happening. But wait patiently for them to happen!

What assurance did Yahweh give Habakkuk about this vision concerning the future?

Yahweh assured Habakkuk that this vision would speak even though it delays.

Habakkuk 2:4

ULT

4 Look! He whose desires are not right within him is puffed up. But the righteous will live by his faith.

UST

4 Think about the proud people! They are certainly not doing what is righteous. But people who are righteous will live because they faithfully do what I want them to do.

How did Yahweh say the righteous will live?

Yahweh said the righteous will live by his faith.

Habakkuk 2:5

ULT

5 For wine betrays the arrogant man so that he will not abide, but enlarges his appetite like Sheol and, like death, is never satisfied. He gathers to himself every nation and collects for himself all of the peoples.

UST

5 If people live for excess such as wine, they will deceive themselves, and proud people are never able to rest. Greedy people open their mouths as wide as the place where dead people are, and they never have enough, just like the place of the dead never has enough dead people. The armies of Babylonia conquer many nations for themselves, and capture all their people.

What three things does Yahweh say are never satisfied?

Yahweh says the arrogant young man's desire, the grave, and death are never satisfied.

Habakkuk 2:6

ULT

6 Will not all these create a saying to ridicule him and a taunting song and riddles about him, saying, 'Woe to the one increasing what is not his own! For how long will you increase for yourself the weight of the pledges you have taken?'

UST

6 But soon all those whom they have captured will ridicule the soldiers from Babylonia! They will make fun of them, saying, 'Terrible things will happen to you who have stolen things from other countries! You got many things by forcing people to give them to you. But you certainly will not keep those things for long!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:7

ULT

[7] Will not your debtors rise up suddenly, and those awake who will make you tremble? You will be spoil for them.

UST

[7] Suddenly those whom you forced to be unjustly indebted to you will rise up and cause you to tremble, and they will take away all the things that you have stolen from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:8

ULT

[8] Because you have plundered many peoples, all the remnant of the peoples will plunder you. For you have shed human blood and acted with violence against the land, the cities, and all who live in them.

UST

[8] You stole things from the people of many nations. You murdered people of many people groups, and you destroyed their land and their cities. So those who are still alive will steal valuable things from you.

What does Yahweh say will happen to the arrogant young man who plundered many nations?

Yahweh says the arrogant young man will be plundered by the remnant of the peoples.

Habakkuk 2:9

ULT

[9] ‘Woe to the one who carves out evil gains for his house, so he can set his nest on high to keep himself safe from the hand of evil.’

UST

[9] Terrible things will happen to you people of Babylonia who build big houses with money that you got by forcing others to give it to you. You are proud, and you think that your houses will be safe because you have built them in places where you can easily defend them.

Against whom does Yahweh declare a woe first?

Yahweh declares a woe against the one who carves out evil gains for his house.

Habakkuk 2:10

ULT
10 You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many people, and have sinned against yourself.

UST
10 But because you have destroyed others, you have caused your family and yourselves shame!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:11

ULT
11 For the stones will cry out from the wall, and the rafters of timber will answer them,

UST
11 The stones in the walls of your houses cry out to accuse you, and the beams in your ceilings also say the same things!

What does Yahweh say will cry out because of the shame and sin?
Yahweh says the stones will cry out because of the shame and sin.

Habakkuk 2:12

ULT
12 ‘Woe to the one who builds a city with blood, and who establishes a town in iniquity.’

UST
12 Terrible things will happen to you people of Babylonia who kill people in order to build cities, cities that you build by using money that you have gotten by committing crimes.

Against whom does Yahweh declare a woe second?
Yahweh declares a woe against the one who builds a city with blood and iniquity.

Habakkuk 2:13

ULT
13 Is it not indeed from Yahweh of hosts that peoples labor for fire and all the other nations weary themselves for nothing?

UST
13 But Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has declared that everything that is built by people who do things like that will be destroyed by fire; they will have worked hard uselessly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:14

ULT
14 Yet the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh as the waters cover the sea.

UST
14 But in contrast, like the oceans are filled with water, the earth will be filled with people who know that Yahweh is very great!

What does Yahweh promise will happen with the land in the future?
Yahweh promises that the land will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh.

Habakkuk 2:15

ULT
15 ‘Woe to the one who forces his neighbors to drink— you pour out your wrath [2] and you make them drunk in order to look at their nakedness.’

UST
15 Terrible things will happen to you people of Babylonia, who cause people who live in nearby countries to become drunk. You force them to drink a lot of drugged wine until they are drunk and then they walk around naked because you are happy when you see that.

Against whom does Yahweh declare a woe third?
Yahweh declares a woe against the one making his neighbor drink poison to look on their nakedness.

Habakkuk 2:16

ULT

16 You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Now it is your turn! Drink, and you will expose your uncircumcised foreskin! The cup in the right hand of Yahweh is coming around to you, and disgrace will cover your glory.

UST

16 But you are the ones who soon will be disgraced instead of being honored. It will be as though you are forced to drink a lot of wine until you will also stagger around, drunk. You will drink the wine that symbolizes that Yahweh will punish you, and he will cause others to dishonor you instead of honoring you.

What will come in its turn to the one making his neighbor drink poison?

The cup of Yahweh's right hand will come in its turn to the one making his neighbor drink poison.

Habakkuk 2:17

ULT

17 For the violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you and the destruction of animals will terrify you. For you have shed the blood of man and you have acted with violence against the land, the cities, and all who live in them.

UST

17 You did violent things to the people in Lebanon, and you killed the wild animals there, but you will be punished severely for doing that. You have killed many people and you have destroyed their lands and their cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:18

ULT

18 What does an idol profit you when its maker has shaped it or a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts his own handiwork when he makes these mute gods.

UST

18 You people of Babylonia need to know that your idols are completely useless, because it is people who made them. Statues that have been carved or made in a mold deceive you. Those who trust in idols are trusting in things that they themselves created, things that cannot speak!

In what is the maker of a carved figure placing his trust?

He is placing his trust in his own handiwork when he makes these mute gods.

Habakkuk 2:19

ULT

19 ‘Woe to him who says to the wood, Wake up! Or to the silent stone, Arise!’ Can these things teach? See, it is overlaid with gold and silver, but there is no breath at all within it.

UST

19 Terrible things will happen to you who say to lifeless idols that are made of wood, ‘Wake up!’ Stone idols certainly cannot tell you what you should do; they look nice because they are covered with silver and gold, but they are not alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 2:20

ULT

20 But Yahweh is in his holy temple! Let all the earth be silent before him.”
2:1 [1] , which is what the Hebrew text has, some modern versions have or .
2:15 [2] , or as .

UST

20 But Yahweh is in his holy temple; everyone on the earth should be silent in his presence!”

What must be done before Yahweh, who is in his holy temple?

All must be silent before Yahweh in his holy temple.

Habakkuk 3

Habakkuk 3:1

ULT

1 The prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. *[1]*

UST

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:2

ULT

2 Yahweh, I have heard your report, and I fear. O Yahweh, revive your work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make it known; remember to have compassion in your wrath.

UST

2 Yahweh, I have heard about you; and I revere you because of all the amazing things that you have done. In our time, do again some of those things that you did long ago! Even when you are angry with us, act mercifully toward us!

Having heard Yahweh's report, what is Habakkuk's emotional response?

Having heard Yahweh's report, Habakkuk is afraid.

What does Habakkuk ask Yahweh to remember?

Habakkuk asks Yahweh to remember compassion in his wrath.

Habakkuk 3:3

ULT

3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah.* His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

UST

3 In a vision, I saw God, the Holy One, coming from the region of Teman in Edom; I also saw him coming from the Paran hills in the region of Sinai. His glory filled the sky, and the earth was full of people who were praising him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:4

ULT
4 His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he hid his power.

UST
4 His glory was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hands where he keeps his power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:5

ULT
5 Deadly disease went before him, and the plague followed at his heels.

UST
5 He sent plagues in front of him, and other plagues came behind him.

When God came, what went before and after him?
When God came, pestilence went before him and plague after him.

Habakkuk 3:6

ULT
6 He stood and measured the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. Even the eternal mountains were shattered, and the everlasting hills bowed down. His ways are everlasting.

UST
6 When he stopped, the earth shook. When he looked at the nations, all the people trembled. The hills and mountains that have existed since the beginning of time collapsed and crumbled. He is the only one who exists eternally!

What did Yahweh do to the nations in his wrath?
Yahweh shook the nations.

Habakkuk 3:7

ULT

7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction, and the tent curtains in the land of Midian trembling.

UST

7 In the vision I saw the people who live in tents in the region of Cushan were very afraid, and the people in the region of Midian were trembling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:8

ULT

8 Was your wrath against the rivers, O Yahweh? Was your anger against the rivers, or your fury against the sea, when you rode upon your horses and your victorious chariots?

UST

8 Yahweh, was it because you were angry with the rivers and streams that you struck them? Did the seas cause you to be furious, with the result that you rode through them with horses that were pulling chariots that you used to bring victory to your cause?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:9

ULT

9 You removed the sheath from your bow; you called for many arrows! *Selah.* You split the earth with rivers.

UST

9 It was as though you uncovered your bow and prepared to shoot it, and had grasped arrows to put to your bow. Then you split open the earth, and streams burst out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:10

ULT

10 The mountains saw you and twisted in pain. Downpours of water passed over them; the deep sea raised its voice. It lifted up its waves on high.

UST

10 It is as though the mountains saw you doing that, and they trembled in pain. The water rushed by in floods; it was as though the deep ocean roared and caused its waves to rise up high.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:11

ULT

11 The sun and moon stood still in their high places at the light of your arrows as they fly, at the gleam of your flashing spear.

UST

11 The sun and moon stopped moving in the sky, while your lightning flashed past like a swift arrow, and your glittering spear flashed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:12

ULT

12 You have marched over the earth with indignation. In anger you have threshed the nations.

UST

12 Being very angry, you walked across the earth and trampled the armies of many nations!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:13

ULT

13 You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed one. You crush the head of the house of the wicked to lay him bare from the thigh up to the neck. *Selah*

UST

13 But you also went to rescue your people, and to save the one whom you have chosen. You struck down the leader of those wicked people and took away all his power completely.

Why did Yahweh go forth in his indignation?

Yahweh went forth in his indignation for the salvation of his people and his anointed one.

Who does Yahweh shatter in his indignation?

Yahweh shatters the head of the house of the wicked.

Habakkuk 3:14

ULT

14 You have pierced the head of his warriors with his own arrows since they came like a storm to scatter us, their gloating was like one who devours the afflicted in a hiding place.

UST

14 With his own spear you destroyed the leader of those soldiers who rushed like a whirlwind to attack and scatter us, thinking that they could conquer us as easily as they defeat the weak people who hide from them.

What did the wicked warriors do when they came to scatter Yahweh's people?

The warriors gloated over Yahweh's people.

Habakkuk 3:15

ULT

15 You have trampled on the sea with your horses, on the surge of the great waters.

UST

15 You walked through the sea with your horses to destroy our enemies, and caused the waves to surge.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Habakkuk 3:16

ULT

16 I heard, and my inner parts trembled! My lips quivered at the sound. Decay enters into my bones, and my legs tremble beneath me Yet I will wait quietly for the day of distress to come upon the people who invade us.

UST

16 When I saw that vision, my heart pounded and my lips quivered because I became afraid. My legs became weak and I shook, because I was terrified. But I will wait quietly for the people of Babylonia, those who invaded our country, to experience disasters!

For what is Habakkuk waiting quietly?

Habakkuk is waiting quietly for the day of distress to come upon the people who invaded Yahweh's people.

Habakkuk 3:17

ULT

17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there is no fruit on the vines; and though the produce of the olive tree fails and the fields yield no food; and though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls,

UST

17 Therefore, even if there are no blossoms on the fig trees, and there are no grapes on the grapevines, and even if there are no olives growing on the olive trees, and there are no crops in the fields, and even if the flocks of sheep and goats die in the fields, and there are no cattle in the stalls, this is what I will do.

What hardships are the people of Yahweh suffering?

The fig and olive trees are not producing, the fields yield no food, and there is no livestock.

Habakkuk 3:18

ULT

18 yet, I will rejoice in Yahweh. I will be joyful because of the God of my salvation.

UST

18 I will rejoice because of Yahweh! I will be joyful because my God is the one who saves me!

Despite the hardship, what will Habakkuk do?

Despite the hardship, Habakkuk will exult in Yahweh.

Habakkuk 3:19

ULT

19 The Lord Yahweh is my strength and he makes my feet like the feet of a deer. He makes me tread on my high places. For the music director, on my stringed instruments.

3:1 [1] , which may refer to musical directions for singers.

UST

19 Yahweh the Lord is the one who gives me strength, and he enables me to climb safely like a deer does, he makes me walk on my high hills. (This message is for the choir director: When this prayer is sung, it is to be accompanied by people playing stringed instruments.)

To where does Yahweh lead Habakkuk?

Yahweh leads Habakkuk to high places.

Zephaniah

Zephaniah 1

Zephaniah 1:1

ULT

1 This is the word of Yahweh that came to Zephaniah son of Cushi son of Gedaliah son of Amariah son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah.

UST

1 Yahweh's message came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, the grandson of Gedaliah, and the great-grandson of Amariah, whose father was King Hezekiah. Yahweh gave this message during the time when King Amon's son Josiah was the king of Judah.

What did God tell Zephaniah he would do to the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea and to man? (vv1-2)
God said He would destroy them and cut them off.

Zephaniah 1:2

ULT

2 "I will utterly remove everything from the surface of the earth—this is the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

2 Yahweh said, "I will sweep away everything that is on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:3

ULT

3 I will destroy man and beast; I will destroy the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. For I will cut off man from the surface of the earth—this is the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

3 I will sweep away people and animals. I will sweep away birds and fish. I will get rid of wicked people; so that there will be no more wicked people on the earth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:4

ULT

4 I will reach out with my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every remnant of Baal from this place and the names of the idolatrous priests along with the priests,

UST

4 “These are some of the things that I will do: I will punish the people who live in Jerusalem and other places in Judah, and destroy everything that has been used in the worship of Baal and and cause people to no longer remember the names of the pagan priests or the other priests who have turned away from me.

What is the name of the idol of which God said he would cut off every remnant?

He would cut off every remnant of Baal.

Zephaniah 1:5

ULT

5 the people on the housetops who bow down to worship the heavenly bodies, and the people who bow down and swear to Yahweh but who also swear by Milcom. *[1]*

UST

5 I will get rid of those who go up on the roofs of their houses and worship the sun, moon, and stars, and those who claim to worship me but also swear using the name of their king.

Who did the ones on the housetops worship?

The ones on the housetops worship the heavenly bodies.

Zephaniah 1:6

ULT

6 and those who have turned away from following Yahweh, those who neither seek Yahweh nor ask for his guidance.”

UST

6 Finally, I will get rid of all those who previously worshiped me but no longer do; those who no longer seek my help or request me to tell them what they should do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:7

ULT

7 Be silent before the Lord Yahweh! For the day of Yahweh is near; Yahweh has prepared the sacrifice and set apart his guests.

UST

7 Be silent in front of Yahweh the Lord, because it will soon be the time when Yahweh will judge and punish people. Yahweh has prepared himself to get rid of the people of Judah; they will be like animals that are set apart to be slaughtered for sacrifices, and he has chosen their enemies to be the ones who will get rid of them.

What ere the people to do in the presence of Yahweh?

They were to be silent in the presence of Yahweh.

Zephaniah 1:8

ULT

8 “It will come about on the day of Yahweh’s sacrifice, that I will punish the officials and the sons of the king, and everyone dressed in foreign clothes.

UST

8 Yahweh says, “On that day when I will get rid of the people of Judah, I will punish their officials and the king’s sons, and all those who worship foreign gods—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:9

ULT

9 On that day I will punish all those who leap over the threshold, those who fill the house of their master with violence and deceit.

UST

9 including those who show that they revere their god Dagan by avoiding stepping on the threshold of his temple, and those who do violent things and tell lies in the temples of their gods.”

Who did Yahweh say he would punish on the day of sacrifice?

Yahweh will punish the princes and the king’s sons, everyone dressed in foreign clothes, those who leap over the door sill, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and deceit.

Zephaniah 1:10

ULT

10 So it will be on that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh— that a cry of distress will come from the Fish Gate, wailing from the Second District, and a great crashing sound from the hills.

UST

10 Yahweh also says, “On that day, people will cry out at the Fish Gate of Jerusalem. People will wail in the Second Quarter of the city, and people will hear a loud crash of buildings collapsing in the hills.

What sounds will come up from the Fish Gate and the Second Quarter in that day?

A cry of distress, and wailing will come in that day.

Zephaniah 1:11

ULT

11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Market District, for all the merchants will be ruined; all those who weigh out silver will be cut off.

UST

11 All you people who live in the market area of Jerusalem should wail, because all those who sell goods for money will be slaughtered.

What will happen to the merchants in that day?

They will be ruined, and all those who are weighed down with silver will be cut off.

Zephaniah 1:12

ULT
12 It will come about at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish the men who are like wine left to thicken on its dregs and say in their heart, ‘Yahweh will not do anything, either good or evil.’

UST
12 It will be as though I will light lanterns to search in dark places in Jerusalem for those who have become very satisfied with their behavior and complacent about their sins. They think that I, Yahweh, will do neither good nor bad things, as if I do not even exist!

What did some of the men in Jerusalem say about Yahweh?
They said, “Yahweh will not do anything, either good or evil!”

Zephaniah 1:13

ULT
13 Their wealth will become plunder, and their houses will be an abandoned devastation! They will build houses but not live in them, and plant vineyards but not drink their wine.

UST
13 So I have decided that armies will come and carry off their valuable possessions, after destroying their houses. The people will build new homes, but they will not live in them; they will plant vineyards again, but they will never drink any wine made from grapes that grow.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:14

ULT
14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hurrying quickly! The sound of the day of Yahweh will be bitter; the warrior cries aloud there!

UST
14 It will soon be the day when Yahweh will punish people. It will be here quickly. It will be a time when even brave soldiers will cry loudly.

What day will be a day of fury, a day of anguish, and a day of darkness? (vv14-15)
The great day of Yahweh will be a day of fury, anguish, and darkness.

Zephaniah 1:15

ULT

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness.

UST

15 It will be a time when God shows that he is very angry, a time when people experience much distress and trouble. It will be a time when many things are ruined, destroyed, and when everyone goes away. It will be a time when it is very gloomy and dark, when the clouds are very black.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:16

ULT

16 It will be a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the high battlements.

UST

16 It will be a time when soldiers will blow trumpets to call other soldiers to battle. Your enemies will tear down the walls around your cities and the high towers at the corners of those walls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 1:17

ULT

17 For I will bring distress upon mankind, so that they will walk about like blind men because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood will be poured out like dust, and their inner parts like dung.

UST

17 Because you sinned against Yahweh, he will cause you to experience great distress; you will walk around groping as blind people do. Your blood will flow from your bodies like falling soil, and your corpses will lie on the ground and rot.

Whose blood will be poured out like dust on the day of Yahweh?

Those who have sinned against God.

Zephaniah 1:18

ULT

18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed, for he will bring a complete, a terrible end of all the inhabitants of the earth.”

1:5 [1] , but some modern versions read , the name of a pagan god that many people worshiped.

UST

18 At the time that Yahweh shows that he is very angry with you, you will not be able to save yourselves by giving silver or gold to your enemies. Because Yahweh is very jealous, he will send a fire to burn up the entire world, and he will completely get rid, in a most terrifying way, of all the wicked people who live on the earth.

What will not be able to save them on that day?

Their silver and their gold will not be able to save them.

Zephaniah 2

Zephaniah 2:1

ULT
1 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather, O nation without shame—

UST
1 You people of Judah who ought to be ashamed, gather together to ask God to be merciful to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:2

ULT
2 before the decree takes effect and that day passes like the chaff, before the burning anger of Yahweh comes upon you, before the day of the anger of Yahweh comes upon you.

UST
2 Yahweh is very angry with you, so gather together now, before he punishes you—before he punishes you and sweeps you away as the wind blows away the chaff.

What must the people do to avoid the fierce anger of Yahweh's wrath? (vv2-3)
The people must seek righteousness and humility to avoid Yahweh's wrath.

Zephaniah 2:3

ULT
3 Seek Yahweh, all you humble people on earth who do his commands! Seek righteousness. Seek humility, and perhaps you will be hidden on the day of the anger of Yahweh.

UST
3 All you people in Judah who are humble, worship Yahweh and obey what he has commanded. Try to do what is right and to be humble. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will protect you on the day when he punishes people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:4

ULT

4 For Gaza will be abandoned, and Ashkelon will turn into a devastation. They will drive out Ashdod at noon, and Ekron will be uprooted!

UST

4 When Yahweh punishes Philistia, the cities of Gaza and Ashkelon will lose all their inhabitants. Ashdod will be attacked and the people will be driven away at noon, when they are resting. The people of the city of Ekron will also be driven out.

What will happen to those who will not heed the warning of Yahweh? (vv4-5)
All peoples who will not heed the warning of Yahweh will be uprooted and destroyed.

Zephaniah 2:5

ULT

5 Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Kerethites! Yahweh has spoken against you, Canaan, land of the Philistines. I will destroy you until no inhabitant remains.

UST

5 And terrible things will happen to you people of Philistia who live near the sea, because Yahweh has said he will punish you, also. He will get rid of all of you; not one of you will survive!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:6

ULT

6 So the seacoast will become pastures, with meadows for shepherds and folds for flocks.

UST

6 The land of Philistia near the sea will become a pasture, a place for shepherds and their sheep pens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:7

ULT

7 The coastal region will belong to the remnant of the house of Judah, who will pasture their flocks on it. Their people will lie down in the evening in the houses of Ashkelon, for Yahweh their God will care for them and restore their fortunes.

UST

7 The people of Judah who survive will possess that land. At night they will sleep in the deserted houses in Ashkelon. Yahweh will take care of them; he will enable them to prosper again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:8

ULT

8 "I have heard the taunts of Moab and the reviling of the sons of Ammon when they taunted my people and made boasts against their territory.

UST

8 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the God of the Israelites, says this: "I have heard the people of Moab and Ammon insult my people and plan to conquer my people's country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:9

ULT

9 Therefore, as I live—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel— Moab will become like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah; a place of nettles and salt pits, deserted forever. But the remnant of my people will plunder them, and the remainder of my nation will take possession of them."

UST

9 So now, as surely as I live, I will destroy Moab and Ammon as I destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Their land will be a place where there are nettles and salt pits; it will be ruined forever, with none of their people living there! My people who survive will take away all their valuable possessions and also occupy their land."

What cities will Moab and Ammon become like?

Moab will become like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah.

Zephaniah 2:10

ULT

10 This will happen to them in return for their pride, since they taunted and boasted against the people of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

10 The people of Moab and Ammon will get what they deserve for being proud, because they made fun of the people who belong to Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:11

ULT

11 Then Yahweh will be awesome against them, for he will starve all the gods of the earth. Everyone will bow down to him, everyone from his own place, nations on every shore.

UST

11 Yahweh will cause them to be terrified when he destroys all the gods of their countries. Then people from every nation will worship Yahweh, each in his own country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:12

ULT

12 You also, O Cushites, will be pierced by my sword,

UST

12 Yahweh says that he will also slaughter the people of Ethiopia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:13

ULT

13 and he will stretch out his hand against the north and destroy Assyria, and he will make Nineveh an abandoned devastation, a dry waste like the desert.

UST

13 Yahweh will punish and destroy Assyria, that land northeast of us, and cause its capital Nineveh to become ruined and deserted, and as dry as the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 2:14

ULT

14 Then herds will lie down in her midst, every animal of the nations, both the desert owl and the screech owl will rest in the top of her columns. A call will sing out from the windows; rubble will be in the doorways; her carved cedar beams will be exposed.

UST

14 Flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and many kinds of wild animals will lie down there. Owls and crows will sit on the columns of the destroyed buildings, and they will hoot through the windows. There will be rubble in the doorways, and the valuable cedar beams in the roofs of the buildings will become visible.

What kind of birds will nest in the top of Assyria's pillars?

Owls will nest in the tops of Assyria's pillars.

Zephaniah 2:15

ULT

15 This is the exultant city that lived securely, that said in her heart, "I am, and nothing is my equal." How she has become a horror, a place for beasts to lie down in. Everyone that passes by her will hiss and shake his fist at her.

UST

15 The people of Nineveh used to be happy and proud, thinking that they were very safe. They were always saying, "Our city is the greatest city; there is no city as great as ours!" But now it will become a horrible place to see, a place where wild animals make their dens. And everyone who passes by there will hiss and scorn that city, and shake their fists to show that they detest that city very much.

What will become of the exultant city?

The exultant city will become a horror, a place for beasts to lie down in.

Zephaniah 3

Zephaniah 3:1

ULT
1 Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city.

UST
1 Terrible things will happen to Jerusalem, the city whose people have rebelled against Yahweh and who have become unacceptable to him because of the sins that they have committed. They act violently toward others and they oppress other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:2

ULT
2 She listens to no voice, she does not accept correction. She does not trust in Yahweh and will not draw near to her God.

UST
2 The people there pay no attention to the prophets whom Yahweh has sent to tell them the wrong things that they are doing and try to correct them. The people in Jerusalem do not trust in their God or worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:3

ULT
3 Her officials are roaring lions in her midst. Her judges are evening wolves who leave nothing to be gnawed upon in the morning.

UST
3 Their leaders are like roaring lions; they are like wolves that attack during the evening, and eat everything that they kill, with the result that the next morning there is nothing left of those animals to eat.

What are the princes of the violent city like?
The princes of the violent city are like roaring lions.

Zephaniah 3:4

ULT

[4] Her prophets are insolent and treacherous men. Her priests have profaned what is holy and have done violence to the law.

UST

[4] The prophets in Jerusalem are proud, and the priests give messages that no one should trust. They make the temple unholy by doing things that are against the law of Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:5

ULT

[5] Yahweh is righteous in her midst. He does no wrong. Morning by morning he will dispense his justice; each dawn he does not fail. Yet unrighteous people know no shame.

UST

[5] But Yahweh is also in the city, and he never does what is wrong. He treats people justly, day after day; but wicked people are never ashamed about their wrongdoing.

When will Yahweh dispense justice?

Yahweh will dispense justice from morning to morning.

Zephaniah 3:6

ULT

[6] "I have cut off nations; their fortresses are ruined. I have laid waste their streets, so that no one passes over them. Their cities are destroyed, without a man, without an inhabitant.

UST

[6] Yahweh says this: "I have destroyed many nations; I have destroyed their strong city walls and towers. Now I have caused the streets in those cities to be completely deserted. Those cities are ruined and there is no one still alive there. They are all dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:7

ULT

7 I said, ‘Surely you will fear me and accept correction. Then your dwelling will not be cut off by all that I have planned to do to you.’ But all the more they were eager to behave corruptly in all their deeds.

UST

7 So I said to myself, ‘Because of what I have done to those other nations, surely the people of Jerusalem will honor me now and allow me to correct them. If they do that, I will not destroy them; I will not punish them like I said that I would do.’ But in spite of knowing how I punished those other nations, they were still eager to get up early each morning and continue to perform evil deeds.”

What did Yahweh hope the people would do?

Yahweh hoped the people would fear him and accept correction.

Zephaniah 3:8

ULT

8 Therefore wait for me—this is the declaration of Yahweh—for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather the nations, to assemble the kingdoms, to pour out on them my indignation—all of my burning anger; for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth will be consumed. *[1]*

UST

8 This is what Yahweh declares: “Wait for the day when I will take action to plunder you! I have decided to gather the people of the kingdoms of the earth and cause them to know that I am very angry with them. All over the earth I will punish and destroy people; I will burn them up with my anger as if it were fire!

What decision has Yahweh made about the nations?

Yahweh has decided to assemble the nations and pour out his anger and wrath on them.

Zephaniah 3:9

ULT

9 But then I will give to the peoples purified lips, that all of them may call upon the name of Yahweh to serve him shoulder to shoulder.

UST

9 When that happens, I will cause all people to be changed and enable them to speak only what is pure, in order that everyone can worship me as one people.

What will Yahweh then call the people to do?

Yahweh will call the people to serve him standing shoulder to shoulder.

Zephaniah 3:10

ULT

10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers—the daughter of my scattered people—will bring offerings due me.

UST

10 Then my people who were forced to go to other countries, those who live along the upper part of the Nile River in Ethiopia, will come to me and bring offerings to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:11

ULT

11 In that day you will not be put to shame for all your deeds by which you rebelled against me, since at that time I will remove from among you your proud, exalting ones, and you will never again act arrogantly on my holy mountain.

UST

11 At that time, you people in Jerusalem will no longer be ashamed about what has happened to you, because you no longer will be rebelling against me. I will get rid of all the people among you who are very proud. No one on Zion, my holy hill, will strut around proudly anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:12

ULT

12 But I will leave among you a humble and lowly people, and they will find refuge in the name of Yahweh.

UST

12 Those who are still alive in Israel will be poor and humble; they will trust in me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:13

ULT
13 The remnant of Israel will do no injustice and speak no lies, and no deceitful tongue will be found in their mouth; so they will graze and lie down, and no one will make them afraid.”

UST
13 Those people who are still alive in Israel will not do anything wrong; they will tell no lies or deceive anyone. They will eat and sleep safely, because no one will cause them to be afraid.”

How will the remnant of Israel change after this?
The remnant of Israel will no longer commit injustice and speak lies.

Zephaniah 3:14

ULT
14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

UST
14 You people who live in Jerusalem and other places in Israel, sing and shout loudly! Be glad, and rejoice with all your inner being,

Why should Israel sing and cheer? (vv14-15)
Israel should sing and cheer because Yahweh has taken away their punishment.

Zephaniah 3:15

ULT
15 Yahweh has taken away the judgments against you; he has driven out your enemies! The king of Israel, Yahweh, is among you. You will never again fear evil!

UST
15 because Yahweh will take away the charges against you, and he will make your enemies go far away from you! Yahweh himself, the king of the Israelites, will live among you, and you will never again be afraid that others will harm you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:16

ULT

16 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, O Zion. Do not let your hands fall limp.

UST

16 At that time, other people will say to us people of Jerusalem, “You people of Jerusalem, do not be afraid; do not become weak or discouraged.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:17

ULT

17 Yahweh your God is among you, a mighty one to save you. He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

UST

17 Yahweh your God will live among you. He is mighty, and he will rescue you. He will be very happy about you; because he loves you, he will cause you to rest without being anxious. He will sing loudly to rejoice about you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:18

ULT

18 The sorrows for the appointed feasts I will remove from you; they are a burden and a reproach to you. [2]

UST

18 like people who are happy at a festival. Yahweh says, “I will no longer allow any enemies to destroy you. You will no longer be defeated or ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zephaniah 3:19

ULT

19 Behold, I am about to deal with all your oppressors. At that time, I will rescue the lame and gather up the outcast. I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

UST

19 Truly, I will severely punish all those who oppressed you. I will rescue those who are helpless and those who were forced to go to other countries, just as a shepherd would rescue his lost sheep. I will give them praise and honor in every country where they were exiled, places where they had been disgraced.

Who will Yahweh rescue from those who have mistreated Israel?

Yahweh will rescue the lame and gather together the outcast.

Zephaniah 3:20

ULT

20 At that time I will bring you in; at that time I will gather you together. I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says Yahweh.
3:8 [1] . However, some ancient and modern versions have .
3:18 [2]

UST

20 At that time, I will gather you together and bring you back home to Israel. I will cause you to greatly praised and honored among all the nations of the earth. You will see when I bring your people home again." This is what Yahweh, has declared!

Why will all the nations respect and praise Israel?

All the nations will respect and praise Israel when they see that Yahweh has restored them.

Haggai

Haggai 1

Haggai 1:1

ULT

[1] In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yahweh came by the hand of Haggai the prophet to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, saying,

UST

[1] Haggai, who was a prophet, received a message from Yahweh. Yahweh spoke this message to him in the second year after Darius had become king of Persia. This happened on the first day of the sixth month of that year. Haggai told this message to Shealtiel's son Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, and to Jehozadak's son Joshua, the high priest.

When did the word of Yahweh come by the hand of Haggai the prophet?
The word came in the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month.

To whom did the word of Yahweh come?
The word came to Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest.

Haggai 1:2

ULT

[2] "Thus says Yahweh of hosts: These people say, 'The time has not come to rebuild the house of Yahweh.'"

UST

[2] Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, told him that the people were saying that it was not yet time for them to rebuild Yahweh's temple.

What did Yahweh claim the people said?
He claimed that they said it was not time for them to come or to build Yahweh's house.

Haggai 1:3

ULT
3 Then the word of Yahweh came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,

UST
3 Then Yahweh gave him this message to tell to the people of Jerusalem:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:4

ULT
4 “Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies ruined?

UST
4 “It is not right for you to be living in luxurious houses while my temple is only ruins!

What was the condition of Yahweh’s house while the people lived in their finished houses?
Yahweh’s house laid ruined.

Haggai 1:5

ULT
5 So now thus says Yahweh of hosts: Set your heart to examine your ways!

UST
5 I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: ‘Think about what you are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:6

ULT

6 You have sown much seed, but bring in little harvest; you eat but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink but cannot get drunk. You wear clothes but cannot warm yourselves, and the wage earner earns money only to put it into a bag full of holes!

UST

6 You have planted a lot of seeds, but you are not getting many crops to harvest. You eat food, but you never get enough. You drink wine, but you are still thirsty. You wear clothes, but you do not stay warm. You earn money, but it is spent as quickly as you make it.'

Although the people sowed much seed and looked for much, why did Yahweh blow it away and bring drought upon all the labor of their hands?

Yahweh blew it away and brought drought because Yahweh's house laid in ruins while every man took pleasure in his own house.

Haggai 1:7

ULT

7 Thus says Yahweh of hosts: "Set your hearts to examine your ways!

UST

7 So this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: 'Think about what you are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:8

ULT

8 Go up to the mountain, bring timber, and build my house; then I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified!—says Yahweh."

UST

8 Then go up into the hills, cut down trees, bring timber down here, and rebuild my temple. When you do that, I will be pleased and I will appear there with my glory.

What did Yahweh command the people to do?

Yahweh commanded them to build his house so that he would take pleasure in it and be glorified.

Haggai 1:9

ULT

9 “You looked for much, but behold! you have brought little home, for I blew it away! Why?” declares Yahweh of hosts. “Because my house lies in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.

UST

9 You expected to harvest plenty of crops, but there were few crops to harvest because I removed them. I did this because my temple is a ruin, while each of you are busy building your own beautiful house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:10

ULT

10 Therefore because of you the heavens withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its produce.

UST

10 It is because of what you are doing that rain does not fall from the sky, and as a result there are no crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:11

ULT

11 I have called for a drought upon the land and upon the mountains, upon the grain and upon the new wine, upon the oil and upon what the ground produces, upon men and upon beasts, and upon all the labor of your hands!”

UST

11 I have caused a drought over both fields and mountains and all your other crops—whether grain or wine or oil—have dried up. Because of that, you and your cattle do not have enough food, and the hard work that you have done will be for nothing.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 1:12

ULT

12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, along with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of Yahweh their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, because Yahweh their God had sent him and the people feared the face of Yahweh.

UST

12 Then Zerubbabel and Jeshua and all the others of God's people who were still alive obeyed the message that Yahweh their God had spoken, and they listened to the message that Haggai had given them, because they knew that Yahweh their God had sent him. Then they honored Yahweh, for he was present with them.

How did Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest, and all the remnant of the people respond to Yahweh's voice and the words of Haggai the prophet, whom Yahweh had sent?
They obeyed Yahweh's voice and Haggai's words and feared the face of Yahweh.

Haggai 1:13

ULT

13 Then Haggai, the messenger of Yahweh, spoke the message of Yahweh to the people and said, "I am with you!—this is the declaration of Yahweh!"

UST

13 Then Haggai, who was Yahweh's messenger, gave this message from Yahweh to the people: "I, Yahweh, declare that I am with you."

How did Yahweh respond to the people's obedience?
He sent a message through Haggai his messenger to tell them, "I am with you!"

Haggai 1:14

ULT

14 So Yahweh stirred up the spirit of the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the spirit of the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, so that they came and worked on the house of Yahweh of hosts, their God

UST

14 So Yahweh motivated Zerubbabel and Joshua and the other people to want to rebuild the temple of their God, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies. So they gathered together and started to work to rebuild it.

When did Yahweh stir up Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest, and all the remnant of the people's spirits to go and work on the house of Yahweh of hosts, their God? (vv14-15)

He stirred them up in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 1:15

ULT

15 in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

UST

15 They started that work on the twenty-fourth day of the same month in which Yahweh had spoken to Haggai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2

Haggai 2:1

ULT

1 In the seventh month on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of Yahweh came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,

UST

1 Almost one month later, on the twenty-first day of the next month, Yahweh gave the prophet Haggai another message.

When did the word of Yahweh come by the hand of Haggai the prophet?
The word came in the seventh month on the twenty-first day of the month.

Haggai 2:2

ULT

2 “Speak now to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and to the remnant of the people. Say,

UST

2 The message was that he should say this to Shealtiel’s son Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, Jehozadek’s son Jeshua the high priest, and to the other people who were still alive in Jerusalem:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:3

ULT

3 ‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not like nothing in your eyes?

UST

3 “Do any of you remember how glorious our former temple was? If you do, what does it look like to you now? It must seem like nothing at all.

Although the house of Yahweh was like nothing in the eyes of those who saw it in its former glory, why did Yahweh declare that Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the high priest, and all the people should be strong and work? (vv3-4)
Yahweh declared that they should be strong and work because because he was with them.

Haggai 2:4

ULT

4 Now, be strong, O Zerubbabel!—this is the declaration of Yahweh— and be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land!—this is the declaration of Yahweh— and work, for I am with you!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

4 But now Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to all of you, to Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of you people who live in this nation, ‘Do not be discouraged; instead be strong!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:5

ULT

5 This is the word which I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit remains in your midst. Do not fear!

UST

5 My Spirit remains among you, like I promised your ancestors when they left Egypt. So do not be afraid!’

By Yahweh’s established covenant, what were Zerubbabel, Joshua, and all the people not to do?
They were not to fear.

Haggai 2:6

ULT

6 For thus says Yahweh of hosts: In a little while I will once again shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land!

UST

6 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: ‘Soon I will shake again the sky and the earth, the oceans and the ground.

When Yahweh shook the heavens, earth, and every nation, and they brought their precious things to him, what would Yahweh do? (vv6-7)
He would fill the house with glory and give peace in the place of the house.

Haggai 2:7

ULT

7 I will shake all nations, and they will come with the precious things of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory, says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

7 I will shake again the people of all the nations, and as a result they will bring their treasures to this temple. I will fill this temple with my glory.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:8

ULT

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

8 The silver and the gold that they own are really mine, so they will bring them to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:9

ULT

9 The glory of this house will be greater in the future than at the beginning, says Yahweh of hosts, and I will give peace in this place!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.”

UST

9 Then this temple will be more glorious than the former temple was. And I will cause things to go well for you all. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have said it.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:10

ULT

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

UST

10 Then on the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month of that same year, Yahweh gave still another message to the prophet Haggai:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:11

ULT

11 “Thus says Yahweh of hosts: Ask the priests concerning the law, and say,

UST

11 “This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies says: ‘Ask the priests this question about what is written in the laws of Moses about sacrifices:

According to the priests, if the folds of a man’s garment in which consecrated meat is carried touches other food, does the other food become holy? (vv11-12)

According to the priests, food that is touched by the folds of a man’s garment in which consecrated meat is carried does not become holy.

Haggai 2:12

ULT

12 ‘If a man carries meat that is set apart to Yahweh in the fold of his garment, and the fold touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any kind of food, does it become holy?’” The priests answered and said, “No.”

UST

12 If one of you priests takes from the altar some meat that was sacrificed and is carrying it in his robes, if his robe touches some bread or stew or wine or olive oil or some other food, does that food also become holy?’” When he said that to the priests, they replied, “No.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:13

ULT

13 Then Haggai said, “If someone who is unclean by contact with a dead body touches any of these things, does he become unclean?” The priests answered and said, “Yes, he becomes unclean.”

UST

13 Then Haggai asked them, “If someone becomes unacceptable to God by touching a corpse, and then he touches any of those foods, will the food also become unacceptable to God?” The priests replied, “Yes.”

According to the priests, if someone who is unclean because of death touches any food, does that food become unclean?

According to the priests, food that is touched by someone who is unclean because of death also becomes unclean.

Haggai 2:14

ULT

14 So Haggai answered and said, “So it is with this people and this nation before me!—this is the declaration of Yahweh—and so it is with every work done by their hands. What they offer there is unclean!

UST

14 Then Haggai replied, “Yahweh says this: ‘It is the same with you people and with this nation. Everything that you do and all the sacrifices that you all offer are unacceptable to me because of the sins that you have committed.

What were the offerings of the people and the nation before Yahweh like?

They were unclean like the food that is touched by someone who is unclean because of death.

Haggai 2:15

ULT

15 Now then, set your hearts to consider from this day onward. Before stone was placed upon stone in the temple of Yahweh,

UST

15 Think about what has been happening to you before you began to lay the foundation of my temple.

Before any stone was laid on another stone in the temple of Yahweh, what had happened? (vv15-17)

Ten measures of grain would be present when twenty measures were needed; twenty measures of wine would be found when fifty were needed, and Yahweh afflicted the people and all their work.

Haggai 2:16

ULT

16 From that time when you came to a heap of twenty measures of grain, there were only ten; and when you came to the wine vat to draw out fifty measures, there were only twenty.

UST

16 When you expected to harvest twenty measures of grain, you harvested only ten. When someone went to a big wine vat to get fifty measures of wine, there were only twenty in the vat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:17

ULT

17 I struck you and all the work of your hands with blight and with mildew and with hail, but you still did not turn to me—this is the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

17 I sent blight and mildew to destroy all your crops. But still you did not return to me.' This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to you.

When Yahweh afflicted the people before any stone was laid on another stone in the temple of Yahweh, did the people turn to him?
No, the people did not turn to Yahweh.

Haggai 2:18

ULT

18 Set your hearts to consider from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the temple of Yahweh was laid. Set your hearts to consider this!

UST

18 Starting from this day, the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month of this year, the day when you have laid the foundation of my new temple, continue to think carefully about your situation.

What were the people to consider from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month forward, the same day on which the foundation of Yahweh's temple was laid? (vv18-19)
They were to consider that there was no seed in the storehouse, and that the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree had still not produced.

Haggai 2:19

ULT

19 Is there still seed in the storehouse? Until now the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not produced! But from this day will I bless you!"

UST

19 Is there now any grain seed left in your barns? No, because you have eaten the small amount that you harvested. And there is no fruit on your grapevines and fig trees and pomegranate trees and olive trees. But, from now on, I will bless you!'"

What did Yahweh promise would happen from that day forward?
Yahweh promised that he would bless them from that day forward.

Haggai 2:20

ULT

20 Then the word of Yahweh came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month and said,

UST

20 On that same day, Yahweh gave another message to Haggai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:21

ULT

21 “Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, and say, ‘I am about to shake the heavens and the earth.

UST

21 He said, “Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I am going to shake the sky and the earth.

What did Yahweh declare would happen on the day he shook, overthrew, and destroyed the heavens, the earth, and kingdoms? (vv21-22)

The horses and their riders would fall down, each one one because of his brother’s sword, and Yahweh would take Zerubbabel as his servant.

Haggai 2:22

ULT

22 For I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms and destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations! I will overthrow the chariots and their riders; the horses and their riders will fall down, each one by the sword of his brother.

UST

22 I will end the power of the kings of many nations. I will cause their chariots and their drivers, their horses and the soldiers who are riding on them to be destroyed. The soldiers will kill each other with their own swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Haggai 2:23

ULT

23 On that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—I will take you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant—this is the declaration of Yahweh. I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you! —this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts!'"

UST

23 Zerubbabel, you will become my servant on that day. And I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, declare that like kings wear signet rings to show that they have authority to rule people, I will appoint you and cause you to have authority to rule. I will do that because I have chosen you. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, have said it."

Why would Yahweh set Zerubbabel like the seal on his ring?

Yahweh would set him like a seal on his ring because Yahweh had chosen him.

Zechariah

Zechariah 1

Zechariah 1:1

ULT
1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah son of Berechiah son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

UST
1 When Darius had been the emperor of Persia for two years, in the eighth month of his reign, Yahweh gave Zechariah the prophet, son of Berekiah and grandson of Iddo the prophet, this message:

During whose reign did Zechariah prophesy?
Zechariah prophesied during the reign of Darius.

Who was Zechariah?
Zechariah was the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet.

Zechariah 1:2

ULT
2 “Yahweh was exceedingly angry with your fathers!

UST
2 “I was very angry with your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:3

ULT

[3] Say to them, ‘Yahweh of hosts says this: Turn to me!—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts— and I will return to you, says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

[3] So tell this to the people: Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: ‘Return to me, and if you do that, I will help you again.

What did Yahweh of hosts say he would do if the people would turn to him?

Yahweh of hosts said if the people would turn to him, he would return to them.

Zechariah 1:4

ULT

[4] Do not be like your fathers to whom the prophets cried out previously, saying, “Yahweh of hosts says this: Turn now from your evil ways and your evil practices!” But they would not hear and did not pay attention to me—this is Yahweh’s declaration.’

UST

[4] Do not be like your ancestors. Prophets, who have now died, continually I proclaimed to your ancestors that they should stop doing the evil things that they were always doing. But they refused to pay attention to what I said.

What did their fathers do when Yahweh told them to turn from their evil ways and wicked practices?

Their fathers would not hear and did not pay attention to Yahweh.

Zechariah 1:5

ULT

[5] Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, are they here forever?

UST

[5] Your ancestors have died and are now in their graves. Even the prophets did not live forever either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:6

ULT

6 But my words and my decrees that I commanded my servants the prophets, have they not overtaken your fathers? So they repented and said, ‘Just as Yahweh of hosts planned to do to us what our ways and actions deserved, so he has dealt with us.’”

UST

6 But the commands and the decrees that I had instructed my servants the prophets to tell them—your ancestors did not obey them, so I punished them. So then they repented and said that I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, had done to them what they deserved for their evil behavior, just like I had said I would do.’”

What did the people say when they repented?

When they repented the people said, “Yahweh of hosts’s plans are made in keeping with his word and practice, and he has carried them out.”

Zechariah 1:7

ULT

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah son of Berechiah son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,

UST

7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, Yahweh gave another message to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:8

ULT

8 “I saw in the night, and, look! a man was riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees that {are} in the valley; and behind him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.”

UST

8 During the night I had a vision. In the vision I saw an angel who was on a red horse. He was in a narrow valley among some myrtle trees. Behind him were angels on other horses—red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

What did Zechariah see when the word of Yahweh came to him in the night?

Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse among the myrtle trees in the valley. Behind him were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

Zechariah 1:9

ULT

9 I said, “What {are} these things, Lord?” Then the angel who talked with me said to me, “I will show you what these things are.”

UST

9 I asked the angel who had been talking to me, “Sir, who are those angels on the horses?” He replied, “I will show you who they are.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:10

ULT

10 Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, “These {are those} Yahweh has sent out to roam throughout the earth.”

UST

10 Then the angel who had stopped under the myrtle trees explained. He said, “They are the angels whom Yahweh has sent to patrol the entire world.”

What were the horses that Zechariah saw?

The horses were those Yahweh had sent out to roam throughout the earth.

Zechariah 1:11

ULT

11 They answered the angel of Yahweh who stood among the myrtle trees; they said to him, “We have been roaming throughout the earth; and see, all the earth sits still and is at rest.”

UST

11 Then those angels reported to the angel of Yahweh who was under the myrtle trees, “We have traveled throughout the world, and we have found out that the army of the emperor has conquered nations throughout the world, and that they are now helpless and inactive.”

What did the horses who roamed throughout the earth find?

The horses found all the earth sitting still and at rest.

Zechariah 1:12

ULT

12 Then the angel of Yahweh answered and said, “Yahweh of hosts, how long will you show no compassion to Jerusalem and to the cities of Judah, which you have been angry with these seventy years?”

UST

12 Then the angel asked, “Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, how long will you continue to not act mercifully toward Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah? You have been angry with them for seventy years!”

What question did the angel of Yahweh have for Yahweh concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

The angel of Yahweh asked Yahweh how long he would show no compassion to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.

Zechariah 1:13

ULT

13 Yahweh answered the angel who had talked with me, {with} good words, words of comfort.

UST

13 So Yahweh spoke kindly to the angel who had talked to me, saying things that comforted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:14

ULT

14 So the angel who had talked {with} me said to me, “Call out and say, ‘Yahweh of hosts says this: I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great passion!

UST

14 Then the angel who had been talking with me said to me, “Proclaim this to the people of Jerusalem: Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says that he is very concerned about the people who live on Mount Zion and in the other parts of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:15

ULT

15 I am very angry with the nations that are at ease. When I was only a little angry with them, they made the disaster worse.

UST

15 And he is very angry with the nations that are proud and feel safe. He was only a little bit angry with Judah, but they caused them to suffer much more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:16

ULT

16 Therefore Yahweh says this: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house will be built within her—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—and the {measuring} line will be stretched out over Jerusalem!'

UST

16 Therefore, he says that he will go back to Jerusalem and help the people. It will be as if he himself had surveyed and measured all the land in the city.

What did Yahweh of hosts say concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said he had returned to Jerusalem with mercies, that his house would be built within her and the measuring line would be stretched out over Jerusalem. Yahweh also said his cities would once again overflow with goodness and Yahweh would again comfort Zion and once again choose Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:17

ULT

17 Again call out, saying, 'Yahweh of hosts says this: My cities will once again overflow with goodness, and Yahweh will again comfort Zion, and he will once again choose Jerusalem.'"

UST

17 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also said to tell people in his cities in Judah that they will soon be very prosperous again. He will encourage the people of Jerusalem again, and he will again choose Jerusalem as his special city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:18

ULT
18 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns!

UST
18 Then I looked up and saw four animal horns in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 1:19

ULT
19 I spoke to the angel who talked with me, “What {are} these?” He answered me, “These {are} the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.”

UST
19 I asked the angel who had been speaking to me, “What are those horns?” He replied, “Those horns represent the nations that forced the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah and Israel to go to other countries.”

What were the four horns that Zechariah saw?
The four horns were those who had scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:20

ULT
20 Then Yahweh showed me four craftsmen.

UST
20 Then Yahweh showed me four blacksmiths.

Who were the four blacksmiths that Zechariah saw and what were they going to do? (vv20-21)
The blacksmiths were people who were going to drive out and cast down the horns of the nations who had lifted up any horn against the land of Judah to scatter her.

Zechariah 1:21

ULT

21 I said, “What {are} these people coming to do?” He answered, and said, “These {are} the horns that scattered Judah so that no man would lift up his head. But the {blacksmiths} have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations that lifted up a horn against the land of Judah to scatter her.”

UST

21 I asked, “What are those men coming to do?” He replied, “The nations that those horns represent scattered the people of Judah, so they suffered greatly. But these blacksmiths are coming to frighten and destroy those nations and to throw down their horns, their power—all those nations who had attacked the land of Judah.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2

Zechariah 2:1

ULT
1 Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.

UST
1 Then I looked up and saw a man with a surveyor's line.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:2

ULT
2 I said, "Where {are} you going?" So he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what {is} its width and what {is} its length."

UST
2 I asked him, "Where are you going?" He replied, "I am going to survey Jerusalem, to determine how wide it is and how long it is."

What was the young man going to do with the measuring line in his hand?
He was going to measure Jerusalem, to determine its width and its length.

Zechariah 2:3

ULT
3 And behold, the angel who had talked with me went away and another angel went out to meet him.

UST
3 Then the angel who had been talking to me started to leave, and another angel walked toward him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:4

ULT

4 And he said to him, “Run and speak to that young man; saying, ‘Jerusalem will sit in the open country because of the multitudes of men and beasts within her.

UST

4 The second angel said to him, “Run and tell that young man with the surveyor’s line: Some day there will be very many people and livestock in Jerusalem, so they will not all be able to live inside the city walls; many will live outside the walls in the open country.

Why did the second angel say that Jerusalem would sit in the open country?

The second angel said this because of the multitudes of men and beasts that would be within her.

Zechariah 2:5

ULT

5 For I—this is Yahweh’s declaration—will become for her a wall of fire around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.

UST

5 Yahweh says that he himself will be like a wall of fire around the city, and he will be among the people with his glory.”

What did Yahweh say he would become for Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would become a wall of fire around her and he would be the glory in her midst.

Zechariah 2:6

ULT

6 Up! Up! Flee from the land of the north—declares Yahweh— for I have scattered you like the four winds of the skies!—declares Yahweh.

UST

6 Yahweh declares to the people who the Babylonians took away as slaves: “Run! Run! Flee from Babylonia, and flee from the places where I scattered you to the four winds!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:7

ULT

7 Up! Escape to Zion, you who live with the daughter of Babylon!'"

UST

7 Run! You who now live in Babylon, run here to Jerusalem!"

What was Yahweh's declaration to those who lived with the daughter of Babylon?

Yahweh told them to escape to Zion.

Zechariah 2:8

ULT

8 For Yahweh of hosts said this, after he honored and sent me against the nations that plundered you— for whoever touches you, touches the apple of God's eye!

UST

8 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, honored me by telling me to go to the nations who took everything you owned, for those who harm you harm what is most precious to him! After he did that, he said this to me:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:9

ULT

9 "For I myself will shake my hand over them, and they will be plunder for their slaves." Then you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me.

UST

9 "Tell them that I, Yahweh, will attack them. Their own slaves will take back their possessions from them, the people who had taken them in the first place." When that happens, you Jewish people will know that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is the one who sent me, Zechariah, as a prophet.

How were they supposed to know that Yahweh of hosts had sent the second angel?

The second angel said Judah and Israel would know Yahweh had sent him when he shook his hand over the nations that plundered them and when the nations that plundered Judah and Israel were plundered for their slaves.

Zechariah 2:10

ULT
10 “Sing and be glad, daughter of Zion, for I myself will come and encamp among you!—declares Yahweh.”

UST
10 Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem, shout and be happy, because I will come to you and live among you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:11

ULT
11 Then great nations will join Yahweh in that day and they will become my people; and I will encamp in your midst, and you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you.

UST
11 At that time, people of many nations will join with Yahweh and become his people. He will live among all of you; and you will know that Yahweh, powerful Commander of the angel armies, is the one who sent me to you as a prophet.

What will happen when Yahweh comes and encamps in Zion?
When that happens great nations will join themselves to Yahweh and those of Zion will become his people.

Zechariah 2:12

ULT
12 Then Yahweh will inherit Judah as his rightful possession in the holy land and will once again choose Jerusalem.

UST
12 The people of Judah will be a very special part of his own land, and Jerusalem will again be the city that he has chosen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 2:13

ULT

13 Be silent, all flesh, before Yahweh, for he has been roused from his holy place!

UST

13 Everyone, everywhere, should be silent in the presence of Yahweh, because he is about to come down again from where he lives in heaven to do great things for us.

Why is all flesh told to be silent before Yahweh?

All flesh is told to be silent before Yahweh because Yahweh has been roused from out of the heavens.

Zechariah 3

Zechariah 3:1

ULT
1 Then Yahweh showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh and Satan was standing at his right to accuse him.

UST
1 Then Yahweh showed me Joshua, the high priest, who was standing in front of the angel that Yahweh had sent. And Satan was standing at Joshua's right side, ready to accuse him of having sinned.

Who was near Joshua the high priest?
Joshua was standing before Yahweh and Satan was standing at his right hand.

What was Satan doing at Joshua's right hand?
Satan was accusing Joshua of sin.

Zechariah 3:2

ULT
2 Then Yahweh said to Satan, "May Yahweh rebuke you, Satan; may Yahweh, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! {Is} this not a poker pulled from the fire?"

UST
2 But the angel of Yahweh said to Satan, "Satan, may Yahweh rebuke you! He has chosen Jerusalem to be his special city, and may he rebuke you! This man, Joshua, has been brought back from Babylonia; he is certainly like a burning stick that someone has snatched from a fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:3

ULT
3 Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel.

UST
3 Now as Joshua was standing in front of the angel, he was wearing filthy clothes.

What was Joshua wearing as he stood before the angel?
Joshua was dressed in filthy garments.

Zechariah 3:4

ULT

4 Then he spoke and said to those who stood before him, saying, “Remove the filthy clothes from upon him.” Then he said to Joshua, “Look! I have caused your iniquity to pass from you and I will dress you in fine clothing.”

UST

4 So the angel said to those other angels who were standing in front of him, “Take off those clothes he is wearing!” After they did that, the angel said to Joshua, “Look! I have taken away the guilt of your sins, and I will put beautiful clothes on you instead.”

What did the angel of Yahweh say he had done for Joshua?

The angel said he had caused Joshua’s iniquity to pass from Joshua.

What happened concerning Joshua’s clothing? (vv4-5)

The angel commanded the filthy garments to be removed from Joshua and for Joshua to be clothed with fine clothing; a clean turban and clean garments.

Zechariah 3:5

ULT

5 Then I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head!” So they set a clean turban on Joshua’s head and clothed him with clothes, while the angel of Yahweh was standing by.

UST

5 Then the angel said to them, “Put a clean turban on his head!” So they put a clean turban on his head and new clothes on him, while the angel of Yahweh was standing there looking on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:6

ULT

6 Next the angel of Yahweh said to Joshua,

UST

6 Then the same angel said this to Joshua:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 3:7

ULT

7 “Yahweh of hosts says this: If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my commandments, then you will govern my house and guard my courts, for I will allow you to walk among these who stand here.

UST

7 “Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, says that if you do what I want you to do and obey my instructions, you will be in charge of my temple and its courtyard. And I will allow you to be part of this group of angels who are always standing near to me and can speak with me at any time.

What did Yahweh promise Joshua, the high priest, if he would walk in Yahweh’s ways and keep his commandments?

Yahweh promised Joshua that he would govern Yahweh’s house and keep Yahweh’s courts. Yahweh also promised that he would allow Joshua to come and go before those who stand before Yahweh.

Zechariah 3:8

ULT

8 Please Listen, Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who live with you! For these men {are} a sign, for I myself will bring up my servant the Branch.

UST

8 Joshua, you are the high priest, and your associates are sitting in front of you. The fact that they are here means that I will bring a special servant of mine, someone who I will call the Branch.”

What was the servant called that Yahweh himself was going to bring up?

That servant was called “the Branch.”

Zechariah 3:9

ULT

9 Now look at the stone that I have set before Joshua. There are seven eyes on this single stone, and I will engrave an inscription—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts— and I will remove the sin from this land in one day.

UST

9 Then the angel of Yahweh placed a stone in front of Joshua and said to him and to the other men with him: “Look at the stone that I have put in front of Joshua. There are seven sides on the stone. I will engrave a message on that stone, and in one day I will remove the guilt of all the people of this country.

What was the first part of the message to be engraved on the seven sided stone?

The first part of the message was that Yahweh would remove the sin from that land in one day.

Zechariah 3:10

ULT

10 In that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—each man will invite his neighbor to sit under his vine and under his fig tree.”

UST

10 At that time, each of you will invite his friends to come and sit under his grapevine and under his fig tree. That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, declares.”

According to Yahweh when will each man invite his neighbor to relax under his vine and under his fig tree?

Yahweh said this would occur “in that day”.

Zechariah 4

Zechariah 4:1

ULT
1 Then the angel who was talking with me turned and roused me like a man who was roused from his sleep.

UST
1 Then the angel who had been talking with me returned, and he called to me while I was thinking deeply, as though I had been asleep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:2

ULT
2 Then he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand made entirely of gold, with a bowl on its top. It has seven lamps on it and seven tubes for each lamp, which are on the top.

UST
2 He asked me, “What do you see?” I replied, “I see a lampstand made completely of gold. There is a small bowl for olive oil at the top, and there are seven small lamps around the bowl, and a place for seven wicks on each lamp.

What did Zechariah see when he was roused? (vv2-3)
Zechariah saw a gold lampstand with a bowl on top, with seven lamps and two olive trees by the bowl.

Zechariah 4:3

ULT
3 Two olive trees {are} by it, one on the right side of the bowl and one on the left side.”

UST
3 Furthermore, I see two olive trees, one at the right side of the lampstand and one at the left side.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:4

ULT

4 So again, I spoke to the angel who was talking with me. I said, “What do these things mean, my master?”

UST

4 I asked the angel who was talking with me, “Sir, what do these things mean?”

Did Zechariah understand what the things in the vision meant? (vv4-5)

No, Zechariah told the angel who was talking with him that he did not understand the meaning of those things in the vision.

Zechariah 4:5

ULT

5 The angel who was talking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these things mean?” I said, “No, my master.”

UST

5 He replied, “Surely you know what they mean.” I replied, “No, I do not know.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:6

ULT

6 So he answered and said to me, “This {is} the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

6 Then the angel said to me, “This is the message from Yahweh to you, Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah: ‘You will do what I want you to do, but it will not be by your own strength or power. It will be done by the power of my Spirit,’ says Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.”

What was the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel about how things were going to get done?

The word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel was, “Not by might nor by power, but only by my Spirit.”

Zechariah 4:7

ULT

7 What {are} you, great mountain? Before Zerubbabel {you will become} a plain, and he will bring out the top stone to shouts of ‘Grace! Grace to it!’”

UST

7 The angel continued to speak to me: “Zerubbabel, you have many difficult matters to handle. They are like high mountains. But it will be as though they became flat land. And you will bring to the new temple the final stone, the highest stone, to complete it. When you set it in place, all the people will shout repeatedly, ‘It is beautiful! May God bless it!’”

What will be shouted when Zerubbabel brings out the top stone?

They will shout, “It is beautiful! May God bless it!”

Zechariah 4:8

ULT

8 The word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

8 Then Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:9

ULT

9 “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house and his hands will bring {it} to completion.” Then you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you.

UST

9 He said to me, “Zerubbabel himself laid some of the stones for the foundation of the temple, and he will put some of the last stones in their places.” Then I said to the other men with him, “When that happens, the people will know that it is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who has sent me to you.

How will the people know that Yahweh sent Zechariah to them?

The people will know when they see the prophecy fulfilled; the hand of Zerubbabel lay the foundation of that house and his hands finish it.

Zechariah 4:10

ULT

10 For who has despised the day of small things? They will rejoice and will see the plumb stone in the hand of Zerubbabel. (These seven {are} the eyes of Yahweh, they roam over the whole earth.)

UST

10 The people who are mocking the slow way in which they are building the temple again—these same people will be glad when they see Zerubbabel holding a plumb line in his hand. The seven lamps represent the eyes of Yahweh, who looks back and forth at everything that happens all over the earth.”

What will the people see in the hand of Zerubbabel?

The people will see the plumb stone in Zerubbabel’s hand.

What did the the seven lamps mean?

The seven lamps are the eyes of Yahweh that roam over the whole earth.

Zechariah 4:11

ULT

11 Then I answered and said to him, “What {are} these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on the left?”

UST

11 Then I asked the angel, “What is the meaning of the two olive trees, one on each side of the lampstand?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:12

ULT

12 Then I answered again and said to him, “What {are} these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that have golden {oil} pouring out of them?”

UST

12 And what is the meaning of the two olive branches, one alongside each of the gold pipes from which olive oil flows to the lamps?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:13

ULT

13 Then he said to me, “Do you not know what these {are}?” I said, “No, my master.”

UST

13 He replied, “Surely you know what they are.” I replied, “No, sir, I do not know.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 4:14

ULT

14 Then he said, “These {are} the two sons of oil who stand before the Lord of all the earth.”

UST

14 So he said, “They represent the two men whom the Lord who rules the whole earth has appointed.”

What are the two olive branches?

The two olive branches are the two sons of oil who stand beside the Lord of the whole earth.

Zechariah 5

Zechariah 5:1

ULT
1 Then I turned and lifted my eyes, and I saw, behold, a flying scroll!

UST
1 I looked up again, and I saw a scroll that was flying through the air.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:2

ULT
2 Then he said to me, “What do you see?” I answered, “I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.”

UST
2 The angel asked me, “What do you see?” I replied, “I see a flying scroll that is huge, nine meters long and four and a half meters wide.”

How big was the scroll that Zechariah saw?
The scroll was twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.

Zechariah 5:3

ULT
3 Then he said to me, “This {is} the curse that goes out over the surface of the whole land. For every thief will be cut off according to what it says on the one {side}, and everyone who swears a false oath will be cut off {according to} what it says on the other {side}.

UST
3 Then he said to me, “On this scroll Yahweh has written the words that he is speaking to curse the entire land of Judah. On one side of the scroll it is written that every thief will be banished. On the other side it is written that everyone who tells a lie when he is calling on Yahweh to witness that he is telling the truth will also be banished from the country.

What did the angel say the flying scroll was?
The angel said the flying scroll was the curse that goes out over the face of the whole land.

Who did the scroll curse?
The scroll was a curse to every thief and to everyone who swears a false oath.

Zechariah 5:4

ULT

4 “I will send it out—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—so it will enter into the house of the thief and into the house of the one that swears falsely by my name. And it will remain in his house and consume its timber and its stones.”

UST

4 The Commander of the angel armies says, ‘I will send this scroll to the places where thieves live and to the houses of those who use my name when they call on me to witness that they are telling the truth. This scroll will stay in their houses until those houses and all their wood and stones are destroyed.’”

What did the curse do to the thief and to the one who swears falsely by Yahweh’s name?

The curse will enter their houses and remain there and consume the timber and stones of their houses.

Zechariah 5:5

ULT

5 Then the angel who was speaking with me went out and said to me, “Raise now your eyes and see what {is} coming!”

UST

5 Then the angel who had been talking to me came closer to me and said, “Look up and see what is coming!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:6

ULT

6 And I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This {is} the measuring basket that {is} coming.” And he said, “This {is} their iniquity in the whole land.” *[1]*

UST

6 I asked him, “What is it?” He replied, “It is a big barrel for measuring grain. But it contains a record of the sins that everyone in this nation has committed.”

What was in the basket that Zechariah saw and what did the angel say it was?

An ephah was in the basket that Zechariah saw, and the angel said the ephah “is their iniquity in the whole land.”

Zechariah 5:7

ULT

7 And behold, a lead covering was lifted off and there was a woman sitting inside the measuring basket!

UST

7 Then the angel lifted the barrel's cover, which was made of lead. There was a woman sitting inside the barrel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:8

ULT

8 And he said, "This {is} Wickedness!" Then he threw her inside the measuring basket, and he threw the weight of lead over its opening.

UST

8 The angel said, "She represents the wicked things that people do." Then he pushed her back into the barrel and closed the very heavy lid again.

What did the angel say the woman in the basket was?

The angel said of the woman in the basket, "This is Wickedness!"

Zechariah 5:9

ULT

9 And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming, and wind was in their wings—for they had wings like a stork's wings. And they lifted up the measuring basket between earth and between heaven.

UST

9 Then I looked up and saw two women in front of me. They were flying toward us, with their wings spread out in the wind. Their wings were large, like storks' wings. They lifted the barrel up into the sky.

What did the two women, who had wings like a stork's wings, do with the basket?

The two women lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

Zechariah 5:10

ULT

10 And I said to the angel who was talking to me, “Where {are} they taking the measuring basket?”

UST

10 I asked the angel who had been talking to me, “Where are they taking that barrel?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 5:11

ULT

11 And he said to me, “To build for it a temple in the land of Shinar, and when it is ready, it will be set there on its base.”
5:6 [1] . The Hebrew text has , but this is widely thought to be an error.

UST

11 He replied, “They are taking it to Babylonia to build a temple for it. When the temple is finished, they will set the barrel there on a pedestal for people to worship it.”

Where were the women taking the basket and for what purpose?

The women took the basket to build a temple in Shinar for it, so that when the temple is ready, the basket will be set there on its prepared base.

Zechariah 6

Zechariah 6:1

ULT

1 And I turned and lifted my eyes and I saw, and behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains; and the two mountains {were} made of bronze.

UST

1 I looked up again, and I saw four chariots coming toward me. They were coming between two mountains that were made of bronze.

What did Zechariah see coming out from between two bronze mountains?
Zechariah saw four chariots coming out from between two bronze mountains.

Zechariah 6:2

ULT

2 The first chariot had red horses, the second chariot had black horses,

UST

2 The first chariot was pulled by red horses, the second chariot was pulled by black horses,

What color were the horses of each chariot? (vv2-3)
The first chariot had red horses, the second had black horses, the third had white horses, and the fourth had spotted gray horses.

Zechariah 6:3

ULT

3 and the third chariot had white horses, and the fourth chariot had spotted gray horses.

UST

3 the third chariot was pulled by white horses, and the fourth chariot was pulled by spotted gray horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:4

ULT

4 And I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, “What {are} these, my master?”

UST

4 I asked the angel who had been speaking to me, “Sir, what do those chariots mean?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:5

ULT

5 And the angel answered and said to me, “These are four winds of heaven that go out from where they were, before the Lord of all the earth.

UST

5 The angel replied, “These chariots and their horses represent the four winds going out from heaven; they have come from standing in the presence of the Lord who controls the entire earth. They will go across the sky in four directions.

What did the angel say the chariots were?

The angel said the chariots were the four winds of heaven.

Where had these four chariots been?

These four chariots had been standing before the Lord of all the earth.

Zechariah 6:6

ULT

6 The one with the black horses is going out to the north country; and the white ones are going out to the west; and the spotted ones are going out to the south country.”

UST

6 The chariot pulled by black horses will go north, the one pulled by white horses will go west, and the one pulled by spotted gray horses will go south.”

Where were the three chariots with the black, the white and the spotted gray horses going?

The chariot with the black horses went out to the north country. The chariot with white horses went out to the west country. The chariot with the spotted gray horses went out to the south country.

Zechariah 6:7

ULT

7 These strong {horses} went out and sought to go and roam over the earth, and he said, “Go and roam over the earth!” and they went to roam over the earth.

UST

7 When those powerful horses left, they were eager to go throughout the world. As they were leaving, the angel said to them, “Go throughout the world and see what is happening!” So they left to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:8

ULT

8 Then he called out to me and spoke to me, saying, “Look at the ones that are going out to the north country; they will appease my spirit in the north country.”

UST

8 Then the angel called to me and said, “Look, the chariots that have gone north will mollify the Spirit of Yahweh by punishing the people in that region.”

What was the chariot with the black horses that went out to the north country going to accomplish?

That chariot with the black horses was going to appease the angel’s spirit concerning the north country.

Zechariah 6:9

ULT

9 And the word of Yahweh came to me, saying,

UST

9 Then Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:10

ULT

10 "Take from the exiles—from Heldai, and from Tobijah, and from Jedaiah—and you go this same day and take it into the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah, who has come from Babylon.

UST

10 He said, "Today Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah will be bringing some silver and gold from the people who were exiled in Babylon. As soon as they arrive, go to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah.

What was Zechariah supposed to do with the offering he collected from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah? (vv10-11)

Zechariah was told to take the offering into the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah. Zechariah was to take the silver and gold, make a crown and set it upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Zechariah 6:11

ULT

11 And take the silver and gold and make a crown and set {it} on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

UST

11 Take some of that silver and gold from them and make a crown. Then put it on the head of Jehozadak's son Joshua, the high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:12

ULT

12 And speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh of hosts, saying: Behold, a man whose name {is} Branch, and he will grow from his place and he will build the temple of Yahweh!

UST

12 Tell him that I, the Commander of the angel armies, say that the man who is called the Branch will come. He will leave the place where he is now, and he will supervise those who build my temple.

What did Yahweh of hosts say Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, would do? (vv12-13)

Yahweh said Joshua would grow up where he is and build the temple of Yahweh, raise up its splendor, and then sit and rule on his throne.

Zechariah 6:13

ULT

13 And he will build the temple of Yahweh, and he will bear glory, and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne, and a counsel of peace will exist between both of them.

UST

13 He is the one who will tell those who will build my temple what to do. He will wear royal clothing and he will sit on his throne and rule. He will also be a priest sitting on his throne, and there will be peace between the two roles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 6:14

ULT

14 And the crown will be given to Heldai, to Tobijah, to Jedaiah, and to Hen, son of Zephaniah as a memorial in the temple of Yahweh.

UST

14 The crown was handed over to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen son of Zephaniah, and they were to place it in the house of Yahweh, as a way to honor them.”

Why was a crown to be placed in the temple of Yahweh?

A crown was to be placed in the temple of Yahweh to Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah and as a memorial to the generosity of the son of Zephaniah.

Zechariah 6:15

ULT

15 Then those who are far off will come and build the temple of Yahweh, so you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you; for {this} will happen if you truly listen to the voice of Yahweh your God!’”

UST

15 People who are living far away will come and help to build Yahweh’s temple. When that happens, you people will know that Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, have sent me to you people. That will happen if all of you faithfully obey Yahweh, your God.

What must the people do for these prophetic events to come true?

Yahweh said these events would happen “if you truly listen to the voice of Yahweh your God!”

Zechariah 7

Zechariah 7:1

ULT

1 And it happened in the fourth year of Darius the king, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, on the fourth {day} of the ninth month, in Kislev.

UST

1 When Darius had been the emperor for almost four years, on the fourth day of Kislev (which was the ninth month in their calendar), Yahweh gave me another message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:2

ULT

2 {The people} of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-Melek and their men {to} beg before the face of Yahweh.

UST

2 The people of the city of Bethel sent two men, Sharezer and Regem-Melek,, along with some other men, to the temple of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, to request that Yahweh be kind to them.

Why did the people of Bethel send Sharezer, Regem Melech, and their men?

The people of Bethel sent them to beg for Yahweh's favor.

Zechariah 7:3

ULT

3 They spoke to the priests who {were} at the house of Yahweh of hosts {and} to the prophets; they said, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"

UST

3 They also asked the priests at Yahweh's temple and the prophets this question: "For many years, during the fifth month and during the seventh month of each year, we have mourned and fasted. Should we continue to do that?"

What did Sharezer, Melech, and their men ask the priest and the prophets?

They asked, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"

Zechariah 7:4

ULT
4 So the word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

UST
4 Then Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, gave me a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:5

ULT
5 “Speak to all the people of the land and to the priests and say, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh {month} for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?

UST
5 He told me to say this to the priests and, in fact, to everyone in the whole land: “Tell me whom you were honoring when you did not eat but went around in dirty clothing. You were not really honoring me, were you?

What two questions did Yahweh ask the people of the land and the priests through Zechariah concerning fasting, eating and drinking? (vv5-6)
The first question Yahweh asked was, “When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?” The second question was, “And when you ate and drank, did you not eat and drink for yourselves?”

Zechariah 7:6

ULT
6 When you ate and drank, did you not eat and {drink for yourselves}?

UST
6 And when you feasted at my temple, you did it just to have a good time; you did not really intend to honor me, did you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:7

ULT

7 Were these not the same words that Yahweh proclaimed by the mouth of the former prophets, when you still inhabited Jerusalem and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negev, and the foothills to the west?'"

UST

7 This is exactly what I kept telling the former prophets to proclaim to the people, when the people in Jerusalem and the nearby towns were many and prosperous, and when people also lived in the southern Judean wilderness, and in the foothills to the west."

Briefly, what was the last question Yahweh asked the priests and people of the land?

In brief, Yahweh asked if these were not the same words Yahweh told the people while they still inhabited Jerusalem, the surrounding cities, the Negev, and the western foothills.

Zechariah 7:8

ULT

8 The word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, saying,

UST

8 Yahweh gave another message to me:

What did Yahweh through Zechariah tell the people to do? (vv8-10)

Yahweh said to judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. He said not to oppress the widow, the orphan, the foreigner or the poor person and not to do evil to one another.

Zechariah 7:9

ULT

9 "Yahweh of hosts says this, 'Judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. Let each man do this for his brother.

UST

9 "Tell the people that this is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: 'I told you to do what is just, to act kindly and mercifully toward each other, in order to honor my covenant with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:10

ULT

10 About the widow and orphan, the foreigner, and the poor person—do not oppress them, and let none of you plot any harm against another in your heart.’

UST

10 I told you not to oppress widows or orphans or foreigners or poor people. I said to not even think about doing evil to anyone else.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:11

ULT

11 But they refused to pay attention and set their shoulders stubbornly. They stopped up their ears so they would not hear.

UST

11 But the people refused to pay attention to what Yahweh had said. They refused to cooperate with him; they refused to listen to what he said.

What was the response of the people to Yahweh’s instructions?

The people refused to pay attention to Yahweh’s words.

Zechariah 7:12

ULT

12 They made their hearts as hard as rock so they would not hear the law or the words of Yahweh of hosts. He had sent these messages to the people by his Spirit in earlier times, by the mouth of the prophets. But the people refused to listen, so Yahweh of hosts was very angry with them.

UST

12 He had given these messages for his Spirit to repeat to the prophets in earlier times. The prophets were meant to speak these messages to the people. But the people were very stubborn; they would not listen to the law of Moses or to any message from God. So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, became very angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 7:13

ULT

13 It happened that when he called, they did not listen. In the same way," said Yahweh of hosts, "they will call out to me, but I will not listen.

UST

13 In those times, when Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, called to the people, they refused to listen. So he said, "In exactly the same way, I will refuse to listen when they call to me.

What did Yahweh say he would do when those who formerly refused to listen to Yahweh called out to him? (vv13-14)

Yahweh said he would not listen to them and, furthermore, he would scatter those people with a whirlwind to all the nations they had not seen.

Zechariah 7:14

ULT

14 For I will scatter them with a whirlwind to all the nations that they have not seen, and the land will be desolate after them. For no one will pass through the land or return to it since the people have made their delightful land into a wasteland."

UST

14 And I will scatter them among many nations, nations that they have never been to before. I will scatter them as a storm scatters leaves. After they are gone, their own land will be empty, with no one living there. No one will travel through it and no one will come back to it, because they have turned it, their most pleasant land, into a wilderness."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8

Zechariah 8:1

ULT
1 The word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

UST
1 Yahweh gave me another message. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:2

ULT
2 "Yahweh of hosts says this: I am passionate for Zion with great zeal and I am passionate for her with great anger!

UST
2 "This is what I, Yahweh the Commander of the angel armies, say: I love the people of Jerusalem; I love them very much, and I am very angry with their enemies.

How does Yahweh express his passion for Zion?
Yahweh expresses his passion for Zion with great zeal and great anger.

Zechariah 8:3

ULT
3 Yahweh of hosts says this: I will return to Zion and will live in the midst of Jerusalem, for Jerusalem will be called The City of Truth and the mountain of Yahweh of hosts will be called The Holy Mountain!

UST
3 So this is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say: Some day I will return to Mount Zion and I will live there. At that time, Jerusalem will be called The City of Faithful People, and Mount Zion will be called The Mountain that Belongs to Yahweh."

What will Jerusalem and the mountain of Yahweh be called when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem?
Jerusalem will be called "The City of Truth" and the mountain of Yahweh will be called "The Holy Mountain" when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem.

Zechariah 8:4

ULT

4 Yahweh of hosts says this: Old men and old women will once again be in the streets of Jerusalem, and every person will need a staff in his hand because he has grown so old.

UST

4 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “Some day old men and old women will again sit along the streets of Jerusalem, each of them holding a cane because of their being very old.

Who will again be found in the streets of Jerusalem? (vv4-5)
Old men and old women will be in the streets, and the streets will be full of boys and girls playing in them.

Zechariah 8:5

ULT

5 The streets of the city will be full of boys and girls playing in them.

UST

5 And the city streets with be full of boys and girls playing.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:6

ULT

6 Yahweh of hosts says this: If something seems impossible in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also seem impossible in my eyes?—this is Yahweh’s declaration.

UST

6 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “When those things happen, it will seem marvelous to the people who are still alive, but it certainly will not seem marvelous to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:7

ULT

7 Yahweh of hosts says this: Behold, I am about to rescue my people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun!

UST

7 Yahweh also says this: “I will bring my people back from the land to the east—Babylonia—and from the land to the west—Egypt—to which they had to go.

Where was Yahweh going to rescue his people from?

Yahweh was going to rescue his people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun.

Zechariah 8:8

ULT

8 For I will bring them {back,} and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, so they will again be my people, and I will be their God in truth and in righteousness!

UST

8 I will bring them back to Judah, and they will again live in Jerusalem. They will again worship me as my people, and I will be their God. I will be faithful to them and act toward them in a just manner.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:9

ULT

9 Yahweh of hosts says this: You who now continue to hear the same words that came from the prophets’ mouths when the foundation of my house was laid—this house of mine, Yahweh of hosts: Strengthen your hands so that the temple can be built.

UST

9 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “When the foundation for my temple was laid, there were prophets there who gave messages from me. Some of you people heard what those prophets said. So be brave while you are building the temple, in order that you may finish building it.

Why did Yahweh want the people to strengthen their hands?

Yahweh wanted the people to strengthen their hands so the temple could be rebuilt.

Zechariah 8:10

ULT

10 For before those days no crops were gathered in by anyone, there was no profit for either man or beast, and there was no peace from enemies for anyone going or coming. I had set every person each against his neighbor.

UST

10 Before you started to rebuild the temple, your fields gave no crops, no return for either man or beast working in them. And people were afraid to go anywhere because I had caused people to be against each other.

What happened before those days when the foundation of Yahweh's house was laid?

In those days, no crops were gathered in, there was no profit, and there was no peace from enemies. Yahweh set every person each against his neighbor.

Zechariah 8:11

ULT

11 But now it will not be as in former days, I will be with the remnant of this people— this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

11 But now I will act differently toward you people who are still alive, differently than I did previously. That is what I, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, say.

How did Yahweh say it would be during Zechariah's time? (vv11-12)

Yahweh said it would not be as in former days. He said seeds of peace would be sown. The climbing vine would give its fruit, and the earth would give its produce. The skies would give their dew. Yahweh would make the remnant of that people inherit all those things.

Zechariah 8:12

ULT

12 For seeds of peace will be sown; the climbing vine will give its fruit and the earth will give its produce; the skies will give their dew, for I will make the remnant of this people inherit all these things.

UST

12 From now on, I will give you peace. Your grapevines will produce grapes, and good crops will grow in your fields. There will be rain from the sky. I will always give all these things to you people who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:13

ULT

13 You were an example to the other nations of a curse, house of Judah and house of Israel. So I will rescue you and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid; let your hands be strong!

UST

13 You people of Judah and Israel, the people of other nations think of you when they speak of what a curse means. But I will rescue you, and I will give you many good things. So do not be afraid; work hard to finish building the temple."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:14

ULT

14 For Yahweh of hosts says this: Just as I planned to do harm to you when your ancestors provoked my anger — says Yahweh of hosts—and did not relent,

UST

14 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When your ancestors caused me to become very angry, I did not change my mind about that. Instead, I indeed punished them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:15

ULT

15 so also I will plan in these days to do good again to Jerusalem and the house of Judah! Do not fear!

UST

15 But now I will do something different. I am planning to do good things to the people of Jerusalem and other towns in Judah again. So do not be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:16

ULT

16 These are the things that you must do: Speak truth, every person with his neighbor. Judge with truth, justice, and peace in your gates.

UST

16 These are the things that you should do: You should always tell the truth to each other. In the courts, your judges must make decisions according to what is correct and fair.

How does Yahweh command the people to behave and why? (vv16-17)

Yahweh said the people must all speak truth with his neighbor, and judge with truth, justice, and peace in their gates. He said let no one plot evil in their heart against their neighbor nor be attracted to false oaths. Yahweh commanded these things because they were things he hates.

Zechariah 8:17

ULT

17 Do not plan to do evil within your heart against one another, and do not love false oaths—for these are the things I hate!—this is Yahweh's declaration."

UST

17 Do not plan to do evil things to others, and do approve of swearing false accusations against others. I hate all those things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:18

ULT

18 Then the word of Yahweh of hosts came to me, saying,

UST

18 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, spoke to me again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:19

ULT

19 “Yahweh of hosts says this: The fasts of the {fourth} month, the fifth month, the seventh month, and the tenth month will become times of joy, gladness, and happy festivals for the house of Judah! Therefore love truth and peace!

UST

19 This is what he said: “The times when you people of Judah abstain from food during the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months of each year will become times when you celebrate pleasant and joyful festivals instead. But you must want to speak truthfully and to be peaceful.”

In light of the fact that the fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months were going to be times of joy, gladness and happy festivals for the house of Judah, what were they told to do by Yahweh?

They were told to love truth and peace.

Zechariah 8:20

ULT

20 Yahweh of hosts says this: People will come again, even those who are living in many different cities.

UST

20 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “Some day people from many people groups and foreign cities will come here to Jerusalem.

Who did Yahweh say would come to seek him and beg his favor? (vv20-22)

Yahweh said many people from many different cities and mighty nations would come to seek Yahweh and beg his favor.

Zechariah 8:21

ULT

21 The inhabitants of one {city} will go to {another} city and say, ‘Let us quickly go to beg before the face of Yahweh and to seek Yahweh of hosts! We ourselves are also going.’

UST

21 People from one city will go to the people in another city and say, ‘Let us go together to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh and request him to bless us; we ourselves are going.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:22

ULT

22 Many people and mighty nations will come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem and beg for the favor of Yahweh!

UST

22 And people from many people groups and from powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to worship Yahweh and request him to bless them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 8:23

ULT

23 Yahweh of hosts says this: In those days ten men from every language and nation will grasp the hem of your robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard {that} God {is} with you!’”

UST

23 Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, also says this: “At that time, this is what will happen everywhere: For every Jewish person, there will be ten foreigners, people who speak a different language, who will come and grab the fringe of his robe. They will say to him, ‘We have heard people say that God is with you. So allow us to go with you to Jerusalem to worship him.’ People from every nation and language will do this.”

In those days, why will ten men from every language and nation ask to go up to Jerusalem with Yahweh’s people?

They will ask to go up to Jerusalem with Yahweh’s people for they will have heard that God is with them.

Zechariah 9

Zechariah 9:1

ULT

1 “This is a declaration of Yahweh’s word concerning the land of Hadrak and Damascus, its resting place; for the eyes of all humanity and all the tribes of Israel are toward Yahweh.

UST

1 This is another message that I received from Yahweh about the region of Hadrach and the city of Damascus, the place where they get their rest. All the eyes of the nations and the people of the tribe of Israel are all looking toward Yahweh, to see what he will say.

What does Yahweh’s declaration concern? (vv1-2)

Yahweh’s declaration concerns the land of Hadrach and Damascus, Hamath, and Tyre and SIdon.

Zechariah 9:2

ULT

2 This declaration also concerns Hamath, {which} borders on Damascus, and it concerns Tyre and Sidon, for they are very wise.

UST

2 This message is also about the people in the region of Hamath near to Damascus, and about the people in the cities of Tyre and Sidon, people who are very wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:3

ULT

3 Tyre has built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like mud in the streets.

UST

3 The people in Tyre have built a high wall around their city. They piled up huge amounts of silver and gold like other people pile up soil when they dig in the streets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:4

ULT

4 Look! The Lord will dispossess her and destroy her strength on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire.

UST

4 But I, Yahweh, will make them lose everything, including their ships in which their men fight on the sea. Their city will burn to the ground.

What does Yahweh say the Lord will do to Tyre?

Yahweh says, “The Lord will dispossess her and destroy her strength on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire.”

Zechariah 9:5

ULT

5 Ashkelon will see and be afraid! Gaza also will tremble greatly! Ekron, her hopes will be disappointed! The king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall no longer be inhabited!

UST

5 The people in the city of Ashkelon will see that happen, and they will become very afraid. The people in the city of Gaza will shake because they are terrified, and the people in the city of Ekron will shake too, because they no longer hope to escape enemies. The king of Gaza will die; no one will live any longer in Ashkelon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:6

ULT

6 Strangers will make their homes in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

UST

6 Yahweh says, “Foreigners will occupy the city of Ashdod. I will no longer allow the people in all those cities of Philistia to be proud.

What did Yahweh say he would do to the Philistines and what would become of them? (vv6-7)

Yahweh said he would cut off the pride of the Philistines. Yahweh also said they would become a remnant for God like a clan in Judah.

Zechariah 9:7

ULT

7 For I will remove their blood from their mouths and their abominations from between their teeth. Then they will become a remnant for our God like a clan in Judah, and Ekron will become like the Jebusites.

UST

7 I will no longer allow them to eat meat that still has blood in it, and I will forbid them to eat food that they offered to idols. At that time, the people in the region of Philistia who survive will worship me; they will become like a clan in Judah. The people of the city of Ekron will become part of my people, as the people of the city of Jebus did when the Israelites conquered them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:8

ULT

8 I will camp around my land against enemy armies, [1] so no one can pass through or return, for no oppressor will overrun them, for now I see with my own eyes!

UST

8 I will protect my land, and I will not allow any enemy soldiers to enter it. No enemies will harm my people again, because I myself will be watching over them carefully.

What is one reason Yahweh gives for camping around his land?

Yahweh said he would camp around his land against enemy armies so no one could pass through or return, for he said no oppressor would pass through it any more.

Zechariah 9:9

ULT

9 Shout with great joy, daughter of Zion! Shout with happiness, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold! Your king is coming to you with righteousness and is rescuing you. He is humble and {is} riding on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.

UST

9 Rejoice very much, you people of Jerusalem and shout joyfully, because your king will be coming to you. He is righteous and victorious; he will be gentle, and he will be riding on a donkey, on a young female donkey.

Why is the daughter of Zion told to shout with great joy and the daughter of Jerusalem told to shout with happiness?

They are told to do this because their king is coming to them with righteousness and is going to rescue them.

How will their king come to them?

Their king will be humble and will ride on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:10

ULT

10 Then I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the bow will be cut off from battle; for he will speak peace to the nations, and his dominion {will be} from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

UST

10 I will destroy the chariots in the region of Ephraim that are used in war and all the horses in Jerusalem that they take into battle. I will break all the bows they use in wars. Your king will proclaim that he will cause things to go well and peacefully among the nations. He will rule the area from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea, and from the Euphrates River to the most distant places on the earth.

What will this king speak to the nations?

That king will speak peace to the nations.

What will be the extent of that king’s dominion?

That king’s dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:11

ULT

11 As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the pit where there is no water.

UST

11 As for you, my people of Jerusalem, because of the blood that flowed when I made my covenant with you, I will free your people whom they took to other countries, where it was as though they were prisoners in a waterless pit.

Why has Yahweh set free their prisoners from the pit where there is no water?

Yahweh says he has done this because of the blood of his covenant with them.

Zechariah 9:12

ULT

12 Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope! Even today I am declaring {that} I will return double to you,

UST

12 You people who were prisoners in those countries who still believe that I will help you, return to Judah, for I will defend you there. Today I declare that I will give you two blessings for each of the troubles that you have experienced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:13

ULT

13 for I have bent Judah as my bow. I have filled my quiver with Ephraim. I have roused your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and have made you, Zion, like a warrior's sword!"

UST

13 I will cause Judah to be like my bow, and I will cause Israel to be like my arrow. I will enable you young men of Jerusalem to fight against the soldiers of Greece; you will be like a warrior's sword."

Against whom has Yahweh roused the sons of Zion?

Yahweh has roused the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece.

What has Yahweh made Zion like?

Yahweh has made Zion like a warrior's sword.

Zechariah 9:14

ULT

14 Yahweh will appear to them, and his arrows will shoot out like lightning! For my Lord Yahweh will blow the trumpet and will advance with the storms from Teman.

UST

14 One day Yahweh will appear in the sky above his people, and the arrows that he shoots will be like lightning bolts. Yahweh our Lord will blow his trumpet, and he will march with the powerful storms that come from the land of Teman in the south.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:15

ULT

15 Yahweh of hosts will defend them, and they will devour them and defeat the stones of the slings. Then they will drink and shout like men drunk on wine, and they will be filled with wine like bowls, like the corners of the altar.

UST

15 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will protect his people; the soldiers of Judah will attack and defeat their enemies who attack them using slings and stones. Those soldiers of Judah will drink and celebrate and shout like people who are drunk; they will be as full of wine as the bowl that holds the blood of the animals priest kill at the altar—the blood that the priests sprinkle on the corners of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 9:16

ULT

16 So Yahweh their God will rescue them on that day, as the flock of his people. They are the jewels of a crown that will shine on his land.

UST

16 On that day, Yahweh our God will save his people like a shepherd saves his flock of sheep from danger. In our land, they will be like jewels that sparkle in a crown.

What will Zion be on that day when Yahweh, their God, rescues them?

On that day, Zion will be the jewels of a crown raised up over Yahweh's land.

Zechariah 9:17

ULT

17 How good and how beautiful they will be! The young men will flourish on grain and the virgins on sweet wine!”
9:8 [1] and some translate the Hebrew and so translate the phrase, .

UST

17 They will be delightful and beautiful. The young men will become strong from eating grain, and the young women will become strong from drinking new wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10

Zechariah 10:1

ULT

[1] Ask for rain from Yahweh in the season of the spring rain— Yahweh who makes thunderstorms— and he gives rain showers to everyone and vegetation in the field.

UST

[1] Ask Yahweh to cause rain to fall in the springtime, because he is the one who makes the clouds from which the rain falls in storms. He causes showers to fall on us, and he causes crops to grow well in the fields.

What will Yahweh do for Zion?

Yahweh will provide rain showers for Zion when they ask him, and plants in the field.

Zechariah 10:2

ULT

[2] For household idols speak falsely; the diviners envision a lie; they tell deceitful dreams and give empty comfort, so {they} wander like sheep and suffer because {there is} no shepherd.

UST

[2] What people think that the idols in their houses say is only nonsense, and people who say that they can interpret dreams tell only lies. When they tell people things to comfort them, what they say is useless, so the people who consult them are like lost sheep; they are in danger because they have no one to protect them like sheep with no shepherd.

What causes the people to wander like sheep and suffer?

The people wander like sheep and suffer because the household idols speak falsely, the diviners envision a lie, they tell empty dreams and give empty comfort. The people also have no shepherd.

Zechariah 10:3

ULT

3 “My wrath burns against the shepherds; it is the male goats—the leaders—that I will punish. Yahweh of hosts will also attend to his flock, the house of Judah, and make them like his warhorse in battle!

UST

3 Yahweh says, “I am angry with the leaders of my people, and I will punish them. I, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, I will take care of my people, the people of Judah, like a shepherd takes care of his flock, and I will cause them to be like war horses in battle.

Who did Yahweh say he would punish?

Yahweh said he would punish the male goats – the leaders.

Zechariah 10:4

ULT

4 From Judah will come the cornerstone; from him will come the {tent} peg; from him will come the war bow; from him will come every ruler together. *[1]*

UST

4 From Judah will come rulers who will be very important. From Judah will come leaders who will hold the people together, like a tent peg keeps a tent up. From Judah will come leaders who will take the soldiers into war, like a king holding his own bow for battle. From them will come every one of their own leaders.

What did Yahweh say would come from the house of Judah?

Yahweh said the cornerstone, the tent peg, the war bow, and every leader would come from the house of Judah.

Zechariah 10:5

ULT

5 They will be like warriors who trample {their enemies} into the mud of the streets in battle; they will make war, for Yahweh is with them, and they will shame those who ride warhorses.

UST

5 They will be like mighty warriors who trample their enemies into the mud during battle. I, Yahweh, will be with them, so they will defeat and shame their enemies who ride on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:6

ULT

6 I will strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph; for I will restore them and have mercy on them. They will be as though I had not cast them off, for I {am} Yahweh their God, and I will respond to them.

UST

6 I will make the people of Judah strong, and I will rescue the people of Israel. I will bring them back from the countries to which they were exiled; I will do that because I pity them. Then it will be as though I had never abandoned them because I am Yahweh, their God, and I will answer them when they pray for help.

What did Yahweh say he would do for the houses of Judah and Joseph?

Yahweh said he would strengthen the house of Judah and save the house of Joseph. Yahweh said he would restore them, have mercy on them.

Zechariah 10:7

ULT

7 Then Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their hearts will rejoice as with wine; their children will see and rejoice. Their hearts will rejoice in me!

UST

7 The people of Israel will then be like strong soldiers; they will be as happy as people who have drunk a lot of wine. Their children will see their fathers being very happy, and they also will be happy because of what I have done for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:8

ULT

8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I will rescue them, and they will become as great as they previously were!

UST

8 I will signal for my people to return from far away, and I will gather them together in their own country. I will rescue them, and they will become very numerous as they were previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:9

ULT

9 I sowed them among the peoples, but they will remember me in distant countries, so they and their children will live and return.

UST

9 I have caused them to be scattered among many people groups, but in those distant countries they will think about me again. They and their children will remain alive and return to Judah.

What will Judah and Ephraim do when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where Yahweh has sown them?

They and their children will live and return when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where he has sown them.

Zechariah 10:10

ULT

10 For I will restore them from the land of Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them to the land of Gilead and Lebanon until there is no {more room} for them.

UST

10 I will bring them back from Egypt and from Assyria; I will bring them back to the regions of Gilead and Lebanon, but there not be enough space for them all to live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 10:11

ULT

11 I will pass through the sea of their affliction; I will strike the waves of that sea and will dry up all the depths of the Nile. The majesty of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will go away from the Egyptians.

UST

11 I will go before them through their sufferings, as if I were walking through a sea, but I will calm those waves and end their sufferings, as if I were drying up the Nile River. I will defeat the proud soldiers of Assyria, and I will cause Egypt to no longer be powerful.

What did Yahweh say he would do to Egypt and Assyria after he gathers those of the house of Judah from those places?

Yahweh said he would bring down the majesty of Assyria and make the scepter of Egypt go away from the Egyptians.

Zechariah 10:12

ULT

12 I will strengthen them in myself, and they will walk in my name—this is Yahweh's declaration."
10:4 [1] at the start of the next verse.

UST

12 I will enable my people to be strong, and they will honor me and obey me. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11

Zechariah 11:1

ULT
1 Open your doors, Lebanon, that fire may devour your cedars!

UST
1 You people of Lebanon must open your gates and allow the fire to burn your cedar trees!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:2

ULT
2 Lament, cypress trees, for the cedar {trees} have fallen! What was majestic has been devastated! Lament, you oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest has gone down.

UST
2 Your cypress trees must be like people who are wailing, because enemies have cut down the cedar trees. Those glorious trees are all gone. The oak trees in the region of Bashan should also be like people who are wailing, because enemies have cut down the oak trees in the dense forest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:3

ULT
3 The shepherds howl, for their glory has been destroyed! The voice of the young lions' roar, for the pride of the Jordan River has been devastated!

UST
3 And listen to the shepherds crying because the fertile pastures have been ruined. Listen to the lions roar; they roar because the thick forest where they live near the Jordan River has been ruined.

Why do the shepherds howl?
The shepherds howl because their glory has been destroyed.

Zechariah 11:4

ULT

4 This is what Yahweh my God says, “Like a shepherd, watch over the flock set aside for slaughter!

UST

4 This is what Yahweh my God said to me: “I want you to supervise this flock of sheep until the flock perishes.

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do?

Yahweh told Zechariah to, “Shepherd the flock meant for slaughter!”

Zechariah 11:5

ULT

5 (The ones who buy them slaughter them and are not punished, and the ones who sell them say, ‘Blessed be Yahweh! I have become rich!’ for the shepherds working for the flocks’ owners have no pity on them.)

UST

5 The dealers in sheep will kill the sheep, and no one will punish them. Those who sell the sheep will say, ‘I praise Yahweh, because I will become rich!’ And the shepherds whom the owners hire do not feel sorry for the sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:6

ULT

6 For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land!—this is Yahweh’s declaration. See! I myself am about to turn over every person into the hand of his neighbor and into the hand of his king, and they will destroy the land and none of them will I deliver {them} from their hand.”

UST

6 And similarly, I no longer feel sorry for the people of this country. I am going to allow their fellow countrymen and their king, to oppress them. They will ruin this country, and I will not rescue any of them.”

What did Yahweh say he would do to the inhabitants of Judah?

Yahweh said he would no longer pity them but cause each man to fall into his shepherd’s hands and into his king’s hands, and they would crush the land.

Zechariah 11:7

ULT

7 So I became the shepherd of the flock marked for slaughter, for those who dealt in sheep. I took two staffs; one staff I called “Favor” and the other I called “Unity.” In this way I shepherded the flock.

UST

7 So I became the shepherd of a flock of sheep that dealers were going to slaughter and to sell the meat. Then I took two shepherds’ staffs. I named the one staff ‘Kindness’ and the other staff ‘Union.’ This is how I began to shepherd the sheep.

What were the names of the two staffs that Zechariah used to shepherd the flock meant for the slaughter?
The names of the two staffs were “Favor” and “Unity.”

Zechariah 11:8

ULT

8 In one month I destroyed the three shepherds. I became impatient with them, and they also hated me.

UST

8 But the three shepherds who had been with the flock detested me, and I became impatient with the owners who had hired us all. Within one month I had destroyed those shepherds.

Why did Zechariah destroy three shepherds in one month?
Zechariah did this because he grew weary with the shepherds and they also hated him.

Zechariah 11:9

ULT

9 Then I said to the owners, “I will not work as a shepherd for you any longer. The sheep that are dying—let them die; the sheep that are being destroyed—let them be destroyed. Let the sheep that remain each eat the flesh of its neighbor.”

UST

9 So I said to the dealers, “I will no longer be a shepherd for you. I will allow the ones that are dying to die. I will allow the ones that are getting lost to perish. And I will not prevent those that remain from eating each other.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:10

ULT
10 So I took my staff “Favor” and broke it to break the covenant that I had made with all of my tribes.

UST
10 Then I took the staff that I had named ‘Kindness,’ and I broke it. I did this because Yahweh had told me to cancel the covenant that he had made with all his tribes of Israel.

Why did Zechariah break his staff, “Favor”?
He broke it to break the covenant that he had made with all his tribes.

Zechariah 11:11

ULT
11 On that day the covenant was broken, and those who dealt in sheep and who were watching me knew that Yahweh had spoken.

UST
11 So that covenant was ended on that very day. The dealers who were watching me knew by seeing what I was doing that I was giving them a message from Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:12

ULT
12 I said to them, “If it seems good to you, pay me my wages. But if not, do not do it.” So they weighed out my wages—thirty {pieces} of silver.

UST
12 I told them, “If you think it is right, pay me for my work. If you do not think it is right, do not pay me.” So they paid me only thirty pieces of silver.

How much was Zechariah paid?
Zechariah was paid thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:13

ULT
13 Then Yahweh said to me, “Deposit the silver in the treasury, the excellent price at which they valued you!”
So I took the thirty {pieces} of silver and deposited them in the treasury in the house of Yahweh.

UST
13 Then Yahweh said to me, “That is a ridiculously small amount of money that they have for your work. So
put it into the treasury.” So I took the silver to the temple of Yahweh, and I deposited it in the treasury there.

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do with his thirty pieces of silver?
Zechariah was told to deposit the silver in the treasury.

Zechariah 11:14

ULT
14 Then I broke my second staff, “Unity,” to break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

UST
14 Then I broke my second staff, the one that I had named “Union.” That indicated that Judah and Israel
would no longer be together as brothers.

What did breaking the second staff, “Unity,” do?
Breaking the second staff broke the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zechariah 11:15

ULT
15 Yahweh said to me, “Again, take the equipment of a foolish shepherd for yourself,

UST
15 Then Yahweh said to me, “Take again the things that a foolish shepherd uses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 11:16

ULT

16 for see, I am about to set in place a shepherd in the land. He will not care for the perishing sheep. He will not seek out the sheep gone missing, nor heal the crippled sheep. He will not feed the sheep that are healthy, but will eat the flesh of the fattened sheep and will tear off their hooves.

UST

16 because I am going to appoint a new shepherd for the people, one who will not take care of my people. He will be a foolish shepherd: He will ignore the dying sheep and those that have gotten lost. As for the healthy sheep, he will not feed them; instead, he will butcher them for his own food and will tear off their hooves.

Yahweh said he would raise up a shepherd in the land. What will that shepherd do?

That shepherd will not care for the sheep. He will not seek the sheep who have gone astray, nor heal the crippled sheep. He will not feed the steadfast sheep, but will eat the fattened sheep and tear off their hooves.

Zechariah 11:17

ULT

17 Woe to the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock! May the sword come against his arm and his right eye! May his arm wither away and may his right eye become blind!”

UST

17 But terrible things will happen to that foolish shepherd who abandons the flock. May his enemies strike his arm and his right eye with their swords. May he have no more strength in his arm, and may his right eye become completely blind.”

What curse is pronounced upon the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock?

This is the curse: “May the sword come against his right arm and his right eye! May his right arm wither away and his right eye be blind!”

Zechariah 12

Zechariah 12:1

ULT

1 This is a declaration of Yahweh's word concerning Israel—a declaration of Yahweh, who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who fashions the spirit of mankind within man,

UST

1 This is a message from Yahweh concerning Israel—Yahweh, the one who stretched out the sky, who created the earth, and who gave life to human beings. This is what he says:

Who is Yahweh who makes this declaration concerning Israel?

Yahweh is the one who stretched out the skies and laid the foundation of the earth, who fashions the spirit of mankind within him.

Zechariah 12:2

ULT

2 "See, I am about to make Jerusalem into a cup causing all the peoples surrounding her to stagger about. It will also be like that for Judah during the siege against Jerusalem.

UST

2 "I will soon cause Jerusalem to be like a cup full of very strong alcoholic drink, and the people of other nations who drink it will stagger around. The people of Judah will drink it, too, for they also will suffer when the enemy besieges Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:3

ULT

3 On that day, I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. Anyone trying to lift that stone will hurt himself very much, and all the nations of the earth will gather against that city.

UST

3 At that time, the armies of all the people groups will gather to attack Jerusalem, but I will cause Jerusalem to be like a very heavy rock, and all who try to lift it will be badly injured. This will happen when the armies of all the world's nations attack Jerusalem.

Who is going to gather against Jerusalem?

All the nations of the earth are going to gather against Jerusalem..

Zechariah 12:4

ULT

4 On that day—this is Yahweh's declaration—I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with madness. Over the house of Judah I will open my eyes, but every horse of the peoples I will strike with blindness.

UST

4 At that time I will cause every one of their enemies' horses to panic, and their riders to become crazy. I will protect the people of Judah, but I will cause all their enemies' horses to become blind.

On the day when all the nations gather against Judah, what specific things did Yahweh say he would do to the horses and riders of the enemy armies?

Yahweh said he would strike every horse with terror and each rider with madness. Yahweh also said he would strike every horse of the armies blind.

Zechariah 12:5

ULT

5 Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem {are} our strength because of Yahweh of hosts, their God.'

UST

5 Then the leaders of Judah will say to themselves, 'The people in Jerusalem encourage us because Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, is the one they worship.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:6

ULT

6 On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like firepots among wood and like a flaming torch among standing grain, for they will consume all the surrounding peoples on their right and on their left. Jerusalem will again live in her own place."

UST

6 At that time I will make the leaders of Judah like a pot of fire that someone puts in piles of firewood; and like a burning torch in a field of ripe grain. The leaders of Judah and their soldiers will destroy the people groups surrounding them in all directions. But the people of Jerusalem will remain safe in their own city."

In that day, what will the leaders of Judah be like?

In that day, the leaders will be like fire pots among wood and like a flaming torch to standing grain.

Zechariah 12:7

ULT

7 Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.

UST

7 Yahweh will protect those who live in the other places in Judah before he rescues the people of Jerusalem, in order that people will not honor the descendants of David and those in Jerusalem more than the people in all the rest of Judah.

Why will Yahweh save the tents of Judah first?

Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.

Zechariah 12:8

ULT

8 On that day Yahweh will be the defender of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on that day those who are weak among them will be like David, while the house of David {will be} like God, like the angel of Yahweh in front of them.

UST

8 At that time, Yahweh will protect everyone in Jerusalem. The weakest soldiers among them will be as strong as David was, and the descendants of David will be like God; they will lead the others like the angel of Yahweh himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:9

ULT

9 “On that day {that} I will begin to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

UST

9 “At that time, I will start to destroy all the armies that attack Jerusalem.”

What is Yahweh determined to do on that day?

Yahweh said that on that day he is determined to destroy all the nations who come against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:10

ULT

10 But I will pour out a spirit of compassion and pleading on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so they will look on me, the one they have pierced. They will mourn for me, as one mourns for an only {son}; they will bitterly lament for him like those who lament the death of a firstborn son.

UST

10 "I, Yahweh, will cause the descendants of David to have mercy on others, and to beg me to have mercy on themselves. They will gaze at me, whom they pierced." They will cry bitterly, as people cry for a firstborn son, an only son, who has died.

On that day, what will Yahweh pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

Yahweh will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication.

What will the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do when they look upon him whom they have pierced?

When they look on him whom they have pierced, they will lament and mourn for him as one mourns and laments for an only son or over the death of a firstborn son.

Zechariah 12:11

ULT

11 On that day the laments in Jerusalem will be like the laments at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

UST

11 At that time, many people in Jerusalem will be crying bitterly, as people cry at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:12

ULT

12 The land will mourn, each clan separate from other clans. The clan of the house of David will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the house of Nathan will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men.

UST

12 Many people in Judah will cry, each clan by themselves. The male descendants of David will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves; the male descendants of Nathan will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves.

How will the land mourn in that day? (vv12-14)

In that day, each family will mourn separately from other families and in each family they will mourn separately, their wives will be separate from the men.

Zechariah 12:13

ULT

13 The clan of the house of Levi will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men. The clan of the Shimeites will be separate and their wives will be separate from the men.

UST

13 The male descendants of Levi will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves; the male descendants of Shimei will mourn by themselves, and their wives will mourn by themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 12:14

ULT

14 Every clan of the remaining clans—each clan will be separate and the wives will be separate from the men.”

UST

14 All the clans will mourn separately, their males by themselves, and their wives by themselves.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13

Zechariah 13:1

ULT

1 “On that day a spring will be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for their sin and impurity.

UST

1 At that time it will be as though there is a spring of water that will continuously flow to cleanse the descendants of King David and all the other people in Jerusalem from the guilt of the sins that they have committed, especially from becoming unacceptable to Yahweh by worshiping idols.

For what will the spring be that is opened for the house of David on that day?

The spring will be for their sin and impurity.

Zechariah 13:2

ULT

2 On that day—this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—I will cut off the names of the idols from the land and they will no longer be remembered. I will remove the prophets and the spirit of impurity from the land.

UST

2 Yahweh, the Commander of angel armies, says, “At that time, I will prevent people from even mentioning the names of the idols in their country, and no one will worship them anymore. I will also drive away from the land all the people who falsely claim that they are prophets; I will also drive away the evil spirit that leads them to tell the people false messages from me.

What will Yahweh cut off from the land and why?

Yahweh will cut off the names of idols from the land so they will no longer be remembered.

What will Yahweh cause to pass out of the land?

Yahweh will cause the false prophets and their unclean spirits to pass out of the land.

Zechariah 13:3

ULT

3 If any man continues to prophesy, his father and mother who bore him will tell him, ‘You will not live, for you speak lies in the name of Yahweh!’ Then the father and mother who bore him will pierce him when he prophesies.

UST

3 If someone continues to prophesy falsely, his own parents, even though he is their own son, will say to him, ‘You have told lies saying that Yahweh gave those messages to you, so you must die.’ Then they will stab him and kill him.

If any man continues to prophesy, what will his father and mother do to him?

His father and mother who bore him will impale him when he prophesies.

Zechariah 13:4

ULT

4 On that day each prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he is about to prophesy. These prophets will no longer wear a hairy cloak, in order to deceive the people.

UST

4 At that time, the false prophets will be ashamed to announce that he has received any vision at all. They will no longer put on cloaks made with animal hair that prophets normally wear, because they will want the people to think that they were never really prophets at all.

In that day, why will he who prophesies no longer wear a hairy cloak?

He who prophesies will no longer wear a hairy cloak so that he might deceive the people.

Zechariah 13:5

ULT

5 For each will say, ‘I am not a prophet! I am a man who works the soil, for the land became my work while I was still a young man!’

UST

5 So each of them will say, ‘I am not really a prophet; I am a farmer, and I have been a farmer on my land ever since I was a boy!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13:6

ULT

6 But someone will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ and he will answer, ‘I was wounded with those in my friends’ house.’”

UST

6 But others will see scars on their bodies and think that they cut themselves in order to please idols while they were worshiping them. So they will ask, ‘Why do you have those scars?’ And they will tell a lie: ‘I was injured in a quarrel at my friend’s house.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 13:7

ULT

7 “Sword! Rouse yourself against my shepherd, the man who stands close to me— this is the declaration of Yahweh of hosts. Strike the shepherd, and the flock will scatter! For I will turn my hand against the lowly ones.

UST

7 Yahweh, the Commander of angel armies, says, “Someone must attack and kill the one who is like a shepherd working for me, the man who is my close companion. You with the sword! When you kill my shepherd, my people will run away like sheep. And I myself will attack my ordinary people, those who are like little sheep.”

Who is the shepherd?

The shepherd is “the man who stands close to me.”

What will happen to the flock when the shepherd is killed?

When the shepherd is killed the flock will scatter.

Zechariah 13:8

ULT

8 Then it will come about that throughout all the land—this is Yahweh’s declaration— that two-thirds of it will be cut off! Those people will perish; only one-third will remain there.

UST

8 Yahweh also says, “Two-thirds of the people in Judah will die; Only one-third of the people in Judah will remain alive.

What does Yahweh declare will happen throughout all the land?

Yahweh declares that two portions of it will be cut off. They will perish; only a third will remain there.

Zechariah 13:9

ULT

9 I will bring that third through the fire and refine them as silver is refined; I will test them as gold is tested.
They will call on my name, and I will answer them and say, ‘This is my people!’ and they will say, ‘Yahweh is my
God!’”

UST

9 I will test the ones that remain alive by causing them to experience great difficulties, to find out if they will
continue to worship me. I will purify them as someone purifies gold or silver by putting it into a very hot fire.
Then my people will call to me for help, and I will answer them. I will tell them that they are my people, and
they will say that I, Yahweh, am the God they worship and obey.

What will happen to the third that remain there?

The third that remain there will be brought through the fire, refined and tested.

What will the third that remain there say?

The third that remain there will say, “Yahweh is my God!”

Zechariah 14

Zechariah 14:1

ULT
1 Behold! A day for Yahweh is coming when your plunder will be divided in your midst.

UST
1 Listen! It will soon be the time when Yahweh will judge everyone. At that time, you, the people of Jerusalem, will watch your enemies divide what you owned among themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:2

ULT
2 For I will gather every nation against Jerusalem for battle and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered and the women raped. Half of the city will go out into captivity, but the remainder of the people will not be cut off from the city.

UST
2 Yes, Yahweh says that he will cause the armies of many nations to attack Jerusalem. They will capture the city, take all the valuable things from your houses, and rape the women. They will take half of the people to other countries, but they will allow the other people to remain in the city.

Why will Jerusalem's plunder be divided in their midst?
Jerusalem's plunder will be divided in their midst because Yahweh will gather every nation against Jerusalem for battle, and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered.

Zechariah 14:3

ULT
3 But Yahweh will go out and wage war against those nations as when he wages war on the day of battle.

UST
3 But then Yahweh will attack those nations; he will fight as he fought at other times in battle.

What will happen to the nations that fought against Jerusalem?
Yahweh will go out and wage war against those nations as when he wages war on the day of battle.

Zechariah 14:4

ULT

4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is beside Jerusalem to the east. The Mount of Olives will be split in half between the east and the west by a very great valley and half of the mountain will go back toward the north and half toward the south.

UST

4 On that day, he will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. The Mount of Olives will split into two parts, with a large valley between the parts. Half of the mount will move toward the north, and half will move toward the south.

What will happen to the Mount of Olives when Yahweh stands on it?

The Mount of Olives will be split in half with a very great valley between the two halves.

Zechariah 14:5

ULT

5 Then you will flee down the valley between Yahweh's mountains, for the valley between those mountains will reach to Azel. You will flee just as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah. Then Yahweh my God will come and all the holy ones will be with him.

UST

5 You people of Jerusalem will flee through that valley which extends to the other side of the mount, all the way to the village of Azel. It will be just as when people fled when there was an earthquake when Uzziah was king. Then Yahweh my God will come, and his own angels will be with him.

When will Yahweh and the holy ones come?

Yahweh and the holy ones will come after the inhabitants of Jerusalem flee down the valley between Yahweh's mountains.

Zechariah 14:6

ULT

6 On that day there will be no light, but no cold or frost either.

UST

6 At that time, there will be no light from the sun, but it will not be cold or frosty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:7

ULT

7 On that day, a day known only to Yahweh, there will no longer be day or night, for the evening will be a time of light.

UST

7 Only Yahweh knows when this will happen. There will be no daytime or nighttime, because it will be light all the time, even in the evening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:8

ULT

8 On that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem. Half of them will flow to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter.

UST

8 At that time, water will flow from Jerusalem. One stream will flow toward the east to the Dead Sea. The other stream will flow toward the west to the Mediterranean Sea. The water will flow all the time, even during the hot season as well as in the cold season.

Where will the running water go that flows from Jerusalem?

Half of the water will go to the eastern sea, and half will flow toward the western sea.

Zechariah 14:9

ULT

9 Yahweh will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be Yahweh, the one God, and his name alone.

UST

9 After that time, Yahweh will be the king who rules the entire world. Everyone will know that Yahweh, and only Yahweh, is the true God.

Who will be king over all the earth?

Yahweh will be king over all the earth.

Zechariah 14:10

ULT

10 All the land will be like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will continue to be raised up and remain in its own place, from the Benjamin Gate to the place where the first gate was, to the Corner Gate, and {from} the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

UST

10 At that time, all the land in Judah will be flat, like the plain along the Jordan, from the town of Geba in the north to the town of Rimmon far to the south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will remain high up, as it has always been. The city will extend northeast from the Benjamin Gate and the Corner Gate, which was the old gate, and to the Tower of Hananel, and then extending to the king's winepresses to the southwest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:11

ULT

11 {The people} will live in Jerusalem and there will be no more {complete} destruction from God against them. Jerusalem will live in safety.

UST

11 Many people will live there, and God will never again threaten the city with destruction. It will be a completely safe city to live in.

Will God destroy Jerusalem?

There will be no more destruction from God against them; Jersusalem will live in safety.

Zechariah 14:12

ULT

12 This will be the plague with which Yahweh will attack all the peoples that waged war against Jerusalem: Their flesh will rot away even as they are standing on their feet. Their eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

UST

12 But Yahweh will bring a severe disease on the people groups that attacked Jerusalem. Their flesh will rot while they are still standing up. Their eyes will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

With what plague will Yahweh attack all the peoples that waged war against Jerusalem?

The flesh, eyes, and tongues of all the people that waged war against Jerusalem will rot.

Zechariah 14:13

ULT

13 On that day that great fear from Yahweh will come among them. Each one will seize the hand of another, and the hand of one will be raised up against the hand of another.

UST

13 At that time, Yahweh will cause them to panic. They will grab hold of each other and attack each other.

What will happen when that great fear from Yahweh comes among them?
Each man will seize his neighbor's hand; each hand will be raised against its neighbor's hand.

Zechariah 14:14

ULT

14 Judah will also fight against Jerusalem. They will gather the wealth of all the surrounding nations—gold, silver, and fine clothes in great abundance.

UST

14 Even the people who live in other places in Judah will attack Jerusalem. They will collect the valuable things, the plunder, from the surrounding armies of the nations—a lot of gold and silver and clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:15

ULT

15 A plague will also be on the horses {and} the mules, the camels and the donkeys, and on every animal in those camps will also suffer that same plague.

UST

15 The same plague that will afflict the people of other nations will afflict the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other work animals in their camps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:16

ULT

16 Then it will happen {that} all who remain in those nations that came against Jerusalem will instead go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

16 The people of other nations who previously came to fight against Jerusalem, all those who are still alive, will return to Jerusalem every year to worship the King, Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

What will all who remain in those nations that came against Jerusalem do?

All those who remain in those nations will go up from year to year to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, and to keep the Festival of Shelters.

Zechariah 14:17

ULT

17 It will happen {that} if anyone from all the nations of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts, then Yahweh will not bring rain on them.

UST

17 If there are people in those nations who do not go to Jerusalem to worship there, rain will not fall on their land.

What will happen if anyone from all the nations of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the king, Yahweh of hosts? (vv17-18)

If anyone does not go up to Jerusalem, Yahweh will not bring rain on them. A plague from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

Zechariah 14:18

ULT

18 If the nation of Egypt does not go up, then they {will not} receive {rain}. A plague from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

18 If the people of Egypt do not go to Jerusalem, they will not have any rain. And Yahweh will cause them to suffer the same plague that afflicted the people of other nations that do not celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:19

ULT

19 This will be the punishment for Egypt and the punishment for every nation that does not go up to keep the Festival of Shelters.

UST

19 That is how Yahweh will punish the people of Egypt and the people of any other nation who do not go to Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:20

ULT

20 But on that day, the bells of the horses {will say,} “Set apart to Yahweh,” and the basins in Yahweh’s house will be like the bowls before the altar.

UST

20 At that time, the words “Dedicated to Yahweh” will be written on the bells that are fastened to the horses. The cooking pots in the courtyard of the temple will belong to Yahweh, like the bowls that are in front of the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Zechariah 14:21

ULT

21 For every pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be set apart to Yahweh of hosts and everyone who brings a sacrifice will eat from them and boil in them. On that day traders will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

21 Every pot in Jerusalem and everywhere else in Judah will be dedicated to Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies. So everyone who offers sacrifices there in Jerusalem will be able to take some of the meat that has been brought for sacrifices and cook it in their own pots. And at that time, people will no longer buy or sell things in the courtyard of the temple of Yahweh, the Commander of the angel armies.

On that day who will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts?

On that day traders will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of hosts.

Malachi

Malachi 1

Malachi 1:1

ULT

1 The oracle of the word of Yahweh to Israel by the hand of Malachi.

UST

1 This is a message that Yahweh gave to Malachi for the Israelites.

By whom did the word of Yahweh come to Israel?
The word of Yahweh came by Malachi.

Malachi 1:2

ULT

2 "I have loved you," says Yahweh. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Was not Esau the brother of Jacob?" declares Yahweh. "Yet I have loved Jacob,

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2-3 Yahweh says, “I have loved you.” But I, Malachi, hear you people reply, “How have you shown us that you love us?” Yahweh replies, “Is it not true that Esau and Jacob were brothers? Yet I have a covenant with Jacob and his descendants, but I have no covenant with Esau and his descendants. I caused Esau’s region to be abandoned, a place where wild dogs live.”

Whom did Yahweh love, and whom did he hate? (vv2-3)
Yahweh loved Israel, Jacob, and he hated Esau.

Malachi 1:3

ULT

3 but Esau I have hated. I have made his mountains an abandoned devastation, and I left his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

UST

2-3 Yahweh says, “I have loved you.” But I, Malachi, hear you people reply, “How have you shown us that you love us?” Yahweh replies, “Is it not true that Esau and Jacob were brothers? Yet I have a covenant with Jacob and his descendants, but I have no covenant with Esau and his descendants. I caused Esau’s region to be abandoned, a place where wild dogs live.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:4

ULT

4 If Edom says, "We are beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins," Thus Yahweh of hosts will say, "They may build, but I will tear down. Others will call them 'The country of wickedness' and 'The people toward whom Yahweh is indignant forever.'

UST

4 The descendants of Esau who now live in Edom may say, “Yes, God has demolished our cities, but we will rebuild houses in the ruins.” But Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, replies, “They may build houses again, but I will demolish them again. Their country will be called ‘The land where wicked people live,’ and their people will be called ‘The people with whom Yahweh is angry forever.’”

How would Israel respond when Yahweh would throw down the rebuilt ruins of Edom? (vv4-5)

Israel would respond by saying, “Great is Yahweh beyond the borders of Israel”.

Malachi 1:5

ULT

5 Your own eyes will see this, and you will say, 'Yahweh is great beyond the borders of Israel.'"

UST

5 When you Israelite people yourselves see what Yahweh will do to them, you will say, “It is evident that Yahweh is very powerful even in foreign lands!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:6

ULT

6 "A son honors his father, and a servant honors his master. If I, then, am a father, where is my honor? If I am a master, where is the reverence for me?" says Yahweh of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. "But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'

UST

6 But the Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to the people, “Boys honor their fathers, and servants respect their masters. So, if I am like your father and your master, why do you not honor me? Why do you not obey me?” And Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has something to say to you priests: “You show no respect for me! But you priests ask, ‘How have shown no respect for you?’

As Israel’s father and master, what did Yahweh ask the priests? (vv6-7)

Yahweh asked the priests where was the honor and reverence due his name, and why they despised his name and his table.

Malachi 1:7

ULT

7 By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the table of Yahweh may be despised.

UST

7 I answer: Instead of honoring me, you have disgraced me by offering sacrifices on my altar that are unworthy of me, sacrifices that I would never accept. Then you dare to ask, ‘What sacrifices have we given that are unworthy of you?’ I answer: You think that it does not matter if you do not honor my altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:8

ULT

8 When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not evil? When you offer the lame and sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor! Will he accept you or will he lift up your face?" says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

8 You offer for sacrifices animals that are blind. Is that not wrong? You offer animals that are sick or lame. Do you really think I would accept such gifts? You would not dare to offer such gifts to your own governor! You know that he would not take them. You know that he would be displeased with you and would not welcome you!” That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says!

How would Yahweh respond to offerings of blind, lame, and sick animals? (vv8-9)

Yahweh would not accept blind, lame, and sick offerings, nor show favor or graciousness to Israel for them, nor receive Israel for offering them.

Malachi 1:9

ULT

9 Now entreat the face of God, that he may be gracious to us. But Yahweh of hosts says that with such an offering in your hand, would he lift up any of your faces?

UST

9 I, Malachi, see you continually go through the motions of asking God to help us. But Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says, “If you bring to me sacrifices that are not acceptable to me, why should I help you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:10

ULT

10 "Oh, if only there were one among you who would shut the temple gates, so that you might not light fires on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you," says Yahweh of hosts, "and I will not accept any offering from your hand.

UST

10 Yahweh also says, “I wish that one of you would shut the gates of the temple courtyard, in order that no one could offer those worthless sacrifices. I am not pleased with you, and I will not accept the offerings that you bring to me.” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

Why would Yahweh prefer that one of the Israelites shut the temple gates to prevent them from lighting fires on his altar in vain? (vv10-11)

Because Yahweh’s name was going to be glorified among the nations, and in every place the nations were going to offer pure offerings unlike the offerings from the hands of the Israelites.

Malachi 1:11

ULT

11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations and in every place incense and pure offerings will be offered to my name. For my name will be great among the nations," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

11 He also says, “People of other nations from east to west will indeed honor me. They will burn incense to honor me, and they will bring right offerings, offerings that I will accept. This will happen because people in all the nations will praise and honor me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:12

ULT

12 "But you are profaning it when you say the table of the Lord is polluted, and that its fruit, its food, is to be despised.

UST

12 But you priests—you priests act in a way that shows me no honor at all. You say, ‘It is all right if people disgrace the altar by bringing sacrifices that he will not accept.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 1:13

ULT

13 You also say, 'How tiresome this is,' and you snort at it," says Yahweh of hosts. "You bring what has been taken by a wild animal or is lame or sick; and this you bring as your offering. Should I accept this from your hand?" says Yahweh.

UST

13 You also say, ‘We are tired of burning all these sacrifices on the altar.’ You turn up your noses at doing this. You bring sheep or goats that wild animals have attacked and torn in two. You also bring animals that are sick or that cannot walk. You cannot really think that I should accept these from you, can you?” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

How did the priests regard the service of Yahweh?

They regarded it as tiresome, and they disdainfully snorted at it.

Malachi 1:14

ULT

14 "May the deceiver be cursed who has a male animal in his flock and vows to give it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is flawed! For I am a great king," says Yahweh of hosts, "and my name will be feared among the nations."

UST

14 Yahweh also says, “I will curse anyone who tries to cheat me by swearing that he will bring to me a perfect animal from his herd, and who then brings me one that has defects. If anyone does that, I will punish him, because I am a great king, and people of the other nations honor me, but you do not!” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

Why did the Lord curse the deceiver who vowed to sacrifice a male animal in his flock and instead gave a flawed animal?

Because Yahweh is a great King, and his name is feared among the nations.

Malachi 2

Malachi 2:1

ULT

1 Now, O priests, this command is for you.

UST

1 You priests, I will say something to warn you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:2

ULT

2 "If you will not listen, and if you will not lay it on your heart to give honor to my name," says Yahweh of hosts, "then I will send a curse on you, and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have cursed them, because you are not laying my command on your heart.

UST

2 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: “Pay attention to what I am saying, and then decide to honor me. If you do not do that, I will curse you, and I will curse the things that I have done for you to help you. And I have already cursed them, because you have not honored me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:3

ULT

3 See, I am about to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung from your festivals, and he will take you away with it. *[1][2]*

UST

3 I will punish your descendants, and it will be as though I had splattered on your faces the dung from the animals that you have sacrificed, and I will make others come and throw you away with that dung.

By what would the priests know that Yahweh had commanded them to take it to heart to give glory to his name? (vv3-4)

They would know by the curse of Yahweh on their blessings, and by him spreading dung on their faces.

Malachi 2:4

ULT

4 So you will know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant may continue to be with Levi," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

4 When that happens, you will know that I warned you like this, in order that you descendants of Levi will obey my covenant with the priests.” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is saying to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:5

ULT

5 "My covenant with him was life and peace, and I gave them to him; it was a convenant of fear, and he feared me, and he stood in awe of my name.

UST

5 He also says, “I made my covenant with your ancestor Levi because I wanted the priests to live prosperously and peacefully. And that is what I enabled them to do. I required that they greatly respect me and honor me, and they did so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:6

ULT

6 True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness and he turned many away from iniquity.

UST

6 They taught the people what was true and right; they did not tell lies. They worked for me peacefully and loyally, and they helped many people to stop sinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:7

ULT

7 For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

7 What priests say should enable people to continue to learn the truth from generation to generation. They should be certain that the priests will teach them correction, because they must be true messengers from me, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

Why did Levi honor Yahweh, stand in awe of Yahweh's name, have true teaching in his mouth rather than unrighteousness, walk with Yahweh in peace and uprightness, and turn many away from sin?
Because the priest should guard knowledge as the messenger of Yahweh.

Malachi 2:8

ULT

8 But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

8 But, you priests do not act in that way any more. Instead, what you have taught people has caused many of them to sin. You have rejected the covenant that I made with the descendants of Levi long ago.

How did the priests corrupt the covenant of Levi and not keep Yahweh's ways? (vv8-9)
The priests did so by showing partiality in their instruction.

Malachi 2:9

ULT

9 "So I also have made you despised and humiliated before all the people, inasmuch as you have not kept my ways, but have instead shown partiality in matters of the law."

UST

9 Therefore I have caused all the people to despise you, and I have caused them to shame you, for you have not obeyed me. Instead, you teach people different things, depending on how important they are."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:10

ULT

10 Is there not one father for us all? Has not one God created us? Why are we faithless each man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers?

UST

10 Now I, Malachi, will warn you about something else. It is certain that we Israelites are a people group only because God has created us as a people group. But we lie to each other and harm each other; in this way we disgrace the covenant that Yahweh made with our ancestors.

Who would Yahweh cut off from the tents of Jacob? (vv10-12)

Yahweh would cut off any man who dealt treacherously against his brother or who married the daughter of a foreign god, and then brought an offering to Yahweh.

Malachi 2:11

ULT

11 Judah has been faithless. An abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of Yahweh which he loves, and has married the daughter of a foreign god.

UST

11 You people of Judah have been unfaithful toward Yahweh. You have done disgusting things in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel. You Israelite men have defiled the temple that Yahweh loves. You have done that by marrying foreign women, women who worship idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:12

ULT

12 May Yahweh cut off from the tents of Jacob the man who does this, the one who is awake and the one who answers, even if he is bringing an offering to Yahweh of hosts. *[3]*

UST

12 I wish that Yahweh would drive away from Israel absolutely every man who has done that, along with his descendants—even if they bring offerings to Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:13

ULT

13 And this second thing you do: You cover the altar of Yahweh with tears, with weeping and groaning, because he still does not turn toward the offering or accept it with favor from your hand.

UST

13 This is another thing that you do: You come and weep in front of Yahweh's altar, covering it with your tears. You wail because he no longer pays attention to your offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:14

ULT

14 But you say, "Why does he not?" Because Yahweh was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have been faithless, even though she was your companion and your wife by covenant.

UST

14 You cry out, saying "Why does Yahweh not like our offerings?" The answer is that Yahweh heard that each of you men solemnly promised to be faithful to your wives when you were young. But you men have not done what you promised; you have sent them away, the ones with whom you made that covenant, so you could marry foreign women.

Why did Yahweh not accept Israel's offerings? (vv14-15)

Because Israel had been faithless against the wife of his youth.

Malachi 2:15

ULT

15 Did he not make them one, with a portion of his spirit? And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.

UST

15 Indeed, Yahweh made you one with your wife, and he gave you some of his spirit. He did this because he wanted you to have children who would honor him. So you must be careful not to let other women attract you. Let none of you be faithless to the woman whom you married when you were young.

Why did Yahweh command the Israelites to guard themselves in their spirit and not be faithless? (vv15-16)

Because Yahweh had made Israel and his wife one in order to have godly offspring, and because Yahweh hated divorce and him who covers his garment with violence.

Malachi 2:16

ULT

16 "For I hate divorce," says Yahweh, the God of Israel, "and the one who covers his garment with violence," says Yahweh of hosts. "So guard yourselves in your spirit and do not be faithless."

UST

16 Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, says, “I hate divorce!” So if you men divorce your wives, you are overwhelming them by acting cruelly toward them. So be sure that you are not disloyal to your wives. That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 2:17

ULT

17 You have wearied Yahweh with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the eyes of Yahweh, and he delights in them," or "Where is the God of justice?"
2:3 [1] , which the Hebrew text has, some ancient and modern versions have (or). Some other modern versions have .
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UST

17 You have made Yahweh lose his paitence with you by saying all those disgusting things. But you dare to ask, “How have we made him impatient?” The answer is that you have said that Yahweh is pleased with all those who do what is evil, that he actually views them as good. And you have also made him impatient by always saying, “Why does God not act justly toward us?”

How did the Israelites weary Yahweh with their words?

They wearied Yahweh with their words by saying that he who does evil is good in Yahweh’s sight and he delights in them, and by asking where the God of justice was.

Malachi 3

Malachi 3:1

ULT

1 "Behold, I am about to send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. Then the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he will come," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

1 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this: “Look, I will soon send a messenger to you, who will get you ready to welcome me. I, the Lord, whom you say you desire to come, will appear suddenly in my temple. A messenger will come, whom Yahweh had promised in the covenant that you say you take pleasure in. I myself am coming.” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

What would happen after Yahweh sent his messenger of the covenant who would prepare his way?

The Lord, whom Israel sought, would suddenly come to his temple.

Malachi 3:2

ULT

2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like the fire of the refiner and like the soap of the fullers.

UST

2 And none of you will be able to stop Yahweh from judging you. For he will declare no one innocent when he comes. He will act like a fire that burns hot enough to refine precious metals. He will act as the strong soap that laundrymen use to clean clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:3

ULT

3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi. He will refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to Yahweh.

UST

3 Yahweh will judge you; he will be like a silversmith who sits down and makes his silver pure, free from all impurities. Yahweh will forgive you and make all of you priests and Levite temple workers not want to sin any longer. He will make you like pure gold or silver. Then he will accept your offerings that you bring to him, because you will be righteous.”

When would the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to Yahweh?

It would be pleasing after the purification of the sons of Levi, when they were refined like gold and silver.

Malachi 3:4

ULT

4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Yahweh, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

UST

4 When that happens, Yahweh will again accept the offerings that the people of Jerusalem and Judah bring to him, as he did previously.

After the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem were pleasing to Yahweh through the purification of Levi’s sons, would would Yahweh do? (vv4-5)

He would draw near to Israel for judgment and be a swift witness against those who did not honor him.

Malachi 3:5

ULT

5 "Then I will approach you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, the adulterers, those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who turn aside the foreigner, and against those who do not fear me," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

5 This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “At that time, I will come to you to judge you. I will quickly testify against all those who practice sorcery, against those who mistreat helpless widows and orphans, against those who do not treat the foreigners among you justly, and against those who refuse to honor me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:6

ULT

6 "For I, Yahweh, have not changed; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.

UST

6 I am Yahweh, and I never change. That is why I have not yet gotten rid of you, although you deceive people like your ancestor Jacob did.

Even though the people of Jacob had turned aside from Yahweh's ordinances, why had they not been consumed? (vv6-7)

They had not been consumed because Yahweh does not change.

Malachi 3:7

ULT

7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Yahweh of hosts. "But you say, 'How will we return?'

UST

7 Ever since the time when your ancestors were alive, you have ignored my commands and refused to obey them. Now return to me; if you do so, I will return to you. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say. But you ask, 'We have never gone away from you, so how can we return to you?'

How had Israel turned away from Yahweh?

They had turned away by not keeping his ordinances.

Malachi 3:8

ULT

8 Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In tithes and offerings.

UST

8 I reply: People should certainly not cheat God; but you people have cheated me! You ask, 'In what way did we cheat you?' I reply: You have cheated me by not bringing to me each year the tithes and other offerings that I have required you to give me.

How had Israel robbed God?

They had robbed God in tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:9

ULT

9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you.

UST

9 I have cursed everything that you do, because all you people in this country have been cheating me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:10

ULT

10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this," says Yahweh of hosts, "if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing for you, until there is no more need.

UST

10 Now bring all the tithes to the storerooms of the temple, in order that there may be enough food for the people who serve me there. If you do that, I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, promise that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out from them blessings on you. If you bring your tithes to the temple, the blessings will be very great, with the result that you will not have enough space to store all of them. So test me to see if I am telling the truth.

What did Yahweh promise would happen if Israel brought the full tithe into the storehouse? (vv10-12)

Yahweh promised that he would rebuke the one who devours you, and that all the nations would call Israel blessed.

Malachi 3:11

ULT

11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil. Your vines in the fields will not lose their fruit," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

11 You will have abundant crops to harvest, because I will protect them in order that locusts do not harm them. Your grapes will not fall from the vines before they are ripe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:12

ULT
12 "All the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST
12 When that happens, the people of all nations will say that I have truly helped you, because your country will be delightful. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:13

ULT
13 "Your words against me have been strong," says Yahweh. "But you say, 'What have we said among ourselves against you?'

UST
13 “I, Yahweh, have something else to say to you. You have said terrible things about me. But you reply, ‘What terrible things have we said about you?’

How had the Israelites spoken against Yahweh? (vv13-15)
They had said that serving God is pointless because the arrogant and evildoers prosper even when they tempt him.

Malachi 3:14

ULT
14 You have said, 'It is useless to serve God. What profit is it that we have kept his requirements or walked mournfully before Yahweh of hosts?

UST
14 I reply: You have said that it is useless for you to worship me. You say that you have gained nothing by obeying my commands. You say that you have gained nothing by being sorry for your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:15

ULT
15 So now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper, but they even test God and escape.'"

UST
15 You have also decided that from now on, you will say that I like to help arrogant people. You think that it is those who do evil who become rich. You say they dare me to punish them because they think I never will.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:16

ULT
16 Then those who feared Yahweh spoke with one another. Yahweh paid attention and listened, and a book of remembrance was written before him about those who feared Yahweh and honored his name.

UST
16 After the people heard these messages that I brought them from Yahweh, the people who honored Yahweh discussed these things with each other. And Yahweh listened to their conversations. While he was watching, they wrote on a scroll the things that would remind them about what they promised, and they wrote on that scroll the names of those who honored Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 3:17

ULT
17 "They will be mine," says Yahweh of hosts, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession, I will have compassion on them, as a man has compassion on his own son who serves him.

UST
17 Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says this about those people: “They will be my people. On the day that I punish the wicked people among you, I will not punish them. I will be just like a father who does not punish his son who obeys him.

Who did Yahweh say would belong to him and be spared?
Yahweh said that those who feared Yahweh and esteemed his name would belong to him and be spared.

On the day that Yahweh would act, what would happen? (vv17-18)
The Israelites would again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, and between one who worships God and one who does not worship him.

Malachi 3:18

ULT

18 Then once again you will distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

UST

18 When that happens, you will again see that the manner in which I treat righteous people is different from the manner in which I treat wicked people. You will see that the manner in which I act toward those who worship me is different from the manner in which I act toward those who do not.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 4

Malachi 4:1

ULT

1 For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and all the evildoers will become stubble. The day that is coming will burn them up, "says Yahweh of hosts, " so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

UST

1 This is also what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: “There will be a time when I will judge and punish all the proud people and evildoers in Israel. When that happens, it will be like a day that they burn the useless remains of crops in the fields. Those people will burn up completely—as roots and branches and everything else on a tree burns completely in a very hot fire.

On the day that was coming, burning like a furnace, what would happen to the proud and evildoers? (vv1-2)

The proud and evildoers would become stubble, being burnt up.

Malachi 4:2

ULT

2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. You will go out, and you will leap like calves from the stall.

UST

2 But for you who honor me, I, who always act righteously, will come to you and heal you, as the sun rises in the morning. You will be as happy as young calves when they leave their stalls to play in the fields.

For whom would the sun of righteousness rise?

The sun of righteousness would rise for those who feared Yahweh’s name.

What would those who feared Yahweh’s name do on the day that Yahweh acted? (vv2-3)

They would go out leaping like calves from the stall and tread down the wicked.

Malachi 4:3

ULT

3 And you will trample down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I act, "says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

3 On the day when I judge the wicked, you will celebrate. It will be as if you had walked all over them.” This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, promises.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Malachi 4:4

ULT

4 " Remember the law of my servant Moses that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel, the statutes and the rulings.

UST

4 Be sure to obey the laws that I commanded Moses, who served me well, to give you. Obey all the commandments and decrees that I gave him on Mount Sinai, for all you people of Israel to obey.

What did Yahweh command all Israel to do?

He commanded them to obey the law of his servant Moses.

Malachi 4:5

ULT

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fearful day of Yahweh.

UST

5 Listen to this: One day I will send to you the prophet Elijah. He will arrive before the great and dreadful day when I, Yahweh, will judge everyone and punish those who deserve punishment.

What would Yahweh do before the day of Yahweh? (vv5-6)

He would send Elijah to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, so that Yahweh would not curse the land.

Malachi 4:6

ULT

6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I do not come and strike the land with complete destruction."

UST

6 Because of what Elijah will preach, parents and their children join together in loving each other again. If that does not happen, I will come and destroy your country.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew

Matthew 1

Matthew 1:1

ULT
[1] The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

UST
[1] This is the record of the people from whom Jesus the Messiah descended, who is the descendant of King David and the descendant of Abraham.

In the genealogy of Jesus Christ, which two ancestors are listed first, indicating their importance?

The two ancestors listed first are David and Abraham.

Matthew 1:2

ULT
[2] Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers,

UST
[2] There were fourteen generations from Abraham to King David: Abraham was the father of Isaac. Isaac was the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Judah and of his brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:3

ULT
[3] and Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez fathered Hezron, and Hezron fathered Ram,

UST
[3] Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, and their mother was Tamar. Perez was the father of Hezron. Hezron was the father of Ram.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:4

ULT

[4] and Ram fathered Amminadab, and Amminadab fathered Nahshon, and Nahshon fathered Salmon,

UST

[4] Ram was the father of Amminadab. Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:5

ULT

[5] and Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse,

UST

[5] Salmon and his wife Rahab were the parents of Boaz. Boaz was the father of Obed. Obed's mother was Ruth. Obed was the father of Jesse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:6

ULT

[6] and Jesse fathered David the king, and David fathered Solomon by the {wife} of Uriah,

UST

[6] Jesse was the father of King David. There were fourteen generations from David until the time when the people were taken to Babylon. David was the father of Solomon; Solomon's mother was the wife of Uriah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:7

ULT

[7] and Solomon fathered Rehoboam, and Rehoboam fathered Abijah, and Abijah fathered Asa,

UST

[7] Solomon was the father of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was the father of Abijah. Abijah was the father of Asa.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:8

ULT

8 and Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, and Joram fathered Uzziah,

UST

8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat. Jehoshaphat was the father of Joram. Joram was an ancestor of Uzziah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:9

ULT

9 and Uzziah fathered Jotham, and Jotham fathered Ahaz, and Ahaz fathered Hezekiah,

UST

9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham. Jotham was the father of Ahaz. Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:10

ULT

10 and Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, and Manasseh fathered Amon, and Amon fathered Josiah,

UST

10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh. Manasseh was the father of Amon. Amon was the father of Josiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:11

ULT

11 and Josiah fathered Jechoniah and his brothers at the Babylonian deportation,

UST

11 Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and Jechoniah's brothers. They lived at the time when the Babylonian army took the Israelites as captives to the country of Babylonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:12

ULT
12 and after the Babylonian deportation, Jechoniah fathered Shealtiel, and Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel,

UST
12 After the Babylonians exiled the Israelites to Babylon, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was an ancestor of Zerubbabel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:13

ULT
13 and Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, and Abiud fathered Eliakim, and Eliakim fathered Azor,

UST
13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud. Abiud was the father of Eliakim. Eliakim was the father of Azor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:14

ULT
14 and Azor fathered Zadok, and Zadok fathered Achim, and Achim fathered Eliud,

UST
14 Azor was the father of Zadok. Zadok was the father of Akim. Akim was the father of Eliud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:15

ULT
15 and Eliud fathered Eleazar, and Eleazar fathered Matthan, and Matthan fathered Jacob,

UST
15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar. Eleazar was the father of Matthan. Matthan was the father of Jacob.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:16

ULT

16 and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, the one called Christ.

UST

16 Jacob was the father of Joseph. Joseph was Mary's husband, and Mary was Jesus' mother. Jesus is the one who is called the Messiah.

At the end of the genealogy, who is the wife that is named, and why is she listed?

Mary, the wife of Joseph, is listed because by her Jesus was born.

Matthew 1:17

ULT

17 Therefore, all the generations from Abraham until David {were} 14 generations, and from David until the Babylonian deportation {were} 14 generations, and from the Babylonian deportation until the Christ {were} 14 generations.

UST

17 The list of Jesus' ancestors is as follows: Fourteen of them from the time when Abraham lived to the time when King David lived. There were another fourteen from the time when David lived until the time when the Israelites went away to Babylonia, and then yet another fourteen from then until the time when the Messiah was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:18

ULT

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was thus: His mother, Mary, having been engaged to marry Joseph, before they came together, was found having in {the} womb from {the} Holy Spirit.

UST

18 This is the account of what happened up until Jesus the Messiah was born. Mary, his mother, had promised to marry Joseph. Before they lived together as husband and wife, they found out that she was carrying a child. This child was given to her by Holy Spirit.

What happened to Mary before she had come together with Joseph?

Mary became pregnant by the Holy Spirit before she had come together with Joseph.

Matthew 1:19

ULT

19 Now Joseph her husband, being righteous, and not wanting to publicly disgrace her, he intended to divorce her secretly.

UST

19 Now Joseph was a man who obeyed God’s commands. When he found out that she was carrying a child in her womb, he decided not to marry her. But he did not want to shame her in front of other people, so he thought about doing this secretly.

What kind of man was Joseph?

Joseph was a righteous man.

What did Joseph decide to do when he learned Mary was pregnant?

Joseph decided to end the engagement with Mary secretly.

Matthew 1:20

ULT

20 But he having reflected on these {things}, behold, an angel of {the} Lord appeared to him by way of a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, you should not fear to take Mary as your wife, because the one having been conceived in her is from {the} Holy Spirit.

UST

20 After Joseph had been thinking about this for a while, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said to him, “Joseph, King David's descendant, do not be afraid to marry Mary. For the child which she is carrying was given to her by the Holy Spirit.

What happened to Joseph that made him decide to remain engaged to Mary?

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife because the baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:21

ULT

21 And she will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

UST

21 She will give birth to a son. You shall name him ‘Jesus.’, for he will save God's people from their sins.”

Why was Joseph told to give the baby the name Jesus?

Joseph was told to name the baby Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:22

ULT

22 Now all this happened so that might be fulfilled {what} was spoken by {the} Lord through the prophet, saying,

UST

22 All of these things happened to prove true what the Lord told Isaiah the prophet Isaiah to write a long time ago. Isaiah wrote,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:23

ULT

23 “Behold, the virgin will have in {her} womb and bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel”—which is translated, “God with us.”

UST

23 “Listen, a virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son. They will call him Immanuel”— which means, “God is with us.”

What is written in the Old Testament prophecy which was fulfilled in these events?

The Old Testament prophecy was that a virgin would give birth to a son and that they would call his name Emmanuel, which means “God with us.”

Matthew 1:24

ULT

24 And Joseph, having been awakened from sleep, did as the angel of {the} Lord commanded him and took {her} {as} his wife.

UST

24 After Joseph got up from sleep, he did what the Lord's angel had commanded him to do. The angel commanded him to began to live with Mary as his wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 1:25

ULT

25 And he did not know her until she bore a son. And he called his name Jesus.

UST

25 But he did not have sex with her until she gave birth to her son. And Joseph named him Jesus.

What was Joseph careful not to do until Mary gave birth to Jesus?

Joseph was careful not to sleep with Mary until she gave birth to Jesus.

Matthew 2

Matthew 2:1

ULT

1 Now, Jesus having been born in Bethlehem of Judea in {the} days of Herod the king, behold, learned men from {the} east arrived in Jerusalem,

UST

1 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judea. During that time, King Herod the Great ruled there. Some time after Jesus was born, some men from the east who studied the stars came to the city of Jerusalem.

Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Matthew 2:2

ULT

2 saying, “Where is the one having been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and came to worship him.”

UST

2 They were asking people, “Where is the one whom God appointed to be the king over the Jews from the time of his birth? We have seen a star in the east which was the sign that he has been born, so we have come to worship him.”

What title did the learned men from the east give to Jesus?

The learned men from the east gave Jesus the title “King of the Jews.”

How did the learned men know the King of the Jews had been born?

The learned men had seen the star of the King of the Jews in the east.

Matthew 2:3

ULT

[3] But having heard {this}, Herod the king became troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

UST

[3] When King Herod the Great heard about what these men were asking, he became very troubled. Many of the people in Jerusalem also became troubled.

How did King Herod respond to the news from the learned men?

When King Herod heard the news from the learned men, he was troubled.

Matthew 2:4

ULT

[4] And having brought together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired from them, “Where is the Christ being born?”

UST

[4] Then King Herod called together all the chief priests and teachers of the Jewish laws. He asked them where the prophets had predicted that the Messiah was to be born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:5

ULT

[5] And they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet,

UST

[5] They said to him, “He will be born in the town of Bethlehem, here in the region of Judea. We know this because the prophet Micah wrote long ago,

How did the chief priests and scribes know where the Christ would be born? (vv5-6)

They knew the prophecy that said the Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:6

ULT

6 ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for from you will come out a ruling {one} who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

UST

6 ‘You who live in Bethlehem in the land of Judah, your town is certainly very important. This is because a man from your town will become a leader. He will guide my people who live in Israel like a shepherd.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:7

ULT

7 Then Herod, having secretly called the learned men, inquired from them the time of the appearing of {the} star.

UST

7 Then King Herod secretly brought those men who studied the stars to himself. He asked them exactly when the star first appeared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:8

ULT

8 And having sent them to Bethlehem, he said, “Having gone, search carefully for the young child, and after you have found him, report to me so that I also, having come, might worship him.”

UST

8 Then he said to them, “Go out from here to Bethlehem and search everywhere to find where the child is. When you have found him, come back and tell me where he is so that I myself can go there and worship him too.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:9

ULT

9 And they, having heard the king, went on their way, and behold, the star that they saw in the east was going before them until, having come, it stood over where the young child was.

UST

9 After the men heard the king's request, they went toward the town of Bethlehem. The star which appeared to them in the east appeared again, and led them to the place where the child was. Then, the star remained above that place.

How did the learned men find exactly where Jesus was?

The star in the east went before them until it stood over where Jesus was.

Matthew 2:10

ULT

10 And having seen the star, they rejoiced with very great joy.

UST

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced greatly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:11

ULT

11 And having gone into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother. And having fallen down, they worshiped him, and having opened their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.

UST

11 After they entered the house where the star led them, they saw the child and his mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they took out gold, frankincense, and myrrh gifts and give them to him.

How old was Jesus when the learned men came to see him?

Jesus was a young child when the learned men came to see him.

What gifts did the learned men give to Jesus?

The learned men gave to Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12

ULT
12 And having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their country by another way.

UST
12 After they left the place where the child was, God warned them in a dream not to return to King Herod. So they left to go back to their country, traveling back on a different road than the one they came on.

By what way did the learned men return home, and why did they go this way?
The learned men returned home another way because God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Matthew 2:13

ULT
13 Now they having departed, behold, an angel of {the} Lord appears to Joseph by means of a dream, saying, “Having gotten up, take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is going to seek the young child to kill him.”

UST
13 After the men who studied the stars left Bethlehem, an angel from the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee into the country of Egypt. Stay there until I tell you that you should return, because King Herod is about to send soldiers to look for the child so that they can kill him.”

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream?
Joseph was instructed in a dream to take Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt because Herod was going to try to kill Jesus.

Matthew 2:14

ULT
14 And having gotten up, he took the young child and his mother at night and departed for Egypt,

UST
14 So Joseph woke up that night after having the dream. He took the child and Mary the child's mother, and they fled into Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:15

ULT

15 and he was there until the death of Herod, in order that might be fulfilled {what} was spoken by {the} Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

UST

15 Joseph, Mary, and Jesus stayed there until King Herod died. Then they left Egypt and returned to Judah. In this way, what God had told the prophet Hosea to write proved true, “I have brought my son out of Egypt.”

What prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus’ later return from Egypt?

The prophecy, “Out of Egypt I have called my son” was fulfilled when Jesus later returned from Egypt.

Matthew 2:16

ULT

16 Then Herod, having seen that he had been mocked by the learned men, was very angry, and having sent forth, he killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all its region, from two years and under, according to the time that he had determined exactly from the learned men.

UST

16 Before King Herod died, he realized that the men who study the stars had tricked him, and he became furious. Because he thought that Jesus was still near Bethlehem, Herod sent soldiers there to kill all the boy babies two years old and younger. Herod calculated how old the baby was, according to what the men who studied the stars told him about when the star first appeared.

What did Herod do when the learned men did not return to him?

Herod killed all the male children in the region of Bethlehem who were two years old or younger.

Matthew 2:17

ULT

17 Then was fulfilled {what} was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

UST

17 When Herod did this, what the prophet Jeremiah had written long ago proved true, when he wrote about Bethlehem near the town of Ramah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:18

ULT

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and not willing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

UST

18 Women in Ramah were weeping and wailing loudly. The descendants of Rachel were weeping because of what happened to their children. People tried to comfort them, but they were not able to, because all their children were dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:19

ULT

19 Now Herod having died, behold, an angel of {the} Lord appears through a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

UST

19 After Herod died, an angel that the Lord had sent appeared to Joseph in a dream while they were in Egypt. He said to Joseph,

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream after Herod died? (vv19-20)

Joseph was instructed in a dream to return to the land of Israel.

Matthew 2:20

ULT

20 saying, “Having gotten up, take the child and his mother and go to {the} land of Israel, for the ones seeking the life of the child have died.”

UST

20 “Get up and take the child and his mother and return to the country of Israel to live, because the people who were trying to kill the child have died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:21

ULT
21 And he, having gotten up, took the child and his mother, and entered into {the} land of Israel.

UST
21 So Joseph took the child and his mother, and they returned to Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 2:22

ULT
22 But having heard that Archelaus is reigning over Judea in the place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. But having been warned by means of a dream, he withdrew to the region of Galilee,

UST
22 But when Joseph heard that Archaelaus now ruled in the region of Judea instead of his father, King Herod the Great, he was afraid to go there. So God instructed Joseph in a dream to go to the district of Galilee instead.

Where did Joseph settle to live with Mary and Jesus? (vv22-23)
Joseph settled to live with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 2:23

ULT
23 and having gone there, he lived in a city being called Nazareth, so that it might be fulfilled {what} was spoken through the prophets, that he will be called a Nazarene.

UST
23 They went to live in the town of Nazareth. The result was that what the prophets had said long ago proved true: “People will say that he is from Nazareth.”

What prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph moved to their new location?
The prophecy that the Christ would be called a Nazarene was fulfilled.

Matthew 3

Matthew 3:1

ULT
1 Now in those days, John the Baptist comes preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

UST
1 When Jesus was an adult, John, whom the people called the Baptizer, went to a desolate place in the region of Judea. He was preaching to the people who came there this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:2

ULT
2 saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is near.”

UST
2 “Cease from your evil ways! For God wants you to become of his people over whom he will rule from heaven”

What was the message that John the Baptist preached in the wilderness?
John preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near”.

Matthew 3:3

ULT
3 For this is the one spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “A voice calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of {the} Lord, make his paths straight.’”

UST
3 John the Baptizer is the one who God talked about through the prophet Isaiah when he wrote, “He will be a voice calling out in the desolate place to anyone who hears him, saying ‘Make yourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Get everything organized for his coming!’”

What did the prophecy from Isaiah say that John the Baptist would come to do?
The prophecy said that John the Baptist warn people to make ready the way of the Lord.

Matthew 3:4

ULT

4 Now this John had his clothing from {the} hair of a camel and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

UST

4 John wore rough clothes made of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and honey that he found in that desolate area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:5

ULT

5 Then were going out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the {region} around the Jordan,

UST

5 People who lived in the city of Jerusalem, people who lived in the region of Judea, and many others who lived near the Jordan River came to John to hear him preach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:6

ULT

6 and being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

UST

6 After they heard his message, they were openly sorry for their sins to God, and then John baptized them in the Jordan River.

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

As they were baptized, the people confessed their sins.

Matthew 3:7

ULT

7 Now having seen many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

UST

7 But John saw that many Pharisees and Sadducees were coming in order for John to baptize them. He said to them, “You people are like poisonous snakes! Do not think that you can escape from God's wrath if you do not genuinely ask for forgiveness!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:8

ULT

8 Therefore, produce fruit worthy of repentance.

UST

8 If you are truly sorry for your sin, you must show this by doing good things.

What did John the Baptist tell the Pharisees and Sadducees to do?

John the Baptist told the Pharisees and Sadducees to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Matthew 3:9

ULT

9 And you should not think to say among yourselves, ‘We have Abraham {as} father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.

UST

9 Do not say to yourselves, ‘Since we are descendants of our ancestor Abraham, God will not punish us even though we have sinned.’ No! I tell you that he does not need you! For he can just as easily make descendants of Abraham out of these rocks!

What did John the Baptist warn the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves?

John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves that they had Abraham as their father.

Matthew 3:10

ULT

10 But already the ax is set against the root of the trees. So, every tree not producing good fruit is chopped down and is thrown into a fire.

UST

10 God is ready right now to punish you, just like a man who is ready to chop away the roots of a plant which is not producing what it is supposed to. He cuts it down and throws it into the fire."

According to John, what happens to every tree that does not produce good fruit?

John says that every tree that does not bear good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:11

ULT

11 I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one coming after me is mightier than I, of whom I am not worthy to carry away {his} sandals. He will baptize you with {the} Holy Spirit and with fire;

UST

11 "I am baptizing you with water in the Jordan River because you were sorry for your sins. Soon someone else will come who is much greater than I am. He is so great that I am not even worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize some of you in the Holy Spirit. Others of you he will baptize in the fire of judgement.

How will the one who was coming after John baptize?

The one who was coming after John will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:12

ULT

12 whose winnowing fork {is} in his hand, and he will thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the storehouse. But he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

UST

12 He is like a farmer, who is holding his winnowing fork, ready to separate edible parts of the wheat plant from the inedible parts of the wheat plant. He is ready to clear out all the inedible parts from where he prepares the wheat. He will put his wheat into his storehouse; but he will burn the inedible parts, in a fire that never goes out. {Similarly, God will bring to himself those who are pleasing to him, and will punish those who are displeasing to him}"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:13

ULT

13 Then Jesus comes from Galilee to the Jordan, to John, to be baptized by him.

UST

13 During that time, Jesus went from the region of Galilee to the Jordan River, where John was. He did this so John could baptize him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:14

ULT

14 But John was hindering him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?”

UST

14 When Jesus asked John to baptize him, John refused. He said, “I need you to baptize me! {For you are much greater than I am!}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 3:15

ULT

15 But answering, Jesus said to him, “Permit {it} now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permits him.

UST

15 But Jesus said to him, “Baptize me now, because in this way we two will do everything that God requires.” Then John agreed to baptize him.

What did Jesus say to John that convinced John to baptize Jesus?

Jesus said that it was right for John to baptize Jesus in order to fulfill all righteousness.

Matthew 3:16

ULT

16 Now having been baptized, Jesus immediately came up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove, resting upon him,

UST

16 As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven open. The Spirit of God descended {from heaven} like a dove would, and landed upon him.

What did Jesus see when he came up from the water?

When he came up from the water, Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and resting on him.

Matthew 3:17

ULT

17 and behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son. I am very pleased with him.”

UST

17 Then God spoke from heaven and said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him.”

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 4

Matthew 4:1

ULT

[1] Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

UST

[1] Then God's Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.{He did this in order for} the devil to tempt him.

Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil?

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:2

ULT

[2] And having fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterwards, he was hungry.

UST

[2] After he had not eaten food for 40 days, he was hungry.

How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:3

ULT

[3] And having approached, the one tempting said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak so that these stones might become bread."

UST

[3] Satan, the one who was tempting Jesus, came to him and said, "If you are really the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread {so that you might eat}!"

What was the first temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.

Matthew 4:4

ULT

4 But he, answering, said, “It is written, ‘Man will not live by bread alone, but by every word coming through the mouth of God.’”

UST

4 But Jesus said to him, “No! I will not do this, because God has said in the Scriptures which Moses wrote, ‘A person should not live only by eating food. He should also listen to what God has said’”

What was Jesus’ answer to the first temptation?

Jesus said that man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:5

ULT

5 Then the devil takes him into the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple,

UST

5 Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, the holy city. He set him on a high part of the temple

What was the second temptation that the devil presented to Jesus? (vv5-6)

The devil tempted Jesus to throw himself down from the temple.

Matthew 4:6

ULT

6 and says to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and, ‘They will lift you up in {their} hands, lest you might hit your foot against a stone.’”

UST

6 and said to him, “If you are truly the Son of God, cause yourself to fall from here. Surely you will not be hurt, for God has promised in his word, ‘God will command his angels to protect you. They will lift you up in their hands when you are falling, and they will keep you from hitting your foot on a small stone.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:7

ULT

[7] Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You will not test {the} Lord your God.’”

UST

[7] But Jesus said, “No! I will not jump down, because God has also said in the scriptures, ‘Do not test what the Lord your God can or cannot do.’”

What was Jesus’ answer to the second temptation?
Jesus said that you must not test the Lord your God.

Matthew 4:8

ULT

[8] Again, the devil takes him to a very high hill and shows him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

UST

[8] Then the devil took him on top of a very high mountain. There he showed him all the nations in the world and the magnificent things in those nations.

What was the third temptation that the devil presented to Jesus? (vv8-9)
The devil tempted Jesus to worship him in return for all the kingdoms of the world.

Matthew 4:9

ULT

[9] And he said to him, “All these {things} I will give you, if having fallen down, you would worship me.”

UST

[9] Then he said to him, “I will let you rule all these nations and give you the magnificent things in them if you bow down and worship me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:10

ULT

10 Then Jesus says to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘You will worship {the} Lord your God, and you will serve only him.’”

UST

10 But Jesus said to him, “No, I will not worship you, Satan. Leave me! God has said in the scriptures, ‘It is to the Lord your God alone whom you must bow down and worship.”

What was Jesus’ answer to the third temptation?

Jesus said that you must worship the Lord your God and must serve him only.

Matthew 4:11

ULT

11 Then the devil leaves him, and behold, angels came and began to minister to him.

UST

11 Then the devil went away, and at that moment, angels came to Jesus and began taking care of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:12

ULT

12 Now having heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

UST

12 While Jesus was in the region of Judea, John the Baptizer’s disciples came and told him that King Herod had put John in prison. So Jesus returned to the district of Galilee, to the town of Nazareth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:13

ULT

13 And having left Nazareth, having come, he lived in Capernaum by the sea, in {the} territories of Zebulun and Naphtali,

UST

13 Then he left Nazareth and went to live in the city of Capernaum. Capernaum is located beside the Sea of Galilee in the region that formerly belonged to the tribes of Israel named Zebulun and Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:14

ULT

14 so that it might be fulfilled what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying,

UST

14 He went to live there so that these words that the prophet Isaiah had written long ago might come true:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:15

ULT

15 “{The} land of Zebulun and {the} land of Naphtali, {the} way of {the} sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

UST

15 “The regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, regions by the Sea, on the eastern side of the Jordan River, Galilee, home of many non-Israelites

What was fulfilled by Jesus’ move to Capernaum in Galilee? (vv15-16)

The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled which said that the people in Galilee would see a great light.

Matthew 4:16

ULT

16 the people sitting in darkness have seen a great light, and to the ones sitting in {the} region and shadow of death, upon them has a light arisen."

UST

16 The people there are like people who were at one time sitting in darkness, but now they have seen a great light because they now know God. And while they lived in a region of people who did not know God, now, like a bright light beginning to shine on them, God has revealed himself to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:17

ULT

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has come near."

UST

17 At that time, while Jesus was in the city of Capernaum, he began to preach to the people, "Cease from your evil ways! For God's rule has come near to us"

What message did Jesus then begin to preach?

Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near".

Matthew 4:18

ULT

18 Now walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

UST

18 One day while Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two men, Simon, who was later called Peter, and Andrew, his younger brother. They were casting their fishing net into the water, for they caught fish for work.

How did Peter and Andrew make their living?

Peter and Andrew were fisherman.

Matthew 4:19

ULT
19 And he says to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

UST
19 Then Jesus said to them, "You know how to gather fish, but come with me and I will teach you how to gather people.”

What did Jesus say he would make Peter and Andrew?
Jesus said that he would make Peter and Andrew fishers of men.

Matthew 4:20

ULT
20 And immediately, they, having left {their} nets, followed him.

UST
20 They immediately left the work that they were doing and went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:21

ULT
21 And having gone on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the {son} of Zebedee, and John his brother in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets, and he called them,

UST
21 As the three of them walked on from there, Jesus saw two other men, James and John, the younger brother of James. They were in their boat with Zebedee, their father, mending their fishing nets. Jesus told them that they should leave their work and go with him.

How did James and John make their living?
James and John were fisherman.

Matthew 4:22

ULT
22 and immediately they, having left the boat and their father, followed him.

UST
22 Immediately they also left their boat and their father and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 4:23

ULT
23 And he was going around in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

UST
23 Jesus led those four men throughout all of the district of Galilee. He was teaching the people in the synagogues. He was preaching the good news about how God is ruling. He was also healing all the people who were sick.

At this time, where did Jesus go to teach?
Jesus taught in the synagogues of Galilee.

Matthew 4:24

ULT
24 And the news of him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness. being afflicted by various diseases and pains, and being possessed by demons, and {the} epileptic and {the} paralytic, and he healed them.

UST
24 When people who lived in other parts of the region of Syria heard what he was doing, they brought to him people who suffered from illnesses, people who suffered from many kinds of diseases, people who suffered from severe pains, people who were controlled by demons, people who were epileptics, and people who were paralyzed. And Jesus healed them.

What kind of people were brought to Jesus, and what did Jesus do with them?
All those who were sick and demon possessed were brought to Jesus, and Jesus healed them.

Matthew 4:25

ULT

25 And large crowds followed him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and beyond the Jordan.

UST

25 Then large crowds started to go with him. They were people from Galilee, from the Ten Towns, from the city of Jerusalem, from other parts of the region of Judea, and from areas east of the Jordan River.

How many people were following Jesus at this time?

Great multitudes were following Jesus at this time.

Matthew 5

Matthew 5:1

ULT
1 Now having seen the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and he having sat down, his disciples came to him.

UST
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a hill. He sat down there, and many of his disciples gathered around him to hear him teach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:2

ULT
2 And having opened his mouth, he taught them, saying,

UST
2 Then he began to teach them. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:3

ULT
3 “Blessed {are} the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

UST
3 “It is well with those of you who admit to having spiritual need, for you belong to God's people.

Why are the poor in spirit blessed?
The poor in spirit are blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4

ULT

4 Blessed {are} the ones mourning, for they will be comforted.

UST

4 It is well with those of you who mourn because of this sinful world, for God will comfort you.

Why are those who mourn blessed?

Those who mourn are blessed because they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5

ULT

5 Blessed {are} the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

UST

5 It is well with those of you who are humble, for you will inherit the earth that God will one day restore.

Why are the meek blessed?

The meek are blessed because they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6

ULT

6 Blessed {are} the ones hungering and thirsting for righteousness, for they will be fed.

UST

6 It is well with those of you who desire to live a life pleasing to God as much as someone might need to eat and drink, for God will satisfy your desires.

Why are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness blessed?

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed because they will be filled.

Matthew 5:7

ULT

[7] Blessed {are} the merciful, for they will obtain mercy.

UST

[7] It is well with those of you who act mercifully toward others, for God will act mercifully toward you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:8

ULT

[8] Blessed {are} the pure in heart, for they will see God.

UST

[8] It is well with those who do what God desires them to do, for they will see God in his presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:9

ULT

[9] Blessed {are} the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

UST

[9] It is well with those of you who act peaceably with all people, for God will regard you as his own children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:10

ULT

[10] Blessed {are} the ones persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

[10] It is well with those of you who people treat poorly because you obey God, for God is ruling over you from heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:11

ULT

11 Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute {you} and say every evil {thing} against you falsely because of me.

UST

11 It is well with those of you who people speak falsely against and persecute because of me.

Why are those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake blessed? (vv11-12)

Those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake are blessed because great is their reward in heaven.

Matthew 5:12

ULT

12 Rejoice and be very glad, for great {is} your reward in the heavens, for in this way they persecuted the prophets before you.

UST

12 When that happens, rejoice and be glad, because God will give you a great reward in heaven. Remember, that is how they persecuted the prophets who lived long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:13

ULT

13 You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt has lost its taste, with what might it be made salty again? It is good for nothing any longer, except having been thrown out, to be trampled by men.

UST

13 Just as salt is good for food, so you shall be good for the world, keeping the people of the world from being more evil. But, as useless salt is thrown out onto the ground, so God will no longer use you, if you stop obeying him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:14

ULT

14 You are the light of the world. A city being set on top of a hill is not able to be hidden.

UST

14 What light does for people in the dark, this is what you will do for the world. Just as a city on top of a hill is seen from far away, {so your good deeds in the world will be seen by many people.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:15

ULT

15 Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but rather on the lampstand, and it shines for all the ones in the house.

UST

15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so it can shine upon everyone in the house.

How do believers let their light shine before people? (vv15-16)

Believers let their light shine before people by doing good deeds.

Matthew 5:16

ULT

16 Let your light shine before men in such a way so that they might see your good deeds and might glorify your Father in the heavens.

UST

16 Similarly, you need to do what is right in such a way that other people can see what you do. When they see it, they will praise your Father who is in heaven.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:17

ULT

17 Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy but to fulfill.

UST

17 "You should not suppose that I have come to you in order to do away with the laws that God gave Moses or what the prophets wrote. Rather, I came to cause to happen those things that were predicted would happen.

What did Jesus come to do with the law and the prophets of the Old Testament?

Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Matthew 5:18

ULT

18 For truly I say to you, until the heaven and the earth passes away, one jot or one tittle will certainly not pass away from the law until all things are accomplished.

UST

18 This is a true saying: God will never do away with the smallest part of his laws until the end times when he has finished everything he planned to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:19

ULT

19 Therefore, whoever annuls one of the least of these commandments and teaches men to do so will be called least in the kingdom of the heavens. But whoever does and teaches {them}, that one will be called great in the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

19 Therefore, if one of you decides that any of the commands are not important, and you teach others this, you will be the least important person under God's rule from heaven. But if one you obey God's commands and teach others to obey God as you are obeying him, you will become a great person under God's rule from heaven.

Who will be called great in the kingdom of heaven?

Those who keep God's commandments and who teach them to others will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

ULT

20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness abounds more than {that} of the scribes and Pharisees, you will certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

20 I tell you that you must obey God's laws better than the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. Otherwise, you will never be one of God's people

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:21

ULT

21 You have heard that it was said to the ancient {ones}, ‘Do not kill,’ and, ‘Whoever kills will be subject to the judgment.’

UST

21 “Your religious teachers have told you what God said to our ancestors, ‘You shall not kill anyone,’ and, ‘If you kill anyone, the judge will declare you guilty.’

Jesus taught that not only those who murder are in danger of the judgment, but also those who do what? (vv21-22)

Jesus taught that not only those who murder, but also those who are angry with their brother are in danger of the judgment.

Matthew 5:22

ULT

22 But I say to you that everyone being angry with his brother will be subject to the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Fool!’ will be subject to the council. And whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the Gehenna of fire.

UST

22 But I tell you that even if you are angry with another one of my followers, God himself will judge you. If you say to another one of my followers, ‘You are worthless,’ a council will bring you before them for judgement. If you say to someone, ‘You are a fool,’ God will throw you into the fire in Hell.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:23

ULT

23 Therefore, if you offer your gift at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you,

UST

23 So if, when you take your gift for God to the altar, you remember that you have offended someone,

What did Jesus teach we should do if our brother has anything against us? (vv23-24)

Jesus taught that we should go and be reconciled to our brother if he has anything against us.

Matthew 5:24

ULT

24 leave your gift there in front of the altar and go; first be reconciled with your brother, and then, having come, offer your gift.

UST

24 leave your gift by the altar. Then, go to the person you have offended, and tell that person that you are sorry for what you have done, and ask that person to forgive you. Then go back and offer your gift to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:25

ULT

25 Be in agreement with your accuser quickly while you are with him on the way, lest {your} accuser might hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.

UST

25 If a fellow citizen takes you before a judge in order to accuse you of doing something wrong, come to an agreement quickly with that person, while you are still walking with that person to court. Do that while there still is time so that he will not take you to the judge, because the judge might say you are guilty and hand you over to his jailor, and the jailor will put you in prison.

What did Jesus teach we should do with our accuser before reaching court?

Jesus taught that we should try to come to an agreement with our accuser before reaching court.

Matthew 5:26

ULT

26 Truly I say to you, you will certainly not come out from there until you have paid the last quadrans.

UST

26 This is a true saying which I am telling to you. You will never come out of prison until you pay everything which you owe to that person."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:27

ULT

27 You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'

UST

27 "You have heard from your religious teachers that that God said to our ancestors, 'Do not commit adultery.'

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to do what? (vv27-28)

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to lust after a woman.

Matthew 5:28

ULT

28 But I say to you that everyone looking on a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

UST

28 But I tell you that even if a man looks at a woman desiring to sleep with her, to God he has already committed adultery with her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:29

ULT

29 But if your right eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw {it} away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members would perish and your whole body would not be thrown into Gehenna.

UST

29 If you sin with your eyes, having looked at certain things, you should destroy both of your eyes. If this would help you to avoid sinning, it would be better to be blind and stop sinning, than for God to throw you into hell while you can still see.

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to sin? (vv29-30)

Jesus said that we must get rid of anything that causes us to sin.

Matthew 5:30

ULT

30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw {it} away from you. For it is better for you that one of your members would perish and your whole body would not go into Gehenna.

UST

30 And if one of your hands causes you to sin, cut your hand off and throw it away. If this would help you to avoid sinning, it would be better to lose a part of your body than for God to throw your whole body into hell.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:31

ULT

31 Now it has been said, ‘Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’

UST

31 “God has said in the Scriptures, ‘If a man divorces his wife, he should write a document on which he states that he is divorcing her.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:32

ULT

32 But I say to you that everyone divorcing his wife, except for a report of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries {the one who} has been divorced commits adultery.

UST

32 But I tell you that a man may divorce his wife only if she has committed adultery. If a man divorces his wife for any other reason, he causes her to act adulterously. If she marries someone else, then the man who marries her also commits adultery."

For what cause did Jesus allow divorce?

For the cause of sexual immorality did Jesus allow divorce.

What does a husband cause his wife to become if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries?

A husband causes his wife to become an adulteress if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries.

Matthew 5:33

ULT

33 Again, you have heard that it was said to the ancients, 'Do not break an oath, but carry out your oaths to the Lord.'

UST

33 "You have heard from your religious teachers that God said to our ancestors, 'You shall fulfill your oaths as you have promised to the Lord.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:34

ULT

34 But I tell you not to swear at all, neither by heaven, for it is {the} throne of God;

UST

34 But I tell you that when you make a promise, do not use the name of God or anything to guarantee your promise as the vows of the Pharisees! Do not swear by heaven. For God rules from there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:35

ULT
35 nor by the earth, for it is a footstool for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is {the} city of the great King.

UST
35 And do not swear any oath on the promise that the earth would witness it. For the earth belongs to God. Never swear an oath by the city of Jerusalem, because Jerusalem is the city that belongs to God, our great King.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:36

ULT
36 Neither should you swear by your head, for you are not able to make one hair white or black.

UST
36 Also, do not promise that you will do something by the authority of your own knowledge. For you are not even able to change the color of one hair on your head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:37

ULT
37 But let your word be ‘Yes, yes,’ {or} ‘No, no.’ But anything greater than this is from the evil one.

UST
37 If you promise something, just say ‘Yes, I will do it,’ or ‘No, I will not do it.’ If you say anything more than that, it is Satan, the Evil One, who has suggested that you talk this way.”

Instead of swearing oaths to various earthly things, what does Jesus say our speech should be like?
Jesus says that instead of swearing oaths by all these things we should let our speech be, “Yes, yes,” or “No, no”.

Matthew 5:38

ULT

38 You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye in exchange for an eye, and a tooth in exchange for a tooth.’

UST

38 “You have heard your religious teachers say that God told our ancestors, ‘If a person harms one of your eyes, then someone should harm one of that person’s eyes as punishment. And if a person harms one of your teeth, then someone should harm one of that person’s teeth as punishment.’

What did Jesus teach we should do with one who is evil toward us? (vv38-39)

Jesus taught that we should not resist one who is evil toward us.

Matthew 5:39

ULT

39 But I tell you not to resist the evil one. Instead, whoever strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

UST

39 But I tell you that you should not stop someone who does evil against you. Instead, if someone insults you by striking you on one cheek, turn your other cheek toward that person so he can strike it also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:40

ULT

40 And to the one wanting to have judgment passed upon you and to take away your coat, let him also have {your} cloak.

UST

40 If someone wants to sue you in a court so that you lose your tunic, let that person also have your outer garment, which is of even more worth to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:41

ULT

41 And whoever will compel you to go one mile, go with him two.

UST

41 And if a Roman soldier forces you to carry his burden for one mile, go with him and carry it for him for two miles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:42

ULT

42 Give to the one asking you, and do not turn away from the one wanting to borrow from you.

UST

42 If someone asks you for something, give it to him. And if someone asks you to lend him something, do not withhold it from him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:43

ULT

43 You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

UST

43 "You have heard that God said to our ancestors, 'Love your fellow Israelites and hate foreigners, for they are your enemies.'

What did Jesus teach we should do with our enemies and with those who persecute us? (vv43-44)

Jesus taught that we should love and pray for our enemies and for those who persecute us.

Matthew 5:44

ULT

44 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray on behalf of the ones persecuting you, [1]

UST

44 But I tell to you that you should also love your enemies, and pray for those who cause you to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:45

ULT

45 so that you might be sons of your Father in {the} heavens. For he makes his sun to rise on {the} evil and {the} good, and he sends rain on {the} just and {the} unjust.

UST

45 {You ought to behave this way} in order to be like God, your Father who is in heaven. {For he acts kindly to all people.} This is seen in that he causes the sun to shine equally on wicked people and on good people, and he sends rain both on people who obey his law and on people who do not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:46

ULT

46 For if you love the ones loving you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same {thing}?

UST

46 If you love only the people who love you, do not expect God to reward you at all. Even people who do evil things, such as tax collectors, love those who love them. You must act better than they do!

Why did Jesus say that we must not only love those who love us, but also love our enemies? (vv46-47)

Jesus said that if we only love those who love us, we do not receive a reward because we are only doing what the Gentiles already do.

Matthew 5:47

ULT

47 And if you love only your brothers, what do you do more? Do not even the Gentiles do the same {thing}?

UST

47 And if you greet only fellow Israelites, you are not acting any better than other people. Even non-Jews, who do not obey God's law, do the same thing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 5:48

ULT

48 Therefore, you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
5:44 [1]

UST

48 So you must act without fault, just as God your heavenly Father acts without fault."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6

Matthew 6:1

ULT

1 Now take heed not to do your righteousness before men to be seen by them, otherwise, you do not have a reward with your Father in the heavens.

UST

1 “Make certain that when you do good deeds you are not doing them so people will see what you do. If that is your reason for doing what is good, God, your Father who is in heaven, will not give you any reward.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:2

ULT

2 So when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself even as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

UST

2 So whenever you give something to the poor, do not make other people notice it as if playing a trumpet. That is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the main roads in order that people might praise them. This truth I want you to understand, that is the only reward the hypocrites will receive!

What is the reward of those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people?
Those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people receive the praise of people as their reward.

Matthew 6:3

ULT

3 But you, giving alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

UST

3 Instead of doing as they do, when you give something to the poor, do not let other people know what you are doing.

How should we do our acts of righteousness in order to be rewarded by the Father? (vv3-4)
We should do our acts of righteousness in private.

Matthew 6:4

ULT

4 so that your alms may be in secret, and your Father seeing in secret will reward you.

UST

4 In that way, you will be giving to the poor secretly. As a result God, your Father, who observes what you do while no one else sees it, will reward you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:5

ULT

5 And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray, having stood in the synagogues and on the corners of the street, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

UST

5 “Similarly, when you pray, do not do what the hypocrites do. They like to stand in the synagogues and on the corners of the main streets to pray in order that other people will see them and think highly of them. This truth I want you to know, that is the only reward they will get.

What reward do those receive who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people?

Those who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people receive their reward from people.

Matthew 6:6

ULT

6 But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father in secret, and your Father seeing in secret will reward you.

UST

6 But as for you, when you pray, go into your private room and close the door in order to pray to God, your Father, whom no one can see. Your Father observes what you do and will reward you.

Those who pray in private receive a reward from whom?

Those who pray in private receive a reward from the Father.

Matthew 6:7

ULT

[7] Now praying, do not make useless repetitions even as the Gentiles, for they think that because of their many words they will be heard.

UST

[7] When you pray, do not repeat words many times as the people who do not know God do when they pray. They think that if they use many words, their gods will hear their requests.

Why does Jesus say we should not pray with useless repetitions?

Jesus says we should not pray with useless repetitions because the Father knows what we need before we ask him.

Matthew 6:8

ULT

[8] Therefore, you should not be like them, for your Father knows what need you have before you ask him.

UST

[8] Do not repeat words as those who do not know God, for God your Father knows what you need before you even ask him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:9

ULT

[9] Therefore, you must pray like this: ‘Our Father in the heavens, let your name be honored.

UST

[9] So you ought to pray to God like this: ‘God, our Father who is in heaven, May everyone glorify you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:10

ULT
10 Let your kingdom come, let your will also be done on earth as {it is} in heaven.

UST
10 May your kingdom come. May everything happen on earth as you desire, just as it happens in heaven.

Where should we ask the Father that his will be done?
We should ask the Father that his will be done on earth, as it is already done in heaven.

Matthew 6:11

ULT
11 Give us today our daily bread;

UST
11 Give us each day the food that we need for that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:12

ULT
12 and forgive us our debts, as we also forgave our debtors;

UST
12 Forgive us of our sins against you in the same way that we forgive the people who have sinned against us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:13

ULT
13 and do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' *[1]*

UST
13 Do not bring us into situations where we will sin, but rescue us when Satan tries to harm us.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:14

ULT

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

UST

14 If you forgive the people who sin against you, God, your Father who is in heaven, will forgive your sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:15

ULT

15 But if you do not forgive the men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

UST

15 But if you do not forgive other people for their sins against you, neither will your Father forgive your sins against him.

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, what will the Father do?

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, the Father will not forgive our debts.

Matthew 6:16

ULT

16 Now when you fast, do not like the mournful hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so that they may be seen as fasting by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

UST

16 When you keep from eating food in order to please God, do not look sad as the hypocrites look. They make their faces appear sad in order that people will see that they are not eating food. This truth I want you to know, that is the only reward they will get!

How should we fast so that we receive a reward from the Father? (vv16-18)

We should fast without appearing to people as fasting, and then the Father will reward us.

Matthew 6:17

ULT
17 But you, {when} fasting, anoint your head and wash your face,

UST
17 Instead, each of you, when you keep from eating food to please God, anoint yourselves and wash your face as usual.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:18

ULT
18 so that you would not appear fasting to men, but only to your Father in secret; and your Father, seeing in secret, will reward you.

UST
18 Do this in order that other people will not notice that you are fasting. But God, your Father, whom no one can see, will observe that you are not eating food. He sees you even though no one else sees you, and he will reward you because of this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:19

ULT
19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

UST
19 Do not accumulate large quantities of money and material goods for yourselves on this earth. For the earth is where everything perishes—where moths ruin clothing, rust destroys metals, and thieves break into people's houses and steal what belongs to them.

Where should we store up treasure, and why? (vv19-20)
We should store up treasure in heaven, because it cannot be destroyed or stolen there.

Matthew 6:20

ULT

20 Instead, store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in nor steal.

UST

20 Instead, do deeds that will please God so that you store up treasures in heaven. Nothing perishes in heaven. In heaven no moths can ruin clothing, there is no rust to destroy metal, and there are no thieves who break in and steal things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:21

ULT

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

UST

21 Remember that whatever is most important to you, that is what you will desire the most.

What will be where our treasure is?

Our heart will be where our treasure is.

Matthew 6:22

ULT

22 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light.

UST

22 “Your eyes are like a lamp for your body, {because they enable you to see things}. So if your eyes are healthy, you will see things clearly. Similarly, if you are generous, then God will tell you all that he wants you to know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:23

ULT

23 But if your eye is evil, your whole body is full of darkness. Therefore, if the light in you is darkness, how great {is} the darkness!

UST

23 But if your eyes are bad, you are not able to see things well. Similarly, if you continue to love your treasure in this world, you will take part in much spiritual darkness.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:24

ULT

24 No one is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and will love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth.

UST

24 “No one is able to serve two different masters at the same time. If he tried to do that, he would hate one of them and love the other one, or he would be loyal to one of them and despise the other one. Similarly, you cannot worship God and money at the same time.”

Which two masters must we choose between?

We must choose between God and wealth as our masters.

Matthew 6:25

ULT

25 Because of this I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you might eat or what you might drink, nor about your body, what you might wear. Is not life more than food, and the body, {than} clothing?

UST

25 That is why I tell you that you should not worry about things that you need in order to live. Do not worry about whether you will have enough food to eat and enough things to drink, or enough clothes to wear. Life is much more than just about these things.

Why should we not worry about food, drink, and clothes? (vv25-26)

We should not worry about food, drink, and clothes because the Father even takes care of the birds, and we are of much more value than they.

Matthew 6:26

ULT

26 Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow nor reap nor gather into barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. {Are} you not more valuable than them?

UST

26 Think about the birds. They do not plant seeds, and they do not harvest crops from seeds nor gather produce into barns. They always have food to eat because God, your Father who is in heaven, provides food for them. You can be assured that God will supply what you need, for you are certainly worth a lot more than birds!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:27

ULT

27 But who among you, being anxious, is able to add one cubit to his lifespan?

UST

27 None of you can, just by worrying, add any amount of time to your life.

What does Jesus remind us we cannot do by being anxious?

Jesus reminds us that we cannot add one cubit to our lifespan by being anxious.

Matthew 6:28

ULT

28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor, nor do they spin {cloth}.

UST

28 You should also not worry about whether you will have enough clothes to wear. Think about the way flowers grow in the fields. They do not work to earn money, and they do not make their own clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:29

ULT

29 But I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

UST

29 But I tell you that even though King Solomon, who lived long ago, wore very beautiful clothes, his clothes were not as beautiful as one of those flowers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:30

ULT

30 But if God thus clothes the grass of the field, existing today and tomorrow being thrown into an oven, {will he} not much more, you of little faith?

UST

30 And if one day the flowers are in the field, and the next day people throw them into an oven to burn them, {this shows that} God will surely provide clothes for you. So trust in God, you who have so little faith!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:31

ULT

31 Therefore, you should not be anxious, saying, ‘What might we eat?’ or, ‘What might we drink?’ or, ‘What might we wear?’

UST

31 So do not worry and say, ‘Will we have anything to eat?’ or ‘Will we have anything to drink?’ or ‘Will we have clothes to wear?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:32

ULT

32 For the Gentiles seek all these {things}; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all of these {things}.

UST

32 Those who do not know God are always worrying about what they will eat, drink, and what they will wear. But God, your Father who is in heaven, knows that you need all those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 6:33

ULT

33 But seek first {his} kingdom and his righteousness, and all these {things} will be added to you.

UST

33 Instead, make it the most important thing that you become one of God's people, and that you do what he commands you to do. If you do that, he will give you all the things that you need.

What must we seek first, and all our earthly needs will then be provided?

We must seek first the kingdom and the Father’s righteousness, and then all our earthly needs will be provided.

Matthew 6:34

ULT

34 Therefore, you should not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day {is} its evil.
6:13 *[1]*

UST

34 So do not be worried about what will happen to you tomorrow. For when that day comes, you will have enough to be concerned about.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7

Matthew 7:1

ULT

1 Do not judge, so that you will not be judged.

UST

1 Do not show how much other people have disobeyed God, unless you would like God to show how much you have disobeyed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:2

ULT

2 For with the judgment you judge, you will be judged, and with the measure you measure, it will be measured to you.

UST

2 For if you call other people sinful, God will show you how you are sinful. Likewise, to the same extent that you treat others, God will treat you in this way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:3

ULT

3 Now why do you look at the speck of wood in the eye of your brother, but you do not notice the log in your eye?

UST

3 {None of you should be concerned about the small faults of another person. You should be concerned about your own serious faults.} Otherwise, that would be like noticing a speck in the eye of that person while not noticing a huge wooden plank in your own eye.

What must we do first before we can clearly see to help our brother? (vv3-5)

We must first judge ourselves and remove the log from our own eye before we can help our brother.

Matthew 7:4

ULT

4 Or how will you say to your brother, ‘Let me take out the speck of wood from your eye,’ while behold, the log {is} in your eye?

UST

4 You should not say to other people about their minor faults, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye!’ while you still have a wooden plank in your own eye.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:5

ULT

5 You hypocrite! First take out the log from your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck of wood from the eye of your brother.

UST

5 If you do that, you are a hypocrite! You should first {stop committing your own sins. That will be like} removing a large plank from your own eye. Then, as a result, you will have the spiritual insight you need to help others get rid of the {smaller faults that are like} little specks in their eyes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:6

ULT

6 You should neither give the holy to the dogs, nor should you throw your pearls in front of the pigs. Otherwise they will trample them under their feet, and having turned, tear you to pieces.

UST

6 “Do not share about God with people who have completely refused to hear it. For this is like giving valuable things to dogs, or like throwing pearls in front of a herd of pigs, who will trample them. For these people will reject what you say to them and will instead attack you.

What may happen if you give what is holy to the dogs?

If you give what is holy to the dogs, they may trample it and then turn and tear you to pieces.

Matthew 7:7

ULT
7 Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and it will be opened to you.

UST
7 “Ask God for what you need, and he will certainly give it to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:8

ULT
8 For everyone asking, receives; and the one seeking, finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened.

UST
8 For if anyone asks God for something they need, he will give it to them.

What must we do to receive from the Father?
We must ask, seek, and knock in order to receive from the Father.

Matthew 7:9

ULT
9 Or what man is there from among you, of whom his son will ask for bread—he will not give him a stone, will he?

UST
9 If your son asked you for bread, you certainly would not give him a stone!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:10

ULT
10 Or he will also ask for a fish—he will not give him a snake, will he?

UST
10 Similarly, if your son asked you for a fish, certainly you would not give him a snake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:11

ULT

11 Therefore, if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in the heavens give good {things} to the ones asking him?

UST

11 You know how to give good things to your children, even though you are evil. So God, your Father who is in heaven, will even more certainly give good things to those who ask him.

What does the Father give to those who ask him?

The Father gives good things to those who ask him.

Matthew 7:12

ULT

12 Therefore, all {things} in as much as you desire that men do to you, in this manner also, you do to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

UST

12 So in whatever way you want others to act toward you, that is the way you should act toward them. For this is what Moses taught in God's law and what the prophets wrote long ago.

What do the law and the prophets teach us about how to treat others?

The law and prophets teach us to do to others what we want people to do to us.

Matthew 7:13

ULT

13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide {is} the gate and broad {is} the road that is leading to destruction, and there are many entering through it.

UST

13-14 "You ought to live with God in Heaven! This is like walking through a narrow gate which not many people go through. For there is another path of life, one that most people take, which is like a wide road. They walk on that wide road until they reach a wide gate, but when they go through it, God will punish them forever. So I am telling you to take the narrow road and enter the narrow gate to live forever with God in heaven. Not many people find this path"

To what does the broad way lead?

The broad way leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:14

ULT

14 For the gate {is} narrow and the way has been made narrow that is leading to life, and there are few finding it.

UST

13-14 “You ought to live with God in Heaven! This is like walking through a narrow gate which not many people go through. For there is another path of life, one that most people take, which is like a wide road. They walk on that wide road until they reach a wide gate, but when they go through it, God will punish them forever. So I am telling you to take the narrow road and enter the narrow gate to live forever with God in heaven. Not many people find this path”

To what does the narrow way lead?

The narrow way leads to life.

Matthew 7:15

ULT

15 Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

UST

15 Watch out for people who come to you and say falsely that they are telling you what God has said. They pretend that they are one of God's people, but they are really enemies of God's people.

How can we recognize false prophets? (vv15-16)

We can recognize false prophets by the fruit of their lives.

Matthew 7:16

ULT

16 By their fruits you will know them. They do not gather grapes from a thornbush or figs from thistles, do they?

UST

16 Just as thorn bushes cannot produce grapes and thistles cannot produce figs, so you will recognize that they are not one of God's people by the way they behave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:17

ULT

17 In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but the bad tree produces bad fruit.

UST

17 Likewise, all good fruit trees produce good fruit for eating, but all rotten trees produce fruit which you cannot eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:18

ULT

18 A good tree is not able to produce bad fruit, nor a bad tree to produce good fruit.

UST

18 No good fruit tree is able to produce inedible fruit, and no unhealthy tree is able to produce good fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:19

ULT

19 Every tree not producing good fruit is cut down and thrown into a fire.

UST

19 Just as every useless tree which produces bad fruit should be chopped down and thrown in a fire to be burned, so God will destroy those who pretend to be his people but are not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:20

ULT

20 So then, you will recognize them from their fruits.

UST

20 And just as you can tell if a tree is healthy by the quality of it's fruit, so you can tell if someone is one of God's people by the way they behave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:21

ULT

21 Not everyone saying to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father in the heavens.

UST

21 Even though many people habitually call me Lord, pretending that they are my people, they are not my people, because they do not do what my Father in heaven desires them to do.

Who will enter into the kingdom of heaven?

Those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:22

ULT

22 Many will say to me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty deeds?’

UST

22 On the day that God will judge everyone, many people will say to me, ‘Lord, we spoke God’s message by your power! By your power we drove out demons from people! And by your power, we performed many mighty deeds!’

What will Jesus say to many who have prophesied, driven out demons, and done miracles in Jesus’ name? (vv22-23)

Jesus will say to them, “I never knew you! Get away from me, you evil-doers”!

Matthew 7:23

ULT

23 And then I will pubicly declare to them, ‘I never knew you! Go away from me, the ones practicing lawlessness!’

UST

23 Then I will publicly say to them, ‘I never said that you were one of my people. Go away from me, you who do what is evil!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:24

ULT

24 Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock.

UST

24 So then, anyone who hears what I say and obeys me will be like a wise man who built his house on solid ground.

Who is like the wise man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and obeys them is like the wise man.

Matthew 7:25

ULT

25 And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and struck against that house, but it did not fall down, for it had been founded on the rock.

UST

25 Even though it rained and floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, it did not fall down because it had been built on solid ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:26

ULT

26 But everyone hearing these words of mine and not doing them will be compared to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.

UST

26 On the other hand, anyone who hears what I say but does not obey me will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

Who is like the foolish man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and does not obey them is like the foolish man.

Matthew 7:27

ULT
27 And the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and struck against that house, and it fell, and its destruction was great.”

UST
27 When the rain fell, and floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, it crashed down and broke completely apart because it was built on sand.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:28

ULT
28 And it happened that when Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were astonished by his teaching,

UST
28 When Jesus finished teaching, the crowds who had heard him were amazed by what he taught them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 7:29

ULT
29 for he was teaching them as having authority, and not as their scribes.

UST
29 He taught like a teacher who relies on what he himself knows. He did not teach like those who taught the Jewish laws, who repeated the different things that other men had taught.

How did Jesus teach the people compared to how the scribes taught?
Jesus taught the people as one who had authority, not as the scribes taught.

Matthew 8

Matthew 8:1

ULT

[1] Now {when} he had come down from the hill, large crowds followed him.

UST

[1] When Jesus went down from the hillside, large crowds followed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:2

ULT

[2] And behold, a leper, having approached, bowed before him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean.”

UST

[2] Then, a man who had a skin disease came and knelt before him. He said to Jesus, “Lord, please heal me. For I know you are able to heal me if you are willing to.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:3

ULT

[3] And having reached out {his} hand, he touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” And immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

UST

[3] Then Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the man. He said to him, “I am willing to heal you, and I heal you now!” Immediately Jesus healed the man from his skin disease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:4

ULT

4 And Jesus says to him, “See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift {that} Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

UST

4 Then Jesus said to him, “Make sure that you do not report about me healing you to anyone. Instead, go to the temple in Jerusalem and show to the priest that you are healed. Then give the offering that Moses commanded so people will see that you are no longer sick.”

Why did Jesus say the healed leper should go to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded?

Jesus told the healed leper to go to the priest for a testimony to them.

Matthew 8:5

ULT

5 Now {when} he had entered into Capernaum, a centurion came to him, begging him

UST

5 When Jesus went to the city of Capernaum, a Roman officer who commanded one hundred soldiers came to him. He begged Jesus to help him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:6

ULT

6 and saying, “Lord, my servant has been lying in the house paralyzed, being tormented terribly.”

UST

6 He said to him, “Lord, my servant is lying in bed at home and is paralyzed, and he is suffering much.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:7

ULT

7 And he says to him, “I, {when} I have come, will heal him.”

UST

7 Jesus said to him, “I will go to your house and heal him.”

What did Jesus say he would do when the centurion told him about his paralyzed servant?
Jesus said he would go to the centurion’s house and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:8

ULT

8 And answering, the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy that you might enter under my roof, but only speak a word and my servant will be healed.

UST

8 But the officer said to him, “My Lord, I am not worthy for you to come into my house. All you must do is speak, and you will heal my servant.

Why did the centurion say that Jesus didn’t need to come to his house?
The centurion said that he was not worthy to have Jesus in his house, and that Jesus could just say the word and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:9

ULT

9 For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does {it}.”

UST

9 {I know that you can do this} because I myself am a man who must obey the orders of my superiors. I also have soldiers who must obey my orders. When I say to one of them, ‘Go!’ he goes. When I say to another one, ‘Come!’ he comes. When I say to my slave, ‘Do this!’ he does it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:10

ULT

10 But having heard {this}, Jesus was amazed and said to the ones following him, “Truly I say to you, I have found such great faith from no one in Israel.

UST

10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled. He said to the crowd that was walking with him, “Listen to this: I have never before found anyone who trusts in me as much this non-Jewish man. Not even in Israel, where I would expect people to believe in me, have I found anyone who trusts so much in me!

What compliment did Jesus give the centurion?

Jesus said that not even in Israel had he found anyone with so much faith as the centurion.

Matthew 8:11

ULT

11 But I tell you that many will come from east and west, and they will recline to eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

11 I tell you that many other non-Jewish people will believe in me also. They will come from distant countries, including those far to the east and far to the west, and have eternal life with God, along with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the rest of God's people.

Who did Jesus say would come and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that many would come from the east and the west and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 8:12

ULT

12 But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.”

UST

12 But as for the Jewish people, whom God intended to be his people—he will throw many of them into hell, where there is no spiritual good. There they will weep because of their suffering, and they will grind their teeth because they will be in severe pain.”

Who did Jesus say would be thrown into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth?

Jesus said that the sons of the kingdom would be thrown into outer darkness.

Matthew 8:13

ULT

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! As you believed, let it be done for you.” And the servant was healed at that hour.

UST

13 Then Jesus said to the officer, “Go home. What you believed I am able to do will happen.” Then the officer went home and found out that his servant had become well at the exact time that Jesus told him that he would heal him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:14

ULT

14 And {when} Jesus had come into the house of Peter, he saw his mother-in-law having been laid down and being sick with a fever.

UST

14 When Jesus and some of his disciples went to the home of Peter, Jesus saw Peter’s mother-in-law. She was lying on a bed because she was feeling sick due to having a fever.

Who did Jesus heal when he entered Peter’s house? (vv14-15)

Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law when he entered Peter’s house.

Matthew 8:15

ULT

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.

UST

15 He touched her hand, and immediately she no longer had a fever. Then she got up and served Jesus and the disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:16

ULT

16 Now evening having come, they brought to him many being possessed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all the ones having sickness,

UST

16 When it was evening, the crowd brought to Jesus many people whom demons controlled, and other people who were sick. He made the demons leave the people just by commanding them to, and he healed all the people who were sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:17

ULT

17 so that might be fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, “He himself took our weaknesses and bore {our} diseases.”

UST

17 When he did this, he proved true what the prophet Isaiah had written, ‘He healed people from their sicknesses, and he cured them from their diseases.’

What prophecy from Isaiah was fulfilled as Jesus healed all who were demon-possessed and sick?

Isaiah’s prophecy, “He himself took our sickness and bore our diseases,” was fulfilled.

Matthew 8:18

ULT

18 Now Jesus, having seen a crowd around him, commanded to depart to the other side.

UST

18 When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he told his disciples to take him by boat to the other side of the lake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:19

ULT
19 And having approached, a scribe said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

UST
19 As they were walking toward the boat, a man who taught the Jewish laws came to him and said, “Teacher, I will go with you wherever you go.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:20

ULT
20 And Jesus says to him, “Foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky, nests, but the Son of Man does not have {a place} where he might lay {his} head.”

UST
20 Jesus answered him, “Foxes have holes in the ground in which to live, and birds have nests in the trees to live, but even though I am the Son of Man, I do not have a home where I can sleep.”

What did Jesus say about the way he lived when the scribe asked to follow him?
Jesus said that he had no permanent home.

Matthew 8:21

ULT
21 Now another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, permit me first to go away and to bury my father.”

UST
21 Another man who was one of Jesus’ disciples said to him, “Lord, permit me first to go home. After my father dies I will bury him, and then I will come with you.”

When a disciple asked to go bury his father before following Jesus, what did Jesus say? (vv21-22)
Jesus told the disciple to follow him, and to leave the dead to bury their own dead.

Matthew 8:22

ULT
22 But Jesus says to him, “Follow me, and allow the dead to bury {their} own dead.”

UST
22 But Jesus said to him, “Come with me now. Let the people who do not love God and desire to follow me bury the people who have died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:23

ULT
23 And {when} he had entered into a boat, his disciples followed him.

UST
23 When Jesus got onto the boat, his disciples followed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:24

ULT
24 And behold, a great storm happened on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. But he was sleeping.

UST
24 Suddenly a strong windstorm came over the sea of Galilee. Very high waves were splashing into the boat and filling it, but Jesus was sleeping.

What was Jesus doing in the boat when the great storm arose on the sea?
Jesus was sleeping when the great storm arose on the sea.

Matthew 8:25

ULT
25 And having approached, they woke him, saying, “Lord, save us; we are perishing!”

UST
25 The disciples went and woke Jesus up, and said to him, “Lord, rescue us! We are about to drown!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:26

ULT

26 And he says to them, “Why are you cowardly, you of little faith?” Then, having gotten up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and a great calm happened.

UST

26 He said to them, “You should not be scared! You do not believe that I can rescue you.” Then he got up and told the wind and the waves to stop. Immediately the wind stopped and the water became calm.

When the disciples woke Jesus up because they were afraid of dying, what did Jesus say to them?

Jesus said to the disciples, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith”?

Matthew 8:27

ULT

27 But the men marveled, saying, “What sort of is he, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

UST

27 The men were amazed, and they said to each other, “This man is certainly an extraordinary person, having all things are under his control! He even commands the wind and the waves!”

Why were the disciples marveling at Jesus after there was calm?

The disciples marveled at Jesus because the winds and the sea obeyed him.

Matthew 8:28

ULT

28 And {when} he had come to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two men met him, being possessed by demons, coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was strong enough to pass through that road.

UST

28 When they came to the east side of the lake, they arrived in the region where the Gadarenes lived. Then two men whom demons controlled came out from among the tombs where they were living. Because they were extremely violent and attacked people, no one was brave enough to travel on the road that went by the tombs.

What kind of men met Jesus when he came to the country of the Gadarenes?

Jesus met two demon-possessed men who were very violent.

Matthew 8:29

ULT

29 And behold, they cried out, saying, “What to us and to you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the set time?”

UST

29 Suddenly they shouted to Jesus, “Leave us alone, Son of the Most High God! Have you come here to torture us before the time God has appointed to punish us?”

What was the concern of the demons speaking through the men to Jesus?

The demons were concerned that Jesus had come to torment them before the set time.

Matthew 8:30

ULT

30 Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at a distance from them.

UST

30 There was a large herd of pigs grazing not far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:31

ULT

31 But the demons were begging him, saying, “If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of the pigs.”

UST

31 So the demons begged Jesus and said, “If you are going to send out of these people, send us into those pigs!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:32

ULT

32 And he said to them, “Go!” And they, having come out, went away into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and they died in the water.

UST

32 Jesus said to them, “If that is what you want, go!” So the demons left the men and entered the pigs. Suddenly the whole herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the water and drowned.

What happened when Jesus cast out the demons?

When Jesus cast out the demons, they entered a herd of pigs and the pigs rushed into the sea and perished.

Matthew 8:33

ULT

33 Now the ones feeding them ran away and, having gone away to the city, they reported everything, and the {things concerning} the ones possessed by demons.

UST

33 The men who were tending the pigs became afraid and ran into the town and reported everything that had happened, including what had happened to the two men whom demons had controlled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 8:34

ULT

34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And having seen him, they begged him that he would depart from their region.

UST

34 Then many people who lived in that town went to meet Jesus. When they saw him and the two men whom demons had controlled, they pleaded with Jesus to leave their region.

What did the people beg Jesus to do when they came out of the city to meet him?

The people begged Jesus to leave their region.

Matthew 9

Matthew 9:1

ULT

1 And having entered into a boat, he crossed over and came to {his} own city.

UST

1 Jesus and his disciples got into the boat. They sailed over the Sea of Galilee and went to the city of Capernaum where Jesus was living.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:2

ULT

2 And behold, they were bringing to him a paralytic lying on a mat. And {when} Jesus had seen their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, have courage. Your sins are forgiven.”

UST

2 Some people brought to him a man who was paralyzed and who was lying on a sleeping pad. When Jesus perceived that they believed that he could heal the paralyzed man, he said to him, “Be encouraged! I forgive your sins.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:3

ULT

3 And behold, some of the scribes said among themselves, “This one blasphemes.”

UST

3 Some of the men who taught the Jewish laws said among themselves, “Only God can forgive sins! This man says that he can forgive sins. He is blaspheming!”

Why did some of the scribes think that Jesus was blaspheming God? (vv3-5)

Some of the scribes thought that Jesus was blaspheming God because Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven.

Matthew 9:4

ULT

4 And Jesus, having known their thoughts, said, “For what reason do you think evil in your hearts?

UST

4 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he said, “You should not think evil thoughts!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:5

ULT

5 For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?

UST

5 You think it would certainly be easier for someone to say to another person "I have forgiven your sins" {because you can not see the proof of it happening}. Similarly, you think it would be much more difficult for someone to say to another person "{I have healed you.} Stand up and walk" {because you can see the proof of it happening}.

Why did Jesus say he had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven, instead of telling him to get up and walk? (vv5-6)

Jesus had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven to demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins.

Matthew 9:6

ULT

6 But in order that you might know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins...” he then says to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your mat, and go to your house.”

UST

6 But I will show you that I, the Son of Man, am able to forgive sins on the earth, {which according to you is easier to do} ". Then Jesus said to the paralyzed man, " Stand up! Take up your sleeping pad and go home! "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:7

ULT
7 And having gotten up, he went away to his house.

UST
7 The man got up, picked up his sleeping pad, and went home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:8

ULT
8 Now {when} the crowds had seen this, they were afraid and glorified God, having given such authority to men.

UST
8 When the crowds saw this, they were amazed. They praised God for giving such authority to people.

Why did the people praise God when they saw the paralytic man's sins forgiven and his body healed?
They were overawed and praised God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew 9:9

ULT
9 And {as} Jesus is passing on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collection office, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.

UST
9 As Jesus was going away from there, he saw a man named Matthew. He was sitting at a table where he collected taxes for the Roman government. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my disciple!" So Matthew got up and went with him.

What was Matthew's occupation before he followed Jesus?
Matthew was a tax collector before he followed Jesus.

Matthew 9:10

ULT

10 And it happened that he is reclining at table in the house, and behold, many tax collectors and sinners, having come, were dining with Jesus and his disciples.

UST

10 Jesus and his disciples sat down in a house for a meal. While they were eating, many tax collectors and people who did not obey the Law of Moses came and ate with them.

With whom did Jesus and his disciples eat?
Jesus and his disciples ate with tax collectors and sinful people.

Matthew 9:11

ULT

11 And the Pharisees, having seen this, were saying to his disciples, “For what reason does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

UST

11 When the Pharisees saw that, they approached Jesus' disciples and said, “It is shameful that your teacher eats and spends time with tax collectors and people who do not know God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:12

ULT

12 But he, having heard {this}, said, “The ones being healthy do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness.

UST

12 Jesus heard what they said, and he said to them, “In the same way that people who are sick need a doctor, and not people who are well. So, people who are spiritually unwell need a spiritual care.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:13

ULT

13 But having gone, learn what this is: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call {the} righteous, but sinners.”

UST

13 You should learn what these words mean that God said, ‘I want you to act mercifully to people and not just to offer sacrifices.’ I have not come to make people my disciples who think themselves to be righteous. Rather, I have come to make people my disciples who think of themselves as sinners."

Who did Jesus say he came to call to repentance?

Jesus said he came to call sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:14

ULT

14 Then the disciples of John come to him, saying, “For what reason do we and the Pharisees often fast, but your disciples do not fast?”

UST

14 Then the disciples of John the Baptizer came to Jesus and asked him, “We and the Pharisees often abstain from food because we want to please God, but your disciples do not do that. Why do they not abstain from food?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:15

ULT

15 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of the bridal chamber are not able to mourn while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

UST

15 Jesus answered, “When a man is marrying a woman, his friends will certainly not be sad and abstain from food while he is still with them. But some day, the groom will go away from his friends. Then in those days, they will abstain from food and be sad.”

Why did Jesus say his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said his disciples were not fasting because he was still with them.

When did Jesus say his disciples would fast?

Jesus said his disciples would fast when he was taken away from them.

Matthew 9:16

ULT

16 Now no one puts a patch of new cloth on an old garment, for his patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear happens.

UST

16 People do not sew a patch of unshrunken cloth on an old piece of clothing to mend a hole. If they did that, when they washed the clothing, the patch would shrink and tear the clothing, and the hole would become bigger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:17

ULT

17 Neither do they put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the skins are burst, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are destroyed. Instead, they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

UST

17 Similarly, people do not put new wine into old animal skin bags to store it. If they did, the new wine will burst the skin bags because they would not stretch when the wine ferments and expands. As a result both the wine and the skin bags would be ruined! On the contrary, people must put new wine into new skin bags!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:18

ULT

18 {While} he is saying these {things} to them, behold, a certain official, having approached, bowed down to him, saying, “My daughter has just now died, but, having come, lay your hand on her, and she will live.”

UST

18 While Jesus was saying those things to the scribes, a leader in the city came and bowed down before him. Then he said, “My daughter has just now died! But if you come and lay your hand on her, she will live again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:19

ULT
19 And having gotten up, Jesus and his disciples followed him.

UST
19 So Jesus and his disciples got up, and they went with the man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:20

ULT
20 And behold, a woman suffering from a discharge of blood for 12 years, having come up behind him, touched the edge of his garment,

UST
20 Then a woman who had been suffering constant bleeding for twelve years came near Jesus. She came behind him and touched the edge of his garment.

What did the woman with severe bleeding do, and why? (vv20-21)
The woman with severe bleeding touched the edge of Jesus' garment thinking that if she only touched his garment, she would be made well.

Matthew 9:21

ULT
21 for she was saying to herself, "If only I touch his garment, I will be healed."

UST
21 She was saying to herself, "If I just touch his garment, I will be healed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:22

ULT

22 But Jesus, having turned and having seen her, said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has healed you.” And the woman was healed from that hour.

UST

22 Then Jesus turned around to see who had touched him. And when he saw the woman, he said to her, “Be encouraged, dear woman. Because you believed that I could heal you, I have healed you.” Jesus healed the woman at that very moment.

What did Jesus say had made the woman with severe bleeding well?

Jesus said that the woman with severe bleeding had been made well by her faith.

Matthew 9:23

ULT

23 And Jesus, having come into the house of the official and having seen the flute players and the crowd being disturbed,

UST

23 Jesus came to the man’s house and saw the flute players playing funeral music; there were also many mourners who were wailing loudly because the girl had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:24

ULT

24 said, “Go away, for the girl has not died, but sleeps.” But they laughed at him.

UST

24 He said to them, “Go away and stop your mourning, for the girl is not dead! She is just sleeping!” But the people laughed at him because they knew that she was dead.

Why did the people laugh at Jesus when he entered the Jewish official’s house?

The people laughed at Jesus because Jesus said that the girl was not dead, but sleeping.

Matthew 9:25

ULT
25 But when the crowd had been put outside, having entered, he took her hand, and the girl was raised up.

UST
25 But Jesus told them to get out of the house. Then he went into the room where the girl was lying. He took hold of her hand and she became alive again and got up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:26

ULT
26 And this report went out into all that region.

UST
26 And the people of that whole region heard about what Jesus did.

What happened after Jesus raised the girl from the dead?
News about Jesus raising the girl from the dead spread into all that region.

Matthew 9:27

ULT
27 And {as} Jesus is departing from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

UST
27 As Jesus went away from there, two blind men followed him and they were shouting, “Have mercy on us and heal us, you Descendant of King David!”

What did the two blind men keep shouting at Jesus?
The two blind men kept shouting, “Have mercy on us, Son of David”!

Matthew 9:28

ULT

28 Now {when} he had come into the house, the blind men came to him and Jesus says to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They say to him, “Yes, Lord.”

UST

28 Jesus went into the house, and then the blind men went in, too. Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to heal you?” They said to him, “Yes, Lord!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:29

ULT

29 Then he touched their eyes, saying, “Let it happen to you according to your faith.”

UST

29 Then he touched their eyes and he said to them, “Because you believe that I can heal your eyes, I am healing them right now!”

Jesus healed the two blind men according to what?

Jesus healed the two blind men according to their faith.

Matthew 9:30

ULT

30 And their eyes were opened, and Jesus warned them, saying, “See that you let no one know {about this}.”

UST

30 Jesus made them able to see. After this, he told them sternly, “Be sure that you do not tell anybody about me healing your eyes!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:31

ULT

31 But they, having gone out, reported it in all that region.

UST

31 But the two men who were blind went out and spread the news of what Jesus did to many people in that region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:32

ULT

32 Now {as} they are going away, behold, they brought to him a mute, demon-possessed man.

UST

32 Just when those two men were leaving, some people brought to Jesus a man who was unable to speak because a demon controlled him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:33

ULT

33 And {when} the demon had been cast out, the mute {man} spoke, and the crowds were astonished, saying, “Such as this has never been seen in Israel!”

UST

33 After Jesus had driven out the demon, the man began to speak. The crowd saw this and they were astonished and said, “Never before have we seen anything as marvelous as this happen in Israel!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:34

ULT

34 But the Pharisees were saying, “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.”

UST

34 But the Pharisees said, “It is Satan, who rules the demons, who enables this man to drive out demons from people.”

After Jesus healed the mute man, what accusation did the Pharisees make against him?

The Pharisees accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Matthew 9:35

ULT

35 And Jesus was going around all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

UST

35 Then Jesus and his disciples went through many of the cities and towns in the region of Galilee. He was teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the good news about how God will make them his people. He also was healing the people who had various diseases and illnesses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:36

ULT

36 Now having seen the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged, like sheep not having a shepherd.

UST

36 When he saw the crowds of people, he pitied them because they were upset and oppressed. They were like sheep that did not have a shepherd {to lead them and take care of them.}

Why did Jesus have compassion on the crowds?

Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were worried and confused, and were like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:37

ULT

37 Then he says to his disciples, “The harvest {is} plentiful, but the laborers {are} few.

UST

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The people who are ready to receive my message are like a field where the crops are ready to harvest. But there are not many people to tell them my message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 9:38

ULT

38 Therefore, earnestly ask the Lord of the harvest, so that he might send out laborers into his harvest.”

UST

38 So pray and ask the Lord who causes people to be ready to hear the message. Do this in order that he might send many more workers to gather people to hear the message like one gathers crops.”

For what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray urgently?

Jesus told his disciples to pray urgently that the Lord of the harvest send out laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 10

Matthew 10:1

ULT

[1] And having summoned his 12 disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out and to heal every disease and every sickness.

UST

[1] Jesus told his twelve disciples to come to him. Then he gave them the power to drive out evil spirits that controlled people. He also enabled them to heal people who had every kind of sickness.

What authority did Jesus give his twelve disciples?
Jesus gave his twelve disciples authority to drive out unclean spirits, and to heal all kinds of diseases.

Matthew 10:2

ULT

[2] Now the names of the 12 apostles are these: first, Simon (called Peter), and Andrew his brother; and James the {son} of Zebedee, and John his brother;

UST

[2] Here is a list of the names of the twelve whom he chose to represent him. They were Simon, to whom he gave the new name Peter, Andrew, Peter's younger brother, James the son of Zebedee, John, the younger brother of James,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:3

ULT

[3] Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the {son} of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus;

UST

[3] Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:4

ULT

4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, having even betrayed him.

UST

4 Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who was disloyal to Jesus and brought the authorities to where he was so they could arrest him.

What is the name of the disciple who would betray Jesus?

The name of the disciple who would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Matthew 10:5

ULT

5 These Twelve Jesus sent out, having instructed them, saying, “Do not go on {the} way {to the} Gentiles, and do not enter into a city of {the} Samaritans.

UST

5 When Jesus was about to send the twelve to represent him, telling the good news to people in various places, he gave them these instructions: “Do not go where the Gentiles live. Do not go into the towns where the Samaritans live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:6

ULT

6 But go instead to the lost sheep of {the} house of Israel.

UST

6 Instead, go to the people of Israel; they are like sheep who have strayed away from their shepherd.

Where did Jesus send his disciples at this time?

Jesus sent his disciples only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 10:7

ULT

[7] Now {as} you are going, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of the heavens has come near.’

UST

[7] When you go to them, proclaim to them that they can become God's people over whom he will rule from heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:8

ULT

[8] Heal {the} sick, raise {the} dead, cleanse {the} lepers, {and} cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

UST

[8] Heal sick people, cause dead people to become alive, heal people with leprosy and bring them back into society, and cause demons to leave those whom they control. God did not charge you any money for helping you, so you should not charge other people money to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:9

ULT

[9] Do not acquire gold or silver or copper in your belts,

UST

[9] Do not take any money with you as you travel.

Were the disciples to carry any money or extra clothes with them? (vv9-10)

No, the disciples were not to carry any money or extra clothes with them.

Matthew 10:10

ULT

10 nor a bag for {the} journey nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer {is} worthy of his food.

UST

10 Neither should you take a bag for what belongs to you. Do not take an extra tunic, nor sandals in addition to what you are wearing, nor a walking stick. Every worker deserves to get pay from the people for whom he works, so you deserve to receive food from the people to whom you go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:11

ULT

11 But whatever city or village you enter into, find someone who is worthy in it and stay there until you leave.

UST

11 In any town or village that you enter, find a person who wants you to stay in his home. Stay in that person's home until you decide to leave that place.

Where were the disciples to stay when they went from village to village?

The disciples were to find someone worthy in the village and stay there until they left.

Matthew 10:12

ULT

12 Now entering into the house, greet it.

UST

12 When you go into that house, greet the people who live there, {and ask God to bring them peace}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:13

ULT

13 And if indeed the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace be returned to you.

UST

13 If the people who live in that house receive you, God will indeed bring them peace. But if they do not receive you, then God will not bring them peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:14

ULT

14 And whoever does not receive you nor listen to your words, departing from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

UST

14 If the people who live in any house or town do not welcome you, nor listen to your message, leave that place. As you leave, shake off the dust from your feet {to warn them that God will judge them for not welcoming you}.

What would be the judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words? (vv14-15)

The judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words would be worse than the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Matthew 10:15

ULT

15 Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for {the} land of Sodom and Gomorrah in {the} day of judgment than for that city.

UST

15 For certainly at the time when God judges all people, he will punish the wicked people who lived in Sodom and Gomorrah. But if the people who live in any city or town reject you, God will punish them even more severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:16

ULT

16 Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so become wise as the serpents and harmless as the doves.

UST

16 "Take note of what I am about to say: When I send you out to share my message, you will be as defenseless as sheep among people who are as dangerous as wolves. So be as wise as snakes are wise in dangerous situations, and be harmless like pigeons are harmless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:17

ULT

17 But beware of the men, for they will hand you over to councils, and they will whip you in their synagogues;

UST

17 Be careful around such people, because they will arrest you and take you to the members of the governing councils who will judge you. They will also whip you in their synagogues.

What did Jesus say people would do to the disciples? (vv17-18)

Jesus said that people would deliver the disciples up to councils, whip them, and bring them before governors and kings.

Matthew 10:18

ULT

18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings for my sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

UST

18 And because you belong to me, they will arrest you and take you before governors and kings in order that they may put you on trial and punish you. But you will testify to those rulers and to other non-Jews about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:19

ULT

19 But when they hand you over, do not be anxious about how or what you will speak, for what you will say will be given to you in that hour.

UST

19 When those people arrest you, do not be worried about what you will say to them, because I will tell you the words that you should say at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:20

ULT

20 For you are not the one speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

UST

20 It is not that you will decide what to say. Instead, you will say what the Holy Spirit of your heavenly Father tells you to say.

Who would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up?

The Spirit of the Father would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up.

Matthew 10:21

ULT

21 Now brother will hand over brother to death, and a father {his} child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

UST

21 It will be so dangerous for you, that a man will have his own brother arrested and have the leaders kill him. Also, fathers will have their own children arrested and have the leaders kill them. Similar to this, children will have their parents arrested and have the leaders kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:22

ULT
22 And you will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one having endured to {the} end, he will be saved.

UST
22 Many people will hate you because you are my disciple. But anyone who continues to be my disciple until they die, those people God will save.

Who did Jesus say would be saved in the end?
Jesus said that those who endure to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:23

ULT
23 But whenever they persecute you in this city, flee to the next, for truly I say to you, you will certainly not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

UST
23 When people in one city try to harm you, escape to another city. For it is certain that I, the Son of Man, will certainly return before you have finished going from one town to another town throughout Israel and telling people about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:24

ULT
24 A disciple is not above {his} teacher, nor a slave above his master.

UST
24 A disciple is not greater than his teacher, and servants are not superior to their master.

How would those who hated Jesus treat Jesus' disciples? (vv24-25)
Those who hated Jesus would also hate his disciples.

Matthew 10:25

ULT

25 It is enough for the disciple that he might be like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much worse the members of his household!

UST

25 You do not expect that people will treat a student better than they treat his teacher, or that they will treat a servant better than they treat his master. Similarly, because I am your teacher and master, you can expect that people will mistreat you, because they have mistreated me. I am like the ruler of a household, and they call me Satan. If they act that poorly toward me, surely they will act poorly towards you”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:26

ULT

26 Therefore, do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and hidden, that will not be made known.

UST

26 “Do not be afraid of those people. For everything which is done in secret God will reveal when he judges the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:27

ULT

27 What I tell you in the darkness, say in the daylight, and what you hear in {your} ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

UST

27 You should say to many people the message which I have told you privately. Likewise, you should shout from the places where many people can hear you that which I told you quietly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:28

ULT

28 And do not be afraid of the ones killing the body but not being able to kill the soul. But instead, fear the one being able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

UST

28 Do not be afraid of people who are able to kill your body but are not able to destroy your soul. Instead, fear God, because he is able to destroy both your body and your soul in hell.

Who did Jesus say we are not to fear?

We are not to fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul.

Who did Jesus say we are to fear?

We are to fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:29

ULT

29 Are not two sparrows sold for an assarion? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

UST

29 Sparrows have so little value that you can buy two of them for only one small coin. But when any sparrow dies, God, your heavenly Father, knows it. For he knows everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:30

ULT

30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

UST

30 He knows so much about you that he even knows how many hairs you have on your head!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:31

ULT
31 Therefore, do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

UST
31 God values you much more than he values many sparrows. So, do not be afraid of people who threaten to kill you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:32

ULT
32 Therefore, everyone who will confess about me before men, I will also confess about him before my Father in {the} heavens.

UST
32 If people are willing to say that they belong to me in front of people who want to harm them, I will also acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven that they belong to me.

What will Jesus do for everyone who confesses him before men?
Jesus will confess him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:33

ULT
33 But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father in {the} heavens.

UST
33 But if they are afraid to say in front of others who want to harm them that they belong to me, I will tell my Father, who is in heaven, that they are not mine.”

What will Jesus do for everyone who denies him before men?
Jesus will deny him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:34

ULT
34 Do not think that I came to bring peace upon the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

UST
34 “Do not think that I came to earth to cause people to live together in peace. Because I have come, some of those who follow me will die.

What kind of divisions did Jesus say he came to bring? (vv34-36)
Jesus said that he came to bring divisions even within households.

Matthew 10:35

ULT
35 For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

UST
35 For example, because I have come, some sons will oppose their fathers because the fathers believe in me. Similarly, some daughters will oppose their mothers because they believe in me, as well as some daughter-in-laws will oppose their mother-in-laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:36

ULT
36 and {the} enemies of a man {will be} the ones of his household.

UST
36 Because a person belongs to me, sometimes a person’s enemies will be members of his own household!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:37

ULT

37 The one loving father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and the one loving son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

UST

37 People who are more afraid of being harmed by their father or mother than they love me are not worthy to belong to me. And those who are more afraid of being harmed by their son or daughter more than they love me are not worthy to belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:38

ULT

38 And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

UST

38 If you are not ready to die because you belong to me, then you are not worthy to belong to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:39

ULT

39 The one having found his life will lose it, and the one having lost his life for my sake will find it.

UST

39 People who deny that they belong to me in order to escape dying will not live with God eternally. But people who are willing to lose their lives because people hate them for belonging to me will live with God eternally.”

What will someone find who loses his life for Jesus’ sake?

Someone who loses his life for Jesus’ sake will find his life.

Matthew 10:40

ULT

40 The one receiving you receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one having sent me.

UST

40 "To God everyone who welcomes you it is as though they welcome me. Likewise, to him everyone who welcomes me welcomes God, who is the one who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:41

ULT

41 The one receiving a prophet in {the} name of a prophet will receive a reward of a prophet, and the one receiving a righteous {man} in {the} name of a righteous {man} will receive a reward of a righteous {man}.

UST

41 To those who welcome someone because they know that person is a prophet God will give the same reward that he gives to prophets. Likewise, to those who welcome a person because they know that person is righteous God will give the reward that he gives to righteous people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 10:42

ULT

42 And whoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink only in {the} name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will certainly not lose his reward."

UST

42 And if a person gives a little child water when they are thirsty because they known that you are one of my disciples, then God will surely reward them"

What will someone receive who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple?

Someone who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple will receive his reward.

Matthew 11

Matthew 11:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that when Jesus had finished giving orders to his 12 disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

UST

[1] When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples about what they should do, and after sending them away, he went to proclaim his message in other towns in that area.

What did Jesus finish before he departed to teach and preach in the cities?

Jesus finished instructing his 12 disciples before he departed.

Matthew 11:2

ULT

[2] Now John, having heard in the prison about the deeds of Christ, having sent through his disciples,

UST

[2] While John the Baptizer was in prison, he heard what Jesus the Messiah was doing. So he sent some of his disciples to Jesus

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:3

ULT

[3] said to him, “Are you the one coming, or are we expecting another?”

UST

[3] to ask him, “Are you the Messiah {whom the prophets said} would come, or is someone else coming that we should expect?”

What was the message John the Baptist sent to Jesus?

John the Baptist sent the message, “Are you the Coming One, or is there another person we should be looking for”?

Matthew 11:4

ULT

4 And answering, Jesus said to them, “Having gone, report to John what you see and hear.

UST

4 Jesus answered John’s disciples, “Go back and report to John what you hear me teaching people and what you see me doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:5

ULT

5 {The} blind regain {their} sight, and {the} lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and {the} deaf hear, and {the} dead are raised, and {the} poor are being told the gospel.

UST

5 I am making blind people to see again and I am making lame people able to walk. I am healing people who have leprosy and making them able to enter back into the community. I am making deaf people to hear again and I am making dead people to become alive again. I am telling the poor people God’s good news.

What did Jesus say was happening as evidence that he was the Coming One?

Jesus said the sick were being healed, the dead were being raised, and the needy were being told the good news.

Matthew 11:6

ULT

6 And blessed is whoever does not stumble over me.”

UST

6 Also tell John that I am teaching people that God is pleased with people who do not get offended when they see what I do and hear what I teach.

What did Jesus promise for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him?

Jesus promised a blessing for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him.

Matthew 11:7

ULT

7 Now {as} these were going on their way, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, “What did you go out in the wilderness to see—a reed being shaken by {the} wind?

UST

7 As John’s disciples went away, Jesus began to talk to the crowd of people {following him} about John. He said to them, “When you went out into the wilderness {to hear John teach and to have him baptize you}, you certainly were not expecting to see {the kind of person} that is easily influenced by others, like a reed which is blown around in the wind!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:8

ULT

8 But what did you go out to see—a man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, the ones wearing soft clothing are in the houses of the kings.

UST

8 What did you expect to see? Surely not a man who was wearing expensive clothes. You know very well that people who wear clothes like that reside in kings’ palaces and not in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:9

ULT

9 But what did you go out to see—a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and greater than a prophet.

UST

9 What did you expect to see? A prophet? Yes, but let me tell you this: John is not just any ordinary prophet, but he is greater than all of the prophets.

What did Jesus say was the role John the Baptist played in his life? (vv9-10)

Jesus said that John the Baptist was the prophesied messenger who would prepare the way before the Coming One.

Matthew 11:10

ULT

10 This is {the one} about whom it is written, ‘Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

UST

10 John the Baptist is the one to whom God was referring when someone wrote in the scriptures and said, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare people for your coming.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:11

ULT

11 Truly I say to you, among {the ones} born of women there has not arisen one greater than John the Baptist, but the least important in the kingdom of the heavens is greater than he.

UST

11 What I say to you is true: Of all the people who have ever lived, God considers John the Baptist to be the greatest. At the same time, God considers those that seem unimportant among his people who he rules to be even more important than John is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:12

ULT

12 But from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of the heavens suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

UST

12 From the time that John the Baptist preached openly in public until now, some violent people have been causing harm to those who are God's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:13

ULT
13 For all the prophets and the law have prophesied until John;

UST
13 Everything that I am saying about John is proven true by the fact that the prophets wrote about it and Moses wrote in the law about it. All of these wrote about John the Baptist before he was alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:14

ULT
14 and if you are willing to accept {it}, he is Elijah, the one being about to come.

UST
14 Not only that, but if you are willing to try to understand this, I will tell you that John is in fact like the prophet Elijah, who the prophets said would come a second time in the future.

Who did Jesus say that John the Baptist was?
Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah.

Matthew 11:15

ULT
15 The one having ears to hear, let him hear.

UST
15 Whoever is willing to listen, listen to what I say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:16

ULT
16 Now to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplace, who are calling out to one another,

UST
16 Many of you who are alive now are like children in the marketplace. Some of them call out to their friends,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:17

ULT
17 saying, ‘We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We mourned, and you did not weep.’

UST
17 and say to them, ‘We played happy music on the flute for you, but you refused to dance! Then we sang sad funeral songs for you, but you refused to cry!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:18

ULT
18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

UST
18 I say this because you did not listen to John the Baptist when he came to you. He did not eat good food and did not drink wine like most people do, yet you rejected him and said, ‘A demon is controlling him!’

What did that generation say about John the Baptist who came not eating bread or drinking wine?
That generation said that John the Baptist had a demon.

Matthew 11:19

ULT
19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold a man, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom has been justified by her children.”

UST
19 I also say this because I, the Son of Man, was not like John when I came. I eat the same food and drink wine as other people do. But you similarly reject me and say, ‘Look! This man eats too much food and drinks too much wine, and he is friends with tax collectors and those who do not obey the law of Moses!’ But God shows his wisdom through how people's lives are changed by my ministry and John's ministry

What did that generation say about Jesus who came eating and drinking?
That generation said that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

Matthew 11:20

ULT

20 Then he began to rebuke the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they had not repented.

UST

20 In the towns where Jesus had performed many of his miracles, the people there still refused to repent of their evil deeds. So he began to scold them saying,

What did Jesus declare regarding the cities where his great deeds were done, yet they had not repented?

Jesus rebuked the cities where his great deeds were, yet they had not repented.

Matthew 11:21

ULT

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had happened in Tyre and Sidon which happened in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

UST

21 "You people who live in the city of Chorazin and you in the city of Bethsaida, God will certainly punish you because of your great evil! For I did many miracles in your cities, but you did not stop sinning. If I had done these miracles in the evil cities of Tyre and Sidon, which existed a long time ago, those wicked people would certainly have stopped sinning. They would have put on rough, scratchy mourning clothes and sat in the cold ashes of their fires, as is the custom of people who are sorry for their evil deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:22

ULT

22 Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in {the} day of judgment than for you.

UST

22 Let me tell you this: God will punish the wicked people who lived in the cities of Tyre and Sidon. But he will punish you even more severely on the final day when he judges all people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:23

ULT

23 And you, Capernaum, you will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that happened in you had happened in Sodom, it would have remained until today.

UST

23 I also have something to say to you people who live in the city of Capernaum. Do you think that others will praise you so much that you will go right up to heaven? That will not happen! On the contrary, you will go down to where God punishes people after they die! If I had done these same miracles even among the people of Sodom long ago they would have stopped sinning, and their city would have been here even today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:24

ULT

24 Nevertheless, I say to you that it will be more tolerable for {the} land of Sodom in {the} day of judgment than for you."

UST

24 Let me tell you this: God will punish the wicked people who lived in Sodom. But he will punish you people of Capernaum even more severely on the final day when he judges all people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:25

ULT

25 At that time, answering, Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these {things} from {the} wise and intelligent and revealed them to little children.

UST

25 At that time Jesus prayed, "My Father who rules over everything in heaven and on the earth, I thank you that you have prevented people who think that they are wise and well educated from knowing these things. Instead, you have revealed them to people who accept your truth just as little children believe what an older person tells them.

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from whom?

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from the wise and understanding.

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to whom?

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to those who were untaught, like little children.

Matthew 11:26

ULT

26 Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing before you.

UST

26 Yes, Father, you have done that because it seemed good to you to do so.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:27

ULT

27 All {things} were entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son, and to whoever the Son desires to reveal {him}.

UST

27 Then Jesus said to the crowd, “God, my Father, has revealed to me everything about himself. Only my Father knows who I truly am. Furthermore, only I, his Son, and those to whom I reveal him, know the Father.

Who did Jesus say knows the Father?

Jesus said that he knows the Father, and anyone to whom he desires to reveal him.

Matthew 11:28

ULT

28 Come to me, all the ones laboring and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.

UST

28 Come to me, all you people who are very tired of trying to obey all the {man-made} laws your leaders say you should. I will let you stop {trying to do everything perfectly}.

To whom did Jesus promise rest?

Jesus promised rest to all who labor and are heavy burdened.

Matthew 11:29

ULT

29 Take my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

UST

29 Let me help you carry your heavy burden, like two beasts of burden would pull a heavy load. For I feel compassion towards you. If you let me help you, and you learn from me, you will have spiritual peace within yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 11:30

ULT

30 For my yoke {is} easy and my burden is light.”

UST

30 For I will carry most of the heavy burden for you, and it will be much easier for you”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12

Matthew 12:1

ULT

[1] At that time Jesus went on the Sabbaths through the grainfields, but his disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat {them}.

UST

[1] On a Sabbath at that time, Jesus and the disciples were walking past some grain fields. Because his disciples were hungry, they began to pick some of the heads of grain and eat them, something that the law of Moses allowed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:2

ULT

[2] But the Pharisees, having seen {this}, said to him, “Behold, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”

UST

[2] Some Pharisees saw them doing that, so they said to Jesus, “Look! Your disciples are doing work on our day of rest. The law does not allow that!”

What were Jesus’ disciples doing that the Pharisees complained about to him?

The Pharisees complained that Jesus’ disciples were plucking heads of grain and eating them, which they believed was unlawful to do on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:3

ULT

[3] But he said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and the ones with him—

UST

[3] But Jesus answered, “It is written in the scriptures what our ancestor King David did when he and the men with him were hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:4

ULT

4 how he went into the house of God and ate the loaves of bread of the presence, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for the ones with him, except only for the priests?

UST

4 King David entered the sacred tent where they worshiped God and ate the bread that had been on display before God. But according to the law of Moses, only priests were permitted to eat that bread, but David and the men who were with him ate it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:5

ULT

5 Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbaths the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, but are innocent?

UST

5 Also, surely you have read what Moses wrote, when he said that even though the priests, by working in the temple on our Sabbath day, are not obeying the Jewish day of rest laws, they are not guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:6

ULT

6 But I say to you that {one} greater than the temple is here.

UST

6 Let me tell you what this means: I have come to you, and I am more important than the temple.

Who did Jesus say was greater than the temple?

Jesus said that he was greater than the temple.

Matthew 12:7

ULT

7 But if you had known what this is, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

UST

7 You should think about these words of God in the scriptures: ‘I want you to act mercifully toward people, and not just offer sacrifices.’ If you understood what that means, you would not condemn my disciples, who have done no wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:8

ULT

8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

UST

8 I am the Son of Man, and I have the authority to tell people what they can do on the Sabbath day.”

What authority does the Son of Man, Jesus, have?

The Son of Man, Jesus, is Lord of the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:9

ULT

9 And having departed from there, he went into their synagogue.

UST

9 After Jesus left there that day, he went into a synagogue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:10

ULT

10 And behold, a man having a withered hand, and they questioned him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbaths?” so that they might accuse him.

UST

10 There he saw a man with a withered hand. The Pharisees kept wanting to debate with Jesus about the Sabbath, so one of them asked him, “Does God permit us to heal people on our day of rest?” They were hoping that Jesus would commit a sin by saying something wrong.

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in the synagogue in front of the man with the dried up hand?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath”?

Matthew 12:11

ULT

11 But he said to them, “What man will there be among you who will have one sheep, and if it might fall into a pit on the Sabbaths, will not grasp hold of it and lift {it} out?

UST

11 He replied to them, “Suppose that one of you had just one sheep, and that it fell into a deep hole on the Sabbath day. Would you just leave it there? Certainly not! You would take hold of it and lift it out right away!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:12

ULT

12 How much more valuable, then, {is} a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbaths.”

UST

12 But a person is much more valuable than a sheep. So it is certainly right for us to do good by healing another person any day, even on our day of rest!”

What did Jesus say it was lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Jesus said it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:13

ULT
13 Then he says to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched {it} out, and it was restored to health, just like the other.

UST
13 Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” The man stretched out his withered hand, and it became healthy like the other hand!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:14

ULT
14 But having gone out, the Pharisees took counsel against him how they might put him to death.

UST
14 Then the Pharisees left the synagogue. They began to plan together how they could kill Jesus.

When the Pharisees saw Jesus heal the man with the dried up hand, what did they do?
The Pharisees went out and plotted against him and seeking how they might destroy him.

Matthew 12:15

ULT
15 But Jesus, having perceived {this}, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all,

UST
15 Because Jesus knew that the Pharisees were plotting to kill him, he took the disciples and went away from there. Large crowds, including many sick people, followed him, and he healed them all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:16

ULT
16 and he commanded them that they might not make him known,

UST
16 But he told them firmly that they should not tell other people about him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:17

ULT
17 so that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

UST
17 By doing this he fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet had written long ago. He wrote,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:18

ULT
18 “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will announce justice to the Gentiles.

UST
18 “Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one whom I love and who pleases me. I will put my Spirit in him, and he will bring justice and salvation to the non-Jews.”

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, who would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus?
The Gentiles would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus.

Matthew 12:19

ULT
19 He will not strive nor cry aloud; neither will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

UST
19 He will not quarrel with people, neither will he shout. And he will not shout in the streets.

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, what would Jesus not do? (vv19-20)
Jesus would not strive, cry aloud, break a bruised reed, or quench smoking flax.

Matthew 12:20

ULT
20 He will not break a bruised reed; and he will not quench a smoking flax, until he leads justice to victory,

UST
20 He will be gentle with the weak people; If a person is barely alive, he will not kill him. And he will judge the people with justice and declare that they are not guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:21

ULT
21 and in his name Gentiles will hope."

UST
21 So the non-Jews will confidently trust in him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:22

ULT
22 Then {one} being demon-possessed was brought to him, blind and mute, and he healed him, so that the mute {one} spoke and saw.

UST
22 One day some men brought to Jesus a man who was blind and unable to speak because he had a demon. Jesus drove out the demon and healed him. Then the man began to talk and was able to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:23

ULT
23 And all the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Is this not the Son of David?"

UST
23 All the crowds who saw it marveled. They began asking each other, "Could this man be the Messiah, the descendant of King David, whom we have been expecting?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:24

ULT

24 But the Pharisees, having heard {this}, said, “He does not cast out demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons.”

UST

24 Because the Pharisees heard about this miracle, they said, “It is not God, but Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, who enables this man to drive demons from people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:25

ULT

25 But having known their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

UST

25 But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were thinking. So he said to them, “If the people in one nation fight against each other, they will destroy their nation. If people who live in the same city or house fight each other, they will certainly not remain as one group or family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:26

ULT

26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

UST

26 In the same way, if Satan were driving out his own demons, he would be fighting against himself. He will not be able to continue to rule over his servants!

How did Jesus respond to the accusation that he cast out demons by Beelzebub?

Jesus said that if Satan drives out Satan, then how will Satan’s kingdom stand?

Matthew 12:27

ULT

27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges.

UST

27 Furthermore, if it is true that Satan enables me to drive out demons, is it also true that your disciples who drive them out do so by Satan's power? No! So they will judge you for saying that Satan's power was behind their work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:28

ULT

28 But if I cast out demons by {the} Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

UST

28 But because it is God's Spirit who enables me to drive out demons, that proves that the rule of God from heaven is already here.

What did Jesus say was happening if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God had come upon them if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God.

Matthew 12:29

ULT

29 Or how is anyone able to enter into the house of the strong man and steal his belongings if he has not first bound the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

UST

29 I will show you why I am able to drive out demons. A person cannot go into the house of a strong man like Satan and carry off his possessions if he does not first tie up that strong man. But if he ties him up, then he will be able to take his possessions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:30

ULT

30 The one not being with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me scatters.

UST

30 No one can be neutral. Those who do not acknowledge that the Holy Spirit enables me to expel demons are opposing me, and those who do not gather people to become my disciples are causing those people to go away from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:31

ULT

31 For this reason I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven.

UST

31 You are saying that it is not the Holy Spirit who is enabling me to expel demons. So I will say this to you: If those who offend and insult other people in any way are then sorry and ask God to forgive them, God will forgive them. But he will not forgive people who insult the Holy Spirit.

Which sin did Jesus say will not be forgiven?

Jesus said that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

Matthew 12:32

ULT

32 And whoever speaks word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in the one coming.

UST

32 God is willing to forgive people who criticize me, the Son of Man. But I warn you that he will not forgive those who say evil things about what the Holy Spirit does. God will not forgive them now, nor in the coming world.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:33

ULT

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is recognized by its fruit.

UST

33 “When you see some fruit from a tree, you decide whether the fruit is good or bad. If it is good, then you know that its tree is also good. If I am doing good things, then you should know whether or not I am good.

By what is a tree known?

A tree is known by its fruit.

Matthew 12:34

ULT

34 You offspring of vipers, being evil, how are you able to say good {things}? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

UST

34 You are like the children of poisonous snakes! You cannot say anything good, because you are evil. What a person says shows what is inside him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:35

ULT

35 The good man from {his} good treasure brings forth good {things}, and the evil man from {his} evil treasure brings forth evil {things}.

UST

35 Good people speak good things. That is because it is like they have stored up all these good things in a safe place and can bring them out at any time. But evil people speak evil things. That is because it is like they have stored up all these evil things and bring them out at any time from the place where they store them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:36

ULT

36 But I say to you that every careless word that men will speak, they will give an account concerning it in {the} day of judgment.

UST

36 I tell you that on the day when God judges, he will make people recall every useless word they have spoken, and he will judge the people by what they have said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:37

ULT

37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

UST

37 God will either declare that you are righteous based on the words that you have spoken, or else he will condemn you based on what you have said."

By what did Jesus say the Pharisees would be justified and condemned?

Jesus said that the Pharisees would be justified and condemned by their words.

Matthew 12:38

ULT

38 Then certain scribes and Pharisees responded to him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

UST

38 Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish laws responded to Jesus, "Teacher, we want to see you perform a miracle that will convince us that God sent you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:39

ULT

39 But answering, he said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

UST

39 Then Jesus said to them, “You people have already seen me perform miracles, but you are evil, and you do not faithfully worship God! You want me to prove that God sent me, but God will show you only one miracle. It will be like what happened to Jonah the prophet.

What sign did Jesus say he would give his generation? (vv39-40)

Jesus said he would give his generation the sign of Jonah, being in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

Matthew 12:40

ULT

40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the big fish, in this manner the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

UST

40 Jonah was in the stomach of a huge fish for three days and nights before God caused him to come out. Similarly, for three days and nights I, the Son of Man, will be deep in the earth, and then God will cause me to live again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:41

ULT

41 {The} men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and will condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah {is} here.

UST

41 When God judges everyone, the people who lived in the city of Nineveh will stand in front of him beside you people. But they stopped sinning when Jonah warned them. Now I have come to you, and I am far more important than Jonah was, but you have not stopped sinning. So God will judge you.

Who did Jesus say was greater than Jonah?

Jesus said that he was greater than Jonah.

Why will the men of Nineveh condemn the people of Jesus’ generation?

The men of Nineveh will condemn Jesus’ generation because they listened to God’s word through Jonah, but Jesus’ generation did not even listen to the Son of Man, who is greater than Jonah.

Matthew 12:42

ULT

42 {The} Queen of {the} South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon {is} here.

UST

42 The queen from Sheba, south of Israel, who lived long ago, came from a distant region in order to listen to King Solomon teach many wise things. Now I have come to you, and I am far more important than Solomon was, but you have not stopped sinning. So when God judges everyone, the queen of Sheba will stand in front of him beside you people, and she will condemn you."

Who did Jesus say was greater than Solomon?

Jesus said that he was greater than Solomon.

Matthew 12:43

ULT

43 Now when the unclean spirit departs from the man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest and not finding {it}.

UST

43 "Sometimes when an evil spirit leaves a person, it wanders around in desolate areas, seeking someone in whom he can rest. If he does not find anyone,

How will Jesus' generation be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him? (vv43-45)

Jesus' generation will be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him, because the unclean spirit returns with seven other spirits and the final condition of the man becomes worse than the first.

Matthew 12:44

ULT

44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I departed.' And having come, it finds {it} being empty, having been swept out and put in order.

UST

44 he says to itself, 'I will return to the person in whom I used to live.' So he goes back and finds that the Spirit of God is not in control of that person's life. The person's life is like a house that has been swept clean and everything put in order, but it is empty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:45

ULT

45 Then it goes and takes along with itself seven other spirits more evil than itself, and having entered, they live there. And the end of that man becomes worse than the first. It will be the same way also with this evil generation.”

UST

45 Then this evil spirit goes and gets seven other spirits that are even more evil, and they all enter that person and begin living there. So although that person’s condition was bad before, it becomes much worse. That is what you wicked people who have heard me teach will experience.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:46

ULT

46 {While} he is still speaking to the crowds, behold, {his} mother and his brothers standing outside, seeking to speak to him.

UST

46 While Jesus was still speaking to the crowd, his mother and his younger brothers arrived. They stood outside the house, and they wanted to speak with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:47

ULT

47 Now someone said to him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers stand outside, seeking to speak to you.”

UST

47 Someone said to him, “Your mother and your younger brothers are standing outside the house, and they want to talk to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:48

ULT
48 But answering, he said to the one speaking to him, “Who is my mother and who are my brothers?”

UST
48 Then Jesus said to the person who told him that, “I will tell you who are really my mother and brothers.”

Who did Jesus say are his brother, sister, and mother? (vv48-50)
Jesus said that those who do the will of the Father are his brother, sister, and mother.

Matthew 12:49

ULT
49 And having stretched out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Behold, my mother and my brothers!

UST
49 He then pointed toward his disciples and said, “These are ones who take the place of my mother and my brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 12:50

ULT
50 For whoever does the will of my Father in {the} heavens, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

UST
50 Those who do what God my Father who is in heaven wants take the place of my brother, my sister, or my mother.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13

Matthew 13:1

ULT

1 On that day, Jesus, having gone out of the house, was sitting beside the sea.

UST

1 That same day Jesus, along with the disciples, left the house where he was teaching and went to the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He sat down there,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:2

ULT

2 And very large crowds were gathered around him. As a result, having stepped into a boat, he sat down, and the whole crowd stood on the beach.

UST

2 and a very large crowd gathered around him to listen to him teach. In order to have a little room, he got into a boat and sat down to teach them. The crowd stood on the shore and listened to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:3

ULT

3 And he spoke many {things} to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow.

UST

3 He taught them using many parables. He said, “Listen! A man went out to his field to sow seeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:4

ULT

4 And as he sowed it, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.

UST

4 As he was scattering the seeds over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. But some birds came and ate those seeds.

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on the wayside?
The seed that fell on the wayside was devoured by the birds.

Matthew 13:5

ULT

5 But others fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. And immediately it sprang up, because the soil had no depth.

UST

5 Other seeds fell on ground where there was not much soil on top of the rock. Those seeds sprouted very soon, because the sun quickly warmed the shallow soil.

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on rocky ground? (vv5-6)
The seed that fell on rocky ground immediately sprang up quickly, but was scorched by the sun and withered away.

Matthew 13:6

ULT

6 But {when} {the} sun had risen, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered.

UST

6 But when the young plants came up, they became too hot in the sunlight, and they dried up because they did not have deep roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:7

ULT

7 But others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.

UST

7 Other seeds fell on ground that had thorny weeds. The thorny weeds grew together with the young plants, and they crowded out the plants.

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell among the thorn plants?

The seed that fell among the thorn plants was choked by the thorn plants.

Matthew 13:8

ULT

8 But others fell on good soil and produced a crop, some 100 {times as much}, and some 60, and some 30.

UST

8 But other seeds fell on good soil, and the plants grew and produced a lot of grain. Some plants produced one hundred times as many seeds as were planted. Some plants produced sixty times as much. Some plants produced thirty times as much.

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on good soil?

The seed that fell on good soil produced grain, some 100 times as much, some 60, and some 30.

Matthew 13:9

ULT

9 The one having ears, let him hear."

UST

9 If you are able to understand this, you should consider carefully what I have just said."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:10

ULT

10 And having approached, the disciples said to him, “For what reason do you speak to them in parables?”

UST

10 The disciples approached Jesus later and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you speak to the crowd?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:11

ULT

11 But he, answering, said to them, “To you has been given to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens, but to those it has not been given.

UST

11 He answered, “God is revealing to you what he did not reveal before, about how he is ruling from heaven. But he has not revealed it to these other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:12

ULT

12 For whoever has, it will be given to him, and he will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

UST

12 Those who are able to think about what I say and understand it, God will enable them to understand more. But those who are not able think carefully about what I say will forget even what they already know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:13

ULT

13 For this reason I speak to them in parables; because seeing, they do not see; and hearing, they do not hear nor understand.

UST

13 That is why I use parables when I speak to people, because although they see what I do, they do not understand what it means, and although they hear what I say, they do not really learn what it means.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:14

ULT

14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘In hearing you will hear, but you will certainly not understand; and seeing, you will see, but you will certainly not perceive.

UST

14 What these people do completely fulfills what God told the prophet Isaiah to say long ago, You will hear what I say, but you will not understand it. You will see what I do, but you will not learn what it means.

Isaiah’s prophecy said that the people would hear and see, but not what?

Isaiah’s prophecy said that the people would hear, but would not understand; they would see, but in no way perceive.

Matthew 13:15

ULT

15 For the heart of this people was made dull, and {their} ears heard with difficulty, and they closed their eyes, lest they see with {their} eyes, and hear with {their} ears, and understand with {their} hearts, and turn back, and I will heal them.’

UST

15 God also said to Isaiah, “These people are able to hear what I say, but they will never understand the message. They have eyes that can see, but they will never see clearly what it is they are looking at. They have closed their eyes so they cannot see. They cannot see with their eyes, and they cannot hear with their ears, and they cannot understand. If they could see and hear and understand, then they would turn to me,” God says, “and I would heal them.”

What was wrong with the people who heard Jesus but did not understand?

The people who heard Jesus but did not understand had dull hearts, were heavy of hearing, and had closed their eyes.

Matthew 13:16

ULT

16 But blessed {are} your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.

UST

16 But as for you, God has made you able because you realize what I have done and because you understand what I say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:17

ULT

17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous {ones} longed to see what you see, and did not see them, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear them.

UST

17 Note this: Many prophets and righteous people who lived long ago longed to see what you are seeing me do, but they did not see it. They longed to hear the things that you have been hearing me say, but they did not hear what you hear me say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:18

ULT

18 You, therefore, listen to the parable of the sower.

UST

18 Now listen to me explain the parable parable about the man who sowed seeds in various kinds of soil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:19

ULT

[19] Everyone hearing the word of the kingdom and not understanding, the evil one comes and snatches away {what} had been sown in his heart. This is {what} was sown beside the road.

UST

[19] Some people hear about how God is ruling but do not understand it. They are like the path where some of the seeds fell. Satan, the evil one, comes and causes these people to forget what they have heard.

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the wayside?

The seed sown on the wayside is the person who hears the word of the kingdom but does not understand it; then the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

Matthew 13:20

ULT

[20] Now the one having been sown on the rocky ground, this is the one hearing the word and immediately receiving it with joy;

UST

[20] Some people hear God's message and immediately accept it joyfully. They are like the rocky places where some seeds fell.

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the rocky ground? (vv20-21)

The seed sown on the rocky ground is the person who hears the word and receives it with joy immediately, but stumbles immediately when persecution arises.

Matthew 13:21

ULT

[21] but he has no root in himself, but is temporary; but tribulation or persecution having happened because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

UST

[21] But because it does not penetrate deeply into their hearts, they believe it for only a short time. They are like the plants that did not have deep roots. When others treat them badly and make them suffer because they believe in what I have told them, they sin by refusing to believe in it any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:22

ULT

22 Now the one having been sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the word, but the worry of this age and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

UST

22 Some people hear God's message, but they desire to be rich, so they worry only about money and what they can buy with money. As a result, they forget God's message and they do not do the things that God wants them to do. These people are like the soil that had the roots of thorny weeds in it.

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown among the thorn plants?

The seed sown among the thorn plants is the person who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word.

Matthew 13:23

ULT

23 Now the one having been sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the word and understanding {it}, who indeed produces a crop and yields, some 100 {times}, and some 60, and some 30."

UST

23 But some people hear my message and understand it. Some of them do many things that please God, some do even more things that please God, and some do very many things that please God. They are like the good soil where some of the seeds fell."

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the good soil?

The seed sown on the good soil is the person who hears the word and understands it, and then produces fruit.

Matthew 13:24

ULT

24 He set before them another parable, saying, "The kingdom of the heavens is compared to a man having sown good seed in his field.

UST

24 Jesus also told the crowd another parable. He said, "When God rules from heaven, it will be like a landowner who sent his servants to sow good seed in his field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:25

ULT

25 But while the men slept, his enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went away.

UST

25 While those servants were sleeping and not guarding the field, an enemy of the landowner came and scattered weed seeds in the midst of the wheat. Then he left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:26

ULT

26 Now when the blades sprouted and produced a crop, then the darnel became visible also.

UST

26 After the seeds sprouted and the green plants grew, the heads of grain began to form. But the weeds also grew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:27

ULT

27 Now the servants of the landowner, having approached, said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? From where then does it have darnel?’

UST

27 So the servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, you certainly gave us good seeds and those are the ones we sowed in your field. So where did the weeds come from?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:28

ULT

28 But he was saying to them, ‘A hostile man did this.’ But the servants say to him, ‘Do you therefore desire {that}, having gone out, we would gather them?’

UST

28 The landowner said to them, ‘My enemy did this.’ His servants said to him, ‘Do you want us to pull up the weeds?’

In the parable of the weeds, who sowed the weeds in the field?

An enemy sowed the weeds in the field.

Matthew 13:29

ULT

29 But he says, ‘Certainly not, lest gathering up the darnel, you might uproot the wheat along with them.

UST

29 He said to them, ‘No, do not do that, because you might pull up some of the wheat at the same time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:30

ULT

30 Permit both to grow together until the harvest, and at {the} time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the darnel and tie them in bundles to burn them up, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

UST

30 Let the wheat and the weeds grow together until harvest time. At that time I will say to those who will reap, ‘First gather the weeds, tie them into bundles to be burned. Then gather the wheat and put it into my barns.’”

What instructions did the landowner give the servants about the weeds and the wheat?

The landowner told the servants to let both grow together until the harvest, and then to gather the weeds to be burned, and the wheat into the barn.

Matthew 13:31

ULT

31 He set before them another parable, saying, “The kingdom of the heavens is similar to a mustard seed which, having taken, a man sowed in his field;

UST

31 Jesus also told this parable: “When God rules from heaven, it is like mustard seeds that grow after a man plants them in his field.

In Jesus’ parable of the mustard seed, what happens to the tiny mustard seed? (vv31-32)

The mustard seed becomes a tree greater than the garden plants so that the birds nest in its branches.

Matthew 13:32

ULT

32 which is indeed {the} smallest of all the seeds. But when it grows, it is greater than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and nest in its branches.”

UST

32 Although mustard seeds are among the smallest of all the seeds that people plant, here in Israel they become large plants. When the plants have fully grown, they are larger than the other garden plants. They become shrubs as big as trees, and they are large enough for the birds to build nests in their branches.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:33

ULT

33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of the heavens is similar to yeast which, a woman having taken, mixed with three measures of flour until it all was leavened.”

UST

33 Jesus also told this parable: “When God rules from heaven, it is like a woman who was making bread. She took about forty liters of flour and mixed into it a little bit of yeast, and the bread rose.”

How did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven was like yeast?

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven was like yeast which was mixed with three measures of flour until it rose.

Matthew 13:34

ULT

34 All these {things} Jesus spoke in parables to the crowds, and he was speaking nothing to them without a parable,

UST

34 Jesus told the crowd parables to teach them all these things. When he spoke to them he habitually told stories like these.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:35

ULT

35 so that {what} had been said through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “I will open my mouth in parables. I will declare {what} has been hidden from {the} foundation of {the} world.”

UST

35 By doing that, he made come true what God told one of the prophets to write long ago. I will speak in parables; I will tell parables to teach what I have kept secret since I created the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:36

ULT

36 Then, having left the crowds, he went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field.”

UST

36 After Jesus sent the crowd away, he went into the house. Then the disciples approached him and said, “Explain to us the parable about the weeds that grew in the wheat field.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:37

ULT

37 Now answering, he said, “The one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man,

UST

37 He answered, “The one who sows the good seed represents me, the Son of Man.

In the parable of the weeds, who sows the good seed, what is the field, who is the good seed, who are the weeds, and who sowed the weeds? (vv37-39)

The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the sower of the weeds is the devil.

Matthew 13:38

ULT

38 and the field is the world, and the good seed—these are the sons of the kingdom. And the darnel are the sons of the evil one,

UST

38 The field represents this world, where people live. The seeds that grew well represent the people who have God as their father. The weeds represent the people who have the devil as their father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:39

ULT

39 and the enemy having sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is {the} end of {the} age, and the reapers are angels.

UST

39 The enemy who sowed the weed seeds represents the devil. The time when the reapers will harvest the grain represents the time when the world will end. The reapers represent the angels.

In the parable of the weeds, who are the reapers and what does the harvest represent?

The reapers are the angels, and the harvest is the end of the world.

Matthew 13:40

ULT
40 Therefore, just as the darnel are gathered up and burned with fire, thus will it be at the end of the age.

UST
40 The weeds are gathered and burned. That represents what will happen when God judges all people, when the world will end. It will be like this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:41

ULT
41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will gather up from his kingdom all the stumbling blocks and the ones doing lawlessness.

UST
41 I, the Son of Man, will send my angels, and they will gather from among all that I am ruling the things that cause others to sin and all those who violate God's will.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:42

ULT
42 And they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.

UST
42 The angels will throw those people into the fires of hell. There those people will weep and grind their teeth because of the great pain that they are suffering.

What happens at the end of the world to those who commit iniquity?
At the end of the world, those who commit iniquity are thrown into the furnace of fire.

Matthew 13:43

ULT

43 Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears, let him hear.

UST

43 However, the people who have lived as he wants them to will shine out as brightly as the sun shines. They will shine out because God, their Father, will rule over them. If you are able to understand this, you should think carefully about what I have just said."

What happens at the end of the world to those who are righteous?
At the end of the world, the righteous shine forth like the sun.

Matthew 13:44

ULT

44 The kingdom of the heavens is similar to a treasure hidden in a field, which, having found, a man hid. And from his joy, he goes and sells everything, as much as he has, and buys that field.

UST

44 "God's ruling from heaven is so precious it is like a man who found a great treasure that another person had buried in a field. When this man dug it up, he buried it again so no one else would find it. Then he happily went and sold all his possessions to obtain money to buy that field. He then went and bought the field, and so he was able to acquire that treasure.

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds in a field the treasure, which represents the kingdom of heaven?
The man who finds the treasure sells everything he possesses and buys the field.

Matthew 13:45

ULT

45 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is similar to a man, a merchant, seeking fine pearls.

UST

45 Also, God ruling from heaven is so precious it is like what a merchant did who was looking for good quality pearls to buy.

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds the one pearl of great value, which represents the kingdom of heaven? (vv45-46)
The man who finds the one pearl of great value sells everything that he possesses and buys it.

Matthew 13:46

ULT

46 And having found one very valuable pearl, having gone away, he sold everything, as much as he possessed, and bought it.

UST

46 When he found one very costly pearl that was for sale, he sold all his possessions to acquire enough money to buy that pearl. Then he went and bought it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:47

ULT

47 Again, the kingdom of the heavens is like a net having been cast into the sea, and having gathered from every kind,

UST

47 When God rules from heaven, it is like what certain fishermen did with the fish they caught in a lake with a large net. They caught all kinds of fish, both useful and worthless fish.

How is the parable of the fishing net like what will happen at the end of the world? (vv47-48)

Just as the worthless things from the net were separated from the good and thrown away, at the end of the world the wicked will be separated from the righteous and thrown into the furnace.

Matthew 13:48

ULT

48 which, when it had been filled, they dragged onto the beach, and having sat down, they gathered the good things into containers, but the worthless things they threw away.

UST

48 When the net was full, the fishermen pulled it up onto the shore. Then they sat there and put the good fish into buckets, but they threw the worthless ones away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:49

ULT

49 Thus it will be at the end of the age: The angels will go out and will separate the wicked from among the righteous,

UST

49 This is like what will happen to people when the world ends. The angels will come to where God is judging people and will separate the wicked people from the righteous ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:50

ULT

50 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.

UST

50 They will throw the wicked people into the fire in hell. And those wicked people will weep and gnash their teeth because of the intense pain they are suffering."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:51

ULT

51 Have you understood all these {things}?" They say to him, "Yes."

UST

51 Then Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you understand all these parables I have told you?" They said to him, "Yes, we understand them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:52

ULT

52 Now he said to them, “For this reason, every scribe having been discipled for the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, an owner of a house, who draws out new and old from his treasure.”

UST

52 Then he said, “Those teachers and interpeters who understand these parables and act accordingly under the rule of God from heaven are like a house owner who shares both new things and old things out of his storage room.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:53

ULT

53 And it happened that when Jesus finished these parables, he departed from there.

UST

53 When Jesus had finished telling these parables, he took the disciples and left that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:54

ULT

54 And having entered into his hometown, he taught them in their synagogue so as to astonish them, and they say, “From where to this one {is} this wisdom and {these} miracles?

UST

54 Then they went to the town of Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus. On the Sabbath he began to teach the people in the synagogue. The result was that the people there were astonished. But some said, “This man is just an ordinary person like us! So how is it that he knows so much and understands so much? And how is it that he is able to do such miracles?

What question did the people from his own region ask about Jesus when they heard Jesus teach?

The people asked, “Where does this man get his wisdom from, and these miracles”?

Matthew 13:55

ULT
55 Is not this the son of the carpenter? Is not his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

UST
55 He is just the son of the carpenter. Certainly! His mother is named Mary, and his younger brothers are James, Joseph, Simon and Judas!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:56

ULT
56 And are not all his sisters with us? From where, therefore, to this one {are} all these {things}?”

UST
56 And all of his sisters also live here in our town. So how is he able to teach and do all these things?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 13:57

ULT
57 And they were offended by him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in {his} hometown and in his house.”

UST
57 The people there refused to accept that Jesus had such authority. So Jesus said to them, “People honor me and other prophets everywhere else we go, but in our hometowns we are not honored, and even our own families do not honor us!”

What did Jesus say happens to a prophet in his own country?
Jesus said that a prophet is without honor in his own country.

Matthew 13:58

ULT

58 And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.

UST

58 Jesus did not perform many miracles there because the people did not believe that he had such authority.

What happened in Jesus' own region because of the people's unbelief?

Because of the people's unbelief, Jesus did not do many miracles in his own region.

Matthew 14

Matthew 14:1

ULT
1 At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus.

UST
1 During that time the ruler Herod Antipas heard reports about Jesus performing miracles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:2

ULT
2 And he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and because of this the miraculous powers are at work in him.”

UST
2 He said to his servants, “That must be John the Baptizer. He must have risen from the dead, and that is why he has power to do these miracles.”

Who did Herod think Jesus was?
Herod thought Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead.

Matthew 14:3

ULT
3 For Herod, having arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of Philip, his brother.

UST
3-4 This is what happened to make Herod think this. Herod had married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, while Philip was still living. So John kept saying to him, “What you have done is against God’s law!” Then, to please Herodias, Herod told his soldiers to arrest John. They bound him with chains and put him in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:4

ULT

4 For John was saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”

UST

3-4 This is what happened to make Herod think this. Herod had married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, while Philip was still living. So John kept saying to him, “What you have done is against God’s law!” Then, to please Herodias, Herod told his soldiers to arrest John. They bound him with chains and put him in prison.

What had Herod done unlawfully, about which John the Baptist told him?

Herod had married his brother’s wife.

Matthew 14:5

ULT

5 And wanting to put him to death, he feared the people, because they regarded him as a prophet.

UST

5 Herod wanted to order his men to execute John, but he was afraid of the general public, because they believed that John was a prophet speaking for God.

Why did Herod not immediately put John the Baptist to death?

Herod did not immediately put John the Baptist to death because he feared the people, who regarded John as a prophet.

Matthew 14:6

ULT

6 But {the} birthday of Herod having come about, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst and pleased Herod,

UST

6 One day, Herod gave a party to celebrate his birthday, and Herodias’ daughter danced for his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod very much,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:7

ULT

7 because of which he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.

UST

7 so he promised to give her whatever she asked, and he asked God to be a witness that he had made this promise.

What did Herod do after the daughter of Herodias danced for him on his birthday?

Herod promised with an oath to give the daughter of Herodias whatever she should ask.

Matthew 14:8

ULT

8 Now she, having been urged beforehand by her mother, said, “Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Baptist.”

UST

8 So Herodias’ daughter went and asked her mother what to ask for. Her mother told her what to say. So her daughter went back and said to Herod, “I want you to cut off the head of John the Baptizer and bring it here on a platter to show that he is really dead!”

For what did the daughter of Herodias ask?

To please her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist upon a platter.

Matthew 14:9

ULT

9 And the king, having been grieved, because of {his} oath and the ones reclining to eat with him, commanded {it} to be granted to her.

UST

9 The king was now very sorry that he had promised to give Herodias’ daughter whatever she wanted. But because he had called on God to hear him make that promise, and because all his guests had heard him do so, he felt that he had to do what he had said. So he ordered his servants to do what she wanted.

Why did Herod give the daughter of Herodias her request?

Herod gave the girl her request because of his oath and because of all the people at dinner with him.

Matthew 14:10

ULT

10 And having sent, he beheaded John in the prison.

UST

10 He sent soldiers to go to the prison and cut off John's head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:11

ULT

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl and she carried {it} to her mother.

UST

11 They did that, and they put John's head on a platter and brought it to the girl. Then the girl took it to her mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:12

ULT

12 And having come up, his disciples took away the corpse, and buried it. And having come, they reported {it} to Jesus.

UST

12 Later John's disciples went to the prison, took John's body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:13

ULT

13 Now having heard {this}, Jesus withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. And having heard of {it}, the crowds followed him on foot from the cities.

UST

13 After Jesus heard that news, he took just the disciples with him and went by boat on the Sea of Galilee to a place where no one lived. After the crowds heard about where they had gone, they left their towns and followed them, walking along the shore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:14

ULT

14 And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

UST

14 When Jesus came to the shore, he saw a very large crowd waiting for him. He felt sorry for them, and he healed the sick people who were among them.

What was Jesus' reaction when he saw the large crowd following him?

Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:15

ULT

15 Now evening having come, the disciples came to him, saying, "{This} place is desolate, and the hour is already late. Dismiss the crowds so that, having gone away to the villages, they might buy food for themselves."

UST

15 When it was nearly evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a place where nobody lives, and it is very late. Tell the crowds to go away so they can buy food in the towns nearby."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:16

ULT

16 But Jesus said to them, "They have no need to go away. You give them to eat."

UST

16 But Jesus said to his disciples, "They do not need to leave to get food. Instead, you yourselves give them something to eat!"

What did Jesus challenge his disciples to do for the crowd?

Jesus challenged his disciples to give the crowd something to eat.

Matthew 14:17

ULT
17 But they say to him, “We have nothing here except five loaves and two fish.”

UST
17 The disciples said, “But we have only five loaves of bread and two cooked fish here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:18

ULT
18 But he said, “Bring them here to me.”

UST
18 He said, “Bring them to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:19

ULT
19 And having commanded the crowd to recline on the grass, having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed {them}, and having broken {them}, he gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

UST
19 Jesus told the crowd of people who had gathered there to sit on the grass. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. Then he gave the pieces to his disciples, and they distributed them to the crowd.

What did Jesus do with the five loaves and the two fish the disciples brought to him?
Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd.

Matthew 14:20

ULT

[20] And they all ate and were filled. And they took up the remaining of the broken pieces—12 baskets full.

UST

[20] All the people ate until they were no longer hungry. Then some people gathered the pieces that were left over and filled twelve baskets with them.

How many people ate, and how much food was left over? (vv20-21)

About five thousand men ate plus women and children, and there were twelve baskets left over.

Matthew 14:21

ULT

[21] Now the ones eating were about 5,000 men, besides women and children.

UST

[21] About five thousand men ate at that time, not counting the women and children!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:22

ULT

[22] And immediately he made the disciples to get into the boat and to go before him to the other side, while he sent away the crowds.

UST

[22] Right after that happened, Jesus told the disciples to get in the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. In the meantime, he was going to send the crowd home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:23

ULT

23 And having sent away the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Now evening having come about, he was there alone.

UST

23 After he sent the crowd away, he went up into the hills to pray by himself. When it was evening, he was still there alone.

What did Jesus do after he sent the crowd away?

Jesus went up on the mountain to pray by himself.

Matthew 14:24

ULT

24 But the boat, already in the middle of the sea, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

UST

24 By this time the disciples were a long distance from the shore. The wind was blowing very hard opposite to how the disciples were trying to sail; the wind made very large waves that were tossing the boat back and forth in the water.

What was happening with the disciples in the midst of the sea?

The disciples' boat was almost uncontrollable because of the wind and waves.

Matthew 14:25

ULT

25 Now in {the} fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

UST

25 Then Jesus came down from the hills to the water. Sometime between three and six o'clock in the morning he walked on the water toward the boat.

How did Jesus go to the disciples?

Jesus went to the disciples by walking on the water.

Matthew 14:26

ULT

26 But the disciples, having seen him walking on the sea, were greatly troubled, saying, “It is a ghost,” and they cried out from fear.

UST

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they thought that he must be a ghost. They were terrified, and they screamed in fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:27

ULT

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.”

UST

27 Immediately Jesus said to them, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid!”

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?

Jesus told his disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Matthew 14:28

ULT

28 But answering him, Peter said, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

UST

28 Peter said to him, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to walk on the water to you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:29

ULT
29 And he said, “Come.” And Peter, having gotten out from the boat, walked on the water to go to Jesus.

UST
29 Jesus said, “Come!” So Peter got out of the boat. He walked on the water toward Jesus.

What did Jesus tell Peter to come and do?
Jesus told Peter to come and walk on the water.

Matthew 14:30

ULT
30 But seeing the strong wind, he became afraid, and having begun to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

UST
30 But when Peter paid attention to the strong wind, he became afraid. He began to sink in the water and cried out, “Lord, rescue me!”

Why did Peter begin to sink into the water?
Peter began to sink into the water when he became afraid.

Matthew 14:31

ULT
31 But immediately, Jesus, having stretched out {his} hand, took hold of him, and says to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

UST
31 Right away Jesus reached out with his hand and grabbed Peter. He said to him, “You only trust a little bit in my power! Why did you doubt that I could keep you from sinking?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:32

ULT
32 And {when} they had gotten into the boat, the wind ceased blowing.

UST
32 Then Jesus and Peter got in the boat, and the wind immediately stopped blowing.

What happened when Jesus and Peter went into the boat?
When Peter and Jesus went into the boat, the wind ceased blowing.

Matthew 14:33

ULT
33 And the disciples in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are {the} Son of God.”

UST
33 All of the disciples who were in the boat bowed down to Jesus and said, “You are really the Son of God!”

What did the disciples do when they saw this?
When the disciples saw this, they worshiped Jesus and said that he was the Son of God.

Matthew 14:34

ULT
34 And having crossed over, they came to the land at Gennesaret.

UST
34 When they had gone further around the lake in the boat, they reached the shore at the town of Gennesaret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 14:35

ULT

35 And having recognized him, the men in that place sent into all that surrounding area, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness.

UST

35 The men of that area recognized Jesus, so they sent people to inform those who lived in the whole region that Jesus had come. So the people brought to Jesus everyone who was sick.

What did the people do when Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea?
When Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick.

Matthew 14:36

ULT

36 And they were begging him so that they might only touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched {it} were healed.

UST

36 The sick people kept begging him to allow them to touch him or even only the edge of his robe so that they would be healed. Everyone who touched him or his robe were healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15

Matthew 15:1

ULT

1 Then Pharisees and scribes come to Jesus from Jerusalem, saying,

UST

1 Then some Pharisees and men who taught the Jewish laws came from Jerusalem to talk to Jesus. They said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:2

ULT

2 “Why do your disciples violate the traditions of the elders? For they do not wash {their} hands when they eat bread.”

UST

2 “We see that your disciples disobey the traditions of our ancestors! They do not perform the proper ritual of washing their hands before they eat!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:3

ULT

3 But he, answering, said to them, “Why do you also violate the commandment of God because of your traditions?

UST

3 Jesus answered them, “And I see that you refuse to obey God’s commands just so that you can follow what your ancestors taught you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:4

ULT

4 For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor {your} father and {your} mother,’ and ‘The one reviling {his} father or mother, let him end in death.’

UST

4 God gave these two commands: ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘People who speak evil about their father or mother must be executed.’

What example did Jesus give of how did the Pharisees made void the word of God by their traditions? (vv4-6)

The Pharisees prevented children from helping their parents by taking the money as a “gift given to God”.

Matthew 15:5

ULT

5 But you say, ‘Whoever says to {his} father or mother “Whatever from me might have been helpful {is} a gift,”’

UST

5 But you tell the people, ‘You can say to your father or mother, “What I was going to give to you to help provide for you, I have now promised to give to God.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:6

ULT

6 he will certainly not honor his father. And so you have made void the word of God [1] because of your traditions.

UST

6 When you do that, you think that you do not need to give anything to your parents. In that way you ignore what God commanded, just so that you can follow what your ancestors taught you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:7

ULT

[7] You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying,

UST

[7] You only pretend to be good! Isaiah also told the truth about you when he spoke God's thoughts about your ancestors.

What did Isaiah prophecy about the Pharisees' lips and hearts? (vv7-8)

Isaiah prophesied that the Pharisees would honor God with their lips, but their heart would be far from God.

Matthew 15:8

ULT

[8] 'This people honors me with {their} lips, but their heart is far away from me.

UST

[8] 'These people talk as if they honor me, but they do not care about me,'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:9

ULT

[9] But they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"

UST

[9] It is useless for them to worship me, because they teach what people thought up as their authoritative teachings.'"

Instead of teaching the word of God, what were the Pharisees teaching as doctrine?

The Pharisees were teaching as doctrines the commands of people.

Matthew 15:10

ULT
10 And having summoned the crowd, he said to them, “Listen and understand:

UST
10 Then Jesus again called the crowd to come nearer to him. He said to them, “Listen to what I am about to tell you and try to understand it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:11

ULT
11 Nothing {that} enters into the mouth defiles the man, but {what} comes out from the mouth, this defiles the man.”

UST
11 Nothing that a person puts into his mouth to eat makes him contaminated. Instead, it is what people say—the words that come from their mouths—that makes a person degraded.”

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?
Jesus said that what a person eats does not defile a person.

What did Jesus say does defile a person?
Jesus said that what comes out of a person’s mouth defiles a person.

Matthew 15:12

ULT
12 Then having come up, the disciples said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees, having heard {this} word, were offended?”

UST
12 Later the disciples went to Jesus and said, “Do you know that the Pharisees heard what you said and became angry at you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:13

ULT

13 But he answering said, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

UST

13 Then Jesus told them this parable. “My Father in heaven will get rid of all those who teach things that are against what he says, just like a farmer gets rid of plants that he did not plant by pulling them up by their roots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:14

ULT

14 Let them go! They are blind guides. But if {the} blind guide {the} blind, both will fall into a pit.”

UST

14 Do not pay any attention to the Pharisees. They do not help people to understand what God commands, just like blind guides do not help blind people to see where they should walk. Instead, they all fall into the same hole.”

What did Jesus call the Pharisees, and what did he say would happen to them?

Jesus called the Pharisees blind guides and said that they would fall into a pit.

Matthew 15:15

ULT

15 Now responding, Peter said to him, “Explain the parable to us.”

UST

15 Peter said to Jesus, “Explain to us the parable about what a person eats.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:16

ULT

16 But he said, “Are you also still without understanding?

UST

16 Jesus replied to them, “You should certainly understand what I teach, but I am disappointed that you do not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:17

ULT

17 Do you not yet understand that everything {that} enters into the mouth passes into the stomach and is passed out into {the} latrine?

UST

17 You ought to understand that whatever food people eat enters their stomachs, and later what remains passes out of their bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:18

ULT

18 But the {things} proceeding out from the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.

UST

18 Instead, the evil words that the mouth speaks are what makes God reject a person, because they come from the evil things that the person thinks in his innermost being.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:19

ULT

19 For from the heart proceed evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, {and} slander.

UST

19 This is because it is people's innermost beings that cause them to think things that are evil, to murder people, to commit adultery, to commit other sexual sins, to steal things, to testify falsely, and to speak evil about others.

What kinds of things proceed from the heart, which defile a person?
From the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and insults.

Matthew 15:20

ULT

20 These are the {things} defiling the man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man."

UST

20 It is these actions that cause God to consider people to be unacceptable to him. But to eat with unwashed hands does not cause God to reject people."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:21

ULT

21 And having come out from there, Jesus withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon.

UST

21 After Jesus took the disciples and left the district of Galilee, they all went toward the region where the cities of Tyre and Sidon are located.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:22

ULT

22 And behold, a Canaanite woman having come out from that region was crying out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”

UST

22 A woman from the group of people called Canaanites, who live in that region, came to Jesus. She kept shouting to him, “Lord, you are the descendant of King David, you are the Messiah! Have pity on me and my daughter! She is suffering very much because a demon controls her.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:23

ULT

23 But he did not answer her a word. And having approached, his disciples were begging him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”

UST

23 But Jesus did not answer her at all. The disciples said to him, “Tell her to leave because she keeps bothering us by shouting behind us as we go along.”

What did Jesus do at first when the Canaanite woman shouted out to him for mercy?

Jesus answered her not a word.

Matthew 15:24

ULT

24 But he answering said, “I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of {the} house of Israel.”

UST

24 Jesus said to her, “God has sent me only to the people of Israel, because they are like sheep who have lost their way.”

What was Jesus’ explanation of why he was not helping the Canaanite woman?

Jesus explained that he had been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:25

ULT

25 But she, having come, bowed down to him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

UST

25 But the woman came closer to Jesus and knelt down in front of him. She pled, “Lord, help me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:26

ULT

26 Now he answering said, “It is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw {it} to the little dogs.”

UST

26 Then he told her, “It is not good for someone to take food that has been prepared for his children and throw it to the little dogs in the house.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:27

ULT

27 But she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat from the crumbs falling from the tables of their masters.”

UST

27 But the woman replied, “Lord, what you say is correct, but even the little dogs eat the crumbs that fall to the floor when their masters sit at their own tables and eat!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:28

ULT

28 Then answering, Jesus said to her, “Woman, great {is} your faith; let it be done for you just as you desire.”
And her daughter was healed from that hour.

UST

28 Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, because you believe firmly in me, I will heal your daughter as you desire!” At that moment the demon left her daughter, and she became well.

When the Canaanite woman humbled herself, what did Jesus say to her and do for her?

Jesus said that the woman had great faith, and he granted her her request.

Matthew 15:29

ULT

29 And having left from there, Jesus went along the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on a hill, he was sitting there.

UST

29 Then Jesus and his disciples went away from that area, back to the Sea of Galilee. Then Jesus climbed the hill near there and sat down to teach the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:30

ULT

30 And large crowds came up to him, having with them {the} lame, {the} blind, {the} crippled, {the} mute, and many others. And they laid them at his feet, and he healed them,

UST

30 Large crowds kept coming to him for the next two days and brought lame, crippled, and blind people, those who were unable to talk, and many others who had various sicknesses. They laid them in front of Jesus so that he would heal them. And he healed them.

What did Jesus do for the large crowds that came to him in Galilee? (vv30-31)

Jesus healed the mute, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Matthew 15:31

ULT

31 so that the crowd marveled, seeing {the} mute speak, {the} crippled healthy, and {the} lame walking, and {the} blind seeing, and they glorified the God of Israel.

UST

31 The crowd saw him heal people who could not talk, crippled people, lame people, and blind people, and they were amazed. They said, “Praise God who rules over us in Israel!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:32

ULT

32 But Jesus, having summoned his disciples, said, “I have compassion on the crowd, because they have remained with me three days already and do not have anything to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they might faint on the way.”

UST

32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “This crowd of people has been with me for three days and have nothing left to eat. I feel sorry for them. I do not want to send them away while they are still hungry, because if I did that, they might faint on the way home.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:33

ULT

33 And the disciples say to him, “From where {would be} to us in a wilderness enough bread so as to satisfy so large a crowd?”

UST

33 The disciples said to him, “In this place where nobody lives, we cannot possibly obtain enough food to feed such a large crowd!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:34

ULT
34 And Jesus says to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”

UST
34 Jesus asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They answered him, “Seven small loaves and a few small cooked fish.”

How many loaves and fish did the disciples have to feed the crowd?
The disciples had seven loaves, and a few small fish.

Matthew 15:35

ULT
35 And having commanded the crowd to recline on the ground,

UST
35 Then Jesus told the people to sit on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 15:36

ULT
36 he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks, he broke {them} and was giving {them} to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.

UST
36 He took the seven loaves and the cooked fish. After he had thanked God for them, he broke them into pieces and he kept giving them to the disciples. Then the disciples kept distributing them to the crowd.

What did Jesus do with the loaves and fish?
Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples.

Matthew 15:37

ULT

37 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took away seven baskets full of the remaining of the broken pieces.

UST

37 Because Jesus made the food multiply miraculously, all those people ate and had plenty to satisfy them. Then the disciples collected the pieces of food that were left over, and they filled seven large baskets with them.

How much food was left over after everyone ate?

There were seven baskets full remaining after everyone ate.

Matthew 15:38

ULT

38 But those eating were 4,000 men, besides women and children.

UST

38 There were four thousand men who ate, but no one counted the women and the children who also ate.

How many people ate and were satisfied from the loaves and fish?

There were 4,000 men, plus women and children, who ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 15:39

ULT

39 And having sent away the crowds, he got into the boat and went into the region of Magadan.
15:6 *[1]* but some other ancient copies have It is difficult to choose the better reading.

UST

39 After Jesus sent the crowd away, he and the disciples got in a boat and sailed around the lake to the region of Magadan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16

Matthew 16:1

ULT

1 And the Pharisees and Sadducees, having approached—testing {him}—asked him to show them a sign from heaven.

UST

1 Some Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and said to him, “Show us that God has really sent you to us! Do a miracle in the sky and use his power to convince us!”

What did the Pharisees and Sadducees want to see from Jesus as a test?

The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted to see a sign from heaven from Jesus.

Matthew 16:2

ULT

2 But he answering said to them, [1] [“When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’

UST

2 He answered them, [1] [“In our country, if the sky is red in the evening, we say, ‘It will be good weather tomorrow.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:3

ULT

3 And early today, ‘It will be stormy, for the sky is red, being overcast.’ You know to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you are not able the signs of the times.”]

UST

3 But if the sky is red in the morning we say, ‘It will be stormy weather today.’ By looking at the sky, you can tell what the weather will be, but when you see the things that are now happening all around you, you do not understand what God is doing.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:4

ULT

4 “An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but a sign will not be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” And having left them, he went away.

UST

4 You evil people have seen me perform miracles, but you do not faithfully worship God. So I will do no miracle for you, except the miracle that happened to Jonah the prophet, who spent three days inside a huge fish but came out again.” Then Jesus left them and sailed away, along with his disciples.

What did Jesus say he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Jesus said he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees the sign of Jonah.

Matthew 16:5

ULT

5 And the disciples, having come to the other side, had forgotten to take bread.

UST

5 They all sailed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Then the disciples realized that they had forgotten to take anything to eat with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:6

ULT

6 Now Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

UST

6 At that point, Jesus said to them, “Be careful not to accept the yeast that the Pharisees and Sadducees want to give you.”

Of what did Jesus tell his disciples to beware?

Jesus told his disciples to beware the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:7

ULT

7 But they were reasoning among themselves, saying, “{It is} because we did not take bread.”

UST

7 They tried to make sense out of what Jesus had told them, and they said to each other, “He must have said that because we forgot to bring anything to eat!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:8

ULT

8 But Jesus, having known {this}, said, “You of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves that {it is because} you do not have bread?

UST

8 But Jesus knew what they were saying and answered them, “I am disappointed that you think it was because you forgot bring bread that I talked about the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. You believe only a little what I am able to do for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:9

ULT

9 Do you not yet perceive nor remember the five loaves of the 5,000, and how many baskets you gathered up?

UST

9 Do not think I am worried about having food. Have you really forgotten how I fed the five thousand with five loaves, or how many baskets of leftover food you gathered up?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:10

ULT
10 Or the seven loaves of the 4,000, and how many baskets you took up?

UST
10 Or what about the four thousand people who ate when I multiplied the seven small loaves? And how many baskets of scraps did you gather up then?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:11

ULT
11 How do you not understand that I did not speak to you about bread? But beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

UST
11 You should have understood that I was not really speaking about bread. Do not accept yeast from the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:12

ULT
12 Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of the bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

UST
12 Then the disciples understood that Jesus was not talking about the yeast that is in bread. Instead, he was talking about the wrong teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

About what was Jesus actually talking when he told his disciples to beware?
Jesus was telling his disciples to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:13

ULT

13 Now Jesus, having come to the regions of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, “Who do men say the Son of Man is?”

UST

13 When Jesus and his disciples entered into the region near the city of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, “Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, really am?”

What question did Jesus ask his disciples when they came to Caesarea Philippi?

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:14

ULT

14 And they said, “Some, John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”

UST

14 They answered, “Some people say that you are John the Baptizer, who has come back to life again. Others say that you are the prophet Elijah, who has returned from heaven as God promised. Still others say that you are the prophet Jeremiah or one of the other prophets who lived long ago, who has come back to life again.”

Who did some people think that Jesus was?

Some people thought that Jesus was John the Baptist, or Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Matthew 16:15

ULT

15 He says to them, “But who do you say I am?”

UST

15 Jesus said to them, “What about you? Who do you say that I am?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:16

ULT

16 And answering, Simon Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

UST

16 Simon Peter said to him, “You are the Messiah! You are the Son of the all-powerful God.”

What answer did Peter give to Jesus’ question?

Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God”.

Matthew 16:17

ULT

17 Now answering, Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal {this} to you, but my Father in the heavens.

UST

17 Then Jesus said to him, “Simon, son of Jonah, God is pleased with you. What you just said—no human has revealed this to you. Instead, it was my Father who lives in heaven who has revealed this to you.

How did Peter know the answer to Jesus’ question?

Peter knew the answer to Jesus’ question because the Father had revealed it to him.

Matthew 16:18

ULT

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and {the} gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

UST

18 I will also tell you this: You are Peter, which means ‘rock.’ You will be the support for the group of those who believe in me, like a large rock supports a great building. And even the powers of death will not be strong enough to stand up against it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:19

ULT

19 I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you have bound on the earth will be bound in the heavens, and whatever you have loosed on the earth will be loosed in the heavens."

UST

19 Then he said, "I will enable you to open or close the way for people to come under the rule of God from heaven. Whatever you permit on earth, God will permit in heaven. Whatever you prohibit on earth, God will prohibit in heaven."

What authority did Jesus give to Peter on earth?

Jesus gave to Peter the keys of the kingdom, so that he could bind and loose on earth and it would be bound or loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:20

ULT

20 Then he commanded the disciples that they tell no one that he is the Christ.

UST

20 Then Jesus warned the disciples strongly not to tell anyone at that time that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:21

ULT

21 From that time Jesus Christ began to show his disciples that it is necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer much from the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be killed and to be raised on the third day.

UST

21 From that time Jesus, the Messiah, began to teach the disciples that it was necessary for him to go to the city of Jerusalem. There the ruling elders, the chief priests, and the men who taught the Jewish laws would cause him to suffer and die. Then on the third day after that, he would come alive again.

At this time, what did Jesus begin to tell his disciples plainly?

Jesus began to tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be killed, and be raised on the third day.

Matthew 16:22

ULT

22 And having taken him aside, Peter began to rebuke him, saying, “Merciful to you, Lord; may this never be to you.”

UST

22 But Peter took Jesus aside and began to scold him for saying these things. He said, “Lord, may God never permit that to happen to you! That must certainly not happen!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:23

ULT

23 But, he, having turned, said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not setting your mind on the {things} of God, but on the {things} of men.”

UST

23 Then Jesus turned to look at Peter, and he said to him, “Get out of my sight, because Satan is speaking through you. You are trying to get me to sin. You are not thinking what God thinks, but only what people think!”

What did Jesus tell Peter when Peter objected to what Jesus was describing would happen to him?

Jesus said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan”!

Matthew 16:24

ULT

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

UST

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to trust me and go where I am going, he must put away his own desires and purposes, and he must take up his own cross, and go where I go.

What must anyone do who wants to follow Jesus?

Anyone who wants to follow Jesus must deny himself, and take up his cross.

Matthew 16:25

ULT
25 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

UST
25 Whoever tries to save his own life, will find that instead of saving his life, he will lose it. But whoever loses his life for me, he will find his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 16:26

ULT
26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?

UST
26 What good would it be for a person to get everything he wants in this world, but then for him to lose his life? What will a man gain in his possessions that would be as valuable as his own life?

What did Jesus say does not profit a man?
Jesus said that it does not profit a man to gain the whole world, but to forfeit his life.

Matthew 16:27

ULT
27 For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels. And then he will recompense each one according to his actions.

UST
27 Listen carefully. I, the Son of Man, will leave this earth, but I will return, and the angels of heaven will accompany me. At that time I will have the glorious light that my Father has, and I will reward everyone according to what they did when they were alive in this world.

How did Jesus say the Son of Man will come?
Jesus said the Son of Man would come in the glory of his Father with his angels.

How will the Son of Man reward every person when he comes?
The Son of Man will reward every person according to his deeds when he comes.

Matthew 16:28

ULT

28 Truly I say to you that there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”
16:2 *[1]*

UST

28 Listen carefully! Some of you who are here now will see me, the one who came from heaven, when I return as king. You will see this before you die!”
16:2 *[1]*

Who did Jesus say would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 17

Matthew 17:1

ULT

[1] And six days later Jesus takes along Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves.

UST

[1] A week after Jesus said that, he took Peter, James, and John, the younger brother of James, and led them up a high mountain where they were away from other people.

Who went with Jesus up on a high mountain?
Peter, James, and John went with Jesus up on a high mountain.

Matthew 17:2

ULT

[2] And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became brilliant as the light.

UST

[2] While they were there, the three disciples saw Jesus' appearance change. His face shone like the sun, and his clothing shone and became as brilliant as light.

What happened to Jesus' appearance on the mountain?
Jesus was transfigured so that his face shone like the sun, and his garments were as brilliant as the light.

Matthew 17:3

ULT

[3] And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him.

UST

[3] Suddenly Moses and Elijah, who were important prophets many years ago, appeared and started talking with him.

Who appeared and talked with Jesus?
Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus.

Matthew 17:4

ULT

4 And responding, Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you desire, I will make here three shelters—one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

UST

4 Peter saw them and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is excellent for us to be here! If you want me to, I will set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

What did Peter offer to do?

Peter offered to make three tents for the three men.

Matthew 17:5

ULT

5 {While} he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him.”

UST

5 While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud came over them. They heard God speaking about Jesus from inside the cloud. He said to them, “This is my Son. I love him. He pleases me very much. So you must listen to him!”

What did the voice out of the cloud say?

The voice out of the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him”.

Matthew 17:6

ULT

6 And having heard that, the disciples fell on their face and were very afraid.

UST

6 When the three disciples heard God speaking, they were exceedingly afraid. As a result, they fell facedown on the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:7

ULT

[7] And Jesus, having approached and having touched them, said, “Get up and do not be afraid.”

UST

[7] But Jesus went to them and touched them and said to them, “Stand up! Do not be afraid anymore!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:8

ULT

[8] But having lifted up their eyes, they saw no one except only Jesus himself.

UST

[8] And when they looked up, they saw that Jesus was the only one who was still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:9

ULT

[9] And {as} they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man might have risen from {the} dead.”

UST

[9] While they were walking down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Do not tell anyone what you saw on the mountain top until God has caused me, the Son of Man, to become alive again after I die.”

What did Jesus command the disciples as they were coming down the mountain?

Jesus commanded the disciples to report their vision to no one until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Matthew 17:10

ULT

[10] And his disciples questioned him, saying, “Why then do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?”

UST

[10] Those three disciples asked Jesus, “If what you say is true, why do the men who teach the Jewish laws say that it is necessary for Elijah to come back to earth before the Messiah comes?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:11

ULT

11 But he, answering, said, “Elijah indeed is coming and will restore all {things}.

UST

11 Jesus answered them, “It is true that God promised that Elijah would come to prepare many people for the Messiah’s coming.

What did Jesus say about the teaching of the scribes that Elijah must come first?

Jesus said that Elijah will indeed come and restore all things.

Matthew 17:12

ULT

12 But I say to you that Elijah already came, but they did not recognize him. Instead, they did whatever they wanted to him. In the same way also, the Son of Man is going to suffer by them.”

UST

12 But note this: Elijah has already come and our leaders have seen him, but they did not recognize him as the one who would come before the Messiah. Instead, they treated him badly, just as they desired. And those same rulers will soon treat me, the one who came from heaven, in the same manner.”

Who did Jesus say was the Elijah who had already come, and what had been done to him? (vv12-13)

Jesus said John the Baptist was the Elijah who had already come, and they had done whatever they wanted to him.

Matthew 17:13

ULT

13 Then the disciples understood that he spoke to them about John the Baptist.

UST

13 Then the three disciples understood that when he was talking about Elijah, he was referring to John the Baptizer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:14

ULT

14 And having come to the crowd, a man, having approached him, is kneeling before him

UST

14 When Jesus and the three disciples returned to the rest of the disciples and to the crowd that had gathered, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him.

What had the disciples been able to do for the epileptic boy? (vv14-16)

The disciples had not been able to cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:15

ULT

15 and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, because he is epileptic and has sickness, for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.

UST

15 He said to him, “Sir, have mercy on my son and heal him! He has epilepsy and suffers very much. Because of this illness, he has fallen in the fire and in the water many times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:16

ULT

16 And I brought him to your disciples, but they were not able to heal him.”

UST

16 I brought him to your disciples in order that they might heal him, but they were not able to heal him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:17

ULT

17 But answering, Jesus said, “O unbelieving and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I bear with you? Bring him here to me.”

UST

17 Jesus responded, “You people of this time do not believe at all in God’s power. How confused you are! How long do I have to be with you before you are able to do what I do? Bring the boy here to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:18

ULT

18 And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.

UST

18 When they brought the boy to Jesus, Jesus spoke severely to the demon that was causing the epilepsy. As a result, the demon came out of the boy, and the boy was healed from that time onward.

What did Jesus do for the epileptic boy?

Jesus rebuked the demon, and the boy was cured from that hour.

Matthew 17:19

ULT

19 Then the disciples, having come to Jesus privately, said, “For what reason were we not able to cast it out?”

UST

19 Later, some of the disciples approached Jesus when he was by himself and asked him, “Why were we not able to drive out the demon?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:20

ULT

20 And he says to them, “Because of your little faith. For I truly say to you, if you would have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.

UST

20 He answered them, “It is because you did not believe very much in God’s power. Think about this: Mustard seeds are very small, but they grow and produce large plants. Similarly, if you believe even a little bit that God will do what you ask him to, you will be able to do anything! You could even say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there!’ and it would go where you told it to go.”

Why were the disciples not able to cure the epileptic boy?

Jesus said that because of their small faith they could not cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:21

ULT

21[1] [But this kind does not go out except with prayer and fasting.]

UST

21[1] [But this kind of demon does not go out except with prayer and fasting.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:22

ULT

22 Now {as} they are gathered together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be handed over into {the} hands of men,

UST

22 When the disciples had gathered together in the district of Galilee, Jesus said to them, “Someone will soon hand me, the Son of Man, over to the authorities.

What did Jesus tell his disciples that made them very sad? (vv22-23)

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered into the hands of people who would kill him, and that he would be raised up on the third day.

Matthew 17:23

ULT

23 and they will kill {him}, and on the third day he will be raised up.” And they became very upset.

UST

23 They will kill me, but God will cause me to become alive again on the third day after I am killed.” When the disciples heard that, they became very sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:24

ULT

24 Now {when} they had come to Capernaum, the ones collecting the two-drachma tax came to Peter and said, “Does not your teacher pay the two-drachma tax?”

UST

24 When Jesus and the disciples came to the city of Capernaum, the men who collected taxes for the temple approached Peter and said to him, “Your teacher pays the temple tax, does he not?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:25

ULT

25 He says, “Yes.” And having entered into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth receive taxes or tolls? From their sons or from strangers?”

UST

25 He answered them, “Yes, he does pay it.” When the disciples came into Jesus’ house, before Peter began to speak, Jesus said to him, “Simon, from whom do you think rulers collect revenue or taxes? Do they collect taxes from the citizens of their own country, or from citizens of countries they have conquered?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:26

ULT

26 But having said, “From strangers,” Jesus said to him, “Therefore, the sons are free.”

UST

26 Peter answered him, “From citizens of other countries.” Then Jesus said to him, “So citizens of their own country do not need to pay taxes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 17:27

ULT

27 But in order that we might not offend them, having gone to the sea, throw in a fishhook, and draw in the first fish having come up. And having opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Having taken that, give {it} to them on behalf of me and you.”
17:21 *[1]*

UST

27 But go ahead and pay the tax for us so that the temple tax collectors will not become angry with us. In order to get the money to pay it, go to the Sea of Galilee, cast your fish line and hook, and take the first fish that you catch. When you open its mouth, you will find a silver coin that is worth enough to pay the tax for you and me. Take that coin and give it to the temple tax collectors.”
17:21 *[1]*

How did Peter and Jesus pay the half-shekel tax?

Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, throw in a hook, and draw in the fish that comes up first, which would have a shekel in its mouth for the tax.

Matthew 18

Matthew 18:1

ULT
1 At that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of the heavens?”

UST
1 At that precise time the disciples approached Jesus and asked him, “Who among us will be the most important when God makes you king from heaven?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:2

ULT
2 And having called to himself a little child, he set him in the midst of them

UST
2 Jesus called a child to come, and he placed that child in their midst.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:3

ULT
3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.

UST
3 He said, “I tell you the truth: If you do not change and become as humble as little children, surely you will not come under the rule of God from heaven.

What did Jesus say we must do to enter the kingdom of heaven?
Jesus said we must repent and become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4

ULT

4 Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

4 The people who become as humble as this child will be the most important people among those over whom God will rule from heaven.

Who did Jesus say is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that whoever humbles himself like a little child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:5

ULT

5 And whoever receives a little child like this in my name receives me.

UST

5 Also, whenever people welcome a child like this one because they love me, God considers that they are welcoming me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:6

ULT

6 But whoever causes one of these little ones believing in me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone of a donkey would have been hung about his neck and he would have been sunk into the depth of the sea.

UST

6 "If a person causes someone who believes in me to sin, even if it is someone who people think is as unimportant as this little child, God will severely punish that person. He will punish that person worse than if someone had thrown him into the sea's deep waters with a heavy stone tied to his neck!

What happens to whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin?

Whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin would be better off if a millstone had been hung about his neck and he had been sunk into the sea.

Matthew 18:7

ULT

[7] Woe to the world because of the stumbling blocks! For it is necessary {that} the stumbling blocks come, but woe to the man through whom the stumbling block comes!

UST

[7] How terrible it will be for those who cause others to sin. There will always be temptations to sin, but how terrible it will be for anyone to cause another person to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:8

ULT

[8] Now if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw {it} away from you. It is better for you to enter into life maimed or lame than to be thrown into the eternal fire having two hands or two feet.

UST

[8] So if you are wanting to use one of your hands or feet to sin, stop using that hand or foot! Even if you have to cut it off so you will not sin! Suppose you had only one hand or one foot and still lived forever with God, how much better is that than if you had both hands and both feet and God threw you into the eternal fire in hell because of your sin.

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to stumble?

Jesus said we must throw away anything that causes us to stumble.

Matthew 18:9

ULT

[9] And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw {it} away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye than to be thrown into the Gehenna of fire having two eyes.

UST

[9] Yes, and if what you see makes you want to sin, stop looking at those things! Even if you have to gouge out one of your eyes and throw it away to keep from sinning! Suppose you had only one eye and still lived forever with God, how much better is that than if you had both eyes and God threw you into the eternal fire in hell.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:10

ULT

10 See that you would not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that in heaven their angels always look on the face of my Father in {the} heavens.

UST

10 "Be sure not to look down on even one of these children. I tell you truly that the angels who protect them can always go to my Father and report to him if you mistreat the children.

Why did Jesus say we must not despise the little ones?

We must not despise the little ones, because their angels always look on the face of the Father.

Matthew 18:11

ULT

11[1] [For the Son of Man came to save the one{that} had been lost.]

UST

11[1] [For the Son of Man came to save that which was lost.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:12

ULT

12 What do you think? If a certain man has 100 sheep, and one of them goes astray, having left the 99 on the hillside and having gone out, does he not seek the one wandering?

UST

12 What do you think you would do in the following situation? If you had one hundred sheep and one of them got lost, you would surely leave the ninety-nine sheep that were on the hillside and go and search for the lost one, would you not?

How is the person who seeks the one lost sheep like the Father in heaven? (vv12-14)

It is also not the will of the Father that one of the little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:13

ULT

13 And if he happens to find it, truly I say to you that he rejoices over it more than over the 99 {that} have not gone astray.

UST

13 If you found it, I affirm to you that you would rejoice very much. You would be happy that ninety-nine sheep did not stray away, but you would rejoice even more because you had found the sheep that had strayed away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:14

ULT

14 In the same way, it is not {the} will before your Father in the heavens that one of these little ones would perish.

UST

14 In the same way that the shepherd does not want one of his sheep to stray away, so God, your Father in heaven, does not want even one of these children to go to hell.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:15

ULT

15 But if your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

UST

15 “If a fellow believer sins against you, go to him when you can be alone with him, and reprove him for sinning against you. If that person listens to you and feels sorry that he has sinned against you, you and he will be good brothers once more.

If your brother sins against you, what is the first thing you should do?

First, you should go and show him his fault between you and him alone.

Matthew 18:16

ULT

16 But if he does not listen, take with you yet one or two {others}, so that by {the} mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be verified.

UST

16 If, however, that person does not listen to you, go get one or two other fellow believers. Have them go with you so that, as the law says, ‘there must be two or three witnesses to confirm every accusation.’

If your brother does not listen, what is the second thing you should do?

Second, you should take with you one or two more brothers as witnesses.

Matthew 18:17

ULT

17 But if he refuses to listen to them, speak to the church. But if he also refuses to listen to the church, let him be to you even as the Gentile and the tax collector.

UST

17 If the one who has sinned against you does not listen to them, tell the matter to the entire congregation so that they can correct him. And if the person does not listen to the congregation, exclude him from among you, just as you would exclude pagans and tax collectors as hopeless sinners.

If your brother still does not listen, what is the third thing you should do?

Third, you should tell the matter to the church.

If your brother still will not listen, what should be done?

Finally, if he will not listen to the church, he should be treated as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:18

ULT

18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on the earth will be bound in heaven; and whatever you release on the earth will be released in heaven.

UST

18 Keep this in mind: Whatever you decide on earth about punishing or not punishing a member of your congregation is what has also been decided by God in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:19

ULT

19 Again I truly say to you that if two of you agree together on the earth about any matter that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in {the} heavens.

UST

19 Also note this: If at least two of you who live here on earth agree together about whatever you ask for, my Father who is in heaven, will give you what you ask for.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:20

ULT

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst.”

UST

20 This is true, because wherever at least two or three of you assemble because you believe in me, I am with you.”

What did Jesus promise where two or three are gathered in his name?

Jesus promised to be in the midst of two or three gathered in his name.

Matthew 18:21

ULT

21 Then having approached, Peter said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I will forgive him? Until seven times?”

UST

21 Then Peter approached Jesus and said to him, “Lord, how many times must I forgive a fellow believer who keeps on sinning against me? If he keeps asking me to forgive him, must I forgive him as many as seven times?”

How many times did Jesus say we should forgive our brother? (vv21-22)

Jesus said we should forgive our brother 70 times 7 times.

Matthew 18:22

ULT
22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

UST
22 Jesus said to him, “I tell you that the number of times you must forgive someone is not just up to seven, but you must forgive him seventy-seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:23

ULT
23 For this reason, the kingdom of the heavens may be compared to a man, a king, who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves.

UST
23 God’s rule from heaven is like a king and his officials. He wanted his officials to pay what they owed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:24

ULT
24 Now {when} he had begun to settle, one debtor of 10,000 talents was brought to him.

UST
24 So those officials came to the king to settle their accounts with him. One of the officials brought to the king owed him a debt that was worth the value of more than three metric tons of gold.

What did the servant owe his master, and could he repay his master? (vv24-25)
The servant owed his master 10,000 talents, which he could not repay.

Matthew 18:25

ULT

25 But, he not being able to repay, the master commanded him to be sold, together with {his} wife and children and everything, as much as he had, and repayment to be made.

UST

25 But because he did not have enough money to pay what he owed, the king demanded that he, his wife, his children and all he possessed be sold to someone else and that the king be repaid with the money that was paid for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:26

ULT

26 So, having fallen down, the slave was bowing down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.’

UST

26 Then that official, knowing that he did not have the money to pay that huge debt, fell on his knees in front of the king and he begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you all of it, eventually.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:27

ULT

27 Now having felt compassion, the master of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

UST

27 The king, knowing that the official could never pay all that huge debt, felt sorry for him. So he canceled his debt and released him.

Why did the master forgive the servant his debt?

The master was moved with compassion and forgave the servant his debt.

Matthew 18:28

ULT

28 But having gone out, that slave found one of his fellow slaves, who owed him 100 denarii, and having grasped him, he choked {him}, saying, ‘Repay whatever you owe.’

UST

28 Then this same official went to another one of the king’s officials who owed him a bit less than a year’s wages. He grabbed him by the throat, started choking him, and said to him, ‘Pay back what you owe me!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:29

ULT

29 Then having fallen down, his fellow slave begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will repay you.’

UST

29 That official fell on his knees and begged him saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you all of it, eventually.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:30

ULT

30 But he was not willing. Instead, having gone out, he threw him into prison until he might repay {what} is owed.

UST

30 But the first official kept refusing to cancel that small debt that the man owed him. Instead, he put that official into prison and to stay there until he could pay back all the money that he owed him.

What did the servant do with his fellow-servant who owed him one hundred denarii?

The servant refused to be patient and threw the fellow-servant into prison.

Matthew 18:31

ULT

31 Therefore, his fellow slaves, having seen {what} had happened, were very upset. And having come, they fully explained to their master everything {that} had happened.

UST

31 When the other officials of the king learned that this had happened, they were very distressed. So they went to the king and reported in detail what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:32

ULT

32 Then, having called him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

UST

32 Then the king summoned the official who had owed him a debt worth more than three metric tons of gold. He said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I canceled that huge debt that you owed me because you begged me to do so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 18:33

ULT

33 Was it not necessary for you to also have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I also had mercy on you?’

UST

33 You should have been merciful and canceled your fellow official’s debt, just like I was merciful to you and canceled your debt!’

What did the master tell the servant he should have done with the fellow-servant?

The master told the servant he should have had mercy on the fellow-servant.

Matthew 18:34

ULT

34 And having been provoked, his master handed him over to the torturers until he would repay all {that} is owed.

UST

34 The king was very angry. He handed this official over to some jailers who would torture him severely until he paid all of the debt that he owed.”

What did the master then do to the servant?

The master handed the servant over to the torturers until he would pay all that was owed.

Matthew 18:35

ULT

35 In this way also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you do not forgive his brother from your heart.”
18:11 *[1]*

UST

35 Then Jesus continued by saying, “That is what my Father in heaven will do to you if you do not feel merciful and sincerely forgive a fellow believer who sins against you.”
18:11 *[1]*

What did Jesus say the Father will do if we do not forgive our brother from the heart?

Jesus said the Father will do to us like the master did to the servant if we do not forgive our brother from the heart.

Matthew 19

Matthew 19:1

ULT

1 And it happened that when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

UST

1 After Jesus had said that, he took his disciples and left the district of Galilee. They went to the part of the district of Judea that is east of the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:2

ULT

2 And great crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

UST

2 Large crowds followed him there, and he healed the sick among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:3

ULT

3 And Pharisees approached him, testing him, and saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?”

UST

3 Some Pharisees approached him and said to him, “Does our Jewish law permit a man to divorce his wife for any reason whatever?” They asked that in order to be able to debate with him.

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?”

Matthew 19:4

ULT

[4] But he, answering, said, “Have you not read that the one having made {them} from {the} beginning made them male and female,

UST

[4] Jesus said to them, “You have read the scriptures, so you should know that at the time when God first created people, ‘He made one man, and he made one woman.’

What did Jesus say had been true from the beginning of creation?

Jesus said that from the beginning of creation, God had made them male and female.

Matthew 19:5

ULT

[5] and said, ‘On account of this, a man will leave {his} father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh’?

UST

[5] That explains why God said, ‘That is why a man leaves his father and mother and marries his wife. The two of them will live together as though they were one person.’

Because of the way God had made them male and female, what did Jesus say a man should do?

Jesus said that a man should leave his father and mother and join to his wife.

What did Jesus say happens when the husband joins to his wife? (vv5-6)

Jesus said that when a husband joins to his wife, the two become one flesh.

Matthew 19:6

ULT

[6] So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

UST

[6] Consequently, although they functioned as two separate people before, they now become as if they were one person. Since that is true, a man must not separate from his wife whom God has joined to him.”

What did Jesus say man should not do with what God has joined together?

Jesus said that man should not tear apart what God has joined together.

Matthew 19:7

ULT

[7] They say to him, “Why then has Moses commanded {us} to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?”

UST

[7] The Pharisees then said to him, “If that is true, why did Moses command that a man who wanted to divorce his wife should give her a paper stating his reason for divorcing her, and then send her away?”

Why did Jesus say Moses had commanded certificates of divorce? (vv7-8)

Jesus said that Moses had commanded certificates of divorce because of the hardness of the Jews’ hearts.

Matthew 19:8

ULT

[8] He says to them, “For your hardness of heart, Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from {the} beginning it was not that way.

UST

[8] Jesus said to them, “It was because your ancestors stubbornly wanted their own ways that Moses allowed them to divorce their wives, and you are no different from them. But when God first created a man and a woman, he did not intend for them to separate from each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:9

ULT

[9] But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and the one having been divorced, having married, commits adultery.”

UST

[9] I am telling you emphatically that God considers that any man who divorces his wife and marries another woman is committing adultery, unless his first wife has committed adultery.”

Who did Jesus say commits adultery?

Jesus said that whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another commits adultery, and that a man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:10

ULT

10 The disciples say to him, “If thus is the case of the man with {his} wife, it is better not to marry.”

UST

10 The disciples said to him, “If that is true, it is better for men never to marry!”

Who did Jesus say could accept being a eunuch? (vv10-12)

Jesus said that those who are allowed to accept it can accept being a eunuch.

Matthew 19:11

ULT

11 But he said to them, “Not everyone can accept this word, but the ones to whom it has been given.

UST

11 He answered, “Not every man is able to accept this teaching, but only the men whom God enables to accept it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:12

ULT

12 For there are eunuchs who were born thus from {their} mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of the heavens. The one being able to accept {this}, let him accept {it}.”

UST

12 There are men who do not marry because their private parts have been defective ever since they were born. There are other men who do not marry because they have been castrated. Then there are still other men who decide not to marry in order to serve God better as he rules from heaven. You who are able to understand what I have said about marriage should accept it and obey it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:13

ULT

13 Then little children were brought to him so that he would lay {his} hands on them and would pray, but the disciples rebuked them.

UST

13 Then some little children were brought to Jesus in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the people for doing that.

What did the disciples do when some little children were brought to Jesus?

When some little children were brought to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 19:14

ULT

14 But Jesus said, “Permit the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me, for the kingdom of the heavens is of the ones such as these.”

UST

14 But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them! It is people who are humble and trusting like they are who belong to the rule of God from heaven.”

What did Jesus say when he saw the little children?

Jesus said to permit the little children to come, for to such ones belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:15

ULT

15 And having placed {his} hands on them, he went on from there.

UST

15 Jesus then laid his hands on the children to bless them. Then he left that place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:16

ULT

16 And behold, a {man}, having approached him, said, “Teacher, what good thing might I do in order that I might have eternal life?”

UST

16 As Jesus was walking along, a young man approached him and said to him, “Teacher, what good deeds must I do in order to live with God forever?”

What did Jesus tell the young man he must do to enter into eternal life? (vv16-17)
Jesus told the man to keep the commandments to enter into eternal life.

Matthew 19:17

ULT

17 But he said to him, “Why do you ask me about {what} {is} good? One is good, but if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

UST

17 Jesus said to him, “Why are you asking me about what is good? Only one being is good and really knows what is good. That being is God. But in order to answer your question about desiring to live with God forever, I will tell you to keep the commandments that God gave Moses.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:18

ULT

18 He says to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness,

UST

18 The man asked Jesus, “Which commandments must I keep?” Jesus answered him, “Do not murder anyone, do not commit adultery, do not steal things, do not testify falsely,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:19

ULT
[19] honor {your} father and {your} mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

UST
[19] honor your father and your mother, and love every other person as much as you love yourself.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:20

ULT
[20] The young man says to him, “All these {things} I have obeyed. What do I still lack?”

UST
[20] The young man said to Jesus, “I have always obeyed all those commandments. What else must I do in order to live with God forever?”

When the young man said he had kept the commandments, what did Jesus tell him to do? (vv20-21)
When the young man said he had kept the commandments, Jesus told him to sell what he had and give it to the poor.

Matthew 19:21

ULT
[21] Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell {what} you possess, and give to {the} poor, and you will have treasure in {the} heavens; and come, follow me.”

UST
[21] Jesus said to him, “If you desire to be exactly how God wants you to be, go home, sell everything that you have, and give the money to poor people. The result will be that you will be wealthy in heaven. Then come, follow me, and be my disciple!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:22

ULT

22 But the young man, having heard the word, went away being grieved, for he had many possessions.

UST

22 When the young man heard those words, he went away feeling sad, because he was very rich and did not want to give away everything he owned.

How did the young man respond to Jesus' command to sell what he had?

The young man went away sorrowful because he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:23

ULT

23 Now Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I say to you, a rich {man} will enter with difficulty into the kingdom of the heavens.

UST

23 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Keep this in mind: It is very difficult for rich people to agree to let God rule their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:24

ULT

24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through an eye of a needle than for a rich {man} to enter into the kingdom of God."

UST

24 Note this also: It is impossible for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. It is even more difficult for rich people to come under the rule of God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:25

ULT

25 Now having heard {this}, the disciples were very astonished, saying, “Who then is able to be saved?”

UST

25 When the disciples heard this, they were very astounded. They thought that rich people were the ones whom God blesses the most. So they said to Jesus, “If that is so, it does not seem likely that anyone will be saved!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:26

ULT

26 But Jesus, having looked at {them}, said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all {things} are possible.”

UST

26 Then Jesus looked intently at them and said, “Yes, it is impossible for people to save themselves. But God can save them, because God is able to do anything!”

What did Jesus say about the possibility of a rich man entering the kingdom of heaven?
Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but that with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:27

ULT

27 Then answering, Peter said to him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed you. What then will there be for us?”

UST

27 Then Peter said to him, “You know that we have left everything behind and we have become your disciples in order to follow you. So what benefit will we get for doing that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:28

ULT

28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, in the renewal when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you, the ones have followed me, you will also sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

UST

28 Jesus said to them, “Keep this in mind: You will get many benefits. When God makes the new earth and when I, the Son of Man, sit on my throne in my glory, those of you who have accompanied me will each sit on a throne, and you will judge the people of the twelve tribes of Israel.

What reward did Jesus promise his disciples who had followed him?

Jesus promised his disciples that in the new birth, they would sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:29

ULT

29 And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land for the sake of my name, will receive 100 times {as much} and will inherit eternal life.

UST

29 God will reward those who, because they were my disciples, left behind a house or a plot of ground, their brothers, their sisters, their father, their mother, their children, or any other family members. God will give them a hundred times as many benefits as they have given up. And they will live with God forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 19:30

ULT

30 But many first will be last, and last, first.

UST

30 But many people who are important in this life now will be unimportant at that future time, and many people who are unimportant now will be important at that future time.”

What did Jesus say about those who are first now and those who are last now?

Jesus said that those who are first now will be last, and that those who are last now will be first.

Matthew 20

Matthew 20:1

ULT

[1] For the kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a landowner, who went out with {the} morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

UST

[1] “The way God rules from heaven compares to what the owner of an estate did. Early in the morning the owner of the estate went to the marketplace, where people who wanted work gathered. He went there to hire laborers to work in his vineyard.

How much did the landowner agree to pay the workers whom he hired early in the morning? (vv1-2)
The landowner agreed to pay the workers hired early in the morning one denarius a day.

Matthew 20:2

ULT

[2] Now having agreed with the workers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.

UST

[2] He promised the men whom he hired that he would pay them the standard wage for working one day. Then he sent them to his vineyards.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:3

ULT

[3] And having gone out about {the} third hour, he saw others having stood idle in the marketplace.

UST

[3] At nine o’clock that same morning he went back to the marketplace. There he saw more men who did not have work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:4

ULT

4 And to them he said, ‘You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’

UST

4 He said to them, ‘Go to my vineyard as other men have done, and work there. I will pay you whatever wage is right.’ So they also went to his vineyard and began to work.

How much did the landowner say he would pay the workers whom he hired the third hour?

The landowner said he would pay them whatever is right.

Matthew 20:5

ULT

5 So they went out. Having gone out again about {the} sixth and ninth hour, he did likewise.

UST

5 At noon and at three o’clock he again went to the marketplace and found other laborers whom he promised to pay a fair wage.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:6

ULT

6 Now having gone out about the eleventh {hour}, he found others having stood, and he says to them, ‘Why have you stood here idle the whole day?’

UST

6 At five o’clock he went to the marketplace once again and saw other men standing there who were not working. He said to them, ‘Why are you standing here all day and not working?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:7

ULT

7 They say to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He says to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

UST

7 They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘I will hire you. Go to my vineyard as other men have done, and work there.’ So they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:8

ULT

8 And evening having come, the owner of the vineyard says to his manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them {their} wages, having begun from the last to the first.’

UST

8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Tell the men to come so that you can give them their wages. First, pay the men who started working last, and pay the men last who started working first.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:9

ULT

9 And having come, the ones about the eleventh hour each received a denarius.

UST

9 The manager paid a standard day’s wage to each of the men who did not start working until five o’clock in the afternoon.

How much did the workers receive who were hired the eleventh hour?

The workers hired the eleventh hour received one denarius.

Matthew 20:10

ULT

10 But having come, the first thought that they will receive more, but they also received a denarius each.

UST

10 When the men who had begun working early in the morning went to get their wages, they thought that they would receive more than the standard wage. But they also received only the standard wage.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:11

ULT

11 But having received {it}, they were murmuring against the landowner,

UST

11 So they complained to the owner of the vineyard because they thought their payment was unfair.

What complaint did the workers have who were hired early in the morning? (vv11-12)
They complained that they had worked the whole day, but had received the same pay as those who worked one hour.

Matthew 20:12

ULT

12 saying, ‘These last ones have done one hour, but you made them equal to us, the ones having borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

UST

12 They said to him, ‘You are not being fair! The men who started working after all of the rest of us worked for only one hour! You have paid them the same wage as you paid us! But we worked hard all day. We even worked through the hottest part!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:13

ULT

13 But he, answering, said to one of them, ‘Friend, I am not wronging you. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?

UST

13 The owner of the vineyard said to one of those who complained, ‘Friend, I did not treat you unfairly. You agreed with me to work the whole day for a standard day’s wage.

How did the landowner respond to the workers’ complaint? (vv13-14)

The landowner said he had done the workers no wrong and had paid them what belonged to them.

Matthew 20:14

ULT

14 Take {what is} yours and go away. But I desire to give to these last as also to you.

UST

14 Stop complaining to me! Take your wages and go! I desire to give the same wage that I gave you to the men who began working after all of you had begun working.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:15

ULT

15 Or is it not lawful for me to do what I desire with my {things}? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’

UST

15 I certainly have a right to spend my money as I desire, do I not? You should not be envious about my being generous! ‘”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:16

ULT

16 In the same way, the last will be first, and the first last." [1]

UST

16 "Similarly, God will reward well some people who seem to be less important now, and he will not reward some people who seem to be more important now."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:17

ULT

17 And Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the 12 disciples aside by themselves, and on the way he said to them,

UST

17 When Jesus was walking on the road up to Jerusalem along with the twelve disciples, he took them to a place by themselves in order that he could talk to them privately. Then he said to them,

What events did Jesus tell his disciples about in advance as they were going up to Jerusalem? (vv17-19)

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, condemned to death, crucified, and on the third day raised up.

Matthew 20:18

ULT

18 "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death

UST

18 "Listen carefully! We are now going up to Jerusalem. While we are there, someone will enable the chief priests and the men who teach the Jewish laws to seize me, the Son of Man, and they will put me on trial. They will condemn me and say that I should die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:19

ULT

[19] and will hand him over to the Gentiles for them to mock and to flog and to crucify him. But on the third day he will be raised up."

UST

[19] Then they will put me in the hands of non-Jews so that they can make fun of me, whip me, and kill me by nailing me to a cross. But on the third day after that, God will cause me to live again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:20

ULT

[20] Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee approached him with her sons, bowing down and asking for something from him.

UST

[20] Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, brought her two sons to Jesus. She bowed down before Jesus and asked him to do her a favor.

What request did the mother of the sons of Zebedee have for Jesus? (vv20-21)

She wanted Jesus to command that her two sons sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom.

Matthew 20:21

ULT

[21] But he said to her, "What do you desire?" She says to him, "Say that these my two sons might sit, one at your right hand and one at your left hand, in your kingdom."

UST

[21] Jesus said to her, "What do you want me to do for you?" She said to him, "Permit these two sons of mine to sit in the places of most honor when you become king, one on your right hand and the other on your left."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:22

ULT

22 But answering, Jesus said, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They say to him, “We are able.”

UST

22 Jesus said to her and her sons, “You do not understand what you are asking for. Can you suffer like I am about to suffer?” James and John answered him, “Yes, we are able to do that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:23

ULT

23 He says to them, “My cup you will drink. But to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but to the ones {that} have been prepared by my Father.”

UST

23 Then Jesus said to them, “Yes, you will suffer as I will suffer. But I am not the one who chooses the ones who will sit next to me and rule with me. God, my Father, will give those places to the ones whom he appoints.”

Who did Jesus say determined who it was who would sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom?

Jesus said that the Father prepared those places for whom he chose.

Matthew 20:24

ULT

24 And having heard {this}, the ten {disciples} were very angry with the two brothers.

UST

24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had requested, they became angry with them because they also wanted to rule with Jesus in the positions of most honor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:25

ULT

25 But Jesus, having called them to himself, said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them.

UST

25 So Jesus called all of them together and said to them, “You know that those who rule the non-Jews enjoy showing them that they are powerful. Their chief rulers enjoy commanding the people under them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:26

ULT

26 It is not this way among you. Instead, whoever desires to become great among you will be your servant,

UST

26 You should not be like them. On the contrary, everyone among you who wants God to consider him great must become a servant for the rest of you.

How did Jesus say that one could be great among his disciples?

Jesus said that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant.

Matthew 20:27

ULT

27 and whoever desires to be first among you will be your servant,

UST

27 Yes, and everyone among you who wants God to consider him to be the most important must become a servant for the rest of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:28

ULT

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."

UST

28 You should imitate me. Even though I am the Son of Man, I did not come for others to serve me. On the contrary, I came in order to serve them and to allow them to kill me, so that my dying would be like a payment to rescue many people from being punished for their sins."

Why did Jesus say that he came?

Jesus said that he came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:29

ULT

29 And {as} they were proceeding from Jericho, a great crowd followed him.

UST

29 As they were leaving the city of Jericho, a large crowd of people followed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:30

ULT

30 And behold, two blind men are sitting beside the road. Having heard that Jesus is passing by, they cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David."

UST

30 As they walked along, they saw two blind men sitting alongside the road. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they yelled to him, "Lord, Descendant of King David, you are the Messiah! Take pity on us!"

What did the two blind men do who were sitting by the road when Jesus passed by?

The two blind men shouted out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us".

Matthew 20:31

ULT

31 Now the crowd rebuked them, so that they would be silent, but they cried out even more, saying, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David.”

UST

31 People in the crowd scolded them and told them to be quiet. But the blind men yelled even louder, “Lord, Descendant of King David, you are the Messiah! Have pity on us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:32

ULT

32 And having stood still, Jesus called to them and said, “What do you want that I might do for you?”

UST

32 Jesus stopped and called them to come to him. Then he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:33

ULT

33 They say to him, “Lord, that our eyes might be opened.”

UST

33 They said to him, “Lord, heal our eyes so that we can see!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 20:34

ULT

34 Now having been moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately they received their sight and followed him.
20:16 [1]

UST

34 Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Immediately they were able to see, and they went after Jesus.

Why did Jesus heal the two blind men?

Jesus healed the two blind men because he was moved with compassion.

Matthew 21

Matthew 21:1

ULT

1 And when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

UST

1-2 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the village of Bethphage, near the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to two of his disciples, “Go to the village just ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey and her colt that are tied up. Untie them and bring them here to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:2

ULT

2 saying to them, “Go into the village {that is} in front of you, and you will immediately find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her. Having untied {them}, bring {them} to me.

UST

1-2 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the village of Bethphage, near the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to two of his disciples, “Go to the village just ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey and her colt that are tied up. Untie them and bring them here to me.

What did Jesus say his two disciples would find in the village opposite them?

Jesus said they would find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her.

Matthew 21:3

ULT

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you will say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

UST

3 If anyone says anything to you about your doing that, tell him, ‘The Lord needs them.’ He will then allow you to lead them away.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:4

ULT

4 Now this had come about so that {what} was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying,

UST

4-5 When all this happened, what one of the prophets had written came true. That prophet had written, “Tell the people who live in Jerusalem, ‘Look! Your king is coming to you! He will come humbly. He will show that he is humble, because he will be riding on a colt, the offspring of a donkey.’”

What had a prophet predicted about this event? (vv4-5)

A prophet predicted that the King would come on a donkey, and on a colt.

Matthew 21:5

ULT

5 “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Humble and riding on a donkey— and on a colt, a foal of a beast of burden.’”

UST

4-5 When all this happened, what one of the prophets had written came true. That prophet had written, “Tell the people who live in Jerusalem, ‘Look! Your king is coming to you! He will come humbly. He will show that he is humble, because he will be riding on a colt, the offspring of a donkey.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:6

ULT

6 Now the disciples, having gone and having done just as Jesus had directed them,

UST

6 So the two disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:7

ULT

[7] brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat upon them.

UST

[7] They brought the donkey and its colt to Jesus. They placed their cloaks on them to make something for him to sit on. Then Jesus mounted and sat on the cloaks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:8

ULT

[8] Now most of {the} crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading {them} in the road.

UST

[8] Then a large crowd spread some of their outer clothing on the road, and other people cut off branches from palm trees and spread them on the road.

What did the crowd do to the road into Jerusalem that Jesus traveled?

The most of the crowd spread their outer garments onto the road, and others spread tree branches onto the road.

Matthew 21:9

ULT

[9] Now the crowds going before him and following were crying out, saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one coming in {the} name of {the} Lord! Hosanna in the highest {places}!”

UST

[9] The crowds that walked in front of him and those who walked behind him were shouting, “Praise the Messiah, the descendant of King David!” “May the Lord God bless this one who comes as God’s representative and with God’s authority.” “Praise God, who is in the highest heaven!”

What did the crowd shout as Jesus went?

The crowd shouted, “Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest”.

Matthew 21:10

ULT

10 And {when} he had entered into Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?”

UST

10 As Jesus entered Jerusalem, many people from all over the city became excited and were saying, “Why are they honoring this man like that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:11

ULT

11 And the crowds answered, “This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

UST

11 The crowd that was already following him answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:12

ULT

12 And Jesus entered into the temple and cast out all the ones buying and selling in the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling the doves.

UST

12 Then Jesus went into the temple courtyard and chased out all of those who were buying and selling things there. He also overturned the tables of those who were changing Roman coins for temple tax money, and he overturned the seats of those who were selling pigeons for sacrifices.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple of God in Jerusalem?

Jesus cast out all who bought and sold in the temple, and turned over the tables of the money-changers and seats of those who sold pigeons.

Matthew 21:13

ULT
13 And he says to them, “It is written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

UST
13 Then he said to them, “A prophet wrote in the scriptures that God said, ‘I want my house to be a place where people pray to me,’ but you people have made it into a place where robbers gather!”

What did Jesus say the merchants had made the temple of God?
Jesus said that the merchants had made the temple of God a den of robbers.

Matthew 21:14

ULT
14 And {the} blind and {the} lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

UST
14 After that, many blind people and lame people came to Jesus in the temple in order that he would heal them, and he did so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:15

ULT
15 But the chief priests and the scribes, having seen the marvelous things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became very angry.

UST
15 The high priests and the men who taught the people the Jewish laws saw the marvelous deeds that Jesus did. They also saw the children shouting in the temple, “We praise the Messiah, the descendant of King David!” They were indignant.

When the chief priests and scribes objected to what the children were shouting about Jesus, what did Jesus say to them? (vv15-16)
Jesus quoted the prophet who said that out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants God had perfected praise.

Matthew 21:16

ULT
16 And they said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?” But Jesus says to them, “Yes! Have you never read, ‘From {the} mouths of little children and nursing infants you have prepared praise’?”

UST
16 They asked him, “How can you tolerate this? Do you hear what these people are shouting?” Then Jesus said to them, “Yes, I hear them, but if you remembered what you have read in the scriptures about children praising me, you would know that God is pleased with them. The psalmist wrote, saying to God, ‘You have taught infants and other children to praise you perfectly.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:17

ULT
17 And having left them, he went out from the city to Bethany and spent the night there.

UST
17 Then Jesus left the city. The disciples went with him to the village of Bethany, and they stayed there that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:18

ULT
18 Now in {the} morning, returning to the city, he was hungry.

UST
18 Early the next morning when they were returning to the city, Jesus was hungry.

What did Jesus do to the fig tree, and why? (vv18-19)
Jesus caused the fig tree to dry up because it had no fruit on it.

Matthew 21:19

ULT

19 And having seen one fig tree along the road, he went to it and found nothing on it except leaves only. And he says to it, “May there no longer be fruit from you to eternity,” and immediately the fig tree withered.

UST

19 He saw a fig tree near the road, so he went over to it to pick some figs to eat. But when he got close, he saw that there were no figs on the tree, but only leaves. So he said to the fig tree, “May you never again produce figs!” As a result, the fig tree immediately dried up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:20

ULT

20 And having seen {this}, the disciples marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree immediately wither away?”

UST

20 The next day the disciples saw that the fig tree was completely dead. They were astonished and said to Jesus, “How did the fig tree dry up so quickly?”

What did Jesus teach his disciples about prayer from the drying up of the fig tree? (vv20-22)

Jesus taught his disciples that if they asked in prayer while believing, they would receive.

Matthew 21:21

ULT

21 But answering, Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do {what was} of the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and be thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.

UST

21 Jesus said to them, “Think about this: If you believe that God has power to do what you ask him to and you do not doubt that, you will be able to do things like what I have done to this fig tree. You will even be able to do marvelous deeds like saying to that hill over there, ‘Uproot yourself and throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:22

ULT

22 And everything, whatever you request in prayer, believing, you will receive."

UST

22 In addition to that, whenever you ask God for something when you pray to him, if you believe that he will give it to you, you will receive it from him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:23

ULT

23 And {when} he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him {as} he is teaching, saying, "By what authority do you do these {things}, and who gave you this authority?"

UST

23 After that, Jesus went into the temple courtyard. While he was teaching the people, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached him. They asked, "By what authority are you doing these things? Who authorized you to do what you did here yesterday?"

While Jesus was teaching, about what did the chief priests and elders question him?

The chief priests and elders wanted to know by what authority Jesus did these things.

Matthew 21:24

ULT

24 But answering, Jesus said to them, "I also will ask you one word, that if you tell me, I also will tell you by what authority I am doing these {things}.

UST

24 Jesus said to them, "I also will ask you a question, and if you answer me, I will tell you who authorized me to do these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:25

ULT

25 The baptism of John—from where was it? From heaven or from men?" But they were debating among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

UST

25 Where did John the Baptizer get his authority to baptize those who came to him? Did he get it from God or from people?' The chief priests and elders debated among themselves about what they should answer. They said to each other, "If we say, 'It was from God,' he will say to us, 'Then you should have believed his message!'

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests and elders in return?

Jesus asked them if they thought John the Baptist's baptism was from heaven or from men.

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from heaven?

They knew that Jesus would then ask them why they did not believe John.

Matthew 21:26

ULT

26 But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet."

UST

26 But if we say, 'It was from people,' the crowd might react violently against us, because all the people believe that John was a prophet whom God had sent."

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from men?

They feared the crowd, who held John to be a prophet.

Matthew 21:27

ULT

27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know." He also said to them, "Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these {things}.

UST

27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know where John got his authority from." Then Jesus said to them, "Because you did not answer my question, I will not tell you who gave me the right to do the things I did here yesterday."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:28

ULT

28 But what do you think? A man had two sons, and having gone to the first, said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’

UST

28 “Tell me what you think about what I am about to tell you. There was a man who had two sons. He went to his older son and said, ‘My son, go and work in my vineyard today!’

In Jesus’ story of the two sons, what did the first son do when told to work in the vineyard? (vv28-29)

The first son said he would not go, but changed his mind and went.

Matthew 21:29

ULT

29 But he, answering, said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward, having changed his mind, he went.

UST

29 But the son said to his father, ‘I will not go!’ But later he changed his mind, and he went to the vineyard and worked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:30

ULT

30 But having gone to the second son, he said likewise. And he, answering, said, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

UST

30 Then the father approached his younger son and said what he had said to his older son. That son said, ‘Sir, I will go and work in the vineyard today.’ But he did not go there.

What did the second son do when told to work in the vineyard?

The second son said he would go, but then did not go.

Matthew 21:31

ULT

31 Which of the two did the will of {his} father?" They say, "The first one." Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes enter into the kingdom of God before you.

UST

31 So which of the man's two sons did what their father desired?" They answered, "The older son." Then Jesus said to them, "So think about this: God will be kind to the tax collectors and prostitutes by agreeing to rule over them much sooner than he will agree to rule over you. This is true, even though you condemn those people because they ignore the law of Moses.

Which of the two sons did the father's will?

The first son.

Why did Jesus say that tax collectors and prostitutes were entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and scribes? (vv31-32)

Jesus said they were entering the kingdom because they believed John, but the chief priests and scribes did not believe John.

Matthew 21:32

ULT

32 For John came to you in {the} way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. But the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. But you, having seen {this}, did not repent afterward to believe in him.

UST

32 I say this to you because, even though John the Baptizer explained to you how to live in the right way, you did not believe his message. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed his message, and they turned away from their sinful behavior. In contrast, even though you saw that they changed, you refused to stop sinning, and you did not believe John's message."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:33

ULT

33 Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower and rented it out to farmers and went into another country.

UST

33 “Listen to another parable that I will tell you. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He built a fence around it. He made a place to collect the juice that would come out of the grapes. He also built a tower in which someone could sit to guard that vineyard. He rented the vineyard to some men who would care for it and give him some of the grapes in return. Then he went away to another country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:34

ULT

34 Now when the fruit season approached, he sent his servants to the farmers to receive his fruit.

UST

34 When it was time to harvest the grapes, the landowner sent some of his servants to the men who were caring for the vineyard to get his share of the grapes that the vineyard had produced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:35

ULT

35 But the farmers having taken hold of his servants, one they beat, and one they killed, and one they stoned.

UST

35 But the renters seized the servants. They beat one of them, they killed another one, and killed a third one of them by throwing stones at him.

What did the vine growers do to the servants that the owner sent to get his grapes? (vv35-36)

The vine growers beat, killed, and stoned the servants.

Matthew 21:36

ULT
36 Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, but they did to them likewise.

UST
36 So the landowner sent more servants than he had sent the first time. The renters treated those servants the same way that they had treated the other servants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:37

ULT
37 But afterward, he sent to them {his} own son, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

UST
37 After he heard about this, the landowner sent his own son to the renters to get his share of the grapes. When he sent him, he said to himself, ‘They will certainly respect my son and give him my share of the grapes.’

Who did the owner finally send to the vine growers?
The owner finally sent his own son.

Matthew 21:38

ULT
38 But the farmers, having seen the son, said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, that we might kill him and have his inheritance.’

UST
38 But when the renters saw his son arriving, they said to each other, ‘This is the man who will inherit this vineyard! Let us join together and kill him and divide the property among ourselves.’

What did the vine growers do to the person that the owner sent last? (vv38-39)
The vine growers killed the owner’s son.

Matthew 21:39

ULT

39 And having laid hold of him, they threw him out from the vineyard and killed {him}.

UST

39 So they grabbed him, dragged him outside the vineyard, and killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:40

ULT

40 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?”

UST

40 Now I ask you, when the landowner returns to his vineyard, what do you think he will do to those renters?”

What did the people say the owner should then do? (vv40-41)

The people said that the owner should destroy the first vine growers and then rent to other vine growers who would pay.

Matthew 21:41

ULT

41 They say to him, “He will severely destroy those evil ones, and will rent out the vineyard to other farmers who will give him the fruit at their season.”

UST

41 The people replied, “He will thoroughly destroy those wicked men! Then he will rent the vineyard to others. They will give him his share of the grapes when they are ripe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:42

ULT

42 Jesus says to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘A stone which the builders rejected, this has become {the} head of {the} corner. This came about from {the} Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

UST

42 Jesus said to them, “You need to think carefully about these words that you have read in the scriptures: ‘The men who were building a large building rejected a certain stone. But others put that same stone in its proper place, and it has become the most important stone of the building. The Lord has done this, and we marvel as we look at it.’

In the scriptures that Jesus then quoted, what happens to the stone which the builders reject?

The stone which the builders reject is made the cornerstone.

Matthew 21:43

ULT

43 For this reason I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation producing its fruits.

UST

43 So I am telling you this: God will no longer let you be the people who belong to him. Instead, he will take as his own a people who do what he requires them to do.

Based on the scripture Jesus quoted, what did he say would happen?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God would be taken away from the chief priests and Pharisees, and would be given to a nation that brings forth its fruits.

Matthew 21:44

ULT

44 And the one having fallen on this stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will crush him.”

UST

44 Anyone who falls on this stone will break into pieces, and the stone will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:45

ULT

45 And the chief priests and the Pharisees, having heard his parables, understood that he is speaking about them.

UST

45 When the chief priests and the elders who were Pharisees heard this parable, they realized that he was accusing them because they did not believe that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 21:46

ULT

46 And seeking to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

UST

46 They wanted to seize him, but they did not do so because they were afraid of what the crowds would do if they did that, because the crowds considered that Jesus was a prophet.

Why did the chief priests and Pharisees not immediately lay hands on Jesus?

They were afraid of the crowd, because the people regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Matthew 22

Matthew 22:1

ULT

[1] And answering, Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying,

UST

[1] Then Jesus told the Jewish leaders other parables. This is one of those parables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:2

ULT

[2] “The kingdom of the heavens is like a man, a king, who prepared a wedding feast for his son.

UST

[2] “God ruling from heaven is like a king who told his servants that they should make a wedding feast for his son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:3

ULT

[3] And he sent out his servants to call the ones {that} had been invited to the wedding feast, but they were not willing to come.

UST

[3] When the feast was ready, the king sent his servants to tell the people whom he had invited that it was time for them to come to the wedding feast. The servants went out and told the people. But the people who had been invited did not want to come.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:4

ULT

4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell the ones {that} have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened calves have been killed, and all {things} are ready. Come to the wedding feasts.”’

UST

4 So the king sent other servants to again tell those people to come to the feast. He said to those servants, ‘Say to the people whom I invited to come to the feast, “This is what the king says to you, ‘I have prepared the meal. The oxen and the fattened calves have been butchered and cooked. Everything is ready. It is time now for you to come to the wedding feast!’”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:5

ULT

5 But they, having paid no attention, went away, one to {his} own field and one to his business.

UST

5 But when the servants told them that, they disregarded what the servants said. Some of them went to their own fields. Others went to their places of business.

What did those invited to the marriage feast of the king’s son do when the king’s servants brought the invitation? (vv5-6)

Some did not take the invitation seriously and went about their own business, and others laid hands on the king’s servants and killed them.

Matthew 22:6

ULT

6 But the others, having seized his servants, treated {them} shamefully and killed {them}.

UST

6 The rest of them seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:7

ULT
7 But the king was provoked, and having sent his soldiers, he killed those murderers and burned their city.

UST
7 When the king heard what had happened, he became furious. He commanded his soldiers to go and kill those murderers and burn their city.

What did the king do to those first invited to the marriage feast?
The king sent his armies, killed those murderers, and burned their city.

Matthew 22:8

ULT
8 Then he says to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but the ones {that} had been invited were not worthy.

UST
8 After his soldiers had done that, the king said to his other servants, ‘I have prepared the wedding feast, but the people who were invited do not deserve to come to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:9

ULT
9 Therefore, go to the crossings of the roads and invite as many as you find to the wedding feasts.’

UST
9 So go to the intersections of the main roads. Tell whomever you find that they should come to the wedding feast.’

Who did the king then invite to the marriage feast? (vv9-10)
The king then invited as many people as his servants could find, both bad and good.

Matthew 22:10

ULT

10 And those servants, having gone out to the roads, gathered together all whom they found, both evil and good, and the wedding hall was filled {with those} reclining to eat.

UST

10 So the servants went there, and they gathered everyone they could find. They gathered both bad people and good people. They brought them into the hall where the wedding feast was about to take place. The hall was filled with people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:11

ULT

11 But the king, having come in to look at the ones reclining to eat, saw there a man not wearing wedding clothes.

UST

11 But when the king went into the hall to see the guests, he saw someone who was not wearing clothes that had been provided for the guests to wear at a wedding feast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:12

ULT

12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here, not having wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless.

UST

12 The king said to him, ‘Friend, you should never have entered this hall, because you are not wearing the clothes that guests wear at wedding feasts!’ The man did not say anything, because he did not know what to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:13

ULT
13 Then the king said to the servants, ‘Having bound him foot and hand, throw him out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.’

UST
13 Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie this person’s feet and hands and throw him outside where there is total darkness, where people cry out and gnash their teeth because of the pain they are in.’”

What did the king do to the man who came to the feast without a wedding garment?
The king had him bound and thrown into the outer darkness.

Matthew 22:14

ULT
14 For many are called, but few chosen.”

UST
14 Then Jesus said, “The point of this parable is that God has invited many to come to him, but only a few people are the ones whom he has chosen to be there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:15

ULT
15 Then having gone, the Pharisees took counsel how they might entrap him in {his} words.

UST
15 After Jesus said that, the Pharisees met together in order to plan how they could cause him to say something that would enable them to accuse him.

What were the Pharisees trying to do to Jesus?
The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus in his own talk.

Matthew 22:16

ULT

16 And they send to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and you teach the way of God in truth, and it is not a concern to you about anyone, for you do not look at the face of men.

UST

16 They sent to him some of their disciples along with those of the Herodian party. Those said to Jesus, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful and that you teach the truth about what God wants us to do. We also know that you do not change what you teach because of what someone says about you, no matter what kind of person they are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:17

ULT

17 Therefore, tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not?”

UST

17 So tell us what you think about this matter: Is it right that we pay taxes to the Roman government, or not?”

What question did the Pharisees’ disciples ask Jesus?

They asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Matthew 22:18

ULT

18 But Jesus, having perceived their wickedness, said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

UST

18 But Jesus knew that what they really wanted to do was evil. They were wanting him to say something that would get him in trouble with either the Jewish authorities or the Roman authorities. So he said to them, “You are hypocrites; you want me to say something for which you can accuse me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:19

ULT
19 Show me the coin of the poll tax.” And they brought a denarius to him.

UST
19 Show me one of the coins with which people pay the Roman tax.” So they showed him a coin called a denarius.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:20

ULT
20 And he says to them, “Whose image and inscription {is} this?”

UST
20 He said to them, “Whose picture is on this coin? And whose name is on it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:21

ULT
21 They say, “Caesar’s.” Then he says to them, “Therefore, give to Caesar the {things} of Caesar, and to God the {things} of God.”

UST
21 They answered, “It has the picture and name of Caesar, the head of the Roman government.” Then he said to them, “So give to the government what they require, and give to God what he requires.”

How did Jesus answer the question from the Pharisees’ disciples?
Jesus said to give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.

Matthew 22:22

ULT
22 And having heard {it}, they marveled, and having left him, they went away.

UST
22 When those men heard Jesus say that, they marveled that his answer did not enable anyone to accuse him. Then they left Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:23

ULT
23 On that day Sadducees, saying there is no resurrection, came to him, and questioned him,

UST
23 During that same day, some Sadducees came to Jesus. They are a Jewish group who do not believe that people will become alive again after they die. They asked Jesus,

What belief did the Sadducees have about the resurrection?
The Sadducees believed that there was no resurrection.

Matthew 22:24

ULT
24 saying, “Teacher, Moses said, ‘If someone has died, not having children, his brother will marry his wife and will raise up seed for his brother.’

UST
24 “Teacher, Moses wrote in the scriptures, ‘If a man dies who did not have any children, his brother must marry the dead man’s widow in order that she can have a child by him. The child will be considered the descendant of the man who died, and in that way the dead man will have descendants.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:25

ULT
25 But there were among us seven brothers, and the first, having married, died. And not having seed, he left his wife to his brother.

UST
25 There were seven boys in a family. The oldest one married someone. He and his wife did not have any children, and he died. So the second brother married the widow. But he also died without having a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:26

ULT
26 Likewise also, the second and the third, up to the seventh.

UST
26 The same thing happened to the third brother, and also to the other four brothers, who one by one married this same woman.

In the Sadducees' story, how many husbands did the wife have? (vv26-27)
The woman had seven husbands.

Matthew 22:27

ULT
27 And last of all, the woman died.

UST
27 Last of all, the woman also died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:28

ULT
28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her."

UST
28 So, at the time when God will raise people from the dead, which of the seven brothers do you think will be her husband? Keep in mind that they had all been married to her."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:29

ULT

29 But answering, Jesus said to them, “You have been led astray, not knowing the scriptures or the power of God.

UST

29 Jesus replied to them, “You are certainly wrong in what you are thinking. You do not know what is written in the scriptures. You also do not know that God has the power to make people alive again.

What two things did Jesus say the Sadducees did not know?

Jesus said the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:30

ULT

30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in heaven.

UST

30 The fact is that the woman will not be the wife of any of them, because after God causes all dead people to live again, no one will be married. Instead, people will be like the angels in heaven. They do not marry.

What did Jesus say about marriage in the resurrection?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, there is no marriage.

Matthew 22:31

ULT

31 But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read {what} was spoken to you by God, saying,

UST

31 But about dead people becoming alive again, God said something about that. I am sure you have read it. Long after Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had died, God said to Moses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:32

ULT
32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? God is not of {the} dead, but of {the} living.”

UST
32 ‘I am the God whom Abraham worships, the God whom Isaac worships, and the God whom Jacob worships.’ It is not dead people who worship God. It is living people who worship him. So we are sure that their spirits are still alive!”

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection?
Jesus quoted the scriptures where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - the God of the living.

Matthew 22:33

ULT
33 And having heard {this}, the crowds were astonished at his teaching.

UST
33 When the crowds of people heard Jesus teach that, they were amazed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:34

ULT
34 But the Pharisees, having heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together.

UST
34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had answered the Sadducees in such a way that the Sadducees could not think of anything that they might say to respond to him, the Pharisees gathered together to plan what they would say to him. Then they approached him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:35

ULT
35 And one of them, a lawyer, questioned {him}, testing him—

UST
35 One of them was a man who was a lawyer, who had studied well the laws that God gave Moses. He wanted to debate Jesus. He asked him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:36

ULT
36 “Teacher, which commandment {is} {the} greatest in the law?”

UST
36 “Teacher, which commandment in the laws that God gave Moses is the most important?”

What question did the Pharisee lawyer ask Jesus?
The lawyer asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment in the law.

Matthew 22:37

ULT
37 But he said to him, “‘Love {the} Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

UST
37 Jesus quoted the scriptures as he replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your inner being. Show that you love him in all that you desire, in all that you feel, and in all that you think.’

What did Jesus say was the great and first commandment? (vv37-38)
Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind was the great and first commandment.

Matthew 22:38

ULT
38 This is the great and first commandment.

UST
38 That is the most important commandment in the laws that God gave Moses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:39

ULT
39 Now a second {is} like it—'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

UST
39 The next most important commandment that everyone must surely obey is: 'You must love the people you come in contact with as much as you love yourself.'

What did Jesus say was the second commandment?
Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself was the second commandment.

Matthew 22:40

ULT
40 On these two commandments hang the whole law and the prophets."

UST
40 These two commandments are the basis of every law that Moses wrote in the scriptures and also of all that the prophets wrote."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:41

ULT
41 Now the Pharisees having been gathered together, Jesus questioned them,

UST
41 While the Pharisees were still gathered together near Jesus, he asked them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:42

ULT
42 saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They say to him, “Of David.”

UST
42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is he?” They said to him, “He is the descendant of King David.”

What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees?
Jesus asked them whose son is the Christ.

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?
The Pharisees said that the Christ was the son of David.

Matthew 22:43

ULT
43 He says to them, “How then does David in {the} Spirit call him Lord, saying,

UST
43 Jesus said to them, “If the Messiah is King David’s descendant, then David should not have called him ‘Lord’ when David was saying what the Holy Spirit told him to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:44

ULT
44 ‘{The} Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I might put your enemies under your feet”’?

UST
44 David wrote this in the scriptures about the Messiah: ‘God said to my Lord, “Sit here beside me on my right, where I will greatly honor you, while I put your enemies under your feet.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 22:45

ULT

45 If David therefore calls him ‘Lord,’ how is he his son?”

UST

45 So, since King David called the Messiah ‘my Lord,’ the Messiah cannot be just someone descended from David! He must be much greater than David!”

What second question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees?

Jesus then asked them how David could call his son, the Christ, Lord.

Matthew 22:46

ULT

46 And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question him any longer.

UST

46 No one who heard what Jesus said was able to think of even one word to say to him in response. After that, no one else ever dared to ask him another question to try to trap him.

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?

The Pharisees were not able to answer Jesus a word.

Matthew 23

Matthew 23:1

ULT
1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples,

UST
1 Then Jesus said to the crowd and to his disciples,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:2

ULT
2 saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees sat in the seat of Moses.

UST
2 “The Pharisees and the men who teach our Jewish laws have made themselves the ones who interpret the laws that God had given Moses for the people of Israel.

Since the scribes and Pharisees sat in Moses’ seat, what did Jesus tell the people to do with their teaching? (vv2-3)
Jesus told the people to do and observe the things the scribes and Pharisees taught from Moses’ seat.

Matthew 23:3

ULT
3 Therefore, all, whatever they command you, do and keep. But do not do according to their works, for they say, but do not do.

UST
3 Consequently, you should do whatever they tell you that you must do. But do not do what they do, because they themselves do not do those things.

Why did Jesus say the people should not imitate the scribes and Pharisees’ deeds?
Jesus said they should not imitate their deeds because they say things but then do not do them.

Matthew 23:4

ULT

4 And they tie up loads, heavy and difficult to carry, and they put {them} on the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing with their finger to move them.

UST

4 They require you to obey many rules that are difficult to obey. But they themselves do not help anyone obey those rules. It is as if they were tying up very heavy loads and putting them on your shoulders for you to carry. But they will not even move one finger to help you carry them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:5

ULT

5 But they do all their deeds to be seen by men. For they broaden their phylacteries and they lengthen {their} tassels.

UST

5 Whatever they do, they do those things so that other people will see them and admire them. For example, they make extra wide the tiny boxes containing portions of scripture that they wear on their arms. They enlarge the tassels on their robes to make others think that they honor God.

For what purpose did the scribes and Pharisees do all their deeds?

The scribes and Pharisees did all their deeds to be seen by people.

Matthew 23:6

ULT

6 Now they love the chief places at the banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues,

UST

6 They want other people to honor them. For example, at dinners they sit in the seats where the most important people sit. In the synagogues they want to sit in the same kind of places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:7

ULT
7 and the greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by men.

UST
7 They love for people to greet them with great honor in the markets, and for people to call them ‘Teacher.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:8

ULT
8 But you should not be called ‘Rabbi,’ for one is your teacher, and all you are brothers.

UST
8 But you, my disciples, should not allow people to call you ‘Teacher,’ as they do other Jewish teachers. I am the only one who is really your teacher. This means that you are all equal to each other, like brothers and sisters.

Who did Jesus say is our one Father, and our one teacher? (vv8-10)
Jesus said that our one Father is him who is in heaven, and our one teacher is the Christ.

Matthew 23:9

ULT
9 And you should not call any of you on the earth ‘father,’ for you have one heavenly Father.

UST
9 Do not honor anyone on earth by addressing him as ‘Father,’ because God, your Father in heaven, is your only true father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:10

ULT
10 And you should not be called ‘teacher,’ for your teacher is one—the Christ.

UST
10 Do not allow people to call you ‘teacher,’ because the Messiah is your only teacher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:11

ULT

11 But the greatest among you will be your servant.

UST

11 Instead, everyone among you who wants God to consider them as important must serve others as servants do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:12

ULT

12 But whoever will exalt himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be exalted.

UST

12 God will humble those who try to make themselves important. Those who humble themselves, God will make them truly important."

What will God do to the one who exalts himself, and to the one who humbles himself?

God will humble the one who exalts himself, and will exalt the one who humbles himself.

Matthew 23:13

ULT

13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of the heavens in front of men. For you do not enter in, nor do you permit the ones entering to enter.

UST

13 "You teachers of the law and you Pharisees, you are hypocrites! How terribly God will punish you, because you refuse to come under the rule of heaven and also keep others out. You yourselves do not want to go in, and you keep others from entering, too."

What name did Jesus repeatedly call the scribes and Pharisees which described their behavior? (vv13-15)

Jesus repeatedly called the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites.

Matthew 23:14

ULT

14[1] [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, while you make a show of long prayers.] You will receive this greater condemnation.

UST

14[1] [Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, while you make a show of long prayers.] You will therefore receive greater condemnation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:15

ULT

15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go over the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes {one}, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as you.

UST

15 "You are hypocrites, you teachers of the law and you Pharisees! How terribly God will punish you! You work hard to get even one person to believe what you teach. You even travel across seas and lands to distant places in order to do that. And as a result, when one person believes what you teach, you make that person deserve to go to hell much more than you yourselves do."

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, whose son was he?

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, he was twice a son of hell as they were.

Matthew 23:16

ULT

16 Woe to you, you blind guides, you saying, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obligated.'

UST

16 "You Jewish leaders, how terribly God will punish you! You are like blind people who try to lead others. You say, 'If someone asks the temple to confirm that he will do something as if the temple were a person, then if he does not do what he promised, it means nothing. But if he asks the gold in the temple to confirm that he will do something, then he must do it.'

Regarding being bound by oaths, what did Jesus say about the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees? (vv16-17)

Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees were blind guides and blind fools.

Matthew 23:17

ULT
17 You fools and blind men! For which is greater, the gold or the temple having sanctified the gold?

UST
17 You are fools, and you are like people who are blind! The gold that is in the temple is important, but the temple is even more important, because it is the Temple that the gold is in that sets the gold apart for a special use for God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:18

ULT
18 And, ‘Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing. But whoever swears by the gift on top of it, he is obligated.’

UST
18 Also you say, ‘If someone asks the altar to confirm that he will do something as if the altar were a person, then if he does not do what he promised, it means nothing. But if he asks the gift that he has placed on the altar to confirm that he will do something, then he must do it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:19

ULT
19 You fools and blind {men}! For which {is} greater, the gift or the altar sanctifying the gift?

UST
19 You are like people who are blind. The gift that you put on the altar is important, but the altar is even more important because it is the altar that makes the gift only for God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:20

ULT
20 Therefore, the one having sworn by the altar swears by it and by everything {that is} on top of it.

UST
20 So those who promise to do something and then ask the altar to confirm that they will do it, they are also asking everything on the altar to do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:21

ULT
21 And the one having sworn by the temple swears by it and by the one inhabiting it.

UST
21 Yes, and those who promise to do something and then ask the temple to confirm that they will do it, they are also asking that God, to whom the temple belongs, will confirm the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:22

ULT
22 And the one having sworn by heaven swears by the throne of God and by the one sitting on it.

UST
22 And those who promise to do something and then ask heaven to confirm that they will do it, they are asking the throne of God to confirm that they will do it, and they are also asking God, who sits on that throne, to confirm the same thing."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:23

ULT
23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have neglected the weightier matters of the law—justice and mercy and faithfulness. But it was necessary to do these and not to neglect those.

UST
23 "You teachers of the law and you Pharisees, how terribly God will punish you! You are hypocrites because, even though you give to God a tenth of the herbs you produce, such as mint, dill, and cummin, you do not obey God's laws that are more important. For example, you do not act justly toward others, you do not act mercifully toward people, and you take things away from others using force. It is good to give a tenth of your herbs to God, but you should also obey these other more important laws.

Even though they had tithed their mint, dill, and cumin, what had the scribes and Pharisees failed to do?
The scribes and Pharisees had failed to do the weightier matters of the law - justice, mercy, and faith.

Matthew 23:24

ULT

24 You blind guides, the ones straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel!

UST

24 You leaders are like blind people who are trying to lead others. You are careful not to offend God by swallowing even the smallest insect when you drink water, but you act as badly as if you were swallowing a camel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:25

ULT

25 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

UST

25 "You hypocrites, you teachers of the law and you Pharisees, how terribly God will punish you! You make yourselves appear like good people to others. You try to make people think you are righteous, but in fact you sin against them by your greed and taking what belongs to others to delight your own pleasures. You are like dishes that are clean on the outside but are still dirty on the inside.

What had the scribes and Pharisees failed to clean? (vv25-26)

The scribes and Pharisees had failed to clean the inside of their cup, so the outside could be clean also.

Matthew 23:26

ULT

26 You blind Pharisee! Clean first the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside of it might become clean also.

UST

26 You blind Pharisees! First you must stop doing evil things like stealing from others. Then you will be able to do what is righteous and will be like a dish that is clean both outside and inside."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:27

ULT

27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside appear beautiful, but on the inside are full of bones of {the} dead and all uncleanness.

UST

27 "You hypocrites, you men who teach the laws and you Pharisees, how terribly God will punish you! You are like buildings over people's graves, buildings that are painted white so that people can see them and avoid touching them. The outside of those tombs are beautiful, but inside they are full of dead people's bones and filth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:28

ULT

28 In the same way, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

UST

28 You are like those tombs. When people look at you, they think that you are righteous, but in your inner beings you are hypocrites, because you disobey God's commands."

Of what were the scribes and Pharisees full on the inside?

The scribes and Pharisees were full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:29

ULT

29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the righteous.

UST

29 "You men who teach the Jewish laws and you Pharisees are hypocrites! How terribly God will punish you! You rebuild the tombs of the prophets whom others killed long ago. You decorate the monuments that honor righteous people.

What had the fathers of the scribes and Pharisees done to God's prophets? (vv29-31)

The fathers of the scribes and Pharisees had killed God's prophets.

Matthew 23:30

ULT
30 And you say, ‘If we were in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in the blood of the prophets.’

UST
30 You say, ‘If we had lived when our ancestors lived, we would not have helped those who killed the prophets.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:31

ULT
31 Therefore you testify against yourselves that you are sons of the ones having killed the prophets,

UST
31 In this way you admit that you are the descendants of those murderers; so, you are like them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:32

ULT
32 and you fill up the measure of your fathers.

UST
32 You are as ready to murder people as your ancestors were!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 23:33

ULT
33 You serpents, you offspring of vipers, how might you escape from the judgment of Gehenna?

UST
33 You people are so wicked! You are as dangerous as poisonous snakes! You foolishly think that you will escape from God punishing you in hell!

What judgment were the scribes and Pharisees going to face?
The scribes and Pharisees were going to face the judgment of hell.

Matthew 23:34

ULT

34 For this reason, behold, I am sending to you prophets and wise men and scribes. From among them you will kill and crucify, and from among them you will whip in your synagogues and pursue {them} from city to city,

UST

34 Take note that this is why I will send prophets, wise men, and teachers. You will kill some of them by nailing them to crosses, and you will kill some in other ways. You will whip some of them in the places where you worship and you will chase them from city to city.

What did Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees would do to the prophets, wise men, and scribes he would send them?

Jesus said they would kill and crucify some, whip some, and chase some from city to city.

Matthew 23:35

ULT

35 so that might come upon you all {the} righteous blood being shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous, as far as the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.

UST

35 So God will consider that you and your ancestors are guilty for killing all the righteous people who ever lived on earth, including Adam's son Abel, who was a righteous man, and Zechariah, the son of Barachiah, whom your ancestors killed in the holy place between the temple and the altar. You also killed all the prophets who lived between the times that those two men lived.

As a result of their behavior, what guilt would come upon the scribes and Pharisees?

The guilt of all the righteous blood shed on the earth would come upon the scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:36

ULT

36 Truly I say to you, all these {things} will come upon this generation.

UST

36 Think about this: You people who have observed my ministry, it is you whom God will punish for killing all those prophets!"

To which generation did Jesus say all these things would happen?

Jesus said that to this generation all these things would happen.

Matthew 23:37

ULT

37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you {who} kill the prophets and stones the ones {that} have been sent to you! How often did I desire to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under {her} wings, but you were not willing!

UST

37 "O people of Jerusalem, you who killed the prophets who lived long ago, and you who killed with stones others whom God had sent to you. Many, many times I wanted to gather you together to protect you, like a hen gathers her young chicks under her wings. But you did not want me to do that.

What desire did Jesus have for the children of Jerusalem, and why was it not fulfilled?

Jesus desired to gather the children of Jerusalem together, but they would not agree.

Matthew 23:38

ULT

38 Behold, your house is left to you desolate.

UST

38 So listen to this: Your city will become an uninhabited place.

How would Jerusalem's house now be left?

Jerusalem's house would now be left abandoned.

Matthew 23:39

ULT

39 For I say to you, You will certainly not see me from now on until you say, 'Blessed is the one coming in {the} name of {the} Lord!'"
23:14 *[1]*

UST

39 Keep this in mind: You will see me again only when I return, when you say about me, 'God is truly pleased with this man who comes with God's authority.'"
23:14 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24

Matthew 24:1

ULT

[1] And Jesus, having departed from the temple, was going on {his} way. And his disciples approached {him} to point out to him the buildings of the temple.

UST

[1] Jesus left the temple courtyard. As he was walking along, his disciples came to him and began talking about how beautiful the temple buildings were.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:2

ULT

[2] But he, answering, said to them, “Do you not see all these {things}? Truly I say to you, stone upon stone will certainly not be left here that will not be torn down.”

UST

[2] He said to them, “I tell you the truth about these buildings that you are seeing: an army will completely destroy them. They will throw down every stone in these buildings. Not one stone will remain on top of another stone.”

What did Jesus prophesy concerning the temple in Jerusalem?

Jesus prophesied that not one stone of the temple would be left on another which would not be torn down.

Matthew 24:3

ULT

[3] Now {as} he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him by themselves, saying, “Tell us, when will these {things} be, and what {will be} the sign of your coming and of {the} end of the age?”

UST

[3] Later, as Jesus was sitting alone on the slope of the Mount of Olives, the disciples went to him and asked him, “When will this happen to the buildings of the temple? And what will happen to show that you are about to come again, and to show that this world is about to end?”

After hearing the prophesy about the temple, what did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the world?

Matthew 24:4

ULT

4 And answering, Jesus said to them, “Be careful {that} no one might lead you astray.

UST

4 Jesus replied, “All that I will say is, be sure that no one deceives you about what will happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:5

ULT

5 For many will come in my name saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will lead many astray.

UST

5 Many people will come and say that they are me. Yes, they will actually say, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will deceive many people.

What action of people did Jesus say would lead many astray?

Jesus said many would come saying they are the Christ, leading many astray.

Matthew 24:6

ULT

6 And you are going to hear of wars and reports of wars. See that you are not troubled, for it is necessary for this to happen, but the end is not yet.

UST

6 You will hear about wars that are close and wars that are far away, but do not let that trouble you. Keep in mind that God has said that those things must happen. But when they happen, it will not mean that the end of the world has come!

What events did Jesus say would be the beginning of birth pains? (vv6-8)

Jesus said that wars, famines, and earthquakes would be the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:7

ULT

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

UST

7 People groups will attack each other, and kings will lead armies against each other. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:8

ULT

8 But all these {things} are {the} beginning of birth pains.

UST

8 These things will happen first, but they will be like when a woman starts to suffer pain before she gives birth to a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:9

ULT

9 Then they will hand you over to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations for the sake of my name.

UST

9 More bad things will happen. People who oppose you will take you away to suffer and die. People who live in all the people groups will hate you because you believe in me.

What did Jesus say would happen among the believers at this time? (vv9-10)

Jesus said that the believers would suffer tribulation and be hated by the nations for the sake of his name.

Matthew 24:10

ULT
10 And then many will be caused to stumble, and will betray one another and will hate one another.

UST
10 Also, many people will stop believing because of the way they will suffer. They will betray their own fellow believers and will hate each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:11

ULT
11 And many false prophets will be raised up and will lead many astray.

UST
11 Many will come saying that they are prophets, but they will be lying, and they will deceive many people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:12

ULT
12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

UST
12 Because more and more people will disobey God's laws, many believers will no longer love each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:13

ULT
13 But the one having endured to {the} end, he will be saved.

UST
13 But all those who keep on believing to the end of their lives, God will save them.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?
Jesus said that the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:14

ULT

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

UST

14 Furthermore, believers will preach the good news about how God is ruling in every part of the world, in order to announce it to all people groups. Then the end of the world will come.”

What will happen with the gospel before the end comes?

The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world before the end comes.

Matthew 24:15

ULT

15 Therefore, when you see the abomination of desolation having been spoken of by Daniel the prophet, set up in {the} holy place” (let the one reading understand),

UST

15 “But before the world ends, the disgusting person who will defile the holy temple and cause people to abandon it will stand in the temple. Daniel the prophet spoke and wrote about that long ago. May everyone who reads this pay attention, because I am warning you.

What did Jesus say the believers should do when they see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place? (vv15-18)

Jesus said the believers should flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:16

ULT

16 “then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains,

UST

16 When you see that happen in the temple, those of you who are in the region of Judea must flee to the higher hills!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:17

ULT
17 let the one on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house,

UST
17 Those who are outside their houses must not go back into their houses to get things before they run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:18

ULT
18 and let the one in the field not turn back to take his cloak.

UST
18 Those who are working in a field should not turn back to get their outer clothing before they flee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:19

ULT
19 But woe to the ones having in {the} womb and to the ones nursing in those days!

UST
19 How terrible it will be for pregnant women at that time, and for women who will be nursing their babies, because it will be very difficult for them to run away!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:20

ULT
20 But pray so that your flight would not occur in winter or on a Sabbath.

UST
20 Pray that you will not have to flee in the winter when it will be hard to travel, or on the Sabbath, the day of rest;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:21

ULT

21 For then will be a great tribulation, such as has not been from {the} beginning of {the} world until now, nor will ever happen again.

UST

21 because people will suffer very severely when those things happen. People have never suffered that severely since God created the world until now, and no one will ever suffer like that again.

How great will the tribulation be in those days?

In those days, the tribulation will be great, greater than any from the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:22

ULT

22 And if those days had not been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.

UST

22 If God had not decided to shorten that time when people will suffer so much, everyone would die. But he has decided to shorten it because he is concerned about the people whom he has chosen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:23

ULT

23 Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here {is} the Christ!’ or, ‘Here!’ you should not believe {it}.

UST

23 “At that time, if someone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or if someone says, ‘There is the Messiah!’ do not believe it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:24

ULT

24 For false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

UST

24 They will perform many kinds of miracles and amazing things, in order to deceive people. They will even try to deceive you people whom God has chosen.

How will the false Christs and false prophets lead many astray?

The false Christs and false prophets will show great signs and wonders to lead many astray.

Matthew 24:25

ULT

25 Behold, I have told you beforehand.

UST

25 Do not forget that I have warned you about all this before it happens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:26

ULT

26 Therefore, if they say to you, ‘Behold, he is in the wilderness,’ you should not go out there. Or, ‘Behold, in the inner rooms,’ you should not believe {it}.

UST

26 So if someone says to you, ‘Look, the Messiah is in the wilderness!’ do not go there. Likewise, if someone says to you, ‘Look, he is in a secret room!’ do not believe that person,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:27

ULT

27 For just as the lightning comes out from {the} east and shines as far as {the} west, in the same way will be the coming of the Son of Man.

UST

27 because just like lightning flashes from the east to the west and people see it, in the same way, when the Son of Man returns again, everyone will see.

What will the coming of the Son of Man look like?

The coming of the Son of Man will look like lightning shining from east to west.

Matthew 24:28

ULT

28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will be gathered.

UST

28 It will be clear to everyone just as when you see vultures gathering you know that an animal carcass is there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:29

ULT

29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

UST

29 "Immediately after people have suffered during that time, the sun will become dark. The moon will not shine. The stars will fall from the sky. And God will shake all things in the sky loose from their place.

What will happen to the sun, moon, and stars after the tribulation of those days?

The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall from the sky.

Matthew 24:30

ULT

30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in {the} sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

UST

30 After that, everyone will see the Son of Man appear in the sky. Then unbelieving people from all people groups on earth will wail because they will be afraid. They will see me, the Son of Man, coming on the clouds with power and great glory.

What will the tribes of the earth do when they see the Son of Man coming in power and great glory?
The tribes of the earth will mourn.

Matthew 24:31

ULT

31 And he will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from {the} ends of {the} heavens as far as {the} ends of them.

UST

31 He will send his angels to the earth from everywhere in the heavens. When they hear the trumpet's loud blast, they will gather together God's people—the ones he has chosen—from across the whole earth."

What sound will be heard as the Son of Man sends his angels to gather the elect?
The great sound of a trumpet will be heard when the angels gather the elect.

Matthew 24:32

ULT

32 Now learn {this} parable from the fig tree. When its branch already becomes tender and it puts out {its} leaves, you know that the summer {is} near.

UST

32 "Now be sure to learn something from how fig trees grow. When the branches of a fig tree become tender and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:33

ULT
33 In the same way also, when you see all these {things}, you know that he is near, at {the} gates.

UST
33 Similarly, when you see all these things happening, you will know that the time for him to return is very close.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:34

ULT
34 Truly I say to you that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these {things} have happened.

UST
34 Keep this in mind: All of these events will happen before all the people have died who have observed these things.

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all these things have occurred?
Jesus said that this generation will not pass away until all these things have occurred.

Matthew 24:35

ULT
35 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

UST
35 You can be certain that these things that I have told you about will happen. The earth and sky will disappear one day, but what I say will always be true.”

What did Jesus say would pass away, and what would never pass away?
Jesus said that heaven and earth will pass away, but that his words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:36

ULT

36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, except the Father only.

UST

36 “But no other person, nor even any angel in heaven, nor even the Son, knows the day or the hour when these things will happen. Only God the Father knows.

Who knows when these events will occur?

Only the Father knows when these events will occur.

Matthew 24:37

ULT

37 For just as the days of Noah were, thus will be the coming of the Son of Man.

UST

37-39 It will be like what happened when Noah lived. Until the flood came, the people did not know that anything bad would happen to them. They were eating and drinking as usual. Men were getting married, and parents were giving their daughters to men to marry them. They were doing all this until the day that Noah and his family entered the big boat. And then the flood came and drowned all those who were not in the boat. Similarly, the unbelieving people will not know when the Son of Man will return.

How will the coming of the Son of Man be like the days of Noah before the Flood? (vv37-39)

The people will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, knowing nothing of the coming judgment that will take them away.

Matthew 24:38

ULT

38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage until that day Noah entered into the ark,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:39

ULT

39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took {them} all away—thus also will be the coming of the Son of Man.

UST

37-39 It will be like what happened when Noah lived. Until the flood came, the people did not know that anything bad would happen to them. They were eating and drinking as usual. Men were getting married, and parents were giving their daughters to men to marry them. They were doing all this until the day that Noah and his family entered the big boat. And then the flood came and drowned all those who were not in the boat. Similarly, the unbelieving people will not know when the Son of Man will return.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:40

ULT

40 Then two {men} will be in the field—one is taken, and one is left.

UST

40 When that happens not all people will be taken up to heaven. For example, two people will be in the fields. One of them will be taken up to heaven and the other person will be left here to be punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:41

ULT

41 Two {women} are grinding with the mill—one is taken, and one is left.

UST

41 Similarly, two women will be grinding grain with a handmill. One of them will be taken up to heaven and the other will be left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:42

ULT

42 Therefore, be alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

UST

42 So, because you do not know what day your Lord will return to the earth, you need to be ready all the time.

What attitude did Jesus say his believers must maintain regarding his coming, and why?
Jesus said that his believers must always be ready, because they do not know what day the Lord will come.

Matthew 24:43

ULT

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in which watch of night the thief is coming, he would have been alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

UST

43 You know that if the owner of a house knew at what time in the night thieves would come, he would be awake and prevent the thieves from breaking in. Similarly, the Son of Man will come as unexpectedly as a thief.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:44

ULT

44 For this reason you also be ready, for the Son of Man will come at the hour {that} you do not think.

UST

44 So you need to be ready because the Son of Man will return to the earth at a time when you do not expect him to come.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:45

ULT

45 Who then is the faithful and wise slave whom {his} master has appointed over his household to give them {their} food at {the} proper time?

UST

45 “Think about what every faithful and wise servant is like. The house owner appoints one servant to supervise the other servants. He tells him to give them food at the proper times. Then he leaves on a long trip.

What does a faithful and wise servant do while the master is away? (vv45-46)

A faithful and wise servant takes care of the master’s household while the master is away.

Matthew 24:46

ULT

46 Blessed {is} that slave whom, his master having come, will find him doing thus.

UST

46 If the servant is doing that work when the house owner returns, the house owner will be very pleased with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:47

ULT

47 Truly I say to you that he will appoint him over everything {that} he possesses.

UST

47 Think about this: The house owner will appoint that one servant to be the supervisor of all his possessions.

What does the master do for the faithful and wise servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master sets the faithful and wise servant over everything that he owns.

Matthew 24:48

ULT
48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying,’

UST
48 But a wicked servant might say to himself, ‘The owner has been away for a long time, so he probably will not return soon and find out what I am doing.’

What does an evil servant do while the master is away? (vv48-49)
An evil servant beats his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards while the master is away.

Matthew 24:49

ULT
49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves, and eats and drinks with the ones being drunk,

UST
49 So he will begin to beat the other servants and eat and drink with those who are drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:50

ULT
50 the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and at an hour that he does not know.

UST
50 Then the house owner will come back at a time when the servant does not expect him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 24:51

ULT

51 And he will cut him in pieces and will assign his place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.

UST

51 He will punish that servant severely and he will put him where the hypocrites are put. In that place the people cry and grind their teeth because they suffer very much.”

What does the master do with the evil servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master cuts the evil servant in pieces and sends him to where there is weeping and grinding of teeth.

Matthew 25

Matthew 25:1

ULT

[1] Then the kingdom of the heavens will be compared to ten virgins who, having taken their lamps, went out to a meeting of the bridegroom.

UST

[1] “God’s rule from heaven will be like what happened to ten unmarried girls who got ready to go to a wedding feast. They were to take their lamps and go wait for the bridegroom to come.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:2

ULT

[2] Now five of them were foolish and five wise.

UST

[2] Now five of these girls were foolish, and five were wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:3

ULT

[3] For the foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with themselves.

UST

[3] The foolish girls took their lamps, but they did not take any extra olive oil for them.

What did the foolish virgins not do when they went to meet the bridegroom?
The foolish virgins did not take any oil with them along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:4

ULT

4 But the wise took oil in the containers with their lamps.

UST

4 But the wise girls took oil in their flasks as well as in their lamps.

What did the wise virgins do when they went to meet the bridegroom?

The wise virgins took containers of oil along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5

ULT

5 Now, the bridegroom delaying, they all became sleepy and were sleeping.

UST

5 The bridegroom was taking a long time to come, and it became late at night. So all the girls became sleepy and fell asleep.

When did the bridegroom come, and was this the expected time? (vv5-6)

The bridegroom came at midnight, which was later than the expected time.

Matthew 25:6

ULT

6 But in {the} middle of {the} night there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to {the} meeting.’

UST

6 In the middle of the night someone woke them up by shouting, ‘Here he is! The bridegroom is arriving! Go outside and meet him!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:7

ULT

7 Then all those virgins were awakened and trimmed their lamps.

UST

7 So all the girls got up and adjusted their lamps for burning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:8

ULT

8 Now the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us from your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

UST

8 The foolish girls said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are about to go out!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:9

ULT

9 But answering, the wise said, ‘Perhaps there will certainly not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the ones selling and buy for yourselves.’

UST

9 The wise girls replied, ‘No, because there might not be enough oil for our lamps and yours. Go to the sellers and buy some for yourselves!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:10

ULT
10 But {while} they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and the prepared entered with him into the wedding feasts, and the door was shut.

UST
10 But while the foolish girls were on their way to buy oil, the bridegroom arrived. Then the wise girls, who were ready, went with him into the wedding hall, where the bride was waiting. Then the door was closed.

What happened to the wise virgins when the bridegroom came?
The wise virgins went with the bridegroom to the marriage feast.

What happened to the foolish virgins when the bridegroom came? (vv10-12)
The foolish virgins had to go buy oil, and when they returned the door to the feast was shut for them.

Matthew 25:11

ULT
11 But afterward the other virgins also come, saying, ‘Master, master, open for us.’

UST
11 Later, the rest of the girls came to the wedding hall, and they called to the bridegroom, ‘Sir, open the door for us!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:12

ULT
12 But he, answering, said, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’

UST
12 But he said to them, ‘The truth is that I do not know you, so I will not open the door for you!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:13

ULT

13 Therefore, stay alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

UST

13 Then Jesus continued by saying, “So, in order that this does not happen to you, stay prepared because you do not know when it will be.”

What did Jesus say he wanted the believers to learn from the parable of the virgins?

Jesus said that the believers should watch, for they do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:14

ULT

14 For {it is} like a man going to another country. He called {his} own slaves and handed over to them his possessions.

UST

14 “When the Son of Man returns from heaven as king, it will be like a man who was about to go on a long journey. He called his servants together and gave them each some of his wealth to invest and gain more money for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:15

ULT

15 And to one he gave five talents, and to one, two, and to one, one—to each according to {his} own ability. And immediately he went to another country.

UST

15 He gave them money according to their ability to use it. For example, he gave one servant five bags of gold weighing about 165 kilograms, he gave another servant two bags weighing about sixty-six kilograms, and he gave another servant one bag weighing about thirty-three kilograms. Then he left on his journey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:16

ULT

16 {When} he had gone, the one having received the five talents traded with them and gained another five talents.

UST

16 The servant who had received five bags of gold went immediately and used that money to gain five more bags.

What did the servants with five and two talents do with their talents when their master went on his journey?

The servant with five talents made another five talents, and the one with two talents made another two.

Matthew 25:17

ULT

17 Likewise, the one with the two also gained another two.

UST

17 Similarly, the servant who had received two bags of gold gained two bags more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:18

ULT

18 But the one having received the one, having gone away, dug in {the} ground and hid the money of his master.

UST

18 But the servant who had received one bag of gold went and dug a hole in the ground, and he hid it there to keep it safe.

What did the servant with one talent do with the talent when his master went on his journey?

The servant with one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Matthew 25:19

ULT

[19] Now after a long time, the master of those slaves comes and settles accounts with them.

UST

[19] After a long time the servants' master returned. He called them together to find out what they had done with his money.

How long was the master away on his journey?

The master was away for a long time.

Matthew 25:20

ULT

[20] And having approached, the one having received the five talents brought another five talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents. But behold, I gained five talents.'

UST

[20] The servant who had received five bags of gold brought him ten bags. He said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of gold to take care of. Look, I have gained five more!'

When he returned, what did the master do for the servants who had been given five and two talents? (vv20-21)

The master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" and put them in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:21

ULT

[21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few {things}. I will appoint you over many {things}. Enter into the joy of your master.'

UST

[21] His master replied, 'You are a very good servant! You have been very faithful to me. You have managed a small amount of money very well, so I will put you in charge of a lot of things. Come and be happy with me!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:22

ULT

22 The one with the two talents, having also approached, said, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents, but behold, I have gained two talents.’

UST

22 The servant who had received two bags of gold also came, and he said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of gold to take care of. Look, I have gained two more!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:23

ULT

23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave! You have been faithful over a few {things}. I will appoint you over many {things}. Enter into the joy of your master.’

UST

23 His master replied, ‘You are a very good servant! You have been very faithful to me. You have managed a small amount of money very well, so I will put you in charge of a lot of things. Come and be happy with me!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:24

ULT

24 But the one {that} had received the one talent, having also approached, said, ‘Master, I know you, that you are a strict man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter.

UST

24 Then the servant who had received one bag of gold came. He said, ‘Master, I was afraid of you. I knew that you are a man who expects to make a lot of money even if you invest nothing, like a farmer who tries to harvest a field he did not plant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:25

ULT

25 And having become afraid, having gone away, I hid your talent in the ground. Behold, you have {what is} yours.'

UST

25 I was afraid of what you might do if I lost the money you lent me to invest, so I hid it in the ground. Here it is now; please take it back!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:26

ULT

26 But answering, his master said to him, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You have known that I reap where I did not sow and harvest where I did not scatter.

UST

26 His boss replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! You knew that I take from others money that does not really belong to me, like a farmer who harvests grain from another man's field where I did not even plant the seeds!

When he returned, what did the master do to the servant who had been given one talent?

The master said, "You wicked and lazy servant," took the one talent away from him, and threw him into the outer darkness.

Matthew 25:27

ULT

27 Therefore, it was necessary for you to have placed my money at the bankers, and having come, I would have received back my money with interest.

UST

27 So then, you should have at least put my money on deposit in a bank, so that when I returned I would get it back with the interest it earned!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:28

ULT

28 Therefore, take away the talent from him and give it to the one having the ten talents.

UST

28 Then the master said to his other servants, ‘Take the bag of gold from him and give it to the servant who has the ten bags!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:29

ULT

29 For to the one having, all will be given—even more abundantly. But from the one not having, even what he has will be taken away from him.

UST

29 To those who use well what they have received, God will give more, and they will have plenty. But from those who do not use well what they have received, even what they already have will be taken away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:30

ULT

30 And throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.’

UST

30 Furthermore, throw that worthless servant outside into the darkness, where he will be with those who are wailing and grinding their teeth in pain.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:31

ULT

31 But when the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

UST

31 “When the Son of Man comes again in his brilliant light and brings all his angels, he will sit as king on his throne to judge everyone.

What will the Son of Man do when he comes and sits on his glorious throne? (vv31-32)
The Son of Man will gather all the nations and separate the people one from another.

Matthew 25:32

ULT

32 And before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them from one another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

UST

32 Everyone from all the people groups will be gathered in front of him. Then he will separate the people one from another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from his goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:33

ULT

33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on {his} left.

UST

33 He will put the righteous people on his right and the unrighteous ones on his left, just like sheep and goats.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:34

ULT

34 Then the King will say to the ones at his right, ‘Come, you {that} have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from {the} foundation of {the} world.

UST

34 Then he will say to those on his right, ‘You people who have been blessed by my Father, come! Come receive all the good things he will give you, for he is now giving you the blessings of his rule—things he has been preparing since the time he created the world.

What will those on the King’s right hand receive?

Those on the King’s right hand receive the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:35

ULT

35 For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in;

UST

35 These things belong to you, because you gave me something to eat when I was hungry. You gave me something to drink when I was thirsty. When I was a stranger in your town, you invited me to stay in your houses.

What did those on the King’s right hand do in their lives? (vv35-36)

Those on the King’s right hand gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, took in strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoners.

Matthew 25:36

ULT

36 I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you cared for me; I was in prison, and you came to me.’

UST

36 When I needed clothes, you gave me some. When I was sick, you took care of me. When I was in prison, you came to visit me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:37

ULT

37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed {you}? Or thirsty and give {you} to drink?

UST

37 Then the people whom God has declared to be good will reply, ‘Lord, when were you hungry and we saw you and gave you something to eat? When were you thirsty and we gave you something to drink?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:38

ULT

38 And when did we see you a stranger and invite {you} in? Or naked and clothe {you}?

UST

38 When were you a stranger in our town and we invited you to stay in our houses? When did you need clothes and we gave you some?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:39

ULT

39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?’

UST

39 When were you sick or in prison and we went to visit you? We do not remember doing any of these things for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:40

ULT

40 And answering, the King will say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did {it} for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did {it} for me.’

UST

40 The King will reply, ‘The truth is that whatever you did for any one of your fellow believers, even the most unimportant one, you certainly did it for me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:41

ULT

41 Then he also will say to the ones on {his} left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire {that} has been prepared for the devil and his angels,

UST

41 But then he will say to those on his left, ‘You people whom God has cursed, leave me! Go into the eternal fire that God has prepared for the devil and his angels!

What will those on the King’s left hand receive?

Those on the King’s left hand receive the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:42

ULT

42 for I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you did not give me to drink;

UST

42 It is right for you to go there, because you did not give me anything to eat when I was hungry. You did not give me anything to drink when I was thirsty.

What did those on the King’s left hand not do in their lives? (vv42-43)

Those on the King’s left hand did not give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, take in strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, or visit the prisoners.

Matthew 25:43

ULT

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.’

UST

43 You did not invite me into your homes when I was a stranger in your town. You did not give me any clothes when I needed them. You did not take care of me when I was sick or in prison.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:44

ULT

44 Then they will also answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?’

UST

44 They will answer, ‘Lord, when were you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and we did not help you?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:45

ULT

45 Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do {it} for one of the least of these, you did not do {it} for me.’

UST

45 He will reply, ‘The truth is that whenever you did not do anything to help any one of my people, even the most unimportant person, it was I for whom you did not do it.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 25:46

ULT

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

UST

46 Then those people on my left will go away to the place where God will punish them forever, but the people good in God’s sight will go to where they will live forever with God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26

Matthew 26:1

ULT
1 And it happened that when Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples,

UST
1 When Jesus had finished saying all those things, he said to the disciples,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:2

ULT
2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is being handed over to be crucified."

UST
2 "You know that two days from now we will celebrate the Passover festival. At that time someone will hand the Son of Man over to those who will nail him to a cross."

What Jewish feast did Jesus say was coming in two days?
Jesus said that the Passover was coming in two days.

Matthew 26:3

ULT
3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the palace of the high priest, named Caiaphas.

UST
3 At the same time the chief priests and the Jewish elders gathered in the home of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:4

ULT

[4] And they plotted together in order that they might arrest Jesus stealthily and might kill him.

UST

[4] There they planned how they could arrest Jesus in some tricky way so that they could have him executed.

What were the chief priests and elders plotting at the palace of the chief priest?

They were plotting to arrest Jesus stealthily and to kill him.

Matthew 26:5

ULT

[5] But they were saying, “Not during the festival, so that a riot does not happen among the people.”

UST

[5] But they said, “We must not do it during the Passover festival, because if we do it then, the people might riot.”

Of what were the chief priests and elders afraid?

They were afraid that if they killed Jesus during the feast, the people might riot.

Matthew 26:6

ULT

[6] Now {while} Jesus was in Bethany in {the} house of Simon the leper,

UST

[6] While Jesus and his disciples were in the village of Bethany, they ate in the home of Simon, whom Jesus had healed of leprosy.

What was the disciples’ reaction when the woman poured the expensive ointment on Jesus’ head? (vv6-9)

The disciples were angry and wanted to know why the ointment was not sold and the money given to the poor.

Matthew 26:7

ULT

[7] a woman came to him having an alabaster jar of very expensive perfumed ointment, and she poured {it} upon his head as he is reclining to eat.

UST

[7] During the meal, a woman came into the house. She was carrying a beautiful stone jar containing very expensive perfume. She went up to Jesus as he was eating and poured all the perfume on his head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:8

ULT

[8] Now having seen {this}, the disciples became angry, saying, “For what {is} this waste?

UST

[8] When the disciples saw that, they were very angry. One of them said, “It is terrible that this perfume was wasted!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:9

ULT

[9] For this was able to have been sold for much and to be given to {the} poor.”

UST

[9] We could have sold it and gotten a lot of money for it! Then we could have given the money to poor people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:10

ULT

[10] But Jesus, knowing {this}, said to them, “Why are you causing trouble for the woman? For she has done a good work for me.

UST

[10] Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said to them, “You should not be bothering this woman! She has done a beautiful thing to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:11

ULT

11 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

UST

11 Keep in mind that you will always have poor people among you, so you can help them whenever you want to. But I will not always be with you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:12

ULT

12 For {when} she poured this ointment on my body, she did {it} for my burial.

UST

12 When she poured this perfume on my body, it was as if she knew that I am going to die soon. And it is as if she had anointed my body for being buried.

Why did Jesus say the woman had poured the ointment on him?

Jesus said the woman had poured the ointment on him for his burial.

Matthew 26:13

ULT

13 Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will also be spoken of in memory of her."

UST

13 I will tell you this: Wherever in the entire world people preach the good news about me, they will tell what this woman has done, and as a result, people will always remember her."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:14

ULT

14 Then one of the Twelve, named Judas Iscariot, having gone to the chief priests,

UST

14 Then Judas Iscariot, even though he was one of the twelve disciples, went to the chief priests.

What was Judas Iscariot paid to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests? (vv14-15)
Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests.

Matthew 26:15

ULT

15 said, “What are you willing to give me, and I will betray him to you?” And they weighed out 30 shekels of silver for him.

UST

15 He asked them, “If I enable you to arrest Jesus, how much money are you willing to give me?” They agreed to give him thirty silver coins. So they counted out the coins and gave them to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:16

ULT

16 And from that moment he began to seek an opportunity in order that he might betray him.

UST

16 From that time Judas watched for an opportunity when they could arrest Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:17

ULT

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want {that} we might prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

UST

17 On the first day of the week-long Festival of Bread with No Yeast, the disciples went to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the meal for the Passover Celebration so that we can eat it with you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:18

ULT

18 And he said, “Go into the city to such a man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is near. I am doing the Passover at your {house} with my disciples.”’”

UST

18 Jesus instructed two of the disciples about what they should do. He said to them, “Go into the city to a man with whom I have previously arranged this. Tell him that I, the Teacher, say this: ‘The time that I told you about is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover meal with my disciples at your house, and I have sent these two to prepare the meal.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:19

ULT

19 And the disciples did as Jesus directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

UST

19 So the two disciples did as Jesus told them. They went and prepared the Passover meal in that man’s house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:20

ULT

20 Now evening having come, he was reclining to eat with the Twelve.

UST

20 When that evening had come, Jesus was eating the meal with the twelve disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:21

ULT
21 And as they were eating, he said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me.”

UST
21 He said to them, “Listen carefully to this: One of you is going to enable my enemies to arrest me.”

What did Jesus say at the evening meal about one of his disciples?
Jesus said that one of his disciples would betray him.

Matthew 26:22

ULT
22 And being very grieved, each one began to ask him, “Surely not I, Lord?”

UST
22 The disciples were very sad. They began to say to him, one after the other, “Lord, it is surely not I!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:23

ULT
23 But he, answering, said, “The one having dipped {his} hand with me in the dish, he will betray me.

UST
23 He replied, “The one who will enable my enemies to arrest me is the one of you who is dipping bread into the sauce in the dish along with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:24

ULT

24 The Son of Man will depart just as it is written about him. But woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It was better for him if that man had not been born.”

UST

24 It is certain that I, the Son of Man, will die, because that is what the scriptures say about me. But there will be terrible punishment for the man who enables my enemies to arrest me! It would be better for that man if he had never been born!”

What did Jesus say about the future of the one who would betray him?

Jesus said that it would be better for the man who betrays him if he had never been born.

Matthew 26:25

ULT

25 But answering, Judas, the one betraying him, said, “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said {it} yourself.”

UST

25 Then Judas, the one who was going to betray him, said, “Teacher, surely it is not I!” Jesus replied, “Yes, you are admitting it.”

How did Jesus answer when Judas asked if he was the one who would betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, “You have said it yourself”.

Matthew 26:26

ULT

26 Now {as} they are eating, Jesus, having taken bread and having blessed {it}, he broke {it}. And having given {it} to the disciples, he said, “Take, eat. This is my body.”

UST

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and thanked God for it. He broke it into pieces, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take this bread and eat it. It is my body.”

What did Jesus say when he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples?

Jesus said, “Take, eat. This is my body”.

Matthew 26:27

ULT

27 And having taken a cup and having given thanks, he gave {it} to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

UST

27 Later he took a cup of wine and thanked God for it. Then he gave it to them and said, “Drink from this cup, all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:28

ULT

28 For this is my blood of the covenant {that} is being poured out for many for {the} forgiveness of sins.

UST

28 The wine in this cup represents my blood, which will soon flow from my body. With my blood I will sign the agreement that God has made to forgive the sins of many people.

What did Jesus say about the cup he then gave to the disciples?

Jesus said that the cup was his blood of the covenant that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:29

ULT

29 But I say to you, I will certainly not drink again from this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of my Father.”

UST

29 Note this carefully: I will not drink wine in this way anymore until the time when I drink it with you with a new meaning. That will happen when my Father rules completely.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:30

ULT

30 And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

UST

30 After they sang a hymn, they started out toward the Mount of Olives.

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus tell his disciples they would all do that night? (vv30-31)

Jesus told his disciples that they would all stumble that night because of him.

Matthew 26:31

ULT

31 Then Jesus said to them, "You all will be caused to stumble in me in this very night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

UST

31 On the way, Jesus told them, "This night all of you will desert me because of what will happen to me! This is certain to happen because these words that God said are written in the scriptures: 'I will cause men to kill the shepherd, and they will scatter all the sheep.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:32

ULT

32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

UST

32 But after I have died and become alive again, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:33

ULT

33 But answering, Peter said to him, “{Even} if all will be caused to stumble in you, I will never be caused to stumble.”

UST

33 Peter replied, “Perhaps all the other disciples will desert you when they see what happens to you, but I certainly will never leave you!”

When Peter said he would never stumble, what did Jesus tell him he would do that night? (vv33-34)

Jesus said that Peter would deny Jesus three times that night before the rooster crows.

Matthew 26:34

ULT

34 Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, in this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

UST

34 Jesus replied to him, “The truth is that this very night, before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:35

ULT

35 Peter says to him, “Even if it is necessary for me to die with you, I will certainly not deny you.” And all the disciples said likewise.

UST

35 Peter said to him, “Even if they kill me while I am defending you, I will never say that I do not know you!” All the rest of the disciples also said the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:36

ULT

36 Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and says to the disciples, “Sit here while, having gone over there, I pray.”

UST

36 Then Jesus went with the disciples to a place that is called Gethsemane. There he said, “Stay here while I go over there and pray.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:37

ULT

37 And having taken along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be grieved and to be troubled.

UST

37 He took Peter, James, and John with him. He became extremely distressed.

What did Jesus ask Peter and the two sons of Zebedee to do while he prayed? (vv37-38)
Jesus asked them to remain there and watch with him.

Matthew 26:38

ULT

38 Then he says to them, “My soul is deeply sorrowful, to the point of death. Remain here and watch with me.”

UST

38 Then he said to them, “I am very sorrowful, so much so that I feel as if I were about to die! Remain here and stay awake with me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:39

ULT

39 And having gone a little farther, he fell on his face, praying and saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you.”

UST

39 After going a little farther, he threw himself facedown on the ground. He prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, do not make me suffer in the way I know I will have to. But do not do as I want. Instead, do as you want!”

What request did Jesus make to the Father in his prayer?

Jesus requested that if it were possible, to let this cup pass from him.

Matthew 26:40

ULT

40 And he comes to the disciples and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, “So, were you not able to watch with me for one hour?

UST

40 Then he returned to the three disciples and saw that they were sleeping. He woke Peter and said to him, “I am disappointed that you men fell asleep and were not able to stay awake with me for just a short time!

What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?

The disciples were sleeping when Jesus returned from praying.

Matthew 26:41

ULT

41 Watch and pray so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak.”

UST

41 You must keep alert and pray so that you can resist when anyone tempts you to sin. You want to do what I tell you, but you are not strong enough to actually do it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:42

ULT
42 Again, having gone away a second time, he prayed, saying, “My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I drink it, let your will be done.”

UST
42 He went away a second time. He prayed, “My Father, if it is necessary for me to suffer, may what you want happen!”

What did Jesus pray be done, no matter Jesus’ own will?
Jesus prayed that the Father’s will be done, no matter Jesus’ own will.

How many times did Jesus leave the disciples to go and pray? (vv42-44)
Jesus left the disciples three times to go and pray.

Matthew 26:43

ULT
43 And having come again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down.

UST
43 When he returned to the three disciples, he saw that they were asleep again. They could not keep their eyes open.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:44

ULT
44 And having left them again, having gone away, he prayed a third time, having said the same words again.

UST
44 So he left them and went away again. He prayed a third time, saying the same thing that he had prayed before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:45

ULT

45 Then he comes to the disciples and says to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour has approached, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into {the} hands of sinners.

UST

45 Then he returned to all the disciples. He woke them up and said to them, “I am disappointed that you are still sleeping and resting! Look! Someone is about to enable sinful men to arrest me, the Son of Man!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:46

ULT

46 Get up, that we might go. Behold, the one betraying me has approached.”

UST

46 Get up! Let us go to meet them! Here comes the one who is enabling them to arrest me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:47

ULT

47 And {as} he is still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the Twelve, came, and with him, a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

UST

47 While Jesus was still speaking, Judas arrived. Even though he was one of the twelve disciples, he came to enable Jesus’ enemies to arrest him. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was coming with him. The chief priests and elders had sent them.

What sign did Judas give the crowd to identify Jesus as the one to seize? (vv47-48)

Judas kissed Jesus as the sign to the crowd that Jesus was the one to seize.

Matthew 26:48

ULT

48 Now the one betraying him gave them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss is him. Seize him.”

UST

48 Judas had previously arranged to give them a signal. He had told them, “The man whom I will kiss is the one you want. Arrest him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:49

ULT

49 And immediately, having come up to Jesus, he said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and he kissed him.

UST

49 He immediately went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Teacher!” Then he kissed Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:50

ULT

50 But Jesus said to him, “Friend, for that which you are here.” Then having come, they laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

UST

50 Jesus replied, “Friend, what you are about to do, do it quickly.” Then the men who came with Judas stepped forward and seized Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:51

ULT

51 And behold, one of the ones with Jesus, having stretched out {his} hand, drew his sword, and having struck the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.

UST

51 Suddenly, one of the men who was with Jesus pulled his sword out of its sheath. He struck the servant of the high priest to kill him, but only cut off his ear.

What did one of Jesus' disciples do when Jesus was seized?

One of Jesus' disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest.

Matthew 26:52

ULT

52 Then Jesus says to him, "Return your sword to its place, for all the ones having taken up a sword will perish by a sword.

UST

52 Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back in its sheath! All those who try to kill others with a sword—someone else will kill them with a sword!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:53

ULT

53 Or do you think that I am not able to call upon my Father, and he will send me more than 12 legions of angels at once?

UST

53 Do you think that if I asked my Father, he would not immediately send more than twelve armies of angels to help me?

What did Jesus say he could do if he wished to defend himself?

Jesus said that he could call upon the Father, who would send 12 legions of angels.

Matthew 26:54

ULT
54 How then would the Scriptures be fulfilled, that this must happen?”

UST
54 But if I did that, what the prophets have written in the scriptures about what will happen to the Messiah would not be fulfilled.”

What did Jesus say was being fulfilled by these events?
Jesus said that the Scriptures were being fulfilled by these events.

Matthew 26:55

ULT
55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to seize me, as against a robber? Every day I was sitting teaching in the temple, and you did not arrest me.

UST
55 At that time Jesus said to the crowd that was seizing him, “You have come here to seize me with swords and clubs, as if I were a bandit! Day after day I sat in the temple courtyard, teaching the people. Why did you not arrest me then?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:56

ULT
56 But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples, having left him, fled.

UST
56 But all this is happening to fulfill what the prophets have written in the scriptures about me.” Then all of the disciples deserted Jesus and ran away.

What did all the disciples then do?
All the disciples then left him and fled.

Matthew 26:57

ULT

57 Now the ones having seized Jesus led {him} away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had been gathered together.

UST

57 The men who had arrested Jesus took him to the house where Caiaphas, the high priest, lived. The men who taught the Jewish laws and the Jewish elders had already gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:58

ULT

58 But Peter was following him from a distance to the courtyard of the high priest. And having entered inside, he sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

UST

58 Peter followed Jesus at a distance. He came to the high priest's courtyard. He entered the courtyard and sat down with the guards to see what would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:59

ULT

59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death.

UST

59 The chief priests and the rest of the Jewish council were trying to find persons who would tell lies about Jesus so that they could condemn him to death.

For what were the chief priests and the whole Council looking in order to put Jesus to death?

They were looking for false testimony against Jesus in order to put Jesus to death.

Matthew 26:60

ULT

60 But they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. But later two, having come forward,

UST

60 But even though many people spoke lies about him, they did not find anyone who said anything that was useful. Finally two men came forward

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:61

ULT

61 said, “This one said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild {it} in three days.’”

UST

61 and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy God’s temple and to rebuild it within three days.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:62

ULT

62 And having stood up, the high priest said to him, “Do you answer nothing? What {is it that} they are testifying against you?”

UST

62 Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to reply? What do you say about these things that they are saying to accuse you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:63

ULT

63 But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, “I command you by the living God, so that you might tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.”

UST

63 But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I command you to tell us the truth; you know that the all-powerful God is listening to you: Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?”

What command did the high priest give Jesus by the living God?

The high priest commanded Jesus tell them whether or not he was the Christ, the Son of God.

Matthew 26:64

ULT

64 Jesus says to him, “You have said {it} yourself. But I say to you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at {the} right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

UST

64 Jesus replied, “Yes, it is as you say. But I will also say this to all of you: Some day you will see the Son of Man sitting beside Almighty God and ruling. You will also see him coming on the clouds from heaven!”

What was Jesus’ response to the high priest’s command?

Jesus said, “You have said it yourself”.

What did Jesus say the high priest would see?

Jesus said the high priest would see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Matthew 26:65

ULT

65 Then the high priest tore his robe, saying, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still have need of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.

UST

65 Then the high priest was so upset that he tore his outer garment. Then he said, “This man has insulted God! He claims to be equal with God! We certainly do not need anyone else to testify against this man! You heard what he said!

What accusation did the high priest then make against Jesus?

The high priest accused Jesus of blasphemy.

Matthew 26:66

ULT
66 What do you think?" And they, answering, said, "He is deserving of death."

UST
66 What do you think?" The Jewish leaders replied, "According to our laws, he is guilty and deserves to be executed!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:67

ULT
67 Then they spit in his face and beat him, and they slapped him,

UST
67 Then some of them spat in his face. Others struck him with their fists. Others slapped him

What did they do to Jesus after they accused him?
They spat in Jesus' face, beat him, and struck him with the palms of their hands.

Matthew 26:68

ULT
68 saying, "Prophesy to us, Christ. Who is the one having struck you?"

UST
68 and said, "Since you claim that you are the Messiah, tell us who hit you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:69

ULT
69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and one servant girl came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus of Galilee."

UST
69 Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came up to him and looked at him. She said, "You also were with Jesus, that man from the district of Galilee!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:70

ULT

70 But he denied {it} in front of {them} all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

UST

70 But while everyone there was listening, he denied it. He said, “I do not know what you are talking about!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:71

ULT

71 But when he had gone out to the gateway, another {girl} saw him and says to the ones there, “This one was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

UST

71 Then he went out to the gateway of the courtyard. Another servant girl saw him and said to the people who were standing nearby, “This man was with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:72

ULT

72 And he again denied {it} with an oath, “I do not know the man!”

UST

72 But Peter again denied it. He said, “May God punish me if I am lying! I tell you, I do not even know that man!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 26:73

ULT

73 But after a little {while}, the ones {that} had been standing by, having approached, said to Peter, “Surely you are also from among them, for even your speech makes you evident.”

UST

73 After a little while, the people who were standing there approached Peter and said to him, “It is certain that you are one of those who were with that man. We can tell from your accent that you are from Galilee.”

What did Peter answer the three times that someone asked him if he was with Jesus? (vv73-75)

Peter answered that he did not know Jesus.

Matthew 26:74

ULT

74 Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man,” and immediately a rooster crowed.

UST

74 Then Peter began to proclaim loudly that God should curse him if he was lying. He asked God in heaven to witness that he was telling the truth and said, “I do not know that man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.

What happened as soon as Peter answered the third time?

As soon as Peter answered the third time, a rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:75

ULT

75 And Peter remembered the words of Jesus {that} he had said, “Before a rooster crows you will deny me three times.” And having gone outside, he wept bitterly.

UST

75 Then Peter remembered the words that Jesus had spoken to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me.” And Peter went out of the courtyard, crying hard because he was so sad about what he had done.

What did Peter remember after his third answer?

Peter remembered that Jesus had said that before the rooster crows, he would deny Jesus three times.

Matthew 27

Matthew 27:1

ULT

[1] Now {when} it had become morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus so as to put him to death.

UST

[1] Very early the next morning all the chief priests and Jewish elders decided how to persuade the Romans to execute Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:2

ULT

[2] And having bound him, they led {him} away and handed {him} over to Pilate the governor.

UST

[2] Then they tied his hands and took him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

In the morning, where did the chief priests and elders take Jesus?

In the morning, they took him to Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:3

ULT

[3] Then Judas, the one betraying him, having seen that he was condemned, having repented, he returned the 30 shekels of silver to the chief priests and elders,

UST

[3] Then Judas, the one who had betrayed Jesus, realized that they had decided that Jesus must die. So was overcome with regret about what he had done. He took the thirty coins back to the chief priests and elders.

What did Judas Iscariot do when he saw that Jesus was condemned? (vv3-5)

Judas repented of betraying innocent blood, returned the silver, went out, and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:4

ULT

4 saying, “I have sinned, having betrayed innocent blood.” But they said, “What {is that} to us? See to {that} yourself.”

UST

4 He said, “I have sinned. I have betrayed a man who is innocent.” They replied, “That means nothing to us! That is your problem!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:5

ULT

5 And having thrown down the shekels of silver in the temple, he departed and having gone out, he hanged himself.

UST

5 So Judas took the money and threw it into the temple courtyard. Then he went away and hanged himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:6

ULT

6 Now the chief priests, having taken the shekels of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put this into the treasury, because it is {the} price of blood.”

UST

6 The high priests picked up the coins and said, “This is money that we paid for a man to die, and our law does not allow us to put money like this into the temple treasury.”

What did the chief priests do with the 30 pieces of silver? (vv6-7)

They bought the Potter’s Field, in which to bury strangers.

Matthew 27:7

ULT
[7] But having taken counsel, they bought with them the field of the potter for a burial place for strangers.

UST
[7] So they decided to use that money to buy a field that was called the Potter's Field. They made that field a place where they buried strangers who died in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:8

ULT
[8] For this reason that field has been called "Field of Blood" to {this} day.

UST
[8] That is why that place is still called "The Field of Blood."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:9

ULT
[9] Then {what} had been spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And they took the 30 shekels of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by {the} sons of Israel,

UST
[9] By buying that field, they made come true these words that the prophet Jeremiah had written long ago: "They took the thirty silver coins—that was what the leaders of Israel decided that he was worth—

Whose prophecy did these events fulfill? (vv9-10)
These events fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Matthew 27:10

ULT
[10] and they gave it for the field of the potter, as {the} Lord had directed me."

UST
[10] and with that money they bought the field of the potter. They did that as the Lord had commanded me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:11

ULT

11 Now Jesus was stood before the governor, and the governor questioned him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” But Jesus said, “It {is as} you say.”

UST

11 Then Jesus stood in front of the governor. The governor asked him, “Do you say you are the king of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “Yes, it is as you have just said.”

What question did Pilate ask Jesus, and what was Jesus’ answer?

Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews, and Jesus answered, “You say so”.

Matthew 27:12

ULT

12 And when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he answered nothing.

UST

12 But when the chief priests and elders accused Jesus of doing various wrong things, he did not answer.

What did Jesus answer to all the accusations of the chief priests and elders? (vv12-14)

Jesus did not answer even one word.

Matthew 27:13

ULT

13 Then Pilate says to him, “Do you not hear everything they are bringing against you?”

UST

13 So Pilate said to him, “You hear how many things they are accusing you of; are you not going to reply?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:14

ULT
14 But he did not answer him not even with one word, so as to amaze the governor greatly.

UST
14 But Jesus did not say anything. He did not reply to any of the things about which they were accusing him. As a result, the governor was very surprised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:15

ULT
15 Now at {the} festival it had become the custom of the governor to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they chose.

UST
15 Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover Celebration to release one person who was in prison. He released whatever prisoner the people wanted.

What did Pilate wish to do for Jesus, following the custom of the feast of Passover? (vv15-16)
Pilate wished to have Jesus released, following the custom of the feast.

Matthew 27:16

ULT
16 Now at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner named Barabbas.

UST
16 At that time there was in Jerusalem a well-known prisoner whose name was Barabbas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:17

ULT

17 Therefore {when} they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Who do you want {that} I would release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus, called Christ?”

UST

17 So when the crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which prisoner would you like me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus, whom they call the Messiah?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:18

ULT

18 For he had known that they had handed {him} over to him because of envy.

UST

18 He asked that question because he realized that the chief priests had brought Jesus to him only because they were jealous of Jesus. And Pilate thought that the crowd would prefer that he release Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:19

ULT

19 But {while} he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, saying, “Nothing to you and to that righteous one. For I suffered much today by way of a dream about him.”

UST

19 While Pilate was sitting in the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Early this morning I had a bad dream because of that man. So do not condemn that righteous man!”

What message did Pilate’s wife send to him as he was sitting on the judgment-seat?

She told Pilate to have nothing to do with that innocent man.

Matthew 27:20

ULT

[20] Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds so that they would ask for Barabbas, but would kill Jesus.

UST

[20] But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask Pilate to release Barabbas, and to order that Jesus be executed.

Why was Barabbas, and not Jesus, released according to the custom of the feast?

The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus.

Matthew 27:21

ULT

[21] But answering, the governor said to them, “Which from the two do you want {that} I would release to you?” But they said, “Barabbas.”

UST

[21] So when the governor asked them, “Which of the two men do you want me to release for you?” They replied, “Barabbas!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:22

ULT

[22] Pilate says to them, “What then should I do with Jesus, called Christ?” They all answer, “Crucify him.”

UST

[22] Pilate asked them, “So what should I do with Jesus who some of you say is the Messiah?” They all answered, “Command that your soldiers crucify him!”

What did the crowd cry out that they wanted done with Jesus?

The crowd cried out that they wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Matthew 27:23

ULT
23 But he said, “For what evil did he do?” But they cried out even louder, saying, “Crucify {him}.”

UST
23 Pilate replied, “Why? What crime has he committed?” But they shouted even louder, “Have him crucified!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:24

ULT
24 But Pilate, having seen that he is not helping, but instead a riot is starting, having taken water, washed {his} hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent from the blood of this one. See to {it} yourselves.”

UST
24 Pilate realized that he was accomplishing nothing. He saw that instead, the people were starting to riot. So he took a basin of water and washed his hands as the crowd was watching. He said, “By washing my hands I am showing you that if this man dies, it is your fault, not mine!”

When Pilate saw a riot was starting, what did he do?
Pilate washed his hands, said he was innocent of this innocent man’s blood, and gave Jesus over to the crowd.

Matthew 27:25

ULT
25 And answering, all the people said, “His blood {be} on us and on our children!”

UST
25 And all the people answered, “May we be guilty for causing him to die, and may our children be guilty, too!”

What did the people say when Pilate handed Jesus to them?
The people said, “May his blood be on us and our children”.

Matthew 27:26

ULT

26 Then he released Barabbas to them, but having scourged Jesus, he handed {him} over so that he would be crucified.

UST

26 Then he ordered the soldiers to release Barabbas for them. But he ordered that his soldiers whip Jesus. And then he turned Jesus over to the soldiers for them to nail Jesus to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:27

ULT

27 Then the soldiers of the governor, having taken Jesus into the Praetorium, gathered before him the whole cohort.

UST

27 Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the soldiers' barracks. The whole cohort gathered around him.

What did the soldiers of the governor put on Jesus? (vv27-29)

The soldiers put a scarlet robe on him and a crown of thorns on his head.

Matthew 27:28

ULT

28 And having stripped him, they put a scarlet robe on him.

UST

28 They pulled off his clothes and put a bright red robe on him, pretending he was a king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:29

ULT

29 And having woven together a crown of thorns, they put {it} on his head and a reed in his right hand, and having knelt down before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

UST

29 They took some branches with thorns and wove them to make a crown and put it on his head. They put in his right hand a reed like a staff that a king would hold. Then they knelt in front of him and made fun of him, saying, “Greetings to the king of the Jews!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:30

ULT

30 And having spat on him, they took the reed and kept striking {him} on his head.

UST

30 They kept spitting on him. They took the staff and kept striking him on the head with it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:31

ULT

31 And when they had mocked him, they took the robe off him and put {his} own garments on him and led him away to crucify {him}.

UST

31 When they had finished ridiculing him, they pulled off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to the place where they would nail him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:32

ULT

32 Now coming out, they found a man from Cyrene named Simon, whom they forced so that he would carry his cross.

UST

32 After Jesus carried his cross a short distance, the soldiers saw a man named Simon, who was from the city of Cyrene. They forced him to carry the cross for Jesus.

What was Simon of Cyrene forced to do?

Simon was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Matthew 27:33

ULT

33 And having come to a place called Golgotha, which is saying, "{The} Place of a Skull,"

UST

33 They came to a place called Golgotha. That name means "the place like a skull."

Where did they go to crucify Jesus?

They went to Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull".

Matthew 27:34

ULT

34 they gave him wine mixed with gall to drink. But having tasted {it}, he was not willing to drink {it}.

UST

34 When they got there, they mixed with wine something that tasted very bitter. They gave it to Jesus to drink so that he would not feel so much pain when they nailed him on the cross. But when he tasted it, he refused to drink it. Some soldiers took his clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:35

ULT
35 Now having crucified him, they divided up his garments by casting lots,

UST
35 Then they nailed him to the cross. Afterwards, they divided his clothes among themselves by gambling with something like dice to decide which piece of clothing each one would get.

What did the soldiers do after they crucified Jesus? (vv35-36)
The soldiers cast lots to divide up Jesus' garments and then sat and watched him.

Matthew 27:36

ULT
36 and sitting down, they kept guard over him there.

UST
36 Then the soldiers sat down there to guard him, to prevent anyone from trying to rescue him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:37

ULT
37 And above his head they placed the charge against him, which had been written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

UST
37 They fastened to the cross above Jesus' head a sign on which had been written why they were nailing him to the cross. But all it said was, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

What writing did they put above Jesus' head?
They wrote, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS".

Matthew 27:38

ULT
38 Then two robbers are being crucified with him, one at {his} right and one at {his} left.

UST
38 They also nailed two bandits to crosses. They placed one cross on the right side of Jesus and the other on the left side.

Who was crucified with Jesus?
Two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left.

Matthew 27:39

ULT
39 But the ones passing by were insulting him, shaking their heads

UST
39 The people who were passing by insulted him by shaking their heads as if he were an evil man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:40

ULT
40 and saying, “You destroying the temple and rebuilding {it} in three days, save yourself! If you are {the} Son of God, come down from the cross!”

UST
40 They said, “You said you would destroy the temple and then build it again within three days! So if you can do that, you should be able to save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:41

ULT
41 Likewise also the chief priests, mocking {him} with the scribes and elders, said,

UST
41 Similarly, the chief priests, the men who taught the Jewish laws, and the elders made fun of him. They said things like,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:42

ULT

42 “He saved others; he is not able to save himself. He is {the} King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.

UST

42 “He saved others from their sicknesses, but he cannot help himself!” “He says that he is the King of Israel. So he should come down from the cross. Then we would believe him!”

What did the people, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders challenge Jesus to do?
They all challenged Jesus to save himself and come down from the cross.

Matthew 27:43

ULT

43 He has trusted in God; let him rescue {him} now, if he wants him. For he said, ‘I am {the} Son of God.’”

UST

43 “He says that he trusts in God, and that he is the man who is also God. So if God is pleased with him, God should rescue him now!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:44

ULT

44 In the same way, the robbers being crucified with him also were reviling him.

UST

44 And the two bandits who on crosses with him also insulted him, saying similar things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:45

ULT

45 Now from {the} sixth hour darkness happened over all the land until {the} ninth hour.

UST

45 At noon it became dark over the whole land. It stayed dark until three o'clock in the afternoon.

What happened from the sixth to the ninth hour?

Darkness came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour.

Matthew 27:46

ULT

46 But about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

UST

46 At about three o'clock Jesus shouted loudly, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" That means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:47

ULT

47 But some of the ones {that} had been standing there, having heard {it}, were saying, "He calls for Elijah."

UST

47 When some of the people standing there heard the word "Eli," they thought that he was calling for the prophet Elijah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:48

ULT
48 And immediately one of them, having run and having taken a sponge, having both filled {it} with sour wine and having put {it} on a reed, gave {it} to him to drink.

UST
48 Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with sour wine. Then he put the sponge on the tip of a reed and held it up in order that Jesus could suck out the wine that was in it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:49

ULT
49 But the rest were saying, “Leave {him} alone. We may see whether Elijah comes to save him.”

UST
49 But the other people there said, “Wait! Let us see if Elijah comes to save him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:50

ULT
50 But Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, released {his} spirit.

UST
50 Then after Jesus shouted out loudly again, he died, giving his spirit over to God.

What happened after Jesus cried out again with a loud voice?
Jesus gave up his spirit.

Matthew 27:51

ULT

51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook, and the rocks were split apart.

UST

51 At that moment the heavy thick curtain that closed off the Most Holy Place in the temple split into two pieces from top to bottom. The earth shook, and some large rocks split open.

What happened in the temple after Jesus died?

The curtain of the temple was split in two from the top to the bottom after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:52

ULT

52 And the tombs were opened, and many of the bodies of the saints {that} had fallen asleep were raised.

UST

52 Tombs opened up, and the bodies of many people who had honored God became alive again.

What happened at the tombs after Jesus died? (vv52-53)

Many saints that had fallen asleep were raised and appeared to many after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:53

ULT

53 And having come out from the tombs after his resurrection, they entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

UST

53 They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus became alive again, they went into Jerusalem and appeared to many people there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:54

ULT

54 Now the centurion and the ones with him watching Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the {things that} had happened, became very afraid, saying, “Truly this was {the} Son of God.”

UST

54 The officer who supervised the soldiers who nailed Jesus to the cross was standing nearby. His soldiers who were guarding the crosses were also there. When they felt the earthquake and saw all the other things that happened, they were terrified. They exclaimed, “Truly he was the Son of God!”

Seeing all these events, what was the testimony of the centurion?

The centurion testified, “Truly this was the Son of God”.

Matthew 27:55

ULT

55 Now many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him were there looking on from a distance.

UST

55 Many women were there, watching from a distance. They were women who had accompanied Jesus from Galilee in order to provide the things he needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:56

ULT

56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

UST

56 Among these women were Mary from Magdala, another Mary who was the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of James and John.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:57

ULT

57 Now {when} it became evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was discipled by Jesus.

UST

57 When it was almost evening, a rich man named Joseph came there. He was from the town of Arimathea. He also was a disciple of Jesus.

After he was crucified, what happened to the body of Jesus? (vv57-58)

A rich disciple of Jesus, Joseph, asked Pilate for the body, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in his own new tomb.

Matthew 27:58

ULT

58 He, having approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded {it} to be given to him.

UST

58 He went to Pilate and asked Pilate to allow him to take the body of Jesus and bury it. Pilate ordered his soldiers to allow him to take the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:59

ULT

59 And Joseph, having taken the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

UST

59 So Joseph and others took the body and wrapped it in a clean white cloth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:60

ULT

60 and laid it in {his} own new tomb that he had cut into the rock. And having rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, he went away.

UST

60 Then they placed it in Joseph's own new tomb that workers had dug out of a rock cliff. They rolled a huge circular flat stone in front of the entrance to the tomb. Then they left.

What was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid?

A large stone was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Matthew 27:61

ULT

61 Now Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

UST

61 Mary from Magdala and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb, watching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:62

ULT

62 Now the next day, which was after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together with Pilate,

UST

62 The next day was Saturday, the Jewish day of rest. The chief priests and some of the Pharisees went to Pilate.

Why did the chief priests and the Pharisees gather with Pilate the next day? (vv62-64)

The chief priests and the Pharisees wanted to make sure that Jesus' tomb was secure so that no one could steal the body.

Matthew 27:63

ULT

63 saying, “Sir, we remember that that deceiver, yet living, said, ‘After three days I am being raised up.’

UST

63 They said, “Sir, we remember that while that deceiver was still alive, he said, ‘Three days after I die I will become alive again.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:64

ULT

64 Therefore, command the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples, having come, might steal him and might say to the people, ‘He has been raised up from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.”

UST

64 So we ask you to order soldiers to guard the tomb for three days. If you do not do that, his disciples may come and steal the body. Then they will tell people that he has risen from the dead. If they deceive people by saying that, it will be worse than the way he deceived people before.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 27:65

ULT

65 And Pilate said to them, “Take a guard. Go, make {it} as secure as you know how.”

UST

65 Pilate replied, “You can take some soldiers. Go to the tomb and make it as secure as you know how.”

What did Pilate permit them to do at the tomb? (vv65-66)

Pilate permitted them to seal the stone and place a guard at the tomb.

Matthew 27:66

ULT

66 And they, having gone, made the tomb secure, having sealed the stone with the guard.

UST

66 So they went and made the tomb secure by fastening a cord from the stone that was in front of the entrance to the rock cliff on each side and sealing it. They also left some soldiers there to guard the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28

Matthew 28:1

ULT

[1] Now late on {the} Sabbath, at the dawning toward {the} first {day} of {the} week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

UST

[1] After the Sabbath ended, on Sunday morning at dawn, Mary from the town of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb of Jesus.

What day and time did Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go to Jesus' tomb?
As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, they went to Jesus' tomb.

Matthew 28:2

ULT

[2] And behold, a great earthquake happened, for an angel of {the} Lord, having descended from heaven and having come near, rolled away the stone and sat on it.

UST

[2] There was a strong earthquake because an angel from God came down from heaven. He went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on the stone.

How was the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb?
An angel of the Lord descended and rolled away the stone.

Matthew 28:3

ULT

[3] Now his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white like snow.

UST

[3] His body was as bright as lightning, and his clothes were as white as snow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:4

ULT

4 But the guards were shaken from the fear of him and became like dead men.

UST

4 The guards trembled because they were very afraid, and then they fell down like dead men.

What did the guards do when they saw the angel?

The guards shook with fear and became like dead men when they saw the angel.

Matthew 28:5

ULT

5 But answering, the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, the one {that} has been crucified.

UST

5 The angel said to the two women, “You should not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross.

What did the angel say to the two women about Jesus? (vv5-7)

The angel said that Jesus had risen and was going ahead of them to Galilee.

Matthew 28:6

ULT

6 He is not here, for he has been raised up, just as he said. Come see the place where he was lying.

UST

6 He is not here! God has made him alive again, just as Jesus told you he would! Come and see the place where his body lay!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:7

ULT

7 And having gone quickly, tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised up from the dead. And behold, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”

UST

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead! He will go ahead of you to the district of Galilee. You will see him there.’ Pay attention to what I have told you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:8

ULT

8 And having quickly left the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples.

UST

8 So the women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid, but they were also very joyful. They ran to tell the disciples what had happened.

What happened to the two women on their way to tell the disciples? (vv8-9)

The women met Jesus, and they took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Matthew 28:9

ULT

9 And behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Greetings!” But they, having approached, took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

UST

9 Suddenly, as they were running, Jesus appeared to them. He said, “Greetings to you!” The women came close to him. They knelt down and clasped his feet and worshiped him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:10

ULT

10 Then Jesus says to them, “Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers so that they would depart to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

UST

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid! Go and tell all my disciples that they should go to Galilee. They will see me there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:11

ULT

11 Now {while} they were going, behold, some of the guards, having gone into the city, told the chief priests all the {things that} had happened.

UST

11 While the women were going, some of the soldiers who had been guarding the tomb went into the city. They reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

When the guards told the chief priests what had happened at the tomb, what did the chief priests do? (vv11-13)

The chief priests paid the soldiers a large amount of money and told them to say that Jesus’ disciples had stolen the body.

Matthew 28:12

ULT

12 And having gathered together with the elders and having taken counsel, they gave a large amount of money to the soldiers,

UST

12 So the chief priests and Jewish elders met together. They thought of a way to explain why the tomb was empty. They gave the soldiers a lot of money as a bribe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:13

ULT

13 saying, “Say, ‘His disciples, having come by night, stole him {while} we are sleeping.’

UST

13 They said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole his body while we were sleeping.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:14

ULT

14 And if this {report} is heard by the governor, we will persuade {him} and keep you free from care.”

UST

14 If the governor hears about this, we ourselves will make sure that he does not get angry and punish you. So you will not have to worry.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:15

ULT

15 And they, having taken {the} money, did as they had been instructed. And this report was reported widely among {the} Jews even until today.

UST

15 So the soldiers took the money and did as they were told. And this story has been told among the Jews to this very day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:16

ULT

16 Now the 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.

UST

16 Later the eleven disciples went to the district of Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Matthew 28:17

ULT
17 And having seen him, they worshiped {him}, but some doubted.

UST
17 They saw him there and worshiped him. But some doubted that it was really Jesus and that he had become alive again.

What did the disciples do when they saw Jesus in Galilee?
The disciples worshiped Jesus, but some doubted.

Matthew 28:18

ULT
18 And having come, Jesus spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on the earth.

UST
18 Then Jesus came close to them and said, “My Father has given me all authority over everything and everyone in heaven and on earth.

What authority did Jesus say had been given to him?
Jesus said that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him.

Matthew 28:19

ULT
19 Having gone, therefore, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;

UST
19 So go, and use my authority to teach my message to people of all people groups so that they may become my disciples. Baptize them to be under the authority of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

What did Jesus command his disciples to do?
Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples, and to baptize them.

Into what name did Jesus tell his disciples to baptize?
Jesus told his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:20

ULT

20 teaching them to obey all {things} that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days,
even to the end of the age.”

UST

20 Teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember that I will be with you always,
until the end of this age.”

What did Jesus command his disciples to teach?

Jesus commanded his disciples to teach the nations to obey all the things he had commanded.

What final promise did Jesus give his disciples?

Jesus promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

Mark

Mark 1

Mark 1:1

ULT
1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

UST
1 This is the beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, who is the Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:2

ULT
2 Just as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way;

UST
2 This good news began just as the prophet Isaiah said that it would when he wrote long ago, “Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will make people ready for when you come.

What did the prophet Isaiah predict would happen before the Lord came? (vv2-3)
Isaiah predicted that God would send a messenger, a voice of someone calling out in the wilderness, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Mark 1:3

ULT
3 a voice crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of {the} Lord; make his paths straight.’”

UST
3 He will be a voice calling out in the desolate place to anyone who hears him, saying, ‘Make yourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Get everything organized for his coming.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:4

ULT

4 John came, the one baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.

UST

4 The messenger that Isaiah wrote about was John. People called him “The Baptizer.” John was in a desolate area near the Jordan River. He was baptizing people and proclaiming to them that if they repent, then he will baptize them, and God will forgive their sins.

What did John come preaching?

John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:5

ULT

5 And the whole region of Judea and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

UST

5 A great number of people from the region of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to the wilderness to hear John speak. Many of those who heard him agreed that they had sinned. Then John baptized them in the Jordan River.

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

The people confessed their sins as they were baptized by John.

Mark 1:6

ULT

6 And John was clothed with camel hair and a leather belt around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

UST

6 John wore clothes made of camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate grasshoppers and honey that he found in that desolate area.

What did John eat?

John ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:7

ULT

7 And he was proclaiming, saying, “One mightier than I is coming after me, of whom I am not worthy, stooping down, to untie the strap of his sandals.

UST

7 He was preaching, “Very shortly one will come who is very great. I am nothing compared to him. I am not even worthy to stoop down and untie his sandals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:8

ULT

8 I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with {the} Holy Spirit.”

UST

8 I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

With what did John say the one coming after him would baptize?

John said the one coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:9

ULT

9 And it happened that in those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and he was baptized by John in the Jordan.

UST

9 During the time when John was preaching, Jesus came from Nazareth, a town in the Galilee region. He went to where John was preaching, and John baptized him in the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:10

ULT

10 And immediately, coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being split open and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove.

UST

10 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven tearing open and the Spirit of God descending on him. The Spirit of God came down from heaven like a dove.

What did Jesus see as he came up out of the water after being baptized by John?

After being baptized, Jesus saw the heavens split open and the Spirit descend on him as a dove.

Mark 1:11

ULT

11 And a voice came out of the heavens, “You are my beloved Son. I am well pleased with you.”

UST

11 Then God spoke from heaven and said, “You are my Son, the one whom I love dearly. I am very pleased with you.”

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, “You are my beloved Son; I am very pleased with you.”

Mark 1:12

ULT

12 And immediately, the Spirit compelled him to go out into the wilderness.

UST

12 Then the Spirit of God sent Jesus out into the desolate area.

Who drove Jesus out into the wilderness?

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:13

ULT
13 And he was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.

UST
13 Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days. During that time, Satan was tempting him. There were wild animals in that place, and angels were taking care of him.

How long was Jesus in the wilderness, and what happened to him there?
Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days, and he was tempted by Satan there.

Mark 1:14

ULT
14 But after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God

UST
14 Later, after the governor, Herod Antipas, put John the Baptizer in prison, Jesus went to the Galilee region. In Galilee, he was preaching God's good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:15

ULT
15 and saying, "The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the gospel."

UST
15 He was saying, "The time has come at last. God will soon show that he is king. Repent and believe the good news."

What message did Jesus preach?
Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was near, and that people must repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:16

ULT

16 And walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, were net-casting into the sea, for they were fishermen.

UST

16 One day while Jesus was walking along the coast of the sea of Galilee, he saw two men, Simon and Simon's brother, Andrew. They were casting their fishing net into the sea to catch fish. They earned money by catching and selling fish.

What was the occupation of Simon and Andrew?

Simon and Andrew were fishermen.

Mark 1:17

ULT

17 And Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

UST

17 Then Jesus said to them, "Just like you have been gathering fish, come with me, and I will teach you how to gather people to be my disciples."

What did Jesus say he would make Simon and Andrew become?

Jesus said he would make Simon and Andrew fishers of men.

Mark 1:18

ULT

18 And immediately, having left the nets, they followed him.

UST

18 Immediately after Jesus said this, they stopped working, and they went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:19

ULT

[19] And having gone on a little farther, he saw James, the {son} of Zebedee, and John, his brother, and they are mending the nets in the boat.

UST

[19] After they had gone on a little further, Jesus saw two other men, James and James' brother, John. They were the sons of a man named Zebedee. They were all in a boat fixing their fishing nets.

What was the occupation of James and John?

James and John were fishermen.

Mark 1:20

ULT

[20] And immediately, having called them and they having left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants, they went away after him.

UST

[20] As soon as Jesus saw them, he told them to come with him. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat with his servants, and they went away with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:21

ULT

[21] And he enters into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbaths, having entered into the synagogue, he began to teach.

UST

[21] Jesus, along with Peter, Andrew, James, and John, went into the nearby town of Capernaum. There, Jesus began teaching in the Jewish meeting place on the Sabbath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:22

ULT

22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes.

UST

22 Those who were listening were amazed at the way he taught. He taught like a teacher who relies on what he himself knows. He did not teach like those who taught the Jewish laws, who repeated the different things that other men had taught.

Why did Jesus' teaching astonish the people in the synagogue?

Jesus' teaching astonished the people because Jesus taught as one with authority.

Mark 1:23

ULT

23 And immediately there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

UST

23 In the Jewish preaching place where Jesus taught, there was a man who was controlled by an evil spirit. The man with the evil spirit began shouting,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:24

ULT

24 saying, "What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

UST

24 "Hey! Jesus, from Nazareth! We evil spirits have nothing to do with you! Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One from God!"

What title did the unclean spirit in the synagogue give Jesus?

The unclean spirit in the synagogue gave Jesus the title of the Holy One of God.

Mark 1:25

ULT
25 And Jesus rebuked it, saying, “Be silenced and come out from him!”

UST
25 Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, saying, “Be quiet and come out of that man!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:26

ULT
26 And having thrown him down and having cried out with a loud voice, the unclean spirit went out from him.

UST
26 The evil spirit shook the man violently. It screamed loudly, and then it came out of the man and left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:27

ULT
27 And {they} all were amazed, so they discussed among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching according to authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!”

UST
27 All the people who were in the synagogue were amazed. As a result, they discussed this among themselves, saying, “This is something we have never seen before! Not only does he teach in a new and authoritative way, but he also commands the evil spirits, and they obey him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:28

ULT
28 And the news of him immediately went out everywhere into the whole surrounding region of Galilee.

UST
28 The people very soon told many others throughout the entire Galilee region what Jesus had done.

What happened with the news about Jesus?
The news about Jesus went out everywhere.

Mark 1:29

ULT

29 And immediately, having come out from the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, along with James and John.

UST

29 After they left the Jewish preaching place, Jesus, Simon, and Andrew, along with James and John, went directly to the house of Simon and Andrew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:30

ULT

30 Now the mother-in-law of Simon was lying down, being sick with a fever, and immediately they speak to him concerning her.

UST

30 Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed because she was feeling sick; she had a fever. Right away someone told Jesus about her being sick.

When they went into Simon's house, who did Jesus heal?

When they went into Simon's house, Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law.

Mark 1:31

ULT

31 And having come near, he raised her up, having taken hold of {her} hand, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

UST

31 Jesus went to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. She immediately recovered from the fever and began serving them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:32

ULT

32 Now having become evening, after the sun had set, they were bringing to him all the ones having sickness and the ones possessed by demons.

UST

32 That evening, after the sun had gone down, people from the surrounding area brought to Jesus many others who were sick and those whom evil spirits controlled.

What happened when it was evening? (vv32-34)

When it was evening, the people brought all who were sick or possessed by demons, and Jesus healed them.

Mark 1:33

ULT

33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

UST

33 It seemed as though everyone who lived in the town had gathered at the doorway of Simon's house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:34

ULT

34 And he healed many having sickness with various diseases and cast out many demons, but he was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew him.

UST

34 Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases. He also forced many evil spirits to come out from people. He did not allow the evil spirits to tell people about him, because they knew that he was the Holy One from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:35

ULT

35 And while still dark before dawn, having gotten up, he left and went away to a solitary place, and there he began to pray.

UST

35 Jesus got up very early the next morning while it was still dark. He left the house and went away from the town to a place where there were no people. Then he prayed.

What did Jesus do before the sun rose?
Before the sun rose, Jesus went out to a solitary place and prayed there.

Mark 1:36

ULT

36 And Simon and the ones with him searched for him

UST

36 Simon and his companions searched for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:37

ULT

37 and found him and say to him, “Everyone is seeking you.”

UST

37 When they found him they said, “Everyone in town is looking for you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:38

ULT
38 And he says to them, “Let us go elsewhere, into the surrounding towns, so that I may preach there also, because I came for this.”

UST
38 Jesus said to them, “We need to go to the other towns in this region so that I can preach there as well. This is the reason I came here.”

What did Jesus tell Simon he had come to do? (vv38-39)
Jesus said that he had come to preach in the surrounding towns.

Mark 1:39

ULT
39 And he went in all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out the demons.

UST
39 So they went throughout Galilee region. As they went, Jesus would preach in the Jewish preaching places and force evil spirits to come out from people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:40

ULT
40 And a leper comes to him, begging him and kneeling down, saying to him, “If you are willing, you are able to make me clean.”

UST
40 One day a man who had a bad skin disease called leprosy came to Jesus. He knelt down in front of Jesus and pleaded with him, saying, “Please make me clean, because you are able to make me clean if it is your will!”

What attitude did Jesus have toward the leper who begged Jesus to be healed? (vv40-41)
Jesus had pity on the leper and healed him.

Mark 1:41

ULT

41 And having been moved with compassion, having reached out his hand, he touched him, and says to him, “I am willing. Be cleansed.”

UST

41 Jesus felt compassion for him. He reached out his hand and touched the man. Then he said to him, “It is my will to heal you, so be healed!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:42

ULT

42 And immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was made clean.

UST

42 Immediately the man was healed! He was no longer a leper!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:43

ULT

43 But having strictly warned him, he immediately sent him away.

UST

43 Jesus gave the man a warning as he was sending him away,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 1:44

ULT

44 And he says to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

UST

44 saying, “Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go to a priest, and show yourself to him so that he may examine you and see that you no longer have leprosy. Then make the offering that Moses commanded for people whom God has healed from leprosy. This will be the testimony to the community that you no longer have leprosy.”

What did Jesus tell the leper to do, and why?

Jesus told the leper to go offer the sacrifices according to what Moses commanded. It would serve the community as a testimony that he was healed.

Mark 1:45

ULT

45 But he, having gone out, began to proclaim often and to spread the word widely, so that he was able no longer to enter into a town openly, but he was out in desolate places, and they were coming to him from all sides.

UST

45 The man did not follow Jesus’ instruction. He began telling many people about how Jesus had healed him. As a result, Jesus was no longer able to enter towns publicly, because the crowds of people would surround him. Instead, he remained outside the towns in places where no one lived. But people kept coming to him from all over that region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2

Mark 2:1

ULT

[1] And having entered again into Capernaum after {some} days, it was heard that he is in a house.

UST

[1] After some days had passed, Jesus returned to the town of Capernaum. People spread the news quickly to others that Jesus had returned and was in a certain house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:2

ULT

[2] And many gathered so that there {was} no more space, not even at the door, and he began to speak the word to them.

UST

[2] Soon a great number of people gathered where Jesus was staying. The number was so great that the house was full. There was no longer space to stand, not even around the doorway. Jesus spoke God's message to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:3

ULT

[3] And they come bringing to him a paralytic, being carried by four men.

UST

[3] Some people came to the house bringing to Jesus a man who was paralyzed. Four men carried him on a sleeping pad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:4

ULT

4 And not being able to approach him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and having dug an opening, they lower the mat where the paralytic was lying.

UST

4 They were not able to bring the man close to Jesus because of the crowd that had gathered. So, they went up on the roof of the house and made a big hole in the roof above Jesus. They lowered the paralyzed man on his sleeping pad through the hole in front of Jesus.

What did the four men do who were carrying the paralyzed man?

The men removed the roof of the house and lowered the paralyzed man to Jesus.

Mark 2:5

ULT

5 And Jesus, having seen their faith, says to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.”

UST

5 After Jesus perceived that the men believed that he could heal this man, he said to the paralyzed man, “My child, I have forgiven your sins!”

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?

Jesus said, “Child, your sins are forgiven”.

Mark 2:6

ULT

6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

UST

6 Some men who taught the Jewish laws were sitting there. They started thinking to themselves,

Why did some of the scribes object to what Jesus had said? (vv6-7)

Some of the scribes reasoned that Jesus had blasphemed because only God can forgive sins.

Mark 2:7

ULT

7 “Why does this one speak this way? He is blaspheming! Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?”

UST

7 “Who does this man think he is, talking like that? He insults God by saying that! No person can forgive sins—only God can!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:8

ULT

8 And immediately, Jesus, having perceived in his spirit that they are thinking in this manner within themselves, says to them, “Why are you thinking these {things} in your hearts?

UST

8 Right away, Jesus knew within himself what they were thinking. He said to them, “Why are you thinking that I don’t have the right to forgive sins?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:9

ULT

9 Which is easier to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say, ‘Get up and take up your mat, and walk’?

UST

9 Which would be easier for me to say to the paralyzed man, ‘I have forgiven your sins’ or ‘Stand up! Take your sleeping pad and walk’?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:10

ULT

10 But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins," he says to the paralytic,

UST

10 I will demonstrate to you that God has given the Son of Man authority on earth to forgive sins." Then he said to the paralyzed man,

How did Jesus demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins? (vv10-12)

Jesus told the paralyzed man to take up his bed and go to his house, and the man did.

Mark 2:11

ULT

11 "I say to you, get up, take up your mat, and go away to your house."

UST

11 "Stand up! Pick up your sleeping pad and go home!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:12

ULT

12 And having gotten up and immediately having taken up the mat, he went out in front of everyone, so that they are all amazed and glorify God, saying, "We never saw thus."

UST

12 The man stood up immediately. He picked up the sleeping pad, and he walked out of the house while all the people there were watching. They were all amazed, and they praised God and said, "We have never before seen anything like what happened just now!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:13

ULT

13 And he went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them.

UST

13 Jesus left the town of Capernaum and walked again along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd came to him, and he taught them.

What was Levi doing when Jesus told Levi to follow him? (vv13-14)

Levi was sitting at the tax-collecting place when Jesus called him.

Mark 2:14

ULT

14 And passing by, he saw Levi the {son} of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's tent, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.

UST

14 As he was walking, he saw a man named Levi, whose father's name was Alpheus. He was sitting at his workplace, where he collected taxes. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my disciple." He got up and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:15

ULT

15 And he happened to recline to eat in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and his disciples, for many also were following him.

UST

15 Later, Jesus was eating a meal in Levi's house. Many men who collected taxes—and others whom the religious leaders considered to be sinners—were eating with Jesus and his disciples. There were many people like this who were going everywhere with Jesus.

At Levi's house, what was Jesus doing that offended the Pharisees? (vv15-16)

Jesus was dining with the sinful people and tax collectors.

Mark 2:16

ULT

16 And the scribes of the Pharisees, having seen that he was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, began to say to his disciples, “Why is he eating with the tax collectors and sinners?”

UST

16 Men who taught the Jewish laws and who were members of the Pharisee sect saw that Jesus was eating with sinners and men who collected taxes. They asked Jesus’ disciples, “Why does he eat and drink with sinners and men who collect taxes?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:17

ULT

17 And having heard {this}, Jesus says to them, “The ones being healthy do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness. I came not to call {the} righteous, but sinners.”

UST

17 After Jesus heard what they were asking, he said to the men who taught the Jewish laws, “Healthy people do not need a doctor. On the contrary, it is those who are sick who need a doctor. I did not come to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me, but those who know that they have sinned.”

Who did Jesus say he had come to call?

Jesus said he had come to call sinful people.

Mark 2:18

ULT

18 And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting, and they come and say to him, “Because of what are the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fasting, but your disciples are not fasting?”

UST

18 Now at this time, the followers of John the Baptizer and some men who belonged to the Pharisee sect were abstaining from food, as they often did. Some men came to Jesus and asked him, “The disciples of John and of the Pharisees often abstain from food. Why do your students not abstain from food?”

What question did some people ask Jesus about fasting?

They asked Jesus why his disciples did not fast when John’s disciples and the Pharisees’ disciples did fast.

Mark 2:19

ULT

19 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of the wedding chamber are not able to fast while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? As much time as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.

UST

19 Jesus said to them, “When a man is marrying a woman, his friends will certainly not abstain from food while he is still with them. The wedding is a time of feasting and celebrating with the groom. It is not a time for abstaining from food, especially while the groom is with them.

How did Jesus explain why his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said that while the bridegroom is still with the wedding attendants, they cannot fast.

Mark 2:20

ULT

20 But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and in those days, then they will fast.

UST

20 But someday, the groom will be taken away from his friends. Then in those days, they will abstain from food.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:21

ULT

21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, but if not, the filler pulls away from it, the new from the old, and there is a worse tear.

UST

21 Jesus went on to say to them, “People do not sew a patch of unshrunken cloth on an old garment in order to mend a hole. If they did, when they washed the garment, the patch would shrink, and the new piece of cloth would tear off more of the old cloth. As a result, the hole would become even bigger!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:22

ULT

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, but if not, the wine will burst the wineskins and the wine and the wineskins will be destroyed, but new wine into fresh wineskins.”

UST

22 Similarly, people do not put new wine into old animal-skin bags to store it. If they did, the new wine would burst the skin bags because they would not stretch when the wine ferments and expands. As a result, both the wine and the skin bags would be ruined! On the contrary, people must put new wine into new skin bags!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:23

ULT

23 And he happened on the Sabbaths to pass through the grainfields, and his disciples began to make {their} way, picking the heads of grain.

UST

23 On one Jewish day of rest, Jesus was walking through some grain fields with his students. As they were walking along through the grain fields, Jesus’ disciples were plucking some of the heads of grain.

What did Jesus’ disciples do in some fields on the Sabbath which offended the Pharisees? (vv23-24)

Jesus’ disciples picked heads of grain and ate them on the Sabbath.

Mark 2:24

ULT

24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbaths?”

UST

24 Some of the Pharisees saw what they were doing and said to Jesus, “Look at this! They are breaking the Jewish law concerning the day of rest. Why are they doing that?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:25

ULT

25 And he says to them, “Have you never read what David did when he had need and was hungry—he and the ones with him—

UST

25 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read the scriptures concerning King David and the men who were with him, when they were hungry?

What example did Jesus give of someone who needed and ate bread normally forbidden for them? (vv25-26)

Jesus gave the example of David who, out of need, ate the bread of the presence, normally reserved for the priests.

Mark 2:26

ULT

26 how he went into the house of God during Abiathar {the} high priest and ate the bread of the presence, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and he also gave to the ones being with him?”

UST

26 During the time Abiathar was high priest, King David entered the house of God and asked for some bread. The high priest gave him some of the bread that had been on display before God. According to our laws, only the priests could eat that bread! But David ate some of it. Then he also gave some of it to the men who were with him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 2:27

ULT

27 And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

UST

27 Jesus said to them further, “God made the day of rest for the sake of mankind. He did not make the day of rest to be a burden on mankind.

For whom did Jesus say the Sabbath was made?

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for people.

Mark 2:28

ULT

28 Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath.”

UST

28 So, to be clear, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the day of rest!”

What authority did Jesus claim for himself?

Jesus said that he was Lord also of the Sabbath.

Mark 3

Mark 3:1

ULT
1 And he entered into a synagogue again, and there was a man having a withered hand.

UST
1 On another Jewish day of rest, Jesus again went into a Jewish meeting place. There was a man there whose hand was shriveled.

Why were they watching Jesus on the Sabbath in the synagogue? (vv1-2)
They were watching Jesus to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so they could accuse him.

Mark 3:2

ULT
2 And they were watching him closely, if he will heal him on the Sabbaths, so that they might accuse him.

UST
2 Some men of the Pharisee sect watched him carefully to see whether he would heal the man on the day of rest, for they wanted to be able to accuse him of doing something wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:3

ULT
3 And he says to the man having the withered hand, “Stand up in the midst.”

UST
3 Jesus said to the man whose hand was shriveled, “Stand up here in front of everyone!” {So the man stood up.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:4

ULT

4 And he says to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbaths to do good or to do harm; to save a life or to kill?” But they were keeping silent.

UST

4 Then Jesus said to the people, “Do the laws that God gave Moses permit people to do good on the day of rest, or to do evil? Do the laws permit us to save a person’s life on the day of rest, or permit us to refuse to help a person and let them die?” But they did not reply.

What question did Jesus ask the people about the Sabbath?

Jesus asked the people if it was lawful to do good, or to do harm on the Sabbath.

How did the people respond to Jesus’ question?

The people were silent.

Mark 3:5

ULT

5 And having looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their heart, he says to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

UST

5 He looked around at them angrily. He was very disappointed that they were stubborn {and not willing to help the man}. So he said to the man, “Extend your hand!” When the man extended his shriveled hand, it became healthy again!

What then was Jesus’ attitude toward them?

Jesus became angry with them.

Mark 3:6

ULT

6 And the Pharisees, having gone out, immediately were making counsel with the Herodians against him as to how they might kill him.

UST

6 The Pharisees left the meeting place. They immediately met with some of the Jews who supported Herod Antipas, who ruled the region of Galilee. Together they planned how they could kill Jesus.

What did the Pharisees do when Jesus healed the man?

The Pharisees went out and plotted to put Jesus to death.

Mark 3:7

ULT

[7] And Jesus, with his disciples, withdrew to the sea, and a great crowd followed from Galilee and from Judea

UST

[7] Jesus and his disciples left that town and went to an area further along the Sea of Galilee. A great crowd of people followed him. The people that followed him came from the regions of Galilee and Judea,

How many people followed Jesus as he went to the sea? (vv7-8)
A great crowd followed Jesus.

Mark 3:8

ULT

[8] and from Jerusalem and from Idumea and beyond the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. A great crowd, hearing how much he was doing, came to him.

UST

[8] from the city of Jerusalem, from the region of Idumea, from the region on the east side of the Jordan River, and from the region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. They all came to Jesus because they had heard about what he was doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:9

ULT

[9] And he spoke to his disciples so that a small boat might be waiting for him because of the crowd, so that they might not press against him.

UST

[9-10] Because he had healed many people, many other people who had various illnesses pushed forward in order to touch him. They believed that if they only touched him, that touch would make them well. So he told his disciples that they should get a small boat ready for him in order that the crowd would not crush him when they pushed forward to touch him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:10

ULT

10 For he healed many, so then as many as had diseases pressed against him so that they might touch him.

UST

9-10 Because he had healed many people, many other people who had various illnesses pushed forward in order to touch him. They believed that if they only touched him, that touch would make them well. So he told his disciples that they should get a small boat ready for him in order that the crowd would not crush him when they pushed forward to touch him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:11

ULT

11 And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they were falling down before him and crying out, saying, “You are the Son of God.”

UST

11 Whenever the evil spirits saw Jesus, they caused the people whom they controlled to fall down in front of Jesus and call out to him, “You are the Son of God!”

What did the demons cry out when they saw Jesus?

The demons cried out that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mark 3:12

ULT

12 And he was often rebuking them so that they might not make him known.

UST

12 Jesus commanded the evil spirits strongly that they must not tell anyone who he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:13

ULT
13 And he goes up on the mountain and summons {those} whom he himself wanted, and they went to him.

UST
13 Jesus went up into the hills. There, he summoned those that he wanted to go with him, and they followed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:14

ULT
14 And he appointed 12 (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and so that he might send them to preach

UST
14 He appointed twelve men to travel with him, whom also he would send out to preach. He called them his special representatives.

How many men did Jesus appoint as apostles, and what were they to do? (vv14-15)
Jesus appointed 12 apostles who were to be with him, preach, and have authority to cast out demons.

Mark 3:15

ULT
15 and to have authority to cast out the demons.

UST
15 He also gave them power to be able to force evil spirits to come out from people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:16

ULT
16 And he appointed the Twelve [1] , and he added to Simon {the} name Peter;

UST
16 And Jesus appointed 12 men. He appointed Simon and gave him a new name, Peter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:17

ULT
17 and James the {son} of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, to whom he also added {the} name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder;

UST
17 And along with Peter, Jesus also appointed James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James. He gave both of them the new name, ‘Men Who Are Like Thunder’ because of their fiery zeal;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:18

ULT
18 and Andrew and Philip and Bartholomew and Matthew and Thomas and James the {son} of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus and Simon the Zealot

UST
18 and he appointed Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, and James who was the son of Alphaeus; and he appointed Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:19

ULT
19 and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

UST
19 and Judas Iscariot (who later caused him to get arrested).

Who was the apostle that would betray Jesus?
The apostle that would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Mark 3:20

ULT

20 And he comes into a house, and the crowd gathers together again, so that they are not able even to eat bread.

UST

20 Jesus and his apprentices went to a house. Again a crowd gathered where he was staying. Many people crowded around him. He and his apprentices did not even have time to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:21

ULT

21 And the ones beside him, having heard about it, went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

UST

21 When his relatives heard about this, they went to take him home with them, because some people were saying that he was insane.

What did Jesus’ family think about the crowds and the events surrounding Jesus?

Jesus’ family thought that he was out of his mind.

Mark 3:22

ULT

22 And the scribes having come down from Jerusalem were saying, “He has Beelzebul” and “By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons.”

UST

22 Some men who taught the Jewish laws came downhill from the city of Jerusalem. They heard that Jesus was forcing evil spirits to come out of people. So they were telling people, “Beelzebul, who rules the evil spirits, controls Jesus. He is the one who gives Jesus the power to force evil spirits out from people!”

What accusation did the scribes make against Jesus?

The scribes accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Mark 3:23

ULT
23 But having called them to himself, in parables he was saying to them, “How is Satan able to cast out Satan?

UST
23 So Jesus summoned those men over to himself. Jesus spoke to them in parables and said, “How can Satan expel Satan?

What was Jesus’ response to the scribes’ accusation? (vv23-24)
Jesus responded that no kingdom divided against itself can stand.

Mark 3:24

ULT
24 And if a kingdom has been divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand.

UST
24 If people who live in the same country are fighting against one another, their country will cease to be a united country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:25

ULT
25 And if a house has been divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

UST
25 And if people who live in the same house fight each other, they will certainly not remain united as one family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:26

ULT
26 And if Satan rose up against himself and was divided, he is not able to stand, but he has an end.

UST
26 Similarly, if Satan and his evil spirits were fighting one another, instead of remaining strong, he would become powerless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:27

ULT
27 But no one is able, having entered into the house of the strong man, to steal his possessions unless he would tie up the strong man first, and then he will plunder his house.

UST
27 No one can go into the house of a strong man and take his possessions away from him unless he first ties up the strong man. Only then will he be able to steal the things in that man's house."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:28

ULT
28 Truly I say to you that all the sins of the sons of men will be forgiven, even the blasphemies, whatever they may blaspheme,

UST
28 Jesus also said, "Consider this carefully! People may sin in many ways, and they may speak evil about God, yet God can still forgive them.

What sin did Jesus say cannot be forgiven? (vv28-29)
Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven.

Mark 3:29

ULT
29 but whoever has blasphemed against the Holy Spirit does not have forgiveness to eternity but is guilty of an eternal sin"—

UST
29 But if anyone speaks evil words about the Holy Spirit, God will never forgive them. That person is eternally guilty of sin."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:30

ULT
30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

UST
30 Jesus told them this because they were saying, “An evil spirit is controlling him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:31

ULT
31 And his mother and his brothers come, and standing outside, they sent to him, summoning him.

UST
31 Jesus’ mother and younger siblings came to where Jesus was teaching. While they stood outside, they sent someone inside to tell Jesus to come to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:32

ULT
32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they say to him, “Behold, your mother and your brothers seek you outside.”

UST
32 A crowd was sitting around Jesus. Some of them said to him, “Listen! Your mother and younger siblings are outside. They want to see you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:33

ULT
33 And answering them, he says, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

UST
33 Jesus asked them, “Who is my mother? Who are my siblings?”

Who did Jesus say were his mother and brothers? (vv33-35)
Jesus said that his mother and brothers were those who do the will of God.

Mark 3:34

ULT

34 And having looked around at the ones sitting in a circle around him, he says, “Behold, my mother and my brothers!

UST

34 After he looked around at those who sat with him, he said, “Look here! You are my mother and my siblings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 3:35

ULT

35 For whoever does the will of God, this is my brother and sister and mother.”
3:16 [1]

UST

35 For those who do what God wants are my brother, my sister, or my mother!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4

Mark 4:1

ULT

1 And again, he began to teach beside the sea, and a large crowd is gathered around him. Therefore, he had stepped into a boat on the sea to sit in it, and the whole crowd was on the shore beside the sea.

UST

1 Another time Jesus began to teach people alongside the Sea of Galilee. As he was teaching, a very large crowd gathered around him. Because {the crowd was so big}, he got into a boat and pushed out onto the water. The crowd listened to his teaching from the shore of the sea.

Why did Jesus get into a boat to teach?
Jesus got into a boat to sit and teach because a very large crowd had gathered around him.

Mark 4:2

ULT

2 And he was teaching them many {things} in parables, and was saying to them in his teaching,

UST

2 He taught them by using simple stories with a lesson in them. He told them this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:3

ULT

3 “Listen! Behold, the sower went out to sow.

UST

3 “Here me now. A man went out to his field to plant some seeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:4

ULT
4 And it happened that as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured it.

UST
4 As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then some birds came and ate those seeds.

What happened to the seeds sown on the road?
The birds came and devoured them.

Mark 4:5

ULT
5 And other fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, because it did not have deep soil.

UST
5 Other seed fell on ground where there was little soil but lots of rocks. Very soon the seedling appeared through the soil because the soil was not very deep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:6

ULT
6 And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it was dried up.

UST
6 Later that day, after the sun shone on the young plant, it got dried out and withered because the shallow roots could not find water among the rocks in the ground.

What happened to the seeds sown on the rocky ground when the sun rose?
They withered away because they had no root.

Mark 4:7

ULT
7 And other fell into the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it did not produce a crop.

UST
7 As he sowed, another seed fell on ground that contained roots of thorny plants. The seedling grew, but the thorny plants also grew up and crowded out the good plant. So the plant produced no grain.

What happened to the seeds sown among thorn plants?
The thorn plants choked them.

Mark 4:8

ULT
8 And other fell into the good soil, and it was producing a crop, growing up and being increased and yielding one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100.”

UST
8 But as he sowed, another seed fell on good soil. As a result, it sprouted, grew large, and then produced plenty of grain. Some of these plants bore 30 times as much as the seed that the man had planted. Some bore 60 times as much. Some bore 100 times as much.”

What happened to the seeds sown in the good soil?
The seeds produced grain, yielding 30, 60, and some, 100 times what was planted.

Mark 4:9

ULT
9 And he said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!”

UST
9 Then Jesus said, “Whoever is willing to listen, listen to what I say.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:10

ULT
10 And when he was alone, the ones around him with the Twelve were asking him about the parables.

UST
10 Later, when only the 12 apprentices and other close followers were with him, they asked him about the parables.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:11

ULT
11 And he began to say to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those, the ones outside, everything is in parables,

UST
11 He said to them, “To you I have explained the message about how God reveals himself as king, but to the others I have spoken in parables.

What did Jesus say was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside?
Jesus said the mystery of the kingdom of God was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside.

Mark 4:12

ULT
12 so that looking, they may look but may not see, and hearing, they may hear but may not understand, so that they might not turn, and it might be forgiven to them.”

UST
12 When they see what I am doing, they will not learn {why I do it}. When they hear what I say, they will not understand what it means. This is so that they may not repent, and God may not forgive them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:13

ULT
13 And he says to them, “Do you not understand this parable? And how will you understand all the parables?

UST
13 Jesus also said to his apprentices, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand when I teach you other parables?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:14

ULT
14 The sower sows the word.

UST
14 In the parable that I told you, the man who sows seeds represents someone who teaches God’s message to others.

In Jesus’ parable, what is the seed?
The seed is the word of God.

Mark 4:15

ULT
15 Now these are the ones beside the road, where the word is being sown, but whenever they have heard it, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word {that} was sown in them.

UST
15 Some people are like the instance when the seeds fell along the path. When they hear God’s message, Satan comes at once and causes them to forget what they have heard.

What does the seed sown on the road represent?
It represents those who hear the word, but immediately Satan takes it away.

Mark 4:16

ULT
16 And in the same manner, these are the ones being sown on the rocky ground, who, whenever they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy,

UST
16 Some people are like the seed which the farmer sows upon the rocky soil. When they hear God's message, they immediately accept it with joy.

What does the seed sown on the rocky ground represent? (vv16-17)
It represents those who hear the word with joy, but when persecution comes, they stumble.

Mark 4:17

ULT
17 and they have no root in themselves, but are temporary. Then, tribulation or persecution having come because of the word, immediately they fall away.

UST
17 But, they did not have their own strong roots, and they lack the ability to endure. Because of this, when people cause them to suffer because of the message of God, they quickly stop believing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:18

ULT
18 And others are the ones being sown into the thorns. These are the ones having heard the word,

UST
18 Some people are like the soil that has thorny weeds in it. Those people hear God's message

What does the seed sown among thorn plants represent? (vv18-19)
It represents those who hear the word, but the cares of the world choke the word.

Mark 4:19

ULT
19 but the cares of the age and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires concerning other things, entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

UST
19 but only care about earthly things and becoming rich, and they forget God's message. These things, filling the person's life, choke the message which they received, and the person becomes unable to bear fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:20

ULT
20 And those are the ones sown in the good soil, who hear the word and receive it and produce a crop—one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100."

UST
20 But some people are like the seed that was sown on the good soil. They hear God's message, and they accept it, and they believe it, and they do the things that God wants them to do. They are like the good plants that produced 30, 60, or 100 grains."

What does the seed sown in the good soil represent?
It represents those who hear the word, receive it, and produce fruit.

Mark 4:21

ULT
21 And he was saying to them, "The lamp does not come so that it might be put under a basket or under the bed, does it? Is it not so that it might be put on the lampstand?

UST
21 He told the apprentices another parable: "People certainly do not light an oil lamp and then bring it in the house in order to put something over it to cover its light. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so that the light will shine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:22

ULT

22 For nothing is hidden except so that it will be revealed, and nothing secret has happened except so that it will come to exposure.

UST

22 Similarly, things that were hidden—one day everyone will know them—and the things that have happened in secret—one day everyone will see them in full light.

What did Jesus say would happen to the hidden and secret things?

Jesus said that the hidden and secret things would be brought into the light.

Mark 4:23

ULT

23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!”

UST

23 If you want to understand this, you should consider carefully what you have just heard.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:24

ULT

24 And he was saying to them, “Pay attention to what you hear. In what measure you use, it will be measured to you, and it will be added to you.

UST

24 “Consider carefully what you hear me say to you, for God will let you understand to the same degree that you consider what I say. He will let you understand even more than that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:25

ULT
25 For {he} who has, it will be given to him, and {he} who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

UST
25 For if a person has some understanding, he will receive even more. But if a person does not have understanding, even what little he has, he will lose.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:26

ULT
26 And he was saying, “Thus is the kingdom of God: As a man throws the seed on the ground,

UST
26 Jesus also said, “When God begins to show himself as king, it is like a man who has scattered seed on the ground.

In what way is the kingdom of God like a man who casts his seed upon the ground? (vv26-27)
The man casts the seed, and it grows, but he does not know how, then when the harvest is ripe he gathers it.

Mark 4:27

ULT
27 and he sleeps and gets up, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.

UST
27 Afterwards he slept each night and rose up each day without worrying about the seeds. During that time the seeds sprouted and grew in a way that he did not understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:28

ULT
28 The soil produces a crop of its own accord: first a blade, then a head, then a mature grain in the head.

UST
28 The ground produced the crop on its own. First the stalks appeared. Then the heads appeared. Then the full kernels in the heads appeared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:29

ULT
29 And whenever it has delivered the crop, he immediately sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come."

UST
29 As soon as the grain was ripe, he sent people to harvest it, because it was time to harvest the grain."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:30

ULT
30 And he was saying, "How will we compare the kingdom of God, or in what parable will we present it?

UST
30 Jesus told them another story with a lesson. He said, "When God begins to show himself as king, what is it like? What word picture can I use to describe it?

In what way is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed? (vv30-32)
The mustard seed begins as the smallest of seeds, yet grows into a great plant where many can make their nests.

Mark 4:31

ULT

31 {It is} like a mustard seed, which, when it has been sown in the soil, being the smallest of all the seeds on the earth,

UST

31 It is like mustard seeds, which are the smallest seeds that are planted in the ground, smaller than any other seed upon the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:32

ULT

32 and when it has been sown, it grows and becomes greater than all the edible plants, and it makes large branches, so that the birds of the sky are able to make their nests in its shade."

UST

32 After they are planted, they grow up and become larger than the other garden plants. They put out big branches so that birds are able to make nests in their shade."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:33

ULT

33 And with many such parables he was speaking the word to them, to the degree that they were able to hear;

UST

33 Jesus used many parables when he talked to the people about God's message. He told them as much as they were able to understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:34

ULT
34 but he was not speaking to them without a parable, but by himself he was explaining everything to {his} own disciples.

UST
34 He always used stories with lessons when he spoke to them. But he explained all the parables to his own apprentices when he was alone with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:35

ULT
35 And he says to them on that day, evening having come, “Let us cross over to the other side.”

UST
35 On that same day, when the sun was setting, Jesus said to his apprentices, “Let us cross over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.”

What happened as the disciples and Jesus crossed the lake? (vv35-37)
A great storm began, threatening to fill the boat with water.

Mark 4:36

ULT
36 And having left the crowd, they take him with {them}, as he was, in the boat, and other boats were with him.

UST
36 Jesus was already in the boat, so they left the crowd of people and sailed away. Other people also went along with them in their boats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:37

ULT

37 And a great storm of wind happens, and the waves were breaking into the boat so as to already be filling the boat.

UST

37 A strong wind came up and the waves started coming into the boat! The boat was in danger of being filled with water

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:38

ULT

38 And he himself was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they wake him up and say to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”

UST

38 Jesus was in the back part of the boat. He was sleeping with his head on a cushion. So the apprentices woke him up and said to him, “Teacher! Are you not concerned that we are about to die?”

What was Jesus doing at this time in the boat?

Jesus was sleeping.

What question did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus if he cared that they were about to die.

Mark 4:39

ULT

39 And having been awakened, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

UST

39 So Jesus got up and rebuked the wind, and he spoke to the lake, “Be quiet! Be still!” The wind stopped blowing, and then the Sea of Galilee became very calm.

What did Jesus then do?

Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

Mark 4:40

ULT

40 And he said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you not yet have faith?”

UST

40 He said to the apprentices, “Why are you afraid? Do you not yet believe that I can protect you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 4:41

ULT

41 And they were filled with great fear and were saying to one another, “Who then is this, for even the wind and the sea obey him?”

UST

41 They were terrified. They said to one another, “Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

After Jesus did this, what was the response of the disciples?

The disciples were filled with great fear and wondered who Jesus was, that the wind and sea obeyed him.

Mark 5

Mark 5:1

ULT

[1] And they came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.

UST

[1] Jesus and his apprentices arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. People called the Gerasenes lived near the place where they landed.

Who met Jesus when they came to the region of the Gerasenes? (vv1-2)
A man with an unclean spirit met Jesus.

Mark 5:2

ULT

[2] And {when} he had gotten out from the boat, immediately a man with an unclean spirit came from the tombs to meet him,

UST

[2] When Jesus stepped out of the boat, a man came out from the tombs in a cemetery. Evil spirits controlled the man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:3

ULT

[3] who had {his} dwelling in the tombs, and no one was able to bind him anymore, not even with a chain,

UST

[3] The man was coming out of the cemetery because he lived among the tombs. The people at times tried to restrain him. They could not restrain him, not even with {metal} chains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:4

ULT

4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles had been shattered, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

UST

4 Whenever they used chains and shackles, the man would break them apart. He was so strong that no one was able to control him.

What had happened when people tried to restrain this man with chains?
When people tried to restrain this man with chains, he tore the chains apart.

Mark 5:5

ULT

5 And throughout every night and day in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and cutting himself with stones.

UST

5 Day and night the man would spend his time among the places in the cemetery where people were buried. In the hill-country he would scream out loud and cut himself with sharp stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:6

ULT

6 And having seen Jesus from a distance, he ran to him and bowed down to him.

UST

6 When he saw Jesus in the distance getting out of the boat, he ran over to him and knelt before him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:7

ULT

7 And crying out in a loud voice, he says, “What to me and to you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you by God, do not torment me.”

UST

7-8 The demon cried out in a loud voice, “Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! Swear by the name of God that you will not torture me!” The demon said this because Jesus was saying to him, “Go out from that man, unclean spirit!”

What title did the unclean spirit give Jesus?

The unclean spirit called Jesus the Son of the Most High God.

Mark 5:8

ULT

8 For he was saying to him, “Come out from the man, unclean spirit.”

UST

7-8 The demon cried out in a loud voice, “Leave me alone, Jesus, Son of the Most High God! Swear by the name of God that you will not torture me!” The demon said this because Jesus was saying to him, “Go out from that man, unclean spirit!”

What did Jesus say to the unclean spirit in the man?

Jesus said, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit”.

Mark 5:9

ULT

9 And he was asking him, “What {is} your name?” And he says to him, “My name {is} Legion, for we are many.”

UST

9 Jesus asked the unclean spirit, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion because there are many of us evil spirits in this man.”

What was the name of the unclean spirit?

The unclean spirit’s name was Legion, because there were many.

Mark 5:10

ULT
10 And he was begging him repeatedly that he would not send them out of the region.

UST
10 Then the evil spirits kept asking Jesus fervently that he not send them out of the region.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:11

ULT
11 But there was a great herd of pigs being fed on the hill,

UST
11 At the same time, a large herd of pigs was grazing nearby on the hillside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:12

ULT
12 and they begged him, saying, “Send us into the pigs, so that we might enter into them.”

UST
12 So the evil spirits pleaded with Jesus saying, “Allow us to go to the pigs in order that we might enter them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:13

ULT
13 And he permitted them, and having come out, the unclean spirits entered into the pigs, and the herd—about 2,000—rushed down the steep slope into the sea and drowned in the sea.

UST
13 Jesus permitted them to do that. So the evil spirits left the man and entered the pigs. The herd, which numbered about 2,000, rushed down the steep hill into the Sea of Galilee, where they drowned.

What happened when Jesus cast out the unclean spirit from the man?
The spirits came out and entered a herd of pigs, which ran down a steep hill and drowned in the lake.

Mark 5:14

ULT

14 And the ones feeding them ran away and reported {this} in the city and in the countryside, and they went out to see what it is {that} had happened.

UST

14 The men who were tending the pigs ran and reported in the town and the countryside what had happened. Many people {from those places} went to see for themselves what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:15

ULT

15 And they come to Jesus and see the one being demon-possessed, sitting, clothed and being in his right mind—the one {that} had had the Legion—and they became afraid.

UST

15 All of the people came to the place where Jesus was. Then they saw the man whom evil spirits had previously controlled. He was sitting there with clothes on and no longer acting like evil spirits controlled him. They were afraid when they saw all this.

After the unclean spirit was cast out, what was the condition of the man?

The man was sitting with Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.

Mark 5:16

ULT

16 And the ones having seen how it happened to the one being demon-possessed explained {it} to them, and about the pigs.

UST

16 The people who had seen what Jesus did told those who had come from the town and from the countryside. They told the people about what had happened to the man whom the evil spirits previously controlled. They also described what had happened to the pigs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:17

ULT
17 And they began to beg him to depart from their region.

UST
17 Then the people pleaded with Jesus to leave their region.

What did the people of the region ask Jesus to do?
The people asked Jesus to leave their region.

Mark 5:18

ULT
18 And {when} he is getting into the boat, the one having been demon-possessed was begging him so that he might be with him.

UST
18 As Jesus got in the boat to leave, the man whom the evil spirits previously controlled begged Jesus, “Please let me go with you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:19

ULT
19 But he did not permit him, but says to him, “Go to your house, to your {people}, and report to them how much the Lord has done for you and had mercy on you.”

UST
19 But Jesus did not let the man go with him. Instead, he said to him, “Go home to your family and tell them everything the Lord has done for you, and tell them how he has been so kind to you.”

What did Jesus tell the man who had lived in the tombs to now do?
Jesus told the man to tell his people what the Lord had done for him.

Mark 5:20

ULT
20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus did for him, and everyone was marveling.

UST
20 So the man went and traveled around the Ten Towns in that region. He told people everything Jesus had done for him. All the people who heard what the man said were amazed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:21

ULT
21 And {when} Jesus had crossed over again to the other side in the boat, a great crowd was gathered around him, and he was beside the sea.

UST
21 After Jesus crossed again in a boat to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:22

ULT
22 And behold, one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, comes, and having seen him, he falls at his feet.

UST
22 One of the men who was in charge of a Jewish meeting place, whose name was Jairus, came there. When he saw Jesus, he knelt at his feet.

What request did Jairus, the synagogue leader, make of Jesus? (vv22-23)
Jairus asked Jesus to come with him to lay hands on his daughter, who was near death.

Mark 5:23

ULT

23 And he begs him repeatedly, saying, “My little daughter is at the extreme; come, so that you might lay {your} hands on her in order that she might be healed, and she might live.”

UST

23 Then he pleaded with Jesus earnestly, “My daughter is sick and nearly dead! Please come to my house and place your hands on her. Heal her and keep her alive!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:24

ULT

24 And went with him, and a great crowd was following him and was pressing around him.

UST

24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed him, and many pushed in close to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:25

ULT

25 And a woman, being with a flow of blood for 12 years,

UST

25 There was a woman in the crowd who had a bleeding disorder. She had been bleeding every day for 12 years.

What was the problem with the woman who touched Jesus’ cloak?

The woman had suffered with a discharge of blood for 12 years.

Mark 5:26

ULT
26 and having suffered much from many doctors, and having spent everything {that} she had, and not having been helped, but instead having become worse,

UST
26 She suffered many times by the hand of many doctors. At the same time, she had spent all of her money and did not get better. Instead, she got worse.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:27

ULT
27 having heard the {things} about Jesus, having come up behind him in the crowd, she touched his cloak.

UST
27-28 When she heard that Jesus healed people, she joined the crowd which was following him. As she got near him, she touched his garment. She was thinking, “If I only touch his clothes, it will heal me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:28

ULT
28 For she was saying, “If I touch just his clothes, I will be saved.”

UST
27-28 When she heard that Jesus healed people, she joined the crowd which was following him. As she got near him, she touched his garment. She was thinking, “If I only touch his clothes, it will heal me.”

Why did the woman touch Jesus’ cloak?
The woman thought that if she just touched Jesus’ clothes, she would be healed.

Mark 5:29

ULT

29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up, and she knew in {her} body that she had been healed from the disease.

UST

29 At once her bleeding stopped. At the same time, she felt within her body that Jesus cured her of her illness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:30

ULT

30 And immediately Jesus, having realized in himself {that} {his} power had gone out from him, having turned around in the crowd, was saying, “Who touched my clothes?”

UST

30 Jesus also immediately sensed within himself that his power had healed someone. So he turned around in the crowd and then he asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

What did Jesus do when the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus knew that power had gone out from him so he asked who touched his clothes.

Mark 5:31

ULT

31 And his disciples were saying to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you, and you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

UST

31 His apprentices replied, “You can see that many people are pushing close to you! Probably many people have touched you! So why do you ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:32

ULT
32 But he was looking around to see the one having done this.

UST
32 But Jesus kept looking around in order to see the one who had touched him.

What did Jesus do after the woman touched his cloak?
Jesus looked around to see who had touched him.

Mark 5:33

ULT
33 And the woman, having become afraid and trembling, having known what had happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.

UST
33 The woman was very afraid and trembling, because she knew that when she touched Jesus, he healed her. She knelt before him and told him what she had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:34

ULT
34 But he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be healed from your disease.”

UST
34 He said to her, “Daughter, because you have believed that I could heal you, I have now healed you. Be at peace, knowing that I permanently healed you from your illness.”

When the woman told Jesus all the truth, what did Jesus say to her?
Jesus told her that her faith had made her well, and to go in peace.

Mark 5:35

ULT

35 {While} he is still speaking, they come from the synagogue leader's {house}, saying, "Your daughter died. Why trouble the teacher any longer?"

UST

35 While Jesus was still speaking to that woman, some people arrived who had come from Jairus' house. They said to Jairus, "Your daughter has now died. So there is no need to bother the teacher any longer in bringing him to your house."

What was the condition of Jairus' daughter when Jesus arrived at the house?

Jairus' daughter was dead.

Mark 5:36

ULT

36 But Jesus, having heard the word being spoken, says to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear. Only believe."

UST

36 But when Jesus heard what these men said, he said to Jairus, "Do not be afraid that your daughter is dead! Just believe that she will live!"

What did Jesus tell Jairus at this time?

Jesus told Jairus to not be afraid, but to just believe.

Mark 5:37

ULT

37 And he did not permit anyone to accompany him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

UST

37 Then he allowed only his three closest apprentices, Peter, James, and John, to go with him to the house. He did not allow any other people to go with him.

Which disciples went with Jesus into the room where the child was?

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus into the room.

Mark 5:38

ULT

38 And he comes to the house of the leader of the synagogue and sees a commotion and weeping and much wailing.

UST

38 After they arrived near Jairus' house, Jesus saw that the people there were in turmoil. They were weeping and wailing loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:39

ULT

39 And entering, he says to them, "Why are you upset and weeping? The child has not died but is sleeping."

UST

39 He entered the house, and then he said to the people there, "Why are you so upset and crying? The child is not dead, but only sleeping."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:40

ULT

40 And they were laughing at him, but he, having put {them} all outside, takes along the father of the child and the mother and the ones with him, and he enters where the child was.

UST

40 The people laughed at him because they knew that she was dead. He sent all the other people outside the house. Then he took the child's father and mother and the three apprentices who were with him, and they went into the room where the child was lying.

What did the people in the house do when Jesus said Jairus' daughter was only sleeping?

The people laughed at Jesus when he said that Jairus' daughter was only sleeping.

Mark 5:41

ULT
41 And having taken the hand of the child, he says to her, “Talitha, koum!” which is translated: “Little girl, I say to you, rise up.”

UST
41 He took hold of the child’s hand and said to her in her own language, “Talitha koum!” That means, “Little girl, get up!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 5:42

ULT
42 And immediately the little girl rose up and was walking (for she was 12 years {of age}), and they were immediately astonished with great amazement.

UST
42 At once the girl got up and walked around. (It was not surprising that she could walk, because she was 12 years old.) When this happened, all who were present were greatly amazed.

When the child got up and walked, how did the people react?
The people were greatly overcome and astonished.

Mark 5:43

ULT
43 And he strictly ordered them that no one should know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

UST
43 Jesus ordered them strictly, saying, “Do not tell anyone about what I have done!” Then he told them to give the girl something to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6

Mark 6:1

ULT

1 And he went out from there and comes to his hometown, and his disciples are following him.

UST

1 Jesus left the city of Capernaum and went to the place of his birth, Nazareth. His apprentices went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:2

ULT

2 And a Sabbath having come, he began to teach in the synagogue. And many of the ones hearing him were amazed, saying, “From where {are} these things, and what {is} this wisdom {that} has been given to this one, and these miracles happening by his hands?

UST

2 On the Jewish day of rest, he entered the Jewish preaching place and taught the people. Many who were listening to him were amazed. They wondered where he gained all his wisdom and the power to perform miracles.

Why were the people of Jesus’ home town shocked about him?

The people did not know from where he got his teachings, his wisdom, and his miracles.

Mark 6:3

ULT

3 Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary and a brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are his sisters not here with us?” And they were offended by him.

UST

3 They said, “He is just an ordinary carpenter! We know him and his family! We know Mary his mother! We know his younger brothers James, Joses, Judas, and Simon! And his younger sisters also live here with us!” So they were troubled by his teachings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:4

ULT

4 And Jesus was saying to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in {his} own house.”

UST

4 Jesus said to them, “It is certainly true that people honor prophets in other places, but not in their hometowns! Even their relatives and the people who live in their own houses do not honor them!”

Where did Jesus say a prophet is without honor?

Jesus said a prophet is without honor in his home town, among his relatives, and in his own household.

Mark 6:5

ULT

5 And he was not able to do any mighty work there, except, having laid {his} hands on a few sick people, he healed {them}.

UST

5 Although he healed a few sick people there by the laying on of hands, he was not able to perform any other miracle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:6

ULT

6 And he was amazed because of their unbelief, and he was going around the villages teaching.

UST

6 He was amazed that so few people believed in him, but he was going through their villages and teaching them.

What amazed Jesus about the people in his home town?

Jesus was amazed by the unbelief of the people in his home town.

Mark 6:7

ULT

[7] And he calls the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and he was giving them authority over the unclean spirits

UST

[7] One day, Jesus called the 12 apprentices together. He then told them that he was going to send them out two by two to teach people in various towns. He also gave them power to force evil spirits out of the people whom they controlled.

What authority did Jesus give the Twelve as he sent them out?

Jesus gave the Twelve authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:8

ULT

[8] and commanded them that they should take nothing for {the} journey except only a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in {their} belts—

UST

[8-9] He also instructed them to wear simple sandals and to take along a walking stick when they were traveling. He told them not to take food or a bag in which to put supplies or any money for their journey. He also did not allow them to take an extra tunic.

What did the Twelve take with them on their journey? (vv8-9)

The Twelve took a staff, sandals, and one tunic.

Mark 6:9

ULT

[9] but having put on sandals, and, “You may not wear two tunics.”

UST

[8-9] He also instructed them to wear simple sandals and to take along a walking stick when they were traveling. He told them not to take food or a bag in which to put supplies or any money for their journey. He also did not allow them to take an extra tunic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:10

ULT
10 And he was saying to them, “Whenever you enter into a house, remain there until you go out from there.

UST
10 He also instructed them, “If someone invites you to stay in his house, live in their house until you leave that town.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:11

ULT
11 And whatever place does not receive you nor listen to you, going out from there, shake off the dust that {is} under your feet for a testimony against them.”

UST
11 Wherever the people do not welcome you and wherever the people do not listen to you, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that place. By doing that, you will be testifying that they {did not welcome you or your message}.”

What did Jesus tell the Twelve to do if a place did not receive them?
Jesus told the Twelve to shake off the dust under their feet as a testimony against them.

Mark 6:12

ULT
12 And having gone out, they proclaimed that {people} should repent.

UST
12 So after the apprentices went out to various towns, they were preaching in order that people might repent {of their sins}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:13

ULT

13 And they were casting out many demons and anointing many sick {people} with oil and healing them.

UST

13 They were also forcing many evil spirits out from people, and they were anointing many sick people with olive oil and healing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:14

ULT

14 And King Herod heard {this}, for his name became well known, and some were saying, “John the Baptist has been raised from {the} dead, and because of this, miraculous powers are working in him.”

UST

14 Now King Herod Antipas heard about what Jesus was doing, because many people were talking about him. Some people were saying about Jesus, “He must be John the Baptizer! He has risen from the dead! That is why he has the power to perform these miracles!”

Who did the people suppose Jesus was? (vv14-15)

The people supposed that Jesus was John the Baptizer or Elijah or a prophet.

Mark 6:15

ULT

15 But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” But others were saying, “A prophet, like one of the prophets.”

UST

15 Others were saying about Jesus, “He is the ancient prophet Elijah, whom God promised to send back again.” Others were saying about Jesus, “No, he is a different prophet, like one of the other prophets who lived long ago.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:16

ULT
16 But Herod, having heard {this}, was saying, “John, whom I beheaded—he has been raised.”

UST
16 After hearing what the people were saying, King Herod Antipas himself said, “The man performing those miracles must be John the Baptizer! I commanded my soldiers to cut off his head, but he is alive again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:17

ULT
17 For Herod himself, having sent, seized John and he bound him in prison on account of Herodias (the wife of his brother Philip), because he married her.

UST
17 For previously, King Herod had arrested John and thrown him in prison. He did this because Herod married his brother Philip’s wife, Herodias.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:18

ULT
18 For John was saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother.”

UST
18 Herod put John in prison because he was saying to Herod, “God’s law does not allow you to marry the wife of your brother.”

What had John the Baptizer told Herod he was doing unlawfully?
John had told Herod it was unlawful for Herod to marry his brother’s wife.

Mark 6:19

ULT
[19] But Herodias was angry with him and was wanting to kill him, but she was not able,

UST
[19] But because Herodias wanted to get further revenge on John, she wanted someone to execute him. But she could not do that, because while John was in prison, Herod kept John safe from her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:20

ULT
[20] for Herod was fearing John, knowing him {to be} a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe, and having heard him, he was greatly perplexed, yet he was listening to him gladly.

UST
[20] Herod did this because he respected John, because he knew that he was a righteous man who devoted himself to God. Whenever Herod listened to John, Herod became very disturbed, but he liked to listen to John.

How did Herod react when he heard John preach?
Herod became upset when he heard John preach, but he was still glad to hear him.

Mark 6:21

ULT
[21] And an opportune day having come when Herod made his birthday dinner for his officials and for the commanders and for the leaders of Galilee,

UST
[21] The chance for Herodias to see John put to death came when they honored Herod on his birthday. He invited the most important government officials, the most important army leaders, and the most important men in the district of Galilee to eat and celebrate with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:22

ULT

22 and his daughter Herodias having entered and having danced and having pleased Herod and the ones reclining to eat with {him}, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you desire, and I will give {it} to you.”

UST

22 While they were eating, Herodias’ daughter came into the room and danced for the king and his guests. She pleased King Herod and his guests so much that he said to her, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:23

ULT

23 And he swore to her, “Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom.”

UST

23 He also promised to her, “Whatever you ask, I will give it to you! I will give you up to half of what I own and rule, if you ask for it.”

What oath did Herod swear to Herodias?

Herod swore that she could have whatever she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom.

Mark 6:24

ULT

24 And having gone out, she said to her mother, “What should I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”

UST

24 After this, the daughter went to her mother, Herodias, and told her what King Herod had said. She asked her mother, “What should I ask for?” Her mother replied, “Ask the king to give you the head of John the Baptizer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:25

ULT

25 And immediately, having entered in with haste to the king, she requested, saying, “I desire that you would give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

UST

25 The girl hurried back to the room and went right to the king with her request. She said, “I want you to command someone to cut off the head of John the Baptizer and bring it to me right now on a serving plate!”

For what did Herodias ask?

Herodias asked for the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.

Mark 6:26

ULT

26 And the king, having become deeply grieved, he did not want to refuse her because of {his} oaths and the ones reclining to eat with him,

UST

26 The king became very distressed when he heard what she asked for because he knew John was a very righteous man. But he could not refuse what she requested, because he had promised that he would give her anything she asked for, and his guests had heard him promise.

How did Herod react to Herodias’ request?

Herod became very sorry but did not refuse her request, because of the oaths he had made in front of his guests.

Mark 6:27

ULT

27 and the king, immediately having sent an executioner, commanded {him} to bring his head, and so having departed, he beheaded him in the prison.

UST

27 So the king at once ordered someone to go and cut off John’s head and bring it to the girl. Then that man went to the prison and cut off John’s head.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:28

ULT

28 And he brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

UST

28 He put it on a serving plate, brought it back, and gave it to the girl. The girl took it to her mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:29

ULT

29 And his disciples, having heard of {this}, came and took his body and placed it in a tomb.

UST

29 After John's apprentices heard what happened, they went to the prison and took John's body; then they buried it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:30

ULT

30 And the apostles are gathered together with Jesus and reported to him all that they did and what they taught.

UST

30 Those whom Jesus had chosen to represent him returned from the places to which he had sent them. They reported to him what they had done and what they had taught to people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:31

ULT

31 And he says to them, "You yourselves, come away by yourself to a desolate place and rest a little while." For the ones coming and the ones going were many, and they were not even having opportunity to eat.

UST

31 He said to them, "Come with me to a place where no people are living, in order that we can be alone and rest a little while!" He said this because many people were continually coming to them and going away again, with the result that Jesus and his apprentices did not have time to eat or do anything else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:32

ULT
32 And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

UST
32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a place where no people were living.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:33

ULT
33 But many saw them leaving and recognized {them}, and they ran there together on foot from all the towns, and they arrived before them.

UST
33 But many people saw them leaving. They also recognized that they were Jesus and the apprentices, and they saw where they were going. So they ran ahead on land from all the nearby towns to the place where Jesus and his apprentices were going. They actually arrived there before Jesus and the apprentices.

What happened when Jesus and the apostles tried to go away by themselves to rest?
Many people recognized them and ran to arrive there before Jesus and the apostles.

Mark 6:34

ULT
34 And having gotten out, he saw a great crowd and had compassion on them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many {things}.

UST
34 As Jesus and his apprentices got out of the boat, Jesus saw this great crowd. He felt compassion for them because they were confused, like sheep that do not have a shepherd. So he taught them many things.

What was Jesus' attitude toward the crowd that was waiting for them?
Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:35

ULT

35 And {the} hour already having become late, his disciples, having come to him, were saying, “This place is desolate, and {the} hour {is} already late.

UST

35 Late in the afternoon the apprentices came to him and said, “This is a place where no one lives, and it is very late.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:36

ULT

36 Send them away so that, having gone away into the surrounding countryside and villages, they might buy something for themselves to eat.”

UST

36 So send the people away to the surrounding towns and villages so they can buy food for themselves!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:37

ULT

37 But he, answering, said to them, “You give them to eat.” And they say to him, “Having gone away, might we buy 200 denarii of bread and give {it} to them to eat?”

UST

37 But he replied to them, “No, you yourselves give them something to eat!” They replied to him, “We could not buy enough bread to feed this crowd, even if we had as much money as a man earns by working 200 days!”

When asked by Jesus, what did the disciples think they would have to do to feed the people?

The disciples thought they would have to go and buy 200 denarii worth of bread.

Mark 6:38

ULT
38 But he says to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go. See.” And having found out, they say, “Five, and two fish.”

UST
38 But he replied to them, “How many loaves of bread do you have? Go and find out!” They went and found out and then they told him, “We have only five flat loaves and two cooked fish!”

What food did the disciples already have with them?
The disciples already had five loaves and two fish with them.

Mark 6:39

ULT
39 And he commanded them all to recline group by group on the green grass.

UST
39 He instructed the apprentices to tell all the people to sit down on the green grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:40

ULT
40 And they reclined group by group according to hundreds and according to fifties.

UST
40 So the people sat in groups. There were 100 people in some groups and 50 people in other groups.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:41

ULT

41 And having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves and was giving them to his disciples so that they might set them before them, and he divided the two fish among {them} all.

UST

41 Jesus took the five flat loaves and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and thanked God for them. Then he broke the loaves and fish into pieces and kept giving them to the apprentices in order that they would distribute them to the people.

What did Jesus do as he took the loaves and fish?

As he took the loaves and fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples.

Mark 6:42

ULT

42 And they all ate and were satisfied.

UST

42 Everyone ate this food until they all had enough to eat!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:43

ULT

43 And they took up 12 full baskets of broken pieces, and from the fish.

UST

43 The apprentices then collected twelve baskets full of pieces of bread and of the fish that were left over.

How much food was left after everyone ate?

There were 12 baskets of bread, and pieces of fish left after everyone ate.

Mark 6:44

ULT
44 And the ones having eaten the loaves were 5,000 men.

UST
44 There were about 5,000 men who ate the bread and fish. They did not even count the women and children.

How many men had been fed?
There were 5,000 men that had been fed.

Mark 6:45

ULT
45 And immediately he compelled his disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he sends the crowd away.

UST
45 Right away, Jesus told his apprentices to get into the boat and then go ahead of him to a town called Bethsaida, which was further around the Sea of Galilee. He stayed and dismissed the many people who were there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:46

ULT
46 And having sent them away, he went to the mountain to pray.

UST
46 After he said goodbye to the people, he went up into the hills in order to pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:47

ULT
47 And having become evening, the boat was in {the} middle of the sea, and he {was} alone on the land.

UST
47 When it was evening, the apprentices' boat was in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was by himself on the land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:48

ULT
48 And having seen them being tormented as they rowed—for the wind was against them—and about {the} fourth watch of the night, he comes to them, walking on the sea, and he intended to pass by them.

UST
48 He saw that the wind was blowing against them as they rowed. As a result, they were having great difficulty. He approached them early in the morning, when it was still dark, by walking on the water. He intended to walk by them.

How did Jesus come to the disciples on the lake?
Jesus came to the disciples walking on the lake.

Mark 6:49

ULT
49 But they, having seen him walking on the sea, thought that he is a ghost, and they cried out,

UST
49 They saw him walking on the water, but they thought that he was a ghost. They screamed

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:50

ULT
50 for they all saw him and were troubled. But immediately he spoke with them and says to them, “Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!”

UST
50 because they all were terrified when they saw him. But he spoke to them. He said to them, “Be calm! Do not be afraid, because it is I!”

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?
Jesus told the disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Mark 6:51

ULT
51 And he went up into the boat with them, and the wind stilled, and they were very much amazed within themselves.

UST
51 He got into the boat and sat down with them, and the wind stopped blowing. They were completely amazed about what he had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:52

ULT
52 For they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart had been hardened.

UST
52 Although they had seen Jesus multiply the bread and the fish, they did not grasp the meaning of it, as they should have.

Why did the disciples not understand about the miracle of the loaves?
The disciples did not understand about the miracle of the loaves because their minds were slow to understand.

Mark 6:53

ULT
53 And having crossed over to the land, they came to Gennesaret and anchored there.

UST
53 After they went further around the Sea of Galilee in a boat, they came to shore at the town of Gennesaret. Then they fastened the boat there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:54

ULT
54 And {when} they had come out from the boat, immediately having recognized him,

UST
54 As soon as they got out of the boat, the people there recognized Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 6:55

ULT

55 they ran throughout that whole region and began to carry on {their} mats the ones having sickness where they were hearing that he is.

UST

55 So they ran throughout the whole district in order to tell others that Jesus was there. Then the people placed those who were sick on stretchers and carried them to any place where they heard people say that Jesus was.

What did the people of the region do when they recognized Jesus?

The people brought the sick on stretchers to Jesus wherever they heard he was coming.

Mark 6:56

ULT

56 And wherever he was entering into villages or into cities or into {the} countryside, they were placing the sick in the marketplaces and were begging him so that at least they might touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched him were being healed.

UST

56 In whatever village, town, or place in the countryside where he went, they would bring to the marketplaces those who were sick. Then the sick people would beg Jesus to let them touch him or even the edge of his clothes in order that Jesus might heal them. All those who touched him or his robe were healed.

What happened to those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment?

Those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment were healed.

Mark 7

Mark 7:1

ULT

[1] And the Pharisees and some of the scribes, having come from Jerusalem, are being gathered around him.

UST

[1] One day some Pharisees and some men who teach the Jewish laws and who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:2

ULT

[2] And they had seen some of his disciples that eat bread with defiled hands, {that} is, unwashed.

UST

[2] The Pharisees saw that his apprentices often ate without first washing their hands in the way of their special tradition.

What were some of Jesus' disciples doing that offended the Pharisees and scribes?
Some of the disciples were eating with unwashed hands.

Mark 7:3

ULT

[3] (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they would wash {their} hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders;

UST

[3] The Pharisees and all of the other Jews strictly observe their traditions that their ancestors taught. For example, they refuse to eat until they first wash their hands with a special ritual,

Whose tradition was it that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating? (vv3-4)
It was the tradition of the elders that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating.

Mark 7:4

ULT

4 and from {the} marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash, and there are many other {things} which they received to observe: washing of cups, and pots, and copper vessels.)

UST

4 especially after they return from buying things in the marketplace. They think that God will be angry with them if they do not do that, because some person or thing unacceptable to God might have touched them or the things they bought.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:5

ULT

5 And the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but they eat {their} bread with unwashed hands?”

UST

5 That day, those Pharisees and men who studied the Jewish laws saw that some of his apprentices were eating food with hands that they had not washed using the special ritual. So they questioned Jesus and said, “Your apprentices disobey the traditions of our elders! Why do they eat food if they have not washed their hands using our ritual!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:6

ULT

6 But he, answering, said to them, “Isaiah prophesied well about you hypocrites. As it is written, ‘This people honors me with {their} lips, but their heart is far from me.

UST

6 Jesus said to them, “Isaiah rebuked your ancestors, and his words describe very well you people who only pretend to be good! He wrote these words that God said: ‘These people speak as if they honor me, but they really do not think about honoring me at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:7

ULT
7 But they worship me in vain, teaching commandments of men as doctrines.’

UST
7 It is useless for them to worship me, because they teach only what people say as if I myself had commanded them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:8

ULT
8 Having abandoned the commandment of God, you hold fast to the tradition of men.”

UST
8 You, like your ancestors, refuse to do what God has commanded. Instead, you follow only the traditions that others have taught.”

What did Jesus say to the Pharisees and scribes about their teaching on the issue of washing? (vv8-9)
Jesus said that the Pharisees and scribes taught the rules of men while abandoning the commandment of God.

Mark 7:9

ULT
9 And he was saying to them, “You do well at rejecting the commandment of God so that you may keep your tradition!

UST
9 Jesus also said to them, “You think that you are clever in refusing to do what God commanded just so that you can obey your own traditions!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:10

ULT

10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘The one speaking evil of {his} father or mother
—let him end in death.’

UST

10 For example, our ancestor Moses wrote God’s command, ‘Honor your fathers and your mothers.’ He also wrote, ‘The authorities must execute a person who speaks evil about his father or mother.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:11

ULT

11 But you say, ‘If a man says to {his} father or {his} mother, “Whatever you would have profited from me {is}
Corban”’ (that is, a gift),

UST

11 But you teach people that it is alright if people give their things to God instead of giving them to their parents. You allow them to say to their parents, ‘What I was going to give to you to provide for you, I have now promised to give to God. So I cannot help you any longer!’

How did the Pharisees and scribes void the commandment of God which says to honor your father and mother? (vv11-13)

They voided God’s commandment by telling people to give to them as Corban the money that would have helped their father and mother.

Mark 7:12

ULT

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for {his} father or {his} mother,

UST

12 As a result, you are actually telling people that they no longer have to help their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:13

ULT
13 nullifying the word of God by your tradition which you handed down, and you do many such similar {things}.”

UST
13 In this way you disregard what God commanded! You teach your own things to others and tell them that they should obey them. And you do many other things like that.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:14

ULT
14 And having summoned the crowd again, he was saying to them, “Listen to me, all {of you}, and understand:

UST
14 Then Jesus again invited the crowd to come closer. Then he said to them, “All of you people, listen to me! Try to understand what I am about to tell you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:15

ULT
15 there is nothing from outside the man, entering into him, that is able to defile him; but the {things} {that} come out from the man are the {things} defiling the man.”

UST
15 Nothing that people eat causes God to consider them to be defiled. On the contrary, it is that which comes from people’s inner beings that causes God to consider them to be defiled.”

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?
Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

What did Jesus say defiles a person?
Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:16

ULT
16[1] [If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.]

UST
16[1] [Every one of you should think carefully about what you heard me say.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:17

ULT
17 And when he entered into a house from the crowd, his disciples were asking him about the parable.

UST
17 After Jesus had left the crowd and entered a house with his apprentices. They questioned him about the parable that he had just spoken.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:18

ULT
18 And he says to them, “Are you also thus without understanding? Do you not understand that everything {that} is entering into the man from outside is not able to defile him,

UST
18 He replied to them, “Did you not understand what it means? You ought to understand that nothing that enters us from outside can cause God to consider us unacceptable to him.

What did Jesus say does not defile a person? (vv18-19)
Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

Mark 7:19

ULT
[19] because it does not go into his heart, but into the stomach, and passes out into the latrine (making all foods clean).”

UST
[19] Instead of entering and ruining our minds, it goes into our stomachs, and afterwards the refuse passes out of our bodies.” By saying this, Jesus was declaring that people can eat any food without causing God to consider them unacceptable to him.

What kinds of foods did Jesus declare to be clean?
Jesus declared all foods to be clean.

Mark 7:20

ULT
[20] But he was saying, “What is coming out from the man, that defiles the man.

UST
[20] He also said, “It is the thoughts and actions that come from within people that cause God to consider them unacceptable to him.

What did Jesus say defiles a person? (vv20-23)
Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:21

ULT
[21] For from within, from the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,

UST
[21] Specifically, it is a person’s innermost being that causes them to think things that are evil; they act immorally, they steal things, they commit murder.

What are three things that Jesus said can come out of a person to defile him? (vv21-22)
Jesus said that evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and folly can come out of a person to defile him.

Mark 7:22

ULT

22 adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, an evil eye, slander, pride, {and} folly.

UST

22 They commit adultery, they are greedy, they act maliciously, they deceive people. They act indecently, they envy people, they speak evil about others, they are proud, and they act foolishly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:23

ULT

23 All these evils come out from within, and they defile the man."

UST

23 People think these thoughts, and then they do these evil actions, and that is what causes God to consider them unacceptable to him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:24

ULT

24 Now having gotten up from there, he went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon, and having entered into a house, he was wanting no one to know {it}, but he was not able to hide.

UST

24 After Jesus and his apprentices left Galilee, they went to the region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. While he stayed at a certain house, he did not want anyone to know it, but people soon found out that he was there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:25

ULT
25 But immediately, having heard about him, a woman, of whom her little daughter had an unclean spirit, having come, fell down at his feet.

UST
25 A certain woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit within her, heard about Jesus. At once she came to him and knelt at his feet.

Was the woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit a Jew or a Greek? (vv25-26)
The woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit was a Greek.

Mark 7:26

ULT
26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by descent, and she was asking him that he would cast out the demon from her daughter.

UST
26 Now this woman was not a Jew. Her ancestors were not Jews. She herself had been born in the region of Phoenicia, in the district of Syria. She pleaded with Jesus that he force the evil spirit out from her daughter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:27

ULT
27 And he was saying to her, “Permit the children first to be fed, for it is not good to take the bread of the children and to throw {it} to the dogs.”

UST
27 He said to the woman, “First let the children eat all they want, because it is not good for someone to take the food the mother has prepared for the children and then throw it to the little dogs.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:28

ULT
28 But she answered and says to him, “Yes, Lord, and the little dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children.”

UST
28 She replied to him, “Sir, what you say is correct, but even the house dogs, who lie under the table, eat the crumbs that the children drop.”

How did the woman respond when Jesus told her that it was not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs?
The woman said that even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.

Mark 7:29

ULT
29 And he was saying to her, “Because of this word, go! The demon has gone out from your daughter.”

UST
29 Jesus said to her, “Because of what you have said, go home. I have caused the evil spirit to leave your daughter.”

What did Jesus do for the woman? (vv29-30)
Jesus cast the demon out of the woman’s daughter.

Mark 7:30

ULT
30 And having gone away to her house, she found the child lying on the bed, and the demon had gone out.

UST
30 The woman returned to her house and saw that her child was lying quietly on the bed and that the evil spirit had left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:31

ULT

31 And again having gone out from the region of Tyre, he went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in {the} midst of the region of {the} Decapolis.

UST

31 Jesus and his apprentices left the region around Tyre and went north through Sidon, then toward the east through the area of the Ten Towns, and then south to the towns near the Sea of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:32

ULT

32 And they bring to him a deaf {man} and a stammerer, and they beg him that he would lay {his} hand on him.

UST

32 There, people brought to him a man who was deaf and could not talk. They begged Jesus to lay his hands on him in order to heal him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:33

ULT

33 And having taken him aside from the crowd by himself, he put his fingers into his ears, and having spit, he touched his tongue.

UST

33 So Jesus took him away from the crowd in order that the two of them could be alone. Then he put one of his fingers into each of the man's ears. After he spat on his fingers, he touched the man's tongue with his fingers.

When the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus, what did he do to heal him? (vv33-34)

Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears, spit and touched his tongue, then looked to heaven and said, "Open!"

Mark 7:34

ULT
34 And having looked up to heaven, he sighed and says to him, “Ephphatha!” (that is, “Be opened!”).

UST
34 Then he looked up toward heaven, he sighed and then in his own language he said to the man’s ears, “Ephphatha,” which means, “Be opened!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:35

ULT
35 And his ears were opened, and the band of his tongue was released, and he began speaking plainly.

UST
35 At once the man could hear plainly. He also began to speak clearly, because what was causing him to be unable to speak was healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 7:36

ULT
36 And he ordered them so that they would tell {it} to no one. But as much as he ordered them, {the} more abundantly they were proclaiming {it}.

UST
36 Jesus told the people not to tell anyone what he had done. But, although he repeatedly ordered them and others not to tell anyone about it, they kept talking about it all the more.

What did the people do when Jesus told them to tell no one about his healings?
The more Jesus commanded them to be quiet, the more they talked about it.

Mark 7:37

ULT

37 And they were extremely astonished, saying, “He has done all {things} well. He even makes the deaf to hear and {the} mute to speak.”
7:16 *[1]*

UST

37 People who heard about it were utterly amazed and were saying, “Everything he has done is wonderful! Besides doing other amazing things, he enables deaf people to hear! And he enables those who cannot speak to speak!”
7:16 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8

Mark 8:1

ULT

1 In those days, there again being a great crowd, and not having anything to eat, having summoned his disciples, he says to them,

UST

1 During those days, a large crowd of people gathered again. After they had been there for two days, they had no food to eat. So Jesus called his apprentices to come close to him, and then he said to them,

What concern did Jesus state about the great crowd that had been following him? (vv1-2)
Jesus stated that he was concerned the great crowd had nothing to eat.

Mark 8:2

ULT

2 "I have compassion on the crowd because they are remaining with me already for three days and do not have anything to eat.

UST

2 "This is the third day that these people have been with me, and they have nothing left to eat, so now I am very concerned for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:3

ULT

3 And if I would send them away to their home hungry, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from far way."

UST

3 If I send them home while they are still hungry, some of them will faint on the way home. Some of them have come from far away."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:4

ULT

4 And his disciples answered him, “From where will anyone be able to feed these {people} with bread here in a desolate place?”

UST

4 His apprentices knew that he was suggesting that they give the people something to eat, so one of them replied, “We cannot possibly find food to satisfy this crowd. No one lives in this place!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:5

ULT

5 And he asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.”

UST

5 Jesus asked them, “How many loaves of bread do you have?” They replied, “We have seven flat loaves.”

How many loaves did the disciples have with them?

The disciples had seven loaves with them.

Mark 8:6

ULT

6 And he commands the crowd to recline on the ground, and having taken the seven loaves, having given thanks, he broke them and was giving {them} to his disciples so that they might serve them, and they served the crowd.

UST

6 Jesus commanded the crowd, “Sit down on the ground!” After they sat down, he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, broke them into pieces, and gave them to his apprentices to give to the people.

What did Jesus do with the disciples’ loaves?

Jesus gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to serve.

Mark 8:7

ULT
[7] And they had a few small fish, and having blessed them, he said to serve these also.

UST
[7] They had also found that they had a few small fish. So after he thanked God for these, he told his apprentices, “Give them these also.” After they gave the fish to the crowd,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:8

ULT
[8] And they ate and were satisfied, and they picked up an abundance of broken pieces—seven baskets.

UST
[8] the people ate this food, and they had plenty to satisfy themselves. His apprentices collected the pieces of food that were left over and filled seven large baskets.

How much food remained after everyone had eaten?
There were seven baskets of food remaining after everyone had eaten.

Mark 8:9

ULT
[9] Now there were about 4,000, and he sent them away.

UST
[9] His apprentices estimated that there were about 4,000 people who ate on that day. Then Jesus dismissed the crowd.

How many people ate and were satisfied?
There were about 4,000 men who ate and were satisfied.

Mark 8:10

ULT
10 And immediately, having gotten into the boat with his disciples, he went into the region of Dalmanutha.

UST
10 Immediately after that, he got into the boat along with his apprentices, and they sailed across the Sea of Galilee to the district of Dalmanutha.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:11

ULT
11 And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, testing him.

UST
11 Then some Pharisees came to Jesus. They began arguing with him and insisting that he perform a miracle to show that God had sent him.

To test him, what did the Pharisees want Jesus to do?
The Pharisees wanted Jesus to give them a sign from heaven.

Mark 8:12

ULT
12 And having sighed greatly in his spirit, he says, “Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, if a sign will be given to this generation …”

UST
12 Jesus sighed deeply within himself, and then he said, “Why are you asking me to perform a miracle? I will not do a miracle for you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:13

ULT
13 And having left them, having boarded a boat again, he went away to the other side.

UST
13 Then he left them. He and his apprentices got into the boat again and sailed across the Sea of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:14

ULT
14 And they forgot to bring bread, and except for one loaf, they did not have {any} with them in the boat.

UST
14 His apprentices had forgotten to bring along enough food. Specifically, they had only one flat loaf of bread with them in the boat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:15

ULT
15 And he was warning them, saying, “Keep watch! Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.”

UST
15 As they were going, Jesus warned them and said, “Be careful! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod!”

About what did Jesus warn his disciples concerning the Pharisees?
Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees.

Mark 8:16

ULT

16 And they were discussing with each other that they have no bread.

UST

16 The apprentices misunderstood him. So they said to one another, “He must have said that because we have no bread.”

About what did the disciples think Jesus was talking?

The disciples thought Jesus was talking about the fact that they had forgotten to bring bread.

Mark 8:17

ULT

17 And having known {this}, Jesus says to them, “Why are you reasoning that you do not have bread? Do you not yet perceive, nor understand? Have your hearts become hardened?

UST

17 Jesus knew what they were discussing among themselves, so he said to them, “Why are you talking about not having enough bread? You should understand what I have said by now! You are not thinking!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:18

ULT

18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?

UST

18 You have eyes, but you do not understand what you see! You have ears, but you do not understand what I say!” Then he asked, “Do you not remember what happened

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:19

ULT

19 When I broke the five loaves among the 5,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?”
They say to him, “12.”

UST

19 when I broke only five loaves and fed the 5,000 people? Not only was everyone satisfied, but there was food left over! How many baskets of pieces of bread that were left over did you collect?” They replied, “We collected 12 baskets full.”

Jesus reminded his disciples that what had happened when Jesus had broken five loaves?

Jesus reminded them that when he had broken five loaves, 5,000 people had been fed and 12 baskets full of broken pieces had been taken up.

Mark 8:20

ULT

20 “And when the seven among the 4,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And they say to him, “Seven.”

UST

20 Then he asked, “When I broke the seven loaves in order to feed the 4,000 people, again when everyone had plenty to eat, how many large baskets of uneaten pieces of bread did you collect?” They replied, “We collected seven large baskets full.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:21

ULT

21 And he said to them, “How do you not yet understand?”

UST

21 Then he said to them, “I am do not know how it can be that you still do not understand.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:22

ULT
22 And they come to Bethsaida, and they bring to him a blind {man} and beg him that he would touch him.

UST
22 They arrived at the town of Bethsaida. People brought a blind man to Jesus and begged him to touch the man in order to heal him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:23

ULT
23 And having taken hold of the hand of the blind man, he led him out from the village. And having spit into his eyes, having laid {his} hands on him, he was asking him, “Do you see anything?”

UST
23 Jesus took the hand of the blind man and led him outside the town. After he spat into the man’s eyes, and he put his hands on the man, he asked him, “Do you see anything?”

What two things did Jesus first do to the blind man in order to restore his sight?
Jesus first spat on his eyes and laid his hands upon him.

Mark 8:24

ULT
24 And having looked up, he was saying, “I see men who look like walking trees.”

UST
24 The man looked up and then he said, “Yes, I see people! They are walking around, but I cannot see them clearly. They look like trees!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:25

ULT

25 Then he again laid {his} hands upon his eyes, and he looked intently and was restored, and he was seeing everything clearly.

UST

25 Then Jesus again touched the eyes of the blind man. The man looked intently, and at that moment he was completely healed! He could see everything clearly.

What third thing did Jesus do to the blind man in order to completely restore his sight?
Jesus laid his hands upon his eyes again.

Mark 8:26

ULT

26 And he sent him away to his home, saying, “You may not even enter into the town.”

UST

26 Jesus said to him, “Do not go into the town!” Then he sent the man to his home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:27

ULT

27 And Jesus and his disciples went out into the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he was questioning his disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

UST

27 Jesus and his apprentices left the town of Bethsaida and went to the villages near the city of Caesarea Philippi. On the way he questioned them, “Who do people say that I am?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:28

ULT
28 But they spoke to him, saying, “John the Baptist, and others, Elijah, but others, one of the prophets.”

UST
28 They replied, “Some people say that you are John the Baptizer. Others say that you are the prophet Elijah. And others say that you are one of the other former prophets.”

Who were the people saying that Jesus was?
The people were saying that Jesus was John the Baptizer, Elijah, or one of the prophets.

Mark 8:29

ULT
29 And he was questioning them, “But who do you say {that} I am?” And answering, Peter says to him, “You are the Christ.”

UST
29 He asked them, “What about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied to him, “We believe that you are the Messiah!”

Who did Peter say that Jesus was?
Peter said that Jesus was the Christ.

Mark 8:30

ULT
30 And he warned them that they might tell no one about him.

UST
30 Then Jesus warned them strongly that they should not tell anyone yet that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:31

ULT

31 And he began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many {things} and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and to be killed and to rise up after three days.

UST

31 Then Jesus began to teach them that he, the Son of Man, would certainly suffer very much. He would be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the men who teach the Jewish laws. He would even be killed, but on the third day after he died, he would become alive again.

About what future events did Jesus begin to teach his disciples clearly?

Jesus taught his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and be raised after three days.

Mark 8:32

ULT

32 And he was speaking this word openly. And Peter, having taken him aside, began to rebuke him.

UST

32 He said this to them clearly. But Peter took Jesus aside and started to scold him for talking this way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:33

ULT

33 But Jesus, having turned and having looked at his disciples, rebuked Peter and says, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the {things} of God, but on the {things} of men.”

UST

33 Jesus turned around and looked at his apprentices. Then he rebuked Peter, saying, “Stop thinking like that! Satan is causing you to talk like that! Instead of wanting what God wants me to do, you are wanting me to do only what people would want me to do.”

What did Jesus say when Peter began to rebuke him?

Jesus said to Peter, “Get behind me Satan! You do not care for the things of God, but for the things of people”.

Mark 8:34

ULT

34 And having summoned the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

UST

34 Then he called the crowd together along with his apprentices so that they might listen to him. He told them, “If any one of you wants to be my apprentice, you must not do only what makes you live easily. You must be willing to suffer pain like criminals who are forced to carry crosses to the places where they will be crucified. That is what anyone who wants to be my apprentice must do.

What did Jesus say anyone who wants to follow him must do?

Jesus said that anyone who wants to follow him must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus.

Mark 8:35

ULT

35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for {the} sake of me and of the gospel will save it.

UST

35 You must do that because those who try to save their lives by denying that they belong to me will lose their lives. Those who are killed because they are my apprentices and because they tell others the good news will live forever with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:36

ULT

36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and to forfeit his soul?

UST

36 People might get everything they want in this world, but they are really gaining nothing if they do not gain eternal life!

What did Jesus say about a person’s desire to gain the things of the world?

Jesus said, “What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and then forfeit his life?”

Mark 8:37

ULT

37 For what might a man give as an exchange for his soul?

UST

37 Think carefully about the fact that there is absolutely nothing that people can give to God that would enable them to gain eternal life!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 8:38

ULT

38 For if anyone is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

UST

38 And think about this: Many people refuse to say that they belong to me. They reject what I say in these days when many people have turned away from God and live in sin, I, the Son of Man, will also refuse to say that they belong to me when I come back with the holy angels and have the glory that my Father has!”

What did Jesus say he would do concerning those who are ashamed of him and his words?

Jesus said that at his coming he would be ashamed of those who were ashamed of him and his words.

Mark 9

Mark 9:1

ULT

[1] And he was saying to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.”

UST

[1] Jesus also said to the crowds and his apprentices, “Listen carefully! Some of you who are here now will not die before you see God ruling powerfully!”

Who did Jesus say would see the kingdom of God coming with power?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would not die before they saw the kingdom of God coming with power.

Mark 9:2

ULT

[2] And after six days, Jesus takes Peter and James and John and leads them up on a high mountain by themselves, alone, and he was transfigured before them.

UST

[2] Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and James’ brother, John, and led them up a high mountain. While they were alone up there, he appeared very different to them.

What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him? (vv2-3)

Jesus was transfigured and his garments became radiantly brilliant.

Mark 9:3

ULT

[3] And his garments became radiantly, extremely white, such as no launderer on the earth is able thus to make them white.

UST

[3] His clothes became dazzling white. They were whiter than anyone on earth could make them by bleaching them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:4

ULT

4 And Elijah with Moses were seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus.

UST

4 Two prophets who had lived long ago, Moses and Elijah, appeared to them. Then the two of them began talking with Jesus.

Who was talking with Jesus on the mountain?
Elijah and Moses were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:5

ULT

5 And answering, Peter says to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here, and let us make three shelters, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

UST

5 After a short time, Peter said, “Teacher, it is wonderful to be here! So allow us to make three shelters. One will be for you, one will be for Moses, and one will be for Elijah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:6

ULT

6 (For he did not know what he should answer, for they were terrified.)

UST

6 He said this because he wanted to say something, but he did not know what to say, because he and the other two apprentices were very frightened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:7

ULT

7 And a cloud came, overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud, “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.”

UST

7 Then a cloud appeared, and it covered them. God spoke to them from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son. He is the one whom I love. Therefore, you should pay attention to what he says!”

On the mountain, what did the voice from the cloud say?

The voice said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him”.

Mark 9:8

ULT

8 And suddenly, having looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but only Jesus.

UST

8 When the three apprentices looked around, they suddenly saw that only Jesus was with them and that Elijah and Moses were no longer there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:9

ULT

9 And {as} they were coming down from the mountain, he ordered them so that they would relate to no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from {the} dead.

UST

9 While they were coming down the mountain, Jesus told them that they should not tell anyone yet what had just happened to him. He said, “You may tell them after I, the Son of Man, become alive again after I die.”

What did Jesus command the disciples about what they had seen on the mountain?

Jesus commanded them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:10

ULT

10 And they kept the word to themselves, discussing together what it is “to rise from {the} dead.”

UST

10 So they did not tell others about it for a long time. But they discussed among themselves what it meant when he said that he would rise from the dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:11

ULT

11 And they were questioning him, saying, “Why do the scribes say that it is necessary for Elijah to come first?”

UST

11 The three apprentices asked Jesus, “The men who teach the Jewish laws say that Elijah must come back to the earth before the Messiah comes to earth, {but we have just seen Elijah,} so is what they are teaching wrong?”

What did Jesus say about Elijah’s coming? (vv11-13)

Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and that Elijah had already come.

Mark 9:12

ULT

12 But he was saying to them, “Elijah has come first to restore all {things}. And how has it been written about the Son of Man that he would suffer many {things} and would be despised?

UST

12-13 Jesus answered them, “It is true that God promised to send Elijah to come first to put everything as it should be. But Elijah has already come, and our leaders treated him very badly, just like they wanted to do just like prophets long ago had said they would. But there is much written in the Scriptures about me, the Son of Man. The Scriptures say that I will suffer a lot and that people will reject me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:13

ULT

13 But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did whatever they wanted to him, just as it is written about him."

UST

12-13 Jesus answered them, "It is true that God promised to send Elijah to come first to put everything as it should be. But Elijah has already come, and our leaders treated him very badly, just like they wanted to do just like prophets long ago had said they would. But there is much written in the Scriptures about me, the Son of Man. The Scriptures say that I will suffer a lot and that people will reject me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:14

ULT

14 And having come to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them and scribes arguing with them.

UST

14 Then Jesus and those three apprentices arrived where the other apprentices were. They saw a large crowd around the other apprentices and some men who taught the Jewish laws arguing with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:15

ULT

15 And immediately, the whole crowd, having seen him, were amazed, and running up to {him}, they were greeting him.

UST

15 The crowd was very surprised to see Jesus come. So they ran to him and greeted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:16

ULT

16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing with them about?"

UST

16 Jesus asked them, "What are you arguing about?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:17

ULT

17 And one from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, having a mute spirit.

UST

17 A man in the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son here to you {in order that you would heal him}. There is an evil spirit in him that makes him unable to talk.

What were the disciples unable to do for the father and his son? (vv17-18)

The disciples were unable to drive out the evil spirit from the father’s son.

Mark 9:18

ULT

18 And wherever it might seize him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth and grinds {his} teeth, and he becomes rigid, and I asked your disciples that they might cast it out, but they were not strong enough.”

UST

18 Whenever the spirit begins to control him, it throws him down. He foams at the mouth, he grinds his teeth together, and he becomes stiff. I asked your apprentices to expel the spirit, but they were not able to do it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:19

ULT

19 But answering them, he says, “You unbelieving generation, until when will I be with you? Until when will I bear with you? Bring him to me.”

UST

19 Jesus replied to them by saying, “You faithless people! I have become greatly wearied by your unbelief! Bring the boy to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:20

ULT
20 And they brought him to him, and having seen him, the spirit immediately threw him into a convulsion, and having fallen on the ground, he was rolling around, foaming at the mouth.

UST
20 So they brought the boy to Jesus. As soon as the evil spirit saw Jesus, it shook the boy severely, and the boy fell on the ground. He rolled around and foamed at the mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:21

ULT
21 And he asked his father, “How much time is it while this has been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.

UST
21 Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” He replied, “This started to happen when he was a child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:22

ULT
22 And it has often thrown him both into a fire and into waters in order that it might destroy him, but if you are able to do anything, help us, having compassion on us.”

UST
22 The spirit does not only do this, but he also often throws him into the fire or into the water in order to kill him. Pity us and help us, if you can!”

Into what did the evil spirit throw the boy to try to destroy him?
The evil spirit threw the boy into the fire or into the waters to try to destroy him.

Mark 9:23

ULT
23 But Jesus said to him, “‘If you are able’? All {things} are possible for the one believing.”

UST
23 Jesus exclaimed to him, “Of course I can! God can do anything for people who believe that he is able to do it!”

How did the father respond when Jesus said all things are possible for the one who believes? (vv23-24)
The father responded, “I believe! Help my unbelief!”

Mark 9:24

ULT
24 And immediately the father of the child, having cried out, was saying, “I believe! Help my unbelief!”

UST
24 Immediately the child’s father shouted, “I believe that you can help me, but I do not believe strongly. Help me to believe more strongly!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:25

ULT
25 And Jesus, having seen that a crowd is running to {them}, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out from him, and never enter into him again.”

UST
25 Jesus saw that the crowd was growing. He rebuked the evil spirit: “You evil spirit, you who are causing this boy to be deaf and unable to talk! I command you to come out of him and never enter him again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:26

ULT
26 And having cried out and convulsed him greatly, it came out, and he became like a dead {person}, so that many said, “He has died.”

UST
26 The evil spirit shouted and shook the boy violently, and then it left the boy. The boy did not move. He seemed like a dead body. So most of the people there said, “He has died!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:27

ULT
27 But Jesus, having taken {him} by his hand, lifted him up, and he stood up.

UST
27 However, Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him get up. Then the boy stood up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:28

ULT
28 And {when} he had gone into a house, his disciples asked him by himself, “Why could we not cast it out?”

UST
28 Later, when Jesus and his apprentices were alone in a house, they asked him, “Why were we not able to force the evil spirit out?”

Why were the disciples unable to cast out the mute and deaf spirit in the boy? (vv28-29)
The disciples were unable to cast out the spirit, because it could not be cast out except by prayer.

Mark 9:29

ULT
29 And he said to them, “This kind is able to come out by nothing except by prayer and fasting.” [1]

UST
29 Jesus said to them, “You can force this type of evil spirit out only by abstaining from food and praying to God. There is no other way that you can expel them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:30

ULT

30 And having gone out from there, they were passing through Galilee, but he was not wanting that anyone would know it,

UST

30 After Jesus and his apprentices left that region, they traveled through the region of Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone else to know where he was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:31

ULT

31 for he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, “The Son of Man is being handed over into {the} hands of men, and they will kill him. And having been killed, he will rise again after three days.”

UST

31 Jesus wanted to have time to teach his apprentices. He was telling them, “Someday my enemies will arrest me, the Son of Man, and I will be put into the hands of other men. Those men will kill me. But on the third day after I die, I will become alive again!”

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him?

Jesus told them he would be put to death, then after three days he would rise again.

Mark 9:32

ULT

32 But they were not understanding this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

UST

32 The apprentices did not understand what Jesus was telling them, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:33

ULT
33 And they came to Capernaum, and having come into the house, he was asking them, “What were you discussing on the way?”

UST
33 Then Jesus and his apprentices returned to the town of Capernaum. When they were in the house, Jesus asked them, “What were you talking about while we were traveling on the road?”

What were the disciples arguing about along the way? (vv33-34)
The disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest.

Mark 9:34

ULT
34 But they were silent, for they had been arguing with one another on the way about who {was} greatest.

UST
34 But the apprentices did not reply. They were ashamed to reply because, while they were traveling, they had been arguing with each other about which one of them was the most important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:35

ULT
35 And having sat down, he called the Twelve together and says to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be last of all and a servant of all.”

UST
35 Jesus sat down. He called his 12 apprentices to come close to him, and then he said to them, “If anyone wants God to consider him to be the most important person of all, he must consider himself to be the least important person of all, and he must serve everyone else.”

Who did Jesus say is first?
Jesus said that he is first who is servant of all.

Mark 9:36

ULT
36 And having taken a little child, he placed him in their midst, and having taken him in his arms, he said to them,

UST
36 Then Jesus took a child and placed him among them. He took the child in his arms, and then he said to them,

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, who are they also receiving? (vv36-37)
When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, they are also receiving Jesus and the one who sent Jesus.

Mark 9:37

ULT
37 "Whoever receives one of these little children in my name receives me; and whoever receives me does not receive me but the one having sent me."

UST
37 "Those who welcome a child like this one because they love me, God considers that they are welcoming me. Whoever welcomes me, it is as though they are also welcoming God, who sent me to represent him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:38

ULT
38 John was saying to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we were preventing him because he was not following us."

UST
38 John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone who was forcing evil spirits out of people. He claimed that he had authority from you to do that. So we told him to stop doing it, because he was not one of us apprentices."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:39

ULT

39 But Jesus said, “Do not prevent him, for there is no one who will do a mighty work in my name and will be able soon afterwards to speak evil about me.

UST

39 Jesus said, “Do not tell him to stop doing that. For no person will say bad things about me soon after performing a mighty deed with my authority.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:40

ULT

40 For whoever is not against us is for us.

UST

40 Those who are not opposing us are trying to achieve the same goals that we are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:41

ULT

41 For whoever gives you a cup of water in {the} name because you are Christ’s, truly I say to you that he will certainly not lose his reward.

UST

41 God will certainly reward those who help you in any way, even if they simply give you a cup of water to drink because you follow me, the Messiah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:42

ULT

42 And whoever causes one of these little ones believing in me to stumble, it is better for him instead if a large millstone is put around his neck and he is thrown into the sea.

UST

42 Jesus also said, “But if you cause someone who believes in me to sin{, God will punish you severely}. If someone tied a very heavy stone around your neck and threw you into the sea, that would be better for you than if God punished you for causing a person who believes in me to sin.

What would be better for someone who causes a little one who believes in Jesus to stumble?

It would be better for that one if a millstone were tied around his neck and he was thrown into the sea.

Mark 9:43

ULT

43 And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than, having two hands, to go away into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

UST

43 So if you are wanting to use one of your hands to sin, do not use it! Even if you have to cut your hand off and throw it away to avoid sinning, do it! It is better that you live eternally, even though you lack one of your hands while you are here on earth. But it is not good that you sin and as a result God throws your whole body into hell. There, the fires never go out!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:44

ULT

44[2] [where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.]

UST

44[1] [It is a place where maggots never stop feeding on them, and the fire that burns them never goes out.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:45

ULT

45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life lame than, having two feet, to be thrown into Gehenna.

UST

45 If you are wanting to use one of your feet to sin, stop using your foot! Even if you have to cut off your foot to avoid sinning, do it! It is good that you {do not sin and} do live eternally, even though you lack one of your feet while you are here on earth. But it is not good {that you sin, and as a result,} God puts your whole body into hell

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:46

ULT

46[3] [where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.]

UST

46[2] [where maggots never stop feeding on them, and the fire that burns them never goes out.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:47

ULT

47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to be thrown into Gehenna,

UST

47 If because of what you see you are tempted to sin, stop looking at those things! Stop even if you have to gouge out your eye and throw it away to avoid sinning, do it! It is better to have only one eye and to enter the kingdom over which God reigns, than to have two eyes and have him throw you into hell.

What did Jesus say to do with your eye if it causes you to stumble?

Jesus said to tear out your eye if it causes you to stumble.

Mark 9:48

ULT
48 where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.

UST
48 In that place maggots feed on the people there forever, and the fires are never put out.

What did Jesus say happens in hell?
Jesus said that in hell the worm does not die, and the fire is not put out.

Mark 9:49

ULT
49 For everyone will be salted with fire.

UST
49 You must endure difficulties in order that God will be pleased with you. Your difficulties are like a fire that makes things pure. Your enduring is also like people putting salt on their sacrifices to make them pure.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 9:50

ULT
50 Salt is good, but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."
9:29 [1] but the best manuscripts include it.
9:44 [2]
9:46 [3]

UST
50 Salt is useful to put on food, but you cannot make it taste salty again if it becomes flavorless. Similarly, you must remain useful to God, because how can you become useful to God again if you become useless. You must also live peacefully with each other."
9:44 [1]
9:46 [2]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10

Mark 10:1

ULT

1 And having gotten up, he goes from that place to the region of Judea and {the} other side of the Jordan, and {the} crowds come together to him again. And he was teaching them again, as he had been accustomed {to do}.

UST

1 Jesus left that place with his apprentices, and they went through the region of Judea and on across to the east side of the Jordan River. When crowds of people again gathered around him, he taught them again, as he regularly did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:2

ULT

2 And having approached, {the} Pharisees were questioning him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce a wife, testing him.

UST

2 While Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees approached him and asked him, “Does our law permit a man to divorce his wife?” They asked that in order to be able to criticize him no matter whether he answered “yes” or “no.”

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in order to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful for a husband to divorce his wife.

Mark 10:3

ULT

3 But he, answering, said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

UST

3 Jesus answered them, “What did Moses command your ancestors about a man divorcing his wife?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:4

ULT
4 And they said, “Moses permitted him to write a certificate of divorce and to send {her} away.”

UST
4 One of them replied, “Moses permitted that a man may write out divorce papers so that he may send her away.”

What commandment had Moses given the Jews concerning divorce?
Moses had allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then send his wife away.

Mark 10:5

ULT
5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote this commandment to you.

UST
5 Jesus said to them, “It was because of your rebellious attitude that Moses gave you that rule for you.

Why had Moses given the Jews this commandment concerning divorce?
Moses had given this commandment to the Jews because of their hard hearts.

Mark 10:6

ULT
6 But from {the} beginning of creation, ‘He made them male and female.’

UST
6 Remember that when God first created people, he made one man, and he made one woman to become that man’s wife.

To what event in history did Jesus refer when telling the Pharisees about God’s original design for marriage?
Jesus referred to the creation of male and female at the beginning when telling about God’s original design for marriage.

Mark 10:7

ULT

7 ‘On account of this a man will leave his father and mother, [1]

UST

7 That explains why God said, ‘When a man and woman marry, they should no longer live with their fathers and mothers after they marry.

What did Jesus say the two people, the man and his wife, become when they are married? (vv7-8)

Jesus said that the two become one flesh.

Mark 10:8

ULT

8 and the two will be one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

UST

8 Instead, the two of them will live together, and they will become so closely united that they are like one person.’ Therefore, although the people who marry were two separate persons before, God regards them as one person after marriage{, so he wants them to remain married to each other}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:9

ULT

9 Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate.”

UST

9 Because that is true, a man must not divorce his wife. God has joined them together, and he wishes them to stay together!”

What did Jesus say about what God joins together in marriage?

Jesus said that what God joins together, let no man tear apart.

Mark 10:10

ULT

10 And in the house again, the disciples asked him about this.

UST

10 When Jesus and his apprentices were alone in a house, they asked him again about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:11

ULT

11 And he says to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

UST

11 Jesus said to them, “God considers that any man who divorces his wife and marries another woman is committing adultery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:12

ULT

12 And if she, having divorced her husband, marries another, she commits adultery.”

UST

12 God also considers a woman who divorces her husband and marries another man to be committing adultery.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:13

ULT
13 And they were bringing little children to him so that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

UST
13 Now people were bringing children to Jesus so that he would lay his hands on them and bless them. But his apprentices scolded those people.

What was Jesus' reaction when the disciples rebuked those bringing little children to him? (vv13-14)
Jesus was angry with the disciples and told them to permit the little children to come to him.

Mark 10:14

ULT
14 But having seen this, Jesus was indignant and said to them, "Permit the little children to come to me, and do not prevent them, for of the ones such as these is the kingdom of God.

UST
14 When Jesus saw that, he became angry. He said to his apprentices, "Allow the children to come to me! Do not forbid them! It is people who are humble and trust God as they do who can experience God ruling in their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:15

ULT
15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will certainly not enter into it."

UST
15 Note this: Those who do not welcome God's rule over them in the same manner as children do—they will surely not enter the kingdom over which God reigns."

How did Jesus say the kingdom of God must be received in order to enter it?
Jesus said the kingdom of God must be received as a little child in order to enter it.

Mark 10:16

ULT

16 And having taken them into his arms, he blessed {them}, placing {his} hands on them.

UST

16 Then Jesus held the children in his arms. He also put his hands on them and called on God to do good to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:17

ULT

17 And {as} he is proceeding on {the} journey, someone ran up to {him} and, having knelt before him, was asking him, “Good Teacher, what should I do in order that I might inherit eternal life?”

UST

17 As Jesus was starting to travel again with his apprentices, a man ran up to him. He knelt before Jesus and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do so that I can live with God eternally?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:18

ULT

18 But Jesus said to him, “Why are you calling me good? No one {is} good except God alone.

UST

18 Jesus said to him, “You do not realize what you are saying by calling me good! Only God is good!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:19

ULT

19 You have known the commandments: ‘Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

UST

19 {But to answer your question,} you know the commandments of Moses: ‘Do not murder anyone, do not commit adultery, do not steal from anyone, do not lie about anything, do not cheat anyone, and be respectful towards your father and mother.’”

What did Jesus first tell the man he must do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus told the man he must not kill, not commit adultery, not steal, not testify falsely, not defraud, and must honor his father and mother.

Mark 10:20

ULT

20 But he was saying to him, “Teacher, all these {things} I have obeyed from my youth.”

UST

20 The man said to him, “Teacher, I have obeyed all those commandments ever since I was young.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:21

ULT

21 But Jesus, having looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One {thing} you lack; go away, sell as much as you have, and give {it} to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me.”

UST

21 Jesus looked at him with warm affection. He said to him, “There is one thing that you have not yet done. You must go home, sell all that you possess, and then give the money to poor people. As a result, you will be spiritually rich in heaven. After you have done what I have told you, come with me and be my disciple!”

What additional commandment did Jesus then give the man?

Jesus then commanded the man to sell at that he had and to follow him.

Mark 10:22

ULT

22 But he, having become downcast at {this} word, went away grieving, for he was having many possessions.

UST

22 The man was upset by Jesus' instructions. He left in great sorrow, for he could not part with his wealth.

How did the man react when Jesus gave him this commandment, and why?

The man was sorrowful and walked away, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:23

ULT

23 And having looked around, Jesus says to his disciples, "How difficult {it is} for the ones having riches to enter into the kingdom of God!"

UST

23 Jesus looked around at the people. Then he exclaimed to his apprentices, "It is very difficult for people who are wealthy to place themselves under God's rule over them."

Who did Jesus say had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God? (vv23-25)

Jesus said that the rich had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:24

ULT

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words, but again answering, Jesus says to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter into the kingdom of God!

UST

24 The apprentices were surprised by what Jesus said. {They thought that God favored the rich people, so if God did not save them, he would not save anyone.} Jesus said again, "You dear believers who are under my care, it is very difficult for anyone to decide to let God rule his life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:25

ULT
25 It is easier for a camel to pass through {the} eye of a needle than for a rich {person} to enter into the kingdom of God.”

UST
25 It is impossible for a very large animal like a camel to go through the tiny hole in a sewing needle. It is almost as difficult for rich people to decide to let God rule their lives.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:26

ULT
26 And they were greatly astonished, saying to him, “And who is able to be saved?”

UST
26 The apprentices were very amazed. So they said to Jesus, “If that is so, then how can anyone be saved!”

How did Jesus say even a rich person could be saved? (vv26-27)
Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

ULT
27 Having looked at them, Jesus says, “With men {it is} impossible, but not with God. For all {things} {are} possible with God.”

UST
27 Jesus looked at them, and then he said, “Yes, it is impossible for people to save themselves! But God certainly can save them, because God can do anything!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:28

ULT
28 Peter began to speak to him, “Behold, we have left everything and have followed you.”

UST
28 Peter said, “Look, we have left behind everything, and we have become your apprentices.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:29

ULT

29 Jesus was saying, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for {the} sake of me and of the gospel,

UST

29 Jesus replied, “I want you to know this: Those who have left their houses, their brothers, their sisters, their father, their mother, their children, or their plots of ground to be my disciples and to proclaim the good news,

What did Jesus say anyone would receive who had left house, family, and lands for Jesus’ sake? (vv29-30)

Jesus said they would receive a hundred times as much in this world, with persecutions, and eternal life in the world to come.

Mark 10:30

ULT

30 who will not receive a hundred times {as much} now in this time: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands with persecutions, and in the age {that} is coming, eternal life.

UST

30 they will receive in this life a hundred times as much as they left behind. That will include houses and family members: brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and plots of ground. Also, people will persecute them {here on earth because they believe in me}, but in the future age they will live with God eternally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:31

ULT

31 But many {who are} first will be last, and {the} last, first.”

UST

31 Many people who are considered by others to be very important will be considered unimportant by God, and many people who are considered by others to be unimportant will be considered very important by God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:32

ULT

32 Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. And they were amazed, but the ones following behind were afraid. And having taken the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them {what} is about to happen to him.

UST

32 Some days later as they continued to travel, Jesus and his apprentices were walking on the road that leads up to the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was walking ahead of them. The apprentices were astonished and the other people who were with them were afraid. Along the way Jesus took the 12 apprentices to a place by themselves again. Then he began to tell them about what was going to happen to him.

On what road were Jesus and the disciples traveling?

Jesus and the disciples were traveling on the road going up to Jerusalem.

Mark 10:33

ULT

33 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and {the} scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles.

UST

33 He said, “Listen carefully! We are going up to Jerusalem. There the chief priests and the teachers of the Jewish laws will arrest me, the Son of Man. They will declare that I must die. Then they will take me to the Roman authorities.

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him in Jerusalem? (vv33-34)

Jesus told his disciples that he would be condemned to death and delivered over to the Gentiles.

Mark 10:34

ULT

34 And they will mock him and spit on him and whip him and kill {him}, but after three days, he will rise.”

UST

34 Their men will ridicule me and spit on me. They will scourge me, and then they will kill me. But on the third day after that, I will become alive again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:35

ULT
35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approach him, saying to him, “Teacher, we desire that whatever we ask you, you do for us.”

UST
35 Along the way, James and John, who were the two sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us what we will ask you to do!”

What request did James and John make to Jesus? (vv35-37)
James and John requested to sit on Jesus’ right and left hand with him in glory.

Mark 10:36

ULT
36 And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

UST
36 Jesus said to them, “What is it that you want me to do for you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:37

ULT
37 And they said to him, “Grant to us that we might sit in your glory, one at your right hand and one at your left hand.”

UST
37 They said to him, “When you rule gloriously, let one of us sit at your right side and one sit at your left side.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:38

ULT

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup which I drink or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am being baptized?”

UST

38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not understand what you are asking for.” {Then he asked them,} “Can you endure suffering like I am about to suffer? Can you endure people killing you as they will kill me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:39

ULT

39 And they said to him, “We are able.” But Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am being baptized, you will be baptized.

UST

39 They said to him, “Yes, we are able to do that!” Then Jesus said to them, “It is true that you will endure suffering like I will suffer, and you will endure people killing you as they will kill me.

What did Jesus say that James and John would endure?

Jesus said that James and John would endure the cup Jesus would drink, and the baptism with which Jesus would be baptized.

Mark 10:40

ULT

40 But to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but {it is} for whom it has been prepared.”

UST

40 But I am not the one who chooses who will sit next to me. God will give those places to the ones whom he chooses in advance.”

Did Jesus grant the request of James and John?

No. Jesus said that the seats at his right and left hand were not his to give.

Mark 10:41

ULT
41 And having heard {this}, the ten began to be very angry with James and John.

UST
41 The other ten apprentices later heard about what James and John had requested. {As a result,} they were angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:42

ULT
42 And having summoned them, Jesus says to them, “You know that the ones considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

UST
42 Then, after Jesus called them all together, he said to them, “You know that those who rule the non-Jews enjoy showing that they are powerful. You also know that their officials enjoy commanding others.

How did Jesus say the rulers of the Gentiles treat their subjects?
Jesus said that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate their subjects.

Mark 10:43

ULT
43 But it is not this way among you. Instead, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant,

UST
43 But do not be like them! On the contrary, if any of you want to achieve greatness, he must consider himself as the servant of others.

How did Jesus say those who wish to be great among the disciples must live? (vv43-44)
Jesus said those who wish to be great among the disciples must be servant of all.

Mark 10:44

ULT

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you will be a slave of all.

UST

44 And, if any one of you wants God to consider him to be the most important, he must take the role of a slave for the rest of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:45

ULT

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."

UST

45 Even I, the Son of Man, did not come to receive service but to give service and to die for people as payment for their sin, buying them freedom from the punishment God set for sinners."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:46

ULT

46 And they come into Jericho, and {as} he is going out from Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, son of Timaeus, was sitting beside the road.

UST

46 On the way to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus and his apprentices came to the city of Jericho. Then, while they were leaving Jericho along with a great crowd, a man who could not see and who often asked others for money was sitting beside the road. His name was Bartimaeus, and his father's name was Timaeus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:47

ULT

47 And having heard that it is Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and to say, “Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!”

UST

47 When he heard people say that Jesus from Nazareth was passing by, he shouted, “Jesus! You who are descended from King David, help me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:48

ULT

48 And many were rebuking him so that he might be silent, but he was crying out much more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

UST

48 Many people scolded him and told him that he should be quiet. Instead, he shouted even more loudly, “You who are descended from King David, be merciful to me!”

What did the blind man Bartimaeus do when many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet?
Bartimaeus cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Mark 10:49

ULT

49 And having stood still, Jesus said, “Call him.” And they call the blind {man}, saying to him, “Take courage! Get up! He is calling you.”

UST

49 Jesus stopped and said, “Call him to come over here!” They called the blind man, saying, “Jesus is calling you! So cheer up and stand up and come!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:50

ULT
50 And having thrown aside his coat, having sprung up, he came to Jesus.

UST
50 He threw aside his cloak as he jumped up, and he came to Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:51

ULT
51 And answering him, Jesus said, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, that I regain my sight.”

UST
51 Jesus asked him, “How would you like me to help you?” The blind man said to him, “Teacher, I want to be able to see again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 10:52

ULT
52 And Jesus said to him, “Go. Your faith has healed you.” And immediately he regained his sight, and he was following him on the road.
10:7 [1] but the best manuscripts do not.

UST
52 Jesus said to him, “Because you have trusted in me, I have healed you! So you may go!” He could see immediately. And he went with Jesus along the road.

What did Jesus say had healed Bartimaeus of his blindness?
Jesus said that Bartimaeus’ faith had healed him.

Mark 11

Mark 11:1

ULT

[1] And when they come near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, to the Mount of Olives, he sends out two of his disciples

UST

[1] When Jesus and his apprentices came close to Jerusalem, they came to the villages of Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus sent two of his apprentices on ahead of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:2

ULT

[2] and says to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately, entering into it, you will find a colt having been tied up, on which no man has yet sat. Untie it and bring it {here}.

UST

[2] Jesus said to them, “Go to that village just ahead of us. As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied up there. It is an animal that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.

What did Jesus send two of his disciples to do in the village opposite them?
Jesus sent them to bring a colt to him that had never been ridden.

Mark 11:3

ULT

[3] And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and immediately he sends it back here.’”

UST

[3] If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing that?’ say, ‘Jesus needs it. He will send it back here with someone as soon as he no longer needs it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:4

ULT
4 And they left and found a colt having been tied up at a door outside on the street, and they untie it.

UST
4 So the two apprentices went, and they found the donkey. It was tied close to the door of a house and was standing in the street. Then they untied it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:5

ULT
5 And some of the ones standing there began to say to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

UST
5 Some of the people who were there asked Jesus’ two apprentices, “Why are you untying the donkey?”

What happened when the disciples untied the colt? (vv5-6)
Some people asked the disciples what they were doing, so they spoke to the people as Jesus told them, and the people let them go their way.

Mark 11:6

ULT
6 And they spoke to them just as Jesus told them, and they let them go.

UST
6 They told them what Jesus had instructed them to say. So the people permitted them to take the donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:7

ULT
7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and throw their cloaks upon it, and he sat on it.

UST
7 The two apprentices took the donkey to Jesus and put their robes on it {to make something for him to sit on}. Jesus then sat on the donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:8

ULT

[8] And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others, branches they had cut from the fields.

UST

[8] Many people spread their robes on the road in front of him. Others cut branches from palm trees in nearby fields and spread them along the road.

What did the people spread on the road as Jesus rode on the colt?

On the road the people spread their garments and branches they had cut from the fields.

Mark 11:9

ULT

[9] Both the ones going before and the ones following were crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one coming in {the} name of {the} Lord.

UST

[9] The people who were going in front of him and behind him were all shouting, “Praise God!” {and} “May God bless this one who comes as his representative.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:10

ULT

[10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

UST

[10] {They also shouted,} May God bless you when you rule like our ancestor King David ruled!” “Praise God who is in the highest heaven!”

What coming kingdom were the people shouting about as Jesus rode toward Jerusalem?

The people were shouting that the kingdom of their father David was coming.

Mark 11:11

ULT

11 And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and having looked around at everything, the hour already being late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

UST

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem with them, and then he went into the temple courtyard. After he looked around at everything there, he left the city because it was already late in the afternoon. He returned to the village of Bethany with the 12 apprentices.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area?

Jesus looked around and then went out to Bethany.

Mark 11:12

ULT

12 And the next day, {when} they had come out from Bethany, he was hungry.

UST

12 The next day, as Jesus and his apprentices were leaving Bethany, he felt hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:13

ULT

13 And having seen from far away a fig tree having leaves, he went, if perhaps he will find anything on it. But having come to it, he found nothing except leaves, for it was not the season of figs.

UST

13 At a distance, he saw a fig tree with all its leaves, so he went to it to see if he could find any figs on it. But when he came to it, he found no fruit on it, only leaves. This was because it was not yet the normal time of year when fig trees would produce ripe figs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:14

ULT
14 And answering, he said to it, “No one will any longer eat fruit from you to eternity.” And his disciples heard {it}.

UST
14 He said to the tree, “No one will ever eat fruit from you again.” And his apprentices heard this.

What did Jesus do when he saw the fig tree with no fruit on it?
Jesus said to the fig tree, “No one will ever eat fruit from you”.

Mark 11:15

ULT
15 And coming to Jerusalem, and having entered into the temple, he began to cast out the ones selling and the ones buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling pigeons,

UST
15 Jesus and his apprentices went back into Jerusalem and entered the temple courtyard. He saw people who were selling and buying animals for sacrifices. He chased those people from the temple courtyard. He also overturned the tables of those who were selling temple tax money in exchange for Roman coins. And he overturned the seats of the men who were selling pigeons for buyers to sacrifice.

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area this time? (vv15-16)
Jesus cast out the sellers and purchasers and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

Mark 11:16

ULT
16 and he was not permitting that anyone would carry containers through the temple.

UST
16 He would not allow anyone who was carrying anything to sell to go through the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:17

ULT

17 And he was teaching them and saying, “Has it not been written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a den of robbers.”

UST

17 Then as he taught those people, he said to them, “One of the prophets wrote in the Scriptures that God said, ‘I want people to call my house a house where people from all nations may pray,’ but you robbers have made it like a cave where robbers hide.”

What did Jesus say the temple was supposed to be, according to Scripture?

Jesus said that the temple was supposed to be a house of prayer for all the nations.

What did Jesus say the chief priests and scribes had made the temple?

Jesus said they had made the temple a den of robbers.

Mark 11:18

ULT

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard {this}, and they were seeking a way they might kill him, for they feared him because the entire crowd was amazed at his teaching.

UST

18 The chief priests and the men who taught the Jewish laws later heard about what Jesus had done. They were planning how they might kill him, but they feared him because they realized that the whole crowd was amazed at what he was teaching.

What were the chief priests and scribes trying to do to Jesus?

The chief priests and scribes were trying to kill Jesus.

Mark 11:19

ULT

19 And when evening came, they were departing from the city.

UST

19 That evening, Jesus and his apprentices left the city {and again slept in Bethany}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:20

ULT
20 And passing by in {the} morning, they saw the fig tree had been withered from {the} roots.

UST
20 The next morning while they were going along the road toward Jerusalem, they saw that the fig tree that Jesus had cursed had dried and shriveled completely.

What happened to the fig tree to which Jesus had spoken?
The fig tree to which Jesus had spoken withered away to its roots.

Mark 11:21

ULT
21 And having been reminded, Peter says to him, “Rabbi, behold! The fig tree that you cursed has been withered away.”

UST
21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the fig tree, and he said to Jesus, “Teacher, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:22

ULT
22 And answering, Jesus says to them, “Have faith in God.

UST
22 Jesus replied, “You should not be surprised that God did what I asked! You must trust that God will do whatever you ask him to do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:23

ULT
23 Truly I say to you that whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, it will be for him.

UST
23 Also note this: If anyone says to this mountain, ‘Rise up and throw yourself into the sea,’ if he does not doubt that what he asks for will happen, that is, if he believes that it will happen, God will do it for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:24

ULT
24 Because of this, I say to you, whatever you pray and ask, believe that you have received {it}, and it will be to you.

UST
24 So I tell you, whenever you ask God for something when you pray, believe that you will receive it, and, if you do trust in him, God will do it for you.

What did Jesus say about everything we ask for in prayer?
Jesus said that everything we ask for in prayer, believe that we have received it, and it will be ours.

Mark 11:25

ULT
25 And when you stand praying, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father who {is} in the heavens may also forgive you your trespasses.”

UST
25 Now, I tell you this also: Whenever you are praying, if you have a grudge against any person because they have sinned against you, cancel their debt to you so that your Father in heaven will likewise cancel your debt to him for your sins.”

What did Jesus say we must do so that the Father in heaven will also forgive you?
Jesus said we must forgive whatever we have against anyone so that the Father will also forgive us.

Mark 11:26

ULT

26[1] [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who {is} in the heavens forgive your trespasses.]

UST

26[1] [But if you do not cancel their debt, neither will your Father, who is in heaven, cancel your debt for your sins.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:27

ULT

27 And they come to Jerusalem again, and as he is walking around in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders come to him.

UST

27 Jesus and his apprentices arrived in the temple courtyard in Jerusalem again. While Jesus was walking there, a group consisting of chief priests, some men who taught the Jewish laws, and elders came to him.

In the temple, what did the chief priests, scribes, and elders want to know from Jesus? (vv27-28)

They wanted to know by what authority he did the things he was doing.

Mark 11:28

ULT

28 And they were saying to him, “By what authority do you do these {things}, and who gave you this authority, so that you might do these {things}?”

UST

28 They said to him, “By what authority are you doing these things? Who authorized you to do things like those you did here yesterday?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:29

ULT

29 But Jesus said to them, “I also will ask you one word, and you answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these {things}.

UST

29 Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question. If you answer me, then I will tell you who authorized me to do those things.

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests, scribes, and elders? (vv29-30)

Jesus asked them if John’s baptism was from heaven or from men.

Mark 11:30

ULT

30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me.”

UST

30 Was it God who authorized John to baptize those who came to him? Or was it people who authorized him?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 11:31

ULT

31 And they began to discuss between themselves, saying, “What should we say? If we would say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Because of what then did you not believe him?’ [2]

UST

31 They debated among themselves as to what they should answer. They said to each other, “If we say that it was God who authorized him, he will say to us, ‘Then you should have believed what John said!’

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John’s baptism was from heaven?

They did not want to give this answer because Jesus would ask why they didn’t believe John.

Mark 11:32

ULT

32 But {if} we say, ‘From men,’?” (They were afraid of the crowd, for they all held that John really was a prophet.)

UST

32 On the other hand, if we say that it was people who authorized John, then what will happen to us?” They were afraid to say that about where John got his authority, because they knew that the people would be very angry with them. They knew that all the people truly believed that John was a prophet whom God had sent.

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John’s baptism was from men?

They did not want to give this answer because they feared the people, who all believed that John was a prophet.

Mark 11:33

ULT

33 And answering Jesus, they say, “We do not know.” And Jesus says to them, “Neither do I say to you by what authority I do these {things}.”
11:26 [1]
11:31 [2] but the best manuscripts include it.

UST

33 So they answered Jesus, “We do not know who authorized John to baptize people.” Then Jesus said to them, “Because you did not answer my question, I will not tell you who authorized me to do those things here yesterday.”
11:26 [1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12

Mark 12:1

ULT

[1] And he began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a pit for a winepress and built a watchtower and rented it to farmers and went away on a journey.

UST

[1] Then Jesus began to tell the Jewish leaders a story with a lesson. He said, “A certain man planted a vineyard. He built a fence around it in order to protect it. He made a stone tank to collect the grape juice that they would press out of the grapes. He also built a tower for someone to sit in to guard his vineyard. He rented the vineyard to some people who would take care of it and he left to travel to a different country.

After building and leasing the vineyard, what did the owner do?
After building and leasing the vineyard, the owner went away on a journey.

Mark 12:2

ULT

[2] And at the season, he sent a slave to the farmers so that he might receive from the farmers from the fruit of the vineyard.

UST

[2] When the time came to harvest the grapes, the owner of the vineyard sent a servant to the people who were taking care of his vineyard, because he wanted to receive from them his share of the grapes that the vineyard had produced.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:3

ULT

[3] But having seized him, they beat {him}, and sent {him} away empty.

UST

[3] But when the servant arrived, they grabbed him and beat the servant, and they did not give him any of the fruit. Then they sent him away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:4

ULT

4 And again he sent to them another slave, and that one, they wounded in the head and treated shamefully.

UST

4 Later the owner sent another of his servants to them. But they beat that one on the head, and they insulted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:5

ULT

5 And he sent another, and that one they killed, and many others—beating some but killing others.

UST

5 Later the owner sent still another servant. That man the people who were caring for the vineyard killed. They also mistreated many other servants whom he sent. Some they beat and some they killed.

What did the vine dressers do to the many servants that the owner sent to receive the fruit of the vineyard?

The vine dressers beat some and killed some of the many servants.

Mark 12:6

ULT

6 Having one more, a beloved son, he sent him to them last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

UST

6 The owner still had one other person with him, his son, whom he loved very much. So, finally he sent his son to them, because he thought that they would recognize his son and treat him well.

Who did the owner send last to the vine dressers?

The owner sent his beloved son last.

Mark 12:7

ULT

7 But those farmers said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’

UST

7 But when the people who were caring for the vineyard saw his son coming, they said to each other, ‘Look! Here comes the owner’s son, who will someday inherit the vineyard! So let us kill him in order that this vineyard will be ours!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:8

ULT

8 And having seized {him}, they killed him, and threw him outside of the vineyard.

UST

8 They seized the owner’s son and killed him. Then they threw his body outside the vineyard.

What did the vine dressers do with the one sent last by the owner?

The vine dressers seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:9

ULT

9 Therefore, what will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers and will give the vineyard to others.

UST

9 So I will tell you what the owner of the vineyard will do. He will come, and he will kill those evil men who were taking care of his vineyard. Then he will arrange for other people to take care of it.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to the vine dressers?

The owner of the vineyard will come and destroy the vine dressers and give the vineyard to others.

Mark 12:10

ULT

10 And have you not read this scripture? ‘{The} stone which the builders rejected, this has become {the} head of {the} corner.

UST

10 Are you not aware of what the scripture says? The men who were building the building refused to use a certain stone. But the Lord has put that same stone in its proper place, and it has become the most important stone in the building!

In the scripture, what happens to the stone which the builders rejected?

The stone which the builders rejected has been made the cornerstone.

Mark 12:11

ULT

11 This came about from {the} Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes.’”

UST

11 The Lord has done this, and we marvel as we look at it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:12

ULT

12 And they were seeking to seize him, but they feared the crowd, for they knew that he spoke the parable against them. And having left him, they went away.

UST

12 Then the Jewish leaders realized that Jesus was accusing them when he told this story about what those wicked people did. So the Jewish leaders wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of what the crowds of people would do if the Jewish leaders did that. So they left him and went away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:13

ULT

13 And they send some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to him in order to trap him with a word.

UST

13 The Jewish leaders sent to Jesus some Pharisees {who thought that the Jews should pay only the tax that their own Jewish authorities required people to pay}. They also sent some members of the party that supported Herod Antipas and the Roman government. They wanted to trick Jesus; they wanted to make Jesus say something that would make one of those groups angry with him so they could bring charges against him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:14

ULT

14 And having come, they say to him, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and it is not a concern to you about anyone, for you do not look at {the} face of men, but you teach the way of God according to truth. Is it lawful to give taxes to Caesar or not? Should we give, or should we not give?”

UST

14 After they arrived, one of them said to Jesus, “Teacher, we know that you teach only what is true. We also know that you are not influenced by people’s opinions. Instead, you truthfully teach all people what God wants them to do; you do not show regard for their social position. {So tell us what you think about this matter:} Is it right that we pay taxes to the Roman government, or not? Should we pay the taxes, or should we not pay them?”

What question did the Pharisees and some of the Herodians ask Jesus?

They asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Mark 12:15

ULT

15 But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you test me? Bring to me a denarius so that I might look at {it}.”

UST

15 Jesus knew that they did not really want to know what God wanted them to do. So he said to them, “I know that you are just trying to make me say something wrong for which you can accuse me, {but I will answer your question anyway.} Bring me a coin so that I might look at it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:16

ULT

16 And they brought {one}, and he says to them, “Whose {is} this image and inscription?” And they said to him, “Caesar’s.”

UST

16 After they had brought him a coin, he asked them, “Whose picture is on this coin? And whose name is on it?” They replied, “It is a picture and the name of Caesar{, the man who rules the Roman government}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:17

ULT

17 And Jesus said to them, “The {things} of Caesar, give back to Caesar, and the {things} of God, to God.” And they were marveling at him.

UST

17 Jesus said to them, “{In that case} give to the government what belongs to the government and give to God what belongs to God.” They were amazed by what he said.

How did Jesus answer their question?

Jesus said they should give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and give to God the things that are God’s.

Mark 12:18

ULT

18 And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, come to him and began questioning him, saying,

UST

18 Men who belong to the Sadducee group deny that people become alive again after they die. {In order to discredit Jesus by ridiculing the idea that people will live again, some of them} came to him and asked him,

In what did the Sadducees not believe?

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.

Mark 12:19

ULT

19 “Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if someone’s brother dies and leaves behind a wife but does not leave a child, his brother should take the wife and should raise up seed to his brother.

UST

19 “Teacher, Moses instructed us Jews that if a man who has no children dies, his brother should marry the dead man’s widow. Then if those two bear children, everyone will consider that those children are the children of the man who died, and in that way the dead man will continue to have descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:20

ULT

20 There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and dying, did not leave seed,

UST

20 So here is an example: There were seven brothers in one family. The oldest one married a woman, but he and his wife did not bear any children. Then he later died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:21

ULT

21 and the second took her and died, not having left seed, and the third likewise.

UST

21 The second brother {followed this law and} married that woman and he, too, did not bear any children. Then he later died. The third brother did like his other brothers did. But he also did not bear any children, and later died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:22

ULT
22 And the seven did not leave seed. Last of all, the woman also died.

UST
22 Eventually all seven brothers married that woman one by one, but no one had any children, and one by one they died. Afterwards the woman died, too.

In the story told by the Sadducees, how many husbands did the woman have?
The woman had seven husbands.

Mark 12:23

ULT
23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be a wife? For the seven had her {as} wife."

UST
23 {Therefore, if what some people say were true, that people will become alive again after they die,} whose wife do you think that woman will be when people become alive again? Keep in mind that she had been married to all seven brothers!"

What question did the Sadducees ask Jesus about the woman?
They asked which of the men would be the woman's husband in the resurrection.

Mark 12:24

ULT
24 Jesus said to them, "Are you not being led astray because of this, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?

UST
24 Jesus replied to them, "You are certainly wrong. You do not know what the Scriptures teach about this. You also do not understand God's power to make people alive again.

What reason did Jesus give the Sadducees for their error?
Jesus said that the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Mark 12:25

ULT

25 For when they rise from {the} dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in the heavens.

UST

25 {That woman will not be the wife of any of those brothers,} because when people become alive again, instead of men having wives and women having husbands, they will be like the angels in heaven. {Angels do not marry.}

What was Jesus' answer to the Sadducees' question about the woman?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, men and women will not marry, but will be like angels.

Mark 12:26

ULT

26 But concerning the dead that are raised, did you not read in the book of Moses, at the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob'?

UST

26 But let me talk about people becoming alive again after they die. In the book that Moses wrote, he said something about people who have died that I am sure that you have read. When Moses was looking at the bush that was burning, God said to him, 'I am the God whom Abraham worships and the God whom Isaac worships and the God whom Jacob worships.' {God would not have said that if he had not made those men alive again and if he was not still their God.}

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection? (vv26-27)

Jesus quoted from the book of Moses, where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - all who must then be still alive.

Mark 12:27

ULT

27 He is not {the} God of {the} dead but of {the} living. You are being quite deceived."

UST

27 Now it is not dead people who worship God. It is living people who worship him. So when you say that dead people do not become alive again, you are very wrong."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:28

ULT

28 And one of the scribes, having come up, having heard them discussing {this} together, having seen that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which is {the} first commandment of all?”

UST

28 A man who taught the Jewish laws heard their discussion. He knew that Jesus had answered the Sadducees’ question very well. So he stepped forward and asked Jesus, “Which commandment is the most important?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:29

ULT

29 Jesus answered, “{The} first is, ‘Hear, Israel, {the} Lord our God, {the} Lord is one.

UST

29 Jesus answered, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, you people of Israel! The Lord our God, he only is our God.

What commandment did Jesus say is most important? (vv29-30)

Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is the most important commandment.

Mark 12:30

ULT

30 And you will love {the} Lord your God from your whole heart, and from your whole soul, and from your whole mind, and from your whole strength.’

UST

30 You must love the Lord your God in all that you want and feel, in all that you think, and in all that you do!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:31

ULT

31 {The} second {is} this, ‘You will love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other greater commandment than these.”

UST

31 The next most important commandment is: ‘You must love the people around you as much as you love yourself.’ No other commandment is more important than these two!”

What commandment did Jesus say is second?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself is the second commandment.

Mark 12:32

ULT

32 And the scribe said to him, “Good, Teacher! According to truth you have said that he is one, and there is no other besides him.

UST

32 The man said to Jesus, “Teacher, you have answered well. You say truthfully that God is the only God and that there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:33

ULT

33 And to love him from the whole heart and from the whole understanding and from the whole strength, and to love the neighbor as oneself is even more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

UST

33 You have also said correctly that we should love God in all that we want and feel, in all that we think, and in all that we do. And you have said correctly that we must love people with whom we come in contact as much as we love ourselves. And you have also correctly said that doing these things pleases God more than burning food or animals as an offering or giving other sacrifices.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:34

ULT

34 And Jesus, having seen him, that he had answered wisely, said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And no one any longer was daring to question him.

UST

34 Jesus realized that this man had answered wisely. So he said to him, “{I perceive that} you are close to deciding to let God rule over you.” After that, the Jewish leaders were afraid to ask him any more questions like that to try to trap him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:35

ULT

35 And answering, Jesus, teaching in the temple, said, “How do the scribes say that the Christ is {the} son of David?

UST

35 Later, while Jesus was teaching in the temple area, he said to the people, “How is it that those who teach the Jewish laws say—and they are correct in saying—that the Messiah is a descendant of King David?

What question did Jesus ask the scribes about David? (vv35-37)

Jesus asked how David could call the Christ Lord when the Christ is the son of David.

Mark 12:36

ULT

36 David himself, in the Holy Spirit, said, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I place your enemies under your feet.”’

UST

36 The Holy Spirit caused David to say about the Messiah, ‘God said to my Lord, “Sit here beside me at my right hand, in the place where I will highly honor you above everyone else! Sit here until the time when I completely defeat your enemies!”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:37

ULT

37 David himself calls him ‘Lord,’ and how is he his son?” And a large crowd was listening to him gladly.

UST

37 Therefore, because David himself calls the Messiah ‘my Lord,’ how can the Messiah be just a man who descended from King David? He must be much greater than David!” Many people listened gladly to him as he taught those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:38

ULT

38 And in his teaching, he was saying, “Watch out for the scribes, desiring to walk in long robes and {receive} greetings in the marketplaces

UST

38 While Jesus was teaching the people, he said to them, “Beware that you do not act like the men who teach our Jewish laws. They like people to honor them, so they put on long robes and walk around in order to show people how important they are. They also like people to greet them respectfully in the marketplaces.

What did Jesus tell the people to beware of concerning the scribes? (vv38-40)

Jesus said that the scribes desire to be honored by men, but they devour widows’ houses and make long prayers for people to see.

Mark 12:39

ULT

39 and {to have} first seats in the synagogues and first places at the banquets.

UST

39 They like to sit in the most important seats in the Jewish meeting place. At festivals, they like to sit in the seats where the most honored people sit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:40

ULT

40 They are devouring the houses of the widows, and as a pretext, offering long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

UST

40 They {also} steal all the property of widows. But to make other people think that they are righteous, they pray for a long time {in public}. God will certainly punish them severely!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:41

ULT

41 And having sat down across from the treasury, he was watching how the crowd puts money into the treasury. And many rich were putting in much.

UST

41 Later, Jesus sat down in the temple area opposite the boxes in which people put offerings for God. As he was sitting there, he watched as many people put money into one of the boxes, and he noticed many rich people put in large amounts of money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:42

ULT

42 And having come, one poor widow put in two lepta, which are a quadrans.

UST

42 Then a poor widow came along and dropped in two small copper coins, which together are equal in value to one Roman quadrans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:43

ULT

43 And having called his disciples, he said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of the ones putting into the treasury.

UST

43-44 Jesus gathered his apprentices around him and said to them, “The truth is that those other people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. But this woman, who is very poor, has put in all the money that she had to pay for the things she needed for today. So this poor widow has put more money into the box than all the others!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 12:44

ULT

44 For all {of them} gave from their abundance, but she, from her poverty, put in everything, as much as she had, all of her livelihood.”

UST

43-44 Jesus gathered his apprentices around him and said to them, “The truth is that those other people have a lot of money, but they gave only a small part of it. But this woman, who is very poor, has put in all the money that she had to pay for the things she needed for today. So this poor widow has put more money into the box than all the others!”

Why did Jesus say that the poor widow had put in more than all who contributed to the offering box?

Jesus said she had contributed more because she gave out of her poverty while the others gave out of their abundance.

Mark 13

Mark 13:1

ULT

1 And {as} he is walking away from the temple, one of his disciples says to him, “Teacher, look! What manner of stones and what manner of buildings!”

UST

1 While Jesus was leaving the temple area, one of his apprentices said to him, “Teacher, look at how marvelous these huge cut blocks of stone in the walls are and how wonderful these buildings are!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:2

ULT

2 And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? A stone upon a stone will certainly not be left here, which will certainly not be torn down.”

UST

2 Jesus said to him, “Yes, these buildings that you are looking at are wonderful{, but I want to tell you something about them}. {Foreign invaders} will destroy them completely, with the result that no stone here in this temple area will be left on top of another stone.”

What did Jesus say would happen to the wonderful stones and buildings of the temple?
Jesus said that not one stone would be left on another.

Mark 13:3

ULT

3 And {as} he is sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were asking him by himself,

UST

3 After they arrived at the Mount of Olives across the valley from the temple, Jesus sat down. When Peter, James, John, and Andrew were alone with him, they asked him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:4

ULT
4 “Tell us, when will these {things} be? And what {is} the sign when all these {things} are about to be fulfilled?”

UST
4 “Tell us, when will these things that God has planned happen? What will happen to show us these things are about to take place?”

What question did the disciples then ask Jesus?
The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign.

Mark 13:5

ULT
5 Now Jesus began to say to them, “Be careful {that} no one deceives you.

UST
5 Jesus replied to them, “Beware that no one deceive you concerning what will happen!

About what did Jesus say the disciples must be careful? (vv5-6)
Jesus said the disciples must be careful that no one lead them astray.

Mark 13:6

ULT
6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am {he}!’ and they will deceive many.

UST
6 Many people will come, and each will claim to be me. Each will say about himself, ‘I am the Messiah!’ They will deceive many people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:7

ULT

[7] But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not worry; it is necessary for it to happen, but {it is} not yet the end.

UST

[7] Whenever people tell you about wars that are happening and about wars that could happen, do not let yourself be troubled. These things will definitely happen. But when they do happen, do not think that it is the end of the world!

What did Jesus say would be the beginnings of birth pains? (vv7-8)

Jesus said the beginning of birth pains would be wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines.

Mark 13:8

ULT

[8] For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in {various} place; there will be famines. These {things} {are} {the} beginning of birth pains.

UST

[8] Groups who live in various countries will fight each other, and various governments will fight each other. There will also be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines. Yet, when these things happen, people will have only just begun to suffer. These first things that they suffer will be like the first pains a woman suffers who is about to bear a child. They will suffer much more after that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:9

ULT

[9] But you, watch yourselves! They will hand you over to councils and to synagogues; you will be beaten, and you will be made to stand before governors and kings because of me, for a testimony to them.

UST

[9] Be ready for what people will do to you at that time. Because you believe in me, they will arrest you and put you on trial before the religious councils. In the Jewish meeting place, others will beat you. People will put you on trial in the presence of high government authorities. As a result, you will be able to tell them about me.

What did Jesus say would happen to the disciples?

Jesus said that the disciples would be delivered to councils, beaten in synagogues, and would stand before governors and kings as a testimony.

Mark 13:10

ULT
10 And first, it is necessary for the gospel to be proclaimed to all the nations.

UST
10 My followers must proclaim the good news to people in all nations before God finishes everything that he has planned.

What did Jesus say must happen first?
Jesus said the gospel must be preached to all the nations first.

Mark 13:11

ULT
11 And when they lead you away, handing you over, do not worry about what you will say. But whatever is given to you in that hour, speak that; for you are not the ones speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

UST
11 When people arrest you in order to prosecute you, do not worry about what you will say. Instead, say what God puts into your mind at that time. Then it will not be just you who will be speaking. It will be the Holy Spirit who will be speaking through you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:12

ULT
12 And brother will hand over brother to death, and a father, {his} child. And children will rise up against parents and put them to death.

UST
12 {Other evil things will happen:} People who do not believe in me will help others seize their brothers and sisters in order that the government can execute them. Some parents will betray their children and some children will betray their parents so that government officials will kill their parents.

What did Jesus say would happen between family members?
Jesus said that one family member would deliver up another family member to death.

Mark 13:13

ULT
13 And you will be hated by everyone because of my name. But the one who endured to the end, that one will be saved.

UST
13 Many people will hate you because you believe in me. But God will save all of you who continue to trust in me strongly {until your life ends}.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?
Jesus said that whoever endures to the end would be saved.

Mark 13:14

ULT
14 But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where it should not be (Let the one reading understand.), then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains,

UST
14 During that time the detestable thing will enter the temple. It will defile the temple and cause people to abandon it. When you see it where it should not be, you should run away quickly! (May everyone who is reading this pay attention to this warning!) At that time those people who are in the district of Judea should flee to higher hills.

What did Jesus say those in Judea should do when they see the abomination of desolation?
Jesus said that those in Judea should flee to the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation.

Mark 13:15

ULT
15 but let the one on the housetop not go down nor go in to take anything from his house,

UST
15 Those people who are outside their houses should not enter their houses in order to get anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:16

ULT
16 and let the one in the field not turn back to the {things} behind to get his cloak.

UST
16 Those who are working in a field should not return to their houses in order to get additional clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:17

ULT
17 But woe to the ones having in {the} womb, and to the ones nursing in those days!

UST
17 When this happens, how terrible it will be for pregnant women and for those who are nursing their babies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:18

ULT
18 But pray that it might not happen in winter.

UST
18-19 In those days people will suffer very severely. People have never suffered like that from the time when God first created the world until now, and people will not suffer that way again. So pray that this painful time will not happen in winter{, when it will be hard to travel}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:19

ULT
19 For there will be in those days tribulation—such as this kind has not happened from {the} beginning of creation which God created until now and will certainly not happen {again}.

UST
18-19 In those days people will suffer very severely. People have never suffered like that from the time when God first created the world until now, and people will not suffer that way again. So pray that this painful time will not happen in winter{, when it will be hard to travel}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:20

ULT
20 And if {the} Lord did not cut short the days, no flesh would be saved. But for the sake of the elect whom he chose, he cut short the days.

UST
20 If God had not decided that he would shorten that time when people suffer so much, everyone would die. But he has decided to shorten that time because he is concerned about the people whom he has chosen.

What did Jesus say the Lord would do for the sake of the elect, so that they would be saved?
Jesus said the Lord would shorten the days of tribulation for the sake of the elect.

Mark 13:21

ULT
21 And then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here {is} the Christ! Look, there!’ do not believe {it}.

UST
21-22 At that time people will falsely say that they are the Messiah. And some will appear claiming to be prophets from God. Then they will perform many kinds of miracles. They will even try to deceive the people whom God has chosen. So at that time if someone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’, or if someone says, ‘Look, there he is!’, do not believe it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:22

ULT
22 For false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give signs and wonders, to deceive, if possible, the elect.

UST
21-22 At that time people will falsely say that they are the Messiah. And some will appear claiming to be prophets from God. Then they will perform many kinds of miracles. They will even try to deceive the people whom God has chosen. So at that time if someone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’, or if someone says, ‘Look, there he is!’, do not believe it!

Who did Jesus say would arise to deceive people?
Jesus said that false Christs and false prophets would arise to deceive people.

Mark 13:23

ULT
23 But you, watch out! Behold, I have told you everything beforehand.

UST
23 Be alert! Remember that I have warned you about all this before it happens!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:24

ULT
24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

UST
24 After the time when people suffer like that, God will cause the sun to become dark and the moon will not shine;

What will happen to the lights and powers in the heavens after the tribulation of those days? (vv24-25)
The sun and moon will be darkened, the stars will fall from the sky. The powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:25

ULT
25 and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the skies will be shaken.

UST
25 God will cause the stars to fall from the sky and all the things in the sky to shake out of their place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:26

ULT
26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

UST
26 Then people will see me, the Son of Man, coming in the clouds powerfully and gloriously.

What will the people see in the clouds?
They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27

ULT
27 And then he will send the angels and he will gather together his elect from the four winds, from {the} end of {the} earth to {the} end of {the} sky.

UST
27 Then I will send out my angels so they can gather together the people whom God has chosen from everywhere, from the most remote places on earth.

What will the Son of Man do when he comes?
The Son of Man will gather his elect from the ends of the earth and the sky.

Mark 13:28

ULT
28 Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When already its branch becomes tender and puts forth {its} leaves, you know that summer is near.

UST
28 Now I want you to learn something from how fig trees grow. When their branches become tender and their leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is almost here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:29

ULT
29 So also, when you see these {things} happening, know that he is near, at {the} doors.

UST
29 Similarly, when you see what I have just described happening, you yourselves will know that it is very near the time for me to return. It will be as though I am already at the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:30

ULT
30 Truly I say to you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these {things} occur.

UST
30 Keep this in mind: this generation will not die until every one of these things take place.

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all of these things occurred?
Jesus said that this generation would not pass away until all of these things occurred.

Mark 13:31

ULT
31 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

UST
31 {You can be certain that these things that I have prophesied will happen.} The earth and what is in the sky will one day be destroyed, but these things that I have told you will certainly happen.

What did Jesus say would never pass away?
Jesus said that his words would never pass away.

Mark 13:32

ULT
32 But concerning that day or the hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.

UST
32 But no one knows the exact time when I will return. The angels in heaven also do not know. Even I, God's Son, do not know. Only my Father knows.

When did Jesus say all these things would happen?
Jesus said that no one knows the day or hour except the Father.

Mark 13:33

ULT
33 Be alert! Stay awake and pray, because you do not know when the time is.

UST
33 So be ready! Always be alert and prayerful, because you do not know the time when I will return!

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding when the time is?
Jesus told his disciples to be alert, watch and pray.

Mark 13:34

ULT
34 As a man on a journey, having left his house, and having given to each of his servants authority over his work, and he commanded the doorkeeper that he should stay alert;

UST
34 It will be similar to this. When a man who wants to travel to a distant place is about to leave his house, he tells his servants that they should manage the house. He tells each one what he should do. Then he tells the doorkeeper to be ready for his return.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:35

ULT

35 therefore, stay alert, because you do not know when the lord of the house is coming—whether evening or midnight or at rooster crowing or at morning—

UST

35 That man must always be ready, because he does not know whether his master will return in the evening, at midnight, when the rooster crows at dawn, or in the morning after light from the sun has appeared in the sky. Similarly, you also must always be ready, because you do not know when I will return.

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be stay alert as they await his coming.

Mark 13:36

ULT

36 lest, having come suddenly, he might find you sleeping.

UST

36 May it not happen that when I come suddenly, I will find that you are not ready!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 13:37

ULT

37 But what I say to you I say to everyone: Stay alert!”

UST

37 These words that I am saying to you apprentices I am saying to everyone: Always be ready!”

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be alert and watch.

Mark 14

Mark 14:1

ULT

1 Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread was in two days, and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how, having seized him by stealth, they might kill him.

UST

1 It was only two days before the people would begin to celebrate the week-long festival that they called the Passover. During those days they also celebrated the festival which they called The Feast of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the men who taught the Jewish laws were planning how they could arrest Jesus deceitfully. They wanted to accuse him in front of the Roman authorities so that they would execute him.

What were the chief priests and scribes considering how to do?

They were considering how to stealthily arrest Jesus and then kill him.

Mark 14:2

ULT

2 For they were saying, “Not during the festival, so that there will not be a riot of the people.”

UST

2 They were saying to one another, “We must not do it during the celebration because if we do it then, the people will be very angry with us and riot!”

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to act during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

They were worried that a riot would arise among the people.

Mark 14:3

ULT

3 And {while} he is in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, {while} he is reclining to eat, a woman came, having an alabaster jar of very precious perfumed oil of pure nard. Having broken the jar, she poured it on his head.

UST

3 Jesus was a guest in the village of Bethany, in the house of Simon, who previously had leprosy. While they were eating, a woman came to him. She was carrying a stone jar that contained an expensive, fragrant ointment which was made of very expensive, pure nard. She opened the jar and then poured all the fragrant ointment on Jesus' head.

What did a woman do to Jesus at the house of Simon the leper?

A woman broke a vial of costly liquid and poured it on Jesus' head.

Mark 14:4

ULT

4 But there were some being angry within themselves, "For what has this waste of the perfumed oil happened?

UST

4 Some of the people who were present became angry and said to themselves, "It is terrible that she wasted that fragrant ointment!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:5

ULT

5 For this perfumed oil was able to be sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor." And they were scolding her.

UST

5 It could have been sold for a year's wages, and then the money could have been given to poor people!" They rebuked her.

For what were some rebuking the woman?

Some were rebuking the woman for not selling the perfume and giving the money to the poor.

Mark 14:6

ULT
6 But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why are you causing trouble for her? She did a good work for me.

UST
6 But Jesus said, “Stop scolding her! She has done to me what I consider to be very appropriate. So you should not bother her!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:7

ULT
7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you desire, you are able to do good to them, but you do not always have me.

UST
7 You will always have poor people among you. So you can help them whenever you want to. But I will not be here with you much longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:8

ULT
8 What she could, she did. She anticipated to anoint my body for burial.

UST
8 {It is appropriate that} she has done what she was able. It is as if she knew that I was going to die soon and has anointed my body for their burying it.

What did Jesus say the woman had done for him?
Jesus said the woman had anointed his body for burial.

Mark 14:9

ULT

9 And truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will also be spoken of, in remembrance of her."

UST

9 I will tell you this: Wherever my followers preach the good news throughout the world, they will also tell what she has done, and people will remember her."

What promise did Jesus make about what the woman had done?

Jesus promised that wherever the gospel was preached in the whole world, what the woman had done would be spoken of in memory of her.

Mark 14:10

ULT

10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests so that he might betray him to them.

UST

10 Then Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests to talk about helping them to capture Jesus. {He did that even though} he was one of the 12 apprentices.

Why did Judas Iscariot go away to the chief priests?

Judas Iscariot went away to the chief priests so that he might deliver Jesus to them.

Mark 14:11

ULT

11 And they, having heard {it}, rejoiced and promised to give him silver. And he was seeking how to conveniently hand him over.

UST

11 When the chief priests heard what he was willing to do for them, they were very happy. They promised that they would reward him with money in return. Judas agreed and began watching for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:12

ULT

12 And on the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when they were sacrificing the Passover lamb, his disciples say to him, “Where do you want {us}, having gone away, to prepare so that you may eat the Passover?”

UST

12 On the first day of the celebration that they call Unleavened Bread, when they kill the lambs for the Passover, Jesus’ apprentices said to him, “Where do you want us to go and prepare the meal for the Passover celebration so that we can eat it?”

How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover? (vv12-15)

Jesus told them to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, and then ask him where the guest room was that they would use to eat the Passover.

Mark 14:13

ULT

13 And he sends two of his disciples and says to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him.

UST

13 So Jesus chose two of his apprentices to prepare everything. He said to them, “Go into the city of Jerusalem. You will meet a man who will be carrying a large jar full of water. Follow him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:14

ULT

14 And wherever he enters, say to the master of that house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’

UST

14 When he enters a house, say to the man who owns the house, ‘Our teacher wants us to prepare the meal of the Passover celebration so that he can eat it with us his apprentices. Please show us the room.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:15

ULT

15 And he will show you a large upper room, furnished {and} ready, and make the preparations for us there."

UST

15 He will show you a large room that is on the upper floor of the house. It will have carpets, eating couches, and an eating table, and it will be ready for us to eat a meal in it. Then prepare the meal there for us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:16

ULT

16 And the disciples left and went to the city, and they found {it} just as he said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

UST

16 So the two apprentices left. They went into the city and found everything to be just as he had told them. Then they prepared the meal for the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:17

ULT

17 And, evening having arrived, he came with the Twelve.

UST

17 When it was evening, Jesus arrived at that house with the 12 apprentices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:18

ULT
18 And {as} they were reclining to eat and eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, one from among you, one eating with me, will betray me.”

UST
18 As they were all lying back beside the table and eating, Jesus said, “Listen carefully to this: One of you will enable my enemies to arrest me. It is one of you who is eating with me right now!”

What did Jesus say as they were reclining at the table and eating?
Jesus said that one of the disciples eating with him would betray him.

Mark 14:19

ULT
19 They began to be grieved, and to say to him one by one, “Surely not I?”

UST
19 The apprentices became very sad, and each one said to Jesus, one after another, “Certainly it is not I who will betray you, right?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:20

ULT
20 And he said to them, “{It is} one of the Twelve, the one dipping with me into the bowl.

UST
20 Then he said to them, “It is one of you 12 apprentices, the person who is dipping bread into the sauce in the dish along with me.

Which disciple did Jesus say would betray him?
Jesus said that the disciple dipping bread with him in the bowl would betray him.

Mark 14:21

ULT

21 For the Son of Man is going away just as it is written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is being betrayed! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born.”

UST

21 It is certain that I, the Son of Man, will die, because that is what the prophets have written about me. But there will be terrible punishment for the man who will help my enemies seize me! In fact, it would be better for that man if he had never been born!”

What did Jesus say about the destiny of the disciple who betrayed him?

Jesus said that it would have been better for him if he had not been born.

Mark 14:22

ULT

22 And {as} they were eating, having taken bread, having blessed {it}, he broke {it}, and gave {it} to them and said, “Take {it}. This is my body.”

UST

22 While they were eating, he took a flat loaf of bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke it into pieces and gave it to them and said to them, “This bread is my body. Take it and eat it.”

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the broken bread?

Jesus said, “Take this. This is my body.”

Mark 14:23

ULT

23 And having taken a cup, having given thanks, he gave {it} to them, and they all drank from it.

UST

23 Afterwards, he took a cup that contained wine and thanked God for it. Then he gave it to his apprentices, and they all drank from the cup.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:24

ULT
24 And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many.

UST
24 Jesus said to his apprentices, “This wine is my blood, which is about to flow from my body when my enemies kill me. With this blood I will confirm the agreement that God has made to forgive the sins of many people.

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the cup?
Jesus said, “This is my blood of the covenant, the blood that is poured out for many.”

Mark 14:25

ULT
25 Truly I say to you that I will certainly not any longer drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

UST
25 I want you to know this: I will not drink any more wine until the time when I drink it again when God rules everywhere as king.”

When did Jesus say he would again drink of this fruit of the vine?
Jesus said he would again drink of this fruit of the vine on the day when he drank it anew in the kingdom of God.

Mark 14:26

ULT
26 And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

UST
26 After they sang a song praising God, Jesus and his apprentices went out toward the Mount of Olives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:27

ULT

27 And Jesus says to them, “You all will fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.’

UST

27 While they were on their way, Jesus said to his apprentices, “Zechariah the prophet wrote in the Scriptures that God said about me, ‘I will kill the shepherd and his sheep will scatter.’ Those words will come true. You will all leave me and run away.

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus predict about his disciples?

Jesus predicted that his disciples would all fall away because of him.

Mark 14:28

ULT

28 But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee.”

UST

28 But after God makes me alive again, I will go ahead of you to the district of Galilee and meet you there.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:29

ULT

29 But Peter was saying to him, “Even if all will fall away, yet not I.”

UST

29 Peter said to Jesus, “Perhaps all the other apprentices will leave you, but not I! I will not leave you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:30

ULT
30 And Jesus says to him, “Truly I say to you, that today—this very night—before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

UST
30 Then Jesus said to Peter, “The truth is that this very night, before the rooster crows two times, you yourself will say about me three times that you do not know me.”

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter said he would never fall away?
Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed twice, Peter would deny Jesus three times.

Mark 14:31

ULT
31 But he was saying emphatically, “Even if it is necessary for me to die with you, I will certainly not deny you.” And they all also were speaking in the same manner.

UST
31 But Peter replied strongly, “Even if they kill me, I will never say that I do not know you.” And all the other apprentices said the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:32

ULT
32 And they come to a place, the name of which {is} Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

UST
32 Jesus and his apprentices went to the place that people call Gethsemane. Jesus said to some of his apprentices, “Stay here while I pray!”

What did Jesus tell his three disciples to do while he prayed? (vv32-34)
Jesus told them to remain there and watch.

Mark 14:33

ULT
33 And he takes along Peter and James and John with him and began to be distressed and greatly troubled.

UST
33 He took Peter, James, and John with him. Jesus became extremely emotionally anguished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:34

ULT
34 And he says to them, “My soul is greatly grieved, even to death. Remain here and stay alert.”

UST
34 He said to them, “I am very sorrowful. It is as if I were about to die. You men stay here and keep watch!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:35

ULT
35 And having gone a little farther, he fell to the ground and was praying that, if it is possible, the hour might pass from him.

UST
35 Jesus went a bit farther and threw himself on the ground. Then he prayed that if it were possible, he would not have to suffer.

For what did Jesus pray?
Jesus prayed that this hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:36

ULT

36 And he was saying, “Abba, Father, all {things} {are} possible with you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you will.”

UST

36 He said, “O my Father, because you are able to do everything, rescue me so that I do not have to suffer now! But do not do what I want. Instead, do what you want!”

What was Jesus willing to accept as an answer to his prayer to the Father?
Jesus was willing to accept whatever the Father’s will was for him.

Mark 14:37

ULT

37 And he comes and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not able to stay alert for one hour?

UST

37 Then Jesus returned to where he had left Peter, James, and John. He found these apprentices sleeping. He woke them up and said to Peter, who was also called Simon, “Simon! I am disappointed that you fell asleep and that you were not able to stay awake for just a short time!”

What did Jesus find when he returned to the three disciples?
Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:38

ULT

38 Stay alert and pray, so that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed {is} willing, but the flesh {is} weak.”

UST

38 {And Jesus said to them,} “You want to do what I say, but you are not strong enough. Keep awake and pray so that you can resist when you are tempted!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:39

ULT
39 And again, having gone away, he prayed, having said the same {thing}.

UST
39 Then he went away again and prayed again what he had prayed before.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:40

ULT
40 And again, having come, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and they did not know what to answer to him.

UST
40 When Jesus returned, he found that they were sleeping again; they were so sleepy that they could not keep their eyes open. Because they were ashamed, they did not know what to say to him when he awakened them.

What did Jesus find the second time he returned from praying?
Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:41

ULT
41 And he comes the third time and says to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

UST
41 Then Jesus went and prayed once more. He returned a third time and found them sleeping again. He said to them, “I am disappointed that you are sleeping again! You have slept enough. The time for me to suffer is about to begin. Look! Someone is about to enable sinful men to seize me, the Son of Man.

What did Jesus find the third time he returned from praying?
Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:42

ULT
42 Get up, let us go. Behold, the one betraying me is near.”

UST
42 So get up! Let us go! Look! Here comes the one who is enabling them to seize me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:43

ULT
43 And immediately, {while} he is still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrives, and a crowd with him with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

UST
43 While he was still speaking, Judas arrived. Even though he was one of Jesus’ 12 apprentices, he came to enable Jesus’ enemies to capture him. A crowd who carried swords and clubs was with him. The leaders of the Jewish Council had sent them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:44

ULT
44 Now his betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, he it is. Seize him and lead {him} away securely.”

UST
44 Judas, who was helping Jesus’ enemies to seize him, had previously told this crowd, “The man whom I kiss is the one whom you want. When I kiss him, seize him, and lead him away while you guard him carefully.”

What sign did Judas give to show the guards which person was Jesus? (vv44-45)
Judas kissed Jesus to show which person was Jesus.

Mark 14:45

ULT
45 And having arrived, immediately having come up to him, he says, “Rabbi,” and he kissed him.

UST
45 So, when Judas arrived, he immediately approached Jesus and said, “My teacher!” Then he kissed Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:46

ULT
46 And they laid hands on him and seized him.

UST
46 Then the crowd grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:47

ULT
47 But a certain one of the ones standing by, having drawn {his} sword, struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

UST
47 But one of his apprentices, who was standing nearby, drew his sword. He struck the servant of the high priest with it, but he only cut off the servant’s ear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:48

ULT
48 And answering, Jesus said to them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me?

UST
48 Jesus said to them, “It is surprising that you have come here with swords and clubs to arrest me, as if I were a bandit.

What did Jesus say was being done in his arrest to fulfill scripture? (vv48-49)
Jesus said that scripture was being fulfilled because they came to arrest him like a robber, with swords and clubs.

Mark 14:49

ULT
49 Every day I was with you teaching in the temple, and you did not seize me. But so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled.”

UST
49 For many days I was with you in the temple courtyard teaching the people. Why did you not try to arrest me then? But this is happening in order that what the prophets wrote in the Scriptures about me may happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:50

ULT
50 And having left him, they all ran away.

UST
50 Then all Jesus’ apprentices left him and ran away.

What did those with Jesus do when Jesus was arrested?
Those with Jesus left him and fled.

Mark 14:51

ULT
51 And a certain young man was following him, wearing a linen garment over {his} naked body. And they seize him,

UST
51 At that time, a young man was following Jesus. He was wearing only a linen cloth around his body. The crowd grabbed the young man,

What did a young man who was following Jesus do when Jesus was arrested? (vv51-52)
The young man left his linen garment there and ran away naked.

Mark 14:52

ULT
52 but he, having left behind the linen garment, ran away naked.

UST
52 but, as he pulled away from them, he left behind the linen cloth in their hands, and then he ran away naked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:53

ULT
53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gather together.

UST
53 The men who had seized Jesus led him away to the house where the high priest lived. All of the Jewish council were gathering there.

Where was Peter as Jesus was taken to the high priest? (vv53-54)
Peter sat among the guards, near a fire to keep warm.

Mark 14:54

ULT
54 Now Peter followed him from a distance, as far as into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

UST
54 Peter followed Jesus at a distance. He went into the courtyard of the house where the high priest lived, and he sat there with the men who guarded the house of the high priest. He was warming himself beside a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:55

ULT
55 Now the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, and they were not finding {any}.

UST
55 The chief priests and all the rest of the Jewish council tried to find people who would tell lies about Jesus so that they could convince the Roman authorities to execute him. They did not succeed.

What was wrong with the testimony against Jesus given to the Council? (vv55-56)
The testimony against Jesus was false and did not agree.

Mark 14:56

ULT
56 For many were testifying falsely against him, but {their} testimony was not {the} same.

UST
56 A number of people spoke lies about Jesus, but the statements they made did not agree with each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:57

ULT
57 And certain ones, having stood up, were testifying falsely against him, saying,

UST
57 Finally, some people stood up and accused Jesus falsely by saying,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:58

ULT
58 "We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.'"

UST
58 "We heard him when he said, 'I will destroy this temple that was built by men, and then within three days I will build another temple without help from anyone.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:59

ULT
59 And not even in this manner was their testimony {the} same.

UST
59 But what some of these men said did not agree with what others of them said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:60

ULT
60 And having stood up in {the} midst, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, “Do you not answer at all? What these are testifying against you?”

UST
60 Then the high priest himself stood up in front of them and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to reply to anything that they have said? What do you say about all the things that they are saying in order to accuse you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:61

ULT
61 But he was silent and did not answer at all. Again the high priest was questioning him and saying to him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed {One}?”

UST
61 But Jesus was silent and did not reply. Then the high priest tried again. He asked him, “Are you the Messiah? Do you say that you are the Son of God?”

What question did the high priest ask Jesus about who Jesus was?
The high priest asked Jesus if he was the Christ, the son of the Blessed.

Mark 14:62

ULT

62 And Jesus said, “I am; and you will see the Son of Man sitting at {the} right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

UST

62 Jesus said, “I am. Furthermore, you will see me, the Son of Man, ruling beside God, who is completely powerful. You will also see me coming down through the clouds in the sky!”

What was Jesus’ answer to the high priest’s question?

Jesus answered by saying, "I am."

Mark 14:63

ULT

63 And the high priest, having torn his garments, says, “What need do we still have of witnesses?

UST

63 In response to Jesus’ words, the high priest tore his outer garment in protest, and the high priest said, “We surely do not need any more witnesses to testify against this man!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:64

ULT

64 You heard the blasphemy. What is evident to you?” And they all condemned him to be deserving of death.

UST

64 You have heard his blasphemous claim to be God!” They all agreed that Jesus was guilty and that he deserved to be killed.

Hearing Jesus’ answer, of what did the high priest say Jesus was guilty?

The high priest said that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy.

Mark 14:65

ULT
65 And certain ones began to spit on him and to blindfold his face and to strike him and to say to him,
“Prophesy!” And the officers received him with slaps.

UST
65 Then some of them began spitting on Jesus. They put a blindfold on him, and then they began striking him
and saying to him, “If you are a prophet, tell us who hit you!” And those who were guarding Jesus struck him
with their hands.

What did they do to Jesus after condemning him as one who deserved death?
They spit on him, struck him, and beat him.

Mark 14:66

ULT
66 And {while} Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest comes to {him}.

UST
66 While Peter was outside in the courtyard of the high priest’s house, one of the girls who worked for the
high priest came near him.

What was Peter’s answer to the servant girl who said that Peter was with Jesus? (vv66-68)
Peter answered that he did not know or understand about what the girl was talking.

Mark 14:67

ULT
67 And having seen Peter warming himself, having looked closely at him, she says, “You were also with the
Nazarene, Jesus.”

UST
67 When she saw Peter warming himself beside the fire, she looked at him closely. Then she said, “You also
were with Jesus, that man from the town of Nazareth!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:68

ULT

68 But he denied {it}, saying, “Neither have I known, nor do I understand what you are saying.” And he went out, outside into the courtyard. [1]

UST

68 But Peter denied it by saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about!” Then he went away from there to the gate of the courtyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:69

ULT

69 And the servant girl, having seen him {there}, began to say again to the ones standing around, “This one is from among them!”

UST

69 The servant girl saw him there and said again to the people who were standing nearby, “This man is one of those who have been with that man they arrested.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:70

ULT

70 But he was denying {it} again. And after a little {while} the ones standing around again were saying to Peter, “Truly you are from among them, for you also are a Galilean.”

UST

70 But he denied it again. After a little while, those who were standing there said to Peter again, “{The way you speak shows that} you also are from the district of Galilee. So it is certain that you are one of the men who accompanied Jesus!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 14:71

ULT

71 And he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know this man whom you are talking about.”

UST

71 But he began to exclaim, “I do not know the man about which you are talking! For God knows that I am speaking truthfully, and may he punish me if I am lying!”

What was Peter’s response when he was asked a third time if he was one of Jesus’ disciples?

Peter swore and put himself under curses that he did not know Jesus.

Mark 14:72

ULT

72 And immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him: “Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times,” and having broken down, he was weeping. 14:68 *[1]*

UST

72 Right then the rooster crowed again. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him earlier, “Before the rooster crows a second time, you will deny three times that you know me.” When Peter realized that he had denied Jesus three times, he was extremely sad. Peter wept.

What happened after Peter answered the third time?

After Peter answered the third time, the rooster crowed a second time.

What did Peter do after he heard the rooster?

After he heard the rooster, Peter broke down and wept.

Mark 15

Mark 15:1

ULT

[1] And immediately at dawn, having held a consultation, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the entire Sanhedrin, having bound Jesus, led {him} away and handed {him} over to Pilate.

UST

[1] Very early in the morning the chief priests met together with the rest of the Jewish council to decide how to accuse Jesus before the Roman governor. Their guards tied Jesus' hands again. They took him to the residence of Pilate, the governor.

Early in the morning, what did the chief priests do with Jesus?

Early in the morning, they bound Jesus and handed him over to Pilate.

Mark 15:2

ULT

[2] And Pilate questioned him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But he, answering him, says, "You say so."

UST

[2] Pilate asked Jesus, "Do you say that you are the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You yourself have said so."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:3

ULT

[3] And the chief priests were accusing him of many {things}.

UST

[3] Then the chief priests claimed that Jesus had done many bad things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:4

ULT

4 Now Pilate again was questioning him, saying, “Do you not answer at all? See how many {things} they are accusing you!”

UST

4 So Pilate asked him again, “Don’t you have anything to say? Listen to how many bad things they are saying that you have done!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:5

ULT

5 But Jesus no longer answered anything, so that Pilate was amazed.

UST

5 But {even though Jesus was not guilty,} he did not say anything more. The result was that Pilate was very much surprised.

While the chief priests were presenting many charges against Jesus, what amazed Pilate about Jesus?

Pilate was amazed that Jesus no longer answered him.

Mark 15:6

ULT

6 Now during {the} festival, he usually released to them one prisoner whom they were requesting.

UST

6 Now it was the governor’s custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one person who was held in prison. He customarily released whichever prisoner the people requested.

What did Pilate usually do for the crowd at the time of the feast?

Pilate usually released to the crowd one prisoner they requested at the time of the feast.

Mark 15:7

ULT

[7] Now there was the one called Barabbas, bound with the rebels, who had committed murder in the insurrection.

UST

[7] At that time there was a man called Barabbas {whom the soldiers had put} in prison with some other men. The men had murdered some soldiers during a rebellion against the Roman government.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:8

ULT

[8] And having come up, the crowd began to request {of him} just as he usually did for them.

UST

[8] A crowd approached Pilate and asked him to release someone, just like he customarily did for them during the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:9

ULT

[9] And Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you desire {that} I would release to you the King of the Jews?”

UST

[9] Pilate replied to them, “Would you like me to release for you the man whom you Jewish people say is your king?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:10

ULT
10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of envy.

UST
10 He asked this because he realized what the chief priests were wanting to do. They were accusing Jesus because they were jealous of him {because many people were becoming his disciples}.

Why did Pilate want to release Jesus to the crowd?
Pilate knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Mark 15:11

ULT
11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.

UST
11 But the chief priests urged the crowd to request that Pilate release Barabbas for them instead of Jesus.

Who did the crowd cry out to be released?
The crowd cried out for Barabbas to be released.

Mark 15:12

ULT
12 And answering again, Pilate, said to them, “What therefore should I do {to the one} you call the King of the Jews?”

UST
12 Once more, Pilate said to them, “If I release Barabbas, what do you want me to do with the man whom some of you Jews say is your king?”

What did the crowd say should be done with the King of the Jews? (vv12-13)
The crowd said that the King of the Jews should be crucified.

Mark 15:13

ULT
13 But they cried out again, “Crucify him!”

UST
13 Then they shouted again, “Command your soldiers to crucify him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:14

ULT
14 But Pilate was saying to them, “What wrong has he done?” But they cried out even more, “Crucify him.”

UST
14 Then Pilate said to them, “Why? What crime has he committed?” But they shouted even louder, “Command your soldiers to crucify him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:15

ULT
15 Now Pilate, wanting to do {what} was pleasing to the crowd, released Barabbas to them and handed over Jesus, having flogged {him}, so that he might be crucified.

UST
15 So because Pilate wanted to please the crowd, he released Barabbas for them. Then, after his soldiers had whipped Jesus with leather straps into which they had fastened metal and bone pieces, Pilate told the soldiers to take Jesus away to crucify him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:16

ULT
16 Now the soldiers led him inside the palace (that is, {the} Praetorium) and call together the whole cohort

UST
16 Pilate’s soldiers took Jesus into the courtyard of the palace where Pilate lived. That place was the government headquarters. Then they summoned the whole group of soldiers who were on duty there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:17

ULT
17 and put on him a purple robe and place on him a crown of thorns they had twisted together,

UST
17 After the soldiers gathered together, they put a purple robe on Jesus. Then they placed on his head a crown that they had woven from branches of thornbushes. {They did those things in order to ridicule him by pretending that they thought he was a king.}

How did the cohort of soldiers dress Jesus?
The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and put on him a twisted crown of thorns.

Mark 15:18

ULT
18 and they began to salute him: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

UST
18 Then they greeted him like they would greet a king, again in order to ridicule him, saying, “Hooray for the King who rules the Jews!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:19

ULT
19 And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him, and bending the knee, they were bowing down to him.

UST
19 They struck his head again and again with a heavy reed, and they spat on him. They knelt down in front of him to pretend to honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:20

ULT
20 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple robe and put {his} own garments on him and lead him out so that they might crucify him.

UST
20 When they had finished ridiculing him, they pulled off the purple robe. They put his own clothes on him, and then they led him outside of the city in order to nail him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:21

ULT
21 And they pressed into service a certain passerby, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), coming from {the} country, so that he might carry his cross.

UST
21 After Jesus carried his cross a short distance, a man named Simon from the city of Cyrene came along. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. He was passing by while he was returning home from outside the city. The soldiers compelled Simon to carry the cross for Jesus, because Jesus was weakened by all the mistreatment he had received.

Who carried Jesus' cross?
A passerby, Simon of Cyrene, was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Mark 15:22

ULT
22 And they bring him to Golgotha (a place which is translated, "Place of a Skull").

UST
22 The soldiers brought them both to a place that they call Golgotha. That name means, "The Place of the Skull."

What was the name of the place where the soldiers brought Jesus to crucify him?
The name of the place was Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull.

Mark 15:23

ULT
23 And they were offering him wine having been mixed with myrrh, but he did not drink it.

UST
23 Then they tried to give Jesus wine that they had mixed with a medicine called myrrh, but he refused to drink it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:24

ULT
24 And they crucified him and divided his garments, casting lots for them, who would take what.

UST
24 Some of the soldiers took his clothes. Then they nailed him to a cross. Afterwards, they divided his clothes among themselves by gambling for them with something like dice. They did this to determine which piece of clothing each one would get.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?
The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garments.

Mark 15:25

ULT
25 Now it was {the} third hour, and they crucified him.

UST
25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:26

ULT
26 And this was the inscription of the charge against him having been written: “The King of the Jews.”

UST
26 To the cross above Jesus’ head they attached a sign on which someone had written the reason why they were nailing him to the cross. It said, “The King of the Jews.”

What charge against Jesus did the soldiers write on the sign?
The soldiers wrote “The King of the Jews” on the sign.

Mark 15:27

ULT
27 And they crucify two robbers with him, one on {his} right and one on his left.

UST
27 They also nailed to other crosses two other prisoners who were bandits. They nailed one to a cross at the right side of Jesus and one to a cross at the left side of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:28

ULT
28[1] [And the scripture was fulfilled that says, ‘And he was counted with lawless ones.’]

UST
28[1] [And by crucifying him with robbers they fulfilled the scripture passage that says, ‘And they considered him as being among wicked people.’]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:29

ULT

29 And the ones passing by were blaspheming him, shaking their heads, and saying, “Aha! The one destroying the temple and rebuilding {it} in three days,

UST

29 The people who were passing by insulted him by shaking their heads at him. They said, “Ha! You said that you would destroy the temple and then you would build it again within three days.

What did those who passed by challenge Jesus to do? (vv29-30)

Those who passed by challenged Jesus to save himself and get down from the cross.

Mark 15:30

ULT

30 save yourself, having come down from the cross!”

UST

30 If you could do that, then rescue yourself by coming down from the cross!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:31

ULT

31 In the same way also, the chief priests, mocking him to each other, along with the scribes, were saying, “He saved others; he is not able to save himself.

UST

31 The chief priests, along with the men who taught the Jewish laws, also wanted to make fun of Jesus. So they said to each other, “People claim that he has saved others from trouble, but he cannot save himself!

What did the chief priests say Jesus should do so they would believe? (vv31-32)

The chief priests said that Jesus should come down from the cross so they would believe.

Mark 15:32

ULT
32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we might see and might believe,” and the ones {that} had been crucified with him were taunting him.

UST
32 He claimed to be the Messiah and the king who rules the people of Israel. If his words are true, he should come down now from the cross! Then we will believe him!” The two men who were nailed onto crosses beside him also insulted him.

What titles did the chief priests use for Jesus as they mocked him?
The chief priests called Jesus the Christ and the King of Israel.

Mark 15:33

ULT
33 And {the} sixth hour having arrived, darkness came over the whole land until {the} ninth hour.

UST
33 At noon the whole land became dark, and it stayed dark until three o’clock in the afternoon.

What happened at the sixth hour?
At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land.

Mark 15:34

ULT
34 And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

UST
34 At three o’clock Jesus called out, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” That means, “My God, my God, why have you deserted me?”

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?
Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mark 15:35

ULT

35 And some of the ones {that} had been standing by, having heard him, were saying, “Look, he is calling for Elijah.”

UST

35 When some of the people who were standing there heard the word ‘Eloi’, they misunderstood it and said, “Listen! He is calling for the prophet Elijah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:36

ULT

36 And someone, having run and having filled a sponge with vinegar, having put {it} on a reed, was giving {it} to him to drink, saying, “Let him alone! Let us see if Elijah comes to take him down!”

UST

36 One of them ran and filled a sponge with sour wine. He placed it on the tip of a reed, and then held it up to try to get Jesus to suck out the wine that was in it. While he was doing that, someone said, “Wait! Let’s see whether Elijah will come to take him down from the cross!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:37

ULT

37 And Jesus, having cried out with a loud voice, breathed {his} last.

UST

37 And then, after Jesus shouted loudly, he stopped breathing and died.

What did Jesus do before he died?

Jesus cried out with a loud voice before he died.

Mark 15:38

ULT
38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

UST
38 At that moment the heavy, thick curtain that closed off the most holy place in the temple split into two pieces from top to bottom.

What happened in the temple when Jesus died?
The curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom when Jesus died.

Mark 15:39

ULT
39 Now the centurion {that} had stood in front of him, having seen that he had breathed {his} last in this way, said, “Truly this man was {the} Son of God.”

UST
39 The officer who supervised the soldiers who had nailed Jesus to the cross was standing in front of Jesus. When he saw how Jesus had died, he exclaimed, “Certainly, this Jesus was God’s Son!”

What did the centurion testify when he saw how Jesus died?
The centurion testified that truly this man was the Son of God.

Mark 15:40

ULT
40 Now there were also women looking on from a distance, among whom {were} both Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses and Salome,

UST
40-41 There were also some women there, watching what happened from further back. They had accompanied Jesus when he was in the district of Galilee, and they had provided what he needed. They, and many other women, had come with him to the city of Jerusalem. Among those women was Mary from the town of Magdala. There was another Mary, who was the mother of the younger James and of Joses. There was also Salome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:41

ULT

41 who, when he was in Galilee, were following him and serving him, and many other {women} who had come up with {him} to Jerusalem.

UST

40-41 There were also some women there, watching what happened from further back. They had accompanied Jesus when he was in the district of Galilee, and they had provided what he needed. They, and many other women, had come with him to the city of Jerusalem. Among those women was Mary from the town of Magdala. There was another Mary, who was the mother of the younger James and of Joses. There was also Salome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:42

ULT

42 And {when} evening had already come, because it was {the} Day of Preparation, that is, {the} day before the Sabbath,

UST

42-43 When evening was near, a man named Joseph from a town called Arimathea came there. He was a member of the Jewish council, one whom everyone respected. He was also one of those who had been waiting expectantly for the time when God would send his king to begin to rule. {He knew that, according to Jewish law, a body must be buried on the day the person died. He also realized that it was the Day of Preparation, the day when people prepared things for the Jewish day of rest, and that the Jewish day of rest would start when the sun set.} Evening was now approaching. Courageously, he went to Pilate and asked his permission to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury it immediately.

On what day did Jesus die?

Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath.

Mark 15:43

ULT

43 Joseph, the one from Arimathea, a respected member of the council who also was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, having come, he boldly went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

UST

42-43 When evening was near, a man named Joseph from a town called Arimathea came there. He was a member of the Jewish council, one whom everyone respected. He was also one of those who had been waiting expectantly for the time when God would send his king to begin to rule. {He knew that, according to Jewish law, a body must be buried on the day the person died. He also realized that it was the Day of Preparation, the day when people prepared things for the Jewish day of rest, and that the Jewish day of rest would start when the sun set.} Evening was now approaching. Courageously, he went to Pilate and asked his permission to take the body of Jesus down from the cross and bury it immediately.

What did Joseph of Arimathea do after Jesus died? (vv43-46)

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb, rolling a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Mark 15:44

ULT

44 Now Pilate was wondering if he had already died, and having called the centurion, he questioned him, whether he had already died.

UST

44 Pilate was surprised when he heard that Jesus was already dead. So he summoned the officer who was in charge of the soldiers who had crucified Jesus, and he asked him if Jesus had already died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:45

ULT

45 And having learned {this} from the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

UST

45 When the officer told Pilate that Jesus had died, Pilate allowed Joseph to take away the body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:46

ULT

46 And having bought a linen cloth, having taken him down, he wrapped {him} in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was cut from a rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

UST

46 After Joseph had bought a linen cloth, he and others took Jesus' body down from the cross. They wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that previously had been hewn out of the rock cliff. Then they rolled a huge flat stone in front of the entrance to the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 15:47

ULT

47 Now Mary Magdalene and Mary the {mother} of Joses were watching where he was laid.
15:28 *[1]*

UST

47 Mary from Magdala and Mary the mother of Joses were watching where they placed Jesus' body.
15:28 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16

Mark 16:1

ULT

[1] And the Sabbath having passed, Mary Magdalene and Mary the {mother} of James and Salome bought spices so that, having come, they might anoint him.

UST

[1] On Saturday evening when the Jewish day of rest had ended, Mary from Magdala, Mary the mother of the younger James, and Salome bought fragrant ointments to be used for anointing Jesus' body. {These women wanted to follow this Jewish burial custom}.

When did the women go to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body? (vv1-2)
The women went to the tomb on the first day of the week when the sun came up.

Mark 16:2

ULT

[2] And very early on the first of the week, they arrive at the tomb, the sun having come up.

UST

[2] Very early on Sunday, the first day of the week, just after the sun rose, they went to the tomb with the fragrant ointments.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:3

ULT

[3] And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

UST

[3] On their way, they were asking each other, "Who will help us by rolling away for us the heavy stone that closes the opening of the tomb?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:4

ULT

4 And having looked up, they see that the stone has been rolled away, for it was extremely large.

UST

4 Arriving, they looked up and were surprised to see that someone had rolled away the stone, because it was very large.

How did the women enter the tomb even though there had been a very large stone at the entrance?

Someone had rolled away the very large stone from the entrance.

Mark 16:5

ULT

5 And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

UST

5 They entered the tomb and saw a young man. He was wearing a white robe and he was sitting at the right side of the cave. The sight alarmed them!

What did the women see when they entered the tomb?

The women saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side.

Mark 16:6

ULT

6 But he says to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, the one having been crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

UST

6 The young man said to them, “Do not be alarmed! I know that you are looking for Jesus, the man from the town of Nazareth, the one they nailed to a cross. But he has become alive again! He is not here! Look! Here is the place where they placed his body.

What did the young man say about Jesus?

The young man said that Jesus was risen and was not there.

Mark 16:7

ULT

7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

UST

7 But, instead of remaining here, go and tell his apprentices! Particularly, be sure that you tell Peter. Tell them, ‘Jesus is going ahead of you to the district of Galilee, and you will see him there, just like he told you previously’.”

Where did the young man say the disciples would meet Jesus?

The young man said the disciples would meet Jesus in Galilee.

Mark 16:8

ULT

8 And having gone out, they ran from the tomb, for trembling and amazement was gripping them. And they said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

UST

8 The women went outside and ran from the tomb. They were trembling because they were afraid, and they were astonished. But they did not say anything to anyone about this, because they were afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:9

ULT

9[1] [Now early on {the} first {day} of {the} week, having arisen, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.

UST

9[1] [When Jesus became alive again early on Sunday morning, the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary from the town of Magdala. She was the woman from whom he had previously forced out seven evil spirits.

To whom did Jesus first appear after his resurrection?

Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:10

ULT

10 That one went {and} told the ones with him, {while} they were mourning and weeping.

UST

10 She went to those who had been with Jesus, while they were mourning and crying. She told them what she had seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:11

ULT

11 And they heard that he was alive and {that} he had been seen by her, {but} they did not believe.

UST

11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive again and that she had seen him, they refused to believe what she said.

How did Jesus' disciples respond when Mary told them she had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:12

ULT

12 Now after these {things}, he appeared in a different form to two of them as they were walking, going out into {the} country.

UST

12 Later that day, Jesus appeared to two of his followers while they were walking from Jerusalem to their homes in the surrounding area. They did not recognize him quickly because he looked very different.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:13

ULT

13 And they, having gone, told the rest of the disciples, {but} they did not believe them.

UST

13 {After they recognized him,} those two went back to Jerusalem. They told his other followers what had happened, but they did not believe what they heard.

How did Jesus' disciples respond when two other people told them they had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:14

ULT

14 Now later, he appeared to the eleven {as} they were reclining to eat, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe the ones having seen him {after} he rose from {the} dead.

UST

14 Later Jesus appeared to the eleven apprentices while they were eating. He scolded them severely, because they had stubbornly refused to believe the reports of those who saw him after he had become alive again.

When he appeared to the disciples, what did Jesus say to them about their unbelief?

Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief.

Mark 16:15

ULT

15 And he said to them, "Having gone into all the world, preach the gospel to the entire creation.

UST

15 He said to them, "Go into the whole world and preach the good news to everyone!

What command did Jesus give the disciples?

Jesus commanded the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Mark 16:16

ULT
16 The one having believed and having been baptized will be saved, and the one having not believed will be condemned.

UST
16 God will save everyone who believes your message and who is baptized. But everyone who does not believe your message God will condemn.

Who did Jesus say would be saved?
Jesus said those who believed and were baptized would be saved.

Who did Jesus say would be condemned?
Jesus said those who did not believe would be condemned.

Mark 16:17

ULT
17 Now these signs will go with the ones having believed: In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak in new languages.

UST
17 Those who believe the good news will perform miracles. Specifically, by my power they will force evil spirits out of people. They will speak in languages that they have not learned.

What signs did Jesus say would go with those who believed? (vv17-18)
Jesus said those who believed would cast out demons, would speak in new languages, would not be hurt by anything deadly, and would heal others.

Mark 16:18

ULT
18 They will pick up snakes, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them. They will lay hands on {the} sick, and they will get well."

UST
18 As they pick up a snake or if they drink any poisonous liquid, they will not be hurt. God will heal sick people on whom they lay their hands."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Mark 16:19

ULT

19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down at {the} right hand of God.

UST

19 After the Lord Jesus had said this to his apprentices, God took him up into heaven. Then Jesus sat down on his throne beside God's right hand, the place of highest honor, to rule with him.

What happened to Jesus after he spoke to the disciples?

After he spoke to the disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:20

ULT

20 Now those, having gone out, preached everywhere, {while} the Lord worked with them {and} confirmed the word by the signs {that} went with {them}. Amen.]
16:9 *[1]*

UST

20 As for the apprentices, they went out from Jerusalem, and then they preached everywhere. Wherever they went, the Lord enabled them to perform miracles. By doing that, he showed people that God's message is true.]
16:9 *[1]*

What did the disciples then do?

The disciples then left and preached everywhere.

What did the Lord then do?

The Lord then worked with the disciples and confirmed the word with miraculous signs.

Luke

Luke 1

Luke 1:1

ULT

1 Since many have attempted to compile an account concerning the things {that} have been fulfilled among us,

UST

1 Many people have already been writing about the things that happened among us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:2

ULT

2 just as the ones having been from {the} beginning eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us,

UST

2 They have been recording what the people who saw these things happen told us about them. Those people were there from the time when everything first started happening, and they have been sharing the story ever since.

Who were the “eyewitnesses” that Luke mentions?
The “eyewitnesses” were the ones who were with the apostles from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry.

What did some of the eyewitnesses do after they saw what Jesus did?
They wrote down an account or story of what Jesus did.

Luke 1:3

ULT

3 it seemed good to me also, having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, to write for you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,

UST

3 I myself have carefully investigated everything that happened from the very beginning. So I decided that I should also write an accurate account for you. Your Excellency, Theophilus,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:4

ULT

4 so that you might know the certainty concerning {the} {things} that you have been taught.

UST

4 I want you to know that what people have told you about Jesus is true.

Why did Luke decide to write his own account of what Jesus said and did?

He wanted Theophilus to know the certainty concerning the things he had been taught.

Luke 1:5

ULT

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zechariah, from {the} division of Abijah. And his wife {was} from the daughters of Aaron, and her name {was} Elizabeth.

UST

5 When Herod was the ruler of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a descendant of Abijah, and so he took his turn serving in the temple with other priests who were also descendants of Abijah. His wife was named Elizabeth. She was a descendant of Aaron{, and so she was also from the priestly line}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:6

ULT

[6] And they were both righteous in front of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.

UST

[6] God considered that both of them were righteous because they always obeyed everything that the Lord had commanded.

Why did God consider Zechariah and Elizabeth to be righteous?

God considered them to be righteous because they walked blamelessly in his commandments.

Luke 1:7

ULT

[7] But they did not have a child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in their days.

UST

[7] But they did not have any children, because Elizabeth had been unable to bear children. And now she and her husband were too old to have children.

Why did Zechariah and Elizabeth have no children?

They did not have children because Elizabeth was unable to bear a child. Now she and Zechariah were very old.

Luke 1:8

ULT

[8] And it happened that in his performing as priest before God, in the order of his division,

UST

[8] The time came for Zechariah's group of priests to take its turn {serving in Jerusalem}. So Zechariah was there working as a priest for God.

What work was Zechariah doing before God?

Zechariah was serving as a priest.

Luke 1:9

ULT
9 according to the custom of the priesthood, he came up by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord to burn incense.

UST
9 The priests chose Zechariah to go into the Lord's temple and burn incense there. They chose him in their usual way, by casting lots {to determine whom God wanted to perform a particular task}.

What did Zechariah do in the temple?
He burned incense to God.

Luke 1:10

ULT
10 And the whole crowd of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering.

UST
10 When it was time to burn the incense, many people were praying {in the courtyard} outside {the temple}.

What did the people do while Zechariah was in the temple?
The people stayed outside the temple and were praying.

Luke 1:11

ULT
11 Then an angel of {the} Lord appeared to him, standing at {the} right side of the altar of incense.

UST
11 Just then, an angel of the Lord came to Zechariah. He stood at the right side of the altar where he was burning incense.

Who appeared to Zechariah while he was in the temple?
An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the temple.

Luke 1:12

ULT
12 And Zechariah was troubled, having seen {him}, and fear fell on him.

UST
12 When Zechariah saw the angel, he became agitated and terrified.

How did Zechariah act when he saw the angel?
When Zechariah saw the angel, he was troubled and became very afraid.

Luke 1:13

ULT
13 But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John.

UST
13 But the angel said to him, “There is no reason to be afraid {of me}, Zechariah. You have been praying, and God is going to answer your prayer. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to a son for you. Give him the name John.

What did the angel say to Zechariah?
The angel told Zechariah not to be afraid and that his wife Elizabeth would have a son. His son’s name would be John.

Luke 1:14

ULT
14 And there will be joy and gladness to you, and many will rejoice at his birth.

UST
14 You will be very happy, and many other people will also be happy when he is born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:15

ULT

15 For he will be great before the Lord, and he must never drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with {the} Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb.

UST

15 You and they will be happy because your son will be very influential for God. He must never drink wine or any other alcoholic drink. The Holy Spirit will begin to influence him even before he is born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:16

ULT

16 And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to {the} Lord their God.

UST

16 Your son will persuade many of the Israelites to stop sinning and to start obeying the Lord their God again.

What did the angel say John would do for the sons of Israel?

The angel said John would turn the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

Luke 1:17

ULT

17 And he will go before him in {the} spirit and power of Elijah, to turn {the} hearts of fathers back to {their} children and {the} disobedient to {the} wisdom of {the} righteous—to make ready for {the} Lord a people prepared."

UST

17 Your son will go in advance of the Lord and he will be powerful in his spirit like the prophet Elijah was. He will cause parents to love their children again. He will cause many people who do not obey God to want to obey him and to live wisely and righteously. He will do this so that the Lord's people will be ready for him when he comes."

What kind of people would John's deeds make ready?

John's deeds would make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:18

ULT

18 Then Zechariah said to the angel, “How will I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in her days.”

UST

18 Then Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure that the things you have said will really happen? I am very old, and my wife is also very old{, so it is difficult for me to believe that they will happen}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:19

ULT

19 And answering, the angel said to him, “I am Gabriel, the one standing before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.

UST

19 Then the angel replied to him, “I am Gabriel! I stand in God’s presence! God sent me to tell you this good news about what will happen to you.

What was the angel’s name and where did he normally stay?

The angel’s name was Gabriel and he normally stood in the presence of God.

Luke 1:20

ULT

20 And behold, you will be silent and not able to speak until that day when these {things} take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”

UST

20 Now listen! What I have told you will certainly happen at the time that God has decided. But since you did not believe my message, God will keep you from talking. You will not be able to speak until the day that your son is born!”

What did the angel say would happen to Zechariah because he did not believe the angel’s words?

Zechariah would not be able to speak until the child was born.

Luke 1:21

ULT

21 And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delaying in the temple.

UST

21 {While Zechariah and the angel were talking in the temple,} the people in the courtyard were waiting for Zechariah to come out. They wondered why he was staying in the temple for such a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:22

ULT

22 But having come out, he was not able to speak to them and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he was making signs to them and remained unable to speak.

UST

22 Then he came out of the temple, but he was not able to speak to them. Because he could not talk, he made motions with his hands to try to explain what had happened. This made the people conclude that he had seen a vision from God while he was in the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:23

ULT

23 And it happened that, when the days of his priestly service were fulfilled, he went away to his home.

UST

23 When Zechariah finished the time he needed to work as a priest in the temple, he left Jerusalem and went back to his home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:24

ULT

24 And after these days, his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying,

UST

24 Some time after this, his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant, and she did not go out in public for five months. She said to herself,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:25

ULT

25 “Thus {the} Lord has done for me, in {the} days in which he looked upon {me}, to take away my disgrace among men.”

UST

25 “The Lord has enabled me to become pregnant. In this way, he has shown compassion to me. Thanks to him, I no longer have to feel ashamed around other people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:26

ULT

26 And in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee whose name {was} Nazareth,

UST

26 When Elizabeth had been pregnant for six months, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town called Nazareth in the district of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:27

ULT

27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name {was} Joseph, of {the} house of David, and the name of the virgin {was} Mary.

UST

27 God sent him there to speak to a virgin whose name was Mary. {Her parents had promised that} she would marry a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David.

Sixth months after Elizabeth’s conception, who was Gabriel sent by God to see?

He was sent to a virgin named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of David.

Luke 1:28

ULT
28 And coming to her, the angel said, “Rejoice, favored one! The Lord {is} with you.”

UST
28 The angel came to where Mary was and said to her, “Hello, blessed one! You are very special to the Lord!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:29

ULT
29 But she was troubled by the words and she was considering what kind of greeting this might be.

UST
29 But when he said this, she was confused. She had to try to understand what this greeting could mean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:30

ULT
30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

UST
30 Then the angel said to her, “God desires to bless you, Mary, so do not be afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:31

ULT
31 And behold, you will conceive in {your} womb and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus.

UST
31 Now listen. You will become pregnant, and you will give birth to a son. Give him the name Jesus.

What did the angel say would happen to Mary?
The angel said that Mary would become pregnant and bear a son, whom she would call Jesus.

Luke 1:32

ULT
32 He will be great and will be called {the} Son of {the} Most High, and {the} Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.

UST
32 He will be great, and he will be the Son of God Most High. God the Lord will make him king over his people, just as his ancestor David was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:33

ULT
33 And he will reign over the house of Jacob to eternity, and there will be no end of his kingship.”

UST
33 He will always be the king over the people of Israel. He will rule over them forever!”

What would the child do?
The child would reign over the descendants of Jacob forever, and there would be no end to his kingdom.

Luke 1:34

ULT
34 But Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I have not known a man?”

UST
34 Then Mary said to the angel, “But I am a virgin. So how can this happen?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:35

ULT

35 And answering, the angel said to her, “{The} Holy Spirit will come upon you, and power of {the} Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one being born will be called {the} Son of God.

UST

35 The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you. The power of God Most High will be like a shadow falling on you. So the baby you give birth to will be holy. He will be the Son of God.

How did the angel say this would happen since Mary was a virgin?

The angel said that the Holy Spirit would come upon Mary and the power of the Most High would overshadow her.

The angel said that this holy child would be whose son?

The angel said that the child would be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:36

ULT

36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth—she also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is {the} sixth month for her, the one called barren.

UST

36 Also listen to this. Your relative Elizabeth is also pregnant, and she is going to have a son. Because she is very old, people thought that she could not bear children. But she has been pregnant now for almost six months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:37

ULT

37 For every word will not be impossible for God.”

UST

37 So you see, God can do anything!”

What did the angel say is not impossible for God?

Every word is not impossible for God.

Luke 1:38

ULT

38 Then Mary said, “Behold, the female servant of {the} Lord. May it happen to me according to your word.”
Then the angel went away from her.

UST

38 Then Mary said, “All right. I am willing to obey the Lord. God can make the things you have described
happen to me.” Then the angel left her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:39

ULT

39 Then Mary arose in those days {and} went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah,

UST

39 Very soon after that, Mary got ready and traveled as quickly as she could to the city where Zechariah lived,
which was in the highlands of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:40

ULT

40 and she entered into the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

UST

40 She entered Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth, his wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:41

ULT

41 And it happened that, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled with {the} Holy Spirit.

UST

41 As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary greet her, the baby inside Elizabeth suddenly moved. Immediately the Holy Spirit inspired Elizabeth to speak.

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, what did Elizabeth's baby do?

The baby leaped in her womb for joy.

Luke 1:42

ULT

42 And she exclaimed in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

UST

42 She exclaimed loudly to Mary, "God has blessed you more than he has blessed any other woman, and he has blessed the baby you will bear!

Who did Elizabeth say was blessed?

Elizabeth said that Mary and her baby were blessed.

Luke 1:43

ULT

43 And from where {is} this to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me?

UST

43 I am not worthy of this, that you, the mother of my Lord, should come to visit me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:44

ULT
44 For behold, as soon as the sound of your greeting was in my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

UST
44 I know all of this because as soon as I heard you greet me, the baby in my womb started moving around because he was so excited!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:45

ULT
45 And blessed {is} the one having believed that there would be a fulfillment of the {things that} had been spoken to her from {the} Lord.”

UST
45 You are blessed because you believed that what the Lord told you would come true.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:46

ULT
46 And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,

UST
46 Then Mary praised God by saying: “Oh, how I praise the Lord

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:47

ULT
47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

UST
47 and I feel very joyful about God, the one who saves me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:48

ULT

48 For he has looked upon the low condition of his female servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed,

UST

48 I am happy because he was gracious to me, even though I was not very important. Just imagine this—from now on, people living at all times in the future will say that God has blessed me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:49

ULT

49 for the Mighty One has done great {things} for me, and his name {is} holy,

UST

49 They will say this because God, the Powerful and Holy One, has done great things for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:50

ULT

50 and his mercy {is} unto generation and generation to the ones fearing him.

UST

50 He acts mercifully throughout all time periods to the people who revere him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:51

ULT

51 He has done mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered {the} proud in {the} thoughts of their hearts.

UST

51 He has shown people that he is very powerful. He has routed those who think proudly within themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:52

ULT
52 He has thrown down rulers from {their} thrones and he has raised up {the} lowly.

UST
52 He has made rulers stop ruling, but he has honored people who are lowly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:53

ULT
53 He has filled {the} hungry with good {things}, but {the} rich he has sent away empty.

UST
53 He has let people who were hungry eat good food until they were full, but he has sent rich people away without giving them anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:54

ULT
54 He has helped Israel his servant, to remember {his} mercy,

UST
54-55 He has helped Israel, the people who serve him. Long ago he promised our ancestors that he would be merciful to them. He has kept that promise and has always acted mercifully toward Abraham and all who descended from him.”

Why did God help his servant Israel?
God remembered his mercy.

Luke 1:55

ULT

55 as he spoke to our fathers—to Abraham and to his seed in the ages {past}.”

UST

54-55 He has helped Israel, the people who serve him. Long ago he promised our ancestors that he would be merciful to them. He has kept that promise and has always acted mercifully toward Abraham and all who descended from him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:56

ULT

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her house.

UST

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months. After that, she went back home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:57

ULT

57 And the time was fulfilled for Elizabeth for her to deliver, and she gave birth to a son.

UST

57 When it was time for Elizabeth to give birth to her child, she bore a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:58

ULT

58 And her neighbors and relatives heard that {the} Lord had magnified his mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

UST

58 When her neighbors and relatives heard about how kind the Lord had been to her by giving her a son, they were very happy along with Elizabeth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:59

ULT
59 And it happened that, on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call {him} after the name of his father, Zechariah.

UST
59 Eight days later, people gathered together for the ceremony to circumcise the baby {to show that he belonged to God}. {This was also the time to give the baby a name.} The people wanted to name the baby Zechariah because that was his father's name.

On the day of circumcision, what would they normally have named Elizabeth's son?
Normally, they would name him Zechariah, after his father.

Luke 1:60

ULT
60 But answering, his mother said, "No. Rather, he will be called John."

UST
60 But his mother said, "No, {his name will not be Zechariah.} His name will be John!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:61

ULT
61 But they said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name."

UST
61 So they said to her, "But John is not the name of any of your relatives!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:62

ULT
62 Then they made signs to his father as to what he wanted to call him.

UST
62 Then they made motions with their hands to his father, asking him to indicate what name he wanted to give to his son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:63

ULT

63 And asking for a writing tablet, he wrote, saying, “His name is John.” And they all were astonished.

UST

63 So he signaled that they should give him a tablet to write on. {When they gave him one,} he wrote on it, “His name is John.” This amazed all of the people who were there!

What did Zechariah write when asked what the name of the child should be?

Zechariah wrote “His name is John.”

Luke 1:64

ULT

64 Then immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue, and he spoke, blessing God.

UST

64 Immediately, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God.

What happened to Zechariah immediately after he wrote the child’s name?

Immediately after he wrote the child’s name, Zechariah spoke and praised God.

Luke 1:65

ULT

65 And fear came on all the ones living around them, and all these matters were being talked about throughout all the hill country of Judea.

UST

65 {When} the people who lived nearby {heard about these things, they} felt a deep reverence for God. {They told many other people about what had happened,} and this news spread to people throughout the highlands of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:66

ULT

66 And all the ones having heard stored in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child become?” For indeed {the} hand of {the} Lord was with him.

UST

66 Everyone who heard about these things kept thinking about them. They thought, “Certainly this child will grow up to be someone very special!” {They thought this} because {they could see that} the Lord was present in his life in a powerful way.

Because of all these events, what did everyone realize about the child?

They realized that the hand of the Lord was with him.

Luke 1:67

ULT

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with {the} Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

UST

67 After the child’s father, Zechariah, could speak again, the Holy Spirit inspired Zechariah and he spoke these words from God:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:68

ULT

68 “Blessed {be} {the} Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and has accomplished redemption for his people.

UST

68 “Praise the Lord, the God whom we people of Israel worship, because he has come to set us, his people, free.

What had God now accomplished that caused Zechariah to praise God?

God had now accomplished redemption for his people.

Luke 1:69

ULT
69 And he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in {the} house of his servant David

UST
69 He has sent someone who will powerfully save us, someone who is descended from David, whom he chose to be king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:70

ULT
70 (as he spoke by {the} mouth of his holy prophets from eternity),

UST
70 (Long ago God inspired his prophets to say that he would do these things.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:71

ULT
71 salvation from our enemies and from {the} hand of all the ones hating us;

UST
71 {God is sending this deliverer} to save us from our enemies, and {he will rescue us} from the power of everyone who hates us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:72

ULT
72 to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

UST
72 God has done this because he is faithful to our ancestors and so he is keeping the holy promise that he made to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:73

ULT

73 {the} oath that he swore to Abraham our father, to grant us

UST

73 This is the promise that he solemnly swore to our ancestor Abraham about what he would do for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:74

ULT

74 to serve him fearlessly, having been delivered out of {the} hand of {our} enemies,

UST

74 He promised that he would rescue us from the power of our enemies so that we could serve him without being afraid of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:75

ULT

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

UST

75 As a result, we could live in the right way, as people who completely belong to him, for as long as we live."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:76

ULT

76 And indeed, you, child, will be called a prophet of {the} Most High, for you will go before {the} Lord to prepare his paths;

UST

76 {Then Zechariah said to his baby son,} "And as for you, my child, you will be a prophet of the Most High God. You will begin your work before the Lord comes so that you can prepare the people to be ready for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:77

ULT
77 to give {the} knowledge of salvation to his people through forgiveness of their sins,

UST
77 You will tell God's people that he wants to save them by forgiving their sins.

What was it Zechariah prophesied that his child John would help the people to know?
John would help the people know how they could be saved through the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:78

ULT
78 because of {the} tender mercy of our God, by which {the} sunrise from on high will visit us,

UST
78 God wants to save us because he is compassionate and merciful. That is why he is sending this Savior from heaven to help us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:79

ULT
79 to shine on the ones sitting in darkness and a shadow of death; to guide our feet into a path of peace."

UST
79 This Savior will show the truth to those who do not know it, even to those who do not know it at all. He will show us how to live in a way that pleases God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 1:80

ULT

80 And the child was growing and was being strengthened in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until {the} day of his public appearance to Israel.

UST

80 Over time, Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby boy grew up and became spiritually strong. Then he went to live in a desolate region. He was still living there when he began to preach publicly to God's people, Israel.

Where did John grow up and live until he began to appear publicly?

John grew up and lived in the wilderness.

Luke 2

Luke 2:1

ULT
1 And in those days, it happened that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for all the world to register.

UST
1 Also during that time, Caesar Augustus{, who ruled over the whole Roman Empire,} commanded that every person living in his empire had to register {his name in an official list of the people who lived there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:2

ULT
2 This first registration happened {while} Quirinius was governing Syria.

UST
2 This was the first time that the Romans recorded the names of everyone living in their empire. They did this during the time when Quirinius was the governor of the province of Syria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:3

ULT
3 And everyone was traveling to register himself, each one to {his} own city.

UST
3 So everyone had to go to his family's hometown to register.

Where did the people go to be registered for the census?
The people went to their own town to be registered.

Luke 2:4

ULT

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from {the} city of Nazareth, to Judea, to {the} city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of {the} house and family line of David.

UST

4-5 Joseph also traveled to his family's hometown, along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. Because Joseph was a descendant of King David, they left the town of Nazareth in the region of Galilee and traveled to the region of Judea, to the town of Bethlehem, which is also known as the city of David. Joseph and Mary went there to be registered in the public record.

Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem with Mary to be registered there?

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because Joseph was a descendant of David.

Luke 2:5

ULT

5 He registered himself with Mary, the one {that} had been engaged to him, being pregnant.

UST

4-5 Joseph also traveled to his family's hometown, along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant. Because Joseph was a descendant of King David, they left the town of Nazareth in the region of Galilee and traveled to the region of Judea, to the town of Bethlehem, which is also known as the city of David. Joseph and Mary went there to be registered in the public record.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:6

ULT

6 And it happened that, while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to deliver.

UST

6-7 When they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay in a place where visitors usually stayed. So they had to stay in a place where animals slept overnight. While they were there the time came for Mary to give birth and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in wide strips of cloth and laid him down where the food was kept for the animals inside the barn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:7

ULT

[7] And she delivered her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

UST

[6-7] When they arrived in Bethlehem, there was no place for them to stay in a place where visitors usually stayed. So they had to stay in a place where animals slept overnight. While they were there the time came for Mary to give birth and she gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him in wide strips of cloth and laid him down where the food was kept for the animals inside the barn.

When Mary gave birth to her son, where did she place him?

When the child was born, Mary placed him in a manger.

Luke 2:8

ULT

[8] And there were shepherds in that area, staying in the open and keeping watch over their flock at night.

UST

[8] There were some shepherds camping out in the open country near Bethlehem that night. They were there taking care of their sheep.

What were the shepherds doing that night?

They were staying in the open and keeping watch over their flocks.

Luke 2:9

ULT

[9] And an angel of {the} Lord stood before them, and {the} glory of {the} Lord shone around them, and they feared a great fear.

UST

[9] Suddenly they saw an angel from the Lord standing in front of them. A glorious light from the Lord shone all over them. They became very afraid.

How did the shepherds react when they saw the angel?

The shepherds were very afraid.

Luke 2:10

ULT

10 And the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be to all the people.

UST

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, because I have come to tell you very good news! This news is for all people, and should make everyone rejoice!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:11

ULT

11 For today has been born for you in {the} city of David a Savior, who is Christ {the} Lord!

UST

11 They will rejoice because today, in Bethlehem, King David’s hometown, the person was born who will save you {from your sins}! He is the Messiah, the Lord!

What good news did the angel give to the shepherds?

The angel told the shepherds that the Savior had been born, the one who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12

ULT

12 And this {will be} the sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

UST

12 And here is a sign for you. {If you go to Bethlehem,} you will find a baby there wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a feeding place for animals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:13

ULT

13 And suddenly a multitude of the heavenly army was with the angel, praising God, and saying,

UST

13 Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven appeared with the other angel. They were all praising God by saying,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:14

ULT

14 “Glory in {the} highest to God, and on earth, peace among men of good pleasure.”

UST

14 “In the highest heaven may all the angels praise God! And on the earth may all the people who please God be peaceful {with God and each other}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:15

ULT

15 And it happened that, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let us indeed go over as far as Bethlehem, and let us see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

UST

15 When the angels left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “We should go right now to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about!”

What did the shepherds decide to do after the angels left them?

The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to see the child that had been born.

Luke 2:16

ULT
16 And they went hastening and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in the manger.

UST
16 So they went quickly, and when they had found {the place where} Mary and Joseph {were staying}, they saw the baby lying in a feeding place for animals.

What did the shepherds find in Bethlehem?
The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:17

ULT
17 And having seen him, they made known about the message that had been told to them about this child.

UST
17 After they had seen him, they told everyone what the Lord had revealed to them about this baby.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:18

ULT
18 And all the ones having heard {it} were amazed concerning the {things} that were spoken to them by the shepherds.

UST
18 All the people who were listening thought that what the shepherds told them was amazing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:19

ULT
19 But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

UST
19 But Mary carefully remembered all of these things and thought about them continually.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:20

ULT

[20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything that they had heard and seen, just as it had been spoken to them.

UST

[20] The shepherds returned {to the fields where their sheep were}. They kept talking about how great God is and praising him for all of the things that they had heard and seen. Everything had been exactly as the angel had told them it would be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:21

ULT

[21] And when eight days had been fulfilled to circumcise him, then his name was called Jesus, {which} he had been called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

UST

[21] On the eighth day after the baby was born, they circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name that the angel had told them to give him even before Mary had become pregnant with him.

When was Jesus circumcised?

Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth.

Luke 2:22

ULT

[22] And when the days of their purification had been fulfilled, according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present {him} to the Lord

UST

[22] Mary and Joseph waited the number of days that the law of Moses required for her to become ceremonially clean again after having a baby. Then they brought him to Jerusalem so that they could dedicate him to the Lord {in the temple}.

Why did Joseph and Mary bring the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem?

They brought him to the temple to present him to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice that was commanded in the Law of Moses.

Luke 2:23

ULT

23 (just as it is written in {the} law of {the} Lord, “Every male who opens {the} womb will be called holy to the Lord”),

UST

23 They did this to obey the law of the Lord, which says, “You must set apart for the Lord every male offspring who is the first to be born.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:24

ULT

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to {what} had been said in the law of {the} Lord, “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

UST

24 There they offered the sacrifice that the law of the Lord told the parents of a newborn son to offer, “two turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:25

ULT

25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name {was} Simeon, and this man {was} righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

UST

25 At that time there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. He did what was pleasing to God and obeyed God’s laws. He was eagerly waiting for God to send the Messiah to encourage the people of Israel. The Holy Spirit was directing him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:26

ULT

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

UST

26 The Holy Spirit had previously revealed to him that before he died, the Lord would send the Messiah and he would get to see him.

What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Simeon?

The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:27

ULT

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus for them to do according to the custom of the law concerning him,

UST

27 So the Holy Spirit led Simeon to go into the temple courtyard. He was there when Joseph and Mary brought in the baby Jesus so that they could perform the ceremony for him that God had commanded in the law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:28

ULT

28 and he took him into {his} arms and blessed God, and he said,

UST

28 {When Simeon saw Jesus,} he picked him up in his arms and thanked God, and then he said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:29

ULT
29 “You are now dismissing your servant in peace, Lord, according to your word.

UST
29 “Lord, you have kept your promise to me, and now I am content for you to let me die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:30

ULT
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

UST
30 Because I have seen the one whom you have sent to save people,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:31

ULT
31 which you have prepared before {the} face of all the peoples:

UST
31 the one whom you have prepared for all people to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:32

ULT
32 A light for revelation to {the} Gentiles and glory to your people Israel.”

UST
32 He will be like a light that will reveal your truth to the other nations. He will show how glorious your plan is for Israel, your people.”

What did Simeon say would happen to Mary because she was Jesus' mother?
Simeon said that Jesus would be a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to God’s people, Israel.

Luke 2:33

ULT
33 And his father and mother [1] were amazed at what is being said about him.

UST
33 Jesus' father and mother marveled at what Simeon said about him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:34

ULT
34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, "Behold, this one is appointed for {the} downfall and rising up of many in Israel and for a sign {that} is spoken against—

UST
34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Jesus' mother, Mary, "Note well what I say: God has determined that, because of this child, many people in Israel will reject God and many will submit themselves to God. He will be a sign {from God} that many people will oppose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:35

ULT
35 and a sword will also pierce your own soul—so that {the} thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

UST
35 As for you, {the cruel things that people will do to him will make you so sad that} it will feel as if a sword is piercing through your very soul. {But this is necessary} so that he can reveal the secret thoughts of many people."

What did Simeon say would happen to Mary as a result of Jesus?
Simeon said that a sword would pierce her own soul.

Luke 2:36

ULT

36 And Anna was there, a prophetess, a daughter of Phanuel from {the} tribe of Asher. She had advanced much in days, having lived with her husband for seven years after her virginity,

UST

36 A prophetess named Anna was also there {in the temple courtyard}. She was very old. She was the daughter of Phanuel, who was from the tribe of Asher. As a young woman, she had been married for seven years{, and then her husband had died}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:37

ULT

37 and she {was} a widow for 84 years who never left the temple, serving with fastings and prayers night and day.

UST

37 After that, she had lived as a widow for 84 more years. It seemed as if she was always in the temple, worshiping God by fasting and praying, {at all times of the} night and day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:38

ULT

38 And coming up at that very hour, she began giving thanks to God and speaking about him to all the ones waiting for {the} redemption of Jerusalem.

UST

38 At that same time, Anna approached {Joseph and Mary and the baby}. Anna began thanking God {for the baby}. Afterwards, she kept speaking about Jesus to many other people who were also expecting {God to send} the Messiah who would set the people of Israel free.

What did the prophetess Anna do when she came up to Mary, Joseph, and Jesus?

Anna began to thank God and to talk about the child to everyone.

Luke 2:39

ULT
39 And when they had completed everything {that was} according to the law of {the} Lord, they returned to Galilee, to {their} own town of Nazareth.

UST
39 After Joseph and Mary had finished doing everything that the law of the Lord required {for parents of a first son}, they returned to their own town, Nazareth, in the district of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:40

ULT
40 And the child grew and was strengthened, being filled with wisdom, and {the} grace of God was upon him.

UST
40 As the child grew up, he became strong and very wise, and God was present in his life.

What happened to the child Jesus after he returned to Nazareth?
Jesus grew and became strong, increasing in wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Luke 2:41

ULT
41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem to the Feast of the Passover.

UST
41 Every year Jesus' parents traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:42

ULT
42 And when he was 12 years old, they went up according to the custom of the feast.

UST
42 So when Jesus was 12 years old, they all traveled to Jerusalem together when it was time for the {Passover} festival.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:43

ULT

43 And the days having been completed, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know {it}.

UST

43 When the days for celebrating the festival ended, Jesus' parents started to return home, but their son, Jesus, stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know {that he was still there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:44

ULT

44 But thinking {that} he was with the group of travelers, they went a day's journey and they sought him among {their} relatives and friends.

UST

44 They thought that he was with the other people who were traveling with them. But after walking for one day, they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.

Why did Jesus' parents not realize he had stayed behind in Jerusalem during the Festival of the Passover?

They did not realize because they assumed that he was in the group that was traveling with them.

Luke 2:45

ULT

45 And not finding {him}, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.

UST

45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:46

ULT

46 And it happened that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in {the} midst of the teachers and listening to them and asking them questions.

UST

46 Three days after {Mary and Joseph had left Jerusalem}, they found Jesus at the temple. He was sitting among the Jewish religious teachers. He was listening to them teach and he was asking them questions.

Where did his parents find Jesus and what was he doing?
His parents found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers and listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:47

ULT

47 And all the ones hearing him were amazed at {his} understanding and his answers.

UST

47 All the people who heard what he said were amazed at how much he understood and how well he answered {the questions that the teachers asked}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:48

ULT

48 And having seen him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us thus? Behold, your father and I have been tormented searching for you.”

UST

48 When his parents saw him, they were very surprised. His mother said to him, “My son, you should not have done this to us. Listen to me! Your father and I have been very worried as we have been searching for you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:49

ULT
49 And he said to them, “Why {is it} that you were searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in the {things} of my Father?”

UST
49 He said to them, “I am surprised that you needed to search for me. I thought you would know that I needed to be at my Father’s house{, learning about him}.”

What did Jesus answer when Mary said to him that they had been anxiously searching for him?
“Did you not know I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:50

ULT
50 But they did not understand the word that he spoke to them.

UST
50 But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 2:51

ULT
51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subjected to them. But his mother kept all these things in her heart.

UST
51 Then he returned with them to Nazareth, and he always obeyed them. His mother kept thinking deeply about all the things that had happened.

What was Jesus’ attitude toward his parents when they returned to Nazareth?
He was subjected to them.

Luke 2:52

ULT

52 And Jesus was increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
2:33 [1] . Some other manuscripts read .

UST

52 As the years passed, Jesus continued to become wiser, and he grew taller. God and people continued to approve of him more and more.

As Jesus grew up, what kind of young man was he?

He grew in wisdom and stature, and increased in favor with God and people.

Luke 3

Luke 3:1

ULT

1 And in {the} fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—Pontius Pilate governing Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip being tetrarch of {the} region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias being tetrarch of Abilene,

UST

1 {This next part of the history happened} when Tiberius Caesar had been ruling {the Roman Empire} for about fifteen years. At that time, Pontius Pilate was the governor of the province of Judea, Herod Antipas was ruling the district of Galilee, his brother Philip was ruling the regions of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanius was ruling the region of Abilene.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:2

ULT

2 during {the} high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—{the} word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness.

UST

2 The high priests {at the temple in Jerusalem} were Annas and Caiaphas. During that time, God spoke to Zechariah's son John {while he was living} out in the desolate area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:3

ULT

3 And he went into all the region around {the} Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for {the} forgiveness of sins.

UST

3 John traveled all around the area near the Jordan River. He kept announcing {to the people who came to hear him}, "If you want God to forgive your sins, you must reject wrong ways of living. Then I will baptize you!"

What message did John preach throughout the region around the Jordan River?

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:4

ULT

4 As it is written in {the} book of {the} words of Isaiah the prophet, “A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of {the} Lord, make his paths straight.

UST

4 {When John preached like this,} the words came true that the prophet Isaiah wrote on a scroll long ago: “In the desolate place, someone will be calling out {to the people}: ‘Prepare yourselves to receive the Lord! Make yourselves ready for when he comes!’

For whom did John say he was making ready the way?

John said he was making ready the way of the Lord.

Luke 3:5

ULT

5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low, and the crooked roads will become straight, and the rough roads {will become} smooth,

UST

5 {When an important person is going to arrive by a certain road,} people fill in all the ravines and level off all the steep places in it. They make the road straight wherever it is crooked, and they smooth out all the bumps. {In the same way, God will make sure that there will be people who are ready for the Messiah.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:6

ULT

6 and all flesh will see the salvation of God.’”

UST

6 Then everyone will recognize God’s way of saving people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:7

ULT

[7] So he said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “Offspring of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

UST

[7] Large groups of people were coming out {to the desolate place where John was} so that he would baptize them. So John said to them, “You people are sneaky and dangerous like poisonous snakes! You think that if I baptize you, God will spare you when he punishes sinners. {But I did not say that!}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:8

ULT

[8] Therefore, produce fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as {our} father,’ for I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.

UST

[8] You need to do the things that show that you have truly rejected your previous sinful way of living! And do not even begin to say to yourselves, ‘{Certainly God will not punish us, because} we are descendants of Abraham!’ {That does not impress God.} Let me assure you, God could turn these stones into descendants of Abraham!

What did John tell the people to do instead of trusting in the fact that Abraham was their father?

John told them to produce fruits that come from repentance.

Luke 3:9

ULT

[9] But indeed, the ax is already set against the root of the trees. So every tree {that} does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into a fire.”

UST

[9] You are like fruit trees that do not produce good fruit. God is like a man who is positioning the head of his axe at the base of those trees, ready to chop them down and throw them into the fire. God is ready to punish you like that if you continue sinning.”

What did John say happens to the tree that does not produce good fruit?

John said that it is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 3:10

ULT
10 And the crowds kept asking him, saying, “What therefore should we do?”

UST
10 Then {several of the people in} the crowd asked him, “What kinds of things, then, does God want us to do?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:11

ULT
11 So answering, he said to them, “The one having two tunics must share with the one not having, and the one having food, let him do {the} same.”

UST
11 He answered them, “If any of you has two shirts, you should give one of them to someone who does not have a shirt. If any of you has plenty of food, you should give some to those who do not have food.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:12

ULT
12 Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what should we do?”

UST
12 Some tax collectors also came, wanting John to baptize them. They asked him, “Teacher, what {does God want us} to do?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:13

ULT
13 So he said to them, “Collect nothing more than {what} you have been ordered.”

UST
13 He said to them, “Do not collect more money {from the people} than the Roman government tells you to collect!”

What did John tell the tax collectors they must do to show true repentance?
John said that they must not collect more money than they were ordered to collect.

Luke 3:14

ULT

14 Then soldiers also asked him, saying, “And us, what should we do?” And he said to them, “Take nothing by force, and do not accuse falsely, and be contented with your wages.”

UST

14 There were also some men there who were soldiers. Even they asked him, “And what about us? What does God want us to do?” He said to them, “Do not force people to give you money by threatening to harm them or by falsely accusing them {of doing something wrong}. Be content with the amount of money that you earn as a soldier.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:15

ULT

15 And the people were expecting and were all wondering in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ.

UST

15 People had been waiting {for a long time for the Messiah to come. But now they were getting very hopeful about John}. They thought that he might be the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:16

ULT

16 John answered, saying to them all, “I indeed baptize you with water, but one more powerful than I is coming, of whom I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with {the} Holy Spirit and with fire,

UST

16 But John said to all of them, “{I am not the Messiah.} He is coming, and he is far greater than I am. He is so great that I am not worthy even to be like the slave who would untie the straps of his sandals {when he comes in the house}! When I baptized you, I used only water. But {when the Messiah comes,} he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, who will judge and purify you.

John told the people that he baptized with water. With what did he say that someone was coming would baptize?

John said someone was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Luke 3:17

ULT

17 whose winnowing fork {is} in his hand to thoroughly clear off his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his storehouse, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

UST

17 {The Messiah is ready to do this, just like} a farmer who has his winnowing fork ready to use. A farmer separates all the good grain from the useless chaff. He stores the grain safely in his barn, but he burns the chaff until it is all gone. {That represents how the Messiah will gather up the people who are pleasing to God, and he will punish the people who are displeasing to God.}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:18

ULT

18 Therefore, also exhorting many other {things}, he preached good news to the people.

UST

18 In many different ways like this, John urged the people {to stop sinning and to submit themselves to God}, as he kept telling them the good news {from God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:19

ULT

19 But Herod the tetrarch, having been rebuked by him concerning Herodias, the wife of his brother, and concerning all {the} evil {things} that Herod had done,

UST

19 John even rebuked King Herod for all of the many evil things that Herod had done. But when John rebuked Herod for marrying his brother’s wife, Herodias, while his brother was still alive,

Why did John rebuke Herod?

John rebuked Herod because Herod had married his own brother’s wife and had done many other evil things.

Luke 3:20

ULT
[20] added even this to {them} all: He locked John up in prison.

UST
[20] Herod did another evil thing. He had his soldiers put John in prison.

Who put John into prison?
Herod put John into prison.

Luke 3:21

ULT
[21] And it happened that when all the people were being baptized, Jesus also was baptized and, {as} he was praying, the heavens were opened,

UST
[21] But before Herod did that, while John was still baptizing many people, John also baptized Jesus. Afterwards, while Jesus was praying, the sky opened.

What happened right away after John baptized Jesus?
After John baptized Jesus, the heavens opened up.

Luke 3:22

ULT
[22] and the Holy Spirit in bodily form came down on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased.”

UST
[22] Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down and landed on Jesus. Then God spoke {to Jesus} from heaven. He said, “You are my Son, the one whom I love dearly. I am very pleased with you!”

Who came down from heaven after John baptized Jesus?
The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove.

What did the voice from heaven say?
The voice from heaven said, “You are my beloved son. I am very pleased with you”.

Luke 3:23

ULT
23 And Jesus himself was beginning about 30 years old, being {the} son (as it was assumed) of Joseph, of Heli,

UST
23 At that time Jesus began his work for God. He was about 30 years old. This is Jesus' lineage: People considered Jesus to be the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli.

About how old was Jesus when he began to teach?
Jesus was about 30 years old when he began to teach.

Luke 3:24

ULT
24 of Matthat, of Levi, of Melchi, of Jannai, of Joseph,

UST
24 Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Melchi. Melchi was the son of Jannai. Jannai was the son of Joseph.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:25

ULT
25 of Mattathias, of Amos, of Nahum, of Esli, of Naggai,

UST
25 Joseph was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Amos. Amos was the son of Nahum. Nahum was the son of Esli. Esli was the son of Naggai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:26

ULT
26 of Maath, of Mattathias, of Semein, of Josech, of Joda,

UST
26 Naggai was the son of Maath. Maath was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Semein. Semein was the son of Josech. Josech was the son of Joda.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:27

ULT
27 of Joanan, of Rhesa, of Zerubbabel, of Salathiel, of Neri,

UST
27 Joda was the son of Joanan. Joanan was the son of Rhesa. Rhesa was the son of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the son of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the son of Neri.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:28

ULT
28 of Melchi, of Addi, of Cosam, of Elmadam, of Er,

UST
28 Neri was the son of Melchi. Melchi was the son of Addi. Addi was the son of Cosam. Cosam was the son of Elmadam. Elmadam was the son of Er.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:29

ULT
29 of Joshua, of Eliezer, of Jorim, of Matthat, of Levi,

UST
29 Er was the son of Joshua. Joshua was the son of Eliezer. Eliezer was the son of Jorim. Jorim was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:30

ULT
30 of Simeon, of Judah, of Joseph, of Jonam, of Eliakim,

UST
30 Levi was the son of Simeon. Simeon was the son of Judah. Judah was the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Jonam. Jonam was the son of Eliakim.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:31

ULT

31 of Melea, of Menna, of Mattatha, of Nathan, of David,

UST

31 Eliakim was the son of Melea. Melea was the son of Menna. Menna was the son of Mattatha. Mattatha was the son of Nathan. Nathan was the son of David.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:32

ULT

32 of Jesse, of Obed, of Boaz, of Salmon, of Nahshon,

UST

32 David was the son of Jesse. Jesse was the son of Obed. Obed was the son of Boaz. Boaz was the son of Salmon. Salmon was the son of Nahshon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:33

ULT

33 of Amminadab, of Admin, of Arni, of Hezron, of Perez, of Judah,

UST

33 Nahshon was the son of Amminadab. Amminadab was the son of Admin. Admin was the son of Arni. Arni was the son of Hezron. Hezron was the son of Perez. Perez was the son of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:34

ULT

34 of Jacob, of Isaac, of Abraham, of Terah, of Nahor,

UST

34 Judah was the son of Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac. Isaac was the son of Abraham. Abraham was the son of Terah. Terah was the son of Nahor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:35

ULT
35 of Serug, of Reu, of Peleg, of Eber, of Shelah,

UST
35 Nahor was the son of Serug. Serug was the son of Reu. Reu was the son of Peleg. Peleg was the son of Eber. Eber was the son of Shelah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:36

ULT
36 of Cainan, of Arphaxad, of Shem, of Noah, of Lamech,

UST
36 Shelah was the son of Cainan. Cainan was the son of Arphaxad. Arphaxad was the son of Shem. Shem was the son of Noah. Noah was the son of Lamech.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:37

ULT
37 of Methuselah, of Enoch, of Jared, of Mahalaleel, of Cainan,

UST
37 Lamech was the son of Methuselah. Methuselah was the son of Enoch. Enoch was the son of Jared. Jared was the son of Mahalalel. Mahalalel was the son of Cainan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 3:38

ULT
38 of Enos, of Seth, of Adam, of God.

UST
38 Cainan was the son of Enos. Enos was the son of Seth. Seth was the son of Adam. Adam came from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4

Luke 4:1

ULT
1 Then Jesus, full of {the} Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

UST
1 After John baptized him, Jesus came back out of the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit was fully empowering him. Then the Holy Spirit led him into the wilderness.

Who led Jesus into the wilderness?
The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Luke 4:2

ULT
2 for 40 days being tempted by the devil. And he did not eat anything during those days, and he was hungry {when} they were completed.

UST
2 Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days. While he was there, the devil kept tempting him. During that entire time, Jesus did not eat anything. So when the 40 days were over, he was very hungry.

How long did the devil tempt Jesus in the wilderness?
The devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days.

Luke 4:3

ULT
3 Then the devil said to him, “If you are {the} Son of God, speak to this stone so that it might become bread.”

UST
3 Then the devil said to Jesus, “If you really are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread {for you to eat}!”

What did the devil challenge Jesus to do with the stones on the ground?
The devil told Jesus to turn the stones into bread.

Luke 4:4

ULT

4 And Jesus answered to him, “It is written, ‘Man will not live on bread alone.’”

UST

4 Jesus replied, “{No, I will not do that, because} the Scriptures say, ‘People need more than just food in order to live.’”

What was Jesus’ response to the devil?

Jesus said that it was written that man shall not live on bread alone.

Luke 4:5

ULT

5 Then he led him up {and} showed him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant of time.

UST

5 Then the devil took Jesus up {to the top of a high mountain} and showed him all the nations of the world in an instant.

What did the devil show to Jesus from a high place?

The devil showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world.

Luke 4:6

ULT

6 And the devil said to him, “I will give to you all this authority and their glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want.

UST

6 Then the devil said to Jesus, “I will make you the ruler over all of these nations and you will possess all of their wealth. I can do this because God has permitted me to control all of them, and so I can give them to whomever I wish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:7

ULT
[7] So then, if you will bow in worship before me, it will all be yours.”

UST
[7] All you have to do is bow down and worship me. Then I will let you rule them all!”

What did the devil want Jesus to do?
The devil wanted Jesus to bow down before him.

Luke 4:8

ULT
[8] But answering, Jesus said to him, “It is written, ‘You will worship {the} Lord your God, and you will serve only him.’”

UST
[8] But Jesus replied, “{No, I will not worship you, because} the Scriptures say, ‘You must only worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you may serve!’”

What was Jesus’ response to the devil?
Jesus said that it was written that you must worship the Lord your God, and you must serve him only.

Luke 4:9

ULT
[9] Then he led him to Jerusalem and put {him} on the highest point of the temple, and said to him, “If you are {the} Son of God, throw yourself down from here.

UST
[9] Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set him on the highest part of the temple and said to him, “If you really are the Son of God, jump down from here.

What did the devil tell Jesus to do when he took him to the highest point of the temple?
He told Jesus to jump down from there.

Luke 4:10

ULT
10 For it is written, ‘He will command his angels regarding you, to protect you,’

UST
10 You will not be hurt, because the Scriptures say, ‘God will command his angels to protect you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:11

ULT
11 and, ‘They will lift you up in {their} hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

UST
11 And the Scriptures also say, ‘The angels will hold you up in their hands when you are falling, so that you will not get hurt.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:12

ULT
12 But answering, Jesus said to him, “It is said, ‘You will not put {the} Lord your God to the test.’”

UST
12 But Jesus replied, “{No, I will not do that, because} the Scriptures also say: ‘Do not test the Lord your God’.”

What was Jesus’ response to the devil?
Jesus said that it was written that you must not test the Lord your God.

Luke 4:13

ULT
13 And having finished every temptation, the devil went away from him until an opportune time.

UST
13 Then, after the devil had finished trying to tempt Jesus in all of these ways, the devil left Jesus to wait until another time {when he could try to tempt Jesus again}.

What did the devil do after Jesus refused to jump from the temple?
The devil left Jesus until another time.

Luke 4:14

ULT
14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him went out throughout the entire surrounding region.

UST
14 After this, Jesus {left the desolate area and} returned to the district of Galilee. The Holy Spirit was empowering him. Throughout that whole region, people heard about Jesus and told others about him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:15

ULT
15 And he began to teach in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

UST
15 He taught people in their Jewish meeting places. {As a result,} all of the people praised him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:16

ULT

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been raised, and according to his custom, he entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read aloud.

UST

16 Then Jesus went to Nazareth, the town where he had grown up. As he usually did on the Jewish day of rest, he went to the Jewish meeting place. {At the appropriate time,} he stood up to read {something aloud from the Scriptures}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:17

ULT

17 And {the} scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him and, opening the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

UST

17 {Jesus wanted to read some of the words that} the prophet Isaiah {had spoken long ago. So he asked for} the scroll that contained these words, and a synagogue attendant handed it to him. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place from which he wanted to read. {He read these words:}

From which book of the scriptures did Jesus read when he stood up in the synagogue?
Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah.

Luke 4:18

ULT

18 “{The} Spirit of {the} Lord {is} upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the gospel to {the} poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom to {the} captives, and recovery of sight to {the} blind, to set free {the} oppressed,

UST

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is empowering me, because he has specially appointed me to declare God’s good news to people who are poor. He has sent me to declare to people who are in prison that they will go free, and to tell those who are blind that they will see again. He has sent me to release people whom others are oppressing,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:19

ULT
[19] to proclaim {the} favorable year of {the} Lord.”

UST
[19] and to announce that now is the time when the Lord will act favorably toward people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:20

ULT
[20] And having rolled up the scroll {and} having given it back to the attendant, he sat down. And all the eyes in the synagogue were gazing on him.

UST
[20] Then he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant, and he sat down {to teach the people}. Everyone in the Jewish meeting place was looking intently at him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:21

ULT
[21] Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears.”

UST
[21] He began to teach them by saying, “I have made this Scripture passage come true right now, as you heard me read it.”

What did Jesus say was being fulfilled on that day?
Jesus said that the scripture he had just read from Isaiah was being fulfilled that day.

Luke 4:22

ULT

22 And everyone spoke well of him and they were amazed at the gracious words {that} were coming out of his mouth, and they said, “Is this not {the} son of Joseph?”

UST

22 Everyone there approved of him and they were amazed at the wonderful things that he said. Many of them said to each other, “{It is surprising that he can speak like this!} This man is only Joseph’s son!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:23

ULT

23 And he said to them, “Surely you will say this proverb to me, ‘Doctor, heal yourself. Whatever we heard happened in Capernaum, also do here in your hometown.’”

UST

23 He said to them, “Surely some of you will quote to me the proverb that says, ‘Doctor, heal yourself!’ {What you will mean by it is, ‘People told us that} you did miracles in the town of Capernaum. {If you want us to believe that you are a prophet, then} do the same kind of miracles here in your hometown!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:24

ULT

24 But he said, “Truly I say to you that no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

UST

24 Then he said, “It is certainly true that the people in a prophet’s own hometown do not accept that he is a prophet.

What kind of reception did Jesus say a prophet receives in his own country?

Jesus said that no prophet is accepted in his own country.

Luke 4:25

ULT

25 But in truth I say to you {that} there were many widows in Israel during the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came upon all the land.

UST

25 Think about this: There were many widows in Israel during the time when the prophet Elijah lived. At that time there was no rain for three and a half years. This caused a great famine throughout the whole country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:26

ULT

26 But Elijah was sent to none of them except to Zarephath in Sidon, to a widow woman.

UST

26 And yet God did not send Elijah to help any of the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent him to the town of Zarephath near the city of Sidon, to help a {non-Israelite} widow there.

In Jesus' first example to the people in the synagogue, where did God send Elijah to help someone?

God sent Elijah to Zarephath, near the city of Sidon, to help a widow woman.

Luke 4:27

ULT

27 And there were many lepers in Israel during {the time of} Elisha the prophet, but none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

UST

27 There were also many lepers in Israel during the time when the prophet Elisha lived. But Elisha did not heal any of them. Instead, he healed only Naaman, {a non-Israelite man} from the country of Syria."

From what country was the person God had Elisha help in Jesus' second example to the people in the synagogue?

God had Elisha help Naaman, who was from Syria.

Luke 4:28

ULT
28 And all in the synagogue were filled with rage, having heard these {things}.

UST
28 When all the people in the Jewish meeting place heard him say those things, they became very angry.

How did the people in the synagogue respond when they heard these examples from Jesus?
They were filled with rage.

Luke 4:29

ULT
29 And rising up, they drove him out of the town, and they led him to {the} edge of the hill on which their town was built, so as to throw him off.

UST
29 So they stood up, grabbed Jesus, and dragged him out of the city. They took him to the edge of the cliff outside of their city in order to throw him off of the cliff and kill him.

How did the people in the synagogue try to kill Jesus?
They planned to throw him off the cliff on which their town was built.

Luke 4:30

ULT
30 But he, passing through {the} midst of them, went on his way.

UST
30 But Jesus simply walked through the crowd and went away.

How did Jesus avoid being killed by the people from the synagogue?
Jesus walked right through their midst.

Luke 4:31

ULT

31 And he went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and he was teaching them on the Sabbaths.

UST

31 From there Jesus went down to Capernaum, a city in the district of Galilee. On each Jewish day of rest, he taught the people {in the Jewish meeting place there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:32

ULT

32 And they were astonished at his teaching, because his word was with authority.

UST

32 The things that Jesus taught the people amazed them, because he spoke as someone who knew what he was talking about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:33

ULT

33 And in the synagogue there was a man having a spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,

UST

33 Now in that Jewish meeting place there was a man whom an evil spirit controlled. He shouted very loudly,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:34

ULT

34 “Ha! What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

UST

34 “Aah! Jesus, from Nazareth! What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are the Holy One from God!”

In the synagogue, what did the demon speaking through the man know about Jesus?

The demon said that he knew Jesus was the Holy One of God.

Luke 4:35

ULT

35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silenced, and come out of him!” And having thrown him down in {their} midst, the demon came out of him, not hurting him.

UST

35 But Jesus spoke sternly to the evil spirit. He said, “Be quiet and come out of him!” The evil spirit threw the man down on the ground in the middle of the people. But then he came out of the man, without harming him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:36

ULT

36 And astonishment came upon everyone, and they were talking to one another, saying, “What {is} this word, that he commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out?”

UST

36 All of the people {in the Jewish meeting place} were amazed. Many of them said to each other, “We have never seen anything like this! His words are so powerful! He commands the evil spirits as if they must obey him, and {when he commands them,} they come out {of people}!”

How did the people react after Jesus cast out the demon?

The people were astonished and kept talking about it with one another.

Luke 4:37

ULT

37 And news about him went out into every part of the surrounding region.

UST

37 In every place throughout the surrounding region, people kept talking about what Jesus had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:38

ULT

38 Then arising from the synagogue, he entered into the house of Simon. And Simon's mother-in-law was suffering with a high fever, and they asked him concerning her.

UST

38 Then Jesus left the Jewish meeting place and went to the house of a man named Simon. His mother-in-law was there. She was sick and had a high fever. The people there asked Jesus to heal her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:39

ULT

39 And standing over her, he rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately having gotten up, she began to serve them.

UST

39 So Jesus went over to where she was and stood next to her. He commanded the fever to leave her, and it did! She immediately got up and served them some food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:40

ULT

40 And {as} the sun was setting, everyone having ones being sick with various diseases brought them to him and, laying {his} hands on each of them, he was healing them.

UST

40 When the sun was setting{, which ended the Jewish day of rest}, many people whose friends or relatives were sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. He put his hands on each one of them and healed them.

What did Jesus do for the sick who were brought to him?

Jesus laid his hands on each of them and healed them.

Luke 4:41

ULT

41 And demons also were coming out from many, crying out, and saying, “You are the Son of God!” But he was rebuking them, not permitting them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

UST

41 {As Jesus put his hands on the sick people,} evil spirits also came out from many of them. {As the evil spirits came out,} they shouted {to Jesus}, “You are the Son of God!” But he commanded those evil spirits not to tell people about him, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

What did the demons say as they were cast out, and why did Jesus not let them speak?

The demons said that Jesus was the Son of God, and Jesus did not let them speak because they knew he was the Christ.

Luke 4:42

ULT

42 And day having come, having departed, he went to a solitary place, but the crowds were looking for him and came to him, and they restrained him not to go away from them.

UST

42 Early the next morning, Jesus went out to an uninhabited place. Crowds of people went looking for him. When they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 4:43

ULT

43 But he said to them, “I must also proclaim the gospel about the kingdom of God to other cities, because for this I was sent.”

UST

43 But Jesus said to them, “I must also tell people in other cities the good news that they can have God rule their lives, because that is what God sent me here to do.”

What did Jesus say was the reason he was sent?

Jesus said he was sent to preach the gospel about the kingdom of God to many cities.

Luke 4:44

ULT

44 And he was preaching in the synagogues in Judea.

UST

44 So he went on preaching in the Jewish meeting places throughout the province of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5

Luke 5:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that the crowd was pressing in on him and listening to the word of God, and he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret.

UST

[1] One day while many people were crowding around Jesus and listening to him teach God's message, he was standing next to Lake Gennesaret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:2

ULT

[2] And he saw two boats standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gotten out of them {and} were washing {their} nets.

UST

[2] He saw two fishing boats there at the edge of the lake. The fishermen had left the boats and were washing their fishing nets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:3

ULT

[3] Then he got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, {and} asked him to put out a little from the land. Then he sat down {and} was teaching the crowds from the boat.

UST

[3] Jesus stepped into one of the two boats, the one that belonged to Simon. Jesus asked him to move the boat out a short distance away from the shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and continued to teach the crowds from there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:4

ULT

4 Then when he stopped speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

UST

4 After he finished teaching them, he said to Simon, “Take the boat out to deeper water and let your nets down into the water to catch some fish.”

After using Simon’s boat as a place to teach the people, what did Jesus ask Simon to do with his boat?
Take the boat out to deeper water and let his nets down into the water to catch some fish.

Luke 5:5

ULT

5 But answering, Simon said, “Master, we worked through {the} entire night {and} caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the nets.”

UST

5 Simon replied, “Master, we worked hard through the whole night and yet we did not catch any fish. But I will let down the nets again because you told me to.”

Even though Peter had caught nothing the previous night, what did he do?
He obeyed and let down the nets.

Luke 5:6

ULT

6 And having done this, they caught a very large number of fish, and their nets began to break.

UST

6 So Simon and his crew let down their nets and they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

What happened when they let down the nets?
They gathered so many fish that their nets began to break.

Luke 5:7

ULT

[7] And they signaled to {their} partners in the other boat {that} they should come to help them, and they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

UST

[7] They motioned to their fishing partners in the other boat to come and help them. So they came and filled both boats so full with fish that the boats began to sink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:8

ULT

[8] But Simon Peter, having seen {it}, he fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord.”

UST

[8] Seeing this, Simon Peter bowed down before Jesus and said, “Please leave me, because I am a sinful man, Lord.”

What did Simon then want Jesus to do? Why?

Simon wanted Jesus to go away from him because Simon knew that he (Simon) was a sinful man.

Luke 5:9

ULT

[9] For amazement had seized him and all the ones with him at the catch of fish that they had taken,

UST

[9] {He said this} because he marveled at the huge number of fish that they had caught. All the men who were with him also marveled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:10

ULT

10 and likewise also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

UST

10 James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners, were just as amazed. But Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid! {Until now you gathered in fish, but} from now on you will gather in people to become my disciples.”

What did Jesus say to Simon about his future work?

Jesus said that from now on Simon would be catching men.

Luke 5:11

ULT

11 And having brought the boats to the land, they left everything {and} followed him.

UST

11 So after the men brought the boats to the shore, they left their fishing business and everything else and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:12

ULT

12 And it happened that he was in one of the cities, and behold, a man full of leprosy. And seeing Jesus, he fell on {his} face {and} begged him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you are able to make me clean.”

UST

12 Jesus went to one of the towns nearby. There was a man there who was covered with a skin disease. When he saw Jesus, he bowed down to the ground in front of him. He pleaded with him, “Lord, {please heal me!} I know that you are able to heal me if you are willing!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:13

ULT

13 And having reached out his hand, he touched him, saying, “I am willing. Be clean.” And immediately the leprosy went away from him.

UST

13 Then Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. He said, “I am willing to heal you, and I heal you now!” Immediately the man was healed. He no longer had leprosy!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:14

ULT

14 And he commanded him to tell no one, but, “Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”

UST

14 Then Jesus told him, “Do not tell anyone that I healed you. First, go and show yourself to a priest so that he can examine you and see that you no longer have leprosy. Bring the sacrifice that Moses commanded you to offer to become ceremonially clean again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:15

ULT

15 But the word about him spread even more, and large crowds came together to hear him and to be healed from their sicknesses.

UST

15 But instead even more people heard {about how Jesus had healed the man}. As a result, large crowds came to hear {Jesus teach} and to have him heal them from their sicknesses.

At this time, who was coming to hear Jesus teach and to be healed of their sicknesses?
Large crowds of people were coming to Jesus.

Luke 5:16

ULT

16 But he was withdrawing into the deserted places and praying.

UST

16 But he would often go away from them to isolated areas and pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:17

ULT

17 And it happened on one of those days that he was teaching, and there were Pharisees and law teachers sitting there who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem, and power of the Lord was upon him to heal.

UST

17 One day when Jesus was teaching, some men from the Pharisee sect and some expert teachers of the Jewish law were sitting nearby. They had come from many villages in the district of Galilee and also from Jerusalem and other cities in the province of Judea. At that same time, the Lord was giving Jesus the power to heal people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:18

ULT

18 And behold, men carrying on a mat a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him inside and to set him before him.

UST

18 While Jesus was there, several men brought him a man who was paralyzed{. They were carrying the man} on a sleeping pad and trying to bring him into the house to lay him down in front of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:19

ULT

[19] And not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, having gone up to the housetop, they let him down through the tiles on {his} mat into the midst before Jesus.

UST

[19] But because there was such a large crowd of people in the house, they were not able to bring him in. So they went up {the outside steps} onto the flat roof. {They removed some of the tiles from the roof to make an opening.} Then they lowered the man on his sleeping pad through the opening into the middle {of the crowd}. He came down right in front of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:20

ULT

[20] And seeing their faith, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

UST

[20] When Jesus perceived that they believed that he could heal the man, he said to him, “Friend, I forgive your sins!”

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man whose friends let him down through the housetop?

Jesus told him that his sins were forgiven him.

Luke 5:21

ULT

[21] And the scribes and the Pharisees began to debate, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?”

UST

[21] The teachers of the law and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, “This man insults God by saying that! Nobody except God can forgive sins!”

Why did the scribes and the Pharisees think that this statement was blasphemy?

They said Jesus’ words were blasphemy because God alone can forgive sins.

Luke 5:22

ULT

22 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, answering said to them, “Why are you debating in your hearts?

UST

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, “You should not question what I said within yourselves!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:23

ULT

23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’

UST

23 Here is something I want you to think carefully about. Which is easier to say, ‘I forgive your sins,’ or, ‘Get up and walk’? {You might think that saying ‘I forgive your sins’ is easier because it does not require any visible proof.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:24

ULT

24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins,”—he said to the one {that} had been paralyzed—“I tell you, get up, and pick up your mat, {and} go to your house.”

UST

24 But I want you to know that God has given me, the Son of Man, authority to forgive people on earth their sins. {To demonstrate that, I will also tell this man to get up.}” Then he said to the man who was paralyzed, “To you I say, get up, pick up your sleeping pad, and go home!”

What authority on earth did Jesus demonstrate that he had when he healed the paralytic man in this way?

Jesus healed the man so they would know that he had authority on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 5:25

ULT

25 And immediately he got up before them, picked up that on which he had been lying, and went away to his house glorifying God.

UST

25 Immediately {the man was healed!} He got up in front of them all. He picked up the sleeping pad on which he had been lying, and he went home, praising God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:26

ULT

26 And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God, and they were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen astonishing things today.”

UST

26 All the people there were astonished! They praised God and were completely amazed {at what they had seen Jesus do}. They kept saying, “We have seen wonderful things today!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:27

ULT

27 And after these {things}, he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax collector’s office, and he said to him, “Follow me.”

UST

27 Then Jesus left that place and saw a man named Levi who collected taxes {for the Roman government}. He was sitting in the booth {where the people came to pay him the taxes that the government required}. Jesus said to him, “Come with me and be my disciple!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:28

ULT
28 And having left everything behind, he got up and began to follow him.

UST
28 So Levi left his work and went with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:29

ULT
29 And Levi made a great banquet in his house for him, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others, who were reclining to eat with them.

UST
29 Later on Levi prepared a big feast in his own house for Jesus {and his disciples}. There was a large group of tax collectors and others eating together with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:30

ULT
30 But the Pharisees and their scribes were murmuring to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

UST
30 Then some men who belonged to the Pharisee sect, including some of them who taught Jewish laws, complained to Jesus’ disciples. They said, “You should not be having a banquet with tax collectors and {other} sinners.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:31

ULT
31 And answering, Jesus said to them, “The ones being well do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness.

UST
31 Then Jesus said to them, “People who are well do not need a doctor. People who are sick need a doctor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:32

ULT
32 I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

UST
32 Similarly, I did not come from heaven to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. On the contrary, I came to invite those who know that they are sinners to turn from their sinful behavior and come to me."

When Jesus was eating and drinking at Levi's house, what did Jesus say that he came to do?
He came to call sinners to repentance.

Luke 5:33

ULT
33 Then they said to him, "The disciples of John often fast and make prayers, and likewise the ones of the Pharisees. But the ones of yours eat and drink."

UST
33 Those Jewish leaders responded to Jesus, "The disciples of John the Baptizer often abstain from food and pray. The disciples of the Pharisees do that too. But your disciples keep on eating and drinking! Why do they not fast like the others?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:34

ULT
34 Then he said to them, "You are not able to make the sons of the bridal chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them, are you?

UST
34 Jesus answered, "No one tells the friends of the bridegroom to fast while the wedding celebration is still going on!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 5:35

ULT
35 But days will indeed come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then, in those days, they will fast.”

UST
35 But some day the bridegroom will no longer be with his friends. Then, at that time, they will abstain from food.”

When did Jesus say that his disciples would fast?
Jesus said his disciples would fast after he (Jesus) was taken away from them.

Luke 5:36

ULT
36 Then he also spoke a parable to them. “No one, having torn a piece of cloth from a new garment, sews it onto an old garment. But if not, the new will tear, and the old will not match the piece that is from the new.

UST
36 Then Jesus gave other examples to explain what he meant. He said, “People never tear a piece of cloth from a new garment and attach it to an old garment to mend it. If they did that, they would ruin the new garment by tearing it, and the piece of cloth from the new garment would not match the old garment.

In Jesus’ parable, what will happen if a new piece of cloth is used to mend an old garment?
The new will tear, and the old will not match the piece that is from the new.

Luke 5:37

ULT
37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. But if not, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled out, and the wineskins will be destroyed.

UST
37 And no one puts newly squeezed wine into old skin bags {to store it}. If anyone did that, the skin bags would tear open {because they would not stretch when the new wine fermented and expanded}. Then the skin bags would become useless, and the wine {would also become useless because it} would spill out.

In Jesus’ second parable, what will happen if new wine is put into old wine skins?
A. the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled out, and the wineskins will be destroyed.

Luke 5:38

ULT
38 But one must put new wine into new wineskins.

UST
38 On the contrary, new wine must be put into new skin bags.

What did Jesus say must be done to keep new wine properly?
New wine must be put into fresh wine skins.

Luke 5:39

ULT
39 No one, having drunk {the} old, wants {the} new, for he says, ‘The old is better.’”

UST
39 Those who have only drunk old wine do not want to try new wine, because they think, ‘The old wine is good enough!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6

Luke 6:1

ULT

1 And it happened that, on a Sabbath he was going through grainfields, and his disciples were picking and eating the heads of grain, rubbing them in {their} hands.

UST

1 One Sabbath day, as Jesus and his disciples were walking through some grain fields, the disciples picked some heads of grain. They rubbed them in their hands to separate the grain from the husks. Then they ate the grain.

What were Jesus' disciples doing on the Sabbath that the Pharisees said was against the law?
They were picking heads of grain, rubbing them between their hands, and eating the grain.

Luke 6:2

ULT

2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbaths?"

UST

2 Some Pharisees {were watching this. They} said {to them}, "You should not be doing work like that! Our law forbids us to do work on the Sabbath day!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:3

ULT

3 And answering them, Jesus said, "Have you not read this, what David did when he was hungry, he and the ones being with him:

UST

3 Jesus replied to the Pharisees, "Consider what the Scriptures say about what David did when he and the men who were with him were hungry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:4

ULT

4 how he entered into the house of God and took the bread of the presence, ate it, and gave it to the ones with him, which is not lawful to eat except only for the priests?”

UST

4 As you know, David entered the tabernacle {and asked for some food}. The priest gave him the bread that had been on display before God. David ate some, and he also gave some to the men who were with him, even though the law said they could not do that. Only priests could eat that bread.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

UST

5 Jesus also said to them, “I, the Son of Man, have the authority {to determine what is right for people to do} on the Sabbath!”

What title did Jesus claim for himself that gave him the authority to say what was lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Jesus claimed the title, Lord of the Sabbath.

Luke 6:6

ULT

6 And it happened that, on another Sabbath, he entered into the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered.

UST

6 On another Sabbath day Jesus went to the synagogue and taught {the people}. A man was there who could not move his right hand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:7

ULT

7 But the scribes and the Pharisees were watching him closely, whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find to accuse him.

UST

7 Some teachers of the Jewish laws and some Pharisees {were there. They} were watching Jesus closely. They wanted to see whether he would heal the man. If he did, then they would accuse him {of disobeying their laws about not working on the Sabbath}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:8

ULT

8 But he knew their thinking and he said to the man having the withered hand, “Get up, and stand in the midst.” So he got up {and} stood.

UST

8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking. So he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come and stand here in front of everyone!” So the man got up and stood there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:9

ULT

9 Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you if {it is} lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save a life or to destroy?”

UST

9 Then Jesus said to them, “I want to ask you a question. Do the laws that God gave Moses command people to do good on the Sabbath, or to do harm? Do they command people to save a life on the Sabbath, or to destroy it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:10

ULT

10 And having looked around at them all, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did, and his hand was restored.

UST

10 {No one answered him, so} he looked around at them all and then said to the man, “Stretch out your withered hand!” The man did that, and his hand became completely well again!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:11

ULT

11 But they were filled with rage and they were talking to each other about what they might do to Jesus.

UST

11 But the religious leaders were very angry, and they discussed with one another about what they could do to {get rid of} Jesus.

When Jesus healed the man with the shriveled hand on the Sabbath, how did the scribes and Pharisees react?

They were filled with rage and talked about what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 6:12

ULT

12 And it happened that, in those days, he went out to the mountain to pray, and he was spending the whole night in prayer to God.

UST

12 Around that time, Jesus went up into the hills to pray. He prayed to God all night there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:13

ULT
13 And when day came, he called his disciples, and he chose 12 from them, whom he also named apostles:

UST
13 The next day he called all his disciples to come to him. From among them he chose 12 men and made them his Representatives.

What name did Jesus give to the 12 men that he chose on the mountain?
Jesus called them “apostles.”

Luke 6:14

ULT
14 Simon (whom he also named Peter) and his brother Andrew; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew;

UST
14 {These are their names:} Simon, to whom Jesus gave the new name Peter; Andrew, Peter’s brother; James and his brother, John; Philip; Bartholomew;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:15

ULT
15 and Matthew and Thomas; and James son of Alphaeus; and Simon, the one called the Zealot;

UST
15 Matthew{, whose other name was Levi}; Thomas; another man named James whose father was named Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:16

ULT
16 and Judas son of James; and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

UST
16 Judas, the son of a different man named James; and Judas Iscariot, who later betrayed Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:17

ULT

17 And having come down with them, he stood on a level place with a large crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon.

UST

17 Jesus came down from the hills with his disciples and stood on a level area. There was a great crowd of his disciples there. There was also a large group of people who had come from Jerusalem and from many other places in the region of Judea, and from the coastal areas near the cities of Tyre and Sidon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:18

ULT

18 They had come to listen to him and to be healed from their diseases. And the ones being troubled by unclean spirits were being healed.

UST

18 They came to hear Jesus {teach them} and heal them from their diseases. He also healed those whom evil spirits had troubled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:19

ULT

19 And the whole crowd was seeking to touch him because power was coming out from him and healing everyone.

UST

19 Everyone in the crowd tried to touch him, because he was healing everyone by his power.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:20

ULT

[20] And he, having lifted up his eyes upon his disciples, said, “Blessed {are} the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

UST

[20] Then he looked at his disciples and said, “It is very good for you who are poor, because God is ruling you.

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are poor are blessed.

Luke 6:21

ULT

[21] Blessed {are} the ones being hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed {are} the ones weeping now, for you will laugh.

UST

[21] It is very good for you who are hungry now, because God will give you everything you need. It is very good for you who are grieving now, because God will someday make you laugh with joy.

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are weeping are blessed.

Luke 6:22

ULT

[22] Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

UST

[22] It is very good when other people hate you, when they reject you and insult you and say that you are bad because you follow me, the Son of Man.

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are hated, insulted, and rejected because of the Son of Man are blessed.

Luke 6:23

ULT

23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward {is} great in heaven. For their fathers did according to the same {things} to the prophets.

UST

23 When that happens, rejoice! Jump up and down because you are so happy! Keep in mind that God is going to give you a great reward in heaven! Do not forget that the ancestors of the people who are treating you this way did similar things to God's prophets {long ago}.

According to Jesus, why should such people rejoice and leap for joy?
They should rejoice because they will have a great reward in heaven.

Luke 6:24

ULT

24 But woe to you, the rich, for you have received your comfort.

UST

24 But how sad it is for you who are rich. You have {already} received all the comfort you are going to get {from your riches}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:25

ULT

25 Woe to you, the ones being filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to the ones laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

UST

25 How sad it is for you who can stuff yourselves with food now. Later you will go hungry. Woe to the ones who are laughing now. Later you will be very unhappy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:26

ULT

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers did according to the same {things} to the false prophets.

UST

26 How sad it is for you when everyone says good things about you. In the same way, their ancestors used to say good things about people who falsely claimed to be God's prophets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:27

ULT

27 But I say to you, the ones listening, love your enemies {and} do good to the ones hating you.

UST

27 But I say this to each of you who are listening to what I say: Love your enemies{, not only your friends}! Do good things for those who hate you!

How did Jesus say his disciples should treat their enemies and those who hate them?

They should love their enemies and do good to those who hate them.

Luke 6:28

ULT

28 Bless the ones cursing you {and} pray for the ones mistreating you.

UST

28 Ask God to bless those who curse you! Pray for those who treat you badly!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:29

ULT

29 To the one striking you on the cheek, offer also the other, and from the one taking away your cloak, also do not withhold your tunic.

UST

29 If someone {insults you by} striking you on one of your cheeks, turn your face so that he can strike the other cheek also. If someone wants to take away your coat, let him also have your shirt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:30

ULT

30 Give to everyone asking you, and from the one taking away what {is} yours, do not ask for it back.

UST

30 Give something to everyone who asks you. If someone takes things that belong to you, do not make him return them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:31

ULT

31 And as you desire that men would do to you, do {the} same to them.

UST

31 In whatever way you want others to act toward you, that is the way that you should act toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:32

ULT

32 And if you love the ones loving you, what credit is that to you? For even the sinners love the ones loving them.

UST

32 If you love {only} those who love you, do not expect God to reward you for doing that. Even sinners love those who love them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:33

ULT

33 For if indeed you do good to the ones doing good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same.

UST

33 Do not expect God to reward you because you do good things for people who do good things for you. After all, even sinners do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:34

ULT

34 And if you lend to {the ones} from whom you expect to receive back, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, so that they may receive back the same {things}.

UST

34 If you lend {money or property} only to those who will give it back to you, do not expect God to reward you for doing that. Even sinners lend to other sinners who will give everything back to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:35

ULT

35 But love your enemies and do good to {them}, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of {the} Most High, for he is kind toward the ungrateful and evil.

UST

35 Instead, love your enemies! Do good things for them! Lend to them, and do not expect them to pay anything back! Then God will give you a great reward. And you will be children of God the Most High, since God is kind even to people who are unthankful and wicked.

What is the Most High Father's attitude toward unthankful and evil people?

He is kind and merciful toward them.

Luke 6:36

ULT

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

UST

36 So you should act mercifully toward other people, just as God, your Father, acts mercifully toward people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:37

ULT

37 And do not judge, and you will certainly not be judged. And do not condemn, and you will certainly not be condemned. Release, and you will be released.

UST

37 Do not harshly criticize {other people}. Then God will not harshly criticize you. Do not condemn {other people}. Then God will not condemn you. Forgive {others for the wrong things they have done to you}. Then God will forgive you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:38

ULT

38 Give, and it will be given to you: a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, spilling over—they will pour into your lap. For with the measure by which you measure, it will be measured back to you.”

UST

38 Give {to others}. Then God will give to you. It will be as if he is trying to give you as much grain as possible in a container you have. He will press the grain down. He will shake it together. He will keep filling the container until it overflows. So when you give to others, it should be as if you are using a big scoop, because God will use the same size scoop to give to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:39

ULT

39 Then he also told them a parable. “A blind man is not able to guide a blind man, is he? Would not both fall into a pit?

UST

39 He also gave his disciples this example: “A blind person should not try to lead another blind person {down the road}. If he did, they both would fall into the ditch {on the side of the road}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:40

ULT

40 A disciple is not above {his} teacher, but everyone having been fully trained will be like his teacher.

UST

40 A disciple is not greater than his teacher. But once the teacher has finished training him, he will become like his teacher.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:41

ULT

41 And why do you look at the speck of wood that {is} in the eye of your brother, but you do not notice the log that {is} in {your} own eye?

UST

41 {None of you should be concerned about the small faults of another person. You should be concerned about your own serious faults.} Otherwise, that would be like noticing a speck in the eye of that person while not noticing a huge wooden plank in your own eye.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:42

ULT

42 How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck of wood that {is} in your eye,’ you yourself not seeing the log in {your} own eye? You hypocrite! First take out the log from {your} own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck of wood {that is} in the eye of your brother.

UST

42 You should not tell another believer, ‘Friend, let me help you correct your faults,’ when you have not dealt with your own faults yet. If you do that, you are a hypocrite! You should first {stop committing your own sins. That will be like} removing a large plank from your own eye. Then, as a result, you will have the spiritual insight you need to help others get rid of the {smaller faults that are like} little specks in their eyes.

Before removing the speck from our brother’s eye, what did Jesus say we must do?
First, we must remove the log from our own eyes so that we can see clearly to take the spec out of our brother’s eye.

Luke 6:43

ULT

43 For there is no good tree that produces rotten fruit, nor, on the other hand, any rotten tree that produces good fruit.

UST

43 Everyone knows that healthy trees do not produce bad fruit and unhealthy trees do not produce good fruit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:44

ULT

44 For each tree is known by {its} own fruit. For they do not gather figs from a thornbush, nor do they gather grapes from a briar bush.

UST

44 You can tell what a person is like inside by the things that they do. {Then you know what to expect from them. You would not look for kindness or good advice from someone who does bad things.} That would be like looking for figs on a thornbush or looking for grapes on a bramble vine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:45

ULT

45 The good man from the good treasure of {his} heart produces {what is} good, and the evil man from evil produces {what is} evil. For out of {the} abundance of {the} heart his mouth speaks.

UST

45 Good people do good things because they think good things. Evil people do evil things because they think evil things. This is because people speak and act based on what they are thinking about."

What comes forth from the good treasure in a good man's heart?

From the good treasure of a good man's heart, what comes forth is good.

What does an evil man produce?

An evil man produces what is evil.

Luke 6:46

ULT

46 And why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but not do what I say?

UST

46 {Jesus said to the people,} "Why do you call me 'Lord' when you do not obey what I tell you to do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:47

ULT

47 Everyone coming to me and hearing my words, and doing them, I will show you what he is like.

UST

47 Let me tell you what people are like who come to me, hear my teachings, and obey them.

What does Jesus say the person who hears and does Jesus' words is like?

He is like a man who builds a house on the solid rock, so that his house survives the flood.

Luke 6:48

ULT

48 He is like a man building a house, who dug down and dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock. Then a flood having come, the torrent of water flowed against that house, but it could not shake it, because it had been built well.

UST

48 Such people are like a person who dug deep into the ground to prepare to build his house. He made sure to build the foundation {for the house} on solid rock. Then there was a flood. A torrent of water was beating against that house. But it could not destroy it, because the person had built the house on a solid foundation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 6:49

ULT

49 But the one having heard and not having done, he is like a man having built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent of water flowed, and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

UST

49 But some people who hear my teachings do not obey them. They are like a person who built a house on top of the ground without digging a foundation first. When the floodwaters came, it collapsed immediately. The waters destroyed that house completely."

What is the person like who hears Jesus' words and does not obey them?

He is like a man who builds a house without a foundation, so that it collapses when the flood comes.

Luke 7

Luke 7:1

ULT
1 When he had finished all his words in the hearing of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

UST
1 After Jesus finished saying all these things to the people who were listening, he went to the town of Capernaum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:2

ULT
2 And a certain servant of a centurion, who was highly regarded by him, being sick, was about to die.

UST
2 In that town there was a centurion in the Roman army who had a slave who was dear to him. This slave was so sick that he was about to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:3

ULT
3 And having heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come so that he might save his servant.

UST
3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Jesus to ask him to come and heal his slave.

What did the centurion first ask Jesus to do when he sent the Jewish elders to Jesus?
He asked Jesus to come and heal his slave.

Luke 7:4

ULT

4 And the ones having come to Jesus asked him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy {that} you will grant this to him,

UST

4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly asked him {to help the centurion’s slave}. They said, “He deserves to have you do this for him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:5

ULT

5 because he loves our nation, and he built the synagogue for us.”

UST

5 because he loves our people and he built our synagogue for us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:6

ULT

6 And Jesus went with them. But he already not being far away from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I am not worthy that you would come under my roof.

UST

6 So Jesus went with them {to the officer’s house}. When he was almost there, the officer sent some friends to give this message to Jesus: “Lord, do not go to the trouble {of coming here}, since I am not worthy to have you come into my house.

Why did the centurion then send friends to tell Jesus that he did not have to come to the house?

The centurion said he was not worthy that Jesus should come to his house.

Luke 7:7

ULT

[7] Therefore I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But speak with a word and let my servant be healed.

UST

[7] That is why I did not feel that I was worthy to come to you in person. I knew that you could heal my dear slave just by speaking {a command}.

How did the centurion then want Jesus to heal the slave?

The centurion then wanted Jesus to heal the slave by just saying a word.

Luke 7:8

ULT

[8] For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another one, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does {it}.”

UST

[8] {I know that you can do this} because I myself am a man who must obey the orders of my superiors. I also have soldiers who must obey my orders. When I say to one of them, ‘Go!’ he goes. When I say to another one, ‘Come!’ he comes. When I say to my slave, ‘Do this!’ he does it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:9

ULT

[9] And Jesus, having heard this, marveled at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, “I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.”

UST

[9] When Jesus heard what the officer had said, he was amazed at him. Then he turned to the crowd that was with him and said, “Let me tell you, I have not met any Israelite who trusts me as much as this Gentile does!”

What did Jesus say about the faith of the centurion?

Jesus said that not even in Israel had he found anyone with such faith.

Luke 7:10

ULT

10 And having returned to the house, the ones having been sent found the servant was well.

UST

10 When the friends who had come from the centurion returned to his house, they found that the slave was in good health again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:11

ULT

11 And it happened on the next day that he went into a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were going with him.

UST

11 Soon after that Jesus traveled to the town of Nain. His disciples and a large crowd went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:12

ULT

12 And as he approached the gate of the city, and behold, one {that} had died was being carried out, the one and only son of his mother (and she was a widow), and a rather large crowd from the city was with her.

UST

12 As Jesus came near to the town gate, he saw a large crowd coming out of the town. A man had just died, and they were carrying him out to bury him. His mother was in the crowd. She was a widow, and he had been her only son. {He had taken care of her while he was alive.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:13

ULT

13 And having seen her, the Lord felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.”

UST

13 When Jesus saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, “Do not cry!”

What was Jesus’ attitude toward the widow whose only son had died?

He was moved with compassion.

Luke 7:14

ULT

14 And having approached, he touched the bier, and the ones carrying it stood still. Then he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”

UST

14 Then he came close {to them} and touched the stretcher {on which the body was lying}. The men carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:15

ULT

15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and he gave him to his mother.

UST

15 Then the man who had died sat up and began to talk! And Jesus led him back to his mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:16

ULT

16 Then fear seized all {of them}, and they were glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has been raised among us” and “God has visited his people.”

UST

16 Everyone there was awestruck. They praised God and said {to each other}, “A great prophet has come among us!” and “God has come to care for his people!”

What did the people say about Jesus after he raised the widow’s son from the dead?
They said that a great prophet had been raised among them, and that God had visited his people.

Luke 7:17

ULT

17 And this word about him went out throughout {the} whole of Judea and all the surrounding region.

UST

17 Then this news about {what} Jesus {had done} spread throughout the region of Judea and all the other areas nearby.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:18

ULT

18 And his disciples reported to John concerning all these {things}. And calling two of his disciples, John

UST

18-19 The disciples of John the Baptizer told him about all these things. So John called for two of his disciples and told them to go to the Lord and ask him: “Are you the one whom God promised would come, or should we be expecting someone else?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:19

ULT

19 sent to the Lord to say, “Are you the one coming, or should we expect another?”

UST

18-19 The disciples of John the Baptizer told him about all these things. So John called for two of his disciples and told them to go to the Lord and ask him: “Are you the one whom God promised would come, or should we be expecting someone else?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:20

ULT

20 And having come to him, the men said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to say, ‘Are you the one coming, or should we expect another?’”

UST

20 When those two men came to Jesus, they told him, “John the Baptizer sent us to ask you, ‘Are you the one whom God promised would come? Or should we wait for someone else?’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:21

ULT

21 In that hour he healed many from sicknesses and afflictions and evil spirits, and to many blind {people} he granted to see.

UST

21 At that same time Jesus was healing many people from sicknesses and serious diseases, and he was delivering them from evil spirits. He also gave many blind people the ability to see again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:22

ULT

22 And answering, he said to them, “Having gone, report to John what you have seen and heard: {the} blind are seeing again, {the} lame are walking, lepers are being cleansed and {the} deaf are hearing, {the} dead are being raised back to life, {the} poor are being told the gospel,

UST

22 So he answered those two men, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard. People who were blind are now seeing. People who were lame are now walking. People who had skin diseases no longer have them. People who were deaf can now hear. People who were dead have come back to life. I am proclaiming good news to poor people.”

How did Jesus demonstrate to John’s disciples that he was the one who was coming?
Jesus healed the blind, lame, lepers, and deaf, and he raised the dead.

Luke 7:23

ULT

23 and blessed is anyone not offended by me.”

UST

23 {And also tell him,} “God will bless anyone who {sees what I do and hears what I teach and} continues to believe in me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:24

ULT

24 Then after the messengers of John had gone away, he began to say to the crowds concerning John, “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed shaken by {the} wind?

UST

24 When the men whom John had sent left, Jesus began to talk to the crowd of people about John. He said, “What did you go into the wilderness to see? A thin stalk of a plant shaken by the wind?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:25

ULT
25 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothes? Behold, the ones in expensive clothing and living in luxury are in kings' palaces.

UST
25 But what did you go out to see? A man wearing fancy clothing? Listen, those who wear splendid clothes and who have the best of everything live in kings' palaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:26

ULT
26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

UST
26 Then what did you go out there to see? A prophet? Yes{, that is who John is}! But I tell you that John is more significant than an ordinary prophet.

What did Jesus say that John was?
Jesus said John was much more than a prophet.

Luke 7:27

ULT
27 This is he concerning whom it is written, 'Behold, I am sending my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

UST
27 He is the one about whom the prophet wrote long ago: 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare people for your coming.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:28

ULT

28 I say to you, among {those} born of women, no one is greater than John, but the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

UST

28 I tell you that of all the people who have ever lived, there is no one greater than John. Yet the most insignificant people whose lives God is ruling are greater than John."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:29

ULT

29 (And all the people having heard, including the tax collectors, declared God to be righteous, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

UST

29 When all the people whom John had baptized heard what Jesus said—including the tax collectors—they agreed that God had done the right thing {by sending John}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:30

ULT

30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

UST

30 But the Pharisees and the experts in the Jewish law, whom John had not baptized, rejected God's will for them.

What did the Pharisees and the experts in Jewish law do to themselves when they refused to be baptized by John?

They rejected God's purpose for themselves.

Luke 7:31

ULT
31 “To what, then, will I compare the men of this generation? And what are they like?

UST
31 {Then Jesus also said, “I will tell you} what you people living in this time period are like.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:32

ULT
32 They are like children sitting in a marketplace and calling to one another, saying, ‘We played a flute for you, and you did not dance. We sang a funeral song, and you did not wail.’

UST
32 You are like children playing games in an open area. They call out to each other, saying, ‘We played happy music for you on the flute, but you did not dance! Then we sang sad funeral songs for you, but you did not cry!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:33

ULT
33 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’

UST
33 Similarly, when John came to you and did not eat ordinary food or drink wine, you {rejected him and} said, ‘A demon is controlling him!’

What accusation was made against John the Baptizer because he did not eat bread or drink wine?
They said, “He has a demon.”

Luke 7:34

ULT
34 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a man, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and of sinners!’

UST
34 But when the Son of Man came to you and he ate {ordinary food} and drank {wine as others do}, then you {rejected him and} said, ‘Look! This man eats too much food and drinks too much wine, and he associates with tax collectors and other sinners!’

What accusation was made against Jesus because he came eating and drinking?
They said, “He is a gluttonous man and a drunkard.”

Luke 7:35

ULT
35 But wisdom is justified by all her children.”

UST
35 But those who are wise themselves recognize that what John and I do is also wise.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:36

ULT
36 Then one of the Pharisees requested him to eat with him. So entering into the house of the Pharisee, he reclined to eat.

UST
36 One day a certain Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to eat a meal with him. So Jesus went to the man’s house and reclined at a table to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:37

ULT

37 And behold, a woman who was in the city {was} a sinner. And having found out that he was reclining to eat in the house of the Pharisee, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil

UST

37 There was also a woman in that city who had a bad reputation. When she heard that Jesus was eating in the Pharisee's house, {she went there,} bringing a stone jar that contained perfume.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:38

ULT

38 and stood behind him near his feet, weeping. She began to wet his feet with {her} tears, and she was wiping them with the hair of her head and kissing his feet and anointing {them} with the perfumed oil.

UST

38 {As Jesus was reclining to eat, the woman stood behind him at his feet.} She was crying, and her tears fell on Jesus' feet. She continually wiped his feet with her hair. She kept kissing them and anointing them with the perfume.

What did the woman of the city do to Jesus in the Pharisee's house?

She wet Jesus' feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed his feet, and anointed his feet with perfumed oil.

Luke 7:39

ULT

39 And the Pharisee who had invited him, having seen this, he said to himself, saying, "If this {man} were a prophet, he would know who and of what type {is} the woman who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

UST

39 When the Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw {what the woman was doing}, he thought, "If this man really were a prophet, he would have known who this woman is who is touching him. He would have known what kind of person she is, that she is a sinner."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:40

ULT

40 And answering, Jesus said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he says, “Say it, Teacher!”

UST

40 In response, Jesus said to him, “Simon, there is something I want to tell you.” He replied, “Teacher, what is it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:41

ULT

41 “There were two debtors to a certain moneylender. The one owed 500 denarii, and the other 50.

UST

41 {Jesus told him this story:} “Two people owed money to a man who had a business lending money. One of these people owed him 500 silver coins. The other one owed him 50 silver coins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:42

ULT

42 {When} they did not have enough to repay, he forgave {them} both. Therefore, which of them will love him more?”

UST

42 Neither of them was able to pay back what he owed, so the man very kindly said that they both did not have to pay back anything. So, which of those two men will love that man more?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:43

ULT

43 Simon answering said, “I suppose that the one to whom he forgave the most.” Then he said to him, “You have judged correctly.”

UST

43 Simon replied, “I assume that the one who had owed him the larger amount will love him more.” Jesus said to him, “You are correct.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:44

ULT

44 And turning to the woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered into your house. You did not give me water for {my} feet, but she has wet my feet with {her} tears and wiped them with her hair.

UST

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Think about what this woman has done! When I entered your house{, you did not do what hosts usually do to welcome their guests.} You did not give me any water to wash my feet. But this woman has washed my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:45

ULT

45 You did not give me a kiss, but from when I came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet.

UST

45 You did not greet me with a kiss. But from the moment I came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:46

ULT

46 You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil.

UST

46 You did not anoint my head with olive oil, but she has anointed my feet with fragrant perfume.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:47

ULT

47 Therefore I say to you, her sins, the many, have been forgiven—for she loved much. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.”

UST

47 So I tell you that God has forgiven her many sins, and that is why she loves me very much. But a person who thinks that God has only had to forgive him for a few sins will love me only a little bit.”

What did Jesus say was the reason the woman loved much?
She loved much because her sins, which were many, have been forgiven.

Luke 7:48

ULT

48 Then he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

UST

48 Then Jesus said to the woman, “I have forgiven your sins.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 7:49

ULT

49 And those reclining with {him} to eat began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

UST

49 Then those who were eating with him said among themselves, “Who is this man who says that he can even forgive sins?”

How did those reclining at the table react when Jesus told the woman that her sins were forgiven?
They asked, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Luke 7:50

ULT

50 Then he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

UST

50 But Jesus said to the woman, “Because you have believed in me, God has saved you. May God give you peace as you go!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8

Luke 8:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that soon afterward, he also began traveling through city and village, preaching and proclaiming the gospel {about} the kingdom of God, and the Twelve {were} with him,

UST

[1] After that, Jesus and his twelve disciples traveled around through various cities and villages. As they went, Jesus preached to people, telling them the good news that they could have God rule their lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:2

ULT

[2] and certain women who had been healed from evil spirits and diseases: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out;

UST

[2] {Also traveling with them were} several women whom he had delivered from evil spirits and healed from sicknesses. These included Mary from the village of Magdala. Jesus had forced seven evil spirits to leave her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:3

ULT

[3] and Joanna, {the} wife of Chuza, Herod’s manager; and Susanna; and many others; who were ministering to them out of their possessions.

UST

[3] {Another of these women was} Joanna. She was the wife of Chuza, who was a manager for King Herod. {These women also included} Susanna and many others. They were using their own money to support Jesus and his disciples.

What did a large group of women do for Jesus and his disciples?

The women served them from their own possessions.

Luke 8:4

ULT

4 And {when} a large crowd was gathering, and coming to him from each city, he spoke in a parable:

UST

4 One day a very large crowd was gathering. People were traveling from many different towns to see Jesus. He told them this story:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:5

ULT

5 “The sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed, some fell along the road, and it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it.

UST

5 “A farmer went out to plant some grain seeds. As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell onto the hard pathway. People stepped on those seeds, and birds ate them all up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:6

ULT

6 And other seed fell on the rock, and having grown up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

UST

6 Some of the seeds fell on {shallow soil above a layer of} rock. As soon as those seeds grew, the plants dried up because their roots could not get past the rock to reach to the moisture.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:7

ULT

7 And other seed fell in the midst of the thorns, and having grown up with {it}, the thorns choked it.

UST

7 Some of the seeds fell on ground where thorn plants had left their own seeds. The new thorn plants grew up together with the young grain plants. The {stronger} thorns crowded out the grain plants, so that the grain did not grow well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:8

ULT

8 And other seed fell on the good soil, and having grown up, it produced fruit a hundred times greater.”
Saying these {things}, he called out, “The one having ears to hear, let him hear.”

UST

8 But some of the grain seeds fell on fertile soil. They grew so well that they produced a crop that had a
hundred times as many seeds.” After saying these things, Jesus called out to the crowd, “You should think
carefully about what you just heard me say!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:9

ULT

9 Then his disciples questioned him, “What is this parable?”

UST

9 Then Jesus’ disciples asked him, “What does that story mean?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:10

ULT

10 And he said, “To you has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in
parables, so that, ‘Seeing, they may not see; and hearing, they may not understand.’

UST

10 And he said, “God has given you the privilege of knowing hidden things about how God will rule as king.
But {I speak} to everyone else only in parables, so that, ‘Although they see, they may not perceive, and
although they hear, they may not understand.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:11

ULT

[11] And the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

UST

[11] Now, this is what the story means: The seeds represent what God wants people to understand.

In Jesus' parable, what is the seed that is sown?

The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:12

ULT

[12] And the ones along the path are the ones having heard, but then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they may not believe {and} be saved.

UST

[12] The seeds that fell on the pathway {show what happens when} people understand the message from God only superficially. This makes it easy for the devil to come and take that message away from their minds. As a result, they do not believe it, and so God does not save them.

Who are the seeds that fall by the wayside, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, but then the devil comes and takes it away so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 8:13

ULT

[13] And the ones on the rock {are} the ones, when they hear, receive the word with joy. But they have no root; they believe for a time, and in a time of testing they go away.

UST

[13] The seeds that fell on the rocky ground {show what happens when} people hear the message from God and receive it joyfully, but they do not commit themselves seriously. They only believe for a short time. As soon as difficult things happen to them, they stop trusting in God.

Who are the seeds that fall on the rocky ground, and what happens to them?

They are people who receive the word with joy, but then fall away during a time of testing.

Luke 8:14

ULT

14 And the ones having fallen among the thorns, these are the ones having heard, but as they go on their way, they are choked by cares and riches and pleasures of {this} life, and they do not produce mature fruit.

UST

14 The seeds that fell among the thorny plants {show what happens to some other} people who hear the message from God. As they go on in life, they allow the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life to occupy all their attention. As a result, they do not become spiritually mature.

Who are the seeds that fall among the thorns, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, but then it is choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and they do not produce mature fruit.

Luke 8:15

ULT

15 But the ones on the good soil, these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold it securely and bear fruit with endurance.

UST

15 But the seeds that fell on the fertile ground {show what happens when} people hear the message about God and accept it with great sincerity. They make a firm commitment, and because they keep this commitment, they become spiritually mature.

Who are the seeds that fall on the good ground, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, hold onto it, and produce fruit with endurance.

Luke 8:16

ULT

16 And no one, having lit a lamp, covers it with a bowl or puts {it} under a bed. Rather, he puts {it} on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light.

UST

16 Think about this. When people light a lamp, they do not cover it with a basket. They do not put it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a lampstand. That way everyone who enters the room can see by its light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:17

ULT

17 For nothing is hidden that will not become visible, nor secret that will certainly not be known and come into visibility.

UST

17 This illustrates that someday everyone will be able to see everything that is now hidden. And someday everyone will see in the open everything that is now secret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:18

ULT

18 So be careful how you listen, for whoever has, it will be given to him, but whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."

UST

18 So make sure that you are listening carefully {to what I tell you}, because if someone believes God's truth, God will enable him to understand even more. But if someone does not believe God's truth, God will cause him not to understand even {the little} he thinks he has understood."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:19

ULT

19 Then his mother and brothers came to him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd.

UST

19 One day Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they could not get near him because there was {such} a {large} crowd {around him in the house where he was}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:20

ULT

20 Then it was reported to him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

UST

20 Then people told him, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:21

ULT

21 But answering, he said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those hearing and doing the word of God.”

UST

21 But he replied to them, “Those who hear the message from God and obey it are as dear to me as my mother and my brothers.”

Who did Jesus say are his mother and brothers?

Jesus said that the people who hear the word of God and obey it are his mother and brothers.

Luke 8:22

ULT

22 And it happened that, on one of {those} days, both he and his disciples got into a boat, and he said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they put out.

UST

22 On another day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples. He said to them, “I would like us to go across to the other side of the lake.” So they started to sail across the lake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:23

ULT

23 But as they voyaged, he fell asleep. Then a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were being filled and were in danger.

UST

23 But as they were sailing, Jesus fell asleep. Then a powerful windstorm began on the lake. Soon the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:24

ULT

24 Then they approached {and} woke him up, saying, “Master! Master! We are perishing!” But he awoke, he rebuked the wind and the waves of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm.

UST

24 So Jesus’ disciples came over to wake him up. They said to him, “Master! Master! We are all going to die!” He woke up and scolded the wind and the violent waves. The wind stopped blowing, the waves stopped hitting the boat, and everything became calm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:25

ULT

25 Then he said to them, “Where {is} your faith?” Then having become afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

UST

25 Then he said to them, “You acted as if you had no faith!” The disciples were alarmed and amazed {because of what had just happened}. They kept asking each other, “Who could Jesus be? He is able to command even the winds and the waves, and they obey him.”

What did the disciples say when Jesus calmed the winds and water?

They said, “Who is this that commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

Luke 8:26

ULT

26 And they sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

UST

26 Jesus and his disciples continued sailing and came to the region where the Gerasene people lived. It was on the opposite side of the lake from the district of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:27

ULT

27 And {when} he came out onto the land, a certain man from the city, having demons, met him. And for a long time he had not worn clothes, and he did not live in a house, but in the tombs.

UST

27 When Jesus came out of the boat onto the land, a certain man from the town in that area met him. This man had demons in him. For a long time this man had not worn clothes and had not lived in a house. Instead, he lived in the burial caves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:28

ULT

28 And having seen Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said in a loud voice, “What to me and to you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.”

UST

28 When the man saw Jesus, he cried out and lay facedown before him. He shouted, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:29

ULT

29 For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with chains and shackles {and} kept under guard, and breaking {his} bonds, he would be driven by the demon into the wilderness.

UST

29 {The man said this because} Jesus had just commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. In the past, people had bound him with chains and shackles and kept a close watch on him. Even so, many times the evil spirit would suddenly seize him by force. Then the man would break free, and the demon would make him go out into deserted places.

What did the demons cause the man from the region of the Gerasenes to do?

They made him live without clothes in the tombs, they made him break chains and shackles, and they often drove him into the wilderness.

Luke 8:30

ULT

30 Then Jesus questioned him, “What is your name?” and he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered into him.

UST

30 Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” The demon replied, “{My name is} Thousands.” He said that because many demons had entered the man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:31

ULT

31 And they were begging him that he would not command them to go away into the abyss.

UST

31 The demons kept begging Jesus not to command them to go into the deep pit where God punishes demons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:32

ULT

32 And a large herd of pigs was there feeding on the hillside, and they begged him to permit them to go into them. And he gave them permission.

UST

32 There was a large herd of pigs grazing on the hillside nearby. The demons begged Jesus to allow them to enter the pigs, and he allowed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:33

ULT

33 Then the demons, having come out from the man, entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake and was drowned.

UST

33 So the demons left the man and entered the pigs, and the herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

Where did the demons go after Jesus commanded them to leave the man?

The demons entered into a herd of pigs, which rushed into the lake and drowned.

Luke 8:34

ULT

34 And having seen what had happened, the ones tending the pigs ran off and reported it in the city and in the countryside.

UST

34 When those who were taking care of the pigs saw what happened, they ran away! They reported what they had seen to all the people who lived around them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:35

ULT

35 Then they went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and being sound-minded, and they were afraid.

UST

35 Then the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to where Jesus was, they saw that the man from whom the demons had gone out was sitting at the feet of Jesus. They saw that he had clothes on and his mind was normal again. {They realized how powerful Jesus must be,} and they became afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:36

ULT

36 Then the ones having seen reported to them how the one having been possessed by demons had been saved.

UST

36 Those who had seen what had happened told the people who had just arrived how Jesus had rescued the man who had been controlled by demons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:37

ULT

37 And all the multitude of the region of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized by great fear. Then he got into {the} boat to return.

UST

37 Then many people from that place where the Gerasenes lived asked Jesus to leave their area, because they were very afraid. So Jesus and his disciples got into the boat to go back across the lake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:38

ULT

38 And the man from whom the demons had gone out begged him to be with him, but he sent him away, saying,

UST

38 Before they left, the man from whom the demons had gone out begged Jesus, saying, “Please, let me go with you!” But instead, Jesus sent him away by saying to him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:39

ULT
39 “Return to your house and describe all that God has done for you.” So he went on his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.

UST
39 “No, go back to your home and tell {everyone} how much God has done for you!” So the man went away and told people throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

What did Jesus tell the man to go and do?
Jesus told him to go to his house and describe all that God had done for him.

Luke 8:40

ULT
40 Then when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

UST
40 And when Jesus and his disciples got back across the lake to Capernaum, a crowd of people welcomed them. They had all been waiting for him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:41

ULT
41 And behold, a man came whose name {was} Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at the feet of Jesus, he begged him to come to his house,

UST
41 Just then a man named Jairus, who was one of the leaders of the synagogue there, came near to Jesus, and he lay facedown before him. He pleaded with Jesus to come to his house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:42

ULT

42 because he {had} a one and only daughter, who was about 12 years old, and she was dying. And as he was going, the crowds were crowding around him.

UST

42 He did this because he had an only daughter, who was about 12 years old, and she was dying. {He wanted Jesus to heal her.} Now as Jesus went {with him}, many people were crowding around him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:43

ULT

43 And there was a woman with a flow of blood for 12 years, who, having spent all {her} living on doctors, [1] was not able to be healed by anyone.

UST

43 Now in the crowd there was a woman who had been suffering for 12 years from a disease that caused continual bleeding. She had spent all her money [1] to pay doctors to help her, but none of them was able to heal her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:44

ULT

44 Having approached from behind, she touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her flow of blood stopped.

UST

44 She came up behind Jesus and touched the edge of his robe. At once her bleeding stopped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:45

ULT

45 And Jesus said, “Who {is} the one having touched me?” But {when} all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds are crowding around and pressing against you.”

UST

45 Jesus said, “Who touched me?” Everyone {around Jesus} said that they had not touched him. Peter said, “Master, there are many people crowding around you and pressing up against you. {So any one of them might have touched you!}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:46

ULT

46 But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I know power has gone out from me.”

UST

46 But Jesus said, “I know that someone {deliberately} touched me, because power has gone out from me {to heal that person}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:47

ULT

47 Then the woman, having seen that she could not hide, came trembling and having fallen down before him, she declared before all the people for what reason she had touched him, and how she had been healed immediately.

UST

47 Then the woman realized that she could not hide. She came trembling to Jesus and {respectfully} lay facedown on the ground before him. As the other people were listening, she explained why she had touched Jesus and how she gotten better immediately.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:48

ULT
48 Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

UST
48 And Jesus said to her, “My dear woman, because you believed {that I could heal you}, you are now well. Now go on your way, and may God’s peace be with you.”

According to Jesus, what had caused the woman with bleeding to be healed?
She was healed because of her faith in Jesus.

Luke 8:49

ULT
49 {While} he was still speaking, someone comes from the synagogue leader, saying, “Your daughter has died. Do not trouble the Teacher any longer.”

UST
49 While Jesus was still speaking {to the woman}, a man from Jairus’ house came and said to Jairus, “Your daughter has died. So do not take up any more of the teacher’s time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:50

ULT
50 But Jesus, having heard {this}, answered him, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be saved.”

UST
50 But when Jesus heard that, he said to Jairus, “Do not be afraid. Just believe {in me}, and she will live again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:51

ULT

51 And having come to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father of the child, and the mother.

UST

51 When he arrived outside the house, Jesus did not allow anyone to go in the house with him except for Peter, John, and James, and the girl's father and mother.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:52

ULT

52 And they were all mourning and beating their breasts for her, but he said, "Do not wail, for she has not died, but sleeps."

UST

52 And all the people there were loudly demonstrating how sad they were that the girl had died. But Jesus said to them, "Stop crying! She is not dead! She is only sleeping!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:53

ULT

53 And they laughed at him, knowing that she had died.

UST

53 And the people laughed at him because they knew that the girl was dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:54

ULT

54 But he, taking hold of her hand, called out, saying, "Child, arise!"

UST

54 But Jesus took hold of her hand and called {to her}, saying, "Child, get up!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 8:55

ULT

55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately, and he ordered something to be given to her to eat.

UST

55 And immediately she came back to life and she got up. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.

What did Jesus do at Jairus' house?

Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead.

Luke 8:56

ULT

56 And her parents were astonished, but he commanded them to tell no one what had happened.
8:43 [1] .

UST

56 And her parents were amazed, but Jesus told them not to tell anyone else {yet} what had happened.
8:43 [1] should be included here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9

Luke 9:1

ULT
1 And having called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority over all the demons, and to cure diseases,

UST
1 Then Jesus called together his twelve Representatives and gave them the right and power to drive out all kinds of demons and to heal {people's} diseases.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:2

ULT
2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

UST
2 He sent them out to announce {the good news about} how God would rule as king. He told them to heal people who were sick.

What did Jesus send the Twelve out to do?
Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:3

ULT
3 And he said to them, "Take nothing for the road—neither staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor silver—nor have two tunics.

UST
3 {Before they left,} he said to them, "Do not take anything with you for your journey. Do not take a walking stick or a traveler's bag or food or money. Do not bring an extra tunic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:4

ULT

4 And whatever house you enter into, stay there and go out from there.

UST

4 Whatever house you enter, stay in that house until you leave that area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:5

ULT

5 And wherever they do not receive you, going out from that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

UST

5 If the people in any town do not welcome you, you should not stay there. Instead, leave that town and, as you go, shake its dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them {for rejecting you}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:6

ULT

6 Then they went out {and} were going through the villages, proclaiming the gospel and healing everywhere.

UST

6 Then Jesus' disciples left and traveled through many villages. Everywhere they went, they talked to people about the good news from God, and they healed sick people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:7

ULT

7 And Herod the tetrarch heard about all {that} was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from {the} dead,

UST

7 Herod, the ruler over the district of Galilee, heard about everything that was happening, and he was perplexed. Some people were saying that John the Baptizer had become alive again.

Why was Herod perplexed when he heard about what was happening?
He was perplexed because some said that John the Baptizer had risen from the dead.

Luke 9:8

ULT

8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, but by others that one of the ancient prophets had risen.

UST

8 Other people were saying that the prophet Elijah had appeared again. Still others were saying that one of the other prophets from long ago had become alive again.

Who else did people think might be causing the things that were happening?
Some said Elijah had appeared, and some said an ancient prophet had risen.

Luke 9:9

ULT

9 But Herod said, “I beheaded John, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” So he was seeking to see him.

UST

9 But Herod said, “It cannot be John, because I had his head cut off. So who is this man? I keep hearing such amazing things about him!” And he kept looking for a way to see Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:10

ULT

10 And the apostles, having returned, described to him as much as they had done. Then taking them, he withdrew by himself to a city called Bethsaida.

UST

10 When the Representatives returned from their trip, they told Jesus everything that they had done. Then he took them aside to go by themselves with him to the town of Bethsaida.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:11

ULT

11 But the crowds, having come to know, followed him. And he welcomed them {and} spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he was healing the ones having need of healing.

UST

11 But when the crowds learned where Jesus had gone, they followed him there. He welcomed them and spoke to them about how God was going to rule as king. He also healed those who were sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:12

ULT

12 And the day began to end, and the Twelve, having come, said to him, “Send the crowd away so that, going into the surrounding villages and countryside, they may find lodging and food, because we are here in a desolate place.”

UST

12 Now it was getting late in the day, so the twelve disciples came to him and said, “Please send this large crowd of people away so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms to get some food and find places to stay, since we are out here in this isolated place.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:13

ULT
13 But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” But they said, “There are not more than five loaves and two fish with us—unless we go {and} buy food for all these people.”

UST
13 But he said to them, “You must give them something to eat!” They replied, “All we have are five small loaves of bread and two small fish. We could never go buy enough food for all these people!”

What food did the disciples have to feed the crowd?
They had five loaves of bread and two fish.

Luke 9:14

ULT
14 (For there were about 5,000 men.) Then he said to his disciples, “Have them recline to eat in groups of about 50 each.”

UST
14 {They said this} because there were about 5000 men there. Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have the people sit down in groups. Put about 50 people in each group.”

How many men were following Jesus in the crowd that was in the desert place?
About 5000 men were in the crowd.

Luke 9:15

ULT
15 And thus they did, and made {them} all recline to eat.

UST
15 So the disciples did that, and the people all sat down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:16

ULT

16 Then having taken the five loaves and the two fish, looking up to heaven, he blessed them and broke {them} into pieces, and he gave them to the disciples to serve to the crowd.

UST

16 Then Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and praised God for them. Then he divided the bread and fish into pieces and gave them to the disciples for them to distribute to the people.

What did Jesus do with the five loaves and two fish?

He looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke them into pieces, and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd.

Luke 9:17

ULT

17 And they all ate and were satisfied, and what was left over to them was picked up—12 baskets of broken pieces.

UST

17 They all ate, and everyone had enough to eat. Then the disciples collected the leftover pieces of food, which filled 12 baskets!

How many baskets of leftover food were there?

There were 12 baskets full of leftover food.

Luke 9:18

ULT

18 And it happened that, while he was praying alone, the disciples were with him, and he questioned them, saying, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

UST

18 One day while Jesus was praying in private, with his disciples nearby, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:19

ULT

19 So answering, they said, “John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and others that one of the ancient prophets has risen.”

UST

19 They replied, “{Some people say that you are} John the Baptizer, but others say that you are the prophet Elijah, and still others say that you are one of the other prophets from long ago who has come back to life again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:20

ULT

20 Then he said to them, “But who do you say {that} I am?” Then Peter answering said, “The Christ of God.”

UST

20 He asked them, “What about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Messiah, who has come from God.”

When Jesus asked the disciples who he was, what did Peter answer?

He said, “The Christ from God.”

Luke 9:21

ULT

21 But he strongly warned them, commanding them to tell this to no one,

UST

21 Then Jesus warned them strongly not to tell that to anyone yet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:22

ULT
22 saying, “It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many {things} and to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised on the third day.”

UST
22 Then he said, “I, the Son of Man, must suffer many things: The elders, chief priests, and teachers of the Jewish laws will reject me and kill me. Then, on the third day after that, I will come back to life again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:23

ULT
23 Then he said to {them} all, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

UST
23 Then he said to them all, “If any one of you wants to be my disciple, you must not do only what you want to do. Rather, every day you must be willing to suffer, even to the point of giving up your life. That is how to be my disciple.

Jesus said that if anyone wants to come after him, he must do what?
He must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Jesus.

Luke 9:24

ULT
24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, this one will save it.

UST
24 {You must do that} because those who try to save their own lives will lose them eternally, but those who give up their lives in order to become my disciples will save their lives eternally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:25

ULT

25 For what is a man profited, having gained the whole world, but destroying or losing himself?

UST

25 After all, how does it benefit you if you gain everything in this world but you then end up losing, or even destroying, your own self?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:26

ULT

26 For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of this one when he comes in {his} own glory, and of the Father and of the holy angels.

UST

26 Suppose someone is afraid to say that they believe in me and that they follow my teaching. Then, I, the Son of Man, will say that such a person does not belong to me. This will happen when I come back in my glory and in the glory of God the Father and of the holy angels.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:27

ULT

27 But I say to you truly, there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God."

UST

27 But you can be sure of this: Some of you who are standing here now will not die until you see God ruling as king!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:28

ULT
28 And it happened that, about eight days after these words, taking along Peter and John and James, he went up on the mountain to pray.

UST
28 About eight days after Jesus said those things, he took Peter, John, and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray {there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:29

ULT
29 And it happened that, as he was praying, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothing flashed white like lightning.

UST
29 While he was praying, the appearance of his face became very different, and his clothes began to shine brightly.

What happened to Jesus' appearance on the mountain?
The appearance of his face became different, and his clothing flashed as bright as lightning.

Luke 9:30

ULT
30 And behold, two men began talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,

UST
30 All at once, two {prophets from long ago} were there talking with Jesus. They were Moses and Elijah.

Who appeared with Jesus?
Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

Luke 9:31

ULT

31 who were seen in glory, speaking about his departure, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

UST

31 These men appeared surrounded in glory. They spoke with Jesus about how he was going to die. This was something that was going to happen soon in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:32

ULT

32 And Peter and the ones with him were weighted with sleep, but having become fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

UST

32 Peter and the other disciples who were with him were very sleepy. But when they woke up fully, they saw how brightly Jesus was shining. They also saw Moses and Elijah standing with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:33

ULT

33 And it happened that, as they were going away from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here, so let us make three tents, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah” (not knowing what he says).

UST

33 As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here! We should make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!” But he really did not realize what he was saying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:34

ULT
34 But as he was saying this, a cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered into the cloud.

UST
34 As he was saying these things, a cloud formed and covered them. The disciples were afraid as the cloud surrounded them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:35

ULT
35 And there was a voice from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, the chosen one; listen to him.”

UST
35 God’s voice spoke to them from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him!”

What did the voice say from the cloud that overshadowed them?
The voice said, “This is my Son, the one who is chosen; listen to him.”

Luke 9:36

ULT
36 And when the voice had happened, Jesus was found alone. Then they were silent and told no one in those days anything of {the things} they had seen.

UST
36 When the voice had finished speaking, {the three disciples saw that} only Jesus was there. They kept all this to themselves. For a long time they did not tell anyone what they had seen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:37

ULT
37 And it happened that, on the next day, they having come down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

UST
37 The next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a large crowd of people met Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:38

ULT
38 And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, “Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my one and only {child}.

UST
38 Suddenly a man from the crowd called out, “Teacher, I plead with you, do something to help my son! He is my only child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:39

ULT
39 And behold, a spirit seizes him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him into convulsions with foam. And it departs from him with difficulty, crushing him.

UST
39 Here is what is happening. An evil spirit suddenly seizes him and causes him to scream. It shakes him violently and causes him to foam at the mouth. This spirit hardly ever leaves my child and, when it does, it injures him severely.

Before Jesus cast out the demon, what did it cause the man’s son to do?
The demon caused him to cry out and have convulsions with foam.

Luke 9:40

ULT
40 And I begged your disciples so that they would cast it out, but they were not able.”

UST
40 I pleaded with your disciples to command the evil spirit to come out of him, but they were not able to do it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:41

ULT

41 Then answering, Jesus said, “O unbelieving and perverted generation, until when will I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.”

UST

41 In response, Jesus said, “This generation of people does not believe, and so its thinking is corrupt! How much longer must I be with you before you believe?” {Then he said to the boy’s father,} “Bring your son here to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:42

ULT

42 And while he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook {him} with convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

UST

42 While they were bringing the boy to him, the demon threw the boy down to the ground and shook him severely. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit and healed the boy. Then he returned him to his father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:43

ULT

43 Then they were all amazed at the majesty of God. But {while} all were marveling at everything that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

UST

43 Then all the people there were completely amazed at the great power God had shown. While they were all still marveling at all the miracles Jesus was doing, he said to his disciples,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:44

ULT

44 “You put these words in your ears: For the Son of Man is going to be handed over into {the} hands of men.”

UST

44 “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you, because someone will soon hand me, the Son of Man, over to my enemies.”

What statement did Jesus make to the disciples that they did not understand?

He said, “The Son of Man would be handed over into the hands of men.”

Luke 9:45

ULT

45 But they did not understand this word, and it was hidden from them, so they could not understand it, and they were afraid to question him about this word.

UST

45 But the disciples did not understand what he meant by this. God prevented them from understanding it so that they would not know yet what he meant, and they were afraid to ask him about what he had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:46

ULT

46 Then an argument started among them as to which of them might be {the} greatest.

UST

46 Sometime later, the disciples began to argue among themselves about which one of them would be the most important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:47

ULT
47 But Jesus, knowing the reasoning in their hearts, took a little child, put him next to him,

UST
47 But Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he brought a young child over and had the child stand beside him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:48

ULT
48 and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name, welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one having sent me. For the one being least among you all, he is great.”

UST
48 He said to them, “If someone welcomes a little child like this one because of me, it is the same as welcoming me. And if someone welcomes me, it is the same as welcoming God, who sent me. Remember that those among you who seem to be the least important are the ones whom God considers to be most important.”

Who did Jesus say is the one who is great among the disciples?
The one who is least among them is the one who is great.

Luke 9:49

ULT
49 Then answering, John said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we prevented him, because he does not follow with us.”

UST
49 John replied to Jesus, “Master, we saw a man who was using your name to command demons to come out of people. But we told him to stop doing that, because he was not working closely with you the way we are.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:50

ULT
50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not prevent him, for whoever is not against you is for you.”

UST
50 But Jesus told John, “Do not stop him from doing that! If someone is not doing something that is harmful to you, then what he is doing is helpful to you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:51

ULT
51 And it happened that, when the days of his being taken up were being fulfilled, then he set {his} face to go to Jerusalem.

UST
51 When it was getting close to the time when God would take him back up to heaven, Jesus firmly resolved to go to Jerusalem.

As the days were approaching when Jesus would go up to heaven, what did he do?
He set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:52

ULT
52 And he sent messengers before his face, and they went {and} entered into a Samaritan village so as to prepare for him.

UST
52 He sent some messengers ahead of him. They traveled on and went into a village in the region of Samaria to try to arrange for him to stay there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:53

ULT
53 But they did not welcome him, because his face was going to Jerusalem.

UST
53 But the Samaritans would not let Jesus stay in their village, because he was on his way to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:54

ULT
54 And the disciples James and John, having seen {this}, said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

UST
54 Two of his disciples, James and John, {got angry when they} saw {that the Samaritans were not going to welcome them}. So they asked Jesus, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and destroy these people?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:55

ULT
55 But having turned, he rebuked them,

UST
55 But Jesus turned {to them} and sternly told them they were wrong to say that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:56

ULT
56 and they went on to another village.

UST
56 So they went to a different village.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:57

ULT

57 And as they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

UST

57 As Jesus and the disciples were walking along the road, someone said to him, “I will go with you wherever you go!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:58

ULT

58 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky, nests, but the Son of Man does not have anywhere to lay {his} head.”

UST

58 Jesus replied, “Foxes have holes in the ground to live in, and birds have nests, but I, the Son of Man, do not have a home to sleep in!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:59

ULT

59 Then he said to another, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me to go first to bury my father.”

UST

59 Jesus said to a different person, “Come with me!” But that person said, “Lord, let me first go home and bury my father.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:60

ULT

60 But he said to him, “Let the dead bury {their} own dead. But you, go {and} proclaim the kingdom of God.”

UST

60 But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead. I want you to go and tell people everywhere that they can have God rule their lives.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:61

ULT

61 Then still another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first permit me to say goodbye to the ones in my home.”

UST

61 Someone else said, “Lord, I will come with you and be your disciple, but first let me go home to say goodbye to my family.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 9:62

ULT

62 But Jesus replied, “No one, having put his hand on a plow, yet looking to the {things} behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

UST

62 Jesus said to him, “Anyone who is like a farmer who tries to plow his field while looking behind him is not able to serve God as his ruler.”

To be fit for the kingdom of God, what must a person not do once he has “put his hand to the plow?”

That person must not look back.

Luke 10

Luke 10:1

ULT

1 And after these {things}, the Lord also appointed 72 [1] others, and sent them out by twos before his face to every city and place where he himself was about to go.

UST

1 After that, Jesus appointed 72 other disciples {to go and prepare people to hear him}. He sent them out in pairs to go ahead of him to every town and village where he was intending to go himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:2

ULT

2 And he said to them, “Indeed the harvest {is} plentiful, but the laborers {are} few. Therefore urge the Lord of the harvest that he would send out laborers into his harvest.

UST

2 He said to them, “Many people are ready to believe in me, but there are only a few of you whom I can send out to help them. So pray to God{, who wants all of those people to believe,} and plead with him for more disciples who can go and help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:3

ULT

3 Go. Behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.

UST

3 Go now, but remember that I am sending you out to tell my message to people who will be hostile to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:4

ULT

4 Do not carry a money bag, nor a sack, nor sandals, and greet no one on the road.

UST

4 Do not bring along any money. Do not bring {a lot of things with you in} a pack. Do not bring {extra shoes}. Do not {stop and} talk with people along the way.

What did Jesus tell the 70 not to carry with them?
He told them not to carry a money bag, a sack, or sandals.

Luke 10:5

ULT

5 Whatever house you enter into, first say, ‘Peace {be} to this house!’

UST

5 Whenever you enter a house, first say to the people who live there, ‘May God bless everyone in this house with peace!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:6

ULT

6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him; but if not, it will return to you.

UST

6 If the people who live there desire God’s peace, then they will experience the peace you are offering them. But if they do not desire God’s peace, then you will experience that peace yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:7

ULT
7 And remain in that house, eating and drinking {what is} from them, for the laborer {is} worthy of his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

UST
7 Stay in that same house until you leave that village. Do not move around from one house to another. Eat and drink whatever they provide for you, because a worker deserves to receive payment for his work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:8

ULT
8 And whatever city you enter into, and they receive you, eat {what} is served to you,

UST
8 If you enter any town and the people there welcome you, eat whatever food they provide for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:9

ULT
9 and heal the sick in it, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come close to you.’

UST
9 Heal the people in that city who are sick. Tell everyone, ‘You are seeing close up what it will be like when God rules everywhere as king.’

What did Jesus tell the 70 to do in each city?
He told them to heal the sick and to say to the people, “The kingdom of God has come close to you.”

Luke 10:10

ULT
10 And into whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets {and} say,

UST
10 But if you enter any town and the people there do not welcome you, go into its main streets and say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:11

ULT

11 ‘Even the dust {that} clings to us from your city on {our} feet we wipe off against you! But know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’

UST

11 ‘{As a warning} against you, we will wipe off even the dust that sticks to our feet {as we are leaving your town}. But you must realize that you have seen close up what it will be like when God rules everywhere as king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:12

ULT

12 I say to you that on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that city.

UST

12 I want you to know that at the time when God judges everyone, God will punish the people of that town even more severely than the wicked people who lived long ago in the city of Sodom!

If a city did not receive those whom Jesus sent to them, what would the judgment be like for that city?

It would be worse for them than the judgment on Sodom.

Luke 10:13

ULT

13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works {that} happened in you had happened in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

UST

13 How terrible it will be for you people who live in the cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida! I say this because I did great miracles while I was in your cities. If I had performed those same miracles in {the ancient cities of} Tyre and Sidon, the {wicked} people who lived there would have been very sorry for their sins. They would have shown this by sitting on the ground wearing coarse clothing and putting ashes on their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:14

ULT

14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and for Sidon at the judgment than for you.

UST

14 So when God judges everyone, he will punish you more severely than the wicked people who lived in Tyre and Sidon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:15

ULT

15 And you, Capernaum, you will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down as far as Hades.

UST

15 I also have something to say to you people who live in the town of Capernaum. You may think that God is going to give you great rewards. No, God is not going to reward you at all!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:16

ULT

16 The one listening to you listens to me, and the one rejecting you rejects me, and the one rejecting me rejects the one having sent me.”

UST

16 {Jesus also said to the disciples,} “Whoever listens to your message is{, in effect,} listening to me. Whoever rejects your message is{, in effect,} rejecting me. And whoever rejects me is{, in effect,} rejecting God who sent me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:17

ULT

17 Then the 72 returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subjected to us in your name.”

UST

17 The 72 people whom Jesus appointed {went and did what he told them to do.} When they returned, they were very joyful. They said, “Lord, even the demons obeyed us when, by your authority, we commanded them to leave people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:18

ULT

18 And he said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.

UST

18 Jesus told them, “{While you were away doing that,} I saw Satan lose a position of advantage as suddenly and quickly as lightning comes down!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:19

ULT

19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you at all.

UST

19 Listen! I have given you the power to defeat evil spirits. I have even given you enough power to defeat our enemy, Satan. Nothing will hurt you at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:20

ULT

[20] Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subjected to you, but rejoice that your names are written in the heavens."

UST

[20] But do not {only} rejoice that the evil spirits must obey you. You should rejoice {even more} that God has written your names in heaven{, because that means you will be with God forever}."

When the 70 returned and reported with joy that they were able to cast out demons, what did Jesus say to them?

He said, "Rejoice that your names are written in the heavens."

Luke 10:21

ULT

[21] At that hour he rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these {things} from {the} wise and intelligent and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for thus it was well pleasing before you.

UST

[21] Right then, the Holy Spirit gave Jesus great joy. He said, "God my Father, you are Lord over everything in heaven and on earth. I praise you that you have prevented people who think they are smart from understanding things. Instead, you have revealed them to people who accept your truth as readily as little children do. Yes, Father, you have done that because it pleased you to do so.

To whom did Jesus say it was well-pleasing to the Father to reveal the kingdom of God?

It was well-pleasing to the Father to reveal the kingdom of God to those who are untaught, like infants.

Luke 10:22

ULT

[22] All {things} have been handed over to me from my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and to whomever the Son desires to reveal him."

UST

[22] God, my Father, has given everything to me. Only my Father really knows me, his Son. And only I, his Son, really know my Father. But I do choose to show some people who he is."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:23

ULT

23 And having turned around to the disciples, he said privately, “Blessed {are} the eyes that see what you see!

UST

23 Then Jesus said, just to his disciples, “God has given you a great gift by letting you see the things that I am doing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:24

ULT

24 For I say to you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.”

UST

24 I want you to know that many prophets and kings would have liked to see the things that you are seeing me do. But they did not get to see them{, because they lived long ago}. They would have liked to hear the things that you have been hearing me say. But they did not get to hear them{, because they lived long ago}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:25

ULT

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up to test him, saying, “Teacher, doing what, will I inherit eternal life?”

UST

25 A man who taught Jewish laws was there. He wanted to test Jesus {by asking him a difficult question}. So he stood up and asked, “Teacher, what do I have to do in order to live with God forever?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:26

ULT

26 But he said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read {it}?”

UST

26 Jesus said to him, “You have read what Moses wrote in the laws that God gave him. What do those laws say?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:27

ULT

27 And answering, he said, “You will love {the} Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

UST

27 The man replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.”

According to Jesus, what does the Jewish law say a person must do to inherit eternal life?

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:28

ULT

28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

UST

28 Jesus told him, “You have answered correctly. If you do all that, you will live {with God forever}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:29

ULT

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

UST

29 But the man wanted to show that God would approve of him. So he said to Jesus, “Which people are my neighbors {whom I should love}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:30

ULT

30 Then answering, Jesus said, “A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers {who}, both having stripped him and having laid on blows, went away, leaving him half dead.

UST

30 Jesus replied, “One day, a Jewish man was traveling along the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some bandits attacked him. They took away most of the man’s clothes and everything else that he had. They beat him until he was almost dead. Then they left him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:31

ULT

31 Then by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road, and having seen him, he passed by on the other side.

UST

31 It happened that a {Jewish} priest was going along that road. When he saw that man, {instead of helping him,} he passed by on the other side of the road.

In Jesus’ parable, what did the Jewish priest do when he saw the half-dead man on the road?

He passed by on the other side of the road.

Luke 10:32

ULT

32 And likewise a Levite also, having come to the place and having seen {him}, passed by on the other side.

UST

32 Similarly, a Levite {who worked in God’s temple} also came to that place and saw the man. But he too passed by on the other side of the road.

What did the Levite do when he saw the man?

He passed by on the other side of the road.

Luke 10:33

ULT
33 But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled along, came upon him, and having seen {him}, he felt compassion.

UST
33 Then a man from the region of Samaria came along that road to where the man was lying. When he saw that man, he pitied him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:34

ULT
34 And having approached, he bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then, having put him on {his} own animal, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

UST
34 He went over to him and put some olive oil and wine on his wounds {to help heal them}. He wrapped strips of cloth around the wounds. Then he put the man on his own donkey and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

What did the Samaritan do when he saw the man?
He bound up his wounds, put him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luke 10:35

ULT
35 And on the next day, taking out two denarii, he gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.’

UST
35 The next morning he gave two silver coins to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of this man. If you need to spend more than this amount to care for him, I will pay you back when I return.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:36

ULT
36 Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the one having fallen among the robbers?”

UST
36 {Then Jesus asked,} “Three people found the man whom the bandits had attacked. Which one of them would you say was a true neighbor to that man?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:37

ULT
37 And he said, “The one having shown mercy to him.” Then Jesus said to him, “You go and do likewise.”

UST
37 The teacher of the law replied, “The one who acted mercifully toward him.” Jesus said to him, “{That is correct.} So you should go and act like that toward anyone who needs your help.”

After telling the parable, what did Jesus tell the teacher of the Jewish law to go and do?
Go and show mercy like the Samaritan in the parable.

Luke 10:38

ULT
38 And as they were traveling along, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha welcomed him.

UST
38 As Jesus and his disciples continued to travel, they entered a certain village. There a woman whose name was Martha invited them to come to her house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:39

ULT

39 And she had a sister called Mary, and she was sitting at the feet of Jesus, [2] listening to his word.

UST

39 Her sister, whose name was Mary, sat near Jesus' feet and listened to what he was teaching.

What did Mary do at the same time?

She sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him.

Luke 10:40

ULT

40 But Martha was distracted with much service, and coming up, she said, "Lord, are you not concerned that my sister has left me alone to serve? Therefore, speak to her so that she might help me."

UST

40 But Martha was worrying about preparing the meal for all of them. She went to Jesus and said, "Lord, my sister has left me to prepare everything by myself. You must know that is not fair. Please tell her to help me!"

How did Martha act when Jesus came to her house?

She was distracted with her serving.

Luke 10:41

ULT

41 But answering, the Lord said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many {things},

UST

41 But Jesus replied to her, "Martha, Martha, you are very worried about many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 10:42

ULT

42 but one {thing} is necessary. For Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”
10:1 [1] , while others read Scholars are divided as to which is the correct reading.
10:39 [2] but some read

UST

42 But the one thing that is really important {is to listen to what I am teaching}. Because Mary has chosen the best thing to do, I will not tell her to do something else.”

Who did Jesus say had chosen the better thing to do?

He said that Mary had chosen the good part that would not be taken away from her.

Luke 11

Luke 11:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that, when he was praying in a certain place, when he stopped, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.”

UST

[1] One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us how to pray. John the Baptist did that for his own disciples, and we would like you to do that for us.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:2

ULT

[2] And he said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Father, let your name be made holy. Let your kingdom come.

UST

[2] He said to them, “When you pray, say {things like this}: ‘Father, may all people honor your name as holy. May you soon rule all people everywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:3

ULT

[3] Give us our daily bread each day.

UST

[3] Please give us the food we need each day.

What did Jesus want his disciples to pray would happen to the Father’s name?
He wanted them to pray that the Father’s name would be made holy.

Luke 11:4

ULT

4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone owing us. And may you not lead us into temptation.”’

UST

4 Please forgive us for the wrong things that we have done. We ourselves will forgive people for the wrong things they have done to us. Help us to not sin when something tempts us.”’

As we ask God to forgive our sins, what should we do about other people who sin against us?

We should forgive them just as God has forgiven us.

Luke 11:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, “Which of you will have a friend and will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend three loaves to me,

UST

5 Then he said to them, “Suppose that one of you goes to the house of a friend at midnight. You {stand outside and} call to him, ‘My friend, please lend me three loaves of bread!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:6

ULT

6 since my friend has come to me from {the} road, and I do not have anything to serve to him’?

UST

6 Another friend of mine who is traveling has just arrived at my house. But I do not have any food ready to serve him!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:7

ULT

7 And answering from inside, he may say, ‘Do not cause me trouble. The door has already been shut, and my children are in the bed with me. I am not able to get up to give to you.’

UST

7 And suppose that he responds from inside the house, ‘Do not bother me! I have already locked the door, and my whole family is in bed. It would be too hard for me to get up and give you something!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:8

ULT

8 I say to you, even if he does not get up to give {it} to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, rising up, he will give to him as much as he needs.

UST

8 I tell you, he may not want to get up and give his friend any food just because he is his friend. But if he keeps on asking, the man inside will certainly get up and give him everything he needs.

In Jesus’ parable, why did the man get up and give his friend bread at midnight?

Because of his friend’s persistence.

Luke 11:9

ULT

9 I also say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

UST

9 So I tell you: Keep asking God for the things you need, and he will give them to you. Keep seeking those things from God, and you will receive them. Ask God to make things possible for you, and he will act on your behalf.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:10

ULT

10 For everyone asking receives; and the one seeking finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened.

UST

10 You should do this because anyone who keeps asking God for the things he needs will receive them. Anyone who seeks those things from God will receive them. If anyone asks God to make things possible for him, God will act on his behalf.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:11

ULT

11 And which father among you, {his} son will ask for a fish, and instead of a fish, he will give him a snake? [1]

UST

11 Suppose one of you fathers had a son who asked you for a fish to eat. You certainly would not give him a poisonous snake instead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:12

ULT

12 Or also he will ask for an egg, he will give him a scorpion?

UST

12 Suppose he asked you for an egg. You certainly would not give him a scorpion instead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:13

ULT
13 Therefore, if you being evil know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to the ones asking him?”

UST
13 Even though you people are sinful, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. So it is even more certain that your Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

What will the Father in heaven give to those who ask him?
He will give them the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:14

ULT
14 And he was casting out a mute demon. And it happened that, the demon having gone out, the mute {man} spoke, and the crowd marveled.

UST
14 One day Jesus was forcing out a demon who was keeping a man from speaking. After Jesus forced the demon out, the man began to talk. This amazed the crowd of people that was there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:15

ULT
15 But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he is casting out the demons.”

UST
15 But some of them said, “It is Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, who enables this man to force out demons!”

When they saw him drive out demons, what did some accuse Jesus of doing?
They accused him of driving out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons.

Luke 11:16

ULT

16 And others tested {him}, seeking from him a sign from heaven.

UST

16 Other people there questioned his authority. They demanded that he perform a miracle to prove that God had sent him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:17

ULT

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is made desolate, and house against house falls.

UST

17 But he knew what they were thinking. So he said to them, “If the people in one nation fight against each other, they will destroy their nation. If the people in one household oppose each other, they will destroy their family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:18

ULT

18 But if Satan is also divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say I cast out the demons by Beelzebul.

UST

18 Similarly, if Satan and his demons were fighting against each other, his rule over them would certainly not last! I say this because you are saying that I force out demons by the power of the ruler of demons!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:19

ULT

19 But if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this, they will be your judges.

UST

19 If it is true that Beelzebul is enabling me to force out demons, it must also be true that he is enabling your disciples to force out demons. {But you know that is not true.} So your own disciples prove that you are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:20

ULT

20 But if I cast out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

UST

20 I must actually be forcing out demons by the power of God. This means that God has begun to rule over you.”

By what power did Jesus answer that he drove out demons?

He said he drove out demons by the finger of God.

Luke 11:21

ULT

21 When the strong man {who} has been fully armed is guarding {his} own courtyard, his possessions are at peace,

UST

21 {Jesus continued,} “When a strong man who has many weapons guards his own house, no one can steal the things inside.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:22

ULT

22 but when a stronger than he attacks him, he will overcome him, take away his armor in which he trusted, and divide his spoils.

UST

22 But when someone else who is stronger attacks that man and subdues him, he takes away the weapons that the man was depending on. Then he can steal anything he wants from that man's house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:23

ULT

23 The one not being with me is against me, and the one not gathering with me scatters.

UST

23 Anyone who is not supporting me is opposing me. Anyone who is not bringing people to me is sending them away from me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:24

ULT

24 When the unclean spirit has gone out from the man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'

UST

24 {Then Jesus said,} "An evil spirit might leave someone and wander around in desolate areas looking for someone else to live in. If it does not find anyone there, it may say, 'I am going to go back to the person I used to live in!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:25

ULT
25 And having come, it finds {it} swept out and put in order.

UST
25 So it goes back and finds that the person is like a house that someone has swept clean and put in order{, but which has no one living in it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:26

ULT
26 Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself and they having entered in, it resides there. And the last {things} of that man become worse than the first {things}.”

UST
26 Then this evil spirit goes and gets seven other spirits that are even more evil than it is. They all enter that person and begin living in him. That person’s condition was bad before, and it becomes even worse.”

If an unclean spirit leaves a man but then later returns, what will be the final condition of the man?
The final condition of that man will be worse than the first condition.

Luke 11:27

ULT
27 And it happened that, as he was saying these {things}, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up {her} voice, said to him, “Blessed {is} the womb that bore you and {the} breasts that you nursed at.”

UST
27 When Jesus said that, a woman in the crowd {who was listening} called out to him loudly, “God is pleased with the woman who gave birth to you and who nursed you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:28

ULT
28 But he said, “Rather, blessed {are} the ones hearing the word of God and keeping {it}.”

UST
28 Then he replied, “God is even more pleased with those who hear his message and obey it!”

When the woman cried out, blessing Jesus’ mother, who did Jesus say was blessed?
Those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed.

Luke 11:29

ULT
29 And as the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, but a sign will not be given to it except the sign of Jonah.

UST
29 More and more people were coming to join the crowd around Jesus. He said, “The people living at this time are evil people. They want me to do a miracle {to prove that I have come from God}. But the only proof they will see is a miracle like the one that happened to Jonah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:30

ULT
30 For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.

UST
30 Long ago God did a miracle for Jonah to show the people living in the city of Nineveh that he had sent him. In the same way, God will do a similar miracle for me, the Son of Man, to show the people living now that he has sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:31

ULT

31 {The} Queen of {the} South will stand up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, greater than Solomon {is} here.

UST

31 Long ago the Queen of Sheba traveled a great distance to hear the wise things that Solomon said. Now someone greater than Solomon is right here with you. {But you have not really listened to what I am saying.} Therefore, at the time when God judges all people, she will stand up and condemn the people who are living now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:32

ULT

32 {The} men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, greater than Jonah {is} here.

UST

32 The people who lived in the ancient city of Nineveh turned from their sinful ways when Jonah preached to them. And now I, who am greater than Jonah, have come and preached to you. {But you have not turned from your sinful ways.} Therefore, at the time when God judges all people, the people who lived in Nineveh will stand up and condemn the people who are living now.

Jesus said that he was greater than which two Old Testament men?

He is greater than Solomon and Jonah.

Luke 11:33

ULT

33 No one, having lit a lamp, puts {it} in a hidden place, nor under the measure, but on the lampstand, so that the ones entering may see the light.

UST

33 People who light a lamp do not hide it or put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on a lampstand so that those who enter the room can see the light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:34

ULT

34 The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is also illuminated. But when it is evil, your body {is} also dark.

UST

34 Your eye lets light into your body. If your eye is working right, then your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is not working right, then your body will not get any light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:35

ULT

35 Therefore, beware {that} the light {that is} in you is not darkness.

UST

35 Therefore, be careful not to think that your eye is working right and letting in light if it is actually not working right and not letting in any light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:36

ULT

36 If therefore your whole body {is} illuminated, not having any part dark, it will all be illuminated, as when the lamp with {its} brightness illuminates you."

UST

36 So if light is getting into every part of your body, so that no part of it is in the dark, then all of your body will be full of light. Bright light will shine all over you inside, just as the bright light of a lamp shines all over you outside."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:37

ULT
37 And when he had spoken, a Pharisee asks him that he would dine with him. And having gone in, he reclined to eat.

UST
37 After Jesus finished saying those things, a Pharisee invited him to eat a meal with him. So Jesus went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:38

ULT
38 And the Pharisee, having seen {this}, marveled that he did not first wash before the meal.

UST
38 The Pharisee was surprised when he saw that Jesus did not ritually wash his hands first before eating.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:39

ULT
39 But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the bowl, but the inside of you is full of greed and evil.

UST
39 Jesus said to him, "You Pharisees wash the outside of cups and dishes before you eat, but within yourselves you are very greedy and wicked.

What did Jesus say the Pharisees were filled with on the inside?
He said they were full of greed and evil.

Luke 11:40

ULT
40 You foolish ones! Did not the one having made the outside also make the inside?

UST
40 You foolish people! Surely you know that God not only made the outside, but also made the inside!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:41

ULT

41 But give as charity {what} is inside, and behold, all {things} are clean to you.

UST

41 {Instead of worrying about dishes being ritually clean, be merciful and} give whatever is inside the dishes to people in need. Then both the inside and outside of you will be acceptable to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:42

ULT

42 But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe the mint and the rue and every garden herb, but you neglect the justice and the love of God. But it is necessary to do these {things} {and} not to neglect those {things}.

UST

42 But how terrible it will be for you Pharisees! You carefully give to God a tenth of all you have, including even the herbs that you grow in your gardens. But then you do not show God's love or fairness toward others. You should make sure that you do that, in addition to giving to God.

What did Jesus say the Pharisees neglected?

They neglected justice and the love of God.

Luke 11:43

ULT

43 Woe to you Pharisees, for you love the first seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the marketplaces.

UST

43 How terrible it will be for you Pharisees, because you like to sit in the most important seats in the synagogues, and you like people to greet you {with special honor} in the marketplaces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:44

ULT
44 Woe to you, for you are like the unseen graves, and the men walking over them do not know it.”

UST
44 How terrible it will be for you, because you are like unmarked graves that people walk over without realizing it and so become ceremonially unclean.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:45

ULT
45 Then answering, one of the lawyers says to him, “Teacher, saying these {things}, you insult us too.”

UST
45 One of the teachers of the Jewish laws who were there complained to Jesus, “Teacher, when you say things like that, you are criticizing us too!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:46

ULT
46 But he said, “Woe also to you lawyers! For you burden men with burdens difficult to carry, but you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

UST
46 But Jesus responded, “How terrible it will also be for you who are teachers of the Jewish laws! I say this because you tell people to follow so many rules, yet you will not do even the smallest thing to help them.

What did Jesus say the teachers of the law were doing to other men?
They were burdening men with burdens difficult to carry, but not touching those burdens themselves.

Luke 11:47

ULT

47 Woe to you, because you build the tombs of the prophets, but your fathers killed them.

UST

47 How terrible it will be for you, because you construct buildings to mark the graves of the prophets, but your ancestors are the ones who killed them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:48

ULT

48 So you testify and consent to the works of your fathers, for they indeed killed them, but you are building.

UST

48 So when you build these buildings, you are declaring that you approve of what your ancestors did when they killed the prophets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:49

ULT

49 Because of this, the wisdom of God also said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute’

UST

49 So God, who is very wise, also said, ‘I will send prophets and messengers to guide my people. But they will cause them to suffer greatly. They will even kill some of them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:50

ULT

50 that the blood of all the prophets {that} has been shed from {the} foundation of {the} world may be required from this generation,

UST

50 As a result, the people living at this time will be punished for the murder of all the prophets whom people have killed since the world was created.

For what did Jesus say this generation would be held responsible?

They would be held responsible for all the blood of the prophets shed since the foundation of the world.

Luke 11:51

ULT

51 from {the} blood of Abel to {the} blood of Zechariah, the one having perished between the altar and the house. Yes, I say to you, it will be required from this generation.

UST

51 They will be punished for every murder from that of {Adam's son} Abel{, whose brother Cain killed him,} right through to the murder of {the prophet} Zechariah, whom the king's agents killed {in the temple} between the altar and the holy place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:52

ULT

52 Woe to you lawyers, because you have taken away the key of knowledge; you have not entered yourselves, and you have hindered the ones entering."

UST

52 How terrible it will be for you teachers of the Jewish laws. You are keeping people from knowing about God! You do not know God yourselves, and you make things difficult for other people who want to know God better."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:53

ULT

53 {After} he went out from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to oppose him fiercely and to argue against him about many {things},

UST

53 {After Jesus finished saying those things,} he left the Pharisee's house. Then the teachers of the Jewish laws and the Pharisees began to act in a very hostile way toward him. They questioned him intensely about many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 11:54

ULT

54 lying in wait for him to trap something from his mouth.
11:11 *[1]*

UST

54 They kept listening for him to say something wrong so that they could accuse him of false teaching.

What did the scribes and Pharisees do after hearing Jesus' words?

They were lying in wait to trap him in his words.

Luke 12

Luke 12:1

ULT

[1] When myriads of the crowd were gathered together so that they trampled on each other, he began to say to his disciples first, “Guard yourselves from the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

UST

[1] Meanwhile, many thousands of people gathered {around Jesus}. There were so many that they were stepping on each other. The first thing he said to his disciples was, “Be careful that you do not become like the Pharisees, who act religious in public but do evil things in secret.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:2

ULT

[2] But nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

UST

[2] It is useless for people to try to keep their sins a secret. Someday God will let everyone know everything people are trying to hide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:3

ULT

[3] Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

UST

[3] Someday people will hear publicly everything you have said privately. Someday someone will shout for everyone to hear what you have whispered in your room.

According to Jesus, what will happen to everything you say in darkness?

It will be heard in the light.

Luke 12:4

ULT

4 But I say to you, my friends, you should not be frightened of the ones killing the body, and after that not having anything more to do.

UST

4 My friends, listen carefully! Do not be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot do anything more to you after that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:5

ULT

5 But I will show you whom to fear. Fear the one, after he has killed, having authority to throw into Gehenna. Yes, I say to you, fear him.

UST

5 I will tell you whom you should truly be afraid of. You should be afraid of God. Not only does he have the right to cause people to die, he also has the right to throw them into hell afterward! Yes, I tell you, God is the one you should truly be afraid of!

Who did Jesus say that you should fear?

You should fear the one who, after he has killed us, has authority to throw you into hell.

Luke 12:6

ULT

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two assaria? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God.

UST

6 Think about the sparrows. {They have so little value that} you can buy five of them for only two small coins. And yet God never forgets any of them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:7

ULT

[7] But even the hairs of your head have all been numbered. Do not fear: you are more valuable than many sparrows.

UST

[7] God even knows how many hairs there are on your head. Do not be afraid, because you are more valuable {to God} than many sparrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:8

ULT

[8] But I say to you, everyone who confesses me before men, the Son of Man will also confess him before the angels of God,

UST

[8] I tell you also that if people tell others that they are my disciples, then I, the Son of Man, will say to God's angels that those people are my disciples.

What will Jesus do for everyone who confesses Jesus' name before men?

Jesus will confess that person before the angels of God.

Luke 12:9

ULT

[9] but the one having denied me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

UST

[9] But if they tell others that they are not my disciples, then I will say to God's angels that those people are not my disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:10

ULT

10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him, but to the one having blasphemed against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.

UST

10 I also tell you that if people say bad things about me, the Son of Man, God will forgive them for that. But if people say bad things about the Holy Spirit, God will not forgive them for that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:11

ULT

11 And when they bring you to the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you should speak in your defense or what you should say,

UST

11 So when people bring you into the synagogues {to question you before the religious leaders there} and to other people who have power in the country, do not worry about how you will answer them or about what you should say,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:12

ULT

12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that hour what is necessary to say."

UST

12 because the Holy Spirit will tell you at that very time what you should say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:13

ULT

13 Then someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

UST

13 Then one of the people in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide our father's property with me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:14

ULT
14 But he said to him, “Man, who appointed me a judge or a mediator over you?”

UST
14 But Jesus replied to him, “Man, no one made me a judge to settle arguments that people have about property!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:15

ULT
15 Then he said to them, “See and keep yourselves from all covetousness, because one’s life is not in the abounding to him of his possessions.”

UST
15 Then he said to the whole crowd, “Be careful not to be greedy in any way! What matters about a person’s life is not how many things he owns.”

According to Jesus, of what does our life not consist?
Our life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.

Luke 12:16

ULT
16 Then he spoke to them a parable, saying, “The land of a certain rich man yielded abundantly,

UST
16 Then Jesus told the crowd this story: “The lands of a certain rich man produced abundant crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:17

ULT
17 and he reasoned with himself, saying, ‘What should I do, since I do not have anywhere to gather my crops?’

UST
17 He thought to himself, ‘I do not know what to do, because I do not have any place {big enough} to store all my crops!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:18

ULT

18 And he said, ‘I will do this: I will take down my barns and build bigger {ones}, and there I will gather all of my grain and good {things}.

UST

18 Then he thought to himself, ‘I know what I will do! I will tear down my grain bins and build larger ones! Then I can store all my grain and other things in the big new bins.

In Jesus’ parable, what was the rich man going to do because his fields yielded abundantly?

He was going to take down his barns and build bigger ones, and store all his grain and goods there.

Luke 12:19

ULT

19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many good {things} lying in store for many years. Relax, eat, drink, be merry.’”

UST

19 Then I will say to myself, “Now I have stored up enough things to last many years. So I will take life easy. I will eat and drink and be happy’”

What did the rich man tell himself to do since he had much grain stored up?

He told himself to relax, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:20

ULT

20 But God said to him, ‘Foolish one, this night they are demanding your soul from you, and what you have prepared, whose will it be?’

UST

20 But God said to him, ‘You foolish man! Tonight you will die! Then all the things you have saved up for yourself will belong to someone else, not to you!’”

What did God say to the rich man?

He said, “Foolish man, tonight your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?”

Luke 12:21

ULT

21 Thus {is} the one storing up treasure for himself, and not being rich toward God.”

UST

21 Then Jesus ended this illustration by saying, “That is what will happen to those who store up things just for themselves and do not value the things that God considers valuable.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:22

ULT

22 Then he said to his disciples, “Because of this I say to you, do not worry about {your} life, what you will eat
—and not about {your} body, what you will wear.

UST

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Here is something you should learn from the story. Do not worry about whether you will have enough food to eat to stay alive or enough clothes to wear to stay warm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:23

ULT

23 For life is more than food, and the body {than} clothes.

UST

23 After all, your life is more important than the food you eat, and your body is more important than the clothes you put on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:24

ULT

24 Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap, to whom is neither storeroom nor barn, but God feeds them. How much more valuable you are than the birds!

UST

24 Think about the birds. They do not plant seeds, and they do not harvest crops. They do not have rooms or buildings in which to store crops, but God provides food for them. And you are certainly much more valuable than birds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:25

ULT

25 But which of you by being anxious is able to add a cubit to his lifespan?

UST

25 None of you can add even a minute to his life by worrying about it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:26

ULT

26 If then you are not able to do {the} least, why do you worry about the rest?

UST

26 So since you cannot even do that small thing, you certainly should not worry about anything else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:27

ULT

27 Consider the lilies—how they grow. They do not labor, neither do they spin. But I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

UST

27 Think about the way that flowers grow. They do not work to earn money, and they do not make their own clothes. But I tell you that King Solomon, who {lived long ago and} wore glorious clothes, never dressed as beautifully as a single flower.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:28

ULT

28 And if God so clothes {the} grass in {the} field, existing today and tomorrow being thrown into {the} oven, how much more you, {ones} of little faith!

UST

28 God makes the plants beautiful, even though they grow for only a short time. Then people cut them down and throw them into the fire. {But you are very precious to God.} He will care for you even more than he cares for the plants. You should trust God more than you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:29

ULT

29 And you, do not seek what you might eat and what you might drink, and do not be anxious.

UST

29 As for you, do not wonder about what you will eat and drink, and do not keep worrying {about those things}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:30

ULT

30 For all the nations of the world seek these {things}, but your Father knows that you need them.

UST

30 While the people who do not know God all worry about such things, {you can be confident that} your Father in heaven knows that you need them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:31

ULT
31 But seek his kingdom, and these {things} will be added to you.

UST
31 Instead, concentrate on what you can do for the kingdom of God. When you do, you can trust God to provide everything you need.

Instead of being anxious about the things of life, what did Jesus say we should do?
We should seek the kingdom of God.

Luke 12:32

ULT
32 Do not fear, little flock, because your Father is very pleased to give you the kingdom.

UST
32 So you should not be afraid, my friends. Your Father in heaven wants you to be part of his kingdom {and receive all of its benefits}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:33

ULT
33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make for yourselves purses that do not wear out—unfailing treasure in the heavens, where thief does not come near, nor moth destroy.

UST
33 So sell the things you own and give the money to people who need food or clothing or a place to live. Get yourselves wallets that do not wear out. I mean store up treasure in heaven where it will always be safe. There no thief can steal anything and no moths will destroy your clothing.

Where did Jesus say our treasure should be?
Our treasures should be in the heavens.

Luke 12:34

ULT

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

UST

34 After all, whatever it is that you treasure, that is what you will think about and spend your time on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:35

ULT

35 Let your loins be girded, and the lamps be kept burning,

UST

35 {Always} be {ready for doing God's work,} like people who have put on their work clothes and are keeping the lights on all night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:36

ULT

36 and you {be} like men waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that {when} he comes and knocks, they may immediately open for him.

UST

36 Be {ready for me to return,} like servants who are waiting for their master to return after being at a wedding feast. They are waiting to open the door for him as soon as he arrives and knocks at the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:37

ULT

37 Blessed {are} those servants whom the master will find watching {when} he comes. Truly I say to you that he will gird himself and have them recline to eat, and he will come {and} serve them.

UST

37 It will be very good for those servants if they are awake when their master returns. Let me tell you this: He will reward them by dressing like a servant, telling them to sit down, and serving them a meal.

According to Jesus, which servants of God are blessed?

Those are blessed who are found watching when Jesus comes.

Luke 12:38

ULT

38 Even if he comes in the second, or even in the third watch, and finds them thus, blessed are those.

UST

38 Even if he comes home late in the evening or in the middle of the night, if he finds that his servants are awake and ready for him, he will be very pleased with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:39

ULT

39 But understand this, that if the master of the house had known at which hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

UST

39 And I want you to consider this: If the owner of a house knew that a thief was coming, and at what time, he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:40

ULT
40 You also be ready, because in that hour you do not expect, the Son of Man is coming.”

UST
40 So be ready, because I, the Son of Man, will come again at a time when you do not expect me.”

Do we know the hour when Jesus will come?
No, he will come when we do not expect him.

Luke 12:41

ULT
41 Then Peter said, “Lord, are you speaking this parable to us, or also to everyone?”

UST
41 Peter asked, “Lord, are you giving this illustration only for us, your disciples? Or is it for the crowd too?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:42

ULT
42 And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful, wise manager whom the master will appoint over his care, to give them {their} portion of food at {the} right time?

UST
42 Jesus replied, “I am saying it for everyone who is like a faithful and wise servant who is a manager in his master’s house. His master puts him in charge of his other servants, to make sure they get their food at the proper time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:43

ULT
43 Blessed {is} that servant whom his master will find doing so {when} he comes.

UST
43 If his master comes home and sees that he is doing that work, he will reward that servant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:44

ULT
44 Truly I say to you that he will appoint him over all his possessions.

UST
44 Let me tell you this: The master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:45

ULT
45 But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master delays to return,’ and begins to beat the male servants and the female servants, and to eat and drink, and to become drunk,

UST
45 But that servant who was put in charge might say to himself, ‘My master is going to be away for a long time.’ Then he might start to beat the other servants. He might also start to eat and drink a lot and get drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:46

ULT
46 the master of that servant will arrive in a day that he does not expect, yes, in an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in two and appoint his place with the unfaithful.

UST
46 If he does that, his master might return at a time when the servant does not expect him. Then his master will punish him severely and assign him a place with those who do not serve him faithfully.

What happens to the servant who abuses the other servants and is not ready for his master’s return?
The master will cut him in two and appoint a place for him with the unbelievers.

Luke 12:47

ULT

47 Now that servant, the one having known the will of his master and not having gotten ready or having done according to his will, will be beaten much.

UST

47 The servant who knew what his master wanted but did not get ready and do it will be severely punished.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:48

ULT

48 But the one not having known and having done {things} worthy of blows will be beaten little. But everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required from him, and to whom much has been provided, even more will be asked of him.

UST

48 But every servant who did not know what his master wanted him to do, and then did something wrong, will only get a mild punishment. The master will expect much from all servants to whom he has given much. And the master will expect even more from servants whom he has entrusted with many responsibilities.

What is required of those to whom much is given?

Much is required of them.

Luke 12:49

ULT

49 I came to throw fire upon the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!

UST

49 I came to stir up spiritual passions in people. I wish that they were already acting on them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:50

ULT
50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am distressed until it is completed!

UST
50 Soon I must go through terrible suffering. I will continue to be distressed until I finish my suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:51

ULT
51 Do you think that I came to give peace on the earth? No, I say to you, but rather division.

UST
51 You should know that I did not come so that people would live together peacefully. No, you must understand that instead, people will take sides for and against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:52

ULT
52 For from now on there will be five in one house divided—three against two and two against three.

UST
52 Be prepared, because this is what is going to happen. In a family of five people, some will believe in me and some will not. Three family members will join together against the other two.

According to Jesus, what kind of divisions will he bring on the earth?
There will be people in the same house divided against each other.

Luke 12:53

ULT

53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against {her} daughter and daughter against {her} mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against {her} mother-in-law."

UST

53 Family members will conflict. A father will oppose his son, or a son will oppose his father. A mother will oppose her daughter, or a daughter will oppose her mother. A mother-in-law will oppose her daughter-in-law, or a daughter-in-law will oppose her mother-in-law."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:54

ULT

54 And he was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in {the} west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and it happens thus.

UST

54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a dark cloud forming in the west, you immediately say 'It is going to rain!' and that is what happens.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:55

ULT

55 And when a south wind is blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens.

UST

55 When the wind blows from the south, you say, 'It is going to be a very hot day!' and you are right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:56

ULT

56 Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the face of the sky and of the earth, but how do you not know how to interpret this time?

UST

56 You hypocrites! By observing the clouds and the wind, you are able to discern what is happening regarding the weather. You should be able to discern what God is doing at this present time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:57

ULT

57 And why do you not even judge for yourselves {what is} righteous?

UST

57 Each of you ought to decide for yourselves what is right!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 12:58

ULT

58 For as you are going with your adversary to a magistrate, make an effort on the way to be released from him so that he might not drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

UST

58 Here is one thing you should do. You should try to settle things with someone who has accused you while you are still on the way to the court. If he forces you to go to the judge, the judge could decide that you are guilty and turn you over to the court officer. Then that officer will put you in prison.

According to Jesus, what should we do before we go with our adversary before the magistrate?

We should make an effort to be released from our obligation before we arrive at the magistrate.

Luke 12:59

ULT

59 I say to you, you will certainly not come out from there until you have paid the very last lepton.”

UST

59 I tell you that if you go to prison, you will never get out of there until you are able to pay every bit of what the judge says you owe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13

Luke 13:1

ULT

[1] And some were present at that time reporting to him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

UST

[1] At that time, some people who were there in the crowd told Jesus about what had recently happened to some Galileans. Pilate, the Roman governor, had ordered soldiers to kill the Galileans while they were offering sacrifices in the temple in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:2

ULT

[2] And answering, he said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all the Galileans because they suffered this?

UST

[2] Jesus replied to them, “Do you think that this happened to those people from Galilee because they were more sinful than all the other Galileans?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:3

ULT

[3] No, I say to you. But if you do not repent, you will all perish in the same way.

UST

[3] I assure you, that was not the reason! Instead, God will similarly punish all of you if you do not turn from your sinful behavior.

Did the Galileans who were killed by Pilate suffer in this way because they were more sinful than the other Galileans?
No, they were not more sinful.

Luke 13:4

ULT

4 Or those 18 on whom the tower fell in Siloam and killed them: Do you think that they were worse debtors than all the men residing in Jerusalem?

UST

4 Or what about those 18 people who died when the tower in {the neighborhood of} Siloam fell on them? Do you think that this happened to them because they were worse sinners than everyone else in Jerusalem?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:5

ULT

5 No, I say to you. But if you do not repent, you will all likewise perish."

UST

5 I assure you, that was not the reason! But instead, you need to realize that God will similarly punish all of you if you do not turn from your sinful behavior!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:6

ULT

6 Then he spoke this parable: "Someone had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it, but did not find any.

UST

6 Then Jesus told them this story: "A man planted a fig tree in his garden. {Each year} he came to pick the figs, but there were {always} none on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:7

ULT

7 And he said to the gardener, ‘Behold, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and have not found any. Cut it down. For what {reason} is it even idling the ground?’

UST

7 Then he said to the gardener, ‘Look at this tree! I have been looking for fruit on it every year for the past three years, but there have been no figs. Cut it down! It is just using up the nutrients in the soil for nothing!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:8

ULT

8 But answering, he says to him, ‘Master, leave it this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.

UST

8 But the gardener replied, ‘Sir, leave it here for another year. I will dig around it and fertilize it.

In Jesus’ parable, what did the servant want to do with the fig tree that did not bear fruit?
He wanted to dig around it and put manure on it so that it might bear fruit.

Luke 13:9

ULT

9 If it indeed bears fruit in the coming one … but if not, you will cut it down!’”

UST

9 If it has figs on it next year, we can allow it to keep growing! But if it does not bear any fruit by then, you can cut it down.’”

What would the servant do with the fig tree if it still did not bear fruit after he put manure on it for a year?
If it still did not bear fruit, his master would cut it down.

Luke 13:10

ULT
[10] And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbaths,

UST
[10] On one Jewish day of rest, Jesus was teaching people in one of the synagogues.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:11

ULT
[11] and behold, a woman having a spirit of weakness for 18 years, and she was bent over and was not able to straighten up to the complete.

UST
[11] There was a woman there whom an evil spirit had crippled for 18 years. She was always bent over. She could not stand up straight.

In the synagogue, what had caused the woman to be bent over for eighteen years?
A spirit of weakness had caused her to be bent over and unable to stand up straight.

Luke 13:12

ULT
[12] And having seen her, Jesus called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are released from your weakness.”

UST
[12] When Jesus saw her, he called her over to him. He said to her, “Woman, I have healed you of this illness!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:13

ULT
[13] And he placed {his} hands on her, and immediately she was straightened up, and she glorified God.

UST
[13] He put his hands on her. Immediately she stood up straight and began praising God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:14

ULT

14 But answering, the synagogue ruler, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, “There are six days on which it is necessary to work. Therefore come {and} be healed on them, and not on the day of the Sabbath.”

UST

14 But the leader of the synagogue was angry because Jesus had healed her on the Jewish rest day. So he said to the people, “There are six days each week on which our laws permit people to work. If you need healing, those are the days to come to the synagogue for someone to heal you. Do not come on our day of rest!”

Why was the synagogue ruler indignant when Jesus healed the woman?

He was angry because Jesus had healed the woman on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:15

ULT

15 But the Lord answered him and said, “Hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it away to drink?

UST

15 Then Jesus replied to him, “You and your fellow religious leaders are hypocrites! Each of you {also works on the day of rest sometimes! For example, you} untie your ox or donkey to lead it from the stall to a place where it can drink water.

How did Jesus show that the synagogue ruler was a hypocrite?

Jesus reminded him that he would untie his animal on the Sabbath to allow it to drink, yet he was indignant when Jesus released the woman on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:16

ULT

16 But this one, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound, behold, for 18 years, ought she not to have been released from this bond on the day of the Sabbath?”

UST

16 This woman is a Jew, descended from Abraham! But Satan has kept her crippled for 18 years, as though he had tied her up! Certainly you would agree that it is right that I free her from this disabling disease, even if I do it on a day of rest!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:17

ULT
17 And {as} he was saying these {things}, all the ones opposing him were put to shame, but the whole crowd was rejoicing at all the glorious {things} being done by him.

UST
17 After he said that, his enemies were ashamed of themselves. But all the other people were happy about all the wonderful things he was doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:18

ULT
18 Then he said, “What is the kingdom of God like, and to what will I compare it?

UST
18 Then he said, “I want to explain what it is like when God rules as king. I will give you a picture to help you understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:19

ULT
19 It is like a mustard seed that a man took {and} threw into his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches.”

UST
19 It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It grew until it became big, like a tree. It was so big that birds built nests in its branches.”

How is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?
The kingdom of God starts small like a seed, but then grows into something very large.

Luke 13:20

ULT
20 And again he said, “To what will I compare the kingdom of God?

UST
20 Then again he said, “I will tell you in another (way what) it is like when God rules.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:21

ULT
21 It is like yeast that a woman took {and} mixed with three seahs of flour until it was all leavened.”

UST
21 It is like a little bit of yeast that a woman mixed with about 25 kilograms of flour. That small amount of yeast made the whole batch of dough swell up.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:22

ULT
22 And he was traveling through cities and villages, teaching and making {his} journey toward Jerusalem.

UST
22 Jesus continued traveling toward Jerusalem. He stopped in all the towns and villages along the way and taught the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:23

ULT
23 And someone said to him, “Lord, if the ones being saved {are} few?” And he said to them,

UST
23 Someone asked him, “Lord, will God only save a few people?” Jesus replied so that everyone there could hear,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:24

ULT
24 “Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because many, I say to you, will seek to enter, but will not be able.

UST
24 “You need to try hard to enter, because it is very difficult. I tell you that many people will try to get in, but they will not be able to.

When asked if many would be saved, what did Jesus answer?
He said, “Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because many will seek to enter and will not be able.”

Luke 13:25

ULT
25 After the master of the house gets up and closes the door, then you will begin to stand outside and to knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us.’ But he will answer {and} say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from.’

UST
25 After the owner of the house gets up and locks the door, you will stand outside and you will knock on the door. And you will beg the owner and say to him, ‘Lord, open the door for us!’ But he will reply, ‘No, I will not open it, because I do not know you, and I do not know where you are from!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:26

ULT
26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank before you, and you taught in our streets.’

UST
26 Then you will say, ‘{You must have forgotten that} we ate meals with you, and you taught us in the streets of our towns!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:27

ULT

27 And he will speak, saying to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Get away from me, all you workers of unrighteousness!’

UST

27 But he will say, ‘I tell you again, I do not know where you are from. You are all wicked people! Get away from here!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:28

ULT

28 In that place, there will be wailing and the grinding of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you are thrown outside.

UST

28 {Then Jesus continued by saying,} “You will see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob {in the distance}. All the prophets who lived long ago will also be there where God rules everything as king. But you will be outside, crying and grinding your teeth in sorrow!

What will the people do who are thrown outside and are not able to enter God’s kingdom?

They will wail and grind their teeth.

Who be in the kingdom of God?

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and many from the east, west, north, and south will be in the kingdom.

Luke 13:29

ULT

29 And they will come from east and west and from north and south and will recline to eat in the kingdom of God.

UST

29 But inside there will be people from every part of the world{, including many non-Jewish people}. They will all celebrate together where God rules everything as king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:30

ULT

30 And behold, there are last ones who will be first, and there are first ones who will be last.”

UST

30 Think about this: Some people who seem the least important now will be the most important then, and others who seem important now will be the least important then.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:31

ULT

31 At that hour, certain Pharisees approached, saying to him, “Leave and go away from here, because Herod wants to kill you.”

UST

31 That same day, some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Leave this area, because the ruler Herod Antipas wants to kill you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:32

ULT

32 And he said to them, “Go {and} tell that fox, ‘Behold, I am casting out demons and performing healings today and tomorrow, and on the third {day} I will be finished.’

UST

32 He replied to them, “Go and tell that cunning man{, who thinks he can hurt me but who really cannot,} this message from me: ‘Listen! I am expelling demons and performing miracles now, and I will continue doing so for a short time. After that, I will finish my work.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 13:33

ULT

33 Nevertheless, it is necessary for me to journey today, and tomorrow, and the following {day}, for it is not possible for a prophet to perish outside of Jerusalem.

UST

33 But I must also continue my trip to Jerusalem during the coming days, since {the Jewish leaders have always acted as if} it is not appropriate to kill a prophet in a place other than Jerusalem.

Where did Jesus say a prophet must be killed?

It is not possible for a prophet to be killed anywhere but in Jerusalem.

Luke 13:34

ULT

34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kills the prophets and stones the ones {that} have been sent to her! How often I have desired to gather your children the way a hen {her} own brood under {her} wings, but you were not willing.

UST

34 Oh, people of Jerusalem! You killed the prophets who lived long ago. Then you killed others whom God sent to you. You killed them by throwing stones at them. Many times I have wanted to gather you together to protect you, as a hen gathers her young chicks under her wings. But you did not want me to do that.

What did Jesus desire to do with the people of Jerusalem?

He desired to gather them the way a hen gathers her brood of chicks.

How did the people of Jerusalem respond to Jesus' desire for them?

They were not willing to be gathered by Jesus.

Luke 13:35

ULT

35 Behold, your house has been left to you. And I say to you, you will certainly not see me until it comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one coming in {the} name of {the} Lord.’”

UST

35 Now look! God will no longer protect you, people of Jerusalem. I will also tell you this: I will enter your city only once more. After that, you will not see me until the time when I return, and then you will say about me, ‘May God bless this man who comes with God’s authority!’”

What did Jesus prophesy about Jerusalem and its people?

Their house was abandoned, and they would not see Jesus again until they said, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 14

Luke 14:1

ULT

1 And it happened that, when he went into {the} house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a Sabbath to eat bread, they were also watching him closely.

UST

1 One day, which was a day of rest, Jesus went to eat at the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees. {This leader had invited other Pharisees to the same meal.} They were all watching Jesus carefully {to try to find grounds to accuse him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:2

ULT

2 And behold, a certain man who was edematous {was} before him.

UST

2 Right there in front of Jesus was a man who had a disease that caused his arms and legs to be very swollen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:3

ULT

3 And answering, Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”

UST

3 Jesus asked the experts in Jewish law and the Pharisees who were present, “Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the day of rest, or not?”

What did Jesus ask the experts in the Jewish law and the Pharisees?

He asked them if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?

Luke 14:4

ULT

4 But they kept silent. And, taking hold of him, he healed him and sent him away.

UST

4 They did not reply. So Jesus put his hands on the man and healed him. Then he told him he could go.

What was the experts' and Pharisees' answer to Jesus?
They kept silent.

Luke 14:5

ULT

5 And he said to them, "Of which of you will a son or an ox fall into a well, and he will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

UST

5 And he said to the others there, "If one of you had a son or an ox that fell into a well on the day of rest, you would pull him out immediately."

How did Jesus show that the experts and Pharisees were hypocrites?
Jesus reminded them that they would help their own son or ox that fell into a well on the Sabbath.

Luke 14:6

ULT

6 And they were not able to give an answer to these {things}.

UST

6 Again, they were not able to answer him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:7

ULT

[7] Then he was speaking a parable to the ones {that} had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the first places, {and} saying to them,

UST

[7] Jesus noticed that the people who had been invited to the meal were choosing to sit in the places where important people usually sit. So he gave this advice to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:8

ULT

[8] “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not recline to eat in the first place, lest a more honorable than you may have been invited by him,

UST

[8] “When someone invites one of you to a wedding feast, do not sit in a place where important people sit. It may be that he has invited a person who is more important than you to the feast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:9

ULT

[9] and {when} the one having invited you and him arrives, he will say to you, ‘Give {your} place to this one,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the last place.

UST

[9] When the host who invited both of you sees where you are each sitting, he will say to you, ‘Let this person have your seat!’ Then you will have to take the least important seat, and you will be ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:10

ULT

10 But when you are invited, go {and} recline to eat in the last place, so that when the one {that} had invited you comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, come up higher.’ Then there will be glory to you before all the ones reclining to eat with you.

UST

10 Instead, when someone invites you to a feast, go and sit in the least important seat. Then when the host who invited everyone comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, come sit in a better seat!’ Then all the people who are eating with you will see that he is honoring you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:11

ULT

11 For everyone exalting himself will be humbled, and the one humbling himself will be exalted.”

UST

11 For God will humble those who exalt themselves, and he will exalt those who humble themselves.”

What did Jesus say will happen to whoever exalts himself?

The one who exalts himself will be humbled.

What did Jesus say will happen to whoever humbles himself?

The one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:12

ULT

12 Then he also said to the one {that} had invited him, “When you make a lunch or a supper, do not invite your friends, nor your brothers, nor your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and repayment happen to you.

UST

12 Jesus also said to the Pharisee who had invited him to the meal, “When you invite people to a midday or evening meal, do not only invite your friends, relatives, or rich neighbors, since they will later repay you by inviting you for a meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:13

ULT

13 But when you give a banquet, invite {the} poor, {the} crippled, {the} lame, {and the} blind,

UST

13 Instead, when you give a feast, invite poor people, crippled people, lame people or blind people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:14

ULT

14 and you will be blessed, because they do not have to repay you. For it will be repaid to you in the resurrection of the righteous."

UST

14 If you do that, God will reward you, because they will not be able to repay you. You can be sure that God will pay you back at the time when he causes righteous people to become alive again."

According to Jesus, how will a person be rewarded who invites the poor, crippled, lame, and blind into their home?

They will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

Luke 14:15

ULT

15 And one of the ones reclining to eat, having heard these {things}, said to him, "Blessed {is} whoever will eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

UST

15 One of those who were eating with him heard him say that. He said to Jesus, "God has truly blessed everyone who will get to celebrate where God rules everything as king!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:16

ULT
16 But he said to him, “A certain man made a large supper and invited many.

UST
16 Jesus replied to him, “One time a man decided to prepare a large feast. He invited many people to come.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:17

ULT
17 And he sent his servant at the hour of the supper to say to the ones {that} had been invited, ‘Come, because it is now ready.’

UST
17 When it was time for the feast, he sent his servant to tell those whom he had invited, ‘Come now, because everything is ready!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:18

ULT
18 And they all from one began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I have need to go out to see it. I ask you, have me excused.’

UST
18 But when the servant did that, all of the people whom he had invited began to say why they could not come. The first man to whom the servant went said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go there and see it. Please ask your master to forgive me for not coming!’

In Jesus’ parable of the dinner, what did the people do who were originally invited?
They began to make excuses about why they could not come to the dinner.

Luke 14:19

ULT
19 And another said, ‘I have bought five pairs of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you, have me excused.’

UST
19 Another person said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I must go to examine them. Please ask your master to forgive me for not coming!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:20

ULT
20 And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and because of this I am not able to come.’

UST
20 Another person said, ‘I have just gotten married, so I cannot come.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:21

ULT
21 And the servant came {and} reported these {things} to his master. Then becoming angry, the master of the house said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’

UST
21 So the servant returned to his master and reported what everyone had said. The owner of the house was angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and alleys of the city and find poor and crippled and blind and lame people, and bring them here into my house!’

Who did the master then invite to his dinner?
He invited the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.

Luke 14:22

ULT
22 And the servant said, ‘Master, what you commanded has happened, and there is still room.’

UST
22 {After} the servant {went out and did that, he came back and} said, ‘Sir, I have done what you told me to do, but there is still room for more people.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:23

ULT
23 And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the roads and hedges and compel {them} to come in, so that my house may be filled.

UST
23 So his master said to him, ‘Then go outside the city. Search for people along the highways. Search also along the narrow roads with hedges. Strongly urge the people in those places to come to my house. I want it to be full of people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:24

ULT
24 For I say to you that none of those men {that} had been invited will taste of my supper.’”

UST
24 Moreover I tell you this, those men whom I invited first will not get to enjoy my feast{, because they refused to come}.’”

What did the master then say about those who were first invited to his dinner?
He said that none of them would taste his dinner.

Luke 14:25

ULT
25 And large crowds were journeying with him, and he turned {and} said to them,

UST
25 A large crowd of people was traveling with Jesus. He turned toward the people and said to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:26

ULT
26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate {his} own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters and also even {his} own life, he is not able to be my disciple.

UST
26 “If anyone comes to me who loves his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters more than he loves me, he can not be my disciple. He must even love me more than he loves his own life!

According to Jesus, what must his disciples do?
They must hate their own family and life in order to be Jesus’ disciple.

Luke 14:27

ULT
27 Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me is not able to be my disciple.

UST
27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and does not obey me cannot be my disciple.

According to Jesus, what else must his disciples do?
Each disciple must carry his own cross and come after Jesus in order to be his disciple.

Luke 14:28

ULT

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down {and} calculate the cost—whether he has for completion?

UST

28 After all, if one of you wanted to build a tower, you would first sit down and determine how much it would cost. That way you would know whether you had enough money to finish it.

In Jesus' example about what it requires to follow him, what must a person do first who desires to build a tower?

That person must count the cost.

Luke 14:29

ULT

29 Otherwise, he having laid a foundation and not being able to finish, all who see it will begin to mock him,

UST

29 Otherwise, if you laid the foundation and were not able to finish the rest of the tower, everyone who saw it would make fun of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:30

ULT

30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

UST

30 They would say, 'This man started to build a tower, but he was not able to finish it!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:31

ULT

31 Or what king, going to fight with another king in war, will not sit down {and} first determine whether he is able with 10,000 to meet the one coming against him with 20,000?

UST

31 Or suppose a king had 10,000 soldiers in his army. And suppose another king who had 20,000 soldiers was coming to attack him. Before sending his army out to battle, that first king would certainly sit down with his advisors to determine whether he could defeat the other king's army.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:32

ULT

32 But if not, while he is still far away, sending a delegation, he asks the {things} for peace.

UST

32 Suppose he decided his army could not defeat the other army. Then he would send messengers to the other king while his army was still far away. He would tell the messengers to ask, 'What must I do to have peace with you?'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:33

ULT

33 In the same way, then, every one of you who does not renounce all the {things that} he himself possesses is not able to be my disciple.

UST

33 So, similarly, if any one of you does not first decide that you are willing to give up all that you have, you cannot be my disciple."

According to Jesus, what must his disciples do?

They must renounce everything that they possess.

Luke 14:34

ULT

34 Salt then {is} good, but if the salt indeed is made tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

UST

34 {Jesus also said, “You are like} salt{, which} is very useful. But if salt were to lose its saltiness, no one could ever make it taste salty again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 14:35

ULT

35 It is useful neither for {the} soil nor for {the} manure pile. They throw it outside. The one having ears to hear, let him hear.”

UST

35 {If salt does not taste salty anymore,} it is no longer any good even for the soil or the manure heap. People just throw it away. You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!”

If salt loses its taste, what is done with it?

It is thrown away.

Luke 15

Luke 15:1

ULT

[1] And all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming to him to listen to him.

UST

[1] Now, many tax collectors and other people whom the religious leaders considered to be sinners kept coming to Jesus to listen to him teach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:2

ULT

[2] And both the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling, saying, “This one receives sinners and eats together with them.”

UST

[2] {When} the Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish laws {saw this, they} began to grumble. They said, “This man welcomes sinners and even eats with them.” {They thought Jesus was defiling himself by doing that.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:3

ULT

[3] And he spoke this parable to them, saying,

UST

[3] So Jesus told them this parable:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:4

ULT

4 “Which man among you, having 100 sheep and having lost one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the lost one until he finds it?

UST

4 “Suppose that one of you had 100 sheep and you lost one of them. Certainly you would leave the 99 other sheep in the wilderness and go search for the lost sheep until you had found it.

In Jesus’ parable, what does the shepherd do who loses one of his 100 sheep?
He leaves the other 99 and goes and finds the lost sheep.

Luke 15:5

ULT

5 And having found {it}, he lays {it} on his shoulders, rejoicing.

UST

5 When you found it, you would joyfully put it on your shoulders to carry it home.

In Jesus’ parable, what does the shepherd do when he finds his lost sheep?
He brings it back, rejoicing.

Luke 15:6

ULT

6 And coming to the house, he calls together {his} friends and {his} neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice together with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’

UST

6 Then when you arrived home, you would call together your friends and neighbors and say to them: ‘Be joyful with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:7

ULT

7 I say to you that in the same way, there will be joy in heaven over one sinner repenting, more than over 99 being righteous having no need of repentance.

UST

7 You should know that, in a similar way, there is great joy among those in heaven when one sinner repents from his sins. That joy is greater than their joy over many people who are already right with God and do not need to repent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:8

ULT

8 Or what woman, having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, would not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she has found {it}?

UST

8 Or suppose that a woman had ten valuable silver coins but lost one of them. Certainly she would light a lamp and sweep the floor and search carefully until she found it.

In Jesus' parable, what does the woman do who loses one of her ten silver coins?

She diligently searches until she finds it.

Luke 15:9

ULT

9 And having found it, she calls together {her} friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice together with me, for I have found the drachma that I lost.'

UST

9 When she found it, she would call together her friends and neighbors and say to them, 'Be very happy with me, because I have found the coin that I lost!'

In Jesus' parable, what does the woman do when she finds her lost silver coin?

She rejoices with her friends and neighbors.

Luke 15:10

ULT
10 In the same way, I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting."

UST
10 I tell you that, in a similar way, there is much joy among the angels of God when one sinner repents from his sins."

What happens in heaven when one sinner repents?
There is joy before the angels of God.

Luke 15:11

ULT
11 Then he said, "A certain man had two sons,

UST
11 Then Jesus continued and said, "There once was a man who had two sons.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:12

ULT
12 and the younger of them said to {his} father, 'Father, give me the portion of the wealth {that} falls to {me}.' And he distributed {his} livelihood to them.

UST
12 One day the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me now the share of your property that I would otherwise have received when you died.' So the father divided his property between his two sons.

In Jesus' parable, what request did the younger son make to his father?
He asked his father to immediately give him the wealth that he would inherit.

Luke 15:13

ULT

13 And after not many days, having gathered everything together, the younger son went to a distant country, and there he wasted his wealth, living recklessly.

UST

13 Only a few days later, the younger son gathered together all that he owned and traveled to a country far away. There in that country he spent all his money foolishly in wasteful, immoral living.

What did the younger son do with his inheritance?
He wasted the money by living recklessly.

Luke 15:14

ULT

14 And {when} he had spent everything, a severe famine happened throughout that country, and he began to be in need.

UST

14 After he had spent all his money, there was a severe famine throughout that country. Soon he did not have anything left to live on.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:15

ULT

15 And he went {and} attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.

UST

15 So he went to a man who lived in that country and asked him to hire him. So the man sent him out to his fields to feed his pigs.

After his money was gone, what did the younger son do in order to live?
He hired himself out to feed another man’s pigs.

Luke 15:16

ULT
16 And he was longing to be satisfied from the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave to him.

UST
16 {He became so hungry that} he wished he could eat the bean pods that the pigs ate, yet no one gave him anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:17

ULT
17 But coming to himself, he said, ‘How many hired servants of my father have more than enough bread, but I am perishing from hunger here!

UST
17 Finally he began to think clearly about how foolish he had been, and he said to himself: ‘All of my father’s hired servants have more than enough food to eat, but here I am dying because I do not have anything to eat!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:18

ULT
18 I will get up {and} go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

UST
18 So I will leave here and go back to my father. I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you.

When he began to think clearly, what did the younger son decide to do?
He decided to go and confess his sin to his father.

Luke 15:19

ULT
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired servants.'"

UST
19 I do not deserve to have you consider me your son any more. Please let me work for you as one of your hired servants.'"

What did the younger son plan to ask his father to do for him?
He decided ask his father to hire him as one of his servants.

Luke 15:20

ULT
20 And having gotten up, he went to {his} own father. But he being still far away, his father saw him and felt compassion, and he ran, fell upon his neck, and kissed him.

UST
20 So he left there and started traveling back to his father's house. But while he was still a great distance from the house, his father saw him and felt deep compassion for him. He ran to his son and embraced him and kissed him on the cheek.

What did the father do when he saw the younger son coming back home?
His father was moved with compassion, ran to him, and hugged and kissed him.

Luke 15:21

ULT
21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

UST
21 His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. So I do not deserve to have you consider me your son any more.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:22

ULT

22 But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring the first robe and clothe him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on {his} feet.

UST

22 But his father said to his servants; ‘Go quickly and bring my best robe and put it on my son. Also put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet!

What did the father quickly do for the younger son?

The father gave him a robe, a ring, and sandals.

Luke 15:23

ULT

23 And bring the fattened calf, kill {it}, and let us eat {and} celebrate!

UST

23 And bring the calf that we have fattened for a special occasion and kill it, so that we can eat it and celebrate!

How did the father celebrate the return of his younger son?

The father had the servants kill the fattened calf so they could eat and celebrate.

Luke 15:24

ULT

24 For this son of mine was dead, and has come back to life; he was lost, and he has been found.’ Then they began to celebrate.

UST

24 We need to celebrate because this son of mine was like a dead man, but he is now alive again! He was like a lost person, but we have found him again!’ So they all began to celebrate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:25

ULT

25 And his older son was in {the} field, and {as} he came {and} approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

UST

25 {While all that was happening,} the father's older son was out working in the fields. {After he finished working,} he headed home. As he was getting close to the house, he heard people playing music and dancing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:26

ULT

26 And summoning one of the servants, he asked what these {things} might be.

UST

26 He called for one of the servants and asked what was happening.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:27

ULT

27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back in good health.'

UST

27 The servant said to him, 'Your brother has come home. Your father told us to kill the fattened calf to celebrate because your brother returned safe and healthy.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:28

ULT

28 But he became angry and was not willing to go in, and his father came out {and} entreated him.

UST

28 But the older brother was angry and did not want to join the celebration. So his father came out and pleaded with him to come in.

What was the older son's reaction when he was told about the feast for the younger son?
He was angry and would not go in to the feast.

Luke 15:29

ULT

29 But answering, he said to his father, 'Behold, for so many years I am slaving for you, and I have never disregarded your command, and you never gave a young goat to me so that I might celebrate with my friends,

UST

29 But he replied to his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have worked as hard as a slave for you. I have always obeyed everything you told me to do. But you have never given me so much as a young goat that I could use to host a feast for my friends.

What was the older son's complaint to his father?
The older son complained that he had followed his father's rules, but had never been given a goat to have a feast with his friends.

Luke 15:30

ULT

30 but when this son of yours came, the one having devoured your livelihood with prostitutes, you killed for him the fattened calf.'

UST

30 But now that this son of yours has come back home, after wasting all your money on prostitutes, you have told your servants to kill the fattened calf for a celebration!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 15:31

ULT
31 But he said to him, ‘Child, you are always with me, and all {that is} mine is yours.

UST
31 But his father said to him, ‘My son, you are always with me, and all that I own is yours.

What was the father’s response to the older son?
He said, “Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.”

Luke 15:32

ULT
32 But it was proper to celebrate and to rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead, and lived, and he had been lost, and was found.’”

UST
32 But it is right for us to celebrate and rejoice, because it is as though your brother was dead and is alive again! It is as though he was lost and we have him found again!’”

Why did the father say it was proper to have a feast for the younger son?
It was proper to feast because the younger son had been lost and was found.

Luke 16

Luke 16:1

ULT

[1] And he also said to the disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager, and he was reported to him as wasting his possessions.

UST

[1] Jesus also said to his disciples, “Once there was a rich man who had a household manager. One day someone informed the rich man that the manager was doing such a bad job that the rich man was losing lots of money.

What report did the rich man hear about his manager?
He heard that the manager was wasting the rich man’s possessions.

Luke 16:2

ULT

[2] And having called him, he said to him, ‘What {is} this I hear about you? Give a report of your management, for you are no longer able to manage.’

UST

[2] So he called the manager to come to him and said to him, ‘What I hear you have been doing is terrible! Give me a final written report of the things you have been managing, because you will no longer be my household manager!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:3

ULT

[3] Then the manager said to himself, ‘What should I do, since my master is taking away the management from me? I am not strong to dig. I am ashamed to beg.

UST

[3] Then the manager said to himself, ‘My master is going to dismiss me from being his manager, so I have to think of what to do. I am not strong enough to work by digging ditches, and I am ashamed to beg for money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:4

ULT

4 I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from the management, they will welcome me into their houses.'

UST

4 I know what I will do so that people will take me into their houses {and provide for me} after he dismisses me from my management work!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:5

ULT

5 And having summoned each one of the debtors of his master, he said to the first one, 'How much do you owe to my master?'

UST

5 So he asked everyone who owed his master money to come to him one by one. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?'

What did the manager do just before he was forced to leave his job?

He summoned each one of his master's debtors.

Luke 16:6

ULT

6 And he said, '100 baths of olive oil.' Then he said to him, 'Take your bill and, sitting down, quickly write 50.'

UST

6 The man replied, '3,000 liters of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down, and quickly change it to 1, 500 liters!'

What did the manager do for his master's first debtor?

He allowed him to reduced his debt.

Luke 16:7

ULT

7 Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘100 cors of wheat.’ He says to him, ‘Take your bill, and write 80.’

UST

7 He said to another man, ‘How much do you owe?’ The man replied, ‘1,000 baskets of wheat.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill and change it to 800 baskets!’

What did the manager do for his master’s second debtor?

He also allowed him to reduced his debt.

Luke 16:8

ULT

8 And the master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the sons of this age are shrewder than the sons of the light in {their} own generation.

UST

8 {When} the master {heard what his manager had done, he} praised the dishonest manager for being so clever. The truth is, the people who belong to this world are more clever than the people who belong to God in how they relate to those around them.

What was the rich man’s response to his manager’s actions?

He praised the manager because he had acted shrewdly.

Luke 16:9

ULT

9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings.

UST

9 I tell you, use the money you have in this world to make friends for yourselves. Then when that money is gone, those friends will welcome you into their homes, which will last forever.

What did Jesus tell others to do based on this story?

He said, “Make friends for yourselves by means of worldly wealth, so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings.”

Luke 16:10

ULT

10 The one {who is} faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and the one {who is} unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much.

UST

10 People who faithfully manage small amounts of money will also be honest with much greater amounts. People who are dishonest in the way they manage small amounts of money will also be dishonest with much greater amounts.

What did Jesus say about the person who is faithful with very little?
The person will also be faithful with much.

Luke 16:11

ULT

11 If therefore you have not been faithful in unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true to you?

UST

11 So if you have not faithfully handled the money {God has given you} in this world, he will certainly not trust you with the true riches {of heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:12

ULT

12 And if you have not been faithful in {what} belongs to another, who will give to you {what is} your own?

UST

12 If you have not faithfully managed property that belongs to other people, you should not expect anyone to give you property of your own.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:13

ULT

13 No servant is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and he will love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth.”

UST

13 No servant is able to serve two different masters at the same time. If he tried to do that, he would hate one of them and love the other one, or he would be loyal to one of them and despise the other one. You cannot devote your life to serving God if you are also devoting your life to acquiring money and other material possessions.”

Jesus said we cannot serve two masters. To what two masters was he referring?

We must choose between serving God and serving wealth.

Luke 16:14

ULT

14 And the Pharisees, being lovers of money, heard all these {things}, and they were ridiculing him.

UST

14 When the Pharisees {who were there} heard what Jesus was teaching, they made fun of him because they loved to acquire money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:15

ULT

15 And he said to them, “You are the ones justifying yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For {what is} exalted among men {is} an abomination before God.

UST

15 But Jesus said to them, “You try to make other people think that you are righteous, but God knows what you are really like. Keep in mind that God considers to be detestable many things that people praise as very important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:16

ULT

16 The Law and the Prophets {were} until John. From then on, the kingdom of God is proclaimed as good news, and everyone is forcing their way into it.

UST

16 The laws that God gave Moses and the things that the prophets wrote were in effect until John the Baptizer came. Since then, I have been preaching the good news about how God will rule as king. Many people {are accepting my message and} are very eagerly trying to become part of the kingdom of God.

Since John, the kingdom of God is proclaimed as good news. What two things were in effect before John?

The Law and the Prophets were until John.

According to Jesus, what is now being preached?

The gospel of the kingdom of God is now being preached.

Luke 16:17

ULT

17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of the law to fall.

UST

17 All of God's laws, even those that seem insignificant, are more permanent than heaven and earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:18

ULT

18 Everyone divorcing his wife and marrying another commits adultery, and the one marrying one {that} has been divorced from a husband commits adultery.

UST

18 Any man who divorces his wife and marries another woman is committing adultery, and any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her is also committing adultery."

According to Jesus, what sin is committed by one who divorces his wife and marries another?

The one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery.

Luke 16:19

ULT

19 Now there was a certain rich man, and he was putting on purple and fine linen, feasting sumptuously every day.

UST

19 {Jesus also said,} “Once there was a rich man who wore expensive purple and linen clothes. Every day he gave lavish feasts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:20

ULT

20 But a certain poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, afflicted with sores,

UST

20 And {every day} people laid a poor man whose name was Lazarus at the gate of the rich man’s house. Lazarus’ body was covered with sores.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:21

ULT

21 and longing to be fed from the {things} falling from the table of the rich man. But even the dogs were coming {and} licking his sores.

UST

21 {He was so hungry that} he wanted to eat the scraps of food that fell from the table where the rich man ate. {While he was lying there,} dogs came and licked his sores.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:22

ULT

22 Then it happened that the poor man died, and he was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. Then the rich man also died and was buried,

UST

22 Eventually the poor man died. Then the angels took him to be with {his ancestor} Abraham. The rich man also died, and people buried his body.

In Jesus' story, where did the beggar Lazarus go after he died?

The poor man Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.

Luke 16:23

ULT

23 and in Hades, lifting up his eyes, being in torment, he sees Abraham from afar, and Lazarus in his bosom.

UST

23 In the place of the dead, the rich man was suffering great pain. He looked up and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus sitting very close to Abraham.

What happened to the rich man after he died?

He was tormented in Hades.

Luke 16:24

ULT

24 And crying out, he said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.'

UST

24 So the rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, I am suffering very much in this fire! So please pity me and send Lazarus here so that he can dip his finger in water and touch my tongue to cool it!'

What was the first request that the rich man made to Abraham?

He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to bring him a little water because he was suffering greatly in the flame.

Luke 16:25

ULT
25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that in your lifetime you received your good {things}, and Lazarus likewise bad {things}. But now he is comforted here, and you are tormented.

UST
25 But Abraham replied, ‘Child, remember that while you were alive on earth you enjoyed many good things. But Lazarus was miserable. Now he is happy here, and you are suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:26

ULT
26 And with all these {things}, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that the ones wanting to cross from here to you may not be able, nor may they go across from there to us.’

UST
26 Besides that, God has placed a huge ravine between you and us. So those who want to go from here to you there are not able to. Furthermore, no one can cross from there to where we are, either.’

What was Abraham’s answer to the rich man?
He said there was a great chasm between them that no one could cross.

Luke 16:27

ULT
27 Then he said, ‘I beg you then, Father, that you would send him to the house of my father—

UST
27 Then the rich man said, ‘If that is so, Father Abraham, I ask you to send Lazarus to my family home.

What was the second request that the rich man made to Abraham?
He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to the house of his father.

Luke 16:28

ULT
28 for I have five brothers—in order that he might warn them, so that they may not also come to this place of torment.’

UST
28 I have five brothers {who live there}. Tell him to warn them so that they do not also come to this place where we suffer great pain!’

Why did the rich man want Lazarus to go to the house of his father?
He wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers about Hades.

Luke 16:29

ULT
29 But Abraham says, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.’

UST
29 But Abraham replied, ‘{No, I will not do that because} your brothers have what Moses and the prophets wrote long ago. They should obey what they wrote!’

What was Abraham’s answer to the rich man?
He said the rich man’s brothers have Moses and the prophets, and they could listen to them.

Luke 16:30

ULT
30 But he said, ‘No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from {the} dead, they will repent.’

UST
30 But the rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham{, that will not be enough}! But if someone from those who have died goes back to them and warns them, they will turn from their sinful behavior.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 16:31

ULT

31 But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from {the} dead.’”

UST

31 Abraham said to him, ‘So they would not obey what Moses and the prophets wrote. Then it would not help even if someone from among the people who have died went and warned them. They would still not believe that they should turn from their sinful behavior.’”

Abraham said that if they would not listen to Moses and the prophets, what else would not persuade them?

They would not be persuaded even if someone rose from the dead.

Luke 17

Luke 17:1

ULT

1 Then he said to his disciples, “It is impossible for traps not to come, but woe {to the one} through whom they come!

UST

1 Jesus said to his disciples, “Things that tempt people to sin will certainly happen. But how terrible it will be for anyone who causes those things to happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:2

ULT

2 It would be better for him if a millstone were lying around his neck and he were thrown into the sea than that he should trap one of these little ones.

UST

2 It would be better for that person if someone fastened a huge stone around his neck and threw him into the sea than if he were to cause someone to sin whose faith was weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:3

ULT

3 Pay attention to yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

UST

3 Be careful how you act. If another believer sins, you should rebuke him. If he says that he is sorry for having sinned and asks you to forgive him, then you should forgive him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:4

ULT

4 And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you will forgive him.”

UST

4 Even if he sins against you seven times in one day, if he comes to you each time and says, ‘I am sorry for what I did,’ you must continue forgiving him.”

What did Jesus say we must do if our brother sins against us seven times in a day and returns seven times saying, “I repent?”
We must forgive him each time.

Luke 17:5

ULT

5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase faith to us.”

UST

5 Then the Representatives said to Jesus, “Give us more faith!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:6

ULT

6 So the Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,’ and it would listen to you.

UST

6 Jesus replied, “Even if you had faith that was no bigger than this tiny mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself out of the ground, roots and all, and plant yourself in the sea,’ and it would obey you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:7

ULT

7 But which of you {is it}, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, who will say to him, having come in from the field, ‘Come immediately {and} recline to eat’?

UST

7 {Jesus also said,} “Suppose that one of you had a servant who was plowing your fields or taking care of your sheep. After he came into the house from the field, you would not say, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:8

ULT

8 Instead, will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something I may eat and, girding yourself, serve me while I eat and drink, and after these {things} you will eat and drink’?

UST

8 Instead, you would say to him, ‘Prepare a meal for me! Then put on your serving clothes and serve it to me so that I can eat and drink! Afterwards you can eat and drink.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:9

ULT

9 He does not have gratitude to the servant because he did the {things} commanded, does he?

UST

9 You would not thank your servant just for doing the work that he had been told to do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:10

ULT

10 Thus also you, when you have done all the {things} commanded to you, say, ‘We are worthless servants. We have done what we ought to do.’”

UST

10 Similarly, when you have done everything that God has told you to do, you should say, ‘We are only God’s servants. We do not deserve to have you thank us. We have only done the things that he told us to do.’”

As servants, what should we say after we have done everything commanded us by our Master?

We should say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what we ought to do.”

Luke 17:11

ULT

11 And it happened in the journeying to Jerusalem that he was passing through between Samaria and Galilee.

UST

11 As Jesus and his disciples were walking along the road to Jerusalem, they were going through the area between the regions of Samaria and Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:12

ULT

12 And {as} he entered into a certain village, ten leprous men, who stood at a distance met {him}

UST

12 As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers came toward him, but they stood at some distance away.

Whom did Jesus meet when entering a village in the borderlands of Samaria and Galilee?

He met ten lepers.

Luke 17:13

ULT
13 and they lifted up {their} voice, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

UST
13 They called out, “Jesus, Master, please have pity on us!”

What did the ten lepers say to Jesus?
They said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

Luke 17:14

ULT
14 And having seen {them}, he said to them, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” And it happened that, as they went away, they were cleansed.

UST
14 When Jesus saw them, he said to them, “Go and have the priests examine you.” So they went, and on the way, their leprosy disappeared.

What did Jesus tell the lepers to do?
He told them to go and show themselves to the priests.

What happened to the lepers as they went to the priests?
They were cleansed.

Luke 17:15

ULT
15 Then one of them, having seen that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God with a loud voice.

UST
15 Then one of them, when he saw that he no longer had leprosy, went back, praising God loudly.

How many of the ten lepers returned to thank Jesus?
Only one returned.

Luke 17:16

ULT
16 And he fell on {his} face at his feet, giving thanks to him. And he was a Samaritan.

UST
16 {He came to Jesus and} he lay down on the ground with his face at Jesus' feet, and he thanked him. This man was a Samaritan.

Where was the leper from who returned to thank Jesus?
He was from Samaria.

Luke 17:17

ULT
17 Then answering, Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? But where {are} the nine?

UST
17 Then Jesus said, "I healed ten lepers! I would have expected the other nine to come back as well!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:18

ULT
18 Were they not found returning to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

UST
18 This foreign man was the only one who returned to thank God. None of the others came back!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:19

ULT
19 And he said to him, "Rise up, {and} go. Your faith has saved you."

UST
19 Then he said to the man, "Get up and go on your way. God has healed you because you trusted in me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:20

ULT
20 And having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them and said, “The kingdom of God is not coming with observation.

UST
20 One day some Pharisees asked Jesus, “When will God begin to rule everyone?” He replied, “That will not happen with signs that people can recognize if they watch for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:21

ULT
21 Neither will they say, ‘Behold, here!’ or ‘There!’ For behold, the kingdom of God is within you.”

UST
21 People will not be able to say, ‘Look! God is ruling here!’ or ‘God is ruling there!’ {Contrary to what you think,} God has already begun to rule within you.”

When asked about the coming of the kingdom, where did Jesus say the kingdom of God is?
He said that the kingdom of God is within them.

Luke 17:22

ULT
22 Then he said to the disciples, “Days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see {it}.

UST
22 Jesus said to his disciples, “There will be a time when you will want to see me, the Son of Man, ruling powerfully. But you will not see that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:23

ULT
23 And they will say to you, ‘Behold, there!’ or ‘Behold, here!’ Do not go out or run after them,

UST
23 People will say to you, ‘Look, the Messiah is over there!’ or they will say, ‘Look, he is here!’ {When they say that,} do not follow them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:24

ULT
24 for just as the lightning flashing from a {place} under the sky shines to a place under {the} sky, so will the Son of Man be. [1]

UST
24 For when the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other{, everyone can see it}. Similarly, when I, the Son of Man, come back again, everyone will see me.

What did Jesus say it will be like in his day, when he appears again?
It will be like the lightning flashing from one part of the sky to another.

Luke 17:25

ULT
25 But first it is necessary for him to suffer many {things} and to be rejected by this generation.

UST
25 But before that happens, I must suffer in many ways, and people will reject me.

What did Jesus say must happen before he returns?
He must suffer many things and be rejected by that generation.

Luke 17:26

ULT
26 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will also be in the days of the Son of Man.

UST
26 But when I, the Son of Man, come again, people will be doing things just like people were doing at the time when Noah lived.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:27

ULT
27 They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage—until that day Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed {them} all.

UST
27 At that time people ate and drank {as usual}, and they got married {as usual}, up until the day when Noah and his family entered the big boat. But then the flood came and destroyed all those who were not in the boat.

What were the people doing in the days of Noah?
They were eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, unaware that the day of destruction had come.

Luke 17:28

ULT
28 Likewise, just as it happened in the days of Lot—they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building.

UST
28 Similarly, when Lot lived {in the city of Sodom}, people {there} ate and drank {as usual}. They bought things and they sold things. They planted crops and they built houses {as usual}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:29

ULT
29 But in the day Lot went out from Sodom, it rained fire and sulfur from heaven and destroyed {them} all.

UST
29 But on the day that Lot left Sodom, fire and burning sulfur came down from the sky and destroyed all those who had stayed in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:30

ULT
30 It will be according to these {things} in the day the Son of Man is revealed.

UST
30 Similarly, when I, the Son of Man, return to earth, people will be unprepared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:31

ULT
31 In that day, whoever is on the housetop and his goods are in the house, let him not go down to take them away; and the one in the field, likewise let him not turn to the {things} behind.

UST
31 On that day, those who are outside their houses, with all the things that they own inside the houses, must not take the time to go inside and get them. Similarly, those who are out working in a field must not come back home to get anything. {They must flee quickly.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:32

ULT
32 Remember the wife of Lot.

UST
32 Remember what happened to Lot’s wife!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:33

ULT
33 Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, but whoever will lose {it} will preserve it.

UST
33 Anyone who continues in his own way of living will die. But anyone who leaves his old way of living {for my sake} will live forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:34

ULT
34 I say to you, in that night there will be two in one bed. The one will be taken, and the other will be left.

UST
34 I tell you this: On the night when I return, there will be two people sleeping in one bed. God will take the one who believes in me and leave the other one behind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:35

ULT
35 There will be two grinding in the same {place}. The one will be taken, but the other will be left.”

UST
35 Two women will be grinding grain together. God will take one of them and leave the other one behind.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:36

ULT
36[2] [Two in a field; one will be taken and the other will be left.]

UST
36[1] [“There will be two in the field; one will be taken and the other left.”]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 17:37

ULT

37 And answering, they say to him, “Where, Lord?” So he said to them, “Where the body {is}, there also the vultures will be gathered together.”
17:24 [1] but the best manuscripts do not.
17:36 [2]

UST

37 His disciples said to him, “Lord, where will this happen?” He replied to them, “Wherever there is a dead body, the vultures will gather to eat it.”
17:36 [1]

What example from nature did Jesus use to answer his disciples’ question, “Where, Lord?”

Jesus used the example of a dead body and vultures. He said that where there is a body, there the vultures gather together.

Luke 18

Luke 18:1

ULT

1 Then he spoke a parable to them to {show that} it was necessary for them always to pray and not to become discouraged,

UST

1 Jesus told his disciples another story to teach them that they should pray continually and not become discouraged {if God did not immediately answer their prayers}.

What did Jesus want to teach his disciples about prayer from this story?
He wanted to teach them that they should always pray and not become discouraged.

Luke 18:2

ULT

2 saying, “In a certain city there was a certain judge, not fearing God and not respecting men.

UST

2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not revere God and did not care about people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:3

ULT

3 And there was a widow in that city, and she was coming to him, saying, ‘Vindicate me against my opponent.’

UST

3 There was a widow in that city who kept coming to that judge, saying, ‘Please get justice for me against the man who is opposing me in court.’

What did the widow keep asking for from the unjust judge?
She asked for justice against her opponent.

Luke 18:4

ULT

4 And for a time he was not willing, but after these {things} he said to himself, ‘Even if I do not fear God or respect man,

UST

4 For a long time the judge refused to help her. But later, he said to himself, ‘I do not revere God and I do not care about people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:5

ULT

5 yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will vindicate her, so that she will not beat me up by coming to {the} end.’”

UST

5 But this widow keeps bothering me! So I will judge her case and make sure she is treated fairly. I am concerned that if I do not do that, she will exhaust me by continually coming to me!’”

After a while, what did the unjust judge say to himself?

He said, “Because this widow causes me trouble, I give her justice, so that she will not wear me out by coming continually.”

Luke 18:6

ULT

6 Then the Lord said, “Listen to what the unrighteous judge says.

UST

6 Then Jesus said, “Think carefully about what the unjust judge said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:7

ULT

7 And will not God do the vindication of his elect, the ones crying out to him day and night, and he delays long over them?

UST

7 {Even more} certainly will God{, who is just,} bring about justice for his chosen people, who pray earnestly to him all day long! And he is always patient with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:8

ULT

8 I say to you that he will do the vindication of them quickly. Nevertheless, the Son of Man having come, will he indeed find faith on the earth?”

UST

8 I tell you, God will quickly bring about justice for his chosen ones! Nevertheless when I, the Son of Man, come back to earth, there will still be many people who do not believe in me.”

What did Jesus want to teach his disciples about how God answers prayer?

He wanted to teach them that God will bring justice to those who cry out to him.

Luke 18:9

ULT

9 Then he also spoke this parable to some of the ones {that} had been persuaded in themselves that they were righteous and were disdaining others:

UST

9 Then Jesus also told the following story to some people who thought they were righteous and who looked down on other people.

What was the Pharisees’ attitude about their own righteousness and about other people?

They thought they were more righteous than other people.

Luke 18:10

ULT
10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray—the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector.

UST
10 {He said,} “Two men went up to the temple in Jerusalem to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee. The other man was someone who collected taxes from the people for the Roman government.

In Jesus’ story, which two men went up into the temple to pray?
A Pharisee and a tax collector went up into the temple to pray.

Luke 18:11

ULT
11 The Pharisee, standing, was praying these {things} about himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men—robbers, unrighteous, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

UST
11 The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself in this way, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like other people. Some steal money from others. Some treat others unjustly. Some commit adultery. I do not do any of those things. And I am certainly not like this sinful tax collector who cheats people!

What was the Pharisee’s attitude about his own righteousness and about other people?
He thought he was not sinful like other people.

Luke 18:12

ULT
12 I fast twice a week. I tithe all that I acquire.’

UST
12 I fast on two days during every week, and I give ten percent of all that I earn to the temple!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:13

ULT

13 But the tax collector, standing at a distance, did not even want to lift up {his} eyes toward heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, have mercy on me, the sinner.’

UST

13 But the tax collector stood far away from the other people in the temple courtyard. He would not even look up toward heaven. Instead, he beat on his chest and said, ‘O God, please forgive me, because I am a terrible sinner!’”

What was the tax collector’s prayer to God in the temple?

He prayed, “God, be merciful to me, the sinner.”

Luke 18:14

ULT

14 I say to you, this one went down to his house justified rather than that one. For everyone exalting himself will be humbled, but the one humbling himself will be exalted.”

UST

14 Then Jesus said, “I tell you that as they left to go home, God had forgiven the tax collector, but God had not forgiven the Pharisee. This is because God will humble everyone who exalts himself, and God will exalt everyone who humbles himself.”

Which man went back to his house justified before God?

The tax collector was justified before God.

Luke 18:15

ULT

15 And they were bringing even the infants to him so that he might touch {them}, but the disciples, having seen {it}, were rebuking them.

UST

15 One day people were bringing even their babies to Jesus so that he would put his hands on them and bless them. When the disciples saw this, they told them not to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:16

ULT
16 But Jesus summoned them, saying, “Permit the little children to come to me, and do not forbid them. For of such is the kingdom of God.

UST
16 But Jesus called for the children to be brought to him. He said, “Let the little children come to me! Do not stop them, because it is {humble and trusting} people like these children who let God rule their lives.

To whom did Jesus say that the kingdom of God belongs?
He said it belongs to those who are as children.

Luke 18:17

ULT
17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will certainly not enter into it.”

UST
17 Indeed, I say to you that whoever will not humbly and trustingly let God rule over his life will not accept God’s rule at all.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:18

ULT
18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, “Good Teacher, doing what will I inherit eternal life?”

UST
18 Once a Jewish leader asked Jesus, “Good teacher, what must I do in order to have everlasting life?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:19

ULT
19 But Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one {is} good except God alone.

UST
19 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? God is the only one who is truly good!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:20

ULT

20 You know the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not testify falsely, honor your father and mother.”

UST

20 {In answer to your question, certainly} you know the commandments {that God gave to Moses for us to obey}: ‘Do not commit adultery. Do not murder anyone. Do not steal. Do not give a false report. Honor your father and mother.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:21

ULT

21 But he said, “All these {things} I have kept from my youth.”

UST

21 The man said, “I have obeyed all those commandments ever since I was young.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:22

ULT

22 But Jesus, hearing, said to him, “One {thing} is still lacking to you. Sell all that you have and distribute to {the} poor, and you will have treasure in {the} heavens—and come, follow me.”

UST

22 When Jesus heard him say that, he replied to him, “You still need to do one more thing. Sell all that you own. Then give the money to people who have very little to live on. The result will be that you will have spiritual riches in heaven. Then come and be my disciple!”

What one thing did Jesus ask the ruler (the one who had obeyed God’s commandments from his youth) to do?

Jesus asked him to sell all that he had and to distribute to the poor.

Luke 18:23

ULT
23 But he, hearing these {things}, became extremely sad, for he was very rich.

UST
23 The man became very sad when he heard that, because he was extremely rich.

How did the ruler respond to Jesus' statement and why?
He became extremely sad, for he was very rich.

Luke 18:24

ULT
24 Then Jesus, having looked at him, [1] said, "How difficultly the ones having riches are entering into the kingdom of God!

UST
24 When Jesus looked at the man and said, "It is very difficult for those who are wealthy to let God rule over them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:25

ULT
25 For it is easier for a camel to go through {the} eye of a needle than for a rich {person} to enter into the kingdom of God."

UST
25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for rich people to let God rule their lives."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:26

ULT
26 Then the ones having heard said, “Then who is able to be saved?”

UST
26 Those who heard Jesus say that replied, “Then it seems that God will not consider that anyone should have eternal life!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:27

ULT
27 Then he said, “The impossible with men is possible with God.”

UST
27 But Jesus said, “What is impossible for people is possible for God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:28

ULT
28 Then Peter said, “Behold, we have left everything [2] and have followed you.”

UST
28 Then Peter said, “What about us? We have left everything we had in order to become your disciples.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:29

ULT
29 So he said to them, “Truly I say to you that there is no one who has left a house or a wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God

UST
29 Jesus said to them, “I can assure you that those who have left their homes, their wives, their brothers, their parents, or their children in order to let God rule over them

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:30

ULT
30 who will by no means not receive much more in this time—and in the age that is coming, eternal life.”

UST
30 will receive in this life many times as much as they left behind and, in the coming age, they will receive everlasting life.”

What did Jesus promise those who have left earthly things for the sake of the kingdom of God?
Jesus promised them much more in this world, and eternal life in the age to come.

Luke 18:31

ULT
31 Then having taken the Twelve aside, he said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all the {things that} have been written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished.

UST
31 Jesus took the 12 disciples to a place by themselves. He said to them, “Listen carefully! We are on our way to Jerusalem. While we are there, everything that the prophets wrote long ago about me, the Son of Man, will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:32

ULT
32 For he will be given over to the Gentiles, and he will be mocked, and will be mistreated, and will be spit upon.

UST
32 This will happen when my enemies turn me over to the authorities who are not Jews. They will mock me, treat me with disdain, and spit on me.

According to Jesus, what had the Old Testament prophets written about the Son of Man?
That he would be handed over to the Gentiles, mocked and shamefully treated.

Luke 18:33

ULT
33 And having whipped {him}, they will kill {him}, and on the third day he will rise up.”

UST
33 They will whip me and then they will kill me. But two days later I will become alive again.”

What had the Old Testament prophets written that the Son of Man would do on the third day?
They wrote that he would rise again on the third day.

Luke 18:34

ULT
34 And they understood none of these {things}, and this word was hidden from them, and they did not understand the {things} being spoken.

UST
34 But the disciples did not understand any of those things that he said. God prevented them from recognizing their significance, so they did not know what Jesus meant by what he was telling them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:35

ULT
35 And it happened that, as he came near to Jericho, a certain blind man was sitting by the road begging.

UST
35 As Jesus and his disciples came near to the city of Jericho, a blind man was sitting beside the road. He was begging for money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:36

ULT
36 And hearing a crowd going by, he was asking what this might be.

UST
36 When he heard a crowd of people passing by, he kept asking {those around him}, “What is happening?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:37

ULT
37 And they reported to him, “Jesus the Nazarene is passing by.”

UST
37 They told him, “{There is a crowd because} Jesus, the man from the town of Nazareth, is coming down the street.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:38

ULT
38 And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”

UST
38 He shouted, “Jesus, you who are descended from King David, have pity on me!”

What did the blind man by the road cry out to Jesus?
He said, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me.”

Luke 18:39

ULT
39 And the ones walking ahead were rebuking him, so that he would be silent. But he kept crying out much more, “Son of David, have mercy on me.”

UST
39 Those who were walking at the front of the crowd scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, “You who are descended from King David, have pity on me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:40

ULT

40 Then having stood still, Jesus commanded him to be brought to him. Then {when} he had come near, he asked him,

UST

40 Jesus stopped walking and commanded the people to bring the man to him. When the blind man came near, Jesus asked him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:41

ULT

41 “What do you wish I should do for you?” So he said, “Lord, that I might see again.”

UST

41 “What do you want me to do for you?” He replied, “Lord, I want you to enable me to see!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:42

ULT

42 And Jesus said to him, “See again. Your faith has saved you.”

UST

42 Jesus said to him, “Then I now restore your sight! Because you have trusted in me, I have healed you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 18:43

ULT

43 And immediately he saw again, and he followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, seeing {this}, gave praise to God.

18:24 [1] should be included here. Compare verse 23.

18:28 [2] but the best manuscripts read

UST

43 Immediately he was able to see. And he went with Jesus, praising God. And when all the people there saw this, they also praised God.

How did the people respond after seeing the blind man healed?

They glorified and praised God.

Luke 19

Luke 19:1

ULT
1 And he entered {and} was passing through Jericho.

UST
1 Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:2

ULT
2 And behold a man, called Zacchaeus by name, and he was a chief tax collector, and he {was} rich.

UST
2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was in charge of collecting taxes, and he was very rich.

Who climbed up a tree to see Jesus, and what was his occupation?
The person who climbed the tree was Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

Luke 19:3

ULT
3 And he was trying to see Jesus, who he was, but he was not able from the crowd, because he was small in stature.

UST
3 He wanted to see Jesus, but he could not see him over the crowd. He was a very short man {and there were many people around Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:4

ULT

[4] And running on ahead, he climbed into a sycamore tree so that he might see him, because he was about to pass through that {way}.

UST

[4] So he ran farther down the road. He climbed a sycamore fig tree so he could see Jesus when he came by.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:5

ULT

[5] And when he came to the place, looking up, Jesus said to him, “Zacchaeus, hastening, come down, for it is necessary for me to stay in your house today.”

UST

[5] When Jesus got there, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, I have to stay at your house tonight!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:6

ULT

[6] And hastening, he came down and welcomed him, rejoicing.

UST

[6] So he came down quickly. He was glad to welcome Jesus into his home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:7

ULT

[7] And having seen {this}, they all complained, saying, “He has gone in to lodge with a sinful man.”

UST

[7] But the people who saw Jesus go there grumbled, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a real sinner!”

What complaint did everyone make when Jesus went to Zacchaeus’ house?

They said, “Jesus has gone in to be a guest with a sinful man.”

Luke 19:8

ULT

[8] But having stood, Zacchaeus said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my possessions I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anything from anyone, I will restore four-fold.”

UST

[8] Then Zacchaeus stood up while they were eating and said to Jesus, “Lord, I want you to know that I am going to give half of what I own to poor people. And as for the people whom I have cheated, I will pay them back four times the amount I took from them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:9

ULT

[9] Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.

UST

[9] Jesus said to him, “Today God has saved this household, because this man has shown that he is a true descendant of Abraham.

What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus after Zacchaeus announced his gifts to the poor?
He said, “Today salvation has come to this house.”

Luke 19:10

ULT

[10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

UST

[10] Remember this: I, the Son of Man, came to find and save people {like you} who have been disobeying God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:11

ULT

11 And {as} they were listening to these {things}, he proceeded to speak a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the kingdom of God was about to appear immediately.

UST

11 The people were listening to everything Jesus said. He was getting close to Jerusalem{, and he knew that the people had a wrong idea}. They thought he would begin to rule as king over God's people as soon as he got to Jerusalem. So Jesus decided to tell them another story {to correct that idea}.

What did the people expect would happen when Jesus reached Jerusalem?

They thought that the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

Luke 19:12

ULT

12 Therefore he said, "A certain well-born man journeyed to a distant country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.

UST

12 He said, "A prince was preparing to go to a distant country so that a higher king could give him the right to rule over the country where he lived. After he received it, he would come back to rule his people.

In Jesus' parable, where was the nobleman going to travel?

He was going to a far country to receive a kingdom, and then he would return.

Luke 19:13

ULT

13 So calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas and said to them, 'Conduct business in that I go.'

UST

13 {Before he left,} he summoned ten of his servants. He gave each of them an equal amount of money. He said to them, 'Do business with this money until I return!' {Then he left.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:14

ULT

14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this one to rule over us.’

UST

14 But many people of his country hated him. So they sent some messengers to follow him and say {to the higher king}, ‘We do not want this man to be our king!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:15

ULT

15 And it happened that, when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded to be called to him those servants to whom he had given the silver, so that he might know what they had gained by doing business.

UST

15 {But he was made king anyway. Later} he returned as the new king. Then he called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to know how much they had gained by doing business with the money he had given them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:16

ULT

16 Then the first came {and} said, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’

UST

16 The first servant came to him and said, ‘Sir, with your money I have earned ten times as much!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:17

ULT
17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you were faithful in very little, be having authority over ten cities.’

UST
17 He said to this man, ‘You are a good servant! You have done very well! Because you have faithfully taken care of a small amount of money, I will give you ten cities to rule over.’

What did the nobleman do for the servant who had been faithful and had earned ten more minas?
The nobleman gave him authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:18

ULT
18 And the second came {and} said, ‘Your mina, master, has made five minas.’

UST
18 Then the second servant came and said, ‘Sir, the money you gave me is now worth five times as much!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:19

ULT
19 So he also said to this one, ‘And you be over five cities.’

UST
19 He also said to that servant, ‘{Well done!} I will put you over five cities.’

What did the nobleman do for the servant who had been faithful and had made five more minas?
He gave them authority over five cities.

Luke 19:20

ULT

20 And the other one came saying, ‘Master, behold your mina, which I have been keeping put away in a cloth,

UST

20 Then another servant came. He said, ‘Sir, here is your money. I wrapped it up in a cloth and hid it to keep it safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:21

ULT

21 for I feared you, because you are a harsh man. You take up what you did not put down, and you reap what you did not sow.’

UST

21 I was afraid that you would take everything I earned. I know you are a hard man who takes things from others that do not really belong to you. You are like a farmer who harvests grain that another farmer has planted.’

What kind of man did the wicked servant think the nobleman was?

He knew the nobleman was a demanding man.

Luke 19:22

ULT

22 He says to him, ‘By your mouth I will judge you, wicked servant! Did you know that I am a harsh man, taking up what I did not put down, and reaping what I did not sow?

UST

22 He said to that servant, ‘You wicked servant! I will condemn you by the words you just said. You said I am a hard man. You said I take what does not belong to me. You said I am like a farmer who harvests what another farmer has planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:23

ULT
23 And for what {reason} did you not put my silver in a bank, and I, having returned, would have collected it with interest?’

UST
23 So you should at least have given my money to money lenders! Then when I returned I could have collected that amount plus the interest it would have earned!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:24

ULT
24 And he said to the ones standing by, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one having the ten minas.’

UST
24 Then the king said to those who were standing near, ‘Take the money from him and give it to the servant who made ten times as much!’

What did the nobleman do with the wicked servant?
He took away the wicked servant’s mina.

Luke 19:25

ULT
25 And they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas.’

UST
25 They protested, ‘But sir, he already has a lot of money!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:26

ULT

26 ‘I say to you that to everyone having, it will be given, but from the one not having, even what he has will be taken away.

UST

26 But the king said, ‘I tell you this: To the people who use well what they have received, I will give even more. But from the people who do not use well what they have received, I will take away even what they already have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:27

ULT

27 But these enemies of mine, the ones not having wanted me to reign over them, bring {them} here and kill them before me.’”

UST

27 Now, as for those enemies of mine who did not want me to rule over them, bring them here and execute them while I am watching!’”

What did the nobleman do with those who didn’t want him to reign over them?

The nobleman had them killed in front of him.

Luke 19:28

ULT

28 And having said these {things}, he journeyed ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

UST

28 After Jesus said those things, he traveled farther along on the road up to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:29

ULT

29 And it happened that, when he had come near to Bethphage and Bethany, to the hill {that} is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,

UST

29 When they got close to the villages of Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:30

ULT

30 saying, “Go into the village opposite, in which, entering, you will find a colt tied up, on which no one of men has ever sat. Having untied it, bring it here.

UST

30 He told them, “Go to the village just ahead of you. As you enter it, there you will see a young donkey tied up that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.

What kind of animal did Jesus ride on as he went into Jerusalem?

He rode on a donkey colt on which no one had ever sat.

Luke 19:31

ULT

31 And if anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ thus you will say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

UST

31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying the donkey?’ say to him, ‘Jesus needs it.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:32

ULT

32 So the ones {that} had been sent went {and} found {it} just as he had said to them.

UST

32 So the two disciples went to the village and found the donkey, just as Jesus had told them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:33

ULT
33 And {as} they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

UST
33 As they were untying it, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying our donkey?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:34

ULT
34 So they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

UST
34 They replied, “Jesus needs it.” And the owners gave them permission to use it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:35

ULT
35 And they brought it to Jesus, and having thrown their cloaks upon the colt, they mounted Jesus on {it}.

UST
35 Then the disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They threw their robes on the donkey’s back and helped Jesus get on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:36

ULT
36 And {as} he was going along, they were spreading their cloaks on the road.

UST
36 Then, as he rode along, others spread their robes on the road in front of him to honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:37

ULT

37 And {as} he was already coming near to the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice {and} praise God with a loud voice concerning all of {the} mighty works that they had seen,

UST

37 As Jesus approached the road that goes down from the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of his disciples began to praise God with loud, joyful shouts for all the great miracles that they had seen him do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:38

ULT

38 saying, “Blessed is the king coming in {the} name of {the} Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in {the} highest!”

UST

38 They were saying things like, “May God bless our king who comes with God’s authority! May there be peace between God in heaven and us his people, and may everyone praise God!”

What did the crowd cry out as Jesus approached the Mount of Olives?

They cried out, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Luke 19:39

ULT

39 And some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

UST

39 Some of the Pharisees who were in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell your disciples to stop saying those things!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:40

ULT

40 And answering, he said, “I say to you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out.”

UST

40 He replied, “I tell you this: If these people were silent, the stones themselves would shout to praise me!”

What did Jesus say would happen if the people did not cry out rejoicing?
He said that the stones would cry out.

Luke 19:41

ULT

41 And as he approached, having seen the city, he wept over it,

UST

41 When Jesus came near to Jerusalem and saw the city, he cried about its people.

What did Jesus do as he drew near to the city?
He wept over it.

Luke 19:42

ULT

42 saying, “If you had known in this day, even you, the {things} toward peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

UST

42 He said, “I wish that today you people knew how to have God’s peace. But now you are unable to know this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:43

ULT

43 For days will come upon you, and your enemies will build a barricade around you, and they will surround you and press in on you from every side.

UST

43 I want you to know this: You are going to experience difficult times. Your enemies will come and set up a barricade around your city. They will surround the city and attack it on all sides.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:44

ULT

44 And they will dash you to the ground and your children within you. And they will not leave stone upon stone in you because you did not know the time of your visitation."

UST

44 They will {break through the walls and} destroy them and the rest of the city. They will kill all of you. They will completely demolish everything. All this will happen because you did not recognize the time when God came to save you!"

What did Jesus then prophesy would happen to the people and the city?

He said that enemies would smash the city to the ground and that not one stone would be left upon another.

Luke 19:45

ULT

45 And entering into the temple, he began to cast out the ones selling,

UST

45 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courtyard. He began to force the people who were selling things there to leave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:46

ULT

46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house {will be} a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of robbers.’”

UST

46 He told them, “The Scriptures say, ‘God’s temple should be a place where people pray.’ But you have made it ‘a hideout for thieves’!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 19:47

ULT

47 And he was teaching each day in the temple. And the chief priests and the scribes and the first of the people were seeking to kill him,

UST

47 Each day during that week, Jesus was teaching people at the temple. The chief priests, the teachers of religious laws, and other Jewish leaders were trying to find a way to kill him.

Who wanted to kill Jesus as he was teaching in the temple?

The chief priests and the scribes and the leaders of the people wanted to kill Jesus.

Luke 19:48

ULT

48 And they were not finding something that they might do, for all the people were hanging on him listening.

UST

48 But they did not find any way to do it, because very many people were eager to hear him.

Why could they not kill him at this time?

They could not kill him because the people were listening to him intently.

Luke 20

Luke 20:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that, on one of the days {when} he was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes approached with the elders.

UST

[1] One day during that week, Jesus was teaching the people at the temple and telling them God's good message. As he was doing that, the chief priests, the teachers of the Jewish laws, and some other elders came to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:2

ULT

[2] And they spoke, saying to him, "Tell us by what authority you are doing these {things}, or who the one is having given you this authority."

UST

[2] They said to him, "Tell us, what right do you have to do these things? And who gave you this right?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:3

ULT

[3] But answering, he said to them, "I also will ask you a word, and you say to me:

UST

[3] He replied, "I will also ask you a question. Tell me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:4

ULT
4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?"

UST
4 about John baptizing people: Did God command him to baptize or did humans command him?"

When the Jewish leaders asked Jesus by what authority he taught, what question did Jesus ask them?
He asked, "Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men?"

Luke 20:5

ULT
5 Then they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'For what {reason} did you not believe him?'

UST
5 They discussed this among themselves. They said, "If we answer, 'God commanded him,' then he will say, 'So why did you not believe him?'

If they answered, "from heaven," what did the Jewish leaders think that Jesus would say to them?
The Jewish leaders thought that Jesus would say, "Then why did you not believe John?"

Luke 20:6

ULT
6 But if we say, 'From men,' the whole people will stone us, for it is persuaded {that} John was a prophet."

UST
6 But if we say, 'It was only humans who told him to baptize,' the people will stone us to death, because most of them believe that John was a prophet {whom God sent}."

If they answered, "from men," what did they think that the people would do to them?
They thought that the people would stone them.

Luke 20:7

ULT

[7] And they answered {that} they did not know from where.

UST

[7] So they replied that they did not know who told John to baptize.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:8

ULT

[8] And Jesus said to them, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I am doing these {things}.”

UST

[8] Then Jesus said to them, “Just as you will not tell me, I will not tell you who sent me to do those things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:9

ULT

[9] Then he began to speak this parable to the people: “A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to farmers and went away for a long time.

UST

[9] Then Jesus told the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard. He rented the vineyard to some people who would take care of it. Then he went to another country and stayed there for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:10

ULT

[10] And at {the} time he sent a servant to the farmers, so that they would give him of the fruit of the vineyard. But the farmers sent him away, having beaten {him}, empty.

UST

[10] When it was time to harvest the grapes, this owner sent a servant to the people who were taking care of the vineyard. He wanted them to give him his share of the grapes that the vineyard had produced. But {after the servant arrived,} they beat that servant and sent him away without giving him any grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:11

ULT
11 And he proceeded to send another servant, but they also beat that one and treated {him} shamefully {and} sent {him} away empty.

UST
11 Later, the owner sent another servant, but they also beat and shamed that servant. They sent him away without any grapes.

In Jesus' parable, what did the vine dressers do when the lord sent his servants to get the fruit of the vineyard?
They beat the servants, treated them shamefully, and sent them away empty-handed.

Luke 20:12

ULT
12 And he proceeded to send a third, but they also wounded this one {and} threw {him} out.

UST
12 Still later, the owner sent yet another servant. The farmers wounded this servant too and forced him to leave the vineyard.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:13

ULT
13 So the lord of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.'

UST
13 So the owner of the vineyard said to himself, 'What should I do now? I will send my son, whom I love very much. They will probably respect him.'

Finally, who did the lord send to the vine dressers?
He sent his beloved son.

Luke 20:14

ULT

14 But having seen him, the farmers discussed among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him so that the inheritance may become ours.’

UST

14 {So he sent his son,} but when the people who were caring for the vineyard saw him coming, they said to each other, ‘Here comes the man who will some day inherit this vineyard! Let us kill him! Then the vineyard will be ours!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:15

ULT

15 And having thrown him out of the vineyard, they killed {him}. What then will the lord of the vineyard do to them?

UST

15 So they dragged him outside the vineyard, and they killed him. I will tell you what the owner of the vineyard will do to them!

What did the vine dressers do when the son came to the vineyard?

They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Luke 20:16

ULT

16 He will come and kill these farmers and will give the vineyard to others.” But having heard {this}, they said, “May it not be!”

UST

16 He will come and kill those people who were taking care of the vineyard. Then he will arrange for other people to take care of it.” When the people listening to Jesus heard this, they said, “May a situation like this never happen!”

What will the lord of the vineyard do to those vine dressers?

He will come and kill those vine dressers and give the vineyard to others.

Luke 20:17

ULT

17 But he, having looked at them, said, “What then is this {that} is written: ‘{The} stone that the builders rejected, this has become {the} head of {the} corner’?

UST

17 But Jesus looked directly at them and said, “You can say that, but think about the meaning of these words that are written in the Scriptures. ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the most important stone in the building.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:18

ULT

18 Everyone having fallen on that stone will be broken to pieces. and on whomever it may fall, it will crush him.”

UST

18 This stone will break to pieces everyone who falls on it, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:19

ULT

19 And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that hour, and they feared the people, for they knew that he had spoken this parable against them.

UST

19 The chief priests and the teachers of the Jewish laws realized that he was accusing them when he told the story about those wicked people. So they immediately tried to find a way to arrest him. {But they did not arrest him,} because they were afraid of what the people would do if they did so.

Against whom did Jesus tell this parable?

He told this parable against the scribes and the chief priests.

Luke 20:20

ULT

20 And having watched {him} carefully, they sent spies pretending themselves to be righteous, so that they might take hold of his word, in order to hand him over to the rule and to the authority of the governor.

UST

20 So they watched him carefully. They also sent spies {to talk to Jesus} who pretended to be sincere, but who really wanted to get Jesus to say something wrong. They wanted to {be able to accuse him of encouraging resistance to the Roman government so that they could} turn him over to the governor {of the province}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:21

ULT

21 And they asked him, saying, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and you do not receive a face, but you teach the way of God in truth.

UST

21 One of them said to him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right. You do that even if important people do not like it. You teach truthfully what God wants us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:22

ULT

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?”

UST

22 {So tell us what you think about this matter.} Is it right for us to pay taxes to the Roman government, or not?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:23

ULT
23 But perceiving their craftiness, he said to them,

UST
23 But he knew that they were trying to trick him to get him into trouble either with the Jews, who hated to pay those taxes, or with the Roman government. So he said to them,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:24

ULT
24 “Show me a denarius. Whose image and inscription does it have?” And they said, “Caesar’s.”

UST
24 “Show me a Roman coin. Then tell me whose picture and name are on it.” So they {showed him a coin and} said, “It has the picture and name of Caesar.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:25

ULT
25 Then he said to them, “Therefore give back the {things} of Caesar to Caesar, and the {things} of God to God.”

UST
25 He said to them, “In that case, give to the government what belongs to it, and give to God what belongs to him.”

How did Jesus answer the question about whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?
He said to give the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God.

Luke 20:26

ULT

[26] And they were not able to take hold of {his} word in front of the people, and marveling at his answer, they became silent.

UST

[26] The spies could find nothing wrong with anything that Jesus said while the people were standing around him. The spies were so amazed at his answer that they did not say anything more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:27

ULT

[27] Then some of the Sadducees came, the ones saying {that} there is no resurrection, {and} they questioned him,

UST

[27] After that, some Sadducees came to Jesus. Their group of Jews taught that no one would rise from the dead. They also intended to ask Jesus a challenging question.

What event did the Sadducees not believe in?

They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.

Luke 20:28

ULT

[28] saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us, if a brother of anyone should die, having a wife, and he is childless, that his brother should take {his} wife, and raise up seed for his brother.

UST

[28] One of them said to him, “Teacher, Moses taught us Jews what to do if a man dies who has a wife but no children. His brother should marry the widow so that she can have a child by him. People will then consider that child a descendant of the man who died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:29

ULT
29 Therefore, there were seven brothers, and the first, having taken a wife, died childless;

UST
29 Well, there were seven brothers in one family. The oldest one married a woman, but before she had any children, he died, leaving her as a widow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:30

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30 and the second

UST
30 The second brother followed this law and married the widow, but the same thing happened to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:31

ULT
31 and the third took her; and likewise the seven also left no children, and died.

UST
31 Then the third brother married her, but the same thing happened again. In the end, all seven brothers, one by one, married that woman but died without having any children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:32

ULT
32 Afterward the woman also died.

UST
32 Afterwards, the woman died, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:33

ULT
33 Therefore, in the resurrection, of which of them will she be {the} wife? For the seven had her {as} wife.”

UST
33 Therefore, if it is true that there will be a time when people who have died will become alive again, whose wife do you think that woman will be then? Keep in mind that she was married to all seven brothers!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:34

ULT
34 And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

UST
34 Jesus replied to them, “In this world, men marry women, and parents give daughters in marriage to men.

What did Jesus say about marriage in this world?
In this age, people marry and give in marriage.

Luke 20:35

ULT
35 But the ones having been considered worthy to obtain that age and the resurrection {that is} from {the} dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

UST
35 But the people whom God will consider worthy of being in heaven when he brings them back to life after they have died will not marry.

What did Jesus say about marriage after the resurrection?
After the resurrection of the dead, those people do not marry or give in marriage.

Luke 20:36

ULT

36 For neither are they able to die anymore, for they are {like} angels; and they are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

UST

36 {They do not marry} because they cannot die anymore. Rather, they are like the angels {who live forever}. They are God's children, since God has made them alive again after they have died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:37

ULT

37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calls {the} Lord the God of Abraham, and {the} God of Isaac, and {the} God of Jacob.

UST

37 {Now that I have answered your question about marriage, I will show from Scripture} that God does make people alive again after they have died. Even Moses wrote about this. In the place where he describes meeting God at the burning bush, he records how the Lord called himself 'the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' {God would not have said that if he had not made those men alive again and he were not still their God.}

What Old Testament story did Jesus recall to prove the truth of the resurrection?

He recalled the story of Moses and the bush, in which Moses calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

Luke 20:38

ULT

38 And he is not {the} God of {the} dead, but of {the} living, for all are alive to him."

UST

38 After all, he is not the God of people who are dead. He is the God of people who are alive, because to God, everyone remains alive {even after they die}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:39

ULT
39 Then answering some of the scribes said, “Teacher, you have spoken well.”

UST
39 Some of the teachers of the Jewish law {who were there} replied, “Teacher, you have answered very well!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:40

ULT
40 For they no longer dared to ask him anything.

UST
40 {The scribes said this} because the people who had been trying to trap Jesus {had stopped asking him difficult questions. He had answered so well that they} were afraid to ask him anything else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:41

ULT
41 Then he said to them, “How do they say {that} the Christ is {the} son of David?

UST
41 So in return, {Jesus asked them a difficult question of his own.} He said, “Why do people say that the Messiah is {only} a descendant of King David?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:42

ULT
42 For David himself says in {the} book of Psalms, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right,

UST
42 Consider that David himself wrote in the Book of Psalms {about the Messiah}, ‘God said to my Lord, “Sit here next to me on my right side{, in that position of great honor}.

What did the Lord say to David’s Lord in the Psalms?
The Lord said to David’s Lord, “Sit at my right hand.”

Luke 20:43

ULT
43 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.'"

UST
43 {Sit here} while I completely defeat your enemies.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:44

ULT
44 David therefore calls him 'Lord.' And how is he his son?"

UST
44 In this psalm, King David calls the Messiah 'my Lord.' {That is a title of great respect.} So how could the Messiah be David's descendant? {It is the descendant who should show great respect to the ancestor.}"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:45

ULT
45 And {while} all the people were listening, he said to his disciples,

UST
45 Then, while all the other people were listening, Jesus said to his disciples,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:46

ULT
46 "Beware of the scribes, desiring to walk in long robes and loving greetings in the marketplaces and first seats in the synagogues and first places at the banquets.

UST
46 "Make sure that you do not act like the men who teach our Jewish laws. They like to put on long robes and walk around to make people think that they are very important. They also like people to greet them respectfully in the marketplaces. They like to sit in the most important seats in the synagogues. At dinner parties they like to sit in the places for the most honored people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 20:47

ULT

47 They devour the houses of widows, and for a pretext they pray at length. These will receive greater condemnation.”

UST

47 They {also} steal all the property of widows. But to make other people think that they are righteous, they pray for a long time {in public}. God will condemn them strictly for what they have done.”

Behind their outwardly righteous actions, what wicked things were the scribes doing?

They were devouring widows’ houses, and pretentiously making long prayers.

How did Jesus say these scribes would be judged?

He said that they will receive a greater condemnation.

Luke 21

Luke 21:1

ULT

1 And having looked up, he saw {the} rich putting their gifts into the treasury.

UST

1 Then Jesus looked up {from where he was sitting} and saw rich people putting their gifts {of money} into the offering boxes {in the temple courtyard}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:2

ULT

2 And he saw a certain poor widow putting two lepta there.

UST

2 He also saw a poor widow put two small copper coins into one of the boxes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:3

ULT

3 And he said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all.

UST

3 And he said {to his disciples}, “The truth is that this poor widow has put more {into the offering box} than all {of these rich people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:4

ULT

4 For all these put in the gifts out of their abundance. But she, out of her poverty, put in all the livelihood that she had."

UST

4 Let me tell you why that is true. All those {rich people} gave a lot of money, but it was extra money that they did not really need. But this widow, who is very poor, gave all the money that she had, even though she really did need it to live on."

Why did Jesus say that the poor widow put more into the treasury than all of the others?

Jesus said this because she had very little and gave it all, while the others had a great deal and their giving was not a sacrifice.

Luke 21:5

ULT

5 And {as} some were speaking about the temple, that it was decorated with beautiful stones and offerings, he said,

UST

5 Some {of Jesus' disciples} were talking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and decorations that people had given. But Jesus said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:6

ULT

6 "These {things} that you are looking at, days will come in which stone upon stone will not be left, which will not be torn down."

UST

6 "{Let me tell you what is going to happen to} these things that you are admiring. Someday your enemies will demolish them entirely."

What did Jesus say would happen to the temple in Jerusalem?

He said that it would be torn down and not one stone would be left on another.

Luke 21:7

ULT

7 So they questioned him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these {things} be, and what {will be} the sign when these {things} are about to happen?”

UST

7 Then they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will show that these things are about to take place?”

What two questions did the people ask Jesus about the temple?

They asked, “When will these things happen, and what will be the sign that they are about to happen?”

Luke 21:8

ULT

8 Then he said, “Be careful {that} you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am {he},’ and, ‘The time has come near.’ Do not go after them.

UST

8 Jesus replied, “Do not let anyone mislead you. For many people will come and each will claim to be me. Each will say about himself, ‘I am the Messiah!’ They will also say, ‘The time is almost here when God will rule as king!’ Do not believe what they are saying!

Jesus warned that many deceivers will come. What will these deceivers say?

They will say, “I am he,” and “The time is approaching.”

Luke 21:9

ULT

9 But when you hear of wars and rebellions, do not be terrified, for these {things} must happen first, but not immediately the end.”

UST

9 Also, you will hear about wars and people fighting each other. Things like that must happen before the end {of the world} comes. So {when you hear about those things,} do not be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:10

ULT
[10] Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

UST
[10] Various people groups will attack each other, and the people of different kingdoms will fight each other.

What did Jesus say would happen before the end?
There will be wars between nations and kingdoms.

Luke 21:11

ULT
[11] There will be both great earthquakes, and famines and plagues in various places. There will be both terrifying events and great signs from heaven.

UST
[11] And in various places there will be great earthquakes. There will also be famines and terrible diseases. Many things will happen that will cause people to be very afraid. People will see strange things in the sky {that will show that something very important is going to happen}.

What terrible events did Jesus say would happen before the end?
There will be earthquakes, famines, plagues, and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:12

ULT
[12] But before all of these {things}, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute {you}, delivering {you} to the synagogues and prisons, bringing {you} before kings and governors for the sake of my name.

UST
[12] But before all these things {happen}, your enemies will seize you and treat you badly. They will bring you to the synagogues{, whose judges will put you on trial} and {put you in the} prisons. Your enemies will also have kings and high government authorities put you on trial because you believe in me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:13

ULT
13 It will turn out for you for a testimony.

UST
13 That will be a time for you to tell them the truth about me.

What opportunity will the persecution of believers create?
It will create an opportunity for their testimony.

Luke 21:14

ULT
14 But put in your hearts not to prepare to be defended,

UST
14 So resolve firmly not to worry ahead of time about what you will say to defend yourselves,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:15

ULT
15 for I will give to you a mouth and wisdom that all the ones opposing you will not be able to resist or contradict.

UST
15 because I will give you the right words so that you will know what to say. As a result, none of the people accusing you will be able to say that you are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:16

ULT
16 But you will be delivered even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put to death some of you.

UST
16 And even your parents and brothers and sisters and {other} relatives and friends will betray you, and they will kill some of you.

Who will hate Jesus' followers?
Parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will hate them.

Luke 21:17

ULT
17 And you will be hated by all because of my name.

UST
17 Most people will hate you because you believe in me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:18

ULT
18 And a hair of your head will not at all perish.

UST
18 But your entire being will be safe {spiritually}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:19

ULT
19 By your endurance, you will gain your souls.

UST
19 If you go through difficult times and prove that you trust God, after you die your souls will live on in God's presence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:20

ULT
20 But when you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.

UST
20 When you see armies surround {the city of} Jerusalem, then you will know that they will soon destroy that city.

What event would indicate that Jerusalem's destruction is near?
When Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, its destruction is near.

Luke 21:21

ULT
21 Then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains, and let the ones in the midst of it leave, and let the ones in the fields not enter into it.

UST
21 At that time those of you who are in {other places in the province of} Judea must escape to the mountains. And those of you who are in this city must leave. Those of you who are in the nearby countryside must not come into the city.

What did Jesus tell people to do who saw that the destruction of Jerusalem was near?
He told them to flee to the mountains, to leave the city, and to not enter the city.

Luke 21:22

ULT
22 For these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all the {things} {that} have been written.

UST
22 {You should run away} because God will punish {the city of Jerusalem} at this time. {When he does that,} what God has said in the Scriptures about this will come true.

What did Jesus call the days of the destruction of Jerusalem?
He called them the days of vengeance, to fulfil all the things written.

Luke 21:23

ULT

23 But woe to the ones having in {the} womb and to the ones nursing in those days! For there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people.

UST

23 When this happens, how terrible it will be for pregnant women and for those who are nursing their babies. There will be great suffering in the land. God will be angry with these people and punish them severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:24

ULT

24 And they will fall by {the} mouth of {the} sword, and they will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by {the} nations until {the} times of {the} nations are fulfilled.

UST

24 Many of them will die because soldiers will kill them with their weapons. Their enemies will take others as prisoners and send them to many places around the world. The Gentiles will control {the city of} Jerusalem for as long as God allows."

How long will Jerusalem be trampled by the Gentiles?

Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:25

ULT

25 And there will be signs in {the} sun and moon and stars, and distress of nations on the earth in perplexity at {the} roaring and tossing of {the} sea.

UST

25 "At this time, strange things will happen to the sun, the moon, and the stars. And on earth, people groups will become very frightened. They will be as afraid as they would be in a roaring ocean with huge waves.

What signs did Jesus say would precede his coming with power and great glory?

He said there would be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and distress of the nations on the earth.

Luke 21:26

ULT

26 Men will be fainting from fear and expectation of the {things} coming upon the inhabited world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

UST

26 People will be so afraid that they will faint because they are waiting for what will happen next in the world. The stars in the sky will move out of their usual places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:27

ULT

27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and much glory.

UST

27 Then all people will see me, the Son of Man, coming in the clouds powerfully and with brilliant light.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:28

ULT

28 But {when} these {things} begin to happen, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is coming near."

UST

28 So when those terrible things begin to happen, assume a posture of confidence, because God will soon rescue you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:29

ULT

29 And he spoke a parable to them: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees.

UST

29 Then Jesus gave them an example. He said, "Think about the fig trees, and even all the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:30

ULT

30 When they already sprout, seeing for yourselves you know that the summer is already near.

UST

30 When you see that their leaves are sprouting, you know that it is the beginning of summer.

What example did Jesus give of how his listeners knew when a season had come?
He said that when they see the leaves of the fig tree sprouting, they know that summer is near.

Luke 21:31

ULT

31 Thus also you, when you see these {things} happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

UST

31 In the same way, when you see these things that I have just described happening, you will know then that God will soon show himself as king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:32

ULT

32 Truly I say to you, this generation will certainly not pass away until they all happen.

UST

32 I am telling you the truth. The people who see the first of the signs I have described will definitely live to see all these things happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:33

ULT
33 The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

UST
33 You may think of the sky and the land as permanent. They are not, but my words are permanent.

What did Jesus say will pass away?
He said that heaven and earth will pass away.

What will never pass away?
Jesus' words will never pass away.

Luke 21:34

ULT
34 But pay attention to yourselves, so that your hearts may not be burdened with hangover and drunkenness, and everyday worries, and that sudden day may come upon you

UST
34 Be very careful to control yourselves. If you get drunk, your minds will not be alert afterwards. And if you worry about day-to-day matters, you will become distracted. {Then you will not be paying attention to the signs I have told you about, and} I will surprise you when I return.

What did Jesus warn his listeners not to do since that day will come suddenly?
He warned them to not let their hearts become burdened with debauchery, drunkenness, and the worries of life.

Luke 21:35

ULT
35 like a trap, for it will come upon all the ones sitting on {the} face of the whole earth.

UST
35 {I will come so suddenly that} it will be like when a trap springs closed on an animal. {So you need to be watching for my return,} because it will affect every person in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:36

ULT

36 But stay awake in every time, praying, so that you may be strong enough to escape all these {things} {that} are about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

UST

36 So you must be always ready for my coming. Pray that you will be able to stay faithful to me as you experience these difficult things that I have been talking about. That way I, the Messiah, will declare you innocent {when I come to judge the world}.”

What did Jesus warn his listeners to do since that day will come suddenly?
He warned them to be alert and praying.

Luke 21:37

ULT

37 And during the days, he was teaching in the temple, but during the nights, he went out {and} lodged on the hill {that} is called Olivet.

UST

37 Each day Jesus was teaching people at the temple. But every evening he went {out of the city} and stayed all night on the Mount of Olives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 21:38

ULT

38 And all the people were getting up early to him to hear him in the temple.

UST

38 And early every morning, great crowds of people came to the temple to listen to him {as he taught}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22

Luke 22:1

ULT

1 And the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called {the} Passover, was coming near.

UST

1 It was now almost time for the Celebration of Unleavened Bread, which people also called the Passover.

At this time, which Jewish feast was approaching?
The feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching.

Luke 22:2

ULT

2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might kill him, for they were fearing the people.

UST

2 The chief priests and the teachers of the Jewish laws were looking for a way to have Jesus killed without starting a riot among the {many} people {who thought he was a great man}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:3

ULT

3 Then Satan entered into Judas, the one called Iscariot, being from the number of the Twelve.

UST

3 Then Satan entered into Judas, whose other name was Iscariot. He was one of the 12 disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:4

ULT

4 And having gone, he spoke with the chief priests and captains {about} how he might hand him over to them.

UST

4 He went and talked with the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard about how he might help them capture Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:5

ULT

5 And they rejoiced, and they agreed to give him silver.

UST

5 They were very pleased {when he offered to do that}. They said they would pay him money {if he did it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:6

ULT

6 And he agreed and began seeking an opportunity to hand him over to them away from {the} crowd.

UST

6 So Judas agreed, and then he started looking for a way to help them capture Jesus where the crowd would not see it.

In what circumstances was Judas looking for an opportunity to deliver Jesus to the chief priests?

He was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus when he was away from the crowd.

Luke 22:7

ULT

[7] Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, on which it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover.

UST

[7] Then the Day of Unleavened Bread came. This was the day when Jewish people had to kill the lambs that they would eat for the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:8

ULT

[8] And he sent Peter and John, saying, “Going, prepare for us the Passover, so that we may eat {it}.”

UST

[8] So Jesus sent Peter and John out with these instructions: “Go and prepare the meal for the Passover celebration so that we can all eat it together.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:9

ULT

[9] And they said to him, “Where do you wish that we should prepare {it}?”

UST

[9] They replied to him, “Where do you want us to prepare the meal?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:10

ULT

[10] And he answered them, “Behold, {when} you have entered into the city, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him into the house into which he enters.

UST

[10] He answered, “Listen carefully. When you go into the city, a man carrying a large jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:11

ULT
11 And say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’

UST
11 Say to the owner of the house, ‘Our teacher says to show us the room where he can eat the Passover meal together with us, his disciples.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:12

ULT
12 And that one will show you a large upper room, furnished. Prepare {it} there.”

UST
12 He will show you a large room that is on the upper floor of the house. It will be all ready for entertaining guests. Prepare the meal for us there.”

Where did Jesus and the disciples eat the Passover meal?
They ate it in a large, furnished upper room in Jerusalem.

Luke 22:13

ULT
13 And having gone, they found {it} just as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

UST
13 So the two disciples went {into the city}. They found everything to be just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared {the meal for} the Passover celebration there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:14

ULT
14 And when the hour came, he reclined to eat, and the apostles with him.

UST
14 When it was time to eat the meal, Jesus came and sat down with the Representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:15

ULT
15 And he said to them, “With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

UST
15 He said to them, “I have wanted very much to eat this special Passover supper with you before I die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:16

ULT
16 For I say to you that I will certainly not eat it until when it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

UST
16 I tell you, the next time I eat it will be when God gives it its deepest meaning when he rules everywhere as king.”

When did Jesus say he would eat the Passover meal again?
He said he would eat the Passover meal again when it was fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Luke 22:17

ULT
17 And having taken a cup {and} having given thanks, he said, “Take this, and divide {it} among yourselves.

UST
17 Then he took a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He told them, “Take this wine and share it among yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:18

ULT
18 For I say to you, from now on I will certainly not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God comes.”

UST
18 {I want you to do this} because, I tell you, I will not drink wine again until God rules everywhere as king.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:19

ULT

19 And having taken bread {and} having given thanks, he broke it, and gave to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in my remembrance.”

UST

19 Then he took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them to eat. As he did so, he said, “This bread is my body, which I am about to sacrifice for you. Do this again later to honor me.”

What did Jesus say when he broke the bread and gave it to the disciples?

He said, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:20

ULT

20 And the cup in the same way after the supper, saying, “This cup {is} the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

UST

20 In the same way, after they had eaten the meal, he took the cup of wine and said, “This is the new covenant that I will make using my own blood, which will flow out of my wounds for you when I die.

What did Jesus say when he gave the cup to the disciples?

He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Luke 22:21

ULT

21 But behold, the hand of the one betraying me {is} with me on the table.

UST

21 But I want you all to know that the person who will hand me over to my enemies is here eating with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:22

ULT

22 For the Son of Man indeed goes according to {what} has been determined. But woe to that man through whom he is betrayed!”

UST

22 {I say this} because I, the Son of Man, will indeed die in the way that God has planned. But how terrible it will be for the man who hands me over {to my enemies}!”

Was it God’s plan that Jesus be betrayed?

Yes, God had determined that Jesus would be betrayed.

Luke 22:23

ULT

23 And they began to discuss among themselves {about} which of them therefore might be the one going to do this.

UST

23 Then they all began to ask each other which of them would actually be prepared to betray Jesus.

Did the disciples know who was about to betray Jesus?

No, the disciples had no idea who would betray Jesus.

Luke 22:24

ULT

24 Then a quarrel also happened among them {about} which of them seems to be greater.

UST

24 After that, they began to argue among themselves about which one of them they should think was the most important person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:25

ULT
25 But he said to them, “The kings of the nations lord it over them, and the ones having authority over them are called Benefactors.

UST
25 Jesus responded to them, “The kings of the Gentile nations like to show people that they are powerful. Yet they give themselves the name ‘Ones Who Help the People.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:26

ULT
26 But you {be} not thus. Instead, let the greater among you become like the younger. and the one leading like the one serving.

UST
26 But you should not be like those rulers! Instead, the most honored people among you should act as if they were the least honored ones. Anyone who leads must act like a servant.

What did Jesus say the greatest among his disciples should do?
He said the greatest among them should be like the youngest.

Luke 22:27

ULT
27 For who {is} greater, the one reclining to eat or the one serving? {Is it} not the one reclining to eat? But I am in {the} midst of you as one serving.

UST
27 For you know that the important person is the one who eats at the table, not the servant who brings the food. But I, your leader, have been setting an example for you by serving you while I have been among you

How did Jesus live among his disciples?
He lived among them as one who serves.

Luke 22:28

ULT
28 But you are the ones having continued with me in my trials.

UST
28 You are the people who have stayed with me during all the hard things I have suffered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:29

ULT
29 And I grant to you, just as my Father has granted to me, a kingdom,

UST
29 So now I am appointing you to important positions in which you will rule, just as my Father has appointed me to rule as a king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:30

ULT
30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

UST
30 You will sit and eat and drink with me when I become king. In fact, you will sit on thrones and judge the people of the 12 tribes of Israel.”

Where did Jesus promise his disciples they would sit?
He said they would sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:31

ULT
31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat.

UST
31 “Simon, Simon, pay attention! Satan has asked {God} to {let him} test all of you, the way someone shakes grain in a sieve{, and God has permitted him to do that}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:32

ULT
32 But I have asked concerning you that your faith may not fail. And you, when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

UST
32 But I have prayed for you, Simon. {I have asked God} that you will not completely stop believing in me. So when you decide that you truly do believe in me, encourage the others {to believe in me as well}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:33

ULT
33 But he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

UST
33 Peter replied to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison. I am even willing to die with you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:34

ULT
34 But he said, “I say to you, Peter, {the} rooster will not crow today before you deny three times {that} you know me.”

UST
34 Jesus replied, “Peter, I want you to know that this night, before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me!”

What did Jesus predict that Peter would do?
He said that Peter would deny that he knew Jesus three times before the rooster would crow.

Luke 22:35

ULT

35 And he said to them, “When I sent you out without a money bag and sack and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” And they said, “Nothing.”

UST

35 Then Jesus asked the disciples, “When I sent you out {to the villages, and you went} without any money, food, or sandals, was there anything you needed but could not get?” They replied, “No, there was nothing!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:36

ULT

36 Then he said to them, “But now, the one having a money bag, let him take {it}, and likewise a sack. And the one not having a sword, let him sell his cloak and buy one.

UST

36 Then Jesus said, “But, now, if anyone {among you} has some money, he should take it with him. Also, whoever has food should take it with him. And whoever does not have a sword should sell his coat and buy one!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:37

ULT

37 For I say to you, this {that} is written must be accomplished in me, ‘And he was reckoned with {the} lawless.’ For indeed the {thing} concerning me has an accomplishment.”

UST

37 I tell you this because what a prophet wrote about me in the Scriptures must take place: ‘People treated him like a criminal.’ Everything the Scriptures say about me is going to happen.

What written prediction about Jesus was being fulfilled in these events?

The written prediction about Jesus that was being fulfilled is the one that says, “And he was reckoned with the lawless.”

Luke 22:38

ULT
38 Then they said, “Lord, behold! Here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

UST
38 The disciples replied, “Lord, look! We have two swords!” He answered, “We will not need more than two.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:39

ULT
39 And having gone out, he went according to {his} custom to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples also followed him.

UST
39 Jesus left the city and went to the Mount of Olives, as he usually did. His disciples went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:40

ULT
40 And having come to the place, he said to them, “Pray not to enter into temptation.”

UST
40 When Jesus came {with his disciples} to the place where he often spent the night, he said to them, “Pray that God will help you not to sin when you are tempted.”

On the Mount of Olives, for what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray?
He wanted them to pray that they would not enter into temptation.

Luke 22:41

ULT
41 And he went away from them about {the} throw of a stone, and having put down {his} knees, he was praying,

UST
41 Then he went about 30 meters from them, knelt down, and prayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:42

ULT
42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. But let not my will, but yours, happen.”

UST
42 He said, “Father, if you are willing, please allow me not to experience the terrible things that are about to happen. But do not do what I want. Do what you want.”

On the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus pray?
He prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.”

Luke 22:43

ULT
43[1] [And an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him.

UST
43[1] [Then an angel from heaven came to him and gave him courage.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:44

ULT
44[2] And being in agony, he was praying more earnestly, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.]

UST
44[2] He was suffering greatly. So he prayed very intensely. His sweat was falling to the ground like large drops of blood.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:45

ULT

45 And having risen up from the prayer, he came to the disciples, {and} found them sleeping from the sorrow.

UST

45 When Jesus got up from praying, he returned to his disciples. He discovered that they were sleeping. They were very sad and this had made them tired.

What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?
They were sleeping.

Luke 22:46

ULT

46 And he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise up {and} pray, so that you may not enter into temptation.”

UST

46 He {woke them up and} said to them, “This is no time for you to be sleeping! Get up! Pray that {God will help you so that} nothing tempts you to sin.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:47

ULT

47 {While} he was still speaking, behold, a crowd, and the one called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. And he came near to Jesus to kiss him.

UST

47 While Jesus was still speaking, a crowd of people came to him. Judas, one of the 12 disciples, was guiding them. He came up to Jesus to greet him with a kiss on the cheek.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:48

ULT
48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

UST
48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, how dare you use a kiss to hand me, the Son of Man, over to my enemies!”

How did Judas betray Jesus in front of the crowd?
He betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

Luke 22:49

ULT
49 And the ones around him, having seen {what} was going to happen, said, “Lord, if we will strike with a sword?”

UST
49 When the disciples realized what was happening, they said, “Lord, should we use our weapons {to keep them from arresting you}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:50

ULT
50 And a certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

UST
50 One of them {drew his sword and} struck the servant of the high priest, but {only} cut off his right ear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:51

ULT
51 But answering, Jesus said, “Allow up to this!” And touching {his} ear, he healed him.

UST
51 But Jesus said, “Do not do any more of that!” Then he touched the servant where he had been wounded and healed him.

What did Jesus do with the man whose ear was cut off?
He touched his ear, and healed him.

Luke 22:52

ULT
52 Then Jesus said to the ones having come out against him—chief priests and captains of the temple and elders—“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

UST
52-53 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guards, and the Jewish elders who had come to arrest him, “It is surprising that you have come here with swords and clubs to arrest me, as if I were a robber. For many days I was with you in the temple, but you did not try to arrest me at all! But this is the time you are doing what you want. It is also the time when Satan is doing the evil things as he wants to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:53

ULT
53 {When} I was with you each day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the authority of the darkness.”

UST
52-53 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guards, and the Jewish elders who had come to arrest him, “It is surprising that you have come here with swords and clubs to arrest me, as if I were a robber. For many days I was with you in the temple, but you did not try to arrest me at all! But this is the time you are doing what you want. It is also the time when Satan is doing the evil things as he wants to do.”

Where did Jesus say he was daily with the chief priests?
He said he had been in the temple each day.

Luke 22:54

ULT

54 Then having seized him, they led {him} away and brought {him} into the house of the high priest. And Peter was following from a distance.

UST

54 The Jewish leaders and soldiers seized Jesus and led him away. They brought him to the high priest's house. Peter followed them {from a safe distance} far behind.

After seizing him, where did the crowd take Jesus?
The crowd took him to the house of the high priest.

Luke 22:55

ULT

55 And they having kindled a fire in {the} middle of the courtyard and having sat down together, Peter was sitting in {the} midst of them.

UST

55 Some people lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together. Peter came and sat among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:56

ULT

56 Then a certain female servant, having seen him sitting towards the light and looking steadily at him, said, "This one also was with him."

UST

56 A female servant saw Peter sitting there as the fire shone upon him. She looked at him carefully and said, "This man was also with the one they have arrested!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:57

ULT

57 But he denied {it}, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

UST

57 But he denied it, saying, “Young lady, I do not know him!”

What did Peter say when a certain maid said that Peter had been with Jesus?

He said, “Woman, I do not know him.”

Luke 22:58

ULT

58 And after a little while another, having seen him, said, “You are also of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”

UST

58 A little later someone else saw Peter and said, “You also are one of those who were with the man they arrested!” But Peter said, “No, mister, I am not one of them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:59

ULT

59 And about one hour having passed, a certain other one was insisting, saying, “In truth, this one was also with him, for he is also a Galilean.”

UST

59 About an hour later someone else said loudly, “{The way that} this man {speaks shows that he} is from {the region of} Galilee. So he must certainly have come here with the man they arrested!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:60

ULT

60 But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying.” And immediately, {while} he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

UST

60 But Peter said, “Mister, that is not true!” Immediately a rooster crowed, while Peter was still speaking.

What happened immediately after Peter denied knowing Jesus for the third time?
A rooster crowed immediately after he denied knowing Jesus.

Luke 22:61

ULT

61 And the Lord turned {and} looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before a rooster crows today you will deny me three times.”

UST

61 Jesus turned around and looked right at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: “This night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you know me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:62

ULT

62 And going outside, he wept bitterly.

UST

62 And he went out of the courtyard and cried with great sorrow.

What did Peter do after Jesus looked at him?
He went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:63

ULT

63 And the men holding him were mocking {and} beating him.

UST

63 The men who were guarding Jesus made fun of him and beat him.

What did the men guarding Jesus do to him?

They mocked and beat him.

Luke 22:64

ULT

64 And having blindfolded {him}, they were questioning him, saying, “Prophesy! Who is the one having hit you?”

UST

64 They put a blindfold on him {so he could not see and then took turns hitting him}. They said to him, “Show us that you are a prophet! Tell us who just hit you!”

How did the men guarding Jesus mock him?

They blindfolded him and asked him who it was that hit him.

Luke 22:65

ULT

65 And they were saying many other {things} to him, blaspheming {him}.

UST

65 They said many other {cruel} things about him, mocking him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:66

ULT

66 And when it became day, the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes, and they led him into their Sanhedrin,

UST

66 At dawn the next morning, many of the Jewish leaders gathered together. In this group were the chief priests and the men who taught the Jewish laws. They had the soldiers bring Jesus into the Jewish council chamber.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:67

ULT

67 saying, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I told you, you would certainly not believe;

UST

67 There they said to him, “If you are the Messiah, tell us!” But he replied, “If I say that I am the Messiah, you will not believe me.

The council demanded that Jesus tell them if he is the Christ. What did Jesus say that they would not do if he did tell them?

He said that they would certainly not believe.

Luke 22:68

ULT

68 and if I questioned you, you would certainly not answer.

UST

68 But if I ask you whether you think I am the Messiah, you will not answer me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:69

ULT
69 But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at {the} right hand of the power of God."

UST
69 But from now on, I, the Messiah, will be sitting next to almighty God {and ruling}!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:70

ULT
70 Then they all said, "Therefore are you the Son of God?" And he said to them, "You are saying that I am."

UST
70 Then they all asked, "If that is so, are you {saying that you are} the Son of God?" He answered, "Yes, what you are saying is true."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 22:71

ULT
71 And they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we ourselves have heard from {his} own mouth."
22:43 [1]
22:44 [2]

UST
71 Then they said to each other, "We ourselves have heard him say {that he is equal to God}! And so we certainly do not need any more people to testify against him {on a charge of blasphemy}!"
22:43 [1]
22:44 [2]

Why did the council say that they did not need witnesses to prove that Jesus claimed to be the Christ?
They said they did not need more witnesses because they had heard Jesus, from his own mouth, claim that he was the Christ.

Luke 23

Luke 23:1

ULT

[1] And the whole multitude of them rose up {and} brought him to Pilate.

UST

[1] Then the whole group got up and took Jesus to Pilate{, the Roman governor}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:2

ULT

[2] And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this one perverting our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying {that} he himself is Christ, a king.”

UST

[2] They accused him {in front of Pilate}. They said, “We have seen this man {causing trouble by} misleading our people. He has been telling them to not pay the taxes that Caesar, the Roman emperor, has imposed. Also, he has been saying that he is the Messiah, a king!”

What accusations against Jesus did the Jewish leaders make to Pilate?

They said that Jesus was perverting the nation, forbidding tribute to Caesar, and saying that he was the Christ, a king.

Luke 23:3

ULT

[3] Then Pilate questioned him, saying, “Are you the King of the Jews?” But answering him, he said, “You say {so}.”

UST

[3] Pilate then asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus replied, “Yes, it is just as you have asked me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:4

ULT

[4] Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no cause in this man.”

UST

[4] Then Pilate said to the chief priests and to the crowd, “This man is not guilty of any crime.”

After questioning Jesus, what did Pilate say about him?
He said, “I find no cause in this man.”

Luke 23:5

ULT

[5] But they were insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, indeed, beginning from Galilee as far as here.”

UST

[5] But the group from the Jewish ruling council kept accusing Jesus. They said, “He is trying to get the people to riot! He has been teaching his ideas throughout all of {the region of} Judea. He started doing that in {the region of} Galilee, and now he is doing it here as well!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:6

ULT

[6] And Pilate, having heard {this}, asked whether the man was a Galilean.

UST

[6] When Pilate heard what they said, he asked, “Does this man come from {the region of} Galilee?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:7

ULT

[7] And having learned that he was under the authority of Herod, he sent him to Herod, being also in Jerusalem himself in those days.

UST

[7] When Pilate found out that Jesus was from Galilee, where Herod Antipas ruled, he sent Jesus to him. Herod was also in Jerusalem at that time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:8

ULT

[8] And Herod, having seen Jesus, rejoiced greatly, for he had been desiring to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign happen by him.

UST

[8] When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, because he had wanted to see Jesus for a long time. This was because Herod had heard many things about Jesus, and he wanted to see him perform a miracle.

Why did Herod want to see Jesus?

Herod wanted to see Jesus do some sign.

Luke 23:9

ULT

[9] Then he questioned him in many words, but he answered him nothing.

UST

[9] So he asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus did not reply to any of them.

How did Jesus answer Herod’s questions?

He answered Herod nothing.

Luke 23:10

ULT

10 And the chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him.

UST

10 And the chief priests and some experts in the Jewish laws stood near Jesus, accusing him very strongly {of committing many crimes}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:11

ULT

11 Then Herod, with his soldiers, also despised him and mocked {him}. Having put elegant clothing around {him}, he sent him back to Pilate.

UST

11 Then Herod and his soldiers insulted Jesus and made fun of him. They put expensive clothes on him {to pretend that he was a king}. Then Herod sent him back to Pilate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:12

ULT

12 Then both Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day, for they were previously being in hostility between themselves.

UST

12 Until that time the two men had been very hostile to each other, but on that day Herod and Pilate became friends.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:13

ULT

13 Then Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

UST

13 Pilate then gathered together the chief priests and other Jewish leaders and the crowd that was still there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:14

ULT

14 {and} said to them, “You brought this man to me as turning the people away, and behold, I, having examined him before you, found nothing in this man as cause for what you are accusing against him.

UST

14 He said to them, “You brought this man to me, saying that he has been leading the people to revolt. But I want you to know that after examining him while you were listening, I conclude that he is not guilty of doing any of the things you said he did.

When Jesus was returned to Pilate, what did Pilate say about Jesus to the crowd?
He said he found nothing in Jesus of the cause which they were charging against him.

Luke 23:15

ULT

15 But neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us, and behold, nothing {that} is worthy of death has been done by him.

UST

15 Also, Herod sent him back to us {without punishing him}. That means that he too {concluded that he was not guilty}. So it is clear that this man has not done anything for which he deserves to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:16

ULT

16 Therefore, having punished him, I will release him.”

UST

16 So I will {tell my soldiers to} whip him and then set him free.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:17

ULT
17[1] [But he had obligation to release to them one {prisoner} at every feast.]

UST
17[1] [{Pilate said this because} he had to set one prisoner free at every Passover celebration.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:18

ULT
18 But they cried out all together, saying, “Take away this one, but release to us Barabbas!”

UST
18 But the whole crowd shouted together, “Put this man to death! Set Barabbas free for us instead!”

Who did the crowd want Pilate to release from prison for the Passover feast?
They wanted him to release Barabbas, a criminal.

Luke 23:19

ULT
19 (He had been put in prison for a certain rebellion {that} happened in the city, and for murder.)

UST
19 Now Barabbas was a man who had led some people in the city {of Jerusalem} to rebel against the Roman government. He was also a murderer. He was in prison because of these crimes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:20

ULT
20 Then Pilate again addressed them, desiring to release Jesus.

UST
20 But Pilate wanted very much to set Jesus free, so he tried to speak to the crowd again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:21

ULT

[21] But they were shouting, saying, “Crucify, crucify him.”

UST

[21] But they kept on shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

What did the crowd shout should be done to Jesus?

They shouted, “Crucify, crucify him.”

Luke 23:22

ULT

[22] Then he spoke to them a third time, “For what evil has this one done? No cause for death have I found in him. Therefore, having punished him, I will release him.”

UST

[22] Pilate then spoke to the crowd a third time. “No! He has not committed any crime! He has not done anything for which he deserves to die. So I will have my soldiers whip him, and then I will set him free.”

For the third time, what did Pilate tell the crowd about Jesus?

Pilate said, “No cause for death have I found in him.”

Luke 23:23

ULT

[23] But they were insisting with loud voices, demanding for him to be crucified, and their voices prevailed.

UST

[23] But the people in the crowd kept shouting to insist that Pilate execute Jesus on a cross. Finally, because they continued to shout so loudly, they persuaded Pilate.

Why did Pilate finally grant the crowd’s demand to crucify Jesus?

He granted their request because they were insisting with loud voices.

Luke 23:24

ULT
24 And Pilate decreed for their demand to happen.

UST
24 So Pilate declared that he would do what they wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:25

ULT
25 Then he released the one {that} had been put in prison for rebellion and murder, whom they were requesting, but he handed over Jesus to their will.

UST
25 Then Pilate set free the man whom the crowd was asking him to release. That man was in prison because he had fought against the government and murdered people! Pilate then commanded the soldiers to take Jesus and do what the crowd wanted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:26

ULT
26 And as they led him away, seizing Simon, a certain Cyrenean coming from the country, they put {the} cross on him, to carry behind Jesus.

UST
26 Now there was a man named Simon, who was from the city of Cyrene {in Africa}. He was coming into Jerusalem from the countryside. As the soldiers were leading Jesus away, they grabbed hold of Simon. They {took from Jesus the cross that they had made him carry, and they} put it on Simon's shoulders. They told him to carry it and follow behind Jesus.

Who carried Jesus' cross and followed behind Jesus?
Simon of Cyrene carried Jesus' cross.

Luke 23:27

ULT
27 And a great crowd of the people was following him, and of women mourning and wailing for him.

UST
27 Now a large crowd was walking behind Jesus. In the crowd were many women who were beating on their chests {to show their grief} and wailing {sorrowfully} for him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:28

ULT
28 But turning to them, Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

UST
28 But {instead of accepting their sympathy,} Jesus turned to these women and said, “You women of Jerusalem, do not weep for me! Instead, weep over {the terrible things that are going to happen to} you and your children!

For whom did Jesus say the women of Jerusalem should weep instead of for him?
Jesus said that they should weep for themselves and their children.

Luke 23:29

ULT
29 For behold, days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed {are} the barren, yes, the wombs that did not give birth and breasts that did not nurse.’

UST
29 For I want you to know that there will {soon} be a time when people will say, ‘How fortunate are the women who have never given birth to children or nursed babies!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:30

ULT
30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

UST
30 Then the people in this city will say, ‘We wish that the mountains would fall on top of us and that the hills would cover us up!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:31

ULT
31 For if they do these {things} in the moist tree, what will happen in the dry?”

UST
31 Right now it is difficult for people to do bad things to others, just as it is difficult to set fire to fresh wood. But later, people will easily be able to do terrible things to others, just as it is easy to set fire to dry wood.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:32

ULT
32 And others, two criminals, were also being led away with him to be put to death.

UST
32 Two other men, who were criminals, were also walking with Jesus to the place where the Romans would execute them.

Who was crucified with Jesus?
Two criminals were crucified with Jesus.

Luke 23:33

ULT

33 And when they came to the place {that} is called {The} Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals—one at {the} right and one at {the} left.

UST

33 When they got to the place whose name was The Skull, there the soldiers crucified Jesus, nailing him to a cross. They did the same thing to the two criminals. They put one of them at the right side of Jesus and the other at his left side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:34

ULT

34[2] [But Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."] But, dividing up his garments, they threw lots.

UST

34[2] [But Jesus said, "Father, please forgive these people. They do not realize what they are doing."] Then the soldiers divided his clothes and gambled with something like dice to determine which piece of clothing each one would get.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:35

ULT

35 And the people stood by watching, and the rulers were also ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

UST

35 Many people stood nearby, watching. They were making fun of Jesus. The Jewish leaders did the same thing. They said, "He saved other people! If God has really chosen him to be the Messiah, he should save himself!"

Since Jesus claimed to be the Christ, what did the people, the soldiers and one of the criminals all challenge Jesus to do?

They challenged him to save himself.

Luke 23:36

ULT
36 Then the soldiers also mocked him, coming up {and} offering him vinegar,

UST
36 The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him and offered him some sour wine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:37

ULT
37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

UST
37 They said to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:38

ULT
38 And there was also an inscription over him, “This {is} the King of the Jews.”

UST
38 On the cross above his head, the soldiers also fastened a sign that stated, “This is the King of the Jews.”

What was written on a sign over Jesus?
On the sign was written, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Luke 23:39

ULT
39 Then one of the criminals having been hung blasphemed him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”

UST
39 One of the criminals who was hanging {on a cross next to Jesus also} insulted him. He said, “If you really were the Messiah, you would save yourself, and you would save us too!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:40

ULT
40 But answering, the other, rebuking him, said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same judgment?

UST
40 But the other criminal scolded him {for saying that}. He told him, “You should be afraid of God {punishing you}! You are also dying on a cross{, and soon God will judge you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:41

ULT
41 And we justly, for indeed we are receiving worthy of what we did, but this one did nothing wrong.”

UST
41 The two of us deserve {to die}. They are punishing us as we deserve for the evil things that we did. But the man you are insulting did nothing wrong!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:42

ULT
42 And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

UST
42 Then he said to Jesus, “Jesus, please think about me and treat me well when you begin to rule as king!”

What request did the second criminal make to Jesus?
He said, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Luke 23:43

ULT
43 And he said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

UST
43 Jesus replied, “I want you to know that today you will be with me in paradise!”

What promise did Jesus make to the second criminal?
He said, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:44

ULT
44 And it was already about {the} sixth hour, and darkness was over the whole land until {the} ninth hour.

UST
44 By then it was about noontime. But it became dark throughout that whole area until three o’clock in the afternoon.

What miraculous event occurred immediately before Jesus’ death?
Darkness came over the whole land for three hours.

Luke 23:45

ULT
45 The sun failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in {the} middle.

UST
45 There was no light from the sun. And the {thick} curtain {that closed off the Most Holy Place} in the temple split into two pieces.

What miraculous events occurred immediately before Jesus’ death?
The sun failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle.

Luke 23:46

ULT

46 And crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, “Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit.” And having said this, he breathed out.

UST

46 When that happened, Jesus shouted loudly, “Father, I put my spirit into your care!” After he said that, he stopped breathing and died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:47

ULT

47 And the centurion, having seen the {thing} having happened, glorified God, saying, “Truly this man was righteous.”

UST

47 When the centurion {who was commanding the soldiers} saw what happened, he said, “Indeed, this man did nothing wrong!” What he said honored God.

What did the centurion say about Jesus after Jesus’ death?

He said, “Certainly this man was righteous.”

Luke 23:48

ULT

48 And all the crowds {that} had come together for this spectacle, having seen the {things} having happened, returned, beating {their} breasts.

UST

48 When the crowd of people who had gathered to see these men die saw what had actually happened, they went back to their homes, hitting their chests to show that they were sorrowful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:49

ULT

49 But all the ones acquainted with him, and {the} women following him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these {things}.

UST

49 {But when the rest of the crowd left,} all of Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had come with him from {the region of} Galilee, kept watching what happened from where they were standing, some distance away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:50

ULT

50 And behold, a man named Joseph was a council member, a good and righteous man,

UST

50 There was a man named Joseph {who lived in Jerusalem}. He was a good and righteous man who was a member of the Jewish Council.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:51

ULT

51 (he had not agreed with the council and their action) from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God.

UST

51 But he had not agreed with the other Council members when they decided to kill Jesus and when they planned how to do it. He was from the town of Arimathea in Judea. He was waiting expectantly for the time when God would send his king to begin to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:52

ULT
52 This one, approaching Pilate, requested the body of Jesus.

UST
52 Joseph went to Pilate and asked Pilate to permit him to take Jesus' body and bury it. {Pilate gave him permission,}

What did Joseph of Arimathea ask Pilate to give him?
He asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Luke 23:53

ULT
53 And taking {it} down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth, and placed it in a hewn tomb where no one ever had lain.

UST
53 So Joseph took Jesus' body down {from the cross}. He wrapped it in a linen cloth. Then he put Jesus' body in a burial chamber that someone had cut into a rock cliff. No one had ever put a body in that chamber before.

What did Joseph of Arimathea do with Jesus' body?
He laid Jesus' body in a new tomb.

Luke 23:54

ULT
54 And it was {the} Day of Preparation, and {the} Sabbath was dawning.

UST
54 This happened on the day when the Jewish people got ready for their day of rest. It was soon going to be sunset, the start of the Sabbath.

What day was about to begin when Jesus was buried?
The Sabbath Day was about to begin.

Luke 23:55

ULT

55 And the women who had come out of Galilee with him, having followed after, saw the tomb and how his body was laid.

UST

55 The women who had come with Jesus from {the district of} Galilee followed {Joseph and the men who were with him}. They saw the burial chamber, and they saw how the men laid Jesus' body inside it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 23:56

ULT

56 Then, having returned, they prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath they rested, according to the commandment.
23:17 [1]
23:34 [2]

UST

56 Then the women went back to where they were staying in order to prepare spices and ointments {to put on Jesus' body}. However, they stopped working when the Sabbath began, just as the Jewish law required.
23:17 [1]
23:34 [2]

What did the women who had been with Jesus do on the Sabbath?

They rested, according to God's commandment.

Luke 24

Luke 24:1

ULT

[1] Then on the first of the week, deeply at dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing spices that they had prepared.

UST

[1] Very early in the morning on Sunday, those women went to the burial chamber. They brought with them the spices that they had prepared {to put on the body of Jesus}.

When did the women come to the tomb of Jesus?
They came very early on the first day of the week.

Luke 24:2

ULT

[2] And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

UST

[2] {When they arrived,} they discovered that somebody had rolled away the stone {that had been closing off the entrance} to the burial chamber.

What did the women find had happened at the tomb?
They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

Luke 24:3

ULT

[3] but having entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

UST

[3] They went into {the burial chamber}, but the body of Jesus was not there!

What did the women find inside the tomb?
They found that the body of Jesus was not there.

Luke 24:4

ULT

4 And it happened that, while they were perplexed about this, and behold, two men in flashing clothing stood by them.

UST

4 They did not know what to think about that. Then suddenly two men stood by them wearing bright, shining clothes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:5

ULT

5 And as they became terrified and bowed {their} faces toward the ground, they said to them, “Why are you seeking the living among the dead?

UST

5 This made the women very frightened. They bowed down low to the ground. The two men said to them, “You should not be looking for someone who is alive in a place where they bury the bodies of dead people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:6

ULT

6 He is not here, but has been raised! Remember how he spoke to you, still being in Galilee,

UST

6 He is not here. No, he has come back to life! Recall that while he was still with you in Galilee, he said to you,

What did the two men in dazzling apparel (angels) say had happened to Jesus?

They told the women that Jesus had risen.

Luke 24:7

ULT

[7] saying that it was necessary for the Son of Man to be handed over into {the} hands of sinful men and to be crucified, and on the third day to rise up."

UST

[7] 'They will have to hand me, the Son of Man, over to sinful men. Those men will kill me by nailing me to a cross. But two days later, I will become alive again.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:8

ULT

[8] And they remembered his words,

UST

[8] The women recalled what Jesus had told them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:9

ULT

[9] and having returned from the tomb, they reported all these {things} to the Eleven and to all the rest.

UST

[9] So they left the burial chamber and went to the 11 Representatives and the other disciples of Jesus and told them what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:10

ULT

[10] And they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the {mother} of James, and the other {women} with them, telling these {things} to the apostles.

UST

[10] The women who told these things to them were Mary from Magdala village, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women who were with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:11

ULT

[11] And these words seemed before them like nonsense, and they disbelieved them.

UST

[11] But they thought this report was foolishness, so they did not believe the women.

What was the apostles' reaction when the women told of their experience at the tomb?
These words seemed before them like nonsense, and they disbelieved them.

Luke 24:12

ULT

[12] But Peter, having risen up, ran to the tomb, and having stooped down, he sees only the linen cloths. So he went away to his {home}, wondering {what} had happened.

UST

[12] However, Peter decided {to see whether the story was true}. He ran to the burial chamber. He stooped down {and looked inside}. He saw the linen cloths {in which Jesus' body had been wrapped, but Jesus was not there}. So he left the tomb, puzzling over what had happened.

What did Peter see when he looked in the tomb?
Peter saw the linen cloths lying by themselves.

Luke 24:13

ULT

[13] And behold, on that same day, two of them were going to a distant village that {was named} Emmaus, 60 stadia from Jerusalem,

UST

[13] That same day two of Jesus' disciples were walking to an outlying village named Emmaus. It was about ten kilometers from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:14

ULT
14 and they were talking to each other about all these {things} {that} had happened.

UST
14 They were talking with each other about all the things that had happened {to Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:15

ULT
15 And it happened, while they talked and discussed, {that} Jesus himself, approaching, was going with them.

UST
15 While they were talking and discussing {those things}, Jesus himself approached them and started walking with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:16

ULT
16 But their eyes were being held so as not to recognize him.

UST
16 But God prevented them from realizing that it was Jesus.

Why did the two disciples going to Emmaus not recognize Jesus when Jesus joined them?
Their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:17

ULT
17 Then he said to them, “What {are} these words that you are exchanging with each other as you are walking?” And they stood still, gloomy.

UST
17 Jesus said to them, “What have you two been talking about while you were walking?” They stopped, and they had very sad expressions on their faces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:18

ULT

18 Then, answering, one named Cleopas said to him, “Are you alone visiting Jerusalem and have not known the {things} having happened in her in these days?”

UST

18 But then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, replied, “You must be the only person who is visiting Jerusalem who does not know about the events that have happened there in recent days!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:19

ULT

19 And he said to them, “What kind?” And they said to him, “The {things} concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who was a man, a prophet powerful in work and word in front of God and all the people,

UST

19 He said to them, “What events?” They replied, “The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth, who was a prophet. God enabled him to perform great miracles and to teach wonderful messages. Most people thought he was wonderful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:20

ULT

20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to a judgment of death and crucified him.

UST

20 But our chief priests and leaders handed him over {to the Roman authorities}. They sentenced him to die, and they killed him by nailing him to a cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:21

ULT
21 But we were hoping that he was the one going to redeem Israel. But indeed also with all these {things}, he is spending this third day since these {things} happened.

UST
21 We were hoping that he was the one who would free us Israelites from our enemies! But this does not seem possible now, since three days have passed since the Romans executed him.

While Jesus was alive, what were the disciples hoping he would do?
They were hoping that he would redeem Israel.

Luke 24:22

ULT
22 But indeed, some women among us astonished us, having been at the tomb early

UST
22 In spite of this, some women from our group amazed us. Early this morning they went to the chamber {where Jesus was buried},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:23

ULT
23 and not finding his body, they came saying they had also seen a vision of angels, saying he was alive.

UST
23 but the body of Jesus was not there! They came back and told us they had seen some angels in a vision. The angels said that Jesus was alive!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:24

ULT

24 And some of the ones with us went to the tomb and they found thus, just as the women had indeed said, but they did not see him."

UST

24 Then some of those who were with us {when the women came and said this} went to the burial chamber. They saw that things were exactly as the women had reported. But they did not see Jesus."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:25

ULT

25 And he said to them, "O foolish ones and slow in heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

UST

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You two foolish men! You are so slow to believe all that the prophets have written about the Messiah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:26

ULT

26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these {things}, and to enter into his glory?"

UST

26 You should certainly have known that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer all those things {and die}, and then receive great honor from God!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:27

ULT

[27] And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them the {things} concerning himself in all the Scriptures.

UST

[27] Then Jesus explained to them all the things that the Scriptures said about himself. He started with what Moses wrote, and then he explained what all the prophets had written.

What did Jesus explain to the two men from the scriptures?
He explained what the scriptures said concerning himself.

Luke 24:28

ULT

[28] And they drew near to the village where they were going, and he acted as if he would travel further.

UST

[28] When they had nearly reached the village where the two men were going, it appeared that Jesus was going to keep walking down the road.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:29

ULT

[29] And they urged him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day has already declined.” And he went in to stay with them.

UST

[29] But they pleaded with him {not to do that}. They said, “Stay with us tonight, because it is late in the afternoon and it will soon be dark.” So he went in {to the house} to stay with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:30

ULT
30 And it happened that, when he had reclined to eat with them, taking the bread, he blessed {it}, and having broken {it}, he was giving {it} to them.

UST
30 When they all sat down to eat, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and began to give some to the two men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:31

ULT
31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he became invisible from them.

UST
31 And then God enabled them to recognize him. But immediately he disappeared!

What happened to the two disciples when Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to them?
Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Luke 24:32

ULT
32 And they said to one another, “Was not our heart burning as he spoke to us on the way, as he opened to us the Scriptures?”

UST
32 They said to each other, “While we were walking along the road and he was talking with us and enabling us to understand the Scriptures, we got so excited inside! {It all made sense that the Messiah would have to suffer but then receive great honor.}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:33

ULT

33 And having risen up that same hour, they returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven having been gathered, and the ones with them,

UST

33 So they left immediately and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the 11 Representatives and some others who had gathered together with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:34

ULT

34 saying, “Truly the Lord has been raised, and he has been seen by Simon!”

UST

34 They told those two men, “It is true that Jesus has become alive again. He has appeared to Simon!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:35

ULT

35 And they related the {things} on the way, and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

UST

35 Then those two men told the others what had happened as they were walking along the road. They also told them how they both recognized Jesus as he broke some bread for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:36

ULT

36 And as they were saying these {things}, he himself stood in {the} midst of them and said to them, “Peace to you.”

UST

36 As they were saying that, Jesus himself suddenly appeared among them. He said to them, “May God give you peace!”

What did Jesus say first when he appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem?
He said, “Peace to you.”

Luke 24:37

ULT

37 But having been frightened and becoming terrified, they thought they were seeing a spirit.

UST

37 But {they were not peaceful.} They were startled and afraid because they thought that they were seeing a ghost!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:38

ULT

38 And he said to them, “Why have you been troubled, and why are doubts arising in your heart?

UST

38 He said to them, “You should not be alarmed! And you should not doubt {that I am alive}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:39

ULT
39 See my hands and my feet, that I myself am. Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see me having."

UST
39 Look at {the wounds in my hands} and my feet! That way you can be sure that it is really I myself. Ghosts do not have bodies, as you see that I have, and you can touch me to prove that my body is real."

How did Jesus prove that he was not just a spirit?
He invited the disciples to touch him, and he showed them his hands and feet.

Luke 24:40

ULT
40 And having said this, he showed them {his} hands and {his} feet.

UST
40 After he said that, he showed them {the wounds in} his hands and his feet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:41

ULT
41 And as they were still disbelieving and wondering from the joy, he said to them, "Do you have something eatable here?"

UST
41 They were so glad that they could still hardly believe {that he was really alive}. So he said to them, "Do you have something here that I could eat?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:42

ULT
42 So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish,

UST
42 So they gave him a piece of roasted fish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:43

ULT
43 and taking {it}, he ate {it} before them.

UST
43 While they were watching, he took it and ate it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:44

ULT
44 Then he said to them, “These {are} my words that I spoke to you {when} I was still with you, that all the {things} having been written about me in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in {the} Psalms, must be fulfilled.”

UST
44 Then he said to them, “I will repeat what I told you while I was with you before. God was going to make happen everything that he said about me{, the Messiah.} throughout all of the Scriptures.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:45

ULT
45 Then he opened their mind to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them,

UST
45 Then he enabled them to understand the {things that} the Scriptures {said about him}. He said to them,

How were the disciples then able to understand the scriptures?
Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

Luke 24:46

ULT
46 “Thus it has been written: The Christ would suffer, and rise up from {the} dead on the third day,

UST
46 “This is what you can read in the Scriptures: that the Messiah would suffer {and die}, but on the third day after that, he would become alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:47

ULT
47 and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

UST
47 {The Scriptures also say that} those who believe in the Messiah would go and announce on his behalf that God will forgive people who stop sinning. I want you to do this, starting here in Jerusalem and going to every people group in the world.

What did Jesus say should be proclaimed to all the nations?
Jesus said that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed to all the nations.

Luke 24:48

ULT
48 You are witnesses of these {things}.

UST
48 You {must tell people that you} saw everything happen to me that the Scriptures said would happen to the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:49

ULT
49 And I am sending upon you the promise of my Father. But you stay in the city until you put on power from heaven."

UST
49 And I am going to send the Holy Spirit to you, as my Father promised. But you must stay in this city until God gives you the power {of the Holy Spirit}."

For what did Jesus tell the disciples to wait?
He told them to wait until they are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:50

ULT
50 Then he led them out as far as towards Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

UST
50 Then Jesus led them outside {the city} until they came near {the village of} Bethany. There he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:51

ULT
51 And it happened that, while he was blessing them, he separated from them and was carried up into heaven.

UST
51 As he was doing that, he left them and went up to heaven.

What happened to Jesus as he blessed the disciples near Bethany?
He was carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:52

ULT
52 And they, having worshiped him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

UST
52 After they worshiped him, they returned to Jerusalem very joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Luke 24:53

ULT

53 and they were through all in the temple, blessing God.

UST

53 Each day they went to the temple and spent time worshiping God there.

Where did the disciples then spend their time, and what did they do?

They were continually in the temple, blessing God.

John

John 1

John 1:1

ULT
1 In {the} beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

UST
1 The Word existed before the universe existed. The Word was with God. The Word also was God.

What was in the beginning?
In the beginning was the Word.

What was the Word?
The Word was God.

Who was the Word with? (vv1-2)
The Word was with God.

John 1:2

ULT
2 He was in {the} beginning with God.

UST
2 He, the Word, was with God before the universe existed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:3

ULT

[3] All {things} came into being through him, and without him came into being not one {thing} {that} has come into being.

UST

[3] God made everything through him. God made every single thing in the universe with him.

Was anything made without the Word?

All things were made through him, and without him there was not one thing made that has been made.

John 1:4

ULT

[4] In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

UST

[4] The Word gives eternal life, and that eternal life is {God's good and true} light {that he revealed} to humans.

What was in the Word?

In him was life.

John 1:5

ULT

[5] And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

UST

[5] God revealed {his good and true} light to the evil world, and that evil world did not vanquish it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:6

ULT

[6] There was a man—having been sent from God—his name {was} John.

UST

[6] God sent a man named John {who was known as John the Baptizer}.

What was the name of the man sent from God?

His name was John.

John 1:7

ULT

[7] He came as a witness in order that he might testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.

UST

[7] He came in order to declare to people about {Jesus, who is} the light. {He declared this} so that everyone might trust in the light by means of his {testimony}.

What did John come to do?

He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him.

John 1:8

ULT

[8] That one was not the light, but {came} so that he might testify about the light.

UST

[8] John himself was not that light, but he came in order to tell people about the light.

Did the world know or receive the light John came to testify about? (vv8-11)

The world did not know the light John came to testify about, and that light's own people did not receive him.

John 1:9

ULT
9 The true light, which gives light to all men, was coming into the world.

UST
9 That true light was {Jesus,} who revealed God's truth and goodness to everyone. {He was} that light that was coming into the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:10

ULT
10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, and the world did not know him.

UST
10 The Word was in the world, and he created the universe. Nevertheless, the people of the world did not recognize him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:11

ULT
11 He came to {his} own, and {his} own did not receive him.

UST
11 The Word came to his own people, {the Jews,} but they rejected him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:12

ULT
12 But as many as received him, he gave to them {the} authority to become children of God, to the ones believing in his name,

UST
12 But to everyone who accepted him and trusted in him he gave the right to become God's children.

What did the light do for those who believed on his name?
To those who believed on his name he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:13

ULT

13 the ones not born from bloods, nor from {the} will of {the} flesh, nor from {the} will of a man, but from God.

UST

13 These children of God were not spiritually born by means of normal human birth, nor by human desire, nor by the desire of their fathers. Rather, they were spiritually born by God.

How could those who believed on his name become children of God?

They could become children of God by being born by God.

John 1:14

ULT

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the One and Only from {the} Father, full of grace and truth.

UST

14 The Word became a real human being and temporarily lived here {where we live}. We have seen him display his glorious nature. {That is} the glorious nature of the Unique Son who came from the Father. He fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings.

Is there or was there any other person like the Word, who came from the Father?

No! The Word is the only unique person who came from the Father.

John 1:15

ULT

15 John testifies about him and has cried out, saying, "This was the one of whom I said, 'The one coming after me has become greater than me, for he was before me.'"

UST

15 John the Baptizer was telling people about the Word. And he shouted {to those around him}, "I told you that someone would come after me {and that} he is much more important than I am because he existed long before me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:16

ULT
16 For from his fullness we have all received even grace after grace.

UST
16 {We know the Word fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings} because all of us have benefited from what he fully possesses, {having benefited from} one kind act after another.

What have we received from the fullness of this one John testified about?
From his fullness we have all received free gift after free gift.

John 1:17

ULT
17 For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came about through Jesus Christ.

UST
17 {This is} because God gave his laws {to the Israelites} by Moses. But God's kind acts and true message came into full existence by Jesus the Messiah.

What came through Jesus Christ?
Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:18

ULT
18 No one has seen God at any time. The One and Only God, the one being in the bosom of the Father, that one has made {him} known.

UST
18 No one has ever seen God. But Jesus, the Unique One, is God. He is close to God the Father, and he himself has revealed the Father.

Who has seen God at any time?
No man has seen God at any time.

Who has made God known to us?
The one who is in the bosom of the Father has made him known to us.

John 1:19

ULT

19 And this is the testimony of John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem so that they might ask him, “Who are you?”

UST

19 This is what John the Baptizer testified when the Jewish leaders sent some priests and Levites from the city of Jerusalem in order to ask him, “Who are you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:20

ULT

20 And he confessed—and he did not deny, but confessed—“I am not the Christ.”

UST

20 {At that time} John emphatically confessed, “I am not the Messiah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:21

ULT

21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he says, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

UST

21 Then they asked him, “{If that is so,} then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “No.” They asked again, “Are you the Prophet {whom God said would come}?” John answered, “No.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:22

ULT
22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we might give an answer to the ones having sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

UST
22 So these priests and Levites asked John once more, “Who are you? {Tell us} so that we can report {what you say} to those leaders who sent us. Who do you claim to be?”

Who did John say he was when asked by the priests and Levites from Jerusalem? (vv22-23)
He said, “I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make the way of the Lord straight,’ just as Isaiah the prophet said.”

John 1:23

ULT
23 He said, “I am a voice, crying out in the wilderness: ‘Make the way of {the} Lord straight,’ just as Isaiah the prophet said.”

UST
23 John told them, “I am the person shouting in the desolate area to prepare yourselves to receive the Lord when he comes. {I am whom} the prophet Isaiah foretold.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:24

ULT
24 And the ones that had been sent were from the Pharisees,

UST
24 These priests and Levites whom the leaders in Jerusalem sent to John were Pharisees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:25

ULT

25 and they asked him and said to him, “Why do you baptize then if you are not the Christ nor Elijah nor the Prophet?”

UST

25 They asked him, “If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, then why are you baptizing people?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:26

ULT

26 John answered them, saying, “I baptize in water. In the midst of you stands one you do not know,

UST

26 John replied, “I am baptizing people with water, but there is someone now among you whom you do not know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:27

ULT

27 the one coming after me, of whom I am not worthy that I might untie the strap of his sandal.”

UST

27 He follows after me, but I am not important enough even to untie his sandals.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:28

ULT

28 These {things} came about in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

UST

28 These events occurred at the village of Bethany over {on the east side of} the Jordan River. {That is the place} where John was baptizing people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:29

ULT

29 The next day he sees Jesus coming to him and says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, the one taking away the sin of the world!

UST

29 The day after that happened, John saw Jesus coming toward him. Then he said to the people, “Look! {He is} the Lamb of God! He will sacrifice himself to forgive the sins of the people in this world.

What did John say when he saw Jesus coming to him?

He said, “Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:30

ULT

30 This is {he} concerning whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who has become greater than me, for he was before me.’

UST

30 This man is the one about whom I said, ‘Someone will come after me who is more important than I am, because {he existed long}before me.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:31

ULT

31 And I did not know him, but so that he might be revealed to Israel, because of this, I came baptizing in water.”

UST

31 I did not know who he was {at first}. Nevertheless, I have been baptizing people with water for the very purpose of revealing him to the people of Israel.”

Why did John come baptizing with water?

He came baptizing with water so that Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, could be revealed to Israel.

John 1:32

ULT
32 And John testified, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending like a dove from heaven, and it remained upon him.

UST
32 And John declared, “I saw God’s Spirit coming down from heaven appearing like a dove. Then the Spirit remained on Jesus.

What was the sign that revealed Jesus as the son of God to John? (vv32-33)
The sign was that on whoever John saw the Spirit descending and remaining, that one is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

John 1:33

ULT
33 And I did not recognize him, but the one having sent me to baptize in water, that one said to me, ‘Upon whomever you might see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, he is the one baptizing in {the} Holy Spirit.’

UST
33 I did not know who he was {at first}, but God sent me to baptize {people} with water and told me, ‘The man on whom you see my Spirit come down and remain is the man who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:34

ULT
34 And I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

UST
34 I have seen this, and I declare to you that this man, Jesus, is the Son of God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:35

ULT
35 The next day, John was standing again with two of his disciples,

UST
35 The day after that happened, John the Baptizer was again with two of his students.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:36

ULT
36 and having seen Jesus walking by, he says, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”

UST
36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! {He is} the Lamb of God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:37

ULT
37 And his two disciples heard {him} speaking, and they followed Jesus.

UST
37 Then John’s two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

What did two of John’s disciples do when they heard John call Jesus “the lamb of God”?
They followed Jesus.

John 1:38

ULT
38 But Jesus, having turned and having seen them following, says to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi (which being translated means Teacher), where are you staying?”

UST
38 When Jesus turned around and saw them coming behind him, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi (which means ‘teacher’ {in Jewish Aramaic}), where are you lodging?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:39

ULT

39 He says to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he is staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about {the} tenth hour.

UST

39 He replied, “Come with me, and you will see!” So they came and saw where Jesus was lodging. They stayed with him that day because it was getting late. (It was about 4:00 PM)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:40

ULT

40 One of the two having heard from John and having followed him was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.

UST

40 One of those two disciples who had heard what John had said and followed Jesus was Andrew. {He was} Simon Peter’s brother.

What is the name of one of the two who heard John speak and then followed Jesus?

The name of one of the two is Andrew.

John 1:41

ULT

41 This one first finds {his} own brother Simon and says to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated “Christ”).

UST

41 Andrew first {went and} found his brother Simon. {When he came to him,} he said, “We have found the Messiah!” (Messiah is “Christ” in the Greek language.)

What did Andrew tell his brother Simon about Jesus?

Andrew told Simon, “We have found the Messiah.”

John 1:42

ULT
42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus, having looked at him, said, “You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated “Peter”).

UST
42 Andrew took Simon to Jesus. When Jesus looked at Peter, he said, “You are Simon. Your father’s name is John. {From now on} your name will {also} be Cephas.” ({Cephas is an Aramaic word that is} “Peter” in Greek {and means “rock”}.)

What did Jesus say Simon would be called?
Jesus said Simon would be called “Cephas” (which means ‘Peter’).

John 1:43

ULT
43 The next day Jesus wanted to go away to Galilee, and he finds Philip and says to him, “Follow me.”

UST
43 The day after that happened Jesus decided to leave that area. He went to the region of Galilee and found a man named Philip. Jesus said to him, “Come be my disciple.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:44

ULT
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter.

UST
44 Philip was from the city of Bethsaida {in Galilee}. {This is also the city that} Andrew and Peter were from.

What was the city of Andrew and Peter?
The city of Andrew and Peter was Bethsaida.

John 1:45

ULT

45 Philip finds Nathaniel and says to him, “We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the law, and the prophets—Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.”

UST

45 {Then} Philip {went and} found Nathaniel. {When he came to him,} he said, “We have found the Messiah whom Moses wrote about in the law {God gave the Israelites} and {whom} the prophets {said would come}. {The Messiah is} Jesus. His father’s name is Joseph. He is from the town of Nazareth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:46

ULT

46 And Nathaniel said to him, “Is any good {thing} able to be from Nazareth?” Philip says to him, “Come and see.”

UST

46 Nathaniel replied, “From Nazareth? Certainly nothing good can come out of that town!” Philip replied, “Come and see for yourself!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:47

ULT

47 Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and says about him, “Behold, a true Israelite, in whom is no deceit!”

UST

47 When Jesus saw Nathaniel approaching him, he said to him, “Look! {Here is} an honest Israelite! He never deceives anyone!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:48

ULT

48 Nathaniel says to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, being under the fig tree, I saw you.”

UST

48 Nathaniel asked him, “How do you know what kind of man I am?” Jesus replied, “I saw you before Philip called you, when you were sitting {by yourself} under the fig tree.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:49

ULT

49 Nathaniel replied to him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!”

UST

49 Then Nathaniel declared, “Teacher, you must be the Son of God! You are the King of Israel {whom we have been waiting for}!”

What did Nathaniel say about Jesus?

Nathaniel said, “Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel.”

John 1:50

ULT

50 Jesus replied and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you underneath the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater {things} than these.”

UST

50 Jesus replied, “Do you trust in me just because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see me do things that are much greater than that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 1:51

ULT

51 And he says to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

UST

51 Then Jesus said to him, “I am telling you the truth: {Just like the vision your ancestor Jacob long ago saw,} you will see heaven opened up, and you will see God’s angels going up and coming down on me, the Son of Man.”

What did Jesus say Nathaniel would see?

Jesus told Nathaniel he would see the heavens opened, and all the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

John 2

John 2:1

ULT
1 And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

UST
1 Two days later, there was a wedding in Cana, which is a town in the region of Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there.

Who was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee? (vv1-2)
Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

John 2:2

ULT
2 Now Jesus also was invited, and his disciples, to the wedding.

UST
2 And someone also invited Jesus and his disciples to the wedding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:3

ULT
3 And having run out of wine, the mother of Jesus says to him, "They do not have wine."

UST
3 {The hosts served wine to those attending the wedding and} they drank all the wine they had. {So} Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine. {Please do something about it.}"

Why did the mother of Jesus tell Jesus, "They have no wine"? (vv3-5)
She told this to Jesus because she expected the he would do something about the situation.

John 2:4

ULT
4 And Jesus says to her, “Woman, what to me and to you? My hour is not yet come.”

UST
4 Then Jesus said to her, “Madam, what does that have to do with me or you? {The chosen} time {for me to begin} my {work} has not arrived yet.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:5

ULT
5 His mother says to the servants, “Whatever he might say to you, do.”

UST
5 Jesus’ mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:6

ULT
6 Now there were six stone water pots standing there for the ceremonial washing of the Jews, each containing two or three metretes.

UST
6 (There were six {empty} stone jars placed there. They held water {so that the people could wash themselves according to} Jewish religious cleansing laws. Each jar could hold 80 to 120 liters {of water}.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:7

ULT
7 Jesus says to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to {the} brim.

UST
7 Jesus told the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” So they filled the jars completely to the top.

What two things did Jesus tell the servants to do? (vv7-8)
He first told them to fill the water pots with water. Then he told the servants to take some of the “water” to the head waiter.

John 2:8

ULT

8 And he says to them, “Draw now and take {it} to the head waiter.” And they carried {it}.

UST

8 Then he told them, “Now, take some water out of a jar and bring it to the director of the wedding feast.” So the servants did that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:9

ULT

9 But as the head waiter tasted the water that had become wine (and he did not know where it was from, but the servants—the ones {that} had drawn the water—knew), the head waiter calls the bridegroom

UST

9 Then the director of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine. (He did not know where the wine had come from, although the servants who had taken out the water knew.) And he called the bridegroom {to himself}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:10

ULT

10 and says to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and the cheaper wine when they have become drunk. You have kept the good wine until now.”

UST

10 Then he told the bridegroom, “Everyone serves the best wine first and serves the cheap wine later, when the guests have drunk a lot {and can’t tell the difference}. However, you have saved the best wine until now.”

What did the head waiter say after he tasted the water that had become wine?

The head waiter said, “Every man places first the good wine and then the cheaper wine when men are drunk. But you have kept the fine wine until now.”

John 2:11

ULT

11 This beginning of the signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

UST

11 That was the first of the miraculous signs that Jesus did. He did it in the town of Cana, which is in the region of Galilee. There he showed how great he is. So his disciples trusted in him.

What was the response of Jesus' disciples on seeing this miraculous sign?
Jesus' disciples believed in Jesus.

John 2:12

ULT

12 After this he and his mother and brothers and his disciples went down to Capernaum, and they stayed there not many days.

UST

12 Some time after doing this miracle, Jesus and his mother and brothers, along with his disciples, went down to the town of Capernaum. And they stayed there for a few days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:13

ULT

13 And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

UST

13 Now it was almost time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went up to the city of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:14

ULT

14 And he found in the temple the ones selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting there.

UST

14 There in the temple {courtyard} he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons {for those making sacrifices there}. {He also saw} men sitting at tables, exchanging money {for temple money}.

What did Jesus find when he went to the temple in Jerusalem?

He found money changers and those that sold oxen, sheep and pigeons.

John 2:15

ULT

15 And having made a whip from cords, he drove {them} all out from the temple, and the sheep and the oxen, and he scattered the coins of the money changers and overthrew {their} tables.

UST

15 So Jesus made a whip from some braided leather strips, and he used it to drive all those people out from the temple {along with} the sheep and the cattle. He also scattered the coins of the moneychangers on the ground and flipped their tables over.

What did Jesus do to the sellers and money changers?

He made a whip of cords and drove all of them out from the temple, including both the sheep and the oxen. He also poured out the money changers' money and overthrew their tables.

John 2:16

ULT

16 And to the ones selling pigeons, he said, "Take these {things} away from here. Do not make the house of my Father a house of commerce."

UST

16 He told those who were selling pigeons, "Take these pigeons out of here! Do not turn my Father's house into a marketplace!"

What did Jesus say to the pigeon sellers?

He said, "Take these things away from here. Stop making my father's house a marketplace."

John 2:17

ULT

17 His disciples remembered that it is written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

UST

17 {This event} reminded his disciples about what someone had written {in the scriptures long before}, “I love your temple so much, {O God,} that I would die for it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:18

ULT

18 Then the Jews responded and said to him, “What sign do you show us, since you are doing these {things}?”

UST

18 The Jewish leaders then responded by asking Jesus, “What miracle can you do for us {to prove that you have authority from God} to do these things that you are doing?”

How did the Jewish authorities respond to Jesus’ actions in the temple?

They asked Jesus, “What sign will you show us, since you are doing these things?”

John 2:19

ULT

19 Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

UST

19 Jesus replied to them, “If you destroy this temple, then in three days I will rebuild it.”

How did Jesus answer the Jewish authorities?

He answered them by saying, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:20

ULT
[20] Then the Jews said, “This temple was built in 46 years, and you will raise it up in three days?”

UST
[20] So the Jewish leaders said, “It took 46 years to build this temple. {Are you saying that} you are going to rebuild this entire temple in just three days?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:21

ULT
[21] But that one was speaking about the temple of his body.

UST
[21] However, the temple Jesus was speaking about was his own body, {not the temple building}.

What temple was Jesus refering to?
Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.

John 2:22

ULT
[22] Therefore, when he was raised from {the} dead, his disciples remembered that he said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

UST
[22] As a result {of this statement}, his disciples remembered these things that he had said after God had raised Jesus from the dead. Then they believed both what the scriptures said and what Jesus himself had said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 2:23

ULT

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the festival, many believed in his name, seeing his signs that he was doing.

UST

23 At a later time, when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, during {the days of} the celebration, many people trusted in him because they saw the miracles he kept on doing.

Why did many believe in Jesus' name?

They believed because they saw all the miraculous signs he did.

John 2:24

ULT

24 But Jesus himself did not trust himself to them because he knew all {men}

UST

24 Nevertheless, because Jesus knew what all people were like, he did not trust them.

Why would Jesus not trust himself to the people? (vv24-25)

He would not trust himself to the people because he knew all people, what was in mankind, and because he didn't need anyone to testify concerning mankind.

John 2:25

ULT

25 and because he did not have need that anyone would testify about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

UST

25 Jesus {also did not trust them} because he did not need anyone to tell him about mankind. {This is} because he knew what people {think and want}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3

John 3:1

ULT
[1] Now there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus {was} his name, a ruler of the Jews.

UST
[1] Now there was a man named Nicodemus. He was a member of {a strict Jewish religious group called} the Pharisees. He was a member of the highest Jewish governing council.

Who was Nicodemus?
Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish Council.

John 3:2

ULT
[2] This one came to him at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher, for no one is able to do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

UST
[2] He visited Jesus at night. He said to Jesus, “Teacher, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. {We know this} because no one can do these miracles you are doing unless God is helping him.”

What did Nicodemus testify to Jesus?
Nicodemus told Jesus, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

John 3:3

ULT
[3] Jesus replied and said to him, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone would be born again, he is not able to see the kingdom of God.”

UST
[3] Jesus replied to Nicodemus and said, “I am telling you the truth: No one can enter where God rules without being born a second time.”

What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that confused and perplexed Nicodemus? (vv3-4)
Jesus told Nicodemus that one had to be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:4

ULT

4 Nicodemus says to him, “How is a man able to be born, being an old man? He is not able to enter a second time into the womb of his mother and to be born, is he?”

UST

4 Then Nicodemus said to him, “How can a person be born again when he is old? No one can enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time!”

What questions did Nicodemus ask that let us know that Jesus’ statements confused and perplexed Nicodemus?

Nicodemus said, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

John 3:5

ULT

5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless someone would be born from water and Spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of God.

UST

5 Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: no one can enter where God rules unless he is born again by water and the Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:6

ULT

6 {What} has been born from the flesh is flesh, and {what} has been born from the Spirit is spirit.

UST

6 If a human being gives birth to a person, {that person} is a human being. But those who are born {again} by the {work of God’s} Spirit have a new spiritual nature {that God makes within them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:7

ULT

[7] Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘It is necessary for you to be born again.’

UST

[7] Do not be astonished because I told you that you must be born again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:8

ULT

[8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So is everyone having been born from the Spirit.”

UST

[8] The Holy Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to blow. Although you can hear the sound of the wind, you do not know where the wind came from or where it is going. {Just as you do not understand these things,} so {also you do not understand} everyone who is born {again} by the {work of God’s} Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:9

ULT

[9] Nicodemus replied and said to him, “How are these {things} able to happen?”

UST

[9] Nicodemus answered him, “How is this possible?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:10

ULT

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these {things}?

UST

10 Jesus answered him, “You are an important religious teacher among the people of Israel, so you should understand what I am saying!

How did Jesus rebuke Nicodemus?

He rebuked Nicodemus by saying, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

John 3:11

ULT

11 Truly, truly, I say to you that we speak {what} we know, and we testify about {what} we have seen, and you do not receive our testimony.

UST

11 I am telling you the truth: my disciples and I say the things that we know are true, and we are telling you the things that we have witnessed. Yet you people {to whom we say these things} reject what we are saying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:12

ULT

12 If I told you earthly {things} and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly {things}?

UST

12 Since you people do not trust what I say when I tell you about things that happen on this earth, you certainly will not trust what I say when I tell you about things that happen in heaven!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:13

ULT
13 And no one has ascended into heaven except the one having descended from heaven—the Son of Man.

UST
13 I, the Son of Man, am the only one who has gone up to heaven, and I am the only one who has come down {to earth} from heaven.

Who has ascended into heaven?
No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

John 3:14

ULT
14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, thus it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up

UST
14 {Long ago, when the Israelites were wandering} in the wilderness, Moses lifted up a {bronze model of a poisonous} snake {on a pole, and all who looked up at it were saved from the snakes}. In the same way, people must lift me, the Son of Man, up {on a cross}.

Why must the Son of Man be lifted up? (vv14-15)
He must be lifted up so that all who believe in him may have everlasting life.

John 3:15

ULT
15 so that everyone believing in him may have eternal life.

UST
15 {They will lift me up} so that whoever looks up and trusts in me will live forever {with me in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:16

ULT

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave {his} One and Only Son, so that everyone believing in him would not perish but would have eternal life.

UST

16 {This is} because God loved the world's people in this way, so that he gave his Unique Son in order that anyone who trusts in his Son would not die but would live forever.

How did God show he loved the world?

He showed his love by giving his Only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:17

ULT

17 For God did not send the Son into the world so that he might condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.

UST

17 {This is true} because God did not send me, his Son, into the world in order to declare the world's people guilty. Rather, {God sent me} in order to save the world's people by me.

Did God send his son to condemn the world?

No. God sent his son so that the world should be saved through his son.

John 3:18

ULT

18 The one believing in him is not condemned, but the one not believing has already been condemned because he has not believed in the name of the One and Only Son of God.

UST

18 God does not declare guilty anyone who trusts in his Son. But God has already declared guilty everyone who does not trust in his Son, because they did not trust in the name of the Unique Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:19

ULT

19 Now this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their deeds were evil.

UST

19 Now God's judicial ruling is as follows: {the one who is} the light entered the world, but people loved evil instead of him, because they do evil deeds.

Why do men fall under judgment?

Men fall under judgment because light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:20

ULT

20 For everyone is doing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, so that his deeds might not be exposed.

UST

20 {They love the darkness} because every person who continually does evil deeds hates {the one who is} the light and will never come to him. {They avoid the light} so that the light might not reveal what they do.

Why won't those who do evil come into the light?

Those who do evil hate the light and won't come into it, because they don't want their deeds exposed.

John 3:21

ULT

21 But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his deeds might be revealed, that they have been worked in God."

UST

21 But the person who continually does true deeds comes to the one who is the light so that the light might show everyone what he does {and so that everyone might know} that God was helping him do these deeds."

Why do those who practice the truth come into the light?

They come into the light so that their deeds may be clearly seen and to make known that their deeds have been brought about in obedience to God.

John 3:22

ULT

22 After these {things}, Jesus and his disciples went into the land of Judea, and he tarried there with them and was baptizing.

UST

22 After those things happened, Jesus and his disciples entered the region of Judea. He stayed there for a while with his disciples and baptized many people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:23

ULT

23 Now John was also baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because much water was there, and they were coming and were being baptized—

UST

23 John the Baptizer was also baptizing people near the town of Aenon, which is near the town of Salim in the region of Samaria. {He was baptizing people there} because there was much water in that place, and people kept coming to John to be baptized.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:24

ULT

24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

UST

24 {John could do this} because John’s enemies had not yet put him in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:25

ULT

25 Then a dispute came about from the disciples of John with a Jew concerning ceremonial washing.

UST

25 Then some of John’s disciples started arguing with a Jewish man about Jewish religious cleansing laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:26

ULT

26 And they went to John and said to him, “Rabbi, the one who was with you beyond the Jordan, about whom you had testified, behold, he is baptizing, and they are all going to him.”

UST

26 Those who were arguing came to John and said, “Teacher, there was a man who was with you when you were baptizing people on the other side of the Jordan River. You had testified about who he was. Look! Now he is baptizing people, and many people are going out to him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:27

ULT

27 John replied and said, “A man is not able to receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.

UST

27 John answered, “Nobody can receive anything unless God gives it to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:28

ULT

28 You yourselves testify to me that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before that one.’

UST

28 You are surely witnesses to me saying that I am not the Messiah, but I am the one whom God has sent before the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:29

ULT

29 The one having the bride is {the} bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, the one having stood and hearing him, rejoices with joy because of the voice of the bridegroom. Therefore, this my joy has been made complete.

UST

29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. I am like the friend of the bridegroom. I stand and listen to him and am very happy because I hear the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, {because the bride is going to the bridegroom}, I am extremely joyful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:30

ULT

30 It is necessary for that one to increase, but for me to decrease.

UST

30 {Jesus, the bridegroom,} must become more influential, and I, {the bridegroom's friend,} must become less influential.

What did John say would happen to Jesus' ministry compared to John's ministry?

John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:31

ULT

31 The one coming from above is above all {things}. The one being from the earth is from the earth and speaks from the earth. The one coming from heaven is above all {things}.

UST

31 Jesus comes from heaven, and he is greater than everyone and everything. Those {like myself} who are from the earth can only speak {with the limited perspective of someone} from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is greater than everyone and everything on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:32

ULT
32 He testifies about that which he has seen and heard, but no one receives his testimony.

UST
32 Jesus tells people about the things he has seen and heard {in heaven}, but very few people accept what he says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:33

ULT
33 The one having received his testimony has set his seal that God is true.

UST
33 {However,} whoever believes what Jesus says has verified that God is truthful.

What did those who accepted the testimony of the one from above, from heaven, confirm?
They confirmed that God is true.

John 3:34

ULT
34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God. For he does not give the Spirit by measure.

UST
34 {This is} because this Jesus whom God has sent says God's words. {We know he says God's words} because God surely gives his Spirit to him without limit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 3:35

ULT

35 The Father loves the Son and has given all {things} into his hand.

UST

35 God the Father loves the Son and has given him authority over everything.

What has the Father given into the hand of the Son?

He has given all things into the Son's hand.

John 3:36

ULT

36 The one believing in the Son has eternal life, but the one disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

UST

36 Whoever trusts in God's Son will live forever {with him in heaven}. Whoever does not obey the Son of God will never have eternal life. Rather, God will continually be furious with him."

What do those who believe in the Son have?

They have eternal light.

What happens to those who disobey the Son?

They will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on them.

John 4

John 4:1

ULT
1 Then when Jesus knew that the Pharisees heard that Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John

UST
1 Later, {the religious group called} the Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining more disciples than John the Baptizer and that he was baptizing more people than John was baptizing. Jesus also found out that the Pharisees had heard this.

When did Jesus leave Judea and depart for Galilee? (vv1-3)
Jesus left Judea and departed for Galilee after he knew the Pharisees had heard that he was making and baptizing more disciples than John.

John 4:2

ULT
2 (although Jesus himself was not baptizing, but his disciples),

UST
2 (Jesus did not actually baptize anyone, but his disciples were baptizing people.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:3

ULT
3 he left Judea and went back again to Galilee.

UST
3 {When he found out that the Pharisees were aware of him,} Jesus left the region of Judea and returned once more to the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:4

ULT

4 Now it was necessary for him to go through Samaria.

UST

4 Now {to get to the region of Galilee} he had to go through the region of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:5

ULT

5 Then he comes to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

UST

5 Next, they arrived at a city named Sychar in the region of Samaria. Sychar was near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph {a long time ago}.

Where did Jesus come to on his way to Galilee?
He came to a Samaritan town called Sychar.

John 4:6

ULT

6 Now {the} well of Jacob was there. Then Jesus, having grown weary from the journey, was sitting right beside the well. It was about the} sixth hour.

UST

6 (Jacob's well was in that area.) After {arriving at Sychar} Jesus was very tired because of his long journey, so he sat down {to rest} next to Jacob's well. It was about noon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:7

ULT

[7] A woman from Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, “Give me to drink,”

UST

[7] A Samaritan woman came out {to the well} {to lower a bucket on a rope} to pull up some water. Jesus said to her, “Please give me some water to drink.”

Who came to Jacob’s well while Jesus was there?

A Samaritan woman came there to draw water.

What did Jesus first say to the Samaritan Woman?

He said to her, “Give me some water to drink.”

John 4:8

ULT

[8] for his disciples had gone away into the city so that they might buy food.

UST

[8] {He said this} because his disciples had left {him by himself} and had gone into the city in order to buy food.

Where were Jesus’ disciples?

They had gone away into town to buy food.

John 4:9

ULT

[9] Then the Samaritan woman says to him, “How do you, being a Jew, ask from me to drink, being a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews do not have dealings with Samaritans.)

UST

[9] And the Samaritan woman said to Jesus, “I am surprised that you, a Jew, are asking me, a woman from Samaria, for a drink.” ({She said this} because Jews usually would not have anything to do with Samaritans.)

Why was the Samaritan woman suprised that Jesus would talk to her?

She was surprised because Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans.

John 4:10

ULT

10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you had known the gift of God and who is the one saying to you, ‘Give me to drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

UST

10 Jesus replied to her, “If you had known the gift that God wants to give you, and if you had known who I am who is requesting a drink from you, you would have asked me for a drink, and I would have given you living water.”

What does Jesus say to turn the conversation to the things of God?

Jesus tells her that if she had known the gift of God and who was talking to her, she would have asked, and he would have given her living water.

John 4:11

ULT

11 The woman says to him, “Sir, you do not have a vessel and the well is deep. From where then do you have the living water?

UST

11 The woman replied, “Sir, you do not have a bucket {with which to draw the water up out of the well,} and this well is deep. {Since you can’t get the water out of this well,} where did you get this living water from?

What statement does the woman make to indicate she doesn’t understand the spiritual nature of Jesus’ comments?

The woman replied, “Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that living water?”

John 4:12

ULT

12 You are not greater, are you, than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, and his sons and his cattle?”

UST

12 You are surely not greater than our father Jacob. He {dug this well} and gave it to us. He, his sons, and his livestock drank water from it as well.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:13

ULT
13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone drinking from this water will thirst again,

UST
13 Jesus replied to her, “Everyone who drinks water from this well will become thirsty again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:14

ULT
14 but whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never thirst into eternity. Instead, the water that I will give him will become a fountain of water in him, springing up to eternal life.”

UST
14 But anyone who drinks the water that I will give him will never become thirsty again. Rather, the water that I will give him will become a spring of water inside him {that fills him up} and causes him to live forever {in heaven}.”

What does Jesus tell the woman about the water that he will give? (vv14-15)
Jesus tells the woman that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, and the water will become a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

John 4:15

ULT
15 The woman says to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I might not thirst and might not come here to draw {water}.”

UST
15 The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, please give me some of this water in order that I may never become thirsty again or have to come to this well to draw water again.”

Why does the woman now want this water that Jesus offers?
She wants the water so she won’t get thirsty and won't have to come to the well to draw water.

John 4:16

ULT
16 He says to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

UST
16 Jesus told her, “Go get your husband and bring him here.”

Jesus then changes the subject of conversation. What does he tell the woman?
Jesus tells her, “Go, call your husband, and come back here.”

John 4:17

ULT
17 The woman answered and said to him, “I do not have a husband.” Jesus says to her, “You have rightly said, ‘I do not have a husband,’

UST
17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus told her, “You are right in saying that you have no husband,

How does the woman answer Jesus when he tells her to call her husband?
The woman tells Jesus she has no husband.

John 4:18

ULT
18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said is true.”

UST
18 because you have had not one, but five, husbands, and the man you are currently {living with} is not your husband. What you have said {about not having a husband} is true.”

What does Jesus say about the woman which he could not know by natural means?
He tells her she has had five husbands and the man she now has is not her husband.

John 4:19

ULT
19 The woman says to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

UST
19 The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:20

ULT
20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship.”

UST
20 Our ancestors worshiped God right here on this mountain, but you Jews say that we must worship God at {your temple} in Jerusalem.”

What controvery does the woman bring up to Jesus concerning worship?
She bring up a controversy about where is the proper place to worship.

John 4:21

ULT
21 Jesus says to her, “Believe me, woman, that an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

UST
21 Jesus told her, “Madam, believe me when I say that a time is coming when neither here on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:22

ULT
22 You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

UST
22 You people {here in Samaria} worship the God whom you do not know. We Jews worship the God whom we know. {This is true} because the way to be saved {from your sins} comes from among the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:23

ULT
23 However, an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for indeed the Father seeks such ones worshiping him.

UST
23 Nevertheless, the time is coming and has now arrived when those who truly worship God will worship the Father spiritually and truthfully. {This is} because the Father indeed searches for such people to worship him.

What does Jesus tell the woman about the kind of worshipers the Father seeks? (vv23-24)
Jesus tells her God is a Spirit, and true worshipers must worship God in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

ULT
24 God is spirit, and it is necessary for the ones worshiping him to worship in spirit and truth."

UST
24 God is a spiritual being, and those who worship him must worship him spiritually and truthfully."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:25

ULT

25 The woman says to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (the one called Christ). When he comes, that one will declare everything to us.”

UST

25 The woman said to Jesus, “I know that the Messiah will come. (He is the one called “Christ” in Greek.) When he comes, he will tell us everything {that we need to know}.”

What does Jesus say to the woman when she tells Jesus that when Messiah (Christ) comes, he will declare everything to them? (vv25-26)
Jesus tells her that he is the Messiah (Christ).

John 4:26

ULT

26 Jesus says to her, “I am, the one speaking to you.”

UST

26 Jesus told her, “I, who am speaking to you now, I am the Messiah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:27

ULT

27 And at this, his disciples came, and they were amazed that he was speaking with a woman. Nevertheless, no one said, “What are you seeking?” or “Why are you speaking with her?”

UST

27 Just at that moment, his disciples came back from the city. They were astonished because Jesus was talking {alone} with a woman {whom he didn’t know}. However, no one dared to ask him, “What do you want from her?” or “Why are you talking with her at all?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:28

ULT
28 Then the woman left her water pot and went back into the town and says to the men,

UST
28 At that time the woman left her water jar there and returned to the city. She said to the men of the city,

What did the woman do after her conversation with Jesus? (vv28-29)
The woman left her water pot, went back to town, and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did. This could not be the Christ, could it?”

John 4:29

ULT
29 “Come, see a man who told me all {things}, as much as I have done. This is not the Christ, is it?”

UST
29 “Come and meet this man who told me so many things that I have done! He could not be the Messiah, could he?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:30

ULT
30 They went out from the town and came to him.

UST
30 Those men left the city and came to Jesus.

What did the town’s people do after they heard the woman’s report?
They left the town and came to Jesus.

John 4:31

ULT
31 In the meantime, the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

UST
31 {While the woman was gone,} Jesus’ disciples, {who had just returned with the food,} pleaded with him to eat. They said, “Teacher, please eat something!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:32

ULT
32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know.”

UST
32 Jesus told them, “I have sustenance that you know nothing about!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:33

ULT
33 So the disciples said to each other, “No one brought him to eat, did he?”

UST
33 So they were saying to one another, “Surely no one else could have brought him something to eat, could they?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:34

ULT
34 Jesus says to them, “My food is that I might do the will of the one having sent me and might complete his work.

UST
34 Jesus told them, “This is what sustains me: It is to do what my Father—who sent me—wants and to complete my Father’s work.

What does Jesus say his food is?
Jesus said his food was to do the will of the one who sent him and to complete his work.

John 4:35

ULT
35 Do you not say, ‘There are still four months, and the harvest comes’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and see the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

UST
35 {At this time of the year} you usually say, ‘There are four months left, and then we will harvest the crops.’ Listen to what I’m telling you. Look and see that these people are like fields that are now ready for harvest!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:36

ULT
36 The one harvesting receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the one sowing and the one harvesting might rejoice together.

UST
36 The one who harvests these crops receives payment and collects fruit, which is people receiving life forever {in heaven}. The result is that those who sow the seed and those who reap the harvest will be glad together.

What is the benefit of harvesting?
The harvester receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that he who sows and he who harvests may rejoice together.

John 4:37

ULT
37 For in this the saying is true, ‘One is the one sowing, and another, the one harvesting.’

UST
37 What I’m going to say is true: One person sows the seeds, and another person harvests the crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:38

ULT

38 I sent you to harvest that on which you have not labored. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

UST

38 I sent you disciples of mine to gather the harvest from a crop that you did not plant. Others have worked very hard {to plant the crop}, but you are now joining them in their work.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:39

ULT

39 Now many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the report of the woman, testifying, “He told me all {things} that I have done.”

UST

39 Now many Samaritans who lived in the city of Sychar trusted in Jesus because of what the woman had told them. She said, “He told me so many things that I have done.”

Why did many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus?

The woman’s report caused many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus.

John 4:40

ULT

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

UST

40 When the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to remain with them. So he stayed there with them for two more days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:41

ULT
41 And many more believed because of his word.

UST
41 Many more of them trusted in Jesus because of what he proclaimed to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:42

ULT
42 And they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your speech, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is truly the Savior of the world.”

UST
42 The townspeople told the woman, “We believe in Jesus now, but not just because of what you told us about him. {We believe} because we have heard his message for ourselves. Now we know that this man truly is the one who saves the believers in the world {from their sins}.”

What did many of those Samaritans believe about Jesus?
They said that they now knew that Jesus was indeed the Savior of the world.

John 4:43

ULT
43 Now after the two days, he departed from there into Galilee;

UST
43 After he stayed for two days {with the Samaritans}, Jesus left the city of Sychar and entered the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:44

ULT
44 for Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in {his} own country.

UST
44 (Jesus wanted to go to Galilee because he himself confirmed that a prophet does not receive honor in the place where he grew up {and he did not want publicity}.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:45

ULT
45 When therefore he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all {the things}, as much as he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they had also gone to the festival.

UST
45 Since this is true, when he arrived in the region of Galilee many of the people there merely welcomed him because they had seen all the amazing things he had done in Jerusalem during the recent Passover celebration, which they also had gone to.

When Jesus came into Galilee, why did the Galileans welcome him?
They welcomed him because they had seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival.

John 4:46

ULT
46 Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine, and there was a certain royal official whose son in Capernaum was ill.

UST
46 Next, Jesus went back again to the town of Cana in the region of Galilee. {That was} where he had turned water into wine. There was an official of the king who lived nearby in the city of Capernaum and had a son who was very sick.

After Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee, who came to Jesus, and what did he want? (vv46-47)
A certain royal official whose son was sick came to Jesus, imploring him to come down and heal his son.

John 4:47

ULT

47 He, having heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, went to him and asked that he would come down and heal his son, for he was about to die.

UST

47 When that official heard that Jesus had come back to Galilee from Judea, he went to Jesus in Cana and asked him to come down to Capernaum and heal his son, because his son would die soon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:48

ULT

48 Then Jesus said to him, “Unless you would see signs and wonders, you would certainly not believe.”

UST

48 Jesus then told him, “You people will only trust in me {as the Messiah} if you see {me perform} wonderful miracles!”

What did Jesus tell the royal official about signs and wonders?

Jesus told him people would not believe unless they saw signs and wonders

John 4:49

ULT

49 The royal official says to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

UST

49 The official of the king said to him, “Sir, please come down to my home in Capernaum before my son dies!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:50

ULT
50 Jesus says to him, “Go. Your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went away.

UST
50 Jesus told him, “Go home. Your son will live.” The man trusted what Jesus told him, and he started to go back home.

What did the royal official do when Jesus didn’t go with him but told him, “Go; your son lives”?
The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

John 4:51

ULT
51 Now while he was going down, his servants met him and reported {to him}, saying that his son lives.

UST
51 As the official was traveling down to his home in the city of Capernaum, his servants met him {along the road}. They told him, “Your child is going to live.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:52

ULT
52 So he asked from them the hour in which he began to improve. Therefore, they replied to him, “Yesterday at {the} seventh hour the fever left him.”

UST
52 He asked his servants, “At what time did my son start getting better?” They answered him, “At 1:00 PM yesterday his fever went away.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 4:53

ULT

53 Then the father realized {that it was at that} hour in which Jesus had said to him, “Your son lives.” And he himself and his whole household believed.

UST

53 And the boy’s father recognized that his son had recovered at the exact time that Jesus had told him that his son would live. So this same man, along with everyone who lived in his house, trusted in Jesus.

What was the result after the father of the sick child was told that his son was living and that the fever had left him the day before at the seventh hour, at the same hour Jesus had told him, “Your son lives.”?

The result was the royal official and his whole household believed.

John 4:54

ULT

54 Now Jesus again did this second sign, having come from Judea to Galilee.

UST

54 That was the second great miracle that Jesus did. {He did it during the time that} he came to the region of Galilee after leaving the region of Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5

John 5:1

ULT

1 After these {things}, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

UST

1 After those things happened, the time came for another Jewish festival, and Jesus walked up to the city of Jerusalem {to celebrate the festival}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:2

ULT

2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, in Hebrew being called Bethesda, having five roofed porches.

UST

2 {There is a place} called the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem, {which is one of the gates going into the city}. There is a pool beside that gate which people called Bethesda in the language used by the Jews. Next to the pool are five porches with roofs.

What was the name of the pool in Jerusalem by the sheep gate that had five roofed porticos?

That pool was called Bethesda.

John 5:3

ULT

3 In these were lying a crowd of the ones being sick, blind, lame, {or} paralyzed. *[1]*

UST

3 Many people were lying on these porches. They were people who were ill, unable to see, unable to walk, or unable to move.

Who was at Bethesda? (vv3-4)

A great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed were lying in the porticos of Bethesda

John 5:4

ULT

4[2] [For an angel of {the} Lord went down into the pool and stirred up the water at certain times, {and} then the one having first stepped in after the stirring of the water was healed from whatever disease he suffered from.]

UST

4[1] [{They were lying there} because an angel from the Lord would occasionally come down and aggravate the water. Whoever was the first person to step into the water after the angel aggravated it was healed from whatever illness or infirmity that was afflicting him.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:5

ULT

5 Now a certain man was there, having 38 years in his illness.

UST

5 There was a man lying near this pool called Bethesda who had been sick for 38 years.

At Bethesda, who did Jesus ask, “Do you want to be well?” (vv5-6)

Jesus asked a certain man who had been an invalid for 38 years and who had been lying there a long time.

John 5:6

ULT

6 Jesus, having seen this one lying there and having known that he already is there a long time, says to him, “Do you want to be healthy?”

UST

6 Jesus saw this man lying near the pool, and he knew that he had been lying there for a long time. He asked the man, “Do you want your health to get better?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:7

ULT

7 The sick one replied to him, “Sir, I do not have a man so that, when the water is stirred up, he might put me into the pool. But as I am going into it, another goes down before me.”

UST

7 The ill man answered him, “Sir, I don’t have anyone who can put me into the pool when an angel stirs the water. By the time I can put myself into the pool, someone else has already gone down into the pool {and been healed} before me, {so that I cannot be healed}.”

What was the sick man’s response to Jesus’ question, “Do you want to be well?”

The sick man replied, “Sir, I do not have anyone, when the water is stirred up, to put me into the pool. When I am trying, another steps down before me.”

John 5:8

ULT

8 Jesus says to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

UST

8 Jesus told him, “Stand up! Pick up the mat {that you have been lying on} and walk!”

What happened when Jesus said to the sick man, “Get up, take up your mat, and walk”? (vv8-9)

Immediately the man was healed, took up his bed, and walked

John 5:9

ULT

9 And immediately the man became healthy, and he took up his bed and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

UST

9 Then Jesus healed the man at once, and the man picked up the mat {that he had been lying on} and walked. (Now this happened on {the Jewish day for rest known as} the Sabbath.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:10

ULT

10 So the Jews said to the one healed, “It is {the} Sabbath and not permitted for you to carry your bed.”

UST

10 Because {it was the Jewish day for rest}, the Jewish leaders said to the man whom Jesus had healed, “Today is a day for rest. You are not allowed to carry your mat {on this day, because it is work}.”

Why did it upset the Jewish leaders when they saw the sick man walking with his bed (mat)?

It upset them because it was a Sabbath, and they said the man was not permitted to carry his mat on the Sabbath.

John 5:11

ULT

11 But he replied to them, “The one having made me healthy, that one said to me, ‘Pick up your bed and walk.’”

UST

11 The man whom Jesus had healed answered them, “The man who healed me told me to pick up the mat {that I had been lying on} and walk.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:12

ULT

12 They asked him, “Who is the man having said to you, ‘Pick {it} up and walk’?”

UST

12 The Jewish leaders asked him, “Who told you to pick up your mat and walk?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:13

ULT

13 But the one having been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had gone away secretly, a crowd being in the place.

UST

13 However, the man whom Jesus had healed did not know who had healed him, because Jesus had left the man without being noticed, since that area was crowded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:14

ULT

14 After these {things}, Jesus finds him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become healthy! No longer sin, so that something worse might not happen to you.”

UST

14 Later, Jesus found the man whom he had healed in the temple and told him, “Look, you are well now! Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse {than your previous illness} might happen to you.”

What did Jesus say to the sick man he had healed after Jesus found him in the temple?

Jesus told him, “See, you have become well! Do not sin any more, lest something worse happens to you.”

John 5:15

ULT

15 The man went away and announced to the Jews that Jesus is the one having made him healthy.

UST

15 That man went away and told the Jewish leaders that the man who had healed him was Jesus.

What did the healed man do after Jesus told him to stop sinning?

The man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 5:16

ULT

16 And because of this, the Jews began to persecute Jesus, because he was doing these {things} on {the} Sabbath.

UST

16 So the Jewish leaders started persecuting Jesus because he was miraculously healing people on the Jewish day for rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:17

ULT

17 But he replied to them, “My Father is working even now, and I am working.”

UST

17 Jesus gave this answer to them, “God, my Father, is working today, so I am also working.”

How did Jesus respond to the Jewish leaders who persecuted him because he was doing these things (healing) on the Sabbath?

Jesus told them, “My Father is working even now, and I, too, work.”

John 5:18

ULT

18 Because of this, therefore, the Jews sought even more to kill him, because he not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God {his} own Father, making himself equal to God.

UST

18 As a consequence {of him saying this}, the Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus even more {than they had tried before}. {They wanted to kill him} because he was not only disobeying their rules for the day for rest but also because he was claiming that he was equal with God by saying that God was his own Father.

Why did Jesus’ statement to the Jewish leaders make them want to kill Jesus?

This happened because Jesus not only broke the Sabbath (in their minds), but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:19

ULT

19 Therefore, Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do nothing from himself except only what he would see the Father doing, for whatever that one would do, these {things} also the Son does in the same way.

UST

19 Because of {these accusations} Jesus replied to the Jewish leaders, “I am telling you {people} the truth: I, the Son, can do nothing on my own authority. I can only do what I perceive that God, the Father, is doing. Whatever the Father does, I, the Son, also do.

What did Jesus do?

He did what he saw the Father doing.

John 5:20

ULT

20 For the Father loves the Son and he shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these so that you might be amazed.

UST

20 {This is true} because the Father loves me, the Son, and makes known to me everything that he is doing. The Father will also make known to me miraculous deeds that will be even greater than the miracles {that I have already done} in order that you might be astonished by them.

What would the Father do so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed?

The Father would show the Son greater things than these so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed.

John 5:21

ULT

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and makes {them} alive, so also the Son makes alive whom he desires.

UST

21 {This will happen} because I, the Son, give eternal life to anyone I want in the same way that the Father resurrects those who have died and gives them life again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:22

ULT
22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but he has given all judgment to the Son

UST
22 {This is true} because the Father does not judge anyone. Rather, he has given all authority to judge people to me, the Son.

Why did the Father give all judgment to the Son? (vv22-23)
The Father gave all judgment to the Son so that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father.

John 5:23

ULT
23 so that all will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one not honoring the Son does not honor the Father having sent him.

UST
23 {The Father did this} in order that everyone would honor me, the Son, in the same way that they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor me cannot honor my Father, who sent me.

What happens if you don’t honor the Son?
If you don’t honor the Son, you don’t honor the Father who sent him.

John 5:24

ULT
24 Truly, truly, I say to you that the one hearing my word and believing the one having sent me has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but he has passed from death to life.

UST
24 I am telling you people the truth: Anyone who accepts and obeys my teachings and trusts God who sent me lives forever {with me in heaven}, and God does not judge him as guilty. Instead, that person has gone from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive.

What happens if you believe Jesus’ word and believe in the Father who sent him?
If so, you have eternal life and will not be condemned, but have passed out of death into life.

John 5:25

ULT
25 Truly, truly, I say to you that an hour is coming, and is now, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and the ones having heard will live.

UST
25 I am telling you people the truth: A time is coming and, in fact, is here already when those who have died will hear my voice, the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear me will live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:26

ULT
26 For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son to have life in himself,

UST
26 {This is true} because as the Father is able to make people alive, in the same way he has also given me, the Son, the ability to make people alive.

What has the Father given the Son concerning life?
The Father has given to the Son to have life in himself.

John 5:27

ULT
27 and he gave him authority to do judgment, because he is {the} Son of Man.

UST
27 The Father has authorized me to judge all mankind, because I am the Son of Man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:28

ULT
28 Do not be amazed at this, for an hour is coming in which all the ones in the tombs will hear his voice

UST
28 Do not be surprised {that the Father has done} this, because there will be a time when everyone who has died will hear my voice.

What will happen when all who are in the tombs hear the Father's voice? (vv28-29)
They will come forth. Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

John 5:29

ULT
29 and will come out—the ones having done good, to a resurrection of life, but the ones having practiced evil, to a resurrection of judgment.

UST
29 Then they will come out of their graves. God will raise up those who have done good to give them eternal life. But God will raise up those who have done evil to condemn and punish them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:30

ULT
30 I am able to do nothing from myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one having sent me.

UST
30 I can do nothing on my own. I judge according to what I hear {from the Father}, and I judge in a just manner. {I judge justly} because I do not try to do what I want. Rather, I do what my Father, who has sent me, wants.

Why is Jesus' judgment righteous?
His judgment is righteous because he is not seeking his own will but the will of the Father who sent him.

John 5:31

ULT

31 If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.

UST

31 If I alone were the only one to be a witness about myself, {according to the law of Moses} my witness would not be trustworthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:32

ULT

32 There is another one testifying about me, and I know that the testimony that he testifies about me is true.

UST

32 Nevertheless, there is someone else who testifies about me, and I know that what he testifies about me is trustworthy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:33

ULT

33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

UST

33 You Jewish leaders sent messengers to John the Baptizer, and he told you the truth about me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:34

ULT

34 But I do not receive the testimony from man, but I say these {things} so that you might be saved.

UST

34 However, I do not need anyone to be a witness for me. Nevertheless, I am saying this about John the Baptizer in order that God might save you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:35

ULT

35 That one was the lamp that was burning and shining, but you desired to exult in his light for an hour.

UST

35 John the Baptizer {proclaimed God’s truth to you} like a burning and shining lamp. You were willing to rejoice for a while in the light {that was the truth that he proclaimed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:36

ULT

36 But I have the testimony {that} is greater than {that} of John: for the works that the Father has given me so that I would accomplish them—the very works that I do—testify about me that the Father has sent me.

UST

36 However, the witness that I give about myself is even greater than the witness John gave about me. {This is} because this witness is the miraculous works that God the Father has allowed me to do. These very works that I am doing are proof that the Father has sent me.

What testimony, greater than John's, did Jesus have by which to prove he was sent from the Father?

The works that Jesus did testified that he was sent from the Father.

John 5:37

ULT

37 And the Father having sent me has himself testified about me. You have neither heard his voice nor have seen his form at any time.

UST

37 Furthermore, my Father who sent me is the very one who has given testimony about me. None of you have ever heard him speak or seen what he looks like.

Who had not heard the Father’s voice nor seen his form at any time?

The Jewish leaders had neither heard his voice nor seen his form at any time.

John 5:38

ULT
38 And you do not have his word remaining in you, for the one whom he has sent, this one you do not believe.

UST
38 You also do not obey the Father's teachings. {I know this is true} because you do not trust me, the very person he has sent!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:39

ULT
39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these are the ones testifying about me,

UST
39 You carefully study the Scriptures because you believe that by studying them you will be able to live forever {in heaven}. It is those very Scriptures that declare who I am.

Why did the Jewish leaders search the scriptures?
They searched them because they thought that in them they had eternal life.

Who do the scriptures testify about?
The scriptures testify concerning Jesus.

John 5:40

ULT
40 and you are not willing to come to me so that you might have life.

UST
40 Yet still you refuse to be my disciples in order that you might live {forever in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:41

ULT
41 I do not receive glory from men,

UST
41 I do not accept honor from anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:42

ULT
42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

UST
42 However, I know that you do not love God at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:43

ULT
43 I have come in the name of my Father, and you do not receive me. If another comes in {his} own name, you receive that one.

UST
43 I have come with my Father’s authority, but still you do not accept me. If someone else were to come with his own authority, you would accept him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 5:44

ULT
44 How are you able to believe, receiving glory from one another, and are not seeking the glory {that} is from the only God?

UST
44 You cannot possibly trust in me when you are honoring each other instead of desiring the one and only God to honor you!

Who were the Jewish leaders not seeking praise from?
They were not seeking the praise that comes from the only God.

John 5:45

ULT
45 Do not think that I myself will accuse you before the Father. The one accusing you is Moses, in whom you have hoped.

UST
45 Do not think that I am the one who will accuse you before my Father. Moses, the very person you have hoped would defend you, is actually the person who will accuse you.

Who was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father?
Moses was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father.

John 5:46

ULT
46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because that one wrote about me.

UST
46 {He will accuse you} because if you had trusted Moses, but you do not, then you would trust me, because Moses explained about me {in the law}.

What does Jesus say the Jewish leaders would do if they believed Moses? (vv46-47)
He says the Jewish leaders would believe in Jesus if they believed Moses, because Moses wrote concerning Jesus.

John 5:47

ULT
47 But if you do not believe the writings of that one, how will you believe my words?”
5:3 *[1]*
5:4 *[2]*

UST
47 Since you do not even trust what Moses wrote, you cannot possibly trust what I have said to you!”
5:4 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6

John 6:1

ULT
1 After these {things}, Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (of Tiberias).

UST
1 After those things happened, Jesus crossed over to the opposite side of the Sea of Galilee, which some people also call the Sea of Tiberias.

What was another name for the Sea of Galilee?
The Sea of Galilee was also called the Sea of Tiberias.

John 6:2

ULT
2 Now a great crowd was following him because they were seeing the signs that he was doing on the ones being sick.

UST
2 A large crowd followed him because they had seen the miraculous signs he was performing, that is, healing people who were very ill.

Why was a great crowd following Jesus?
They followed him because they were seeing the signs that Jesus was doing on those who were sick.

John 6:3

ULT
3 Now Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

UST
3 Jesus walked up on a steep hillside and sat down there with his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:4

ULT

4 (Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.)

UST

4 (Now at that time the Jewish Passover celebration was about to take place.)

What did Jesus see after he sat down on the mountainside with his disciples and looked up? (vv4-5)
He saw a great crowd coming to him.

John 6:5

ULT

5 Then Jesus, having lifted up {his} eyes and having seen that a great crowd is coming to him, says to Philip, “From where might we buy bread so that these might eat?”

UST

5 Jesus then looked up and saw a very large crowd of people walking toward him. He asked Philip, “Where will we buy bread in order to feed all these people?”

Why did Jesus ask Philip, “Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?” (vv5-6)
Jesus said this to test Philip.

John 6:6

ULT

6 (But he said this, testing him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.)

UST

6 (He asked Philip this question in order to test his faith, because Jesus already knew what he was going to do about the problem.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:7

ULT

7 Philip answered him, “200 denarii {worth} of bread is not sufficient for them, so that each one might receive a little.”

UST

7 Philip replied to him, “If we had the money that a man can earn in 200 days of work, it would not be enough money to buy bread to give each person in this crowd even a little piece to eat.”

What was Philip’s response to Jesus’ question, “Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?”

Philip said, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be sufficient for each one to have even a little.”

John 6:8

ULT

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, says to him,

UST

8 Another disciple of his, Simon Peter’s brother Andrew, told Jesus,

What was Andrew’s response to Jesus’ question, “Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?” (vv8-9)

Andrew said, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?”

John 6:9

ULT

9 “Here is a little boy who has five barley bread loaves and two small fish, but what are these to so many?”

UST

9 “There is a boy here who has five little loaves of barley bread and two small fish. Yet, these few loves and fish are certainly not enough to feed all these people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:10

ULT

10 Jesus said, “Make the men sit down.” (Now there was a lot of grass in the place.) So the men sat down, about 5,000 in number.

UST

10 Jesus told his disciples to make the people sit down. Thus about 5,000 men sat down. (There was a lot of grass in that place {for them to sit down on}.)

About how many men were there in that place?

There were about 5,000 men there.

John 6:11

ULT

11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he gave them to the ones reclining to eat; likewise also with the fish, as much as they wanted.

UST

11 Jesus then took the little loaves of barley bread, and he thanked God for the food. {Then} he {and his disciples} gave the loaves to the people who were sitting {on the grass} in order to eat. He did the same with the two fish. The people ate all the fish and bread that they wanted to eat.

What did Jesus do with the loaves and the fish?

Jesus took the loaves and after giving thanks, he distributed to those who were sitting. He distributed the fish in the same way.

How much did the people get to eat?

They got as much as they wanted to eat.

John 6:12

ULT

12 But as they were filled, he says to his disciples, “Gather up the remaining broken pieces, so that nothing might be lost.”

UST

12 When everyone had eaten until they were full, Jesus told his disciples to collect all the leftover, uneaten pieces of barley bread in order that none of it would be wasted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:13

ULT

13 So they gathered them up and filled 12 baskets of broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over by the ones having eaten.

UST

13 Thus his disciples collected the pieces, and they filled 12 large baskets with the broken pieces that the people had left over from the five little loaves of barley bread.

How much bread was picked up after the meal?

The disciples filled 12 baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves—the pieces left over from those who had eaten.

John 6:14

ULT

14 Therefore, the men, having seen the sign he did, said, “This truly is the Prophet coming into the world.”

UST

14 Because {of this}, when the people saw this miraculous sign that Jesus had performed {in front of them}, they said, “Surely he is the Prophet whom {God promised} to send into the world!”

Why did Jesus withdraw again up the mountain by himself? (vv14-15)

Jesus withdrew because he realized the people, after seeing the sign he did (feeding of the 5,000), were about to come and seize him by force and make him king.

John 6:15

ULT

15 Then Jesus, having realized that they were about to come and to seize him so that they might make {him} king, withdrew again onto the mountain by himself alone.

UST

15 When Jesus knew that the people were planning to grab him in order to force him to be their king, he left them again and went up the hillside to be completely alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:16

ULT
16 Now as it became evening, his disciples went down to the sea,

UST
16 When it was evening, Jesus' disciples walked down the hillside to the Sea of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:17

ULT
17 and having gotten into a boat, they were going over the sea to Capernaum, and darkness had already happened, but Jesus had not yet come to them.

UST
17 {They} got into a boat and started to sail across the sea to the town of Capernaum. (It had already become dark, and Jesus had still not joined them.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:18

ULT
18 A strong wind was blowing, and the sea was being aroused.

UST
18 Because the wind was blowing strongly, it was causing the sea to be very turbulent.

What happened to the weather after the disciples got into a boat and started out for Capernaum?
A strong wind began to blow and the sea started getting rough.

John 6:19

ULT

19 Then, having rowed about 25 or 30 stadia, they see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened.

UST

19 After Jesus' disciples had rowed the boat around four-and-a-half or five-and-a-half kilometers out into the sea, they saw Jesus walking on the water and approaching the boat. They were terrified!

Why did the disciples begin to be afraid?

They were afraid because they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat.

John 6:20

ULT

20 But he says to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."

UST

20 Jesus told them, "It is I, Jesus! Stop being afraid!"

What did Jesus say to the disciples that made them willing to receive him into the boat?

Jesus said to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."

John 6:21

ULT

21 Then they were willing to receive him into the boat, and immediately the boat came to the land to which they were going.

UST

21 They were very glad to take him into the boat. As soon as he was with them in the boat, their boat arrived at the place where they were going.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:22

ULT

22 The next day, the crowd {that} had been standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except one and that Jesus had not entered into the boat with his disciples, but {that} his disciples had departed alone.

UST

22 The day after Jesus had fed the crowd, the crowd of people that had stayed on the other side of the sea realized that there had been only one boat there {the day before}. {They also knew} that Jesus had not gone in the boat with his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:23

ULT

23 Other boats came from Tiberias close to the place where they had eaten the bread loaves after the Lord had given thanks.

UST

23 (People came from the city of Tiberias in other boats. {They put their boats} near the place where the crowd had eaten the bread after the Lord Jesus had thanked God for it.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:24

ULT

24 Therefore, when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples are there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

UST

24 So when the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into those boats and sailed to the city of Capernaum to look for Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:25

ULT

25 And having found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

UST

25 The crowd found Jesus in Capernaum on the side of the Sea of Galilee that is opposite {from where he had fed them}. They asked him, “Teacher, {we know you didn’t come in a boat,} so when did you arrive here at Capernaum?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:26

ULT

26 Jesus replied to them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the bread loaves and were filled.

UST

26 Jesus replied, “I am telling you the truth: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs that I performed. Rather, {you are looking for me} only because you ate until you were full of the loaves of bread that I gave you.

What did Jesus say was the reason the crowd was seeking him?

Jesus said they were seeking him not because they saw signs, but because they ate some of the loaves and were filled.

John 6:27

ULT

27 Do not work for the food {that} perishes, but for the food {that} endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give you, for God the Father has set his seal on this one.”

UST

27 Stop working for food that will soon spoil! Instead, work for the food that will bring you life forever {in heaven}! {That food} is the bread that I, the Son of Man, will give you. {I alone can give it to you} because God my Father approves of me.”

What did Jesus tell the crowd they should and should not work for?

Jesus told them to stop working for the food that perishes, but work for the food that endures to everlasting life.

John 6:28

ULT
28 Then they said to him, “What should we do, so that we might work the works of God?”

UST
28 Then the crowd asked Jesus, “What works should we do in order to please God?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:29

ULT
29 Jesus replied and said to them, “This is the work of God: that you would believe in the one whom that one has sent.”

UST
29 Jesus answered them, “The work that God wants you to do is this: Trust in me, the one whom he has sent.”

How did Jesus define the work of God for the crowd?
Jesus told the crowd, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one whom he has sent.”

John 6:30

ULT
30 So they said to him, “What sign then do you do, so that we might see and might believe you? What will you work?

UST
30 The crowd asked him, “Then what miracle will you do in order for us to see it and trust in you? What will you do for us?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:31

ULT
31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

UST
31 Our ancestors ate manna {when they wandered} in the wilderness {with Moses}, just as the prophets wrote: ‘God gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:32

ULT

32 Then Jesus replied to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, Moses has not given you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

UST

32 Jesus answered them, “I am telling you the truth: It was not Moses who gave your ancestors that bread from heaven. No, it was my Father, who is now giving you the true bread out of heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:33

ULT

33 For the bread of God is the one coming down from heaven and giving life to the world.”

UST

33 {This is true} because the true bread from God has come down from heaven and gives eternal life to the people in the world.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:34

ULT

34 So they said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

UST

34 {The crowd did not understand what he meant}, so they said to Jesus, “Sir, please give this bread to us all the time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:35

ULT
35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. The one coming to me will certainly not hunger, and the one
believing in me will certainly not ever thirst.

UST
35 Jesus told the crowd, “{Like food sustains physical life}, I am the bread that gives eternal life. {Unlike with
food or drink}, anyone who trusts in me will surely be satisfied forever.

What does Jesus say is the bread of life?
Jesus says that he is the bread of life.

John 6:36

ULT
36 But I told you that you have both seen me and do not believe.

UST
36 Nevertheless, I have already told you that even though you see me, you still do not trust me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:37

ULT
37 Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one coming to me I will certainly not throw
out.

UST
37 All the people my Father gives to me will come {and be my disciples}, and I will surely never drive away any
of them.

Who will come to Jesus?
All whom the Father gives to Jesus will come to him.

John 6:38

ULT

38 For I have come down from heaven, not in order that I might do my own will, but the will of the one having sent me.

UST

38 {I will never do that} because I have not come down from heaven in order to do what I want. Rather, {I have come down} in order to do what my Father, who sent me, wants me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:39

ULT

39 But this is the will of the one having sent me, that I would not lose from it anyone whom he has given me, but will raise it up on the last day.

UST

39 This is what my Father, who sent me, wants: {He wants me} to keep all of those whom he has given to me. {He also wants} me to make these ones alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

What is the will of the Father who sent Jesus? (vv39-40)

The Father's will is that Jesus should lose none that the Father has given him and that everyone who sees the son and believes in him should have eternal life; and Jesus will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:40

ULT

40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone seeing the Son and believing in him would have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

UST

40 {This is true} because this is also what my Father wants: {He wants} everyone who recognizes who I, the Son, am, and trusts in me to live forever {with me in heaven}. I will make these ones alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:41

ULT

41 Then the Jews began to murmur about him because he said, “I am the bread having come down from heaven.”

UST

41 The Jewish leaders then started to grumble about Jesus, because he had said that he was the true bread that had come down out of heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:42

ULT

42 And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How then does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

UST

42 They said, “This is just Jesus, Joseph’s son! We know who his parents are. He cannot possibly have come down out of heaven as he claims!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:43

ULT

43 Jesus replied and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves.

UST

43 Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves {about what I just said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:44

ULT

44 No one is able to come to me unless the Father having sent me would draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day.

UST

44 Only those whom my Father, who sent me, causes to come {and be my disciples} are able to do so. I myself will make those people {who come to me} alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

How can a man come to Jesus?

A man can only come to Jesus if his Father draws him.

John 6:45

ULT

45 It is written in the prophets, ‘And all will be taught by God.’ Everyone having heard and having learned from the Father comes to me.

UST

45 The prophets wrote that God will teach everyone. Everyone who listens to and learns from my Father will come {and be my disciples}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:46

ULT

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the one being from God—he has seen the Father.

UST

46 No one has seen God my Father other than me. I am the one who came from God. I alone have seen him.

Who has seen the Father?

Only he who is from God has seen the Father.

John 6:47

ULT
47 Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing has eternal life.

UST
47 I am telling you the truth: Whoever trusts in me will live forever {with me in heaven}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:48

ULT
48 I am the bread of life.

UST
48 I am the true bread that gives eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:49

ULT
49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

UST
49 Your ancestors ate manna {when they wandered} in the wilderness {with Moses}, but they still died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:50

ULT
50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, so that a {person} might eat from it and might not die.

UST
50 {But} this bread that I am talking about came down out of heaven in order that someone would eat it and that person's spirit would never die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:51

ULT
51 I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eats from this bread, he will live into eternity. Now my flesh is also the bread that I will give for the life of the world.”

UST
51 I truly am this bread that gives eternal life and came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever {with me in heaven}. My body is also this bread. I will give up my body for the sake of the eternal life of everyone in the world.”

What is the bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world?
The bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world is his own flesh.

John 6:52

ULT
52 Then the Jews began to argue among themselves, saying, “How is this one able to give us {his} flesh to eat?”

UST
52 The Jewish leaders then started arguing with each other. They said, “This man surely cannot give his body to us in order for us to eat it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:53

ULT
53 Therefore, Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you would eat the flesh of the Son of Man and would drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves.

UST
53 So Jesus told them: “I am telling you the truth: You must eat the flesh of me, the Son of Man, and drink my blood. {If you do not do these things, then} you will never have eternal life.

What do you have to do to have life within yourself?
In order to have life within yourself, you must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood.

John 6:54

ULT
54 The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.

UST
54 Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live forever {with me in heaven}. I will also make that person alive again on the last day {when I judge everyone}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:55

ULT
55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

UST
55 {This is so} because my flesh is true spiritual food, and my blood is true {spiritual} drink.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:56

ULT
56 The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood remains in me, and I in him.

UST
56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will be united with me, and I will be united with them.

How can we remain in Jesus and Jesus remain in us?
If we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will remain in Jesus and he in us.

John 6:57

ULT

57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one eating me, he will also live because of me.

UST

57 My Father makes everyone alive. He has sent me here, and I can make people alive because he has enabled me to do so. In the same way, those who feed on me will live forever because of what I will do for them.

Why does Jesus live?
Jesus lives because of the Father.

John 6:58

ULT

58 This is the bread that has come down from heaven, not just as the fathers ate and died. The one eating this bread will live into eternity."

UST

58 I am this bread that has come down out of heaven. {This bread is} not like {the bread that} the Israelite ancestors ate {in the wilderness} but still eventually died. Anyone who eats me—this bread—will live forever {with me in heaven}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:59

ULT

59 He said these {things} in a synagogue, teaching in Capernaum.

UST

59 Jesus said these statements {to the Jewish leaders} in a synagogue while he was teaching in the city of Capernaum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:60

ULT

60 Then many of his disciples, having heard, said, “This word is hard; who is able to listen to it?”

UST

60 After they heard {what he had said}, many of Jesus’ disciples said, “What he is teaching is difficult to accept. Indeed, no one can accept it!”

How did many of Jesus’ disciples respond after hearing Jesus teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood?

When the disciples heard this teaching, many of them said, “This is a difficult teaching; who can accept it?”

John 6:61

ULT

61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were murmuring about this, said to them, “Does this offend you?

UST

61 {Although no one told} him, Jesus knew that his disciples were grumbling about what he had said. {So} he asked them, “Did my teaching offend you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:62

ULT

62 Then if you would see the Son of Man going up to where he was before...?

UST

62 {If this teaching has offended you,} then {would you also be offended} if you saw me, the Son of Man, ascending to heaven where I was formerly?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:63

ULT

63 The Spirit is the one making alive; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit, and they are life.

UST

63 The Holy Spirit is the only one who can give anyone eternal life. Human nature is useless in this matter. What I have taught you comes from the Holy Spirit and gives eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:64

ULT

64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from {the} beginning who are the ones not believing and who is the one {that} will be betraying him.

UST

64 Nevertheless, some of you do not believe what I have said." (Jesus said this because he knew since he began his work who would not believe him and who would eventually betray him.)

What did Jesus know about people from the beginning?

Jesus knew from the beginning who the ones were who would not believe and who it was who would betray him.

John 6:65

ULT

65 And he said, "Because of this, I have said to you that no one is able to come to me unless it would have been granted to him by the Father."

UST

65 Then Jesus said, "Because {some of you do not believe me}, I told you earlier that only those to whom God the Father has given the ability to come {and be my disciple} will be able to do so."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:66

ULT
66 From this {time}, many of his disciples stayed behind and no longer were walking with him.

UST
66 After Jesus said these things, a lot of his disciples went back {to doing what they had been doing before they met him} and stopped being his disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:67

ULT
67 Therefore, Jesus said to the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

UST
67 Because {so many left him}, Jesus asked his twelve disciples, “Surely you do not also want to leave me, do you?”

When Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”, who answered and what did he say? (vv67-68)
Simon Peter answered him and said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life, and we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:68

ULT
68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have words of eternal life,

UST
68 Simon Peter replied, “Lord, {if we were to leave you}, there is no one else we could go to! Only you teach the message {that allows us} to live forever {in heaven}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:69

ULT
69 and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God." [1]

UST
69 We trust in you, and we know for certain that you are the Holy One who has come from God!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 6:70

ULT
70 Jesus replied to them, "Did not I choose you, the Twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

UST
70 Jesus answered them, "I surely chose all you twelve men, but one of you is under the control of Satan!"

Who did Jesus mean when he said one of the Twelve was a devil? (vv70-71)
Jesus spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, being one of the Twelve, who would betray Jesus.

John 6:71

ULT
71 (Now he was speaking of Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.)
6:69 [1] is in the best ancient copies. Some later copies add an additional description, and they read:

UST
71 ({When Jesus said this} he was talking about Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, because he was the one among the twelve disciples who would later betray Jesus.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7

John 7:1

ULT
1 And after these {things}, Jesus traveled about in Galilee, for he did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

UST
1 After those things happened, Jesus walked around in the region of Galilee because he did not want to walk around in the region of Judea. {He avoided Judea} because the Jewish leaders there were trying to find a way to kill him.

Why was Jesus not willing to go into Judea?
He wasn't willing to go there, because the Jews wanted to kill him.

John 7:2

ULT
2 (Now the festival of the Jews, the Shelter Festival, was near.)

UST
2 (Now at that time the Jewish Shelters celebration was about to take place.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:3

ULT
3 Then his brothers said to him, "Leave this place and go to Judea, so that your disciples also will see your works that you do.

UST
3 Jesus' brothers told him, "Leave here and go to the region of Judea in order that your disciples can also observe you doing miraculous works.

Why did the brothers of Jesus urge him to go to Judea to the Festival of Shelters? (vv3-4)
They urged him to go so that Jesus' disciples could see the deeds he was doing and so that the world would know.

John 7:4

ULT

4 For no one does anything in secret and seeks himself to be in openness. If you do these {things}, show yourself to the world."

UST

4 {Do your miraculous works in Judea} because no one who wants to be famous does anything secretly. Since you are doing all these miracles, reveal who you {claim to be} to everyone {by doing miraculous works}!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:5

ULT

5 For not even his brothers were believing in him.

UST

5 {Jesus' brothers said this} because not even they believed he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:6

ULT

6 Jesus therefore says to them, "My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.

UST

6 Because {they did not believe in him,} Jesus told them, "This is not the right time for me {to go to Jerusalem}, but you can go there whenever you want.

What reason did Jesus give for not going to the festival?

Jesus told his brothers his time had not yet come, and his time had not yet been fulfilled.

John 7:7

ULT
7 The world is not able to hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that the works of it are evil.

UST
7 No one in the world can hate you. However, everyone hates me because I declare that they do evil deeds.

Why does the world hate Jesus?
Jesus said the world hated him because he testifies about the world that its deeds are evil.

John 7:8

ULT
8 You go up to the festival; I am not yet going to this festival, because my time has not yet been fulfilled."

UST
8 You go {to Jerusalem} for the celebration. I am not going to the celebration yet, because now is not the right time for me to go."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:9

ULT
9 Now having said these {things} to them, he remained in Galilee.

UST
9 After saying that to his brothers, Jesus stayed a little longer in the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:10

ULT
10 But when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not publicly, but as in secret.

UST
10 However, a few days after his brothers left for the festival, he also went, but he did so secretly.

When and how did Jesus go up to the festival?
Jesus went up after his brothers had gone up to the festival, but he went in private, not publicly.

John 7:11

ULT
11 Therefore, the Jews were looking for him at the festival and saying, “Where is that one?”

UST
11 Because the Jewish leaders {expected Jesus to be} at the celebration, they tried to find him. They asked people, “Where is that man?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:12

ULT
12 And there was much murmuring among the crowds about him. Some were saying, “He is good.” But others were saying, “No, but he leads the crowd astray.”

UST
12 The crowds were quietly speaking a lot about Jesus. Some people said, “He is a good man!” But others said, “No! He deceives the crowd!”

What did the people in the crowd say about Jesus?
Some said, “He is a good man.” Others said, “No, he leads the crowds astray.”

John 7:13

ULT
13 However, no one was speaking openly about him, because of the fear of the Jews.

UST
13 Nevertheless, the people were afraid of the Jewish leaders, so they didn’t speak about Jesus in public.

Why did no one speak openly about Jesus?
It was for fear of the Jews that no one spoke openly about Jesus.

John 7:14

ULT
14 Now the festival already being half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.

UST
14 About halfway through the Shelters celebration, Jesus entered the temple {courtyard} and started teaching the people there.

When did Jesus go up into the temple and begin teaching?
When the festival was half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching

John 7:15

ULT
15 Therefore, the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this one know letters, not being educated?”

UST
15 The Jewish leaders were shocked {at his teaching}. They said, “This man has not received religious training. He cannot possibly know the scriptures so well!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:16

ULT
16 Then Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not mine, but of the one having sent me.

UST
16 Jesus replied to them, “What I teach does not come from myself. On the contrary, it comes from God, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:17

ULT

17 If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about {this} teaching, whether it is from God, or I speak from myself.

UST

17 If anyone wants to do what God wants, then that person will know that what I am teaching has come from God and not only by my own authority.

How did Jesus say one could know whether his teaching came from God or whether Jesus was speaking from himself?

Jesus said if anyone wished to do the will of the person who sent Jesus, he would know about this teaching, whether it came from God or not.

John 7:18

ULT

18 The one speaking from himself seeks {his} own glory, but the one seeking the glory of the one having sent him, this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

UST

18 Anyone who speaks on his own authority only wants to glorify himself. However, anyone who wants to glorify the person who sent him speaks the truth and acts righteously.

What did Jesus say about the one who seeks the glory of the one who sent him?

Jesus said that person is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

John 7:19

ULT

19 Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you does the law. Why do you seek to kill me?”

UST

19 Moses did indeed give you laws {from God}. None of you completely obeys those laws. {Since that is true,} why are you trying to kill me {for supposedly disobeying those same laws that you don’t obey}?”

According to Jesus, who does the law?

Jesus said none of you does the law.

John 7:20

ULT

20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon. Who seeks to kill you?”

UST

20 Some people in the crowd replied, “A demon is controlling you! No one is trying to kill you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:21

ULT

21 Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel.

UST

21 Jesus replied to the crowd, “{Because} I did one miraculous healing on the day for rest, all of you are shocked.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:22

ULT

22 Because of this, Moses has given you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on {the} Sabbath you circumcise a man.

UST

22 Because {some works like healing would occur on the day for rest}, Moses gave you a law about circumcision. {That law states that you must circumcise your sons exactly seven days after they are born.} ({Circumcision} did not actually begin with Moses, but {this rite} began with your forefathers, {Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob}.) {Because of that law,} sometimes you must work on the day for rest by circumcising your male babies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:23

ULT

23 If a man receives circumcision on {the} Sabbath so that the law of Moses might not be broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on {the} Sabbath?

UST

23 Since you sometimes circumcise someone on the day for rest in order to avoid disobeying the law of Moses, you shouldn't be angry with me for {doing a good work like} healing someone on that day!

What is Jesus' argument for healing on the Sabbath?

Jesus' argument was: You will circumcise a man on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not broken. Then why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath.

John 7:24

ULT

24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

UST

24 Stop judging me according to what you have seen! Rather, judge me according to what God says is right."

How did Jesus tell the people to judge?

Jesus told them not to judge according to appearance, but to judge righteously.

John 7:25

ULT

25 Then some from the Jerusalemites said, "Is not this the one they seek to kill?

UST

25 Some of the people in the crowd who dwelled in Jerusalem then said, "This is the man that our leaders are trying to kill!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:26

ULT

26 And see, he speaks openly, and they say nothing to him. The rulers do not truly know that this is the Christ, do they?

UST

26 Look! He is saying these things publicly, but our leaders are not saying anything to oppose him. Can it be that our leaders really know that he is the Messiah?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:27

ULT

27 But we know where this one is from. But when the Christ would come, no one knows where he is from."

UST

27 But {this man cannot be the Messiah!} We know where this man came from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."

What was one of the arguments the people made for not believing Jesus was the Christ?

The people said they knew where Jesus came from, but they said when Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.

John 7:28

ULT

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, "You both know me and know where I am from. And I have not come from myself, but the one having sent me is true, whom you do not know.

UST

28 Jesus then spoke loudly while he was teaching in the temple {courtyard}. He said, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I have come from. But I have not come here on my own authority. Rather, the one who sent me is the real God, and you do not know him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:29

ULT

29 I know him because I am from him, and he sent me.”

UST

29 I know him because I have come from him. He is the one who sent me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:30

ULT

30 Therefore, they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

UST

30 Because {Jesus said these things}, the Jewish leaders wanted to arrest him, but no one could seize him, because it was not yet the right time for him {to die}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:31

ULT

31 But many from among the crowd believed in him, and they were saying, “When the Christ may come, he will not do more signs than what this one has done, will he?”

UST

31 In contrast {to the Jewish leaders}, many in the crowd of people trusted in Jesus. They kept saying, “When the Messiah comes, he surely will not be able to do more miraculous signs than this man!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:32

ULT

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these {things} about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers so that they might arrest him.

UST

32 Some of the Pharisees overheard them quietly speaking these things about Jesus. Then they and the ruling priests sent temple guards to arrest him.

Who sent officers to arrest Jesus?
The chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus.

John 7:33

ULT

33 Therefore, Jesus said, “I am still with you for a short time, and then I go away to the one having sent me.

UST

33 Because {they did this}, Jesus said, “I will only be with you for a little while longer. Soon I will go back to God, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:34

ULT

34 You will seek me, but you will not find {me}, and where I am, you will not be able to come.”

UST

34 You will search for me, but you will not find me. You will not be able to come to the place where I will be.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:35

ULT

35 The Jews therefore said among themselves, “Where is this one about to go that we will not find him? He is not about to go to the dispersion of the Greeks and to teach the Greeks, is he?

UST

35 So the Jewish leaders said to each other, “Where can this man go where we cannot find him? Will he actually go to those Jews who are spread throughout the world outside of Israel? Will he even teach the people there who aren’t Jews?

Did the Jews understand what Jesus meant when he said, “Yet a little while am I still with you, and then I go to him who sent me. You will seek me but will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come.”? (vv35-36)
By their conversation among themselves, they indicated that they did not understand Jesus’ statement.

John 7:36

ULT

36 What is this word that he said, ‘You will seek me, but will not find {me}, and where I am, you will not be able to come’?”

UST

36 What did he mean when he said that we will search for him, but we will not find him, and we will not be able to come to the place where he will be?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:37

ULT

37 But on the last, great day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

UST

37 Now on the final and most important day of the {Shelters} celebration, Jesus stood up {in the temple courtyard} and spoke loudly. He said, “Anyone who is thirsty should come to me and drink {what I will give them}!

What was Jesus refering to when he said, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water.” (vv37-39)
Jesus said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him would receive.

John 7:38

ULT
38 The one believing in me, just as the scripture says, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his stomach.’”

UST
38 This is what the prophets wrote in the scripture about anyone who trusts in me: ‘Water that gives eternal life will abundantly flow from that person’s innermost being.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:39

ULT
39 (Now he said this about the Spirit, whom the ones having believed in him were about to receive; for {the} Spirit was not yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified.)

UST
39 (Now Jesus said this about the Holy Spirit, whom God was going to give to those who trusted in Jesus. {He said this} because {at that time God had not yet sent} the Holy Spirit {to dwell within those who trusted in him}, because Jesus had not yet received honor {by his death, resurrection, and return to heaven}.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:40

ULT
40 Then some from the crowd, having heard these words, said, “This is truly the prophet.”

UST
40 After some people among the crowd heard what Jesus had said, they said, “He is truly the Prophet {whom God had said would come}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:41

ULT
41 Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Indeed, the Christ does not come from Galilee, does he?

UST
41 Some other people in the crowd said, “He is the Messiah!” However, others {who mistakenly thought that Jesus was born in Galilee,} said, “But the Messiah cannot possibly come from the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:42

ULT

42 Has the Scripture not said that the Christ will come from the seed of David and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

UST

42 The prophets wrote in the scriptures that the Messiah must come from the descendants of King David and {that he must come} from the village of Bethlehem, where David came from!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:43

ULT

43 So a division happened in the crowd because of him.

UST

43 Thus the people in the crowd divided {into opposing groups} on account of Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:44

ULT

44 (Now some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.)

UST

44 (Some of the people in the crowd wanted to arrest him. However, no one seized him.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:45

ULT
45 Then the officers came back to the chief priests and Pharisees, and those ones said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”

UST
45 The temple guards then returned to the ruling priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him and bring him here?”

How did the officers answer the chief priests and Pharisees who said to them, “Why did you not bring him (Jesus)?” (vv45-46)
The officers answered, “No man has ever spoken like this before.”

John 7:46

ULT
46 The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken like this.”

UST
46 The temple guards replied, “No one has ever spoken like this man has!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:47

ULT
47 So the Pharisees replied to them, “You have not also been deceived, have you?

UST
47 Because {the guards said that,} the Pharisees replied by asking, “Can it be that he has deceived you as well?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:48

ULT
48 None from the rulers have believed in him, or from the Pharisees, have they?

UST
48 Surely, none of the members of our highest governing council or us Pharisees have trusted in him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:49

ULT
49 But this crowd not knowing the law, they are accursed."

UST
49 However, this crowd of people does not know God's laws, and God has cursed them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:50

ULT
50 Nicodemus (the one having come to him earlier, being one from them) says to them,

UST
50 Then Nicodemus spoke. (He was the man who had come to Jesus {at night to speak with him} in the past. {He had done this} even though he was one of the Pharisees, {which was a group that usually opposed Jesus}.) He told the Jewish religious leaders,

How did Nicodemus answer the Pharisees when the Pharisees asked the officers sent to arrest Jesus, "Have you also been led astray? Have any of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees?" (vv50-51)
Nicodemus said to the Pharisees, "Does our law judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he does?"

John 7:51

ULT

51 “Our law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he does, does it?”

UST

51 “Our Jewish laws surely do not allow us to condemn someone without first listening to him and learning about what he has done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:52

ULT

52 They answered and said to him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet rises up from Galilee.”

UST

52 They replied to him insultingly, “Surely, you are not from the region of Galilee as well! Are you? Read through the scriptures carefully! {If you do that,} you will see that no prophet comes from Galilee.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 7:53

ULT

53[1] [Then each went to his {own} house.
7:53 [1]

UST

53[1] [Then they all left and went to their own homes.
7:53 [1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8

John 8:1

ULT
1[1] Now Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

UST
1[1] Jesus went to the Mount of Olives {and stayed near there that night}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:2

ULT
2 Now early in the morning he came to the temple again, and all the people came to him.

UST
2 At dawn the next morning, Jesus returned to the temple {courtyard} and many people came to him.

While Jesus was teaching the people in the temple, what did the scribes and Pharisees do? (vv2-3)
They brought in a woman caught in the act of adultery and placed her in their midst and asked Jesus what he had to say about her (to judge her).

John 8:3

ULT
3 Now the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and they placed her in the middle.

UST
3 Some of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought a woman to him. They had apprehended her while she was committing adultery. They made her stand up in the midst of this group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:4

ULT

4 The priests say to him, testing him in order to have an accusation against him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in {the} act of adultery.

UST

4 The priests wanted to test Jesus in order to be able to accuse him {of breaking the law of Moses before the highest Jewish governing council}. So they said to him, “Teacher, we apprehended this woman while she was committing adultery, the very act itself!

Why did the scribes and Pharisees really bring this woman to Jesus? (vv4-6)

They really brought this woman to Jesus in order to trap Jesus so that they might have something to accuse him about.

John 8:5

ULT

5 Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such ones, but what do you say now?”

UST

5 Now Moses commanded us in the law that we must kill such women with stones. Nevertheless, what do you say we should do?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:6

ULT

6 But Jesus, having bent down, began to write on the ground with {his} finger.

UST

6 However, Jesus bent down and wrote something on the ground with his finger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:7

ULT

7 But when they continued asking him questions, he stood up and said to them, “Let the blameless one among you throw a stone at her first.”

UST

7 While they continued to question him, he got up and told them, “Let the one among you who has never sinned throw the first stone at her {and lead the rest to kill her}!”

What did Jesus say to the scribes and Pharisees after they kept asking Jesus about the woman caught in adultery?

Jesus said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:8

ULT

8 And again, having stooped down, he wrote on the ground with {his} finger.

UST

8 Then Jesus stooped down again and wrote something on the ground with his finger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:9

ULT

9 But each of the Jews went out, beginning with the oldest, so that they all went out, and he was left alone, with the woman being in the midst.

UST

9 {After he did this,} those Jewish leaders {who were questioning him} started walking away, one by one. The older ones left first and then the younger ones. Then only Jesus was there with the woman in the midst of the people.

What did the people do after Jesus spoke to them about who should be the first to throw a stone at the woman caught in adultery?

After Jesus spoke, they went out one by one, beginning from the eldest and ending with the last.

John 8:10

ULT

10 And Jesus, having stood up, said to the woman, “Where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

UST

10 Jesus stood up and asked her, “Where are the men {who were accusing you}? Has no one condemned you {to be punished}?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:11

ULT

11 And she said to him, “No one, Lord.” And he said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now sin no longer.”]

UST

11 The woman replied, “There is no one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “I do not condemn you {to be punished} either. Leave, and from now on do not sin like this anymore!”]

What did Jesus tell the woman (caught in adultery) to do?

Jesus told her to go her way and to sin no more from then on.

John 8:12

ULT

12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world; the one following me may certainly not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”

UST

12 Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, “I am the one who gives God’s good and true light to the people in the world. Anyone who becomes my disciple will never walk in {sinful} darkness {again}. Rather, that person will have God’s good and true light that gives eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:13

ULT
13 Then the Pharisees said to him, “You testify about yourself; your testimony is not true.”

UST
13 The Pharisees then told him, “You are the only witness for yourself! {Since the law of Moses requires at least two witnesses,} what you say cannot be true!”

What was the Pharisees complaint after Jesus said, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life.”
The Pharisees complained that Jesus was bearing witness about himself and that his witness was not true.

John 8:14

ULT
14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I came from or where I am going.

UST
14 Jesus replied, “Even if I were the only witness for myself, what I say is still true because I know where I came from and {I know} where I am going. Nevertheless, you do not know where I came from and {you do not know} where I am going.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:15

ULT
15 You judge according to the flesh; I do not judge anyone.

UST
15 You judge people according to human standards. {However,} I have not come to judge anyone {in that manner}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:16

ULT
16 But even if I judge, my judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father having sent me.

UST
16 Even when I do judge people, I will judge them according to the true standard, because I do not judge people on my own. Rather, I and my Father who sent me, {will judge people together}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:17

ULT
17 But even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men is true.

UST
17 Moses even wrote in your law that when at least two witnesses say the same thing, then what they say is true.

How did Jesus defend his witness as being true? (vv17-18)
Jesus said that in their law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. He then stated that he and the Father who sent him both bear witness about Jesus.

John 8:18

ULT
18 I am the one testifying about myself, and the Father having sent me testifies about me."

UST
18 I am my own witness, but my Father who sent me is also a witness for me. {Therefore, what I say is true}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:19

ULT

19 Therefore, they said to him, “Where is your father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father; if you had known me, you would have known my Father also.”

UST

19 Because {Jesus said his father was a witness for him,} the Pharisees asked him, “Where is your father?” Jesus replied, “You do not know me, and you do not know my Father. If you knew me, you would also know my Father, {but you do not}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:20

ULT

20 He said these words in the treasury, teaching in the temple, and no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

UST

20 He said these things about himself while he was teaching in the temple {courtyard}. {He said them} at the place {in the temple courtyard} where people brought money offerings. Nobody apprehended him, because it was not yet the right time for him to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:21

ULT

21 Then again he said to them, “I go away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go away, you are not able to come.”

UST

21 Jesus then told the people again, “I am going away, and you will search for me, but since you sinfully reject me, you will die without God forgiving you. You will not be able to come to the place where I am going.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:22

ULT

22 Then the Jews said, “He will not kill himself, will he? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you are not able to come’?”

UST

22 The Jewish leaders then said {among themselves}, “Perhaps he plans to kill himself, and that is {what he means} when he says that we will not be able to come to the place where he is going.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:23

ULT

23 And he said to them, “You are from the {things} below; I am from the {things} above. You are from this world; I am not from this world.

UST

23 Jesus told them, “You are from this earth below, but I am from heaven above. You belong to this sinful world. I do not belong to this world.

On what did Jesus base his statement about the Pharisees that they would die in their sins? (vv23-24)

Jesus based that statement on his knowledge of them, that they were from below, and he was from above. They were of this world and he was not of this world.

John 8:24

ULT

24 Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”

UST

24 Because of this I told you that you will die without God forgiving you for all the sins that you have committed. This will certainly happen unless you trust that I am {God, as I say I am}.”

How could the Pharisee escape dying in their sins?

Jesus said they would die in their sins unless they believed "that I am."

John 8:25

ULT

25 Therefore, they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “What have I even been saying to you from the beginning?

UST

25 Because {he said that}, they asked him, “Who are you?” Jesus replied, “That is what I have been telling you ever since the beginning!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:26

ULT

26 I have many {things} to speak and to judge concerning you. But the one having sent me is true; and the {things} that I heard from him, these {things} I say to the world.”

UST

26 I could say many things about you and judge you, {but I won’t do those things at this time}. Rather, I will tell the people in the world only what I have heard from the one who sent me. He always says the truth.”

What things did Jesus say to the world? (vv26-27)

Jesus said to the world the things he heard from the Father.

John 8:27

ULT

27 (They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father.)

UST

27 (They did not understand that Jesus was telling them about his Father {in heaven}.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:28

ULT

28 Then Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then will you know that I am, and that I do nothing from myself. But just as the Father taught me, I speak these {things}.

UST

28 So Jesus told them, “When you have lifted me up to kill me, the Son of Man, you will know that I am {God}, and {you will know} that I do not do anything on my own authority. Rather, I only say what my Father has taught me to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:29

ULT

29 And the one having sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.”

UST

29 My Father, who sent me, is always with me. He has never abandoned me, because I always do only the things that delight him.”

Why did the Father who sent Jesus stay with him and not leave him alone?

The Father was with Jesus and didn’t leave him alone because Jesus always did the things that were pleasing to the Father.

John 8:30

ULT

30 {As} he is speaking these things, many believed in him.

UST

30 While Jesus was saying these things, many more people believed that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:31

ULT
31 Then Jesus said to the Jews having believed in him, “If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples;

UST
31 Jesus then told the Jews who now believed that he was the Messiah, “If you obey what I teach you, then you are my genuine disciples.

How did Jesus say the Jews who had believed in him could know they were truly his disciples?
They could know they were truly Jesus’ disciples by remaining in his word.

John 8:32

ULT
32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will free you.”

UST
32 {Furthermore,} you will know God’s truth, and {believing that} truth will free you {from what has enslaved you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:33

ULT
33 They replied to him, “We are {the} seed of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone; how can you say, ‘You will be free’?”

UST
33 They answered him, “We are the descendants of Abraham. We have never been anyone’s slaves! Why do you say that we need to be free?

What did the Jews that believed Jesus think Jesus was referring to when he said, “... and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”?
Those Jews thought Jesus was speaking of being slave of, or in bondage to, men.

John 8:34

ULT

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that everyone committing sin is a slave of sin.

UST

34 Jesus replied, “I am telling you the truth: Anyone who sins {is controlled by his sinful desires like} a slave {is controlled by his master}.

What was Jesus refering to when he said, “and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free”?

Jesus was refering to being set free from being slaves of sin.

John 8:35

ULT

35 Now the slave does not remain in the house into eternity; the son remains into eternity.

UST

35 Slaves do not remain as {members of their master’s} family forever, {but may be freed or sold}. {However,} a son is a member of the family forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:36

ULT

36 Therefore, if the Son frees you, you will be truly free.

UST

36 So if the Son frees you {from being slaves to sin}, you will absolutely be able to refrain {from sinning}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:37

ULT
37 I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.

UST
37 I know that you are Abraham's physical descendants. However, you are trying to kill me because you refuse to trust what I say.

What is the reason, according to Jesus, the Jews sought to kill Jesus?
They sought to kill Jesus because his word had no place in them.

John 8:38

ULT
38 What I have seen with the Father, I say; and therefore, what you heard from the father, you do."

UST
38 I am telling you about the things that my Father has shown me. Therefore, {I say that} you do what your father has told you to do."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:39

ULT
39 They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus says to them, "If you were children of Abraham, you would do the works of Abraham.

UST
39 They replied to him, "Abraham is our ancestor." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's descendants, you would be doing the same things he did.

Why did Jesus say these Jews were not Abraham's children? (vv39-40)
Jesus said they were not Abraham's children because they did not do the works of Abraham. Instead, they sought to kill Jesus.

John 8:40

ULT

40 But now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this.

UST

40 I have been telling you the true things that God told me, but you are trying to kill me. Abraham did not do something like that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:41

ULT

41 You do the works of your father." Then they said to him, "We have not been born from sexual immorality; we have one Father: God."

UST

41 You are doing the same things that your real father did." They told him, "We are not illegitimate children, {like you are}! We have only one Father, and that is God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:42

ULT

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me.

UST

42 Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, which he is not, you would love me because I came from him and have come to this world. {This is true} because I did not come on my own authority. Rather, I came because God sent me.

When these Jews say they have one Father, God, how does Jesus refute them?

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me."

John 8:43

ULT
43 Because of what do you not understand my speech? It is because you are not able to hear my words.

UST
43 Do you know why you do not understand what I say? It is because you do not accept {and obey} what I have told you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:44

ULT
44 You are from {your} father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he would speak a lie, he speaks from {his} own {nature}, because he is a liar and the father of it.

UST
44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you desire to do what he desires. He has been murdering people since the time people first {sinned}. He has rejected what is true, because he never speaks those true things. Whenever he lies, he is doing what is natural for him to do, because he is a liar. He is even the origin of lying.

Who does Jesus say is the father of these Jews?
Jesus says their father is the devil.

What did Jesus say about the devil?
Jesus said that the devil was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When the devil speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:45

ULT
45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.

UST
45 Yet you do not believe me, because I tell you what is true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:46

ULT
46 Which one of you convicts me concerning sin? If I speak {the} truth, why do you not believe me?

UST
46 {Since I have never sinned,} none of you can prove that I have. Since I tell you what is true, there is no good reason for you to not believe what I say!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:47

ULT
47 He who is from God hears the words of God; because of this you do not hear, because you are not from God."

UST
47 Those who belong to God accept {and obey} what he has said. Since {this is true,} you do not accept {and obey} what God has said, because you do not belong to God."

Who hears the words of God?
He who is from God hears the words of God.

John 8:48

ULT
48 The Jews answered and said to him, "Do we not rightly say that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

UST
48 The Jews opposing Jesus replied to him, "We are certainly correct when we say that you are one of the Samaritans, {whom we hate,} and that a demon is controlling you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:49

ULT
49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.

UST
49 Jesus replied, “A demon is not controlling me! On the contrary, I honor my Father {in heaven}, and you dishonor me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:50

ULT
50 Now I do not seek my glory; there is one seeking and judging.

UST
50 I do not desire to persuade people to praise me. There is someone else who desires to do that and judges {whether you or I am telling the truth}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:51

ULT
51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not see death into eternity.”

UST
51 I am telling you the truth: Anyone who obeys my teaching will surely never die!”

What does Jesus say will happen if anyone keeps Jesus’ word?
If anyone keeps Jesus’ word, he will never see death.

John 8:52

ULT

52 The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died; but you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not taste death into eternity.’

UST

52 The Jews opposing Jesus said to him, “Now we are sure that a demon is controlling you! Abraham and the prophets died long ago! Yet you say that anyone who obeys your teaching will surely never die!

Why did the Jews say Jesus had a demon?

They said this because Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

Why did the Jews think Jesus’ statement about never seeing death was outlandish? (vv52-53)

They thought this because they were thinking of the physical death of the body. Even Abraham and the prophets died (their physical bodies).

John 8:53

ULT

53 You are not greater than our father Abraham who died, are you? The prophets also died. Who do you make yourself out to be?”

UST

53 You are surely not greater than our ancestor Abraham! He died and all the prophets also died. {So} who do you think you are?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:54

ULT

54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; my Father is the one glorifying me—about whom you say, ‘He is our God.’

UST

54 Jesus replied, “If I persuade people to praise me, that praise would be worthless. My Father is the one who praises me. He is the one whom you say is your God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:55

ULT
55 And you have not known him, but I know him. And if I would say that I do not know him, I would be like you, a liar. However, I know him and keep his word.

UST
55 Although you do not know God, I do know him. If I said that I did not know him, I would be a liar like each of you. In contrast to you, I know him, and I always obey what he says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:56

ULT
56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he might see my day, and he saw and was glad."

UST
56 Your ancestor Abraham was overjoyed {to think} that he could see me come to the world. {God allowed him} to see me come, and he was happy."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:57

ULT
57 Therefore the Jews said to him, "You do not yet have 50 years, and you have seen Abraham?"

UST
57 Because {Jesus said this}, the Jews opposing him told him, "{Abraham died a long time ago, and} you are not even fifty years old! How can you have seen Abraham?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 8:58

ULT
58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, I am."

UST
58 Jesus told them, "I am telling you the truth: I was {God} before Abraham was born!"

What statements does Jesus make to say that he was alive before Abraham?
Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM."

John 8:59

ULT

59 Therefore, they picked up stones in order to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out from the temple.
8:1 *[1]*

UST

59 Because {he was claiming to be God,} the Jews opposing Jesus picked up rocks to throw at him {to kill him}. But Jesus hid {in the crowd} and left the temple {courtyard}.
8:1 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9

John 9:1

ULT
1 And passing by, he saw a man blind from birth.

UST
1 While Jesus was walking along the path, he saw a man who had been blind since the day he was born.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:2

ULT
2 And his disciples asked him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this one or his parents, so that he might be born blind?”

UST
2 His disciples asked him, “Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be blind when he was born? Did this man or his parents sin?”

What is the assumption made by the disciples as to why the man was born blind?
The disciples are assuming that the reason the man was born blind is because either the man or his parents had sinned.

John 9:3

ULT
3 Jesus answered, “Neither did this one sin, nor his parents, but so that the works of God might be revealed in him.

UST
3 Jesus replied, “It was neither the sin of this man nor the sin of his parents {that caused him to be blind when he was born}. Rather, {he was blind when he was born} so that I might show people the miraculous works God will do in him.

What does Jesus say is the reason the man was born blind?
Jesus says the man was born blind so that the works of God should be revealed in him.

John 9:4

ULT

4 It is necessary for us to work the works of the one having sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one is able to work.

UST

4 While I am still with you, we must do the miraculous works that my Father who sent me wants us to do. Just like day is followed by night, when people cannot work, a time will come when it is too late for us to do what God wants us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:5

ULT

5 While I am in the world, I am {the} light of the world."

UST

5 While I am still living in this world, I am the one who gives God's good and true light to the people in the world."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:6

ULT

6 Having said these {things}, he spat on {the} ground and made mud from the saliva and smeared on him the mud on {his} eyes.

UST

6 When he said this, he spat on the dirt and made mud by mixing his saliva {with the dirt}. Then he spread that mud on the blind man's eyes.

What did Jesus do and say to the blind man? (vv6-7)

Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud and anointed the man's eyes with the mud.

John 9:7

ULT

7 And he said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam,” (which is translated “Sent”). So he went away and washed and came back seeing.

UST

7 Then Jesus said to the blind man, “Go and wash {the mud off} in the pool of Siloam!” (‘Siloam’ means ‘sent’ {in Aramaic}). So the man left and washed {the mud off in that pool}. Then he went {home} when he was able to see.

What happened after the blind man washed in the pool of Siloam?
He came back seeing.

John 9:8

ULT

8 Then the neighbors and the ones seeing him previously, that he was a beggar, began saying, “Is not this the one sitting and begging?”

UST

8 The man’s neighbors and others who had seen him in the past and knew that he was a beggar said, “This is surely the man who used to sit here and beg!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:9

ULT

9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “Not at all, but that one is like him.” He kept saying, “It is me.”

UST

9 Some people said, “Yes, he is that man.” Other people said, “No, but he just looks like that man.” However, the man himself said, “Yes, I am the man who was blind!”

What did the man testify when a dispute arose as to whether or not he was the man born blind who used to sit and beg?
The man testified that he was the blind beggar.

John 9:10

ULT
10 Therefore, they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

UST
10 So they asked him, “How is it that you can see now?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:11

ULT
11 That one answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and smeared {it} on my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So having gone and having washed, I received my sight.”

UST
11 He replied, “The man people call Jesus made mud {with dirt and his saliva} and spread it on my eyes. Then he told me to go to the pool of Siloam and wash {the mud off}. So I went there and washed {the mud off}. Then I was able to see {for the first time}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:12

ULT
12 And they said to him, “Where is that one?” He said, “I do not know.”

UST
12 They asked him, “Where is that man?” He replied, “I do not know where he is.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:13

ULT
13 They bring him, the one formerly blind, to the Pharisees.

UST
13 {Some of the people there} took the man who used to be blind to some of the Pharisees.

What did the people do who were with the formerly blind beggar?
They took the man to the Pharisees.

John 9:14

ULT
14 (Now it was a Sabbath on the day Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.)

UST
14 (Now the day when Jesus made the mud {with his saliva} and enabled the man to see was the Jewish day for rest.)

When did the healing take place?
The healing of the blind man took place on the Sabbath.

John 9:15

ULT
15 Then again the Pharisees also began asking him how he received his sight. But he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

UST
15 Then the Pharisees questioned the man for a second time. {This time} as well, they asked him about how he was now able to see. He told them, “The man placed mud on my eyes, and I washed {it off}, and now I {am able to} see {for the first time}.”

What did the Pharisees ask the formerly blind man?
They asked him how he had received his sight.

John 9:16

ULT
16 Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How is a man, a sinner, able to do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

UST
16 Some of the Pharisees then said, “{We know that} this man has not come from God, because he does not follow the rules for the Jewish day for rest.” Some other Pharisees said, “Surely a sinful man could not do the kinds of miraculous signs that this man does!” So the Pharisees disagreed with each other {regarding who Jesus was}.

What was the division that arose among the Pharisees?
Some Pharisees said Jesus wasn’t from God because he didn’t keep the Sabbath (he healed on the Sabbath) and some of the Pharisees said how could a man that is a sinner do such signs.

John 9:17

ULT

17 Therefore, they ask the blind man again, “What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

UST

17 So the Pharisees asked the blind man again, “What do you say about this man, since you say that he is the one who enabled you to see?” The man said, “He must be a prophet.”

What did the formerly blind man say about Jesus when asked?

The formerly blind man said, “He is a prophet.”

John 9:18

ULT

18 Therefore, the Jews did not believe about him that he was blind and received {his} sight until they called the parents of him having received sight.

UST

18 Because {the man believed that Jesus was a prophet}, the Jewish leaders did not believe that the man had been blind and then became able to see until after they summoned the man’s parents {in order to question them}.

Why did the Jews call in the parents of the blind man that had received his sight?

They called in the man’s parents because they still did not believe the man was the one that had been blind.

John 9:19

ULT

19 And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

UST

19 They asked his parents, “Is this man your son? Do you say that he was blind when he was born? {If that is so,} then how is he able to see at this time?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:20

ULT
20 So his parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.

UST
20 His parents replied, “We are certain that this man is our son. We are also certain that he was blind when he was born.

What did the parents of the man testify concerning their son?
The parents testified that the man was indeed their son and that he had been born blind.

John 9:21

ULT
21 But how he now sees, we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he has full maturity. He will speak for himself.”

UST
21 Nevertheless, we do not know how he is able to see at this time. We also do not know who enabled him to see. Ask him. He is old enough to speak on his own behalf.”

What did the man’s parents say they didn’t know?
They said they didn’t know how he could now see, or who opened his eyes.

John 9:22

ULT
22 His parents said these {things} because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess him {as} {the} Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

UST
22 (The Jewish leaders had previously agreed among themselves that they would ban anyone who declared that Jesus was the Messiah from entering the Jewish meeting place. Because of this, the man’s parents were afraid of them and told them those things.)

Why did the man’s parents say, “He is an adult. Ask him.”
They said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

John 9:23

ULT
23 Because of this, his parents said, “He has full maturity; ask him.”

UST
23 That is also why they said to the Jewish leaders, “Ask him. He is old enough.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:24

ULT
24 Therefore, for a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

UST
24 So the Jewish leaders summoned for a second time the man who had been blind. They told him, “Glorify God {by speaking only the truth}! We ourselves are certain that this man {who you say healed you} is sinful.”

What did the Pharisees say to the formerly blind man when they called him in the second time?
They said, “Give glory to God. We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner.”

John 9:25

ULT
25 Then that one replied, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I know: that being blind, now I see.”

UST
25 The man whom Jesus healed replied, “ I do not know if he is sinful or not. One thing I do know is that I used to be blind, but now I can see.”

What was the formerly blind man’s response to the Pharisees when they called Jesus a sinner?
He replied, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know: Once I was blind, and now I see.”

John 9:26

ULT
26 Then they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

UST
26 They then asked him, “What did he do to you {in order to heal you}? How did he enable you to see?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:27

ULT
27 He answered them, “I have told you already, and you did not listen! Why do you want to listen again? You do not want to become his disciples also, do you?

UST
27 He replied, “I have already told you the answers to those questions, but you did not listen to what I said. Why do you want me to tell you again? Could it be that you also desire to become his disciples?”

What questions did the formerly blind man ask the Pharisees?
The formerly blind man said, “Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you?”

John 9:28

ULT
28 And they reviled him and said, “You are a disciple of that one, but we are disciples of Moses.

UST
28 Then they spoke insultingly to him: “You are that man’s disciple! As for us, we are Moses’s disciples!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:29

ULT
29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.”

UST
29 We are certain that God spoke to Moses {long ago}. As for this man, we do not even know where he came from!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:30

ULT

30 The man answered and said to them, “Now this is a remarkable {thing}, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes.

UST

30 The man replied, “I am amazed! You do not even know where he came from, but he is the one who enabled me to see!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:31

ULT

31 We know that God does not hear sinners, but if someone is devout and does his will, he hears this one.

UST

31 We are certain that God does not respond to {the prayers of} sinful people. Rather, he responds to {the prayers of} people who worship him and who do what he wants them to do.

When the Pharisees reviled the man, what did the formerly blind man say everyone knew?

The formerly blind man said that everyone knew God does not listen to sinners

John 9:32

ULT

32 From eternity it has never been heard that anyone opened {the} eyes of one having been born blind.

UST

32 Never before has anyone ever heard that someone enabled a man to see who was blind when he was born!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:33

ULT
33 If this one were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

UST
33 If this man had not come from God, he could not have done even one {miracle like that}!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:34

ULT
34 They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and you are teaching us?" And they put him out.

UST
34 The Jewish leaders replied to him, "You were born blind entirely as a result of {your parents'} sins! How dare you teach us!" Then they banned him from the Jewish meeting place.

How did the Pharisees respond to the blind man's retort?
They rebuked the man he was born in sin and yet he dared to teach them. Then they cast the man out of the synagogue.

John 9:35

ULT
35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and having found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

UST
35 Jesus heard that the Jewish leaders had banned the man he had healed from the Jewish meeting place. When he {searched for him and} found him, he asked him, "Do you trust the Son of Man?"

What did Jesus do when he heard the formerly blind man had been cast out of the synagogue?
Jesus went looking for the man and found him.

What did Jesus say to the formerly blind man after Jesus found him? (vv35-36)
Jesus asked the man if he believed in the Son of Man, and then he told the formerly blind man that he (Jesus) was the Son of Man.

John 9:36

ULT
36 That one replied and said, “And who is he, sir, so that I might believe in him?”

UST
36 The man answered, “Sir, who is he? {Please tell me,} so that I may trust him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:37

ULT
37 Jesus said to him, “You have both seen him, and that one is the one speaking with you.”

UST
37 Jesus told him, “You have already seen him. I am that very person who is talking to you now.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:38

ULT
38 Now he said, “Lord, I believe” and he worshiped him.

UST
38 The man said, “Lord, I trust {that you are the Son of Man}.” Then he went down on his knees and worshiped Jesus.

How did the formerly blind man respond when told that Jesus was the Son of Man?
The formerly blind man told Jesus he believed, and he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:39

ULT

39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind.”

UST

39 Jesus said, “I have come into this world in order to judge its people. {The result will be} that the people who realize they do not perceive God’s truth may perceive it, like a blind person becoming able to see. {Another result will be that} the people who think they perceive God’s truth will not perceive it, like a person who sees and becomes blind.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:40

ULT

40 {Some} of the Pharisees being with him heard these {things} and asked him, “We are not also blind, are we?”

UST

40 When some of the Pharisees who were near Jesus heard him say this, they asked him, “Do you think that we also cannot perceive God’s truth, like blind people?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 9:41

ULT

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, ‘We see.’ Your sin remains.”

UST

41 Jesus replied, “If you recognized that you are spiritually blind, you would not be guilty of sin. However, because you claim to perceive God’s truth, like someone who sees, you are still guilty of your sin.

What did Jesus say about the sins of the Pharisees?

Jesus told them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin. However, now you say, ‘We see.’ So your sin remains.”

John 10

John 10:1

ULT

1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, the one not entering through the gate into the sheep pen but climbing up some other way, that one is a thief and a robber.

UST

1 “I am telling you the truth: Anyone who enters into the sheep pen by any way other than the pen’s gate is a thief or bandit {who has come to steal the sheep}.

According to Jesus, who is a thief and a robber?

He who does not enter by the gate into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, that man is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2

ULT

2 But the one entering through the gate is {the} shepherd of the sheep.

UST

2 The man who enters the sheep pen through the gate is the shepherd {who takes care} of the sheep.

Who enters the sheepfold by the gate?

He who enters the sheepfold by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3

ULT

3 The gatekeeper opens for this one, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls {his} own sheep by name and leads them out.

UST

3 The man who guards the gate {when the shepherd is away} opens the gate for the shepherd {when he comes}. The sheep hear the sound of the shepherd’s voice. He summons by name {each of} the sheep that belong to him and leads them out of the pen.

Why do the sheep follow the shepherd when he calls them? (vv3-4)

They follow the shepherd because they know his voice.

John 10:4

ULT

[4] When he has brought out all {his} own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

UST

[4] After the shepherd has brought out of the pen all of the sheep that belong to him, he walks in front of them. His sheep follow him {from behind} because they recognize the sound of his voice.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:5

ULT

[5] Now they will certainly not follow a stranger, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

UST

[5] His sheep will never follow someone whom they do not know. Rather, they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voices of people they do not know."

Will the sheep follow a stranger?

No. The sheep will not follow a stranger.

John 10:6

ULT

[6] Jesus spoke this parable to them, but those ones did not understand what it was that he was saying to them.

UST

[6] Jesus told this illustration {from the work that shepherds do} to the Pharisees. Nevertheless, they did not understand what the illustration meant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:7

ULT

7 Therefore, Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the gate of the sheep.

UST

7 So Jesus spoke to them again, “I am telling you the truth: I am the gate through which the sheep enter into the sheep pen.

What were all those who came before Jesus came? (vv7-8)

All those who came before Jesus came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10:8

ULT

8 Everyone who came before me is a thief and a robber, but the sheep did not hear them.

UST

8 All the leaders who came before me {without God’s authority} were thieves and bandits. However, the true sheep did not obey them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:9

ULT

9 I am the gate. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and he will go in and go out and will find pasture.

UST

9 I myself am the gate {to heaven}. God will save {from eternal punishment} anyone who comes to him by trusting in me. {Whoever trusts in me} will be like a sheep who walks around safely and finds food.

Jesus said he was the gate. What happens to those who enter through that gate?

Those who enter through Jesus, the gate, will be saved; they will go in and out and will find pasture.

John 10:10

ULT

10 The thief does not come except in order that he might steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they might have life and might have it abundantly.

UST

10 Your leaders are like thieves who come only to steal, kill, and destroy the sheep. I have come to give the sheep eternal life, which will be full {of blessings}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:11

ULT

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

UST

11 I myself am like a good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to die {in order to protect and to save} his sheep, {and so am I willing to die for my disciples}.

What does the good shepherd, Jesus, do for his sheep?

Jesus, the good shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:12

ULT

12 And the hired man, not being a shepherd, of whom the sheep are not his own, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and escapes, and the wolf seizes and scatters them,

UST

12 {Suppose that} someone hires a man who is not a shepherd to protect sheep that do not belong to that man. When he sees a wolf coming {to kill the sheep}, he leaves the sheep and runs away, so the wolf snatches some of them and causes some others to scatter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:13

ULT

13 because he is a hired man, and it is not a concern to him about the sheep.

UST

13 {The hired man runs away} because he was {only protecting the sheep} in order to receive money. He does not care about what happens to the sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:14

ULT

14 I am the good shepherd, and I know the ones of mine, and the ones of mine know me,

UST

14 I myself am like a good shepherd. {Just like a good shepherd knows his sheep and his sheep know him,} I know those who belong to me, and they know me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:15

ULT

15 just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

UST

15 {We know each other} in the same way that my Father and I know each other. I am willing to die for the benefit of those sheep {who belong to me}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:16

ULT

16 And I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen. It is necessary for me to bring them also, and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

UST

16 There are also sheep that belong to me and are from a different sheep pen. {They are people who are not Jews.} I must also bring them to myself. They will respond to what I say, and all those who belong to me will be united as one flock, and I will be their one shepherd.

Does Jesus have another sheep fold, and if so, what will happen to them?

Jesus said he had other sheep that were not of that fold. He said he must bring them, and they would hear his voice so that there would be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:17

ULT

17 Because of this the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I might take it up again.

UST

17 My Father loves me because I will willingly die in order that I may make myself alive again.

Why does the Father love Jesus?

The Father loves Jesus because Jesus lays down his life that he may take it up again.

John 10:18

ULT

18 No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down from myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. I received this command from my Father."

UST

18 Nobody is forcing me to die. Rather, I myself choose to die. I have authority to willfully die and I have authority to make myself alive again. That is the work my Father has commanded me to do."

Does someone take Jesus' life away?

No. He lays if down of himself.

Where did Jesus get the authority to lay down his life and to take it again?

Jesus received this command from his Father.

John 10:19

ULT
19 A division again occurred among the Jews because of these words.

UST
19 The Jewish leaders divided {into opposing groups} again on account of what Jesus had said.

What did the Jews say because of Jesus' words? (vv19-21)
Many said, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the statements of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:20

ULT
20 Now many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?"

UST
20 Many of the Jewish leaders said, "A demon is controlling him, and he is crazy! Do not listen to him!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:21

ULT
21 Others were saying, "These are not the words of a demon-possessed man. A demon is not able to open {the} eyes of {the} blind, is he?"

UST
21 Some other people said, "What he is saying is not something a man controlled by a demon would ever say. Surely a demon cannot possibly enable a blind person to see!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:22

ULT
22 Then the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem happened. It was winter, [1]

UST
22 Then the feast to celebrate the temple dedication in Jerusalem took place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:23

ULT
23[2] and Jesus was walking in the temple on the porch of Solomon.

UST
23 Jesus was walking in the temple courtyard in the place called Solomon's Porch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:24

ULT
24 Then the Jews surrounded him and began saying to him, "How long are you taking away our life? If you are the Christ, tell us openly."

UST
24 The Jewish leaders gathered around Jesus and said, "How long will you keep us wondering about who you are? If you are the Messiah, then tell us plainly {so that we can know}."

What did the Jews say to Jesus when they surrounded him in the Temple in Solomon's porch?
They said, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25

ULT
25 Jesus replied to them, "I told you, but you do not believe. The works that I do in the name of my Father, these testify concerning me.

UST
25 Jesus answered them, "I have told you, but you still do not believe me. The miraculous deeds I do by my Father's authority tell you what you need to know about me.

How did Jesus reply to the Jews in Solomon's porch? (vv25-26)
Jesus said he had already told them (that he was the Christ) and they did not believe him because they weren't his sheep.

John 10:26

ULT

26 But you do not believe, because you are not from my sheep.

UST

26 However, you people still do not believe in me, because you do not belong to me. You are like sheep that are not part of my flock.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:27

ULT

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

UST

27 {Just like sheep obey the voice of their shepherd,} my people respond to what I say. I know them, and they are my disciples.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:28

ULT

28 And I give them eternal life, and they will certainly not perish into eternity, and no one will snatch any of them from my hand.

UST

28 I enable them to live forever {with God in heaven}. No one can ever destroy them, and {no one can ever} take them away from me.

What does Jesus say about his care and protection of his sheep?

Jesus said he gives his sheep eternal life, they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of his hand.

John 10:29

ULT
29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from the hand of the Father.

UST
29 My Father gave them to me. He is greater than anyone, and no one is able to take them away from him.

Who gave the sheep to Jesus?
The Father gave the sheep to Jesus.

Is anyone greater than the Father?
No. The Father is greater than all others.

John 10:30

ULT
30 I and the Father are one.”

UST
30 My father and I are one God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:31

ULT
31 The Jews took up stones again so that they might stone him.

UST
31 The Jewish leaders again picked up stones in order to throw them at him and kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:32

ULT

32 Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of those works are you stoning me?”

UST

32 Jesus said to them, “You have seen me do many miraculous good deeds that my Father told me to do. For which one of them are you going to kill me with stones?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:33

ULT

33 The Jews answered him, “We are not stoning you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, a man, are making yourself God.”

UST

33 The Jewish leaders replied, “We do not want to kill you with stones because you did a good deed. Rather, {we want to kill you} because you blaspheme God by claiming to be God even though you are just a man!”

Why did the Jews take up stones to stone Jesus?

Because they believed Jesus was blaspheming and making himself God even though he was a man.

John 10:34

ULT

34 Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”’?

UST

34 Jesus replied to them, “In the Old Testament a prophet wrote that God said, ‘I have said that you are gods.’

What is Jesus’ defense against the charge of blasphemy? (vv34-36)

Jesus defends himself by saying, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, “You are gods”’? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), do you say about him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

John 10:35

ULT
35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture is not able to be broken),

UST
35 Since God called those to whom he spoke ‘gods’ and no one can prove that the Scripture is false,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:36

ULT
36 do you say to the one the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am {the} Son of God’?

UST
36 why do you say that I am blaspheming God because I said that I am the Son of God? I am the one whom my Father specially selected {to belong to him} and sent into this world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 10:37

ULT
37 If I am not doing the works of my Father, do not believe me.

UST
37 If I am not doing the miraculous works that my Father wants me to do, then you should not trust me.

What does Jesus tell the Jews to do in order to determine whether to believe him or not? (vv37-38)
Jesus tell the Jews to look at his works. If Jesus isn’t doing the works of his Father, don’t believe him.

John 10:38

ULT

38 But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe me, believe in the works so that you might know and might understand that the Father {is} in me, and I in the Father.”

UST

38 However, because I am doing these {miraculous} deeds, you should trust {what} these deeds {reveal about me} even though you do not trust me. {You should do that} in order to learn and comprehend that my Father and I are completely united.”

What does Jesus say the Jews could know and understand if they would believe in the works that Jesus did?

Jesus said they could know and understand that the Father is in Jesus and that Jesus is in the Father.

John 10:39

ULT

39 Therefore, they were seeking to seize him again, but he went away out of their hand.

UST

39 Because {he said these things}, the Jewish leaders tried again to arrest Jesus, but he got away from them.

What was the response of the Jews to Jesus statement about the Father being in Jesus and Jesus being in the Father?

The Jews tried again to seize Jesus.

John 10:40

ULT

40 And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John first was baptizing, and he stayed there.

UST

40 Then Jesus went back over {on the east side of} the Jordan River. He went to the place where John the Baptizer had baptized people at the beginning {of his ministry}. Jesus stayed there for a while.

Where did Jesus go after this event?

Jesus went away again beyond the Jordon to the place where John had been baptizing at first.

John 10:41

ULT

41 And many came to him and were saying, “John indeed did no sign, but all that John said about this one was true.”

UST

41 Many people came to Jesus there. They said, “John the Baptizer never performed a miraculous sign, but everything that John said about this man is true!”

What did many people who came to Jesus say and do? (vv41-42)

They kept saying, “John indeed did no sign, but all that John said about this one was true.” Many people believed in Jesus there.

John 10:42

ULT

42 And many believed in him there.
10:22 [1] at the beginning of verse 23.
10:23 [2] at the beginning of verse 23 instead of at the end of verse 22.

UST

42 Many people trusted in him in that place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11

John 11:1

ULT
1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus from Bethany, from the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

UST
1 A man named Lazarus became very ill. He lived in the village of Bethany where his sisters Mary and Martha also lived.

Who was this Lazarus? And who was Mary? (vv1-2)
Lazarus was a man from Bethany. His sisters were Mary and Martha. It was the same Mary who would anoint the Lord with myrrh and wipe his feet with her hair.

John 11:2

ULT
2 Now Mary was the one having anointed the Lord with myrrh and having wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

UST
2 This is the same Mary who later would pour perfume on the Lord and would wipe {the oil off of} his feet with her hair. It was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:3

ULT
3 Therefore, the sisters sent to him, saying, “Sir, behold, he whom you love is sick.”

UST
3 So the two sisters sent someone to tell Jesus about Lazarus. They said, “Lord, the one whom you love is very ill. {Please come!}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:4

ULT

4 But having heard {it}, Jesus said, “This sickness is not to death but for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

UST

4 When Jesus heard about Lazarus’ illness, he said, “This illness will not end in Lazarus’ death. Rather, the purpose of this illness is to reveal how great God is. Lazarus became ill in order that the illness may reveal how great I, the Son of God, am.”

What did Jesus say about Lazarus and his sickness when Jesus heard he was sick?

Jesus said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but it is instead for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified in it.”

John 11:5

ULT

5 (Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.)

UST

5 (Jesus loved Martha, her sister Mary, and Lazarus.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:6

ULT

6 Therefore, when he heard that he was sick, he then indeed stayed two days in {the} place where he was.

UST

6 So when Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, he deliberately remained where he was for two more days.

What did Jesus do when he heard Lazarus was sick?

Jesus stayed two more days in the place where he was.

John 11:7

ULT
7 Then after this, he says to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

UST
7 Then after {those two days} Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go back to the region of Judea.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:8

ULT
8 The disciples say to him, “Rabbi, right now the Jews are seeking to stone you, and you are going back there again?”

UST
8 His disciples said, “Teacher, the Jewish leaders {in Judea} currently want to kill you with stones! You surely should not return there again!”

What did Jesus’ disciples say when he told them, “Let us go to Judea again.”?
The disciples said to Jesus, “Rabbi, the Jews were only now trying to stone you, and are you going back there again?”

John 11:9

ULT
9 Jesus answered, “Are there not 12 hours in the day? If someone walks in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world.

UST
9 Jesus replied, “You know that there are 12 hours of daylight. The person who walks during the daytime will walk safely because the light allows him to see where he is going.

What did Jesus say about walking in the day?
Jesus said if someone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble because he sees by the daylight.

John 11:10

ULT
10 But if someone walks at night, he stumbles because the light is not in him.”

UST
10 However, when a person walks during the night, he will stumble because there is no light to allow him to see where he is going.”

What did Jesus say about walking in the night?
If someone walks at night, he will stumble because the light is not in him.

John 11:11

ULT
11 He said these {things}, and after this, he says to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going so that I may wake him out of sleep.”

UST
11 After saying these things, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I will go there to wake him up.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:12

ULT
12 Therefore, the disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

UST
12 So his disciples told him, “Lord, if he is sleeping, then he will get well.”

In what way did the disciples think that Lazarus had fallen asleep? (vv12-13)
The disciples thought Lazarus had fallen asleep to rest.

John 11:13

ULT
13 (Now Jesus had spoken about his death, but those ones thought that he is speaking about the sleep of slumber.)

UST
13 (Jesus was actually speaking about Lazarus' death, but his disciples thought that he was talking about actual sleep.)

What did Jesus mean when he said Lazarus had fallen asleep?
When Jesus said Lazarus had fallen asleep, he was speaking of Lazarus' death.

John 11:14

ULT
14 Therefore, Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus died.

UST
14 So Jesus told them clearly, "Lazarus is dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:15

ULT
15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

UST
15 And I rejoice that I was not there {when he died}. {I let this happen} so that you may trust in me. {This is} for your benefit. Rather than staying here, let us go to where he is."

Why was Jesus glad that he wasn't there when Lazarus died?
Jesus said, "I am glad for your sakes, that I was not there, so that you may believe."

John 11:16

ULT
16 Therefore, Thomas, called Didymus, said to {his} fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with him.”

UST
16 So Thomas, whom they called ‘The Twin,’ said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go with the Teacher in order that we may die with him.”

What did Thomas think would happen if they went back to Judea?
Thomas thought they would all die.

John 11:17

ULT
17 Therefore, having come, Jesus found him having already been in the tomb for four days.

UST
17 So when Jesus arrived {in the village of Bethany,} he learned that people had already put Lazarus’ dead body in a tomb four days before then.

How long had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus came?
Lazarus had been in the tomb four days.

John 11:18

ULT
18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about 15 stadia away.

UST
18 (Jerusalem was only about three kilometers away from the village of Bethany.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:19

ULT

19 And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary so that they might comfort them about {their} brother.

UST

19 Many Jewish people came to Martha and Mary {in Bethany} in order to console both of them concerning their brother Lazarus' death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:20

ULT

20 Then Martha, when she heard, "Jesus is coming," went to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

UST

20 When Martha heard {someone say} that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. Mary {did not go with her} but stayed in the house.

What did Martha do when she heard Jesus was coming?

When Martha heard Jesus was coming, she went and met him.

John 11:21

ULT

21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if you were here, my brother would not have died.

UST

21 When Martha met Jesus, she said to him, "Lord, if you had only been here sooner, my brother would not be dead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:22

ULT
22 But even now, I know that whatever you would ask from God, God will give to you.”

UST
22 However, even now {that he is dead} I am certain that God will do for you whatever you ask him to do.”

What did Martha think God would do for Jesus?
Martha said, “Even now, I know that whatever you ask from God, he will give to you.”

John 11:23

ULT
23 Jesus says to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

UST
23 Jesus told her, “Your brother will live again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:24

ULT
24 Martha says to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

UST
24 Martha told him, “I am certain that my brother will live again when God raises all dead people on the last day {when he judges everyone}.”

When Jesus said to Martha, “Your brother will rise again,” what was her response to Jesus?
She said to Jesus, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

John 11:25

ULT
25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one believing in me, even if he dies, will live;

UST
25 Jesus told her, “I am the one who causes dead people to live again. I am the one who gives people eternal life. Whoever trusts in me will live forever, even if his body dies.

What did Jesus say would happen to those who believe in him? (vv25-26)
Jesus said that whoever believes in Jesus, though he die, yet he will live; and whoever lives and believes in Jesus will never die.

John 11:26

ULT
26 and everyone living and believing in me may certainly not die into eternity. Do you believe this?”

UST
26 All those who receive eternal life and trust in me will surely live forever. Do you believe that this is true?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:27

ULT
27 She says to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, coming into the world.”

UST
27 Martha told him, “Yes, I do, Lord! I do indeed believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. {You are} the one whom God promised would come into this world.”

What was Martha’s testimony about who Jesus is?
Martha said to Jesus, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

John 11:28

ULT

28 And having said this, she went away and called her sister Mary privately, having said, “The Teacher is here and is calling you.”

UST

28 After she said that, she returned {to the house} and secretly summoned her sister Mary. She told Mary, “The Teacher has arrived, and he is summoning you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:29

ULT

29 Now when she heard {this}, she got up quickly and went to him.

UST

29 When Mary heard what her sister said, she rose quickly and went out to meet Jesus.

Where was Mary going?

Mary was going to meet Jesus.

John 11:30

ULT

30 (Now Jesus had not yet come into the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him.)

UST

30 (At that time Jesus had not yet entered the village of Bethany. Rather, he was still at the place where Martha had met him.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:31

ULT

31 Then the Jews being with her in the house and comforting her, having seen that Mary got up quickly and went out, followed her, having thought that she was going to the tomb so that she might weep there.

UST

31 The Jewish people who were comforting Mary in her house saw her rise quickly and go outside, so they followed her. They thought that she was going to the tomb {where they had buried Lazarus} in order to grieve there.

When Mary got up quickly and went out, what did the Jews who were with her think and do?

The Jews who were in the house with Mary supposed she was going to the tomb to weep there, so they followed her.

John 11:32

ULT

32 Then as soon as Mary came {to the place} where Jesus was, having seen him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you were here, my brother would not have died.”

UST

32 When Mary arrived at the place where Jesus had spoken to Martha and saw him, she threw herself down on the ground in front of his feet. She told him, “Lord, if you had only been here sooner, my brother would not be dead!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:33

ULT

33 When therefore Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews having come with her weeping, he was deeply disturbed in the spirit and he troubled himself.

UST

33 When Jesus saw her grieving, and the Jewish people with her also grieving, he became extremely agitated.

What seems to have prompted Jesus to groan in the spirit and be troubled and weep? (vv33-35)

Jesus groaned in the spirit was troubled and wept after he saw Mary weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping.

John 11:34

ULT
34 And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They say to him, “Lord, come and see.”

UST
34 He asked, “Where have you buried his body?” They told him, “Lord, come and see {where he is}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:35

ULT
35 Jesus wept.

UST
35 Jesus started crying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:36

ULT
36 Then the Jews said, “Behold how much he loved him!”

UST
36 So the Jewish people {who were with Mary} said among themselves, “See how much he loved Lazarus!”

What did the Jews conclude when they saw Jesus weeping?
They concluded that Jesus loved Lazarus.

John 11:37

ULT
37 But some of them said, “Was this one, having opened the eyes of the blind man, not able to act so that this one also would not die?”

UST
37 However, others among them said, “He could enable the blind man to see. But maybe he didn’t have enough power to prevent this man from dying!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:38

ULT
38 Therefore, Jesus again, being deeply disturbed in himself, went to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

UST
38 Jesus then was emotionally agitated again when he came to the tomb. (It was a cave, and a large rock was covering its entrance.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:39

ULT
39 Jesus says, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the one {that} had died, says to him, “Lord, he will already stink, for it is four days.”

UST
39 Jesus said, “Remove the rock from the cave’s entrance.” {However,} Lazarus’ sister Martha told him, “Lord, by this time his body will smell bad because he died four days ago.”

What was Martha’s objection to Jesus’ command to take away the stone from the mouth of the cave where they had laid Lazarus?
Martha said, “Lord, by this time the body will stink, for he has been dead four days.”

John 11:40

ULT
40 Jesus says to her, “Did I not say to you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

UST
40 Jesus told her, “I surely told you that if you trusted me, you would see how great God is!”

What is Jesus’ reply to Martha’s objection to taking away the stone?
Jesus said to Martha, “Did I not say to you that, if you believed, you would see the glory of God.”

John 11:41

ULT

41 Therefore, they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up {his} eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me.

UST

41 So some people removed the rock from the cave’s entrance. Jesus looked up toward heaven and said, “Father, I thank you for listening to me.

What did Jesus do immediately after the stone was taken away from the cave?
Jesus lifted up his eyes and prayed aloud to his Father.

John 11:42

ULT

42 Now I have known that you always hear, but because of the crowd that is standing around I spoke, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

UST

42 I know that you always listen to me. Nevertheless, I said that for the sake of the people standing here. I said this in order that they might be confident that you sent me.”

Why did Jesus pray aloud and say what he said to his Father?
He prayed aloud and said what he did because of the crowd that was standing around him, so that they might believe that the Father had sent him.

John 11:43

ULT

43 And having said this, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

UST

43 After he said that prayer, he shouted loudly, “Lazarus, come out of the tomb!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:44

ULT

44 The dead man came out, {his} feet and hands having been bound with cloths, and his face having been bound with a cloth. Jesus says to them, “Untie him, and let him go.”

UST

44 The man who had died came out of the tomb! {The people who prepared him for burial} had wrapped his feet and hands with strips of cloth and had wrapped a cloth around his face. {So} Jesus told the people standing there, “Take off the strips of cloth that bind him. Allow him to go.”

What happened when Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”?

The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with burial cloths, and his face was bound about with a cloth.

John 11:45

ULT

45 Therefore, many of the Jews, having come to Mary and having seen what he did, believed in him.

UST

45 As a result, many of the Jewish people who had come to comfort Mary and who had witnessed what Jesus had done trusted him.

What was the response of the Jews when they saw Lazarus come out of the cave? (vv45-46)

Many of the Jews, when they saw what Jesus did, believed in him, but some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:46

ULT

46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

UST

46 Nevertheless, some of the people there went to the Pharisees and reported to them what Jesus had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:47

ULT

47 Therefore, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered {the} Sanhedrin together and said, “What will we do, for this man does many signs?

UST

47 So the ruling priests and the Pharisees gathered together the members of the highest Jewish ruling council. They were saying to each other, “What are we going to do about this man? He is performing many miraculous signs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:48

ULT

48 If we leave him alone like this, all will believe in him, and the Romans will come and will take away both our place and nation.”

UST

48 If we allow him to keep doing these miracles, everyone will trust in him {and make him their king}. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our temple and our people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:49

ULT

49 But one certain man among them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You do not know anything.

UST

49 One member of this council was Caiaphas. He was the high priest during that year. He told them, “You people know nothing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:50

ULT

50 You do not consider that it is better for you that one man would die for the people, and the whole nation would not perish.”

UST

50 You do not realize that it would be much better for you to have one man die on behalf of the people than let the Romans kill all of the Jewish people.”

In the council meeting of the chief priests and Pharisees, what did Caiaphas prophesy?
Caiaphas said it was expedient for them that one man should die for the people rather than that the whole nation should perish.

John 11:51

ULT

51 (Now this he said not from himself, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,

UST

51 (Caiaphas did not say this because he thought of it himself. Rather, since he was the high priest that year, he was prophesying that Jesus would die on behalf of the Jewish people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:52

ULT

52 and not only for the nation, but so that also the children of God having been scattered would be gathered together into one.)

UST

52 {He was also prophesying that Jesus would die,} not only for the Jewish people, but also in order to gather into one people all the children of God whom God has dispersed throughout the world.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:53

ULT
53 Therefore, from that day they plotted so that they might put him to death.

UST
53 So in the days following the day that Caiaphas prophesied, the Jewish council made plans to kill Jesus.

From that day onward, what did the council plan?
They planned how to put Jesus to death.

John 11:54

ULT
54 Therefore, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from there into the country near the wilderness, into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with the disciples.

UST
54 Because of that, Jesus no longer traveled around publicly among his Jewish opponents. Instead, he left Jerusalem and went to a town called Ephraim that is in the region near the desolate area. He remained there with his disciples {for a while}.

What did Jesus do after he raised Lazarus?
Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from Bethany into the country near to the wilderness into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with his disciples.

John 11:55

ULT
55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the country before the Passover so that they might purify themselves.

UST
55 At that time the Jewish Passover celebration was about to take place. Many people went up to Jerusalem from the region. They came before the Passover celebration began in order to clean themselves {according to the Jewish rules for attending the celebration}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:56

ULT

56 So they were looking for Jesus and speaking one with another as they stood in the temple, “What does it seem to you? That he may certainly not come to the festival?”

UST

56 The people {who came to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration} were searching for Jesus. While they were standing in the temple {courtyard}, they asked each other, “What do you think? He will surely not come to the Passover celebration!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 11:57

ULT

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order so that if anyone might know where he was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

UST

57 {Some time earlier} the Jewish ruling priests and the Pharisees had made a command that anyone who found out where Jesus was must report his location to them so that they could arrest him.

What order did the chief priests and Pharisees issue?

They gave an order that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

John 12

John 12:1

ULT
[1] Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from {the} dead.

UST
[1] Jesus arrived in the village of Bethany six days before the Jewish Passover celebration began. {Bethany was the village} where Lazarus dwelled. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.

When did Jesus come back to Bethany?
He came to Bethany six days before the Passover.

John 12:2

ULT
[2] So they made him a dinner there, and Martha was serving, but Lazarus was one of the ones reclining to eat with him.

UST
[2] There in Bethany, some of Jesus' friends gave a dinner to honor Jesus. Martha served the food to the guests, and Lazarus was among those who were sitting together and eating with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:3

ULT
[3] Then Mary, having taken a litra of perfumed oil of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed oil.

UST
[3] Mary then took a bottle that contained about half a liter of very expensive perfume, which was pure oil from nard plants, and she poured it out on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair. The pleasant scent of the perfume filled the entire house.

What did Mary do at the supper which had been made for Jesus?
Mary took a litra of perfume made of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus with it, and wiped his feet with her hair.

John 12:4

ULT

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, the one going to betray him, says,

UST

4 However, Judas Iscariot {objected}. (He was the one among Jesus' disciples who would soon help the Jewish leaders arrest Jesus.) He said,

Why did Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, complain that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor? (vv4-6)

Judas said this not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief: He had charge of the money bag and would take some of what was in it for himself.

John 12:5

ULT

5 "For what reason was this perfumed oil not sold for 300 denarii and given to {the} poor?"

UST

5 "We should have sold this perfume for the money that a man can earn in 300 days of work. Then we could have given that money to poor people!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:6

ULT

6 (Now he said this, not because it was a concern to him about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the moneybag, he was stealing the {things} being put in it.)

UST

6 (Judas did not say this because he cared about poor people. Rather, {he said this} because he was a thief. He kept charge of the bag that held their money, but he would steal the money that people gave him to put in the bag.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:7

ULT

[7] Therefore Jesus said, “Leave her alone so that she might have kept it for the day of my burial.

UST

[7] So Jesus said, “Leave her alone! She saved the perfume in order to keep it to prepare me for the time when I {die and} am buried.

How did Jesus defend Mary’s use of the perfume (nard)? (vv7-8)

Jesus said, “Allow her to keep what she has for the day of my burial. The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me.”

John 12:8

ULT

[8] For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

UST

[8] {She did the right thing} because poor people will always be among you {whom you can help}, but I will not be with you much longer.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:9

ULT

[9] Then a large crowd of the Jews learned that he is there, and they came, not only for Jesus, but also so that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from {the} dead.

UST

[9] A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was {in Bethany}, so they went there. {They came} not only because Jesus was there, but also because they wanted to see Lazarus. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.

Why did a large crowd gather in Bethany?

They came for Jesus’ sake and also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

John 12:10

ULT

[10] But the chief priests plotted so that they might also put Lazarus to death;

UST

[10] By contrast, the ruling priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well as Jesus.

Why did the chief priests want to put Lazarus to death? (vv10-11)

They wanted to put Lazarus to death because it was on account of him that many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.

John 12:11

ULT

[11] for because of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

UST

[11] {The ruling priests wanted to kill Lazarus} because he was the reason why many of the Jews were no longer believing what they were teaching and were trusting in Jesus instead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:12

ULT

[12] On the next day the great crowd, the one having come to the festival, having heard that Jesus is coming to Jerusalem,

UST

[12] The next day the large crowd of people that had come {to Jerusalem} to {celebrate} the Passover celebration found out that Jesus was on his way there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:13

ULT
13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed {is} the one coming in {the} name of {the} Lord, even the King of Israel.”

UST
13 So they cut branches off of palm trees and went out to the road to welcome him {as he came into the city}. They were shouting, “Please, save us! May God bless the one who comes with his authority. That one is the King of Israel!”

What did the crowd at the festival do when they heard Jesus was coming?
They took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”

John 12:14

ULT
14 Now Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it, just as it is written,

UST
14 When Jesus came near to Jerusalem, he found a young donkey and sat on it {in order to ride it into the city}. {By doing this,} he fulfilled what some prophets had written in Scripture:

What prophecy about Jesus was fulfilled as Jesus entered the city on a donkey? (vv14-15)
The prophecy that Zion’s King would come, sitting on the young of a donkey was fulfilled.

John 12:15

ULT
15 “Do not fear, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a colt of a donkey.”

UST
15 “Do not be afraid, you who live in Jerusalem. Look! Your King is coming. He is riding on a donkey’s colt!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:16

ULT

16 His disciples did not understand these {things} at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these {things} had been written about him and {that} they had done these {things} to him.

UST

16 When these events happened, his disciples did not understand that they were a fulfillment of what those prophets had written. However, after God glorified Jesus {by bringing him back to life}, they remembered what the prophets had written about him and that people had done those things to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:17

ULT

17 Then testified the crowd being with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him up from {the} dead.

UST

17 The crowd of people that was following along with Jesus kept telling others that they had seen Jesus summon Lazarus to come out of the tomb and had seen Jesus make him alive again after he had died.

Why did the crowd at the festival go out to meet Jesus? (vv17-18)

They went out to meet Jesus because they had heard from eye witnesses that Jesus had called Lazarus out of the tomb and had raised him from the dead.

John 12:18

ULT

18 Because of this also the crowd went out to meet him: because they heard {that} he had done this sign.

UST

18 A different crowd of people went out of the city gate to meet Jesus. {They did so} because they heard that he had done the miraculous sign of {making Lazarus alive again}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:19

ULT

19 Therefore, the Pharisees said among themselves, “You see that you are accomplishing nothing! Behold, the world has gone after him!”

UST

19 So the Pharisees said to each other, “See! We are failing to stop him. Look! Everyone is becoming his disciples!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:20

ULT

20 Now certain Greeks were among the ones going up so that they might worship at the festival.

UST

20 Some people who were not Jews were among the people who went up {to Jerusalem} in order to worship God during the Passover celebration.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:21

ULT

21 Then these men went to Philip, the one from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, saying, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

UST

21 They came to Philip, who was from the city of Bethsaida, which is in the region of Galilee. They asked him, “Sir, would you introduce us to Jesus?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:22

ULT

22 Philip goes and speaks to Andrew; Andrew and Philip go and speak to Jesus.

UST

22 Then Philip reported this to Andrew, and they both went and told Jesus {about the Greeks}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:23

ULT
23 Now Jesus answers them, saying, “The hour has come so that the Son of Man might be glorified.

UST
23 Jesus answered Philip and Andrew, “It is now the time for God to show everyone how great I, the Son of Man, am.

What did Jesus say initially after Andrew and Philip told Jesus some Greeks wanted to see him?
Jesus answered them and said, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

John 12:24

ULT
24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat, having fallen into the earth, dies, it remains by itself; but if it would die, it bears much fruit.

UST
24 I am telling you the truth: {My life is like a seed.} Unless a seed of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it will only be one seed. But if it dies in the ground, then it will grow and produce much wheat.

What did Jesus say would happen to a grain of wheat if it fell into the earth and died?
Jesus said that if it died it would bear much fruit.

John 12:25

ULT
25 The one loving his life loses it, but the one hating his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

UST
25 Anyone who wants to keep on living more than {be my disciple} will die, but anyone who wants to {be my disciple} more than to keep on living in this sinful world will keep his life forever.

What did Jesus say would happen to the one who loves his life and to the one who hates his life in this world?
Jesus said the one who love his life will lose it, but the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for everlasting life.

John 12:26

ULT
26 If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

UST
26 Anyone who wants to serve me must be my disciple. My servant will be with me {in heaven}. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

How will God treat anyone who serves Jesus?
The Father will honor him.

John 12:27

ULT
27 Now my soul has been troubled, and what might I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But because of this I came to this hour.

UST
27 At this moment I feel greatly distressed. I should surely not say, ‘Father, prevent me from experiencing this time {when I will suffer and die!}’ No, {I will not do that,} because this is the very reason I have lived up to this time {when I will suffer and die}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:28

ULT
28 Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have both glorified {it}, and I will glorify {it} again.”

UST
28 Father, show how great you are!” Then God spoke from heaven, “I have already shown how great I am; I will do it again!”

What happened when Jesus said, “Father, glorify your name”?
A voice came out of heaven and said, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

John 12:29

ULT
29 Then the crowd {that} had stood by, also having heard it, were saying that thunder had occurred. Others were saying, “An angel has spoken to him.”

UST
29 The crowd of people that was standing there heard the voice of God as well. Some of them said it was just the sound of thunder. Some other people said that an angel had spoken to Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:30

ULT
30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for me, but for you.

UST
30 Jesus replied to them, “The voice that you heard was God’s voice. {He did not speak} for my benefit, but for yours!

What did Jesus say was the reason for the voice out of heaven?
Jesus said that the voice was not for his own sake, but for the Jews.

John 12:31

ULT
31 Now is {the} judgment of this world: Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.

UST
31 Now is the time for God to judge the people in this world. Now is the time when he will throw out {Satan, who is} the one who rules this world.

What did Jesus say was going to happen now?
Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the prince of this world be thrown out.”

John 12:32

ULT
32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw everyone to myself."

UST
32 As for me, when people raise me high {on a cross}, I will cause all peoples to come to me."

Why did Jesus say, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." (vv32-33)
Jesus said this to signify by what manner of death he would die.

John 12:33

ULT
33 Now he was saying this to indicate what kind of death he was about to die.

UST
33 (He said this to let the people know the way he would soon die.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:34

ULT
34 Then the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains into eternity. And how do you say that it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"

UST
34 The crowd of people then replied to him, "We have learned from Scripture that the Messiah will live forever. So why do you say that the Son of Man will be lifted up {to die on a cross}? Who is this 'Son of Man' you are speaking about?"

When the crowd asked about what he had said, did Jesus directly answer them? (vv34-35)
No. he did not answer their questions directly.

John 12:35

ULT

35 Jesus then said to them, “The light will be with you yet a short time. Walk while you have the light, so that darkness might not overtake you. And the one walking in the darkness does not know where he goes.

UST

35 Jesus told them, “I am the light {that reveals God’s truth and goodness}. I will be with you only a little longer. Live according to my example while I am still here in order to prevent the darkness {that is sin and evil} from controlling you. Those who live sinfully are like people who wander around in darkness, not knowing where they are going!

What did Jesus say about the light? (vv35-36)

Jesus said, “Yet a little longer is the light among you. Walk while you have the light …” He also said, “While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may become sons of light.”

John 12:36

ULT

36 While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may be sons of light.” Jesus said these {things}, and having departed, was hidden from them.

UST

36 Trust in me, the light {that reveals God’s truth and goodness}, while I am still with you. {Do this} in order to be God’s people, {those who know his truth and goodness}.” After he said those things, Jesus left them and hid himself from the people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:37

ULT

37 Although he had done so many signs before them, they were not believing in him

UST

37 Even though Jesus had done many miraculous signs in front of the people, most of them did not trust in him.

Why did the people not believe in Jesus? (vv37-38)

They didn’t believe so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

John 12:38

ULT
38 so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, in which he said: “Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of {the} Lord been revealed?”

UST
38 Their unbelief happened in order to make come true what Isaiah the prophet had written {long ago}: “Lord, no one has believed what we said! {It seems like} no one has seen the power that the Lord has revealed!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:39

ULT
39 Because of this they were not able to believe, for Isaiah had again said,

UST
39 They could not trust in Jesus for this reason: Isaiah had also written,

Why couldn’t the people believe in Jesus? (vv39-40)
They couldn’t believe because as Isaiah said, “He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their hearts; otherwise they would see with their eyes and would perceive with their hearts, and would turn, and I would heal them.”

John 12:40

ULT
40 “He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their heart; so that they might not see with {their} eyes and might understand with {their} heart, and might turn, and I will heal them.”

UST
40 “The Lord has made them unable to perceive what they see, and he has made them stubborn. {He has done this} in order that they would not perceive what they see, and would not truly understand, and would not turn away from sin to God, and I would not forgive them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:41

ULT
41 Isaiah said these {things} because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

UST
41 Isaiah wrote that {long ago}, because he saw how great Jesus is and spoke concerning him.

Why did Isaiah say these things?
He said these things because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

John 12:42

ULT
42 But nevertheless, even many of the rulers believed in him; but because of the Pharisees, they were not confessing {it} so that they would not be put out of the synagogue.

UST
42 Although this was true, many members of the highest Jewish governing council trusted in Jesus. Nevertheless, they did not tell others {that they trusted in Jesus}, because they feared that the Pharisees would ban them from entering the Jewish meeting place.

Why didn't the rulers who did believe in Jesus admit it? (vv42-43)
They wouldn't admit it, because they were afraid of the Pharisees and did not want to be banned from the synagogue. They loved the praise that comes from people more than the praise that comes from God.

John 12:43

ULT
43 For they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

UST
43 {They feared this} because they preferred that other people honor them rather than that God would honor them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:44

ULT
44 Now Jesus cried out and said, “The one believing in me believes not only in me but also in the one having sent me,

UST
44 Jesus spoke loudly {to a crowd of people}, “Those who trust me are not only trusting me but also {are trusting my Father}, who sent me.

What statement does Jesus make about himself and his Father? (vv44-45)
Jesus said, “The one who believes in me, believes not only in me but also in him who sent me, and the one who sees me sees him who sent me.”

John 12:45

ULT
45 and the one seeing me sees the one having sent me.

UST
45 Those who see me are also seeing my Father, who sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:46

ULT
46 I have come {as} a light to the world, so that everyone believing in me might not remain in the darkness.

UST
46 I came into this world as the light {that reveals God’s truth and goodness} to everyone in the world in order that anyone who trusts in me will not stay in the darkness {that is sin and evil}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 12:47

ULT

47 And if anyone hears my words but does not keep {them}, I do not judge him; for I have not come so that I might judge the world, but so that I might save the world.

UST

47 I do not condemn anyone who listens to my teachings but refuses to obey them, because I did not come into this world in order to condemn the people in the world. Rather, I came into this world in order to save them {from being punished for their sins}.

What did Jesus say he had come into the world to do?
Jesus said he came to save the world.

John 12:48

ULT

48 The one rejecting me and not receiving my words has one judging him. The word which I have spoken, this will judge him on the last day.

UST

48 Anyone who rejects me and does not accept {and obey} my teachings will be condemned according to the very teachings I have spoken. On the last day {when God judges everyone,} God will judge that person on the basis of my teachings.

What will judge those who reject Jesus and do not receive his words?
The word that Jesus has spoken will judge those who reject him on the last day.

John 12:49

ULT

49 For I did not speak from myself, but the Father himself, having sent me, has given me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

UST

49 {This will happen} because I did not speak on my own authority. Rather, my Father himself, who sent me, commanded me regarding what I should say and how I should say it.

Did Jesus speak of his own accord?
No. The Father who sent Jesus commanded him what he should say and speak.

John 12:50

ULT

50 And I know that his command is eternal life. Therefore, what I say, just as the Father has spoken to me, thus I speak.”

UST

50 I am certain that what my Father has commanded me to say is what people must believe in order to live forever {in heaven}. So I say exactly what my Father has told me to say.”

Why did Jesus say to the people just what the Father had said to him?

Jesus did this because he knew his Father’s command is life everlasting.

John 13

John 13:1

ULT

[1] Now before the Festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come so that he might depart from this world to the Father. Having loved {his} own in the world, he loved them to {the} end.

UST

[1] On the day before the Passover celebration would begin, Jesus knew that it was the time for him to leave this world and to return to his Father. He always loved his disciples who were with him in this world, and he loved them to the uttermost.

How long did Jesus love his own?

He loved them to the end.

John 13:2

ULT

[2] And supper happening, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot, so that he might betray him,

UST

[2] When Jesus and his disciples were having their evening meal, the devil had already caused Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to think that he should help the Jewish leaders arrest Jesus.

What had the devil done to Judas Iscariot?

The devil had put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.

John 13:3

ULT

[3] knowing that the Father had given all {things} to him, into {his} hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,

UST

[3] Jesus knew that his Father had given him complete power and authority over everything, and he also knew that he came from God and would soon return to God.

What had the Father given to Jesus?

The Father gave all things over into the hands of Jesus.

Where had Jesus come from and where was he going?

Jesus had come from God and was going back to God.

John 13:4

ULT

[4] he gets up from supper and takes off {his} outer clothing. And having taken a towel, he wrapped {it} around himself.

UST

[4] {Because he knew those things,} Jesus got up from the table where they were eating the evening meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

What did Jesus do when he rose from supper? (vv4-5)

He laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel and wrapped it around himself, poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel.

John 13:5

ULT

[5] Then he pours water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples and to dry them with the towel that was tied around himself.

UST

[5] He poured some water into a large bowl and started washing his disciples' feet and wiping them dry with the towel that he had wrapped around his waist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:6

ULT
[6] Then he comes to Simon Peter. He says to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?”

UST
[6] When he came to Simon Peter {to wash his feet}, Peter told him, “Lord, you should not wash my feet!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:7

ULT
[7] Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not understand now, but you will understand after these {things}.”

UST
[7] Jesus replied to him, “Right now you do not understand what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:8

ULT
[8] Peter says to him, “You may certainly not wash my feet into eternity.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”

UST
[8] Peter said, “You will surely never wash my feet!” Jesus replied to him, “If I do not wash you, then you will not inherit God’s blessings with me.”

What did Jesus say when Peter objected to having his feet washed by Jesus?
Jesus said, “If I do not wash you, you can have no part with me.”

John 13:9

ULT
[9] Simon Peter says to him, “Lord, not only my feet, but also {my} hands and {my} head.”

UST
[9] Simon Peter told him, “Lord, do not wash my feet only! Wash my hands and my head also!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:10

ULT

10 Jesus says to him, “The one {that} has been washed has no need, except to wash {his} feet, but he is completely clean, and you are clean, but not all.”

UST

10 Jesus told him, “Anyone whom someone has washed only needs to wash his feet. The rest of his body is clean. You disciples are clean, but not all {of you are clean}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:11

ULT

11 (For he knew the one betraying him; because of this he said, “Not all are clean.”)

UST

11 ({Jesus said this about being spiritually clean,} because he knew who was going to help the Jewish leaders arrest him. That is the reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”)

Why did Jesus say to his disciples, “Not all of you are clean”?

Jesus said this because he knew who would betray him.

John 13:12

ULT

12 So when he had washed their feet and taken his garments and sat down again, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done for you?

UST

12 After he finished washing their feet, he put his outer clothing on again. Then he sat down at the table again and told them, “You must understand what I have just done for you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:13

ULT
13 You call me ‘The Teacher’ and ‘The Lord,’ and you are speaking correctly, because I am.

UST
13 You rightly call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ because that is what I am.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:14

ULT
14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another.

UST
14 Since I, your teacher and Lord, have {humbly served you by} washing your feet, you also should {humbly serve each other by} washing each other’s feet.

Why did Jesus wash the disciples feet? (vv14-15)
Jesus washed the disciples feet to give the disciples an example so that they should do for each other as he did for them.

John 13:15

ULT
15 For I have given you an example so that you also would do just as I did to you.

UST
15 {By washing your feet} I have given you an example to follow in order that you should {humbly serve each other} as I have {humbly} served you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:16

ULT
16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor {is} a messenger greater than the one having sent him.

UST
16 I am telling you the truth: Just as a servant is not more important than his master, nor is a messenger more important than the person who has sent him, {you are not more important than me}.

Is the servant greater than his master or the one sent greater than the one who sent him?
The servant is not greater than his master and the one sent is not greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:17

ULT
17 If you know these {things}, you are blessed if you do them.

UST
17 Since you now know {that you should humbly serve each other}, God will bless you if you do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:18

ULT
18 I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen—but so that the scripture might be fulfilled: ‘The one eating bread with me lifted up his heel against me.’

UST
18 I am not saying that all of you will be blessed. I know well the people whom I have chosen {to be my disciples}. However, what is about to happen must take place in order that what a prophet wrote in scripture can come true: ‘The one who shared a meal with me as a friend has opposed me.’

Who lifted up his heel against Jesus?
The one who ate Jesus’ bread lifted up his heel against him.

John 13:19

ULT

19 From this moment I tell you, before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am.

UST

19 From now on I am telling you what will happen before it happens in order that, when it does happen, you may trust that I am {God}.

Why did Jesus tell his disciples, “Not all of you are clean” and “He who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me”?

Jesus told them this before it happened so that when it did happen, they might believe he is the I AM.

John 13:20

ULT

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, the one receiving whomever I might send receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one having sent me.”

UST

20 I am telling you the truth: Whoever accepts the one I send out also accepts me; and whoever accepts me also accepts my Father who sent me.”

Who will you receive if you receive whomever Jesus sends?

If you receive whomever Jesus sends, you will receive Jesus, and you also receive the one who sent Jesus.

John 13:21

ULT

21 Having said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and he testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you that one of you will betray me.”

UST

21 After Jesus said this, he felt disturbed. He solemnly declared, “I am telling you the truth: One of you is going to give me up {to my opponents}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:22

ULT
22 The disciples began looking at each other, wondering about whom he was speaking.

UST
22 His disciples kept looking at one another and wondering who among them he was talking about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:23

ULT
23 Now one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining to eat against the chest of Jesus.

UST
23 One of his disciples, {John} whom Jesus loved, was sitting at the table beside Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:24

ULT
24 Therefore, Simon Peter motioned to this one to ask, “Who is it about whom he is speaking?”

UST
24 Simon Peter made a gesture to him to indicate that he should ask Jesus which disciple he was talking about.

When Jesus told his disciples that one of them would betray him, what did Simon Peter do?
Simon Peter motioned to the disciple whom Jesus loved and said, “Tell us who it is of whom he is speaking.”

John 13:25

ULT
25 So having thus leaned back against the chest of Jesus, that one says to him, “Lord, who is it?”

UST
25 So John leaned back against Jesus and {quietly} asked him, “Lord, who is the one who will betray you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:26

ULT

26 Jesus answered, “It is that one to whom I, having dipped the piece of bread, will hand it over and give it to him.” Then having dipped the bread, he gave {it} to Judas, {son} of Simon Iscariot.

UST

26 Jesus replied, “It is the man to whom I will give this piece of bread after I dip it in the bowl.” Then he dipped the bread in the bowl and gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot’s son.

How did Jesus respond when the disciple whom Jesus loved asked Jesus who was going to betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, “He it is for whom I will dip the piece of bread and give it to him.” Then Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27

ULT

27 And after the bread, Satan then entered into him. Therefore, Jesus says to him, “What you are doing, do quickly.”

UST

27 As soon as Judas took the piece of bread from Jesus, Satan took control of him. Jesus then told him, “Do quickly what you have planned to do.”

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him, and he went out immediately.

John 13:28

ULT

28 (Now none of the ones reclining to eat knew why he said this to him.

UST

28 (No one else among those sitting at the table knew why Jesus had said that to Judas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:29

ULT

29 For some were thinking, since Judas had the moneybag, that Jesus says to him, “Buy the {things} we need to have for the festival,” or so that he might give something to the poor.)

UST

29 Some of them thought that Jesus was telling him to go and buy some things that they needed for the Passover celebration or to give some money to the poor. {They thought this} because Judas had the bag that held their money.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:30

ULT

30 Therefore, having received the bread, he went out immediately. Now it was night.

UST

30 So after Judas took the bread from Jesus, he immediately went out. (It was night.)

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him and he went out immediately.

John 13:31

ULT

31 Therefore, when he had gone out, Jesus says, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

UST

31 So after Judas left, Jesus said, “Now God has shown people how great I, the Son of Man, am. I have also shown people how great God is.

How was God going to be glorified?

God was going to be glorified in the Son of Man. When the Son of Man was glorified, that glorified God.

John 13:32

ULT
32 And God will glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him immediately.

UST
32 God himself will show {people} how great I, the Son of Man, am, and he will do this right away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:33

ULT
33 Little children, I am with you for still a short time. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, ‘Where I go, you are not able to come.’ Now I also say this to you.

UST
33 {You whom I love as though you were my} children, I will be with you only a little while longer. Then you will look for me, but it will be just like I told the Jewish leaders and am telling you now: You will not be able to come to the place where I am going.

Did Simon Peter understand where Jesus was going when Jesus told them, “Where I am going, you cannot come”?
No, Simon Peter did not understand, because he asked Jesus, “Lord, where are you going?”

John 13:34

ULT
34 I give to you a new commandment, so that you would love one another; just as I have loved you, so also you would love one another.

UST
34 I now give you this new command in order that you might love each other: You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you.

What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples?
The new commandment was that they should love one another as Jesus had loved them.

John 13:35

ULT

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.”

UST

35 If you love each other, everyone {who sees that love} will know that you are my disciples.”

What did Jesus say would happen if his disciples obeyed the commandment to love one another?

Jesus said that by them obeying this commandment, all people would know that they were his disciples.

John 13:36

ULT

36 Simon Peter says to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I go, you are not able to follow me now, but you will follow later.”

UST

36 Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “You cannot go with me now to the place where I am going, but you will go there later.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:37

ULT

37 Peter says to him, “Lord, why am I not able to follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”

UST

37 Peter told him, “Lord, why can’t I go with you now? I am willing to die for you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 13:38

ULT

38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, {the} rooster may certainly not crow before which you will deny me three times.”

UST

38 Jesus replied, “You are not really willing to die for me! I am telling you the truth: You will surely say three times that you do not know me before the rooster crows {in the morning}!”

How did Jesus answer when Simon Peter said, “I will lay down my life for you”?

Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow before you have denied me three times.”

John 14

John 14:1

ULT
1 “Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

UST
1 “Do not be distressed. Trust God. Trust me as well.

Why should the hearts of the disciples not be troubled? (vv1-3)
Their hearts should not be troubled because Jesus is going to prepare a place for them, and Jesus will come again to receive them to himself so that where Jesus is they may be also.

John 14:2

ULT
2 In the house of my Father are many dwelling places. But if not, I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.

UST
2 There are many places for people to dwell where my Father dwells. If that were not true, I would have told you so, because I will go there to prepare a place for you to dwell.

What is in the Father’s house?
There are many dwelling places in the Father’s house.

John 14:3

ULT
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

UST
3 And after I go there to prepare a place for you to dwell, I will return and take you to be with me, in order for you also to be with me where I am.

What was Jesus going to do for the disciples?
Jesus was going to prepare a place for them and then come back for them.

John 14:4

ULT
4 And you know the way where I am going.”

UST
4 You know how to go to the place where I am going.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:5

ULT
5 Thomas says to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How are we able to know the way?”

UST
5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we have no idea where you are going! We cannot possibly know how to go there!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:6

ULT
6 Jesus says to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

UST
6 Jesus told him, “I am how people can go there. I am the one who reveals what is true about God, and the one who gives eternal life to people. The only way people can come to my Father is by trusting me.

What is the only way to come to the Father?
The only way to come to the Father is through Jesus.

John 14:7

ULT
7 If you have known me, you will know my Father also. And from now on you know him and have seen him.”

UST
7 Since you know who I am, you know my Father also. From this time forward, you know him, and it is as though you have seen him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:8

ULT

[8] Philip says to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and {that} will be enough for us.”

UST

[8] Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, let us see the Father and that will satisfy us!”

What does Philip tell Jesus to do that would be enough for the disciples?

Philip says to Jesus, “Lord show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

John 14:9

ULT

[9] Jesus says to him, “So long a time I am with you, and you do not know me, Philip? The one {that} has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?

UST

[9] Jesus said to him, “I have been with you all for such a long time. Surely you know me, Philip! Those who have seen me are like those who have seen my Father. So you have no reason to say ‘Let us see the Father’!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:10

ULT

[10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father remaining in me is doing his work.

UST

[10] You surely must believe that I and my Father are completely united! I did not speak all that I have spoken to you on my own. Rather, my Father who is united with me is working his own miraculous works through me.

Is Jesus speaking to the disciples of his own accord?

Jesus is not speaking of his own accord. Instead, it is the Father living in him who is doing the Father’s work.

John 14:11

ULT

11 Believe me that I {am} in the Father, and the Father {is} in me. But if not, believe because of the works themselves.

UST

11 Trust me when I say that I and my Father are completely united! Otherwise, if you are not going to trust what I say, at least trust me on account of all the miraculous works {that you have seen me do}.

If for no other reason, why does Jesus say the disciples should believe that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus?

Jesus says they should believe this if for no other reason then because of Jesus' very works.

John 14:12

ULT

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing in me, the works that I do, he also will do, and he will do greater than these, because I am going to the Father.

UST

12 I am telling you the truth: Whoever trusts in me will also do the miraculous works that I do. He will do even greater works than those I do, because I am going to my Father.

Why does Jesus say the disciples will be able to do even greater works than he did?

Jesus says the disciples will do even greater works because Jesus is going to the Father.

John 14:13

ULT

13 And whatever you ask in my name, this I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

UST

13 I will do anything that you request as my representative. I will do this in order that I, his Son, might show how great my Father is.

Why will Jesus do whatever the disciples ask in his name?

Jesus will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14

ULT
14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

UST
14 I will do anything that you request from me as my representative.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:15

ULT
15 If you love me, you will keep my commandments,

UST
15 If you really love me, you will obey everything that I have commanded you.

What does Jesus say you will do if you love him?
Jesus says you will keep his commandments if you love him.

John 14:16

ULT
16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper so that he may be with you into eternity—

UST
16 Then I will request from my Father, and he will answer me by giving you another one to help you in order for him to be with you forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:17

ULT

17 the Spirit of Truth whom the world is not able to receive, because it does not see him nor know him. You know him, for he remains with you and will be in you.

UST

17 {He is} the Holy Spirit who declares what is true about God. The unbelieving people in the world cannot accept him, because they do not see him or know him. You disciples know this Spirit because he dwells with you, and he will later dwell in you.

What does Jesus call the other comforter that the Father will give to be with the disciples forever?

Jesus calls him the Spirit of Truth.

Why can the world not receive the Spirit of Truth?

The world can't receive the Spirit of Truth, because it does not see him or know him.

Where does Jesus say the Spirit of Truth will be?

Jesus said the Spirit of Truth would remain with and be in the disciples.

John 14:18

ULT

18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.

UST

18 I will not leave you without anyone to take care of you. I will soon return to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:19

ULT

19 Yet a short time and the world no longer sees me, but you see me. Because I live, you will also live.

UST

19 In a little while the unbelievers in the world will not see me anymore, but you yourselves will see me again. Because I will soon live again, you too will live again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:20

ULT

20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you {are} in me, and I {am} in you.

UST

20 When you see me again, you will know that I am united with my Father and that you and I are completely united.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:21

ULT

21 The one having my commandments and keeping them, this is the one loving me, and the one loving me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and I will show myself to him."

UST

21 Whoever knows and obeys what I command truly loves me. And my Father loves whoever loves me. I will love that person too, and I will reveal myself to that person."

What will happen to whoever has Jesus' commandments and keeps them?

Those people will be loved by Jesus and his Father and Jesus will show himself to those people.

John 14:22

ULT

22 Judas (not Iscariot) says to him, "Lord, what has happened that you are about to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

UST

22 Judas (not Judas Iscariot, {but a different disciple with the same name}) spoke to Jesus. {He said,} "Lord, what has changed to cause you to reveal yourself just to us and not to all the people in the world?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:23

ULT

23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. And my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and we will make a dwelling place with him.

UST

23 Jesus replied to him, “Whoever loves me obeys my teaching. My Father will love that person. He and I will come to that person and dwell inside that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:24

ULT

24 The one not loving me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine, but of the Father having sent me.

UST

24 Whoever does not love me does not obey my teachings. What you have just heard me say I did not say on my own. Rather, {what I have said has come} from my Father, who has sent me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:25

ULT

25 I have said these {things} to you, remaining with you.

UST

25 I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:26

ULT

26 Now the Helper—the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything, and he will remind you of everything that I said to you.

UST

26 But my Father will send the Holy Spirit in my place. He is the one who will help you. He will teach you all {of God's truth that you need to know}. He will also cause you to remember all the things that I have told you.

What will the Helper, the Holy Spirit, do when the Father sends him?

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all the Jesus said to them.

John 14:27

ULT

27 I leave you peace; I give you my peace. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.

UST

27 As I leave you I give you a peaceful feeling. It is my peaceful feeling that I am giving to you. I give to you {a peaceful feeling} in a different manner than the people in the world give it. Do not be distressed or afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:28

ULT

28 You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I am.

UST

28 You heard me tell you that I am going away and will later return to you. If you really loved me, you would rejoice that I am returning to my Father {in heaven}, because he is superior to me.

Why should the disciples have rejoiced that Jesus was going away?

Jesus said they should rejoice because Jesus was going to the Father, for the Father is greater than Jesus.

John 14:29

ULT

29 And now I have told you before it happens so that, when it may happen, you will believe.

UST

29 I have told you these things now before they happen so that you will continue to trust me when they do happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 14:30

ULT

30 I will no longer speak many {things} with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. And he has nothing in me,

UST

30 I will not be able to talk with you much longer, because {Satan,} the one who rules this world, is coming. But he has no control over me.

What reason does Jesus give for saying he will not speak much more with the disciples?

The reason Jesus gives is that the prince of this world is coming.

John 14:31

ULT

31 but so that the world might know that I love the Father, and just as the Father commanded me, thus I do. Get up. Let us go from here."

UST

31 However, this will happen in order for the people in the world to know that I love my Father and I will do exactly what my Father has commanded me to do. Rise, let us leave this place."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15

John 15:1

ULT
1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.

UST
1 “I am like a genuine vine {that grows fruit}. My Father is like a gardener {who takes care of it}.

Who is the true vine?
Jesus is the true vine.

Who is the vine grower?
The Father is the vine grower.

John 15:2

ULT
2 Every branch in me not bearing fruit, he takes it away; and every one {that} bears fruit, he prunes it so that it might bear more fruit.

UST
2 My Father cuts off and removes every branch that seems to be part of me but does not produce fruit. As for every branch that produces fruit, he cleans it by pruning it so that it may produce even more fruit.

What does the Father do with the branches who are in Christ?
The Father takes away the branches that bear no fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:3

ULT
3 You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you.

UST
3 You are like branches that have already been cleaned by pruning because of the teaching that I have told you before.

Why are the disciples clean?
They are clean because of the message Jesus spoke to them.

John 15:4

ULT

4 Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is not able to bear fruit from itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.

UST

4 Stay united with me, and I will stay united with you. As the branch cannot produce any fruit unless it stays attached to the vine, so you cannot produce spiritual fruit unless you stay united with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:5

ULT

5 I am the vine; you {are} the branches. The one remaining in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.

UST

5 I am like the vine; you are like the branches. If you stay united with me and I stay united with you, you will produce a lot of fruit. {This is true} because you cannot do anything without my help.

Who are the branches?

We are the branches.

What must we do to bear fruit?

In order to bear fruit you must remain in Jesus.

John 15:6

ULT

6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown outside like a branch and is dried up, and they gather them and throw {them} into the fire, and they are burned up.

UST

6 As for anyone who does not stay united with me, that person is like a branch that the gardener cuts off and throws away. After such branches dry up, the gardener’s workers pick them up and throw them into a fire and burn them up.

What happens if you don’t remain in Jesus?

If anyone does not remain in Jesus, he is thrown away like a branch, dries up, and is burnt up.

John 15:7

ULT

7 If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

UST

7 If you stay united with me and obey what I have taught you, you can request anything from God that you want, and he will grant your request.

What must we do so that whatever we ask will be done for us?

We must remain in Jesus and his word must remain in us. Then we may ask whatever we wish, and it will be done for us.

John 15:8

ULT

8 My Father was glorified in this, that you would bear much fruit and you would be my disciples.

UST

8 You show people how great my Father is by producing a lot of fruit and being my disciples.

What are two ways the Father is glorified?

The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit and when we are disciples of Jesus.

John 15:9

ULT

9 Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love.

UST

9 I have loved you in the same way that my Father has loved me. Now keep living in a way that is appropriate for those whom I love.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:10

ULT

10 If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept the commandments of the Father and remain in his love.

UST

10 If you obey what I have commanded you, you will be acting in a way that is appropriate for those whom I love, just like I have obeyed what my Father has commanded me, and I act in a way that is appropriate for someone whom he loves.

What must we do to remain in the love of Jesus?
We must keep his commandments.

John 15:11

ULT

11 I have spoken these {things} to you so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.

UST

11 I told you these things in order that you may be as joyful as I am and {in order that} you may be joyful to the greatest degree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:12

ULT

12 This is my commandment, that you would love one another just as I have loved you.

UST

12 This is what I am commanding you to do: Love each other in the way that I have loved you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:13

ULT
13 No one has greater love than this—that he would lay down his life for his friends.

UST
13 No one has greater love than a person who is willing to die for his friends.

What is the greatest love a person can have?
No one has greater love than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14

ULT
14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

UST
14 You are really my friends if you keep doing what I have commanded you to do.

How do we know if we are Jesus' friends or not?
We are friends of Jesus if we do the things he commanded us.

John 15:15

ULT
15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all the {things} I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.

UST
15 I am not going to call you my servants any longer, because a servant does not understand what his master is doing. I now call you friends, because I have made you understand everything that my Father has told me.

Why did Jesus call the disciples his friends?
He called them friends, for he made known to them all the things that he heard from his Father.

John 15:16

ULT

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you would go and would bear fruit, and your fruit would remain, so that whatever you would ask of the Father in my name, he would give it to you.

UST

16 You did not choose {to be my disciples}. Rather, I chose you {to be my disciples} and assigned you {to this role} in order that you would go out and produce spiritual fruit and {in order that} the fruit you produce should last forever. {I also chose you} in order that my Father would give you everything that you request from him as my representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:17

ULT

17 These {things} I command you so that you would love one another.

UST

17 I command you to do these things in order that you would love one another.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:18

ULT

18 If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before you.

UST

18 Since the people who oppose God in the world detest you, you must realize that they detested me first.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:19

ULT

[19] If you were from the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not from the world, but I chose you from the world, on account of this the world hates you.

UST

[19] If you were part of the people who oppose God in the world, those unbelievers would love you as they love their own. However, I chose you to come out from among them. The people who oppose God in the world detest you because you are not part of them.

Why does the world hate those who follow Jesus?

The world hates those who follow Jesus because they are not of this world and because Jesus chose them out of the world.

John 15:20

ULT

[20] Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

UST

[20] Remember that I told you that a servant is not more important than his master. Since they have caused me to suffer, they will certainly cause you to suffer as well. If any of them have obeyed my teaching, they will also obey what you teach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:21

ULT

[21] But they will do all these {things} to you because of my name, because they do not know the one having sent me.

UST

[21] Yet the unbelievers in this world will do all these hateful things to you because you represent me {and} because they do not know my Father who has sent me here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:22

ULT
22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

UST
22 If I had not come and taught them {God's truth}, they would not have been guilty {of rejecting me and my message}. However, {since I have come and taught them}, now they do not have any excuse for their sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:23

ULT
23 The one hating me also hates my Father.

UST
23 Whoever detests me also detests my Father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:24

ULT
24 If I had not done the works that no one else did among them, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father.

UST
24 If I had not performed miraculous works among them that no one else has ever done, they would not be guilty of sin. Yet, as it is, they have seen these works and detest me. They also detest my Father.

What did Jesus do so that the world has no excuse for their sin?
The world has no excuse for their sin because Jesus came and did among them the works that no one else did.

John 15:25

ULT
25 But this is so that the word that is written in their law might be fulfilled, 'They hated me without a cause.'

UST
25 However, this has happened in order that these words that a prophet wrote in their scriptures would come true: 'They hated me for no reason.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 15:26

ULT

26 When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.

UST

26 When I send to you from my Father the one who will help you, he will tell people who I am. He is the Holy Spirit, who declares what is true about God and goes forth from my Father.

Who will bear witness about Jesus? (vv26-27)

The Helper, that is the Spirit of Truth, would bear witness about Jesus.

John 15:27

ULT

27 But you also testify because you are with me from {the} beginning.”

UST

27 You also must tell everyone about me, because you have been with me since the very first days when I began my work.”

Why would the disciples bear witness about Jesus?

They would bear witness about Jesus because they had been with him from the beginning.

John 16

John 16:1

ULT
1 “I have spoken these {things} to you so that you might not fall away.

UST
1 I told you about these things that will happen so that you would continue trusting in me {when they do happen}.

Why did Jesus speak these things to the disciples?
Jesus spoke these things to them so that they should not be made to stumble.

John 16:2

ULT
2 They will cause you to be put out of the synagogues. But an hour is coming for everyone having killed you to think he offers a service to God.

UST
2 The Jews who oppose me will ban you from entering the Jewish meeting places. Yet {something even worse will happen.} The time is coming when all the people who will kill you will think that they are pleasing God by doing so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:3

ULT
3 And they will do these {things} because they have not known the Father, nor me.

UST
3 They will do such things because they have never known who I really am, nor who my Father is.

Why will people put the disciples of Jesus out of the synagogues and kill some of them?
They will do this because they have not known the Father or Jesus.

John 16:4

ULT

4 But I have spoken these {things} to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them. But I did not tell you these {things} in {the} beginning, because I was with you.

UST

4 I have told you about these things that will happen in order that when they happen, you will remember that I told you they would happen. I did not tell you about them in the very first days when I began my work, because I was with you then.

Why did Jesus not tell the disciples about these things in the beginning?
Jesus didn't tell them in the beginning because he was with them.

John 16:5

ULT

5 But now I go to the one having sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

UST

5 "Now I am going back to my Father who sent me. Yet now none of you is asking me where I am going!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:6

ULT

6 But because I have said these {things} to you, sadness has filled your heart.

UST

6 You are very sad because I have told you these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:7

ULT

7 But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I would go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

UST

7 Nevertheless, I now tell you true information: It is better for you that I leave {than that I stay}. {This is true} because if I do not leave, then the one who will help you will not come to you. However, If I go away, then I will send him to you.

Why is it better for Jesus to go away?

It is better for Jesus to go away because the Comforter will not come to them unless Jesus goes away; but if Jesus goes away, Jesus will send the Comforter to them.

John 16:8

ULT

8 And having come, that one will reprove the world about sin and about righteousness and about judgment—

UST

8 When that one who will help comes, he will convict people in the world of the sins {they have committed}. {He will convict them} of not being righteous, and {he will convict} them that God will judge them.

Regarding what will the Comforter convict the world?

The Comforter will convict the world regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment.

John 16:9

ULT

9 about sin, because they do not believe in me;

UST

9 {He will convict people} of their sin, because they have sinned by not trusting in me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:10

ULT

10 and about righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will no longer see me;

UST

10 {He will convict people} of not being righteous, because I am going back to my Father, and you will no longer see me {as the example of how to be righteous}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:11

ULT

11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

UST

11 {He will convict people} that God will judge them, because he has condemned {Satan, who is} the one who rules this world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:12

ULT

12 I have many more {things} to say to you, but you are not able to bear {them} now.

UST

12 I want to tell you many more things. However, if I tell you now, you will not be able to accept them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:13

ULT

13 But when that one, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into the whole truth, for he will not speak from himself, but he will say whatever he will hear, and he will announce to you the {things} coming.

UST

13 When the Holy Spirit, who declares what is true about God, comes, he will enable you to understand all the truth {you need to know}. {He can do so} because he will not speak from his own authority. Rather, he will say whatever he hears from God, and he will tell you ahead of time about things that will happen.

What will the Spirit of Truth do for the disciples when he comes?

He will guide the disciples into all truth; for he will not speak from himself; but whatever things he hears, he will say those things and will declare to them the things that are to come.

John 16:14

ULT

14 That one will glorify me, because he will take from the {things} of mine, and he will announce {it} to you.

UST

14 The Holy Spirit will show how great I am by telling you what he has heard from me.

How will the Spirit of Truth glorify Jesus?

He will glorify Jesus by taking things of Jesus and declaring them to the disciples.

John 16:15

ULT

15 Everything, as much as the Father has, is mine. Therefore, I said that he will take from the {things} of mine and he will announce {it} to you.

UST

15 Everything my Father has belongs to me. That is why I said that the Holy Spirit will tell you what he has heard from me.

What will the Spirit of Truth do with the things of Jesus?

The Spirit of Truth will take the things of Jesus and announce them to the disciples.

John 16:16

ULT
16 And in a little {while} you no longer see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me.”

UST
16 After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:17

ULT
17 Then some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little {while} and you do not see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me,’ and, ‘Because I go to the Father’?”

UST
17 Some of his disciples then asked one another, “What does Jesus mean when he says to us, ‘After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again’? And {what does he mean when he says}, ‘Because I am going back to my Father’?”

What sayings of Jesus did the disciples not understand? (vv17-18)
They did not understand when Jesus said, “In a little while, you will see me no more; after a little while again, you will see me,” and when he said, “Because I go to the Father.”

John 16:18

ULT
18 Therefore they were saying, “What is this ‘A little {while}’? We do not know what he is saying.”

UST
18 So they kept asking, “What does ‘after a short time’ mean? We do not understand what he is saying.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:19

ULT

19 Jesus knew that they wanted to question him, and he said to them, “Are you seeking among yourselves concerning this, that I said, ‘A little {while} and you do not see me, and again a little {while} and you will see me’?

UST

19 Jesus recognized that his disciples wanted to ask him more questions. So he said to them, “You are asking each other what I meant when I said, ‘After a short time you will not see me, and after a short time, you will see me again.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:20

ULT

20 Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will be glad. You will be grieved, but your sorrow will become joy.

UST

20 I am telling you the truth: You will cry and mourn, but the people who oppose God in the world will rejoice. You will be very sad, but you will change from being sad to being joyful.

What will happen to the disciples' sorrow?

It will be turned to joy.

John 16:21

ULT

21 When a woman gives birth, she has pain because her hour has come, but when she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers {her} suffering, because of the joy that a man has been born into the world.

UST

21 A woman experiences pain when she gives birth to a child, because it is the time for her to give birth. Yet she forgets that she suffered after she has given birth to the child, because she is joyful about the fact that she has brought a human being into the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:22

ULT
22 And so you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be glad, and no one takes away your joy from you.

UST
22 In the same way, although you are sad at this time, I will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will stop you from rejoicing.

What will happen to cause the disciples to rejoice?
They will see Jesus again, and their hearts will rejoice.

John 16:23

ULT
23 And in that day you will ask me nothing. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give {it} to you.

UST
23 When you see me again, you will not ask me anything. I am telling you the truth: My Father will give you whatever you request from him as my representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:24

ULT
24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive so that your joy may be fulfilled.

UST
24 Up to now you have not requested anything {from my Father} as my representatives. Request {anything from my Father} and you will receive {whatever you request}. God will give it to you in order that you may be joyful to the greatest degree.

Why does Jesus tell the disciples to ask and receive?
Jesus says to do this so that their joy may be full.

John 16:25

ULT

25 I have said these {things} to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but instead I will tell you plainly about the Father.

UST

25 I have told you these things using figurative language, but there will soon be a time when I will not use that kind of language to speak with you anymore. Rather, I will tell you about my Father using language that you can easily understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:26

ULT

26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on behalf of you,

UST

26 When you see me again, you will request {anything from God} as my representatives, and I will not have to ask my Father on your behalf,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:27

ULT

27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

UST

27 because my Father himself loves you because you love me and trust that I came here from God.

For what reason does the Father himself love the disciples of Jesus?

The Father loves the disciples because the disciples loved Jesus and believed that he came from the Father.

John 16:28

ULT
28 I came from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I am leaving the world, and I am going to the Father.”

UST
28 I came from my Father and entered this world. Again I tell you that I will leave this world and go back to my Father.”

Where did Jesus come from and where was he going?
Jesus came into the world from the Father and was going to leave the world and return to the Father.

John 16:29

ULT
29 His disciples say, “See, now you are speaking plainly, and you are not speaking in figures of speech.

UST
29 His disciples responded, “Finally! Now you are using language that we can easily understand and not using figurative language.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:30

ULT
30 Now we know that you know all {things}, and you do not have need that anyone would question you. In this we believe that you have come from God.”

UST
30 Now we understand that you know everything. There is no need for anyone to ask you questions {because you already know what that person will ask}. This is why we trust that you came here from God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:31

ULT
31 Jesus answered them, “Just now do you believe?

UST
31 Jesus replied to them, “Now you finally trust me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 16:32

ULT
32 Behold, an hour is coming—and has come—that you might be scattered, each one to {his} own, and you might leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

UST
32 Look! There will soon be a time, and that time will be very soon, when others will scatter you everywhere. Each of you will go to his own home, and you will leave me by myself. However, I will not be by myself, because my Father is always with me.

What did Jesus say the disciples would do at that hour?
Jesus said the disciples would be scattered, everyone to his own possessions, and they would leave Jesus all alone.

Who was still going to be with Jesus after the disciples left him alone?
The Father was still going to be with Jesus.

John 16:33

ULT
33 I have spoken these {things} to you so that you might have peace in me. In the world you have troubles, but have courage. I have conquered the world.”

UST
33 I have told you all these things that will happen in order that you may feel peaceful {because you are united} with me. In this world you will be afflicted, but be brave! I have defeated the people who oppose God in the world!”

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to be encouraged even though in the world they would have troubles?
Jesus told them to be encouraged because he had overcome the world.

John 17

John 17:1

ULT
[1] Jesus said these {things} and, having lifted up his eyes to the heaven, he said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so that the Son might glorify you,

UST
[1] After Jesus told his disciples about these things that would happen, he looked up toward heaven and said, “Father, it is now time {for me to suffer and die}. Show everyone how great I, your Son, am in order that I may show everyone how great you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:2

ULT
[2] since you gave him authority {over} all flesh so that everyone whom you have given him, he would give to them eternal life.

UST
[2] {Please do this} because you gave me authority over all people in order that I might enable all those whom you chose to come to me to live forever {with me in heaven}.

Why did the Father give Jesus authority over all flesh?
The Father did this so that Jesus would give eternal life to all whom the Father have given him.

John 17:3

ULT
[3] Now this is eternal life, that they would know you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus Christ.

UST
[3] This is what it means to live forever: to know you, who are the only real God, and to know me, Jesus the Messiah, the one whom you have sent into the world.

What is eternal life?
Eternal life is knowing the Father, the only true God, and him whom he has sent, Jesus Christ.

John 17:4

ULT

4 I glorified you on the earth, having completed the work that you have given me so that I might do it.

UST

4 I have shown everyone how great you are while I have been on the earth. {I did this} by finishing the work that you assigned me to do.

How did Jesus glorifiy God on the earth?

He did this by accomplishing the work that the Father gave him to do.

John 17:5

ULT

5 And now, Father, glorify me along with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was made.

UST

5 Father, at this time show how great I am in your presence with the same greatness that I had in your presence before the time we created the world.

What glory does Jesus want?

He wants the glory he had with the Father before the world was created.

John 17:6

ULT

6 I revealed your name to the men whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

UST

6 I have shown who you really are to the men whom you have given me from among the people in the world. They belonged to you and you have given them to me. They have obeyed your teaching.

To whom did Jesus reveal the Father’s name?

Jesus revealed the Father’s name to the people the Father gave to Jesus from the world.

John 17:7

ULT

[7] Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you,

UST

[7] At this time they know that everything you have given me has come from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:8

ULT

[8] for I have given them the words that you gave me, and they received {them} and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

UST

[8] {They know this} because I have told them the teachings that you told me. They themselves accepted those teachings, and they are certain that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me here.

How did those people the Father gave to Jesus respond to Jesus' words?

They received Jesus' words and truly knew that Jesus came from the Father and they believed that the Father sent Jesus.

John 17:9

ULT

[9] I ask on behalf of them. I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on behalf of whom you have given me, for they are yours.

UST

[9] I am praying for them. I am not praying for the people who oppose you in the world. Rather, {I am praying} for those people whom you gave me, because they belong to you.

Who does Jesus say he is not praying for?

Jesus says he is not praying for the world.

John 17:10

ULT

[10] And all my {things} are yours, and your {things} {are} mine, and I am glorified in them.

UST

[10] All the disciples that are mine belong to you, and {all the disciples} that belong to you are mine. They show everyone how great I am.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:11

ULT

[11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me so that they would be one, just as we are.

UST

[11] I will not stay in this sinful world any longer. However, my disciples are staying in it. I will soon return to you. My Father, who is set apart, keep them safe by your same power that you gave to me, in order that they may be united in the same way that we are united.

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one just as the Father and Son are one.

John 17:12

ULT

[12] While I was with them, I kept them in your name that you have given me. And I protected them, and not one of them perished, except for the son of destruction, so that the scripture would be fulfilled.

UST

[12] During the time that I have been with them, I have kept them safe by your same power that you gave to me. I have guarded them, and only one of them will be eternally ruined. {He is} the one whom you had destined to be eternally ruined in order that the scriptures would come true.

While Jesus was in the world, what did Jesus do for those the Father had given to him?

Jesus protected them, so that none perished.

John 17:13

ULT
13 But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these {things} in the world so that they would have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

UST
13 At this time I am about to return to you. I have said these things while I am in this sinful world in order that I may give them my complete joy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:14

ULT
14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not from the world, just as I am not from the world.

UST
14 I have told them your teaching. {Thus the people who oppose you in} the world have detested them because, like me, they do not belong to those who oppose you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:15

ULT
15 I do not ask that you would take them away from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.

UST
15 I am not requesting that you take my disciples out of this sinful world. Rather, {I am requesting} that you keep them safe from being harmed by Satan, the evil one.

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?
Jesus asks the Father to keep them from the evil one.

John 17:16

ULT
16 They are not from the world, just as I am not from the world.

UST
16 Like me, they do not belong to the people who oppose you in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:17

ULT
17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

UST
17 Set my disciples apart to serve you by {enabling them to know and live according to} what is true. Your teaching is what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:18

ULT
18 Just as you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

UST
18 I am sending them among the people in the world in the same way that you sent me among them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:19

ULT
19 And for their sakes I have sanctified myself, so that they themselves may also be sanctified in truth.

UST
19 I set myself apart as a sacrifice on their behalf in order that they also may set themselves apart to serve you by {knowing and living according to} what is true.”

Why did Jesus sanctify himself?
Jesus sanctified himself so that those the Father gave him might also be sanctified in truth.

John 17:20

ULT
20 But I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of the ones believing in me through their word,

UST
20 Now I am praying not only for these disciples here, but {I am praying} also for those people who will trust in me by means of what my disciples say.

For whom else does Jesus pray?
Jesus prays for people who will believe in him through the word of those who followed him at that time.

John 17:21

ULT
21 that they would all be one, just as you, Father, {are} in me, and I in you, that they also would be in us so that the world would believe that you have sent me.

UST
21 {I pray} that they may all be united in the same way that you, my Father, and I are completely united. {I pray} that they may also be united to us in order that the people in the world might know that you sent me here.

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?
Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one, for them to be one in both Jesus and the Father so that the world would believe God sent Jesus.

John 17:22

ULT
22 The glory that you gave to me, I also have given to them so that they would be one, just as we are one:

UST
22 In order that they may be united in the same way that we are united, I have honored the people who trust in me just like you honored me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:23

ULT

23 I in them, and you in me so that they may be made complete as one so that the world may know that you sent me and you loved them just as you loved me.

UST

23 {This means that} I am united with them, and you are united with me. {I have done this} in order that they may be completely united together in order that the people in the world may know that you sent me here and that you love the people who trust in me in the same way that you love me.

How does the Father love those he gave to Jesus?

The Father loves them even as he loved Jesus.

John 17:24

ULT

24 Father, the one you have given me, I desire that they also may be with me where I am, in order to see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before {the} foundation of {the} world.

UST

24 "My Father, I want these people whom you have given to me to be with me where I will be in heaven in order that they can see how glorious I am. You made me glorious because you have loved me from before the time when we created the universe.

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks that his followers may be with him where he is, to see his glory.

John 17:25

ULT

25 Righteous Father, even the world did not know you, but I know you; and these know that you sent me.

UST

25 My Father, who always does what is right, the people who oppose you in the world do not know who you are, but I know who you are. These people who trust me know that you have sent me here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 17:26

ULT

26 And I made your name known to them, and I will make {it} known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

UST

26 I have made them know who you are. I will continue to do so in order that they may love others like you love me and in order that I may be united with them.”

Why did and will Jesus make the Father’s name known to those the Father has given to him?

Jesus did and will make it known so that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them and that Jesus may be in them.

John 18

John 18:1

ULT

[1] Having spoken these {things}, Jesus went out with his disciples across the brook of the Kidron, where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered.

UST

[1] After Jesus finished praying, he left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side of the valley they entered into a grove {of olive trees}.

After Jesus spoke these words, where did he go?
He went with his disciples across the Kidron brook to a garden, and he entered it.

John 18:2

ULT

[2] Now Judas, the one betraying him, also knew the place, for Jesus often gathered there with his disciples.

UST

[2] Judas is the one who was about to help Jesus' opponents arrest him. He knew the place where Jesus was because Jesus often went there with his disciples.

How did Judas know about the garden?
He knew about it because Jesus often went there with his disciples.

John 18:3

ULT

[3] So Judas, leading the cohort of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and from the Pharisees, comes there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

UST

[3] So Judas brought to that grove a group of Roman soldiers and some temple guards who had been sent by the ruling priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lamps, and weapons.

Who else came to the garden with lanterns, torches and weapons?
Judas, leading a group of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, also came to the garden.

John 18:4

ULT

4 Then Jesus, knowing all the {things} happening to him, having gone out, asked them, “Whom do you seek?”

UST

4 Because Jesus knew what was going to happen to him, he went forward and asked the soldiers and temple guards, “Who are you looking for?”

What did Jesus ask this group of people in the garden?
Jesus asked them, “For whom are you looking?”

John 18:5

ULT

5 They answered him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He says to them, “I am.” (Now Judas, the one betraying him, was also standing with them.)

UST

5 They replied to him, “Jesus from Nazareth.” Jesus told them, “I am {that person}.” (Judas was standing with them. He was the one who was helping Jesus’ opponents arrest him.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:6

ULT

6 So when he said to them, “I am,” they went backward and fell to {the} ground.

UST

6 When Jesus told them, “I am {that person},” they stepped back and involuntarily fell down to the ground.

What happened when the group of people said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus responded, “I am”?
The soldiers and others with them went backward and fell to the ground.

John 18:7

ULT

[7] Then again he asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”

UST

[7] Jesus then asked them again, “Who are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus from Nazareth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:8

ULT

[8] Jesus answered, “I told you that I am. So if you are seeking me, allow these to go away.”

UST

[8] Jesus replied, “I told you that I am {that person}. Since I am the one whom you are looking for, let these other men go.

Why did Jesus say, “I told you that I am he; so if you are looking for me, let these others go”? (vv8-9)

Jesus said this so that the word might be fulfilled that he said: “Of those whom you have given me, I lost not one.”

John 18:9

ULT

[9] ({This was} so that would be fulfilled the word that he said: “Of those you have given me, I lost none from among them.”)

UST

[9] (This happened in order that these words that he had said to his Father would come true: “I did not lose even one of those whom you gave me.”)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:10

ULT

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. Now {the} name of the servant was Malchus.

UST

10 Simon Peter had a short sword. He took it out of its sheath and struck the high priest's servant with it, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was that servant's name.

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest? (vv10-11)

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. The cup that the Father has given me, should I not drink it?"

John 18:11

ULT

11 Then Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath. The cup which the Father has given me, should I certainly not drink it?"

UST

11 Jesus then told Peter, "Put your short sword back into its sheath! I must surely suffer in the way that my Father has planned for me {to suffer}!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:12

ULT

12 Then the cohort of soldiers and the commander and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus and tied him up.

UST

12 The group of Roman soldiers, along with their leader and some of the temple guards from the Jewish leaders, seized Jesus and tied his hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:13

ULT

13 And they led him first to Annas, for he was {the} father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

UST

13 Then they took him to Annas first, because he was Caiaphas's father-in-law, and Caiaphas was the high priest that year.

After the group of soldiers, their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, where did they take him?
They first took Jesus to Annas.

Who was Annas?
Annas was the father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

John 18:14

ULT

14 (Now Caiaphas was the one having advised the Jews that it would be better for one man to die on behalf of the people.)

UST

14 (It was Caiaphas who had advised the other Jewish leaders that it would be much better to have one man die on behalf of the people {than to let the Romans kill them}.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:15

ULT

15 Now Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

UST

15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did one other disciple. Annas the high priest knew the other disciple, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard {when the soldiers and guards took} Jesus there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:16

ULT

16 But Peter was standing at the door outside, so the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the female doorkeeper, and he brought Peter in.

UST

16 However, Peter had to stay outside at the door. Therefore, that disciple who knew the high priest went out again and spoke to the servant girl who was watching the door. Then he was allowed to bring Peter into {the courtyard}.

How did Peter get into the courtyard of the high priest?

Another disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman servant who was guarding the door, and he brought in Peter.

John 18:17

ULT

17 Then the female servant, the doorkeeper, says to Peter, “Are you not also from the disciples of this man?” He says, “I am not.”

UST

17 That servant girl who was watching the door then told Peter, “You are surely one of the disciples of the man {whom they have arrested}!” He replied, “No, I am not!”

Who asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus? (vv17, 25-26)

The woman guarding the door to the courtyard, the people standing around the fire of coals and one of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, all asked Peter if he was with Jesus or a disciple of Jesus.

John 18:18

ULT

18 (Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold, and they were warming themselves. But Peter was also with them, standing there and warming himself.)

UST

18 (It was cold, so the high priest’s servants and the temple guards made a fire and were standing and warming themselves around it. Peter was also standing and warming himself there with them.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:19

ULT
[19] Then the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.

UST
[19] The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and what he had been teaching them.

In brief how did Jesus answer when the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching? (vv19-21)
Jesus said he spoke openly to the world in public. He told the chief priest to ask those who heard him about what he said.

John 18:20

ULT
[20] Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I was always teaching in a synagogue and in the temple where all the Jews come together, and I said nothing in secret.

UST
[20] Jesus replied to him, “I have spoken in public to everyone {who would listen}. I have always taught in the Jewish meeting places and in the temple. {I have taught in the places} where many Jews gather. I have never said anything secretly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:21

ULT
[21] Why do you ask me? Ask the ones having heard what I said to them. Behold, these {people} know what I said.”

UST
[21] You should not ask me! Ask the people who heard what I taught them. They certainly know what I said.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:22

ULT
22 Now he having said these {things}, one of the officers standing there gave Jesus a slap, saying, “Do you answer the high priest in this manner?”

UST
22 After Jesus said this, one of the temple guards who was standing near him slapped him. He said, “You should not answer the high priest like that!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:23

ULT
23 Jesus answered him, “If I spoke wrongly, testify about the wrong, but if rightly, why do you strike me?”

UST
23 Jesus replied to him, “If what I said was wrong, tell me what it was. However, if what I said was right, you should not slap me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:24

ULT
24 Then Annas sent him, tied up, to Caiaphas the high priest.

UST
24 Then Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the other high priest, while his hands were still tied.

After Annas questioned Jesus where did he send Jesus?
Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas the high priest.

John 18:25

ULT

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, “Are you not also from among his disciples?” He denied {it} and said, “I am not.”

UST

25 Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing and warming himself {in the courtyard}, when someone said to him, “You are surely also one of the disciples of this man whom they have arrested!” Peter denied this and said, “No, I am not!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:26

ULT

26 One from among the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the one {whose} ear Peter had cut off, says, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”

UST

26 One of the high priest’s servants was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off. He said to Peter, “Surely I saw you in the {olive tree} grove with the man whom they have arrested!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:27

ULT

27 Peter then denied {it} again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

UST

27 Peter then again denied {that he had been with Jesus}. A rooster crowed immediately {after he did that}.

What happened immediately after Peter denied being associated with Christ for the third time?

Immediately after the third time Peter denied being associated with Christ, the rooster crowed.

John 18:28

ULT

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. (Now it was early in the morning, and they did not enter into the governor's palace so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.)

UST

28 The Jewish leaders then brought Jesus from Caiaphas' house to the headquarters of Pilate, the Roman governor. (It was early morning. The Jewish leaders did not enter Pilate's headquarters {because Pilate was not a Jew. If they entered a non-Jew's home, they thought} they would defile themselves and be unable to eat the Passover celebration meal.)

Why did those who took Jesus to the Praetorium not enter it?

They did not enter the Praetorium so that they might not be defiled and so that they might eat the Passover.

John 18:29

ULT

29 Therefore, Pilate went out to them and says, "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

UST

29 So Pilate came out to talk to them. He asked them, "What are you accusing this man of doing?"

How did Jesus' accusers answer Pilate when he asked them, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?" (vv29-30)

They answered and said to him, "If this man were not an evil doer, we would not have delivered him up to you."

John 18:30

ULT

30 They answered and said to him, "If this one were not an evildoer, we would not have handed him over to you."

UST

30 The Jewish leaders replied, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have brought him to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:31

ULT

31 Therefore, Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”

UST

31 So Pilate told them, “You yourselves take him and judge him by your own law.” The Jewish leaders replied, “We want to execute him, but your Roman law prevents us from doing that.”

Why did the Jews take Jesus to Pilate instead of punishing Jesus themselves?

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus, but it was not lawful for them to put any man to death without permission from the Roman authorities (Pilate).

John 18:32

ULT

32 (This was so that the word of Jesus would be fulfilled which he spoke to indicate by what kind of death he was about to die.)

UST

32 (This happened in order that what Jesus had said about how he would soon die would come true.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:33

ULT

33 Then Pilate entered into the governor’s palace again and summoned Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

UST

33 Pilate then went back inside his headquarters. He commanded soldiers to bring Jesus to him, and he asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

What did Pilate ask Jesus? (vv33-35)

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

John 18:34

ULT

34 Jesus answered, “Do you speak this from yourself, or did others speak to you about me?”

UST

34 Jesus replied, “Are you asking me this question because you thought of it yourself, or did others tell you this concerning me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:35

ULT

35 Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What did you do?”

UST

35 Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew! Your own countrymen and the ruling priests brought you to me. What wrong have you done?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 18:36

ULT

36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

UST

36 Jesus replied, “The kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world. If it did, my servants would have fought in order to prevent the Jewish leaders from arresting me. But, as it is, the kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world.”

What did Jesus tell Pilate about Jesus’ kingdom?

Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom is not part of this world and does not come from here.

John 18:37

ULT

37 Pilate then said to him, “So then, are you a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, so that I would bear witness to the truth. Everyone being from the truth hears my voice.”

UST

37 Then Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus replied, “You yourself say so. This is why I was born into this world: I came in order to tell people what is true about God. Everyone who believes what is true about God accepts and obeys what I say.”

For what purpose was Jesus born?

Jesus was born to be a king and to bear witness to the truth.

John 18:38

ULT

38 Pilate says to him, “What is truth?” And having said this, he went out again to the Jews and says to them, “I find no guilt in him.

UST

38 Pilate said to him, “Nobody knows what is really true!” After Pilate said that, he went outside and talked to the Jewish leaders again. He told them, “I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law.

What is Pilate’s judgment about Jesus after talking with him?

Pilate said to the Jews, “I find no guilt in this man.”

John 18:39

ULT

39 But it is your custom that I would release one {person} to you at the Passover. Therefore, do you desire {that} I would release the King of the Jews to you?”

UST

39 However, you Jews have a custom: Every year during the Passover celebration you ask me, and I release to you someone who is in prison. So do you want me to release your king to you?”

When Pilate offered to release Jesus, what did the Jews cry out to Pilate? (vv39-40)

The Jews cried out again and said, “Not this man, but Barabbas.”

John 18:40

ULT

40 Then they cried out again, saying, “Not this one, but Barabbas.” (Now Barabbas was a robber.)

UST

40 The Jewish leaders then shouted again, “No, do not release this man, but release Barabbas!” (Barabbas was a revolutionary.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19

John 19:1

ULT
[1] Therefore, Pilate then took Jesus and whipped {him}.

UST
[1] So at that time Pilate {ordered his soldiers to} take Jesus and beat him with whips.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:2

ULT
[2] And the soldiers twisted together a crown from thorns. They put {it} on his head and put a purple garment on him.

UST
[2] The soldiers also took some branches with thorns on them and wound them together to make something like a crown. Then they put it on Jesus' head and put a purple robe on him {in order to mock him}.

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after Pilate had Jesus whipped? (vv2-3)
The soldiers twisted thorns together to make a crown, put it on Jesus' head, and dressed him in a purple garment. They came to him and said, "Hail, king of the Jews!" and they struck him with their hands.

John 19:3

ULT
[3] And they were coming to him and were saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and they were giving him slaps.

UST
[3] They kept approaching him and jeering at him, saying, "We salute you, King of the Jews!" and kept slapping his face.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:4

ULT

4 Pilate went out again and says to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you so that you might know that I find no guilt in him.”

UST

4 Pilate came outside again and said to the Jewish leaders, “Look, I am about to bring him out to you in order that you can know that I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law.”

Why did Pilate bring Jesus out to the people again?

Pilate brought Jesus out to the people so that they would know that Pilate found no guilt in Jesus.

John 19:5

ULT

5 Then Jesus went out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he says to them, “Behold the man!”

UST

5 So Jesus came out. He was wearing the crown made of branches with thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, “Look, here is the man!”

What was Jesus wearing when Pilate brought him back out to the people?

Jesus was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment.

John 19:6

ULT

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate says to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”

UST

6 When the ruling priests and temple guards saw Jesus, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate told them, “You yourselves take him and crucify him! As for me, I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law.”

What did the chief priests and the officers say when they saw Jesus?

They cried out and said, “Crucify him, crucify him!”

John 19:7

ULT

[7] The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to the law he ought to die, because he made himself to be the Son of God.”

UST

[7] The Jewish leaders replied to Pilate, “We have a certain law that says he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

What did the Jews say that made Pilate even more afraid? (vv7-8)

The Jews told Pilate, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God.”

John 19:8

ULT

[8] Therefore, when Pilate heard this word, he became even more afraid,

UST

[8] When Pilate heard that, he was more afraid {than before of what would happen to himself if he condemned Jesus to die}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:9

ULT

[9] and he entered into the governor’s palace again and says to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.

UST

[9] He entered his headquarters once more {and commanded the soldiers to bring Jesus back inside. Then} he asked Jesus, “Where did you come from?” However, Jesus did not answer his question.

What did Jesus say when Pilate asked Jesus, “From where do you come?”

Jesus gave Pilate no answer.

John 19:10

ULT

10 Therefore, Pilate says to him, “Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you, and I have authority to crucify you?”

UST

10 So Pilate said to him, “You should answer me! You surely know that I have the power to release you, and I also have the power to crucify you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:11

ULT

11 Jesus answered him, “You do not have any authority over me, except for what has been given to you from above. Therefore, the one having handed me over to you has a greater sin.”

UST

11 Jesus replied to him, “The only power you have over me is the power that God has given you. So the man who brought me to you has committed a worse sin than you are committing.”

Who did Jesus say gave Pilate power over Jesus?

Jesus said, “You would have no power against me, unless it had been given you from above.”

John 19:12

ULT

12 At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you release this one, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone making himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

UST

12 From that moment on, Pilate kept trying to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, “If you release this man, you are not loyal to Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

Although Pilate wanted to release Jesus, what did the Jews say that prevented him?

The Jews cried out saying, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.”

John 19:13

ULT

13 Therefore, Pilate, having heard these words, brought Jesus out and sat down in {the} judgment seat in a place called “{The} Pavement,” but in Hebrew, “Gabbatha.”

UST

13 So when Pilate heard that, he {ordered his soldiers to} bring Jesus out. Then Pilate sat down {to pronounce a verdict} on the seat where he usually pronounced verdicts. This was at a place people called “The Stone Pavement,” which was “Gabbatha” in the language spoken by the Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:14

ULT

14 (Now it was a day of preparation of the Passover. It was about {the} sixth hour.) And he says to the Jews, “Behold your king!”

UST

14 (It was {the day before the Passover celebration, which was} the day when the Jewish people prepared for the celebration. It was almost noon.) Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, “Look, here is your king!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:15

ULT

15 But they cried out, “Take {him} away! Take {him} away! Crucify him!” Pilate says to them, “Should I crucify your king?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king except Caesar.”

UST

15 They shouted, “Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!” Pilate {mocked} them by saying, “Should I {order my soldiers to} crucify your king?” The ruling priests replied, “Caesar is our only king!”

What was the last thing the chief priests said before Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified? (vv15-16)

The chief priests said, “We have no king but Caesar.”

John 19:16

ULT
16 Therefore, he then handed him over to them so that he might be crucified, and they took Jesus {and} led {him} away.

UST
16 Then, because of what they said, Pilate ordered his soldiers to crucify Jesus. Then the soldiers took Jesus away {in order to crucify him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:17

ULT
17 And he went out, carrying the cross by himself, to the {place} called “{The} Place of a Skull,” which in Hebrew is called “Golgotha.”

UST
17 Jesus went out, carrying his cross by himself to the place that people called “The Place of a Skull,” which was “Golgotha” in the language spoken by the Jews.”

Where did they crucify Jesus? (vv17-18)
They crucified Jesus at Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull."

John 19:18

ULT
18 They crucified him there, and with him two others, on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the middle.

UST
18 The soldiers crucified him at that place. They also crucified two other men with him. One man was on either side of Jesus, so that Jesus was between them.

Was Jesus the only one crucified there that day?
No. Two other men, one on each side of Jesus, were crucified with him.

John 19:19

ULT
[19] Now Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross. Now on it was written: JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

UST
[19] Pilate also {ordered someone} to write a notice on a board and fasten it to Jesus' cross. {That person} wrote on it, 'Jesus from Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

What did Pilate write on the sign that was put on the cross of Jesus?
On the sign he wrote, "JESUS THF NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

John 19:20

ULT
[20] Therefore, many of the Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

UST
[20] Many Jewish people read this notice because the place where the soldiers crucified Jesus was close to the city of Jerusalem and {because} someone wrote the notice in three languages, which were the languages spoken by Jews, Romans, and Greeks.

In what languages was the sign on Jesus' cross written?
The sign was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

John 19:21

ULT
[21] Therefore, the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'That one said, "I am King of the Jews."'"

UST
[21] The ruling Jewish priests returned to Pilate and said, "You should not have written on that notice, 'The King of the Jews.' Rather, {you should have written,} 'This man said that he is the King of the Jews'."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:22

ULT
22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

UST
22 Pilate replied, “What I {ordered my soldiers} to write on the notice is what they have written. {I will not change it.}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:23

ULT
23 Then, when the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares—a share for each soldier—and the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

UST
23 After the soldiers had put Jesus on the cross, they took his clothes and divided them into four equal parts, one part was for each soldier. {However, they kept his} tunic {separate}. The weaver had woven this tunic from top to bottom from one piece of cloth that did not have any seams.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus’ garments?
The soldiers divided up Jesus’ garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus’ shirt, which was without seams.

Why did the soldiers do what they did with Jesus’ garments? (vv23-24)
This happened so that the Scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my garments among themselves.”

John 19:24

ULT
24 Therefore, they said to each other, “We should not tear it, but instead we should cast lots for it, whose it will be.” This happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled which says, “They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing.” Therefore, the soldiers did this.

UST
24 So the soldiers said to each other, “Let us not tear this tunic. Instead, let us decide who will keep it by gambling {and giving it to the winner}.” That occurred in order to make this scripture come true: “They divided my clothes among them. They gambled for my clothing.” That is why the soldiers did those things.

What did the soldiers do with Jesus’ garments?
The soldiers divided up Jesus’ garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus’ shirt, which was without seams.

John 19:25

ULT
25 Now standing beside the cross of Jesus were his mother and the sister of his mother, Mary the {wife} of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

UST
25 Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were all standing near the cross that he was hanging on.

Who was standing near the cross of Jesus? (vv25-26)
Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene, and the disciple whom Jesus loved were standing near the cross of Jesus.

John 19:26

ULT
26 Then Jesus, having seen {his} mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, says to {his} mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"

UST
26 When Jesus saw his mother {standing there} and the disciple John whom Jesus loved standing near her, he told his mother, "Madam, here is the one who will take care of you like a son would."

What did Jesus tell his mother when he saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing nearby?
Jesus told her, "Woman, see, here is your son!"

John 19:27

ULT
27 Then he says to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into {his} own {home}.

UST
27 Next, he said to John, "Here is the one whom you will take care of like you would your own mother!" From that moment, John took her to live in his own home.

What did the disciple Jesus loved do after Jesus told him, "See, here is your mother!"?
From that hour the disciple Jesus loved took Jesus' mother to his own home.

John 19:28

ULT

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all {things} had already been completed, so that the scripture might be completed, says, “I thirst.”

UST

28 A little while later, because Jesus knew that he had already done everything that God had sent him to do, {and} in order to make another {prophecy in} scripture come true, he said, “I am thirsty!”

Why did Jesus say, “I am thirsty.”

Jesus said this in order to make the scriptures come true.

John 19:29

ULT

29 A container full of sour wine was placed there, so having put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop, they lifted it up to his mouth.

UST

29 Someone had put a jar containing cheap wine there {and Jesus was thirsty}. So the soldiers took a reed from a hyssop plant and put a sponge on it. {Then they dipped the sponge} in the cheap wine and held it up to Jesus’ mouth.

What did Jesus do after he had taken the vinegar from the sponge that was held up to his mouth? (vv29-30)

After taking the vinegar, Jesus said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:30

ULT

30 Therefore, when Jesus took the sour wine, he said, “It is finished.” And having bowed {his} head, he gave up {his} spirit.

UST

30 So Jesus drank the cheap wine and then said, “I have completed {everything that I came here to do}!” And he bowed his head and voluntarily died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:31

ULT

31 Then the Jews, because it was a day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an especially important day), asked Pilate that their legs would be broken and they would be taken away.

UST

31 The Jewish leaders then asked Pilate to {order his soldiers to} break the legs of the three men on crosses {so that the men would die more quickly} and take away their bodies in order that the bodies would not remain on the crosses during the Jewish day for rest. {They asked this} because it was the day when the Jewish people prepared for the Passover celebration {and the day for rest, and leaving dead bodies on crosses during those days violated Jewish law}. (Since the next day was also the day for rest, it was a very important day.)

Why did the Jews want Pilate to break the legs of the executed men?

It was the Preparation, and in order that the bodies should not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an important day), the Jews asked Pilate that the legs of the executed men be broken so they would die quickly and that their bodies might be taken down.

John 19:32

ULT

32 Therefore, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other one having been crucified with him.

UST

32 So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man, who had been crucified at the same time as Jesus. {Then they broke the legs} of the other man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:33

ULT

33 But having come to Jesus, as they saw {that} he had already died, they did not break his legs.

UST

33 However, when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead already. So they did not break his legs.

Why did the soldiers not break Jesus' legs?

They did not break Jesus' legs, because they saw he was already dead.

John 19:34

ULT

34 However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

UST

34 Instead, one of the soldiers stabbed Jesus' side with a spear, and right away blood and water poured out {of the wound}.

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after they saw that he was already dead?

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, so that blood and water came out.

John 19:35

ULT

35 And the one {that} had seen this has testified, and his testimony is true. And that one knows that he speaks {the} truth so that you would also believe.

UST

35 (I, John, am the one who saw this happen and have testified about it and what I have testified is true. I am certain that I am saying what is true; I say it in order that you may trust in Jesus as well.)

Why did the one who saw all these things concerning the crucifiction of Jesus bear witness to them?

That one bore witness to these events so that you also may believe.

John 19:36

ULT

36 For these {things} happened in order that the scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."

UST

36 These things happened {to Jesus' body} in order to make {this prophecy in} scripture come true: "No one will break any of his bones."

Why were the legs of Jesus not broken and why was Jesus pierced with a spear? (vv36-37)

These things came about so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a single bone of him will be broken." and again, "They will look on him whom they pierced."

John 19:37

ULT
37 And again, another scripture says, “They will look at him whom they pierced.”

UST
37 {They} also {made} another {prophecy in} scripture {come true}. It states: “They will look at the man whom they have stabbed.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:38

ULT
38 Now after these {things}, Joseph from Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

UST
38 After these things happened, Joseph, who was a man originally from the city of Arimathea, asked Pilate to allow him to take away Jesus’ body. {He did this} because he was one of Jesus’ disciples. However, he did not tell anyone that, because he was afraid of the other Jewish leaders. Pilate allowed Joseph to take away Jesus’ body, so Joseph went and did so.

Who came and asked to take away the body of Jesus?
Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus.

John 19:39

ULT
39 Now Nicodemus also came—the one having come to him at first at night—bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 100 litras in weight.

UST
39 Nicodemus also came. {He was the man} who had once come {and spoken} with Jesus at night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe spices {to prepare Jesus’ body for burial}. Those spices weighed about 33 kilograms.

Who came with Joseph of Arimathea to take away the body of Jesus?
Nicodemus came with Joseph of Arimathea.

John 19:40

ULT

40 So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, just as was {the} custom of the Jews to prepare for burial.

UST

40 They took Jesus' body and wrapped strips of linen cloth around it and put the {myrrh and aloe} spices {under the strips of cloth}. {They did this} according to the Jewish customs about burying bodies.

What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do with the body of Jesus? (vv40-41)

They wrapped Jesus' body in linen cloths with spices. Then they laid Jesus' body in a new tomb which was in a garden.

John 19:41

ULT

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden, a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried.

UST

41 (There was a garden near the place where the soldiers had crucified Jesus. In the garden was a newly made burial cave. No one had yet buried anyone in that cave.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 19:42

ULT

42 Therefore, because of the day of preparation of the Jews and because the tomb was close by, they laid Jesus there.

UST

42 So they put Jesus' body in that tomb because it was nearby and because it was the day when the Jewish people prepared for the Passover celebration {so they had to bury the body before sundown}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20

John 20:1

ULT

[1] Now early on the first of the week, being still dark, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb and sees the stone having been rolled away from the tomb.

UST

[1] Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb {where they had buried Jesus}. She saw that someone had moved the stone away from the entrance to the tomb.

When did Mary Magdalene come to the tomb?

She came to the tomb very early on the first day of the week.

What did Mary Magdalene see when she got to the tomb?

She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

John 20:2

ULT

[2] Therefore, she runs and comes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she says to them, “They took away the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

UST

[2] So she ran to where Simon Peter and the other disciple, John, whom Jesus loved, {were staying}. She told them, “Some people have removed the Lord Jesus’ body from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put it!”

What did Mary Magdalene say to the two disciples?

She told them, “They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

John 20:3

ULT
[3] Then Peter and the other disciple went out, and they went to the tomb.

UST
[3] When they heard this, Peter and John left where they were staying and went to the tomb.

What did Simon Peter and the other disciple do after they heard what Mary Magdalene said? (vv3-4)
They both went to the tomb.

John 20:4

ULT
[4] Now the two were running together, and the other disciple quickly ran ahead of Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

UST
[4] They were both running, but John ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb before him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:5

ULT
[5] And having stooped down, he sees the linen cloths lying there, but he did not enter.

UST
[5] When John bent down {and looked into the tomb}, he saw the strips of linen cloth {that they had wrapped around Jesus' body} lying where his body had lain, but he did not go into the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:6

ULT
6 Simon Peter then also comes following him and entered into the tomb. And he sees the linen cloths lying there

UST
6 Simon Peter was running behind John. He arrived there as well and went inside the tomb. He also saw the strips of linen cloth lying where Jesus' body had lain.

What did Simon Peter see in the tomb? (vv6-7)
Peter saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in its place by itself.

John 20:7

ULT
7 and the cloth that had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but having been folded up in one place by itself.

UST
7 Peter also saw the cloth that someone had wrapped around Jesus' head. {It was} not lying with the strips of linen cloth. Rather, someone had folded it and set it apart from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:8

ULT
8 So then the other disciple, the one having first arrived at the tomb, also went in, and he saw and believed.

UST
8 Then John, that other disciple who had reached the tomb before Peter, went inside as well. He saw these things and believed {that Jesus had become alive again}.

What was the response of the other disciple to what he saw in the tomb?
He saw and believed.

John 20:9

ULT

9 For they did not yet understand the scripture that it was necessary for him to rise from {the} dead.

UST

9 (At that time they did not understand what the prophets had written in those scriptures which said that Jesus had to die and become alive again.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:10

ULT

10 Then the disciples went away again to their {own homes}.

UST

10 The disciples then returned to the places where they were staying {in Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:11

ULT

11 But Mary was standing outside at the tomb, weeping. Then as she was weeping, she stooped down and looked into the tomb.

UST

11 Mary Magdalene remained standing and crying outside of the tomb. While she was crying, she bent down {and looked} inside the tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:12

ULT
12 And she sees two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet of where the body of Jesus had lain.

UST
12 She saw two angels wearing white clothing. {They were} sitting on the place where people had laid Jesus' body. One angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' head had been. The other angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' feet had been.

What did Mary see when she stooped and looked into the tomb?
She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the foot, where the body of Jesus had lain.

John 20:13

ULT
13 And those ones say to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She says to them, "Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they put him."

UST
13 They asked her, "Madam, why are you crying?" She told them, "{I am crying} because some people have removed my Lord Jesus' body {from this tomb}, and I do not know where they have put it!"

What did the angels say to Mary?
They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

John 20:14

ULT
14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and she did not know that it was Jesus.

UST
14 After she said that, she turned around and saw someone standing there. {It was Jesus,} but she did not recognize him.

When Mary turned around, what did she see?
She saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

John 20:15

ULT

15 Jesus says to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, thinking that he is the gardener, says to him, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you put him, and I will take him away.”

UST

15 He asked her, “Madam, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” She thought that the man speaking to her was the gardener, so she told him, “Sir, if you have carried Jesus’ body away, tell me where you have put it. I will take it {and bury it again}.”

Who did Mary think Jesus was?

She thought he was the gardener.

John 20:16

ULT

16 Jesus says to her, “Mary.” Having turned, she says to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni” (which means “Teacher”).

UST

16 Jesus {called her by name,} saying, “Mary!” She turned {toward him again and} said to him, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher” in the language spoken by the Jews).

When did Mary recognize Jesus?

She recognized Jesus when he said her name, “Mary.”

John 20:17

ULT

17 Jesus says to her, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet gone up to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I go up to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.’”

UST

17 Jesus told her, “Stop clinging to me, because I have not yet returned to {heaven to be with} my Father. Go to the disciples, my brothers, and tell them that I am about to return to {heaven to be with} my God and Father, who is also your God and Father.”

Why did Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to him?

Jesus told her not to hold on to him because he hadn’t yet ascended to the Father.

What did Jesus tell Mary to say to his brothers?

Jesus told her to say to his brothers, that he will ascend to his Father and their Father, and his God and their God.

John 20:18

ULT

18 Mary Magdalene comes, telling the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and {that} he said these {things} to her.

UST

18 Mary Magdalene went to Jesus’ disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord Jesus!” {She} also told them what Jesus had told her.

What did Mary Magdalene do after she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb?
She ran and told the other disciples Jesus' message for them.

John 20:19

ULT

19 Then, being evening on that day, the first of {the} week, and the doors of where the disciples were having been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in {their} midst and says to them, “Peace to you.”

UST

19 On the evening of that same Sunday, the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were staying, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus suddenly arrived and stood among them. He told them, “May God give you peace!”

What happened where the disciples were on the evening of the first day of the week?
Jesus came and stood in the midst of them.

John 20:20

ULT

20 And having said this, he showed them {his} hands and {his} side. Then the disciples rejoiced, having seen the Lord.

UST

20 After he said this, he showed his disciples the wounds that were in his hands and side. They were very happy when they saw the Lord Jesus!

What did Jesus show the disciples?
He showed them his hands and his side.

John 20:21

ULT
21 Then he said to them again, “Peace to you. Just as the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

UST
21 Jesus then told them a second time, “May God give you peace! I am sending you {into the world} just like my Father sent me.”

What did Jesus tell the disciples that he would do?
Jesus said he was sending the disciples just as his Father had sent him.

John 20:22

ULT
22 And having said this, he breathed on {them} and says to them, “Receive {the} Holy Spirit.

UST
22 After he said this, Jesus blew on them and said, “Accept the Holy Spirit.

What did Jesus say to his disciples after he breathed on them? (vv22-23)
He told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whoever’s sins you forgive, they are forgiven for them; whoever’s sins you keep back, they are kept back.”

John 20:23

ULT
23 Whoever’s sins you forgive, they have been forgiven for them; whoever’s {sins} you retain, they have been retained.”

UST
23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, God will forgive that person for those sins. If you do not forgive someone’s sins, God will not forgive that person for those sins.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 20:24

ULT

24 But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

UST

24 Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, whom they called ‘The Twin,’ was not there among his other disciples while Jesus was there among them.

Which one of the disciples was not present with the other disciples when they saw Jesus?

Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came.

John 20:25

ULT

25 Then the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe.”

UST

25 The other disciples told Thomas, “We have seen the Lord Jesus!” However, he told them, “I will only believe you if I see the holes in his hands that were caused by nails and put my fingers in them and if I put my hand into the wound on his side {that was made by a spear}.”

What did Thomas say it would take for him to believe that Jesus was alive?

Thomas said he would have to see the print of the nails in Jesus’ hands and put his fingers into the nail prints and put his hand into Jesus’ side before he would believe.

John 20:26

ULT

26 And after eight days his disciples were inside again, and Thomas {was} with them. Jesus comes, the doors having been closed, and stood in {their} midst, and said, “Peace to you.”

UST

26 Eight days later, Jesus’ disciples were again inside a house, and this time Thomas was with them. Although they had locked the doors, Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, “May God give you peace!”

When did Thomas see Jesus?

Eight days later, while the doors were shut, Thomas was with the other disciples when Jesus came and stood among them.

John 20:27

ULT

27 Then he says to Thomas, “Place your finger here and see my hands. And reach out your hand and put it into my side. And do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

UST

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger into the holes here, and see the holes in my hands, and put out your hand, and place it in the wound in my side! Stop doubting {that I became alive again}. Rather, believe {that it is true}!”

What did Jesus tell Thomas to do?

Jesus told Thomas to reach with his finger and see Jesus’ hands and reach with his hand and put it into Jesus’ side. Jesus then told Thomas not to be faithless, but believe.

John 20:28

ULT

28 Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God.”

UST

28 Thomas replied, “You are my Lord and my God!”

What did Thomas say to Jesus?

Thomas said, “My Lord and my God.”

John 20:29

ULT

29 Jesus says to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed {are} the ones not having seen, and having believed.”

UST

29 Jesus told him, “Now you believe {that I have become alive again} because you see me. God {surely} blesses those who have not seen me but yet believe {that I have become alive again}.”

Who did Jesus say was blessed?

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:30

ULT

30 Then Jesus also did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which have not been written in this book,

UST

30 Now Jesus also did many other miraculous signs while his disciples were with him, {but} I did not write about them in this book.

Did Jesus do other signs that weren't written in the book?

Yes, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that were not written in the book of John.

John 20:31

ULT

31 but these {things} have been written so that you would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that believing, you would have life in his name.

UST

31 Nevertheless, I have written about the signs in this book in order that you may trust that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. {I also wrote about these things} in order that, by trusting {that Jesus is the Messiah}, you may have eternal life through him.

Why were the signs written in the book?

They were written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that as you believe, you may have life in his name.

John 21

John 21:1

ULT

1 After these {things}, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now in this manner he showed himself:

UST

1 After those things happened, Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, {which is also known as the Sea of Galilee}. This is how he appeared to them:

Where were the disciples when Jesus showed himself to them again?

The disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias when Jesus showed himself to them again.

John 21:2

ULT

2 they were together—Simon Peter and Thomas called Didymus and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee and the {sons} of Zebedee and two others from his disciples.

UST

2 Simon Peter, Thomas (whom they called 'The Twin'), Nathaniel (who was from Cana, which is a town in the region of Galilee), the sons of Zebedee (James and John), and two of Jesus' other disciples were together.

Which disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias?

Simon Peter, Thomas, called Didymus, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two of Jesus' other disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias.

John 21:3

ULT

3 Simon Peter says to them, "I am going fishing." They say to him, "We also are coming with you." They went out and got into a boat, but they caught nothing during that night.

UST

3 Simon Peter told the other disciples with him, "I am going to catch some fish." They told him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat {and fished}, but they did not catch any fish that night.

What were these disciples doing?

These disciples had gone fishing but had caught nothing all night.

John 21:4

ULT

4 Now, when it was already early morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it is Jesus.

UST

4 At dawn the next morning Jesus stood on the shore of the sea, but the disciples who were fishing did not know that it was him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:5

ULT

5 Then Jesus says to them, “Children, you do not have any fish to eat, do you?” They answered him, “No.”

UST

5 Jesus then called to them, “Dear friends, you do not have any fish, do you?” They replied, “We do not.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:6

ULT

6 But he said to them, “Throw the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” Therefore, they threw {the net} and did not have the strength to draw it in, because of the large number of fish.

UST

6 He told them, “Throw your net off the right side of the boat and you will catch some fish.” So they did so, and they caught so many fish that they were not able to pull the net {into the boat}.

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Jesus told the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the boat and they would catch some fish.

What happened when the disciples cast their net?

They could not draw in their net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:7

ULT

[7] Then that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, “It is the Lord.” Therefore, Simon Peter, having heard that it was the Lord, put on {his} outer garment (for he was undressed), and threw himself into the sea.

UST

[7] I, the disciple whom Jesus loved, then told Peter, “It is the Lord Jesus!” So when Simon Peter heard this, he put on his coat (he had taken it off to work) and jumped into the water {to swim to the shore}.

What did Simon Peter do when the disciple Jesus loved said, “It is the Lord.”

He tucked up his outer garment about himself and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:8

ULT

[8] But the other disciples came in the boat (for they were not far from the land, but about 200 cubits away), dragging the net of the fish.

UST

[8] The rest of the disciples who had been fishing came to the shore in the boat, while pulling the net full of fish {behind the boat}. (They were not far from the shore, only 90 meters away.)

What did the other disciples do?

The other disciples came in the boat, pulling the net full of fish.

John 21:9

ULT

[9] Then when they got out upon the land, they see a charcoal fire kindled and a fish laid on it and a bread loaf.

UST

[9] When they reached the shore, they saw a fire {that Jesus had prepared} and a fish he was cooking on it. {There was} also a loaf of bread.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:10

ULT
10 Jesus says to them, “Bring some of the fish that you just caught.”

UST
10 Jesus told them, “Bring {over here} some of those fish that you have just caught!”

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do with some of the fish that they had caught?
Jesus told the disciples to bring some of the fish they had just caught.

John 21:11

ULT
11 Therefore, Simon Peter went up and pulled the net to the shore, full of large fish; 153. But being so many, the net was not torn.

UST
11 So Simon Peter went back {to the boat} and dragged the net to the shore. {It was} full of 153 large fish. Even though there were so many fish, the net did not tear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:12

ULT
12 Jesus says to them, “Come, eat breakfast.” But none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew that it is the Lord.

UST
12 Jesus told them, “Come {here and} eat breakfast!” None of the disciples were bold enough to ask him who he was. They knew it was the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:13

ULT
13 Jesus comes and takes the bread and gives {it} to them, and the fish in the same way.

UST
13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:14

ULT

14 This {was} already {the} third time {that} Jesus was revealed to the disciples, having been raised from {the} dead.

UST

14 (This was the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after God had caused him to become alive again.)

How many times had Jesus now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen?

This was the third time Jesus had now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen.

John 21:15

ULT

15 Then when they ate breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He says to him, “Yes Lord, you know that I love you.” He says to him, “Feed my lambs.”

UST

15 When they finished eating breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these {others love me}?” Peter replied to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus told him, “Take care of those who trust in me.”

After breakfast, what was the first thing Jesus asked Simon Peter?

Jesus asked Simon Peter if Simon loved Jesus more than these.

John 21:16

ULT

16 He says to him again, a second {time}, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He says to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He says to him, “Take care of my sheep.”

UST

16 Jesus asked him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He replied to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus told him, “Take care of those who trust in me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:17

ULT

17 He says to him the third {time}, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third {time}, “Do you love me?” And he says to him, “Lord, you know all {things}; you know that I love you.” Jesus says to him, “Feed my sheep.

UST

17 Jesus asked him a third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad because Jesus asked him three times if he loved him. Peter replied to him, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus told him, “Take care of those who trust in me.

How did Simon Peter answer Jesus the third time Jesus asked Peter if he loved Jesus?

The third time he was asked, Peter responded, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

The third time Peter responds to Jesus’ question, “Do you love me?” what does Jesus tell Peter to do?

The third time, Jesus told him, “Feed my sheep.”

John 21:18

ULT

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you become old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry {you} where you do not want.”

UST

18 I am telling you the truth: When you were young, you put your own clothes on, and you walked wherever you wanted to go. However, when you are old, you will extend your hands away from your body, and someone else will put clothes on you and take you where you do not want to go.”

What did Jesus tell Simon Peter was going to happen to him when Simon became old?

Jesus told Simon Peter that when he became old, he would stretch out his hands and another person would clothe him and carry him where he did not wish to go.

John 21:19

ULT

[19] Now he said this, indicating with what manner of death he will glorify God. And having said this, he says to him, “Follow me.”

UST

[19] (Jesus said this to indicate how Peter would die in order to show people how great God is). Then Jesus told him, “Come be my disciple!”

Why did Jesus tell Peter what was going to happen to Peter when he became old?

Jesus said this in order to signal by what kind of death Peter would glorify God.

John 21:20

ULT

[20] Having turned around, Peter sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, who indeed leaned back against his chest at the dinner and said, “Lord, who is the one betraying you?”

UST

[20] When Peter turned around, he saw John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, walking behind them. John was the one who had leaned close to Jesus during the dinner {before Jesus died} and asked, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:21

ULT

[21] Therefore, having seen him, Peter says to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this one?”

UST

[21] So when Peter saw John, he asked Jesus, “Lord, what is going to happen to this man?”

What did Simon Peter ask Jesus concerning the disciple that Jesus loved?

Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, what will this man do?”

John 21:22

ULT

22 Jesus says to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what {is that} to you? You follow me.”

UST

22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to continue living until I return, that is not your concern! As for you, {continue to} be my disciple!”

How did Jesus respond to Peter’s question, “Lord, what will this man do?”

Jesus told Peter, “You follow me.”

John 21:23

ULT

23 So this word spread among the brothers, that that disciple does not die. But Jesus did not say to him that he does not die, but, “If I want him to remain until I come, what {is that} to you?”

UST

23 Because {Jesus said this}, the rumor that the disciple John was not going to die was repeated among the believers. However, Jesus did not tell Peter that John would not die. Rather, he said, “If I want him to continue living until I return, that is not your concern!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

John 21:24

ULT

24 This is the disciple testifying about these {things} and the one having written these {things}, and we know that his testimony is true.

UST

24 I, John, am the disciple who is testifying about all these things, and I have written them down in this book. We know that what I have testified is true.

Who wrote this book and to what does he bear witness?

The disciple Jesus loved wrote this book and bears witness that the events described in the book are true.

John 21:25

ULT

25 Now there are also many other {things} that Jesus did, which, if each one were written down, I imagine not even the world itself to have enough room for the books being written.

UST

25 Jesus also did so many other things that if people wrote down every one of them, I suppose that the whole world would not even be big enough to contain the books that those people would write about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts

Acts 1

Acts 1:1

ULT
1 I made the first account, O Theophilus, about all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,

UST
1 Dear Theophilus, In the first book that I wrote for you, I told about many of Jesus' actions and teachings.

To whom did Luke address this book?
Luke addressed this book to Theophilus.

Acts 1:2

ULT
2 until that day when he was taken up, having given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen,

UST
2 {I told you about those things} up to the moment when God took Jesus up to heaven. Before Jesus went to heaven, he gave instructions to his chosen Representatives as the Holy Spirit guided him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:3

ULT

[3] to whom also, after he had suffered, he presented himself living with many proofs, appearing to them for 40 days and speaking things concerning the kingdom of God.

UST

[3] Even though the Romans executed Jesus on a cross, God made him alive again. Jesus then went to his Representatives {and other disciples} and proved to them in many convincing ways that he truly was alive again. He met with them at different times over a period of 40 days. He talked with them about how God would rule the lives of people everywhere.

What did Jesus do for forty days after his suffering?

Jesus appeared alive to his apostles, saying things about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:4

ULT

[4] And meeting together with them, he commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, “which you heard from me,

UST

[4] One time while Jesus was with his disciples, he told them, “I want you to stay here in the city of Jerusalem and wait until God our Father sends his Spirit to you. As I told you, he promised that he would do that.

For what did Jesus command his apostles to wait?

Jesus told his apostles to wait for the promise of the Father.

Acts 1:5

ULT

[5] that John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit after these not many days.”

UST

[5] John baptized people in water, but within a few days God is going to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.”

With what would the apostles be baptized in a few days?

The apostles would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6

ULT

[6] They therefore having assembled, they were asking him, saying, “Lord, if you are restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?”

UST

[6] One day when the Representatives were meeting together with Jesus, they asked him, “Lord, will you now become our king so that we Israelite people will have our own king once again?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:7

ULT

[7] But he said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.

UST

[7] He replied to them, “You do not need to know when that will happen. God my Father alone has decided {when he will make me king}.”

When the apostles wanted to know the timing of the restoration of the kingdom, how did Jesus answer them?

Jesus told them that it was not for them to know the time.

Acts 1:8

ULT

[8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

UST

[8] But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, he will enable you to tell people about me powerfully. You will do this here in the city of Jerusalem. You will do it in the nearby regions of Judea and Samaria. But you will also do it all over the world.

What did Jesus tell the apostles they would receive from the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said the apostles would receive power.

Where did Jesus say the apostles would be his witnesses?

Jesus said the apostles would be witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:9

ULT

[9] And having said these things, as they were looking, he was raised up, and a cloud hid him from their eyes.

UST

[9] After he said that, he started to rise up {into heaven} while they watched. But then a cloud blocked their view so that they could no longer see him.

How did Jesus depart from his apostles?

Jesus was raised up and a cloud hid him from their eyes.

Acts 1:10

ULT

[10] And while they were looking intently into heaven as he was going up, and behold, two men stood by them in white clothes.

UST

[10] While they were still staring toward the sky as Jesus was going up, suddenly two angels in human form stood beside them. Their clothes shone brightly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:11

ULT

[11] And they said, “Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, thus will come, the way you saw him going into heaven.”

UST

[11] One of the angels said, “You men who come from Galilee, you do not need to look up at the sky any longer! Someday this same Jesus, whom God took from you up into heaven, will come back {to earth}. He will return in the same way that you just now saw him go up to heaven.”

How did the angels say that Jesus would return again to the earth?

The angels said that Jesus would return in the same way he went into heaven.

Acts 1:12

ULT

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill that is called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, having a journey of a Sabbath.

UST

12 Then {after the two angels left}, the Representatives returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is a short distance from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:13

ULT

13 And when they arrived, they went up into the upper chamber where they were staying, both Peter and John, and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas of James.

UST

13 After they entered the city, they went into the upstairs room {in the house} where they were staying. Those who were there included Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew. They also included another man named James, who was the son of Alphaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas, who was the son of yet another man named James.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:14

ULT

14 They all were continuing unanimously in prayer, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.

UST

14 All these men prayed together regularly and frequently. Others who prayed with them included the women who had traveled with Jesus; Mary, who was Jesus' mother; and his younger brothers.

What were the apostles, the women, Mary, and Jesus' brothers doing in the upper chamber?

They were diligently praying.

Acts 1:15

ULT

15 And in those days Peter, having stood up in the midst of the brothers, said (and the multitude of names to the same was about 120),

UST

15 Now about 120 people were meeting together at that place. At one of the meetings, Peter stood up among his fellow believers {because he was going to say something important}. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:16

ULT

16 “Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to the ones arresting Jesus.

UST

16 “You who believe as I do, there are words that King David wrote in the Scriptures long ago that had to happen as he said they would. The Holy Spirit, who knew that Judas would show Jesus' enemies where to find him and arrest him, inspired David to write those words.

What had been fulfilled in the life of Judas, who betrayed Jesus?

The scripture had been fulfilled by Judas.

Acts 1:17

ULT

17 For he was numbered with us and received a share of this ministry.”

UST

17 But Jesus had chosen Judas, along with the rest of us, to represent him. {So we need to find someone else to take his place.}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:18

ULT

18 (Now indeed this one bought a field from the wage of unrighteousness, and having fallen headfirst, he burst open in the middle, and all his entrails were poured out.

UST

18 This is how Judas died. The Jewish leaders gave Judas money for betraying Jesus. He used that money to buy a field{and he went to that field to kill himself because he felt so badly about what he had done to Jesus}. He fell down onto that field from a high place and landed with such force that his abdomen burst open, and all his intestines spilled out.

What happened to Judas after he received the money for betraying Jesus?

Judas bought a field, fell head first, his body burst wide open, and all his bowels poured out.

Acts 1:19

ULT

19 And it became known to all those living in Jerusalem. Therefore that field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

UST

19 The news about this spread widely among the people of Jerusalem. When they heard about it, they gave that field a new name. In their Aramaic language it was Akeldama, which means “Field of Blood.” {They gave it that name because it was where someone had died.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:20

ULT

20 “For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let not one dwelling be in it,’ and ‘Let another take his overseership.’

UST

20 Peter also said, “What happened to Judas is like what we read in the book of Psalms: ‘May his home become empty, with no one living in it.’ These other words in the Psalms also refer to him: ‘Let someone else take over his work as a leader.’”

In the book of Psalms, what did it say should happen with Judas’ position of leadership?

The Psalms said that Judas’ position of leadership should be fulfilled by someone else.

Acts 1:21

ULT

21 Therefore it is necessary, of the men who accompanied us during all the time in which the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us,

UST

21 “So we need to identify all the men who were with us during the whole time when the Lord Jesus was with us.

What were the requirements for the man who would take Judas’ position of leadership? (vv21-22)

The man taking the position must have accompanied the apostles from the time of the baptism of John, and must have witnessed the resurrection of Jesus.

Acts 1:22

ULT

22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us—one of these {is} to become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

UST

22 {They need to have been with us} from the time when John the Baptizer began his work until the day when Jesus left us and rose up to heaven. One such man must {replace Judas and} join us in telling people about Jesus and how God caused him to live again after he died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:23

ULT

23 And they stood up two, Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was named Justus, and Matthias.

UST

23 So the people who were meeting together suggested two men who could replace Judas. One man was Joseph the son of Sabbas, who also had the name Justus. The other man was Matthias.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:24

ULT
24 And praying, they said, “You, Lord, heart-knower of all, show which one from these two you have chosen

UST
24-25 Then they prayed: “Lord Jesus, Judas stopped representing you as he should have. He has now gone to the place where he deserves to be. You know what every person thinks privately. So please show us which of these two men you have chosen to take the place of Judas as your Representative.”

How did the apostles determine which of the two candidates should take Judas’ position? (vv24-26)
The apostles prayed that God reveal His choice, and then they cast lots.

Acts 1:25

ULT
25 to take this place of ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

UST
24-25 Then they prayed: “Lord Jesus, Judas stopped representing you as he should have. He has now gone to the place where he deserves to be. You know what every person thinks privately. So please show us which of these two men you have chosen to take the place of Judas as your Representative.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 1:26

ULT
26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was chosen together with the 11 apostles.

UST
26 Then they cast lots to choose between the two of them. The lot indicated that Matthias was the one to replace Judas. So he became a Representative along with the 11 others.

Who was then numbered with the eleven apostles?
Matthias was then numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 2

Acts 2:1

ULT

[1] And when the day of Pentecost was completely filled, they were all together to the same.

UST

[1] On the day when the Jews were celebrating the Pentecost festival, the believers were all together in one place {in the city of Jerusalem}.

On what Jewish festival day were all the disciples together?
The disciples were together on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:2

ULT

[2] And suddenly a sound came from heaven, as of a strong wind being borne along, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

UST

[2] Suddenly, they heard a noise coming from the sky that sounded like a wind blowing loudly. Everyone in the entire house where they were sitting heard the noise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:3

ULT

[3] And tongues as if of fire appeared to them, distributing themselves, and they sat upon each one of them.

UST

[3] Then they saw what looked like burning flames. These flames separated from one another and came to rest on each of the believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:4

ULT

[4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit was giving them to speak out.

UST

[4] Then all of the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had never learned. The Spirit was making it possible for them to do that fluently.

When the Holy Spirit came into the house, what did the disciples begin to do?

The disciples began to speak with other languages.

Acts 2:5

ULT

[5] Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, godly men, from every nation of those under heaven.

UST

[5] At that time many Jews were staying in Jerusalem {to celebrate the Pentecost festival}. They were Jewish people who sincerely worshiped God. They had come from many different countries around the world.

At this time in Jerusalem, from where had godly Jews come?

The godly Jews had come from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6

ULT

[6] And when this sound happened, the multitude came together and was confused, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language.

UST

[6] When they heard this loud noise, a large crowd {of these Jews} gathered {at the place where the believers were}. The people in the crowd were amazed because they were each hearing the believers speak in their own languages.

Why was the multitude confused when they heard the disciples speaking?

The multitude was confused because everyone heard them speaking in his own language.

Acts 2:7

ULT

[7] And they were all amazed and were marveling, saying, “Behold, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

UST

[7] They were all completely amazed, and they said to each other, “Listen, all these people who are speaking have come from Galilee. {So they cannot possibly know our languages!}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:8

ULT

[8] And how are we hearing, each in our own language in which we were born?

UST

[8] But all of us hear them speaking our own native languages!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:9

ULT

[9] Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those inhabiting Mesopotamia, Judea and also Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

UST

[9] Some of us are people from the regions of Parthia and Media and Elam. Others of us are from the regions of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:10

ULT

[10] Phrygia and also Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya that {are} near Cyrene, and Romans visiting,

UST

[10] There are some people here from the regions of Phrygia and Pamphylia, from the country of Egypt, and from the regions in Libya that are near the city of Cyrene. There are others of us who are here visiting Jerusalem from Rome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:11

ULT
11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we are hearing them speaking in our tongues the great things of God."

UST
11 They include native Jews as well as non-Jews who have chosen to believe and practice what Jews believe. And others of us are from the island of Crete and from the region of Arabia. And yet we can hear these people speaking in all our different languages about the mighty works that God has done!"

About what were the disciples speaking?
The disciples were telling about the mighty works of God.

Acts 2:12

ULT
12 So they were all amazed and were perplexed, saying one to another, "What does this want to be?"

UST
12 The people wondered {about what was happening} and did not know what to think {about it}. So they asked one another, "What is happening here?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:13

ULT
13 But others, mocking, were saying, "They are filled with sweet wine."

UST
13 But some of them made fun of what they saw. They said, "{These people are talking like this because} they have drunk too much wine!"

What did some who were mocking the disciples think? (vv13-15)
Some mocked and thought they were full of new wine.

Acts 2:14

ULT

14 But Peter, having stood with the eleven, raised up his voice and spoke out to them, “Men, Jews, and all who are inhabiting Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and take my words into your ears.

UST

14 In response, Peter stood up with all the other Representatives and spoke loudly to the crowd of people. He said, “You Jewish people and all of you others who live here in Jerusalem, listen to me and I will explain to you what is happening!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:15

ULT

15 For these are not drunk as you are assuming, for it is the third hour of the day.

UST

15 Some of you think that we are drunk, but we are not drunk. It is only nine o’clock in the morning{, and people here never get drunk at this time of the day}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:16

ULT

16 But this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

UST

16 Instead, what has happened to us is the {miraculous} thing that the prophet Joel wrote about {long ago}. He wrote:

What did Peter say was being fulfilled at this time? (vv16-20)

Peter said the prophecy of Joel was being fulfilled that said God would pour out his Spirit upon all flesh.

Acts 2:17

ULT

17 "'And it will be in the last days," God says, "I will pour out from my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.

UST

17 'During the last days,' God says, 'I will give my Holy Spirit to all kinds of people. Your sons and daughters will tell people my messages. I will give visions to the young men, and I will give inspired dreams to the old men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:18

ULT

18 And even on my male servants and on my female servants in those days I will pour out from my Spirit, and they will prophesy.

UST

18 During those days I will give my Holy Spirit to my servants, both men and women, so they can tell people my messages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:19

ULT

19 And I will give wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

UST

19 I will cause things to happen in the sky that will make people marvel. I will cause things to happen on the earth that will show that great events are going to take place. Here on the earth there will be blood, fire, and smoke everywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:20

ULT
20 The sun will be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood before the great and remarkable day of the Lord comes.

UST
20 In the sky the sun will appear dark to people and the moon will appear red to them. Those things will happen before the momentous time when I, the Lord God, come to judge everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:21

ULT
21 And it will be, everyone who may call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

UST
21 But even though I am coming to judge and punish sin, I will save all those who repent and ask me to forgive their sins.'"

In Joel's prophecy, who are the ones that will be saved?
Those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:22

ULT
22 Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene {was} a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in the midst of you, as you yourselves know.

UST
22 {Peter continued speaking. He said,} "You Israelites, listen to me! When Jesus from Nazareth lived among you, God proved to you that he had sent him by enabling him to do many amazing miracles. These showed that he was from God. You yourselves know that this is true.

How was Jesus' ministry authenticated by God?
Jesus' ministry was authenticated by the mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him.

Acts 2:23

ULT
23 This one, given up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you killed by the hand of the lawless, having fastened,

UST
23 Even though you knew that, you urged people who do not obey God's law to take action to kill Jesus. They did that by nailing him to a cross. However, God had already planned for that to happen, and he knew what the results would be, so he allowed it.

Whose plan was it that Jesus be crucified?
Jesus was crucified by God's determined plan.

Acts 2:24

ULT
24 whom God raised up, having loosed the agonies of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

UST
24 Jesus died, but God caused him to become alive again and no longer dead, because it was not possible for him to stay dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:25

ULT
25 For David says about him, 'I saw the Lord before me through all, for he is at my right so that I should not be moved.

UST
25 Long ago King David wrote what the Messiah said: 'I knew that you, Lord God, would always be there to protect me. You are right beside me, so I will not be afraid of those who want to harm me.

In the Old Testament, what did King David prophesy about God's Holy One? (vv25-27)
King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

Acts 2:26

ULT

26 Because of this, my heart was glad and my tongue exulted. And indeed, my flesh will also dwell in hope.

UST

26 Because of that, I am happy, and I joyfully praise you, O God. And I am completely confident {that you will cause me to become alive again after I die}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:27

ULT

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor will you allow your Holy One to see decay.

UST

27 I am confident because I know that you will not make me remain in the place where the dead are. You will not even let my body waste away, because you have chosen me for a special purpose.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:28

ULT

28 You made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with gladness with your face.'

UST

28 You have shown me how to live again. You will make me very happy because you will be with me {forever}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:29

ULT

29 Men, brothers, it is possible to speak with confidence to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

UST

29 {Peter continued,} "You who are Jews like me, I can tell you confidently that our ancient ruler, King David, died and that his subjects buried him. In fact, his body is still here now at the place where they buried him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:30

ULT

30 Therefore, being a prophet and having known that God had sworn to him with an oath to set from the fruit of his loins upon his throne,

UST

30 So we know that King David was not talking about himself in this psalm. Instead, he was a prophet, and he knew that God promised to him that one of his descendants would become king after him.

What promise had God made to King David about his descendants?
God had promised King David that one of his descendants would sit upon his throne.

Acts 2:31

ULT

31 having foreseen this, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see decay.

UST

31 A long time ago, David knew what God would do. He said that God would cause Jesus the Messiah to live again after he died. God would not allow him to remain in a grave. God would not even let him be dead long enough for his body to begin to decompose.

In the Old Testament, what did King David prophesy about God's Holy One?
King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

Acts 2:32

ULT

32 This Jesus, God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.

UST

32 After this man Jesus had died, God made him alive again. All of us who are standing here before you can testify to this. {We all saw him alive after he had died.}

Who was God's Holy One who did not see decay and would sit upon the throne?
Jesus was the prophesied Holy One and King.

Acts 2:33

ULT

33 Therefore, having been exalted to the right of God and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out this which you both see and hear.

UST

33 So we are not babbling drunkenly. Instead, this is what has happened. God has greatly honored Jesus by giving him a position next to him in heaven. Jesus has received the Holy Spirit from God his Father, just as God promised. And now Jesus has generously given us the Holy Spirit, and God has confirmed that gift by doing this miracle that you are witnessing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:34

ULT

34 For David did not ascend to the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right

UST

34 We know that David was not speaking about himself, because David did not go up into heaven {as Jesus did}. Besides that, David himself said this about the Messiah: ‘The Lord God said to my Lord the Messiah, “I will honor you by giving you a position next to me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:35

ULT

35 until I make your enemies a stool for your feet.”’

UST

35 while I completely defeat your enemies.”’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:36

ULT

36 Therefore, let all the house of Israel know certainly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

UST

36 {Peter ended by saying,} "So I want every Israelite to know definitely that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, this same Jesus whom you had nailed to a cross and killed."

Peter preached that God had now given Jesus what two titles?

God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:37

ULT

37 And hearing this they were pierced in the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men, brothers, what should we do?"

UST

37 When the people heard what Peter said, they knew they had done wrong. The people asked him and the other Representatives, "Can you men tell us what God wants us to do?"

When the multitude heard Peter's preaching, what was their response?

The multitude asked what they should do.

Acts 2:38

ULT

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

UST

38 Peter answered them, "Each of you should turn away from your sinful behavior. If you now believe in what Jesus, the Messiah, has done for you, we will baptize you, showing that God has forgiven your sins, and he will give you his Holy Spirit.

What did Peter tell the multitude to do?

Peter told the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

Acts 2:39

ULT

39 For the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are at a distance, as many as the Lord our God may call.”

UST

39 You will receive the Holy Spirit because God has promised to give him to you and to your children and to all others whom the God we worship leads to have faith in Jesus. That includes all those who live far away from here."

For whom did Peter say was God’s promise?

Peter said God’s promise was for the multitude, their children, and all who were far off.

Acts 2:40

ULT

40 And with many other words he testified and urged them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”

UST

40 Peter said many more things and spoke strongly to them. He told them, “Ask God to save you so that he will not punish you when he punishes these evil people {who have rejected Jesus}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:41

ULT

41 Therefore, having received his word, they were baptized, and about 3,000 souls were added in that day.

UST

41 So the people who believed Peter’s message received baptism. There were about 3,000 of them who joined the group of believers that day.

How many people were baptized that day?

About three thousand people were baptized.

Acts 2:42

ULT
42 And they were continuing in the teaching of the apostles and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

UST
42 They continually obeyed what the Representatives taught. They met many times together with the other believers, and they ate a meal and prayed together every day.

In what did the baptized people continue?
They continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

Acts 2:43

ULT
43 And fear was coming on every soul, and many wonders and signs were happening through the apostles.

UST
43 Throughout Jerusalem people came to have a great awe for God, because the Representatives were doing many kinds of miraculous deeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:44

ULT
44 And all those believing were to the same and had all things in common,

UST
44 All of those who believed in Jesus met regularly together. They also kept sharing what they had with one another.

What did those who believed do to help those in need? (vv44-45)
They sold their property and possessions and distributed them to all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:45

ULT
45 and they were selling properties and possessions and they were distributing them to all, as anyone might have need

UST
45 From time to time some of them sold some of their land and some of the other things that they owned. They did this so that they could give some of the money they made to other believers. They gave those believers as much as they needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 2:46

ULT
46 and, continuing unanimously every day in the temple and breaking bread in each house, they were sharing food with exultation and sincerity of heart,

UST
46 Every day they kept gathering to worship together in the temple courtyard, and then they would have meals together in their homes. They ate together happily and with genuine affection.

Where were the believers meeting at this time?
The believers were meeting in the Temple.

Acts 2:47

ULT
47 praising God and having favor with the whole people, and each day the Lord was adding the ones being saved to the same.

UST
47 As they did so, they kept praising God, and the other people who lived in Jerusalem greatly respected them. {As those things were happening,} every day the Lord Jesus saved more people and those people joined with the other believers.

Who was adding day by day to the group of believers?
The Lord added day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 3

Acts 3:1

ULT
1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

UST
1 One day Peter and John were going to the temple to pray. It was three o'clock in the afternoon, the time when people prayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:2

ULT
2 And a certain man, being lame from the womb of his mother, was being carried, whom each day they placed at the gate of the temple that is called Beautiful to ask for alms from those going into the temple,

UST
2 There was a man there who had not been able to walk from the time he was born. He was sitting by the Beautiful Gate at the entrance to the temple area. People carried him there every day so that he could ask those who were going into the temple area to give him some money.

Who did Peter and John see on their way into the Temple?
Peter and John saw a man lame from birth who begged at the Temple door.

Acts 3:3

ULT
3 who, seeing Peter and John being about to enter into the temple, asked to receive alms.

UST
3 As Peter and John were approaching that gate, he saw them and asked them to give him some money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:4

ULT
4 But Peter, looking intently at him with John, said, “Look at us.”

UST
4 When they heard the man speak to them, Peter and John looked directly at him, and Peter said to him, “Look at us!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:5

ULT
5 So he paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

UST
5 So he looked directly at them, expecting to get some money from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:6

ULT
6 But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk.”

UST
6 Then Peter said to him, “I do not have any money, but I will do what I can do for you. I heal you by the power of Jesus the Messiah, that man who came from the city of Nazareth. So get up and walk!”

What did Peter not give to the man?
Peter did not give to the man silver and gold.

Acts 3:7

ULT

[7] And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

UST

[7] Then Peter grasped the man's right hand and helped him to stand up. The man realized immediately that his feet and ankles were going to be strong enough to support him.

What did Peter do for the man?

Peter gave the man the ability to walk.

Acts 3:8

ULT

[8] And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.

UST

[8] So the man jumped {the rest of the way} up {by himself} and started walking! He went into the temple area with Peter and John, leaping for joy and praising God as he walked!

How did the man react to what Peter gave him?

The man entered the Temple walking, leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:9

ULT

[9] And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

UST

[9] All the people who were there saw him walking and heard him praising God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:10

ULT

10 And they recognized him, that he was the one sitting for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

UST

10 They recognized that he was the man who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate that led into the temple area and ask people for money! So all the people there were greatly amazed that he could now walk.

How did the people react who saw the man in the Temple?

The people were filled with wonder and amazement.

Acts 3:11

ULT

11 And as he was holding Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, marveling.

UST

11 The man would not let go of Peter and John. The three of them were in Solomon's Porch{, a covered walkway within the temple area}. As the amazing news of the man's healing spread through the crowd, more and more people came running over to see them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:12

ULT

12 But Peter, seeing this, replied to the people, “Men, Israelites, why do you marvel at this? Or why do you look intently at us, as if we have made him to walk by our own power or godliness?

UST

12 When Peter saw that a crowd was gathering around them, he said to the people, “You Israelites, it should not surprise you that this man can now walk. But you should not be looking at us as if we were so godly that we made him walk by our own power!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:13

ULT

13 The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his Servant Jesus, whom you indeed delivered up and rejected before the face of Pilate, when that one had decided to release him.

UST

13 {Let me tell you what has really happened.} God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We Israelites are descendants of those men, so the covenant includes us. God honored that covenant by sending Jesus to be the Messiah. {We told this man that the power of Jesus could heal him, and} God has now glorified Jesus by doing this miracle. But when Jesus was living among us, you turned him over to the Romans for trial. Pilate, the Roman governor, {knew that Jesus was innocent and} wanted to set him free. But you gathered in front of Pilate and shouted that he should not release him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:14

ULT

14 But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a man, a murderer, to be granted to you,

UST

14 Rather than have Pilate release Jesus to you, even though Jesus was the Messiah, you rejected him and asked Pilate to set free a killer instead!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:15

ULT

15 and you killed the Originator of Life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

UST

15 So you are responsible for the death of Jesus, the one who gives people life. But God brought him back to life after he died. We can testify that we saw Jesus many times after he became alive again.

What did Peter remind the people they had done with Jesus?

Peter reminded the people that they had killed Jesus.

Acts 3:16

ULT

16 And by faith in his name, this one whom you see and know, his name has made strong. And the faith that {is} through him has given to him this complete health in the presence of all of you.

UST

16 You recognize this man whom you see standing here. {He is the man who used to beg for alms at the Beautiful Gate.} He is now strong enough to stand on his own because he believed in what Jesus could do. Yes, it is because he trusted in Jesus that he is now completely healthy. All of you saw this happen.

What did Peter say had made the man well?

Peter said that faith in Jesus' name had made the man well.

Acts 3:17

ULT

17 And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as also your rulers.

UST

17 "Now, my countrymen, I know that you and your leaders killed Jesus because you did not know that he was the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:18

ULT

18 But what God foretold through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he has fulfilled thus.

UST

18 God said through the prophets ahead of time that the Messiah he would send would suffer and die. And now, by what has happened, he has fulfilled what the prophets said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:19

ULT
[19] Repent, therefore, and turn back for your sins to be wiped away,

UST
[19] So stop living sinful lives and ask God to help you do what pleases him. Then God will completely forgive you for sinning against him.

What did Peter tell the people to do?
Peter told the people to repent.

Acts 3:20

ULT
[20] so that times of refreshment may come from the face of the Lord and he may send the one appointed for you, Christ Jesus,

UST
[20] If you do that, there will be times when you will know that the Lord God is helping you. And some day he will send back to earth the Messiah whom he has given to you. That person is Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:21

ULT
[21] whom it is necessary for heaven to receive until the times of the restoration of all things, about which God spoke from the age through the mouth of his holy prophets.

UST
[21] Jesus will certainly stay in heaven until the time when God causes all that he created to become new. Long ago God promised to do that, and he chose holy prophets to tell that to people.

Peter said that the heavens would receive Jesus until what time?
Peter said that until the time of restoration of all things, Jesus would be received in the heavens.

Acts 3:22

ULT

22 Moses indeed said, ‘The Lord our God [1] will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You will listen to him according to everything—whatever he may speak to you.

UST

22 For example, {the prophet} Moses said this {about the Messiah}: ‘The Lord our God will make one of you Israelites a prophet like me. You must do everything he tells you to do.

What did Moses say about Jesus?

Moses said that the Lord God would raise up a prophet like himself to whom the people would listen.

Acts 3:23

ULT

23 But it will be that every soul that does not listen to that prophet will be destroyed from the people.’

UST

23 Those who do not do what that prophet tells them will no longer belong to God’s people. God will destroy them.’”

What will happen to every person who does not listen to Jesus?

The person who does not listen to Jesus will be completely destroyed.

Acts 3:24

ULT

24 And indeed, all the prophets from Samuel and those after him, as many as have spoken, have also announced these days.

UST

24 {Peter continued,} “In fact, all the prophets have told about what would happen during the times we are now living in. Those prophets include Samuel and the ones who lived after him, who all spoke about these events before they happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 3:25

ULT

25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.’

UST

25 What the prophets said long ago applies to you today. And the solemn agreement that God made to bless our ancestors also extends to you, their descendants. He said to Abraham {about the Messiah}, ‘I will bless all the people groups on the earth as a result of what your descendant will do.’”

Of what Old Testament covenant promise did Peter remind the people?

Peter reminded the people that they were sons of the covenant God made with Abraham when God said, “In your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Acts 3:26

ULT

26 God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to you first, blessing you by turning each of you from your wickedness.”
3:22 [1] while other ancient manuscripts read and still others read

UST

26 So when God sent Jesus to the earth as the Messiah, he had him come to you Israelites first. God intended for the Messiah to bless you by getting you to stop doing things that were wrong.”

How did God desire to bless the Jews?

God desired to bless the Jews by sending Jesus to them first to turn them from their wickedness.

Acts 4

Acts 4:1

ULT

[1] And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came up to them,

UST

[1] While Peter and John were still speaking to the people, several men walked up and confronted them. They included priests who served in the temple, the officer in charge of the temple guard, and some members of the Sadducee group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:2

ULT

[2] greatly troubled because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection that {is} from the dead.

UST

[2] These men were very angry because these two men were teaching the people. They were telling the people that what God did for Jesus shows that God causes people to live again after they die.

What were Peter and John teaching the people in the Temple?

Peter and John were teaching about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

Acts 4:3

ULT

[3] And they laid hands on them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening.

UST

[3] So these men arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. They did this because it was already evening and the Jewish council would have to wait until the next day to question them.

How did the rulers of the Temple, the priests, and the Sadducees react to Peter and John's teaching?

They arrested Peter and John and put them in jail.

Acts 4:4

ULT

4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men became about 5,000.

UST

4 However, many people who had heard Peter speak put their faith in Jesus. The number of men who believed in Jesus increased to about five thousand.

How did the people react to Peter and John's teaching?
Many people believed, about five thousand.

Acts 4:5

ULT

5 And it happened that on the next day their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem,

UST

5 The next day the high priest called the other chief priests, the teachers of the Jewish laws, and the other members of the Jewish council. They all assembled in one place in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:6

ULT

6 and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were from the high priestly family.

UST

6 Annas, the former high priest, was there. Caiaphas, the new high priest, was also there. And so were John and Alexander and other men who were related to the high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:7

ULT

[7] And having set them in {their} midst, they asked them, “By what power or in what name have you done this?”

UST

[7] They commanded guards to bring Peter and John into the room, and then they asked Peter and John, “Who gave you the right or the ability to do this?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:8

ULT

[8] Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders,

UST

[8] As the Holy Spirit gave him power, Peter said to them in response, “You fellow Israelites who rule us and all of you elders, listen to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:9

ULT

[9] if we are being questioned today concerning a good deed to a sick man, by what means he was made well,

UST

[9] Today you are questioning us about a good deed we did for a man who could not walk. You want to know how he became able to walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:10

ULT

10 let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this one this {man} stands before you healthy.

UST

10 So we want this whole council and all the other Israelites to know what has happened. This man is able to stand before you because Jesus from Nazareth, the Messiah, healed him. You were responsible for the Romans executing Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God brought Jesus back to life after they executed him.

By what power or in what name did Peter say he had healed the man in the Temple?

Peter said that in the name of Jesus Christ he had healed the man in the Temple.

Acts 4:11

ULT

11 He is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the head of the corner.

UST

11 Jesus the Messiah of Nazareth is the one of whom the Scriptures say, ‘The stone that the builders threw away has become the most important stone in the building.’ And you are those builders{, because you rejected Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:12

ULT

12 And there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

UST

12 {So you should no longer reject him, because} only Jesus can save us. For God has given us no other person in the world who can save us {from the guilt of our sins}!”

What did Peter say was the only way by which we may be saved?

Peter said that there is no other name except Jesus by which we may be saved.

Acts 4:13

ULT

13 And seeing the boldness of Peter and John, and realizing that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they marveled, and they recognized them, that they had been with Jesus.

UST

13 The Jewish leaders recognized that Peter and John were not afraid of them. They also realized that these two men were ordinary people who had not studied in schools. So the leaders were amazed. They knew that these men had spent time with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:14

ULT

14 But seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

UST

14 They also saw the man who had become able to walk again standing there with Peter and John. So they were not able to say anything to contradict them.

Why could the Jewish leaders say nothing against Peter and John?

The leaders could say nothing because the man who had been healed was standing with Peter and John.

Acts 4:15

ULT

15 But having commanded them to go outside the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves,

UST

15 The Jewish leaders told guards to take Peter, John, and this man outside of the room where they were meeting. After they did so, the leaders talked with each other {about Peter and John}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:16

ULT

[16] saying, “What should we do to these men? For it is evident to everyone living in Jerusalem that a notable sign has happened through them, and we are not able to deny it.

UST

[16] They said, “There is nothing that we can do to punish these two men! The news of the amazing miracle that they have done has spread widely in Jerusalem. So we cannot tell people that it did not happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:17

ULT

[17] But so that it may not be spread unto more among the people, let us warn them no longer to speak in this name to any of men.”

UST

[17] However, we must not allow any more people to hear what they have been teaching about this Jesus. So we must tell these men that we will punish them if they continue to tell other people about the one who they say gave them the power to heal this man.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:18

ULT

[18] And summoning them, they commanded them neither to speak nor to teach at all in the name of Jesus.

UST

[18] So the Jewish leaders told the guards to bring them into the room again. After the guards had done so, they told them both that they were completely forbidden to speak or teach about Jesus.

What did the Jewish leaders command Peter and John not to do?

The Jewish leaders commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach about Jesus.

Acts 4:19

ULT

[19] But answering, Peter and John said to them, “Whether it is right before God to listen to you rather than to God, you judge.

UST

[19] But Peter and John told them in response, “In order to obey your command, we would have to disobey God{, who commanded us to tell everyone about Jesus}. We will let you decide whether you think God would want us to obey you instead of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:20

ULT

[20] For we are not able not to speak what we have seen and heard.”

UST

[20] But as for us, we cannot obey you. We will not stop telling people about what we saw Jesus do and what we heard him teach.”

How did Peter and John answer the Jewish leaders?

Peter and John said that they could not help but speak about the things they had seen and heard.

Acts 4:21

ULT

[21] So, having warned them further, they released them, finding nothing for which they might punish them, on account of the people, for they were all glorifying God for what had happened.

UST

[21] Then the Jewish leaders again told Peter and John not to disobey them. But then they let them go without punishing them. The leaders knew that throughout Jerusalem people were praising God for what had happened {to the man who could not walk, and they did not want to upset the people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:22

ULT

22 For the man to whom this sign of healing had happened was more than 40 years old.

UST

22 The people were praising God because {this was a remarkable miracle}. The man whom Peter and John had healed by doing this miracle was over forty years old, {and he had never before walked in his life}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:23

ULT

23 But having been released, they came to {their} own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

UST

23 After Peter and John left the council, they met with the others who believed in Jesus and told them everything that the people on the ruling council had said to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:24

ULT

24 And having heard, they raised their voice unanimously to God and said, “Lord, you {are} the one having made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that {is} in them,

UST

24 When the others who believed in Jesus heard this, they prayed together aloud to God, “O Lord! You made the sky, the earth, the oceans, and everything in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:25

ULT

25 the one having said by the Holy Spirit from the mouth of our father David, your servant, ‘Why did the nations rage, and the peoples imagine useless things?

UST

25 Your Holy Spirit caused our ancestor, King David, who served you, to write these words: ‘Why did the people groups of the world become angry and why did they plan uselessly {against God}?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:26

ULT

26 The kings of the earth took their stand and the rulers were gathered to the same against the Lord and against his Christ.’

UST

26 The kings in the world prepared to fight, and the rulers joined with them to oppose the Lord God and the one whom he had chosen to be the Messiah.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:27

ULT

27 For in truth both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the nations and the people of Israel, were gathered together in this city against your holy Servant Jesus, whom you anointed,

UST

27 What David said is true! Both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with people who were Israelites and people who were not, joined together in this city of Jerusalem to oppose Jesus. They opposed him even though he had done nothing wrong and even though you, God, had sent him as the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:28

ULT
28 to do all that your hand and your counsel had predetermined to happen.

UST
28 {But when they opposed Jesus,} they did no more than you allowed because it was what you had decided long ago would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:29

ULT
29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness

UST
29 So now, Lord, listen to what they are saying about how they will punish us! Help us who serve you to speak about Jesus without being afraid at all!

What did the believers ask for from God in response to the warnings from the Jewish leaders? (vv29-30)
The believers asked for boldness to speak the word, and for signs and wonders to be done in Jesus' name.

Acts 4:30

ULT
30 as you stretch out your hand to heal and for signs and wonders to happen through the name of your holy Servant Jesus."

UST
30 Use your power to do great healings and many other miraculous deeds that will show the authority you have given to Jesus, your chosen Messiah!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:31

ULT

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were speaking the word of God with boldness.

UST

31 When the believers had finished praying, the place where they were meeting started to shake. The Holy Spirit gave them all power to tell people about Jesus as God had commanded, and they did that with great courage.

What happened after the believers finished their prayer?

After the believers finished their prayer, the place they were gathered was shaken, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:32

ULT

32 Now the multitude of those who believed was one in heart and soul. And not one said that any of the things that were to him was his own, but everything was common to them.

UST

32 Those in the group of people who believed in Jesus were in complete agreement about what they believed and what they wanted. Not one of them said that he was the sole owner of anything. Instead, they shared what they had with one another.

How were the needs of the believers provided for?

The believers had all things in common, and those who owned property sold it and gave the money to be distributed according to need.

Acts 4:33

ULT

33 And with great power the apostles were proclaiming the testimony of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

UST

33 The Representatives continued to preach powerfully that God had caused the Lord Jesus to live again after he died. And God was helping all the believers very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:34

ULT

34 For there was not anyone needy among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses, selling them, were bringing the price of the things being sold

UST

34 Here is one way God was helping them. No one among the believers was lacking anything. This was because other believers who owned fields or houses would sell some of their property to help them. They would bring the proceeds from the sale

How were the needs of the believers provided for? (vv34-35)

The believers had all things in common, and those who owned property sold it and gave the money to be distributed according to need.

Acts 4:35

ULT

35 and they were laying it at the feet of the apostles, and it was being distributed to each one, according as anyone had need.

UST

35 and they would give it to the Representatives, who would then give out the money to the believers who needed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 4:36

ULT

36 Then Joseph, called Barnabas by the apostles (which, being translated, is Son of Encouragement), a Levite from Cyprus by lineage,

UST

36 Now there was a man named Joseph who belonged to the tribe of Levi and who came from the island of Cyprus. The Representatives called him Barnabas. In the language of the Jews, that name means a person who always encourages others.

What was the new name, meaning the “Son of Encouragement,” given to the man who sold his field and gave the money to the apostles?

The new name given to Joseph, who sold his field and gave the money to the apostles, was "Barnabas."

Acts 4:37

ULT

37 selling a field that was to him, brought the money and laid it at the feet of the apostles.

UST

37 Barnabas sold a field that belonged to him, and he brought the money to the Representatives {for them to give to other believers}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5

Acts 5:1

ULT

[1] Now a certain man, Ananias by name, with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of land,

UST

[1] Now there was one of the believers whose name was Ananias. He was married, and his wife's name was Sapphira. They also sold some land.

What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit? (vv1-2)

Ananias and Sapphira lied, saying that they were giving the entire sale price of their property, but actually only giving a part of the sale price.

Acts 5:2

ULT

[2] and he kept back from the price, {his} wife also knowing, and bringing a certain portion, he laid it at the feet of the apostles.

UST

[2] He kept for himself some of the money he had received for the land. His wife knew that he had done that. Then he brought the rest of the money and gave it to the Representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:3

ULT

[3] But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back from the price of the land?

UST

[3] Then Peter said, "Ananias, you have allowed Satan to control you so completely that you tried to deceive the Holy Spirit. You kept for yourself some of the money you received for selling the land. {You did not give us all of it.}

To whom did Peter say Ananias and Sapphira had lied? (vv3-4)

Peter said that Ananias and Sapphira had not lied to men, but to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:4

ULT

4 While it remained, did it not remain yours, and being sold, was it {not} in your authority? How {is it} that you placed this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to God.”

UST

4 Before you sold that land, you truly owned it. And after you sold it, the money was still yours. So you should never have thought about doing such a wicked thing. You were not just trying to deceive people! No, you were trying to deceive God himself!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:5

ULT

5 And hearing these words, Ananias, falling down, expired, and great fear came upon all who heard.

UST

5 When Ananias heard the things Peter told him, he immediately fell down dead. And everyone who learned {about Ananias’ death} felt a great awe for God.

What was God’s judgment on Ananias?

God killed Ananias.

Acts 5:6

ULT

6 So rising up, the young men wrapped him up and, carrying him out, they buried him.

UST

6 When Ananias died, some young men came forward, wrapped his body in a sheet, and carried it out and buried it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:7

ULT

[7] And an interval of about three hours happened, and his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.

UST

[7] About three hours later, his wife came in. But she did not know that Peter confronted her husband about the lie they had told and that her husband had died as a result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:8

ULT

[8] And Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much.” And she said, “Yes, for so much.”

UST

[8] Then Peter showed her the money that Ananias had brought and asked her, “Tell me, is this the amount of money you two received for the land you sold?” She said, “Yes, that is what we received.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:9

ULT

[9] So Peter said to her, “How {is it} that it was agreed together by you to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who buried your husband {are} at the door, and they will carry you out.”

UST

[9] So Peter said to her, “You both did a terrible thing when you agreed to try to deceive the Holy Spirit! This is what will happen to you as a result. {God struck your husband dead as a punishment and} some young men are just coming back from burying him. God is also going to strike you dead, and they will take your body out and bury it as well."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:10

ULT

[10] And immediately she fell down at his feet and expired. And having come in, the young men found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.

UST

[10] Immediately Sapphira fell down dead right in front of Peter. Just then the young men came back in. When they saw that she had also died, they carried her body out and buried it next to her husband's body.

What was God's judgment on Sapphira?
God killed Sapphira.

Acts 5:11

ULT

[11] And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all those hearing these things.

UST

[11] All the believers in Jerusalem felt a great awe for God because of what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira. Everyone else who heard about these things also felt great awe for God.

What was the reaction of the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira?
Great fear came upon the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira.

Acts 5:12

ULT

[12] And many signs and wonders were happening through the hands of the apostles among the people, and they were all unanimously at the Porch of Solomon.

UST

[12] God was enabling the Representatives to do many amazing miracles {that showed the truth of what they were preaching} among the people. All the believers were meeting together regularly in the temple courtyard at the place called Solomon's Porch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:13

ULT
13 But none of the others dared to join them; however, the people extolled them.

UST
13 All of the other people who had not believed in Jesus were afraid to meet with the believers. However, those people continued to speak very highly of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:14

ULT
14 And more believers were being added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and of women,

UST
14 Many more men and women started believing in the Lord Jesus, and they joined the group of believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:15

ULT
15 so that they even carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, so that as Peter came by, at least {his} shadow might overshadow any one of them.

UST
15 Because the people were seeing such amazing miracles, they started bringing those who had various diseases right into the streets and placing them on stretchers and mattresses there. They were hoping that when Peter walked by his shadow might touch some of them, because if even that happened, God would heal them.

What were some people doing to have the sick healed? (vv15-16)
Some were carrying the sick into the streets so Peter's shadow might fall on them, and others brought the sick from other towns to Jerusalem.

Acts 5:16

ULT

16 And a multitude also came together from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted by unclean spirits, who were all healed.

UST

16 Large crowds of people were also coming from the towns near Jerusalem. They were bringing those who had various diseases and those whom evil spirits were tormenting, and God healed all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:17

ULT

17 But rising up, the high priest and all those with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees) were filled with jealousy,

UST

17 However, the high priest became very resentful {that such large crowds were coming to the Representatives}. Many priests who were members of the Sadducee group were also very resentful of them. They joined together with the high priest to work against them.

How did the Sadducees react to all of the sick being healed in Jerusalem? (vv17-18)

The Sadducees were filled with jealousy and put the apostles in jail.

Acts 5:18

ULT

18 and they laid hands on the apostles and put them in the public prison.

UST

18 So they commanded the temple guards to arrest them and to put them in the public jail.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:19

ULT
19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, bringing them out, and said,

UST
19 {The high priest and his allies kept them in jail overnight so that they could question them in the morning.} But that night an angel from the Lord God opened the jail doors and led all the Representatives outside. Then the angel told them,

How did the apostles get out of jail?
An angel came and opened the doors of the jail and let them out.

Acts 5:20

ULT
20 “Go and, standing in the temple, speak to the people all the words of this life.”

UST
20 “Go to the temple courtyard, stand there, and tell the people about the eternal life that Jesus can give them. Do not leave anything out, even though the Sanhedrin has commanded you not to say certain things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:21

ULT
21 And having heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and were teaching. And having arrived, the high priest and those with him called together the Sanhedrin, even all the elders of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison to bring the apostles.

UST
21 So when the Representatives heard what the angel said, they went to the temple courtyard and began to teach the people once more about Jesus. By then it was about dawn. Around that same time, the high priest and the other priests who were working with him gathered together in the Jewish council chamber. From there they summoned the other council members. Together they were all the leaders of Israel. Once the whole council was present, they sent guards to the jail to get the Representatives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:22

ULT
22 But having arrived, the officers did not find them in the prison, so having returned, they reported,

UST
22 But when the guards arrived at the jail, they discovered that they were not there. So they returned to the council and told the members,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:23

ULT
23 saying, “We found the prison shut in all security and the guards standing at the doors, but having opened, we found no one inside.”

UST
23 “We saw that the jail doors were very safely locked and that the guards were keeping watch in front of the doors. But when we opened the doors {and went in to get those men}, none of them were inside the jail.”

What did the officers of the high priest find when they went to the jail?
The officers found the jail securely shut, but no one inside.

Acts 5:24

ULT
24 And when both the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed concerning them, as to what this might become.

UST
24 When the chief priests and the officer in charge of the temple guards heard that, they were greatly confused. They wondered what the consequences would be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:25

ULT

25 Then someone, having arrived, reported to them, “Behold, the men whom you put in the prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”

UST

25 Then someone came and reported to them, “Listen to this! The men you put in jail have somehow gotten into the temple courtyard. And they are telling the people there about Jesus!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:26

ULT

26 Then the captain, going with the officers, brought them back, not with violence, for they feared the people, lest they stone them.

UST

26 So the officer in charge of the temple guards went to the temple courtyard with the officers. They brought the Representatives back {to the council room}. But they did not treat them roughly. They were afraid that if they did that, the people would try to kill them by throwing stones at them.

Why did the officers bring the apostles back to the high priest and council without violence?

The officers feared that the people might stone them.

Acts 5:27

ULT

27 And having brought them, they set them in the Sanhedrin, and the high priest interrogated them,

UST

27 After the captain and his officers had brought the Representatives to the council room, they commanded them to stand in front of the council members. Then the high priest questioned them intensely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:28

ULT

28 saying, “We commanded you with a command not to teach in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you desire to bring upon us the blood of this man.”

UST

28 He said to them, “We ordered you very clearly not to teach people about that man Jesus! But you have disobeyed us, and you have taught people all over Jerusalem about him! Furthermore, you are trying to make it seem that we are the ones who are guilty of that man’s death!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:29

ULT

29 But answering, Peter and the apostles said, “It is necessary to obey God rather than men.

UST

29 But Peter, speaking for himself and the other Representatives, replied, “We have to obey what God commands us to do, not what you people tell us to do!

When questioned about why they were teaching in Jesus’ name when they had been charged not to, what did the apostles say?

The apostles said, “It is necessary to obey God rather than men.”

Acts 5:30

ULT

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed, having hung him on a tree.

UST

30 You are the ones who killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross! But God, whom our ancestors worshiped, caused Jesus to live again after he died.

Who did the apostles say was responsible for killing Jesus?

The apostles said that the high priest and council members were responsible for killing Jesus.

Acts 5:31

ULT

31 God has exalted this one to his right as Prince and Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

UST

31 God has honored Jesus more than he has honored anyone else. He has made him the one to save us and rule over us. He has enabled us Israelites to stop sinning and he has forgiven us for the sins we committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:32

ULT

32 And we are witnesses of these things, and the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those obeying him."

UST

32 We tell people about these things that we saw happen to Jesus. The Holy Spirit, whom God has sent to us who obey him, is also confirming that these things are true."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:33

ULT

33 But having heard this, they were furious and wanted to kill them.

UST

33 When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they became so angry {with the Representatives} that they wanted to kill them.

How did the council members react to the statement that they were responsible for killing Jesus?

The council members were furious and wanted to kill the apostles.

Acts 5:34

ULT

34 But a certain Pharisee, Gamaliel by name, a law teacher, honored by all the people, rising up in the Sanhedrin, commanded to put the apostles outside for a little.

UST

34 But there was a council member named Gamaliel. He was a member of the Pharisee group. He taught the Jewish laws, and the Jewish people respected him highly. He stood up in the council and told the guards to take the Representatives out of the room for a short time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:35

ULT

35 And he said to them, “Men, Israelites, pay attention to yourselves, what you are about to do to these men.

UST

35 {After the guards had taken them out,} Gamaliel said to the other council members, “You leaders of the people of Israel, you must think carefully about what you are going to do to these men.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:36

ULT

36 For before these days, Theudas rose up, saying himself to be somebody, to whom was joined a number of men, about 400, who was killed, and all, as many as were persuaded by him, were dispersed, and they came to nothing.

UST

36 Some years ago a man named Theudas led a revolt against the government. He claimed that he was a great man, and about four hundred men joined him. But the Romans captured and executed him, and all those who had joined him went back to where they came from. So this revolt did not succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:37

ULT

37 After this one, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away people after him. That one also perished, and all, as many as were persuaded by him, were scattered.

UST

37 After that, during the time when the Romans were recording the names of people in order to tax them, a man named Judas from the region of Galilee rebelled. He convinced some people to rebel with him. But he too died, and all those who had joined him went off in different directions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 5:38

ULT

38 And now I say these things to you: Keep away from these men and release them, for if this counsel or this work is from men, it will be destroyed,

UST

38 Based on these examples, let me offer some advice. Do not kill these men! Set them free! I say this because if the things that are happening now are just something that humans have planned, someone will stop them. They will fail.

What was Gamaliel's advice to the council? (vv38-39)

Gamaliel advised the council to leave the men alone.

Acts 5:39

ULT

39 but if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy them, lest you may even be found God-opposers." And they were persuaded by him.

UST

39 But if God has commanded them to do these things, you will not be able to stop them. You may even discover that you are working against God!" The other members of the council accepted what Gamaliel said.

What did Gamaliel warn the council they might end up doing if they tried to overthrow the apostles?

Gamaliel warned the council that they might end up fighting against God.

Acts 5:40

ULT

40 And summoning the apostles, having beaten them, they commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and they released them.

UST

40 They told the temple guards to bring in the Representatives and beat them. {So the guards brought them into the council room and beat them.} Then the council members commanded them not to speak to people about Jesus any more, and they let them go.

What did the council finally do with the apostles?

The council beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:41

ULT

41 Therefore, they indeed were going out from the face of the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.

UST

41 So they left the council chamber. As they did, they even rejoiced that God had honored them by allowing people to treat them badly because they were testifying to Jesus.

How did the apostles react to the treatment they received from the council?

The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name.

Acts 5:42

ULT

42 And every day, in the temple and in each house, they did not cease teaching and proclaiming the gospel—Jesus {is} the Christ.

UST

42 Every day after that, they went to the temple area and to various people's houses, and they continued teaching people and telling them that Jesus is the Messiah.

What did the apostles do every day after their meeting with the council?

The apostles preached and taught every day that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 6

Acts 6:1

ULT

[1] Now in those days, when the disciples were multiplying, a complaint by the Hellenists happened against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving.

UST

[1] During that time, many more people were becoming believers. The Greek-speaking Jews began to complain about the Aramaic-speaking Jews because the widows among them were not receiving their fair share of food every day.

What complaint arose from the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews?
The Grecian Jews complained that their widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution.

Acts 6:2

ULT

[2] So summoning the multitude of the disciples, the Twelve said, “It is not acceptable for us to leave behind the word of God to serve tables.

UST

[2] So {after} the twelve Representatives {had heard what they were saying, they} summoned all the other believers {in Jerusalem} to meet together. Then they said to them, “We would not be doing the right thing if we stopped telling people the message God told us to share about Jesus in order to distribute food to people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:3

ULT

[3] So brothers, choose from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this task.

UST

[3] So, fellow believers, carefully choose seven men from among you, men whom you know the Spirit of God directs and who are very wise. Then we will instruct them to do this work.

Who chose the seven men to take care of the business of food distribution?
The disciples (brothers) chose the seven men.

What were the qualifications for being chosen as one of the seven men?
The seven men had to be of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom.

Acts 6:4

ULT

[4] But we will continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word."

UST

[4] As for us, we will keep on using our time to pray and to proclaim the news about Jesus."

In what would the apostles continue?
The apostles would continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:5

ULT

[5] And the statement was pleasing before the whole multitude. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte from Antioch.

UST

[5] All of the disciples liked their suggestion. So they chose Stephen, a man who strongly believed in God and whom the Holy Spirit controlled completely. They also chose Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, who was from the city of Antioch. Nicolas was a former Gentile who had converted to the Jewish religion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:6

ULT

[6] They brought them before the apostles, and having prayed, they placed their hands upon them.

UST

[6] The believers brought these seven men to the Representatives, who prayed for those men. As they prayed, they placed their hands on the men's heads to show that they approved of them to do that work.

What did the apostles do when the believers brought the seven men?

The apostles prayed and placed their hands upon them.

Acts 6:7

ULT

[7] So the word of God kept spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and a large crowd of the priests became obedient to the faith.

UST

[7] More and more people were hearing the news about Jesus. The number of people in Jerusalem who believed in Jesus was increasing greatly. Among them were very many Jewish priests. They put their trust in Jesus as the Messiah and so they began to live in the way he said they should.

What was happening with the disciples in Jerusalem?

The number of disciples was greatly increasing, including a great number of the priests.

Acts 6:8

ULT

[8] Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people.

UST

[8] God was giving Stephen power to do many amazing miracles among the people {that showed that the message about Jesus was true}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:9

ULT

9 But there arose some people who {were} from the synagogue that is called Freedmen, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia. They were debating with Stephen.

UST

9 However, some people opposed Stephen. They were Jews who attended a synagogue that had the name Freedmen's Synagogue. Some other Jews also opposed Stephen. They were from the synagogues that people attended who were from the cities of Cyrene and Alexandria and from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. They all began to argue with Stephen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:10

ULT

10 But they were not able to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by whom he spoke.

UST

10 But they were not able to prove that what he said was wrong, because God's Spirit enabled him to speak very wisely.

Who was winning the debates between the unbelieving Jews and Stephen?

The unbelieving Jews could not stand against the wisdom and Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

Acts 6:11

ULT

11 Then they bribed men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

UST

11 So they secretly persuaded some men to accuse Stephen falsely. Those men said, "We heard him say bad things about Moses and God."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:12

ULT

12 They also stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and approaching him, they seized him and brought him to the Sanhedrin.

UST

12 They also made the other Jewish people angry at Stephen, including the elders and the teachers of the Jewish laws. They came up to Stephen, grabbed him, and took him to the Jewish council.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:13

ULT

13 And they brought false witnesses, saying, “This man does not stop speaking words against the holy place and the law.

UST

13 They also brought in some people who told lies about Stephen. They said, “This man keeps saying bad things about this holy temple and about the laws that Moses received from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 6:14

ULT

14 For we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us.”

UST

14 What we mean is that we have heard him say that this Jesus from the town of Nazareth will destroy the temple here in Jerusalem and will tell us to obey different customs from the ones that Moses taught our ancestors.”

What accusation was made by false witnesses against Stephen to the council?

The false witnesses claimed that Stephen said Jesus would destroy this place and change the customs of Moses.

Acts 6:15

ULT

15 And looking intently at him, everyone sitting in the Sanhedrin saw his face as the face of an angel.

UST

15 All the people in the council room stared at Stephen and saw that his face resembled the face of an angel.

When the council looked at Stephen, what did they see?

They saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 7

Acts 7:1

ULT
[1] Then the high priest said, “Are these things thus?”

UST
[1] Then the high priest asked Stephen, “Are the things that these people are saying about you true?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:2

ULT
[2] Then he said, “Men, brothers and fathers, listen to me: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, even before he lived in Haran;

UST
[2] Stephen replied, “Fellow Jews and respected leaders, please listen to me! The glorious God whom we worship appeared to our forefather Abraham while he was still living in the region of Mesopotamia, before he moved to the city of Haran.

Stephen began to review the history of the Jewish people beginning with God’s promise to whom?
Stephen began his history by talking about God’s promise to Abraham.

Acts 7:3

ULT
[3] and he said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your relatives, and come into the land that I will show you.’

UST
[3] God said to him, ‘Leave this land where you and your relatives are living, and go into the land to which I will direct you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:4

ULT

4 Then going out from the land of the Chaldeans, he lived in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, he brought him into this land, in which you live now.

UST

4 So Abraham left that land, which was also called Chaldea, and he arrived in Haran and lived there. After his father died, God told him to move to this land where our people are now living.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:5

ULT

5 But he did not give him an inheritance in it—not even a footstep. But he promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him—although he did not have a child.

UST

5 At that time God did not give Abraham any land to own here, not even a small plot of this land. But God promised that later he would give this land to him and his descendants, and that it would always belong to them. However, at that time Abraham did not have any children who would inherit it.

What was God's promise to Abraham?

God promised land to Abraham and his descendants.

Why did God's promise to Abraham seem impossible to fulfill?

God's promise seemed impossible because Abraham had no children.

Acts 7:6

ULT

6 But God spoke to him like this, that his seed would be a stranger in a foreign land, and that they would enslave him and treat him badly for 400 years.

UST

6 Later God told Abraham, 'Your descendants will go and live in a foreign country. They will live there for four hundred years. During that time, the rulers will mistreat your descendants and force them to work as slaves.

What did God say would first happen to Abraham's descendants for four hundred years?

God said Abraham's descendants would be slaves in a foreign land for four hundred years.

Acts 7:7

ULT

7 ‘But I will judge the nation that will enslave him,’ said God, ‘and after that they will come out and serve me in this place.’

UST

7 But I will punish the people who make them work as slaves,’ said God. ‘After that, your descendants will leave that land, and they will come and worship me in this land.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:8

ULT

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision, and so he fathered Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac, Jacob; and Jacob, the 12 patriarchs.

UST

8 Then God commanded that every male in Abraham’s household and all of his male descendants should be circumcised to show that they all belonged to God. Later Abraham’s son, Isaac, was born, and when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him. Later Isaac had a son named Jacob. Jacob was the father of the twelve men whom we Jews call the patriarchs, our forefathers.

What covenant did God give to Abraham?

God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision.

Acts 7:9

ULT

9 And the patriarchs, envying Joseph, sold him into Egypt. But God was with him

UST

9 You know that Jacob’s older sons became jealous because their father favored their younger brother Joseph. So they sold him to merchants who took him to Egypt, where he became a slave. But God took care of Joseph.

How did Joseph become a slave in Egypt?

His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into Egypt.

Acts 7:10

ULT
10 and he rescued him from all his afflictions, and he gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he appointed him governor over Egypt and all his household.

UST
10 God protected him whenever people caused him to suffer. He enabled Joseph to be wise, and he caused Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to think well of Joseph. So Pharaoh appointed him to rule over Egypt and to look after all of Pharaoh's property.

How did Joseph become governor over Egypt?
God gave Joseph favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh.

Acts 7:11

ULT
11 Then came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great tribulation, and our fathers did not find food.

UST
11 {While Joseph was doing that work,} there was a time when there was very little food anywhere in Egypt and also in Canaan. People were suffering badly. At that time Jacob and his sons in Canaan could not find enough food to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:12

ULT
12 But having heard there was grain in Egypt, Jacob sent our fathers first.

UST
12 When Jacob heard a report that there was grain in Egypt that people could buy, he sent Joseph's older brothers there to buy grain. {They went and bought grain from Joseph, but they did not recognize him. Then they returned home.}

What did Jacob do when there was famine in Canaan? (vv12-13)
Jacob sent his sons to Egypt because he heard there was grain there.

Acts 7:13

ULT

13 And during the second {time}, Joseph was made known to his brothers, and the family of Joseph became known to Pharaoh.

UST

13 When Joseph’s brothers went to Egypt again, they bought grain from Joseph once more. But this time he told them who he was. And so Pharaoh found out that these men who had come from Canaan were Joseph's brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:14

ULT

14 Then, sending them back, Joseph summoned Jacob, his father, and all {his} relatives, in souls 75.

UST

14 Joseph sent his brothers back home to tell their father Jacob that Joseph wanted him and his entire family to come to Egypt. At that time Jacob’s family consisted of seventy-five people.

Why did Jacob and his relatives move to Egypt?

Joseph sent his brothers to tell Jacob to come to Egypt.

Acts 7:15

ULT

15 So Jacob went down to Egypt, and he and our fathers died.

UST

15 So when Jacob heard that, he and all his family went to live in Egypt. {Later on,} Jacob died there, and our other ancestors, his sons, also died there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:16

ULT

16 And they were carried over to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

UST

16 Their descendants brought their bodies back to our land and buried them in the tomb that Abraham bought from Hamor's sons in the city of Shechem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:17

ULT

17 And as the time of the promise that God had sworn to Abraham approached, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,

UST

17 Our ancestors had become very numerous by the time God was about to rescue them from Egypt. That is what God had promised Abraham he would do.

What happened to the number of Israelites in Egypt as the time promised to Abraham drew near?

The number of Israelites in Egypt grew and multiplied.

Acts 7:18

ULT

18 until another king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph.

UST

18 Another king had begun to rule in Egypt. He did not know that Joseph had greatly helped the people of Egypt {long before his own time}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:19

ULT

19 He, exploiting our people, mistreated {our} fathers, to make their babies exposed, in order not to keep them alive.

UST

19 That king tried to get rid of our ancestors in cruel ways. He oppressed them and caused them to suffer greatly. He even commanded them to abandon their newborn babies outside their homes so that they would die.

How did the new king of Egypt try to reduce the number of Israelites?

The new king of Egypt forced the Israelites to throw out their infants so they would not survive.

Acts 7:20

ULT

20 At that time Moses was born, and he was beautiful to God. He was raised for three months in the house of {his} father.

UST

20 During that time Moses was born, and God saw that he was a very beautiful child. His parents secretly cared for him in their house for three months.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:21

ULT

21 But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and raised him for herself as a son.

UST

21 Then they had to abandon him outside the house. But Pharaoh’s daughter found him and cared for him as her own son.

How did Moses survive being thrown out?

Pharaoh’s daughter took Moses and raised him as her own son.

Acts 7:22

ULT
22 And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and works.

UST
22 The Egyptians taught Moses the many things that they had learned. When he grew up, he spoke and did things powerfully.

How was Moses educated?
Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians.

Acts 7:23

ULT
23 But when a 40-year time was filled to him, it came up on his heart to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel.

UST
23 One day when Moses was about forty years old, he decided to see how his relatives, the people of Israel, were doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:24

ULT
24 And seeing a certain one being mistreated, he defended him and made vengeance for the one being oppressed, striking the Egyptian:

UST
24 He saw an Egyptian mistreating one of the Israelites. So he went over to help the Israelite man. He avenged him by killing the Egyptian.

When he was forty years old, what did Moses do when he saw an Israelite being mistreated?
Moses defended the Israelite and struck the Egyptian.

Acts 7:25

ULT

25 and he was thinking {his} brothers would understand that God was giving salvation to them by his hand, but they did not understand.

UST

25 Moses expected that his fellow Israelites would understand that God had sent him to free them from being slaves. But they did not understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:26

ULT

26 And on the next day he appeared to them as they were quarreling, and he urged them to peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why is it that you are hurting each other?’

UST

26 The next day, Moses saw two of his fellow Israelites fighting each other. He tried to make them stop by saying to them, ‘Now you two are both Israelites! You must stop hurting each other!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:27

ULT

27 But the one injuring {his} neighbor pushed him away, saying, ‘Who appointed you a ruler and a judge over us?

UST

27 But the man who was injuring the other man pushed Moses away. He said to him, ‘You have no authority over us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:28

ULT

28 You do not want to kill me the way you killed the Egyptian yesterday, do you?’

UST

28 You probably want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:29

ULT
29 Then Moses ran away at this word, and he became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.

UST
29 When Moses heard that, he fled from Egypt to the land of Midian. He lived there for some years. {He got married, and} he {and his wife} had two sons.

To where did Moses flee?
Moses fled to Midian.

Acts 7:30

ULT
30 And 40 years having been filled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

UST
30 One day forty years later, the Lord God came to Moses in the form of an angel. This was in the desert near Mount Sinai. He appeared in the flames of a bush that was on fire.

When Moses was eighty years old, what did Moses see?
Moses saw an angel in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:31

ULT
31 And Moses, seeing it, admired the sight; and as he approached to look, the voice of the Lord came:

UST
31 When Moses saw it, he was amazed because the bush was not burning up. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord God say to him,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:32

ULT

32 ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob.’ And Moses, becoming terrified, did not dare to look.

UST

32 ‘I am the God whom your ancestors worshiped. I am the God whom Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob worship.’ Moses was so afraid that he began to shake. He was afraid to look at the bush any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:33

ULT

33 And the Lord said to him, ‘Untie the sandal of your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.

UST

33 Then the Lord God said to him, ‘Take your sandals off to show that you honor me. Because I am here, the place where you are standing is especially mine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:34

ULT

34 I have certainly seen the oppression of my people who {are} in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. And now come, let me send you to Egypt.’

UST

34 I have seen clearly how the people of Egypt are continually causing my people to suffer. I have heard my people when they groan because of it. So I am taking action to rescue them from Egypt. Now get ready, because I am going to send you back to Egypt.’

Where did the Lord command Moses to go, and what was God going to do there?

The Lord commanded Moses to go to Egypt, because God was going to rescue the Israelites.

Acts 7:35

ULT

35 This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who appointed you a ruler and a judge?’—this one God sent as both a ruler and a redeemer with the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

UST

35 This Moses is the one who had tried to help our Israelite people. But they rejected him by saying, ‘You have no authority over us!’ Moses is the one whom God himself sent to rule them and to free them from being slaves. He did that with the help of the angel who spoke to him from the bush.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:36

ULT

36 This one led them out, doing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness during 40 years.

UST

36 Moses is the one who led our ancestors out from Egypt. He did many kinds of miracles in Egypt, at the Sea of Reeds, and during the forty years that the Israelite people lived in the wilderness.

How long did Moses lead the Israelites in the wilderness?

Moses led the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years.

Acts 7:37

ULT

37 This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, ‘God will raise up a prophet like me for you from your brothers.’

UST

37 This Moses is the one who said to the Israelite people, ‘God will cause another man from among your own people to be a prophet like me for you.’

What did Moses prophesy to the Israelites?

Moses prophesied to the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him from among their brothers.

Acts 7:38

ULT

38 This is the one having been in the assembly in the wilderness with the angel {who was} speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received living words to give to us,

UST

38 It was this man Moses who was among the Israelites who were together in the wilderness. God spoke through the angel on Mount Sinai to give Moses our laws. Moses was the one who told our ancestors what the angel had said. He was the one to whom God gave commandments and who passed them on to us. Those commandments are still powerful today.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:39

ULT

39 to whom our fathers were not willing to be obedient; instead, they pushed him away and turned back in their hearts to Egypt,

UST

39 However, our ancestors did not want to obey Moses. Instead, they rejected him as their leader and wanted to return to Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:40

ULT

40 saying to Aaron, ‘Make for us gods who will go ahead of us. For this Moses, who brought us from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him.’

UST

40 So they told his older brother Aaron, ‘Make idols for us who will be our gods to lead us. As for that fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:41

ULT

41 So they made an image of a calf in those days and brought a sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their hands.

UST

41 When the Israelites rejected Moses, they made an image that looked like a calf. Then they offered sacrifices to honor that idol. They sang and danced to worship something that they themselves had made.

How did the Israelites turn their hearts back to Egypt?

The Israelites made a calf and sacrificed to the idol.

Acts 7:42

ULT

42 But God turned away and abandoned them to serve the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets, ‘You did not offer slain beasts and offerings to me for 40 years in the wilderness, did you, O house of Israel?

UST

42 So God stopped correcting them. He left them to worship the stars in the sky. This agrees with what one of the prophets wrote: God said, ‘You Israelite people repeatedly killed animals and offered them to me with grain as sacrifices during those forty years that you were in the wilderness. But you certainly were not truly offering them to me!

How did God respond to the Israelites turning away from him?

God turned from Israelites and gave them up to serve the host of heaven.

Acts 7:43

ULT

43 And you took up the tabernacle of Molech and the star of your god Rephan— the images that you made to worship them— and I will remove you beyond Babylon.’

UST

43 On the contrary, you carried with you from place to place the tent that contained the idol representing the god Molech that you worshiped. You also carried with you the image of the star called Rephan. Those were idols that you had made, and you worshiped them instead of me. So I will cause you to be taken away far from your homes to regions even farther than the country of Babylon.’

To where did God say he would carry away the Israelites?

God said he would carry the Israelites away to Babylon.

Acts 7:44

ULT

44 The tabernacle of the testimony was with our fathers in the wilderness, just as the one speaking to Moses had commanded, to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

UST

44 “While our ancestors were in the desert, they worshiped God at the sacred tent that showed that he was there with them. They had made the tent exactly like God had commanded Moses to make it. It was exactly like the model that Moses had seen when he was up on the mountain.

In the wilderness, what did God command the Israelites to build, which they later carried into the land? (vv44-45)

In the wilderness, the Israelites built the tabernacle of the testimony.

Acts 7:45

ULT

45 which also our fathers, having received it in turn, brought in with Joshua in the possessing of the nations that God drove out from the face of our fathers, until the days of David,

UST

45 Later on, other ancestors of ours carried that tent with them when Joshua led them into this land. That was during the time when they took this land for themselves, when God forced the people who previously lived here to leave. So the Israelites were able to possess this land. The tent remained in this land and was still here when King David ruled.

Who drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites?

God drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites.

Acts 7:46

ULT

46 who found favor before God, and he asked to find a dwelling for the house of Jacob. *[1]*

UST

46 David pleased God, and he asked God to let him build a temple where he and all of our Israelite people could worship God.

Who asked to build a dwelling place for God?

David asked to build a dwelling place for God.

Acts 7:47

ULT
47 However, Solomon built the house for him.

UST
47 But instead, God told David's son Solomon to build a temple where people could worship him."

Who actually built God a house?
Solomon built God a house.

Acts 7:48

ULT
48 But the Most High does not live in {houses} made with hands, as the prophet says,

UST
48 "However, we know that God, who is greater than everything, does not live in temples that people build. It is as the prophet Isaiah wrote:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:49

ULT
49 'Heaven {is} my throne, and the earth {is} the footstool for my feet. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord, or what {is} the place for my rest?

UST
49-50 God said, "I created everything in heaven and on earth. My presence fills all of creation. So you human beings cannot make a place good enough for me to live in!"

Where does the Most High have his throne?
The Most High has heaven as his throne.

Acts 7:50

ULT
50 Did my hand not make all these things?’

UST
49-50 God said, “I created everything in heaven and on earth. My presence fills all of creation. So you human beings cannot make a place good enough for me to live in!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:51

ULT
51 O stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! As your fathers, also you.

UST
51 “You people are disobedient to God, as if you did not even know God! You are exactly like your ancestors! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as they did!

What did Stephen accuse the people of always doing, just as their forefathers had done?
Stephen accused the people of resisting the Holy Spirit.

Acts 7:52

ULT
52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed the ones telling in advance about the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become,

UST
52 Your ancestors caused every prophet to suffer. They even killed those who long ago announced that the Messiah would come, the one who always did what pleased God. And the Messiah has come! He is the one whom you recently turned over to his enemies and insisted that they kill him!

What did Stephen say the people were guilty of concerning the Righteous One?
Stephen said the people had betrayed and murdered the Righteous One.

Acts 7:53

ULT
53 who received the law by directions of angels, but did not keep it.”

UST
53 You are the people who have received God’s laws. Those were laws that God caused angels to give to our ancestors. However, you have not obeyed them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:54

ULT
54 Now hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts, and they ground {their} teeth at him.

UST
54 When the Jewish council members and others there heard all that Stephen said, they became very angry. They were grinding their teeth together because they were so angry at him!

How did the council members respond to Stephen’s accusations?
The council members were cut to the heart and ground their teeth at Stephen.

Acts 7:55

ULT
55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, looking intently into heaven, he saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right of God.

UST
55 But the Holy Spirit completely controlled Stephen. He looked up into heaven and saw a dazzling light from God, and he saw Jesus standing at God’s right side.

What did Stephen say he saw as he looked up into heaven? (vv55-56)
Stephen said he saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:56

ULT
56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right of God.”

UST
56 “Look,” he said, “I see right into heaven, and I see the Son of Man {in human form} standing where God rules!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:57

ULT
57 But shouting with a loud voice, they covered their ears and rushed at him unanimously.

UST
57 {When the Jewish council members and others heard that,} they shouted loudly. They put their hands over their ears so that they would not hear him. All together they ran up to Stephen and grabbed him.

What did the council members then do to Stephen? (vv57-58)
The council members rushed upon him, threw him out of the city, and stoned him.

Acts 7:58

ULT
58 And throwing him outside the city, they stoned him. And the witnesses laid aside their outer garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

UST
58 They dragged him outside the city of Jerusalem and started to throw stones at him to kill him. The people who were accusing him took off their outer garments in order to throw stones more easily. They put these garments on the ground next to a young man whose name was Saul so that he could guard them.

Where did the witnesses lay down their outer clothes during the stoning of Stephen?
The witnesses laid their outer clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:59

ULT

59 And they were stoning Stephen as he was calling out and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

UST

59 While they continued to throw stones at Stephen, Stephen prayed out loud, “Lord Jesus, welcome me when I die!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 7:60

ULT

60 But having put down {his} knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And having said this, he fell asleep.
7:46 [1] but the best ancient manuscripts have .

UST

60 Then Stephen knelt down and cried out loud, “Lord, do not punish them for this sin!” After he had said this, he died.

What was the last thing Stephen asked for before he died?

Stephen asked God not to hold this sin to the people’s responsibility.

Acts 8

Acts 8:1

ULT

[1] And Saul was agreeing with his execution. And on that day a great persecution began against the church that {was} in Jerusalem, and they all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

UST

[1-2] Then some men who honored God buried Stephen's body in a tomb, and they mourned loudly for him. But Saul thought the Sanhedrin had done the right thing by stoning Stephen. On that same day, people {Saul was leading} started severely persecuting the believers who were living in Jerusalem. So most of the believers fled to other places throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. But the apostles remained in Jerusalem.

What did Saul think about Stephen's stoning?

Saul was in agreement with Stephen's death.

What began on the day Stephen was stoned?

A great persecution against the church in Jerusalem began on the day Stephen was stoned.

What did the believers in Jerusalem do?

The believers in Jerusalem were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.

Acts 8:2

ULT

[2] And devout men carried away Stephen and made great lamentation over him.

UST

[1-2] Then some men who honored God buried Stephen's body in a tomb, and they mourned loudly for him. But Saul thought the Sanhedrin had done the right thing by stoning Stephen. On that same day, people {Saul was leading} started severely persecuting the believers who were living in Jerusalem. So most of the believers fled to other places throughout the provinces of Judea and Samaria. But the apostles remained in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:3

ULT

[3] But Saul was harming the church. Entering by houses, dragging out both men and women, he was delivering them to prison.

UST

[3] Saul began trying to destroy the group of believers. He entered their houses one by one. He dragged away men and women {who believed in Jesus}, and he put them in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:4

ULT

[4] Then the ones having been scattered went about proclaiming the word.

UST

[4] The believers who had left Jerusalem went to different places, where they continued preaching the message about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:5

ULT

[5] And Philip, going down to the city of Samaria, was proclaiming Christ to them.

UST

[5] One of those believers, whose name was Philip, went from Jerusalem to a city in the district of Samaria. There he was telling the people that Jesus is the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:6

ULT

[6] And the crowds were paying attention unanimously to the things being spoken by Philip when they heard them and saw the signs that he was doing.

UST

[6] Many people there heard Philip speak and saw the miraculous things that he was doing. So they all paid close attention to what he was saying.

Why did the people of Samaria pay attention to what Philip said?
The people paid attention when they saw the signs that Philip did.

Acts 8:7

ULT

[7] For many of those having unclean spirits, shouting with a loud voice, they were coming out. And many paralyzed and lame were healed.

UST

[7] For example, Philip commanded evil spirits to come out of many people, and they came out screaming. Also, many people who could not move their muscles and many others who were lame were healed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:8

ULT

[8] And there was much joy in that city.

UST

[8] So many people in that city were very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:9

ULT

[9] But a certain man, Simon by name, was already practicing sorcery in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria, saying himself to be someone great,

UST

[9] There was a man in that city whose name was Simon. He had been practicing sorcery for a long time, and he amazed the people in the district of Samaria with his magic. He claimed he was “Simon the Great One!”

Why had the people of Samaria paid attention to Simon? (vv9-11)

The people had paid attention when they saw his sorceries.

Acts 8:10

ULT

[10] to whom they all, from little to great, were paying attention, saying, “This is the power of God that is called Great.”

UST

[10] The people there, both ordinary and important people, listened to him. They were saying, “Simon is the Great Power of God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:11

ULT

[11] And they were paying attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with sorceries.

UST

[11] They continued to listen to him carefully because for a long time he had astonished them by practicing sorcery.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:12

ULT

12 But when they believed Philip, proclaiming the gospel about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, both men and women.

UST

12 But then they believed Philip's message of the good news about how God would rule the lives of people everywhere and about Jesus the Messiah. Philip baptized the men and the women who believed in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:13

ULT

13 And Simon himself also believed and, having been baptized, he was continuing with Philip. And seeing great signs and works happening, he marveled.

UST

13 Though the people had been worshiping him, Simon too believed Philip's message and received baptism. He began to accompany Philip constantly. He was continually amazed by the great miracles he saw Philip doing. These things showed that Philip was speaking the truth.

When Simon heard Philip's message, what did he do?

Simon also believed and was baptized.

Acts 8:14

ULT

14 And the apostles in Jerusalem, having heard that Samaria had received the word of God, sent to them Peter and John,

UST

14 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that many people throughout Samaria district had believed God's message, they sent Peter and John there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:15

ULT
15 who, having come down, prayed for them, so that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

UST
15 When Peter and John arrived in Samaria, they prayed for those new believers to receive the Holy Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:16

ULT
16 For he had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

UST
16 For the Holy Spirit had not yet openly empowered any of them. They had only received baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:17

ULT
17 Then they were laying {their} hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

UST
17 Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

What happened when Peter and John laid hands on the believers in Samaria?
The believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:18

ULT
18 And Simon, seeing that the Spirit was being given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, offered them money,

UST
18 Simon saw that people received the Holy Spirit as a result of the apostles placing their hands on them. So he offered to give money to the apostles.

What offer did Simon make to the apostles? (vv18-19)
Simon offered the apostles money in exchange for the power to give the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands.

Acts 8:19

ULT
19 saying, “Give to me also this authority, so that on whomever I lay {my} hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.”

UST
19 He said, “Enable me also to do what you are doing, so that if I place my hands on someone, he will receive the Holy Spirit.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:20

ULT
20 But Peter said to him, “May your silver be with you unto destruction, because you thought to obtain the gift of God through money!

UST
20 But Peter said to him, “May you and your money be destroyed, because you tried to get God’s gift with money!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:21

ULT

21 No part or share in this matter is to you, because your heart is not right before God.

UST

21 You cannot work with us in what we are doing, because you do not have the right attitude toward God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:22

ULT

22 Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord, if therefore the intention of your heart will be forgiven to you.

UST

22 So stop thinking wickedly like that! Plead with the Lord to forgive you for what you wanted to do, since he will forgive you if you ask sincerely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:23

ULT

23 For I see you being in the gall of bitterness and the bond of unrighteousness."

UST

23 You are in spiritual danger! I perceive that you are extremely jealous of us and that a continual desire to do evil is controlling you."

After Simon made this offer to the apostles, what did Peter say was his spiritual condition?

Peter said that Simon was in the poison of bitterness and the bonds of sin.

Acts 8:24

ULT

24 But answering, Simon said, “You pray to the Lord for me, so that nothing of which you have spoken may come upon me.”

UST

24 Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord that he will not do to me what you just said!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:25

ULT

25 Then the ones having testified and having spoken the word of the Lord were returning to Jerusalem and proclaiming the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

UST

25 Peter and John then told the people there what they knew personally about the Lord Jesus. They shared the message of the Lord with them. Then they both returned to Jerusalem. Along the way, they declared the good news about Jesus to people living in many towns in the district of Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:26

ULT

26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south on the road going down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is desert.)

UST

26 While Peter and John were returning to Jerusalem, the Lord sent an angel to Philip. {Even though so many Samaritans were becoming believers in Jesus,} that angel told him, “Get ready and go south along the road that goes from Jerusalem to the city of Gaza.” That road is in a desert area.

What did an angel tell Philip to do?

An angel told Philip to go south to the desert road toward Gaza.

Acts 8:27

ULT
27 And arising, he went, and behold, a man, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, an official of the Kandake, the queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship,

UST
27 So Philip got ready and went along that road. On the road he met a man from the land of Ethiopia. The man was an important official of the queen of Ethiopia. In his language people called their queen the Kandake. He took care of all of her funds. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship God,

Who did Philip meet and what was the person doing? (vv27-28)
Philip met a eunuch of great authority from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot reading the prophet Isaiah.

Acts 8:28

ULT
28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

UST
28 and he was returning home and was seated, riding in his carriage. As he was riding, he was reading aloud from what the prophet Isaiah had written.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:29

ULT
29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Approach and join this chariot.”

UST
29 God’s Spirit told Philip, “Go near to that carriage and keep walking close to it!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:30

ULT

30 So having run to him, Philip heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and he said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

UST

30 So Philip ran over to the carriage. He heard the official reading what the prophet Isaiah had written. He asked the man, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

What question did Philip ask the man?

Philip asked the man, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

Acts 8:31

ULT

31 And he said, “For how would I be able, unless someone will guide me?” And he invited Philip to sit with him, having come up.

UST

31 He answered Philip, “No, I cannot possibly understand it if there is no one to explain it to me.” Then the man said to Philip, “Please come up and sit beside me.” {So Philip got into the carriage.}

What did the man ask Philip to do?

The man asked Philip to come up into the chariot and explain what he was reading.

Acts 8:32

ULT

32 Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before its shearer {is} silent, thus he does not open his mouth.

UST

32 The part of the Scriptures that the official was reading was this: “People led him away as if he were a sheep they were leading to the place where they were going to kill it. He stands in silence as a lamb does while people cut off its wool.

What happens to the person being described in the scripture from Isaiah that was being read?

The person is led as a sheep to the slaughter, but does not open his mouth.

Acts 8:33

ULT

33 In humiliation his justice was taken away. Who will describe his generation? For his life is taken from the earth.”

UST

33 He will be humiliated. People will deny him a fair trial. He will not have any offspring, because his enemies will kill him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:34

ULT

34 And answering, the eunuch said to Philip, “I beg of you, about whom is the prophet saying this—about himself, or about some other?”

UST

34 The official asked Philip about what he was reading, “Tell me, who was the prophet writing about? Was he writing about himself, or about someone else?”

What question did the man ask Philip about the scripture he was reading?

The man asked Philip if the prophet was speaking about himself or about some other person.

Acts 8:35

ULT

35 And Philip, opening his mouth and beginning with this scripture, proclaimed Jesus to him.

UST

35 So Philip replied to him. He began with that Scripture passage, and he told him the good news about Jesus.

Who did Philip say was the person in the scripture from Isaiah?

Philip explained that the person in the scripture from Isaiah was Jesus.

Acts 8:36

ULT

36 And as they were going along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch says, “Behold, water! What is preventing my being baptized?”

UST

36 While they were traveling along the road, they came to a place where there was some water. Then the official said to Philip, “Look, there is some water! I would like you to baptize me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:37

ULT

37[1] [And Philip said to him, “If you believe from your whole heart, you will be saved.” And answering he said, “I believe in Christ, the Son of God.”]

UST

37[1] [Philip said, “If you believe in Jesus with complete sincerity, God will save you, and you may be baptized.” The Ethiopian answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 8:38

ULT

38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

UST

38 So the official told the driver to stop the carriage. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

What did Philip then do to the man?

Philip and the eunuch both went into the water and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:39

ULT

39 And when they came up from the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him anymore, for he went on his way rejoicing.

UST

39 When they came up out of the water, suddenly the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The official never saw Philip again. Even so, the official continued going very happily along the road.

What happened to Philip when he came out of the water?

When Philip came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away.

What did the eunuch do when he came out of the water?

When the eunuch came out of the water, he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:40

ULT

40 But Philip was found at Azotus and, passing through, he was proclaiming the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.
8:37 *[1]*

UST

40 Philip then realized that the Spirit had miraculously taken him to the town of Azotus. While he traveled around in that region, he continued proclaiming the good news about Jesus in all the towns between the cities of Azotus and Caesarea. He was still proclaiming it when he finally arrived in Caesarea.
8:37 *[1]*

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9

Acts 9:1

ULT

[1] But Saul, still breathing threat and murder against the disciples of the Lord, going to the high priest,

UST

[1] Meanwhile, Saul continued angrily threatening to kill those who believed in the Lord Jesus. He went to the high priest in Jerusalem

What did Saul ask the high priest in Jerusalem permission to do? (vv1-2)

Saul asked for letters so that he could travel to Damascus and bring back bound any who belonged to the Way.

Acts 9:2

ULT

[2] requested letters from him to Damascus, to the synagogues, so that if he found any being of the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

UST

[2] and requested him to write letters introducing Saul to the leaders of the Jewish synagogues in the city of Damascus. The letters would ask them to give Saul the authority to seize any man or woman who followed the teachings of Jesus and take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. {There the Jewish leaders could judge and punish them. The high priest gave Saul the letters he asked for.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:3

ULT

[3] And as he was traveling, it happened that he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven surrounded him;

UST

[3] While Saul and those with him were traveling, they were approaching Damascus. Suddenly a brilliant light from heaven shone around Saul.

As Saul neared Damascus, what did he see?

As Saul neared Damascus, he saw a light out of heaven.

Acts 9:4

ULT
4 and, falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

UST
4 Immediately he fell onto the ground. Then he heard the voice of someone say to him, “Saul, Saul, stop trying to hurt me!”

What did the voice say to Saul?
The voice said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me”.

Acts 9:5

ULT
5 And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he {said}, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;

UST
5 Saul asked him, “Lord, who are you?” He replied, “I am Jesus, whom you are hurting.

When Saul asked who was speaking to him, what was the answer?
The answer was, “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting”.

Acts 9:6

ULT
6 but get up and enter into the city, and it will be told to you what thing it is necessary for you to do.”

UST
6 Now stand up and go into the city of Damascus! Someone there will tell you what I want you to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:7

ULT

[7] But the men traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

UST

[7] The men who were traveling with Saul were so astonished that they could not say anything. They just stood there. This was because they heard someone speaking, but they did not see anyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:8

ULT

[8] And Saul rose up from the ground, but his eyes being opened, he was seeing nothing. But leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

UST

[8] Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. So the men with him took him by the hand and led him into Damascus.

When Saul arose from the ground, what had happened to him?

When Saul arose, he could see nothing.

Acts 9:9

ULT

[9] And he was not seeing for three days, and he neither ate nor drank.

UST

[9] For the next three days Saul could not see anything, and he did not eat or drink anything.

Where did Saul then go and what did he do?

Saul went to Damascus and did not eat or drink for three days.

Acts 9:10

ULT

10 Now there was a certain disciple in Damascus named Ananias. And the Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias!” And he said, “Behold, I, Lord.”

UST

10 In Damascus there was a man who believed in Jesus named Ananias. Jesus made him see a vision and in it he called to him, “Ananias!” Ananias replied, “Lord, I am listening.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:11

ULT

11 And the Lord {said} to him, “Arising, go to the street called Straight, and in the house of Judas seek Saul by name, from Tarsus, for behold, he is praying,

UST

11 Jesus told him, “Go to Straight Street, to the house that belongs to Judas. Ask someone there if you can talk to a man named Saul who is from the city of Tarsus. Saul is praying to me at this moment.

What did the Lord tell Ananias to do? (vv11-12)

The Lord told Ananias to go and lay hands on Saul, so that Saul would receive his sight.

Acts 9:12

ULT

12 and in a vision he has seen a man, Ananias by name, coming in and laying hands on him so that he might see again.”

UST

12 Saul has seen a vision in which a man named Ananias entered the house where he was staying and put his hands on him to restore his sight.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:13

ULT

13 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many evils he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.

UST

13 Ananias answered, “But Lord, many people have told me about this man! He has done many bad things to the people in Jerusalem who believe in you!

What concern did Ananias express to the Lord? (vv13-14)

Ananias was concerned because he knew Saul had come to Damascus to arrest everyone who called upon the Lord’s name.

Acts 9:14

ULT

14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all the ones calling upon your name.”

UST

14 The chief priests have given him permission to come here to Damascus and take prisoner all those who believe in you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:15

ULT

15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for this is to me an instrument of choosing, to carry my name before the nations, and also kings, and the sons of Israel;

UST

15 But Jesus told Ananias, “Go visit Saul! Do what I say, because I have chosen him to serve me. I want him to speak about me to non-Jewish people and their leaders and to the Israelite people.

What mission did the Lord say he had for Saul as his chosen instrument?

The Lord said Saul would carry the Lord’s name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Acts 9:16

ULT
16 for I will show him how much it is necessary for him to suffer for my name.”

UST
16 I myself will tell him that he must often suffer in order to tell people about me.”

Did the Lord say Saul’s mission would be easy or difficult?
The Lord said that Saul would suffer greatly for the cause of the Lord’s name.

Acts 9:17

ULT
17 And Ananias departed, and entered into the house. And having laid {his} hands on him, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me—Jesus, the one having appeared to you on the road on which you were going—so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

UST
17 So Ananias went, and after he found the house where Saul was, he entered it. Then, as soon as he met Saul, he put his hands on him, and he said, “Saul, you are already like a brother to me. Jesus himself commanded me to come to you. Jesus is the one who appeared to you while you were traveling along the road to Damascus. He sent me to you to restore your sight, and he wants the Holy Spirit to lead and empower you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:18

ULT
18 And immediately {something} like scales fell from his eyes, and he saw again, and rising up, he was baptized;

UST
18 Instantly, what seemed like flakes fell from Saul’s eyes, and he was able to see again. Then he got up and was baptized.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:19

ULT
[19] and having taken food, he was strengthened. And he was with the disciples in Damascus for some days.

UST
[19] After Saul ate some food, he became strong again. Saul stayed with the other believers in Damascus for several days.

After Ananias laid hands on Saul, what happened?
After Ananias laid hands on Saul, Saul received his sight, was baptized, and ate.

Acts 9:20

ULT
[20] And immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that this is the Son of God.

UST
[20] Right away he began to preach about Jesus in the Jewish synagogues. He told the people there that Jesus is the Son of God.

What did Saul immediately begin to do?
Saul immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying that he is the Son of God.

Acts 9:21

ULT
[21] And all the ones hearing were marveling and were saying, “Is not this the one having destroyed in Jerusalem the ones calling on this name? And he had come here for this, that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?”

UST
[21] The people who heard him preach were amazed. Some of them were saying, “We can hardly believe that this is the same man who persecuted the believers in Jerusalem! And he came here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests in Jerusalem!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:22

ULT

22 But Saul was becoming more powerful and stirring up the Jews living in Damascus, proving that Jesus is the Christ.

UST

22 But God enabled Saul to preach to many people even more convincingly. He was proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah. The Jewish leaders in Damascus became angry {because they could not disprove what he said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:23

ULT

23 But when many days were filled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him.

UST

23 Some time later, the Jewish leaders there plotted to kill him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:24

ULT

24 But their plot became known to Saul. But they were even watching the gates both day and night in order to kill him.

UST

24 Those Jewish leaders were continually watching the people passing through the city gates so that if they saw Saul there, they could kill him. However, someone told Saul what they planned to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:25

ULT
25 But his disciples, taking him by night, let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

UST
25 So some of those whom he had led to believe in Jesus took him one night to the high stone wall that surrounded the city. They used ropes to lower him in a large basket through an opening in the wall. In this way he escaped from Damascus.

When the Jews finally planned to kill Saul, what did he do?
When the Jews planned to kill him, Saul escaped by being let down through the wall in a basket.

Acts 9:26

ULT
26 And having come to Jerusalem, he was attempting to join the disciples, but they were all fearing him, not believing that he was a disciple.

UST
26 When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the other believers there. However, almost all of them continued to be afraid of him. They were not convinced that he had become a believer.

When Saul came to Jerusalem, how did the disciples receive him?
In Jerusalem, the disciples were afraid of Saul.

Acts 9:27

ULT
27 But taking hold of him, Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord on the road and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.

UST
27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He explained to the apostles how, while Saul was traveling along the road to Damascus, he had seen Jesus, who had spoken to him there. He also told them how Saul had preached boldly about Jesus to people in Damascus.

Who then brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus?
Barnabas brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus.

Acts 9:28

ULT
28 And he was with them coming in and going out in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

UST
28 So Saul began to meet with the apostles and other believers throughout Jerusalem. He spoke boldly to the people there about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:29

ULT
29 He was both speaking and debating with the Hellenists, but they were attempting to kill him.

UST
29 Saul was also speaking about Jesus with Jews who spoke Greek, and he was debating with them. {They could not answer his arguments,} so they were continually trying to think of a way to kill him.

What did Saul do in Jerusalem?
Saul spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 9:30

ULT
30 But the brothers, having learned of this, brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

UST
30 But the other believers found out that the Jews who spoke Greek were planning to kill Saul. So some of them took him to the city of Caesarea. There they put him on a ship that was going to Tarsus, his hometown.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:31

ULT

31 Then the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria was having peace; being built up and journeying in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it was multiplying.

UST

31 Since no one was persecuting them anymore, the believers throughout the entire regions of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria were able to live peacefully. The Holy Spirit was strengthening them and encouraging them. They were honoring the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit was leading many other people to become believers.

After Saul was sent away to Tarsus, what was the condition of the church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria?

The church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up, growing in numbers.

Acts 9:32

ULT

32 Now it happened that Peter, going throughout all, came down also to the saints inhabiting Lydda.

UST

32 {Those peaceful conditions allowed} Peter to travel throughout those regions. Once he went to the coastal plain to visit the believers who lived in the town of Lydda.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:33

ULT

33 And there he found a certain man, Aeneas by name, lying in a bed for eight years, who was paralyzed.

UST

33 There he met a man whose name was Aeneas. Aeneas was not able to walk or stand, and so he had not been able to get up from his bed for eight years.

What happened in Lydda that caused everyone there to turn to the Lord? (vv33-35)

In Lydda, Peter spoke to a paralyzed man who was healed by Jesus.

Acts 9:34

ULT

34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed for yourself,” and immediately he arose.

UST

34 Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus the Messiah heals you! Get up and roll up your own mat!” Right away Aeneas stood up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:35

ULT

35 And all the ones living in Lydda and in Sharon saw him, who turned to the Lord.

UST

35 Most of the people who lived in Lydda and on the Plain of Sharon saw Aeneas after the Lord had healed him, so they believed in the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:36

ULT

36 Now a certain disciple was in Joppa, Tabitha by name, which, being translated, is said “Dorcas.” She was full of good works and of almsgivings that she was doing.

UST

36 In the town of Joppa there was a believer whose name was Tabitha. Her name in the Greek language was Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds for poor people by giving them things that they needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:37

ULT

37 And it happened in those days that, having been sick, she died. And having washed her, they laid her in an upper room.

UST

37 During the time that Peter was in Lydda, she became sick and died. Some women there washed her body {according to the Jewish custom}. Then they {covered her body with cloth and} placed it in an upstairs room in her house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:38

ULT

38 And Lydda being near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was in it, sent two men to him, urging him, “Do not delay to come to us.”

UST

38 Lydda was near the city of Joppa, so when the disciples heard that Peter was still in Lydda, they sent two men to go to Peter. When they arrived where Peter was, they urged him, “Please come immediately with us to Joppa!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:39

ULT

39 So, arising, Peter went with them, whom, having arrived, they brought up to the upper room, and all the widows stood by him, weeping and showing him coats and garments, as many as Dorcas used to make, being with them.

UST

39 Peter got ready right away and went with them. When he arrived at the house in Joppa, they took him to the upstairs room where the body of Dorcas was lying. All the widows there stood around him. They were crying and showing him the tunics and other garments that Dorcas had made for people while she was still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:40

ULT
40 But Peter, having put them all out and having put down {his} knees, prayed, and having turned to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise!” Then she opened her eyes and, seeing Peter, she sat up.

UST
40 But Peter sent them all out of the room {so that he could pray}. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. Then, turning toward her body, he said, “Tabitha, stand up!” Immediately she opened her eyes and, when she saw Peter, she sat up.

What happened in Joppa that caused many people to believe in the Lord?
Peter prayed for a dead woman named Tabitha, who was raised back to life.

Acts 9:41

ULT
41 And giving her {his} hand, he raised her up and, calling the saints and the widows, he presented her living.

UST
41 He grasped one of her hands and helped her to stand up. After he had summoned the believers and especially the widows among them to come back in, he showed them that she was alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:42

ULT
42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

UST
42 Soon people everywhere in Joppa knew about that miracle and, as a result, many people believed in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 9:43

ULT
43 Now it happened that he stayed many days in Joppa with a certain Simon, a tanner.

UST
43 Peter stayed in Joppa many days with a man named Simon, who made leather from animal skins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10

Acts 10:1

ULT
[1] Now a certain man was in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion from the regiment called Italian,

UST
[1] There was a man whose name was Cornelius who lived in the city of Caesarea. He was an officer who commanded 100 men in a large group of Roman soldiers from Italy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:2

ULT
[2] devout and fearing God with all his household, making many gifts of alms to the people and praying to God through all.

UST
[2] He continually tried to do what would please God. He and his entire household were non-Jews who worshiped God. He often gave money to help poor Jewish people. He prayed to God regularly.

What kind of man was Cornelius?
Cornelius was a devout man who feared God, was generous, and was always praying to God.

Acts 10:3

ULT
[3] About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming to him and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

UST
[3] One day at about three o’clock in the afternoon, Cornelius saw a vision. He clearly saw an angel whom God had sent. He saw the angel coming into his room and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:4

ULT

4 But he, staring at him and having become terrified, said, “What is it, lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have gone up for a memorial offering before God.

UST

4 Cornelius stared at the angel and became terrified. Then he asked fearfully, “Sir, what do you want?” The angel answered him, “You have been praying regularly to God. You often give money to help poor people. Those things have been like an offering to God, and he has noticed them.

What did the angel say had caused God to be reminded about Cornelius?

The angel said that Cornelius’ prayers and gifts to the poor had reminded God about Cornelius.

Acts 10:5

ULT

5 And now, send men to Joppa and summon a certain Simon who is called Peter.

UST

5 So now command some men to go to Joppa. Tell them to bring back a man named Simon whose other name is Peter.

What did the angel tell Cornelius to do?

The angel told Cornelius to send men to Joppa to bring Peter.

Acts 10:6

ULT

6 He is being hosted by a certain Simon, a tanner, to whom is a house by the sea.”

UST

6 He is staying with a man, also named Simon, who makes leather. His house is near the ocean.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:7

ULT

[7] And when the angel speaking to him left, calling two of {his} house servants and a devout soldier of the ones serving him,

UST

[7] When the angel who was speaking with Cornelius had gone, he summoned two of his household servants and a soldier who served him, one who also worshiped God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:8

ULT

[8] And having told them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

UST

[8] He explained to them everything that the angel had said. Then he told them to go to the city of Joppa and ask Peter to come to Caesarea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:9

ULT

[9] And on the next day, as those were traveling and approaching the city, Peter went up to the housetop to pray at about the sixth hour.

UST

[9] About noon the next day, those three men were traveling along the road. As they were approaching Joppa, Peter went up on the flat housetop to pray.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:10

ULT

[10] And he became hungry and was wanting to eat, but while they were preparing, a vision came upon him,

UST

[10] Peter became hungry and wanted something to eat. While some people were preparing the food, he saw a vision.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:11

ULT
11 and he sees the sky opened and a certain container, like a large sheet, descending, being let down by {its} four corners to the earth,

UST
11 He saw an opening in the sky through which something like a large, square piece of cloth was coming down. Someone seemed to be lowering it by its four corners to the ground.

On the next day, what did Peter see while he was praying and in a trance on the housetop? (vv11-12)
Peter saw a large sheet filled with all kinds of animals, things that crawled, and birds.

Acts 10:12

ULT
12 in which were all the four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth and birds of the sky.

UST
12 Inside the sheet were many different kinds of creatures. Some had four feet, others crawled on the ground, and others were wild birds. These included animals and birds that the Mosaic laws forbade Jews to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:13

ULT
13 And a voice came to him: “Peter, arising, kill and eat.”

UST
13 Then he heard God say to him, “Go ahead, Peter, kill some of these and eat them.”

As Peter saw the vision, what did a voice say to him?
A voice said to Peter, “Rise, Peter, kill and eat”.

Acts 10:14

ULT
14 But Peter said, “Not at all, Lord; for I have never eaten anything common and unclean.”

UST
14 But Peter replied, “Lord, surely not! I have never eaten anything that our Jewish law says is unacceptable to you or that we must not eat!”

What was Peter’s response to the voice?
Peter refused, saying he had never eaten anything defiled and unclean.

Acts 10:15

ULT
15 And the voice {came} to him again, for a second {time}: “What God has cleansed, you, do not make common.”

UST
15 Then Peter heard God talk to him a second time. He said, “I am God, so if I have made something acceptable to eat, do not say that it is not acceptable to eat!”

What did the voice say to Peter after this?
The voice said, “What God has cleansed, do not call it defiled”.

Acts 10:16

ULT
16 And this happened three times, and the container was immediately taken back up to the sky.

UST
16 This happened three times. Right after that, the sheet with the animals and birds went back up into the sky.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:17

ULT

17 And while Peter was doubting within himself what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men sent by Cornelius, having found by inquiry the house of Simon, stood before the gate.

UST

17 This left Peter trying to understand what that vision meant. Meanwhile, the men Cornelius had sent arrived in Joppa. They asked people how to get to Simon's house. When people told them, they found the house and stood outside the gate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:18

ULT

18 And calling out, they were asking whether Simon, called Peter, was being hosted there.

UST

18 They called from the gate and asked if a man whose name was Simon, whose other name was Peter, was staying there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:19

ULT

19 And while Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. [1]

UST

19 While Peter was still trying to understand what the vision meant, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Listen! Three men are here who want you to go with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:20

ULT
20 But arising, go down and go with them, not hesitating, because I have sent them.”

UST
20 So do not be reluctant. Go downstairs and go with them! Do not think that you should not go with them, because I have sent them here!”

What did the Spirit tell Peter to do when the men from Cornelius arrived at the house?
The Spirit told Peter to go down and go with them.

Acts 10:21

ULT
21 So Peter, having gone down to the men, said, “Behold, I am {he} whom you are seeking. What {is} the reason for which you are here?”

UST
21 So Peter went down to the men and said to them, “Greetings! I am the man you are looking for. Why have you come?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:22

ULT
22 And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, a man righteous and fearing God and attested by the whole nation of the Jews, was directed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear words from you.”

UST
22 They replied, “Cornelius, who is a Roman army officer, sent us here. He is a good man who worships God. All of the Jewish people who know about him speak well of him. An angel from God told Cornelius, ‘Have some men to go to Joppa and get Simon Peter. Bring him to your house and listen to what he has to say.’”

What did the men from Cornelius expect Peter to come and do in Cornelius’ house?
The men from Cornelius expected Peter to come and give a message in Cornelius’ house.

Acts 10:23

ULT

23 Therefore, having invited them, he hosted them. And on the next day, arising, he went out with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him.

UST

23 So Peter invited them into the house and told them that they should stay there that night. The next day Peter got ready and went with the men. Several of the believers from Joppa also went with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:24

ULT

24 And on the next day they came to Caesarea. And Cornelius was awaiting them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

UST

24 The day after that, they arrived in the city of Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them. He had also invited his relatives and close friends to come, so they were there in his house too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:25

ULT

25 And as it happened that Peter intended to enter, Cornelius, meeting him {and} falling down at {his} feet, worshiped him.

UST

25 When Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and bowed low in front of him to worship him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:26

ULT
26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Arise! I too am a man myself.”

UST
26 But Peter grasped Cornelius by the hand and lifted him to his feet. He said, “Stand up! Do not bow down and worship me! I myself am only human, like you!”

What did Peter say when Cornelius bowed down at Peter’s feet?
Peter told Cornelius to stand up, for he was only a man.

Acts 10:27

ULT
27 And talking with him, he went in and finds many gathered together.

UST
27 While he was talking to Cornelius, Peter {and the others} entered the house. They saw that Cornelius had invited many people to come {and hear Peter}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:28

ULT
28 And he was saying to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to associate or to visit with a foreigner, but God has shown me not to call any man common or unclean.

UST
28 Then Peter said to them, “You all know that we Jews think we are disobeying our laws if we associate with people who are not Jews or visit them in their homes. However, God has shown me {in a vision} that I should not say that God only accepts people who are Jews.

What was Peter doing that was previously not allowed for Jews, and why was he now doing it?
Peter was associating with people from another nation, because God had shown him that he should not call any man defiled or unclean.

Acts 10:29

ULT

29 And therefore, having been summoned, I came without objection. Therefore I ask you, for what reason did you summon me?”

UST

29 So when you sent some men to ask me to come here, I came right away without objection. So, please tell me, why have you asked me to come here?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:30

ULT

30 And Cornelius was saying, “Four days ago, at this hour, I was praying at the ninth {hour} in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

UST

30 Cornelius replied, “About this time three days ago, I was praying to God in my house, as I regularly do at three o’clock in the afternoon. Suddenly a man whose clothes shone brightly stood in front of me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:31

ULT

31 and he says, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God.

UST

31 and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer. He has also noticed that you have often given money to help poor people, and he is pleased with that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:32

ULT

32 Therefore, send to Joppa and summon Simon who is called Peter. He is being hosted in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' [2]

UST

32 So now, send messengers to go to the city of Joppa in order to ask Simon, whose other name is Peter, to come here. He is staying near the ocean in a house that belongs to another man named Simon, who makes leather.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:33

ULT

33 So immediately I sent for you, and you did well {in} coming. Now therefore, we are all here before God to hear all the things you have been instructed by the Lord {to say}." [3]

UST

33 So I sent some men right away to ask you to come here. I certainly thank you for coming. Now we all are gathered here, knowing that God is with us. We want to hear all the things that the Lord God has commanded you to say. So please speak to us."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:34

ULT

34 And opening {his} mouth, Peter said, "In truth, I perceive that God is not a favoritism-shower.

UST

34 So Peter began to speak to them. He said, "Now I understand that it is true that God does not favor only certain groups of people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:35

ULT

35 Instead, in every nation the one fearing him and working righteousness is acceptable to him.

UST

35 Instead, from every people group he accepts everyone who honors him and who does what pleases him.

Who did Peter say is acceptable to God?

Peter said that anyone who fears God and does righteous deeds is acceptable to God.

Acts 10:36

ULT

36 The word that he sent to the sons of Israel, proclaiming peace through Jesus Christ—he is the Lord of all—

UST

36 You know what God told us Israelites. He proclaimed to us the good news that people could live peacefully with him because of what Jesus the Messiah has done. This Jesus is not Lord only over us Israelites. He is also the Lord who rules over all people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:37

ULT

37 you know the word having happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism that John announced;

UST

37 You know what Jesus did throughout the land of Judea, beginning in Galilee. He started to do those things after John proclaimed to people that they should stop their sinful behavior. If they did, John baptized them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:38

ULT

38 Jesus, the one from Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all the ones being oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

UST

38 You know that God gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus, the man from the town of Nazareth, and gave him the power to do miracles. You also know how Jesus went to many places, doing good deeds. Whenever he met people whom the devil was causing to suffer, he healed them. It was God who enabled Jesus to do those things."

What message about Jesus had the people in Cornelius' house already heard?

The people had already heard that Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power, and that he had healed all who were oppressed, for God was with him.

Acts 10:39

ULT

39 And we {are} witnesses of all that he did, both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they also killed, hanging him on a tree.

UST

39 "We all saw the things Jesus did in Jerusalem and around every part of the land of Israel where he lived. His enemies killed him by nailing him to a wooden cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:40

ULT

40 God raised this one up on the third day and caused him to be seen,

UST

40 Jesus died on a Friday, but God brought him back to life that Sunday. God made sure that many people would see that he was certainly alive again.

What did Peter announce had happened to Jesus after his death, and how did Peter know this? (vv40-41)

Peter announced that God had raised up Jesus on the third day, and that Peter had eaten with Jesus after his resurrection.

Acts 10:41

ULT

41 not by all the people, but by witnesses chosen beforehand by God—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

UST

41 At that time God did not let everyone see him. God had previously chosen some people to be witnesses that Jesus was alive. I am one of the people who saw him and even ate meals together with him just after God brought him back to life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:42

ULT

42 And he commanded us to announce to the people and to testify that he is the one chosen by God as a Judge of the living and the dead.

UST

42 Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and tell them that God has chosen him to judge everyone one day. He will judge those who are still alive and those who have died before that day.

What did Peter say Jesus had commanded them to preach to the people?

Jesus had commanded them to preach that Jesus had been chosen by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 10:43

ULT

43 To this one all the prophets bear witness, that everyone believing in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

UST

43 All the prophets who wrote about him long ago told the people about him. They wrote that if anyone believed in him, God would forgive whatever sins they had done, because of what this man, Jesus, would do for them."

What did Peter say everyone would receive who believes in Jesus?

Peter said that everyone who believes in Jesus would receive the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 10:44

ULT

44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all the ones listening to {his} word.

UST

44 While Peter was still speaking about Jesus, suddenly the Holy Spirit came to all those people from other nations who were listening to the message.

What happened to the people who were listening to Peter while Peter was still speaking?
The Holy Spirit fell on all those who were listening to Peter.

Acts 10:45

ULT

45 And the faithful from the circumcision—as many as had come with Peter—marveled, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.

UST

45 The Jewish believers who had come with Peter from Joppa were amazed that God had so kindly given the Holy Spirit to people from all different nations too.

Why were the believers who belonged to the circumcision group amazed?
The believers who belonged to the circumcision group were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:46

ULT

46 For they heard them speaking in languages and praising God. Then Peter responded,

UST

46 The Jewish believers knew that God had done that because they were hearing those people speak in other languages to tell how great God is. Then Peter said,

What were the people doing which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them?
The people were speaking in other languages and praising God which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them.

Acts 10:47

ULT

47 “No one is able to withhold water, is he, so that these are not baptized who have received the Holy Spirit as we also {did}?”

UST

47 {to the other Jewish believers who were there}, “God has given them the Holy Spirit just as he gave him to us Jewish believers. Surely all of you would agree that we should baptize these people!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 10:48

ULT

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for several days.
10:19 [1] or
10:32 [2]
10:33 [3] some ancient copies read

UST

48 Then Peter told Cornelius and his guests that they should receive baptism as believers in Jesus the Messiah. {Peter and the believers who had come with him from Joppa baptized all of them.} After they had received baptism, Cornelius invited Peter to stay with them for several days. {So he and the other Jewish believers did that.}

After seeing that the people had received the Holy Spirit, what did Peter command be done with them?

Peter commanded that the people be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 11

Acts 11:1

ULT

[1] Now the apostles and the brothers being throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

UST

[1] The apostles and other believers who lived in various towns in the province of Judea heard that some non-Jewish people had also believed the message of God about Jesus.

What news did the apostles and brothers in Judea hear?

The apostles and brothers in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

Acts 11:2

ULT

[2] And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those from the circumcision were disputing with him,

UST

[2] But there were some Jewish believers in Jerusalem who {followed the teaching of the Pharisees and} believed that Jews should not associate with non-Jews. When Peter came back from Caesarea to Jerusalem, they met with him and criticized him.

What criticism against Peter did those of the circumcision group in Jerusalem have? (vv2-3)

Those in the circumcision group criticized Peter for eating with the Gentiles.

Acts 11:3

ULT

[3] saying that he went in to men having foreskins and ate with them.

UST

[3] They said to him, “Not only was it wrong for you to go into the home of someone who was not Jewish, you even ate there!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:4

ULT

4 But Peter, beginning, was explaining to them in order, saying,

UST

4 So Peter told them exactly what had happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:5

ULT

5 “I was praying in the city of Joppa, and in a trance I saw a vision of a certain container coming down, like a large sheet being let down from the sky by {its} four corners, and it came unto me,

UST

5 He said, “I was praying {by myself} in the city of Joppa, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, suspended by its four corners. It came down to where I was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:6

ULT

6 gazing into which I was looking closely and I saw the four-legged animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping animals, and the birds of the sky.

UST

6 As I was gazing at it, I looked closely and I saw some tame animals and also some wild animals, reptiles, and wild birds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:7

ULT

7 Then I also heard a voice saying to me, “Peter, arising, kill and eat!”

UST

7 Then I heard a voice commanding me, ‘Go ahead, Peter, kill some and eat them!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:8

ULT
[8] But I said, “By no means, Lord; for the common or unclean has never entered into my mouth.”

UST
[8] But I replied, ‘Lord, surely not! I have never eaten anything that our laws say we must not eat!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:9

ULT
[9] But the voice answered for a second {time} from heaven, “What God has cleansed, you, do not make common!”

UST
[9] The voice spoke to me from heaven a second time: ‘I am God, so if I have made something acceptable to eat, do not say it is unacceptable.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:10

ULT
[10] And this happened three times, and everything was pulled up to the sky again.

UST
[10] This same thing happened two more times. Then the sheet with all those animals and birds went back up into heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:11

ULT
[11] And behold, immediately three men stood at the house in which we were, having been sent from Caesarea to me.

UST
[11] At that exact moment, three men arrived at the house where I was staying. Their master had sent them to bring me to Caesarea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:12

ULT

12 And the Spirit said to me to go with them, not hesitating. And these six brothers also went with me, and we entered into the house of the man.

UST

12 God's Spirit told me that I should not hesitate to go with them even though they were not Jews. Six Jewish believers went with me to Caesarea. We went into the house of the man who had sent for me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:13

ULT

13 Then he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and summon Simon, called Peter.

UST

13 He told us that he had seen an angel standing in his house. The angel told him, 'Tell some men to go to Joppa and bring back Simon whose other name is Peter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:14

ULT

14 He will speak words to you by which you will be saved—you and all your house."

UST

14 He will tell you how God will save you and everyone else in your house.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:15

ULT

15 But as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as also on us in the beginning.

UST

15 While I was speaking to them, the Holy Spirit suddenly came to them just as he came to us during the Pentecost festival.

What evidence did Peter present to demonstrate that God had accepted the Gentiles?
Peter presented the fact that the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentiles.

Acts 11:16

ULT

16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he was saying, “John indeed baptized with water; but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit.”

UST

16 Then I remembered what Jesus had said: ‘John baptized you with water, but God will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:17

ULT

17 If, therefore, God gave to them the same gift as also to us having believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I {to be} able to hinder God?”

UST

17 God gave us the Holy Spirit when we believed in the Lord Jesus as the Messiah. God gave those non-Jews the same Holy Spirit. So I had to cooperate with what God was doing {and baptize them}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:18

ULT

18 And having heard these things, they became quiet and glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has given repentance unto life.”

UST

18 After those Jewish believers heard what Peter said, they stopped criticizing him. Instead, they praised God. They said, “It is clear that God has accepted non-Jews so they too can have everlasting life if they turn from their sinful behavior.”

What was the conclusion of those in the circumcision group when they heard Peter’s explanation?

They praised God and concluded that God had given repentance for life to the Gentiles also.

Acts 11:19

ULT

19 Then indeed the ones having been scattered from the persecution having happened over Stephen spread to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except only to Jews.

UST

19 After Stephen died, people started persecuting the other believers in Jerusalem. So many of them left and went to other places. Some of them went to the land of Phoenicia. Some went to the island of Cyprus. Others went to the city of Antioch in Syria. In those places. they told people the good news about Jesus. But most of them told only other Jewish people.

What did most of the believers who were scattered after Stephen’s death do?

Most of the scattered believers told the message about Jesus only to Jews.

Acts 11:20

ULT

20 But some of them were men, Cypriots and Cyrenians, who, having come to Antioch, were speaking also to the Greeks, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.

UST

20 But some of the believers were men from the island of Cyprus and from the city of Cyrene in north Africa. They went to Antioch and also spoke with non-Jewish people, telling them that Jesus is the Messiah.

What happened when some of the scattered believers preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks? (vv20-21)

When they preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks, a great number believed.

Acts 11:21

ULT
21 And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number, believing, turned to the Lord.

UST
21 The Lord God was powerfully enabling those believers to preach effectively. As a result, very many non-Jewish people believed their message and trusted in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:22

ULT
22 And the report about them came to the ears of the church that was in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas as far as Antioch.

UST
22 The group of believers in Jerusalem learned that many people in Antioch were believing in Jesus. So they sent Barnabas to Antioch {to teach and encourage the new believers}.

What did Barnabas from Jerusalem tell the believing Greeks in Antioch? (vv22-23)
Barnabas encouraged the Greeks to remain with the Lord with all their heart.

Acts 11:23

ULT
23 who, having come and having seen the grace of God, rejoiced and was encouraging {them} all to remain with the Lord with purpose of heart.

UST
23 When Barnabas got to Antioch, he recognized that God had acted kindly toward the people there. This made him very happy. He encouraged all of the new believers to continue to trust in the Lord Jesus completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:24

ULT

24 For he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and a considerable crowd was added to the Lord.

UST

24 Barnabas was a good man whom the Holy Spirit completely controlled. He trusted God completely. Because of what Barnabas did, many more people in Antioch believed in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:25

ULT

25 And he went out to Tarsus to search for Saul.

UST

25 Then Barnabas left Antioch and went to the city of Tarsus in the province of Cilicia to look for Saul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:26

ULT

26 And having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened to them that for even a whole year they were gathered together with the church and taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

UST

26 After Barnabas found Saul, he brought him back to Antioch to help teach the believers there. Barnabas and Saul met regularly with the church there for a whole year. They taught large numbers of people about Jesus. The people of Antioch were the first people who called the disciples of Jesus "Christians."

Who spent an entire year at the church in Antioch?

Barnabas and Saul spent an entire year at the church in Antioch.

What name did the disciples first receive in Antioch?

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Acts 11:27

ULT
27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

UST
27 During the time that Barnabas and Saul were in Antioch, some believers who were prophets came there from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 11:28

ULT
28 And one of them, Agabus by name, having arisen, signified through the Spirit {that} a great famine was about to occur over the whole world. This happened upon Claudius.

UST
28 One of them whose name was Agabus stood up {in order to speak}. God's Spirit enabled him to prophesy that there would soon be a severe shortage of food in many countries. (This shortage happened when Claudius was the Roman emperor.)

What did Agabus the prophet predict would happen?
Agabus predicted that a great famine would occur over all the world.

Acts 11:29

ULT
29 So they determined, just as any of the disciples was prospering, each of them, to send {something} for assistance to the brothers living in Judea,

UST
29 {When the believers there heard what Agabus said,} they decided that they would send money to help the believers who lived in Judea. Each of them decided to give as much money as he was able to give.

How did the disciples respond to Agabus' prophecy? (vv29-30)
The disciples sent help to the brothers in Judea by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11:30

ULT

30 which indeed they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

UST

30 They sent the money with Barnabas and Saul to the leaders of the believers in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12

Acts 12:1

ULT
[1] Now at that time Herod the king laid on hands to harm some from the church.

UST
[1] About this same time, King Herod Agrippa sent soldiers to arrest some of the leaders of the group of believers in Jerusalem. The soldiers put them in prison. The king did that because he wanted to hurt the believers and their community.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:2

ULT
[2] And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.

UST
[2] He commanded a soldier to cut off the head of the apostle James, the older brother of the apostle John. So the soldier did that.

What did Herod the king do to James the brother of John?
Herod the king killed James the brother of John with the sword.

Acts 12:3

ULT
[3] And seeing that this was pleasing to the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also (and those were the days of unleavened bread),

UST
[3] When Herod realized that he had pleased the leaders of the Jewish people, he commanded soldiers to arrest Peter too. This happened during the festival when the Jewish people ate bread without yeast.

What did Herod the king do to Peter? (vv3-4)
Herod arrested and put Peter in prison, intending to bring him to the people after the Passover.

Acts 12:4

ULT

[4] and whom, having arrested, he put in prison, handing him over to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover.

UST

[4] After the soldiers arrested Peter, they put him in prison. Herod assigned four groups of soldiers to guard Peter. Each group had four soldiers. Herod wanted to bring Peter out of prison and judge him in front of the Jewish people after the Passover Festival was finished. {He then planned to execute Peter.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:5

ULT

[5] So indeed Peter was being kept in the prison, but prayer was being made earnestly to God for him by the church.

UST

[5] So for several days Peter stayed in prison. But the other believers in their group in Jerusalem were urgently praying to God, asking him to help Peter.

What was the assembly doing for Peter?

The assembly was earnestly praying for Peter.

Acts 12:6

ULT

[6] And when Herod was going to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards before the door were watching the prison.

UST

[6] It was the night before Herod planned to bring Peter out of prison and have him executed publicly. Peter was sleeping in the prison between two soldiers. A soldier on one side of him had locked a chain onto Peter's wrist and his own wrist. A soldier on the other side of Peter had done the same thing. Two more soldiers were guarding the prison doors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:7

ULT

[7] And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison cell. And striking the side of Peter, he awakened him, saying, “Get up in haste,” and his chains fell away from {his} hands.

UST

[7] Suddenly, an angel from the Lord God stood beside Peter. A bright light shone in his cell. {But Peter was still sleeping so soundly that} the angel poked him in the side to wake him up. The angel told him, “Get up quickly!” {While Peter was getting up,} the chains fell off from his wrists. {However, the soldiers were not aware of what was happening.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:8

ULT

[8] And the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals.” So he did thus. And he said to him, “Put on your outer garment and follow me.”

UST

[8] Then the angel said to him, “Fasten your belt around you and tie your sandals onto your feet!” And Peter did what the angel told him to do. Then the angel told him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:9

ULT

[9] And going out, he followed him, but he did not know that what was being done by the angel is real, but he was thinking he was seeing a vision.

UST

[9] So Peter {put on his cloak and sandals and} followed the angel out of the prison cell. He had no idea that all this was really happening. He thought that he was dreaming.

How did Peter get past the first and second guard and out of the gate of the prison? (vv9-10)

Peter followed an angel past the guards, and then the gate opened by itself.

Acts 12:10

ULT

10 But having passed by the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate leading into the city, which opened for them by itself. And having gone out, they went down one street, and suddenly the angel went away from him.

UST

10 Peter and the angel walked by the soldiers who were guarding the two doors, but the soldiers did not see them. Then they came to the iron gate that led into the city. The gate swung open for them, and Peter and the angel walked out of the prison. After they had walked some distance along one street, the angel suddenly disappeared.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:11

ULT

11 And Peter, having come to himself, said, “Now I truly know that the Lord sent out his angel and delivered me from the hand of Herod and all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

UST

11 Then Peter finally realized that this was not a vision, it was really happening. So he thought, “Now I know that the Lord God truly sent an angel to help me. He rescued me from what Herod planned to do to me and from all the things that the Jewish leaders expected would happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:12

ULT

12 And having realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, called Mark, where many were gathered together and praying.

UST

12 When Peter realized that God had rescued him, he went to Mary’s house. She was the mother of John, whose other name was Mark. Many believers had assembled there, and they were praying that God would help Peter somehow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:13

ULT
13 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant girl, Rhoda by name, came to answer.

UST
13 When Peter knocked at the outer entrance, a servant girl whose name was Rhoda came to find out who was outside the door.

When Peter arrived at the house where the believers were praying, who answered the door and what did she do? (vv13-14)
A servant girl Rhoda answered the door and reported that Peter was standing at the door, but she did not open the door.

Acts 12:14

ULT
14 And having recognized the voice of Peter, from joy she did not open the gate, but running inside, she reported, “Peter is standing at the gate!”

UST
14 {When Peter responded,} she recognized his voice, but she was so happy and excited that she forgot to open the door! Instead, she ran back into the house. She told the other believers that Peter was standing outside the door.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:15

ULT
15 But they said to her, “You are insane!” But she was insisting that it was thus. So they were saying, “It is his angel.”

UST
15 But they said to her, “You must be crazy!” But she continued to say that it was really true. They kept responding, “{No, it cannot be Peter.} It is probably his angel.”

How did the believers first react to her report?
At first they thought Rhoda was insane.

Acts 12:16

ULT

16 But Peter was continuing knocking, and opening, they saw him and marveled.

UST

16 But Peter kept knocking the whole time those inside were talking. So when some of them finally opened the door, they saw that it was Peter, and they could hardly believe it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:17

ULT

17 And having motioned to them with {his} hand to be silent, he described how the Lord had led him out from the prison. And he said, “Report these things to James and the brothers.” And having gone out, he went to another place.

UST

17 Peter waved his hand to get them to be quiet. Then he told them exactly how the Lord God had let him out of the prison. He also said, “Tell James, the leader of our group, and our other fellow believers what has happened.” Then Peter left and went away somewhere else.

After telling the believers what had happened to him, what did Peter tell them to do?

Peter told them to report these things to James and the brothers.

Acts 12:18

ULT

18 Now when day had come, there was no small disturbance among the soldiers, what then had Peter become.

UST

18 The next morning the soldiers who had been guarding Peter {saw that he was gone}. They wondered what had happened to him, and they became terribly upset.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:19

ULT

19 And Herod, having searched for him and not having found him, having questioned the guards, ordered them to be put to death. And having gone down from Judea to Caesarea, he was staying there.

UST

19 {Then Herod heard about it. So} he commanded soldiers to search for Peter, but they did not find him. Then Herod questioned the soldiers who had been guarding Peter. {But the soldiers had no good explanation for what had happened.} So Herod commanded them to be executed{, which was how the Romans punished guards whose prisoners escaped}. Afterwards, Herod went from the province of Judea to the city of Caesarea, where he stayed for some time.

What happened to the men that had been guarding Peter?

Herod questioned the guards and then had them put to death.

Acts 12:20

ULT

20 Now he was quarreling with the Tyrians and Sidonians. So they came to him unanimously, and having persuaded Blastus, the one over the bedchamber of the king, they were requesting peace, because their country was nourished from the king's country.

UST

20 King Herod became very upset with the people who lived in the cities of Tyre and Sidon. {He stopped them from trading with the people he ruled.} But the people of Tyre and Sidon needed to buy food from those regions. So they sent representatives together to the city of Caesarea to meet with Herod. They persuaded Blastus, who was one of Herod's important officials, to tell Herod that they wanted to live peacefully with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:21

ULT

21 And on the appointed day, Herod, having put on royal clothing and having sat on the throne, made a speech to them.

UST

21 On the day that Herod had planned to meet with the representatives of Tyre and Sidon{, he did some things to impress them}. He put on very expensive clothes and he sat on his royal throne. Then he formally addressed all the people who had gathered there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 12:22

ULT
22 And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man!”

UST
22 Those who were listening to him shouted repeatedly, “King Herod speaks so well that he must be a god, not a man!”

What did the people shout as Herod gave his speech?
The people shouted, “This is the voice of a god, not of a man”!

Acts 12:23

ULT
23 And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God, and having become worm-eaten, he died.

UST
23 Herod accepted the praise of the people instead of telling them they should praise God. So while the people were still praising Herod, the Lord God sent an angel to punish him. That angel punished him severely: Worms ate him and he died.

What happened to Herod after his speech, and why?
Because Herod did not give glory to God, an angel struck him and he was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 12:24

ULT
24 But the word of God was increasing and was being multiplied.

UST
24 The believers continued telling God’s message to people in many places, and the number of people who believed in Jesus was continually increasing.

What was happening with the word of God during this time?
The word of God grew and multiplied during this time.

Acts 12:25

ULT

25 Then Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, [1] having completed their service, bringing with them John, called Mark.
12:25 [1]

UST

25 Barnabas and Saul finished delivering the money to help the Jewish believers in the province of Judea. They returned to the city of Jerusalem. They brought John, whose other name was Mark, with them.

Who did Barnabas and Saul take with them?

Barnabas and Saul took John Mark with them.

Acts 13

Acts 13:1

ULT

[1] Now in Antioch, in the church being {there}, were prophets and teachers: both Barnabas and Simeon called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian; both Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

UST

[1] At that time in the group of believers in the city of Antioch there were prophets and teachers. They were: Barnabas; Simeon, whose other name was Niger; Lucius, who was from the city of Cyrene; Manaen, who had grown up with Herod Antipas when he was the ruler of Galilee; and Saul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:2

ULT

[2] And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Separate, then, Barnabas and Saul to me for the work to which I have called them.”

UST

[2] While the believers in Antioch were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit spoke to them. He said, “I want you to let Barnabas and Saul serve me in a particular way. I want you to send them on a special mission that I have chosen them to do.”

What was the assembly in Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them?

The assembly in Antioch was worshiping the Lord and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them.

What did the Holy Spirit tell them to do?

The Holy Spirit told them to set apart Barnabas and Saul to do the work to which the Spirit was calling them.

Acts 13:3

ULT
[3] Then, having fasted and prayed, and having laid {their} hands on them, they released them.

UST
[3] So the believers fasted and prayed some more. Then they put their hands on Barnabas and Saul {to show that they approved of them going on this special mission}. Then they sent them off to do what the Holy Spirit had commanded.

What did the assembly do after hearing from the Holy Spirit?
The assembly fasted, prayed, laid hands on Barnabas and Saul, and sent them off.

Acts 13:4

ULT
[4] So they, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed away to Cyprus.

UST
[4] The Holy Spirit gave Barnabas and Saul instructions about where to go. So they went from Antioch to the city of Seleucia, which is by the sea. From there they went by ship to the city of Salamis on the island of Cyprus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:5

ULT
[5] And having arrived in Salamis, they were proclaiming the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John as an assistant.

UST
[5] While they were in Salamis, they went to the Jewish meeting places. There they proclaimed the message God had told them to share about Jesus. John Mark went with them and was helping them.

When Barnabas and Saul went to Cyprus, who also was with them?
In Cyprus, John Mark was with them as their assistant.

Acts 13:6

ULT

[6] And having passed through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain man, a magician, a Jewish false prophet, whose name {was} Bar Jesus,

UST

[6] The three of them crossed from one side of the island to the other {and shared the gospel message in each town they passed through}. Eventually they came to the city of Paphos. There they met a sorcerer whose name was Bar Jesus. He was a Jew who falsely claimed to be a prophet.

Who was Bar-Jesus? (vv6-7)

Bar-Jesus was a Jewish false prophet who associated with the proconsul.

Acts 13:7

ULT

[7] who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus—an intelligent man. Summoning Barnabas and Saul, he sought to hear the word of God.

UST

[7] He was often in the company of the governor of the island, Sergius Paulus, who was a sensible man. The governor sent someone to ask Barnabas and Saul to come to him because he wanted to hear what God had told them to say.

Why did the proconsul summon Barnabas and Saul?

The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.

Acts 13:8

ULT

[8] But Elymas, “the Magician” (for thus is his name translated), opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

UST

[8] However, Bar Jesus, who also called himself Elymas, contradicted what Barnabas and Paul were saying. (The name Elymas means "the Sorcerer.") He kept trying to persuade the governor not to believe in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:9

ULT

[9] But Saul, also Paul, being filled with the Holy Spirit, staring at him intently,

UST

[9] Saul was using his Roman name, Paul, because he was visiting a Roman official. The Holy Spirit gave Paul boldness and insight. He looked steadily at the sorcerer.

What was another name by which Saul was known?

Saul was also known as Paul.

Acts 13:10

ULT

[10] said, “O full of all deceit and all trickery, son of the devil, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop turning aside the straight paths of the Lord?

UST

[10] Paul said, “You are constantly lying to people and doing things to deceive them! You are serving the devil! You try to stop everything that is good! You must stop trying to keep people from living in the way that God wants!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:11

ULT

[11] And now, behold, the hand of the Lord {is} upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a mist and darkness fell upon him, and going around, he was seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

UST

[11] Right now the Lord God is going to punish you! You will become blind and you will not even be able to see the sun until God decides to let you see again.” At once Elymas could no longer see clearly. Then he could not see at all. He wandered around, searching for someone to take him by the hand and lead him.

What did Paul say would happen to Bar-Jesus because he tried to turn the proconsul against the faith?

Paul told Bar-Jesus that he would be blind for a time.

Acts 13:12

ULT

12 Then the proconsul, having seen the {thing] having happened, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

UST

12 When Sergius Paulus saw what had happened to Elymas, he believed in Jesus. The truth and power of what Paul and Barnabas were teaching about Jesus amazed him.

How did the proconsul react when he saw what happened to Bar-Jesus?

The proconsul believed.

Acts 13:13

ULT

13 Now having set sail from Paphos, the ones around Paul came to Perga of Pamphylia. But John, withdrawing from them, returned to Jerusalem.

UST

13 After that, Paul and the people with him traveled by sailboat from Paphos to the city of Perga in the province of Pamphylia. At Perga, John Mark left them and returned to his home in Jerusalem.

What did John Mark do when Paul and his friends set sail to Perga?

John Mark left Paul and his friends and returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 13:14

ULT

14 But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia and, going into the synagogue on the day of the Sabbath, they sat down.

UST

14 Then Paul and Barnabas traveled by land from Perga and arrived in the city of Antioch in the district of Pisidia {in the province of Galatia}. On the Sabbath, they entered the Jewish meeting place and sat down {as rabbis did}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:15

ULT
15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue leaders sent to them, saying, “Men, brothers, if any word of exhortation for the people is in you, speak.”

UST
15 Someone read aloud from what Moses had written in the books of the Law. Next someone read from what the prophets had written. Then the leaders of the Jewish meeting place sent a message to Paul and Barnabas. They said, “Fellow Jews, if one of you wants to speak to the people here to encourage them, please speak to us now.”

Where in Antioch of Pisidia was Paul asked to speak?
In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul was asked to speak in the Jewish synagogue.

Acts 13:16

ULT
16 So Paul, arising and motioning with {his} hand, said, “Men, Israelites and ones fearing God, listen.

UST
16 So Paul stood up and motioned with his hand {so that the people would listen to him}. Then he said, “Fellow Israelites and you non-Jewish people who also worship God, please listen to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:17

ULT
17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he led them out of it.

UST
17 God, whom we Israelites worship, chose our ancestors to be his people. He caused them to become very numerous while they were foreigners living in Egypt. Then God did powerful things to lead them out of slavery there.

In Paul’s speech, who does Paul say God chose in the past?
In Paul’s speech, Paul said that God chose Israel.

Acts 13:18

ULT

18 And for about a 40-year time, he endured them in the wilderness. [1]

UST

18 He put up with their disobedience for about forty years while they were in the wilderness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:19

ULT

19 And having destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance,

UST

19 He enabled the Israelites to conquer seven people groups who were then living in the region of Canaan. He gave their land to the Israelites to live in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:20

ULT

20 in about 450 years. And after these things, he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

UST

20 The Israelites spent about 450 years in Egypt and in the wilderness." "After that, God chose people to serve as judges and as leaders to rule the Israelite people. The prophet Samuel was the last of these judges to rule them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:21

ULT

21 And then they requested a king, and God gave them Saul, son of Kish, a man from the tribe of Benjamin, for 40 years.

UST

21 Then, while Samuel was still their leader, the people demanded that he choose a king to rule them. So God chose Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin, to be their king. He ruled them for 40 years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:22

ULT

22 And having removed him, he raised up David for them for {their} king, about whom also he said, testifying, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, a man according to my heart, who will do all my will.’

UST

22 After God had rejected Saul from being king, he chose David to be their king. God said about him, ‘I have seen that David, son of Jesse, is exactly the kind of man who desires what I desire. He will do everything that I want him to do.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:23

ULT

23 From the seed of this one, according to promise, God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

UST

23 “God brought one of David’s descendants, Jesus, to us Israelite people to save us. This is what he had promised David and our other ancestors that he would do.

From whom did God bring Israel a Savior?

From King David God brought Israel a Savior.

Acts 13:24

ULT

24 John having announced beforehand, before the face of his entrance, a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

UST

24 Before Jesus began his work, John the Baptizer preached to all of our Israelite people who came to him. He told them that they should turn away from their sinful behavior and ask God to forgive them. Then he would baptize them.

Who did Paul say had prepared the way for the coming Savior? (vv24-25)

Paul said that John the Baptist had prepared the way for the coming Savior.

Acts 13:25

ULT

25 And as John was completing {his} course, he was saying, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not he. But behold, one is coming after me, of whom the sandals of {his} feet I am not worthy to untie.’

UST

25 When John was about to finish the work that God gave him to do, he told the crowds, ‘Do not think that I am the Messiah whom God promised to send, because I am not. But listen! The Messiah will soon come. He is so much greater than I am that I do not even deserve to be his slave and take the sandals off his feet.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:26

ULT

26 Men, brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and the ones among you fearing God, to us the word of this salvation has been sent.

UST

26 “My fellow Israelites who are descendants of Abraham and you non-Jewish people who also worship God, please listen! God has told all of us how he saves people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:27

ULT

27 For the ones living in Jerusalem and their rulers, not recognizing this one and condemning him, fulfilled the voices of the prophets being read on every Sabbath.

UST

27 The people living in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus. They heard someone read from the writings of the prophets {in their synagogues} on every Sabbath day. {But they did not understand what the prophets were saying.} And so what the prophets predicted long ago came true when they condemned Jesus to death.

How did the people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfill the prophets’ messages?

The people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfilled the prophets’ messages by condemning Jesus to death.

Acts 13:28

ULT

28 And finding no reason for death, they asked Pilate for him to be killed.

UST

28 {Many people accused Jesus of doing wicked things.} They could not prove that he had done anything for which he deserved to die. But they still demanded that Pilate, the governor, condemn him to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:29

ULT

29 And when they had completed all the things having been written about him, taking him down from the tree, they laid him in a tomb.

UST

29 They did to Jesus all the things that the prophets had written long ago that people would do to him. {They killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross.} Then they took his body down from the cross and placed it in a tomb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:30

ULT

30 But God raised him from the dead,

UST

30 However, God brought him back to life after he was dead.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:31

ULT

31 who was seen for many days by the ones having come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who now are his witnesses to the people.

UST

31 For many days he repeatedly appeared to his disciples who had come along with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. Those who saw him are telling the people about him now."

Who were now Jesus' witnesses to the people?

The people who saw Jesus after he was raised from the dead were now his witnesses.

Acts 13:32

ULT

32 And we are proclaiming to you the promise having been to {our} fathers,

UST

32 "Right now we are proclaiming this good news to you. God made a promise to our Jewish ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:33

ULT

33 that God has completely fulfilled this for our children, raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have fathered you.'

UST

33 God has kept that promise for us who are their descendants, and also for you who are not Jews, by making Jesus alive again. It is just like what David wrote in the second Psalm{, when God was speaking about sending his Son}: 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'

How had God shown that he had kept his promises made to the Jews?

God showed that he had kept his promises to the Jews by raising up Jesus from the dead.

Acts 13:34

ULT

34 And that he raised him up from the dead, never going to return to decay, he has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the holy, trustworthy things of David.’

UST

34 God has made the Messiah alive after he was dead, and God will never let him die again. God promised that to the Messiah when he said in the Scriptures, ‘I will certainly help you, as I promised David that I would do.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:35

ULT

35 For in another {place} he also says: ‘You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.’

UST

35 That is why, in another psalm, David also says: ‘You, God, will not allow the body of your Messiah to decay.’

What did God promise to the Holy One in one of the psalms?

God promised that the Holy One would not see decay.

Acts 13:36

ULT

36 For indeed David, having served the counsel of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw decay.

UST

36 While David was living, he did what God wanted him to do. Then when he died his body was buried where his ancestors’ bodies had been buried. Then David's body decayed. {So he could not have been speaking about himself in this psalm.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:37

ULT
37 But he whom God raised up did not see decay.

UST
37 But God made Jesus alive again after he died, and his body did not decay.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:38

ULT
38 So let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this one release of sins is proclaimed to you and from everything of which you were not able to be justified in the law of Moses. [2]

UST
38 “So, fellow Israelites and other friends, we want you to know that God is promising to forgive your sins as a result of what Jesus has done. You could not become right with God by obeying the laws that Moses wrote because there were many laws that you were not able to obey.

What did Paul proclaim for every one who believes in Jesus?
Paul proclaimed the forgiveness of sins for every one who believes in Jesus.

Acts 13:39

ULT
39 In this one, everyone believing is justified.

UST
39 But now God declares that all people who believe in Jesus are no longer guilty of any of the things that they have done that have displeased him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:40

ULT

40 Look, therefore that the thing spoken about in the prophets may not come upon you:

UST

40 So then be careful that God does not judge you, as the prophets said that God would do!

What warning did Paul also give his listeners? (vv40-41)

Paul warned his listeners not to be like those spoken of in the prophets who hear the announcement of God's work, but do not believe it.

Acts 13:41

ULT

41 'Look, you despisers, and marvel and be destroyed! For I am doing a work in your days, a work that you would not believe at all, even if someone announced it to you.'"

UST

41 {God said through the prophet Habakkuk,} 'You who ridicule me, you will certainly be amazed when you see what I am doing. Then you will be destroyed. You will be amazed because I will do something terrible to you while you are living. You would not believe that I would do that even if someone told you!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:42

ULT

42 And as they were leaving, they were begging these words to be spoken to them on the next Sabbath.

UST

42 After Paul finished speaking and they were going away, many of the people there asked them to return on the next Sabbath and say these things to them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:43

ULT

43 And when the synagogue meeting was ended, many of the Jews and the worshiping proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

UST

43 When the meeting was over, many people became disciples of Jesus, as Paul and Barnabas had encouraged them to do. These people were both Jews and non-Jews who worshiped God. Paul and Barnabas continued talking to them. They urged them to continue to trust that God kindly forgives people's sins because of what Jesus did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:44

ULT

44 And on the next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord.

UST

44 On the next Sabbath day, most of the people in Antioch came to the Jewish meeting place to hear Paul and Barnabas speak about Jesus.

In Antioch, who came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath?

Almost the whole city came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath.

Acts 13:45

ULT

45 But seeing the crowds, the Jews were filled with jealousy, and they were speaking against the things being said by Paul, blaspheming.

UST

45 The leaders of the Jews saw the large crowds of people that were coming to hear Paul and Barnabas. This made them extremely jealous. So they began to contradict the things that Paul was saying. They also insulted him.

How did the Jews react when they saw the crowds?

The Jews were filled with jealousy and spoke against Paul's message, insulting him.

Acts 13:46

ULT

46 And Paul and Barnabas, speaking boldly, said, “It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first. Since you reject it and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

UST

46 Then, speaking very boldly, Paul and Barnabas said to those Jewish leaders, “We had to speak the message from God about Jesus to you Jews first before we proclaim it to non-Jews, because God commanded us to do that. But you are rejecting God’s message. By doing that, you have shown that you are not worthy of everlasting life. Therefore, we are leaving you, and now we will go to the non-Jewish people to tell them the message from God.

What did Paul say the Jews were doing with the word of God spoken to them?

Paul said that the Jews were pushing away the word of God spoken to them.

Acts 13:47

ULT

47 For thus the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have placed you as a light for the Gentiles, for you to be for salvation as far as the end of the earth.’”

UST

47 We are doing this because the Lord God has commanded us to do it. {He said in the Scriptures,} ‘I have chosen you to reveal things about me to non-Jewish people that will be like a light to them. I have chosen you to tell people everywhere in the world the message that I want to save them.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:48

ULT

48 But hearing this, the Gentiles were rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

UST

48 When the non-Jewish people heard those words, they rejoiced. They praised God for the message about Jesus. All of the non-Jewish people whom God had chosen for everlasting life put their trust in Jesus.

What was the Gentiles’ reaction when they heard that Paul was turning to them?

The Gentiles were glad and praised the word of the Lord.

How many of the Gentiles believed?

As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 13:49

ULT
49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout the whole region.

UST
49 At that time, many of the believers traveled around throughout that region, spreading the message about the Lord Jesus everywhere they went.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 13:50

ULT
50 But the Jews stirred up the influential worshiping women and the principal ones of the city and aroused a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and they threw them out from their boundaries.

UST
50 However, some leaders of the Jews talked to some important women who worshiped with them. They also talked to the most important men in the city. The Jewish leaders persuaded the non-Jewish city leaders to try to stop Paul and Barnabas. So those non-Jewish people led many citizens against Paul and Barnabas, and they made them leave their region.

What did the Jews then do to Paul and Barnabas?
The Jews stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them out of the city.

Acts 13:51

ULT
51 But they, having shaken off the dust of {their} feet against them, went to Iconium.

UST
51 As the two apostles were leaving, they shook the dust off their feet. This was to show those leaders that God had rejected them and would punish them. Then they left the city of Antioch and went to the city of Iconium.

What did Paul and Barnabas do before they went on to the city of Iconium?
Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust from their feet against those in the city of Antioch who had thrown them out.

Acts 13:52

ULT

52 But the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.
13:18 [1]
13:38 [2] in verse 39.

UST

52 Meanwhile, the people in Antioch who had believed in Jesus were very happy and the Holy Spirit was helping them greatly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14

Acts 14:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that in Iconium they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews and spoke in such a way that a great multitude, both of Jews and of Greeks, believed.

UST

[1] At Iconium, Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish meeting place. There they spoke very powerfully about the Lord Jesus. As a result, very many Jews and non-Jews believed in Jesus.

What did the disbelieving Jews in Iconium do after a multitude believed Paul and Barnabas' preaching? (vv1-2)

The disbelieving Jews stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and made them bitter against the brothers.

Acts 14:2

ULT

[2] But the disobeying Jews stirred up and embittered the souls of the Gentiles against the brothers.

UST

[2] But some of the Jews refused to believe that message. They made some of the non-Jews angry and bitter toward the people who had put their trust in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:3

ULT

[3] But indeed they stayed there for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who was testifying to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to happen by their hands.

UST

[3] But Paul and Barnabas spent a long time there speaking boldly about Jesus. Jesus enabled them to do many miracles. In this way, he showed people the truth of the message that God saves us even though we do not deserve it.

How did God give evidence about the message of his grace?

God gave evidence about the message of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done by the hands of Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:4

ULT
[4] But the multitude of the city was divided, and some indeed were with the Jews, but some with the apostles.

UST
[4] The people who lived in Iconium had two different opinions. Some agreed with the Jews. Others agreed with Paul and Barnabas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:5

ULT
[5] But when a plot happened of both the Gentiles and the Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them,

UST
[5] Then the non-Jewish people and the Jews who opposed Paul and Barnabas talked among themselves about how they could mistreat Paul and Barnabas. Some of the important men in that city agreed to help them. Together, they decided that they would kill Paul and Barnabas by throwing stones at them.

Why did Paul and Barnabas leave Iconium? (vv5-7)
Some Gentiles and Jews attempted to persuade their leaders to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:6

ULT
[6] having become aware of it, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region,

UST
[6] But Paul and Barnabas heard about their plan. They quickly went away to the district of Lycaonia. They went to the cities of Lystra and Derbe in that district and to the surrounding area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:7

ULT
[7] and there they were proclaiming the gospel.

UST
[7] While they were in that area, they continually told the people the good news about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:8

ULT

[8] And in Lystra a certain man was sitting, powerless in {his} feet, lame from the womb of his mother, who had never walked.

UST

[8] In Lystra, they saw a man who was sitting down because he was crippled in his legs. When his mother gave birth to him, he had crippled legs, so he had never been able to walk.

What did Paul do that caused an uproar in Lystra? (vv8-10)
Paul healed a man who was a cripple from birth.

Acts 14:9

ULT

[9] He heard Paul speaking, who looked intently at him and saw that he had faith to be healed.

UST

[9] He listened as Paul was speaking about Jesus. Paul looked directly at him and could see in the man's face that he believed that Jesus could make him well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:10

ULT

[10] He said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet," and he jumped up and walked around.

UST

[10] So Paul shouted out to him, "Stand up straight!" When the man heard that, his legs became strong. He immediately jumped up and began to walk around.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:11

ULT

11 And the crowds, seeing what Paul had done, raised their voice, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods, having been made like men, have come down to us.”

UST

11 When the crowd saw Paul heal the crippled man, {this made them think that Paul and Barnabas were the gods that they worshiped. So} they shouted excitedly in their own Lycaonian language, “Look! The gods have made themselves look like people and they have come down from the sky to help us!”

What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas? (vv11-13)

The people wanted to offer sacrifices through the priest of Zeus to Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:12

ULT

12 And they were calling Barnabas “Zeus,” and Paul “Hermes,” because he was the leader of the word.

UST

12 They began to say that Barnabas was probably the chief god, whose name was Zeus. And they began to say that Paul was Hermes, the messenger for the other gods. They believed this because Paul was the one who had been speaking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:13

ULT

13 And the priest of Zeus, being before the city, bringing oxen and wreaths to the gates, was wanting to sacrifice with the crowds.

UST

13 People worshiped Zeus at a temple Just outside the gates of the city. The priest who was there heard what Paul and Barnabas had done, so he came to the city gate, where many people had already gathered. He brought bulls with wreaths of flowers around their necks. The priest and the crowd of people wanted to kill the bulls as part of a ceremony to worship Paul and Barnabas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:14

ULT

14 But hearing this, the apostles Barnabas and Paul, tearing their clothing, rushed out into the crowd, crying out

UST

14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard about that, they were very upset. They tore their own clothes {to show that they did not want the people to sacrifice to them}. They rushed among the people, shouting,

How did Barnabas and Paul respond to what the people wanted to do for them? (vv14-15)
Barnabas and Paul tore their clothing, went into the crowd, and cried out saying that the people should turn from these useless things to a living God.

Acts 14:15

ULT

15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, like-passioned to you. We are proclaiming the gospel to you, to turn you from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

UST

15 “People of Lytra, you must not kill those bulls to worship us! We are not gods! We are human beings who are just the same as you! We have come to tell you some good news about the one true God. You can stop worshiping other so-called gods, because they cannot help you. This true God made the sky, the land, the oceans, and everything that lives in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:16

ULT

16 who in bygone generations allowed all the nations to go their own ways,

UST

16 In the past, God allowed the non-Jewish people groups to worship whatever gods they wanted to worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:17

ULT
17 and yet he did not leave himself without witness: doing good, giving you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness.”

UST
17 Even so, God showed you non-Jewish people that he is a good God. He sent rain to make your crops grow. He gave you plenty of food so that you could enjoy your lives.”

How had God not left himself without witness in the past?
God had given the nations rain and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness.

Acts 14:18

ULT
18 And saying these things they barely restrained the crowds, so that they did not sacrifice to them.

UST
18 Paul and Barnabas said all these things to the people. Even so, it was very difficult for them to keep the people from sacrificing those bulls to worship them.

What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas?
The people wanted to offer sacrifices through the priest of Zeus to Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:19

ULT
19 But Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and, having persuaded the crowds and having stoned Paul, they were dragging him out of the city, thinking him to have died.

UST
19 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and convinced many of the people of Lystra that Paul had not been telling them the truth. {The people who believed what those Jews said became angry with Paul.} They let those Jews throw stones at him until he fell to the ground. They all thought that he was dead, so they dragged him outside the city and left him lying there.

What did the crowds at Lystra later do to Paul?
The crowds at Lystra later stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city.

Acts 14:20

ULT
20 But as the disciples surrounded him, arising, he entered into the city, and the next day he went with Barnabas to Derbe.

UST
20 But some of the believers in Lystra came and stood around Paul, where he was lying on the ground. Suddenly Paul stood up! He went back into the city with the believers. The next day, Paul and Barnabas left the city of Lystra and traveled to the city of Derbe.

What did Paul do as the disciples were standing around him?
Paul got up and entered the city.

Acts 14:21

ULT
21 And having proclaimed the gospel in that city and having made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and Antioch,

UST
21 In the city of Derbe they spent several days telling the people about Jesus. Many people there became believers. After that, Paul and Barnabas started on their way back home. They went again to Lystra. Then they went from there to Iconium. Then they went to the city of Antioch in the province of Pisidia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:22

ULT
22 strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and {saying}, “It is necessary for us to enter into the kingdom of God through many afflictions.”

UST
22 In each place, they urged the believers to keep trusting Jesus. They told the believers, “We suffer many hardships in this world when we are allowing God to rule over us.”

Through what did Paul say the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God?
Through many sufferings Paul said the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 14:23

ULT

23 And having appointed elders for them by church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

UST

23 Paul and Barnabas chose leaders for each congregation. Before they left each place, they gathered the believers together and spent some time praying and fasting. Then they entrusted the leaders and other believers to Jesus, in whom they had believed, in order that he would care for them.

What did Paul and Barnabas do in every assembly of believers before they departed?
In every assembly, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders, prayed with fasting, and entrusted the believers to the Lord.

Acts 14:24

ULT

24 And having passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

UST

24 After Paul and Barnabas had traveled through the district of Pisidia, they went south to the district of Pamphylia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:25

ULT

25 And having spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

UST

25 In that district, they arrived at the town of Perga. They preached God’s message about Jesus to the people there. Then they went down to the seacoast at the town of Attalia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:26

ULT

[26] And from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

UST

[26] There they got on a ship and went back to the city of Antioch in the province of Syria. The people there had chosen Paul and Barnabas to go to other places and preach. That was where the believers had asked God to help Paul and Barnabas do the work that they had now completed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 14:27

ULT

[27] And having arrived and having gathered the church together, they were reporting how much God had done with them and that he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

UST

[27] When they arrived in the city of Antioch, they called the believers together. Then Paul and Barnabas told them all that God had helped them to do. Specifically, they told them how God had enabled many non-Jewish people to believe in Jesus.

What did Paul and Barnabas do when they returned to Antioch?

When they returned to Antioch, they reported all the things that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

Acts 14:28

ULT

[28] And they were staying for not a little time with the disciples.

UST

[28] Then Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch with the other believers for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15

Acts 15:1

ULT

1 And certain ones coming down from Judea were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised in the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved.”

UST

1 But then some Jewish believers from the province of Judea arrived in Antioch. They started telling the non-Jewish believers there, “You must receive circumcision {to show that you belong to God}, as Moses commanded in the laws that he received from God. If you do not do that, God will not save you.”

What did certain men from Judea come and teach the brothers?

Certain men from Judea taught that unless the brothers were circumcised, they could not be saved.

Acts 15:2

ULT

2 And no little dispute and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them having happened, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and certain others from among them to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.

UST

2 Paul and Barnabas had a big argument with those Jews. {They could not settle their disagreement,} so the believers at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas and some of the other believers to Jerusalem. That way they could discuss this issue with the apostles and other leaders there.

How did the brothers decide this question should be resolved?

The brothers decided that Paul, Barnabas, and certain others should go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders.

Acts 15:3

ULT

[3] Therefore indeed the ones having been sent out by the church were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles and producing great joy in all the brothers,

UST

[3] After the believers in Antioch had sent Paul, Barnabas, and the others on their way, they traveled through the provinces of Phoenicia and Samaria. When they stopped at different places along the way, they told the believers in those places that many non-Jews were putting their trust in Jesus. When the believers heard this, they rejoiced greatly.

Passing through Phoenicia and Samaria, what news did Paul and his companions announce?

Paul and his companions announced the conversion of the Gentiles.

Acts 15:4

ULT

[4] And having arrived in Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported how much God had done with them.

UST

[4] When Paul, Barnabas, and the others arrived in Jerusalem, the apostles, elders, and other believers there welcomed them. Then Paul and Barnabas reported the things that God had enabled them to do {among non-Jewish people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:5

ULT

[5] But certain ones from the sect of the Pharisees, having believed, stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and command them to keep the law of Moses.”

UST

[5] But some of the Jewish believers who were Pharisees stood up {to get the attention of the other believers}. They said to them, “The non-Jews who have believed in Jesus must receive circumcision. We must also tell them to obey the laws that God gave to Moses.”

Which group among the believers thought that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses?

The group of Pharisees believed that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses.

Acts 15:6

ULT

6 So the apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this word.

UST

6 Then the apostles and the elders met together in order to talk about this issue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:7

ULT

7 And much debate having happened, Peter, arising, said to them, “Men, brothers, you know that from original days God chose among you: By my mouth the Gentiles would hear the word of the gospel and believe.

UST

7 After they had discussed it for a long time, Peter stood up {to get everyone's attention}. He said to them, “Fellow believers, you all know that a long time ago God chose me from among you {other apostles} for an important task. He wanted me to tell the non-Jewish people the good news about Jesus. God wanted them to believe in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:8

ULT

8 And God, the heart-knower, testified to them, giving them the Holy Spirit, just as also to us;

UST

8 God knows what every person is truly like. He showed me and others that he had accepted the non-Jews as his people. He did that by giving the Holy Spirit to them just as {he gave the Holy Spirit} to us.

What did Peter say that God had given to and done for the Gentiles? (vv8-9)

Peter said that God had given the Gentiles the Holy Spirit and had made their hearts clean by faith.

Acts 15:9

ULT
[9] and he did not distinguish between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

UST
[9] God treated them in the same way that he treated us. He forgave their sins because they trusted in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:10

ULT
[10] Now, therefore, why are you testing God, putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?

UST
[10] Listen carefully! God has shown what he wants, so you should not be trying to promote something else. You should not be trying to force non-Jewish believers to obey our Jewish laws! That would be like putting a heavy burden on them. Our ancestors were not able to obey those laws. We Jews today have not been able to obey them either.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:11

ULT
[11] But we believe ourselves to be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, according to the way they also.”

UST
[11] We are confident that God saves us Jews from our sins because of what the Lord Jesus did for us. And we are confident that God will save in the same way those non-Jews who believe in Jesus.”

How did Peter say that both Jews and Gentiles are saved?
Peter said that both Jews and Gentiles are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 15:12

ULT

12 And the whole crowd kept silent and was listening to Barnabas and Paul describing how many signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles through them.

UST

12 After Peter had spoken, Barnabas and Paul told about the many great miracles that God had enabled them to do among the non-Jewish people. {The miracles showed that God had accepted these non-Jews.} The people who heard Barnabas and Paul tell about these miracles were so fascinated that all they did was listen. None of them said anything.

What did Paul and Barnabas report to the assembly?

Paul and Barnabas reported the signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:13

ULT

13 And after they stopped speaking, James answered, saying, “Men, brothers, listen to me.

UST

13 When Barnabas and Paul had finished speaking, James, the leader of the group of believers in Jerusalem, spoke to everyone. He said, “Fellow believers, listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:14

ULT

14 Simeon has described how God first looked to take from the Gentiles a people for his name.

UST

14 Simon Peter has told you how God previously showed that he cared about the non-Jews. God did that by choosing from among them a group of people who would belong to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:15

ULT
15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, as it is written,

UST
15 What God said long ago, as we can read in the writings of one of the prophets, agrees with that:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:16

ULT
16 ‘ "After these things I will return, and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David, and I will rebuild its ruins and restore it,

UST
16 Later on, I will help the Israelites again. I will restore the kingdom of David that has been conquered and destroyed. {I will do that by making one of the descendants of David the king of Israel again.} It will be as if I was rebuilding a house after it had been torn down.

What did the prophecy which James quoted say that God would rebuild, and who would it include? (vv16-17)
The prophecy said that God would rebuild the fallen tent of David, and that it would include the Gentiles.

Acts 15:17

ULT
17 so that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles upon whom my name has been called upon them," says the Lord doing these things

UST
17 I will do this so that the rest of the people in the world will want me to be their Lord. This will include even the non-Jewish people whom I have chosen to belong to me. You can be certain that this will happen because I, the Lord God, have said that I will do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:18

ULT
18 known from eternity.' [1]

UST
18 I told my people long ago that I would do this."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:19

ULT
19 Therefore, I judge not to trouble the ones from the Gentiles turning to God,

UST
19 James continued to speak. He said, "Therefore I think that we should not tell the non-Jewish people who are becoming disciples of Jesus that they have to obey all of our Jewish laws and rituals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:20

ULT
20 but to write to them to abstain from the pollution of idols and sexual immorality and the strangled and blood.

UST
20 Instead, we should write a letter to them about only a few things. They should not eat meat that people have offered to idols. They should not have sexual relations with someone to whom they are not married. They should not eat meat from animals that people have strangled to kill them for butchering. They should not eat or drink any blood.

What commands did James suggest be given to the Gentile converts?
James suggested that the Gentile converts be commanded to keep from idols, from fornication, from what is strangled, and from blood.

Acts 15:21

ULT

21 For Moses has by city, from ancient generations, ones proclaiming him, being read in the synagogues on every Sabbath.”

UST

21 {We should tell the Gentiles not to do these things because they would be very offensive to Jews. The laws that Moses wrote forbid these things. Jews would expect Gentiles to know that God would not want them to do these things because} people read those laws aloud in the Jewish meeting places on every Sabbath day. They have done this in cities in many different places for a very long time.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:22

ULT

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas chosen men from among them—Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers—

UST

22 The apostles and the elders, along with all the other believers in Jerusalem, agreed with what James said. So they decided that they should choose men from the church in Jerusalem and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. Those men would let the believers there know what the leaders at Jerusalem had decided. So they chose Judas the son of Sabbas and Silas. These were both leaders of the believers at Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:23

ULT

23 writing by their hand: “The apostles and the elders, brothers, to the brothers among the Gentiles throughout Antioch and Syria and Cilicia: Greetings!

UST

23 They wrote the following letter, which they asked Judas and Silas to take to the believers at Antioch: “We apostles and elders who are your fellow believers send our greetings to you. We are writing this to you non-Jewish believers who live in the city of Antioch and other places in the provinces of Syria and Cilicia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:24

ULT

24 Now we have heard that some, having gone out from us, have disturbed you with words, upsetting your souls, whom we did not commission,

UST

24 We have heard that some men from our church came to you and taught you things that were different from what you learned when you first believed in Jesus. We have heard that what they told you made you upset. We want you to know that we did not send these men to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:25

ULT

25 it seemed good to us, having become unanimous, having chosen men, to send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,

UST

25 We met together and we all agreed that it would be good to choose some men and ask them to go to you. We are sending them along with Barnabas and Paul, whom we love very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:26

ULT

26 men having handed over their souls for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

26 Those two have put their lives in danger because they serve our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:27

ULT

27 Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, they also reporting the same thing by word.

UST

27 We have also sent Judas and Silas to you. They will tell you the same things that we are writing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:28

ULT

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us for no greater burden to be laid upon you than these necessary things:

UST

28 We believe that the Holy Spirit has shown us that we should not require you to obey all of the Jewish laws. That would be difficult and unnecessary. Instead, we only require you to obey the following instructions:

In the letter written to the Gentiles, who is said to be in agreement with the conclusion of giving the Gentiles only a few necessary commands?

The writers of the letter and the Holy Spirit are said to be in agreement with the conclusions.

Acts 15:29

ULT

29 to abstain from things sacrificed to idols and blood and the strangled and sexual immorality, from which keeping yourselves, you will do well. Farewell."

UST

29 You should not eat food that people have sacrificed to idols. You should not eat or drink any blood. You should not eat meat from animals that people have killed by strangling them. You should not have sexual relations with someone to whom you are not married. If you avoid doing these things, you will be doing what is right. We wish you well."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:30

ULT

30 So they, having been dismissed, indeed came down to Antioch, and gathering the crowd together, they delivered the letter.

UST

30 Then the apostles and elders sent Barnabas, Paul, Judas, and Silas on their way. They traveled from the city of Jerusalem to the city of Antioch. They assembled the believers there and read the letter to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:31

ULT
31 And having read it, they rejoiced at the encouragement.

UST
31 When the believers there read the letter, they were glad, because its message encouraged them.

What was the response of the Gentiles when they heard the letter from Jerusalem?
The Gentiles rejoiced because of the encouragement in the letter.

Acts 15:32

ULT
32 Both Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged the brothers with many a word and strengthened them.

UST
32 Judas and Silas were prophets. They said many things to encourage the Gentile believers. They helped them to trust in Jesus even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:33

ULT
33 And having stayed some time, they were sent away with peace from the brothers to the ones having sent them.

UST
33 Judas and Silas stayed in Antioch for a long time. Then, when they were ready to return to Jerusalem, the believers at Antioch wished them well and they left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:34

ULT
34[2] [But it seemed good to Silas for them to remain there, so only judas traveled.]

UST
34[1] [But Silas thought it would be best for them to stay there. So Judas went back to Jerusalem alone.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:35

ULT
35 But Paul and Barnabas were staying in Antioch, teaching and proclaiming the word of the Lord, with many others also.

UST
35 However, Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch. There they and many others taught the believers and shared the good news about Jesus.

What did Paul and Barnabas do as they stayed in Antioch?
Paul and Barnabas taught and preached the word of the Lord.

Acts 15:36

ULT
36 Then after some days, Paul said to Barnabas, “Returning, then, let us visit the brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, how they are.”

UST
36 After a while Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in every city where we previously proclaimed the good news about Jesus. That way we can find out how well they are continuing to believe in and obey Jesus.”

What did Paul tell Barnabas he wanted to do?
Paul told Barnabas that he wanted to return and visit the brothers in every city they had proclaimed the word of the Lord.

Acts 15:37

ULT
37 But Barnabas was wanting also to take with them John called Mark.

UST
37 {Barnabas agreed that it would be good to go back and visit these believers.} But Barnabas said that he wanted to take John, whose other name was Mark, along with them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:38

ULT

38 But Paul was thinking it wise not to him take with them, the one having withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and not having accompanied them in the work.

UST

38 However, Paul told Barnabas that he thought it was a bad idea to take Mark with them. Paul said this because Mark had left them when they were previously in the region of Pamphylia. Mark had not continued to work with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:39

ULT

39 And a dispute happened, so as for them to be separated from each other and for Barnabas, taking Mark with him, to sail away to Cyprus.

UST

39 Paul and Barnabas strongly disagreed with each other about whether they should bring John Mark with them. So they separated from each other. Barnabas went on a journey of his own and took Mark with him. They sailed on a ship to the island of Cyprus.

Why did Paul and Barnabas separate and travel in different directions?

There was a sharp disagreement between them, so that they separated from each other.

Acts 15:40

ULT

40 But Paul, having chosen Silas, went out, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

UST

40 Paul decided to travel with Silas. The believers in Antioch asked God graciously to help them. Then Paul and Silas departed from Antioch.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 15:41

ULT

41 And he was going through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.
15:18 [1]
15:34 [2]

UST

41 Paul traveled {with Silas} through the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. In those places, they helped the groups of believers to trust in Jesus even more.
15:34 [1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16

Acts 16:1

ULT

[1] And he also came down to Derbe and to Lystra, and behold, a certain disciple was there, Timothy by name, the son of a believing Jewish woman but of a father, a Greek,

UST

[1] Paul and Silas went to the cities of Derbe and Lystra and visited the believers there. Now a believer whose name was Timothy lived in Lystra. His mother was a Jewish woman who believed in Jesus. His father, however, was a Greek man. {Because this man was not Jewish, he did not observe the law of Moses}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:2

ULT

[2] who was being well attested by the brothers in Lystra and Iconium.

UST

[2] The believers in Lystra and Iconium said good things about Timothy,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:3

ULT

[3] Paul wanted this one to go out with him and, taking him, he circumcised him because of the Jews being in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

UST

[3] Paul wanted to take Timothy with him when he went to other places, so he arranged for someone to circumcise Timothy. Paul did that so that the Jews who lived in those other places would accept Timothy. Those Jews knew that his non-Jewish father had not circumcised him.

What did Paul do with Timothy before they traveled together, and why?

Paul circumcised Timothy because the Jews in those parts knew Timothy's father was a Greek.

Acts 16:4

ULT

[4] And as they were going through the cities, they were delivering to them to keep the decrees that had been decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

UST

[4] So Timothy went with Paul and Silas, and they traveled to many other towns. In each town they encouraged the believers to do what the apostles and elders in Jerusalem had told them to do.

What instructions did Paul deliver to the churches on their way?
Paul delivered the instructions that had been written by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:5

ULT

[5] So indeed the churches were being strengthened in the faith and were increasing in number each day.

UST

[5] They helped the believers in those towns to trust Jesus even more. More people became believers every day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:6

ULT

[6] And they went through Phrygia and the Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.

UST

[6] Paul and his companions wanted to share the good news about Jesus in the province of Asia. But the Holy Spirit showed them that he did not want them to do that. So they went instead through the regions of Phrygia and Galatia{, trying to discover where the Holy Spirit wanted them to share the good news}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:7

ULT

[7] And having come near Mysia, they were attempting to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them.

UST

[7] They arrived at the border of the province of Mysia. From there they wanted to go north into the province of Bithynia. But once again the Holy Spirit showed them that he did not want them to share the good news there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:8

ULT

[8] So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

UST

[8] So they went through the province of Mysia and arrived at Troas{, a city by the sea}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:9

ULT

[9] And a vision appeared to Paul by night: A man, a certain Macedonian, was standing and calling him and saying, “Coming over into Macedonia, help us.”

UST

[9] That night God gave Paul a vision in which he saw a man from the province of Macedonia. That man was begging Paul, “Come across the sea to Macedonia and help us!”

How did Paul know God was calling him to preach the gospel in Macedonia?

Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia calling him to come over and help them.

Acts 16:10

ULT

10 So when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go out into Macedonia, reasoning together that God had summoned us to proclaim the gospel to them.

UST

10 {I, Luke, joined Paul and his companions in Troas.} After Paul saw that vision, we made arrangements right away to travel to Macedonia. We were certain that God had called us to share the good news about Jesus with the people there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:11

ULT

11 So setting sail from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis,

UST

11 We got on a boat and sailed from Troas right to the island of Samothrace. The next day we sailed to the city of Neapolis.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:12

ULT

12 and from there to Philippi, which is the first city in the district of Macedonia, a colony, and we were staying in this city for some days.

UST

12 Then we left Neapolis and went to Philippi. It was a very important city in the province of Macedonia. Many Roman citizens lived there. We decided to stay in Philippi for a while.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:13

ULT

13 And on the day of the Sabbath, we went outside the gate by a river, where we thought a place of prayer to be. And having sat down, we spoke to the women having come together.

UST

13 On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate down to the river. {Since there was no synagogue in the city,} we knew that Jewish people would gather to pray at a place like that. When we arrived, we saw some women who had gathered to pray. So we sat down and began to tell them about Jesus.

On the Sabbath, why did Paul go to the river outside the gate of Philippi?

Paul thought there would be a place of prayer there.

Acts 16:14

ULT

14 And a certain woman, Lydia by name, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, worshiping God, was listening, whose heart the Lord opened to pay attention to the things being said by Paul.

UST

14 A woman whose name was Lydia was one of the women who was listening to Paul. She was from the city of Thyatira, She was a merchant who sold luxurious purple cloth. She believed in the God of Israel and worshiped him. The Lord God enabled her to understand what Paul was saying{, and she trusted in Jesus}.

What did the Lord do for Lydia as Paul spoke?

The Lord opened Lydia’s heart to pay attention to the things which were spoken by Paul.

Acts 16:15

ULT

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, entering into my house, stay.” And she persuaded us.

UST

15 Paul baptized Lydia and the others who lived in her house. Then she said to us, “If you recognize that I believe sincerely in Jesus, please come to my house and stay there.” So we accepted her invitation and stayed at her house.

Who was baptized after Paul spoke by the river?

Lydia and her household were baptized after Paul spoke.

Acts 16:16

ULT

16 And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain young female slave having a Python spirit met us, who, divining, was bringing much gain to her masters.

UST

16 Another day, as we were going to the place where people gathered to pray, we met a young woman who was a slave. An evil spirit was giving her the power to tell what would happen to people in the future. People paid a lot of money to the men who were her owners so that she would tell them what was going to happen to them.

How did the young woman with a spirit make money for her masters?
She made money for her masters by fortunetelling.

Acts 16:17

ULT

17 She, following after Paul and us, was shouting, saying, “These men are servants of the Most High God who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.”

UST

17 This young woman followed Paul and the rest of us everywhere we went. She was continually shouting, “These men serve the God who is the greatest of all gods! They are telling you how God can save you!”

What did Paul do after the young woman had followed him for many days? (vv17-18)
Paul turned and commanded the spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.

Acts 16:18

ULT

18 And she was doing this for many days. But Paul, having become annoyed and having turned, said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out from her.” And it came out in the same hour.

UST

18 She continued to do this for many days. Finally, Paul became so upset that he turned toward the young woman and spoke to the evil spirit that was in her. He said, “In the name of Jesus the Messiah, I command you to come out of her!” Immediately the evil spirit left her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:19

ULT

19 But her masters, seeing that their hope of profit had gone, seizing Paul and Silas, dragged them into the marketplace to the rulers.

UST

19 Then her owners realized that she could no longer predict what would happen to people. That meant she could no longer earn money for them. That made them very angry. They grabbed Paul and Silas and took them to the open area of the city where its rulers were {so that the rulers could judge them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:20

ULT

20 And having brought them to the magistrates, they said, “These men are greatly troubling our city, being Jews,

UST

20 The owners of the young woman brought them to the city rulers. They told them, “These men are Jews, and they are greatly troubling the people in our city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:21

ULT

21 and they are proclaiming customs that are not lawful for us neither to accept nor to practice, being Romans.”

UST

21 They are teaching that we should do things that our Roman laws do not allow us to do!”

What accusation did the young woman’s masters bring against Paul and Silas?

They accused Paul and Silas of teaching things that are not lawful for Romans to receive or observe.

Acts 16:22

ULT

22 And the crowd rose up together against them, and the magistrates, tearing off their garments, commanded them to be beaten with rods.

UST

22 Many people in the crowd joined those who were accusing Paul and Silas. {This convinced the Roman rulers that they must be bad men.} So the rulers told soldiers to tear the shirts off Paul and Silas and beat them with wooden rods.

What punishment did Paul and Silas receive from the magistrates? (vv22-24)

They were beaten with rods, thrown into prison, and put in the stocks.

Acts 16:23

ULT

23 And having laid many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely,

UST

23 So the soldiers beat Paul and Silas badly with rods. After that, they took them and put them into the prison. They told the jailer to make sure they did not get out.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:24

ULT

24 who, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

UST

24 Because the officials had told him to do that, the jailer put Paul and Silas into the room that was farthest inside the prison. There, he made them sit down on the floor and stretch out their legs. Then he fastened their ankles in holes between two large pieces of wood, so that Paul and Silas could not move their legs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:25

ULT

25 But around midnight, Paul and Silas, praying, were singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

UST

25 About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and praising God by singing songs. The other prisoners were listening to them.

What were Paul and Silas doing around midnight in the prison?

They were praying and singing hymns to God.

Acts 16:26

ULT

26 And suddenly a great earthquake happened, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and the chains of all were unfastened.

UST

26 Suddenly there was a very strong earthquake that shook the whole jail. As soon as the earthquake struck, it caused all of the doors of the jail to open and all of the chains that fastened the prisoners to fall off.

What happened that caused the jailer to prepare to kill himself?

There was an earthquake, all the prison doors were opened, and everyone’s chains were unfastened.

Acts 16:27

ULT

27 But the jailer became awake, and seeing the prison doors having been opened, having drawn {his} sword, he was about to kill himself, thinking the prisoners to have escaped.

UST

27 The jailer woke up and saw that the earthquake had opened the doors of the jail. He thought that the prisoners had left the jail. So he pulled out his sword to kill himself{, because he knew that the city rulers would kill him if the prisoners had escaped}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:28

ULT
28 But Paul shouted with a loud voice, saying, “Do not do harm to yourself, for we are all here.”

UST
28 Paul saw the jailer and shouted to him, “Do not kill yourself! We prisoners are all here!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:29

ULT
29 So having called for lights, he rushed in and, being terrified, he fell down to Paul and Silas,

UST
29 The jailer shouted to someone to bring torches. {It was midnight and dark, and he wanted to be sure that all the prisoners were still in the prison}. He hurried in {to the inner cell where he had put Paul and Silas}. The jailer was shaking with fear{, because the rulers had told him to guard them carefully. When he saw that Paul and Silas were still there,} he knelt down in front of them to honor them {for sparing his life by not escaping}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:30

ULT
30 and having brought them out, he said, “Sirs, what is necessary for me to do in order to be saved?”

UST
30 Then he brought Paul and Silas out of the jail. He asked them, “Sirs, I want God to save me. What do I need to do?”

What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?
The jailer asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved”?

Acts 16:31

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31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

UST
31 They answered, “If you put your trust in Jesus as your Lord, God will save you. God will also save everyone in your family if they trust in Jesus.”

What answer did Paul and Silas give the jailer?
Paul and Silas answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house”.

Acts 16:32

ULT
32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him, with everyone in his house.

UST
32 Then Paul and Silas spoke about Jesus to him and everyone in his family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:33

ULT
33 And taking them at that hour of the night, he washed them from the blows, and he was baptized immediately—he and all the ones of him.

UST
33 The jailer washed their wounds, even though it was the middle of the night. Then right away Paul and Silas baptized him and everyone in his family.

Who was baptized that night?
The jailer and all his household were baptized that night.

Acts 16:34

ULT

34 And bringing them up into {his} house, he set a table before them and rejoiced with {his} household, having believed in God.

UST

34 Then the jailer brought Paul and Silas into his house and gave them some food to eat. He and his whole family were all very happy because they had believed in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:35

ULT

35 Now when day came, the magistrates sent officers, saying, “Release those men.”

UST

35 The next morning, the city rulers told some officers to go to the prison and tell the jailer, “Let those two prisoners go now!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:36

ULT

36 And the jailer reported the words to Paul, “The magistrates have sent that you may be released. Now therefore, coming out, go in peace.”

UST

36 When the jailer heard this, he went and told Paul, “The city rulers have told me to let you go. So you two can leave the prison now. Do not worry, no one will arrest you again.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:37

ULT

37 But Paul said to them, “Having beaten us in public without trial, men being Romans, they threw us into prison, and now they cast us out secretly? For not! Instead, coming themselves, let them lead us out.”

UST

37 But Paul said to the jailer, with the officers listening, “The city rulers had their soldiers beat us in front of a crowd. Without convicting us of any crime, they put us in prison. They did those things to us even though we are Roman citizens. And now they want to send us away without telling anyone! We will not accept that! Those city rulers must come themselves and free us from prison.”

What caused the magistrates to be afraid after they sent word to let Paul and Silas go? (vv37-38)

The magistrates were afraid because they realized that they had publicly beaten two uncondemned Roman citizens.

Acts 16:38

ULT

38 So the officers reported these words to the magistrates and they were terrified, hearing that they were Romans.

UST

38 So the officers went and told the city rulers that Paul and Silas were refusing to leave the prison unless the rulers came and released them personally. When the city rulers learned that they were Roman citizens, they became very afraid. {They knew that they had done the wrong thing by beating Roman citizens and putting them in prison without a trial.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:39

ULT

39 And coming, they entreated them, and bringing them out, they were asking them to go away from the city.

UST

39 So the city rulers came to Paul and Silas and told them that they were sorry for what they had done to them. The city rulers brought them out of the prison and asked them to leave the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 16:40

ULT

40 So going out from the prison, they came to Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them and went out.

UST

40 After Paul and Silas left the prison, they went to Lydia's house. There they met with her and the other believers. They encouraged the believers to continue trusting in the Lord Jesus. Then Paul and Silas and Timothy left the city of Philippi. {I, Luke, remained there for some time.}

After the magistrates asked them to leave the city, what did Paul and Silas do?

Paul and Silas went to the house of Lydia, encouraged the brothers, and then departed from Philippi.

Acts 17

Acts 17:1

ULT

[1] Now passing through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where a synagogue of the Jews was.

UST

[1] Paul, Silas, and Timothy traveled through the cities of Amphipolis and Apollonia. Then they came to the city of Thessalonica. There was a Jewish meeting place there.

Arriving in Thessalonica, where did Paul go first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus? (vv1-2)

Paul went to the synagogue of the Jews first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus.

Acts 17:2

ULT

[2] And according to the custom of Paul, he went to them, and on three Sabbaths he was reasoning with them from the Scriptures,

UST

[2] On the Sabbath day, Paul went to the meeting place as he usually did. For three weeks he went there on each Sabbath day. He proved to the people from the Scriptures {that Jesus was the Messiah}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:3

ULT

[3] fully opening them and demonstrating that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and {saying}, “This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.”

UST

[3] Paul showed very clearly that in the Scriptures the prophets wrote that the Messiah would have to die but then become alive again. He said, “I am telling you about Jesus. This man is the Messiah.”

What did Paul show was necessary from the Scriptures?

Paul showed it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead.

Acts 17:4

ULT

4 And some from them were persuaded and were associated with Paul and Silas, both a large number of worshiping Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

UST

4 Some of the Jews in the synagogue believed what Paul said about Jesus. They began to meet with Paul and Silas. Many non-Jewish people who worshiped God and many influential women also believed the message about Jesus. They too began to meet with Paul and Silas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:5

ULT

5 But the Jews, having become jealous, and having brought certain wicked men from the marketplace, and having gathered a crowd, they agitated the city. And attacking the house of Jason, they sought to lead them out to the people.

UST

5 But some leaders of the Jews became jealous {because so many people were believing what Paul taught}. So they went to the open area of the city and found some bad men to help them. They used those men to gather a crowd and cause a great disturbance in the city. The crowd ran to the house of a man named Jason where they thought Paul and Silas were staying. They wanted to bring Paul and Silas outside to where the crowd of people was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:6

ULT

6 But not having found them, they dragged Jason and certain brothers to the city officials, shouting, “The ones having turned the world upside down, they are also present here,

UST

6 They discovered that Paul and Silas were not at the house. However, they found Jason and dragged him and some of the other believers who were with him to where the city rulers were. They told the rulers, “These men who have been disturbing the way that people live have now come here also,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:7

ULT

7 whom Jason and all these men have welcomed. They are acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus."

UST

7 and this man Jason has invited them to stay at his house. These other men whom we have brought to you are also friendly with them. They are all disloyal to Caesar our king. They say that another person, whose name is Jesus, is the real king!"

What accusation was made against Paul and Silas to the city officials?
Paul and Silas were accused of acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there was another king—Jesus.

Acts 17:8

ULT

8 And they agitated the crowd and the city officials hearing these things.

UST

8 When the crowd of people that had gathered and the city rulers heard that, they became very upset.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:9

ULT

9 And having received a bond from Jason and the rest, they released them.

UST

9 The city rulers made Jason and the other believers pay a fine. {But they told them that they would give the money back to them if Paul and Silas did not cause any more trouble.} Then the city rulers let Jason and the other believers go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:10

ULT

10 But the brothers immediately sent away both Paul and Silas by night to Berea, who, having arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews.

UST

10 So that same night, the believers sent Paul and Silas out of Thessalonica to the town of Berea. When Paul and Silas arrived there, they went to the Jewish meeting place.

Where did Paul and Silas go when they arrived in Berea?

Paul and Silas went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Acts 17:11

ULT

11 Now these were more noble than {those} in Thessalonica, who received the word with all readiness, examining the Scriptures each day, whether these things might be so.

UST

11 Most of the Jews in Thessalonica had not been willing to listen to God's message. But the Jews who lived in Berea were very willing to listen. They listened carefully to the message about Jesus. Every day they read the Scriptures for themselves to find out whether what Paul said about Jesus was true.

What did the Bereans do when they heard Paul's message?

The Bereans received the word and examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was so.

Acts 17:12

ULT

12 Then indeed many of them believed, even influential Greek women and not a few men.

UST

12 Because of Paul's teaching, many of the Jewish people believed in Jesus, and also some of the important non-Jewish women and many non-Jewish men believed in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:13

ULT

13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was also being proclaimed by Paul at Berea, they came there also, exciting and troubling the crowds.

UST

13 But then the Jews in Thessalonica heard that Paul was in Berea preaching the message from God about Jesus. So they went to Berea and said things to the people there that made them very angry with Paul.

Why did Paul have to leave Berea, and where did he go? (vv13-15)

Paul had leave Berea because the Jews of Thessalonica stirred up the crowds in Berea, so Paul went to Athens.

Acts 17:14

ULT

14 So then the brothers immediately sent Paul away to go as far as to the sea, but both Silas and Timothy stayed there.

UST

14 So right away some of the believers in Berea took Paul to the seacoast to go to another city. But Silas and Timothy stayed in Berea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:15

ULT

15 But the ones conducting Paul brought him as far as Athens, and having received a command to Silas and Timothy that they should come to him as quickly as possible, they departed.

UST

15 When Paul and the other men arrived at the coast, they got on a boat and went to the city of Athens. Then Paul said to the men who had come with him, “Tell Silas and Timothy to come to me here in Athens as soon as they can.” Then those men left Athens and returned to Berea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:16

ULT

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them in Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him, seeing the city being full of idols.

UST

16 In Athens, Paul waited for Silas and Timothy to come. In the meantime, he walked around in the city. He became very distressed because there were many idols in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:17

ULT

17 So indeed he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the ones worshiping and in the marketplace every day with the ones meeting him.

UST

17 So Paul went to the Jewish meeting place and talked about Jesus with the Jews there. He also spoke with the Greeks who had accepted what Jews believe. He also went every day to the open area of the city and had conversations with the people he met there.

Where did Paul go when he arrived in Athens?

Paul went to the Jewish synagogue and the marketplace to reason from the Scriptures.

Acts 17:18

ULT

18 But also some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers were disputing with him. And some were saying, “What might this word-picker want to say?” But others {said}, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods,” because he was proclaiming Jesus and the resurrection.

UST

18 Paul met some teachers who liked to talk about what people believe. Some of them called themselves Epicureans, and others called themselves Stoics. They told Paul what they believed, and they asked him what he believed. Then some of them said to one another, "He really does not know what he is talking about." But others said, “He seems to be teaching a philosophy about some gods that we have never heard of.” They said that because Paul was telling them that Jesus had died and then had become alive again{, and they thought that Resurrection was the name of a god}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:19

ULT

[19] And taking hold of him, they brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “Are we able to know what this new teaching {is} that is being spoken by you?

UST

[19] So they invited Paul to come with them to the place where the philosophers in the city met. They told Paul, “Please come with us, because we would like to know what this new message is that you are teaching people.

Where was Paul brought to explain his teaching further? (vv19-20)

Paul was brought to the Areopagus to explain his teaching further.

Acts 17:20

ULT

[20] For you are bringing some startling things into our ears. Therefore, we wish to know what these things want to be.”

UST

[20] You are teaching us some things that we do not understand. We want to know what they mean.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:21

ULT

[21] (Now all the Athenians and the sojourning foreigners were devoting their leisure to nothing other than either to say something or to hear something newer.)

UST

[21] The people of Athens and the people from other regions who had come to live there greatly enjoyed talking about new ideas.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:22

ULT

22 And Paul, having been stood in the middle of the Areopagus, was saying, “Men, Athenians, I see how you are more religious in everything.

UST

22 The philosophers asked Paul to stand in the middle of their group. He did, and then he said, “People of Athens, I have seen many of the things you do and I can tell how religious you are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:23

ULT

23 For passing through and observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, “To an Unknown God.” What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I announce to you.

UST

23 I say that because, while I was walking along I saw the things that you worship, I even saw an altar that had these words that someone had carved on it: THIS HONORS A GOD THAT WE DO NOT KNOW. So now I will tell you about that God whom you worship but you do not know.

Which altar in Athens did Paul find, which he wanted to explain to the people?

Paul found an altar with the inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD, which he wanted to explain to the people.

Acts 17:24

ULT

24 The God who made the world and all that {is} in it, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples built with hands.

UST

24 He is the God who made the world and everything in it. He rules over all beings in heaven and on earth, and he does not live in temples that people have built.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:25

ULT
25 Neither is he served by hands of men, as though he needed anything, himself giving to all life and breath and all things.

UST
25 He does not need to have anything made for him by people because he makes people live and breath, and he gives them everything they need.

What did Paul say the God who made everything gives to people?
Paul said the God who made everything gives people life and breath and everything else.

Acts 17:26

ULT
26 And from one man he made every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined {their} appointed seasons and the boundaries of their habitation,

UST
26 In the beginning, God created one couple, and from them God produced all the people groups that now live everywhere on the earth. He put each people group in its place for its time.

From what did God make every nation of people?
From one man God made every nation of people.

Acts 17:27

ULT
27 to seek God and perhaps they might feel around for him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us.

UST
27 He wanted people to realize that they need him. Then maybe they would look for him and find him. God wants us to look for him, although he is very close to each one of us.

How far did Paul say God was from anyone?
Paul said that God was not far from anyone.

Acts 17:28

ULT
28 For in him we live and move and exist, as also a certain one of your own poets has said, ‘For we also are {his} offspring.’

UST
28 It is because of God that we live, move, and exist, as one of you has said, ‘Because we are his chldren.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:29

ULT
29 Therefore, being offspring of God, we ought not to consider the divine being to be like gold, or silver, or stone—images of the skill and imagination of man.

UST
29 Therefore, because we are God’s children, we should not think that God is like gold, silver, or stone, made into something by man.

How did Paul say we should not think of God?
Paul said that we should not think of God like gold, silver, or stones, sculptured by man.

Acts 17:30

ULT
30 Therefore God, having overlooked the times of ignorance, now commands all men everywhere to repent,

UST
30 During the times when people did not know what God wanted them to do, he did not punish them for what they did. But now God commands all people everywhere to turn away from their evil deeds.

What does God now call all men everywhere to do?
God now calls all men everywhere to repent.

Acts 17:31

ULT
31 because he has set a day in which he is about to judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has appointed. He has provided signs to all, having raised him from the dead."

UST
31 He tells us that on a certain day that he has chosen he is going to judge all of us justly by the man he has chosen, making sure we understand this by raising this man from the dead."

For what has God set a certain day?
God has set a certain day when Jesus will judge the world in righteousness.

What proof has God given that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world?
God has proven that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world by raising him from the dead.

Acts 17:32

ULT
32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked him; but others said, "We will hear you again concerning this matter."

UST
32 When the men heard Paul say that a man had become alive again after he had died, some of them laughed at him. But others asked him to come back and tell them about it another day.

What did some do when they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead?
Some mocked Paul when they heard him speak about the resurrection of the dead.

Acts 17:33

ULT
33 So, Paul went out from their midst.

UST
33 After they said that, Paul walked away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 17:34

ULT

34 But certain men who joined him believed, among whom included Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

UST

34 However, some of the people went with Paul and believed the message about Jesus. Among those who believed in Jesus was a man named Dionysius who was a member of the council. Also, there were a woman named Damaris and some other people with them who believed.

Did any believe what Paul had said?

Yes, certain men believed Paul, and others with them.

Acts 18

Acts 18:1

ULT
1 After these things, having departed from Athens, he went to Corinth.

UST
1 After that, Paul left the city of Athens and went to the city of Corinth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:2

ULT
2 And when he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy, and Priscilla, his wife, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to depart from Rome, he approached them,

UST
2 There he met a Jew whose name was Aquila, who was from the region of Pontus. Aquila and his wife Priscilla had come a short time previously from the city of Rome, in Italy. They left Rome because Claudius, the Roman emperor, had ordered that all the Jews must leave Rome. Paul went to see Priscilla and Aquila.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:3

ULT
3 and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked, for they were tentmakers by trade.

UST
3 Aquila and Priscilla made tents to earn money. Paul also made tents, so he stayed with them, and they worked together.

What work did Paul do to support himself?
Paul worked as a tentmaker to support himself.

Acts 18:4

ULT
4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, persuading both Jews and Greeks.

UST
4 Every Sabbath, Paul went to the Jewish meeting place, where he spoke to both Jews and non-Jews. He taught them about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:5

ULT
5 But when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews Jesus to be the Christ.

UST
5 When Silas and Timothy came from the region of Macedonia, Paul was strongly moved by the Spirit to tell the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah.

What did Paul testify to the Jews in Corinth?
Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 18:6

ULT
6 But as they are opposing and insulting him, shaking out {his} garment, he said to them, “Your blood be upon your head! I am clean! From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

UST
6 But the Jews began to turn against Paul and to say evil things about him. So he shook the dust from his clothes and he said to them, “If God punishes you, it is your responsibility, not mine! From now on I will talk to those who are not Jewish!”

When the Jews rejected Paul, what did he do?
Paul told the Jews their blood was on their own head, and then he went to the Gentiles.

Acts 18:7

ULT

[7] And having departed from there, he went to the house of a certain man named Titius Justus who worships God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

UST

[7] So Paul left the Jewish meeting place and went into a house that was next to it, and preached there. Titius Justus, the owner of the house, was a non-Jewish man who worshiped God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:8

ULT

[8] But Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all those in his house; and many of the Corinthians, hearing about it, were believing and were being baptized.

UST

[8] After that, the ruler of the Jewish meeting place, whose name was Crispus, and all of his family believed in the Lord. Many other people in Corinth heard about Crispus and his family, they also believed in Jesus and were baptized.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:9

ULT

[9] And through a vision in the night, the Lord said to Paul, “Do not be afraid, but continue speaking and do not be silent.

UST

[9] One night Paul had a vision in which the Lord Jesus said to him, “Do not be afraid of the people who are against you, but keep talking about me,

What encouragement did Paul receive from the Lord in Corinth? (vv9-10)

The Lord told Paul to continue speaking, for no one would harm him there.

Acts 18:10

ULT
10 For I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many people in this city.”

UST
10 because I will help you and no one will be able to hurt you here. Keep telling them about me, because there are many people in this city who belong to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:11

ULT
11 And so he stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

UST
11 So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching the people the message from God about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:12

ULT
12 But Gallio being governor of Achaia, the Jews rose up together against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat,

UST
12 When Gallio became the Roman governor of the province of Achaia, the Jewish leaders got together and seized Paul. They took him before the governor and accused him,

What accusation did the Jews bring to the governor against Paul? (vv12-13)
The Jews accused Paul of teaching people to worship contrary to the law.

Acts 18:13

ULT
13 saying, “This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the law.”

UST
13 saying, “This man is teaching people to worship God in ways that go against our Jewish laws.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:14

ULT

14 But when Paul was about to open {his} mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “O Jews, if it were some crime or evil wrongdoing, according to reason I would have endured you.

UST

14 When Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, “If this man had broken our Roman laws, I would have listened to what you Jews want to tell me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:15

ULT

15 But if these are questions about a word and names and your law, you will see to it yourselves. I do not want to be a judge of these matters.”

UST

15 However, you are talking about words and names and your own Jewish laws, so you yourselves must talk to him about this. I will not judge these things!”

How did the governor respond to the accusations of the Jews against Paul?

The governor said that he did not wish to be a judge of matters involving the Jewish law.

Acts 18:16

ULT

16 And so he sent them away from the judgment seat.

UST

16 After Gallio had said that, he told some soldiers to take the Jewish leaders away from the court.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:17

ULT

[17] But they all, having seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, were beating him in front of the judgment seat. But none of these things mattered to Gallio.

UST

[17] Then the people grabbed the leader of the Jews, Sosthenes. They beat him right there in front of the judge's seat. But Gallio did nothing about it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:18

ULT

[18] And Paul, after having stayed there many days, left the brothers {and} sailed to Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila {were} with him. He had cut the hair of {his} head in Cenchrea because he had a vow.

UST

[18] Paul stayed with the believers in Corinth for many more days. Then he got on a ship with Priscilla and Aquila and sailed for the province of Syria. He got his hair cut off in Cenchrea because of a vow that he had made.

Which husband and wife traveled with Paul to Ephesus? (vv18-19)

Aquila and Priscilla traveled with Paul to Ephesus.

Acts 18:19

ULT

[19] And when they came to Ephesus, he left them there, but he himself, having gone into the synagogue, reasoned with the Jews.

UST

[19] They arrived at the city of Ephesus, and Priscilla and Aquila stayed there. Paul himself entered the Jewish meeting place and spoke to the Jews about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:20

ULT
20 But when they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent.

UST
20 They asked him to stay longer, but he did not agree to stay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:21

ULT
21 But having left them and having said, “I will return again to you, God is willing” he set sail from Ephesus.

UST
21 But as he left, he told them, “I will come back, if God wants me to.” Then he got on a ship and sailed away from Ephesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:22

ULT
22 And having landed at Caesarea, having gone up and having greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.

UST
22 When the ship came to the city of Caesarea, Paul got off. He went up to Jerusalem and greeted the believers there. Then he went to the city of Antioch in the region of Syria.

What were the first two places Paul went after he left Ephesus?
After he left Ephesus, Paul traveled to Jerusalem and then to Antioch.

Acts 18:23

ULT

23 And having spent some time there, he departed, going through the region of Galatia and Phrygia in succession, strengthening all the disciples.

UST

23 Paul spent some time with the believers there. Then he left Antioch and walked to many cities in the regions of Galatia and Phrygia. He urged the believers to believe more and more in the message from God about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:24

ULT

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came down to Ephesus, being mighty in the Scriptures.

UST

24 While Paul was going through Galatia and Phrygia, a Jewish man named Apollos came to Ephesus. He was from the city of Alexandria and spoke very well about the Scriptures.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:25

ULT

25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John.

UST

25 Other believers had taught Apollos how the Lord Jesus wanted people to live, and he enthusiastically taught those things to the people. However, he was not teaching everything about Jesus, because he only knew about the baptism of John the Baptizer.

What teaching did Apollos understand accurately, and in what teaching did he need more instruction?

Apollos understood the things concerning Jesus accurately, but he knew only the baptism of John.

Acts 18:26

ULT
26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but hearing him, Priscilla and Aquila took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

UST
26 Apollos went to the Jewish meeting place, and he told the people there about the things that he had learned. When Priscilla and Aquila heard what he taught, they asked him to come to their home where they taught him more about Jesus.

What did Priscilla and Aquila do for Apollos?
Priscilla and Aquila became friends with Apollos and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Acts 18:27

ULT
27 And when he desired to pass over into Achaia, the brothers encouraged him {and} wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed by grace.

UST
27 When Apollos decided that he would like to go to the region of Achaia, the believers in Ephesus told him that it would be good for him to do that. So they wrote a letter to the believers in Achaia saying that they should welcome Apollos. After he got there, he helped those whom God had kindly enabled to believe in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 18:28

ULT
28 For he was powerfully refuting the Jews publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

UST
28 Apollos was talking very powerfully with the leaders of the Jews while many other people listened. By reading from the Scriptures, he was able to show them that Jesus was the Messiah.

What was Apollos able to do with his eloquent speech and knowledge of the Scriptures?
Apollos was able to publicly overwhelm the Jews, showing that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 19

Acts 19:1

ULT

[1] And it happened that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper parts to come down to Ephesus, and to find certain disciples.

UST

[1] While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul left Phrygia and Galatia and went through Asia, and he came back to Ephesus. He met some people who said that they were believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:2

ULT

[2] And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” But they said to him, “No, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit.”

UST

[2] He asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed God’s message?” They answered, “No, we did not. We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

What had the disciples that Paul met in Ephesus not heard about when they believed?
The disciples had not heard about the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:3

ULT

[3] And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into the baptism of John.”

UST

[3] So Paul asked, “So when you were baptized, what did you know?” They replied, “We believed what John the Baptizer taught.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:4

ULT

[4] But Paul replied, “John baptized a baptism of repentance, telling the people that they should believe in the one who is coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

UST

[4] Paul said, “John’s baptism was a sign that people were turning to God and away from their evil thoughts and deeds. He also told them to believe in someone else, one who is coming after him, and that person is Jesus.”

John’s baptism was a baptism of what?

John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance.

On whom had John told the people to believe?

John had told the people to believe on the one who would come after him.

Acts 19:5

ULT

[5] And having heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

UST

[5] So when those men heard that, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

In what name did Paul then baptize the disciples from Ephesus?

Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6

ULT

[6] And when Paul had laid {his} hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they began to speak in tongues and prophesy.

UST

[6] After that, Paul placed his hands on their heads one by one, and the power of the Holy Spirit came upon each of them. The Holy Spirit gave them power to speak in languages that they had not learned, and they also spoke messages that the Holy Spirit told them.

What happened to the men after they were baptized and Paul laid hands on them?

The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in other languages and prophesied.

Acts 19:7

ULT
[7] And they were about 12 men in all.

UST
[7] There were about twelve men whom Paul baptized and who received the Holy Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:8

ULT
[8] And having gone into the synagogue, he was speaking boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.

UST
[8] For three months after that, Paul entered the Jewish meeting place in Ephesus on each Sabbath and taught and persuaded people about Jesus and how God would show himself as king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:9

ULT
[9] But when some were hardened and being disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the crowd, having departed from them, he took the disciples with him, reasoning with them each day in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

UST
[9] But some of the Jews would not believe the message and did not want to to hear it any more. They said many bad things about what Paul was teaching. So Paul left them and took the believers with him to meet in the meeting place of Tyrannus.

What did Paul do when some of the Jews in Ephesus began to speak evil of the way of Christ?
Paul withdrew with the believers and began to speak in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:10

ULT
10 And this happened for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

UST
10 For two years Paul taught people there. In this way, most of the Jews and non-Jews who lived in the region of Asia heard the message about the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:11

ULT
11 And God was doing not ordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

UST
11 God also gave Paul the power to do miracles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:12

ULT
12 so that even handkerchiefs and aprons from his body were taken to the sick and {their} illnesses departed from them, and the evil spirits came out of them.

UST
12 If those who were sick could not come to Paul, pieces of cloth that Paul touched would be taken and placed on the sick people. As a result, the sick people would become well, and the evil spirits would leave them.

What special miracles did God do by the hands of Paul?
When handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from Paul, they healed the sick and drove out evil spirits.

Acts 19:13

ULT

13 But some traveling Jewish exorcists also tried to call on the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “I command you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.”

UST

13 There were also some Jews who walked from town to town, and they commanded the evil spirits in those places to depart from people. Some of those Jews told the evil spirits to come out of people by saying “I command you to come out by the power of the Lord Jesus, the man whom Paul teaches about!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:14

ULT

14 And seven certain sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.

UST

14 There were seven men who were doing this. They were sons of a man named Sceva, a Jew, who called himself a chief priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:15

ULT

15 But answering, an evil spirit said to them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”

UST

15 But one day as they were doing that, the evil spirit did not come out of that person. Instead, the evil spirit said to them, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but no one has given you power to do anything to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:16

ULT

16 And the man in whom was the evil spirit, after leaping on them, overpowering them, prevailed over each of them so that they fled from that house naked and wounded.

UST

16 After saying that, suddenly the man who had the evil spirit jumped on the sons of Sceva. He knocked all of them down and hurt each of them. He tore off their clothes and wounded them. They became frightened and ran out of the house.

What happened when seven Jewish exorcists tried to cast out an evil spirit in the name of Jesus?

The evil spirit beat up the exorcists and they fled naked and wounded.

Acts 19:17

ULT

17 And this became known to all those living in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

UST

17 All the people who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and non-Jews, heard what had happened. They became afraid because they saw that the man with the evil spirit was very strong. At the same time, they honored the name of the Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:18

ULT

18 And many of those who believed were coming, confessing and declaring their deeds.

UST

18 At that time, while other believers were listening, many believers told about the evil things that they had been doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:19

ULT
19 And many of those who practiced the magical arts, having brought {their} books together, burned them before everyone. And they counted the value of them, and they found it to be 50,000 pieces of silver.

UST
19 Some of the people who were sorcerers took their scrolls that told how to work magic and burned them in a place where everyone could see them. When people added up how much the scrolls cost, it came to fifty thousand silver coins.

In Ephesus, what did many who practiced magical arts do?
Many who practiced magical arts in Ephesus burned their books in the sight of everyone.

Acts 19:20

ULT
20 So the word of the Lord was spreading and prevailing according to power.

UST
20 In this way, many people heard the message about the Lord Jesus and believed in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:21

ULT
21 Now as soon as this was completed, Paul determined in the Spirit to pass through Macedonia and Achaia to travel to Jerusalem, having said, “After I have been there, it is necessary for me also to see Rome.”

UST
21 After Paul completed his work in Ephesus, the Spirit led him to decide to go to Jerusalem, but first he planned to go see the believers in the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Paul said, “After I have been to Jerusalem, I will also go to Rome.”

Where did Paul say he would go after he went to Jerusalem?
Paul said he would go to Rome after he went to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:22

ULT

22 And having sent to Macedonia two of those helping him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a time.

UST

22 He sent two of his helpers, Timothy and Erastus, to Macedonia. But Paul stayed in the city of Ephesus, in the province of Asia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:23

ULT

23 But at about that time, there was no small disturbance concerning the Way.

UST

23 Soon after that, people in Ephesus began to make a great amount of trouble because of Jesus and the teaching about him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:24

ULT

24 For a certain silversmith named Demetrius, making silver shrines of Artemis, brought in not a little business for the craftsmen.

UST

24 There was a man there whose name was Demetrius. He made statues of the goddess Artemis (who is also known as Diana) out of silver. Demetrius made a lot of money for all the men who made and sold these idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:25

ULT

25 And he, having gathered together the workmen of that occupation, said, “Men, you know that our prosperity is from this business.

UST

25 Demetrius called together the workmen who made the idols. He said to them, “Men, you know that we make a lot of money doing our work.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:26

ULT

26 And you see and hear that, not only at Ephesus, but in almost all of Asia, this Paul has persuaded {and} turned away a considerable crowd. He is saying that the things that are being made with hands are not gods.

UST

26 You know that Paul has taught many people who live in Ephesus to no longer buy the statues that we make. Now even the people from many other towns in our province no longer want to buy what we make. Paul tells people that the gods that we worship are not gods and that we should not worship them.

What concerns did the silversmith Demetrius express to the other workmen?

Demetrius was concerned that Paul was teaching people that there are no gods that are made with hands, and that the goddess Diana might be considered worthless.

Acts 19:27

ULT

27 And not only is this trade in peril for us to come to disrepute, but that even the temple of the great goddess Artemis may be considered as nothing. And indeed, her majesty is about to be destroyed—she whom all Asia and the world worships.”

UST

27 If people listen to him, they will stop our business. People will not think that they should come any longer to the temple of Artemis (also known as Diana) to worship her. People will no longer think that Artemis is great. Yet all the province of Asia and even the whole world worship her!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:28

ULT

28 And having heard this and having become filled with anger, they cried out, saying, “Great {is} Artemis of the Ephesians.”

UST

28 All the men there became angry at Paul when they heard what Demetrius said. They began to shout, “The goddess Artemis of the Ephesians is great!”

How did the people react to Demetrius’ concerns? (vv28-29)

The people became angry and cried out saying that Diana was great, filling the whole city with confusion.

Acts 19:29

ULT

29 And the city was filled with confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus the Macedonian, Paul's travel companions.

UST

29 Many of the people in the city became angry at Paul and began shouting. Some of the people took hold of Gaius and Aristarchus, two men from Macedonia who traveled with Paul. Then the whole crowd of people ran, dragging those men along with them, to the city theater.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:30

ULT

30 But when Paul was desiring to enter in among the people, the disciples did not permit him.

UST

30 Paul wanted to go into theater to talk to the people, but the other believers would not let him go there.

Why did Paul not address the crowd, even though he wanted to? (vv30-31)

The disciples and some local officials did not allow Paul to speak to the crowd.

Acts 19:31

ULT

31 And also, some of the officials of Asia who {were} his friends sent to him exhorted him not to offer himself in the theater.

UST

31 Some city rulers who were friends of Paul heard what was happening. They sent someone to tell Paul not to go into the theater.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:32

ULT

32 So then different ones were shouting a different thing, for the assembly was confused, and the majority did not know for what reason they had come together.

UST

32 The crowd of people in the theater kept shouting. Some shouted one thing, and some shouted something else. But most of them did not even know why they were meeting!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:33

ULT

33 And some from the crowd instructed Alexander, whom the Jews had pushed forward. And Alexander motioned with {his} hand, wanting to give a defense to the assembly.

UST

33 One of the Jews there was named Alexander. Some of the Jews pushed him to the front of the crowd so that he could speak to the people. Alexander put his hands up trying to get the crowd to stop shouting. He wanted to tell them that the Jews did not cause the trouble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:34

ULT

34 But when they had become aware that he is a Jew, there was one voice from all of them, as for two hours they are crying out, “Great {is} Artemis of the Ephesians.”

UST

34 But many of the non-Jewish people knew that Alexander was a Jew and knew that the Jews did not worship the goddess Artemis. So the non-Jews shouted for two hours, “Great is the goddess Artemis of the Ephesians!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:35

ULT

35 But when the town clerk had quieted the crowd, he says, “Men of Ephesus, what man indeed is there who does not know that the city of Ephesus is temple keeper of the great Artemis and of that which is fallen down from heaven?

UST

35 Then one of the city rulers made the crowd stop shouting. He said to them, “My fellow citizens, everyone in the world knows that the sacred image of our goddess Artemis fell down from heaven!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:36

ULT

36 So since these things are undeniable, it is necessary for you to be calmed and to do nothing rash.

UST

36 Everyone knows that, and no one can say that these things are not true. So you should be quiet now. Do not do anything stupid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:37

ULT

37 For you brought these men {who are} neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess.

UST

37 You should not have brought these two men here, because they have not done anything evil. They have not gone into our temples and taken things from there, and they have not spoken evil of our goddess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:38

ULT

38 Therefore, if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a word against anyone, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. Let them accuse one another.

UST

38 Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow workmen want to accuse anyone of doing anything bad, they should do it in the right way. There are courts that they can go to if they want to, and there are judges who have been chosen by the government. You can accuse anyone there.

What did the town clerk tell the people to do instead of rioting?

The town clerk told the people to bring their accusations to the courts.

Acts 19:39

ULT

39 But if you seek anything about other matters, it will be settled in the regular assembly.

UST

39 But if you want to ask about anything else, you should ask for your rulers to take care of it when those rulers come together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 19:40

ULT

40 For indeed we are in danger of being accused of rioting concerning this day. There is no reason about which we will be able to give an account concerning this disorder." [1]

UST

40 This is not a good meeting! Take care of this trouble the right way because we do not want to go against the government. If the rulers asked me what you were all shouting about, I would not be able to give them a good answer."

In what danger did the town clerk say the people were?

The town clerk said that the people were in danger of being accused for being disorderly, and that there was no cause for an explanation.

Acts 19:41

ULT

41 And having said this, he dismissed the assembly. [2]
19:40 [1]
19:41 [2]

UST

41 That is what the city ruler said to the crowd. Then he told them all to go home, and they did go to their homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20

Acts 20:1

ULT

1 And after the uproar had ended, Paul summoned the disciples and after he encouraged them {and} said farewell, he departed to go to Macedonia.

UST

1 After the people at Ephesus had stopped rioting, Paul called the believers together. He urged them to continue to trust in the Lord Jesus. Soon after that, he told them “Goodbye” and left to go to the region of Macedonia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:2

ULT

2 And when he had gone through those regions and had exhorted them with many words, he came to Greece.

UST

2 After he arrived there, he urged them to continue to trust in the Lord Jesus. Then he went to Greece.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:3

ULT

3 And after he had spent three months there, a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he is about to sail to Syria, so he decided to return through Macedonia.

UST

3 He stayed in Greece for three months. Then he planned to return to Syria by ship, but he heard that some of the Jews there were planning to kill him as he traveled. So he decided to go by land, and he went again through Macedonia.

What caused Paul to change his plans and return through Macedonia instead of sailing for Syria?

Paul changed his plans because the Jews had formed a plot against him as he was about to sail for Syria.

Acts 20:4

ULT

[4] And accompanying him {were} Sopater of Pyrrhus from Berea, and Aristarchus and Secundus from Thessalonica, and Gaius from Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus, and Trophimus from Asia.

UST

[4] The men who were going to travel with him to Jerusalem were Sopater, the son of Pyrrhus, from the town of Berea; Aristarchus and Secundus, who were from the city of Thessalonica; Gaius, who was from the city of Derbe; Timothy, who was from the region of Galatia; and Tychicus and Trophimus, who were from the province of Asia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:5

ULT

[5] But they had gone before us {and} were waiting for us at Troas.

UST

[5] Those seven men went ahead of Paul and me, Luke, by ship from Macedonia, so they got to the city of Troas before we did and waited for the two of us there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:6

ULT

[6] And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and in five days we came to them in Troas, where we stayed for seven days.

UST

[6] But Paul and I traveled by land as far as the city of Philippi. After the Jewish Festival of Bread made without Yeast, we got on a ship that was going to the city of Troas. After five days we arrived at Troas and met the other men who had traveled ahead of us. Then we all stayed in Troas for seven days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:7

ULT

[7] And on the first of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul spoke to them. He is about to depart the next day, and so he continued {his} message until midnight.

UST

[7] On the first day of the week, we would gather together and we would share a meal together with the other believers. Paul spoke to the believers until midnight. He was planning to leave Troas the next day, so he continued speaking.

On what day of the week did Paul and the believers gather to break bread?

On the first day of the week Paul and the believers gathered to break bread.

Acts 20:8

ULT

[8] And there were many lamps in the upper room where we were meeting together.

UST

[8] Many oil lamps were burning in the upstairs room in which we had gathered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:9

ULT

[9] And sitting on the window a certain young man named Eutychus, was falling into a deep sleep. As Paul is speaking even longer, having been overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was picked up dead.

UST

[9] A young man whose name was Eutychus was there. He was seated on the sill of an open window on the third story of the house. As Paul continued talking for a long time, Eutychus became sleepier and sleepier. Finally, he fell sound asleep. He fell out of the window down to the ground. Some of the believers went down immediately and picked him up. But he was dead.

What happened to the young man who fell out of the window while Paul was speaking? (vv9-10)

The young man fell from the third story and was picked up dead, but Paul stretched himself out on him and he came back to life.

Acts 20:10

ULT

10 But having gone down, Paul stretched out on him, and having embraced him, said, “Do not be upset, for his life is in him.”

UST

10 Paul also went down. He lay down and stretched out on top of the young man and put his arms around him. Then he said to the people who were standing around, “Do not worry; he is alive again!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:11

ULT

11 And when he had gone up and had broken bread and had eaten, he also talked with them much longer until dawn. In this way, he left.

UST

11 Paul went upstairs again and he prepared a meal and he ate it. Afterwards he talked with the believers until the sun came up. Then he left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:12

ULT

12 But they brought back the boy alive and were not moderately comforted.

UST

12 The other people took the young man home, and were greatly comforted because he was alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:13

ULT

13 But we, having gone ahead to the ship, sailed away to Assos, from where we intended to take Paul on board, for thus he had arranged; he himself was intending to go on foot.

UST

13 We then went to the ship. But Paul did not get on the ship with us in Troas, because he wanted to go more quickly overland to the town of Assos. The rest of us got on the ship and sailed for Assos.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:14

ULT
14 And when he met us at Assos, taking him on board, we went to Mitylene.

UST
14 We met Paul in Assos. He got on the ship with us, and we sailed to the city of Mitylene.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:15

ULT
15 And having sailed from there we arrived the next day opposite Chios. And the following day, we landed at Samos, and the next day, we came to Miletus.

UST
15 The day after we reached Mitylene, we sailed from there and arrived at a place near the Island of Chios. The day after that, we sailed to the Island of Samos. The next day we left Samos and sailed to the city of Miletus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:16

ULT
16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be, if it was possible for him, in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.

UST
16 Miletus was just south of the city of Ephesus. Paul did not want to stop at Ephesus because he did not want to spend time in Asia. If possible, he wanted to arrive in Jerusalem by the time of the Pentecost festival, and the time of that festival was near.

Why was Paul hurrying toward Jerusalem?
Paul was hurrying toward Jerusalem to be there for the day of Pentecost.

Acts 20:17

ULT
17 And from Miletus, having sent to Ephesus, he summoned the elders of the church.

UST
17 When the ship arrived at Miletus, Paul sent a messenger to Ephesus to ask the elders of the group of believers there to come to talk with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:18

ULT
18 And when they came to him, he said to them, “You yourselves know, from the first day from when I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time,

UST
18 When the elders came to him, Paul said to them, “From the first day when I arrived here in the province of Asia until the day I left, you know how I acted among you the entire time that I was with you.

About what did Paul say he warned both Jews and Greeks since he set foot in Asia?
Paul said he warned both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:19

ULT
19 serving the Lord with all humility and tears and trials that happened to me in the plots of the Jews;

UST
19 You know how I kept serving the Lord Jesus very humbly and how I sometimes wept. You also know how I suffered because the Jews who were not believers often tried to harm me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:20

ULT
20 how I kept back nothing that was useful which I did not declare to you, and I taught you in public and according to houses,

UST
20 You also know that, when I preached God's message to you, I never left out anything that would help you. You know that I taught you God's message when many people were present, and I also went to your homes and taught you there.

About what did Paul say he warned both Jews and Greeks since he set foot in Asia?
Paul said he warned both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:21

ULT
21 testifying to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

UST
21 I preached both to Jews and to non-Jews, telling them all that they must turn toward God and away from their sinful behavior and believe in our Lord Jesus."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:22

ULT
22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, having been bound by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me in it,

UST
22 "And now I am going to Jerusalem, because the Holy Spirit has clearly shown me that I must go there, and I must obey him. I do not know what will happen to me there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:23

ULT
23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city, saying that chains and afflictions await me.

UST
23 But I do know that in each city I have visited, the Holy Spirit has told me that in Jerusalem people will put me in prison and will cause me to suffer.

About what was the Holy Spirit witnessing to Paul in every city as he traveled toward Jerusalem?
The Holy Spirit was witnessing to Paul that chains and sufferings awaited him.

Acts 20:24

ULT
24 But I do not consider {my} life to myself the value of a single word, so as to finish my race and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to solemnly testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

UST
24 But I do not care even if people kill me, if first I am able to finish the work that the Lord Jesus has told me to do. He called me to tell people the good message that God saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve.

What ministry had Paul received from the Lord Jesus?
Paul's ministry was to bear witness to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:25

ULT
25 And now, behold, I know that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the kingdom, will see my face no more.

UST
25 I have preached to you the message about how God will show himself as king. But now I know that today is the last time that you fellow believers will see me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:26

ULT
26 Therefore I testify to you this present day that I am innocent from the blood of all.

UST
26 So I want you all to understand that if anyone who has heard me preach dies without trusting in Jesus, it is not my fault,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:27

ULT
27 For I did not hold back from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

UST
27 because I told you everything that God has planned for us.

Why did Paul say he was innocent of the blood of any man?
Paul said he was innocent of their blood because he had declared to them the whole will of God.

Acts 20:28

ULT
28 Guard yourselves and all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood. *[1]*

UST
28 You leaders must continue to believe and obey God's message. You must also help all the other believers for whom the Holy Spirit has given you to care for. Watch over yourselves and the group of the Lord's believers as a shepherd watches over his sheep. God bought them with the blood that flowed from his Son's body on the cross.

What did Paul command the Ephesian elders to do carefully after his departure?
Paul commanded the elders to shepherd the flock carefully.

Acts 20:29

ULT
29 I know that after my departure, vicious wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

UST
29 I know very well that after I leave, people who teach lies will come among you and will do great harm to the believers. They will be like fierce wolves that kill the sheep.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:30

ULT
30 Even from you yourselves, men will arise speaking perverted things to draw away the disciples after them.

UST
30 Even in your own group of leaders there will be some who will lie to other believers by teaching them the wrong things. They will teach those messages so that some people will believe them and will become their followers.

What did Paul say would happen among the Ephesian elders after his departure?
Paul said that some of the elders would say corrupt things in order to draw away disciples after themselves.

Acts 20:31

ULT
31 So be alert, remembering that for three years I did not stop admonishing each one with tears night and day.

UST
31 So watch out that none of you stops believing the true message about our Lord Jesus! Remember that day and night for three years I taught you that message and warned you with tears to be faithful to the Lord.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:32

ULT
32 And now I am entrusting you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

UST
32 “Now as I leave you I ask God to protect you and to keep you believing the message that he saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve. If you continue believing the message that I told you, you will become strong, and God will give you forever the good things that he has promised to give to all of those who belong to him.

To whom did Paul entrust the Ephesian elders?
Paul entrusted the Ephesian elders to God.

Acts 20:33

ULT
33 I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing.

UST
33 As for myself, I never wanted anyone’s money or fine clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:34

ULT
34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my needs and to those who were with me.

UST
34 You yourselves know that I have worked with my hands to earn the money that my friends and I needed.

What example did Paul set for the Ephesians regarding work? (vv34-35)
Paul worked for his own needs and the needs of those with him, and helped the weak.

Acts 20:35

ULT

35 In all things, I showed you that in this way it is necessary to work hard to help those who are weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

UST

35 In everything that I did, I showed you that we should work hard in order to have enough money to give some to those who are needy. We should remember that our Lord Jesus himself said, ‘A person is happier when he gives to others than when he receives from them.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:36

ULT

36 And having said these things, having bowed his knees, he prayed with them all.

UST

36 When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of the elders and prayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:37

ULT

37 But there was much weeping among them all, and having fallen upon Paul’s neck, they were kissing him,

UST

37 They all cried a lot, and they hugged Paul and kissed him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 20:38

ULT

38 grieving mostly because of the word which he had spoken, that they were never going to see his face again. And then they escorted him to the ship.
20:28 [1] , this could be translated as,

UST

38 They were very sad because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they all went with him to the ship.

What made the Ephesian elders sad most of all?

The Ephesian elders were sad most of all because Paul had said they would never see his face again.

Acts 21

Acts 21:1

ULT

1 And it happened that when we set sail, having been torn from them, having run a straight course, we came to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.

UST

1 After we said goodbye to the elders from Ephesus, we got on the ship and traveled on the water to the Island of Cos, where the ship stopped for the night. The next day we went in the ship from Cos to the Island of Rhodes, where the ship stopped again. The day after that we went to the town of Patara, where the ship stopped.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:2

ULT

2 And when we found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, having gone aboard, we set sail.

UST

2 At Patara we left that ship, and someone told us that there was a ship that would be going to the region of Phoenicia. So we got on that ship, and it left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:3

ULT

3 And having sighting Cyprus and leaving it behind on the left, we sailed on to Syria and landed at Tyre, for the ship was to unload {its} cargo there.

UST

3 We traveled over the sea until we could see the Island of Cyprus. We passed to the south of the island and continued sailing until we arrived at the region of Phoenicia, in the province of Syria, at the city of Tyre. The ship was going to stay there several days because its workers had to unload the cargo.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:4

ULT

[4] And having found the disciples, we stayed there seven days. Through the Spirit they kept saying to Paul not to go to Jerusalem.

UST

[4] Someone told us where the believers in Tyre lived, so we went and stayed with them for seven days. Because God's Spirit revealed to them that people would cause Paul to suffer in Jerusalem, they told Paul that he should not go there.

What did the disciples in Tyre say to Paul through the Spirit?

The disciples said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

Acts 21:5

ULT

[5] Now when our days to supply happened, having departed, we went on our way, they all with {their} wives and children accompanying us as far as outside the city. And having knelt down on the shore {and} having prayed,

UST

[5] But when it was time for the ship to leave again, we prepared to continue on our way to Jerusalem. When we left Tyre, all the men and their wives and children went with us to the edge of the sea. We all knelt down there on the sand and prayed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:6

ULT

[6] we said farewell to each other, and we went up into the ship, and they returned to their own.

UST

[6] After we all said goodbye, Paul and we his companions got on the ship, and the other believers returned to their own homes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:7

ULT

[7] And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and having greeted the brothers, we stayed with them for one day.

UST

[7] After we left Tyre, we continued on that ship to the city of Ptolemais. There were believers there, and we greeted them and stayed with them that night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:8

ULT

[8] And on the next day, having departed, we went to Caesarea and, having entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was from the seven, we stayed with him.

UST

[8] The next day we left Ptolemais and sailed to the city of Caesarea, where we stayed in the home of Philip, who spent his time telling others how to become followers of Jesus. He was one of the seven men whom the believers in Jerusalem had chosen to care for the widows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:9

ULT

[9] Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesy.

UST

[9] He had four daughters who were not married. Each of them frequently spoke messages that the Holy Spirit had told them.

What do we know about Philip the preacher's children?

Philip had four virgin daughters that prophesied.

Acts 21:10

ULT
10 And as we stayed there for many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

UST
10 After we had been in Philip's house for several days, a believer whose name was Agabus came down from the district of Judea and arrived in Caesarea. He frequently spoke messages that the Holy Spirit had told him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:11

ULT
11 And having come to us and having taken Paul's belt, having bound his own feet and hands, he said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So the Jews in Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt, and they will hand him over into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

UST
11 Coming over to where we were, he took off Paul's belt. Then he tied his own feet and hands with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will tie up the hands and feet of the owner of this belt, like this, and they will put him in the hands of non-Jewish people as a prisoner.'"

What did Agabus the prophet say to Paul?
Agabus told Paul that the Jews in Jerusalem would tie up Paul and hand him over to the Gentiles.

Acts 21:12

ULT
12 And when we heard these things, both we and the local people were begging him not to go up to Jerusalem.

UST
12 When the rest of us heard that, we and the other believers there asked Paul, "Please do not go up to Jerusalem!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:13

ULT
13 Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready, not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

UST
13 But Paul replied, “Please stop crying and trying to discourage me from going! I am willing to go to prison and also to die in Jerusalem because I serve the Lord Jesus.”

What did Paul say when everyone begged him not to go up to Jerusalem?
Paul said that he was ready to be tied up and to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 21:14

ULT
14 But since he would not be persuaded, we remained silent, saying, “Let the will of the Lord happen.”

UST
14 When we realized that he would go to Jerusalem, we did not try any longer to stop him. We said, “May the Lord’s will be done!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:15

ULT
15 And after having made preparations these days, we went up to Jerusalem.

UST
15 After those days in Caesarea, we prepared our possessions and left to go by land up to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:16

ULT

16 And {some} of the disciples from Caesarea also came along with us, bringing us to Mnason, a certain early disciple from Cyprus, with whom we would stay.

UST

16 Some of the believers from Caesarea also went with us. They took us to stay in the house of a man whose name was Mnason. He was from the Island of Cyprus, and he had believed in Jesus when people were first beginning to hear the message about him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:17

ULT

17 And when we had arrived in Jerusalem, the brothers welcomed us gladly.

UST

17 When we arrived in Jerusalem, a group of the believers greeted us happily.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:18

ULT

18 And the next day Paul went with us to James, and all the elders were present.

UST

18 The next day Paul and the rest of us went to speak with James, who was the leader of the church there. All of the other leaders of the church in Jerusalem were also there.

With whom did Paul meet when he arrived in Jerusalem?

Paul met with James and all the elders.

Acts 21:19

ULT

[19] And having greeted them, he reported according to each thing that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

UST

[19] Paul greeted them, and then he told them all of the things that God had enabled him to do among the non-Jewish people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:20

ULT

[20] And when they heard it, they glorified God and said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads there are who have believed among the Jews, and they are all zealous for the law.

UST

[20] When they heard that, James and the other elders thanked God. Then one of them said to Paul, “Brother, you know that there are very many thousands of us Jewish people here who have believed in the Lord Jesus. Also, you know that we all continue very carefully to obey the laws that Moses gave us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:21

ULT

[21] And they have been told about you, that you teach apostasy from Moses to all the Jews who {are} among the Gentiles, telling them not to circumcise {their} children, nor to walk in the customs.

UST

[21] But our fellow Jewish believers have been told that when you are among non-Jews, you tell the Jewish believers who live there that they should stop obeying the laws of Moses. People say that you tell those Jewish believers not to circumcise their sons and not to practice our other customs. We do not believe that they are telling the truth about you.

What accusation was being made by the Jews against Paul?

The Jews were accusing Paul of teaching the Jews who lived among the Gentiles to abandon Moses.

Acts 21:22

ULT
22 What therefore is it? They will certainly hear that you have come.

UST
22 But our fellow Jewish believers will hear that you have come, and they will be angry with you. So you need to do something to show them that what they heard about you is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:23

ULT
23 So do this that we say to you. There are four men with us having a vow from themselves.

UST
23 So please do what we suggest to you. There are four men among us who have made a vow to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:24

ULT
24 Having taken these men, be purified with them, and pay the expenses for them, so that they will shave {their} heads, and then everyone will know that what they have been told about you is false, but that you yourself walk in and obey the law.

UST
24 Go with these men to the temple and do the ceremonies there necessary for you and them to be able to worship in the temple. Then, when it is time for them to offer the sacrifices, pay for what they offer. After that, they can shave their heads to show that they have done what they said they would do. When people see you in the courts of the temple with those men, they will know that what they have been told about you is not true. Instead, all of them will know that you obey all our Jewish laws.

Why did James and the elders want Paul to purify himself with the four men who had made a vow?
They wanted everyone to know that Paul as a Jew also lived so as to keep the law.

Acts 21:25

ULT

25 But concerning the Gentiles who have believed, we sent, having given judgment to keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

UST

25 As for the non-Jewish believers, we elders here in Jerusalem have talked about which of our laws they should obey, and we wrote them a letter, telling them what we decided. We wrote that they should not eat meat that people have offered as a sacrifice to any idol, that they should not eat blood from animals, and that they should not eat meat from animals that people have killed by strangling them. We also told them that they should not sleep with someone to whom they are not married.”

What did James say the Gentiles who believed should do?

James said the Gentiles should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what is strangled, and from fornication.

Acts 21:26

ULT

26 Then Paul, having taken the men the next day, having been purified with them, went into the temple, announcing the fulfillment of the days of purification, until the offering which was offered for each one of them.

UST

26 So Paul agreed to do what they asked, and the next day he took the four men, and together they purified themselves. After that, Paul went to the temple courts and told the priest what day they would finish purifying themselves and when they would offer the animals as sacrifices for each of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:27

ULT

27 But when the seven days were about to be finished, the Jews from Asia, having seen Paul in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd, and laid {their} hands on him,

UST

27 When the seven days for purifying themselves were nearly finished, Paul returned to the temple courtyard. Some Jews from Asia saw him there, and they were very angry at him. They called out to many other Jews who were in the temple courtyard to help them take hold of Paul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:28

ULT

28 shouting, “Men of Israel, help us. This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place. And besides, he has both brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”

UST

28 They shouted, “Fellow Israelites, come and help us to punish this man! This is the one who is teaching people wherever he goes that they should despise the Jewish people. He teaches people that they should no longer obey the laws of Moses nor respect this holy temple. He has even brought non-Jews here into the court of our temple, causing this place to become polluted!”

What accusations did some Jews from Asia make against Paul in the temple?

The Jews accused Paul of teaching against the law and defiling the temple by bringing Greeks into it.

Acts 21:29

ULT

29 For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they thought that Paul brought into the temple.

UST

29 They said these because they had seen Paul walking around in Jerusalem with Trophimus, who was a non-Jew, from Ephesus. Their laws did not permit non-Jews to be in the temple, and they thought that Paul had brought Trophimus into the temple courtyard that day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:30

ULT

30 And the whole city was stirred up, and there became a mob of the people, and having laid hold of Paul, they dragged him outside the temple, and the doors were immediately shut.

UST

30 People all over the city heard that there was trouble at the temple courtyard, and they came running there. They caught Paul and dragged him outside of the temple area. The gates to the temple courtyard were shut, so that the people would not riot inside the temple area.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:31

ULT

31 And as they were seeking to kill him, a report came up to the commander of the guard that all Jerusalem was stirred up.

UST

31 While they were trying to kill Paul, someone ran to the fortress near the temple and told the Roman commander that many people in Jerusalem were rioting at the temple.

After making these accusations, what did the Jews do to Paul?

The Jews dragged Paul out of the temple and tried to kill him.

Acts 21:32

ULT

32 Right away, having taken soldiers and centurions, he ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

UST

32 The commander quickly took some officers and a large group of soldiers and ran to the temple area where the crowd was. When the crowd of people who were yelling and beating Paul saw the commander and the soldiers coming, they stopped beating him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:33

ULT

33 Then, having approached him, the commander laid hold of him and commanded him to be bound with two chains. And then he asked who he is and what it is that he had done.

UST

33 The commander came to where Paul was and took hold of him. He commanded soldiers to fasten a chain to each of Paul's arms. Then he asked the people in the crowd, "Who is this man, and what has he done?"

What did the chief captain of the guard do when he heard that Jerusalem was in an uproar?

The chief captain laid hold on Paul and had him bound with two chains, asking who he was and what he had done.

Acts 21:34

ULT
34 But different ones in the crowd were shouting different things. But he, not being able to find out anything for certain because of the noise, commanded that he be brought into the fortress.

UST
34 Some of the many people there were shouting one thing, and some were shouting something else. Because they continued shouting so loudly, the commander could not understand what they were saying. So he commanded that Paul be taken into the fortress so that he could question him there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:35

ULT
35 But when he came to the steps, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the crowd.

UST
35 The soldiers led Paul to the steps of the fortress, but many people continued to follow them, trying to kill Paul. So the commander told the soldiers to carry Paul up the steps into the fortress.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:36

ULT
36 For the crowd of people followed after, shouting out, “Away with him!”

UST
36 The crowd that followed kept shouting, “Kill him! Kill him!”

What was the crowd shouting as the soldiers carried Paul into the fortress?
The crowd was shouting, “Away with him!”

Acts 21:37

ULT

37 And as Paul is about to be brought into the fortress, he says to the commander, “If it is permitted for me to say something to you ...?” But he replied, “Do you know Greek?

UST

37 As Paul was about to be taken into the fortress, he said in Greek to the commander, “May I speak to you?” The commander said, “I am surprised that you can speak Greek!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:38

ULT

38 Are you not then the Egyptian who before this day revolted and led the 4,000 men of the ‘Assassins’ out into the wilderness?”

UST

38 I thought that you were that fellow from Egypt who wanted to rebel against the government not long ago, and who took four thousand violent men with him out into the desert, so that we could not catch him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 21:39

ULT

39 But Paul said, “I am a Jewish man from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of a not insignificant city. And I ask you, allow me to speak to the people.”

UST

39 Paul answered, “No, I am not! I am a Jew. I was born in Tarsus, which is an important city in the province of Cilicia. I request that you let me speak to the people.”

What request did Paul make to the chief captain?

Paul requested that he be allowed to speak to the people.

Acts 21:40

ULT

40 And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with {his} hand to the people. And when there was a deep silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

UST

40 Then the commander permitted Paul to speak. So Paul stood on the steps and motioned with his hand for the crowd to be quiet. And after the people in the crowd became quiet, Paul spoke to them in their own Hebrew language.

In what language did Paul speak to the people of Jerusalem?

Paul spoke in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem.

Acts 22

Acts 22:1

ULT
1 “Men, brothers, and fathers, listen to my defense to you now.”

UST
1 Paul said, “Jewish elders and my fellow Jews, listen to me now while I speak to those who are accusing me!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:2

ULT
2 And when they heard that he was speaking to them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said,

UST
2 When the crowd of people heard Paul speaking to them in their own Hebrew language, they became quiet and listened. Then Paul said to them,

When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, what did they do?
When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, they became quiet.

Acts 22:3

ULT
3 “I am a Jewish man, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but educated in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict ways of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today.

UST
3 “I am a Jew, as are all of you. I was born in the city of Tarsus, in the province of Cilicia, but I grew up here in Jerusalem. When I was young, I learned the laws that Moses gave to our ancestors. Gamaliel was my teacher. I obeyed those laws because I have wanted to obey God, and I am sure that all of you also obey those laws.

Where was Paul educated, and who was his teacher?
Paul was educated in Jerusalem, and Gamaliel was his teacher.

Acts 22:4

ULT

[4] I persecuted this Way as far as death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,

UST

[4] That is why I tried to arrest those who believed the message of God about Jesus. I looked for ways to kill them. Whenever I found men or women who believed the message, I had them thrown into jail.

How had Paul treated those who were following the Way?

Paul had persecuted to death those who were following the Way, and had delivered them into prison.

Acts 22:5

ULT

[5] as also the high priest testifies for me, and all the elders from whom also having received letters to the brothers in Damascus, I was going there indeed to bring back in bonds to Jerusalem those who were there in order that they might be punished.

UST

[5] The high priest knows this, and so do the other men who belong to our Jewish council. They gave me letters to take to their fellow Jews in the city of Damascus. Those letters gave me power to go there and arrest people who believed in Jesus. I was then to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem, so that they would be punished here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:6

ULT

[6] And it happened to me that, traveling and nearing Damascus, about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

UST

[6] So I went to Damascus. About noon, as I got near to Damascus, suddenly a bright light from the sky flashed all around me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:7

ULT

7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’

UST

7 The light was so bright that I fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me from up in the sky, saying, ‘Saul! Saul! Why do you do things to hurt me?’

What did the voice from heaven say to Paul as he neared Damascus?

The voice from heaven said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 22:8

ULT

8 And so I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’

UST

8 I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He replied, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth the one whom you are hurting.’

Who was Paul persecuting?

Paul was persecuting Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 22:9

ULT

9 But those who were with me saw the light, but they did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.

UST

9 The men who were traveling with me saw the bright light, but they did not understand what the voice said.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:10

ULT

10 But I said, ‘What should I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Having arisen, go into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything that has been appointed for you to do.’

UST

10 Then I asked, ‘Lord, what do you want me to do?’ The Lord told me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus. A man there will tell you all that I have planned for you to do.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:11

ULT

11 And when I could not see because of the glory of that light, being led by the hands by those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

UST

11 After that, I could not see, because the bright light had caused me to become blind. So the men who were with me took me by the hand and led me to Damascus.

Why could Paul no longer see?

Paul could no longer see because of the brightness of the light that he saw as he neared Damascus.

Acts 22:12

ULT

12 And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, being testified to by all the Jews who lived there,

UST

12 A man whose name was Ananias came to see me. He was a man who honored God and obeyed the Jewish laws. All the Jews living in Damascus said good things about him.

How was Paul’s sight restored? (vv12-13)

A devout man named Ananias came and stood by Paul and said, “Brother Saul, receive your sight”.

Acts 22:13

ULT

13 came to me and having stood by me, said to me, ‘Saul, brother, look up.’ And that very hour I looked up to him.

UST

13 He came and stood beside me and said to me, ‘My friend Saul, see again!’ Instantly I could see and I saw him standing beside me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:14

ULT

14 And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear the voice from his own mouth,

UST

14 Then he said: ‘The God whom we worship and whom our ancestors worshiped has chosen you and will show you what he wants you to do. He has shown you the righteous one, Jesus the Messiah, and you have heard him speak to you himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:15

ULT

15 for you will be a witness for him to all men about what you have seen and heard.

UST

15 He wants you to tell people everywhere what you have seen and heard from him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:16

ULT

[16] And now why are you waiting? Having arisen, be baptized, and wash away your sins, having called on his name.'

UST

[16] So now do not delay! Stand up, let me baptize you, and pray to the Lord Jesus and ask God to forgive you for your sins!'"

What did Ananias tell Paul to arise and do, and why?

Ananias told Paul to arise and be baptized to wash away his sins.

Acts 22:17

ULT

[17] And it happened to me that when I had returned to Jerusalem and I was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance.

UST

[17] "Later, I returned to Jerusalem. One day I went to the temple courtyard and while I was praying there, I saw a vision.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:18

ULT

[18] And I saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and go away from Jerusalem in haste, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'

UST

[18] The Lord spoke to me, saying, 'Do not stay here! Leave Jerusalem now, because the people here will not believe what you tell them about me!'

When Jesus spoke to Paul in the temple, how did he say the Jews would react to Paul's testimony about him?

Jesus said that the Jews would not accept Paul's testimony about him.

Acts 22:19

ULT

[19] And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that I was imprisoning and beating those who believed in you according to the synagogues.

UST

[19] But I said to him, ‘Lord, they know that I went to many of our synagogues looking for people who believe in you. I was putting in jail those whom I found who believed in you, and I was even beating them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:20

ULT

[20] And when the blood of Stephen your witness was spilled, I myself also was standing by and agreeing, and guarding the outer garments of those who killed him.’

UST

[20] They remember that when Stephen was killed because he told people about you, I stood there watching and approving of what they were doing. I even guarded the outer clothes that those who were murdering him had thrown aside!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:21

ULT

[21] But he said to me, ‘Go, because I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

UST

[21] But the Lord said to me, ‘No, do not stay here! Leave Jerusalem, because I am going to send you far away from here to other people groups, the non-Jews!’”

To whom did Jesus then send Paul?

Jesus sent Paul to the Gentiles.

Acts 22:22

ULT
22 And they listened to him until this word, and then they lifted up their voice, saying, “Remove such a one from the earth, for it is not right for him to live.”

UST
22 The people listened to what Paul was saying until he talked about the Lord sending him to other people groups. Then they began shouting, “Kill him! He does not deserve to live any longer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:23

ULT
23 And as they were shouting and throwing off {their} outer garments, and throwing dust into the air,

UST
23 While they were shouting, they took off their outer garments and threw dust into the air, which showed how angry they were.

How did the people react when they heard Paul speaking about the Gentiles?
The people shouted and threw off their garments, throwing dust in the air.

Acts 22:24

ULT
24 the commander commanded him to be brought in to the fortress, commanding him to be examined by flogging, so that he might know for what reason they were shouting against him like that.

UST
24 So the leader commanded that Paul be taken into the prison. He told the soldiers that they should whip Paul in order to make him tell what he had done that made the Jews so angry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:25

ULT

25 But when they had stretched him out for the whip, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, “If it is lawful for you to whip a man who is a Roman and uncondemned ...?”

UST

25 Then they stretched his arms out and tied them so that they could whip him on his back. But Paul said to the soldier near him, “You will be acting unlawfully if you whip me, a Roman citizen whom no one has put on trial and condemned!”

What question did Paul ask the centurion just before Paul was to be scourged?
Paul asked if it was lawful for him to be scourged as an uncondemned Roman citizen.

Acts 22:26

ULT

26 And when the centurion heard this, having gone to the commander, he reported, saying, “What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman.”

UST

26 When the officer heard that, he went to the commander and reported it to him. He said to the commander, “This man is a Roman citizen! Surely you would not command us to whip him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:27

ULT

27 And so, having come, the commander said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman?” And he said, “Yes.”

UST

27 The commander was surprised when he heard that. He himself went into the prison and said to Paul, “Tell me, are you really a Roman citizen?” Paul answered, “Yes, I am.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:28

ULT

28 And the commander answered, “I bought this citizenship with a large amount of money.” But Paul said, “I, however, was indeed born {as one}.”

UST

28 Then the commander said, “I am also a Roman citizen. I paid a lot of money to become a Roman citizen.” Paul said, “But I was born a Roman citizen.”

How had Paul become a Roman citizen?

Paul had been born a Roman citizen.

Acts 22:29

ULT

29 Then those who were about to examine him drew back from him immediately, and the commander also was afraid, having learned that he was a Roman, and that he had bound him.

UST

29 The soldiers were about to whip Paul and to ask him questions about what he had done. But when they heard what Paul said, they left him. The commander also became afraid, because he knew that Paul was a Roman citizen and that he had broken the law when he commanded the soldiers to tie up Paul’s hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 22:30

ULT

30 And on the next day, wanting to know for certain that which he was being accused by the Jews, he released him and commanded the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. And having brought down Paul, he placed him among them.

UST

30 The commander still wanted to know why the Jews were accusing Paul. So the next day he told the soldiers to take the chains off Paul. He also called the chief priests and the other council members to meet. Then he took Paul to where the council was meeting and told him to stand before them.

What did the chief captain do when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen?

The chief captain untied Paul’s bonds, and ordered the chief priests and all the council to meet, placing Paul in their midst.

Acts 23

Acts 23:1

ULT

[1] And having looked directly at the Sanhedrin, Paul said, “Men, brothers, I have lived as a citizen before God in all good conscience until this day.”

UST

[1] Paul looked at the Jewish council members and said: “My fellow Jews, all my life I have lived respecting our God, and I do not know of anything that I have done that I knew was wrong.”

Why did the high priest command those who stood by Paul to strike him on the mouth? (vv1-2)

The high priest was angry because Paul said he had lived before God in all good conscience.

Acts 23:2

ULT

[2] But the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.

UST

[2] When Ananias the high priest heard what Paul said, he told the men who were standing near Paul to hit him on the mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:3

ULT

[3] Then Paul said to him, “God is about to strike you, you whitewashed wall. And do you sit judging me by the law, yet command me to be struck, against the law?”

UST

[3] Then Paul said to Ananias, “God will punish you for that, you hypocrite! You sit there and judge me, using the laws that God gave Moses. But you yourself disobey those laws, because you commanded me to be struck without having proved that I have done anything that is wrong!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:4

ULT

4 But those who stood by said, “Are you insulting the high priest of God?”

UST

4 The men who were standing near Paul said to him, “You should not speak badly to God’s servant, our high priest!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:5

ULT

5 And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he is a high priest. For it is written, You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.”

UST

5 Paul replied, “My fellow Jews, I am sorry that I said that. I did not know that the man who told one of you to hit me is the high priest. If I had known that, I would not have talked badly about our high priest, because I know that it is written in our Jewish law, ‘Do not speak evil of any of your rulers!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:6

ULT

6 But when Paul realized that the one group was Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he shouted in the Sanhedrin, “Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. I am being judged concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead.”

UST

6 Paul knew that some of the council members were Sadducees and others were Pharisees. So he called out in the council hall, “My fellow Jews, I am a Pharisee, and all in my family were Pharisees, as well. I have been put on trial here because I am sure that one day God will cause those who have died to become alive again.”

For what reason did Paul say he was being judged before the council?

Paul said he was being judged because of his confidence in the resurrection.

Acts 23:7

ULT

[7] And when he said this, an argument began between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the crowd was divided.

UST

[7] When he said that, the Pharisees and Sadducees started to argue with one another about whether or not people who have died will become alive again, and each of them were arguing with the other.

Why did an argument begin in the council when Paul gave his reason for being judged? (vv7-8)

An argument began because the Pharisees say there is a resurrection, but the Sadducees say there is no resurrection.

Acts 23:8

ULT

[8] For the Sadducees say there is no resurrection, nor angels, nor spirits, but the Pharisees confess all of them.

UST

[8] The Sadducees believe that after people die, they will not become alive again. They also believe that there are no angels and no other kinds of spirits. But the Pharisees believe all these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:9

ULT

[9] And so a large uproar occurred, and some of the scribes of the group of the Pharisees, having arisen, contended, saying, “We find nothing evil in this man. But what if a spirit has spoken to him, or an angel?”

UST

[9] They began shouting at one another as they argued. Some of the teachers of the laws who were Pharisees stood up. One of them said, “We think that this man has done nothing wrong. Maybe an angel or some other spirit spoke to him and what he says is true.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:10

ULT

10 And when a great argument happened, the commander, having feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down to seize him by force from the midst of them, and to bring him into the fortress.

UST

10 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees became violent with one another. So the commander was afraid that they would tear Paul to pieces. He told soldiers to go down from the prison and take Paul away from the council members and bring him up into the barracks.

Why did the chief captain take Paul from the council to the fortress?

The chief captain feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by the council members.

Acts 23:11

ULT

11 But the following night the Lord, having stood beside him, said, “Have courage, for as you have testified to things concerning me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary also for you to testify in Rome.”

UST

11 That night, Paul saw the Lord Jesus come and stand near him. The Lord said to him, “Have courage! You have told people here in Jerusalem about me, and you must tell people in Rome about me too.”

What promise did the Lord give Paul the following night?

The Lord told Paul to not fear because he would bear witness in Jerusalem and in Rome.

Acts 23:12

ULT

12 And when it became day, the Jews, having formed a conspiracy, cursed themselves, saying neither to eat nor to drink until they had killed Paul.

UST

12 The next morning some of the Jews who hated Paul met and talked about how to kill him. They told themselves that they would not eat or drink anything until he was dead. They asked God to curse them if they did not do what they promised.

What pact concerning Paul did some Jewish men make? (vv12-13)

About forty Jewish men made a pact that they would not eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

Acts 23:13

ULT
13 And there were more than 40 who had formed this conspiracy.

UST
13 There were more than forty men who wanted to kill Paul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:14

ULT
14 They, having gone to the chief priests and the elders, said, “We have cursed ourselves with a curse, to eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

UST
14 They went to the chief priests and Jewish elders and told them, “God has heard us promise that we will not eat or drink anything until we have killed Paul.

What was the plan the forty Jewish men presented to the chief priests and elders? (vv14-15)
They asked the chief priests and elders to have Paul brought to the council so they could kill Paul before he arrived.

Acts 23:15

ULT
15 Now, therefore, you along with the Sanhedrin report to the commander as if you are going to examine more seriously the things concerning him, so that he will bring him down to you. But we are ready to kill him before his arrival.”

UST
15 So we request that you go to the commander and ask him, on behalf of the whole Jewish council, to bring Paul down to us. Tell the commander that you want to talk to Paul some more. We will be waiting to kill Paul while he is on the way here.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:16

ULT

16 But having heard of the ambush, the son of the sister of Paul went and, having entered into the fortress, reported this to Paul.

UST

16 But the son of Paul's sister heard what they were planning to do, so he went into the fortress and told Paul.

How did Paul learn about the plan of the forty Jewish men?

Paul's sister's son heard of the plan and told Paul.

Acts 23:17

ULT

17 And so, having called one of the centurions, Paul said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to report to him."

UST

17 When Paul heard that, he called one of the officers and said to him, "Please take this young man to the commander, because he needs to tell him something."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:18

ULT

18 So having taken him, he brought him to the commander and said, "The prisoner, Paul, having summoned me, asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

UST

18 So the officer took the young man to the commander. The officer said to the commander, "The prisoner Paul called me and said, 'Please take this young man to the commander, because he needs to tell him something.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:19

ULT

19 So the commander, having taken hold of his hand and having withdrawn to a private place. asked him, “What is it that you have to report to me?”

UST

19 The commander took the young man by the hand, led him off by himself, and asked him, “What do you need to tell me?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:20

ULT

20 So then he said, “The Jews have agreed to ask you that tomorrow you might bring Paul down to the Sanhedrin, as if they were going to inquire something more concerning him.

UST

20 He said, “There are some Jews who want to bring Paul before their council tomorrow. They will say that they want to ask him some more questions. But that is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:21

ULT

21 Therefore you should not be persuaded by them, because more than 40 from these men lie in wait for him, who have cursed themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they have killed him. Even now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you.”

UST

21 Do not do what they ask you to do, because there are more than forty Jewish men who will be hiding and waiting to kill Paul when he passes by on the way to the council. They even promised to God that they will not eat or drink anything until they have killed Paul. They are ready to do it, and right now they are waiting for you to agree to do what they are asking you to do.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:22

ULT

22 So the commander dismissed the young man, having commanded him, “Tell no one that you have reported these things to me.”

UST

22 The commander said to the young man, “Do not tell anyone that you have told me about their plan.” Then he sent the young man away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:23

ULT

23 And having summoned a certain two of the centurions, he said, “Prepare 200 soldiers so that they might go as far as Caesarea, and 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen from the third hour of the night,

UST

23 Then the commander called two of his officers and told them, “Get a group of two hundred soldiers ready to travel. Take along seventy soldiers riding horses, and two hundred other soldiers carrying spears. All of you must be ready to leave at nine o’clock tonight, to go down to the city of Caesarea.

How did the chief captain respond when he learned the plan of the forty Jewish men? (vv23-24)

The chief captain ordered a large guard to take Paul safely to Felix the governor at the third hour of the night.

Acts 23:24

ULT

24 and provide animals in order to, having set Paul on them, take him safely to Felix the governor.”

UST

24 And take along horses for Paul to ride, and escort him to the palace of Governor Felix.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:25

ULT
25 Then he wrote a letter, having this form:

UST
25 Then the commander wrote a letter to send to the governor. This is what he wrote:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:26

ULT
26 “Claudius Lysias to the most excellent Governor Felix, greetings.

UST
26 “I am Claudius Lysias writing to you. You, Felix, are our governor whom we honor, and I send you my greetings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:27

ULT
27 This man, having been seized by the Jews and about to be killed by them, having come with detachment of soldiers, I rescued, having learned that he is a Roman.

UST
27 I have sent you this man, Paul, because certain Jews seized him and were about to kill him. But I heard someone tell me that he is a Roman citizen, so I and my soldiers went and rescued him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:28

ULT
28 And wanting to know the charge with which they accused him, I took him down to their Sanhedrin.

UST
28 I wanted to know what those Jews were saying that he had done wrong, so I took him to their Jewish council.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:29

ULT

29 I learned that he was being accused concerning questions of their own law, but there was no accusation worthy of death or imprisonment.

UST

29 I listened while they asked this man questions and he answered them. The things they accused him about had to do with their Jewish laws. But Paul has not disobeyed any of our Roman laws. So our officials should not execute him or even put him in prison.

In his letter to Felix the governor, what did the chief captain say about the accusations against Paul?

The chief captain said Paul did not deserve death or imprisonment, but that the accusations were about questions concerning Jewish law.

Acts 23:30

ULT

30 And when a plot was to be against the man was revealed to me, immediately I sent him to you, also having commanded {his} accusers to speak against him in your {presence}.”

UST

30 Someone told me that some Jews were planning to kill this man, so I sent him to you, so that you may give him a fair trial there. I have also commanded the Jews who have accused him to go there to Caesarea and tell you what they are accusing him about. Goodbye.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:31

ULT

31 So the soldiers, according to what had been commanded to them, having taken Paul, brought him by night to Antipatris.

UST

31 So the soldiers did what the commander told them. They got Paul and took him with them during the night down to Antipatris.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:32

ULT

32 And on the next day, having allowed the horsemen to continue with him, they returned to the fortress.

UST

32 The next day, the foot soldiers returned to Jerusalem, and the soldiers who rode horses went on with Paul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:33

ULT

33 When they had entered into Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.

UST

33 When they arrived in the city of Caesarea, they gave the letter to the governor, and they placed Paul before him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:34

ULT

34 And when he had read the letter and had asked what province he is from, and had learned that {he was} from Cilicia,

UST

34 The governor read the letter and then he said to Paul, “What province are you from?” Paul answered, “I am from Cilicia.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 23:35

ULT

35 he said, “I will hear you fully when your accusers also may come here,” having commanded him to be kept in the palace of Herod.

UST

35 Then the governor said, “When the people who have accused you arrive, I will listen to what each of you says and then I will judge your case.” Then he commanded that Paul be guarded in the palace that King Herod the Great had built.

When did Felix the governor say he would hear Paul’s case?

Felix said he would hear Paul’s case when Paul’s accusers arrived.

Where was Paul kept until his trial?

Paul was kept in Herod’s palace until his trial.

Acts 24

Acts 24:1

ULT

[1] And after five days, Ananias, the high priest, with certain elders, and an orator, a certain Tertullus, came down, who appeared to the governor against Paul.

UST

[1] Five days later Ananias the high priest went down there from Jerusalem, along with some other Jewish elders and a speechmaker whose name was Tertullus. There they told the governor what Paul had done that they thought was wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:2

ULT

[2] And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, “We have obtained great peace through you, and good reforms have happened to {our} nation through your foresight;

UST

[2] The governor commanded Paul to be brought in. When Paul arrived, Tertullus began to accuse him. He said to the governor, “Honorable Governor Felix, during the many years that you have ruled us, we have lived well. By planning wisely, you have improved many things in this province.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:3

ULT

[3] both in every way and everywhere we acknowledge this, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

UST

[3] Therefore, Governor Felix, we always thank you for everything that you have done for all of us, wherever you have done those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:4

ULT

4 However, in order that we may not bother you any longer, I beg you to briefly listen to us in your kindness.

UST

4 But, so that I will not take up too much of your time, I ask that you kindly listen to what I have to say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:5

ULT

5 For we have found this man to be a troublemaker and inciting rebellion among all the Jews who {are} throughout the world. Also, he is a leader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

UST

5 We have observed that this man, wherever he goes, causes trouble with the Jews. He also leads the entire group whom people call the followers of the Nazarene.

Of what sect did Tertullus say Paul was a leader?

Tertullus said Paul was a leader of the Nazarene sect.

What accusations did the orator Tertullus bring against Paul? (vv5-6)

Tertullus accused Paul of causing the Jews to rebel and desecrating the temple.

Acts 24:6

ULT

6 He even tried to desecrate the temple, and so we arrested him. [1] [We wanted to judge him according to our law.

UST

6 He even tried to do things in the temple in Jerusalem that would pollute it, so we arrested him. [1] [And we wanted to judge him according to our law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:7

ULT

7[2] But Lysias, the officer, having come, took him by force out of our hands,

UST

7[2] But Lysias, the commander of the Roman fortress, came with his soldiers and took him away from us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:8

ULT

8[3] commanding his accusers to come to you.] Having inquired from him about all these matters, you yourself will be able to learn of what we are accusing him."

UST

8[3] sending us to you.] If you question him yourself, you will be able to learn that all these things about which we are accusing him are true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:9

ULT

9 And the Jews also agreed, affirming that these charges were so.

UST

9 Then the Jewish leaders there told the governor that what Tertullus had said was true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:10

ULT

10 And the governor having motioned for him to speak, Paul answered, "Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, I gladly make my defense about the things concerning me.

UST

10 Then the governor motioned with his hand to Paul that he should speak. So Paul replied, and said, "Governor Felix, I know that you have judged this Jewish province for many years. Therefore I gladly defend myself. I know that you will listen to me and will judge me fairly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:11

ULT
11 You are able to find out that it has not been more than 12 days from when I went up to worship in Jerusalem.

UST
11 You know that it has not been more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:12

ULT
12 And they found me neither in the temple arguing with anyone, nor causing a rebellion of the crowd, neither in the synagogues, nor throughout the city.

UST
12 No one can say that they saw me arguing with anyone in the temple courts because I did not do that. No one can say that they saw me causing people to riot in any Jewish synagogue or causing trouble anywhere else in Jerusalem, because I did not do that.

What did Paul say he had done in the temple, synagogues, and city?
Paul said he had not argued with anyone and had not stirred up a crowd.

Acts 24:13

ULT
13 And they are not able to prove to you about that which they are now accusing me.

UST
13 So they cannot prove to you the things about which they are now accusing me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:14

ULT
14 But I confess this to you, that according to the Way that they call a sect, in that way I serve the God of our fathers, faithful to all that is according to the law and that has been written in the prophets.

UST
14 But I admit to you that this is true: I do worship the God that our ancestors worshiped. It is true that I follow the way that Jesus taught us. I also believe everything that Moses wrote in the laws that God gave him and everything that the other prophets wrote in their books.

To what did Paul say he was faithful?
Paul said he was faithful to all that is in the law and the writings of the prophets.

Acts 24:15

ULT
15 I have the hope in God which also these men themselves accept, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.

UST
15 I believe, just like these men also believe, that some day God will cause everyone who has died to become alive again, both those who were good and those who were wicked.

What hope did Paul share with the Jews accusing him?
They shared the same confidence in God about the coming resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous dead.

Acts 24:16

ULT
16 In this also I myself always strive to have a blameless conscience before God and men.

UST
16 Because I believe that day will come, I always try to do what pleases God and what other people think is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:17

ULT

[17] Now after many years, I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings.

UST

[17] After I had been in other places for several years, I returned to Jerusalem to bring some money to my fellow Jews who are poor.

Why did Paul say he had come to Jerusalem?

Paul said he had come to bring help to his nation and gifts of money.

Acts 24:18

ULT

[18] They found me in this, having been cleansed in the temple, not with a crowd nor with an uproar.

UST

[18] Some Jews from Asia saw me in the temple courts after I had completed the ritual that allows one to worship God. There was no crowd with me, and I was not causing people to riot.

What did Paul say he was doing in the temple when he was found by certain Jews from Asia?

Paul said he was in a purification ceremony when he was found.

Acts 24:19

ULT

[19] But there are certain Jews from Asia who ought to be present before you and to make accusations, if they have anything against me.

UST

[19] But it was those Jews who caused the people to riot. They should be here in front of you to accuse me, if they think that I did something wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:20

ULT
20 Or let these here say what wrong they found when I stood before the Sanhedrin,

UST
20 But if they do not want to do that, these Jewish men who are here should tell you what they think I did that was wrong when I defended myself in their council.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:21

ULT
21 other than about this one thing that I shouted when I stood among them, 'I am being judged before you today concerning the resurrection of the dead.'"

UST
21 They might say that I did something wrong when I shouted, 'You are judging me today because I believe that God will cause all people who have died to become alive again.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:22

ULT
22 And then Felix, more accurately knowing the things concerning the Way, adjourned them, saying, "When Lysias the commander may come down, I will decide the things concerning you."

UST
22 Felix already knew much about what people called the Way, and so he stopped the trial. He said to them, "Later, when Commander Lysias comes down here, I will decide this case."

About what was the governor Felix well informed?
The governnor Felix was well informed about the Way.

When did Felix say he would decide Paul's case?
Felix said he would decide Paul's case when Lusias the commander came from Jerusalem.

Acts 24:23

ULT

23 He had commanded the centurion for him to be kept in custody, but to have rest, and not to forbid his own friends to minister to him.

UST

23 Then he told the officer who was guarding Paul to take Paul back to the prison and make sure that Paul was guarded all the time. But he said that Paul was not to be chained, and if his friends came to visit him, the officer should allow them to help Paul in any way that they wanted to.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:24

ULT

24 But after some days, having returned with Drusilla, his own wife, who was a Jewess, Felix summoned Paul and he heard him concerning the faith in Christ Jesus.

UST

24 Several days later Felix came back with his wife Drusilla, who was a Jew, and called for Paul to speak with him. Felix listened to what Paul said to him about trusting in Jesus the Messiah.

After some days, about what did Paul tell Felix? (vv24-25)

Paul told Felix about faith in Christ Jesus, rigtheousness, self-control, and the coming judgment.

Acts 24:25

ULT

25 But as he is reasoning with him about righteousness, and self-control, and the judgment that is coming, Felix, having become frightened, answered, “Go away for now. But having found time, I will summon you.”

UST

25 Paul talked to him about what God wants people to do in order to please him. He also explained how people should control how they act and that there would be a time when God will judge all people. Felix became afraid after hearing those things, so he said to Paul, “That is all I want to hear now. When I have time, I will ask you to come to me again.”

How did Felix react after he heard Paul?

Felix became fearful and asked Paul to go away for the present.

Acts 24:26

ULT

26 At the same time, he also is hoping that money will be given to him by Paul, and therefore often summoning him, he was speaking to him.

UST

26 Felix was hoping that Paul would give him some money, so he sent for Paul to come to him many times. Paul talked with Felix many times, but he did not give Felix any money, and Felix did not tell his soldiers to release Paul from prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 24:27

ULT

27 But when two years had passed, Felix received a successor—Porcius Festus. But wanting to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul imprisoned.
24:6 [1]
24:7 [2]
24:8 [3]

UST

27 When two years had passed, Porcius Festus became governor in place of Felix. Felix let Paul remain in prison because he wanted to please the Jewish leaders.
24:6 [1]
24:7 [2]
24:8 [3]

After two years, why did Felix leave Paul under guard when the new governor came?

Felix left Paul under guard because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.

Acts 25

Acts 25:1

ULT

[1] Festus, then, having arrived in the province, after three days, went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

UST

[1] Festus began to rule as governor of the province. Three days later, he left the city of Caesarea and went up to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:2

ULT

[2] Both the chief priests and the most prominent of the Jews made clear to him {the things} against Paul, and they begged him,

UST

[2] There, the chief priests and other Jewish leaders stood before Festus and said that Paul had done things that were very wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:3

ULT

[3] requesting a favor against him—that he might summon him to Jerusalem—for an ambush was forming to kill him along the way.

UST

[3] They urgently asked Festus to bring Paul to trial in Jerusalem. But they were really planning to attack him on the road and kill him.

What favor did the chief priest and the prominent Jews ask of Festus?

They asked Festus to call Paul to Jerusalem so that they could kill Paul along the way.

Acts 25:4

ULT

4 So Festus answered that Paul was being held at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to go there in haste.

UST

4 Festus replied, “Paul is under guard in Caesarea, let him stay there. I myself will go down to Caesarea very soon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:5

ULT

5 He said, “Therefore, the leaders among you, having come down together, if there is something wrong with the man, let them accuse him.”

UST

5 “So,” he said, “you should go there with me, those of you who are able to. If you have anything to accuse Paul of, you can do it there.”

What did Festus tell the chief priest and the prominent Jews to do?

Festus told them to go to Caesarea, where Festus was going, and that they could accuse Paul there.

Acts 25:6

ULT

6 And after he had stayed with them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. The next day, having sat in the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought to him.

UST

6 Festus remained in Jerusalem with the temple leaders eight or ten more days. Then he went back down to the city of Caesarea. The next day Festus commanded that Paul be brought to him, where he sat in the judge’s seat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:7

ULT

[7] And when he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges which they were not able to prove,

UST

[7] After Paul was brought before the judge's seat, the Jewish leaders who had come down from Jerusalem gathered around him to accuse him of many serious charges, but they were not able to prove any of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:8

ULT

[8] Paul, saying in defense, "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned in anything."

UST

[8] Then Paul spoke for himself. He said, "I have done nothing against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against the emperor."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:9

ULT

[9] But Festus, wanting to do a favor for the Jews, answering Paul, said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and to be judged there before me about these things?"

UST

[9] But Festus wanted to please the Jewish leaders, so he asked Paul, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem so I can judge you there about these things?"

While judging Paul's case in Caesarea, what question did Festus ask Paul?

Festus asked Paul if he wanted to go up to Jerusalem and be judged there.

Why did Festus ask Paul this question?

Festus asked Paul this question because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.

Acts 25:10

ULT
10 But Paul said, “I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where it is necessary for me to be judged. I have done nothing wrong to the Jews, as you also very well know.

UST
10 Paul replied, “No, I am now standing before you, who represent the Emperor. This is where I ought to be judged. I have done nothing wrong to the Jewish people, as you know very well.

What was Paul’s response to Festus’ question?
Paul said that he stood before the judgment seat of Caesar where he must be judged.

Acts 25:11

ULT
11 Therefore, if I have done wrong and have done anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is nothing of which they can accuse me, no one is able to hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar.”

UST
11 If I had done anything deserving of death, I would not refuse to to die; but there is nothing that they accuse me of that deserves such a punishment. No one can condemn me just to satisfy them. I ask that Caesar himself judge me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:12

ULT
12 Then, after having talked with the council, Festus answered, “To Caesar you have appealed. To Caesar you will go!”

UST
12 After Festus conferred with his advisors, he said, “You have appealed to Caesar, and so to Caesar you shall go!”

What did Festus decide to do with Paul’s case?
Festus decided that since Paul had called upon Caesar, then he would go to Caesar.

Acts 25:13

ULT

13 Now after some days had passed, King Agrippa and Bernice, having come down to Caesarea, paid their respects to Festus.

UST

13 After several days, King Herod Agrippa arrived at Caesarea, along with his sister Bernice. They had come to pay their respects to Festus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:14

ULT

14 And while they were staying there for many days, Festus presented to the king the things concerning Paul, saying, “There is a certain man who has been left behind by Felix, a prisoner.

UST

14 King Agrippa and Bernice stayed many days in Caesarea. After some time had passed, Festus told Agrippa about Paul. He said, “There is a man here whom Felix kept in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:15

ULT

15 When I was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews brought charges concerning him, requesting a judgment against him.

UST

15 When I went to Jerusalem, the chief priests and the Jewish elders came before me and asked me to condemn him to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:16

ULT

16 I replied to them that it is not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man, or before the one who is accused may have {his} accusers face to face and receives an opportunity of a defense concerning the accusation.

UST

16 But I told them that when someone has been accused of a serious crime, it is not a custom for Romans to condemn a person immediately. Instead, we allow the accused man to stand face to face with his accusers and defend himself against what they say about him.

What did Festus say was the legal custom with the Romans regarding people charged with crimes?

Festus said that the Romans gave the accused person an opportunity to face his accusers and to make a defense against the charges.

Acts 25:17

ULT

17 Therefore, when they had come together here, causing no delay, the next day, having sat in the judgment seat, I commanded the man to be brought in.

UST

17 So when those Jews came here to Caesarea, I did not delay the trial at all. The day after they arrived, I sat in the judge's seat and ordered the guard to bring in the prisoner.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:18

ULT

18 When the accusers had stood up, they brought no charge concerning him of evil which I expected.

UST

18 But when the Jewish leaders told me what the prisoner had done wrong, I did not think that anything they said was serious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:19

ULT

19 Instead, they had certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus who was dead, whom Paul asserted to be alive.

UST

19 Instead, what they argued with him about were things in their own religion and about a man whose name was Jesus who had died, but whom Paul said was alive.

What charges did Festus say the Jews had brought against Paul?

Festus said that the charges involved certain disputes about their religion and about a certain Jesus who was dead, but Paul claimed to be alive.

Acts 25:20

ULT

20 And so I am uncertain about the things concerning this matter. I asked if he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there to be judged concerning these things.

UST

20 I did not understand these matters, or how to find out the truth. So I asked Paul, ‘Are you willing to go to Jerusalem, so I can judge you there about these things?’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:21

ULT

21 But when Paul had appealed for him to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept until when I might send him to Caesar.”

UST

21 But Paul asked for Caesar himself to judge his case, so I ordered him to be kept under guard until I could send him to Casear.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:22

ULT

22 And Agrippa replied to Festus, “I, myself, also was wanting to hear this man.” “Tomorrow,” he says, “you will hear him.”

UST

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I myself would like to hear what this man has to say.” Festus answered, “I will arrange for you to hear him tomorrow.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:23

ULT

23 So on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice having come with much ceremony, and having entered into the hall with both the commanders and men who were prominent in the city, and having been commanded by Festus, Paul was brought in.

UST

23 The next day Agrippa and Bernice entered the hall of judgment, and all the other people were honoring them. Some Roman commanders and important men in Caesarea came with them. Then Festus commanded that the guards should bring Paul in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:24

ULT

24 And Festus said, “King Agrippa, and all who are present with us, you see this man, concerning whom all the multitude of the Jews petitioned me both in Jerusalem and here also, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.

UST

24 After Paul entered, Festus said, “King Agrippa and all the rest of you who are here, you see this man! Many leaders of the Jews, both in Jerusalem and here, asked me not to let him live any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:25

ULT
25 But I learned that he had done nothing worthy of death; but he himself having appealed to the emperor, I decided to send him.

UST
25 But I found nothing that he had done to deserve death. Even so, he has asked Caesar to judge his case, so I have decided to send him to Rome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 25:26

ULT
26 Concerning him, I do not have anything definite to write to my lord. For this reason, I have him before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after this examination has happened, I might have something to write.

UST
26 But I do not know what exactly I should write to the emperor about him. That is why I have brought him here to speak to you all, and especially to you, King Agrippa! I have done this so that you may question him. Then I may know what to write to the emperor.

Why did Festus bring Paul to speak before King Agrippa?
Festus wanted King Agrippa to help him write something logical about Paul's case to the Emperor.

Acts 25:27

ULT
27 For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner and to not state the charges against him."

UST
27 I think that it would be unreasonable to send a prisoner to the emperor in Rome without telling exactly what were the wrong things people say that he has done."

What did Festus say would be unreasonable for him to do as he sent Paul to the Emperor?
Festus said it would be unreasonable for him to send Paul to the Emperor without stating the charges against him.

Acts 26

Acts 26:1

ULT

1 And Agrippa said to Paul, “You are permitted to speak for yourself.” Then Paul, having stretched out {his} hand, made {his} defense.

UST

1 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “We will now allow you to speak on your own behalf.” Then Paul stretched out his hand to show that he was about to speak. He said,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:2

ULT

2 “Concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, King Agrippa, I consider myself blessed that I am going to make my defense before you today;

UST

2 “King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate that today that I can explain to you why the Jewish leaders are wrong when they say I have done evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:3

ULT

3 especially since you are an expert according to all the Jewish customs and also {their} controversies. So I ask you to hear me patiently.

UST

3 I am especially fortunate because you know all about the customs of us Jews and the questions that we argue about. So I ask you to listen patiently to me.”

Why was Paul happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa?

Paul was happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa because Agrippa was an expert in all the Jewish customs and questions.

Acts 26:4

ULT

4 Indeed then, all the Jews know the manner of my life which {was} from my youth, that from the beginning has been among my nation and in Jerusalem,

UST

4 “All my fellow Jews know about how I have conducted my life from the time I was a child. They know how I lived in the city where I was born and also later in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:5

ULT

5 Knowing me from the beginning, if they were willing to testify, that I lived as a Pharisee, according to the strictest sect of our religion.

UST

5 They have known me from my very beginning, and they could tell you, if they wanted to, that since I was very young I obeyed the most rigid customs of our religion very carefully. I lived just like the other Pharisees.

How did Paul live from his youth in Jerusalem?

Paul lived as a Pharisee, a very strict sect of Judaism.

Acts 26:6

ULT

6 And now I stand here being judged because of my hope of the promise that was made to our fathers by God,

UST

6 Today I am on trial because I am confidently expecting that God will do what he promised to our ancestors.

What promise of God does Paul say both he and the Jews are hoping to reach? (vv6-8)

Paul says that he and the Jews are hoping to reach the promise of the resurrection.

Acts 26:7

ULT

[7] to which our 12 tribes hope to attain, in earnest serving night and day. Concerning this hope, I am being accused by the Jews, O King.

UST

[7] Our twelve Jewish tribes are also confidently waiting for God to do for us what he promised, as they honor him and worship him, day and night. Honored king, I confidently expect that God will do what he promised, and they also believe that! But it is for what I expect God to do that they say I have done wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:8

ULT

[8] Why is it judged unbelievable among you that God raises the dead?

UST

[8] Why would any of you think that God could not raise the dead?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:9

ULT

[9] Then, I thought to myself that it was necessary to do many things opposed to the name of Jesus the Nazarene.

UST

[9] There was a time in the past when I, too, was sure that I should do everything that I could to stop people from believing in Jesus from Nazareth town.

Before his conversion, what was Paul doing against the name of Jesus of Nazareth? (vv9-11)

Paul was locking up many saints in prison, was approving when they were killed, and was chasing them to foreign cities.

Acts 26:10

ULT

10 And I did these things in Jerusalem, and I even locked up many of the saints in prison, having received the authority from the chief priests. and when they were being put to death, I cast my vote against them.

UST

10 So that is what I did when I lived in Jerusalem. I shut up many of the believers in prison, as the chief priests there had given me power to do. And when their people killed believers, I voted in favor of that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:11

ULT

11 And often punishing them in all the synagogues, I forced them to blaspheme, and being greatly enraged against them, I persecuted them even as far as to foreign cities.

UST

11 I punished those Jewish people in every synagogue where I could find them. I would force them, with all my anger against them, to make them insult God and curse his name. I even went off to foreign cities to find them so I could do everything in my power to stop them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:12

ULT

12 While doing this, traveling to Damascus with authority and a commission that {was} from the chief priests,

UST

12 “The chief priests gave me power to arrest believers in Damascus, and that is where I went. But while I was on my way,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:13

ULT
13 in the middle of the day, along the road, O King, I saw a light from heaven, beyond the brightness of the sun, shining around me and those who were traveling with me.

UST
13 at about noon, O King, I saw on the road a bright light in the sky. It was even brighter than the sun! It shone all around me, and also around those who were traveling with me.

What did Paul see on his way to Damascus?
Paul saw a light from heaven that was brighter than the sun.

Acts 26:14

ULT
14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against a goad.’

UST
14 We all fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me in the Hebrew language. He said, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

What did Paul hear on his way to Damascus?
Paul heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

Acts 26:15

ULT
15 And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord replied, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

UST
15 Then I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus! I am the one you are fighting against.

Who was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus?
Jesus was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus.

Acts 26:16

ULT
16 But get up and stand on your feet; because for this I appeared to you, to appoint you as a servant and a witness of both that which you have seen about me and of that which will be shown to you;

UST
16 But get up and stand on your feet! I have appeared to you in order to make you into a servant and a witness both of what you have seen of what you know about me now and what I will show you later.

What did Jesus appoint Paul to be? (vv16-17)
Jesus appointed Paul to be a servant and witness to the Gentiles.

Acts 26:17

ULT
17 rescuing you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,

UST
17 I will protect you from the people and the non-Jews to whom I will send you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:18

ULT
18 to open their eyes to turn from darkness to light, and from the authority of Satan to God, for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith that {is} in me.’

UST
18 in order to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of the enemy to God. In this way God will forgive their sins and give to them the things that all my people will have forever, the people who belong to me by faith.

What did Jesus say he wanted the Gentiles to receive?
Jesus said he wanted the Gentiles to receive the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance from God.

Acts 26:19

ULT
19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision;

UST
19 “So, King Agrippa, I did what God told me in a vision to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:20

ULT
20 but, to those in Damascus first, and also in Jerusalem, and in all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, I declared to repent and to turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.

UST
20 First, I spoke to the Jews in Damascus and those in Jerusalem, and in all the countryside of Judea, and to the non-Jews there also. I told them that they should stop sinning and ask God for help. I told them also that they should do those things that show that they have stopped sinning.

What two things does Paul say he preached everywhere he went?
Paul says that he preached that the people should repent and turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.

Acts 26:21

ULT
21 For the sake of this, the Jews, having seized me in the temple, attempted to kill me.

UST
21 It is because I preached this message that some Jews seized me when I was in the temple courtyard and tried to kill me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:22

ULT

22 Therefore having received help which is from God until this day, I stand, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing other than what both the prophets and Moses said is going to happen—

UST

22 However, God has been helping me, so I have continued to proclaim these things to this very day. I have continued to tell both ordinary people and important people exactly what the prophets and Moses said would happen.

What did the prophets and Moses say would happen? (vv22-23)

The prophets and Moses said that the Christ must suffer, be raised from the dead, and proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.

Acts 26:23

ULT

23 that the Christ {is} subject to suffering and that {as} the first from the resurrection of the dead, is going to proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles."

UST

23 They said that the Messiah would suffer and die, that he would be the first to rise from the dead. They also said that he would proclaim, both to his own people and to the non-Jewish people, that God is truly able to save them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:24

ULT

24 And as he is saying these things in his defense, Festus says with a loud voice, "Paul, you are insane; your great learning is turning you to insanity."

UST

24 Before Paul could say anything further, Festus shouted out in a loud voice: "Paul, you are crazy! You have studied too much, and it has made you insane!"

What did Festus think of Paul after he heard Paul's defense? (vv24-25)

Festus thought that Paul was insane.

Acts 26:25

ULT
25 But Paul says, “I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking words of truth and of sanity.

UST
25 But Paul answered, “Your Excellency Festus, I am not insane! On the contrary, what I am saying is true and quite sane!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:26

ULT
26 For the king knows about these things, to whom I am indeed speaking boldly, for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this was not done in a corner.

UST
26 For King Agrippa knows the things that I have been talking about, and I can speak freely to him about them. I am sure that none of these things could have escaped his notice, because none of these things happened in secret.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:27

ULT
27 Do you believe the prophets, King Agrippa? I know that you believe.”

UST
27 “King Agrippa, do you believe what the prophets wrote? I know that you believe those things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:28

ULT
28 But Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time, are you persuading me to become a Christian?”

UST
28 Then Agrippa answered Paul, “In just a short time you have almost persuaded me to become a Christian!”

What was Paul’s desire for King Agrippa? (vv28-29)
Paul desired that King Agrippa would become a Christian.

Acts 26:29

ULT
29 But Paul replied, “I pray to God for, either in a short time or in a long time, not you only, but also all those hearing me today to become such as I also am, but without these chains.”

UST
29 Paul replied, “Whether it takes a short time or a long time, it does not matter. I pray to God that you and also all of the others who are listening to me today will also become like me, except for these chains!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:30

ULT
30 And then the king got up, and the governor, and Bernice, and those sitting with them;

UST
30 Then the king stood. The governor, Bernice, and all the others also got up

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 26:31

ULT
31 and when they had left, they talked to one another, saying, “This man is not doing anything worthy of death or of chains.”

UST
31 and left the room. After they left, they said to each other, “This man has done nothing deserving death or his chains.”

What conclusion did Agrippa, Festus, and Bernice reach regarding the accusations against Paul? (vv31-32)
They agreed that Paul had done nothing worthy of death or bonds, and that he could have been freed if he had not appealed to Caesar.

Acts 26:32

ULT

32 But Agrippa said to Festus, “This man was able to have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

UST

32 Agrippa said to Festus, “If this man had not appealed to Caesar, he could have been released.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27

Acts 27:1

ULT

[1] And when it was decided for us to sail to Italy, they handed over both Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion named Julius of the Augustan regiment.

UST

[1] When the Governor decided that we should sail for Italy, he put Paul and some other prisoners into the control of an army captain whose name was Julius. He held the rank of centurion and was part of a large number of soldiers who were under the direct command of the emperor.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:2

ULT

[2] And having boarded a ship from Adramyttium, being about to sail to places along Asia, we set sail. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us.

UST

[2] We boarded a ship from the city of Adramyttium in Asia. The ship was about to sail to places on the coast of Asia. In this way we went to sea. Aristarchus, from Thessalonica in Macedonia, went with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:3

ULT

[3] And the next day, we landed at Sidon, and Julius having treated Paul kindly, allowed him to go to {his} friends to receive {their} care.

UST

[3] The next day we arrived at Sidon. Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him permission to go see his friends, who would care for him.

How did the centurion Julius treat Paul at the beginning of the journey to Rome?

Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends and receive their care.

Acts 27:4

ULT

4 And from there, having put to sea, we sailed under Cyprus because of the winds that were against us.

UST

4 Then the ship set sail from there. We went along the coast of Cyprus, which was sheltered from the wind, because the wind was against us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:5

ULT

5 And when we had sailed across the sea past Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra of Lycia.

UST

5 After that, we crossed over the sea close to the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia. The ship arrived at Myra, which is in Lycia. We got off the ship there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:6

ULT

6 And there, the centurion having found a ship from Alexandria sailing to Italy, he put us on it.

UST

6 In Myra, Julius found a ship that had come from Alexandria and would soon sail to Italy. So he arranged for us to go aboard that ship, and we left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:7

ULT

[7] And sailing slowly for many days and having arrived with difficulty near Cnidus, the wind no longer allowing us to go that way, we sailed along Crete, opposite Salmone.

UST

[7] We sailed slowly for many days and came near to Cnidus, but we got there with difficulty, because the winds were against us. After that, the wind was very strong and did not allow the ship to move straight ahead westward. Instead, we sailed along the coast of the Island of Crete, where the wind was not blowing strongly, and we passed near Salmone, a piece of land sticking out into the water.

Which island did Paul's ship sail around with difficulty? (vv7-8)

The ship sailed around the island of Crete with difficulty.

Acts 27:8

ULT

[8] And sailing along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, which was near the city of Lasea.

UST

[8] The wind was still strong, and it prevented the ship from moving ahead fast. So we moved slowly along the coast of Crete, and we arrived at a town that was called Fair Havens, near Lasea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:9

ULT

[9] But much time having passed, and the voyage already being dangerous because even the fast had already passed, Paul was warning them,

UST

[9] Much time passed, and it had now become dangerous to sail, because the Jewish fasting period had already passed and the sea would become very stormy. So Paul said to the men on the ship,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:10

ULT

[10] saying to them, “Men, I see that the voyage is about to be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

UST

[10] and said to them, “Men, I see that if we sail now, it will be disastrous for us with much injury and loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.”

Why did Julius the centurion not follow Paul’s warning about the dangers of continuing to sail? (vv10-11)

Julius did not follow Paul’s warning because he paid more attention to the owner of the ship.

Acts 27:11

ULT

[11] But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than the things spoken by Paul.

UST

[11] But the Roman captain did not believe Paul. Instead, he believed what the pilot and the owner of the ship said, and he decided to do what they advised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:12

ULT

[12] But the harbor being unsuitable for wintering, the majority made a decision to sail from there, if somehow they might be able to arrive at Phoenix, to spend the winter there—a harbor in Crete, looking toward the southwest and toward the northwest.

UST

[12] The harbor was not a good place to remain during the winter, so most of the sailors advised going to sea from there. They hoped that they could reach Phoenix and spend the winter there. Phoenix is a town in Crete. On it blow winds both from the southwest and northwest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:13

ULT

[13] And when a south wind had blown gently, thinking they obtained {their} purpose, after they had weighed anchor, they sailed along close to Crete.

UST

[13] Because there was only a gentle wind blowing from the south, the ship's crew thought that they could travel like they wanted to. So they lifted the anchor up out of the sea, and the ship sailed close along the coastline of the island of Crete.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:14

ULT

[14] But not long after, a violent wind called the northeaster rushed down from it.

UST

[14] After a short time, however, a stormy wind blew down from the shore. It blew across the island from the north side and hit the ship. That wind is called Euroclydon, "the Northeast Wind."

After a gentle start to the voyage, what wind began to beat down on the ship?

After a gentle start, a wind called The Northeaster began to beat down on the ship.

Acts 27:15

ULT

[15] And having been seized and the ship not being able to face into the wind, having given way, we were driven along.

UST

[15] It blew strongly against the front of the ship, and we could not sail against it. So the sailors let the wind move the ship in the direction that the wind was blowing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:16

ULT

16 But sailing under the lee of a certain island called Cauda, we were able with difficulty to gain control of the lifeboat.

UST

16 The ship then sailed along the coast line of a small island named Cauda. We were able, with difficulty, to fasten the lifeboat securely to the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:17

ULT

17 Having hoisted it up, they used ropes, binding the ship. And fearing lest they might run aground on Syrtis, having lowered the sea anchor, thus they were driven along.

UST

17 When they had hoisted the lifeboat up, they used its ropes to bind the hull of the ship. And they were afraid that they might run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, so they lowered the sea anchor and the wind drove them along.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:18

ULT

18 But with us being exceedingly battered by the storm, the next day, they began the jettisoning of the cargo.

UST

18 The wind and the waves continued to toss the ship about roughly. So on the next day the sailors began to throw overboard the things that the ship was carrying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:19

ULT
[19] And on the third day, they threw overboard the equipment of the ship with their own hands.

UST
[19] On the third day of the storm, the sailors threw overboard most of the sails, ropes, and poles, in order to make the ship lighter. They did this with their own hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:20

ULT
[20] But neither sun nor stars appearing for many days, and no small storm assaulting us, all remaining hope for us to be saved was taken away.

UST
[20] The wind continued to blow very strongly for many days, and the sky was full of dark clouds day and night so that we could not see the sun or the stars. We had lost all hope that we would survive.

After many days, what hope was abandoned by the crew of the ship?
After many days, the crew abandoned any hope that they should be saved.

Acts 27:21

ULT
[21] And after being a long time without food, then having stood up in the midst of them, Paul said, “You men should indeed have obeyed me, to not set sail from Crete, and to suffer this injury and loss.

UST
[21] None of us on the ship had eaten for many days. Then one day, Paul stood up in front of us and said, “Friends, you should have listened to me when I said that we should not set sail from Crete. Then, we would not have suffered this injury and loss.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:22

ULT
22 But now this I urge you, to take courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but {only} of the ship.

UST
22 But now, I urge you, do not be afraid, because none of us will die. The storm will destroy the ship but not us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:23

ULT
23 For this night an angel of the God of whom I am and whom I serve, stood beside me

UST
23 I know this, because last night God, the one to whom I belong and whom I serve, sent an angel who came and stood by me.

What message did an angel of God give Paul concerning the people on the voyage? (vv23-24)
The angel told Paul that he and all the sailors would survive.

Acts 27:24

ULT
24 saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar, and behold, God has graciously granted to you all those who are sailing with you.’

UST
24 The angel said to me, ‘Paul, do not be afraid. You must go to Rome and stand before the emperor there so that he can judge you. I want you to know that God has granted to you that all those who are traveling by ship with you will also survive.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:25

ULT
25 Therefore take courage, men! For I trust God that thus it will be, according to the way it was told to me.

UST
25 So cheer up, my friends, because I believe that God will make this happen, exactly as the angel told me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:26

ULT
26 But we must run aground upon some island."

UST
26 However, the ship will crash on some island, and we will go ashore there."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:27

ULT
27 And when the fourteenth night came, as we were being driven this way and that in the Adriatic Sea, about the middle of the night the sailors thought that they were approaching some land.

UST
27 On the fourteenth night after the storm had begun, the ship was still being blown across the Adriatic sea. About midnight, the sailors thought that the ship was getting close to land.

At midnight on the fourteenth night, what did the sailors think was happening to the ship?
The sailors thought the ship was approaching some land.

Acts 27:28

ULT

28 And taking soundings, they found 20 fathoms; but when they had gone a little further, and again taking soundings, they found 15 fathoms.

UST

28 So they lowered a rope to measure how deep the water was. When they pulled the rope up again, they measured it and saw that the water was forty meters deep. A little later, they measured again and found thirty meters.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:29

ULT

29 And fearing that we might crash somewhere against a rugged place, having lowered four anchors from the stern, they prayed for daytime to come.

UST

29 They were afraid that the ship might go onto some rocks, so they threw out four anchors from the ship's stern. Then they prayed that it would soon be dawn so that they could see where the ship was going.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:30

ULT

30 But as the sailors were seeking to flee from the ship, and as they had lowered the lifeboat into the sea on a pretext as if intending to lower anchors from the bow,

UST

30 Some of the sailors were planning to escape from the ship, so they lowered the lifeboat into the sea. In order that no one would know what they planned to do, they pretended that they wanted to lower some anchors from the ship's front.

What were the sailors looking for a way to do?

The sailors were looking for a way to abandon the ship.

Acts 27:31

ULT
31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, “If these do not stay in the ship, you are not able to be saved.”

UST
31 But Paul said to the army captain and the soldiers, “If the sailors do not stay in the ship, you have no hope of surviving.”

What did Paul tell the centurion and the soldiers about the sailors?
Paul told the centurion and the soldiers that unless the sailors stayed on the ship, the centurion and soldiers could not be saved.

Acts 27:32

ULT
32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the lifeboat and let it fall away.

UST
32 So the soldiers cut the ropes and let the lifeboat fall into the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:33

ULT
33 And up until it was about to become daytime, Paul urged them all to take food, saying, “Today {is} the fourteenth day, anxiously waiting, you are continuing fasting, having eaten nothing.

UST
33 Just before dawn, Paul urged everyone on the ship to eat some food. He said, “For the past fourteen days you have been waiting and watching and not eating anything.

When daylight was coming on, what did Paul urge everyone to do?
Paul urged everyone to take some food.

Acts 27:34

ULT

34 Therefore, I urge you to take food, for this is for your salvation. For a hair from the head of none of you will perish.”

UST

34 So, now I urge you to eat some food. You must do this to live. Not even one hair from your heads will perish.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:35

ULT

35 And having said this and having taken bread, he gave thanks to God before everyone, and having broken bread, he began to eat.

UST

35 After Paul had said that, while everyone was watching, he took some bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke the bread and began to eat some of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:36

ULT

36 And they were all encouraged and themselves took food.

UST

36 Then they were all cheered up and ate some food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:37

ULT

37 And in all, we were 276 souls in the ship.

UST

37 Altogether there were 276 of us on the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:38

ULT
38 And when they had eaten enough food, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

UST
38 When everyone had eaten enough, they lightened the ship by throwing the rest of the wheat into the sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:39

ULT
39 And when it was daytime, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a certain bay having a beach, onto which they discussed whether they might be able to drive the ship.

UST
39 At dawn we could see land, but the sailors did not know where we were. However, they could see a bay and a wide area of sand at the water's edge. They decided to try to run the ship up onto the beach.

How did the crew decide to get the ship to the beach, and what happened? (vv39-41)
The crew decided to get the ship to the beach by sailing directly toward the beach, but the bow of the ship became stuck on the ground and the stern began to break up.

Acts 27:40

ULT
40 And having cut loose the anchors, they left them in the sea. At the same time, having loosened the bands of the rudders and having raised the foresail to the wind, they headed to the beach.

UST
40 So they cast off the anchors and let them fall loose into the sea. At the same time, they untied the ropes that fastened the rudders, and they raised the front sail so that the wind would blow into it. They they steered the ship toward the shore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:41

ULT

41 But having come to a place between two seas, the ship ran aground, and the bow of the ship having stuck there, it remained immovable, but the stern was breaking up by the violence of the waves.

UST

41 But the ship sailed into turbulent waters and ran hard onto a sandbank that was just under the waves. The front of the ship stuck there and could not move, and big waves beat against the back of the ship, so that it began to break apart.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 27:42

ULT

42 Now the plan of the soldiers was that they would kill the prisoners lest some of them, having swum away, would escape.

UST

42 The soldiers had it in mind to kill all the prisoners so that none of them could swim away and escape.

What were the soldiers going to do with the prisoners at this time?

The soldiers were going to kill the prisoners so none of them could escape.

Acts 27:43

ULT

43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, stopped their plan, and so he commanded those who were able to swim, first having jumped overboard, to get to the land,

UST

43 But army captain wanted to save Paul, so he stopped the soldiers from doing this. Instead, he commanded that everyone who could swim should jump into the water and swim to shore.

Why did the centurion stop the plan of the soldiers?

The centurion stopped the plan of the soldiers because he wanted to save Paul.

Acts 27:44

ULT

44 and then the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship, and in this way, it happened that all were brought safely to the land.

UST

44 Then he told the others to hold onto planks or other pieces from the ship and go toward the shore. We did what he said, and in that way all of us arrived safely on land.

How did all of the people on the ship come safely to land?

Those who could swim jumped overboard first, and the rest followed on planks or other things from the ship.

Acts 28

Acts 28:1

ULT

[1] And having been brought safely through, we then learned that the island was called Malta.

UST

[1] After we had arrived safely on the shore, we learned that it was an island called Malta.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:2

ULT

[2] And the native people offered to us not ordinary kindness, for having lit a fire, they welcomed us all, because of the rain that was beginning, and because of the cold.

UST

[2] The people who lived there gave to us better than the usual hospitality. They lit a fire and invited us to come and warm ourselves, because it was raining and it was cold.

How did the native people on the island of Malta treat Paul and the crew of the ship?
The people treated them with not just ordinary kindness.

Acts 28:3

ULT

[3] But when Paul had gathered a certain quantity of sticks and had placed them on the fire, a viper, having come out from the heat, fastened on to his hand.

UST

[3] When Paul collected some sticks of wood and put them on the fire, a poisonous snake came out from the fire to escape from the heat, and it bit Paul on his hand and stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:4

ULT

4 And when the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “This man certainly is a murderer, who having been saved from the sea, justice has not permitted him to live.”

UST

4 The people from the island saw the creature dangling from Paul’s hand, they said to each other, “Probably this man has murdered someone. Although he has escaped from being drowned in the sea, the god of justice will cause him to die.”

What did the people think when they saw the viper hanging from Paul’s hand?

The people thought that Paul was a murderer who was not being permitted to live by justice.

Acts 28:5

ULT

5 Then, he, shaking off the snake into the fire, suffered no harm.

UST

5 But Paul simply shook the snake off into the fire, and nothing happened to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:6

ULT

6 But they were expecting him to begin to become inflamed or to suddenly fall down dead. But watching him for a long time and seeing nothing unusual happening to him, having changed their minds, they said that he is a god.

UST

6 The people were expecting that Paul’s body would soon swell up with a fever or that he would suddenly fall down and die. But after they had waited a long time, they saw that nothing was wrong with him. So the people changed what they were thinking and said to one another, “This man is not a murderer! He is a god!”

What did the people think when they saw Paul was not killed by the viper?

The people thought that Paul was a god.

Acts 28:7

ULT

[7] Now in the {area} near that same place were lands of the most important man of the island, named Publius, who having welcomed us, kindly entertained us for three days.

UST

[7] Now in a place near to where they were, there were some fields that belonged to a man whose name was Publius. He was the chief official on the island. He invited us to come and stay in his home. He took very good care of us for three days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:8

ULT

[8] And it happened that the father of Publius was lying sick, having been afflicted with fever and dysentery. Paul went to him and having prayed, having placed {his} hands on him, he healed him.

UST

[8] At that time Publius' father had fever and dysentery, and he was lying in bed. So Paul visited him and prayed for him. Then Paul placed his hands on him and healed him.

What happened after Paul healed the father of Publius, the chief man of the island? (vv8-9)

The rest of the people on the island who were sick also came and were healed.

Acts 28:9

ULT

[9] And after this happened, the rest of those on the island who had sickness also were coming and were being healed.

UST

[9] After Paul had done that, the other people on the island who were sick came to him, and he healed them, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:10

ULT

10 They also honored us with many honors, and when we were setting sail, they gave us the things for {our} needs.

UST

10 They brought us gifts and showed in other ways that they greatly respected us. When we were ready to leave three months later, they brought us food and other things that we would need on the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:11

ULT

11 And after three months, we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered at the island, with a “Heavenly Twins” figurehead.

UST

11 After we had stayed there three months, we got on a ship that was from Alexandria and that was going to Italy and sailed away. On the front of the ship there were carved images of the twin gods whose names were Castor and Pollux.

How long did Paul and the crew remain on the island of Malta?

Paul and the crew remained on the island of Malta for three months.

Acts 28:12

ULT

12 And having landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.

UST

12 When we arrived at the city of Syracuse, we stayed there three days.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:13

ULT

13 Having sailed from there, we arrived at Rhegium, and after one day, a south wind having sprung up, we came to Puteoli the next day.

UST

13 Then we sailed and arrived at the city of Rhegium in Italy. The next day, the wind was blowing from the south, so in only two more days we reached the town of Puteoli. There we left the ship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:14

ULT

14 Having found brothers there, we were begged to stay with them for seven days, and in this way, we came to Rome.

UST

14 In Puteoli we met some fellow believers who wanted us to stay with them for seven days. After this, we finally arrived at Rome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:15

ULT

15 From there, the brothers, having heard the things about us, came to a meeting with us as far as Forum of Appius and Three Taverns. Having seen them, Paul, having thanked God, took courage.

UST

15 In Rome, some fellow believers had heard about us, so they came to meet us. Some of them met us at the town called The Market on Appian Road, and others met us at the town called The Three Inns. When Paul saw those believers, he thanked God and was encouraged.

What did Paul do when he saw the brothers from Rome who had come to meet him?

When he saw the brothers, Paul thanked God and took courage.

Acts 28:16

ULT

16 And when we entered into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier guarding him.

UST

16 After we arrived in Rome, Paul was permitted to live in a house by himself. But there was always a soldier there to guard him.

What were Paul's living arrangements in Rome as a prisoner?

Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier who was guarding him.

Acts 28:17

ULT

17 And it happened that after three days, he called together those who were the most important of the Jews. And when they had come together, he said to them, "Men, brothers, having done nothing opposed to the people or the customs of {our} fathers, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

UST

17 After Paul had been there three days, he sent a message to the Jewish leaders to come and talk with him. When they came to him, Paul said to them, "My dear brothers, although I have not opposed our people nor spoken against the customs of our ancestors, our leaders in Jerusalem seized me. But before they could kill me, a Roman commander rescued me and later sent me to the city of Caesarea for Roman authorities to put me on trial.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:18

ULT

18 After they had questioned me, they were intending to release me, because there is no reason in me for a death penalty.

UST

18 The Roman authorities questioned me and wanted to release me, because I had not done any bad thing for which I should be executed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:19

ULT

[19] But the Jews objecting, I was forced to appeal to Caesar—not as if I have anything to accuse my nation.

UST

[19] But when the Jewish leaders there spoke against the desire of the Romans to set me free, I had to request that the emperor judge me here in Rome. But my reason for doing that was not that I wanted to accuse our leaders about anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:20

ULT

[20] Therefore, for this reason, I summoned you, to see and to speak with you. For I am bound with this chain because of the hope of Israel."

UST

[20] So I have requested you to come here so that I can tell you why I am a prisoner. It is because I believe in what the people of Israel confidently expect God will do for us."

For what reason did Paul tell the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained?

Paul told the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained for the confidence of Israel.

Acts 28:21

ULT

[21] But they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea about you, nor have any of the brothers come {and} reported or said anything evil about you.

UST

[21] Then the Jewish leaders said, "We have not received any letters from our fellow Jews in Judea about you. Also, none of our fellow Jews who have arrived here from Judea has said anything bad about you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:22

ULT
22 But we want to hear from you what you think, for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere."

UST
22 But we want to hear what you think about this group that you belong to, because we know that in many places people are speaking against it."

What did the Jewish leaders in Rome know about the sect of the Christians?
The Jewish leaders in Rome knew that the sect was spoken against everywhere.

Acts 28:23

ULT
23 And when they had appointed a day for him, more people came to him at his lodging. He was explaining to them, testifying about the kingdom of God and persuading them about Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning until evening.

UST
23 So they decided that they would come back on another day to hear Paul speak to them. When that day arrived, even more people than before came to where Paul was staying. Paul told them about how God would rule everyone; he talked about how the law of Moses and the prophets foretold Jesus. Paul talked with all who would listen from morning until evening.

When the Jewish leaders came again to Paul at his dwelling place, what did Paul try to do from morning until evening?
Paul tried to persuade them about Jesus, from both the law of Moses and from the prophets.

Acts 28:24

ULT
24 And some were convinced about the things which he was saying, but others did not believe.

UST
24 Some of those Jews were persuaded to believe what Paul said about Jesus was true, but others did not believe that it was true.

What was the response of the Jewish leaders to Paul's presentation?
Some of the Jewish leaders were convinced, while others did not believe.

Acts 28:25

ULT

25 And being in disagreement with one another, they left after Paul had spoken one word, “The Holy Spirit spoke well through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers

UST

25 When they began to disagree with each other, and when they were about to leave, Paul had one more thing to say: “The Holy Spirit said the truth to your ancestors, when he spoke these words to Isaiah the prophet:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:26

ULT

26 saying, ‘Go to this people and say, “By hearing you will hear, but you will certainly not understand; and by seeing you will see, but you will certainly not perceive.

UST

26 Go to your people and say to them: ‘You hear with your ears, but you never understand what God is saying. You see with your eyes but you never really see the things that God is doing.

What did the final scripture quoted by Paul say about the Jewish leaders who did not believe?

The final scripture Paul quoted said that those who did not believe would not understand nor perceive what they heard and saw.

Acts 28:27

ULT

27 For the heart of this people has become dull, and with {their} ears they hardly heard, and they shut their eyes. Otherwise they might see with {their} eyes, and might hear with {their} ears, and might understand with {their} heart and might turn again, and I will heal them.’”

UST

27 These people do not understand, because they have become stubborn. their ears are almost deaf; and they have closed their eyes because they do not want to see. They do not want to hear with their ears or understand with their hearts, for then they would come back to me and I would heal them.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:28

ULT

28 Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, they also will hear."

UST

28 Therefore, you should know that God is offering to save the non-Jews, and they will listen."

Where did Paul say God's message of salvation had been sent, and what would be the response?

Paul said that God's message of salvation had been sent to the Gentiles, and they would listen.

Acts 28:29

ULT

29[1] [And when he had said these things, the Jews went away, having a great dispute among themselves.]

UST

29[1] [When he had said these things, the Jews went away. They were having a great dispute among themselves.]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:30

ULT

30 And he stayed for two whole years in his own rented house, and he was welcoming all those who are coming to him,

UST

30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in a house that he rented. Many people came to see him, and he received them all gladly and talked with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Acts 28:31

ULT

31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance.
28:29 *[1]*

UST

31 He preached and taught people about how God would show himself as king, and he taught them about the Lord Jesus the Messiah. He did that with great boldness, and no one tried to stop him.
28:29 *[1]*

What did Paul do while a prisoner in Rome?

Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness.

Who stopped Paul from preaching and teaching while he was a prisoner in Rome for two years?

No one stopped him.

Romans

Romans 1

Romans 1:1

ULT
[1] Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, a called apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

UST
[1] {I,} Paul, {am writing this letter}. I serve the Messiah Jesus. He called me to be an apostle and specially chose me to proclaim God's good news.

By what means had God promised the gospel before Paul's time? (vv1-2)
God had promised the gospel before by his prophets in the holy scriptures.

Romans 1:2

ULT
[2] which he promised beforehand by his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

UST
[2] God previously promised this good news by means of his spokesmen who prophesied about it {and wrote it down} in the sacred writings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:3

ULT
[3] concerning his Son—who was born from a seed of David according to the flesh,

UST
[3] {This good news is} about God's Son. He was born a natural descendant of King David.

God's Son was born out of which descendants according to the flesh?
God's Son was born out of the descendants of David according to the flesh.

Romans 1:4

ULT

4 who was designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of dead ones—Jesus Christ our Lord,

UST

4 In accordance with the Holy Spirit, God powerfully demonstrated that Jesus is his Son by causing him to live again after he had died. {God's Son is} Jesus the Messiah, {who is} our Lord.

By what event was Jesus Christ declared to be the Son of God?

Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:5

ULT

5 through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for the sake of his name,

UST

5 Jesus favored us apostles and authorized us to represent him on his behalf in order that all the nations would obey {God} by trusting {in Jesus the Messiah}.

For what purpose did Paul receive grace and apostleship from Christ?

Paul received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the nations.

Romans 1:6

ULT

6 among whom you also are called ones of Jesus Christ.

UST

6 Jesus the Messiah has also called you who are {living} among the nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:7

ULT

7 To all those being in Rome, beloved of God, called saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

7 {I am writing this letter} to all of you {believers} who dwell in the city of Rome. God loves you and has called you to be people who belong to him. {May} God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to} be kind to you and make you peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:8

ULT

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ concerning all of you, because your faith is being proclaimed in the whole world.

UST

8 Now, {the} first {thing I want to tell you, is that} I am constantly thanking my God through Jesus the Messiah for all of you {believers in the Messiah}. {I thank him} because {people} throughout the known world are proclaiming how you trust {in Jesus}.

For what does Paul thank God concerning the believers in Rome?

Paul thanks God because their faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Romans 1:9

ULT

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how I continually make mention of you,

UST

9 {I can say this truthfully} because God testifies for me that I frequently pray for you. I serve him devotedly by proclaiming the good news about his Son{, Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:10

ULT

10 always requesting in my prayers if somehow now at last I will be successful by the will of God to come to you.

UST

10 {When} I pray, I very often request that I might finally succeed in coming to {visit} you because God wants {me to}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:11

ULT

11 For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gracious gift to strengthen you,

UST

11 {I pray for this} because I deeply desire to see you {in person} in order to share some kind of gracious gift with you from the Holy Spirit in order to help you become spiritually stronger.

Why does Paul desire to see the believers in Rome?

Paul desires to see them in order to give them some spiritual gift in order to establish them.

Romans 1:12

ULT

12 and that is to be mutually encouraged with you through each other's faith, both yours and mine.

UST

12 In other words, {I want to share some gracious gift with you} in order to mutually encourage one other. Both you and I can help each other by sharing how we mutually trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:13

ULT

13 Now I do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, that I often intended to come to you (but I was hindered until now), so that I might have some fruit among you also, just as also among the rest of the Gentiles.

UST

13 My fellow believers, I certainly want you to know that I planned to visit you many times. But {God} has prevented me from visiting you until the present time. {I planned to visit you} in order to lead some people to believe in Christ among you as well, just like {how I have} also {done so} among the other nations.

Why had Paul been unable to visit the believers in Rome until now?

Paul had been unable to visit because he was hindered until now.

Romans 1:14

ULT

14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise ones and to foolish ones.

UST

14 I am obligated {to proclaim the good news} to all non-Jewish people, whether or not they are {culturally} Greek and whether or not they are educated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:15

ULT

15 So, as it depends on me, {I am} eager to proclaim the gospel also to you who {are} in Rome.

UST

15 So then, if it was my choice, I would gladly proclaim the good news to you who dwell in Rome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:16

ULT

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, both to the Jew first and to the Greek.

UST

16 {I would gladly do this} because I am deeply honored to proclaim the good news because it is the powerful way that God uses to save anyone who believes {it}. {This is true for} both the Jews {who} first {heard the good news} and then everyone else.

What does Paul say the gospel is?

Paul says the gospel is the power of God for salvation for every one who believes.

Romans 1:17

ULT

17 For {the} righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it is written, “But the righteous one will live by faith.”

UST

17 {This is true} because whenever {people proclaim} the good news, they reveal how God makes people righteous, which is entirely through trusting {in the Messiah}. This is what {the prophet Habakkuk meant when} he wrote {in the Scriptures}, “But the person whom God makes righteous will live forever by trusting {in God}.”

What scripture does Paul quote concerning how the righteous will live?

Paul quotes the scripture, “The righteous will live by faith”.

Romans 1:18

ULT

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who in unrighteousness are holding back the truth,

UST

18 {This is true} because from where God dwells he is revealing how he is furious toward {and will judge} every person who does ungodly and unrighteous things. These people suppress the things that God says are true by living in an unrighteous manner.

What do the ungodly and unrighteous do even though that which is known about God is visible to them? (vv18-19)

The ungodly and unrighteous hold back the truth even though that which is known about God is visible to them.

Romans 1:19

ULT

19 because that which {is} known about God is visible to them, for God made it visible to them.

UST

19 {God will judge them} because what anyone can know about God is obvious to these people since God has made it obvious to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:20

ULT

20 For his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen from the creation of the world, being understood by the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

UST

20 {This is true} because people can clearly perceive those things about God that they cannot see {with their eyes}. {These things are} how powerful God is and the fact that he is God. {People could perceive these things} since the time God created the universe. The things that God has made have understood {these things}. For this reason, people cannot excuse themselves {from acknowledging that God exists}.

How are the unseen things about God clearly visible?

The unseen things about God are clearly visible through the created things.

What characteristics of God are clearly visible?

God's everlasting power and divine nature are clearly visible.

Romans 1:21

ULT

21 For having known God, they did not glorify {him} as God, nor did they give {him} thanks. Instead, they became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.

UST

21 {People cannot excuse themselves} because they do not honor him as God, even though they know that he exists. They also refuse to thank him. In contrast, they think about worthless things, and they are unable to understand spiritual things.

What happens to the thoughts and hearts of those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks?

Those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks become foolish in their thoughts and their hearts are darkened.

Romans 1:22

ULT
22 Claiming to be wise ones, they became foolish,

UST
22 {Although} they assert that they are wise, they are {actually} fools.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:23

ULT
23 and exchanged the glory of the imperishable God for a likeness of an image of perishable man, and of birds, and of four-footed beasts, and of creeping things.

UST
23 They stop glorifying the God who is immortal, and instead they glorify idols that resemble mortal people, birds, four-legged animals, and animals that crawl {on the ground}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:24

ULT
24 Therefore, God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, to dishonor their bodies among themselves;

UST
24 Consequently, God lets these people do the lustful things that they desire to do, so that they become {spiritually} impure and they disgrace their bodies with one another {by doing sexually immoral acts}.

What does God do to those who exchange his glory for the images of perishable men and animals?
God gives them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, for their bodies to be dishonored among themselves.

Romans 1:25

ULT

25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshiped and served the creation instead of the Creator, who is blessed to eternity. Amen.

UST

25 These people stop believing what is true about God and instead believe what is false {about idols}. They reverently worship things that God has created, instead of {worshiping} {the God} who created those things. {He is the one} whom people should bless forever! May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:26

ULT

26 For this reason, God gave them over to passions of dishonor, for both their females exchanged the natural use for that {which is} contrary to nature,

UST

26 Because {these people do that}, God lets them do the dishonorable things they strongly desire {to do}. For example, their women stop doing natural {sexual} acts {with men} and instead do unnatural {sexual} acts {with women}.

For what dishonorable passions do these women and men burn in their lust? (vv26-27)

The women burn in their lust for one another, and the men burn in their lust for one another.

Romans 1:27

ULT

27 and likewise, the males also, having left the natural use of the female, burned in their lust for one another, male with male producing shameless acts and receiving in themselves the penalty which was necessary for their perversion.

UST

27 Similarly, the men also stop doing natural {sexual} acts with women {and} lust intensely for other men. These men do shameless {sexual} acts with each other. They experience God penalizing them in their own bodies. {God must penalize them} because they pervert {God's natural sexual acts}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:28

ULT

28 And just as they did not approve of having God in {their} full awareness, God gave them over to a disapproved mind, to do those things that are not proper,

UST

28 Like how these people think that acknowledging God is worthless, God lets their minds become worthless. As a result, they do inappropriate things.

What does God do to those who do not approve of having him in their awareness?

God gives them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper.

Romans 1:29

ULT

29 filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, {and} malice, {they} are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, {and} evil intent. {They are} gossips,

UST

29 {These people} are completely controlled by all kinds of unrighteous, wicked, covetous, and malicious {thoughts}. They are completely willing to envy, murder, argue, deceive, and commit evil deeds {against others}. They gossip {about others}.

What are some of the characteristics of those who have a depraved mind?

Those who have a depraved mind are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intentions.

Romans 1:30

ULT

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

UST

30 They slander {other people}. They hate God. They act violently. They are arrogant. They boast {about themselves}. They invent {new kinds of} evil things {to do}. They disobey their parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:31

ULT

31 senseless, faithless, heartless, {and} merciless.

UST

31 These people are {morally} foolish. They do not do what they promise to do. They do not care {about other people}. They do not show mercy {to others}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 1:32

ULT

32 Who, having fully known the righteous decree of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do these things, but they also give consent to those who practice them.

UST

32 These people fully understand that God has righteously decreed that people who keep doing such {inappropriate} things deserve to die {spiritually}. {Nevertheless,} they not only continue to do those {inappropriate} things, but they even happily approve of people who practice such things!

What do those with a depraved mind understand about God's requirements?

Those with a depraved mind understand that those who practice such things are worthy of death.

Even though those with a depraved mind understand God's requirements, what do they do anyway?

They do unrighteous things anyway, and approve of those who practice them.

Romans 2

Romans 2:1

ULT

[1] Therefore, you are without excuse, O man—everyone judging—for in that which you judge the other you condemn yourself; for you, the one judging practice the same {things}.

UST

[1] Consequently, any one of you who judges another person cannot excuse yourself {at all} {when God condemns you}. {This is} because you are actually condemning yourself when you judge someone else, since you who judge someone else do the exact same things {that they do}!

Why are some people without excuse in their judging?

Some people are without excuse in their judging because what they judge in another they practice themselves.

Romans 2:2

ULT

[2] Now we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

UST

[2] Certainly, we acknowledge that God will correctly judge those people who continue doing such {inappropriate} things.

How does God judge when he judges those who practice unrighteousness?

God judges according to truth when he judges those who practice unrighteousness.

Romans 2:3

ULT

[3] But do you think this, O man, the one judging the ones practicing such things and you are doing the same {things}, that you will escape from the judgment of God?

UST

[3] You who judge the people who continue to do such {inappropriate} things while you do the exact same things yourself should certainly not think that you can escape when God judges you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:4

ULT

4 Or do you scorn the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

UST

4 You who despise {how} lavishly kind, tolerant, and patient God is certainly know that God's kind acts {are meant to} cause you to repent.

What is God's patience and goodness meant to do?

God's patience and goodness is meant to lead a person to repentance.

Romans 2:5

ULT

5 But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath on the day of wrath and of the revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

UST

5 Instead, because you are stubborn and refuse to repent, you are causing God to punish you even more severely. {This will happen} when God punishes {sinners} and reveals how justly he judges.

What are those with hard, unrepentant hearts toward God storing up for themselves?

Those with hard, unrepentant hearts are storing up for themselves wrath for the day of God's righteous judgment.

Romans 2:6

ULT

6 who will pay back to each one according to his deeds:

UST

6 God will {justly} reward or punish everyone for whatever they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:7

ULT

[7] Indeed, eternal life to those who, according to endurance of good work, are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility,

UST

[7] Living eternally {is how God repays} those people who keep striving for God to glorify, honor, and preserve them {forever}. {They do this} by persisting in doing what is good.

What do those receive who have done consistent, good actions?

Those who have done consistent, good actions will receive eternal life.

Romans 2:8

ULT

[8] but to those who from selfish ambition are indeed being disobedient to the truth and becoming obedient to unrighteousness, wrath and anger.

UST

[8] By contrast, God will fiercely punish those people who refuse to do what he says is true and right because they are selfishly ambitious.

What do those receive who obey unrighteousness? (vv8-9)

Those who obey unrighteousness receive wrath, fierce anger, tribulation, and distress.

Romans 2:9

ULT

[9] Tribulation and distress {will be} on every soul of man that produces the evil, both to the Jew first and to the Greek.

UST

[9] {God will cause} every human being who does what is evil to become distressed and troubled. {This will happen} especially to the Jew {who does what is evil} and also to everyone else {who does so}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:10

ULT

10 But glory and honor and peace will be to everyone who works the good, both to the Jew first and to the Greek.

UST

10 By contrast, God will glorify, honor, and reconcile every person who does what is good. {This will happen} especially to the Jew {who does what is good} and also to everyone else {who does so}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:11

ULT

11 For there is no favoritism with God.

UST

11 {These things are true} because God is impartial.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:12

ULT

12 For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned with the law will be judged by the law.

UST

12 {We know this about God} because he will punish forever whoever sins without {knowing} the laws {that God gave the Jews} {even though} they do not know those laws. At the same time, God will judge according to his laws whoever sins while knowing those laws.

How does God show no partiality in his judgment between Jew and Greek?

God shows no partiality because those who sin, either Jew or Greek, will perish.

Romans 2:13

ULT
13 For the hearers of the law {are} not righteous with God, but the doers of the law will be justified.

UST
13 {God will judge everyone who sins} because God does not make righteous those people who {only} hear his laws. Rather, God will make righteous those people who obey his laws.

Who is justified before God?
The doers of the Law are justified before God.

Romans 2:14

ULT
14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature the things of the law, they, not having the law, are a law to themselves,

UST
14 {God will judge everyone who sins} because whenever nations who do not know the laws {that God gave the Jews} naturally obey rules from those laws, {they prove that} they know laws within their minds even though they do not know God's laws.

How do Gentiles show that they do have a law to themselves?
Gentiles show that they have a law to themselves when they do by nature the things of the Law.

Romans 2:15

ULT
15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, the thoughts between themselves both accusing or even defending them

UST
15 {By naturally following some laws that God gave through Moses,} these people demonstrate that God has made each person aware of how to obey his laws. What they think shows that this is true, in that what each of them thinks will either accuse or even defend their actions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:16

ULT

16 on the day when God will judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, through Christ Jesus.

UST

16 {This will happen} at the time when God {finally} judges the hidden thoughts that people think. {God's} good news that I proclaim teaches that he will judge {mankind} through the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:17

ULT

17 But if you name yourself a Jew and rely upon the law and boast in God,

UST

17 Now, {I am addressing} you who identify yourselves as Jews: You depend on the laws {God gave you} {to avoid God's judgment}. You brag that you know God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:18

ULT

18 and know {his} will and approve of the things that are excellent, being instructed from the law;

UST

18 You know what God wants. Also, since {some people} have taught you {God's law}, you approve of what is superior.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:19

ULT

19 and you have convinced yourself {that} you are a guide to blind men, a light to those in darkness,

UST

19 You have even convinced yourselves that you {Jews} are the only ones who can teach those {non-Jews} who do not know {about God}. {You are convinced that} only you can enable ignorant people to understand {who God is}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:20

ULT

20 an instructor of foolish men, a teacher of little children, having in the law the form of the knowledge and of the truth,

UST

20 {You have convinced yourself that} you should instruct people who are foolish. {You have convinced yourself that} you should teach {people who are as ignorant as} infants. {You think this way} because you know the laws {God gave the Jews}, which fully contain what we can know and what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:21

ULT

21 then you, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You, who preach not to steal, do you steal?

UST

21 So {even though you Jews have convinced yourself that these things are true}, you should teach yourselves to do what you teach others to do {because you don't do those things}! You keep telling others that they should not steal, but you steal!

What challenge does Paul give to those Jews who rest upon the Law and teach others?

Paul challenges them that if they teach others the Law, they should also teach themselves.

Which sins does Paul mention that the Jewish teachers of the Law should stop doing? (vv21-22)

Paul mentions the sins of stealing, adultery, and the robbery of temples.

Romans 2:22

ULT

22 You, who says not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You, who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

UST

22 You keep telling {people} not to have sexual relations with people whom they did not marry, {but} you do so! You {supposedly} detest idols, {but} you ransack temples {that contain idols}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:23

ULT
23 You, who boast in the law, do you dishonor God through the transgression of the law?

UST
23 You brag about {how well you understand} the laws {God gave you}, {but} you disgrace God by disobeying those laws!

Why is the name of God dishonored among the Gentiles because of the Jewish teachers of the Law? (vv23-24)
God's name is being dishonored because the Jewish teachers of the Law are transgressing the Law.

Romans 2:24

ULT
24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written.

UST
24 {These things are true} because it is exactly as Isaiah wrote, "The nations say bad things about God because of {how wickedly} you {Jews act}."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:25

ULT
25 For circumcision indeed benefits if you practice the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

UST
25 {You Jews who have sinned will be judged} because, being circumcised {only} benefits you if you obey the laws {God gave you}. However, if you disobey those laws, being circumcised does not benefit you at all.

How does Paul say a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision?
Paul says that a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision if that person is a violator of the Law.

Romans 2:26

ULT

26 If, then, the uncircumcision keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be considered as circumcision?

UST

26 So then, if uncircumcised people obey what God requires in the laws {he gave the Jews}, God will regard those uncircumcised people as being circumcised.

How does Paul say that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision?

Paul says that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision if that person keeps the requirements of the Law.

Romans 2:27

ULT

27 And the uncircumcision by nature, fulfilling the law, will judge you who {are}, through letter and circumcision, a transgressor of the law!

UST

27 And people who are physically uncircumcised yet fully obey the laws {from God} will judge you {Jews}! Although {you know} the written rules {God gave the Jews} and are circumcised, you have disobeyed those laws!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 2:28

ULT

28 For he is not a Jew who {is} one visibly; neither is this circumcision visible in {the} flesh.

UST

28 {This is true} because a {true} Jew is not someone who does Jewish rituals that people can see. {Similarly,} people cannot see {true} circumcision on a person's body.

Who does Paul say is a true Jew? (vv28-29)

Paul says that a true Jew is a Jew inwardly, with a circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:29

ULT

29 But the one who {is} secretly a Jew, and circumcision of {the} heart in the Spirit, not in {the} letter; whose the praise {is} not from men but from God.

UST

29 Rather, a {true} Jew is one {by means of something} that people cannot see. {True} circumcision {happens} in a person's mind {and} the {Holy} Spirit does it. {Obeying} the written rules {God gave the Jews} cannot do it. God commends a true Jew, but other people do not.

From whom does a true Jew receive praise?

A true Jew receives praise from God.

Romans 3

Romans 3:1

ULT

[1] What then {is} the advantage of the Jew, or what {is} the benefit of the circumcision?

UST

[1] {You Jews might say,} {"If what you have said is true,} then surely being a Jew is not advantageous! Surely being circumcised is not beneficial at all!"

What is first of all among the advantages of the Jew? (vv1-2)
First of all among the advantages of the Jew is that they were entrusted with revelation from God.

Romans 3:2

ULT

[2] Great in every way! For indeed first, that they were entrusted with the sayings of God.

UST

[2] {Then I would say, "Being a Jew benefits a person} in many ways!" {This is} certainly {true} because, first of all, God trusted the Jews with preserving what he had said {in the Scriptures}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:3

ULT

[3] For what if some were unfaithful? Their unfaithfulness will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?

UST

[3] {So you might say,} "Some of these {Jews} were certainly unfaithful {to God}! How unfaithful those people are certainly cannot invalidate how faithful God is!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:4

ULT

4 May it never be! Instead, let God be true, but every man a liar. Just as it is written, “So that you might be justified in your words and you will prevail when you are judged.”

UST

4 {Then I would say,} “Of course not!” On the contrary, God {is always} truthful, but everyone else is not. This is what {David meant when} he wrote {in the Scriptures}, ”The result {of my sin} is that people will acknowledge that you{, God,} are right when you speak and victorious when people {try to} judge you.”

Even though every man is a liar, what is God found to be?

Even though every man is a liar, God is found to be true.

Romans 3:5

ULT

5 But if our unrighteousness commends {the} righteousness of God, what will we say? God {is} not unrighteous for imposing {his} wrath, {is he}? (I speak according to men.)

UST

5 But {you might say,} “Suppose {this is true and} how unrighteous we {Jews} are {actually} confirms how righteous God is. {That} could not {possibly mean} that God is unrighteous because he punishes {us}!” (When I talk like this, I am expressing how human beings think.)

Because God is righteous, what is he able to do? (vv5-6)

Because God is righteous, he is able to judge the world.

Romans 3:6

ULT

6 May it never be! Otherwise, how will God judge the world?

UST

6 {Then I would say,} “Of course not! If God were unrighteous when he punishes us, then he could not {possibly} judge {anyone in} the world!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:7

ULT

[7] But if the truth of God through my lie abounds to his glory, why am I still being judged as a sinner?

UST

[7] But {then you might say,} ”Suppose {this is true and} my lying further glorifies God {and} how truthful he is. {If that is so,} then {surely} God should not still judge me as if I were sinning!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:8

ULT

[8] And not (just as we are blasphemed and just as some affirm us to say), “Let us do the evil things, so that the good things may come”?—whose judgment is just.

UST

[8] And {if this is true, then} you should {just} tell us to act wickedly in order that good things can happen!” (This is exactly what some people say falsely about me and claim that I say. It is right {for God} to condemn people {who speak and act} this way!)

What comes on those who say, “Let us do evil, that good may come.”?

Judgment comes on those who say, “Let us do evil, that good may come”.

Romans 3:9

ULT

[9] What then? Are we better off? Not at all. For we have already accused both Jews and Greeks, all of them, of being under sin.

UST

[9] {You Jews might then say,} {“If what you have said is true,} then we are surely not superior {to non-Jews}!” {And I would say that} indeed we are not. {I say this} because I have previously charged that all Jews and non-Jews cannot stop being sinful.

What is written in the Scriptures about the righteousness of all, both Jews and Greeks? (vv9-10)

It is written that there is none righteous, not one.

Romans 3:10

ULT
10 Just as it is written: “There is none righteous, not even one.

UST
10 This is what {the prophets meant when} they wrote {in the Scriptures}, ”No one is righteous, no one at all!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:11

ULT
11 There is none who understands. There is none who seeks out God.

UST
11 “No one thinks wisely. No one is even trying to know God!

According to what is written, who understands and seeks after God?
According to what is written, none understand and none seek after God.

Romans 3:12

ULT
12 All of them turned away. They together became useless. There is none doing kindness—there is not even one.”

UST
12 Everyone has refused to obey {God}. As a whole, they are worthless {for doing what God wants}. No one is kind, no one at all!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:13

ULT
13 “Their throat {is} an opened grave. They keep deceiving with their tongues. {The} poison of asps {is} under their lips,”

UST
13 “What people say is morally corrupt {like the smell of rotten corpses in} a grave! They constantly deceive {people} by what they say!” “What they say hurts people, like the venom of venomous snakes!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:14

ULT
14 “whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness.”

UST
14 “They constantly curse {others} and speak harshly {against them}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:15

ULT
15 “Their feet {are} swift to pour out blood.

UST
15 “They rush eagerly to murder people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:16

ULT
16 Destruction and suffering {are} in their ways.

UST
16 Wherever they go, they destroy lives and make people suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:17

ULT
17 And they do not know a way of peace.”

UST
17 They do not understand how to live peacefully {with others}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:18

ULT
18 “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

UST
18 “They do not fear God {at all}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:19

ULT
19 Now we know that as many things as the law says, it speaks to those with the law, so that every mouth may be shut and all the world may become accountable to God

UST
19 Certainly, we Jews know that whatever God says in his laws applies to {the Jews} to whom God gave his laws. This is in order that no one can excuse themselves {from being judged by God.} {This is} also in order that God could justly punish everyone in the world as guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:20

ULT
20 because not any flesh will be justified by works of law before him; for full awareness of sin {is} through law.

UST
20 {This is true} because God will not make anyone righteous with himself {simply} because they obey the laws {he gave the Jews}. {This is so} because those laws {only} make people aware of how sinful they are.

Who will be justifed by the works of the Law?
No flesh will be justified by the works of the Law.

What comes through the Law?
The knowledge of sin comes through the Law.

Romans 3:21

ULT

21 But now, apart from {the} law, {the} righteousness of God has been made visible, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets;

UST

21 But now God has revealed how he makes people righteous. {Becoming righteous} is not related to obeying the laws {God gave the Jews}. {Yet} Moses and the prophets testify {about how God makes people righteous} in what they wrote {in the Scriptures}.

By what witnesses has a righteousness without the Law now been made known?

By the witnesses of the Law and the Prophets has a righteousness without the Law now been made known.

Romans 3:22

ULT

22 but {the} righteousness of God {is} through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe, for there is no distinction.

UST

22 In other words, how God makes people righteous is by trusting in Jesus the Messiah. {God will make} all {types of} people {righteous} if they trust in {Jesus}. {This is} because God does not distinguish {between different types of people}.

What is the righteousness without the Law that has now been made known?

The righteousness without the Law is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe.

Romans 3:23

ULT

23 For all sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

UST

23 {This is} because all {types of} people sin and fail to acquire the glorious status from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:24

ULT
24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that {is} in Christ Jesus;

UST
24 God makes {these sinful people} righteous as a gift because he is so kind. {People receive this gift from God} when God unites them to Jesus the Messiah, who redeemed them {from being punished for being sinful}.

How is a person justified before God?
A person is justified before God freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:25

ULT
25 whom God presented {as} a propitiation through faith in his blood for a demonstration of his righteousness, because of the overlooking of the sins that happened previously

UST
25 God offered Jesus as the one who atones {for everyone's sins}. {People are rescued from being punished for being sinful} by trusting in his {sacrificial} death. {God did this} in order to show how God makes people righteous. {This happened} because God disregarded people's sinful acts that they had previously done.

For what purpose did God provide Christ Jesus?
God provided Christ Jesus as a propitiation through faith in his blood.

Romans 3:26

ULT
26 in the forbearance of God, for the demonstration of his righteousness at this present time, so that he could be just, and justifying the one who {is} from faith in Jesus.

UST
26 {God did this} because he is so tolerant. {God also did this} in order to show how he makes people righteous during our time. {This is} for the purpose of showing that God is righteous and that he makes people righteous {if} they trust in Jesus.

What did God show by all that happened through Jesus Christ?
God showed that he is the one who justifies anyone because of faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:27

ULT

27 Where then {is} the boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? Of the works? No! But through a law of faith.

UST

27 {You Jews might say,} {"If what you have said is true,} then surely no one can boast!" {Then I would say,} "Indeed, no one can!" {Then you might say,} "Surely {we can become righteous} by obeying the laws {God gave the Jews}! Surely doing {those things} {will make us righteous}!" {Then I would say,} "Absolutely not! On the contrary, {people become righteous} by trusting {in Jesus the Messiah}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:28

ULT

28 For we reckon a man to be justified by faith apart from works of {the} law.

UST

28 Indeed, we {Jewish Christians} consider people to become righteous by trusting {in Jesus the Messiah}. {Being righteous} is not related to doing those things {that God commanded} in the laws {he gave the Jews}.

What role do the works of the Law have in justification?

A person is justified by faith without the works of the Law.

Romans 3:29

ULT

29 Or {is he} God of Jews only? {Is he} not also of Gentiles? Yes, also of Gentiles,

UST

29 {Or you might say,} "Surely God is not only the God of the Jews. Surely he is the God of {all} the nations too!" {So I would say,} "Absolutely! He is the God of {all} the nations too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 3:30

ULT

30 if, indeed, God {is} one, who will justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through the {same} faith.

UST

30 {This is true} because there is certainly {only} one God {for all people}. He will make righteous {both} the Jews who trust {in Jesus} and the non-Jews who trust in {Jesus}.

How does God justify the circumcised Jew and the uncircumcised Gentile?

God justifies both by faith.

Romans 3:31

ULT

31 Do we then nullify {the} law through the {same} faith? May it never be! Instead, we uphold {the} law.

UST

31 {You Jews might say,} “Then surely we make the laws {God gave us} invalid by trusting in {Jesus}!” {So I would say,} “Of course not! On the contrary, we confirm that {what God said in} those laws is valid.”

What do we do with the Law through faith?

We uphold the Law through faith.

Romans 4

Romans 4:1

ULT

[1] What then will we say {that} Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has discovered?

UST

[1] {You Jews might say,} {"If what you have said is true,} then surely our physical ancestor Abraham found out {about it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:2

ULT

[2] For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast, but not before God.

UST

[2] {This must be true} because if Abraham became righteous based on doing the things {that God commanded in his laws}, then he could brag {about it}." On the contrary, {I would say that} {Abraham could} not possibly {boast about it} to God!

What would have given Abraham reason to boast?

Abraham would have had reason to boast if he had been justified by works.

Romans 4:3

ULT

[3] For what does the scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."

UST

[3] {I say this} because, {Moses} surely tells {us} in the Scriptures, "Abraham trusted in God, and God considered Abraham to be righteous because he trusted in him. "

What do the scriptures say about how Abraham was justified?

The scriptures say that Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:4

ULT

[4] Now to the one who works, the wage is not counted according to grace, but according to obligation.

UST

[4] Indeed, when a person works, he does not consider the wage {he earns} to be a gracious gift. On the contrary, {that person considers the wage he earns} to be what his employer owes him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:5

ULT

[5] Now to the one who does not work, but who believes on the one who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

UST

[5] By contrast, when a person does not obey {the laws God gave the Jews}, but trusts in the God who can make unrighteous people righteous, God considers him to be righteous because he trusted in him.

What kind of people does God justify?

God justifies the ungodly.

Romans 4:6

ULT

[6] Even as David also speaks {of} the blessedness of the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

UST

[6] This is also the same thing that King David wrote {in the Scriptures} about how blessed people are when God considers them to be righteous, even though they do not do those things {that God commanded}. {David wrote:}

According to David, in what way is a man blessed by God? (vv6-8)

According to David, blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not counted by the Lord.

Romans 4:7

ULT

7 “Blessed {are those} whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered.

UST

7 “People are so happy when God forgives their lawless acts! People are so happy when God no longer acknowledges their sinful acts!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:8

ULT

8 Blessed {is} a man whose sin the Lord does certainly not count.”

UST

8 Any person whom the Lord never again considers to be sinful is so happy!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:9

ULT

9 Then {is} this blessedness upon the circumcision, or also upon the uncircumcision? For we say, “{His} faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.”

UST

9 Therefore, these happy people are not only circumcised {Jews} but even uncircumcised people {who are not Jews}! {This must be true} because we {Jews} quote {the scripture that states,} “God considers Abraham to be righteous because he trusted {in him}.”

Was Abraham’s faith counted as righteousness before or after he was circumcised? (vv9-10)

Abraham’s faith was counted as righteousness before he was circumcised.

Romans 4:10

ULT

10 How then was it counted? Being in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? {It was} not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

UST

10 So then, {you surely know} when Abraham trusted in God and God considered {him to be righteous}! {You surely know whether this happened} before he was circumcised or afterward! {Indeed,} it was not while Abraham was circumcised, but while he was still uncircumcised {that God considered him to be righteous}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:11

ULT

11 And he received {the} sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith that {he had} in {his} uncircumcision so that he would be {the} father of all those who believe through uncircumcision, so that the righteousness would be counted to them;

UST

11 Abraham was circumcised as a mark {in his body} to prove that God had made him righteous because Abraham trusted {in him} before he was circumcised. {This happened} in order for him to become the {spiritual} ancestor for every non-Jew who trusts in God in order that God would consider them to be righteous {because they trust in him}.

Abraham is the father of which groups of people? (vv11-12)

Abraham is the father of all who believe, both the uncircumcised and the circumcised.

Romans 4:12

ULT

12 and {the} father of circumcision to those who {are} not only from {the} circumcision, but to those who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham in uncircumcision.

UST

12 {This} also {happened in order for Abraham to become} the {spiritual} ancestor of those people who are circumcised, that is, those circumcised {Jews} {who are not only circumcised in their bodies}, but who also trust in God the same way that our ancestor Abraham did before he was circumcised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:13

ULT

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he would be heir of the world {was} not through {the} law but through {the} righteousness of faith.

UST

13 {This is true} because {when} God promised Abraham and those who descend from him that the {whole} world would belong to him, {God did not promise this} because {Abraham obeyed} the laws {God gave the Jews}. Rather, {God promised this} because God had made {Abraham} righteous because Abraham trusted {in him}.

What promise was given to Abraham and his descendants through the righteousness of faith?

It was promised to Abraham and his descendants that they would be heirs of the world.

Romans 4:14

ULT

14 For if the heirs {are} from the law, the faith has been emptied, and the promise has been nullified.

UST

14 {This is true} because, if people could inherit {what God promised Abraham} by obeying the laws {he gave the Jews}, {then} trusting {in God} would become useless! What God promised would also become invalid.

What would be true if the promise to Abraham had come through the law?

If the promise had come through the law, then faith would be empty and the promise not true.

Romans 4:15

ULT

15 For the law produces wrath, but where there is no law, neither {is there} transgression.

UST

15 {This is} because the laws {God gave the Jews} are intended to punish {those who disobey them}. However, where God's laws do not exist, no one can disobey {them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:16

ULT

16 For this reason {it is} by faith in order that according to grace, so that the promise might be certain to all the seed—not only to the {one} from the law, but also to the {one} from {the} faith of Abraham, who is {the} father of us all,

UST

16 This is why what God promised comes by trusting in him in order to show how kind he is. {God was so kind} in order that he could secure what he promised to everyone who has {spiritually} descended {from Abraham}. {Those who have spiritually descended from Abraham} are not only those {Jews} who obey the laws {God gave them}, but also those who trust {in God} like Abraham did. Abraham is the {spiritual} ancestor of all of us {who trust in God}.

For what reasons is the promise given by faith?

The promise is given by faith so that it is by grace, and so that it is sure.

Romans 4:17

ULT

17 just as it is written, “I have appointed you {the} father of many nations,” in the presence of God whom he trusted, who makes the dead ones live and calls the things not existing as existing;

UST

17 (This is exactly what {God} said in the Scriptures {about Abraham}: ”I have chosen you to be a {spiritual} ancestor for numerous people groups.”) God considers {Abraham to be our spiritual ancestor}. Abraham trusted God. {He is the one} who causes dead people to become alive {again}. He also commands things that do not exist {to exist}, then they exist.

What two things does Paul say God does?

Paul says that God gives life to the dead and calls things that do not exist into existence.

Romans 4:18

ULT

18 who against hope believed on the basis of hope, so that he might become the father of many nations, according to what {was} said, “So will your seed be.”

UST

18 Abraham trusted {in God} by hoping {in God}, despite what seemed hopeless. As a result, he became the {spiritual} ancestor for numerous people groups. {This happened} just as God had promised {him} {in the Scriptures}: ”The people who descend from you will become as numerous {as the stars in the sky}.”

How did Abraham respond to God’s promise even with these outward circumstances?
Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

What outward circumstances made it difficult for Abraham to believe God’s promise that he would be the father of many nations? (vv18-19)
When God made the promise to Abraham, Abraham was about a hundred years old and Sarah’s womb was dead.

Romans 4:19

ULT

19 And not weakening in the faith, he considered {his} own body as already being dead (being about a hundred years old)—and the deadness of the womb of Sarah.

UST

19 Abraham thought that his body was too old to produce children. (He was almost 100 years old!) {He also thought} that {his wife} Sarah was unable become pregnant {because she never could do so before}. {Nevertheless,} Abraham kept on trusting {God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:20

ULT

20 But toward the promise of God, he did not waver in the unbelief, but was strengthened in the faith, having given glory to God,

UST

20 Indeed, Abraham did not faithlessly doubt what God had promised. On the contrary, God empowered Abraham to continue trusting {in him} while glorifying God.

How did Abraham respond to God’s promise even with these outward circumstances?
Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

Romans 4:21

ULT
21 and having been fully convinced that what he had promised, he is also able to do.

UST
21 God also totally assured Abraham that he is able to do what he had promised {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:22

ULT
22 And therefore, “it was counted to him as righteousness.”

UST
22 And this is why, " God considered Abraham to be righteous because he trusted in him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:23

ULT
23 Now it was not written only for his sake, “It was counted to him,”

UST
23 Yet, when {Moses} wrote {in the Scriptures}, ”God considered how Abraham trusted {him},” {these words} not only refer to Abraham.

For whom was the account of Abraham written? (vv23-24)
The account of Abraham was written for his benefit, and for our benefit.

Romans 4:24

ULT
24 but also for our sake, to whom it is about to be counted, to those who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from {the} dead {ones},

UST
24 On the contrary, {these words} also refer to us {who trust in Jesus}. God is going to consider how we {believers} trust {him}. {We are} the people who trust him. {He is} the one who caused our Lord Jesus to become alive again after he had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 4:25

ULT

25 who was given up for the sake of our trespasses and was raised for the sake of our justification.

UST

25 God allowed people to kill Jesus because we sinned {against God}. {God} also caused Jesus to become alive again in order to make us righteous.

What do we believe God has done for us?

We believe God has raised Jesus from the dead, who was delivered up for our sins and raised for our justification.

Romans 5

Romans 5:1

ULT

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, let us have peace [1] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

1 Consequently, we should live peacefully with God by means of {what} our Lord Jesus the Messiah {did for us} because we have become righteous by trusting {in Jesus}.

What do believers have because they are justified by faith?

Because they are justified by faith, believers have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:2

ULT

2 through whom we also have access by {this} faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast on the basis of hope of the glory of God.

UST

2 Our Lord Jesus the Messiah also allows us to continually experience how kind God is by trusting in him. We can confidently boast that we will share in God's glorious status.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:3

ULT

3 And not only this, but we also boast in {our} sufferings, knowing that {this} suffering produces endurance;

UST

3 This is not the only thing {about which we can confidently boast}. Rather, we can also confidently boast about the painful things {that we have experienced}. {We can do this} because we know that a painful thing {that we experience} causes us to endure {hardships better than before}.

What are three things that suffering produces? (vv3-4)

Suffering produces endurance, approval, and confidence.

Romans 5:4

ULT

4 and {this} endurance, character; and {this} character, hope.

UST

4 And being able to endure {hardships} results in {God} approving {us}. And {when God} approves {us, we become more} confident.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:5

ULT

5 And that hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

UST

5 And when we become confident, we will not be disappointed. {This is} because the Holy Spirit has enabled us to deeply understand {how much} God loves us. God has given us this Holy Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:6

ULT

6 For we still being weak, yet at the right time Christ died on behalf of ungodly ones.

UST

6 In fact, while we were still helpless, {Jesus} the Messiah died for the sake of {us} impious people. {God did this} at just the right time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:7

ULT

7 For someone will hardly die on behalf of a righteous {person}. Perhaps, though, someone might even dare to die on behalf of the good {person}.

UST

7 Indeed, someone would rarely consider dying for the sake of a person who is righteous; although someone might possibly even bravely consider dying for the sake of a good person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:8

ULT

[8] But God commends {his} own love toward us, in that, we still being sinners, Christ died for us.

UST

[8] However, God shows his own love towards we {believers} by this fact: while we were still sinful, {Jesus} the Messiah died for our benefit!

How does God prove his love toward us?

God proves his love toward us, because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9

ULT

[9] Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.

UST

[9] Consequently, since the Messiah's {sacrificial} death has already made us righteous, it is even more certain that he will rescue us when God {finally} punishes {sinners}!

Being justified by Christ's blood, from what are believers saved?

Being justified by Christ's blood, believers are saved from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:10

ULT

[10] For if, being enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

UST

[10] Indeed, God's Son {Jesus} died to reconcile us to God while we were {still} {his} enemies. Therefore, since Jesus has {already} reconciled us to God, it is even more certain that he will rescue us {when God punishes sinners} because he is alive {again}!

What relationship do unbelievers have with God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus?

Unbelievers are enemies of God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus.

Romans 5:11

ULT

11 Not only this, but we also are boasting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now have received the reconciliation.

UST

11 Now these are not the only things {God does for us}. Rather, we also boast about God by means of {what} our Lord Jesus the Messiah {has done for us}. Jesus has already reconciled us {with God}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:12

ULT

12 For this reason, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death, so also death spread to all men because of which all sinned.

UST

12 So then, sin started existing in the world because one man sinned, and {living things started} to die because he sinned. In the same way everyone started dying as well because everyone sins.

What happened because of one man's sin?

Because of one man's sin, sin entered the world, death entered through sin, and death spread to all people.

Romans 5:13

ULT

13 For until law, sin was in {the} world, but sin is not charged, being no law.

UST

13 Indeed, people throughout the world sinned before {God gave his} laws {to the Jews}. However, God did not legally regard what they did as sinning, since those laws did not yet exist {to identify what it means to sin}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:14

ULT

14 Nevertheless, death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who is coming.

UST

14 However, everyone died from {the time of the first man} Adam until {the time of} Moses. Even those people died who did not sin by violating the same command God gave to Adam. Adam is like the person who would come {later}.

Who was the one man through whom sin entered the world?

Adam was the one man through whom sin entered the world.

Romans 5:15

ULT

15 But not like the trespass, so also {is} the gracious gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gift by grace that {is} of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many!

UST

15 But what God has kindly given {us} is not like how Adam rejected {God's command}. In fact, it is true that many people died because the one man {Adam} rejected {God's command}. {But} how kind God is and what God kindly gives from the one man Jesus the Messiah extend to many people {and are} much greater!

How is God's free gift different than Adam's sins?

By Adam's sin many died, but by God's free gift many abounded.

Romans 5:16

ULT

16 And the gift {is} not as through one who sinned. For indeed, the judgment from one, to condemnation, but the gracious gift from many trespasses, to justification.

UST

16 Yet, what God gives is not like {what happened} because the one man {Adam} sinned. {This is true} because, in fact, God judged {everyone} after the sinful thing {that Adam did}, which resulted in God condemning {everyone}. By contrast, what God kindly gave {people} after they rejected {his commands} many {times} resulted in God making them righteous.

What resulted from Adam's sin, and what resulted from God's free gift?

The judgment of condemnation resulted from Adam's sin, but justification resulted from God's free gift.

Romans 5:17

ULT

17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death ruled through the one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of the grace and the gift of the righteousness rule in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

UST

17 Indeed, since everyone died because the one man {Adam} rejected {God's command}, it is even more certain that those {people} who accept how abundantly kind God is and {are those people whom} he makes righteous will live in control {of themselves}. {This will happen} because of {what} Jesus the Messiah {has done}.

What ruled from Adam's sin, and what ruled through God's gift of righteousness?

Death ruled from Adam's sin, and those who receive God's gift rule through the life of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:18

ULT

18 So then, as through one trespass to all men {led} to condemnation, so also through one righteous act to all men {led} to justification of life.

UST

18 Therefore, like how God condemned everyone because {Adam} rejected {God's command}, in the same way, God makes everyone righteous, which results in {them} living eternally, because {Jesus} did something righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 5:19

ULT

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one will the many be made righteous ones.

UST

19 Indeed, just like how many people became sinful because the one man {Adam} disobeyed {God}, in the same way many people became righteous because the one man {Jesus} obeyed {God}.

What were many made through Adam's disobedience, and what will many be made through the obedience of Christ?

Many were made sinners through Adam's disobedience, and many will be made righteous through the obedience of Christ.

Romans 5:20

ULT

20 Now {the} law slipped in so that the trespass might increase. But where the sin increased, the grace abounded even more

UST

20 Yet {God} added {his} laws in order that people might reject {his commands} even more. Nevertheless, whenever people began to sin even more, God showed even more so how kind he is!

Why did the Law come in alongside?

The Law came alongside in order that the trespass might abound.

What abounded more than the trespass?

God's grace abounded more than the trespass.

Romans 5:21

ULT

21 so that just as sin ruled in death, so also grace might rule through righteousness to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

5:1 *[1]* some ancient manuscripts read

UST

21 {This happened} in order that, just like how everyone sinned in the place where they die, in the same way how kind God is might make people righteous. {This} resulted in {people} living eternally because of {what} our Lord Jesus the Messiah {has done}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6

Romans 6:1

ULT

1 What then will we say? Should we continue in the sin so that the grace might increase?

UST

1 {Someone might say,} {“If what you have said is true,} then surely we {believers} should keep on sinning in order that God might show how kind he is even more!”

Should believers continue in sin so that God’s grace may abound? (vv1-2)

May it never be.

Romans 6:2

ULT

2 May it never be! We who died to sin, how will we still live in it?

UST

2 {Then I would say,} “Of course not!” We who are no longer controlled by sinning surely must not continue living sinfully!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:3

ULT

3 Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

UST

3 You surely know that God unites to the Messiah Jesus whomever someone baptizes and it is as if that baptized person also died with the Messiah!

Into what were people baptized who were baptized into Christ Jesus?

People baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ’s death.

Romans 6:4

ULT

4 We were buried, then, with him through the baptism into {his} death so that just as Christ was raised from dead ones through the glory of the Father, so also we in newness of life might walk.

UST

4 So, by being baptized as if we died with {the Messiah}, it is like God buried us {in the tomb} with {Jesus}. {This is so} in order that, just like how God the Father's glorious power caused the Messiah to become alive again after he had died, in the same way we too can live a new way of living.

What should believers do since Christ was raised from the dead?

Believers should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5

ULT

5 For if we have become planted together in the likeness of his death, we will also certainly become {part of} the resurrection;

UST

5 Indeed, since we share in what resembles Jesus dying, we will surely also share in God making us alive again.

In what two ways are believers united to Christ through baptism?

Believers are united to Christ in his death and resurrection.

Romans 6:6

ULT

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified together {with him}, in order that the body of sin might be nullified, {for it} to no longer enslave us to the sin.

UST

6 We know that when people crucified Jesus, God {also} cancelled our former {sinful} way of life. {He did this} in order to totally remove the way sin controls us so that we no longer have to live sinfully.

What was done for us so that we should no longer be slaves to sin?

Our old man was crucified with Christ, so that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 6:7

ULT

7 For the one who died has been freed from the sin.

UST

7 {This is} because, when people {who live sinfully} share in {Jesus'} death, God frees them from having to live sinfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:8

ULT

8 But if we died together with Christ, we believe that we will also live together with him,

UST

8 Now since {it is as if} we died with the Messiah, we trust that we will also live with him {eternally}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:9

ULT

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from dead ones, no longer dies; death no longer is lord over him.

UST

9 We know that the Messiah can never die again because God caused him to become alive again after he had died. Nothing can ever cause the Messiah to die again!

How do we know that death no longer rules over Christ?

We know that death no longer rules over Christ because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Romans 6:10

ULT

10 For that which he died, he died to sin once and never again. But that which he lives, he lives to God.

UST

10 {This is} because when Jesus died, he died one time only in order to remove {the way} sin {controls people}. Now that he is alive {again}, he lives in order to glorify God.

How many times did Christ die to sin, and for how many people did he die?
Christ died to sin once for all.

How should a believer think of himself with respect to sin? (vv10-11)
A believer should think of himself as dead to sin.

For whom does a believer live his life? (vv10-11)
A believer lives his life for God.

Romans 6:11

ULT

11 In the same way, you also must consider yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

UST

11 Similarly, you too regard yourselves as no longer controlled by sinning. Indeed, {regard yourselves} as alive in order to glorify God because God has united you to the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:12

ULT

12 Therefore, do not let sin rule in your mortal body, in order to obey its lusts.

UST

12 Since this is true, do not allow your sinful desires to control you. {This would} result in you doing {the sinful things} that you want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:13

ULT

13 And do not keep presenting your members {as} tools of unrighteousness to sin. But present yourselves to God, as living from dead ones, and your members {as} tools of righteousness to God.

UST

13 Do not use your body parts in order to do unrighteous things {or} to sin. Instead, live in order to do what God wants you to do, like people whom God caused to live again after they had died. Also, use your body parts in order to do righteous things to glorify God.

To whom should a believer present the members of his body, and for what purpose?

A believer should present the members of his body to God as tools for righteousness.

Romans 6:14

ULT

14 For sin must not be lord over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

UST

14 Indeed, do not allow your desire to sin to control you because the laws {God gave the Jews} do not control you. Instead, how kind God is controls you.

What does a believer live under, which allows him to rule over sin?

A believer lives under grace, which allows him to rule over sin.

Romans 6:15

ULT

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law, but under grace? May it never be!

UST

15 {Someone might say,} {“If what you have said is true,} then surely we {believers} should keep on sinning because the laws {God gave the Jews} do not control us. Instead, how kind God is controls us!” {Then I would say,} “Of course not!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:16

ULT

16 Do you not know that to what you keep presenting yourselves {as} slaves for obedience, you become slaves to what you obey—whether of sin {leading} to death, or of obedience {leading} to righteousness?

UST

16 You surely know that if you submit yourselves to be controlled by a thing or person, you become like slaves to that thing or person you submit to! {This is true} whether you submit yourselves to living sinfully, which will kill you {eternally}, or you submit yourselves to God, which will make you righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:17

ULT

17 But thanks {be} to God that you were slaves of sin, but you listened from {the} heart to the pattern of teaching that you were given over to.

UST

17 Although you used to submit yourselves to living sinfully, {now} you are sincerely submissive to the type of teaching that God has submitted you to. Thank God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:18

ULT

18 And having been freed from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness.

UST

18 Indeed, since God liberated you from living sinfully, you are {now} serving {God} righteously.

What is the end result for a person who makes himself a servant of God? (vv18-19)

The end result of a person who makes himself a servant of God is righteousness.

Romans 6:19

ULT

19 I speak as a man because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and to more and more lawlessness, so now present your members {as} slaves to righteousness {leading} to sanctification.

UST

19 (I {Paul} am speaking in human terms, because you are spiritually immature.) Indeed, just like how you {previously} used your body parts to live impurely and to increasingly break God's laws, in the same way, now use your body parts to live righteously. {This will cause you} to live like God's people should live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:20

ULT

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free with respect to righteousness.

UST

20 {This is} because when you used to submit yourselves to living sinfully, you were not living righteously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:21

ULT

21 So what fruit were you then having because of which things you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things {is} death.

UST

21 So, formerly you did not benefit from those {sinful} things {you did} that now embarrass you. {This is because} those things will eventually kill {you} {eternally}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 6:22

ULT

22 But now, having been freed from sin and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit {leading} to sanctification, and the outcome {is} eternal life.

UST

22 But now {that you trust in Jesus}, God has freed you from living sinfully and has caused you to serve him like slaves. Therefore, you receive what is beneficial, that results in you living like God's people should live. Indeed, {living in that way} will eventually result in you living eternally.

Slaves of God have their fruit for what purpose?

Slaves of God have their fruit for sanctification.

Romans 6:23

ULT

23 For the wages of sin {is} death, but the gracious gift of God {is} eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UST

23 {I say this} because living sinfully causes those who do so to die {eternally}, but God graciously causes those who are united to our Lord, the Messiah Jesus, to live eternally.

What are the wages of sin?

The wages of sin are death.

What is the free gift of God?

The free gift of God is eternal life.

Romans 7

Romans 7:1

ULT

[1] Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to {those} who know {the} law), that the law is lord of the man for as long as he lives?

UST

[1] My fellow {Jewish} believers {in the Messiah}, you are well-aware that the laws {God gave the Jews} must be obeyed by {Jewish} people for their whole lives. ({I know that you are well-aware of this fact}, because I am speaking to people who are familiar with the laws {God gave the Jews}.)

How long does the law control a person?

The law controls a person for as long as he lives.

Romans 7:2

ULT

[2] For the married woman remains bound by law to the living husband, but if the husband dies, she has been released from the law of the husband.

UST

[2] For instance, according to the laws {God gave the Jews}, a married woman must remain married to her husband for as long as he lives. However, if her husband dies, {God's} law no longer requires her to remain married to him.

How long is a married woman bound by the law of marriage?

A married woman is bound by the law of marriage until her husband dies.

Romans 7:3

ULT

3 So then, the husband being alive, if she becomes {married} to another husband, she will be titled an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, having become {married} to another husband.

UST

3 Therefore, if she marries another man while her husband is alive, {according to God's law} she will be an adulterous woman. However, if her husband dies, she no longer has to obey {what} God's law {requires of those who are married}. As a result, she would not be an adulterous woman if she married another man.

What may a woman do once she is free from the law of marriage?

Once she is free from the law of marriage, a woman may marry another man.

Romans 7:4

ULT

4 So then, my brothers, you yourselves were also made dead to the law through the body of Christ so that you might become {married} to another, to the one who was raised from dead ones, in order that we might produce fruit for God.

UST

4 So, my fellow {Jewish} believers {in the Messiah}, by means of the Messiah dying {on the cross} the laws {God gave the Jews} no longer control you. {God did this} in order to unite you to the Messiah, {as if you were marrying a new husband}. He is the person whom God made alive again after he had died. {God did this} in order for us to do things that please him.

How are believers made dead to the Law?

Believers are made dead to the Law through the body of Christ.

Having been made dead to the Law, what are believers able to do?

Having been made dead to the Law, believers are able to be joined to Christ.

Romans 7:5

ULT

5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions that {were} through the law were working in our members to produce fruit for death.

UST

5 Indeed, when living sinfully used to control us, the laws {God gave us} caused us to want to sin even more. {Our living sinfully} controlled what we did with our body parts. As a result, we would {eventually} die {eternally}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:6

ULT

6 But now we have been released from the law, having died to {that} by which we were being held, so that we might serve in newness of {the} Spirit and not in oldness of {the} letter.

UST

6 But now {that we trust in Jesus}, God cancels what his laws require {us to do}. The laws {God gave the Jews} no longer control us as if we were prisoners. As a result, we now serve God in the new way that comes from the {Holy} Spirit. {We} no longer {serve God} in the old way that the written rules {God gave the Jews} require.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:7

ULT

7 What then will we say? {Is} the law sin? May it never be! But I would not have known sin, if not through {the} law. For I would not have known the covetousness unless the law said, “You will not covet.”

UST

7 {Someone might say,} {“If what you have said is true,} then surely the laws {God gave the Jews} are sinful!” {Then I would say,} “Of course not!” On the contrary, without the laws {God gave the Jews}, I would never have become aware of {what it means to} sin. For instance, if God did not say in his laws, “You must not covet,” I would never have become aware of {what it means to} covet.

What function does the Law perform?

The Law makes sin known.

Is the Law sin?

No, the Law is not sin.

Romans 7:8

ULT

[8] But sin, having taken opportunity through the commandment, produced all covetousness in me. For apart from law, sin {is} dead.

UST

[8] However, since I am sinful, I wanted to covet in many ways because I knew that {God} commanded {us not to covet}. {This is} because if the laws {God gave the Jews} did not exist, living sinfully would cease.

What does sin do through the commandment of the Law?

Sin, through the commandment of the Law, brings about every lust in a person.

Romans 7:9

ULT

[9] Now at one time I was alive without law, but the commandment having come, sin came to life again,

UST

[9] There was a time when I was living without being aware of the laws {God gave the Jews}. But, when I became aware of those commandments, I wanted to sin even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:10

ULT

[10] and I died. And the commandment that {was} for life, it was found {to be} for death to me.

UST

[10] I became {spiritually} dead. God's command was supposed to result in me living {eternally}. But God's command actually will result in me dying {eternally}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:11

ULT

11 For sin, having taken the opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it, killed {me}.

UST

11 {This is so} because {I} wanted to sin even more because I knew what God had commanded. When I sinned, I tricked myself. Then {disobeying} what God had commanded killed me {spiritually}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:12

ULT

12 So then, the law {is} indeed holy, and the commandment {is} holy and righteous and good.

UST

12 So the laws {God gave the Jews} are worthy of God and what God has commanded is worthy of God, just, and good.

Is the Law holy?

The Law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Romans 7:13

ULT

13 Therefore, did what {is} good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, in order that it might be shown {to be} sin through what {is} good, producing death in me, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.

UST

13 So, {God's laws}, which are good, surely did not cause me to die {spiritually}! Of course not! Rather, living sinfully did so. {This happened} in order for {God's} good {laws} to reveal how sinful it is to live sinfully. {This also happened} in order for what God commands to reveal that living sinfully is extremely sinful.

What does Paul say sin does to him?

Paul says that sin, through the Law, brings about death in him.

Romans 7:14

ULT

14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I myself am fleshly, sold into slavery under sin.

UST

14 {This is true} because we are {all} aware that the laws {God gave the Jews} are from God's Spirit. But as for me, I am {spiritually} weak. {It is as if} I must serve as a slave to living sinfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:15

ULT

15 For what I produce, I do not understand. For what I do not want, this I practice. But what I hate, this I do.

UST

15 {This is true} because I do not understand what I do! Indeed, I keep on doing what I do not want to do. But I do what I hate {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:16

ULT

16 But if what I do not want, this I do, I agree with the law that {it is} good.

UST

16 Now because I do what I do not want {to do}, {this proves that} I agree with the laws {God gave the Jews}. {I also testify} that they are good {laws}.

What causes Paul to agree with the Law that the Law is good?

When Paul does that which he does not want, then he agrees with the Law that the Law is good.

Romans 7:17

ULT

17 But now no longer I myself produce it, but the sin living in me!

UST

17 This means that now I am no longer the one who causes me to do {these sinful things}. Rather, my wanting to live sinfully causes me {to do them}.

Who is doing the things that Paul does, but does not wish to do?

Sin that lives in Paul does the things that he does not wish to do.

Romans 7:18

ULT

18 For I know that there does not live in me, (that is, in my flesh), good. For the wanting is present in me, but the producing of the good {is} not.

UST

18 Indeed, I am aware that I am not good {at all}. In other words, my sinful self {is not good at all}. {This is true} because, even though I really want to do {what is good}, I am unable to do so.

What lives in Paul's flesh?

No good thing lives in Paul's flesh.

Romans 7:19

ULT

19 For I do not do the good I want; but the evil I do not want, this I practice.

UST

19 Indeed, I do not do the good things I want {to do}. Rather, I keep on doing evil things that I do not want {to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:20

ULT
20 Now if what I do not want, this I do, I myself no longer produce it, but the sin living in me.

UST
20 Now because I do what I do not want {to do}, I am no longer the one who causes me to do {these sinful things}. Rather, my wanting to live sinfully causes me {to do them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:21

ULT
21 I find, then, {this} law: in me the one wanting to do good, that evil is present in me.

UST
21 Consequently, I realized that a principle exists: I keep on doing evil things, {even though} I really want to do good things.

What principle does Paul find at work in him?
Paul finds the principle in him that he wants to do what is good, but evil is actually present in him.

Romans 7:22

ULT
22 For I delight in the law of God with the inner man.

UST
22 {This is true} because the laws God gave {the Jews} make my mind rejoice.

What attitude does Paul's inner man have toward the law of God?
Paul's inner man rejoices in the law of God.

Romans 7:23

ULT

23 But I see a different law in my members fighting against the law of my mind and taking me captive by the law of the sin that exists in my members.

UST

23 Yet, I notice another principle that controls what I do with my body parts. {This principle} conflicts with the {other} principle that my mind {accepts}. It also controls me as if I were its prisoner by means of the principle that I tend to live sinfully. {Living sinfully} controls what I do with my body parts.

What principle does Paul find in the members of his body?

Paul finds that in the members of his body the principle of sin takes him captive.

Romans 7:24

ULT

24 I am a miserable man! Who will rescue me from the body of this death?

UST

24 I am truly a wretched person! {I feel as though there is no one} who could {possibly} rescue me from this body that kills me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 7:25

ULT

25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve with the mind the law of God, but with the flesh, {the} law of sin.

UST

25 I thank God {who rescued me} by means of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! Therefore, I actually do obey with my mind the laws God gave {the Jews}. Yet {at the same time} with my sinful self {I obey} the principle that I tend to live sinfully.

Who will deliver Paul from his body of death?

Paul thanks God through Jesus Christ for his deliverance.

Romans 8

Romans 8:1

ULT

1 {There is} therefore now no condemnation at all for those who {are} in Christ Jesus.

UST

1 So now, God does not condemn at all anyone whom he has united with the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:2

ULT

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set you free from the law of sin and death.

UST

2 {This is true} because the principle that pertains to the life-giving Holy Spirit has caused you {believers} to no longer be controlled by the principle that causes people to sin and die {eternally}. {It did this} by uniting you with the Messiah Jesus.

What has made Paul free from the principle of sin and death?

The principle of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made Paul free from the principle of sin and death.

Romans 8:3

ULT

3 For what the law {was} unable {to do}, in that it was weak through the flesh, God {did}, having sent {his} own Son in {the} likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

UST

3 Indeed, God {accomplished} what the laws {he gave the Jews} could not accomplish because they could not prevent people from living sinfully. God removed {how} sinning {controls people} through {the crucifying of} {his Son's} body. {He did this} by sending his own Son {Jesus} {to the world} in a human body {that was} like the bodies of sinful people. {God sent his Son} in order to {remove} what is sinful.

Why was the Law unable to set people free from the principle of sin and death?

The Law was unable because it was weak through the flesh.

Romans 8:4

ULT

[4] so that the righteous deeds of the law might be fulfilled in us, those walking not according to the flesh, but according to {the} Spirit.

UST

[4] {God did these things} so that we {believers} could do the righteous acts that the laws {he gave the Jews} required. We live as people whom living sinfully does not control. Rather, {we live as people} whom the {Holy} Spirit controls.

Those who walk according to the Spirit pay attention to what? (vv4-5)

Those who walk according to the Spirit pay attention to the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:5

ULT

[5] For those existing according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those according to the Spirit, {on} the things of the Spirit.

UST

[5] {This is true} because those {people} whom living sinfully controls think about those things that are related to living sinfully. However, those people whom the {Holy} Spirit controls think about those things that are related to the {Holy} Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:6

ULT

[6] For the mindset of the flesh {is} death, but the mindset of the Spirit {is} life and peace;

UST

[6] Indeed, focusing on living sinfully will cause {a person} to die {eternally}. However, focusing on the {Holy} Spirit will cause {a person} to live {eternally and} peacefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:7

ULT

[7] because the mindset of the flesh {is} hostility toward God, for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not able {to do so}.

UST

[7] {This is true} because {people} who focus on living sinfully are God's enemies. {This is} because they do not voluntarily obey the laws God gave {the Jews} because they are incapable {of doing so}.

What is the flesh's relationship to God and the Law?

The flesh is hostile toward God and is not able to be subject to the Law.

Romans 8:8

ULT

[8] But those existing in {the} flesh are not able to be pleasing to God.

UST

[8] But those whom living sinfully controls are incapable of pleasing God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:9

ULT

[9] However, you yourselves are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, since indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. But if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this one is not of him.

UST

[9] By contrast, you {believers} are not those whom living sinfully controls. Rather, you are those whom the {Holy} Spirit controls because God's Spirit really does reside within you. But if some person does not possess Jesus the Messiah's Spirit, this person does not belong to the Messiah.

What are people lacking who do not belong to God?

People who do not belong to God lack the Spirit of Christ living in them.

Romans 8:10

ULT

10 But if Christ {is} in you, the body {is} dead because of sin, but the Spirit {is} life because of righteousness.

UST

10 Now, since the Messiah resides within you {believers}, the {Holy} Spirit gives {you} {eternal} life because he has made you righteous. {This is true} even though your bodies will die because you sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:11

ULT

11 If indeed the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from dead ones lives in you, the one who raised Christ Jesus from dead ones will also make alive your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

UST

11 The {Holy} Spirit does indeed reside within you. {He came} from God, who caused Jesus to become alive again after he had died. {Since this is true,} God, who caused the Messiah Jesus to become alive again after he had died, will also cause your physical bodies to become alive {again} by his Spirit. This {Spirit} resides within you.

How does God give life to the believer's mortal body?

God gives life to the believer's mortal body through his Spirit, who lives in the believer.

Romans 8:12

ULT

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors—not to the flesh to live according to the flesh.

UST

12 Therefore, {my} fellow believers {in the Messiah}, we are obligated. {But we are not obligated} to live sinfully, {which means} to live like those whom living sinfully controls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:13

ULT

13 For if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

UST

13 Indeed, if you live like those whom living sinfully controls, you will die {eternally}. However, if the {Holy} Spirit enables you to stop doing what is sinful with your bodies, you will live {eternally}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:14

ULT

14 For as many as are being led by {the} Spirit of God, these are {the} sons of God.

UST

14 {This is} because those people whom God’s Spirit guides are God's {spiritual} children.

How are the sons of God led to live?

The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:15

ULT

15 For you did not receive again a spirit of slavery {leading} to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, “Abba, Father!”

UST

15 Indeed, God has not given you {believers} an enslaved mind to terrify you like you had before. Rather, God has given you the Holy Spirit to {spiritually} adopt you {as his children}. {It is} the Holy Spirit who enables us to cry out, ”Abba, my Father!”

How is a believer included into God’s family?

A believer is included into God’s family by adoption.

Romans 8:16

ULT
16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

UST
16 The {Holy} Spirit personally testifies along with our own minds that we are God's {spiritual} children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:17

ULT
17 Now if children, {then} also heirs: both heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer together with {him} so that we may also be glorified together with {him}.

UST
17 Since we are {God's spiritual} children, we are also those who will inherit {blessings from God}. We inherit {blessings from God himself} and also together with the Messiah {Jesus}. {This is true} only if we keep suffering together with the Messiah in order for God to also glorify us together with the Messiah.

As children of God, what other benefit do believers receive in God's family?
As children of God, believers are also heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:18

ULT
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time {are} not worthy {to be compared} with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

UST
18 Indeed, I regard what we {believers in the Messiah} suffer at this time is incomparable to what glorious things God will reveal to us {in the future}.

Why are the sufferings of the present time to be endured by believers? (vv18-19)
The sufferings of the present time are to be endured so that believers may be glorified with Christ when the sons of God are revealed.

Romans 8:19

ULT
19 For the eager expectation of the creation is eagerly expecting the revelation of the sons of God.

UST
19 Indeed, what God created is very eagerly waiting for {the time} when God reveals who his {spiritual} children are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:20

ULT
20 For to the futility the creation was subjected, not willingly, but because of the one who subjected it, on the basis of hope

UST
20 {This is} because God subjugated what he created so that it became useless. {What God created} did not want this to happen. Rather, {God subjugated what he created} because he wanted to {do so}. {He did this} to keep {the creation} confidently expecting

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:21

ULT
21 that also the creation itself will be freed from the slavery of the decay into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

UST
21 that God would also enable what he created to stop decaying and let it freely experience the same glorious status that belongs to his {spiritual} children.

At the present time, under what kind of slavery is the creation?
At the present time, the creation is under the slavery of decay.

Into what will the creation be delivered?
The creation will be delivered into the liberty of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22

ULT
22 For we know that all the creation groans and labors in pain together until now.

UST
22 Indeed, we are aware that, {even} at the present time, everything God has created keeps groaning and suffering together {like a mother experiencing pain before bearing a child}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:23

ULT
23 Not only that, but also we, having the firstfruit of the Spirit—even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly expecting our adoption, the redemption of our body.

UST
23 {It is} not only {what God created that groans}! On the contrary, even we ourselves who possess the {Holy} Spirit as the first portion {from God} feel suffering. {We feel this way} while we eagerly wait for God to {spiritually} adopt us, which is when God redeems our bodies.

How are believers to wait for the redemption of the body? (vv23-25)
Believers are to wait with confidence and patience for the redemption of the body.

Romans 8:24

ULT
24 For in {this} hope we were saved. Now hope being seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

UST
24 {This is so} because God rescued us while we confidently expect this. If we {already} had what we have been confidently expecting, then we would have nothing to confidently expect. {This is} because surely nobody confidently expects something that he {already} has.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:25

ULT
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with endurance we are eagerly expecting {it}.

UST
25 Yet, if we keep on confidently expecting what we do not yet have, then we will keep on eagerly waiting for it while persevering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:26

ULT
26 Now in the same way, the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For the thing for which we should pray as we ought, we do not know, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groans.

UST
26 The {Holy} Spirit similarly also assists us because we are weak. {This is} because we are not aware of what we should pray for. However, the {Holy} Spirit personally pleads on our behalf by groaning without speaking words.

What does the Spirit himself do to help in the saints' weakness? (vv26-27)
The Spirit himself intercedes in behalf of the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:27

ULT
27 But the one who searches the hearts knows what {is} the mindset of the Spirit, because he intercedes on behalf of the saints in accordance with God.

UST
27 Now God is the one who investigates what we think and feel. He is aware of what the {Holy} Spirit intends because the Spirit pleads for the sake of God's people according to {what} God {wants}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:28

ULT

28 And we know that for those who love God, God works all things together for good, [1] for those who are called ones according to {his} purpose.

UST

28 We are certain that God makes all things that happen benefit those who love him. {The people who love him are} those whom God has called in accordance with what he previously planned {to do}.

How does God work all things together for those who love God and are called according to his purpose?

God works all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:29

ULT

29 Because those whom he foreknew, he also predestined {to be} a similar form to the image of his Son so that he might be {the} firstborn among many brothers.

UST

29 {This is} because those whom God chose in advance, he also decided in advance to make resemble his Son {Jesus}. {God did these things} in order for his Son {Jesus} to have first place among many {spiritual} siblings.

What is the destiny that God has predetermined for those whom he foreknew?

God has predestined those whom he foreknew to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Romans 8:30

ULT

30 Now those whom he predestined, these he also called. And those whom he called, these he also justified. And those whom he justified, these he also glorified.

UST

30 Certainly, the people whom God chose in advance {to become his people}, he also summoned to become his people. And those people whom God summoned {to become his people}, he also made righteous. And those people whom God made righteous, he will also glorify.

What else did God do for those he predestined?

Those he predestined, God also called, justified, and glorified.

Romans 8:31

ULT

31 What then will we say to these things? If God {is} for us, who {is} against us?

UST

31 {Since these things are true,} then we should say this about them: since God supports us, surely no one {is powerful enough} to oppose us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:32

ULT

32 {He} who indeed did not spare {his} own Son but gave him up on behalf of us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?

UST

32 God did not even spare his own Son, {Jesus}. On the contrary, God handed him over {to die} for the sake of us all. So God surely will also graciously give us, along with Jesus, every {blessing}!

How do believers know that God will freely give them all things?

Believers know that God will freely give them all things because God gave up his own Son on behalf of all believers.

Romans 8:33

ULT

33 Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God {is} the one who justifies.

UST

33 Surely no one can {rightly} accuse those whom God chose {to become his people}! {This is because} God is the one who makes people righteous.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:34

ULT

34 Who {is} the one who condemns? Christ Jesus {is} the one who died—but more {than that}, he was raised [2] who also is at the right hand of God—who also intercedes on our behalf.

UST

34 Surely no one can condemn {God's people}! {This is because} the Messiah Jesus is the one who died. Furthermore, he is the one whom God made alive again. He is also at the place of highest honor next to God and even pleads for our sake.

What is Christ Jesus doing at the right hand of God?

Christ Jesus is interceding on behalf of the saints at the right hand of God.

Romans 8:35

ULT

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? [3] Tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

UST

35 Surely no one can make Jesus stop loving us! If people trouble us, or distress us, or persecute us, or if we are hungry, or naked, or in danger, or if people kill us with swords, surely none of those things can make Jesus stop loving us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:36

ULT

36 Just as it is written, "For your sake we are being put to death the whole day {long}. We were considered as sheep for slaughter."

UST

36 This is exactly what {God} said in the Scriptures, "They constantly kill us because of you{, God}. They consider us to be like sheep for them to slaughter."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:37

ULT

37 But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one who loved us.

UST

37 However, he who loved us enables us to completely overcome all of these things {that might happen to us}.

How are believers more than conquerors over tribulation, persecution, or even death?

Believers are more than conquerors through the one who loved them.

Romans 8:38

ULT

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor governments, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

UST

38 In fact, God has persuaded me that {none of these things}—whether being dead, or what happens while we are alive, or angels, or demons who rule, or things that are happening to us, or things that will happen to us, or powerful demons,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 8:39

ULT

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which {is} in Christ Jesus our Lord.
8:28 [1] some older versions read
8:34 [2]
8:35 [3] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

39 or what is above {us}, or what is below {us}, or anything else that God created—can stop God from loving us! {God loves us} because we are united to the Messiah Jesus, our Lord!

What is Paul convinced that no created thing can do to the believer?

Paul is convinced that no created thing can separate the believer from the love of God.

Romans 9

Romans 9:1

ULT

1 I speak truth in Christ. I do not lie—my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit—

UST

1 I speak what is true {because I am authorized to represent the Messiah {Jesus}. I do not speak what is false. The Holy Spirit confirms what my conscience testifies within myself:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:2

ULT

2 that for me there is great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart.

UST

2 I am overwhelmed with sorrow! I constantly and deeply grieve!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:3

ULT

3 For I could wish myself to be accursed, {separated} from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race according to {the} flesh;

UST

3 In fact, I could vow to God that he would personally curse me! I could vow that God would {even} separate me from {Jesus} the Messiah for the sake of {the salvation of} my {Israelite} kinsmen, who are my close relatives by natural lineage!

What would Paul be willing to do for the sake of his brothers according to the flesh, the Israelites?

Paul would be willing to be cursed by God for the sake of his brothers.

Romans 9:4

ULT

4 who are Israelites, of whom {is} the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the law-giving, and the service, and the promises;

UST

4 These {kinsmen of mine} are the Israelites, who God {spiritually} adopted. God allowed them to experience how glorious he is. God made covenants with them. God gave them a code of law. God gave them the services that showed them how he wanted them to worship him. God made promises to them.

What do the Israelites have in their history?

The Israelites have adoption, the glory, the covenants, the Law, the worship of God, and the promises.

Romans 9:5

ULT

5 of whom {are} the fathers, and from whom {is} the Christ—(that {is}, according to {the} flesh)—the one who {is} over all, blessed God to eternity. Amen.

UST

5 The Patriarchs {Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob} come from the Israelites. Even the Messiah is a physical descendant of the Israelites. {Yet}, the Messiah is God over all things. He is to be praised forever. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:6

ULT

6 But {it is} not such a thing that the word of God has failed. For not all the ones from Israel, these {are} Israel.

UST

6 Certainly, it is not as if what God promised {to the Israelites} has become powerless {because as a nation they rejected the Messiah Jesus}. This is because not all people who are {physical descendants} of Israel are {true} Israelites.

What does Paul say is not true about everyone in Israel and all of Abraham's descendants? (vv6-7)

Paul says that not everyone in Israel truly belongs to Israel, and not all of Abraham's descendants are truly his children.

Romans 9:7

ULT

7 Neither that all the children are seed of Abraham. But, “In Isaac your seed will be called.”

UST

7 It is not true either, that all the offspring who physically descended from Abraham are considered {Abraham’s spiritual} children. Instead, {as God says to Abraham in the holy scriptures,} “Your {true} offspring will be named in {relation to} Isaac.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:8

ULT

8 That is, the children of the flesh, these {are} not children of God. But the children of the promise are considered as seed.

UST

8 In other words, God’s {spiritual} children are not those children who are physically {descended from Abraham, like Ishmael}. Instead, {Abraham’s true spiritual} offspring are those who God considers to be his {spiritual} children. This is based on what God promised {to Abraham}.

Who are not counted as the children of God?

The children of the flesh are not counted as the children of God.

Who are counted as the children of God?

The children of the promise are counted as the children of God.

Romans 9:9

ULT

9 For this {is} the word of promise: “At this time I will come, and a son will be to Sarah.”

UST

9 Indeed, this is what God promised {would happen}, “At this set time {next year}, I will come and enable Sarah to give birth to a son.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:10

ULT

10 Now, not only {this}, but Rebekah also having conceived from one {man}, our father Isaac—

UST

10 Indeed, this is not the only way {that God showed who his true spiritual children are}. But even Rebekah became pregnant by this same man Isaac. {So, it is actually Isaac not Ishmael} who is the {spiritual} father of {all of} us {who are part of God's promise to Abraham}.

What was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca, "The older will serve the younger," before her children were born? (vv10-12)

The purpose of God according to choice was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca.

Romans 9:11

ULT

11 for not yet having been born, nor indeed having done anything good or bad, so that the purpose of God according to election might endure,

UST

11 In fact, Rebekah gave birth to {Jacob and Esau}. Even before they were born or had done anything right or wrong, God chose {Jacob to accomplish what he promised to Abraham}. This was so that what God previously planned would continue to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:12

ULT

12 not by works, but by the one who calls—it was said to her, "The older will be enslaved to the younger."

UST

12 God did not choose {Jacob} because he did {what God's law requires}. Instead, it was because God summons {those he chooses. This is why} God told Rebekah, "Your older son will become a slave to the younger son."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:13

ULT
13 {It is} just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

UST
13 This is exactly what God says in the holy scriptures, “I love Jacob {the younger son}, but I do not love Esau {the older son}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:14

ULT
14 What then will we say? {There is} no unrighteousness with God{, is there}? May it never be!

UST
14 So then, of course we should not think that God is unjust {because he chose Jacob and not Esau}!

What is the cause behind God’s gifts of mercy and compassion? (vv14-16)
The cause behind God’s gifts of mercy and compassion is God’s choice.

Romans 9:15

ULT
15 For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy {on} whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion {on} whomever I will have compassion.”

UST
15 In fact, God told Moses, “I will pity whoever I want to pity. I will be favorable to whoever I want to favor.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:16

ULT

16 So then, {it is} not of the one who wills, nor of the one who runs, but of God, who has mercy.

UST

16 So then, {who God choses to become part of his people does} not {depend} on {how strongly} someone desires, or {how much} effort a person exerts. Instead, {who God choses to become part of his people is based on} God who pities.

What is not the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion?

The cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion is not the will or actions of the person receiving the gifts.

Romans 9:17

ULT

17 For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very {purpose} I raised you up: so that I might demonstrate my power in you, and so that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

UST

17 Indeed, this is what God says to Pharaoh in the holy scripture, "I allowed you {to become king in Egypt} for this very reason: so that I could exhibit how powerful I am in comparison to you. I also exhibited how powerful I am so that my fame would spread throughout the entire earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:18

ULT

18 So then, he has mercy on whom he wills, but whom he wills, he hardens.

UST

18 So then, God pities who{ever} he wants to pity. However, he makes obstinate who{ever} he wants to become obstinate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:19

ULT

19 You will say then to me, “Why then does he still find fault? For who has ever withstood his will?”

UST

19 So then, you must not object to me by saying, “Then God should not be able to keep blaming {people for what they do}! Because no one is able to oppose what{ever} he plans will occur!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:20

ULT

20 O man, who indeed are you, the one answering against God? The one molded will not say to the one having molded {it}, “Why did you make me this way?” will it?

UST

20 {This is how} a mere human being {would talk!} In fact, no {mere human being} should try to act like a judge against God. It would be quite silly for the shaped {pot} to complain to the {potter} who shaped it, “Why did you make me into a pot?”

What is Paul’s reply to those who would question if God is righteous because he finds fault in men?

Paul replies, “Who are you who answers against God?”

Romans 9:21

ULT

21 Or does the potter not have authority over the clay to make from the same lump not only what {is} a vessel for honor, but also what {is} for dishonor?

UST

21 Certainly, the potter can shape the clay however he wants! The potter can make {whatever he decides} from the same lump {of clay}. The potter can either make an object for special use, or an object for ordinary use.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:22

ULT
22 But {what} if God, willing to demonstrate {his} wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction;

UST
22 It is true that God desires to exhibit how he punishes {his enemies}. God also desires to demonstrate how powerful he is. {Yet,} God very patiently endures those {people who are like those potter's} objects {made for ordinary use}. {He endures them until he finally decides they} are ready for him to punish them. Then God will ultimately destroy them.

What did God do with those prepared for destruction?
God endured with much patience those prepared for destruction.

Romans 9:23

ULT
23 and so that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory—

UST
23 {God} also {desires} to demonstrate how richly he will glorify those {people who are like a potter's} special objects. He will pity them. God has already prepared these people to become glorified.

What did God do with those prepared for glory?
God made known to them the riches of his glory.

Romans 9:24

ULT
24 even us whom he called, not only from {the} Jews, but also from {the} Gentiles?

UST
24 We are also {among} those people that God summons. God summons people from both the Jews and indeed {all} the nations.

From which peoples has God called those on whom he is having mercy?
God has called from both Jews and Gentiles those on whom he is having mercy.

Romans 9:25

ULT

25 As he says also in Hosea: “I will call those {who were} not my people, ‘my people,’ and the one not loved, ‘Beloved.’

UST

25 God also says a similar thing to {the Prophet} Hosea, “I will give the name, ’My people,’ to people who do not belong to me. I will also give the name, ‘Loved one,’ to people who I do not love.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:26

ULT

26 And it will be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘You {are} not my people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

UST

26 Then it will happen, in the same location where it was previously said about them, ‘You are not my people,’ at that exact spot God will give them the name, ‘Children of the living God.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:27

ULT

27 But Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “Though the number of the sons of Israel might be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved,

UST

27 Indeed, the Prophet Isaiah shouts out about {the people} of Israel, “Even if there were as many people in Israel as grains of sand along the seashore–God will save {only} those who survive.”

From all the children of Israel, how many will be saved?

From all the children of Israel, a remnant will be saved.

Romans 9:28

ULT
28 for {the} Lord will carry out {his} word on the earth, finishing {it} and cutting {it} short."

UST
28 "This is because the Lord will fully and decisively accomplish what he promised on the earth."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:29

ULT
29 And just as Isaiah has said beforehand, "If {the} Lord of hosts did not leave us a seed, we would have become like Sodom, and we would have been made like Gomorrah."

UST
29 The Prophet Isaiah previously said this too in the holy scriptures, "The Lord, who commands the angelic armies, preserved a few descendants for us. If the Lord had not done this, the people of Israel would become a ruin like the city of Sodom or even like the city of Gomorrah."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:30

ULT
30 What then will we say? That the Gentiles, who are not pursuing righteousness, obtained righteousness, but righteousness that {is} by faith.

UST
30 So, we are saying that the nations are not seeking to be made right with God. {Yet,} God seeks out the nations in order to make them right with himself. Indeed, God makes people right with himself, because of how faithful he is.

How did the Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, attain it?
The Gentiles attained it through the righteousness by faith.

Romans 9:31

ULT

31 But Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not attain {it} through {the} law.

UST

31 However, the people of Israel keep seeking to become right with God by {obeying his} law. {But,} the people of Israel do not obtain a right relationship with God by {obeying his} law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 9:32

ULT

32 Why? Because {it was} not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,

UST

32 The reason for this is because they do not faithfully trust {in God}. Instead, the people of Israel think they can become right with God by relying on what they do. This {lack of trusting in God} makes them offended {at who God chose to be Messiah. It is as if the Messiah is} a stone that causes them to stumble {and fall}.

Why did Israel, although pursuing a law of righteousness, not arrive at it?

Israel did not arrive at it because they pursued it by works, and not by faith.

Over what did the Israelites stumble? (vv32-33)

The Israelites stumbled over the stone of stumbling and the rock of offense.

Romans 9:33

ULT

33 just as it is written, “Behold, I place in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and the one who believes on it will not be ashamed.”

UST

33 This is exactly what the holy scriptures say, ”Look! I am putting {a person} on Mount Zion. {He will be like} a stone that causes people to stumble {and fall}. {He will be like} a rock that trips {people}. But, God will not humiliate {anyone} who continues to trust in him.”

What happens to those who do not stumble, but believe?

Those who do not stumble, but believe, will not be ashamed.

Romans 10

Romans 10:1

ULT

[1] Brothers, the good pleasure of my heart and {my} prayer to God {is} on behalf of them for salvation.

UST

[1] But, my fellow believers in the Messiah, I deeply desire that God will save {the Israelites}. I even beg him {to save} them!

What is Paul's desire for his brothers, the Israelites?

Paul's desire is for the Israelites' salvation.

Romans 10:2

ULT

[2] For I testify about them that they have a zeal of God, but not according to full knowledge.

UST

[2] Certainly, I can personally confirm that they are enthusiastic about God. However, they do not {understand what it means to} {truly} know {him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:3

ULT

[3] For not knowing about the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish {their} own righteousness, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.

UST

[3] This is because they are ignorant of how God makes people right with himself. So, they continue striving to make themselves right with God. {This is why} they refuse to subject themselves to how God makes people right with himself.

What are the Israelites seeking to establish?

The Israelites are seeking to establish their own righteousness.

Of what do the Israelites not know?

The Israelites do not know of God's righteousness.

Romans 10:4

ULT

4 For Christ {is} the completion of {the} law for righteousness for everyone who believes.

UST

4 Indeed, {they do not understand} that {Jesus} the Messiah completes {the purpose that God has always intended for his} law. God makes anyone right with himself who continues to trust {in God}.

What has Christ done with respect to the Law?

Christ is the fulfillment of the Law for righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:5

ULT

5 For Moses writes {about} the righteousness that {is} from {the} law: “The man who does these things will live by it.”

UST

5 This is what Moses {himself} wrote {in the holy scriptures} about {those who think they can be} right with God by {obeying his} law: “The person who practices {all} the things in God’s law will stay alive this way.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:6

ULT

6 But the righteousness by faith says this: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down);

UST

6 However, God makes people right with himself by trusting in God. This is what the holy scripture means when it says, “Do not say to yourself, ‘No one can go up to heaven!’ (In other words, to try and bring down the Messiah).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:7

ULT

[7] or, ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from {the} dead).

UST

[7] ”Or say, ‘No one can bring down {the Messiah} into the bottomless pit!’ (In other words, to try to lead the Messiah up from death).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:8

ULT

[8] But what does he say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.” This is the word of faith, which we proclaim.

UST

[8] However Moses says this {in another passage of the holy scriptures}, “God’s message is as close to you as your mouth and your heart!” In other words, we refer to God’s message about trusting in him, that we {apostles} keep announcing.

Where is the word of faith which Paul is proclaiming?

The word of faith is near, in the mouth and in the heart.

Romans 10:9

ULT

[9] For if with your mouth you confess Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

UST

[9] {This is God’s message}: God will save {any type of person} who verbally acknowledges that Jesus is the Lord {over all things}. God will also save {any type of person} who deeply trusts that God resurrected Jesus from death.

What does Paul say a person does to be saved?

Paul says a person must acknowledge with the mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in the heart that God raised him from the dead.

Romans 10:10

ULT
10 For with the heart {one} believes to righteousness, and with the mouth {one} confesses to salvation.

UST
10 This is because God makes {any type of} person right with himself, who continues to deeply entrust himself {to God}. God also saves {any type of person} who continues to verbally acknowledge {him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:11

ULT
11 For the scripture says, “Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame.”

UST
11 In fact, this is what the holy scripture says, “God will not humiliate {anyone} who continues to trust in him.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:12

ULT
12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord {is} of all, being rich to all who call upon him.

UST
12 Indeed, the Lord Jesus does not discriminate between Jew or Pagan. This is because Jesus is the same Lord over all people types. The Lord Jesus richly blesses all types of people who continue to invoke him {to save them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:13

ULT
13 For all, whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

UST
13 Indeed, ”God will save anyone who invokes the name of the Lord {Jesus}.”

Everyone who does what will be saved?
Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:14

ULT

[14] How then would they call on whom they have not believed? And how would they believe in whom they have not heard? And how would they hear without someone preaching?

UST

[14] Certainly, they could not invoke Jesus as Lord {unless} they {first} trust in him. And certainly they could not trust in Jesus {unless} they {first} hear {the message about him}. And certainly, they could not hear {the message about Jesus} unless someone {first} announces {who he is}.

What does Paul say is the series of steps which brings the good news to a person, so he can call on the name of the Lord? (vv14-15)

Paul says that first a preacher is sent, and the good news is heard and believed, so that a person can call on the name of the Lord.

Romans 10:15

ULT

[15] And how would they preach, unless they would be sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful {are} the feet of those who proclaim good news {of} good things!”

UST

[15] And certainly they could not announce the message about Jesus unless someone sends them out! This is exactly what the holy scriptures say, “It is a beautiful thing when people declare happy news about good things!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:16

ULT

[16] But not all of them became obedient to the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”

UST

[16] However, they have not all paid attention to the happy news {about Jesus}. Indeed, this is what the Prophet Isaiah says in the holy scriptures, “Lord, no one trusts what we say!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:17

ULT

17 So {this} faith {is} by hearing, and {this} hearing through the word of Christ. [1]

UST

17 So then, a person can {only} trust in Jesus by hearing {about him}. And a person can {only} hear about Jesus through {those who announce} the message {that Jesus is} the Messiah.

What is heard which brings faith?

The word of Christ is heard, which brings faith.

Romans 10:18

ULT

18 But I say, “Did they certainly not hear?” Yes, indeed. “Their sound went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”

UST

18 However, this is what I say, “It is absolutely certain they heard!” It is a fact. {As the holy scriptures say,} “What they said spread throughout the entire earth. What they announced spread to the farthest parts of the {inhabited} world.”

Did Israel hear the gospel?

Yes, Israel heard the gospel.

Romans 10:19

ULT

19 But I say, “Did Israel certainly not know?” First Moses says, “I myself will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation; by means of a senseless nation, I will provoke you to anger.”

UST

19 However this is what I say, “It is absolutely certain that Israel understood!” God first says through Moses in the holy scriptures, “I will personally make you envious because of a nation that does not {belong to me}. I will make you furious because of a nation that does not know {me}.”

How did God say he would provoke Israel to jealousy?

God said he would provoke Israel to jealousy by appearing to those who were without understanding.

Romans 10:20

ULT

20 Now Isaiah is very bold and he says, “I was found by those who were not seeking me; I appeared to those who were not asking for me.”

UST

20 Indeed, God also quite boldly declares through the Prophet Isaiah in the holy scriptures, “Those who were not searching for me found me. I manifested myself to those who did not ask about me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 10:21

ULT

21 But to Israel he says, “The whole day I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contradictory people.”
10:17 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

21 However, God tells Israel in the holy scriptures, “I stretch out my arms all the time {to embrace you}. {But, you} are a people who {constantly} disobeys and argues {with me}!”

What did God find when he reached out to Israel?

When God reached out to Israel, he found a disobedient and resistant people.

Romans 11

Romans 11:1

ULT

1 I say then, God did not reject his people, did he? May it never be! For I myself also am an Israelite, from {the} seed of Abraham, of {the} tribe of Benjamin.

UST

1 The point of what I am saying is this–of course God did not discard his own people! In fact, I too am an Israelite. I am a {direct} descendant of {the patriarch} Abraham. I come from the {family} tribe of Benjamin {who was the son of the Patriarch Jacob}.

Has God then rejected the Israelites?

May it never be.

Romans 11:2

ULT

2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Or do you not know what the scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

UST

2 God did not discard his people who he knew in advance {would belong to him}. You certainly know what the holy scripture says about the Prophet Elijah. Elijah appealed to God against Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:3

ULT

3 “Lord, they killed your prophets, they tore down your altars, and I alone was left behind, and they seek my life.”

UST

3 {This is what the Prophet Elijah said,} “Lord, they murdered {all of} your prophets {except for me}! They demolished all your altars! I am the very last surviving {prophet}! Now, they are trying to kill me {too}!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:4

ULT

4 But what does the divine response say to him? “I have reserved for myself 7, 000 men who have not bent a knee to Baal.”

UST

4 But, this is how God replied to Elijah, “I have kept 7,000 people alive for my purposes. These men have not bowed down to {worship the idol} Baal.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:5

ULT

5 Even so then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to {the} election of grace.

UST

5 The same thing is also true at this time in history. God has graciously chosen that some (Israelites) would survive.

Does Paul say if there are any faithful Israelites remaining, and if so, how have they been preserved?

Paul says that there is a remnant remaining that has been preserved because of the choice of grace.

Romans 11:6

ULT

6 But if by grace, {it is} no longer by works. Otherwise {this} grace becomes no longer grace. [1]

UST

6 Certainly, {God chooses his people} based on how gracious he is. So, {God} does not {choose his people} because they do {what God’s law says}. {If God chose people because they do what the law says,} then how gracious he is would not be {revealed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:7

ULT

7 What then? The {thing} Israel diligently seeks, it did not obtain, but the elect obtained it, and the rest {of them} were hardened,

UST

7 So then, although Israel continues striving to make themselves right with God, they cannot attain this goal. Instead, those who God {graciously} chose {from Israel} become right with God. But, those God did not {graciously} choose {from Israel} stubbornly refused to become right with God.

Who among the Israelites obtained salvation, and what happened to the rest?

The chosen among the Israelites obtained salvation, and the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:8

ULT

8 just as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of dullness, eyes not to see, and ears not to hear, until this very day.”

UST

8 This is exactly what the holy scriptures say {about Israel}, “God allowed them to remain bewildered. Until this present day, God has made them completely unable to understand {how gracious he is}.”

What did the spirit of dullness given by God do to those who received it?

The spirit of dullness made their eyes unable to see and their ears unable to hear.

Romans 11:9

ULT

9 And David says, “Let their table become for a net and for a trap, and for a stumbling block and for a retribution to them.

UST

9 {King} David also prophesies in the holy scriptures, “{O God}, while they live luxuriously, catch them like a bird in a net or wild animal in a trap! Make them stumble and fall! Pay them back {for how luxuriously they live}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:10

ULT

10 Let their eyes be darkened to not see, and make their backs bend continually."

UST

10 Cause them to become blind so they cannot see! Make them unable to raise their heads {to see how gracious you are}–forever!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:11

ULT

11 I say then, "They did not stumble so that they might fall, did they?" May it never be! Instead, by their transgression, {this} salvation {is} to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy.

UST

11 Yet, this is what I say, "Of course the Israelites are not completely rejected by God! But, God saves the nations because Israel failed {to make themselves right with God}. This is because God wants to make the people of Israel {so} jealous of the nations, {that they ask God to make them right with himself}.

What good has happened because of Israel's refusal to receive the gospel?

Salvation has come to the Gentiles.

What effect will the salvation of the Gentiles have on the Israelites?

The salvation of the Gentiles will provoke the Israelites to jealousy.

Romans 11:12

ULT

12 Now if their transgression {is} wealth of the world, and their loss {is} wealth of {the} Gentiles, how much more {will} their fullness {be}?

UST

12 Indeed, the Israelites failed {to make themselves right with God}. God made how they failed turn into gain for the world. What they lost became gain for the nations. So, when the full number of Israelites become right with God, this will be even more gain {for all of God's people}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:13

ULT

13 Now I am speaking to you the Gentiles. As much therefore as I myself am an apostle to {the} Gentiles, I glorify my ministry,

UST

13 But now I am speaking to you who are from the nations. God made me his authorized representative to the nations. So, I glorify {God} by doing what he assigned to me.

In Paul's analogy of the olive tree root and the wild branches, who is the root and who are the wild branches? (vv13-17)

The root is Israel, and the wild branches are the Gentiles.

Romans 11:14

ULT

14 if somehow I might provoke to jealousy {those who are} of my {own} flesh and might save some from them.

UST

14 If possible, I want to make my fellow-Israelites jealous about what the nations have {by announcing God's good news}, so that God will save some of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:15

ULT

15 For if their rejection {is} reconciliation of {the} world, what {is their} acceptance if not life from {the} dead?

UST

15 In fact, God reconciles the world because they reject {his good news}. So, when they accept {his good news} it will be as if God is making them alive after dying.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:16

ULT

16 Now if the firstfruit {is} holy, the lump {of dough} also. And if the root {is} holy, the branches also.

UST

16 Indeed, {the first Israelites were special to God, just like} the first portion of a lump of dough is special. In the same way, {the current Israelites are still special to God, just like} the rest of a lump of dough is special because it comes from the first portion. Also, {the first Israelites were special to God, just like} the root of a tree is special. In the same way, {the current Israelites are still special to God, just like} the branches of a tree are special because they come from the root.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:17

ULT

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive branch, were grafted into them, and became partakers with them of the richness of the root of the olive tree,

UST

17 Indeed, {God has removed some of the Israelites from his people, like} they were branches broken off a tree. But, {those of you who were not part of God's people were joined to his people, like} wild olive branches are grafted in {to the native tree}. Now {you share together in benefitting from being part of God's people, like} grafted branches richly share in the olive tree root.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:18

ULT

18 do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, you yourself do not support the root, but the root, you.

UST

18 You nations must not boast against the removed Israelites, even though they are like broken off branches! Instead, if you do boast, you must realize that you do not sustain the Israelites. Indeed, they sustain you–just like the root sustains the branches!

What attitude does Paul say the wild branches must avoid?

Paul says the wild branches must avoid the attitude of boasting over the natural branches that were broken off.

Romans 11:19

ULT
19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I myself might be grafted in.”

UST
19 So then, you might say, ”{God removed some of the Israelites from his people, like} breaking off branches from a tree. {God did this} so that {he could join} me to his people, like a branch} is grafted into a tree.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:20

ULT
20 {That is} true. They were broken off in {their} unbelief, but you yourself stand firm in the faith. Do not think highly {of yourself}, but fear!

UST
20 I say, “Well said! {Like broken off branches}, God removed some of the Israelites from being his people because they were unfaithful. However, you who are from the {other} nations {only} remain {part of God’s people if} you remain faithful to him. Do not become arrogant about how smart you are, but fear {how powerful God is!}

What warning does Paul give the wild branches? (vv20-21)
Paul warns the wild branches that if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare the wild branches if they fall into unbelief.

Romans 11:21

ULT
21 For if God did not spare of the natural branches, neither will he spare of you.

UST
21 Certainly, God did not show pity to the {faithless Israelites, even though they were like} natural branches. So, he will not show pity to you {who are from the nations} if you become faithless!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:22

ULT

22 See, then, {the} kindness and {the} severity of God: severity on those who fell, but kindness of God on you, if you continue in {his} kindness. Otherwise you yourself also will be cut off.

UST

22 Take note then, how kind and harsh God can be! God is harsh toward those who fail to remain faithful to him. However, God will show how kind he is toward you who are from the nations if you continue to accept how kind he is by remaining faithful. But, if you do not {remain faithful}, God will totally reject you{–like a severed branch}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:23

ULT

23 But those, if they do not continue in {their} unbelief, will be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again.

UST

23 However, if the Israelites do not remain faithless, God will allow them to {rejoin his people, like branches} grafted in. This is because God is powerful enough to graft in the Israelites again to rejoin his people.

What can God do with natural branches if they do not continue in their unbelief? (vv23-24)

God can graft back into the olive tree natural branches that do not continue in their unbelief.

Romans 11:24

ULT

24 For if you from what {is} by nature a wild olive tree were cut off, and contrary to nature were grafted into a good olive tree, how much more will these, who {are} according to nature, be grafted back into {their} own olive tree?

UST

24 Certainly, you were {removed from the nations, like} a branch cut off from a naturally wild olive tree. Then {God joined you to his people, like} a wild olive branch that is grafted into a cultivated olive tree. Since this true, {God} will certainly {join} any faithful Israelites {back into his people, like} a naturally cultivated olive branch that is grafted into its own olive tree.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:25

ULT

25 For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, in order that you might not be wise in yourselves, for a partial hardening has occurred in Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

UST

25 Indeed, my fellow believers in the Messiah, I do not want you to remain unaware of God's mysterious plan, so that you do not become conceited. Because God has allowed a portion of the Israelites to stubbornly refuse to be made right with himself. {This will happen} until all the people God has chosen from the nations join his people.

How long will the partial hardening of Israel last?

The partial hardening of Israel will last until the completion of the Gentiles comes in.

Romans 11:26

ULT

26 and thus all Israel will be saved, just as it is written: "From Zion will come the Deliverer. He will turn away ungodly things from Jacob.

UST

26 Then this is the way God will save all {of} Israel. This is exactly what is written in the holy scriptures, "God will send his rescuer from {Mount} Zion. {God's rescuer} will cause {Israel's descendants from} Jacob to stop rejecting God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:27

ULT

27 And this {will be} for them the covenant with me, when I take away their sins."

UST

27 {God says,} "This is the agreement I make with Israel, whenever I forgive their sins."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:28

ULT
28 Indeed, according to the gospel, {they are} enemies because of you, but according to election, {they are} beloved because of {their} forefathers.

UST
28 As it relates to the good news, {the people of Israel are} the enemies of the {other} nations. However, as it relates to how God chose them to be his people, God loves {Israel} because of {how God loves Israel's} Patriarchs.

Despite their disobedience, why do the Israelites continue to be loved by God? (vv28-29)
The Israelites continue to be loved by God because of the ancestors, and because the call of God is unchangeable.

Romans 11:29

ULT
29 For the gracious gifts and the calling of God {are} without regret.

UST
29 This is because God does not revoke the things he graciously gives and who he summons {to be his people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:30

ULT
30 For just as you yourselves were formerly disobedient to God, but now were shown mercy in the disobedience of these,

UST
30 In fact, there was a time when you who are from the nations did not obey God. However, now God has shown how merciful he is toward you, because Israel disobeyed God.

What have both Jew and Gentile been shown to be by God? (vv30-32)
Both Jew and Gentile have been shown to be disobedient.

What has God shown to the disobedient? (vv30-32)
God has shown mercy to the disobedient, both Jew and Gentile.

Romans 11:31

ULT

31 thus also, these now were disobedient, so that by the mercy {shown} to you, they might also now be shown mercy.

UST

31 In the same way, the Israelites have also now disobeyed {God}. They reacted to how merciful God is toward you {from the nations} by disobeying him. God did this} so that he could now also show how merciful he is toward them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:32

ULT

32 For God shut up all {people} into disobedience, in order that he might show mercy on all the {people}.

UST

32 Indeed, God allowed all {types of} people to become disobedient. He did this so that he could show how merciful he is to all {types of} people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:33

ULT

33 Oh, {the} depth of {the} riches and {the} wisdom and {the} knowledge of God! How unsearchable {are} his judgments, and his ways beyond discovering!

UST

33 God's {plans} are so wise and intelligent! They are like a deep {mine full} of wealth! No one can search out what he determines! No one can track where he goes!

Who is able to search God's judgments and give him advice? (vv33-34)

No person can search God's judgments and give him advice.

Romans 11:34

ULT
34 “For who has known {the} mind of the Lord or who has become his advisor?

UST
34 {As the holy scriptures say,} “Indeed, {there is no one} who could {possibly} comprehend what the Lord intends! {There is no one} who could {possibly} advise him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:35

ULT
35 Or who gave to him, that he should be repaid by him?”

UST
35 No one could possibly give God anything that would cause him to owe them something!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 11:36

ULT
36 For from him and through him and to him {are} all things. To him {be} the glory to the ages. Amen.
11:6 *[1]*

UST
36 Certainly, all {these} things originated from God and are enacted by God, and lead to God{’s glory. This is why all types of people must} glorify him forever. May it be so!

What are the three ways all things are related to God?
All things are from God, through God, and to God.

Romans 12

Romans 12:1

ULT

1 I urge you therefore, brothers, by the compassions of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, which {is} your reasonable service.

UST

1 So then, my fellow believers in the Messiah, I appeal to you because of how compassionate God is: offer your own bodies to God as if they were a live sacrifice. Set yourselves apart {this way} for God's purposes in order to please him. {God will consider this} your rational {religious} service {to him}.

What is the spiritual service to God for a believer?

A believer's spiritual service is to present himself a living sacrifice to God.

Romans 12:2

ULT

2 And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of the mind, so that you can approve what {is} the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of God.

UST

2 Do not align yourselves with {how sinful people live at} the current time. Instead, transfigure yourselves by renewing how you spiritually perceive {things}. Then you will be able to test and approve what God desires {you to do}. God desires that you do what is good, and pleasing, and flawless.

What does a transformed mind in the believer enable him to do?

A transformed mind enables a believer to know what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:3

ULT

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you to not think more highly of himself than what he ought to think, but to think with sound mind, as God has distributed to each one a measure of faith.

UST

3 Indeed, God graciously gave me {these words as one who God authorized to represent him. So,} I say that not even one of you must focus on being better than another person. Instead, you must focus on thinking moderately. {Keep focusing on} how God has portioned out to each person {what they need} to remain faithful {to him}.

How should a believer not think of himself?

A believer should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

Romans 12:4

ULT

4 For just as we have many members in one body, but not all the members have the same function,

UST

4 Indeed, although each of our bodies have many parts, yet not all the parts function in the same manner.

How are the many believers related to each other in Christ? (vv4-5)

The many believers are one body in Christ, and individually members of each other.

Romans 12:5

ULT

5 in the same way, we, the many, are one body in Christ and the {body} individually {are} members of one other.

UST

5 Similarly, there are many people united to the Messiah's one body. Indeed, like parts of a body, each one of his people are united to the Messiah's body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:6

ULT

[6] But we have different gracious gifts according to the grace given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of {his} faith;

UST

[6] And yet, since God is so kind, he has given {each of} us gracious gifts that differ. If {God has gifted you to be able} to prophesy. Then you should prophesy corresponding to how much you trust in God.

What should each believer do with the gifts God has given him?

Each believer should exercise his gifts according to the proportion of his faith.

Romans 12:7

ULT

[7] if service, in the service; if the one teaching, in the teaching;

UST

[7] If {God has gifted you} to serve, you should serve {others}. {If God has gifted you} to teach, you should teach {others}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:8

ULT

[8] if the one encouraging, in the encouragement; the one giving, in generosity; the one leading, in diligence; the one showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

UST

[8] If {God has gifted you} to encourage {others}, you should encourage {others. If God has gifted you} to share {with others}, you should share generously {with others}. {If God has gifted you} to lead {others}, you should lead diligently. {If God has gifted you} to be merciful, you should be cheerfully merciful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:9

ULT
9 {Let} love {be} without hypocrisy, abhoring the wicked, holding on to the good;

UST
9 {You must} love each other genuinely. {You must} detest what is wicked. {You must} retain what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:10

ULT
10 in the love of the brothers, affectionate to one another; in honor, outdoing one another;

UST
10 {You must} act tenderly affectionate toward each other, like fellow believers in the Messiah should love. {You must} try to be the first to honor other {fellow believers in the Messiah}.

How should believers treat one another?
Believers should be affectionate to one another and respect one another.

Romans 12:11

ULT
11 in diligence, not lazy; in the spirit, being eager; serving the Lord;

UST
11 {You must} not remain idle, {but} be diligent. {You must} continue to be enthusiastic. {You must} continue to serve {as if it were} for the Lord {himself}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:12

ULT
12 in the hope, rejoicing; in the suffering, being patient; in the prayer, persisting;

UST
12 {You must} be joyful while hoping {in the Lord}. {You must} endure when distressed. {You must} stay engaged in prayer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:13

ULT
13 in the needs of the saints, sharing; pursuing the hospitality.

UST
13 {You must} contribute to what God's people need. {You must} find opportunities to help strangers who are needy.

How should believers respond to the needs of the saints?
Believers should share in the needs of the saints.

Romans 12:14

ULT
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse;

UST
14 You must {ask God to} bless those who trouble you. {Ask God to} bless them. Do not slander them.

How should believers respond to those who persecute them?
Believers should bless, and not curse, those who persecute them.

Romans 12:15

ULT
15 to rejoice with those who rejoice; to weep with those who weep;

UST
15 You should rejoice with those people who are rejoicing! You should be sad along with those who are sad!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:16

ULT
16 thinking the same {thing} toward one another, not thinking the high {things}, but accepting the lowly {things}. Do not be wise in yourselves;

UST
16 Consider that others are as smart as you. Do not be arrogant about how smart you are, but associate with humble people. Do not consider that you can rely on how smart you are.

How should believers treat lowly people?
Believers should accept lowly people.

Romans 12:17

ULT
17 repaying to no one evil for evil; giving careful thought to good things in the sight of all men;

UST
17 If someone does something evil to you, do not react by doing evil to them. Think deeply about how you can do what is considered excellent by all people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:18

ULT
18 if possible, what {is} from you, living at peace with all men;

UST
18 If you are able, as much as it depends on you, live peacefully with all people.

As much as is possible, what should believers seek with all people?
As much as is possible, believers should seek peace with all people.

Romans 12:19

ULT
19 not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give way to {God's} wrath, for it is written, “‘Vengeance {is} for me; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

UST
19 O beloved people of God, do not retaliate {when someone does something wrong to you}. Instead, wait for God to punish them. Because as the holy scriptures say, ““I will retaliate {when someone does something wrong to you}. It is I who will pay them back, says the Lord.”’

Why should believers not avenge themselves?
Believers should not avenge themselves because vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Romans 12:20

ULT
20 “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. For doing this, you will heap coals of fire on his head.”

UST
20 “Instead {of retaliating}, you should feed your enemy if he is hungry. You should give your enemy something to drink if he is thirsty. Because when you do things like these, {you will hopefully shock him, as if} you were piling up fiery coals on top of his head. {This is so that he would realize that God will punish him if he does not repent.}”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 12:21

ULT
21 Do not be overcome by the evil, but overcome the evil with the good.

UST
21 {In other words,} do not let what is evil conquer you. Instead, conquer what is evil by doing what is good.

How should believers overcome evil?
Believers should overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

Romans 13:1

ULT

[1] Let every soul be subject to governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the existing {authorities} are appointed by God.

UST

[1] Every one of you must submit yourselves to those who are authorized to govern you. This is because no one {can govern} unless God authorizes it. In addition, God has instituted the existing governments.

From where do earthly authorities get their authority?
Earthly authorities are appointed by God, and get their authority from God.

Romans 13:2

ULT

[2] So then, the one who resists {that} authority have opposed the command of God, and the ones who have oppose it will bring judgment on themselves.

UST

[2] This is why people who continue to oppose authorized governments, are opposed what God institutes. And God will condemn those who remain opposed {to what he authorizes}.

What will those receive who oppose the earthly authority?
Those who oppose the earthly authority will receive judgment upon themselves.

Romans 13:3

ULT

[3] For rulers are not a terror to the good deed, but to the evil {deed}. Now do you want to not fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it,

UST

[3] In fact, if people do what is good they have no need to be afraid of those who rule. It is only those who do what is evil that should fear {being punished by} those who rule. If you do not want to fear those who God authorizes to rule, do what is good. Then those who rule will {not punish you,} but commend you.

What does Paul tell believers to do so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority?
Paul tells believers to do what is good so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority.

Romans 13:4

ULT

[4] for he is a servant of God to you for the good. But if you do the evil, fear; for he does not carry the sword in vain, for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath on the one who practices {what is} evil.

UST

[4] This is because those God authorizes to rule {are intended to serve} for the good of the citizens. But if someone does what is evil, they should fear! Indeed, those who rule are not authorized to use force for no good reason. In fact, those who rule are serving God, by avenging and judging anyone who practices what is evil.

What authority has God given rulers in order to suppress evil?

God has given rulers the authority to carry the sword and to punish the one who does evil.

Romans 13:5

ULT

[5] Therefore, {it is} necessary to be subjected not only because of the wrath, but also because of the conscience.

UST

[5] As a result, you are required to submit yourselves to those God authorizes to rule. This is not only true because they can punish you, but also because you are well aware {that to disobey them is to disobey God}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:6

ULT

[6] For because of this you pay taxes also; for they are servants of God, persisting in this very thing.

UST

[6] In fact, this is also the reason why you pay taxes. Because those who God authorizes to rule {are also chosen} to serve the citizens. They constantly devote themselves to this task of serving {what benefits} the citizens.

What authority has God given rulers regarding money?

God has given rulers the authority to require payment of taxes.

Romans 13:7

ULT

[7] Pay back to everyone {your} obligations: tax to whom tax, toll to whom toll, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

UST

[7] Give what you owe to all those who God authorizes to rule. Pay taxes to those who you owe taxes. Pay revenues to those who you owe revenues. Give respect to those who have respected authoritative offices. Give honor to those who have honored authoritative offices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:8

ULT

[8] Owe nothing to no one, except to love one another, for the one who loves {his} neighbor has fulfilled the law.

UST

[8] Pay whatever you owe to whoever you owe it. The only debt you should continue to owe is to love one another. This is because whenever you love another person, you accomplish what God’s law requires.

What is the one thing Paul says believers should owe to others?

Paul says that believers should owe love to others.

How does a believer fulfill the Law?

A believer fulfills the Law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:9

ULT

[9] For this: “You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,” and if any other commandment, it is summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

UST

[9] Because God's law says these things, “You must not practice adultery, you must not murder, you must not rob, you must not lust for what belongs to others.” Anything else God commands in his law you could summarize in this way, “You must lovingly care for those you come in contact with, in the same way you would lovingly care for yourself.”

Which commandments does Paul list as part of the Law?

Paul lists the commandments to not commit adultery, not kill, not steal, and not covet as part of the Law.

Romans 13:10

ULT

10 {This} love does not work evil to a neighbor; therefore, love {is the} fulfillment of {the} law.

UST

10 {This is because} when you lovingly care for those you come in contact with, you can do them no harm. This is why when you lovingly care for those you come in contact with, you accomplish what God's law requires.

How does a believer fulfill the Law?

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Romans 13:11

ULT

11 And this, knowing the time, that {it is} already {the} hour for you [1] to awake from sleep. For now our salvation {is} nearer than when we believed.

UST

11 Besides these things, you know this is the appointed time, that this is already a significantly historic time. So, you must be spiritually alert. Because at this present time, Jesus' return to finally save us is closer than when we first trusted in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 13:12

ULT

12 The night advanced, and the day has come near. Let us therefore put off the works of the darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light.

UST

12 {The end of the world} is fast approaching, {as if it was} late at night {just before the dawn}. The day {when Jesus returns} is close. So, we must reject doing what is evil, like what people do when it is dark. Instead, we must prepare ourselves by doing what is good, like when a soldier puts on his armor during the daylight hours.

What does Paul say believers should put aside, and put on?

Paul says believers should put aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:13

ULT

13 Let us walk decently, as in {the} day, not in drunken celebrations or drunkenness; let us not walk in sexual immorality and uncontrolled lust, not in strife and jealousy.

UST

13 We must behave appropriately, as if it was daytime {and people were watching what we do}. We must not engage in drunken reveling. We must not let lustful desires cause us to commit sexually immoral acts. We must not jealously quarrel.

In what activities are believers not to walk?

Believers are not to walk in wild celebrations, drunkenness, sexual immorality, uncontrolled lust, strife, or jealousy.

Romans 13:14

ULT

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no forethought with regard to desires of the flesh.

13:11 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

14 Instead, you must prepare yourselves to meet the Lord Jesus Christ when he returns, {like a soldier putting on his best armor to greet a general}. You must not concern yourselves with {anything that is related to} what the body lusts after.

What should be the believer's attitude toward the lusts of the flesh?

The believer should make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

Romans 14

Romans 14:1

ULT
1 But accept the one who is weak in the faith, not for passing judgments on opinions.

UST
1 You must accept any fellow believer in the Messiah who is immature. Do not argue with them about matters of opinion.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:2

ULT
2 One person believes to eat anything, but the one who is weak eats vegetables.

UST
2 {There are some people} who are convinced that they can eat all {kinds of food}. But the immature believer in the Messiah {thinks they can} eat {only} vegetables.

What kind of food does a person with stronger faith eat, and what does a person with weaker faith eat?
A person who is stronger in faith eats anything, but a person who is weaker in faith eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:3

ULT
3 Let the one who eats not despise the one who does not eat, and let the one who does not eat not judge the one who eats. For God has accepted him.

UST
3 {The believer in the Messiah} who eats {every kind of food}, must not scorn {his fellow believer} who does not eat {every kind of food. The believer in the Messiah} who does not eat {every kind of food}, must not judge {his fellow believer} who eats {every kind of food}. This is because God accepts him.

What attitude should believers who differ on what they eat have toward one another?
Believers who differ on what they eat should not despise or judge each other.

Who has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables? (vv3-4)
God has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:4

ULT

4 Who are you who judges a household slave belonging to another? To {his} own master he stands or falls. But he will be made to stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

UST

4 Just as the master of a servant is the only one who has the right to judge him, in the same way, only the Lord Jesus has the right to judge his servants. The master places each servant in front of him to judge whether he should vindicate or condemn them. But, since the Lord Jesus is the judge, he is powerful enough to vindicate whoever he chooses{–whether or not they eat only vegetables}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:5

ULT

5 Indeed, one {person} judges day from day, but another person judges every day {alike}. Let each one be fully convinced in {his} own mind.

UST

5 Some people decide that certain days are special, while other people decide that each day is the same. Each person should decide based on however his conscience fully convinces him.

What other issue does Paul mention as being an issue of personal conviction?

Paul mentions as an issue of personal conviction whether one day is valued over another or all days are valued equally.

Romans 14:6

ULT

6 The one who regards the day, regards it for the Lord; and the one who eats, eats for the Lord, for he gives thanks to God, and the one who does not eat, does not eat for the Lord; he also gives thanks to God.

UST

6 The person who is concerned about certain {feast} days, is concerned about them in order to {honor} the Lord {Jesus}. The person who eats {certain foods}, eats in order to {honor} the Lord {Jesus}. This is because he gives thanks to God. The person who refuses to eat {certain foods}, refuses to eat in order to {honor} the Lord {Jesus}. He too is thankful to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:7

ULT

[7] For none of us lives for himself, and none dies for himself.

UST

[7] This is because none of us believers in the Messiah lives to {honor} himself, and none of us believers in the Messiah dies to {honor} himself.

For what do believers live and die? (vv7-8)

Believers live and die for the Lord.

Romans 14:8

ULT

[8] For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or whether we die, we are of the Lord.

UST

[8] Certainly, while we are alive, we must live to {honor} the Lord {Jesus}. When we die, we are going to die to {honor} the Lord {Jesus}. So then, whether we are alive or dead, we belong to the Lord {Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:9

ULT

[9] For to this {purpose} Christ died and lived {again}, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and of the living.

UST

[9] In fact, this is why the Messiah {Jesus} died and {was made} alive: so that he would become Lord over those who are dead and those who are alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:10

ULT

10 But you, why do you judge your brother? And you also, why do you despise your brother? For we will all present ourselves before the judgment seat of God.

UST

10 But, those of you who judge your fellow believers in the Messiah have no right to do this! You also must not scorn your fellow believer in the Messiah! This is because {one day God himself will judge all believers in the Messiah}. We will all have to present ourselves in front of God's place of judgment.

Where will all believers ultimately stand?

All believers will ultimately stand before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:11

ULT

11 For it is written, "'As I live,' says the Lord, 'to me every knee will bend, and every tongue will confess to God.'"

UST

11 Indeed, this is what God says in the holy scriptures, "The Lord says, 'As certainly as I am alive, it is just as certain that every person will bow down and worship me. And every person will acknowledge that I am God.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:12

ULT

12 So then, each one of us will give an account concerning himself to God.

UST

12 So, it is certain that each one of us believers in the Messiah will have to give an answer to God for whatever we do {in this life}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:13

ULT

13 Therefore, let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this: to not place a stumbling block for the brother or a snare.

UST

13 As a result, we must stop judging other people. Instead, we must rather resolve not to do anything that could tempt our fellow believers in the Messiah to sin, or cause them to be offended.

What attitude should a brother have toward another brother on issues of personal conviction?

A brother should not place a stumbling block or a snare for another brother on issues of personal conviction.

Romans 14:14

ULT

14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing {is} unclean by itself, except to the one who considers anything to be unclean, for that one {it is} unclean.

UST

14 I am absolutely convinced as a spokesperson for the Lord Jesus, that believers in the Messiah are permitted to eat any food. If {an immature} believer in the Messiah regards some food as unacceptable to eat, then it is {only} unacceptable for that person to eat it.

Paul is persuaded in the Lord Jesus that which foods are unclean?

Paul is persuaded that no foods are unclean.

Romans 14:15

ULT

15 For if for the sake of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food that one for whom Christ died.

UST

15 Yet, if you grieve an {immature} believer in the Messiah by eating what that person considers unacceptable, you have stopped treating that person lovingly. You must not cause a fellow believer in the Messiah to {stop trusting in God and} come to {potential spiritual} ruin–{all} because {you want to eat certain kinds} of food! {Remember, this is a person} who the Messiah Jesus died to save!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:16

ULT
16 So do not allow your good to be blasphemed.

UST
16 So then, you must not contribute to having anyone slander the good that all of you believers in the Messiah possess.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:17

ULT
17 For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

UST
17 This is because God's kingdom is not characterized by eating and drinking. Instead, God's kingdom is characterized by living rightly {with God}, living peacefully {with each other}, and living joyfully {with the Holy Spirit}.

About what is the kingdom of God?
The kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:18

ULT
18 For the one who serves Christ in this way {is} well-pleasing to God and approved by men.

UST
18 Because {any} believer who serves the Messiah {Jesus} by doing these things greatly pleases God, and {other} people will {also} approve how that believer serves the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:19

ULT
19 So then, let us pursue the things of peace and the things of the building up {that are} for one another.

UST
19 This is why we must strive to live peacefully and {spiritually} support each one our fellow believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:20

ULT

20 Do not tear down the work of God on account of food. All things {are} indeed clean, but {it is} evil for the man who eats through a stumbling block.

UST

20 You must not jeopardize the work God has done in the lives of your fellow believers in the Messiah {by causing them} to stop trusting in God and} come to {potential spiritual} ruin–{all} because {you want to eat certain kinds} of food! Even though all {kinds of food} are acceptable {to eat}, yet if when you eat those foods it tempts your fellow believer to sin, your eating causes them harm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:21

ULT

21 {It is} good not to eat meat, nor to drink wine, nor {anything} by which your brother takes offense or is caused to stumble or becomes weak. *[1]*

UST

21 {In fact,} it is better not to eat meat {at all}, or drink wine–or {do} anything that could tempt your fellow believer in the Messiah to sin, or could offend that person, or could contribute to that person remaining spiritually immature.

What does Paul say a brother should do in the presence of another brother who does not eat meat or drink wine?

Paul says it is good if the brother does not eat meat or drink wine in the presence of the other brother.

Romans 14:22

ULT

22 {The} faith that you yourself have, keep according to yourself before God. Blessed {is} the one who does not judge himself in what he approves.

UST

22 What you believe {is right to eat and drink}, is between you and God. How happy is the person who does what he is convinced is right without feeling guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 14:23

ULT

23 But the one who passes judgment is condemned if he eats, because {it is} not from faith. And all that {is} not from faith is sin.
14:21 [1]

UST

23 On the other hand, if someone eats but doubts that it is right to do so, that person has actually condemned himself! This is because a person must {only} eat because he believes it is right to do so. In fact, a person must do everything only if he believes it is right to do so, or else that person is {actually} sinning.

What is the result if a person does not act from faith?

Whatever actions are not taken from faith are sin.

Romans 15

Romans 15:1

ULT

[1] Now we who {are} able ought to bear the weaknesses of the ones who are unable, and not to please ourselves.

UST

[1] Indeed, we believers in the Messiah who are strong are obligated to help support our fellow believers in the Messiah who are weak and immature. We must not {only} try to please ourselves.

What attitude should believers with strong faith have toward those with weak faith? (vv1-2)

Believers with strong faith should bear the weaknesses of those with weak faith, in order to build them up.

Romans 15:2

ULT

[2] Let each of us please {his} neighbor for {his} good, toward {his} building up.

UST

[2] Each one of us believers in the Messiah {is obligated to try} to please his fellow believers by doing what is good {for them, and} in order to {spiritually} support {them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:3

ULT

[3] For even Christ did not please himself. Instead, just as it is written, “The insults of those who insult you fell on me.”

UST

[3] Indeed, not even the Messiah {Jesus} tried to please himself! Instead, {he lived to please others}. This is exactly what the holy scriptures mean when they say, ”The people keep trying to disgrace you {O God} by saying disgraceful things against me!”

Who is the example Paul uses of one who did not live to please himself, but served others?

Christ did not live to please himself, but served others.

Romans 15:4

ULT

4 For whatever was previously written was written for {our} own instruction, in order that through the patience and through the encouragement of the scriptures we would have the hope.

UST

4 Indeed, all the words written beforehand in the holy scriptures were written in order to teach us. This was so that we believers in the Messiah could be confident, because what God promises in the holy scriptures helps us endure and encourages us.

What was one of the purposes of the scriptures written previously?

The scriptures written previously were written for our instruction.

Romans 15:5

ULT

5 Now may the God of patience and of encouragement grant you to think the same with each other according to Christ Jesus,

UST

5 I pray that God will allow you to patiently {endure} and will encourage you to focus together on {what God promises for his people}. This is what the Messiah Jesus desires.

What does Paul desire for the believers through their exercise of patience and encouragement with each other?

Paul desires that the believers be of the same mind with each other.

Romans 15:6

ULT

6 so that with one accord you might glorify with one mouth the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

6 {I pray this} so that, by being united what you intend to do and in what you say, all of you would glorify God, {who according to Jesus' divine nature is} the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:7

ULT

7 Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted you, to {the} glory of God.

UST

7 This is why all of you must accept your fellow believers in the Messiah, in the same way as the Messiah {Jesus} also accepted you. If you do this, it will cause others to glorify God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:8

ULT

8 For I say that Christ has become a servant of {the} circumcision because of the truth of God, to confirm the promises of the fathers,

UST

8 Indeed, I{, Paul,} say that God has sent the Messiah {Jesus} to serve the circumcised Jews, in order to show how trustworthy God is to secure what he promised to the Patriarchs {Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob}.

Who is the example Paul uses of one who did not live to please himself, but served others? (vv8-9)

Christ did not live to please himself, but served others.

Romans 15:9

ULT

9 and also for the Gentiles to glorify God because of {his} mercy, just as it is written, “For this {reason}, I will confess you among {the} Gentiles and sing psalms to your name.”

UST

9 {God also sent Jesus} so that the nations would glorify God because he is so merciful. This is exactly what the holy scriptures mean when they say, ”Because {you are so merciful God,} I will confess you among the nations and I will sing psalms to {glorify} your name.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:10

ULT

10 And again it says, “Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.”

UST

10 The holy scriptures also say in another passage, “Celebrate along with God’s people, O nations!”

What do the scriptures say the Gentiles will do because of God’s mercy toward them? (vv10-11)

The scriptures say the Gentiles will rejoice and praise the Lord.

Romans 15:11

ULT

11 And again, “Praise the Lord, all {you} Gentiles; and let all the peoples extol him.”

UST

11 In yet another passage of the holy scriptures it says, “All the nations, praise the Lord! All the peoples commend him!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:12

ULT

12 And again, Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even the one who rises to rule over {the} Gentiles; in him {the} Gentiles will hope.”

UST

12 {The Prophet} Isaiah says in another passage of the holy scriptures, “The {promised} descendant of {King David’s father} Jesse will be born, the king who will emerge to rule over the nations. God will assure the nations {who trust} in this descendant of Jesse.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:13

ULT

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you might abound in {this} hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

UST

13 I pray that the God who assures {his people of what he promises} will cause you to be completely overjoyed and live peacefully as you trust in him! I pray that God will cause you to be excessively assured {of what he promises} as the Holy Spirit enables you to trust in God.

What does Paul say the believers will be able to do by the power of the Holy Spirit?

The believers will be filled with joy and peace, and will abound in confidence.

Romans 15:14

ULT

14 But I myself am also persuaded about you, my brothers, that also you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to instruct one another.

UST

14 In fact, my fellow believers in the Messiah, I am also personally persuaded that each and every one of you are completely kind {to others}. Since God has also caused you to fully understand how to be able to instruct others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:15

ULT

15 But I wrote more boldly to you partly as reminding you, because of the grace given me by God,

UST

15 It is true that I wrote more bluntly to you {who are at Rome} about certain things in order to remind you. This is because God has given me {this task} through his gracious {Holy Spirit}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:16

ULT

16 in order for me to be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, offering as a priest the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles might become well-pleasing, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

UST

16 so that I can liturgically serve on behalf of the Messiah Jesus for the sake of the nations' {salvation. In the same way} as a priest would {dedicate a sacrifice}, I am serving as a priest for God's good news, so that I can offer the Gentiles to God as if they are a well-pleasing sacrifice. Like when a sacrifice is set apart for what God desires, similarly the the Holy Spirit sets apart the nations for what God desires for them.

What gift did God give Paul, which is Paul's mission?

Paul's mission is to be a servant of Christ Jesus sent to the Gentiles.

Romans 15:17

ULT

17 Therefore, in Christ Jesus I have a boast {about} the {things} pertaining to God.

UST

17 So then, as an authorized representative of the Messiah Jesus, I have good reasons to boast about the things God is doing through me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:18

ULT

18 For I will not dare to speak anything {except} what Christ produced through me for the obedience of the Gentiles—by word and deed,

UST

18 Indeed, I would not be so audacious to say anything–{not about any} word or deed–as it relates to those things that the Messiah has not produced through what I have done, {that has led} to the nations obediently {trusting in God's good news}!

By what means has Christ worked through Paul to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles? (vv18-19)

Christ has worked through Paul by word and action, by the power of signs and wonders, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:19

ULT

19 in {the} power of signs and wonders, in {the} power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem, and round about as far as Illyricum, I have fulfilled the gospel of Christ;

UST

19 {The Messiah Jesus produced} powerful miracles and worked wonderful signs as God's {Holy} Spirit enabled me! As a result, I have thoroughly proclaimed the good news about the Messiah {Jesus all the way} from Jerusalem and in a circle, as far {north of Rome} as the {region of} Illyricum.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:20

ULT

20 but in this way, counting it honor to proclaim the gospel, not where Christ has been named, in order that I might not build upon another man's foundation.

UST

20 And so, I aspire to proclaim the good news where people have never heard of the Messiah {Jesus}. This is in order that I would not interfere with another apostle's work, as if I was building a house where another person had already laid the foundation.

Where does Paul desire to proclaim the gospel? (vv20-21)

Paul desires to proclaim the gospel where Christ is not known by name.

Romans 15:21

ULT

21 But just as it is written: "To those whom it was not reported concerning him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."

UST

21 Indeed, this is exactly what the holy scriptures mean when they say, "What the people never heard announced about him, they will see. The people who have not heard {what was reported} will {still} understand."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:22

ULT
22 Therefore, I was also prevented {these} many times from coming to you.

UST
22 Because {I aspire to proclaim the good news where people have never heard of the Messiah {Jesus}, this also thwarted me from visiting all of you at Rome, again and again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:23

ULT
23 But now, no longer having a place in these regions, and having a longing from a considerable {number} of years to come to you,

UST
23 Yet at this present time, I have nowhere left to go in these regions {to proclaim the good news}, and I have deeply desired to visit you for a considerable number of years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:24

ULT
24 whenever I travel to Spain, I indeed hope, passing through, to see you, and to be sent ahead there by you, if I might first be satisfied for a while by you.

UST
24 Because, whenever I travel to Spain, I expect to visit you while passing through. {Hopefully,} after we first spend some quality time together, then from there you can send me on ahead {with provisions}.

Where does Paul plan to travel that will also allow him to come to Rome?
Paul plans to travel to Spain, which will also allow him to come to Rome.

Romans 15:25

ULT
25 But now I am traveling to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.

UST
25 Yet, at the present time, I am traveling to Jerusalem in order to serve God's people {there}.

Why is Paul now going to Jerusalem?
Paul is now going to Jerusalem to serve the believers there.

Romans 15:26

ULT
26 For Macedonia and Achaia were well-pleased to make a certain contribution to the poor of the saints in Jerusalem.

UST
26 This is because churches in the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia thought it was appropriate to collect shared funds to help the poor people of God who live in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:27

ULT
27 Indeed, they were pleased, and they are obligated to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are obligated also to minister to them in material things.

UST
27 Certainly, they thought it was appropriate, and they are also obligated {to help}. This is because the nations spiritually benefit by sharing in what God promised to the Jews. So, they are obligated also to contribute to serving God's people when they are physically needy.

Why does Paul say the Gentile believers owe the Jewish believers material things?
The Gentiles believers owe the Jewish believers material things because the Gentile believers have shared in the spiritual things of the Jewish believers.

Romans 15:28

ULT

28 Therefore, having completed this and having sealed this fruit to them, I will go away through you to Spain.

UST

28 So then, after I finish collecting these funds, and securely deliver these {spiritual} offerings to the church in Jerusalem, I will pass through {your city} on my way to Spain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:29

ULT

29 But I know that coming to you, I will come in {the} fullness of {the} blessing of Christ.

UST

29 I know that when I visit you, the Messiah {Jesus} will fully bless our time together!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:30

ULT

30 Now I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in the prayers to God for me,

UST

30 Now, my fellow believers in the Messiah, I appeal to you as an authorized representative of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, and because of how much I love you since we are united in the {Holy} Spirit. Please join me to fight in prayer and pray to God for me when you come together as a church.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:31

ULT

31 so that I might be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and so that my service that {is} for Jerusalem might be very acceptable to the saints;

UST

31 {I ask for your prayers} so that God will rescue me from the unbelieving Jews living in Judea. {I also need your prayers} so that God's people in Jerusalem will readily accept {the funds} I {am delivering in order to} serve them.

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?

Paul wishes to be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea.

Romans 15:32

ULT

32 so that I might come to you in joy through the will of God, {and} might be refreshed together with you.

UST

32 {I also ask for your prayers} so that I can joyfully visit you as God desires, and so that we can mutually revive each other's trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 15:33

ULT

33 Now the God of peace {be} with you all. Amen.

UST

33 Finally, {I pray that} God will cause you to live peacefully {and} sustain all of you. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16

Romans 16:1

ULT

1 Now I commend to you Phoebe our sister, also being a servant of the church which {is} in Cenchrea,

UST

1 I, {Paul,} am introducing to you our fellow believer in the Messiah whose name is Phoebe. She also serves at the church in the town of Cenchrea {that is near the city of Corinth}.

What has sister Phoebe become to Paul? (vv1-2)

Sister Phoebe has become a helper of Paul, and of many others.

Romans 16:2

ULT

2 in order that you might welcome her in the Lord, in a manner worthy of the saints, and might stand by her in whatever matter she might have need of you. For she has also become a patroness of many, and of myself as well.

UST

2 {I am introducing Phoebe} so that you would welcome her as a representative of the Lord {Jesus}. I want you to honor her as is appropriate for those who are set apart {to serve God}. {Please} assist her in whatever way and with anything she might need from you. This is because she has benefited many people, including me personally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:3

ULT

3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

UST

3 Send my greetings to Priscilla and her husband Aquila. They worked alongside me as those who represent the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:4

ULT

4 who for the sake of my life laid down {their} own neck. To them not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles,

UST

4 They risked having their own heads chopped off {by the Roman authorities} in order to save my life. Both I and all the churches among the nations are thankful for them.

What have Prisca and Aquila done for Paul in the past?

Prisca and Aquila have risked their lives for Paul in the past.

Romans 16:5

ULT

5 and the church {based in} their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is {the} firstfruit of Asia for Christ.

UST

5 Also, send my greetings to the church that meets in their home. Send my greetings to Epaenetus whom I love. He is the first person to believe in the Messiah {Jesus} from the province of Asia {Minor}.

Where is one place the believers are meeting in Rome?

The believers in Rome are meeting in the house of Prisca and Aquila.

Romans 16:6

ULT

6 Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.

UST

6 Send my greetings to Mary, who has labored on behalf of you in many ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:7

ULT

[7] Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners who are prominent among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me.

UST

[7] Send my greetings to Andronicus and Junia, who are my close relatives. I was imprisoned with them as well. They are distinguished apostles {of the Messiah Jesus}. They were also united to the Messiah prior to me.

What experience have Andronicus and Junias shared with Paul in the past?
Andronicus and Junias have been fellow prisoners with Paul in the past.

Romans 16:8

ULT

[8] Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.

UST

[8] Send my greetings to Ampliatus, whom I love, {and} who is united to the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:9

ULT

[9] Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

UST

[9] Send my greetings to Urbanus. He works together with those of us who are authorized to represent the Messiah. Also, send my greetings to Stachys, whom I love.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:10

ULT

[10] Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who {are} from the {household} of Aristobulus.

UST

[10] Send my greetings to Apelles, who God approved to represent the Messiah {Jesus}. Send my greetings to the {believers in the Messiah} who live in the household of Aristobulus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:11

ULT

11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those from the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.

UST

11 Send my greetings to my close relative Herodion. Send my greetings to those united to the Lord {Jesus} who live in the household of Narcissus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:12

ULT

12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who work hard in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked much in the Lord.

UST

12 Send my greetings to Tryphaena and Tryphosa, these ladies labor as they represent the Lord {Jesus}. Send my greetings to Persis, whom I love. She has labored in many ways as she represents the Lord {Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:13

ULT

13 Greet Rufus, the elect in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

UST

13 Send my greetings to Rufus, who the Lord {Jesus} chose to represent him. Also {send greetings} to his mother. I also consider her to be like a mother to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:14

ULT

14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who {are} with them.

UST

14 Send my greetings to Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and our fellow believers in the Messiah who {meet} together with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:15

ULT
15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who {are} with them.

UST
15 Send my greetings to Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas, and to all God's people who meet together with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:16

ULT
16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

UST
16 When you meet together {for worship}, affectionately greet each {of your fellow believers in the Jesus the Messiah} in a way that is appropriate for those who belong to God. All of the churches that are united to {Jesus} the Messiah send you greetings!

How do the believers greet one another?
The believers greet one another with a holy kiss.

Romans 16:17

ULT
17 Now I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who are causing divisions and obstacles, contrary to the teaching that you have learned, and turn away from them.

UST
17 My fellow believers in the Messiah, I now exhort you to watch out for those who try to divide and confuse you {with their false teachings}, so that you will reject what I taught you {to do}. Stay away from them!

What does Paul tell the believers to do with those causing divisions and stumbling?
Paul tells the believers to turn away from those causing divisions and stumbling.

What are some doing, which is causing divisions and stumbling? (vv17-18)
Some are going beyond the teaching they have learned, deceiving the hearts of the innocent.

Romans 16:18

ULT

18 For ones such as these are not enslaved to our Lord Christ, but to {their} own stomach, and through {their} smooth speech and flattery they deceive the hearts of the innocent.

UST

18 Indeed, people like this are not serving our Lord {Jesus} the Messiah! Instead, they are enslaved to what they crave to eat. These deceivers speak so kindly and talk so convincingly that they trick those who innocently desire God {to believe what is false}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:19

ULT

19 For your obedience reaches to everyone. I rejoice, therefore, over you, but I want you to be wise as to the good, but innocent as to the evil.

UST

19 Indeed, {believers in the Messiah} everywhere have heard about how you obey {God}. Since this is true, I am overjoyed because of you! Certainly, I desire that you are able to wisely discern what is good, and remain untainted by what is bad.

What attitude does Paul want the believers to have toward good and evil?

Paul wants the believers to be wise to that which is good, and innocent to that which is evil.

Romans 16:20

ULT

20 Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet with haste. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with you.

UST

20 It is certain that God, who gives {his people} peace, will quickly {make you victorious as you struggle to do what is good, as if} you were trampling Satan {himself} under your feet! May our Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to} show you how kind he is!

What will the God of peace be doing soon?

The God of peace will soon be crushing Satan under the believers' feet.

Romans 16:21

ULT
21 Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, greet you.

UST
21 Timothy, who works alongside me, sends you his greetings. My close relatives: Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, send their greetings as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:22

ULT
22 I, Tertius, who wrote {this} epistle, greet you in the Lord.

UST
22 I, Tertius, who am writing this letter as a spokesperson for Lord {Jesus}, send you my greetings.

Who actually wrote down this epistle?
Tertius actually wrote down this epistle.

Romans 16:23

ULT
23 Gaius, the host for me and for the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the steward of the city, greets you, and Quartus the brother.

UST
23 Gaius, who hosts me as well as the whole church {at Corinth}, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who administrates the finances for the city {of Corinth}, and Quartus, {our} fellow believer in the Messiah, send you their greetings.

What occupation does the believer Erastus have?
Erastus is the treasurer of the city.

Romans 16:24

ULT

24[1] [The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with all of you. Amen.]

UST

24[1] [May our Lord Jesus the Messiah show all of you how kind he is. Amen!]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Romans 16:25

ULT

25 Now to the one who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to {the} revelation of {the} mystery, kept secret for long ages,

UST

25 {I pray that} God powerfully strengthens you {as you trust} in the good news I proclaim and what I preach about Jesus the Messiah. God has now revealed this mysterious {plan} about Jesus the Messiah, although he had remained silent about this {plan} in ancient times.

What revelation that had been kept secret from long ago is Paul now preaching? (vv25-26)

Paul is now preaching the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:26

ULT

26 but now having been revealed through {the} prophetic writings, according to {the} command of the eternal God, to the obedience of faith, having been made known to all the nations,

UST

26 Indeed, now God shows that his prophets wrote about this mysterious plan {in the holy scriptures}. The eternal God discloses what he decreed to all the nations that they would become obedient to God by trusting {in Jesus the Messiah}.

For what purpose is Paul preaching?

Paul is preaching for the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles.

Romans 16:27

ULT

27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom {be} the glory to eternity. Amen.
16:24 [1]

UST

27 May {all the nations} glorify God forever, he who alone is wise, because of what Jesus the Messiah has done for us. May it be so!
16:24 [1]

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1

1 Corinthians 1:1

ULT

1 Paul, called {to be} an apostle of Christ Jesus by {the} will of God, and Sosthenes the brother,

UST

1 {I,} Paul, {write this letter to you,} and Sosthenes our fellow believer {is with me}. God chose to send me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God wanted.

Who called Paul and what was he called to be?
Jesus Christ called Paul to be an apostle.

1 Corinthians 1:2

ULT

2 to the church of God {that} is in Corinth, having been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all the ones in every place calling on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, theirs and ours.

UST

2 {I send this letter} to {you who are part of} the groups of believers belonging to God, which are in the city of Corinth. {God has} set {you} apart for himself by uniting you to the Messiah Jesus, and {he has} chosen {you} to be his own people. {You are} part of the group of believers who worship our Lord Jesus the Messiah in many countries and cities. {Jesus the Messiah is} their {Lord} and our {Lord}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:3

ULT
3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST
3 {May} God, {who is} our Father, and the Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to be} kind to you and {make you} peaceful.

What does Paul desire the church at Corinth to receive from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?
Paul desires that they may have grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:4

ULT
4 I always give thanks to my God for you because of the grace of God, the one having been given to you in Christ Jesus.

UST
4 I often thank my God about you. {I do this} because {I know how} God is acting kindly towards you by uniting you to the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:5

ULT
5 For in everything you were made rich in him, in all word and all knowledge,

UST
5 {When I say that God has acted kindly towards you, I mean} that he has abundantly blessed you by uniting you to the Messiah in every area {of your lives}, including whatever you say and whatever you know.

How has God made the church at Corinth rich?
God has made them rich in every way, in all speech and with all knowledge.

1 Corinthians 1:6

ULT

6 just as the testimony of Christ has been confirmed among you,

UST

6 {God has blessed you} because he has proved to you that what we told you about the Messiah was true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:7

ULT

7 so that you do not lack in any gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

7 {God has done these things for you} so that you are completely equipped spiritually {during this time when you} confidently expect our Lord Jesus the Messiah to return.

What did the church at Corinth not lack?

They did not lack any spiritual gift.

1 Corinthians 1:8

ULT

8 who will also confirm you to {the} end, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

8 {Just as he proved our message to be true,} God will also prove your trust {in the Messiah} true until {your earthly lives} end. {Because of this,} he will judge you not guilty when our Lord Jesus the Messiah returns {to earth}.

Why will God strengthen the church at Corinth to the end?

He will do this so that they will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:9

ULT

[9] God {is} faithful, by whom you were called into {the} fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

UST

[9] God always does what he promises, {and he is the one} who has specially chosen you to share everything with his Son, Jesus the Messiah, our Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:10

ULT

[10] Now I urge you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same {thing} and {that} there might not be divisions among you, but {that} you might be joined together in the same mind and in the same purpose.

UST

[10] My fellow believers, as one whom our Lord Jesus the Messiah has authorized, I appeal to you, {asking} that all of you agree with one another. {I ask that} you do not split up into rival groups but that you reconcile with each other by agreeing in what you think and by agreeing in what you decide to do.

What does Paul urge the Church at Corinth to do?

Paul urges them to all agree and for there to be no divisions among them and that they be joined together with the same mind and by the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:11

ULT

[11] For it was made clear to me concerning you, my brothers, by {those} of Chloe, that there are factions among you.

UST

[11] {I appeal to you} because some {members} of Chloe's {household} have talked to me about you, my fellow believers. {They said} that you quarrel among yourselves.

What did Chloe's people report to Paul?

Chloe's people reported to Paul that factions had developed among the people of the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 1:12

ULT
12 Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.”

UST
12 What I am talking about is how many of you are claiming that you belong to Paul’s group, for example, or that you belong to Apollos’ group, or that you belong to Cephas’ group, or that you belong to the Messiah’s group.

What did Paul mean by factions?
Paul meant this: Each one of you says, “I am with Paul,” or “I am with Apollos,” or “I am with Cephas,” or “I am with Christ.”

1 Corinthians 1:13

ULT
13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

UST
13 No one has split the Messiah into pieces{, so you also should not split into pieces}. No one crucified Paul in your behalf, and no one baptized you so that you belong to Paul.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:14

ULT
14 I thank {God} that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

UST
14 I give thanks {to God} that I baptized no people who belong to your group except for {two individuals:} Crispus and Gaius.

Why does Paul thank God that he baptized none of them except Crispus and Gaius? (vv14-15)
Paul thanks God for this because this would give them no occasion to say that they were baptized into Paul’s name.

1 Corinthians 1:15

ULT

15 so that no one might say that you were baptized into my name.

UST

15 Because {I baptized so few of you,} no person is able to claim that I baptized you, so that you belong to my group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:16

ULT

16 (Now I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know if I baptized any others.)

UST

16 Oh yes, I remember that I also baptized those who live in the house of Stephanas. Other than that, I do not think that I baptized any other people {in your group}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:17

ULT

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to proclaim the gospel—not with wise speech so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied.

UST

17 The reason {I baptized so few of you} is that the Messiah did not commission me to baptize {people}. Rather, {he commissioned me} to proclaim the good news. {I do this} without using words that are wise {by human standards}. That way, I do not destroy {the power of the message about} the Messiah dying on the cross.

What did Christ send Paul to do?

Christ sent Paul to preach the gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:18

ULT

18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to the ones perishing, but to us, the ones being saved, it is {the} power of God.

UST

18 {I do not use wise words,} because the message that I proclaim about {the death of the Messiah on} the cross sounds foolish to people who are bringing destruction on themselves. However, God works powerfully in this message for us whom he is rescuing.

What is the message of the cross to those who are dying?

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying.

What is the message of the cross among those whom God is saving?

It is the power of God among those whom God is saving.

1 Corinthians 1:19

ULT

19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will frustrate the understanding of the intelligent.”

UST

19 {You can tell that this is true,} because the prophet Isaiah wrote, “I will render useless the wise things that wise people think, and I will make the intelligent things that intelligent people think worthless.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:20

ULT

20 Where {is} {the} wise person? Where {is} {the} scholar? Where {is} {the} debater of this age? Has not God turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness?

UST

20 {So then,} wise people are not really wise, and experts are not really experts, and people who are good at arguing are not really good at it, as they all belong to the current world system. {In fact,} God has shown that what seems to be wise in this current world is not wise at all.

Into what has God turned the wisdom of the world?

God has turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:21

ULT

21 For since in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save the ones believing through the foolishness of the preaching.

UST

21 Here is how {God has done this}. Just as God wisely chose, unbelievers did not get to know God by means of their wise thinking. So, God decided to rescue those who have faith {in the Messiah} by means of the foolish message that believers proclaim.

Why did it please God to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching?
It pleased God to do this because the world in its wisdom did not know God.

1 Corinthians 1:22

ULT

22 For indeed, Jews ask for signs and Greeks seek wisdom.

UST

22 On the one hand, {many} Jewish people want to see powerful deeds. On the other hand, {many} Greek people search for wise thinking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:23

ULT

23 But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.

UST

23 We, however, proclaim that the Messiah died on a cross. {Many} Jewish people {find this message} offensive, and {many} non-Jewish people {think that this message is} foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:24

ULT

24 But to them, the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ {is} {the} power of God and {the} wisdom of God.

UST

24 We, however, whom God has chosen, whether {we are} Jewish {people} or Greek {people}, have learned that God works powerfully and wisely through {this message about} the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:25

ULT

25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God {is} stronger than men.

UST

25 {This is} because what God does that seems foolish is wiser than {anything that} humans {do}, and what God does that seems weak is stronger than {anything that} humans {do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:26

ULT

26 For consider your calling, brothers, that not many {were} wise according to {the} flesh, not many {were} powerful, {and} not many {were} of noble birth.

UST

26 For {proof that this is so,} think about the fact that God chose you {the way you are}, fellow believers. From a human perspective, most of you did not think wisely, do powerful deeds, {or} belong to important families.

How many who were wise by human standards or powerful or of noble birth did God call?
God didn’t call many who were like that.

1 Corinthians 1:27

ULT

27 But God chose the foolish {things} of the world in order that he might shame the wise, and God chose the weak {things} of the world in order that he might shame the strong,

UST

27 Rather, God decided to use what seems foolish to humans to humble those who think wisely. God decided to use what seems weak to humans to humble those people and things that act powerfully.

Why did God choose the foolish things of the world and what is weak in the world?

He did this to shame the wise and to shame what is strong.

1 Corinthians 1:28

ULT

28 and God chose the base {things} and the despised {things} of the world, {and} the {things that} are not, in order that he might bring to nothing the {things that} are,

UST

28 God decided to use what seems unimportant to people and what people look down on. {It is as if} these things do not {even} exist, {but God decided to use them} to make the things that everyone knows about insignificant.

What did God do so that no one would have reason to boast before him? (vv28-29)

God chose what is low and despised in the world and even things that are regarded as nothing.

1 Corinthians 1:29

ULT

29 so that no flesh might boast before God.

UST

29 {God did these things with the goal} that no humans would say great things about themselves in God's sight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 1:30

ULT

30 But because of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made for us wisdom from God, righteousness, and also sanctification and redemption,

UST

30 It is God who has united you to the Messiah Jesus. By working through the Messiah, God has made us wise. He has declared us innocent, chosen us to be his own people, and delivered us {from evil powers}.

Why were the believers in Christ Jesus?

They were in Christ Jesus because of what God did.

What did Christ Jesus become for us?

He became for us wisdom from God—our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:31

ULT

31 so that, just as it is written, “Let the one boasting, boast in {the} Lord.”

UST

31 So, {because God is the one who does all these things, we should do what} the prophet Jeremiah wrote: “If people want to say great things about something, they should say those great things about the Lord.”

If we are going to boast, in whom should we boast?

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2

1 Corinthians 2:1

ULT

1 And I, brothers, having come to you, did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God. *[1]*

UST

1 My fellow believers, I also {acted according to this pattern} when I visited you and told you about what God has now revealed to us. I did not speak in more powerful ways than others do. I did not argue in wiser ways than others do.

In what manner did Paul come to the Corinthians when he proclaimed the mystery of God?

Paul did not come with elegant speech or wisdom when he proclaimed the mystery of God.

1 Corinthians 2:2

ULT

2 For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

UST

2 {I did this} because I chose {to speak and act as if} the only things I understood while I was with you were Jesus the Messiah and how he died on the cross.

What did Paul decide to know when he was among the Corinthians?

Paul decided to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:3

ULT

3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

UST

3 I also {lived according to this pattern} when I was staying with you. I was sick, I was afraid, and I frequently shivered and shook.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:4

ULT

4 And my word and my proclamation {were} not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of {the} Spirit and of power,

UST

4 I did not speak wisely and persuasively {according to human standards} when I talked {to you} and shared my message {with you}. Instead, I proved that God's Spirit works powerfully {through me when I shared my message}.

Why was Paul's word and his proclamation done with the demonstration of the Spirit and of power rather than with persuasive words of wisdom? (vv4-5)
This was so that their faith might not be in the wisdom of humans, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5

ULT

5 so that your faith might not be in {the} wisdom of men but in {the} power of God.

UST

5 {I shared my message in this way} in order that you might trust {in God} because he acts powerfully, not because humans spoke wise words {to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:6

ULT

6 Now we speak wisdom among the mature, but not wisdom of this age nor of the rulers of this age, the ones passing away.

UST

6 Despite {what I have said,} we {who proclaim the good news} do speak wisely when we are with spiritually mature people. However, people who think only in human ways and people who rule right now do not think that we speak wisely. {Soon,} these people will no longer rule.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:7

ULT

7 Instead, we speak {the} wisdom of God {that} has been hidden in a mystery that God predestined before the ages for our glory,

UST

7 No, we speak wisely {because we proclaim} the things that God has revealed to us. God concealed these things {until now}, although he had already decided to do them before he created anything. {He has done all of this} so that he might honor us.

What wisdom did Paul and those with him speak?

They spoke God's wisdom hidden in mystery–the hidden wisdom that God predestined before the ages for our glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8

ULT

8 which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had understood {it}, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

UST

8 The people who rule right now did not know about these wise things. {You can tell that} they did not know, because they killed our glorious Lord on the cross.

If the rulers of Paul's time had known God's wisdom, what would they not have done?

If those rulers had known God's wisdom, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:9

ULT

9 But just as it is written, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and has not arisen in the heart of man, these {things} God has prepared for the one loving him."

UST

9 Rather, {how they acted} fits with what the prophet Isaiah wrote: "God has ready for the people who love him things that no one witnessed before and things that no one heard about before and things that no human even imagined before."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:10

ULT

10 For God revealed them to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the deep {things} of God.

UST

10 God has made these things known to us by the {power of God's} Spirit. {God works by the power of his Spirit} because God's Spirit explores all people and things. He even explores things about God that are very difficult to understand.

How did Paul and those with him know God's wisdom?

God revealed those things to them through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:11

ULT

11 For who among men knows the {things} of a man except the spirit of the man {that is} within him? So also, no one knows the {things} of God except the Spirit of God.

UST

11 {You can tell that God's Spirit explores everything about God,} because everyone knows that only each human being understands everything about himself or herself. In the same way, only God's Spirit understands everything about God.

Who knows the deep things of God?

Only the Spirit of God knows the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

ULT

12 But we did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, so that we might know the {things} freely given to us by God.

UST

12 We did indeed receive the Spirit who comes from God. We did not receive a spirit that belongs to the current world. {We received God's Spirit} in order that we might understand everything that God has done for us.

What is one reason that Paul and those with him received the Spirit who is from God?

They received the Spirit who is from God so that they might know the things freely given to them by God.

1 Corinthians 2:13

ULT

13 And we speak these {things} not in words taught by human wisdom but in {those} taught by {the} Spirit, combining spiritual things with spiritual words.

UST

13 These are the very things that we also talk about. We do not use words that humans wisely teach. Instead, we use words that the Spirit teaches, so that we explain spiritual truths with spiritual words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:14

ULT

14 But {the} natural person does not receive the {things} of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

UST

14 Now, people who do not have God's Spirit reject the things that God's Spirit gives and teaches. {They reject these things,} because they think that they are foolish. They cannot know about {the things that God's Spirit gives and teaches,} because only people who have God's Spirit can judge rightly about them.

Why can't the unspiritual person receive or know the things that belong to the Spirit of God?

The unspiritual person can't receive them because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:15

ULT

15 But the spiritual one discerns all {things}, but he himself is discerned by no one.

UST

15 On the other hand, people who have God's Spirit {can} judge rightly about everything. However, no {other} person {can} judge rightly about them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 2:16

ULT

16 “For who has known {the} mind of {the} Lord—who will instruct him?” But we have {the} mind of Christ.
2:1 *[1]*

UST

16 This fits with {what the scripture says}: “No human knows what the Lord is thinking. No human can teach him about anything.” We, however, can think the same things that the Messiah is thinking.

Whose mind did Paul say the ones who believed in Jesus have?

Paul said they have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3

1 Corinthians 3:1

ULT
1 And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly, as to infants in Christ.

UST
1 My fellow believers, {when I visited you,} I was unable to teach you in the way I would teach people who have God's Spirit. Rather, {I had to teach you} in the way I would teach people who think only in human ways. {I had to do this} because you believed in the Messiah in an immature way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:2

ULT
2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able. Indeed, even now, you are not able.

UST
2 I taught you about things that are simple. I did not teach about things that are complex. {I did this} because you were not ready for complex teachings. In fact, you are still not ready for complex teachings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:3

ULT
3 For you are still fleshly. For where {there is} jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and walking according to men?

UST
3 {I know that you are not ready for complex teachings,} because you are still people who think only in human ways. Some of you are jealous of each other, and some of you are fighting with each other. When you do these things, it proves that you are people who think only in human ways and who act only in human ways.

Why did Paul say the Corinthian believers were still fleshly?
Paul said they were still fleshly because jealousy and strife existed among them.

1 Corinthians 3:4

ULT

4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not men?

UST

4 Further, some of you are claiming that you belong to Paul’s group, for example, or that you belong to Apollos’s group. When you make claims like these, it proves that you are thinking and acting only in human ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:5

ULT

5 Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to each one.

UST

5 You need to realize that Apollos and I, Paul, are just people who serve {the Messiah}. Each of us does what the Lord has assigned us to do. When we told you about the Messiah, you trusted in him{, not in us}.

Who were Paul and Apollos to the Corinthians?

They were servants through whom the Corinthians came to believe in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:6

ULT

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused {it} to grow.

UST

6 {God assigned} me to proclaim the good news to you first. I was like someone who plants seeds. {God assigned} Apollos to proclaim even more about the good news to you. He was like someone who waters the seeds {so that they grow}. However, God himself enabled you to believe in and understand the good news. In the same way, he is the one who makes the plants grow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:7

ULT

7 So then, neither the one planting nor the one watering is anything, but God {is} the one causing the growth.

UST

7 You can see that the person who first proclaims the good news to people is not important. The person who proclaims even more about the good news to people is not important. These people are like those who plant the seeds and those who water the plants, since they too are not important. Instead, it is God who is important, because he enables people to believe in and understand the good news. In the same way, he is important because he causes the plants to grow.

Who gives the growth?
God gives the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:8

ULT

8 Now the one planting and the one watering are one, and each will receive {his} own wages according to {his} own labor.

UST

8 In fact, the person who first proclaims the good news to people and the person who proclaims more about the good news to people have the same goal. They are like the person who plants the seeds and the person who waters the plants, who also have the same goal. God will reward people who do either task. {He will reward them} in a way that is appropriate for what they did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:9

ULT

9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

UST

9 We {who proclaim the good news} all work for God, but you belong to God. It is as if you were farmland that God owns{, in which we planted and watered seeds}. Indeed, it is as if you were a house that God owns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:10

ULT

10 According to the grace of God {that} was given to me as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and another is building {on it}, but let each one be careful how he builds {on it},

UST

10 God gave me the skills to wisely proclaim the good news to you first. I am like the construction boss who puts a foundation in the ground before building a house. Others{, such as Apollos,} proclaim more about the good news to you. They are like other builders who construct a house on top of that foundation. In the end, all the people who proclaim more about the good news should make sure that they proclaim it correctly. They should be like builders who construct a house the right way on top of a foundation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:11

ULT

11 for no one is able to lay a foundation other than the one being laid, that is, Jesus Christ.

UST

11 No one can put a foundation in the ground if another person has already put it in the ground. So also, no one else can first proclaim the good news to you, because I already did that. What I proclaimed to you is {what} Jesus the Messiah {accomplished}. This message about Jesus is like the foundation of a house.

What is the foundation?

Jesus Christ is the foundation.

What will happen to the work of someone who builds on the foundation of Jesus Christ? (vv11-13)

His work will be revealed in daylight and in fire.

1 Corinthians 3:12

ULT

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,

UST

12 Builders can use many different building materials when they construct a house on its foundation. They can use {more durable materials like} gold, silver, and jewels, {and less durable materials like} lumber, grass, and straw. In the same way, some of those who proclaim more about the good news teach things that are more pleasing to God. Others teach things that are less pleasing to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:13

ULT

13 the work of each one will become evident, for the day will display {it}; for it is revealed in fire, and the fire itself will test of what sort is the work of each one.

UST

13 On the day when the Messiah returns to judge everyone, he will reveal what kind of work each person has done. The quality of the materials that builders use to construct a building becomes clear when the building catches on fire. In a similar way, a judgment like fire will occur on the day when the Messiah returns. This judgment will show the quality of what those who proclaim more about the gospel have taught.

What will the fire do to a person's work?

The fire will test the work, revealing the quality of what each one has done.

1 Corinthians 3:14

ULT

14 If anyone's work that he built will remain, he will receive a reward;

UST

14 Any builders who constructed a building that survives a fire gain honor and money. In the same way, God will honor and reward all those who teach more about the good news in a way that God accepts when he judges everyone.

What will a person receive if their work survives the fire?

That person will receive a reward.

1 Corinthians 3:15

ULT

15 if anyone's work will be burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as though through fire.

UST

15 Any builders who constructed a building that fire consumes lose respect and money. However, the builders do not die in the fire, but they escape from the flames. In the same way, when he judges everyone, God will not honor or reward all those who teach more about the good news in a way that God does not accept. However, God will still accept these teachers despite the wrong things that they have taught.

What will happen to the person whose work is burned up?

That person will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, as though escaping through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:16

ULT
16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God lives in you?

UST
16 You need to remember that you are like God's temple in Jerusalem {because God is present among you like he was present in the temple}. You need to remember that you are like a house in which God's Spirit lives {because he is always present with you}.

Who are we and what lives in us as believers in Jesus Christ?
We are God's temple, and the Spirit of God lives in us.

1 Corinthians 3:17

ULT
17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that {person}. For the temple of God is holy, which you are.

UST
17 God will act against any person who acts against his temple. This is because God's temple belongs to him alone. {Since} you are like God's temple{, God will act against any person who acts against you}.

What will happen if anyone destroys God's temple?
God will destroy the person who destroys God's temple.

1 Corinthians 3:18

ULT
18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a "fool," that he may become wise.

UST
18 Do not believe what is not true about yourselves. You who consider yourselves to be wise according to human standards should become foolish {according to human standards}. In this way, you will {really} become wise people.

What does Paul say to him who thinks he is wise in this age?
Paul says, "...let him become a "fool," that he may become wise."

1 Corinthians 3:19

ULT
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness.”

UST
19 {I speak these words} because the things that humans consider to be wise are things that God considers to be foolish. {You know that this is true} because the author of the book of Job wrote, “God is the one who disrupts the clever schemes that wise people plan.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:20

ULT
20 And again, “{The} Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are futile.”

UST
20 Further, {the author of a psalm wrote}, “The Lord is aware of everything that wise people plan, {and he knows} that these plans will not succeed.”

What does the Lord know about the reasonings of the wise?
The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise are futile.

1 Corinthians 3:21

ULT
21 So then, let no one boast in men. For all {things} are yours,

UST
21 Therefore, none of you should boast about {how you follow other} humans. {I say this} because you have everything{, so boasting about following other humans is foolish}.

Why does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to stop boasting about people? (vv21-23)
He told them to stop boasting, “For all things are yours,” and because, “... you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s”..

1 Corinthians 3:22

ULT

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or {the} world or life or death or {things} present or {things} coming. All {things are} yours,

UST

22 You have {leaders such as} Paul, Apollos, and Peter. You have everything that God made, {you do not fear when} you live, and {you can find comfort when you} die. You have everything that exists now and everything that will exist in the future. Indeed, you have everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 3:23

ULT

23 and you {are} Christ's, and Christ {is} God's.

UST

23 Further, the Messiah has you, and God has the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4

1 Corinthians 4:1

ULT

[1] In this manner let a man regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of {the} mysteries of God.

UST

[1] I want people to think of us {who proclaim the good news} as those who serve the Messiah and who are in charge of proclaiming what God has now revealed to us.

How did Paul say the Corinthians should regard Paul and his companions?
The Corinthians should regard them as servants of Christ and stewards of the hidden truths of God.

1 Corinthians 4:2

ULT

[2] In this case, it is required in the stewards that one may be found faithful.

UST

[2] Whenever a leader puts another person in charge, the leader requires that person to do his or her tasks faithfully. {In the same way, God requires that we who proclaim the good news do our task faithfully.}

What is one of the requirements for a steward?
Stewards must be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:3

ULT

[3] But to me it is a very small {thing} that I would be examined by you or by a human court. For I do not examine myself.

UST

[3] I do not worry about what you or any other human authority decides {about whether I have acted faithfully or not}. In fact, I do not even worry about what I myself decide {about whether I have acted faithfully or not}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:4

ULT

4 For I am aware of nothing against myself, but I am not justified by this; but the one judging me is {the} Lord.

UST

4 In fact, I do not know about anything I have done wrong. However, what I know about myself does not prove that I have acted faithfully. Rather, it is the Lord who will decide {whether I have acted faithfully or not}.

Who does Paul say is his judge?

Paul says the Lord judges him.

1 Corinthians 4:5

ULT

5 Therefore, do not judge anything before {the} time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden {things} of darkness and reveal the purposes of the hearts. And then the praise from God will come to each one.

UST

5 So then, you should not finally decide about anything until the Lord comes back {to judge everyone and everything}. He will make clear what is now hidden, and he will show everyone what each person desires and plans. At that time, God will praise each person {who has acted faithfully}.

What will the Lord do when he comes?

He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the purposes of the hearts.

1 Corinthians 4:6

ULT

6 Now, these {things}, brothers, I applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that through us you might learn {this}: “Not beyond what is written,” so that no one would be puffed up in favor of the one against the other.

UST

6 My fellow believers, I have talked in this way about myself and Apollos for your benefit. I want you to learn from our example that you should act only in ways that fit with what the authors of the Scriptures wrote. Then, nobody will speak great things about one leader and bad things about another leader.

Why did Paul apply these principles to himself and to Apollos?

Paul did it for the sake of the Corinthian believers so they might learn the meaning of the saying, “Not beyond what is written,” so that none of them would think in favor of one against the other.

1 Corinthians 4:7

ULT

[7] For who makes you superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? And if indeed you received {it}, why do you boast as if you did not receive {it}?

UST

[7] Nobody has set you apart {from every other believer}. In fact, God has given to you every good thing that you have. Since these things are gifts from God, you should not say proudly that you yourself earned them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:8

ULT

[8] Already you are satisfied! Already you have become rich! You began to reign apart from us, and I wish you really did reign, so that we also might reign with you.

UST

[8] {You are acting as if} you currently have everything that you need spiritually. {You are acting as if} you currently have more spiritual blessings than you need. {You are acting as if} you have currently begun to rule with Christ, even though we {who proclaim the good news} are not ruling with Christ now. Indeed, I wish that you really were ruling with him, in order that we {who proclaim the good news} could be ruling with you.

Why does Paul wish the Corinthian believers did reign?

Paul wishes they did reign so that Paul and his companions could be reigning with them.

1 Corinthians 4:9

ULT

[9] For I think God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as sentenced to death. For we have become a spectacle to the world—both to angels and to men.

UST

[9] Rather {than thinking that we rule with Christ now}, I consider us apostles to be those whom God has appointed to suffer humiliation and to die. We suffer humiliation and die publicly, and everything that God has created, including spiritual beings and humans, can see us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:10

ULT

10 We {are} fools for Christ's sake, but you {are} wise in Christ. We {are} weak, but you {are} strong. You {are} honored, but we {are} dishonored.

UST

10 We {seem to} be foolish people because we serve the Messiah, but {you think that} you are wise people because God unites you to the Messiah. We {seem to} be people who do not have power or influence, but {you think that} you do have these things. {You think that} people praise you, but those people shame us.

What are three ways Paul contrasts himself and his companions with the Corinthian believers?

Paul says, "We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we are held in dishonor."

1 Corinthians 4:11

ULT

11 Up to the present hour we are both hungry and thirsty and are poorly clothed and are brutally beaten and are homeless

UST

11 Even now {as I write this letter to you}, we {whom Christ has sent} have often not had enough food or drink. We wear ragged clothing, and others repeatedly strike us. We constantly travel and do not return to a home.

How did Paul describe the physical condition of the apostles?

Paul said they were hungry and thirsty, poorly clothed, brutally beaten and homeless.

1 Corinthians 4:12

ULT

12 and are working hard, working with {our} own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;

UST

12 We do manual labor {to earn a living}. When people speak badly to us, we say good things about them. When people hurt us {because we serve the Messiah}, we patiently live through it.

How did Paul and his companions respond when they were mistreated? (vv12-13)

When they were attacked, they blessed. When they were persecuted, they endured it. When they were slandered, they spoke with kindness.

1 Corinthians 4:13

ULT

13 being slandered, we comfort. We have become as {the} scum of the world, {the} refuse of all {things}, even until now.

UST

13 When people say bad things about us, we say encouraging words to them. From a human perspective, we are worthless, like filthy garbage that someone should throw away. {All these things are true about us} even now {as I write this letter to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:14

ULT

14 I do not write these {things} as shaming you, but as my beloved children, I correct {you}.

UST

14 I do not include in my letter what I have just finished saying because I want to make you ashamed. Rather, {I include these things} because I want to admonish you, since you are like my own children, whom I love.

Why did Paul write these things to the Corinthian believers?

He wrote them to correct them as his beloved children.

1 Corinthians 4:15

ULT

15 For if you would have myriads of guardians in Christ, yet {you would} not {have} many fathers; for I fathered you in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

UST

15 When I first preached the good news to you, and God united you to Jesus the Messiah, I became your spiritual father. So, even if you had a million teachers who helped you to live in union with the Messiah, I would still be the only spiritual father you have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:16

ULT

[16] Therefore, I urge you, become imitators of me.

UST

[16] Because {I am your spiritual father}, I plead with you to imitate how I live.

Who does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to imitate?

Paul tells them to imitate himself.

1 Corinthians 4:17

ULT

[17] Because of this I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in {the} Lord, who will remind you of my ways {that are} in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

UST

[17] Because {I want you to imitate me}, I had Timothy visit you. He is like my own child, and I love him. He faithfully {serves the Messiah} as one whom God has united to the Lord. He will teach you again about how I behave as one whom God has united to the Messiah Jesus. I instruct every church in every place {that I visit} to behave in these ways.

Of what was it that Paul sent Timothy to the Corinthian believers to remind them?

Paul sent Timothy to Corinth to remind the believers there of Paul's ways in Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:18

ULT

[18] Now some have been puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.

UST

[18] Some of you are saying great things about yourselves. These people act as if I were not about to visit you.

How were some of the Corinthian believers acting?

Some of them were arrogant, acting as though Paul was not coming to them.

1 Corinthians 4:19

ULT
19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not merely the word of the ones having been puffed up, but {their} power.

UST
19 However, I will visit you very soon, as long as the Lord wants {me to do so}. I already know what these people who say great things about themselves claim. {When I visit you}, I will learn whether they are actually powerful or not.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 4:20

ULT
20 For the kingdom of God {is} not in word but in power.

UST
20 {I will do this} because God’s kingdom functions by God working powerfully through people, not by people saying great things.

In what does the kingdom of God consist?
The kingdom of God consists in power.

1 Corinthians 4:21

ULT
21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

UST
21 When you choose how you will respond to what I am saying, you are also choosing how I will act {when I visit}. When I visit you, I can either harshly discipline you {because you did not listen}, or I can act gently and lovingly {because you did listen}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 5

1 Corinthians 5:1

ULT

1 It is actually reported {that there is} sexual immorality among you, and such immorality which {is} not even among the Gentiles—that someone has {his} father's wife.

UST

1 I have learned that you are in fact allowing people from your group to have improper sex. Even those who do not worship God do not allow some of the things that you allow. {The worst thing that I have learned is} that a man from your group is having sex with his stepmother.

What report did Paul hear about the church at Corinth?

Paul heard that there was sexual immorality there. One of them was sleeping with his father's wife.

1 Corinthians 5:2

ULT

2 And you are puffed up, and you did not mourn instead, so that the one having done this deed might be removed from among you.

UST

2 {Despite this,} you still say great things about yourselves instead of lamenting {that sin}. {You should have lamented} with the goal of expelling the man who committed this sexual sin.

What did Paul say must be done to that person who sinned with his father's wife?

The one who sinned with his father's wife must be removed from among them.

1 Corinthians 5:3

ULT

3 For even I, being absent in the body but being present in the spirit, have already passed judgment on the one having done such a thing, as if being present.

UST

3 {You should expel him} because I have already declared the man who did this evil thing to be guilty. Although I am not with you physically, I think about you and care about you. {Therefore, when I declare this man to be guilty, it is as valid} as if I were with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 5:4

ULT

[4] You and my spirit, having been assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

UST

[4] When you gather together, and I am thinking of you, we represent our Lord Jesus the Messiah. {When you gather in this way, you should punish this man} as our Lord Jesus authorizes you to do.

How and why was that person who sinned with his father's wife to be removed? (vv4-5)
When the church at Corinth gathered together in the name of the Lord Jesus, they were to hand the sinning man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit might be saved on the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:5

ULT

[5] hand {this} man over to Satan for {the} destruction of the flesh so that {his} spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

UST

[5] You should expel this man so that Satan rules over him. That will destroy his sinful parts, and then God will save him when the Lord returns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 5:6

ULT

[6] Your boasting {is} not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole loaf?

UST

[6] Saying great things about yourselves is not the right thing to do. Surely you realize that one person doing evil things is like fermented dough. Even a little fermented dough makes a whole lump of dough fermented, and even one person doing evil things makes the whole church guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 5:7

ULT

7 Clean out the old yeast so that you may be new dough, just as you are unleavened bread. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has also been sacrificed.

UST

7 Just as Jews remove the yeast from their houses {during the Passover festival}, so you should remove anyone who does evil things from your group. Then, you will be free of sin, just like fresh, unleavened dough is free of yeast. In fact, you live in a time that is like the festival of Passover. {This is because} the Messiah has died for you, just like the lamb that Jews sacrifice during the Passover festival represents how God delivered them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 5:8

ULT

8 So then, we should celebrate the festival, not with old yeast, nor with yeast of evil and wickedness, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

UST

8 Since {the Messiah has died for us}, let us act as if we were participating in the festival of Passover and remove the old leaven. We should get rid of the leaven, which stands for doing what is evil and wicked. Instead, we should eat unfermented bread, which stands for doing what is honest and trustworthy.

To what does Paul compare bad behavior and wickedness?

Paul compares them to yeast.

What does Paul use as a metaphor for sincerity and truth?

Paul uses unleavened bread as a metaphor for sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:9

ULT

9 I wrote to you in {my} letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

UST

9 In the letter {that I sent to you before this one}, I told you not to keep company with people who act in sexually improper ways.

With whom did Paul tell the Corinthian believers not to associate?

Paul wrote to them not to associate with sexually immoral people.

1 Corinthians 5:10

ULT

10 by no means the immoral people of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out from the world.

UST

10 {I did} not {mean that you should} entirely {disassociate} with unbelieving people who act in sexually immoral ways, or with people who want more than they need or who cheat others, or with people who worship false gods. To avoid these kinds of people, you would need to get away from the entire world. {That is not what I have commanded you to do.}

Did Paul mean for them not to associate with any sexually immoral people?

Paul did not mean the immoral people of this world. You would have to go out of the world to stay away from them

1 Corinthians 5:11

ULT

11 But now I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother {who} is sexually immoral or greedy or an idolater or verbally abusive or a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person.

UST

11 Now, in this letter, I am telling you not to keep company with any person whom you call a fellow believer who is acting sinfully. This includes having improper sex, wanting more than one needs, worshiping other gods, abusing others with words, getting drunk, and cheating others. Do not have meals with a person who does any of these things.

With whom did Paul mean for the Corinthian believers not to associate?

He meant for them not to associate with anyone who is called a brother or sister in Christ and who is sexually immoral, greedy, verbally abusive, a drunkard, a swindler, or an idolater.

1 Corinthians 5:12

ULT

12 For what to me to judge the ones outside? Do you not judge the ones inside?

UST

12 {I want you to act in this way only with fellow believers,} because {you and} I do not need to decide whether someone who is not part of our group is guilty or innocent. Rather, you need to focus on deciding whether people who are part of your group are guilty or innocent.

Who are the believers supposed to judge?

They are supposed to judge those inside the church.

1 Corinthians 5:13

ULT

13 But God judges [1] the ones outside. “Remove the evil from among yourselves.”

5:13 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

13 {Do not worry about people who are not part of your group because} God is the one who decides whether they are guilty or innocent. {You should focus on people who are part of your group because the scripture says,} “You must get rid of any evil person who is part of your group!”

Who judges those outside the church?

God judges those who are on the outside.

1 Corinthians 6

1 Corinthians 6:1

ULT

[1] Do any of you dare, having a dispute with another, to go to court before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

UST

[1] When someone from your group quarrels with another person from your group, you should never settle the quarrel {in a public court} in front of people who do not believe. Rather, {you should settle the quarrel in private} among the people whom God has set apart for himself.

What does Paul say the saints at Corinth should be able to judge? (vv1-3)

Paul says they should be able to judge disputes between saints concerning the matters of this life.

1 Corinthians 6:2

ULT

[2] Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy of {the} smallest cases?

UST

[2] Surely you know that the people whom God has set apart for himself will decide whether all things and people that God has created are guilty or innocent. Since you will decide whether all these things and people are guilty or innocent, you can surely decide about small quarrels {within your group}.

Who will the saints judge? (vv2-3)

The saints will judge the world and the angels.

1 Corinthians 6:3

ULT

[3] Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?

UST

[3] You need to realize that we will decide whether angels are innocent or guilty. {Since we will do that,} we are certainly able to decide about disputes related to our current lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:4

ULT

[4] So then, if you have legal disputes about things of this life, why do you appoint as judges these ones of no account in the church?

UST

[4] Therefore, whenever you quarrel with one another concerning your current lives, you should not choose people who are not part of your group of believers to decide who is guilty or innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:5

ULT

[5] I speak to your shame. {Is it} thus {that} there is not any wise {man} among you who will be able to discern between his brothers?

UST

[5] I include what I have just said in order to make you feel ashamed. Surely there are people in your group who are wise enough to be able to decide about disputes among fellow believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:6

ULT

[6] But brother goes to court against brother, and this before unbelievers?

UST

[6] But instead, some believers among you accuse other believers in a legal court, and people who do not believe settle the dispute.

How are the Corinthian Christians handling their disputes with one another?

One believer goes to court against another believer, and that case is placed before a judge who is an unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 6:7

ULT

[7] This, therefore, is indeed already a complete defeat for you, since you have lawsuits among yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

UST

[7] Because you have disputes with each other, you have already completely failed to follow Jesus. Rather {than failing in this way}, you should instead forgive fellow believers when they harm or defraud you.

What does the fact that there are disputes among the Corinthian Christians indicate?

It indicates that this is a defeat for them.

1 Corinthians 6:8

ULT

[8] But you do wrong and cheat, and this to {your} brothers!

UST

[8] Rather {than forgiving others}, however, you have harmed and defrauded {other people}. In fact, {you have done} these things to fellow believers!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:9

ULT

[9] Or do you not know that {the} unrighteous will not inherit {the} kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither {the} sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals

UST

[9] {I am shocked that you do these things} even though you realize that people who harm others will not participate in God's kingdom. Do not believe anyone who tells you something else. Anyone who has improper sex or who worships other gods or who has sex with a married person or who participates in sexual acts with a person of the same gender or who initiates sexual acts with a person of the same gender

Who will not inherit the kingdom of God? (vv9-10)

The unrighteous: the sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, those who practice homosexuality, thieves, the greedy, drunkards, slanderers, and swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:10

ULT
10 nor thieves nor {the} greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit {the} kingdom of God.

UST
10 or who steals from others or who wants more than he or she needs or who gets drunk or who abuses others with words or who cheats others will not participate in God's kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:11

ULT
11 And that {is what} some of you were. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

UST
11 Some of you used to behave in these ways. However, now God has cleansed you, he has made you holy, and he has declared you to be innocent. {You experience these things} because the Lord Jesus the Messiah and the Holy Spirit work powerfully {to give them to you}.

What happened to the Corinthian believers who previously practiced unrighteousness?
They were cleansed and made holy, made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:12

ULT
12 "Everything is lawful for me," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful for me," but I will not be mastered by anything.

UST
12 {Some of you say,} "I can do anything and not become guilty." However, {I say that} some things are not helpful {to anybody}. {Again, some of you say,} "I can do anything and not become guilty." However, {I say that} I will not serve anything that will make me its slave.

What are the two things Paul says he will not allow to master him? (vv12-13)
Paul says he will not be mastered by food or sex.

1 Corinthians 6:13

ULT
13 “Food {is} for the stomach, and the stomach for food,” but God will do away with both this and those. Now the body {is} not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body.

UST
13 {Some of you say,} “Food exists for a person’s stomach to digest it, and a person’s stomach exists to digest food.” Indeed, {I also say that} God will make food and stomachs unimportant. {While it is true that food exists for a person’s stomach,} the human body does not exist for a person to have improper sex with it. Instead, {the human body} exists to serve the Lord, and the Lord has worked to save the human body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:14

ULT
14 Now God indeed raised the Lord and will also raise up us by his power.

UST
14 In fact, God made the Lord alive again, and he will work powerfully to make us also alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 6:15

ULT
15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Therefore, having taken away the members of Christ, should I make {them} members of a prostitute? May it never be!

UST
15 Surely you know that your bodies belong to the Messiah, just as if you were his body parts. Because of that, you should not take your body back and then give it to a prostitute, so that your body belongs to her, just as if you were her body parts. Never do that!

The bodies of believers are members of what?
Their bodies are members of Christ.

Should believers join themselves to prostitutes?
No. May it never be!

1 Corinthians 6:16

ULT
16 Or do you not know that the one being joined to the prostitute is one body? For it says, “The two will become as one flesh.”

UST
16 Surely you know that a man who has sex with a prostitute unites himself to her as closely as if they shared the same body. {You should know this} because the scripture says, “The {man and the woman, although} two people, will become {like} one person.”

What happens when someone joins himself to a prostitute?
The two will become as one flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:17

ULT
17 But the one being joined to the Lord is one spirit.

UST
17 In a similar way, any people who unite themselves to the Lord become spiritually one {with the Lord}.

What happens when someone joins himself to the Lord?
He becomes one spirit with him.

1 Corinthians 6:18

ULT
18 Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a man might commit is outside the body, but the one being sexually immoral sins against {his} own body.

UST
18 Intentionally avoid having improper sex. When people sin, they usually do so without directly hurting their bodies. However, when people have improper sex, they do hurt their own bodies.

Who do people sin against when they are sexually immoral?
They sin against their own bodies when they are sexually immoral.

1 Corinthians 6:19

ULT

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit in you, whom you have from God? And you are not your own,

UST

19 Surely you know that God has given the Holy Spirit to you. Therefore, your bodies are like temples for the Holy Spirit, since he unites himself to you {like how a god unites himself to his temple}. Because of that, you do not belong to yourselves.

Why should believers glorify God with their bodies? (vv19-20)

They should glorify God with their bodies because their bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit and because they were bought with a price.

1 Corinthians 6:20

ULT

20 for you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body. *[1]*

6:20 *[1]* But the best copies do not have this reading.

UST

20 {Rather, you belong to God, since the Messiah died for you. When he died for you,} it was as if God paid money to buy you. Because {you belong to God}, you must honor him whenever you do anything with your body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7

1 Corinthians 7:1

ULT
[1] Now concerning what you wrote: “{It is} good for a man not to touch a woman.”

UST
[1] Moving on to what you asked me about, in your letter you said that it is appropriate for people not to have sex with each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:2

ULT
[2] But because of immorality, let each man have {his} own wife, and let each woman have {her} own husband.

UST
[2] On the other hand, people often desire to have sex, even improper sex. Because of that, a husband should stay married to his own wife, and a wife should stay married to her own husband.

Why should each man have his own wife and each woman have her own husband?
Because of temptations for many immoral acts, each man should have his own wife and each wife should have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:3

ULT
[3] Let the husband give to the wife the duty and likewise the wife also to the husband.

UST
[3] Husbands should regularly have sex with their wives. Similarly, wives should regularly have sex with their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:4

ULT

4 The wife does not have authority over {her} own body, but the husband {does}. And likewise, the husband also does not have authority over {his} own body, but the wife {does}.

UST

4 Wives' bodies belong to their husbands, not to themselves. Similarly, husbands' bodies belong to their wives, not to themselves.

Does a wife or husband have authority over their own body?

No. A husband has authority over his wife's body, and likewise, the wife has authority over her husband's body.

1 Corinthians 7:5

ULT

5 Do not deprive each other, except by mutual agreement for a season, so that you may devote {yourselves} to prayer, and then be together again, so that Satan might not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

UST

5 You should only stop having sex regularly when both of you agree to do so for a brief time. You should only do this when you want to focus on praying to God, and you should soon resume having sex regularly. If you do not do this quickly, Satan will use how you desire to have sex to entice you to do what is wrong.

When is it appropriate for a husband and a wife to deprive one another sexually?

It is appropriate if both husband and wife mutually agree and set a specific period of time, so that they may devote themselves to prayer.

1 Corinthians 7:6

ULT

6 But I say this as a concession, not as a command.

UST

6 I do not command you {to stop having sex regularly in order to focus on praying}. Rather, I am only allowing you {to do so}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:7

ULT

[7] But I wish for all men to be even as myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one indeed this way, and another that way.

UST

[7] If it were up to me, all people would be like me {and remain unmarried}. However, God gives each person his or her own way to live. Some {people live in} one way, while other people {live in} another way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:8

ULT

[8] Now to the unmarried and to the widows I say that {it is} good if they remain as I also am.

UST

[8] Here I am speaking to people who have not married and to women whose husbands have died. The best thing {for these people} is to stay {unmarried} like I do.

What does Paul say is good for the widows and people who are unmarried to do?

Paul says it is good for them to remain unmarried, as he is.

1 Corinthians 7:9

ULT

[9] But if they do not have self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn.

UST

[9] However, some people will struggle to control how they desire to have sex. These people should get married, because that is a better choice than constantly desiring to have sex.

In what situation should the unmarried and widows get married?

They should get married if they burn with passion and cannot exercise self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:10

ULT

[10] Now to the married I command—not I, but the Lord—a wife is not to be separated from her husband

UST

[10] Here I am speaking what the Lord himself said to people who have gotten married. I require the wives to stay with their husbands.

What command does the Lord give to those who are married? (vv10-11)

The wife should not separate from her husband. If she does separate from her husband, she should remain unmarried or be reconciled to him. Also, the husband should not divorce his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:11

ULT

[11] (but even if she might be separated, let her remain unmarried, or let her be reconciled to the husband), and a husband is not to divorce a wife.

UST

[11] Now whenever they do not stay with their husbands, they should not marry again, or they should go back to their husbands. Further, husbands should stay with their wives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:12

ULT

[12] But to the rest I say—I, not the Lord—if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she agrees to live with him, let him not divorce her.

UST

[12] Now to the rest {of you who have a spouse who is not a believer}, the Lord did not speak about this, so I am speaking what I myself command. Some fellow believers have unbelieving wives, and the wives may wish to stay with their believing husbands. In this situation, the husbands should stay with their wives.

Should a believing husband or wife divorce his or her unbelieving spouse? (vv12-13)

If the unbelieving husband or wife is content to live with their spouse, the believing spouse should not divorce the unbeliever.

1 Corinthians 7:13

ULT
13 And if any woman has an unbelieving husband, and he agrees to live with her, let her not divorce the husband.

UST
13 Similarly, some fellow believers have unbelieving husbands, and the husbands may wish to stay with their believing wives. In this situation, the wives should stay with their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:14

ULT
14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through the brother. Otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

UST
14 {You should remain with an unbelieving husband or wife,} because God considers the unbelieving husband to be an acceptable spouse for the believing wife. Similarly, God considers the unbelieving wife to be an acceptable spouse for the believing husband. Because of this, God treats the children in this situation just like he treats the children of two believing parents. If what I have said were not true, God would treat the children in this situation just like he treats the children of two unbelieving parents.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:15

ULT
15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him go. In such cases, the brother or the sister is not bound, but God has called us to peace.

UST
15 On the other hand, some unbelieving husbands or wives may want to leave their believing spouses. In this situation, the believing spouses should allow them to leave. The believing spouses do not have to stay with their unbelieving husbands or wives. {In any situation like this, remember that} God requires us to be peaceful people.

What should a believer do if their unbelieving partner departs?
The believer is to let the unbelieving partner go..

1 Corinthians 7:16

ULT

16 For how do you know, woman, whether you will save the husband? Or how do you know, man, whether you will save the wife?

UST

16 {You should allow an unbelieving spouse to leave} because each wife does not know whether she can help her husband to believe in Jesus. Each husband also does not know whether he can help his wife to believe in Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:17

ULT

17 However, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each one, thus let him walk. And in this way I direct in all the churches.

UST

17 In general, all people need to behave in ways that fit with what the Lord has appointed them to do and with how God requires them to act. I require people to follow this teaching in every group of believers {that I visit}.

What rule did Paul set in all the churches?

The rule was: Let each one live the life the Lord has assigned them, and to which God called them.

1 Corinthians 7:18

ULT

18 Was anyone called, having been circumcised? Let him not be uncircumcised. Was anyone called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.

UST

18 There are some people whom others circumcised before they believed in Jesus. These people should not try to become uncircumcised again. There are other people whom others did not circumcise before they believed in Jesus. These people should not try to become circumcised.

What counsel did Paul give to the uncircumcised and to the circumcised?

Paul said the uncircumcised should not become circumcised and the circumcised should not try to remove the marks of their circumcision.

1 Corinthians 7:19

ULT
19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but observance of {the} commandments of God.

UST
19 Whether a person has had someone circumcise them or not does not matter {to us or to God}. On the other hand, doing what God requires of us {does matter to us and to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:20

ULT
20 Each one, in the calling in which he was called, let him remain in that.

UST
20 All people should serve God faithfully while doing the normal things they were already doing when God changed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:21

ULT
21 Were you called {as} a slave? Let it not be a concern to you. But if indeed you are able to become free, then take advantage of {it}.

UST
21 Some people were slaves when they believed in Jesus. These people should not worry about being slaves. On the other hand, they should make use of any chance they have to become free.

What did Paul say about slaves? (vv21-23)
If they were a slave when God called them, don't be concerned about it, but if they can become free, they should do so. Even if they were slaves, they are the Lord's freeman. They should not become the slaves of men.

1 Corinthians 7:22

ULT

22 For the one having been called in {the} Lord {as} a slave is a freedman of {the} Lord. Likewise, the one having been called as a freeman is a slave of Christ.

UST

22 {Do not worry about your social position,} because the Lord considers all people who were slaves when they believed in him to be free people now. Similarly, the Messiah considers all people who were free people when they believed in him to be his slaves now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:23

ULT

23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

UST

23 {When Jesus died for you,} it was as if God paid money to buy you. {Because of that,} you should not serve other humans, but only God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:24

ULT

24 Brothers, each one in that which he was called, let him remain with God in this.

UST

24 My fellow believers, all people should serve God faithfully while doing the normal things they were already doing when God changed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:25

ULT

25 Now concerning the virgins, I do not have a command of {the} Lord. However, I give an opinion as having received mercy from {the} Lord to be trustworthy.

UST

25 I am now moving on to speak about those who have not gotten married. On this issue, I do not have anything that the Lord said to tell you. However, I will tell you what I think is best. {I do this} because God has acted kindly towards me by making me a trustworthy {teacher}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:26

ULT

26 Therefore, I think this is good, because of the coming distress, that {it is} good for a man to remain as he is.

UST

26 What I suggest is that people should not change how they are living. I say this because I know that dangerous things are going to happen soon.

Why did Paul think it was good for a man who had never married to remain unmarried, as Paul was?

Paul thought that, because of the impending crisis, it was good for a man to remain unmarried.

1 Corinthians 7:27

ULT

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

UST

27 Some people have gotten engaged. They should not separate. Other people have never gotten engaged. They should not try to become engaged.

What should believers do if they are bound to a woman by a vow of marriage?

They should not seek freedom from their vow to marry the woman.

1 Corinthians 7:28

ULT

28 But if indeed you would marry, you have not sinned; and if the virgin would marry, she has not sinned. But the ones of such kind will have distress in the flesh, and I want to spare you {from this}.

UST

28 However, a single man or woman who gets married does not sin. I only advise you against getting married because people who get married will experience troubles while they live.

Why does Paul say to those who are free from a wife and those who are unmarried, “Do not seek a wife.”

He said this because he wanted to spare them from the many kinds of trouble that those who marry will have while living.

1 Corinthians 7:29

ULT

29 But this I say, brothers: The time is shortened, so that from now on, even the ones having wives should be as having none;

UST

29 My fellow believers, what I am about to tell you {is important}. The end times are not far away. Therefore, until then, each man who has a wife should live like a man who does not have a wife.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:30

ULT

30 and the ones weeping, as not weeping; and the ones rejoicing, as not rejoicing; and the ones buying, as not possessing;

UST

30 Each person who cries should live like a person who does not cry. Each person who is glad should live like a person who is not glad. Each person who acquires anything should live like a person who does not own anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:31

ULT
31 and the ones using the world, as not using it; for the present form of this world is passing away.

UST
31 Each person who utilizes worldly things should live like a person who does not utilize these things. {You should act in these ways} because God will soon abolish the worldly way of doing things.

Why should those who deal with the world act as though they had no dealings with it?
They should act that way because the system of this world is coming to an end.

1 Corinthians 7:32

ULT
32 But I would like you to be free from concern. The unmarried {man} is concerned about the {things} of the Lord, how he might please the Lord.

UST
32 I want you to care about few things. Single men care about what they can do to serve the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:33

ULT
33 But the married {man} is concerned about the {things} of the world, how to please the wife, and he is divided. And the unmarried woman or the virgin

UST
33 On the other hand, married men care about worldly things, particularly how they can serve their wives. Because of this, they care about two different things{: serving their wives and serving the Lord}. Single women and women who have never gotten married

Why is it hard for those Christians who are married to be undivided in their devotion to the Lord? (vv33-34)
It is hard because a believing husband or wife is concerned about the things of the world, how to please his wife or her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:34

ULT

34 is concerned about the {things} of the Lord, so that she might be holy both in the body and in the spirit. But the one having been married is concerned about the {things} of the world, how she might please the husband.

UST

34 care about what they can do to serve the Lord. Their goal is to be completely holy. On the other hand, married women care about worldly things, particularly how they can serve their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:35

ULT

35 Now I say this for your own benefit, not in order to put any constraint on you, but toward what {is} appropriate and devoted to the Lord without any distraction.

UST

35 I have said these things because I think they are helpful for you. I do not want to force you into acting in only one way. Rather, I want you to be able to act honorably and serve the Lord well and attentively.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:36

ULT

36 But if anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward his virgin—if she is beyond the age of marriage and it must be so—he should do what he wants. He is not sinning; let them marry.

UST

36 In some cases, an engaged man may consider that he might act in sexually improper ways with his fiancée. Further, his fiancée may be fully mature and ready to have sex. In these cases, here is what to do: the man should marry his fiancé. He does not sin {when he does this}, and the two of them should get married.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:37

ULT
37 But he who stands firm in his heart, not under compulsion, but having authority over {his} own will, and he has decided this in {his} own heart—to keep {his} own virgin—he will do well.

UST
37 In other cases, an engaged man may have made up his mind, and no person or thing has forced him {not to marry}. He can control what he desires, and he has decided for himself {not to marry}. In this case, he can rightly choose not to marry his fiancée.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 7:38

ULT
38 So then, the one marrying {his} own virgin does well, and the one not marrying will do even better.

UST
38 In the end, any man who gets married to his fiancée does a good thing. Further, any man who does not get married {to his fiancée} does a better thing.

Who does better than the one who marries his fiancee?
The one who chooses not to marry will do even better.

1 Corinthians 7:39

ULT
39 A wife is bound for as long as her husband lives. But if the husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she wishes, but only in {the} Lord.

UST
39 Wives must stay married to their husbands unless their husbands die. Then, they may marry any believing man whom they want to marry.

For how long is a woman bound to her husband?
She is bound to her husband for as long as he lives.

If a believing woman's husband dies, whom may she marry?
She may marry whomever she wishes, but only one who is in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:40

ULT

40 Yet according to my judgment she would be happier if she would remain as she is. And I think {that} I also have {the} Spirit of God.

UST

40 However, {I think that} any woman whose husband has died will be more blessed if she does not marry again. While that is my opinion, I think that God's Spirit speaks through me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8

1 Corinthians 8:1

ULT

[1] Now about the {things} sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

UST

[1] I am now moving on to speak about meat that someone has offered to another god. All of us {who believe} do know {what is true about other gods. However,} knowing {what is true often} makes people proud. It is loving others that really helps other believers.

What subject does Paul begin to address in this chapter?
Paul addresses the subject of food sacrificed to idols.

What results do knowledge and love cause?
Knowledge makes one proud, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:2

ULT

[2] If anyone thinks he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

UST

[2] All people who reckon that they understand something do not yet understand it in the way that they should understand it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8:3

ULT

[3] But if anyone loves God, that one is known by him.

UST

[3] However, God understands and cares for all people who love him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8:4

ULT

4 So then, about the eating of the {things} sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol in {the} world {is} nothing and that {there is} no God except one.

UST

4 Now {I will go back to speaking} about whether to eat meat that someone has offered to another god. We {who believe in God} understand that other gods do not really exist. In fact, {we understand} that the only god is the one God.

Is an idol equal to God?

No. An idol in this world is nothing, and there is no God but one.

1 Corinthians 8:5

ULT

5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, just as there are many “gods” and many “lords,”

UST

5 It is true that there are many things that are in heaven or on earth that people call “gods.” In this way, many “gods” and “lords” exist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8:6

ULT

6 yet for us {there is} one God the Father, from whom {are} all {things} and for whom we {are}, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all {things are}, and through whom we {are}.

UST

6 However, we {who believe} acknowledge one God, who is the Father. He created everything, and we exist to honor him. We also acknowledge one Lord, who is Jesus the Messiah. He created everything with the Father, and we exist by means of what he does {for us}.

Who is the one God?

There is only one God the Father. From him are all things, and we live for him.

Who is the one Lord?

There is one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist, and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:7

ULT

[7] However, {this} knowledge {is} not in everyone. Instead, some, {being} in the custom of the idols until now, eat {things} as sacrificed to idols, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

UST

[7] However, some people do not fully understand {what I have said}. They used to worship other gods in the past, and they incompletely understand what is right and wrong. When they eat meat that someone has offered to another god, they feel guilty.

What happens when some who practiced idol worship eat food as if it had been sacrificed to an idol?

Their conscience is corrupted because it is weak.

1 Corinthians 8:8

ULT

[8] But food will not bring us near to God; neither are we made to lack if we do not eat, nor do we abound if we eat.

UST

[8] Now food does not connect us with God. Those who do not eat {certain foods} do not miss out {on anything from God}. Also, those who do eat {certain foods} do not receive something extra {from God}.

Does the food we eat make us better or worse to God?

Food will not recommend us to God. We are not worse if we do not eat, nor better if we do eat it.

1 Corinthians 8:9

ULT

[9] But take care lest this authority of yours might become a stumbling block for the weak.

UST

[9] However, you need to be careful about how you live if you know {that food is not significant}. How you live should not cause someone who incompletely understands what is right and wrong to struggle {to follow Jesus}.

Of what should we be careful that our freedom does not become?

We should be careful that our freedom does not become a reason for someone who is weak in faith to stumble.

1 Corinthians 8:10

ULT

10 For if someone might see the one having knowledge reclining to eat in an idol's temple, will his conscience, being weak, not be built up so as to eat the {things} sacrificed to idols?

UST

10 {You need to be careful} because fellow believers might observe a believer who knows {what is true about other gods} sitting down to eat {meat} in another god's temple. Those fellow believers, who incompletely understand what is right and wrong, will become confident that they also can eat meat that someone has offered to another god.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8:11

ULT

11 So the one being weak, the brother for whom Christ died, is destroyed through your knowledge.

UST

11 As a result, by acting based on what you know {is true about other gods}, you harm others who incompletely understand what is right and wrong. These are fellow believers, and the Messiah died for them.

What can happen to a brother or sister with a weak conscience if those with an understanding of the true nature of idols are not careful in using their freedom?
A brother or sister with a weak conscience can be destroyed.

Who do we sin against when we knowingly cause a brother or sister in Christ to stumble because of their weak conscience? (vv11-12)
We sin against the brother or sister that we caused to stumble, and we sin against Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:12

ULT

12 And thus sinning against {your} brothers and wounding their weak consciences, you sin against Christ.

UST

12 When you act in these ways, you sin against fellow believers by leading them, who incompletely understand what is right and wrong, to do what they think is wrong. {When do you this,} you sin against the Messiah too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 8:13

ULT

13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will certainly not ever eat meat, so that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

UST

13 Consequently, in cases where what I eat would lead a fellow believer to sin, I will never ever eat meat again{, whether someone has offered it to another god or not}. This way, I do not lead any of my fellow believers to sin.

What does Paul say he will do if food causes his brother or sister to stumble?

Pauls says if his food causes his brother or sister to stumble, he will never eat meat again.

1 Corinthians 9

1 Corinthians 9:1

ULT

[1] Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in {the} Lord?

UST

[1] I am not bound {to eat only certain foods}. Our Lord Jesus sent me to represent him, and I have seen him {with my own eyes}. God has united us to the Lord, and I have worked hard for you because of that.

What proof did Paul offer that he was an apostle? (vv1-2)
Paul says that because the Corinthian believers were his workmanship in the Lord, they themselves were proof of Paul's apostleship in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:2

ULT

[2] If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you. For you are the proof of my apostleship in {the} Lord.

UST

[2] Other people may not think that the Messiah sent me to represent him, but you do know that. {You know that} because you proved that the Messiah sent me when God united you to the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:3

ULT

[3] My defense to the ones examining me is this:

UST

[3] I will now defend myself against anyone who wants to question {whether the Messiah sent} me {to represent him or not}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:4

ULT

[4] Do we certainly not have a right to eat and to drink?

UST

[4] Barnabas and I certainly can require you to send us food and drink.

What did Paul list as some of the rights of the apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? (vv4-5)

Paul said they had the right to eat and drink and the right to take along with them a wife who is a believer.

1 Corinthians 9:5

ULT

[5] Do we certainly not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of {the} apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

UST

[5] We certainly can travel around with a wife who believes in the Messiah. This is what the others whom the Messiah has sent to represent him do, including Peter and the Lord's brothers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:6

ULT

[6] Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right not to work?

UST

[6] It is not true that Barnabas and I are the only ones {who represent the Messiah} who must work {to support ourselves}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:7

ULT

[7] Who serves as a soldier at any time at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not drink from the milk of the flock?

UST

[7] No soldiers ever pay with their own money to serve in the army. No farmers plant vines and then do not eat what the vines produce. No shepherds take care of sheep and then do not drink the milk that they produce.

What examples did Paul give of those who receive benefits or pay from their work?

Paul mentions soldiers, one who plants a vineyard, and one who tends a flock as examples of those who receive benefits or pay from their work.

1 Corinthians 9:8

ULT

[8] Am I not saying these {things} according to men, or does not the law also say these {things}?

UST

[8] What I am arguing does not depend on merely human thinking. Rather, you can read what I am arguing in the law {of Moses}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:9

ULT

[9] For it is written in the law of Moses, “Do not muzzle an ox treading out grain.” God does not care about the oxen, does he?

UST

[9] Here is what Moses wrote in the law of Moses: “You should not keep an ox from eating the grain when it is helping you separate grain from chaff.” God is not primarily interested in oxen{, however}.

What example from the law of Moses did Paul give to support the idea of receiving benefits or pay from one’s work?

To support his argument, Paul quoted the command, “Do not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.”

1 Corinthians 9:10

ULT

10 Or is he speaking entirely for our sake? For it was written for our sake that the one plowing ought to plow in hope, and the one threshing, in hope of sharing the harvest.

UST

10 Rather, God speaks mostly about us {in this law}. God had Moses write this command for us because any person who plows a field should expect to receive some of the crop. Any person who separates the grain from the wheat stalks should also expect to receive some of the crop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:11

ULT

11 If we sowed spiritual {things} among you, {is it} too much if we will reap material {things} from you?

UST

11 We proclaimed the good news to you as if we were planting spiritual seeds. Because of that, it would be normal for us to receive financial help from you as if we were receiving some of the crop that grew from the seed that we planted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:12

ULT

12 If others shared the right over you, {do} we not even more? But we did not take advantage of this right. Instead we endured everything in order that we might not give any hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

UST

12 Other people have received financial support from you. Barnabas and I deserve even more to receive it from you. However, we have not asked for any support from you. Rather, we choose to go without things so that we will not keep the good news about the Messiah from spreading.

Why did Paul and his companions not claim their right to material benefits from the Corinthians?

Paul and his companions did not claim this right so they would not cause any hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:13

ULT

13 Do you not know that the ones working in the temple eat from the {things} of the temple; the ones serving at the altar partake from the altar?

UST

13 Surely you know that the people who perform their duties in the temple eat some of the food that people offer in the temple. More specifically, the priests who offer sacrifices on the altar receive part of what people bring to them to offer on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:14

ULT

14 In the same way also, the Lord commanded the ones proclaiming the gospel to live from the gospel.

UST

14 Similarly, the Lord instructed that anyone who preaches the good news should make their living from {preaching} the good news.

What did the Lord command concerning those who proclaim the gospel?

The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living from the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:15

ULT

15 But I have not taken advantage of {any} of these {things}. Now I do not write these {things} so that thus it might be done for me, for {it would be} better for me to die rather than {anyone} will make my boast empty.

UST

15 However, I have not asked for any of this support from you. Further, I am not now writing to you to ask for support for myself. I would prefer to die rather than to have someone take away what I can boast about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:16

ULT

16 For if I proclaim the gospel, there is nothing for me to boast, because compulsion is placed upon me. For woe be to me if I would not preach the gospel!

UST

16 Now I cannot boast about preaching the good news, because God requires me to preach it. Indeed, were I to stop preaching the good news, God would discipline me.

What did Paul say he could not boast about, and why couldn't he boast about it?
Paul said he couldn't boast about preaching the gospel, because he had to preach the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:17

ULT

17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward. But if unwillingly, I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

UST

17 God would reward me if I preached the good news because I myself chose to. However, I have not chosen to do so, for God himself has told me what I need to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:18

ULT

18 What then is my reward? That proclaiming the gospel without charge, I might offer the gospel so as not to take advantage of my right in the gospel.

UST

18 God still rewards me, however. {He does so} when I preach the good news without requiring people to pay me. I tell people about the good news in this way so that I do not misuse what I am able to require because I preach the good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:19

ULT

19 For being free from all, I enslaved myself to all in order that I might gain the more {people}.

UST

19 {Since I preach the good news for free,} I do not need to serve any humans. However, I choose to serve all humans so that I can help more of them {believe in the Messiah}.

Why did Paul become a servant to all?

Paul became a servant to all in order that he might win more people to God.

1 Corinthians 9:20

ULT

20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To the ones under law, as under law, not being under law myself [1] in order to gain the ones under law.

UST

20 When I am with Jewish people, I act like a Jewish person. That way, I can help Jewish people {believe in the Messiah}. When I am with people who think they need to obey Moses' law, I act like someone who thinks that he needs to obey Moses' law. While I myself know that I do not need to obey Moses' law, {I act this way} so that I can help the people who think they need to obey Moses' law {believe in the Messiah}.

Who did Paul become like in order to win Jews?

Paul became like a Jew in order to win Jews.

1 Corinthians 9:21

ULT

21 To the ones without law, {I became} as without law (not being without law of God, but under law of Christ) so that I might gain the ones without law.

UST

21 When I am with people who do not obey Moses' law, I act like someone who does not obey Moses' law. {I act this way} so that I can help the people who do not obey Moses' law {to believe in the Messiah}. Of course, I do obey God's law, since I do what the Messiah commanded.

Who did Paul become like in order to win those outside the law?

Paul became like those outside the law in order to win those outside the law.

1 Corinthians 9:22

ULT

22 To the weak I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all {things} to everyone so that I might by all means save some.

UST

22 When I am with people who incompletely understand what is right and wrong, I act like someone who incompletely understands what is right and wrong. {I act this way} so that I can help the people who incompletely understand what is right and wrong {to believe in the Messiah}. {As you can see,} when I am with any people, I act like they do so that God might work through all the things I do in order to save some of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:23

ULT

23 But I do all {things} for the sake of the gospel so that I might become a partaker of it.

UST

23 As you can see, I act in all these ways because I want people to believe in the good news. {Further, I do these things} in order that I too will receive what God has promised in the good news.

Why did Paul do all things for the gospel's sake?

He did this so that he might participate in the blessings of the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:24

ULT

24 Do you not know that the ones running in a stadium all run, but {only} one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you might obtain {it}.

UST

24 Surely you know that all the runners participate in a race, but in the end only one runner wins the race and takes the reward for winning. When you serve God, it is much like this kind of race. You need to work hard to gain what God has promised to you, just like the runner runs hard to win the race.

How did Paul say to run?

Paul said to run to win the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:25

ULT

25 But everyone competing in the games exercises self-control in all {things}. They therefore {do it} in order that they might receive a perishable wreath, but we, an imperishable {one}.

UST

25 All athletes carefully control everything that they do {so that they can win}. They compete for a crown made of leaves that will fall apart. We, however, {control ourselves so that we can receive what God has promised to give us,} which will last forever.

What kind of wreath was Paul running to receive?

Paul was running so that he might receive a wreath which does not perish.

1 Corinthians 9:26

ULT

26 Therefore, I run thus, not as without purpose; I fight thus, not as boxing {the} air.

UST

26 Because of this, I am like a runner who runs straight toward the finish line. I am like a boxer who strikes an opponent without missing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 9:27

ULT

27 But I subdue my body and enslave it, lest having preached to others, I myself might be disqualified.
9:20 [1] Some older versions leave out these words.

UST

27 I totally control my body and make it serve me. I do that because I do not want to proclaim the good news to other people but then find that God does not approve of me.

Why did Paul subdue his body and make it a slave?

Paul did this so that after he had preached to others, he himself might not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 10

1 Corinthians 10:1

ULT
[1] For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea,

UST
[1] Now I want to remind you, fellow believers, that our Jewish ancestors all followed God when he appeared to them in a cloud. They all walked through the Red Sea when God made a dry path for them through the water.

What common experiences did their fathers have in the time of Moses? (vv1-4)
All were under the cloud and passed through the sea. All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink.

1 Corinthians 10:2

ULT
[2] and they all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

UST
[2] {It was as if} someone baptized all of them so that they belonged to Moses. {This happened} when they followed the cloud and walked through the Red Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:3

ULT
[3] and they all ate the same spiritual food,

UST
[3] All of them together ate the special food that God gave them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:4

ULT

[4] and they all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock following {them}, and the rock was Christ.

UST

[4] All of them together drank the special water that God gave them. This happened when they drank the water that came out of the special rock that God provided and that followed them. That water was something that the Messiah gave.

Who was the spiritual rock that followed their fathers?

Christ was the rock that followed them.

1 Corinthians 10:5

ULT

[5] But God was not well pleased with most of them, for they were scattered about in the wilderness.

UST

[5] However, most of our Jewish ancestors did not please God. {You can tell that this is true} because they died while they traveled through the desert places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:6

ULT

[6] Now these {things} became examples for us so {that} we would not be ones desiring evil {things}, just as they also desired.

UST

[6] The things that happened to them illustrate how we should act. Through what happened to them, God warns us to avoid doing what is evil, such as the evil things that they did.

Why was God not pleased with their fathers in the time of Moses?

He was not pleased because their fathers longed for evil things.

1 Corinthians 10:7

ULT

7 Do not become idolaters, just as some of them {were}; even as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play.”

UST

7 You should not worship idols, which is what some of our Jewish ancestors did. {You can tell that they worshiped idols,} because Moses wrote, “The Israelites started eating and drinking and then worshiped other gods in sexually immoral ways.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:8

ULT

8 Nor should we commit sexual immorality, just as many of them committed sexual immorality, and 23,000 people fell in one day.

UST

8 We should not have improper sex, which is what some of our Jewish ancestors did. Because they did this, 23,000 of them died during one day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:9

ULT

9 Nor should we put the Lord [1] to the test, just as many of them put {him} to the test and were destroyed by the snakes.

UST

9 We should not challenge the Lord, which is what some of our Jewish ancestors did. Because they did this, snakes killed them.

By what means did God destroy the disobedient and grumbling people? (vv9-10)

God destroyed them by snakes and the destroyer, the angel of death.

1 Corinthians 10:10

ULT
10 Do not grumble, even as many of them grumbled and were destroyed by the destroyer.

UST
10 You should not complain, which is what some of our Jewish ancestors did. Because they did this, a dangerous spiritual being {whom God sent} killed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:11

ULT
11 Now these {things} happened to them {as} examples, but they were written for our admonition, on whom the end of the ages has come.

UST
11 Those things that our ancestors experienced illustrate {how we should act}. In fact, someone wrote down what happened to them so that we can learn from them, since we are the ones who are experiencing the last days.

Why did the things happen and why were they written down?
They happened as examples for us and they were written down for our instruction.

1 Corinthians 10:12

ULT
12 Therefore, the one thinking he stands, let him be careful {that} he might not fall.

UST
12 As those stories illustrate, any people who think that they firmly believe {in the Messiah} should make sure that they do not fail {to follow the Messiah}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:13

ULT

13 No temptation has seized you except {what is} common to humanity; but God {is} faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, {so that} you will be able to endure it.

UST

13 Other people have experienced the things that tempt you. Further, God will act faithfully. He will not let you experience anything that tempts you if you cannot resist it. Rather, when something tempts you, he will give you what you need to faithfully resist it.

Has any unique temptation happened to us?

No temptation has overtaken us that is not common to all humanity.

What has God done to enable us to endure temptation?

He has provided the way of escape so that we may be able to endure temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:14

ULT

14 Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry.

UST

14 Because {of that I have said}, fellow believers whom I love, intentionally avoid worshiping other gods.

From what does Paul warn the Corinthian believers to run away?

He warns them to run away from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:15

ULT

15 I speak as to sensible {people}. Judge for yourselves what I say.

UST

15 I am talking this way because I think that you are reasonable people. You should decide for yourselves whether what I am about to say is right or wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:16

ULT

16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

UST

16 When we drink the wine that we bless in the Lord's Supper, we together connect ourselves with the Messiah's blood. When we eat the bread, we together connect ourselves with the Messiah's body.

What is the cup of blessing the believers bless, and what is the bread they break?
The cup is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The bread is a sharing in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:17

ULT

17 Because {there is} one bread, we the many {are} one body; for we all partake from the one bread.

UST

17 We use one loaf of bread {in the Lord's Supper}, and we all together eat pieces of that one loaf. Because we do this, we join ourselves together like we all make up one body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:18

ULT

18 Look at Israel according to {the} flesh; are not the ones eating the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

UST

18 Take the people of Israel as an example. The people who offered something would eat some of what they offered. This means that they connected themselves with the altar{, where the priest would present the rest of what they offered to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:19

ULT
19 What am I saying then: that {food} sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

UST
19 I am arguing, therefore, that meat that someone has offered to another god and other gods themselves are not powerful or important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:20

ULT
20 Rather, that what the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. But I do not want you to be partakers with the demons!

UST
20 However, {you should know} that when those who do not worship God offer sacrifices, they are offering them to evil spiritual beings, not to God. I want you to avoid connecting yourselves with evil spiritual beings.

To whom do the Gentile pagans offer their sacrifices?
They offer these things to demons and not to God.

Since Paul did not want the Corinthian believers to be participants with demons, what does he tell them they cannot do? (vv20-21)
Paul tells them they cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons, and they cannot have fellowship at the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:21

ULT
21 You are not able to drink {the} cup of {the} Lord and {the} cup of demons. You are not able to partake of {the} table of {the} Lord and of {the} table of demons.

UST
21 You cannot drink wine that belongs to the Lord and also wine that belongs to evil spiritual beings. You cannot eat food that belongs to the Lord and also food that belongs to evil spiritual beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:22

ULT
22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than him, are we?

UST
22 Those who do both of those things should expect the Lord to act jealously against them. Further, we are certainly less powerful than he is.

What do we risk if we as believers of the Lord also participate with demons?
We risk provoking the Lord to jealousy.

1 Corinthians 10:23

ULT
23 “All {things are} lawful,” but not all {things are} beneficial. “All {things are} lawful,” but not all {things} build up.

UST
23 {Some of you say,} “I can do anything and not become guilty.” However, {I say that} some things are not helpful {to anybody}. {Again, some of you say,} “I can do anything and not become guilty.” However, {I say that} some things do not help you grow.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:24

ULT
24 Let no one seek his own good, but {that} of the other {person}.

UST
24 Do not work hard to gain what is best for yourselves. Rather, {you should work hard to gain} what is best for other people.

Should we seek our own good?
No. Instead, each one should seek the good of his neighbor.

1 Corinthians 10:25

ULT
25 Eat everything {that} is being sold in {the} market, without asking for the sake of the conscience.

UST
25 You can eat any food that you buy in the public marketplace. You do not need to find out {where it came from} so that you know whether it is right or wrong {to eat it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:26

ULT
26 For “the earth {is} the Lord’s, and the fullness of it.”

UST
26 {You can do this} because {David wrote}, “The earth and everything connected with it belongs to the Lord.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:27

ULT
27 If any of the unbelievers invite you, and you want to go, eat everything being set before you, without asking questions for the sake of the conscience.

UST
27 At some point, people who do not believe may ask you {to eat with them}, and you may decide to {do so}. When this happens, you can eat all the food that they serve you. You do not need to find out {where it came from} so that you know whether it is right or wrong {to eat it}.

If an unbeliever invites you to eat a meal, and you wish to go, what should you do?
You should eat whatever is set before you without asking questions of conscience.

1 Corinthians 10:28

ULT

28 But if someone says to you, “This is offered in sacrifice,” do not eat {it}, for the sake of that one having informed you, and conscience— [2]

UST

28 (However, someone might tell you that a person offered the food to a god. In this situation, you should not eat the food. {You should act in this way} to benefit the person who told you {about the food} and because of knowing what is right and wrong.

If your unbelieving host tells you the food you are about to eat came from a pagan sacrifice, why should you not eat it? (vv28-29)

You shouldn’t eat it, for the sake of the person who informed you and for the sake of the other person’s conscience.

1 Corinthians 10:29

ULT

29 now I say {the} conscience, not {your} own, but {that} of the other {person}. For why {is} my freedom judged by another’s conscience?

UST

29 By “knowing what is right and wrong,” I mean what the other person knows, not what you know.) In general, what another person thinks is right or wrong should not keep me from doing what I am able to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:30

ULT

30 If I partake with gratitude, why am I insulted for that which I give thanks?

UST

30 As long as I am grateful to God when I eat any food, no one should speak badly about me because of something for which I thanked God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 10:31

ULT

31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to {the} glory of God.

UST

31 To summarize, whenever you eat or drink anything, and indeed whenever you do anything, you should always behave so that you and others honor God.

What should we do to the glory of God?

We should do all things, including eating and drinking, to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:32

ULT

32 Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

UST

32 Do not behave in ways that discourage Jewish people, non-Jewish people, or fellow believers from trusting the Messiah.

Why should we give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God? (vv32-33)

We should give no offence to them so that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 10:33

ULT

33 just as I also please all {people} in all {things}, not seeking {my} own benefit but {that} of the many, so that they might be saved.
10:9 [1] many ancient manuscripts read
10:28 [2] But the best manuscripts do not have this.

UST

33 I illustrate {how to do this} with how I live. I always act in ways that everyone around me accepts. I do not work hard to gain what is best for myself. Rather, {I work hard to gain what is best} for other people. {I do this} in order that God will save them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11

1 Corinthians 11:1

ULT

[1] Be imitators of me, just as I also {am} of Christ.

UST

[1] Do what I do, just like I do what Christ did.

Who did Paul tell the Corinthian believers to imitate?

Paul told them to imitate himself.

Who did Paul imitate?

Paul was an imitator of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:2

ULT

[2] Now I praise you, because you remember me in all {things} and you hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

UST

[2] I commend you because you always think of what I teach and do and because you carefully believe and do what I taught you to believe and do.

For what did Paul praise the Corinthian believers?

Paul praised them for remembering him in everything and for holding fast to the traditions just as he delivered them to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:3

ULT

3 Now I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man {is} the head of a woman, and God {is} the head of Christ.

UST

3 I am telling you that each man comes from the Messiah. A wife comes from her husband. Finally, the Messiah comes from God.

Who is the head of Christ?

God is the head of Christ.

Who is the head of man?

Christ is the head of every man.

Who is the head of a woman?

A man is the head of a woman.

1 Corinthians 11:4

ULT

4 Every man praying or prophesying, having something on {his} head, dishonors his head.

UST

4 Men might cover their heads when they pray or proclaim what God says. Those who do this shame the person they come from: {the Messiah}.

What happens when a man prays with his head covered?

He dishonors his head if he prays with his head covered.

1 Corinthians 11:5

ULT

5 But every woman praying or prophesying with {her} head uncovered dishonors her head. For it is one and the same {thing} as having been shaved.

UST

5 Now women might bare their heads when they pray or proclaim what God says. Those who do this shame the people they come from: {their husbands}. {You can tell that this is true,} because a woman who bares her head is like a woman whose hair someone has shaved off.

What happens when a woman prays with her head uncovered?

Any woman who prays with her head uncovered dishonors her head.

1 Corinthians 11:6

ULT

6 For if a woman does not cover {her} head, let {her} hair also be cut off. But if {it is} disgraceful for a woman to have {her} hair cut off or to be shaved, let her cover {her} head.

UST

6 In fact, someone should cut short the hair of any woman who bares her head. Since people shame a woman who has short hair, women should not bare their heads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:7

ULT

7 For a man ought not to cover {his} head, being {the} image and glory of God. But the woman is {the} glory of man.

UST

7 Further, on the one hand, men should not cover their heads, because they represent and honor God. On the other hand, wives honor their husbands.

Why should a man not have his head covered?

He should not have his head covered because his is the image and glory of God.

1 Corinthians 11:8

ULT
8 For man is not from woman, but woman {is} from man.

UST
8 {You can tell that this is true} because God did not make the man Adam from the woman Eve. Rather, he made the woman Eve from the man Adam.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:9

ULT
9 For indeed man was not created for the woman, but woman for the man.

UST
9 Another {way that you can tell that this is true is} because God did not make the man Adam for the sake of the woman Eve. Rather, he made the woman Eve for the sake of the man Adam.

For whom was the woman created?
The woman was created for the man.

1 Corinthians 11:10

ULT
10 Because of this the woman ought to have authority on the head, because of the angels.

UST
10 Because {wives honor their husbands}, women should control {what they wear} on their heads. {They should do this also} because of the powerful spiritual beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:11

ULT

11 Nevertheless, in {the} Lord, woman {is} not independent from man, nor {is} man independent from woman.

UST

11 Despite all that, when God unites people to the Messiah, women cannot exist without men, and men cannot exist without women.

Why are the woman and the man both dependent on each other? (vv11-12)

The woman comes from the man, and the man comes from the woman.

1 Corinthians 11:12

ULT

12 For even as the woman {is} from the man, so also the man {is} through the woman, but all {things are} from God.

UST

12 In fact, while the woman {Eve} did come from the man {Adam}, men only exist because women give birth to them. However, everything that exists{, including men and women,} comes from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:13

ULT

13 Judge for your own selves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God uncovered?

UST

13 You yourselves should decide whether women who pray to God without covering their heads act appropriately or not.

What was the practice of Paul, his associates, and the churches of God concerning women praying?

It was their practice for women to pray with their heads covered.

1 Corinthians 11:14

ULT

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man might have long hair, it is a disgrace for him,

UST

14 You can learn from observing the way things are that it is dishonorable for men to have long hair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:15

ULT

15 but if a woman might have long hair, it is glory for her? For the long hair has been given to her as a covering.

UST

15 However, {you can also learn from observing the way things are} that it is honorable for women to have long hair. {This is} because God has given women their long hair, which functions to cover {their heads}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:16

ULT

16 But if anyone thinks to be contentious {about this}, we do not have any such practice, nor the churches of God.

UST

16 Now if any people consider arguing about what I have said, neither we nor God's churches allow women to uncover their heads {when they pray or prophesy}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:17

ULT

17 But in commanding this, I do not praise you, for you come together not for the better but for the worse.

UST

17 I am now going to instruct you about another topic, and I cannot commend you in this area. {I cannot commend you,} because you harm fellow believers instead of helping them when you gather as fellow believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:18

ULT

18 For first, I hear {that in} your coming together in the church, there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

UST

18 Here is the first thing I will speak about: some people have told me that you split up into rival groups when you gather as fellow believers to worship God. I believe that this is partly true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:19

ULT

19 For it is necessary indeed for there to be factions among you, so that also the ones approved may become evident among you.

UST

19 {I believe it} because there need to be disagreements in your group. That way, it may become clear {to everyone} whom in your group God considers to be acceptable {to him}.

Why must there be factions among the Corinthian Christians?

There must be factions among them so that those who are approved may be recognized among them.

1 Corinthians 11:20

ULT

20 So then, your coming together in one place, it is not to eat {the} Lord’s Supper.

UST

20 Because of these divisions, you are not actually eating the Lord’s Supper when you gather as fellow believers together {to eat}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:21

ULT

21 For when eating, each one takes his own supper first; and one is indeed hungry, but one is drunk.

UST

21 During your meals, some people are eating their own food before {others receive some}. In this way, some people do not have enough to eat, while other people are getting drunk.

What was happening when the Corinthian church came together to eat.

When they ate, each one ate his own food before the others had their meal. One was hungry, and another became drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:22

ULT

22 For do you certainly not have houses in {which} to eat and to drink? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate the ones having nothing? What should I say to you? Should I praise you for this? I do not praise you!

UST

22 You act in these ways despite the fact that you can eat food and drink wine in your own houses. Instead, though, you think contemptuously about God's church. In particular, you shame people who have less than you do. You should already know what I will say to you. I am not going to commend you for doing these things. I will definitely not do that!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:23

ULT

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread,

UST

23 I have already told you what I learned from the Lord about the night when Judas handed the Lord Jesus over {to the authorities, who executed him}. During that night, Jesus picked up a loaf of bread.

On the night he was betrayed, what did the Lord say after he broke the bread? (vv23-24)

He said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

1 Corinthians 11:24

ULT
24 and having given thanks, he broke {it} and said, “This is my body, {which is} for you. Do this in the remembrance of me.”

UST
24 He thanked God {for the loaf of bread}, and then he tore it into pieces {so that the disciples could eat it}. Then he said, “This {bread} is my body, which I am offering for your sake. Repeat what I have done so that you remember {how I am offering} myself {for you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:25

ULT
25 In the same way also the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink {it}, in the remembrance of me.”

UST
25 Just as {he picked up the loaf of bread}, he also picked up the cup {of wine} after they had eaten. He said, “This cup {of wine} is the new covenant {that I am inaugurating} with my blood. Repeat what I have done whenever you drink from this cup of wine so that you remember {how I am offering} myself {for you}.”

What did the Lord say when he took the cup after the supper?
He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

ULT
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink {this} cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he would come.

UST
26 This means that, until the Lord comes back, whenever {you participate in the Lord’s Supper by} eating this bread and drinking {wine from} this cup, you announce that the Lord has died.

What are you doing every time you eat this bread and drink this cup?
You are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27

ULT

27 Whoever, therefore, might eat the bread or might drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord.

UST

27 So then, some people, while participating in the Lord's Supper, might eat the bread or drink {wine from} the cup in a way that dishonors {the Messiah}. God will hold them responsible for {how they have acted against} the Lord's body and blood.

Why should a person not eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner?

Doing so makes you guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:28

ULT

28 But let a man examine himself, and in this way let him eat from the bread, and let him drink from the cup.

UST

28 To avoid that, believers should carefully consider how they are behaving. Then, they can eat the bread and drink {wine} from the cup.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:29

ULT

29 For the one eating and drinking without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment to himself.

UST

29 {You should carefully consider how you are behaving,} because some people eat and drink {during the Lord's Supper} but do not recognize {that God has united fellow believers to the Lord as closely as if they were} the Lord's body. How those people eat and drink {during the Lord's Supper} will result in God punishing them.

What happens to the person who eats the bread or drinks the cup without discerning?

Doing so, that person eats and drinks judgment to himself.

1 Corinthians 11:30

ULT

30 Because of this many among you {are} weak and sick, and many are fallen asleep.

UST

30 Because {people in your group have acted in that improper way}, many of them have gotten sick and some of them have died.

What happened to many among the Corinthian church who ate the bread and drank the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner?

Many among them became sick and ill, and some of them died.

1 Corinthians 11:31

ULT

31 But if we were examining ourselves, we would not be judged.

UST

31 So, we believers really should carefully consider how we are acting {before we participate in the Lord's Supper}. Then, God will not punish us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:32

ULT

32 But being judged by {the} Lord, we are disciplined so that we might not be condemned along with the world.

UST

32 However, when the Lord does punish us, he does it to train us. That way, God does not include us when he declares everyone who does not believe in the Messiah to be guilty.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 11:33

ULT

33 Therefore, my brothers, coming together to eat, wait for one another.

UST

33 In conclusion, my fellow believers, when you gather together to eat {the Lord's Supper}, you should not start eating until everyone has received food and drink.

What does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to do when they come together to eat?
He tells them to wait for one another.

1 Corinthians 11:34

ULT

34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you might not come together for judgment. Now {about} the remaining {things}, I will give directions when I come.

UST

34 Any people who are {so} hungry {that they start eating before everyone has received food and drink} should eat at their own houses. That way, when you gather together as fellow believers, God will not punish you. I have not said everything that I need to say. So, I will instruct you about those things whenever I visit you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12

1 Corinthians 12:1

ULT
1 Now about the spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.

UST
1 I am now moving on to speak about how God's Spirit specially empowers believers. I want to inform you, my fellow believers, about these things.

About what does Paul want the Corinthian Christians to be informed?
Paul wants them to be informed about spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:2

ULT
2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, in whatever ways you were led.

UST
2 You remember {what you did} when you were not believers. You worshiped other gods. These other gods cannot even speak, but you did whatever {wrong things people told you to do} to worship these other gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:3

ULT
3 Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by {the} Spirit of God says, "Jesus {is} accursed," and no one is able to say, "Jesus {is} Lord," except by {the} Holy Spirit.

UST
3 So then, I am informing you that a person who curses Jesus does not speak with the power of God's Spirit. On the other hand, a person who says that Jesus is Lord must be speaking with the power of the Holy Spirit.

What is one who speaks by the Spirit of God not capable of saying?
He cannot say, "Jesus is accursed."

How can one say, "Jesus is Lord"?
One can only say "Jesus is Lord" by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

ULT

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

UST

4 The Spirit empowers people in many different ways, but there is only one Spirit.

What does God make possible in every believer? (vv4-6)
He makes possible in every believer different gifts, different ministries, and different kinds of work.

1 Corinthians 12:5

ULT

5 And there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord.

UST

5 People serve the Lord in many different ways, but there is only one Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:6

ULT

6 And there are varieties of workings, but the same God working all things in everyone.

UST

6 People work for God in many different ways, but there is only one God. He is the one who empowers all people to function in all these ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:7

ULT
[7] Now to each one is given the outward display of the Spirit for the collective benefit.

UST
[7] Each believer receives from God specific ways in which God's Spirit works through them to help fellow believers.

Why is the outward display of the Spirit given?
It is given for the benefit of all.

1 Corinthians 12:8

ULT
[8] For to one is given by the Spirit a word of wisdom, and to another, a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

UST
[8] For example, God's Spirit empowers some believers to speak wisely. Other believers can speak knowledgeably, and the same Spirit empowers them to do this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:9

ULT
[9] to another, faith by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;

UST
[9] The same Spirit empowers some believers to trust God in special ways. The same Spirit empowers other believers to heal others.

What are some of the gifts given by the Spirit? (vv9-10)
Some of the gifts are faith, gifts of healing, deeds of power, prophecy, ability to distinguish between spirits, various kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:10

ULT

10 and to another, workings of power; to another, prophecy; to another, discernments of spirits; to another, kinds of tongues; and to another, interpretation of tongues.

UST

10 Other believers can do powerful things. Other believers can speak messages from God. Other believers can decide whether something comes from God's Spirit or not. Some believers can speak unknown languages. Other believers can interpret those unknown languages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:11

ULT

11 But the one and the same Spirit works all these {things}, distributing them to each one individually just as he desires.

UST

11 The same Spirit works to empower believers to do all these things. There is just one Holy Spirit, and he decides how to work specifically through each believer.

Who chooses which gifts each one receives?

The Spirit gives the gifts to each one individually, as he chooses.

1 Corinthians 12:12

ULT

12 For even as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also {is} Christ.

UST

12 {We consider} a person's body to be a unity, but the body has many body parts. So, all those body parts, no matter how many there are, together make up one body. {We can think about} the Messiah in a similar way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:13

ULT
13 For indeed by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bound or free, and all were made to drink one Spirit.

UST
13 Now, {God has united us together as closely as if} we made up one body. {This happened when} people baptized us, with the result that we have the one Spirit. {We make up this one body} even though some of us are Jewish people and others are non-Jewish people, and even though some of us are slaves and others are free people. Further, we all shared in this one Spirit just like we all shared a drink from one cup.

Into what were all Christians baptized?
We were all baptized into one body and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:14

ULT
14 For indeed the body is not one member, but many.

UST
14 As you know, one body part does not make up a body. Rather, it takes many body parts {to make up a body}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:15

ULT
15 If the foot would say, “Since I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” not for this it is not of the body.

UST
15 Imagine that your foot {could talk to you, and it} said that, since it was not a hand, it could not belong to your body. That reason does not keep it from belonging to your body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:16

ULT
16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” not for this it is not of the body.

UST
16 Again, imagine that your ear {could talk to you, and it} said that, since it was not an eye, it could not belong to your body. That reason does not keep it from belonging to your body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:17

ULT
17 If the whole body {were} an eye, where {would} the hearing {be}? If {the} whole {were} an ear, where {would} the sense of smell {be}?

UST
17 Imagine that only eyes made up your body. You would not be able to hear anything! Imagine that only ears made up your body. You would not be able to smell anything!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:18

ULT
18 But now God appointed the members, each one of them, in the body just as he desired.

UST
18 But here is what is true {about the body}: God decided how each body part should function, and he connected each body part to the body for a specific reason.

Who arranged and designed each part of the body?
God arranged each part of the body as he designed it.

1 Corinthians 12:19

ULT
19 But if they were all one member, where {would} the body {be}?

UST
19 Imagine that all {your body parts} were the same {kind of} body part. You would not really have a body at all!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:20

ULT
20 But now {there are} many members, but one body.

UST
20 But here is what is true {about the body}: many {different} body parts exist. However, {together they make up} one body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:21

ULT
21 Now the eye is not able to say to the hand, “I do not have need of you,” or again, the head to the feet, “I do not have need of you.”

UST
21 Imagine again that your body parts could talk. An eye would never tell a hand, “I do not need you.” Similarly, a head would never tell feet, “I do not need you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:22

ULT
22 On the contrary, the members of the body appearing to be weaker are much more essential;

UST
22 Rather, what is true is that the body parts that we consider to be the delicate ones are actually necessary.

Can we do without the members of the body that appear to be less honorable?
No. The members of the body that appear to be less honorable are essential.

1 Corinthians 12:23

ULT
23 and those of the body which we think to be less honorable, we bestow them greater honor; and our unpresentable members have more dignity;

UST
23 Further, we more highly value the body parts that we think of as less valuable. We treat our indecent body parts more decently,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:24

ULT
24 but our presentable members do not have need. But God has combined the body together, giving more honor to the one lacking {it}

UST
24 but we do not treat our decent body parts in any special way. In the end, God is the one who put all the body parts together into one body, and he makes the less valuable parts more valuable.

What has God done for the members of the body, including those that are less honorable?
God has joined all the members together, and he gave more honor to those that lacked it.

1 Corinthians 12:25

ULT
25 so that there may be no division within the body, but {that} the members should care for one another the same.

UST
25 {God did this} in order that the body would not split up into different parts. Instead, the body parts work together and do not privilege one body part over other body parts.

Why did God give more honor to the members of the body that lacked it?
He did this so there may be no division within the body, but that the members should care for one another with the same affection.

1 Corinthians 12:26

ULT
26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer together; if a member is honored, all the members rejoice with {it}.

UST
26 So, all the body parts hurt when one body part is hurting. All the body parts celebrate when somebody praises one body part.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:27

ULT
27 Now you are {the} body of Christ and individually members of {it}.

UST
27 {I say all this because} you all are {like} the Messiah's body. Each of you is {like} a body part {in that body}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:28

ULT
28 And God has indeed appointed some in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administration, {and} various kinds of tongues.

UST
28 In line with that, God has specially empowered the people who worship him. First, some people are those whom God has sent to represent the Messiah. Second, some people proclaim what God says. Third, some people teach other believers. Further, some people do powerful things. Others can heal others, help other believers, guide the group of believers, or speak unknown languages.

Who has God appointed in the church?
In the church God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, those who do powerful deeds, gifts of healing, those who provide helps, administrators, and those who speak various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:29

ULT
29 Not all {are} apostles, are they? Not all {are} prophets, are they? Not all {are} teachers, are they? Not all {do} miracles, do they?

UST
29 Only some believers are those whom God has sent to represent the Messiah. Only some proclaim what God says. Only some teach other believers. Only some do powerful things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:30

ULT
30 Not all have gifts of healing, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all interpret, do they?

UST
30 Only some heal others. Only some speak unknown languages. Only some interpret {those unknown languages}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 12:31

ULT
31 But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And now, I show you a more excellent way.

UST
31 Now I want you to eagerly seek the most beneficial gifts. Next, I will tell you about the very best thing you can do.

What does Paul tell the Corinthian Christians to seek?
He tells them to seek the greater gifts.

What does Paul say he will show the Corinthian Christians?
He says he will show them a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13

1 Corinthians 13:1

ULT

[1] If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

UST

[1] Imagine that I could speak many human and angelic languages, but I did not love others. I would be {able to make much noise,} like a loud metal instrument{, but I would not be helping anyone}.

What would Paul become if he spoke with tongues of men and of angels but didn't have love?
He would become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:2

ULT

[2] And if I have prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but I do not have love, I am nothing.

UST

[2] Again, imagine that I could proclaim what God says, that I could comprehend and know everything, and that I believed so much that I could make mountains change places. But imagine further that I did not love others. Because of that, nothing else matters.

What would Paul be if he had the gift of prophecy, understood all hidden truths and knowledge and had great faith, but didn't have love?
Without love, he would be nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3

ULT

3 And if I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body, so that I might boast, but I do not have love, I gain nothing. [1]

UST

3 Yet again, imagine that I gifted everything I owned {to people who needed food}, and that I did not protect my own body, with the result that people would honor me. But imagine further that I did not love others. {Because I did not love others}, none of those things that I did help me at all.

How could Paul give all he owned to feed the poor and give his body to be burned and still gain nothing?

If he didn't have love, he would gain nothing even though he did all these other things.

1 Corinthians 13:4

ULT

4 Love is patient {and} is kind; love does not envy; love does not boast; it is not puffed up.

UST

4 Those who love others wait patiently and act graciously. They do not wish that others would lose the good things that they have. They do not say great things about themselves or act like they are great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:5

ULT

5 It is not rude; it does not seek {its} own; it is not easily angered; it does not keep a count of the wrongs.

UST

5 They do not do shameful things. They do not care only about themselves. They do not quickly become angry. They do not keep track of what others have done wrong.

What are some of the characteristics of love? (vv5-7)

Love is patient and kind; it does not envy or boast; it isn't arrogant or rude. It is not self serving, not easily angered, nor does it keep a count of wrongs. It doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, has confidence concerning all things, and endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:6

ULT
6 It does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth.

UST
6 They do not celebrate when people do bad things. Instead, they celebrate what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:7

ULT
7 It bears all {things}, believes all {things}, hopes all {things}, endures all {things}.

UST
7 They always put up with {others}. They always believe {that God will do what is best}, and they are always confident {that God will do what he has promised}. They always persevere {when bad things happen}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:8

ULT
8 Love never fails. But if {there are} prophecies, they will pass away; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will pass away.

UST
8 Those who love others never cease doing so. However, someday people will no longer proclaim what God says. Someday, people will stop speaking unknown languages. Someday, people will no longer know special things.

What will never fail?
Love never fails.

What are some things that will pass away or cease? (vv8-10)
Prophecies, knowledge and that which is incomplete will pass away and tongues will cease.

1 Corinthians 13:9

ULT
9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

UST
9 {These things will no longer happen,} because we know special things incompletely, and we proclaim what God says incompletely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:10

ULT
10 But when the perfect comes, {that which is} partial will pass away.

UST
10 So, when we experience what is complete {when Jesus comes back}, what is incomplete will no longer matter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:11

ULT
11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away the {things} of the child.

UST
11 {Here is an analogy:} when we were young, we talked as children talk. We thought as children think. We made decisions as children make decisions. But when we grew up, we stopped acting as children do.

What did Paul say he did when he became an adult?
Paul said when he became an adult he put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:12

ULT

12 For now we see unclearly in a mirror, but then, face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known.

UST

12 Right now, we see {God} indirectly, as if we saw a reflection in a mirror. When {Jesus comes back}, however, {we will see God} in person. Right now, we know {God} incompletely. When {Jesus comes back}, however, we will know God just as much as he knows us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 13:13

ULT

13 But now these three remain: faith, hope, {and} love. But {the} greatest of these {is} love.
13:3 *[1]* Some other versions read

UST

13 In the end, there are three things that we will always keep doing. We will believe {in the Messiah}, confidently expect {God to do what he has promised}, and love {God and other people}. However, loving {God and others} is the most important out of these three things.

What three things will remain, and which of the three is the greatest?

Faith, hope, and love will remain. The greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 14

1 Corinthians 14:1

ULT
[1] Pursue love, but be zealous for the spiritual gifts, but especially that you might prophesy.

UST
[1] You should seek to love others always. Also, you should eagerly seek that the Holy Spirit specially empowers you, particularly that you might be able to proclaim what God says.

For which spiritual gift did Paul say we should be especially zealous?
Paul said we should be especially zealous to prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:2

ULT
[2] For the one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but he speaks mysteries in spirit.

UST
[2] {You should desire this} because people who talk in unknown languages are talking with God, not with other people. {This is} because no one knows what they are saying. Rather, they say secret things as the Holy Spirit empowers them.

To whom is one speaking when he speaks in a tongue?
He is speaking not to people but to God.

1 Corinthians 14:3

ULT
[3] But the one prophesying speaks to men for building up and encouragement and consolation.

UST
[3] On the other hand, those who proclaim what God says do talk to other people. They help other believers become stronger, urge other believers to act in proper ways, and comfort other believers.

Who does the one prophesying build up, and who does the one speaking in tongues build up? (vv3-4)
The one who prophesies builds up the people, but the one who speaks in tongues builds up himself

1 Corinthians 14:4

ULT

[4] The one speaking in a tongue builds up himself, but the one prophesying builds up {the} church.

UST

[4] People who talk in unknown languages help themselves become stronger. On the other hand, people who proclaim what God says help the group of believers become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:5

ULT

[5] Now I desire you all to speak in tongues, but even more, that you might prophesy. Now the one prophesying is greater than the one speaking in tongues (unless he would interpret, so that the church might receive building up).

UST

[5] I want all of you to talk in unknown languages. What I want even more, however, is that you might proclaim what God says. Proclaiming what God says is more important and helpful than talking in unknown languages. Of course, if someone explains {the unknown language}, then it {too} can help believers become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:6

ULT

[6] But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I benefit you unless I speak to you either in revelation or in knowledge or in prophecy or teaching?

UST

[6] Here {is what I am trying to say}, my fellow believers: imagine that I{, for example,} visited you, and I talked in unknown languages. I would not be helping you at all. To actually help you, I would need to reveal things {to you}, help you know things, proclaim what God says {to you}, or teach {you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:7

ULT

[7] Even lifeless {things} giving sounds—whether flute or harp—if they would not give different sounds, how will the {thing} being played on the flute or the {thing} being played on the harp be known?

UST

[7] Even things that are not alive but that we use to make sounds {illustrate what I am saying}. {When someone plays} a flute or a harp, the instrument must make various distinct sounds. Otherwise, no one would understand what a person plays on the flute or the harp, {since all the sounds would be the same}.

To what does Paul compare speech which one can not understand? (vv7-9)

He compares it to instruments like the flute or harp if they do not make distinctive sounds, and also to a trumpet played with an uncertain sound.

1 Corinthians 14:8

ULT

[8] For indeed, if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?

UST

[8] Further, suppose that a trumpet did not make clear sounds {when a person used it to warn others}. No one would know that they needed to get ready to fight the enemy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:9

ULT

[9] In the same way also you, unless you give intelligible speech with {your} tongue, how will the {thing} being spoken be understood? For you will be speaking into {the} air.

UST

[9] Whenever you do not use words that other people recognize when you talk, you are like {an instrument that does not make a clear sound}. No one will comprehend what you are saying, and you will be {like} a person who talks to nobody.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:10

ULT

10 There are doubtless so many kinds of languages in {the} world, and none {is} without meaning.

UST

10 It seems to be true that a great many varieties of languages exist. Every one of them communicates clearly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:11

ULT

11 If then I would not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the one speaking, and the one speaking {will be} a foreigner to me.

UST

11 So, when I{, for example,} do not understand how a language communicates, I am a stranger to everyone who speaks {that language}, and they are strangers to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:12

ULT

12 So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts for the building up of the church, seek that you would abound in them.

UST

12 So, here is what you must do: because you desire that the Holy Spirit specially empowers you, you should strive more and more {to use what the Holy Spirit empowers you to do} to help the group of believers become stronger.

What does Paul say the Corinthian believers should be zealous to do?

He says they should be zealous to abound in gifts for building up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:13

ULT
13 So let the one speaking in a tongue pray that he might interpret.

UST
13 Therefore, those who talk in unknown languages should ask God to enable them to explain {what they are saying}.

For what should the one who speaks in a tongue pray?
He should pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:14

ULT
14 If I would pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

UST
14 When I{, for example,} pray {to God} in an unknown language, only part of me is praying since I am not thinking about what I am saying.

What did Paul say his spirit and mind did when he prayed in a tongue?
Paul said if he prayed in a tongue, his spirit prayed, but his mind was unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15

ULT
15 What then is it? I will pray with {my} spirit, but I will also pray with {my} mind. I will sing with {my} spirit, and I will also sing with {my} mind.

UST
15 Therefore, here is what {you and I should do}. We should pray {to God} not only with just some parts of us but also by thinking about what we are saying. We should sing {to God} not only with just some parts of us but also by thinking about what we are singing.

How did Paul say he was going to pray and sing?
Paul said he was going to pray and sing not only with his spirit but also with his mind.

1 Corinthians 14:16

ULT

16 Otherwise, if you bless with {the} spirit, how will the one filling the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” at your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying?

UST

16 Imagine that people who do not understand {unknown languages} hear you praising God when you are using just some parts of you{, and you are not thinking about what you are saying}. Those people will not be able to participate when you praise God because they do not understand {the unknown language} that you are speaking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:17

ULT

17 For you certainly give thanks well, but the other {person} is not built up.

UST

17 In this situation, you praise God appropriately. However, you do not help other people become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:18

ULT

18 I thank God {that} I speak in tongues more than all of you;

UST

18 I give thanks to God that I talk in unknown languages more than you all do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:19

ULT

19 but in {the} church I prefer to speak five words with my mind so that I might also instruct others, than myriads of words in a tongue.

UST

19 However, when I gather together with fellow believers to worship God, I want to speak only a few words that I think about. In this way, I can teach other believers and {not just myself}. {It is better for me to do that} than {to say} a million words in an unknown language.

What did Paul say he had rather do than speak 10,000 words in a tongue?

Paul said he had rather speak five words with his understanding so that he might instruct others.

1 Corinthians 14:20

ULT

20 Brothers, do not become children in {your} thoughts. Rather, be childlike in evil, but become mature in the thoughts.

UST

20 My fellow believers, I do not want you to be foolish {about these things, like} little children {are}. Rather, you should know much {about these things, like} a fully grown adult {does}. You should {only} be {like} little children by not doing what is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:21

ULT

21 In the Law it is written, “By {people} of other tongues and by {the} lips of strangers I will speak to this people, but not even in this way will they hear me,” says {the} Lord.

UST

21 The prophet Isaiah wrote in the Scriptures what the Lord says, “I will talk to my people Israel by means of people who speak foreign languages. However, they will not listen to me in this way.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:22

ULT

22 So then, the tongues are for a sign, not to the ones believing, but to the unbelievers; but prophecy {is} not to the unbelievers, but to the ones believing.

UST

22 Therefore, talking in unknown languages signifies that God judges people who do not believe {in the Messiah}, not people who do believe {in the Messiah}. On the other hand, proclaiming what God says {signifies that God acts kindly toward} people who believe {in the Messiah}, not toward people who do not believe {in the Messiah}.

To whom are tongues and prophesying a sign?

Tongues are a sign to unbelievers, and prophesying is a sign for believers.

1 Corinthians 14:23

ULT

23 If, therefore, the whole church might come together to the same place and they would all speak in tongues, but ungifted or unbelievers would come in, will they not say that you are insane?

UST

23 So, imagine that the whole group of believers gathered together to worship God, and all of you talked in unknown languages. Imagine further that people who do not understand {unknown languages} or who do not believe {in the Messiah} visit your group. They will tell {others} that you are crazy.

What would outsiders and unbelievers likely say if they came into the church, and all were speaking in tongues?

They would likely say the believers were insane.

1 Corinthians 14:24

ULT

24 But if they all would prophesy, but some unbeliever or ungifted person might come in, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all,

UST

24 On the other hand, imagine that all of you proclaimed what God says. Imagine further that any people who do not believe {in the Messiah} or who do not understand {unknown languages} visit your group. Everything that you say will show them and confront them with {what they have done wrong}.

What does Paul say would happen if all in the church were prophesying, and an unbeliever or an outsider came in?

Paul says the unbeliever or outsider would be convicted and examined by all he heard.

1 Corinthians 14:25

ULT

25 the secrets of his heart become visible, and so, having fallen on {his} face, he will worship God, declaring, “God is really among you.”

UST

25 {In this way,} everyone will know the things that these {visitors} hide from others. In response, they will kneel down and worship God. They will proclaim {to others} that God truly is with you.

What would the unbeliever or outsider do if those prophesying revealed the secrets of his heart?

He would fall on his face, worship God, and declare that God was really among them.

1 Corinthians 14:26

ULT

26 What then is to be, brothers? When you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, {or} has an interpretation. Let all {things} happen for building up.

UST

26 My fellow believers, here is what I mean. Whenever you gather together {to worship God}, each believer {has something to do}. Some sing songs, others teach, others reveal things, others speak in an unknown language, others interpret an unknown language. Believers should do all these things to help other believers become stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:27

ULT

[27] If anyone speaks in a tongue, {it should be} by two or at most three, and in turn, and one must interpret.

UST

[27] When believers are talking in unknown languages, only two or three at most {should speak}. They should talk one after the other, and someone needs to explain {what they are saying}.

What is Paul's instruction for those who speak in tongues when believers come together? (vv27-28)

He says only two or three at the most should speak, each one in turn. If there is no one to interpret the tongue, let each one of them keep silent in the church.

1 Corinthians 14:28

ULT

[28] But if there is not an interpreter, let him be silent in {the} church. Instead, let him speak to himself and to God.

UST

[28] On the other hand, when believers gather to worship God and a person who can explain the unknown language is not there, everyone who can talk in unknown languages should keep quiet. Instead {of talking out loud}, they should talk {in unknown languages} privately to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:29

ULT

[29] But let two or three prophets speak, and let the others evaluate.

UST

[29] Similarly, {around} two or three people who proclaim what God says should speak. Everyone else should decide whether {what they say} is correct or incorrect.

What is Paul's instruction to the prophets when the church comes together? (vv29-30)

Paul says to let two or three prophets speak while the other people listen with discernment to what is said. If another prophet has an insight, the one who is speaking should be silent.

1 Corinthians 14:30

ULT

30 But if {something} is revealed to another sitting there, let the first be silent.

UST

30 Now, whenever God reveals something to a person who is listening {to someone else proclaim what God says when believers gather together}, the person who is speaking should stop speaking.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:31

ULT

31 For all are able to prophesy one by one so that all may learn, and all may be encouraged.

UST

31 {You should do that} so that everyone has a chance to proclaim what God says, one after the other. In that way, everyone learns something, and everyone becomes stronger.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:32

ULT

32 Indeed, {the} spirits of prophets are subject to prophets.

UST

32 Those who proclaim what God says control how and when they proclaim it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:33

ULT

33 For God is not of confusion, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

UST

33 {That is true} because what is peaceful and orderly, not what is disorderly, characterizes God. {I want you to act} like all the {other} people whom God has set apart for himself act when they gather together to worship God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:34

ULT

34 let the women be silent in the churches. For it is not permitted for them to speak, but to be in submission, just as also the law says.

UST

34 Wives should keep quiet when believers gather together {and their husbands are speaking}. They should not talk but rather honor and obey {their husbands}. {They should do this} because that is what we find in {God's} law.

Where does Paul say the women are not permitted to speak?

Paul says the women are not permitted to speak in the churches.

1 Corinthians 14:35

ULT

35 But if they desire to learn anything, let them ask {their} own husbands at home, for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in church.

UST

35 Now, when wives want to learn more {about what their husbands are saying}, they should ask their husbands questions in their own houses. {They should do this} because wives who talk when believers gather together {and their husbands are speaking} shame {themselves and their families}.

What did Paul say the women should do if they desired to learn anything?

Paul told them to ask their husbands at home.

How did people look on a woman speaking in the church?

It was looked on as a disgrace.

1 Corinthians 14:36

ULT

36 Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it come only to you?

UST

36 {If you dislike what I have said,} remember that you are not the source of what God has said, and you are not the only ones who have heard {and believed what God has said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:37

ULT

37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that what I write to you is a command of {the} Lord.

UST

37 All people who consider themselves to be those who proclaim what God says or those whom the Holy Spirit has specially empowered must recognize that the Lord himself requires what I am writing to you.

What did Paul say should be acknowledged by those who think themselves to be prophets or spiritual?

Paul said they should acknowledge that the things he wrote to the Corinthian believers were a command of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14:38

ULT

38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. *[1]*

UST

38 On the other hand, you should not recognize {as authoritative} any people who do not recognize {that the Lord requires what I have said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:39

ULT

39 So then, brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues.

UST

39 In the end, my fellow believers, eagerly seek to proclaim what God says. Further, do not prohibit people from speaking unknown languages.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 14:40

ULT

40 But let all {things} be done properly and in order.

14:38 [1] Some ancient manuscripts have

UST

40 Finally, {when you gather together to worship God}, you should always act in honorable and orderly ways.

How should everything in the Church be done?

All things should be done properly and in order.

1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:1

ULT
[1] Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I proclaimed to you, which also you received, on which also you stand,

UST
[1] Next, I am informing you, fellow believers, about the good news that I told you about. You learned this good news {from me}, and you firmly believe it.

About what did Paul remind the brothers and sisters?
He reminded them about the gospel he proclaimed to them.

1 Corinthians 15:2

ULT
[2] by which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to what word I proclaimed to you, unless you believed in vain.

UST
[2] When you continue to firmly believe the message that I preached to you, God saves you by means of that message. Otherwise, you believed {the message} for nothing.

What condition had to be fulfilled if the Corinthians were to be saved by the gospel Paul preached to them?
Paul told them they would be saved if they held firmly to the word he preached to them.

1 Corinthians 15:3

ULT
[3] For I delivered to you among {the} first what I also received—that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures,

UST
[3] Here is one of the first things that I told you, which I learned {from the Lord}: the Messiah died {on the cross} to take away our sins, just as {the authors of} the holy books {wrote}.

What were the parts of the gospel that were of first importance? (vv3-5)
The parts that were of first importance were that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:4

ULT
[4] and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

UST
[4] People buried him, but during the third day {after that}, God made him alive again, just as {the authors of} the holy books {wrote}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:5

ULT
[5] and that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve.

UST
[5] He appeared to Peter and then to the {rest of Jesus'} 12 {closest followers}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:6

ULT
[6] Then he was seen by more than 500 brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep.

UST
[6] After that, he appeared at one time to greater than 500 fellow believers. Although some of these people have died, almost all of them are still alive.

Who did Christ appear to after he was raised from the dead? (vv6-8)
After he was raised from the dead, Christ appeared to Cephas, to the Twelve, to more that 500 brothers and sisters at once, to James, to all the apostles, and to Paul.

1 Corinthians 15:7

ULT
[7] Then he was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

UST
[7] After that, he appeared to James and then to everyone whom he sent to represent him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:8

ULT

[8] Now last of all, he was seen by me also, as if to a child born at the wrong time.

UST

[8] Finally, after he appeared to all of them, he appeared to me also. So, {because I became one whom Jesus sent to represent him after everyone else}, I am like a baby that was born in an unusual way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:9

ULT

[9] For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

UST

[9] In fact, I am less significant and honorable than every other person whom the Messiah sent to represent him. Indeed, since I tried to destroy those who believe in the Messiah, I do not deserve it when others call me one whom the Messiah sent to represent him.

Why did Paul say he was the least of the apostles?

He said this because he persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:10

ULT

[10] But by {the} grace of God I am what I am, and his grace that {was} in me was not in vain. Instead, I labored harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

UST

[10] However, God graciously made me one whom the Messiah sent to represent him. Further, what he has given me has resulted in great things. In fact, I worked harder than all the other {ones whom the Messiah sent to represent him}. Of course, it was not really I {who worked so hard}. Instead, it was God graciously working through me {who did so much}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:11

ULT
11 Therefore, whether I or they, in this way we preach, and in this way you believed.

UST
11 In the end, both I and the other apostles proclaim the good news that I have described, and you trusted this good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:12

ULT
12 Now if Christ is proclaimed, that he was raised from {the} dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of {the} dead?

UST
12 Because all believers say that God made the Messiah alive again, no one in your group should be claiming that people who have died will not live again.

What did Paul imply that some of the Corinthians believers were saying about resurrection?
He implied that some of them were saying there was no resurrection from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:13

ULT
13 But if there is no resurrection of {the} dead, not even Christ has been raised;

UST
13 Suppose {that it were true} that people who have died will not live again. {In that case,} God did not make the Messiah alive again.

If there is no resurrection from the dead, what does Paul say must also be true? (vv13-14)
Paul says that if there is no resurrection, then even Christ has not been raised from the dead, and the preaching of Paul and others like him is in vain, and the faith of the Corinthians is also in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:14

ULT

14 but if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching {is} in vain, and your faith {is} in vain.

UST

14 Suppose {that it is true} that God did not make the Messiah alive again. In that case, it was for no reason that we proclaimed {the good news} and you believed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:15

ULT

15 But also, we are found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified concerning God that he raised Christ, whom he has not raised, if then {the} dead are not raised.

UST

15 Further, we would be people who tell lies about God, because we declared before God that he made the Messiah alive again when he really did not. This would all be true were God not to make those who have died alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:16

ULT

16 For if {the} dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

UST

16 {You can tell that this is true when you} suppose that God does not make people who have died alive again. {In that case,} God did not make even the Messiah alive again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:17

ULT

17 but if Christ has not been raised, your faith {is} in vain; you are still in your sins.

UST

17 Suppose {that it is true} that God did not make the Messiah alive again. {In that case,} you believed {the good news} for no reason, and sin continues to control you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:18

ULT
18 Then also the ones having fallen asleep in Christ perished.

UST
18 In that case again, the believers who have died will never live again.

If Christ has not been raised, what happened to those who have died in Christ?
They have perished.

1 Corinthians 15:19

ULT
19 If only in this life we have hope in Christ, of all people we are most pitiful.

UST
19 Suppose that we can confidently expect the Messiah {to help us} only before we die. {In that case,} all people should feel sorry for us more than {they feel sorry} for anyone else.

What does Paul say is true if only in this life we have confidence for the future in Christ?
If this is so, Pauls says that of all people, we are most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:20

ULT
20 But now Christ has been raised from {the} dead, {the} firstfruits of the ones having fallen asleep.

UST
20 But here is what is true: God has made the Messiah alive again, and he is the first of those who have died {whom God will make alive again}.

What does Paul call Christ?
He calls Christ “the first fruits of those who have died.”

1 Corinthians 15:21

ULT
21 For since death {is} by a man, by a man also resurrection of {the} dead.

UST
21 {You can tell that this is true,} because people die through what the one man {Adam} did. So also people who have died will live again through what the one man {Jesus} did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:22

ULT
22 For even as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

UST
22 What I mean is that, just as all people end up dying because God united them to Adam, in the same way all {believers} will live again because God unites them to the Messiah.

Who was the man by whom death came into the world, and who was the man by whom all will be made alive?
Adam brought death into the world, and by Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:23

ULT
23 But each in {his} own order: Christ {the} firstfruits; then at his coming, the ones of Christ.

UST
23 Now, all people {who will live again} do so in turn: first the Messiah and then those who belong to the Messiah when he comes {back again}.

When will those who belong to Christ be made alive?
This will happen when Christ comes.

1 Corinthians 15:24

ULT
24 Then {will be} the end, when he hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when he has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

UST
24 After that, what everything that God has created is waiting for {will happen}. At that time, the Messiah will get rid of everyone and everything that rules and governs and controls. Then, he will present God, {who is our} Father, with the kingdom {so that God rules over everything}.

What will happen at the end?
Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has abolished all rule and authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:25

ULT
25 For he must reign until he has put all the enemies under his feet.

UST
25 Here is how {that works}: God has decided that the Messiah will rule until whenever he has conquered all those who oppose him.

How long must Christ reign?
He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

1 Corinthians 15:26

ULT
26 {The} last enemy to be abolished: death.

UST
26 The last thing that opposes Christ that he will get rid of is that people die.

What is the last enemy to be destroyed?
Death is the last enemy to be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:27

ULT

27 For “he has put everything under his feet.” But when it says, “he has put everything,” {it is} clear that the one having put everything in subjection to him {is} excepted.

UST

27 Now, {David wrote,} “he made him conquer everything that opposes him.” Of course, “everything” does not include God, who is the one who “made him conquer everything.”

Who is not included when it says, “he has put everything under his feet.”

God, the one who put everything in subjection to the Son (himself) is not included as being in subjection (to the Son).

1 Corinthians 15:28

ULT

28 Now when all the {things} have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one having subjected all the {things} to him, so that God might be all in all.

UST

28 So, after he has conquered everything, then God the Son will submit to the one who made him conquer everything. In this way, God will conquer and rule all things.

What will the Son do so that God the Father may be all in all?

The Son himself will be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him.

1 Corinthians 15:29

ULT

29 Otherwise, what will the ones having baptized for the dead do? If {the} dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them?

UST

29 Now, consider people who baptize others to help those who are dead. Further, suppose again that God never makes people who have died alive again. {In that case,} there is no reason for people to baptize others to help those who have died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:30

ULT
30 Why also are we in danger every hour?

UST
30 Even more, {in that case,} there is no reason for we {who proclaim the good news} to constantly endanger ourselves {as we do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:31

ULT
31 I die every day, by the boasting in you, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

UST
31 Indeed, I risk dying very frequently. I swear {that this is true} by how I boast about you, fellow believers, which I do because God has united all of us to the Messiah, {who is} Jesus our Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:32

ULT
32 What {is} the profit to me, according to men, if I fought wild beasts at Ephesus? if {the} dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

UST
32 Suppose that I was thinking about merely human things while I struggled against those who opposed me when I visited the city of Ephesus. {In that case, struggling against them} does not benefit me at all. Suppose again that God does not make people who have died alive again. {In that case,} we should {do what many people say to do}: eat {food}, and drink {wine}, because we will die very soon.

What did Paul declare they might as well do if the dead are not raised?
Paul declared, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

1 Corinthians 15:33

ULT
33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

UST
33 You should not believe what is wrong. {This popular saying is true:} “Evil friends lead astray a person who normally does what is proper.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:34

ULT
34 Be sober, as is right! And do not keep sinning. For some have no knowledge of God—I say this to your shame.

UST
34 I want you to start acting alertly and properly. You should not keep doing what is wrong. {I command these things} because some people in your group do not know God. I say that in order to make you feel ashamed

What does Paul command the Corinthians to do?
He commands them be sober, live righteously, and to not keep sinning.

What does Paul say to the shame of the Corinthians?
He said some of them have no knowledge of God.

1 Corinthians 15:35

ULT
35 But someone will say, “How are the dead raised, and with what kind of body do they come?”

UST
35 Now a person may ask about the way in which the people who have died live again and about what form they will take.

To what does Paul compare the resurrection of the dead? (vv35-38)
He compares it to a seed that is sown.

1 Corinthians 15:36

ULT
36 You foolish one! What you sow is not caused to live unless it dies.

UST
36 {If you do not know the answers to those questions,} you are not thinking clearly! {Just think about this:} a seed that you put in the ground must die before it can grow.

What must happen to a seed before it starts to grow?
It must die.

1 Corinthians 15:37

ULT
37 And what you sow, you do not sow the body {that} will be, but a bare seed—perhaps wheat or something else.

UST
37 {Speaking about} a seed that you put in the ground, {you know that} it is not in the form of the plant. Rather, it is just the seed. This is true whether {we are speaking about} wheat or some other crop.

Does the bare seed that is sown resemble the body (plant) that comes from the seed?
No, what you sow does not resemble the body that will be.

1 Corinthians 15:38

ULT
38 But God gives it a body just as he desires, and to each of the seeds, its own body.

UST
38 Indeed, God makes seeds grow into the forms that he chooses, and each kind of seed has a specific form {into which it grows}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:39

ULT
39 Not all flesh {is} the same flesh. Instead, {there is} one {flesh} of men, and another flesh of animals, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

UST
39 The physical parts of different living beings vary. For example, humans, mammals, birds, and fish all have different kinds of physical parts.

Is all flesh the same?
No. Not all flesh is the same, The flesh of human beings, animals, birds and fish are all different from one another.

1 Corinthians 15:40

ULT
40 {There are} also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly {is} one, and {that} of the earthly {is} another.

UST
40 Some things exist in heaven, and other things exist on earth. The forms of things in heaven are glorious in one way, while the forms of things on earth are glorious in another way.

Are there other types of bodies?
There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:41

ULT
41 {There is} one glory of {the} sun, and another glory of {the} moon, and another glory of {the} stars. For star differs from star in glory.

UST
41 {Further,} the sun, moon, and stars are glorious in different ways. In fact, each star is glorious in its own specific way.

Do the sun, moon, and stars all share the same glory?
There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars, and one star differs from another star in glory.

1 Corinthians 15:42

ULT
42 So also {is} the resurrection of the dead. {What} is sown in decay is raised in immortality.

UST
42 Here is the way {all that applies to how} people who have died live again. People put a decaying body into the ground, but God makes it alive again so that it can never die.

How are our perishable bodies sown? (vv42-44)
They are sown in decay, in dishonor, and weakness.

What is our condition when we are raised from the dead? (vv42-44)
What is raised is an imperishable spiritual body; it is raised in glory and power.

1 Corinthians 15:43

ULT
43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

UST
43 People put a body that receives no respect into the ground, but God makes it alive again so that everyone respects it. People put a frail body into the ground, but God makes it alive again so that it is strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:44

ULT
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual {body}.

UST
44 People put a body that belongs to this world into the ground, but God makes it alive again so that it belongs to the world that God will renew. Just as some bodies belong to this world, so some bodies belong to the world that God will renew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:45

ULT
45 So also it is written, “The first man Adam became a living soul.” The last Adam {is} a life-giving spirit.

UST
45 {You can tell that this is true} because Moses wrote, “God made the first human, Adam, as a living being who belonged to this world.” {On the other hand, Jesus, who is like} another Adam, now belongs to the world that God will renew and gives life to others.

What did the first man Adam become?
He became a living soul.

What did the last Adam become?
He became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:46

ULT
46 But the spiritual {is} not first, but the natural, then the spiritual.

UST
46 Now {the first Adam’s} body that belongs to this world existed first, and only after that does {the last Adam’s body} exist that belongs to the world that God will renew.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:47

ULT
47 The first man {is} of {the} earth, made of dust. The second man {is} from heaven.

UST
47 {Adam, who represents} the first {kind of} human, belonged on the earth. {In fact,} God made him from dust. {On the other hand, Jesus, who represents} the second {kind of} human, belongs in heaven.

From where did the first man and the second man come?
The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:48

ULT
48 As the earthly, so also {are} the ones of earth; and as the heavenly, so also {are} the ones of heaven.

UST
48 All people who belong on the earth are like Adam. All those who belong in heaven are like Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:49

ULT
49 And just as we have borne the image of the earthly, let us also bear [1] the image of the heavenly.

UST
49 Our bodies currently are like {Adam's body} that belongs to this world. In the same way, we should live in such a way that our bodies will eventually be like {Jesus' body,} which belongs to the world that God will renew.

Whose image have we borne and whose image will we bear?
Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50

ULT
50 Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood are not able to inherit {the} kingdom of God. Neither does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

UST
50 Listen to this, my fellow believers: human bodies as they currently exist cannot participate in God's kingdom that lasts forever, since they fall apart and die.

What cannot inherit the kingdom of God?
Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:51

ULT
51 Behold! I tell you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed—

UST
51 Pay attention! I am going to tell you something that God has now revealed. Not all of us will die, but God will transform all of us.

What will happen to all of us?
We will all be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52

ULT
52 in an instant, in {the} twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

UST
52 {He will transform us} in one moment, as fast as a person blinks an eye. {This will happen} when {an angel blows} the trumpet that signals that this world is ending. When {an angel} blows that trumpet, God will make those who have died live again so that they can never die, and he will transform everyone who still lives.

When and how fast will we be changed?
When the last trumpet sounds, we will be change in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,

1 Corinthians 15:53

ULT
53 For it is necessary for this perishable to put on incorruptibility, and this mortal to put on immortality.

UST
53 So, bodies that fall apart and die need to transform into bodies that last forever and can never die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:54

ULT
54 But when this perishable has put on incorruptibility, and this mortal has put on immortality, then will come about the word that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

UST
54 When our bodies that fall apart and die transform into bodies that last forever and can never die, at that time what the prophets wrote about will finally happen: “God has made it so that people no longer die.”

What will happen when this perishable has put on imperishable and this mortal has put on immortality?
Death will be swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:55

ULT
55 “Death, where {is} your victory? Death, where {is} your sting?”

UST
55 {Further,} “When people die, this does not destroy or hurt them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 15:56

ULT
56 But the sting of death {is} sin, and the power of sin {is} the law.

UST
56 People die because sin causes them to die, and that happens because the law specifies dying as the penalty for sin.

What is the sting of death and what is the power of sin?
The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law.

1 Corinthians 15:57

ULT

57 But thanks {be} to God, the one giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

UST

57 However, I praise God because he has enabled us to conquer {how we sin and die}. {He has done this} by means of what our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, has done.

Through whom does God give us the victory?

God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:58

ULT

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, become steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in {the} Lord.
15:49 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

58 So then, fellow believers whom I love, firmly believe {what you know is true}. Consistently serve the Lord more and more. {You should do these things} because you know that what you do {to serve the Lord} will result in great things, since God has united you to the Lord.

What reason does Paul give for telling the Corinthian brothers and sisters to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord?

He tells them to do this because they know that their work in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 16

1 Corinthians 16:1

ULT

[1] Now concerning the collection {that is} for the saints, even as I directed the churches of Galatia, so also you must do.

UST

[1] I am now moving on to speak about the money that I am collecting for God's people {who are Jewish}. I want you to do what I instructed the groups of believers {who live} in the region of Galatia to do.

Who did Paul direct in the same way as the church at Corinth concerning the collection for the saints?

Paul directed the churches of Galatia in the same way as the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:2

ULT

[2] Every first of {the} week, let each of you put {something} aside, storing up from whatever he might have prospered, so that when I come, there will not be collections then.

UST

[2] During each Sunday, every one of you should take some money out of whatever you have earned and save it. That way, I will not need to collect money when I visit you.

How did Paul tell the church at Corinth to make their collection?

He told them that on the first day of the week each of them was to put something aside and store it up as each one was able, so that there would be no collections when Paul came.

1 Corinthians 16:3

ULT

[3] Now when I arrive, whomever you might approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

UST

[3] Choose some trustworthy people from your group. When I visit you, I will have them take the money {that you have collected} to the city of Jerusalem. Also, I will give them letters {that say that I have authorized them}.

To whom was the offering going?

It was going to the saints at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:4

ULT

[4] But if it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me.

UST

[4] You and I may decide that I should go {to Jerusalem} as well. In that case, the people {whom you choose} will travel with me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:5

ULT

[5] But I will come to you after I have passed through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia.

UST

[5] I am going to visit you after I travel through the region of Macedonia, which is the way I will be traveling.

When was Paul going to come to the church at Corinth?

He said he was going to come to them when he passed through Macedonia.

1 Corinthians 16:6

ULT

[6] But perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my way wherever might I go.

UST

[6] In fact, I may spend some time with you, maybe the whole winter. That way, you can assist me in traveling to wherever I decide to go next.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:7

ULT

[7] For I do not desire to see you now only in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord would permit.

UST

[7] {I am making these plans} because I would rather wait to be with you for a long time than visit you right now for just a short time. I confidently expect to do this as long as it is what the Lord wants {me to do}.

Why didn't Paul want to see the saints in Corinth immediately for a short time?

Paul wanted to visit with them for more than a short time, if the Lord permitted.

1 Corinthians 16:8

ULT

[8] But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,

UST

[8] For now, I plan on remaining here in the city of Ephesus until the Pentecost festival.

Why was Paul going to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost? (vv8-9)

Paul stayed in Ephesus because a wide door had opened for him, and there were many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 16:9

ULT
9 for a wide and effective door has opened for me, and many are opposing {me}.

UST
9 {I am remaining here} because God has allowed me to effectively and freely proclaim the good news. {Further, I need to resist} the large number of people who are working against me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:10

ULT
10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he would be unafraid with you, for he is doing the work of {the} Lord, as I {am.}

UST
10 Whenever Timothy arrives {in your city}, make sure that he feels safe when he is with you. {You should do this} because he serves the Lord {by proclaiming the good news}, just like I do.

What was Timothy doing?
He was doing the work of the Lord, just as Paul was.

What did Paul command the church at Corinth to do concerning Timothy? (vv10-11)
Paul told the church at Corinth to see that Timothy was with them unafraid. Paul told them not to despise Timothy and also to help Timothy on his way in peace.

1 Corinthians 16:11

ULT
11 Therefore, let no one despise him. But help him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

UST
11 So, do not treat him disrespectfully. Rather, act in a friendly way by assisting him in traveling back to me. {You should do this} because I anticipate that he will come back to me with the other believers {who are traveling to visit me}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:12

ULT

12 Now concerning the brother Apollos, I strongly encouraged him that he would come to you with the brothers, but it was not at all {his} will that he would come now. However, he will come when he might have the opportunity.

UST

12 I am now moving on to speak about our fellow believer, Apollos. I firmly urged him to visit you with the other believers {who were traveling to visit you}. However, he firmly decided that it was not the right time to visit you. Instead, he will visit you when he thinks that it is the right time.

What did Paul strongly encourage Apollos to do?
Paul strongly encouraged Apollos to visit the saints at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:13

ULT

13 Stay alert; stand firm in the faith; act like men; be strong.

UST

13 Watch out {for what is wrong}! Firmly believe {the good news}! Be courageous! Be determined!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:14

ULT

14 Let all your {things} happen in love.

UST

14 You should focus on loving others whenever you think or do anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:15

ULT

15 Now I urge you, brothers (you know the household of Stephanas, that they are {the} firstfruits of Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to service of the saints),

UST

15 You know that those who live in the house of Stephanas were the first people {to believe the good news} in the region of Achaia. Further, they have chosen to serve God's people. I ask you, my fellow believers,

Who among the Corinthians had set themselves to the service of the saints?
The household of Stephanas set themselves to the service of the saints.

1 Corinthians 16:16

ULT

16 that you also would be subject to the ones such as these and to everyone who is joining together in the work and laboring.

UST

16 to honor and obey them and other people like them. In fact, {you should honor and obey} every person who works hard {to proclaim the good news} with us.

What did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to do concerning the household of Stephanas?
Paul told them to be in submission to such people.

1 Corinthians 16:17

ULT

17 Now I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied {what} was lacking from you;

UST

17 I am happy that Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus arrived here. {That is} because they have allowed me to connect with you all even when you are not with me.

What did Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus do for Paul? (vv17-18)
They made up for the absence of the Corinthian saints and refreshed Paul's spirit.

1 Corinthians 16:18

ULT
18 for they refreshed my spirit and yours. So then, recognize the ones like these.

UST
18 They encouraged and energized both me and you. Therefore, you should honor them and other people like them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:19

ULT
19 The churches of Asia send greetings to you. Aquila and Priscilla enthusiastically greet you in {the} Lord, with the church in their home.

UST
19 The groups of believers here in the region of Asia say hello to you. Aquila and Priscilla, as those whom God has also united to the Lord, say hello to you affectionately. The believers that gather in their house {also say hello to you}.

Who sent their greetings to the church at Corinth? (vv19-20)
The churches of Asia, Aquila and Priscilla, and all the brothers and sisters sent their greetings to the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:20

ULT
20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

UST
20 All the fellow believers {who are with me} say hello to you. Welcome each other in a loving way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:21

ULT
21 This greeting {is} in my own hand—Paul.

UST
21 I, Paul, say hello {to you}. I am writing {these last words} myself {instead of having my scribe write them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:22

ULT
22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha!

UST
22 May God curse everyone who fails to love the Lord. I pray that the Lord returns soon.

What did Paul say concerning those who do not love the Lord?
Paul said, “If any one does not love the Lord, let a curse be on him.”

1 Corinthians 16:23

ULT
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus {be} with you.

UST
23 {I pray that} the Lord Jesus will be gracious to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Corinthians 16:24

ULT
24 My love {be} with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. [1]
16:24 [1]

UST
24 I continue to love all of you, since God has united us together with Jesus the Messiah. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 1

2 Corinthians 1:1

ULT

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by {the} will of God, and Timothy {our} brother, to the church of God {that} is in Corinth, and to all the saints being in the whole of Achaia.

UST

1 I, Paul, together with Timothy our brother, write this letter to you. The Messiah Jesus sent me to serve him and to obey God's will. We are sending this letter to those who come together as God's people in the city of Corinth; we are also sending it to the all the Messiahians who live in the region of Achaia—people whom God has set apart for himself.

Who wrote this epistle?

Paul and Timothy wrote the epistle.

To whom was the epistle written?

It was written to the church of God which was at Corinth and to all the saints in the entire region of Achaia.

2 Corinthians 1:2

ULT

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

2 May God give you the free gifts of his love and peace—these things that come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:3

ULT

[3] Blessed {be} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and {the} God of all comfort,

UST

[3] May we always praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah—he is the one who does us acts of kindness and who always comforts us.

How does Paul describe God?

Paul describes God as the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of mercies, and God of all comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:4

ULT

[4] the one comforting us in all our affliction, so that we are able to comfort the ones in every tribulation with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

UST

[4] God comforts us when we go through any painful trial. His comfort heals our lives so we can comfort others with that very same comfort to people who are suffering.

Why does God comfort us in our affliction?

He comforts us so that we are able to comfort those who are in affliction, with the same comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:5

ULT

[5] For just as the sufferings of Christ abound toward us, in the same way also our comfort abounds through Christ.

UST

[5] Just as we experience the sufferings of the Messiah which are beyond all measure, we also experience through the Messiah comfort that cannot be measured.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:6

ULT

[6] But if we are afflicted, {it is} for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, {it is} for your comfort {which} you are experiencing in endurance of the same sufferings that we ourselves also suffer.

UST

[6] So whenever we experience sufferings, it is so God may comfort you and rescue you from danger. Whenever God comforts us, it is so you can be comforted even more, so he can teach you to wait for God, when you suffer in the same way we suffered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:7

ULT

[7] And our hope concerning you {is} firm, knowing that as you are partakers of the sufferings, in the same way also of the comfort.

UST

[7] We are certain about what will happen to you; because you suffer like we suffer, God will also comfort you, as he does us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:8

ULT

[8] For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning the tribulation having happened to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond {our} ability, so that we despaired even of life.

UST

[8] Brothers and sisters in the Messiah, we want you to know about the trouble we had in the province of Asia. That trouble gave us such pain that we could not bear it. We were almost certain that we were going to die.

What trouble did Paul and his companions have in Asia? (vv8-9)

They were completely crushed beyond what they could bear. They had the sentence of death on them.

2 Corinthians 1:9

ULT

[9] Indeed, we ourselves have within ourselves the sentence of death so that we would not be trusting in ourselves, but in God, the one raising the dead,

UST

[9] They pronounced the sentence of death on us; we were waiting to be killed. That sentence of death taught us not to rely on our own strength but on God, who raises the dead and brings them back to life.

For what reason was the sentence of death on Paul and his companions?

The sentence of death caused them to not put their trust in themselves, but instead to trust in God.

2 Corinthians 1:10

ULT

[10] who rescued us from so great a deadly peril, and he will rescue {us}—on whom we have set our hope that he also will continue to rescue {us},

UST

[10] But God rescued us from those terrible dangers, and he promises to rescue us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to rescue us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:11

ULT

[11] you also joining in helping in supplication on our behalf—so that thanks may be given through many on our behalf for the gracious gift to us by many {people}.

UST

[11] He will do this as you help us by praying for us. Now many thank God because he has been so kind to us, since many have prayed for us.

How did Paul say that the Corinthian church could help them?

Paul said the Corinthian church could help them by their prayer.

2 Corinthians 1:12

ULT

12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that we conducted ourselves in the world in holiness and sincerity of God, and not in fleshly wisdom, but in {the} grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

UST

12 We can very happily say that we have we lived toward all people in an honest and sincere way. We lived in the world as God's own people and we have deep trust in God, that was a gift from him. We do not live in any way that the world values. We do not listen to the world's wisdom when we choose what we will do. Instead, God has made us honest and holy in how we live.

Of what did Paul say that he and his companions were proud?

They were proud of the testimony of their conscience, which is that they had conducted themselves in the world—and especially in dealing with the Corinthian church—with the holiness and sincerity that come from God, not according to earthly wisdom but by the grace of God.

2 Corinthians 1:13

ULT

13 For we write no other {things} to you other than what you read or also understand, but I hope that you will understand until {the} end—

UST

13 You have read my letters. I have written them so you can understand them. I hope someday you will fully understand us,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:14

ULT

14 just as you also understood us in part—so that we are your boasting, just as you also {are} ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus.

UST

14 You know a little about us already, but on the day when the Lord Jesus returns, I hope that you will be very proud of us in his presence, and we will be very proud of you.

What was Paul confident would happen on the day of our Lord Jesus?

He was confident that on that day Paul and his companions would be the reason for the pride of the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 1:15

ULT

15 And with this confidence, I was intending to come to you before so that you might have a second grace [1] ,

UST

15 I am so sure that this will be the case that I previously wanted to come to you first, so that you could benefit from two visits.

How many times was Paul planning to visit the Corinthian saints?

He was planning to visit them two times.

2 Corinthians 1:16

ULT

16 and to pass through you into Macedonia and to come to you again from Macedonia and to be sent ahead to Judea by you.

UST

16 I planned to see you both when I was on my way to Macedonia and then when I was coming back from there, so you could send me on my way to Judea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:17

ULT

17 Therefore, intending this, I did not then act in fickleness, did I? Or what I intend, do I intend according to {the} flesh, so that there would be with me “Yes, yes” and “No, no”?

UST

17 My mind was made up that this would be the plan. I was not telling you “Yes” and then telling you “No.” I was not making my plans like unbelievers often make plans.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:18

ULT

18 But God {is} faithful, so that our word to you is not “Yes” and “No.”

UST

18 But God is faithful in guiding us, and we do not confuse you, either. We are making our plans and staying with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:19

ULT

19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the one having been proclaimed among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not “Yes” and “No,” but it has become “Yes” in him.

UST

19 Our “Yes” comes from the Son of God, Jesus the Messiah—the one I and Silvanus and Timothy proclaimed to you; and there has never been any confusion in him—with him there is no “Yes and then No.” Instead, it has always been simply “Yes” in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:20

ULT

20 For as many as promises of God {are} “Yes” in him, so also through him the “Amen” {is} through us to God for {his} glory.

UST

20 For the promises of God are “Yes” because they come from him. And we add our confirmation to his “Yes.” And we say about God’s honor: “It is True! Yes!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:21

ULT
21 Now the one establishing us with you in Christ and having anointed us {is} God,

UST
21 It is God who establishes us, together with you, in a relationship with Messiah. And he is the one who sends us out to tell people the good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 1:22

ULT
22 the one also having sealed us and having given {us} the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts.

UST
22 He put his official seal on us, so people will know he approves of us. And he gave us the Spirit who lives within us, as an unbreakable promise that he will do even more things for us.

What is one reason that Christ gave us the Spirit in our hearts?
He gave the Spirit as a guarantee of what he would later give us.

2 Corinthians 1:23

ULT
23 Now I invoke God as a witness to my soul that sparing you—I have not yet come to Corinth.

UST
23 May God himself assure you about my reason for not coming to you, the Messiahians in Corinth: It was so that you would not have to face me giving correction to you.

Why did Paul not come to Corinth?
He did not come to Corinth so that he might spare them.

2 Corinthians 1:24

ULT

24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but we are fellow workers {for} your joy, for you stand firm in the faith.
1:15 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

24 We are not like masters who give you orders about how you must trust in God. However, we want to work with you, so you can learn to trust God no matter what happens, and have joy in trusting him.

What did Paul say he and Timothy were and were not doing with the Corinthian church?

Paul said the were not trying to control what their faith should be, but they were working with the Corinthian church for their joy.

2 Corinthians 2

2 Corinthians 2:1

ULT

1 For I decided this for myself, not to come to you again in sorrow.

UST

1 In the last visit I made to Corinth I know that I hurt you very much by what I said to you. I decided this time that I would not make another painful visit to you.

What circumstances was Paul trying to avoid by not coming to the Corinthian church?

Paul was avoiding coming to the Corinthian church in painful circumstances.

2 Corinthians 2:2

ULT

2 For if I myself grieve you, then who {is} the one cheering me up, except the one being grieved by me?

UST

2 I caused you much pain on my last visit, and the people who could cheer me up the most would be the same people whom I hurt when I was there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:3

ULT

3 And I wrote this same {thing} so that, having come, I might not have sorrow from {those} whom it is necessary for me to rejoice, having confidence in all of you that my joy is {the joy} of all of you.

UST

3 I wrote that letter to you so when I came to you, you would not make me feel sad again—you, who should actually make me rejoice! I was sure that we all have the reasons to be joyful.

Why did Paul write as he did in his previous epistle to the Corinthian church?

He wrote as he did so that when he came to them he might not be hurt by those who should have made him rejoice.

2 Corinthians 2:4

ULT

4 For I wrote to you out of much tribulation and anguish of heart, through many tears, not so that you would be grieved, but so that you might know the love that I have more abundantly for you.

UST

4 I wrote to you then because I still had much hurt and pain in my heart—I cried many tears for you, and I did not want to hurt you anymore. Instead, I want you to know how much I love all of you.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians before what was his state of mind?
He was in great affliction and anguish of heart.

Why did Paul write this letter to the Corinthian church?
He wrote to them so that they would know the depth of the love that he had for them.

2 Corinthians 2:5

ULT

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved {only} me, but in part—in order that I might not burden all of you.

UST

5 This person who fell into sin—he did not just make me sad by what he did; his sin made all of you sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:6

ULT

6 This punishment on such a {person} by the majority {is} sufficient,

UST

6 We all agree what we should do about this man and his sin. He has now been punished by most of you and his punishment was fair.

What did Paul say the Corinthian saints should now do for the one they punished? (vv6-7)
Paul said they should forgive and comfort that person.

2 Corinthians 2:7

ULT

7 so that, on the contrary, you should rather forgive and comfort {him} {so that} such a {person} might not be overwhelmed in {his} excessive sorrow.

UST

7 So now, instead of punishing him any longer, you need to forgive him and deal kindly with him. If you do not forgive him, he may become so sad that he will begin to think that you will never forgive him.

Why did Paul say the Corinthian saints should forgive and comfort the one they had punished?

This was so that the one they had punished would not be overwhelmed by too much sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2:8

ULT

8 So I urge you to reaffirm {your} love for him.

UST

8 In front of all the believers, tell him how much you love him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:9

ULT

9 Indeed, I also wrote for this reason: so that I might know your proof, whether you are obedient in all {things}.

UST

9 I wrote you to see if you would obey God and deal with this problem.

What is another reason Paul wrote to the Corinthian church?

Paul wrote to them to test them and to find out whether they were obedient in everything.

2 Corinthians 2:10

ULT

10 Now to whomever you forgive anything, I also {forgive}—for indeed the one I have forgiven (if I have forgiven anything), {is} for your sake in {the} presence of Christ,

UST

10 So the man you forgave, I also forgive. Whatever I have forgiven—even the smallest matters—I have forgiven out of my love for you, and I forgive as though the Messiah were standing in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:11

ULT

11 so that we would not be taken advantage of by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

UST

11 By forgiving this man, we made it so Satan could not trick us into doing something worse. We know all about his tricks and his lies.

Why was it important for the Corinthian church to know that whoever they had forgiven was also forgiven by Paul and in the presence of Christ?
This was so that Satan would not trick them.

2 Corinthians 2:12

ULT

12 Now having come to Troas, and a door for the gospel of Christ having been opened to me in {the} Lord,

UST

12 Even though the Lord opened many ways for us to share the good news of the Messiah in the city of Troas,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:13

ULT

13 I had no relief in my spirit, as I did not find my brother Titus there. So having said farewell to them, I went on to Macedonia.

UST

13 I was worried about our brother Titus, because I did not find him there. So I left the believers in Troas and returned to Macedonia to look for him.

Why did Paul have no peace of mind when he went to the city of Troas?

He had no peace of mind because he couldn't find his brother Titus in Troas.

2 Corinthians 2:14

ULT

14 But thanks {be} to God, always leading us in triumphal procession in Christ and making known through us the aroma of the knowledge of him in every place.

UST

14 We thank God that we are joined together with the Messiah, and the Messiah always leads us in his march of victory. Through our lives and our message, everywhere we go, we are like those who have been near burning incense; but our fragrance does not come from real incense, but it comes from knowing the Messiah, and because we know him we have his fragrant aroma.

What did God do through Paul and his companions? (vv14-15)

Through Paul and his companions God spread the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:15

ULT

15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among the ones being saved and among the ones perishing—

UST

15 For we are like a sweet-smelling incense offered by Messiah to God, which spreads among those who are being saved and those who are being condemned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:16

ULT

16 to the ones indeed, an aroma from death to death, but to the {others}, an aroma from life to life. And for these {things}, who {is} sufficient?

UST

16 To those people whom God condemns to die, that aroma of the Messiah is like the smell of a dead person dying once again. But to those whom God is rescuing—they smell the Messiah, who is alive, coming to make them alive, too. Indeed, no one is able by himself to spread this fragrance!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 2:17

ULT

17 For we are not like the many peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in {the} presence of God in Christ.

UST

17 You know that many people go from city to city selling the word of God for money. But we are not like them. We work hard to please God and we do what he wants. And we speak about the Messiah because we know God sees everything we do, and we announce the Messiah because we are joined to him.

How did Paul say that he and his companions were different from many people who sold the word of God for profit?

Paul and his companions were different in that they spoke with purity of motives, as sent from God, in the sight of God, speaking in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3

2 Corinthians 3:1

ULT
[1] Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or we do not need, like some, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we?

UST
[1] You know us well, and you should trust us. A stranger might need someone you know to write you a letter to introduce him to you, but you know us very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:2

ULT
[2] You yourselves are our letter written in our hearts, known and read by all men,

UST
[2] You yourselves are like a letter that introduces us to other people, because everyone who knows you can see how much you trust us.

What letter of recommendation did Paul and his companions have?
The saints at Corinth were their letter of recommendation, known and read by all people.

2 Corinthians 3:3

ULT
[3] making known that you are a letter of Christ having been administered by us, not written with ink but with {the} Spirit of {the} living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of hearts of flesh.

UST
[3] The way you live is like a letter that the Messiah himself has written and that we brought to you. Of course, it is not a letter written with ink or on stone tablets. No, it is a letter that the Spirit of the true God has written on your own hearts.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:4

ULT

4 Now we have such confidence through Christ toward God.

UST

4 I can confidently write these things about the work we have done among you. God knows that what I write is true because it is Messiah who has worked in us.

What was the confidence that Paul and his companions had in God through Christ? (vv4-5)

Their confidence was not in their own competence but in the adequacy that God provided them.

2 Corinthians 3:5

ULT

5 Not that we are sufficient from ourselves to consider anything as from ourselves. Instead, our sufficiency {is} from God,

UST

5 We are not able to do anything for God in our own strength, so we cannot claim to be able to. Instead, it is God who gives us all we need to serve him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:6

ULT

6 who indeed made us competent {as} servants of a new covenant, not of {the} letter but of {the} Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive.

UST

6 He has enabled us to tell people the message about the new promise he has made to his people. This is not a message about obeying all the written laws of his old agreement that he made with the Jewish people. Instead, it is a message about God giving us his Spirit. Previously, God condemned people to be separated from him forever if they did not obey his laws. But by God's new promise his Spirit enables people to live eternally.

What was the basis of the new covenant of which God had qualified Paul and his companions to be servants?

The new covenant was based on the spirit which gives life, not the letter which kills.

2 Corinthians 3:7

ULT

[7] Now if the ministry of {this} death—engraved in letters on stones—came in glory so that the sons of Israel were not able to look intently at the face of Moses because of the fading glory of his face,

UST

[7] God's law brings death, and he wrote it on stone tablets, and he gave it to Moses. It came with the brilliant light that always shines where God is. And that glory shined on Moses' face; his face shined so brightly that the Israelites could not look at his face. That bright light slowly faded from his face.

Why could the people of Israel not look directly at Moses' face?
They could not look directly at his face because of the glory of his face, a glory that was fading.

2 Corinthians 3:8

ULT

[8] how will the ministry of the Spirit not be with much more glory?

UST

[8] Certainly the ministry of the Spirit shines much more brightly!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:9

ULT

[9] For if the ministry of {this} condemnation {had} glory, the ministry of {this} righteousness abounds much more in glory!

UST

[9] Even the law shined with God's brilliant light. But that brilliant light of the law can only bring death to everyone. So how very much more does his brilliant light shine in us when God makes us right with himself!

Which will have more glory, the service of condemnation or the service of righteousness?
The service of righteousness abounds much more in glory.

2 Corinthians 3:10

ULT

10 For indeed, {what} had been glorified is not glorified in this part, because of {its} surpassing glory.

UST

10 When the brilliant light of the law is compared with God's work of putting us right with himself, it is as if the law is not wonderful at all, because what replaced it is so much more wonderful!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:11

ULT

11 For if {what} is fading away {came} with glory, much more {what} remains {will come} with glory!

UST

11 So you can see that the law, which is passing away, was wonderful, but you can also see that what is replacing it will be even more wonderful; and it will last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:12

ULT

12 Therefore, having such a hope, we act with much boldness,

UST

12 Since we apostles trust in God for the future, we have great courage.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:13

ULT

13 and not like Moses putting a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look directly at the end of {what} was fading away.

UST

13 We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so the children of Israel would not have to look at the fading light from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 3:14

ULT

14 But their minds were hardened, for until the present day, the same veil remains at the reading of the old covenant, not being lifted, because in Christ is it fading away.

UST

14 Long ago, the children of Israel refused to believe God's message. Even today, when the old law is read, it is as if they wear that same veil. Only when we are joined with the Messiah does God take the veil away.

How can Israel's mind be opened and the veil removed from their hearts?

Only when Israel turns to the Lord Christ are their minds opened and the veil lifted away.

2 Corinthians 3:15

ULT

15 But until today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart,

UST

15 Yes, even today, whenever they read the law of Moses, it is as if they had a veil over their minds.

What is the problem remains today for the people of Israel whenever the old covenant of Moses is read?

Their problem is their minds are closed and veil lies over their hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:16

ULT

16 but whenever one might turn to {the} Lord, the veil is taken away.

UST

16 But when a person turns to the Lord, God removes that veil.

How can Israel's mind be opened and the veil removed from their hearts?

Only when Israel turns to the Lord Christ are their minds opened and the veil lifted away.

2 Corinthians 3:17

ULT

[17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of {the} Lord {is}, {there is} freedom.

UST

[17] Now the word “Lord” here means “the Spirit.” Where the Spirit of the Lord is, people become free.

What is present with the Spirit of the Lord?

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:18

ULT

[18] Now we all, with unveiled face reflecting the glory of {the} Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from {the} Lord, {the} Spirit.

UST

[18] But for all of us who believe, it is as though we look at him with no veil over our faces, and we are being changed to reflect his brilliant light more and more. This is what the Lord does; and he is the Spirit.

Into what are all those who are seeing the glory of the Lord being transformed?

They are being transformed into the same glorious likeness from one degree of glory into another.

2 Corinthians 4

2 Corinthians 4:1

ULT

[1] Therefore, having this ministry, just as we received mercy, we do not become discouraged.

UST

[1] God gave us this responsibility to carry out, and he also had mercy on us. So we are not downhearted.

Why did Paul and his companions not become discouraged?

They didn't become discouraged because of the ministry they had and because they had received mercy.

2 Corinthians 4:2

ULT

[2] Instead, we have rejected the shameful hidden {things}, not walking in craftiness, nor distorting the word of God, but by the manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God.

UST

[2] We are careful not to do anything we would be ashamed of doing, and we have nothing to hide from anyone. We do not promise something that God will not give, and we do not twist God's message to make it say what we want. We proclaim only the truth. In this way, we present ourselves for you to judge us as we stand before God.

What were the ways that Paul and his companions had renounced?

They had renounced the ways that are shameful and hidden. They didn't live by craftiness and did not mishandle the word of God.

How did Paul and those like him recommend themselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God?

They did this by presenting the truth.

2 Corinthians 4:3

ULT
[3] But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to the ones perishing,

UST
[3] If the good news which we preach is hidden with a veil, it is hidden only from those who refuse to believe and are dying apart from God.

To whom is the gospel veiled?
It is veiled to those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 4:4

ULT
[4] to whom the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is {the} image of God, does not appear {to them}.

UST
[4] For them, the god of this world has made them blind to the truth because they do not trust the good news about the wonderful honor of the Messiah—for it is the Messiah who shows us what God is like.

Why is the gospel veiled to those who are perishing?
It is veiled because the god of this world has blinded their unbelieving minds so they are not able to see the light of the gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:5

ULT
[5] For we do not proclaim ourselves, but {the} Lord Christ Jesus, and ourselves {as} your servants for Jesus' sake.

UST
[5] We do not proclaim ourselves to you as people who can rescue you from any evil. Instead, we proclaim the Messiah Jesus as our Master, and we are your servants because we are joined to Jesus.

What did Paul and his companions proclaim about Jesus and about themselves?
They proclaimed Christ Jesus as Lord and themselves as the servants of the Corinthian church for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:6

ULT

[6] For God {is} the one who said, “From darkness a light will shine,” who shined in our hearts for {the} illumination of the knowledge of the glory of God in {the} face of Jesus Christ.

UST

[6] For God is the one who said, “Light will shine out of the darkness.” It is as if he has shone his light into our hearts, so that when we trust in Jesus the Messiah, we can learn how wonderful God is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:7

ULT

[7] But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the surpassing greatness of the power might be from God and not from us;

UST

[7] Now we carry these precious gifts from God in our bodies, which are fragile like clay pots. There can be no mistake about where our strength comes from: It comes only from God.

Why did Paul and his companions have this treasure in jars of clay?

They had this treasure in jars of clay so that it would be clear that the exceedingly great power belongs to God and not to them.

2 Corinthians 4:8

ULT

[8] in every {side} being pressed in, but not being crushed; being perplexed, but not despairing;

UST

[8] We have suffered many different kinds of trouble, but they have not destroyed us. We may be confused about what we should do, but we never give up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:9

ULT
9 being persecuted, but not being forsaken; being thrown down, but not perishing;

UST
9 Some people try to harm us, but we are never alone; it is as if some people knocked us down, but we always get up again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:10

ULT
10 always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus so that the life of Jesus also might be revealed in our body;

UST
10 We are often in danger of dying, as Jesus died, but our bodies will live again, because Jesus is alive.

Why did Paul and his companions carry in their bodies the death of Jesus?
They carried the death of Jesus in their bodies so that the life of Jesus might also be shown in their bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:11

ULT
11 for we being alive are always being handed over to death for the sake of Jesus so that also the life of Jesus might be revealed in our mortal flesh.

UST
11 So, although we are still alive, we always realize that that people some day may kill us because we teach about Jesus. God allows us to suffer in order that people will see that Jesus is alive and that he is strengthening our bodies that are some day going to die.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:12

ULT
12 So then, death works in us, but life in you.

UST
12 So you can see that although we apostles are constantly suffering and may soon die, the result of that is that all of you have now received eternal life.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:13

ULT
13 But having the same spirit of the faith according to {what} has been written: “I believed; therefore I spoke,” we also believe; therefore we also speak,

UST
13 We are not discouraged. We are like the person who wrote in the scriptures: “I trust in God; this is why I speak.” We also trust in God, and we also speak about what he has done for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:14

ULT
14 knowing that the one having raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present {us} with you.

UST
14 We know that God, who raised up the Lord Jesus from the dead, will also raise us up from the dead with him, and that Jesus will take us along with you, and take us to be where God is.

Who will be raised and brought into the presence of him who raised the Lord Jesus?
Paul and his companions as well as the Corinthian saints will be brought into the presence of him who raised the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:15

ULT

15 For all these {things are} for your sake, so that the grace, having increased through more and more {people}, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

UST

15 All that I have suffered is to help you, so that more and more people can know how God loves them freely, and so that they may praise him more and more.

What will happen as a result of grace spreading to many people?

As grace is spread to many people, thanksgiving will increase to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:16

ULT

16 So we do not become discouraged. Rather, even if our outer man is decaying, yet our inner {man} is being renewed day {by} day.

UST

16 We are not discouraged. When our bodies are dying a little each day outwardly, God is making us new every day on the inside.

Why did Paul and his companions have reason to become discouraged?

They had reason to become discouraged because outwardly they were wasting away.

Why did Paul and his companions not become discouraged? (vv16-18)

They didn’t become discouraged because inwardly they were being renewed day by day. Also, their momentary, light affliction was preparing them for an eternal weight of glory that exceeds all measurement. Lastly, they were watching for unseen eternal things.

2 Corinthians 4:17

ULT

17 For our momentary, light affliction is producing in us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

UST

17 For these short, easy times of suffering are getting us ready for the day when God will make us wonderful forever, wonderful in ways that no one can measure or explain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 4:18

ULT

18 We are not watching the {things} being seen, but the {things} not being seen. For the {things} being seen {are} temporary, but the {things} not being seen {are} eternal.

UST

18 For we are not waiting for things that we can see, but for the things we cannot see. The things that we can now see are temporary, but the things we cannot see, they last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5

2 Corinthians 5:1

ULT

[1] For we know that if our earthly house of {this} tent is torn down, we have a building from God, an eternal house in the heavens, not made with hands.

UST

[1] We know that these bodies are only like temporary dwelling places, like tents that do not last very long. But we know that when we die, God gives us a permanent place in which we will live, a body that lasts forever, a body that God has made.

What did Paul say we still have if the our earthly dwelling is destroyed?
Paul said we have a building from God, a house not made by human hands, but an eternal house, in heaven.

2 Corinthians 5:2

ULT

[2] For indeed, in this {house} we groan, longing to be fully clothed with our dwelling {that is} from heaven,

UST

[2] While we live in our physical bodies we suffer, We often groan with longing for the bodies we will have when we will live with God—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:3

ULT

[3] and if indeed having clothed ourselves, we will not be found naked.

UST

[3] because when God clothes us in our new bodies, that will be our covering, like clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:4

ULT

[4] For indeed, we, the ones being in {this} tent, groan, being burdened because of it, we do not want to be unclothed, but to be fully clothed, so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life.

UST

[4] It is true that while we are still living in these bodies that do not last forever, we often groan because we desire to be free from them. We are not longing to be without a body. Instead, we groan because we desire to receive our new bodies in heaven. We long for this to happen so that these bodies that are going to die some day will suddenly be changed into bodies that will live forever.

Why did Paul say that we groan while we are in this tent?

Paul said this because while in this tent, we are burdened and want to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be absorbed by life.

2 Corinthians 5:5

ULT

[5] Now the one having prepared us for this very {thing} {is} God, the one having given us the down payment of the Spirit.

UST

[5] God himself prepares our new bodies for us, and he guarantees that we will receive them by giving us his Spirit.

What did God give to us as a pledge of what is to come?

God gave us the Spirit as a pledge of what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:6

ULT

[6] Therefore, always being courageous and knowing that being at home in the body, we are away from the Lord—

UST

[6] So, because God's Spirit lives in us, we are always confident that God will give us new bodies. We know that as long as we live in our bodies here on earth, we are not yet living together with the Lord Jesus in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:7

ULT
[7] for we walk by faith, not by sight.

UST
[7] (we live our lives by trusting in him, and not by trusting in what we can see).

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:8

ULT
[8] Now we are confident and think it good rather to be away from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

UST
[8] Because we have put our trust in him, we would much rather leave these present bodies in which we are now living so we could be with the Lord Jesus at our home in heaven.

Would Paul rather be in the body, or at home with the Lord?
Paul said, “We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:9

ULT
[9] And therefore we aspire, whether being at home or being away, to be well-pleasing to him.

UST
[9] Therefore we make it our goal to obey him, whether we are here or in heaven.

What was Paul’s goal?
Paul made it his goal to please the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:10

ULT

10 For it is necessary for us all to be revealed before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may receive back the {things done} through the body, with regard to what {things} he did, whether good or bad.

UST

10 For we will all stand before the Messiah when he sits as the judge of all. He will judge what we did when we were in this life. The Messiah will give us what we deserve, and he will judge what was good or bad.

Why did Paul make it his goal to please the Lord?

Paul made this his goal because we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive what is due for the things done in the body, whether for good or for bad.

2 Corinthians 5:11

ULT

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men. But we are clearly known by God, and I hope also to be clearly known in your consciences.

UST

11 Therefore we know what it is to honor the Lord, so we make sure to tell people what kind of God he is. God knows what kind of people we are, and I expect that you also understand whether we are doing good or evil.

Why did Paul and his companions persuade people?

They persuaded people because they knew the fear of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:12

ULT

12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an opportunity of boasting on our behalf, so that you may have {an answer} for the ones boasting in appearance and not in heart.

UST

12 We are not trying to prove again that we are genuine servants of God. We only want you to know what kind of people we are, and to give you a reason to be proud of us. We do this, so that you can answer those who praise their own actions, but do not care about what they really are in their inner being.

Paul said they were not again recommending themselves to the Corinthian saints. What were they doing?

They were giving the Corinthian saints a reason to be proud of them, so that the Corinthian saints might have an answer for those who boasted about appearances but not about what was in the heart.

2 Corinthians 5:13

ULT
13 For if we are out of our mind, {it is} for God; if we are of sound mind, {it is} for you.

UST
13 There are some people who think we are crazy. That is okay. I simply want to please God. But on the other hand, if you think that I speak and act seriously, that is good also. I want you to know that I do that in order to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:14

ULT
14 For the love of Christ controls us, having judged this: that one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died.

UST
14 Our love for the Messiah drives us on. We are sure of this: the Messiah died for all, therefore we all have died with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:15

ULT
15 And he died for all so that the ones living should live no longer for themselves, but for the one having died for them and having been raised.

UST
15 The Messiah died for all, so that those who live should not live for themselves, but should live for the Messiah, who died for their sins; and he is the one whom God raised from the dead.

Since Christ died for all, what should those who live do?
They should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:16

ULT

16 Therefore, from now on we regard no one according to {the} flesh. Even if we regarded Christ according to {the} flesh, yet now we no longer regard him {that way}.

UST

16 Since we live no longer for ourselves, we judge no one according to the way the unbelievers judge. We once even viewed the Messiah by these human standards. But as the Messiahians, now we judge no one like this.

By what standards do the saints no longer judge anyone?

The saints no longer judge anyone by human standards

2 Corinthians 5:17

ULT

17 Therefore, if anyone {is} in Christ, {he is} a new creation. The old {things} passed away; behold, new {things} have come. *[1]*

UST

17 When anyone is joined with the Messiah and trusts in him, he becomes a new person. Everything from the past is gone—See!— God makes everything in you new.

What happens to anyone who is in Christ?

He is a new creation. The old things have passed away; it has become new.

2 Corinthians 5:18

ULT

18 Now all these {things} {are} from God, the one having reconciled us to himself through Christ and having given us the ministry of {this} reconciliation,

UST

18 All these gifts come from God. He made peace with us so that we are no longer enemies of God. Now we have peace with God through the cross of the Messiah. Also, God has given us the responsibility of announcing that he is bringing people and himself together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 5:19

ULT
19 namely, that God in Christ was reconciling {the} world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and having placed in us the word of reconciliation.

UST
19 That message brings God and people together and is how God made peace with the world by what the Messiah did. God is not applying their sins to their account. Instead, the Messiah has taken our sins away and has given us this message that makes peace and brings God and people together.

When God through Christ reconciles people to himself what does God do for them?
God doesn't count their sinful stumblings against them and he entrusts to them the message of reconcilliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20

ULT
20 Therefore, we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God is appealing through us: We implore {you} on behalf of Christ: "Be reconciled to God!"

UST
20 So God has appointed us to represent the Messiah. God pleads with you through us. So we plead with you on the Messiah's behalf: Through the Messiah, let him make peace with you and bring you to himself.

As appointed representatives of Christ, what is the plea of Paul and his companions to the Corinthians?
Their plea to the Corinthians is to be reconciled to God for the sake of Christ!.

2 Corinthians 5:21

ULT
21 The one not having known sin he made sin for us, so that we might become {the} righteousness of God in him.
5:17 *[1]*

UST
21 You must believe that even though Jesus never sinned, God punished him for all the sinful things that we do, just as if Jesus had done those sinful things himself. And because of our close relationship with Christ, God has declared us no longer guilty for our sins.

Why did God make Christ become the sacrifice for our sin?
God did this so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 6

2 Corinthians 6:1

ULT

[1] Now working together with {him}, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—

UST

[1] We work together, and we beg you not to receive the gift of God's love in a way that makes no difference for you.

What did Paul and his companions beg the Corinthians not to do?

They begged the Corinthians not to receive the grace of God to no effect.

2 Corinthians 6:2

ULT

[2] for he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now {is} a favorable time. Look, now {is} a day of salvation—

UST

[2] For God said, "At a time when I displayed my loving mercy, I listened to you, And when I completed the work of my salvation, I helped you." Look, this is the day when God is having mercy on you; this is the day that he is rescuing you.

When is the favorable time? When is the day of salvation?

Now is the favorable time. Now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:3

ULT

[3] giving no cause for offense in anything, so that {our} ministry might not be blamed,

UST

[3] We certainly do not want to give anyone reason to do wrong, because we want no one to accuse us of preaching the good news in order to encourage evil doing.

Why did Paul and his companions not place a stumbling block in front of anyone?

They didn't put a stumbling block in front of anyone, for they did not want their ministry to be brought into disrepute.

2 Corinthians 6:4

ULT

4 instead, we commend ourselves in everything as servants of God; in much endurance, in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses,

UST

4 We have proved again and again that we are God's true servants. We endure great suffering, we face with courage people who hurt us, and we live through hard times.

What did the actions of Paul and his companions prove?
Their actions proved they were God's servants.

What are some of the things that Paul and his companions endured? (vv4-5)
They endured affliction, distress, hardship, beatings, imprisonments, riots, hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.

2 Corinthians 6:5

ULT

5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in hard labors, in sleeplessness {nights}, in hungers,

UST

5 People have beaten us very badly; others have locked us up in prisons; we were the cause for people to riot; we have done hard physical labor; we have passed many long nights without sleep, and we have often gone with very little food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:6

ULT

6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in {the} Holy Spirit, in sincere love,

UST

6 But in all this, our lives are pure, our knowledge is deep, and we are able to wait until God ends our suffering. We know how kind the Messiah is to us; we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and we love others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:7

ULT

[7] in {the} word of truth, in {the} power of God; through the weapons of righteousness {for} the right hand and {the} left,

UST

[7] We live according to God's true Word, and we have God's power. By means of the Messiah, God has put us right with himself. This is the truth that we continuously believe; it is like armor that a soldier wears, and like weapons for both of his hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:8

ULT

[8] through honor and dishonor, through bad report and good report; as deceivers, yet true;

UST

[8] Sometimes people honor us; at other times, they dishonor us. Sometimes they say many evil things about us; at other times, they praise us. They accuse us of lying, even though we tell the truth.

Even though Paul and his companions were truthful, of what were they accused?
They were accused of being deceitful.

2 Corinthians 6:9

ULT

[9] as being unknown, yet being well known; as dying yet—behold!—living; as being disciplined, yet not being put to death;

UST

[9] We live like persons whom nobody knows, but some people know us very well. Some try to kill us for announcing the message about the Messiah, even though no one legally ever condemns us to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:10

ULT
10 as being sorrowful, but always rejoicing; as poor, but making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all {things}.

UST
10 We live with great sorrow but we always rejoice. We live as some of the poorest people, but we have the treasure of the good news that makes many rich. You can see that we own nothing, but the truth is that all things belong to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:11

ULT
11 Our mouth has been opened toward you, Corinthians; our heart has been opened wide.

UST
11 We have spoken to you very openly and honestly, fellow believers at Corinth. We have freely shown you that we love you.

What exchange does Paul wish to make with the Corinthians?
Paul said their heart was wide open to the Corinthians and in fair exchange Paul wanted the Corinthians saints to open their hearts wide to Paul and his companions.

2 Corinthians 6:12

ULT
12 You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your affections;

UST
12 We are not the ones holding back, but you seem to be reluctant to show that you love us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:13

ULT
13 and {in} the same exchange—I speak as to children—open yourselves wide also.

UST
13 It would be a fair exchange—I am speaking as to children—for you to love us in return.

What exchange does Paul wish to make with the Corinthians?
Paul said their heart was wide open to the Corinthians and in fair exchange Paul wanted the Corinthians saints to open their hearts wide to Paul and his companions.

2 Corinthians 6:14

ULT
14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers, for what partnership {does} righteousness and lawlessness {have}? Or what fellowship {does} light {have} with darkness?

UST
14 Do not work in unsuitable ways with people who do not trust the Messiah. People who live by God's measure and rules have nothing in common with those who break his laws and do whatever they want. Darkness and light cannot be together.

What reasons does Paul give as to why the Corinthian saints should not be tied together with unbelievers? (vv14-16)
Paul gives the following reasons: What association does righteousness have with lawlessness? Does light have fellowship with darkness? Can Christ agree with Beliar? What share does a believer have together with an unbeliever? Can there be agreement between the temple of God and idols?.

2 Corinthians 6:15

ULT
15 And what harmony {does} Christ {have} with Beliar? Or what share {does} a believer {have} with an unbeliever?

UST
15 Messiah cannot in any way be in agreement with the demon Beliar. A person who trusts in God has nothing in common with another person who does not trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:16

ULT

16 And what agreement {does} {the} temple of God {have} with idols? For we are {the} temple of {the} living God, just as God said: “I will dwell among them, and walk {among them}; and I will be their God, and they themselves will be my people.”

UST

16 It is not right to bring pagan idols into the temple of God. And our bodies are like the temple of the living God, just as God said: “I will have my home among my people. I will live my life among them. I will be their God and they will be my people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 6:17

ULT

17 Therefore, “Come out from {the} midst them, and be separate,” says {the} Lord, “and touch no unclean {thing},” “and I will welcome you.”

UST

17 The scriptures therefore say: “Come out from among the unbelievers and be separate from them,” says the Lord, “Do not handle anything that makes you filthy and unable to worship me; and I will open my arms and welcome you,

What does the Lord say he will do for those who will, “Come out from among them and be set apart, and touch no unclean thing...”? (vv17-18)

The Lord says he will welcome them. He will be a Father to them and they will be his sons and daughters.

2 Corinthians 6:18

ULT

18 “And I will be to you as a Father, and you will be to me as sons and daughters,” says {the} Lord Almighty.

UST

18 and I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters.” says the all-powerful Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7

2 Corinthians 7:1

ULT

[1] Therefore, beloved, having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in {the} fear of God.

UST

[1] Dear ones, since God has promised to do these things for us, we should stop doing anything with our bodies or minds that keeps us from worshiping God. Let us keep trying to avoid sinning; let us keep honoring God and trembling in his presence.

Of what does Paul say we are supposed to cleanse ourselves?

We are supposed to cleanse ourselves of everything that makes us unclean in body and spirit.

2 Corinthians 7:2

ULT

[2] Make room for us! We wronged no one; we ruined no one; we took advantage of no one.

UST

[2] Open your hearts to us! No matter what you may have heard about us, we have not wronged anyone. And we have never taken advantage of anyone.

What did Paul want the Corinthian saints to do for himself and his companions?

Paul wanted them to, “Make room for us!”

2 Corinthians 7:3

ULT

[3] I do not speak for {your} condemnation; for I have already said that you are in our hearts to die together and to live together.

UST

[3] I do not scold you to condemn you. We love you with all our hearts! We are united in purpose and we will live with you and die with you.

What words of encouragement did Paul have for the Corinthian saints? (vv3-4)

Paul told the Corinthian saints they were in his and his companion’s hearts, to die together and to live together. Paul also told them he had great confidence in them and was proud of them.

2 Corinthians 7:4

ULT

4 Great {is} my confidence in you; great {is} my boasting on your behalf. I have been filled with encouragement. I overflow with {this} joy in all our afflictions.

UST

4 Moreover, I not only love you, I praise you to others—and I am filled up to overflowing with such joy because of you, even when we are going through severe afflictions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:5

ULT

5 For even having come to Macedonia, our flesh had no relief at all, but being afflicted in every {way}—conflicts without, fears within.

UST

5 When we came to you in Macedonia, we were exhausted. We had troubles on every side—we faced hardships that other people caused, and we feared many things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:6

ULT

6 But God, the one comforting the humble, comforted us by the arrival of Titus,

UST

6 But God always comforts us when we are discouraged, and he comforted us at that time by sending Titus to be with us.

What comfort did God give to Paul and his companions when they came to Macedonia and were troubled in every way – conflicts on the outside and fears on the inside? (vv6-7)
God comforted them by the arrival of Titus, by the report of the comfort Titus had received from the Corinthian saints, and by the Corinthian's great affection, their sorrow and deep concern for Paul.

2 Corinthians 7:7

ULT

7 and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted by you, reporting to us your longing, your mourning, {and} your zeal for my sake, so that I was caused to rejoice even more.

UST

7 Titus's coming was a great comfort, but you also comforted him when you were with him. When he came to us, he told us of your deep love for us, and how you were sorry for us in our sufferings. He also told us about how you were deeply concerned for me, so I rejoiced even more because of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:8

ULT

8 For even if I grieved you in the letter, I do not regret {it} (even though I did regret {it}, seeing that that letter grieved you, if only for an hour).

UST

8 I know the letter I wrote to you made you sad, but I had to write it. I did regret it when I wrote it, but what I wrote to you was necessary to help you deal with the problems in the church. I knew that your sorrow would last only for a short time.

What did Paul's previous letter produce in the Corinthian saints? (vv8-9)

The Corinthian saints experienced sadness, a Godly sorrow in response to Paul's previous letter.

2 Corinthians 7:9

ULT

9 Now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to {the point of} repentance. For you were grieved with respect to God, so that you would not suffer loss in anything through us.

UST

9 And so now I can rejoice, not because you were sad when you read my letter, but because your sorrow turned you away from the sin that was hurting you so much, and it changed your sadness into a sorrow that God brought to you, a sorrow that gave you so much more than you had lost.

What did Godly sadness produce in the Corinthian saints?

Sadness brought about repentance in them.

2 Corinthians 7:10

ULT

10 For the sorrow with respect to God works repentance towards salvation without regret. But the sorrow of the world produces death.

UST

10 This kind of sorrow turns a person away from sin so that God can rescue him; people are glad, in the end, to have had this kind of sorrow. On the other hand, worldly sorrow, a sadness for your sins only because you were caught in them, can lead only to death.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:11

ULT

11 For behold how much earnestness this same {thing} produced in you, to be made sorrowful with respect to God: what defense, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, {and} what vindication! In everything you proved yourselves to be pure in {this} matter.

UST

11 Now think about how much good you wanted to do because you had this sorrow that God gave you. You wanted to show me you were innocent. You were so concerned about that accusation of sin, and you were so worried about how that person had sinned. You wanted justice to be done. In sum, you showed that you were innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:12

ULT

12 So even though I wrote to you, {it was} not for the sake of the one having done wrong, nor for the sake of the one having suffered wrong, but so that your earnestness which {is} on our behalf might be revealed to you before God.

UST

12 What I wrote to you was not intended for the wrongdoer, and it was not written either for the one who suffered the wrong, but it was written for you to understand how much you are faithful to us. God knows that you are faithful to us.

Why did Paul say he wrote his previous letter to the Corinthian saints?

Paul said he wrote so that the earnestness of the Corinthians saints for Paul and his companions should be made known to the Corinthian saints in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 7:13

ULT

13 Because of this we have been encouraged. Now in addition to our own encouragement, we rejoiced even more abundantly at the joy of Titus, because his spirit had been refreshed by all of you.

UST

13 By all of this we are very encouraged! We were so happy about what Titus told us, and we were also happy because you had given him rest and helped him.

Why was Titus joyful?

He was joyful because his spirit was refreshed by all the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 7:14

ULT

14 For if I had boasted anything to him about you, I was not ashamed, but as we spoke everything to you in truth, in the same way also our boasting became the truth to Titus.

UST

14 I told him very good things about you, how proud I was of you, and you did not put me to shame when he came to you. We praised you so much to Titus, and you proved it was all true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 7:15

ULT

15 And his affections towards you are more abundant, remembering the obedience of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling.

UST

15 Now his love for you has grown because he has seen for himself how much you follow God, and he knows how you welcomed him among yourselves—you welcomed him with fear, because God is holy, and with trembling, because you know God is great.

Why did Titus' affection for the Corinthian saints grow even greater?

Titus' affection for the Corinthian saints grew even greater as he remembered the obedience of all the Corinthian saints as they welcomed him with fear and trembling.

2 Corinthians 7:16

ULT

16 I rejoice that in everything I am confident in you.

UST

16 I am filled with joy because in everything, I have confidence in you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8

2 Corinthians 8:1

ULT

[1] Now we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God {that} has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

UST

[1] We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about how God has been kindly working in wonderful ways among the churches in the province of Macedonia.

What did Paul want the Corinthian brothers and sisters to know?
Paul wanted them to know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 8:2

ULT

[2] that during a severe trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity.

UST

[2] Although the believers there were suffering very much, they were rejoicing so much that, although they are poor, they gave much money for the collection for the believers in Jerusalem.

What did the churches of Macedonia do during a great test of affliction, and even though were extremely poor?
They produced great riches of generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:3

ULT

[3] For I testify {that} {they gave} according to {their} ability, and beyond {their} ability, of {their} own accord,

UST

[3] They gave as much as they were able—and I testify it is true—and some sacrificed and gave so much they suffered need themselves, but they still gave. They wanted to give,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:4

ULT
4 with much urging, they pleaded with us {for} the favor and the fellowship of {this} ministry {that is} to the saints.

UST
4 and they begged us over and over and pleaded with us to allow them to give to this collection, so they could help those believers whom God has set apart for himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:5

ULT
5 And not as we hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us, by {the} will of God.

UST
5 We did not think they could give like that. But they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then they gave themselves to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:6

ULT
6 So we urged Titus that, just as he begun, in the same way he would also complete for you this grace as well.

UST
6 Titus had already begun encouraging you to contribute money, so we urged him to guide the collection to its end.

What did Paul urge Titus to do?
Paul urged Titus to bring to completion this act of grace on the part of the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 8:7

ULT

7 But even as you abound in everything—in faith and in speech and in knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love from us in you, [1] so also you should abound in this act of grace.

UST

7 As you do better than others, not only in your trust in God, in your encouraging words, in what you have learned, in taking a task to completion, and in your love for us—make sure you do very well by completing this collection also.

In what else did the Corinthian believers abound?

They abounded in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in their love for Paul.

2 Corinthians 8:8

ULT

8 I say this not according to a command but also proving the genuineness of your love through the earnestness of others.

UST

8 I am not giving you an order, but I want you to prove how much you love the Lord by comparing how you give to how others give to people in need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:9

ULT

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he became poor for your sake, {though} being rich, so that by the poverty of that one, you might become rich.

UST

9 I say this, because you know how kind our Lord Jesus the Messiah has been to you. Although he possessed everything, he gave it all up and became poor. He did this in order to make you rich.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:10

ULT

10 And I give {my} opinion in this, for this is profitable for you who not only began to do this a year ago, but also to desire {to do it}.

UST

10 And in this I have some encouragement to give you: You started this ministry of help a year ago, and when you began it you were eager to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:11

ULT

11 But now also complete {what you began} to do, so that just as {there was} the readiness of the desire, so also {there may be} the completion, from what you have.

UST

11 In the same way, you should finish this work. Just as you were eager to begin this work, you should be eager to end it, and to do this as quickly as you can.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:12

ULT

12 For if the readiness is already there, {it is} fully acceptable according to whatever one might have, not according to what he does not have.

UST

12 God will accept what you do in this task, if you are eager to do it. You must finish the work by giving money from the money that you have. You cannot give what you do not have.

What does Paul say is a good and acceptable thing?

Paul says it is a good and acceptable thing for the Corinthian saints to have an eagerness to do that work.

2 Corinthians 8:13

ULT

13 For {this is} not so that {there is} relief for others {but} tribulation for you, but out of equality.

UST

13 We are not taxing you because we do not want others to have to support themselves. But it is fair for you to help them.

Does Paul want this task to be done so others may be relieved and the Corinthian saints may be burdened? (vv13-14)

No. Paul said the Corinthian's abundance at that current time would supply what they (the other saints) needed. Also so that their abundance might also supply the Corinthian saint's need, and so that there might be fairness.

2 Corinthians 8:14

ULT

14 At the present time, your abundance {is} for the lack of those {ones}, so that also the abundance of those {ones} may be for your need, so that there may be equality,

UST

14 You have more than you need at this time; what you have left over will be enough for them, too. In the future, they will have more than they need, and perhaps then, they will be able to help you. That is fair for everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:15

ULT

15 just as it is written: "The one {gathering} much did not have too much, and the one {gathering} little did not have too little."

UST

15 This is like the scriptures say: "The one who had much did not have anything left to share; but the one who had only a little did not need anything more."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:16

ULT

16 But thanks {be} to God, the one placing the same earnestness on your behalf into the heart of Titus.

UST

16 We thank God because he has caused Titus to care for you as much as I do.

What did Titus do after God put into his heart the same earnest care that Paul had for the Corinthian saints? (vv16-17)

Titus accepted Paul's appeal, and being very earnest about it, he came to the Corinthian saints of his own free will.

2 Corinthians 8:17

ULT

17 For he not only accepted {our} appeal, but being very eager, he has gone to you of his own accord.

UST

17 When we asked him to help you, he agreed to do so. He was so eager to help you that he decided to visit you himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:18

ULT

18 Now we have sent together with him the brother of whom is the praise throughout all of the churches in the gospel,

UST

18 We have sent Titus along with another the Messiahian brother. All the believers in the churches praise him because he preaches the good news very well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:19

ULT
19 And not only {this}, but he also was chosen by the churches as our traveling companion, along with this grace {that} is being administered by us to the glory of the Lord, and {to show} our readiness;

UST
19 The believers in the churches asked him to go with us to Jerusalem to help us take to the believers there what you and the others are giving to them. We all want to contribute this money in order to honor the Lord and to show everyone how much we believers help each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:20

ULT
20 avoiding this, {that} no one might blame us concerning this generosity in the administration by us.

UST
20 We are doing everything we can to keep anyone from asking why we are asking for this money that you are giving so generously.

What was Paul careful to avoid in his actions concerning this act of generosity?
Paul was careful to avoid giving anyone reason to complain about his actions.

2 Corinthians 8:21

ULT
21 For we consider beforehand {what is} good, not only before {the} Lord, but also before men.

UST
21 We are careful to do all this in an honest and open way. We want everyone to know how we are doing this, and we know that the Lord sees us, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:22

ULT

22 Now we sent our brother with them, whom we proved in many ways, {and} often being eager. But now he is even more eager {because of his} great confidence {that} {he has} in you.

UST

22 And with these brothers we are sending to you, we are adding still one more brother. We have seen that this brother does important work in a very faithful manner. He now desires even more to help you because he trusts you very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:23

ULT

23 As for Titus, {he is} my partner and fellow worker for you. As {for} our brothers, {they are} messengers of {the} churches, a glory of Christ.

UST

23 As for Titus himself, he is my partner; he works alongside me. The other brothers—it is the churches in our region who have chosen them to go with us to Jerusalem. When other people see them, they will praise the Messiah very much because of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 8:24

ULT

24 Therefore, prove to them to {the} faces of the churches the proof of your love and of our boasting about you.
8:7 *[1]* Some other versions read

UST

24 So show these brothers how you love them; show them why we spoke so well about you, and why we could not stop telling all the churches how proud we are of you.

What did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to do concerning the brothers that were sent to them by the other churches?

Paul told the Corinthian church to show them their love, and to show them why Paul had boasted about the Corinthian church among the other churches.

2 Corinthians 9

2 Corinthians 9:1

ULT

[1] For concerning the ministry {that is} to the saints, it is excessive for me to write to you.

UST

[1] Now about this collection of money for the believers in Jerusalem—all those people whom God has set apart for himself, I really do not need to write anything more to you.

About what does Paul say it is not necessary to write to the Corinthian saints?

Paul says it isn't necessary to write to them concerning the ministry for the saints.

2 Corinthians 9:2

ULT

[2] For I know your readiness, {of} which I boast to {the} Macedonians concerning you, that Achaia has been ready since last year, and your zeal stirred up most {of them}.

UST

[2] I already know that you want to help, and I praised you for this to the believers of Macedonia. In fact, I told them that you, and the other people of the province of Achaia, have been preparing for this collection since last year. Your enthusiasm is an example that has moved the believers of Macedonia to take action.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:3

ULT

[3] But I sent the brothers so that our boasting which {is} about you might not be futile in this matter, so that you might be ready, as I was saying.

UST

[3] For I am sending the brothers ahead of me, so that when they meet you, they will see that we did not praise you for nothing; I also sent them ahead of me so that you would be ready to finish the work, as I promised others you would be.

Why did Paul send the brothers to Corinth?

He sent the brothers so that his boasting about the Corinthian saints might not be futile, and so that the Corinthian saints would be ready, as Paul said they would be.

2 Corinthians 9:4

ULT

4 Otherwise, if Macedonians might come with me and might find you unprepared, we would be ashamed—not to mention you—by this confidence [1]

UST

4 I am afraid that some Macedonians might come with me when I come a little later, and that they might find that you are not ready to give all that you want to give. If that happens, we will be ashamed that we spoke so well about you—and you would be ashamed, too.

Why did Paul think it necessary to urge the brothers to go to the Corinthian saints and make arrangements in advance for the gift the Corinthians had promised? (vv4-5)

Paul thought is necessary so that Paul and his companions would not be put to shame in case any Macedonians came with Paul and found the Corinthians unprepared. Paul wanted the Corinthians to be ready with the gift as one freely offered and not because the Corinthians were forced to give it.

2 Corinthians 9:5

ULT

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers that they should go to you beforehand and prepare in advance this promised gift of yours, to be ready in this way as a blessing and not as something forced.

UST

5 I decided it was necessary to make every effort to send the brothers to you, so they could set in order everything necessary to receive the money you have promised to give. In this way, this money will be something you freely offer, rather than a tax that we make you pay.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:6

ULT

[6] Now this {I say}: the one sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one sowing in blessings will also reap in blessings.

UST

[6] The point is, anyone who sows very little seed will also have a small crop to harvest, but anyone who sows a great amount of seed will gather a great harvest. Similarly, if you give just a little to help others, God will give you only a few blessings. But if you give willingly and cheerfully to help people, you will receive in return many blessings from God.

What does Paul say is the point of their giving?

Paul says the point is this: “The one who sow sparingly will reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

ULT

[7] {Let} each one {give} just as he has decided beforehand in {his} heart, not from sorrow or from compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

UST

[7] First decide in your heart how much money to give, so when you give it you will not regret doing it. You should not feel that anyone is forcing you to give, because God loves a person who is happy to give.

How is each one to give?

Each one is to give as he has planned in his heart—not out of compelling obligation or so as to have sorrow when he gives.

2 Corinthians 9:8

ULT

[8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in everything, always, having all sufficiency, you may abound in every good work.

UST

[8] God can give you all kinds of gifts more and more, so that you will always have what you yourselves need, and also enough to do good things with.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:9

ULT

[9] Just as it is written: “He distributed {alms}, he gave to the poor, his righteousness endures to eternity.”

UST

[9] As it is written in the scriptures: “He gives good things to people everywhere, and he gives to the poor what they need. He does these things forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:10

ULT

[10] Now the one supplying seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and will increase the fruits of your righteousness,

UST

[10] God gives seed to the one who sows, and he gives bread to one who bakes it. He will also supply your seed and increase what you are able to give away to others.

What was the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food going to do for the Corinthian saints? (vv10-11)

That one was going to supply and multiply their seed for sowing and increase the harvest of their righteousness. They were going to be enriched in every way so they could be generous.

2 Corinthians 9:11

ULT

[11] in every way enriching you for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us,

UST

[11] God will make you rich in many ways, so that you can be generous. As a result, many others will thank God for what they receive through the work that we apostles have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:12

ULT
12 because the ministry of this service not only is fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also abounding with many thanksgivings to God.

UST
12 We receive this money, not only to help our the Messiahian brothers and sisters in need; we also do it so that many, many believers will thank God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 9:13

ULT
13 Because of the proof of this ministry, they are glorifying God because of the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ and {the} generosity of the fellowship toward them and toward everyone,

UST
13 Because you began this task, you have shown what kind of people you are. You honor God by obeying him and believing what he says in the good news about the Messiah. You also honor him by giving generously.

How did the Corinthian saints glorify God?
They glorified God by the obedience of their confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of their gift.

2 Corinthians 9:14

ULT
14 and in their prayer on your behalf, longing for you because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

UST
14 The ones to whom you will give will greatly desire to see you; they will pray for you, because of the wonderful way in which God has been kind to you.

Why did the saints long for the Corinthian saints as they prayed for them?
They longed for them because of the exceedingly great grace of God that was upon the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 9:15

ULT

15 Thanks {be} to God for his indescribable gift!
9:4 *[1]*

UST

15 We give thanks to God for this gift from him—his gift is so great we cannot express it in words.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10

2 Corinthians 10:1

ULT
[1] Now I, Paul, myself who {am} meek {when} face to face among you, but being absent, am bold toward you, appeal to you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ.

UST
[1] Now I, Paul, beg of you—and I am humble and gentle as I do so, because the Messiah has made me that way: I, who was shy when I was in front of you, but forceful when I am writing you a letter from far away:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:2

ULT
[2] Now I am pleading that, being present, {I will} not {need} to be bold with the confidence with which I plan to be courageous against some of the ones regarding us as walking according to {the} flesh.

UST
[2] I beg of you that, when I come, I will not have to be harsh with you. I am afraid, however, that I will have to be, in order to speak against the people who think that we work with human standards.

What did Paul beg of the Corinthian saints?
Paul begged of them that when he was present with them, he would not have to be bold with self confidence.

For what occasion did Paul think he would have to be bold with self confidence?
Paul thought he would have to be bold with self confidence when he opposed those who supposed that Paul and his companions were living according to the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:3

ULT
[3] For {though} walking in {the} flesh, we do not wage war according to {the} flesh.

UST
[3] For though we now are living in our physical bodies, we do not fight using the same principles like armies do when they fight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:4

ULT

[4] For the weapons of our warfare {are} not fleshly, but {are} powerful to God for {the} tearing down of strongholds {and for} tearing down strategies

UST

[4] And we are fighting with weapons, but these weapons are not designed by human beings, but by God. These weapons are powerful, so powerful that they can tear apart any false arguments.

When Paul and his companions waged war, what kind of weapons did they not use?
Paul and his companions did not use fleshly weapons when they waged war.

What did the weapons that Paul used have the power to do?
The weapons Paul used had divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:5

ULT

[5] and every high thing raising itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive into the obedience of Christ;

UST

[5] In this way we can tear apart every false argument and all those who rise up against God. Those are the ones who try to keep people from knowing him. We keep and hold every thought that people have and we take those thoughts as our prisoners. God would work in those who did not obey him, and they will turn to him, and one day they will obey the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:6

ULT

[6] and being in readiness to avenge every act of disobedience, when your obedience would be complete.

UST

[6] When you completely obey the Messiah yourselves, we will be ready to punish any who remain disobedient to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:7

ULT

[7] You are looking at the {things} according to appearance. If anyone is convinced in himself {that} he is of Christ, let him consider this again concerning himself: that just as he {is} of Christ, so also {are} we.

UST

[7] You should look at the clear facts. If anyone has faith to recognize that he belongs to the Messiah, remind him that just as he belongs to the Messiah, they should recognize that so do we!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:8

ULT

[8] For even if I might boast somewhat excessively about our authority, which the Lord gave for building up and not for your tearing down, I will not be ashamed,

UST

[8] When I praised myself about our authority as apostles, that may have been too much for you. But the Lord gave that authority to me not to destroy you, but to help you and make you strong. So I am not ashamed of the authority the Lord gave me.

For what reason did the Lord give Paul and his companions authority?

The Lord gave Paul and his companions authority so they could build up the Corinthian saints and not destroy them.

2 Corinthians 10:9

ULT

[9] so that I would not seem as if to terrify you through {my} letters.

UST

[9] Though my letters seem strong when you read them, I do not want you to be afraid when you read them. That is not why I have written them to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:10

ULT

10 Indeed, {someone} says, “{His} letters {are} weighty and forceful, but {his} bodily presence {is} weak, and {his} speech is despised.”

UST

10 Some people who know me and read my letters say, “We should take his letters seriously because they say powerful things, but when Paul is with us, he is physically weak and he is not worth listening to.”

What were some people saying about Paul and his letters?

Some were saying Paul’s letters were serious and powerful, but physically he was weak and his speech was not worth listening to.

2 Corinthians 10:11

ULT

11 Let such {a person} consider this, that such as we are in {our} word through letters being absent, such {we are} also in {our} deed being present.

UST

11 Let those who criticize me know that what we write to you in our letters when we are absent are the very things we do when we are with you.

What did Paul say to those who thought he was much different in person than his letters indidcated?

Paul said that what he said by letter when he was away would be the same as he would do when he was there with the Corinthians saints.

2 Corinthians 10:12

ULT

12 For we do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of the ones commending themselves. But these—measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves—do not understand.

UST

12 We will not even try to compare ourselves with those who praise themselves. When they compare themselves to one another, it proves only that they are foolish.

What did those who praised themselves do to show they had no insight?

They showed they had no insight because they measured themselves by one another and compared themselves with each other.

2 Corinthians 10:13

ULT
13 We, however, will not boast about the immeasurable {things}, but according to the measure of the limit that God has assigned to us, a measure {that} reached even as far as you.

UST
13 We will praise ourselves only about what God has given us to do. And we will work only as he has told us to work; our work, however, includes you also.

What were the limits of Paul's boasting?
Paul said their boasting would stay in the area that God had assigned to them, even reaching as far as the Corinthians. Paul said they would not boast about the labor of others, about the work being done in another's area.

2 Corinthians 10:14

ULT
14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach to you, for we came even as far as you with the gospel of Christ.

UST
14 When we reached out to you, we did not go beyond where God assigned us to work. He assigned your region to us, and we were the first to tell you the good news about the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:15

ULT
15 Neither are we boasting beyond {our} limits in {the} labors of others, but having hope {for} your faith, being caused to increase according to our limit among you, to be enlarged to abundance

UST
15 We are not boasting about the work God gave to others, as if we had done that work. Instead, we hope that you will trust God more and more, and that in the same way, God will assign us a larger region to work in.

What were the limits of Paul's boasting? (vv15-16)
Paul said their boasting would stay in the area that God had assigned to them, even reaching as far as the Corinthians. Paul said they would not boast about the labor of others, about the work being done in another's area.

2 Corinthians 10:16

ULT
16 to preach the gospel in the {places} beyond you—not to boast in the {things} accomplished in another's area.

UST
16 We hope for this, in order that we may share the good news with people beyond where you live. We will not take credit for work that any other servants of God are doing, in their own regions where they serve him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:17

ULT
17 "But let the one boasting, boast in {the} Lord."

UST
17 The scriptures say, "Let the one who is proud, be proud of the Lord."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 10:18

ULT
18 For that one commending himself is not approved, but whom the Lord commends.

UST
18 When a person praises himself for what he has done, the Lord does not reward him for doing that. Instead, he rewards those whom he approves.

Who is the one who is approved?
The one who is approved is the one the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11:1

ULT
[1] I wish {that} you would bear with me in a little bit of foolishness, but you are indeed bearing with me!

UST
[1] It is foolish for a person to praise himself, but that is what I am doing. Please allow me to continue a little.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:2

ULT
[2] For I am jealous {for} you with a godly jealousy, for I joined you to one husband, to present {you} {as} a pure virgin to Christ.

UST
[2] For I want to guard you carefully. I want to guard you the way God himself would guard you. I am like a father who promised you in marriage to only one husband and who wants to be the one who presents you, as a pure virgin bride, to the Messiah.

Why did Paul have a godly jealousy for the Corinthian saints?
He was jealous for them because he had promised them in marriage to one husband, to present them as pure virgins for Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

ULT
[3] But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds might be corrupted from the sincerity and the purity {that are} in Christ.

UST
[3] But as I think about you, I have become afraid that someone has tricked you, like the devil tricked Eve. I am afraid that someone has convinced you to stop loving the Messiah with an honest heart.

What was Paul afraid of concerning the Corinthian saints?
Paul was afraid their thoughts might be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:4

ULT

4 For if indeed one coming proclaims another Jesus whom we did not proclaim, or you receive a different spirit which you did not receive or a different gospel which you did not accept, you are bearing with {it} well!

UST

4 I say this because you do not seem to mind if someone else comes and tells you different things about Jesus than what we told you, or if he wants you to receive a different spirit from the Spirit of God, or a different kind of good news.

What did the Corinthian saints tolerate?
They tolerated someone coming and proclaiming another Jesus, a different gospel, than the one Paul and his companions preached.

2 Corinthians 11:5

ULT

5 For I consider {myself} not to fall short of the “super-apostles.”

UST

5 People call those teachers “super-apostles,” but I do not think they are greater than I am.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:6

ULT

6 But even if I am untrained in {this} speech, yet not in {this} knowledge, but in everything having made {this} clear to you in all {things}.

UST

6 It may be true that I never studied how to give wonderful speeches, but I certainly know many things about God, as you learned when I spoke to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:7

ULT

7 Or did I commit a sin, humbling myself so that you too might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without payment?

UST

7 Was I wrong to serve you as a humble person in such a way that others praised you instead of me? Was I wrong to preach the good news to you without charging any money?

How did Paul preach the gospel to the Corinthians?

Paul preached the gospel freely to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 11:8

ULT

8 I robbed other churches, having accepted a wage for the ministry {to} you.

UST

8 Yes, I allowed believers in other churches to give me money so I could serve you. Maybe you will say that I was robbing them. But I asked you for nothing.

How did Paul “rob” other churches?

He “robbed” them by accepting support from them so he could serve the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 11:9

ULT

9 And being present with you—and having lacked—I did not burden anyone. For the brothers having come from Macedonia completely met my need, and in everything, I kept and will {continue to} keep myself {from being} a burden to you.

UST

9 There was a time when I was with you that I needed many things, but I did not ask you for any money at all. The brothers who came from Macedonia provided all I needed, instead. I have done everything I could for you not to be in hardship because of me, and this I will continue to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:10

ULT

10 {The} truth of Christ is in me, so that this boasting about myself will not be stopped in the regions of Achaia.

UST

10 I am telling the complete truth about the Messiah and how I have worked for him. So I will continue to let everyone in all the region of Achaia know about this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:11

ULT

11 Why? Because I do not love you? God knows {I do}!

UST

11 Certainly you do not think that I refused your money because I did not love you. Far from it! God knows I love you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:12

ULT

12 And what I do I will also {continue to} do so that I may cut off the opportunity of the ones desiring an opportunity, so that in what they are boasting about they may be found just as we also {are}.

UST

12 I will continue to serve you in this same way, so that I stop those who say that they are equal to us. They will have no excuse to offer for how they boast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:13

ULT
13 For the ones of such kind {are} false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves {as} apostles of Christ.

UST
13 Such people are false apostles claiming that God has sent them. They are workers who always tell lies, and they are pretending to be apostles of the Messiah.

How does Paul describe those who wish to be found equal to Paul and his companions in the things about which they boast?
Paul describes such people as false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:14

ULT
14 And no wonder, for Satan himself disguises himself {as} an angel of light.

UST
14 They should not surprise us. Even Satan pretends to be an angel shining with the light of God’s presence.

How does Satan disguise himself?
He disquises himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:15

ULT
15 Therefore, {it is} no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

UST
15 His servants also pretend to serve God; they pretend to be good. God will punish them as they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:16

ULT

16 I say again: Let no one think me to be foolish. But if not, receive me at least as a fool so that I too may boast a little bit.

UST

16 No one should think I am a fool. But if you really do think of me as a fool, then I will go ahead and continue to praise myself a little more.

Why did Paul ask the Corinthian saints to receive him like a fool?

Paul asked them to receive him like a fool so he could boast a little.

2 Corinthians 11:17

ULT

17 What I am saying, I am not saying according to {the} Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of {my} boasting.

UST

17 When I speak in this way, this is not the way the Lord speaks of me; it is simply me speaking like a fool.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:18

ULT

18 Since many boast according to {the} flesh, I too will boast.

UST

18 Many have been proud about who they are in this life. Well, I can be that way, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:19

ULT
19 For gladly you bear with the foolish, being wise.

UST
19 You will certainly gladly put up with my foolishness, since you are so wise yourselves!

With whom did Paul say the Corinthian saints gladly put up? (vv19-20)
Paul said they gladly put up with fools, with someone who enslaved them, with someone who caused divisions among them, with someone who took advantage of them, with one who put on airs, or one who slapped them in the face.

2 Corinthians 11:20

ULT
20 For you bear with {it} if anyone enslaves you, if anyone devours {you}, if anyone takes advantage {of you}, if anyone exalts {himself}, if anyone hits you in {the} face.

UST
20 I say this because you have tolerated leaders who treated you like slaves; you followed those who created divisions among you; you let your leaders take advantage of you; you permitted your leaders to imagine themselves to be better than others; and you permit them to slap you in the face but you do nothing about it. Such a thing is really not at all wise!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:21

ULT
21 According to dishonor, as {for that} I say that we ourselves have been weak! However, in whatever {way} anyone might be bold—I am speaking in foolishness—I too am bold.

UST
21 I'm ashamed to admit it, but Timothy and I don't have the strength to do those things to you. Whatever other people dare to brag about, I, like a fool, can also brag about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:22

ULT

22 Are they Hebrews? I {am} also. Are they Israelites? I {am} also. Are they offspring of Abraham? I {am} also.

UST

22 Those people claim to be upright Hebrews. So am I. They claim to be Israelites. So am I. They claim to be descendants of Abraham. So am I.

What are Pauls boasts comparing himself to those who wish to be found equal with Paul in what they boasted about? (vv22-23)

Paul boasted that he was a Hebrew, an Israelite and a descendant of Abraham just like those who claimed to be equal to Paul. Paul said he was more a servant of Christ than they were– in even more hard work, in far more prisons, in beatings beyond measure, in facing many dangers of death.

2 Corinthians 11:23

ULT

23 Are they servants of Christ? (I speak {as} being insane.) I {am} more so: more abundantly in hard work, more abundantly in imprisonments, in beatings beyond measure, often in {danger of} deaths.

UST

23 Are they servants of the Messiah?—I speak like a man who is out of his mind! I worked harder than any of them; I have been in more prisons than they; I have had more severe beatings than they, and I have faced death more times than they have.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:24

ULT

24 Five times I received from Jews 40 {lashes} minus one.

UST

24 Five times the Jews punished me with the thirty-nine lashes, beating me each time until I nearly died.

What were some of the specific dangers Paul endured? (vv24-26)

Paul received five times the “forty lashes minus one” from the Jews. Three times he was beaten with rods. Once he was stoned. Three times he was shipwrecked. He spent a night and a day in the open sea. He was in danger from rivers, from robbers, from his own people, from the Gentiles. He was in danger in the city, in the wilderness, in the sea and in danger from false brothers. Paul was also in danger from the governor of Damascus.

2 Corinthians 11:25

ULT

25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the deep;

UST

25 Three times I was beaten by my captors with wooden rods. Once they threw stones at me to kill me. Three different ships I was on were lost to the storms, and I have spent a night and a day in the open ocean hoping for rescue.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:26

ULT

26 often on journeys, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers from {my own} countrymen, in dangers from Gentiles, in dangers in {the} city, in dangers in {the} wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers from false brothers;

UST

26 I have been on many journeys and I have known dangers in rivers, I have been in danger from robbers, danger from my own people, the Jews, danger from the non-Jews, danger in cities, danger in the wilderness, danger in the ocean, danger from false brothers who betrayed us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:27

ULT

27 in hard work and hardship, often in sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often in fasting, in cold and nakedness;

UST

27 I have worked hard and been in hardship, often gone without sleep; I have been hungry and thirsty with nothing to eat. I have been cold and without enough clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:28

ULT
28 apart from these external {things}, {there is} the daily pressure on me {of} the concern {for} all the churches.

UST
28 In addition to all that, I worry every day about how well the churches are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:29

ULT
29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I am not inflamed?

UST
29 There is no fellow believer who is weak, without me being weak with him. There is no fellow believer who has led another person into sin, without me being very angry about it.

According to Paul, what caused him to burn within?
One causing another to fall into sin made Paul burn within.

2 Corinthians 11:30

ULT
30 If it is necessary to boast, I will boast {about} the {things} of {my} weakness.

UST
30 If I must boast, I will boast only about things like these, things that show how weak I am.

What did Paul say he would boast about, if he had to boast?
Paul said he would boast about what showed his weaknesses.

2 Corinthians 11:31

ULT
31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, the one being blessed to eternity, knows that I am not lying!

UST
31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus the Messiah—may everyone and everything give him praise!—he knows I am not lying!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 11:32

ULT
32 in Damascus, the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of Damascus to arrest me.

UST
32 At the city of Damascus, the governor under King Aretas put a guard around the city, hoping to arrest me.

What were some of the specific dangers Paul endured?
Paul received five times the “forty lashes minus one” from the Jews. Three times he was beaten with rods. Once he was stoned. Three times he was shipwrecked. He spent a night and a day in the open sea. He was in danger from rivers, from robbers, from his own people, from the Gentiles. He was in danger in the city, in the wilderness, in the sea and in danger from false brothers. Paul was also in danger from the governor of Damascus.

2 Corinthians 11:33

ULT
33 But I was lowered in a basket through a window through the wall, and I escaped from his hands.

UST
33 But my friends put me in a basket and let me down me out of the city, through a window in the wall, and I escaped from him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12

2 Corinthians 12:1

ULT
[1] It is necessary to boast, {though} not profitable. But I will go on to visions and revelations of {the} Lord.

UST
[1] Even though it does no good, I must continue to defend myself, so I will continue by boasting about some visions that the Lord gave me.

About what did Paul say he would now boast?
Paul said he would go on to boast about visions and revelations from the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:2

ULT
[2] I know a man in Christ—whether in the body, I do not know, or out of {the} body, I do not know, God knows—such a {man} having been snatched up to {the} third heaven 14 years ago.

UST
[2] Fourteen years ago God took me, a man who is joined to the Messiah, up to the highest heaven—although only God knows whether he took me up only in my spirit or in my body, too.

What happened to the man in Christ fourteen years ago?
He was caught up into the third heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:3

ULT
[3] And I know {that} such a man—whether in body, or out of the body, I do not know, God knows—

UST
[3] And I—whether in my body or only in my spirit, God alone knows—

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:4

ULT

4 that he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words which are not permitted for a man to speak.

UST

4 I was taken up into a place in heaven called paradise. There I heard things that were so holy and that I am not able to tell them to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:5

ULT

5 On behalf of such a {man} I will boast. But on behalf of myself I will not boast, except in {my} weaknesses.

UST

5 I can boast about that—but God made all that happen, not I. For myself, I can be proud only about how God works in me, a weak man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:6

ULT

6 For even if I desire to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking {the} truth; but I refrain, {so that} no one would think more of me than what he sees {in} me or hears from me.

UST

6 Even if I kept on boasting about myself, I would not be foolish, because I would be saying only what was true. However, I will boast no more, so that you can judge me only by what you hear me say, or by what you already know about me.

Why does Paul say it would not be foolish if he boasted?

Paul said it would not be foolish for him to boast because he would be speaking the truth.

2 Corinthians 12:7

ULT

7 And therefore, so that I would not become super arrogant by the surpassing {nature} of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me—a messenger of Satan—so that he might torment me, so that I would not become super arrogant. *[1]*

UST

7 So I will leave the subject of the amazing visions that God gave me; except that I should tell you that God sent me something very difficult to bear, a device from Satan, in order to cause me to suffer. God did this so that I would not become proud about the visions I saw.

What happened to Paul to keep him from becoming puffed up?

Paul was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger from Satan to harass him.

2 Corinthians 12:8

ULT

8 Three times I begged the Lord about this, that he would remove {it} from me.

UST

8 I prayed three times to the Lord about this matter; each time I begged him to take this away from me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:9

ULT

9 But he has said to me, “My grace is enough for you, for {my} power is being made perfect in weakness.” So I will most gladly boast even more in my weakness so that the power of Christ might reside upon me.

UST

9 But he said to me, “No, I will not take this away from you. All you need is for me to love you and be with you, because I do my most powerful work in you when you are weak.” That is why I would rather be proud of my weakness, so that the Messiah’s power can come and make me strong.

What did the Lord tell Paul after Paul asked the Lord to remove his thorn in the flesh?

The Lord told Paul, “My grace is enough for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

Why did Paul say it was preferable to boast about his weakness?

Paul said it was preferable so that the power of Christ might rest on him.

2 Corinthians 12:10

ULT

10 Therefore I take delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions and distresses for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am powerful.

UST

10 I can face anything because the Messiah is with me. It may be that I must be weak, or that others might treat me with scorn, or that I must have great hardships, or that others will try to kill me. It may be that I will continue to suffer hardships of various kinds. In any case, when my power is gone, then I am at my strongest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:11

ULT

11 I have become a fool; you yourselves compelled me. For I ought to be commended by you, for I lacked nothing of the “super-apostles,” even if I am nothing.

UST

11 When I write this way, I am praising myself. But I had to do so, because you should have had confidence in me. I am just as good as these “super-apostles,” even though I am really nothing at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:12

ULT

12 Indeed, the signs of an apostle were performed among you with all endurance—both signs and wonders and miracles.

UST

12 I gave you the true signs of being an authentic apostle—miracles that I did very patiently among you: Wonderful miracles that proved that I truly serve Jesus the Messiah.

What was performed among the Corinthians with all patience?

Signs wonders and mighty deeds, the true signs of an apostle, were performed among them with all patience.

2 Corinthians 12:13

ULT

13 For what is {the way} that you were {treated} worse than the remaining churches, except that I myself did not burden you? Forgive me this injustice!

UST

13 You certainly were just as important as all the other churches! The only way you were different was that I received no money from you as I did from them. Forgive me that I did not ask this from you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:14

ULT

14 Behold! I am ready to come to you this third time, and I will not burden you. For I do not seek the {things} of yours, but you. For the children should not store up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

UST

14 So listen to this! I am now ready to visit you for a third time, and on this trip, as on all the others, I will not ask you for any money. I do not want anything you have. What I want is you! You know the principle that we all follow in our families: The children should not pay the expenses of their parents, but the parents save up to pay the expenses of the children.

Why did Paul tell the Corinthians he would not be a burden to them?

Paul told them this to show them that he did not want what was theirs. He wanted them.

2 Corinthians 12:15

ULT

15 Now I will most gladly spend and be completely spent for the sake of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I to be loved less?

UST

15 I will most happily do everything I can for you, even if it means losing my life. If this means that I love you more than ever, surely you should love me more than ever as well.

What did Paul say he would most gladly do for the Corinthian saints?

Paul said he would most gladly spend and be spent for their souls.

2 Corinthians 12:16

ULT

16 But let it be {so}, I myself did not burden you, but, being a crafty {person}, I caught you by deceit.

UST

16 And so, someone might say that although I did not ask you for money, I tricked you into letting me myself pay for everything I needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:17

ULT

17 {There is} no one whom I have sent to you, that through him I took advantage of you, is there?

UST

17 I certainly never asked any of the men whom I sent to you to get money from you and bring it to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:18

ULT

18 I urged Titus {to go} and sent the {other} brother with {him}. Unless Titus took advantage of you? Did we not walk in the same spirit? {Did we} not {walk} in the same footsteps?

UST

18 For example, I sent Titus and the other brother to you, but they did not ask you to support them. Titus never made you pay his expenses. Titus and the other brother treated you the same as I did. We lived our lives in the same way; you never had to pay anything for us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 12:19

ULT

19 Do you think all of this time that we are defending ourselves to you? Before God in Christ we are speaking, but all these {things}, beloved, {are} for the sake of your building up.

UST

19 Surely, you do not really think that I have been trying to defend myself in this letter. God knows that I am joined to the Messiah, and that I have written everything in order to strengthen you in trusting him.

For what purpose did Paul say all these things to the Corinthian saints?

Paul said all these things to build up the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 12:20

ULT

20 For I fear {that} perhaps somehow having come I might not find you such as I wish, and I might be found by you not such as you wish; perhaps somehow {there may be} quarreling, jealousy, ragings, rivalries, slanders, gossips, inflated egos, {and} riots,

UST

20 But when I come to you, I may not find you as I wished. When I come you may not want to listen to me. I fear that you are arguing a lot among yourselves, that some of you are jealous of one another, and that some of you become very angry with each other. I fear that some of you are putting yourselves first, that you are talking about each other, and that some of you are very selfish.

What was Paul afraid he might find when he went back to the Corinthian saints?

Paul was afraid that among them he would find arguments, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, gossip, pride, and disorder.

2 Corinthians 12:21

ULT

21 {perhaps} having come to you again, my God might humble me before you, and I would grieved for many of the ones having sinned and not having repented from the impurity and sexual immorality and debauchery in which they engaged.
12:7 *[1]*

UST

21 I am afraid that when I come to you and see you, God will humble me. I am afraid that I will have to mourn for many of you who disobeyed God earlier and have not stopped sinning in various sexual ways.

What was Paul afraid that God might do to him?

Paul was afraid God might humble Paul before the Corinthian saints.

For what reason does Paul think he might mourn for many of the Corinthian saints who previously sinned?

Paul was afraid they might not have repented of the impurity and sexual immorality and lustful indulgence which they previously practiced.

2 Corinthians 13

2 Corinthians 13:1

ULT

[1] This {is} {the} third time {that} I am coming to you. “Every matter must be established on the basis of {the} mouth of two or three witnesses.”

UST

[1] This is the third time I am coming to you to deal with these matters. The principle in dealing with these issues is what the scripture says: “Every accusation against another must be based on the testimony of two or three persons,” not just one.

How many times had Paul already come to the Corinthian saints at the time 2 Corinthians was written? (vv1-2)

Paul had already come to them twice at the time 2 Corinthians was written.

2 Corinthians 13:2

ULT

[2] I have previously said when being present the second {time}, and {though} being absent, I also say now—to those who sinned before and to all the rest—that if I would come to them again, I will not spare {anyone},

UST

[2] When I was there on the second visit I said to those who had sinned and who had been charged before the church, and to the entire church, and I will say it again: I will not overlook these charges.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:3

ULT

[3] since you are seeking proof of the Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you but is powerful among you.

UST

[3] I tell you this because you are looking for proof that the Messiah is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you; instead, he is working in you by his great power.

Why did Paul tell the Corinthians saints who had sinned and all the rest that if he came again he would not spare them?

Paul told them this because the Corinthian saints were seeking evidence that Christ was speaking through Paul.

2 Corinthians 13:4

ULT

4 For he was also crucified as a result of weakness, but he lives as a result of God's power. For we also are weak in him, but we will live with {him} as a result of God's power toward you.

UST

4 We learn from the Messiah's example, because they crucified him when he was weak, yet God has made him alive again. And we, too, are weak as we live and follow his example, but with him, God will strengthen us as we talk with you about these sins that some of you have committed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:5

ULT

5 Test yourselves, whether you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you not fully realize {this} about yourselves, that Jesus Christ {is} in you—unless you are unapproved?

UST

5 It is yourselves whom you must examine and see how you live. You must look for evidence that you trust in how God loves you and has mercy on you. It is you whom you must put yourself to the test and ask if Jesus the Messiah lives within you? He lives in every one of you, unless, of course, you fail this test.

For what did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to examine and test themselves?

Paul told them to examine and test themselves to see if they were in the faith.

2 Corinthians 13:6

ULT

6 And I hope that you will realize that we ourselves are not unapproved.

UST

6 And I hope that you will find that we pass the test and the Messiah lives in us.

What was Paul confident the Corinthian saints would find concerning Paul and his companions?

Paul was confident the Corinthian saints would find that they were not unapproved.

2 Corinthians 13:7

ULT

7 Now we pray to God that you may not do anything wrong, not so that we ourselves might be seen {as} approved, but so that you yourselves might do {what is} good, even if we ourselves might {seem to} be unapproved.

UST

7 Now we pray to God that you may not do anything that is wrong. We pray for this, not because we want to seem better than you by passing that test. Instead, we want you to know and do the right things. Even if we seem to have failed, we want you to succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:8

ULT

8 For we can not {do} anything against the truth, but only on behalf of the truth.

UST

8 The truth controls what we do; we cannot do anything against the truth.

What did Paul say that he and his companions were not able to do?

Paul said they were not able to do anything against the truth.

2 Corinthians 13:9

ULT

9 For we rejoice whenever we are weak, but you are powerful. We also pray {for} this: for your restoration.

UST

9 We have joy when we are weak and you are strong. We pray that you may always trust and obey God completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:10

ULT

10 Because of this, I write these {things} being absent so that being present, I would not treat {you} harshly according to the authority which the Lord gave to me for building up and not for tearing down.

UST

10 I am away from you now as I write this to you. When I come to you, I do not have to deal harshly with you. Because the Lord made me an apostle, I prefer to encourage you and not to make you weaker.

Why did Paul write these things to the Corinthian saints while he was away from them?

Paul did this so that when he was with them, he would not have to act harshly toward them.

How did Paul want to use the authority the Lord gave him with regard to the Corinthian saints?

Paul wanted to use his authority to build up the Corinthian saints and not tear them down.

2 Corinthians 13:11

ULT

11 Finally, brothers, rejoice! Be restored, be encouraged, think the same, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

UST

11 The last thing, brothers and sisters, is this: Rejoice! Act and behave better than you have been acting, and allow the Lord to give you courage. Agree with each other and live in peace together. If you do these things, God, who loves you and brings you peace, will be with you.

In concluding, what did Paul want the Corinthians to do? (vv11-12)

Paul wanted them to rejoice, to work for restoration, to agree with one another, to live in peace, and to greet each other with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13:12

ULT

12 Greet each other with a holy kiss. All of the saints greet you. *[1]*

UST

12 Welcome each other in a way that tells everybody how much you love each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:13

ULT

13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit {be} with all of you. [2]
13:12 [1] to verse 13, but the best manuscripts include it here.
13:13 [2] from verse 12 and place it this verse. The text of this verse then becomes verse 14.

UST

13 I pray that the Lord Jesus the Messiah, will bless you and be kind to you! May God bless you with his love, and may the Holy Spirit join all your hearts together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Corinthians 13:14

ULT

UST

14 May the Lord Jesus the Messiah act kindly toward you, may God love you, and may the Holy Spirit be with you all.

What did Paul want all the Corinthian saints to have with them?

Paul wanted them all to have the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians

Galatians 1

Galatians 1:1

ULT
1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor by man, but through Jesus Christ and God {the} Father, the one having raised him from {the} dead—

UST
1 I, Paul, am writing to my dear brothers and sisters in the province of Galatia. I am Paul, the apostle. No group of people made me an apostle, and God did not tell anybody to make me one. Instead, I am an apostle because Jesus the Messiah and God the Father have sent me as one—yes, God the Father, who made the Messiah live again after he had died!

How did Paul become an apostle?
Paul became an apostle through Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Galatians 1:2

ULT
2 and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia:

UST
2 I and all the fellow believers who are here with me greet you all in the churches in the province of Galatia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:3

ULT
3 Grace to you and peace from God {the} Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST
3 I pray that God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus the Messiah will kindly help you and give you peace.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:4

ULT

4 the one having given himself for our sins so that he might deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

UST

4 The Messiah sacrificed himself to God for our sins, in order to take us away from this world in which people act in such evil ways. He did this because God, our Father, wanted him to.

From what have believers in Jesus Christ been delivered?

Believers in Jesus Christ have been delivered from this present evil age.

Galatians 1:5

ULT

5 to him {be} the glory forever {and} ever. Amen.

UST

5 Because that is true, let us now praise God forever and ever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:6

ULT

6 I am amazed that you are turning away so quickly to a different gospel from the one having called you by {the} grace of Christ,

UST

6 As you know, the Messiah called you in his kindness to trust in him. But now I am amazed that you have stopped trusting in him! Now you believe a different message, which some people say is the true good news about God.

With what is Paul amazed with the church in Galatia?

Paul is amazed that they are turning so quickly to a different gospel.

Galatians 1:7

ULT

[7] which is not another, except certain ones are the ones causing you trouble and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

UST

[7] The Messiah never told us another good news, but other people are confusing you. They want to change the good news about the Messiah; they want you to believe that the Messiah actually said something different.

How many true gospels are there?

There is only one true gospel, the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:8

ULT

[8] But even if we or an angel from heaven might proclaim to you a gospel other than the one we proclaimed to you, let him be cursed.

UST

[8] But even if we apostles or an angel from heaven should tell you a good news that is not the same as what we told you before, God should punish that person forever.

What does Paul say should happen to anyone proclaiming a different gospel than the gospel of Christ? (vv8-9)

Paul says anyone proclaiming a different gospel should be cursed.

Galatians 1:9

ULT

[9] As we have said before, and now I say again, “If someone proclaims to you a gospel other than the one you received, let him be cursed.”

UST

[9] As we have already told you, so now I say to you again that someone is telling you a form of the good news that he says is good, but it is not the same as what you believed. So I ask God that he condemn that person forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:10

ULT

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

UST

10 I do not need people to like me, because it is God who approves of me. I am not trying to please people. If I were still trying to please people, then I would not really be serving the Messiah.

Servants of Christ must seek the approval of whom first?

Servants of Christ must seek the approval of God first.

Galatians 1:11

ULT

11 For I make known to you, brothers, {that} the gospel having been proclaimed by me is not according to man.

UST

11 My fellow believers, I want you to know that the message about the Messiah that I proclaim to people is not one that some person created.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:12

ULT

12 For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but by revelation of Jesus Christ.

UST

12 I did not learn this good news from any ordinary human being, and no such person taught it to me. Instead, it was Jesus the Messiah himself who taught me.

How did Paul receive the knowledge of the gospel of Christ?

Paul received the gospel of Christ by revelation from Jesus Christ directly to himself.

Galatians 1:13

ULT
13 For you have heard about my former life in Judaism, that I was persecuting the church of God beyond measure, and I was destroying it.

UST
13 People have told you about what I did in the past when I worshiped God in the Jewish way. I never stopped doing the worst things to the groups of believers that God had established. I tried to destroy those believers and their groups.

What was Paul doing in his life before he received the revelation of the gospel of Christ? (vv13-14)
Paul was following Judaism zealously, persecuting the church of God and destroying it.

Galatians 1:14

ULT
14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of the same age among my race, being extremely zealous for {the} traditions of my fathers.

UST
14 I honored God in the Jewish way more thoroughly than any other Jew my own age. I was very angry when I saw other Jews neglecting to obey the traditions that our ancestors had kept.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:15

ULT
15 But when the one having set me apart from the womb of my mother and having called {me} through his grace was pleased

UST
15 However, I was still in my mother's womb when God chose me to serve him, and he did this because it pleased him to do so.

When did God choose Paul to be his apostle?
God was pleased to choose Paul from his mother's womb to be his apostle.

Galatians 1:16

ULT

16 to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

UST

16 He showed me that Jesus is his Son; he did this so that I would tell others the good news about his Son in regions where the non-Jews live. But I did not immediately go to any mere humans in order to understand that message better.

For what purpose did God choose Paul as his apostle?

God chose Paul as his apostle so that Paul would proclaim Christ among the Gentiles.

Galatians 1:17

ULT

17 nor I did go up to Jerusalem to the ones {being} apostles before me. Instead, I went to Arabia and again returned to Damascus.

UST

17 And I did not immediately leave Damascus and go to Jerusalem to see the apostles there, the men who had become apostles before I became one. Instead, I went away into the region of Arabia, a region of wilderness. Later I returned once more to the city of Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:18

ULT

18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and I stayed with him 15 days.

UST

18 It was actually three years after God revealed this good news to me that I went up to Jerusalem to visit Peter. I stayed with him for fifteen days.

Where did Paul finally meet some of the other apostles? (vv18-19)

Finally, Paul went to Jerusalem and met the apostles Cephas and James.

Galatians 1:19

ULT
19 But I did not see another of the apostles except James, the brother of the Lord.

UST
19 I also saw James, the half-brother of our Lord Jesus and the leader of the believers in Jerusalem, but I did not see any other apostle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:20

ULT
20 Now what I write to you, behold, before God, I am not lying.

UST
20 God knows that what I am writing to you is completely true!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:21

ULT
21 Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

UST
21 After I left Jerusalem, I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:22

ULT
22 Now I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea {that are} in Christ.

UST
22 At that time believers in the Christian congregations who were in the province of Judea still had never seen me.

What were the churches in Judea hearing about Paul? (vv22-23)
The churches in Judea were hearing that Paul, who once persecuted the church, was now proclaiming the faith.

Galatians 1:23

ULT

23 But they were only hearing, “The one formerly persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith which he formerly was destroying,”

UST

23 They only heard others keep saying, “Paul, the one who in the past was doing violent things to us, is now proclaiming the same good news that we believe and he had been trying to stop!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 1:24

ULT

24 and they glorified God in me.

UST

24 So they kept praising God because of what had happened to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2

Galatians 2:1

ULT

[1] Then after 14 years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, also taking Titus along with {me}.

UST

[1] After fourteen years passed, Barnabas, Titus, and I went up again to Jerusalem.

What did Paul do when he went up to Jerusalem after 14 years? (vv1-2)

Paul spoke privately to the leaders of the church, explaining to them the gospel that he was proclaiming.

Galatians 2:2

ULT

[2] Now I went up according to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, but privately to the ones seeming to be important, lest I might run—or had run—in vain.

UST

[2] We did this because God had told me we should go. I explained privately to the most important leaders of the believers the content of the good news that I had been proclaiming in the regions of the non-Jews. I did this because I wanted to make sure that they approved of what I had been preaching. I wanted to make sure that I had not been working uselessly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:3

ULT

[3] But not even Titus, the one with me, being a Greek, was forced to be circumcised.

UST

[3] But those leaders did not even require Titus, who was with me and was an uncircumcised Gentile, to be circumcised.

What was Titus, a Gentile, not required to do?

Titus was not required to be circumcised.

Galatians 2:4

ULT

4 But it was because of the secretly brought in false brothers, who came in secretly to spy on our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus so that they will enslave us,

UST

4 The people who would have required him to be circumcised were not true believers, but they pretended that they were fellow believers. They watched us closely to see how we obey God without following all the Jewish laws and rituals, since we know that the Messiah Jesus has freed us from those things. These false believers would like to make us like slaves to the law.

What did the false brothers desire to do?

The false brothers desired to make Paul and his companions slaves to the law.

Galatians 2:5

ULT

5 we did not even yield in submission to them for an hour, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you.

UST

5 But not even briefly did we agree with them about circumcision. We resisted them in order that the true good news about the Messiah might continue to benefit you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:6

ULT

6 Now from the ones seeming to be something (what sort they were formerly matters nothing to me; God does not accept {the} face of man)—indeed, the ones seeming important added nothing to me.

UST

6 But those who others said were the leaders did not add anything to what I proclaim. Those leaders are important men, but they do not matter to me, because God does not favor certain persons more than others.

Did the leaders of the church in Jerusalem change Paul's message?

No, they added nothing to Paul's message.

Galatians 2:7

ULT

7 But on the contrary, having seen that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcision, just as Peter to the circumcision

UST

7 Instead, the leaders understood that God was trusting me to proclaim the good news to the non-Jews, just as Peter was proclaiming the good news to the Jews.

To whom was Paul primarily sent to proclaim the gospel? (vv7-8)

Paul was primarily sent to the uncircumcised, the Gentiles, to proclaim the gospel.

To whom was Peter primarily sent to proclaim the gospel? (vv7-8)

Peter was primarily sent to the circumcised, the Jews, to proclaim the gospel.

Galatians 2:8

ULT

8 (for the one having worked in Peter for apostleship to the circumcision also worked in me to the Gentiles),

UST

8 That is, just as God had empowered Peter to go as an apostle to take God's message to the Jews, he also empowered me to go as an apostle to take his message to the non-Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:9

ULT

9 and having understood the grace having been given to me, James and Cephas and John, the ones seeming to be pillars, gave {the} right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, so that we would be to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision,

UST

9 Those leaders understood that God had kindly given to me this special mission. So James, Peter, and John, the leaders of the believers in the Messiah—the same leaders that many people knew and honored—they were the ones who shook hands with us because we were fellow workers with them. We agreed that God had sent us to the non-Jews, that is, to those who were not circumcised, and that God had sent them to the Jews, that is, to those who were circumcised.

How did the leaders in Jerusalem show their approval of Paul's ministry?

The leaders in Jerusalem gave Paul and Barnabus the right hand of fellowship to show their approval.

Galatians 2:10

ULT

10 only that we might remember the poor, this same {thing} that I was also eager to do.

UST

10 They only urged us to still remember to help the poor among the fellow believers who live in Jerusalem. That is exactly what I have been eager to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:11

ULT

11 Now when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

UST

11 But later while I was in the city of Antioch, after Peter came there, I looked into his eyes and told him that what he was doing was wrong.

What error did Peter make when he came to Antioch? (vv11-12)

Peter stopped eating with the Gentiles, because he feared the men who had been circumcised.

Galatians 2:12

ULT

12 For before certain ones came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles. But when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, being afraid of the ones from {the} circumcision.

UST

12 This is what happened. Peter went to Antioch and started eating regularly with non-Jewish believers there. Later there were certain Jewish believers who came to Antioch who claimed that James, the leader of the believers in Jerusalem, had sent them. And when those men came, Peter stopped eating with the non-Jewish believers and would not associate with them. He was afraid that the Jewish believers from Jerusalem would criticize him for associating with non-Jews.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:13

ULT

13 And the rest of the Jews also joined with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

UST

13 Also, the other Jewish believers in Antioch joined in Peter's hypocrisy by separating themselves from the non-Jewish believers. Even Barnabas thought he had to stop associating with the non-Jews!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:14

ULT

14 But when I saw that they were not walking correctly according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all {of them}, "If you, being a Jew, live like a Gentile, and not a like Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

UST

14 But when I realized that they were not following the truth of the good news about the Messiah, and when all the fellow believers had come together, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are Jewish, but you have been living like a non-Jew who does not follow the law. So how can you possibly persuade the non-Jews to live like Jews?"

What did Paul ask Cephas in front of everyone?

Paul asked Cephas how he could force Gentiles to live like Jews when Cephas was living like a Gentile.

Galatians 2:15

ULT

15 We {are} Jews by birth, and not sinners from {the} Gentiles;

UST

15 We were born as Jews, not as non-Jewish sinners who know nothing about God's law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:16

ULT

16 but knowing that no man is justified by works of {the} law except through faith in Jesus Christ, we also
believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of {the} law. For by
works of {the} law no flesh will be justified.

UST

16 But we now know that it is not because a person obeys the law that God gave to Moses that God makes a
person right in his sight. God does that only if that person trusts in Jesus the Messiah. Even some of us Jews
have trusted the Messiah Jesus. We did that so God would declare us good in his sight, because we trust the
Messiah, and not because we try to obey the law that God gave to Moses. God has said that he will not
declare anyone good in his sight just because they obey the law.

Paul said that no one is justified by what?

Paul said that no one is justified by the works of the law.

How is a person justified before God?

A person is justified before God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 2:17

ULT

17 But if, seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were also found {to be} sinners, {is} Christ then a
minister of sin? May it never be!

UST

17 But when we asked God to make us right in his sight by trusting in the Messiah, we stopped trying to obey
the law, so the law proved us to be sinners for doing that. But this certainly does not mean that the Messiah
is in favor of sin. Certainly not!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:18

ULT
18 For if I again rebuild those {things} which I destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

UST
18 If I again believed that God would make me right in his sight because I obey his law, I would be like a man who rebuilds a shaky old building that he had once torn down. Everyone would see that I was breaking God's law.

If someone returns to trying to follow the law after having faith in Christ, what does Paul say he has actually become?
Paul says he shows himself actually to be a law breaker.

Galatians 2:19

ULT
19 For I, through {the} law, died to {the} law so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ,

UST
19 As I was trying to obey God's law, I became like a dead man; it was as if the law had killed me. This happened so that I might live to worship God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 2:20

ULT
20 and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. But that which I now live in {the} flesh, I live in faith that {is} of the Son of God, the one having loved me and having given himself for me.

UST
20 It is as though my old way of life ended when the Messiah died on the cross. I no longer direct my life. The Messiah who lives in my heart now directs how I live. And whatever I do now while I live, I do it trusting in God's Son. He is the one who loved me and offered himself as the sacrifice to provide God's forgiveness to me.

Who did Paul say now lived in him?
Paul said that Christ now lived in him.

What does Paul say the Son of God did for him?
Paul says the Son of God loved him and gave himself for Paul.

Galatians 2:21

ULT

21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness {is} through {the} law, then Christ died for nothing!

UST

21 I do not set aside God's kindness, as if keeping the law could make us right with God. Otherwise, the Messiah would have died on the cross for nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3

Galatians 3:1

ULT

1 O foolish Galatians! Who bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed {as} crucified?

UST

1 You fellow believers there in Galatia are very foolish! Someone must have bewitched you with their evil eye! I told you exactly how they had crucified Jesus the Messiah, did I not?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:2

ULT

2 I want to learn only this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of {the} law or by hearing of faith?

UST

2 So I want you to tell me only one thing: When the Holy Spirit came to you, did he come because you were obeying the law of Moses? Or did the Spirit come to you because you had heard the good news and trusted in the Messiah? Certainly this is what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:3

ULT

3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by Spirit, are you now finishing by flesh?

UST

3 You are very foolish! You first became Christians because God’s Spirit enabled you. But now you think you will continue until you die by trying as hard as possible to obey the law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:4

ULT

4 Have you suffered so many {things} for nothing—if indeed it was really for nothing?

UST

4 All the difficult things you have experienced after you believed in the Messiah would have been of no value at all if you had not been trusting in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:5

ULT

5 Therefore, the one providing the Spirit to you and working miracles among you, {is it} by works of {the} law, or by hearing of faith?

UST

5 When God now generously gives to you his Spirit and performs mighty deeds among you, do you think that it is because you obey God's law? Surely you know it is because when you heard the good news about the Messiah, you trusted in him!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:6

ULT

6 Just as Abraham "believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness,"

UST

6 What you have experienced is just as Moses had written in the scriptures about Abraham. He wrote that Abraham trusted God, and as a result God declared Abraham good in his sight.

How was Abraham considered righteous before God?

Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Galatians 3:7

ULT

7 know, then, that the ones by faith, these are sons of Abraham.

UST

7 You should realize, therefore, that it is those who trust in the Messiah to save them whom God has made into descendants of Abraham.

Who are the sons of Abraham?

Those who believe God are the sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8

ULT

8 But the scripture, having foreseen that God justifies the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, “In you all the nations will be blessed.”

UST

8 Even before God began to make non-Jews good in his sight when they trusted in him, men wrote in the scriptures that he would do this. God announced this good news to Abraham, as we read in the scriptures, “Because of what you have done, I will bless all the people groups in the world.”

The scripture foresaw that the Gentiles would be justified in what way?

The scripture foresaw that the Gentiles would be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:9

ULT

9 So then, the ones by faith are blessed along with the faithful Abraham.

UST

9 So, we know by this that it is all those who trust in the Messiah whom God blesses along with Abraham, who also trusted in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:10

ULT

10 For as many as are of works of {the} law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed {is} everyone who does not abide by all the {things} written in the book of the law to do them.”

UST

10 God curses all those who think they can please God by obeying his law. It is just as you can read in the scriptures, “God will eternally punish everyone who does not continuously and completely obey all the laws that Moses wrote in the book of the law.”

Those who rely on the works of the law to be justified are under what?

Those who rely on the works of the law to be justified are under a curse.

Galatians 3:11

ULT

11 Now, that no one is justified before God by {the} law {is} clear, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”

UST

11 But God has said that if he declares any people good in his sight, it will not be because they obeyed his law. You can read in the scriptures, “Every person whom God declares to be good will live because he trusts God.”

How many people have been justified by God through the works of the law?

No one has been justified through the works of the law.

Galatians 3:12

ULT

12 Now the law is not by faith, but, “The one doing these {things} will live in them.”

UST

12 Whoever tries to obey the law is not trusting in the Messiah, “Whoever starts to do the things in the law must obey them all.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:13

ULT

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed {is} everyone hanging on a tree”—

UST

13 The Messiah stopped God from having to curse us as they wrote in the law he must. This happened when God cursed the Messiah in our place. You can read in the scripture, “God curses everyone whom they hang on a tree.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:14

ULT

14 so that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, so that through faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

UST

14 God cursed the Messiah in order to bless the non-Jews who believe in the Messiah just as he blessed Abraham. And he blessed the non-Jews so that we might receive the Spirit, whom he promised to all who trust in the Messiah.

Why did Christ redeem us by becoming a curse for us?

Christ redeemed us by becoming a curse for us so that the blessing upon Abraham might come to the Gentiles.

Galatians 3:15

ULT

15 Brothers, I speak according to man. Nevertheless, no one sets aside or adds to a covenant established by man.

UST

15 My fellow believers, God’s promise is like a contract between two people. After they sign it, no one can cancel it, nor can they add anything to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:16

ULT

16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It does not say, “and to seeds,” as to many, but as to one, “and to your seed,” who is Christ.

UST

16 God promised to bless Abraham and his special descendant. The scriptures do not say, “your descendants,” that is, many people, but instead “your descendant,” meaning just one person, the Messiah.

Who was the “descendant” that was spoken of in the promise to Abraham?

The “descendant” spoken of in the promise to Abraham was Christ.

Galatians 3:17

ULT

17 Now I say this: The law, having come after 430 years, does not set aside {the} covenant previously established by God to nullify the promise.

UST

17 This is what I am saying. God established an agreement with Abraham that the law which he gave to Moses 430 years later could not cancel.

Did the coming of the Jewish law 430 years after Abraham void the promise God made to Abraham?

No, the law did not void the promise made to Abraham.

Galatians 3:18

ULT

18 For if the inheritance {is} from {the} law, {it is} no longer from promise. But God has shown kindness to Abraham through a promise.

UST

18 This is because if what God is giving to us forever comes because we keep his law, then he would not be giving it because he had promised to do so. In reality, however, God gave Abraham this gift because he had freely promised to give it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:19

ULT

19 What, then, {is} the law? It was added because of transgressions, having been put into effect through angels by {the} hand of a mediator until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.

UST

19 So why did God later give his law to us? God gave his law to teach us that we all deliberately break it. And looking forward, God gave the law for the time when a descendent of Abraham would come. That descendent is the one who receives the promise that was made before to Abraham. The angels protected and applied the law by the authority of the one who would stand between God and people.

Why then was there the law?

The law came because of transgressions until Abraham's descendant came.

Galatians 3:20

ULT

20 Now a mediator is not for one, but God is one.

UST

20 Now, when one person speaks directly with another, there is no mediator. And God himself made his promises directly to Abraham.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:21

ULT

21 Therefore {is} the law against the promises? May it never be! For if a law was given being able to make alive, then righteousness would have come by {the} law.

UST

21 So do the words of the law speak against what God promises? Certainly not. If we could obey the law and then live forever with God, then he certainly would have regarded us as good in his sight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:22

ULT

22 But the scripture imprisoned all {things} under sin so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to the ones believing.

UST

22 But that was impossible. Instead, because we sin, the law in the scriptures controls us—and all things—just as if we were in prison. So when God promised to free us from that prison, he was speaking about anyone who believes in Jesus the Messiah.

What did the law in scripture imprison everyone under?

The law in scripture imprisoned everyone under sin.

Galatians 3:23

ULT

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under {the} law, imprisoned to the faith about to be revealed.

UST

23 Before God revealed the good news about how people should trust in the Messiah, his law was like a soldier who kept us in prison, unable to move about.

How are we released from the imprisonment of the law? (vv23-26)

We are released from the imprisonment of the law by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:24

ULT

24 So then the law became our guardian until Christ, so that we might be justified by faith.

UST

24 Like a father protects his small child by telling a slave to take care of him, God was supervising us by his law until the Messiah came. He did this so that he might now declare us good in his sight, if we trust in the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:25

ULT
25 But faith having come, we are no longer under a guardian.

UST
25 But now that we can trust in the Messiah, we no longer need God's law to supervise us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:26

ULT
26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

UST
26 I say this because you are all God's children because you have trusted in the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 3:27

ULT
27 For as many as have been baptized into Christ put on Christ.

UST
27 All of you who trust in the Messiah and were baptized so that you are joined to him, have taken on the characteristics of the Messiah's life.

Who has been clothed in Christ?
All who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ.

Galatians 3:28

ULT

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

UST

28 If you are believers, it does not matter to God if you are Jews or non-Jews, slaves or free persons, males or females, because all of you are together joined to the Messiah Jesus.

What different kinds of persons are made one in Christ Jesus?

Jews, Greeks, slaves, free, male, and female are all made one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:29

ULT

29 Now if you {are} of Christ, then you are seed of Abraham, heirs according to promise.

UST

29 Furthermore, since you belong to the Messiah, he makes you into descendants of Abraham, and you will receive everything that God has promised him and us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4

Galatians 4:1

ULT
1 Now I say, for as much time as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, being master of all.

UST
1 Now, I will further discuss children and heirs. An heir is a son who will later possess all that his father has. But as long as that heir is a child, he is like a slave whom others control.

How does the heir of an estate live while he is a child? (vv1-2)
The heir lives like a slave under guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

Galatians 4:2

ULT
2 But he is under guardians and stewards until the date appointed by {his} father.

UST
2 Until the day that his father has previously determined, other persons supervise the child and manage his property.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:3

ULT
3 So also, when we were children, we were being enslaved by the elemental principles of the world.

UST
3 Likewise, when we were like young children, we were under the evil rules that everyone in this world lives by. Those rules controlled us like masters control their slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:4

ULT

4 But when the fullness of time came, God sent forth his Son, having been born from a woman, having been born under {the} law,

UST

4 But when the time that God had determined arrived, he sent Jesus, his Son, into the world. Jesus was born to a human mother, and he had to obey the law.

What did God do at the right time in history? (vv4-5)

At the right time, God sent forth his Son to redeem those under the law.

Galatians 4:5

ULT

5 in order that he might redeem the ones under {the} law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons.

UST

5 God sent Jesus to rescue us from the law controlling us. He did this to adopt us as his own children.

How did God bring children who were under the law into his family?

God adopted as sons the children who were under the law.

Galatians 4:6

ULT

6 Now because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father.”

UST

6 Because you are now God’s sons, he sent the Spirit of his Son to live in each of us. It is his Spirit who enables us to call God, “Father, our dear Father!” This shows that we are God’s sons.

What does God send forth into the hearts of his children?

God sends forth the Spirit of his Son into the hearts of his children.

Galatians 4:7

ULT
7 So then, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, also an heir through God.

UST
7 So, because of what God has done, no longer is each of you like a slave. Instead, each of you is a child of God. Since each of you is now God's child, God will also give you all that he has promised. God himself will do it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:8

ULT
8 But at that time, not having known God, you were enslaved to the ones by nature not being gods.

UST
8 When you did not know God, you worshiped gods that really did not really exist. You were their slaves.

Before we know God, to whom are we slaves?
Before we know God, we are slaves to the spirits that rule the world, who are not gods at all.

Galatians 4:9

ULT
9 But now, having come to know God, or rather, having come to be known by God, how are you turning again to the weak and worthless elemental principles, to which once more you want to be enslaved again?

UST
9 But now you do know God as your God. Perhaps it would be better, however, to say that now God knows each of you. So why are you returning again to follow the weak and worthless evil rules of this world? You do not really want to become their slaves all over again, do you?

Paul was perplexed that the Galatians were returning to what?
Paul was perplexed that the Galatians were returning again to the ruling spirits of the world.

As he sees the Galatians turning back, what does Paul fear for them? (vv9-11)
Paul fears that the Galatians will become slaves again, and that he has labored in vain over them.

Galatians 4:10

ULT
10 You observe days and months and seasons and years!

UST
10 It actually seems that you do! You are once more obeying what others insist you should do on certain special days and at special times in certain months, seasons, and years.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:11

ULT
11 I am afraid for you lest I have labored among you for nothing.

UST
11 I worry about you! I worked so hard for you, but it seems that it was all for nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:12

ULT
12 I beg you, brothers, become as I am, for I also {am} as you. You did me no harm.

UST
12 My fellow believers, I strongly urge you to become like me, because I do not let the law control me. I became like you non-Jews when I became free from the law, so you too should free yourselves from the gods. When I first went to you, you did not harm me at all, but now you are making me worry about you very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:13

ULT
13 Now you know that because of a weakness of the flesh I proclaimed the gospel to you the first time.

UST
13 You remember that the first time I told you the good news, I did it because I was sick.

When Paul first came to the Galatians, what problem did he have?
When Paul first came to the Galatians, he had a physical illness.

Galatians 4:14

ULT

14 And you did not despise your trial in my flesh nor reject me, but you welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

UST

14 Although you might have despised me because I was sick, you did not reject me. Instead, you welcomed me like you would welcome an angel that came from God. You welcomed me like you would welcome the Messiah Jesus himself!

Despite Paul's problem, how did the Galatians receive him?

Despite Paul's problem, the Galatians received Paul as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:15

ULT

15 Where, then, {is} your blessing? For I testify to you that, if possible, having torn out your eyes, you would have given {them} to me.

UST

15 But now you are no longer happy! I know for certain that you would have done anything to help me. You would have torn out your own eyes and given them to me, if that would have helped me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:16

ULT

16 So then, speaking truth to you, have I become your enemy?

UST

16 That is why I have become so sad now. You seem to think that I have become your enemy because I have continued to tell the truth about the Messiah to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:17

ULT

17 They are zealous for you, not rightly, but they desire to separate you, so that you would be zealous for them.

UST

17 Those who are insisting on obeying the Jewish laws are trying to get you to follow them, but they are not doing it for your good. They want to keep you away from me, because they want you to follow them, not me.

Who are the false teachers in Galatia trying to separate?

The false teachers are trying to separate the Galatians from Paul.

Galatians 4:18

ULT

18 Now {it is} always good to be zealous for good, and not only when I am present with you.

UST

18 Well, it is good to insist on doing the right things; you should do this always, and not only when I am with you. But make sure it is the right people who are teaching you what to do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:19

ULT

19 My little children, with whom I am in labor again until Christ would be formed in you—

UST

19 You who are like my children, once again I am very worried about you, and I will continue to be worried until you become like the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:20

ULT

[20] but I am desiring to be present with you now and to change my tone, because I am perplexed about you.

UST

[20] But I do wish that I could be with you now and that I might talk more gently with you, because right now I do not know what to do about you.

Under what are the false teachers trying to put the Galatians? (vv20-21)

The false teachers are trying to put the Galatians back under the law.

Galatians 4:21

ULT

[21] Tell me, you desiring to be under law, do you not listen to the law?

UST

[21] Let me try to explain this again. Some of you desire to obey all the law of God, but do you really pay attention to what the law says?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:22

ULT

[22] For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave girl and one by the free woman.

UST

[22] In the law we read that Abraham became the father of two sons. His female slave, Hagar, bore one son, and his wife Sarah, who was not a slave, bore the other.

From which two kinds of women did Abraham have two sons?

Abraham had two sons, one from a slave woman and one from a free woman.

Galatians 4:23

ULT

23 And the one was born from the slave girl according to flesh, but the {other}, from the free woman, through promise.

UST

23 Ishmael, the son born by Hagar, the female slave, was conceived naturally. But Isaac, the son born by Sarah, who was not a slave, was conceived miraculously because God had promised Abraham that he would have a son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:24

ULT

24 These are being spoken as an allegory, for they are two covenants. One {is} from Mount Sinai, giving birth to slavery; this is Hagar.

UST

24 Now these two women symbolize two covenants. God made the first covenant with the people of Israel at Mount Sinai. That covenant requires the Israelites to live like a slave to the law. So Hagar, the female slave, symbolizes this covenant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:25

ULT

25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponding to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.

UST

25 So Hagar symbolizes Mount Sinai, in the land of Arabia. But Hagar also symbolizes the city of Jerusalem as it is today. This is because Jerusalem is like a slave mother: She and all her children—that is, her people—are like slaves, because they all must obey the law that God gave to Israel at Mount Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:26

ULT
26 But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother.

UST
26 But there is a new Jerusalem in heaven, and that city is like a mother of all us who believe in the Messiah, and that city is free!

Who is the symbolic mother of Paul and the believing Galatians?
The Jerusalem above, the free woman, is the symbolic mother of Paul and the believing Galatians.

Galatians 4:27

ULT
27 For it is written, “Rejoice, you barren not giving birth; break forth and shout, you not suffering the pains of childbirth; because the children of the desolate one {are} more than {those} of the one having a husband.”

UST
27 That new Jerusalem will have many more people than the old Jerusalem. This is because the prophet Isaiah wrote, “You who live in Jerusalem, you must rejoice! Now you have no children, like a woman who cannot have children! But one day you will shout with joy even though you have no children now. Like a woman who cannot give birth to children, and you feel deserted. You will have more children than any woman with a husband could have borne.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 4:28

ULT
28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.

UST
28 Now, my fellow believers, you have become children of God because you believed in what God promised to give to us. You are like Isaac, who was born because Abraham had believed in what God promised to give to him.

Are believers in Christ children of the flesh or children of the promise?
Believers in Christ are children of the promise.

Galatians 4:29

ULT

29 But just as then, the one having been born according to flesh was persecuting the one according to Spirit, so {it} also {is} now.

UST

29 But long ago Abraham's son Ishmael, who was born naturally, caused trouble for Abraham's son Isaac, who was born because the Holy Spirit made it happen. It is the same way now. The people who are slaves to God's law persecute those of us who trust in what the Messiah has promised to give us.

Who persecutes the children of the promise?

The children of the flesh persecute the children of the promise.

Galatians 4:30

ULT

30 But what does the scripture say? "Throw out the slave girl and her son. For the son of the slave girl will certainly not inherit with the son of the free woman."

UST

30 But these are the words in the scriptures: "The son of the woman who was not a slave will inherit what his father owns. The slave boy will inherit nothing. So send away from this place the female slave and her son!"

What do the children of the slave woman not inherit?

The children of the slave woman do not inherit along with the children of the free woman.

Galatians 4:31

ULT

31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of a slave girl, but of the free woman.

UST

31 My fellow believers, we are not children who have a slave woman as our mother, but we are the children who are born from a woman who was free, and so are we are free too!

Are believers in Christ children of the slave woman or children of the free woman?

Believers in Christ are children of the free woman.

Galatians 5

Galatians 5:1

ULT
[1] For freedom Christ set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not again be subjected to a yoke of slavery.

UST
[1] The Messiah set us free from the law so that it may control us no longer. So stop anyone who says you are still slaves to the law, and do not let the law control you like slaves again.

For what purpose has Christ set us free?
For freedom Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5:2

ULT
[2] Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you would be circumcised, Christ will benefit you nothing.

UST
[2] Consider very carefully what I, Paul, an apostle, now tell you. If you let anyone circumcise you, what the Messiah has done for you will not help you at all!

What did Paul warn the Galatians would happen if they became circumcised?
Paul said that if the Galatians became circumcised, Christ would not benefit them in any way.

Galatians 5:3

ULT
[3] Now I testify again to every man being circumcised that he is obligated to do the whole law.

UST
[3] Once again I solemnly declare to every man whom they have circumcised, that he must obey the law perfectly, for God to declare him good in his sight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:4

ULT

4 You were cut off from Christ, whoever is being justified by law; you fell from grace.

UST

4 If you expect God to declare you good in his sight because you try to keep the law, you have separated yourself from the Messiah; God will no longer act kindly toward you.

What did Paul warn would happen to all the Galatians who would seek to be justified by following the law?

Paul warned that all the Galatians who would seek to be justified by following the law would be alienated from Christ and would fall away from grace.

Galatians 5:5

ULT

5 For through {the} Spirit, by faith, we eagerly wait for {the} hope of righteousness.

UST

5 We whom God's Spirit enables to trust in the Messiah are confidently waiting for the time when God will declare us good in His sight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:6

ULT

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is capable of anything, but {only} faith working through love.

UST

6 God is not concerned whether we are circumcised or not circumcised. Instead, God is concerned about whether we trust in the Messiah, with the result that we love others because we trust in him.

As opposed to circumcision and uncircumcised, what is the only thing that means anything in Christ Jesus?

In Christ Jesus, only faith working through love means anything.

Galatians 5:7

ULT

[7] You were running well. Who hindered you, not to be persuaded by truth?

UST

[7] You were following the Messiah so well! Who stopped you from obeying his true message?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:8

ULT

[8] {This} persuasion {is} not from the one calling you!

UST

[8] God, the one who chose you, is not the one who is persuading you to think like this!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:9

ULT

[9] A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

UST

[9] This false teaching that someone is teaching you is in danger of spreading to all of you, just like a little yeast in the dough causes it all to swell up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:10

ULT

10 I am confident in you in {the} Lord that you will think nothing otherwise. But the one troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.

UST

10 I am certain that the Lord Jesus will keep you from believing in anything else except his true good news. God will certainly punish anyone who is confusing you by teaching this false message, whoever he is.

Of what is Paul confident regarding the one who has confused the Galatians about the gospel?

Paul is confident that the one who has confused the Galatians about the gospel will bear God's judgment.

Galatians 5:11

ULT

11 But brothers, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the stumbling block of the cross has been removed.

UST

11 But, my fellow believers, maybe someone is saying that I still teach that you must let them circumcise you. I certainly taught that before I followed the Messiah, but I am not teaching that any longer. But what they are saying cannot be true; otherwise, no one would be persecuting me now. No, I tell you that if people think they have to be circumcised to follow the Messiah, then the fact that the Messiah died on the cross no longer make any difference to them.

Paul says that proclaiming circumcision does what?

Paul says that in proclaiming circumcision, the stumbling block of the cross would be destroyed.

Galatians 5:12

ULT

12 I wish the ones disturbing you will even castrate themselves!

UST

12 I wish that those who are confusing you would go all the way and castrate themselves!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:13

ULT
13 For you have been called to freedom, brothers, only not the freedom for an opportunity for the flesh; rather, through love serve one another.

UST
13 My fellow believers, God has called you to set you free. But do not think he set you free so you could sin. Instead, love and serve each other, because you are now free to do that!

How are believers not to use their freedom in Christ?
Believers are to not use their freedom in Christ as an opportunity for the flesh.

How are believers to use their freedom in Christ?
Believers are to use their freedom in Christ to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:14

ULT
14 For all the law has been fulfilled in one command, in {this}, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

UST
14 Remember something that Jesus said. He said all the law means this: “Love each person like you love yourself.”

The whole law is fulfilled in what one commandment?
The whole law is fulfilled in the commandment, “You must love your neighbor as yourself”.

Galatians 5:15

ULT
15 But if you are biting and devouring one another, watch out {that} you might not be consumed by one another.

UST
15 So if you attack and harm each other like wild animals, you might completely destroy each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:16

ULT
16 Now I say, walk by {the} Spirit and you would certainly not fulfill desires of {the} flesh.

UST
16 So I tell you this: Always let God's Spirit lead you. If you do that, you will not do the sinful things you might want to do.

How can believers not fulfill the lust of the flesh?
Believers can live by the Spirit, and thus, not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17

ULT
17 For the flesh desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. For these oppose each other, so that you are not doing these {things} that you would desire.

UST
17 When you want to sin, you go against God's Spirit. And God's Spirit goes against your desire to sin. These two are always fighting against each other. The result is that you do not always do the good things that you truly desire to do.

What two things are opposed to each other within the believer?
The Spirit and the flesh are opposed to each other within the believer.

Galatians 5:18

ULT
18 But if you are led by {the} Spirit, you are not under {the} law.

UST
18 But when God's Spirit leads you, the law does not control you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:19

ULT
19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity,

UST
19 It is easy to recognize what is sinful. Sinful people commit evil sexual actions, sexual actions that even go against what is natural, and they desire things that are against good laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:20

ULT
20 idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, rivalry, dissension, divisions,

UST
20 They also worship false gods and things that represent those gods. They try to get evil spirits to act for them. People are hostile to others. People quarrel with each other. People are jealous. People behave angrily. People try to get others to think highly of them and do not consider what others want. People do not associate with others. People associate only with those who agree with them.

What are three examples of works of the flesh? (vv20-21)
Three examples of works of the flesh are any three of the following list: sexual immorality, impurity, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, rivalry, dissension, sectarian division, envy, drunkenness, and drunken riots.

Galatians 5:21

ULT
21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and {things} like these, about which I warn you, just as I warned you before, that the ones practicing such things will not inherit {the} kingdom of God.

UST
21 People want what others have. People get drunk. People get drunk and riot. And they do other things like these. I warn you now, just like I warned you previously, that the ones who constantly act and think like this will not receive what God has for his own people when he reveals himself to everyone as king.

What will those who practice the works of the flesh not receive?
Those who practice the works of the flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22

ULT
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

UST
22 But as we grow in trusting the Messiah, God's Spirit starts causing us to love others. We are joyful. We are peaceful. We are patient. We are kind. We are good. We are ones whom others can trust.

What is the fruit of the Spirit? (vv22-23)
The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:23

ULT
23 gentleness, {and} self-control; against such {things} there is no law.

UST
23 We are gentle. We control our behavior. There is no law that says people should not think and act in such ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:24

ULT
24 But the ones of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the desires.

UST
24 Furthermore, we who belong to the Messiah Jesus have stopped allowing ourselves to do the evil things that we did in the past. It is as though we had nailed them to a cross and killed these evil things!

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have done what with the flesh and its passions?
Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh and its passions.

Galatians 5:25

ULT

25 If we live by {the} Spirit, let us also walk by {the} Spirit.

UST

25 Since God's Spirit has enabled us to live in a new way, we should behave as the Spirit leads us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 5:26

ULT

26 Let us not become boastful, provoking one another, envying one another.

UST

26 We should not be proud about ourselves. We should not make each other angry. We should not envy each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 6

Galatians 6:1

ULT

[1] Brothers, even if a man is caught in any trespass, let you, the spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.

UST

[1] My fellow believers, if you discover that a brother or sister is doing wrong, those of you whom God's Spirit is directing should gently correct that person. Furthermore, as you correct another person, you should be very careful so that you do not sin either.

What should those who are spiritual do if a man is caught in some transgression?
Those who are spiritual should restore that man in a spirit of gentleness.

For what danger must those who are spiritual watch out?
Those who are spiritual must watch out that they are not also tempted.

Galatians 6:2

ULT

[2] Carry one the burdens of another, and thus you will fulfill the law of Christ.

UST

[2] When there are brothers or sisters who have problems, you should help each other. By doing that, you will do what the Messiah commands.

How do believers fulfill the law of Christ?
Believers fulfill the law of Christ by carrying one another's burdens.

Galatians 6:3

ULT

[3] For if anyone thinks {himself} to be something, being nothing, he deceives himself.

UST

[3] I say this because people who think more highly of themselves than they should merely fool themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 6:4

ULT

[4] But let each one examine {his} own work, and then he will have reason to boast in himself alone and not in someone else.

UST

[4] Instead, each of you should constantly test and decide if you can approve what you yourself are doing and thinking. You can be proud because what you yourself have done is good, and not because what you have done is better than what anyone else has done.

How can a person have something in himself to be proud of regarding his work?

A person can have something in himself to be proud of by examining his own work, without comparing himself to anyone else.

Galatians 6:5

ULT

[5] For each one will carry {his} own burden.

UST

[5] I say this because you must each perform your own individual tasks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 6:6

ULT

[6] But let the one being taught the word share in all good {things} with the one teaching.

UST

[6] If fellow believers teach you the truth about God, then you should share your possessions with them.

What must one who is taught the word do with his teacher?

One who is taught the word must share all good things with his teacher.

Galatians 6:7

ULT

[7] Do not be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man may sow, that he will also reap.

UST

[7] You should not deceive yourselves. Remember that no one can deceive God. Just like a farmer will harvest exactly the kind of crop that he plants, God will pay back people according to what they have done.

What happens to whatever a man spiritually plants?

Whatever a man spiritually plants he will harvest.

Galatians 6:8

ULT

[8] For the one sowing to {his} own flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction. But the one sowing to the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

UST

[8] God will punish eternally those who commit the sins that they wish to. But those who please God's Spirit will live forever with God because of what God's Spirit does for them.

What does a man harvest who plants to his own flesh?

A man who plants to his own flesh harvests destruction out of his flesh.

What does a man harvest who plants to the Spirit?

Out of the Spirit a man who plants to the Spirit harvests eternal life.

Galatians 6:9

ULT

[9] But we should not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time, not becoming weary, we will reap.

UST

[9] But we should not tire of doing what pleases God, because eventually, at the time that God has determined, we will receive a reward, if we do not stop doing the good things that we have been doing.

If a believer does not give up and continues doing good, what will he receive?

A believer who continues doing good will reap a harvest.

Galatians 6:10

ULT

10 So then, as we have time, we should do good to all, but especially to the ones of {the} household of the faith.

UST

10 So whenever we have opportunities, we should do what is good to all people. But especially we should do what is good to all our fellow believers.

To whom should believers especially do good?

Believers should especially do good to those of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:11

ULT

11 See what large letters I wrote to you with my own hand.

UST

11 I am now writing this last part of this letter to you in my own handwriting. Notice the large letters with which I am now writing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 6:12

ULT

12 As many as desire to make a good impression in {the} flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only so that they might not be persecuted for the cross of Christ Jesus.

UST

12 Some Jewish believers want to circumcise you so that the other Jews will think highly of them for making converts to Judaism. But they are doing this just so that the others will not persecute them for believing that the Messiah died on the cross to save us.

What is the motivation of those who want to compel the believers to be circumcised?

Those who want to compel the believers to be circumcised do not want to be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6:13

ULT
13 For not even the ones circumcised keep {the} law themselves, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast in your flesh.

UST
13 The reason that I say this is that not even those people keep the law of God; instead, they want to circumcise you so they can boast that they have made more converts to the Jewish faith.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Galatians 6:14

ULT
14 But may it never be to me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which {the} world has been crucified to me, and I to {the} world.

UST
14 I myself, however, desire very much never to boast about anything like that. The only thing I will be proud about is our Lord Jesus the Messiah and his dying on the cross. When he died on the cross, he made everything the unbelievers wish for to be nothing in my sight, and he made what I wish for to be nothing in their sight.

Of what did Paul say he was proud?
Paul said that he was proud of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:15

ULT
15 For neither circumcision is anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

UST
15 I will be very proud about that, because God does not care whether people are circumcised or not. Instead, he cares only that he changes them into new people.

Instead of circumcision or uncircumcision, what is important?
What is important is a new creation.

Galatians 6:16

ULT
16 And as many as will walk in this standard, peace and mercy upon them and upon the Israel of God.

UST
16 May God give peace and act kindly toward all who live like this. These believers are the true nation of Israel that belongs to God!

Upon whom does Paul wish peace and mercy?
Paul wishes peace and mercy upon those who live by the rule of the new creation and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:17

ULT
17 From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I carry in my body the marks of Jesus.

UST
17 I say that people have persecuted me for declaring the truth about Jesus, and as a result I have scars on my body, unlike your new teachers. So let no one trouble me about these matters again!

What did Paul carry on his body?
Paul carried the marks of Jesus on his body.

Galatians 6:18

ULT
18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

UST
18 My fellow believers, may our Lord Jesus the Messiah kindly be good to all of you. Amen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 1:1

ULT

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through {the} will of God, to the saints, the ones being [in Ephesus] [1] and faithful in Christ Jesus.

UST

1 I am Paul. The Messiah Jesus sent me to represent him because that is what God wanted. I write this letter to the people whom God has set apart for himself who are living [in the city of Ephesus] [1] and who are loyal to the Messiah Jesus.

How does Paul describe the people he is writing to in this letter?
Paul describes the people he is writing to as saints, and as faithfully trusting in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:2

ULT

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

2 {May} God our Father and our Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to be} kind to you and {make you} peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:3

ULT

[3] Blessed {be} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one having blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly {places} in Christ,

UST

[3] Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! He has blessed us with every kind of spiritual blessing that comes from heaven because we belong to the Messiah.

With what has God the Father blessed believers?

God the Father has blessed believers with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:4

ULT

[4] just as he chose us in him from {the} foundation of {the} world, {for} us to be holy and blameless before him. In love

UST

[4] In fact, even before God created the world, he chose us to belong to the Messiah, so that the Messiah could make us completely holy for him. Because God loves us,

When did God the Father choose those who believe in Christ?

God the Father chose those who believe in Christ before the foundation of the world.

For what purpose did God the Father choose the believers?

God the Father chose the believers so they could be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:5

ULT

[5] he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

UST

[5] he decided long ago to adopt us as his own children by means of Jesus the Messiah. It pleased him to do this, so he did what he wanted to do.

Why did God destine the believers in advance for adoption?

God destined the believers in advance because he was pleased to do it.

Ephesians 1:6

ULT

6 to {the} praise of {the} glory of his grace that he has freely given us in the Beloved One,

UST

6 Because of this, we now praise God for being so amazingly kind to us, far beyond what we could deserve, as he blessed us by means of his Son whom he loves.

Why did God destine the believers in advance for adoption?

God destined the believers in advance so that he would be praised for his glorious grace.

Ephesians 1:7

ULT

7 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of the trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

UST

7 When Jesus died in our place, he paid the price for our sin. That is, when he died for us, God forgave us our sins because that is how abundantly and generously kind he is.

What do believers receive through the blood of Christ, God's beloved one?

Believers receive redemption, the forgiveness of their trespasses through the blood Christ.

Ephesians 1:8

ULT

8 which he caused to abound to us in all wisdom and understanding.

UST

8 God knew that we would need him to be extremely kind to us in this way because God knows everything and is completely wise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:9

ULT

9 He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he had planned in him,

UST

9 In this way, God has now revealed to us his plan that he had not revealed to anyone before—a plan that he was pleased to accomplish through the work of the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:10

ULT

10 with a view to an administration of the fullness of time, to bring all the {things} together in Christ, the things in the heavens and the {things} on earth, in him,

UST

10 In this plan, when the time was just right, the Messiah would unite all things under himself so that all things in heaven and all things on earth would belong to the Messiah.

What will God do when the times for the completion of his plan come?

God will bring together everything in heaven and on the earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:11

ULT

11 in whom we were also allotted as a possession. We were predestined according to {the} purpose of the one working out everything according to the counsel of his will,

UST

11 Because of what the Messiah has done, God has also claimed us as his own. He planned to do this long ago, and he always does exactly what he wishes to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:12

ULT
12 so that we, the ones having first hoped in Christ, would be for {the} praise of his glory.

UST
12 In God's plan, we Jews, who were the first to trust in the Messiah, would live to praise God because he is so great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:13

ULT
13 In him, you also, having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and having believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

UST
13 Then you non-Jews also heard the true message, the good news of how God saves you, and you believed in the Messiah. When you did that, God marked you as belonging to the Messiah by giving you the Holy Spirit, as he had promised to do.

What seal did the believers receive when they heard the word of truth?
The believers were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:14

ULT
14 who is a down payment of our inheritance until {the} redemption of the full possession, to {the} praise of his glory.

UST
14 The Holy Spirit is like a down payment that proves that God will also give to us everything else that he has promised to give to us at that time when he will release everything that he has for us. Praise God because he is so great!

Of what is the Spirit a down payment?
The Spirit is a down payment of the inheritance of believers.

Ephesians 1:15

ULT

15 Because of this, I also, having heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and the love [2] for all the saints,

UST

15 Because God has done all of this for you, and because people have told me how you trust in the Lord Jesus and how much you love all the believers,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:16

ULT

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, making mention {of you} in my prayers,

UST

16 I thank God for you constantly as I talk to God about you when I pray to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:17

ULT

17 so that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, would give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in {the} knowledge of him,

UST

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, the glorious Father, will give you his Spirit to make you wise and to reveal God to you so that you can continually know him better.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:18

ULT

18 the eyes of {your} heart having been enlightened {for} you to know what is the hope of his calling {and} what {are} the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

UST

18 I pray that God may enable you to see things as they truly are so that you may know the wonderful plan that God has for us because he has called us to be his people. I pray that you may know how wonderful and abundant are the things he promises to give to us and to all the believers.

What does Paul pray the Ephesians will be enlightened to understand?

Paul prays that the Ephesians will be enlightened to understand the hope of their calling and the glorious riches of Christ's inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:19

ULT

19 and what {is} the incomparable greatness of his power toward us, the ones believing, according to the working of the force of his strength,

UST

19 And I pray that you will know how exceedingly powerfully God acts for us who believe in the Messiah. He is just as powerfully strong for us

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:20

ULT

20 which he worked in Christ, having raised him from {the} dead and seated {him} at his right hand in the heavenly places,

UST

20 as he was for the Messiah when he caused the Messiah to become alive again after he died, and raised him to the place of highest honor in heaven.

What did the same power that now works in the believers do in Christ?

The same power raised Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:21

ULT
21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name being named, not only in this age, but also in the one coming.

UST
21 The Messiah rules as supreme there over every ruler and powerful spirit on every level of authority and over every being that people revere. He rules over them not only now, but forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 1:22

ULT
22 And he put all {things} under his feet and gave him {as} head over all {things} to the church,

UST
22 God has made everything to be subject to the Messiah and has appointed the Messiah as the ruler over everything among all believers everywhere.

What has God put under Christ's feet?
God has put all things under Christ's feet.

What is Christ's position of authority in the Church?
Christ is the head over all things in the Church.

Ephesians 1:23

ULT
23 which is his body, the fullness of the one filling all in all.
1:1 [1]
1:15 [2] , but the best manuscripts include it.

UST
23 We believers relate to the Messiah as the parts of a person's body relate to its head. He supplies what is lacking for all believers just as he completes everything everywhere.
1:1 [1] .

What is the Church?
The Church is Christ's body.

Ephesians 2

Ephesians 2:1

ULT
1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

UST
1 Before you trusted the Messiah, you were spiritually dead—you were unable to stop sinning.

What is the spiritual condition of all unbelievers?
All unbelievers are dead in their trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:2

ULT
2 in which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authorities of the air, the spirit {that} is now working in the sons of disobedience,

UST
2 You used to live in a sinful way, guided by the spirit of this world. You were guided by the ruler of the evil spirits who controls the authorities of this world. This ruler is Satan, who now works through the people who disobey God.

Who is working in the sons of disobedience?
The ruler of the authorities of the air is working in the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 2:3

ULT
3 in which we all also once lived in the evil desires of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the body and of the minds. And we were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.

UST
3 All of us used to live in the same way as these people who disobey God; we did the evil things that we desired, things that would bring pleasure to our bodies and our minds. We deserved that God should be very angry with us, just as he is with the other people.

By nature, what are all unbelievers?
All unbelievers are by nature children of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4

ULT

4 But God being rich in mercy because of his great love with which he loved us,

UST

4 But God is very merciful to us because he loves us very much.

Why is God rich in mercy towards believers?

God is rich mercy because of his great love.

Ephesians 2:5

ULT

5 and we being dead in the trespasses, he made us alive together in Christ—by grace you have been saved—

UST

5 God loved us so much that even when we were spiritually dead and constantly sinning, he made us alive by joining us to the Messiah. Remember, when God saved you from being spiritually dead, he was being very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve.

By what have believers been saved?

Believers have been saved by God's grace.

Ephesians 2:6

ULT

6 and raised us up with {him} and seated us with {him} in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

UST

6 God saved us from being spiritually dead just as he raised Jesus from being physically dead and he made us spiritually alive with him. Then he gave us seats of honor to rule with the Messiah Jesus in heaven.

Where are believers seated?

Believers are seated in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7

ULT

7 so that in the ages {that} are coming he might show the immeasurably great riches of his grace in {his} kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

UST

7 He did that to show to everyone in all future times how exceedingly gracious he is in being kind to us by joining us to the Messiah Jesus.

For what purpose has God saved and raised up believers?

God has saved and raised up believers so that in the ages that are coming he might show them the great riches of his grace.

Ephesians 2:8

ULT

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this {is} not from yourselves; {it is} the gift of God,

UST

8 So God was very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve when he saved you from being spiritually dead. He did this because you trust in Jesus. You have not saved yourselves; this is a gift from God—

How have we been saved?

We have been saved by grace through faith as God’s gift.

Ephesians 2:9

ULT

9 not from works, so that no one may boast.

UST

9 a gift that no one can earn, so no one can boast and say that he has saved himself.

Why should believer not boast?

No believer should boast because he is not saved by his own works.

Ephesians 2:10

ULT

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them.

UST

10 So God is making us what he wants us to be; through the Messiah Jesus he has created us as new people to do good things—things that God had previously arranged for us to do.

For what purpose has God created believers in Christ Jesus?

God's purpose for believers in Christ Jesus is that they should walk in good works.

Ephesians 2:11

ULT

11 Therefore, remember that once you {were} Gentiles in {the{flesh, the ones being called "uncircumcised" by the ones being called "circumcised" in {the} flesh, performed by human hands.

UST

11 So remember that previously you non-Jewish people according to who your ancestors were did not belong to God's people. The Jews insulted you by calling you "the uncircumcised." They call themselves "the circumcised." By this they mean that they, not you, are God's people, although circumcision is something that humans do that only changes the body, not something that God does that changes the spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 2:12

ULT

12 For at that time you were apart from Christ, excluded from the community of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

UST

12 Remember that, at that time, you were separated from the Messiah. You were foreigners to the people of Israel. You did not share in the things that God promised in his agreements with them. You did not confidently expect that God would save you. No, you were living in this world completely without God.

What is the spiritual condition of unbelieving Gentiles?

Unbelieving Gentiles are separated from Christ, alienated from Israel, strangers to the covenants, without hope and without God.

Ephesians 2:13

ULT

[13] But now in Christ Jesus you, the ones once being far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

UST

[13] But now, because you have trusted in Jesus the Messiah, God has brought you into his family, even though before that you did not know him. This was possible because the Messiah died on the cross for you.

What has brought some Gentile unbelievers near to God?

Some Gentile unbelievers have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:14

ULT

[14] For he himself is our peace, the one having made the two one and destroyed in his flesh the middle wall of partition, the hostility.

UST

[14] It is the Messiah who has made it possible for Jews and non-Jews to live peacefully with each other. He made the two separate groups into one group. The two groups hated each other, but he took away every reason for hating each other when he died for all of us.

How did Christ change the relationship between Gentiles and Jews?

Christ made believing Gentiles and Jews into one group, destroying the hostility that divided them.

Ephesians 2:15

ULT

[15] He abolished the law of the commandments in regulations so that he might make the two into one new man in himself, making peace,

UST

[15] He made it no longer necessary for us to obey the commandments and requirements of the Jewish law for him to accept us. He did this in order to make the Jews and the non-Jews into one new people who would live peacefully together because of their relationship to him.

What did Christ abolish in order to make peace between Jews and Gentiles?

Christ abolished the law of commandments and regulations in order to make peace between Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:16

ULT
16 and so that he might reconcile both to God as one body through the cross, putting to death the hostility in it.

UST
16 He did this in order to reconcile both groups to God as one group by dying on the cross for all of them. By dying for them, Jesus made it possible for them to stop being enemies to each other and to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 2:17

ULT
17 And he came {and} proclaimed peace to you, the ones far away and peace to the ones near,

UST
17 Jesus came and announced the good news that we can be at peace with God; he announced this to you non-Jews, who did not know about God, and to us Jews, who did know about God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 2:18

ULT
18 for through him both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

UST
18 Because of what Jesus did for us, both Jews and non-Jews now can come to God the Father with the help of God's Spirit.

By what means do all believers have access to the Father?
All believers have access to the Father by means of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:19

ULT
19 So then, you are no longer strangers and foreigners. Instead, you are fellow citizens with the saints and {members} of the household of God,

UST
19 Therefore now you non-Jews are no longer left out of God's people, but instead you are fellow members with those whom God has set apart for himself, and you belong to God's family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 2:20

ULT
20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being {the} cornerstone,

UST
20 You are like stones that God has put together into a building, and the apostles and prophets are like the foundation stones of that building. You depend on what they have taught, just as building stones depend on the foundation stones below them to form a wall that is upright and strong. The Messiah Jesus himself is like the cornerstone, which is the most important stone of the building.

On what foundation is God's family built?
God's family is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus being the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:21

ULT
21 in whom {the} whole building, being fit together, grows into a holy temple in {the} Lord,

UST
21 Jesus determines where each person belongs, just as the cornerstone determines where each stone fits in the building. Just as a builder joins stones together to make a holy temple, Jesus is assembling his family of believers to be one holy group which serves the Lord.

What kind of building are believers becoming?
They are becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Ephesians 2:22

ULT

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God in {the} Spirit.

UST

22 Because you belong to Jesus, he is building you up together, both Jews and non-Jews, into one family that is like a building in which God lives by means of his Spirit.

Where does God dwell in the Spirit?

God dwells in the Spirit within believers.

Ephesians 3

Ephesians 3:1

ULT
1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles,

UST
1 Because God is working out this plan for you non-Jews, I, Paul, pray to the Father for you, even as I am in prison because I serve the Messiah Jesus for your sake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:2

ULT
2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God {that} was given to me for you,

UST
2 I assume that people have told you about me, that God has given me the task of communicating to you non-Jews his plan to be extremely kind to you.

For whose benefit did God give Paul his stewardship?
God gave Paul his stewardship for the benefit of the Gentiles.

Ephesians 3:3

ULT
3 according to a revelation made known to me, the mystery about which I already wrote in brief.

UST
3 God told me this message that people did not understand before by revealing it to me directly, just as I wrote to you before briefly.

What was made known to Paul?
The revelation about the mystery was made known to Paul.

Ephesians 3:4

ULT
4 Concerning that, reading {it}, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

UST
4 As you read that, you can perceive that I clearly understand things that God had not previously revealed about the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:5

ULT
5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men as it now has been revealed by {the} Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets—

UST
5 Formerly, God did not fully reveal this message to people, but now his Spirit has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.

To whom has God revealed what was not made known to the human race in other generations?
God revealed the hidden truth about Christ to his apostles and prophets.

Ephesians 3:6

ULT
6 {that} the Gentiles are to be fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

UST
6 The message is this: the non-Jews now share together with Jews the spiritual riches of God and belong to the same group of God’s people and will share all the things God has promised to his people because they are joined to the Messiah Jesus as a result of believing the good news.

What hidden truth has been revealed?
The hidden truth revealed is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:7

ULT
7 for which I became a servant by the gift of the grace of God {that} was given to me through the working of his power.

UST
7 I now serve God by telling people this good news. God was very kind to me and gave me this work to do even though I am not worthy of it, and he enables me to do it by powerfully working in me.

What gift was given to Paul?
The gift of God's grace was given to Paul.

Ephesians 3:8

ULT
8 To me—the least of all {the} saints—this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

UST
8 Although I am the least worthy of all of God's people, God kindly gave me this gift: he appointed me to proclaim to the non-Jews the good news about the unending spiritual blessings that the Messiah has for us

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:9

ULT
9 and to reveal for everyone what {is} the administration of the mystery that was hidden from the ages in God, the one having created all {things},

UST
9 and to enable everyone to understand what God's plan is. This plan is something that God, who created everything, has kept hidden from long ago.

About what was Paul sent to help the Gentiles understand?
Paul was sent to help the Gentiles understand the administration of the mystery that was hidden from the ages in God.

Ephesians 3:10

ULT
10 so that now through the church the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly places,

UST
10 God hid this plan so that as he reveals it now by making it happen in those who believe, he also reveals to the spiritual authorities at the highest levels how profoundly wise he is.

Through what will the complex wisdom of God be made known?
Through the church the complex wisdom of God will be made known.

Ephesians 3:11

ULT
11 according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

UST
11 This is the plan that God has always had, and it is what he accomplished through the work of the Messiah Jesus, our Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:12

ULT
12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in him.

UST
12 So now, because of what Jesus has done, we can come to God freely and confidently because, when we trust in Jesus, he joins us to himself.

What does Paul say believers have because of faith in Christ?
Paul says believers have boldness and access with confidence because of faith in Christ.

Ephesians 3:13

ULT
13 Therefore, I ask you not to be discouraged by my sufferings for you, which is your glory.

UST
13 So please do not be discouraged by the things that I am suffering here in prison on your behalf, because they produce a glorious result for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:14

ULT
14 For this reason I bend my knees to the Father,

UST
14 Because God has done all this for you, I kneel and pray to God our Father.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:15

ULT
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

UST
15 He is the original father, who gave the pattern for every family in heaven and on the earth to follow.

What is named and created after the Father?
Every family in heaven and on earth is named and created after the Father.

Ephesians 3:16

ULT
16 so that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner man,

UST
16 I pray that God will give you his Spirit to strengthen your spirit in proportion to how abundantly great he is.

How does Paul pray for the believers to be strengthened?
Paul prays for the believers to be strengthened with power through God's Spirit.

Ephesians 3:17

ULT
17 {that} Christ may live in your hearts through faith, being rooted and grounded in love,

UST
17 I pray that the Messiah may stay as close to you as your own hearts because you trust in him, and that everything that you do and say will be a result of God's love for you and your love for him and others

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:18

ULT
18 so that you may be fully able to comprehend, along with all the saints, what {is} the width and length and height and depth,

UST
18 so that you may be fully able to understand, along with all of God's people, how very much the Messiah loves us.

What does Paul pray that the believers will be able to understand?
Paul prays that the believers will be able to understand how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:19

ULT
19 and to know the love of Christ surpassing knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

UST
19 I pray that you will come to know how much the Messiah loves us, even though he loves us so much that we cannot understand it. I pray that God will give you a full measure of everything that he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:20

ULT
20 And to the one being able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power {that} is working in us,

UST
20 Praise God, who is able to do much more than anything that we ask him to do, or even that we think that he can do, because of how powerfully he works within us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 3:21

ULT
21 to him {be} the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever {and} ever. Amen.

UST
21 May all believers praise him for how great he is and for the awesome work that he has done through the Messiah Jesus! May they praise him throughout all generations forever! May it be so.

What does Paul pray will be given to the Father to all generations?
Paul prays that the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus will be given to the Father to all generations.

Ephesians 4

Ephesians 4:1

ULT
1 Therefore I, the prisoner for {the} Lord, urge you to walk worthily of the calling by which you were called,

UST
1 Because of all this, as someone who is in prison because I serve the Lord Jesus, I appeal to you to live in a way that honors Jesus, who called you to live for him.

How does Paul urge believers to live?
Paul urges believers to walk in a way that is worthy of their calling.

Ephesians 4:2

ULT
2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, putting up with one another in love,

UST
2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, enduring the bothersome things that others do because you love each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:3

ULT
3 doing your best to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

UST
3 Since God's Spirit has united you, do everything that you can to remain united with one another. Bind yourselves together by acting peacefully toward each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:4

ULT
4 {There is} one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling,

UST
4 God only has one family of believers and one Holy Spirit, just as he also called all of you to receive the one and only thing that people can hope for, that belongs to you whom God has called.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:5

ULT
5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

UST
5 There is only one Lord, Jesus the Messiah, only one way to believe in him, and they baptized us to show that we belong to him alone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:6

ULT
6 one God and Father of all, the one over all and through all and in all.

UST
6 There is one God, who is the Father of all of us, whether Jew or non-Jew. He rules over all of us, works through all of us, and is in all of us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:7

ULT
7 And to each one of us {this} grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

UST
7 To each one of us God has given spiritual gifts in just the way that the Messiah has decided that we should have them.

What did Christ give to each believer after his ascension?
Christ gave each believer grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Ephesians 4:8

ULT

8 Therefore it says: “Having ascended to the heights, he led captives into captivity, {and} he gave gifts to men.”

UST

8 That is why the scripture says, As he went up to the high place, he brought with him many people whom he had captured, and gave gifts to his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:9

ULT

9 And {this} “He ascended,” what is it except that he also descended into the lower regions of the earth?

UST

9 The words “he went up” certainly make us know that the Messiah had also previously gone down to the lower parts of the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:10

ULT

10 The one having descended is also himself the one having ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.

UST

10 The Messiah, who came down to earth from heaven, is also the one who returned upward to the most exalted position in heaven in order that he might fill the universe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:11

ULT

11 And he himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers,

UST

11 As gifts to his people, he appointed some of them to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to seek out people to tell them the good news about Jesus, and some to care for and to teach the groups of believers.

What five types of people does Paul say Christ gave?

Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

Ephesians 4:12

ULT

12 for the equipping of the saints for {the} work of serving, for building up of the body of Christ,

UST

12 God appointed all of them to prepare God's people to do the work of serving others so that all the people who belong to the Messiah might become spiritually strong.

What are these five types of people supposed to do for the church?

These five types of people are supposed to equip the believers for the work of service, for the building up of the body.

Ephesians 4:13

ULT

13 until we all reach to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to {the} measure of {the} stature of the fullness of Christ,

UST

13 This work will continue until all of us together become what God wants us to be: united as we together fully trust in the Son of God and experience his working in us, and completely mature as a group of believers —as fully mature in trusting and knowing God as the Messiah himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:14

ULT
14 so that we may no longer be children tossed back and forth by the waves and carried away by every wind of teaching through the trickery of men in cleverness for deceitful scheming.

UST
14 Then we will no longer be spiritually immature, as little children are immature. We will no longer follow every new teaching, always changing what we believe like a boat that goes one way and then the other as the wind and waves change direction. We will not allow clever people who teach what is false to deceive us with their lies.

How does Paul say believers can be like children?
Believers can be like children by being tossed around and carried away by people's trickery and erring deceit.

Ephesians 4:15

ULT
15 Instead, speaking truth in love, let us grow up in all things into him who is the head, {even} Christ,

UST
15 Rather than that, as we lovingly speak to each other what is true, let us become more and more like the Messiah in every way as he directs us, just like a person's head directs the person's body.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:16

ULT
16 from whom the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, according to {the} working in measure of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for building up itself in love.

UST
16 He is the one who joins us all together and keeps us connected to each other. He teaches us how to support each other and to work in a coordinated way as he gives the ability that is appropriate to each one of us, just as a person's head does that for the parts of his body. In this way, as we love each other, we will grow together and make each other stronger.

How does Paul say the body of believers is constructed?
The body of believers fits together, held together by each joint, each part working in the body's growth, for the building up of each one in love.

Ephesians 4:17

ULT

17 Therefore, I say this and strongly urge you in {the} Lord, to walk no longer as the Gentiles also walk, in futility of their minds.

UST

17 For that reason, and with the authority of the Lord Jesus, I tell you this: from now on you must not live in the same way as the other non-Jews live. The way that they live comes from an empty way of thinking.

How does Paul say the Gentiles walk?

The Gentiles walk in the futility of their minds.

Ephesians 4:18

ULT

18 They have been darkened in {their} understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts.

UST

18 They are unable to think clearly about what is right or wrong because they try to live completely separated from God. They do this because they do not know what they are missing and because they stubbornly refuse to obey God.

What does Paul say has happened to the understanding of the Gentiles?

The understanding of the Gentiles has been darkened.

Ephesians 4:19

ULT

19 They, being dead to all feeling, handed themselves over to sensuality for {the} practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

UST

19 They have become unable to sense if something is good or bad, and so they have devoted themselves to doing whatever shameful things their bodies desire. They commit all kinds of immoral acts and want to do them more and more.

To what have the Gentiles handed themselves over?

The Gentiles have handed themselves over to sensuality to do every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:20

ULT
20 But you did not thus learn about Christ,

UST
20 But that is not how you learned to live when you learned about the Messiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:21

ULT
21 if indeed you have heard about him and were taught in him, as {the} truth is in Jesus.

UST
21 to the extent that you have heard and understood the message about Jesus and have learned from him, since his way is the true way to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:22

ULT
22 You are to put aside {what} belongs to {your} former manner of life, the old man being corrupted according to {its} deceitful desires,

UST
22 Your teachers taught you to stop living the way that you used to live. Because you desired to do evil things, you deceived yourselves into thinking that those things were good. Living like that was destroying you spiritually.

What does Paul say believers must put off?
Believers must put off what belongs to the old man.

Ephesians 4:23

ULT
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

UST
23 So you must let God give you a new spirit and a new way of thinking,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:24

ULT

24 and to put on the new man {that is} according to God—having been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

UST

24 and you must start living like the new person that God created you in his own image to be. He created you to live in the right way with each other and with himself, in the true way of Jesus.

What does Paul say believers must put on?
Believers must put on the new man.

Ephesians 4:25

ULT

25 Therefore, putting aside the lying, let each of you speak truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one another.

UST

25 So stop lying to one another. Speak truthfully to each other because we belong to each other as members of God's family.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:26

ULT

26 Be angry and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your indignation,

UST

26 Be angry about sinful behavior, but do not sin because you are angry. Before the end of each day, take care of whatever has made you angry

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:27

ULT
[27] nor give an opportunity to the devil.

UST
[27] so that you will not allow the devil to do evil things among you.

To whom must a believer never give opportunity?
A believer must never give opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4:28

ULT
[28] The thief must steal no longer. But rather, he must labor, working good with {his} hands, so that he may have something to share with the ones having need.

UST
[28] Those who have been stealing must not steal anymore. Instead, they must work hard, doing good work by their own efforts so that they may have something to give to those who are needy.

What must believers do instead of steal?
Believers must labor so that they may be able to share with the person who has need.

Ephesians 4:29

ULT
[29] Do not let any corrupt talk come out from your mouth, but whatever {is} good for building up of the {one in} need, so that it might give grace to the hearers,

UST
[29] Do not say harmful things. Instead, say good things that will encourage people when they need help so that God can work through your words to benefit those who hear.

What kind of talk does Paul say must come out of the believer’s mouth?
No corrupt talk must come out of the believer’s mouth, but, instead, words that build up others.

Ephesians 4:30

ULT
30 and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for {the} day of redemption.

UST
30 God has marked you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, who will be with you until the day that the Messiah will rescue you from this world. So do not make the Holy Spirit of God sad by how you live.

Who must a believer not grieve?
A believer must not grieve the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:31

ULT
31 Let all bitterness, and rage, and anger, and quarreling, and insults be removed from yourselves, along with all malice.

UST
31 Do your best to completely stop behaving in these ways: Do not be resentful or furious toward others or even become angry with others. Do not shout abusively at others or slander others. Never act maliciously in any way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 4:32

ULT
32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.

UST
32 Rather than behave like that, be kind to one another. Act mercifully toward each other. Forgive each other in the same way that God also forgave you through what the Messiah has done for you.

What is a believer to do because God in Christ forgave him?
A believer must forgive others because God in Christ forgave him.

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5:1

ULT
[1] Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,

UST
[1] Because of what God has done for you, imitate him just as children imitate the father who loves them dearly.

Who should believers imitate?
Believers should imitate God the Father as his children.

Ephesians 5:2

ULT
[2] and walk in love, as also Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God for a fragrant aroma.

UST
[2] Do everything in a way that shows that you love others. Be like the Messiah, who loved us so much that he willingly died for us on the cross as the offering and sacrifice to God in our place. This sacrifice pleased God very much.

What did Christ do which was a pleasing aroma to God?
Christ gave himself up for the believers as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:3

ULT
[3] But sexual immorality and every impurity or greed must not even be named among you, just as is proper for saints,

UST
[3] But there should be no reason for anyone to even suggest that any of you are involved in sexual sin or any kind of immoral or obsessive sexual behavior. Such sins do not belong among God's people.

What must not be suggested among believers?
Sexual immorality, impurity, and greed must not be suggested among believers.

Ephesians 5:4

ULT

4 and filthiness and foolish talk or crude jokes—which are not fitting—but instead, thanksgiving.

UST

4 When you speak to each other, do not tell obscene stories or say foolish things or joke about committing sins. Such things are not what people who belong to God talk about. Instead, express the things that you are thankful for.

What attitude should instead be seen among believers?

Believers should instead have an attitude of thankfulness.

Ephesians 5:5

ULT

5 Indeed, know this for certain, that every sexually immoral or unclean or greedy {person}—that is, an idolater—has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

UST

5 It is quite true that these people will be excluded from the kingdom of the Messiah who is God: everyone who is sexually immoral or indecent, or who is obsessed with sex, which is the same as worshiping an idol.

Who has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God?

The sexually immoral, impure, and greedy have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Ephesians 5:6

ULT

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these {things} the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.

UST

6 Do not let anyone deceive you by telling you that God will not punish people who do these things. It is because of these very things that God will punish the people who disobey him.

What is coming upon the children of disobedience?

The wrath of God is coming upon the children of disobedience.

Ephesians 5:7

ULT
7 Therefore, do not become partners with them,

UST
7 So do not join with those people in doing these kinds of sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:8

ULT
8 because formerly you were darkness, but now {are} light in {the} Lord. Walk as children of light

UST
8 Remember that before you believed in the Lord Jesus, you did not know what was true, just as people who are in a dark place do not know what is around them. But now it is as though you have come out into the light, because the Lord has shown to you what is true. So live in the way that the Lord has shown to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:9

ULT
9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

UST
9 Because just as people who have light will walk in the right way, as a result of knowing Jesus you can always live in a way that is good, right, and true.

What fruit of the light is pleasing to the Lord?
The fruit of goodness, righteousness, and truth is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:10

ULT
10 carefully testing what is pleasing to the Lord.

UST
10 As you live this way, keep learning what pleases the Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:11

ULT
11 And do not take part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even expose {them}.

UST
11 So do not participate together with those who are doing the worthless deeds that they do in spiritual darkness. Instead, expose to everyone how worthless those deeds are.

What are believers to do with the works of the darkness?
Believers are not to participate with, but instead expose, the works of darkness.

Ephesians 5:12

ULT
12 For it is shameful even to mention the {things} done by them in secret.

UST
12 Of course it is shameful for God's people to even talk about the evil things that those people do in secret,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:13

ULT
13 But everything exposed by the light is revealed, for everything {that} is revealed is light.

UST
13 but it is necessary for us to expose them so that people can know and understand that these deeds are evil. This is like when we bring something into the light in order to reveal to everyone what it truly is. Then people can examine and judge that thing that light has exposed.

What is revealed by the light?
Everything is revealed by the light.

Ephesians 5:14

ULT
14 Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

UST
14 Before you knew God you were like someone asleep or dead in a dark place. This is what believers are talking about when they say, “You who are asleep, wake up! You who are dead, come out of the darkness and live! The Messiah will show you what is true, just as a light that shines shows people what was in the darkness.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:15

ULT
15 Watch carefully, therefore, how you walk—not as unwise but as wise,

UST
15 So be very careful how you live. Do not behave as foolish people do. Instead, behave as wise people do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:16

ULT
16 redeeming the time because the days are evil.

UST
16 Do the most good that you can with the time that you have, because people are doing more and more evil things every day.

What should believers do since the days are evil?
Believers should redeem the time since the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:17

ULT
17 Because of this, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord {is}.

UST
17 So be wise, understand well what it is that the Lord Jesus wants you to do, and do it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:18

ULT
18 And do not get drunk with wine, in which is recklessness. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

UST
18 Do not become drunk by drinking alcoholic drinks, because people cannot control themselves when they are drunk. Instead, let God's Spirit control what you do at all times.

What leads to recklessness?
Getting drunk with wine leads to recklessness.

Ephesians 5:19

ULT
19 speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and singing psalms in your heart to the Lord,

UST
19 Sing to each other Psalms and songs about the Messiah and songs that God's Spirit gives you. Let this music come from deep within you as sincere praise to the Lord.

With what should believers speak to each other?
Believers should speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Ephesians 5:20

ULT
20 giving thanks always for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even {the} Father,

UST
20 At all times thank God the Father for everything because of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah has done for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:21

ULT
21 submitting yourselves to one another in reverence for Christ—

UST
21 Humbly submit yourselves to each other because you deeply respect the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:22

ULT
22 wives, to {your} own husbands, as to the Lord.

UST
22-23 Wives should submit to their own husband's leadership as they do to the Lord Jesus because the husband is the leader of the wife as also the Messiah is the leader of the worldwide assembly of believers. He is the Savior who has saved all believers from being condemned for their sins.

In what way should wives be subject to their husbands?
Wives should be subject to their husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:23

ULT
23 For a husband is {the} head of {the} wife as Christ also {is} {the} head of the church—he himself {is} {the} savior of the body.

UST
22-23 Wives should submit to their own husband's leadership as they do to the Lord Jesus because the husband is the leader of the wife as also the Messiah is the leader of the worldwide assembly of believers. He is the Savior who has saved all believers from being condemned for their sins.

Of what is the husband the head, and of what is Christ the head?
The husband is head of the wife, and Christ is head of the Church.

Ephesians 5:24

ULT
24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also {are} wives to {their} husbands in everything.

UST
24 As for wives, just as all believers submit themselves to the authority of the Messiah, in the same way wives must also submit themselves completely to the authority of their husbands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:25

ULT
25 Husbands, love {your} wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her,

UST
25 Each of you husbands, love your wife as much as the Messiah loved all who would believe in him. He even gave up his own life for us on the cross

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:26

ULT
26 so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed {her} by the washing of the water with the word,

UST
26 so that he might set us apart for himself. He purified us by telling us his plan to forgive us and by removing our sins as though washing them away in water.

How does Christ sanctify the Church?
Christ sanctifies the Church holy by the washing her of water with the word.

Ephesians 5:27

ULT
27 so that he might present the church to himself as glorious, not having stain or wrinkle or any of those {things}, but so that she might be holy and blameless.

UST
27 He did this so that he could present the group of all believers to himself as a glorious group that does not have any sin or moral imperfection, but instead is holy and perfect, like a glorious bride ready to meet her groom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:28

ULT
28 In the same way, the husbands also ought to love {their} own wives as {their} own bodies. The one loving {his} own wife loves himself.

UST
28 In that same way, each man should love his own wife as much as he loves his own body. A man who loves his wife is also, by doing that, loving himself

How should husbands love their wives?
Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

Ephesians 5:29

ULT
29 For no one ever hated {his} own body, but he nourishes and treats it with care, just as Christ also {does} the church,

UST
29-30 because no one ever hated his own body. Instead, he feeds his own body and cares for it, just like the Messiah also cares for all us believers in his worldwide assembly. We have become one group of believers that belongs to him.

How does a person treat his own body?
A person nourishes and loves his own body.

Ephesians 5:30

ULT
30 because we are members of his body.

UST
29-30 because no one ever hated his own body. Instead, he feeds his own body and cares for it, just like the Messiah also cares for all us believers in his worldwide assembly. We have become one group of believers that belongs to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 5:31

ULT
31 “Because of this a man will leave {his} father and {his} mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

UST
31 The scriptures say this about people who marry: “Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother and will join himself to his wife, and the two of them will become as though they were one person.”

What happens when a man is joined to his wife?
When a man is joined to his wife, they become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:32

ULT
32 This mystery is great—but I am speaking about Christ and about the church.

UST
32 There is very much about this that we cannot understand, but I am telling you that this example of a husband and wife also helps us to understand the relationship between the Messiah and the group of people who belong to him.

What hidden truth is demonstrated by the joining of a man and his wife?
The hidden truth about Christ and his Church is demonstrated by the joining of a man and his wife.

Ephesians 5:33

ULT

33 Nevertheless, you also—each one of you—must love {his} own wife in this way—as himself, and the wife must respect {her} husband.

UST

33 However, as for you, each man must love his wife just as he loves himself, and each woman must deeply respect her husband.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6

Ephesians 6:1

ULT
1 Children, obey your parents in {the} Lord, for this is righteous.

UST
1 As for you who are children, obey your parents as a way of serving the Lord Jesus because it is right for you to do that.

How should Christian children treat their parents?
Christian children should obey their parents.

Ephesians 6:2

ULT
2 “Honor your father and mother” (which is {the} first commandment with a promise),

UST
2 God commanded in the scriptures, “Greatly respect your father and mother.” That is the first law that God commanded in which he also promised something. He promised,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:3

ULT
3 “so that it may be well with you and you may be long-lived on the earth.”

UST
3 “If you do that, you will prosper, and you will live a long time on the earth.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:4

ULT

4 And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger. Instead, raise them in {the} discipline and instruction of the Lord.

UST

4 As for you who are fathers, do not treat your children in a way that makes them become angry. Instead, bring them up well by instructing them and by disciplining them in the manner that the Lord Jesus wants you to do.

What are Christian fathers to do for their children?

Christian fathers are to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:5

ULT

5 Slaves, obey {your} masters according to {the} flesh with fear and trembling, in honesty of your heart, as to Christ,

UST

5 As for you who are slaves, very respectfully and sincerely obey those who are your masters here on the earth, just as you obey the Messiah.

With what attitude should Christian slaves obey their masters?

Christian slaves should obey their masters in the honesty of their heart as for the Lord.

Ephesians 6:6

ULT

6 not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from {the} soul,

UST

6 Obey them not only when they are watching you, as people do who only care about appearing to work hard. Instead, work as though you were slaves of the Messiah, doing enthusiastically what God wants you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:7

ULT

[7] serving with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to men,

UST

[7] Serve your masters willingly, as though you are serving the Lord Jesus rather than people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:8

ULT

[8] knowing that each person, if he does something good, this he will receive from {the} Lord, whether slave or free.

UST

[8] Do this because you know that the Lord Jesus will reward each person for whatever good deeds that person has done. It makes no difference whether that person was a slave or a free person.

What should a believer remember about whatever good deed he does?

A believer should remember that for whatever good deed he does, he will receive a reward from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:9

ULT

[9] And masters, do the same to them. Stop using threats. You know that the Master, both theirs and yours, is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

UST

[9] As for you who are masters, just like your slaves should serve you well, in the same way you must treat them well. Stop threatening them. Do not forget that the one who is both their Lord and your Lord is in heaven and he judges all people equally whether their position is high or low.

What should a Christian master remember about his Master?

A Christian master should remember that his and his servant's Master is in heaven, and that there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:10

ULT

[10] Finally, be strong in {the} Lord and in the force of his strength.

UST

[10] Finally, rely completely on the Lord Jesus to strengthen you spiritually because he is immeasurably strong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:11

ULT

[11] Put on the whole armor of God, to enable you to stand against the scheming of the devil.

UST

[11] Just as a soldier puts on all of his armor to be ready to fight his enemy, you should use every spiritual resource that God provides for you so that you may successfully resist the devil when he cleverly schemes against you.

Why must a believer put on the whole armor of God?

A believer must put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wicked plans of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12

ULT

[12] For our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-controllers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly {places}.

UST

[12] Remember that we are not fighting against other human beings. Instead, we are fighting against the demons who have authority to rule over the people doing evil things in this evil time, that is, against the evil spirits who live in the air.

Against whom does a believer battle?

A believer battles against governments and rulers of the realm of darkness and against spiritual forces of evil.

Ephesians 6:13

ULT
13 Because of this, put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done everything, to stand.

UST
13 That is why you must use well all of the spiritual resources that God has given you, like a soldier who puts on all of his armor. If you do that, you will be able to resist the evil spirits when they attack you. You will also be ready for when they attack you again and able to continue to live well for God.

Why must a believer put on the whole armor of God?
A believer must put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wicked plans of the devil.

Ephesians 6:14

ULT
14 Stand, therefore, having girded up your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

UST
14 You must be ready to resist the devil and his evil spirits just as soldiers must always be ready to resist the enemy. To do that, keep thinking about the true things that God has shown you. Also, continue to act righteously. This will protect you like a soldier's armor protects his chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:15

ULT
15 and having shod {your} feet with readiness of the gospel of peace.

UST
15 Just like a soldier who keeps his boots on, be ready to go anywhere you are needed for the sake of the good news that tells people how to be at peace with God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:16

ULT

16 In everything take up the shield of the faith, by which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

UST

16 Just as a soldier holds up a shield to stop the flaming arrows that his enemy shoots at him, you must keep trusting firmly in the Lord at all times. That will protect you from all of the things that your enemy, Satan, the evil one, will try to do to harm you spiritually.

Which piece of the armor of God puts out the flaming arrows of the evil one?

The shield of faith puts out the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:17

ULT

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is {the} word of God.

UST

17 Also, as a soldier relies on a helmet to protect his head, rely on the fact that God has saved you. And just as a soldier uses a sword to defeat his enemies, use the weapon that God's Spirit gives you, which is the message that comes from God.

What is the sword of the Spirit?

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:18

ULT

18 With every prayer and request, pray at all times in {the} Spirit. And to this {end}, be watchful with all perseverance and requests for all the saints,

UST

18 Whenever you pray to God and request things from him, always let God's Spirit direct you in how you pray and what you pray for. To be most effective, keep watching to see what God is doing, and be persistent as you continue to pray for all of God's people.

How should believers conduct themselves in prayer?

Believers should pray at all times, persevering and watching for God's answer.

Ephesians 6:19

ULT

19 and for me, so that a message might be given to me in {the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel

UST

19 Pray for me, also, that God would tell me what I should say whenever I speak, in order that I may boldly tell others the good news about the Messiah that people did not know before.

What does Paul wish to have through the prayers of the Ephesians?

Paul wishes to have the word given to him with boldness when he speaks the gospel.

Ephesians 6:20

ULT

20 (for which I am an ambassador in chains), so that in it I may speak boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.

UST

20 It is because I have been telling people about the Messiah that I am now representing him here in prison. Pray that as I continue to tell others about the Messiah, I may speak boldly because that is how I ought to speak.

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

Paul is in chains in prison as he writes this letter.

Ephesians 6:21

ULT

21 But so that you also may know the {things} concerning me, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in {the} Lord, will make known to you everything,

UST

21 Now in order that you may know about what is happening with me and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything that is happening here. He is a fellow believer whom we all love very much, and he serves the Lord Jesus faithfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:22

ULT
22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, so that you may know the {things} about us and your hearts may be encouraged.

UST
22 That is the reason that I am sending him to you with this letter; I want you to know how we are, and I want him to comfort and encourage you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Ephesians 6:23

ULT
23 Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God {the} Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST
23 I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah may give to all of you fellow believers a peaceful spirit and enable you to love each other and to continue to trust in God.

What does Paul ask that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give the believers?
Paul asks that God will give them peace and love with faith.

Ephesians 6:24

ULT
24 Grace {be} with all the ones loving our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptibility.

UST
24 I pray that God will continue to act graciously among all people who steadfastly love our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians

Philippians 1

Philippians 1:1

ULT
1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus being in Philippi, with {the} overseers and deacons.

UST
1 {I,} Paul, {am writing this letter} to all of God's people who are joined to the Messiah Jesus in {the city of} Philippi. Timothy is with me. We are servants of the Messiah Jesus. {We especially write this letter} for the leaders of the believers and for those who assist {them}.

To whom did Paul address this letter?
Paul addressed this letter to all the people who are set apart in Christ Jesus at Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.

Philippians 1:2

ULT
2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST
2 May God our Father and our Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to} be kind to you and {make you} peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:3

ULT
3 I thank my God in all {my} remembrance of you,

UST
3 Every time I think about you, I thank my God whom I worship {because of you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:4

ULT

4 always, in every prayer of mine for all of you, making {my} prayer with joy

UST

4 I always pray joyfully each time I pray for all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:5

ULT

5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;

UST

5 {The reason I pray joyfully is} because you have partnered with me in telling people the good news from the time you first believed {it} and you continue to partner with me now.

For what did Paul give thanks to God for the Philippians?

Paul gave thanks to God for the Philippians' fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:6

ULT

6 having been persuaded of this very {thing}, that the one having begun a good work in you will perfect {it} until {the} day of Jesus Christ;

UST

6 God started his good work within you {when you first believed in him}, and I am confident that he will continue that work until Jesus the Messiah returns.

Of what was Paul confident regarding the Philippians?

Paul was confident that he who had begun a good work in them would complete it.

Philippians 1:7

ULT

7 just as it is right for me to think this {way} about all of you because, I have you in {my} heart, all of you being partakers with me of grace both in my chains and in {my} defense and confirmation of the gospel.

UST

7 I love you all greatly, so it is right for me to think about you in this way. God has kindly blessed us to share together {in this work}, both {as I endure} being a prisoner and also as I explain to people why the good news {about Jesus} is true.

In what had the Philippians been Paul's partners?

In Paul's imprisonment, and in his defense and confirmation of the gospel, the Philippians had been his partners.

Philippians 1:8

ULT

8 For God {is} my witness, how I long for all of you with {the} inner parts of Christ Jesus.

UST

8 I desire very much to be with you all, and I love you all in the same way as Jesus the Messiah loves you. God knows that this is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:9

ULT

9 And I pray this: that your love would abound still more and more in knowledge and all understanding

UST

9 I pray that God will enable you to love {God and others} in a way that continues to increase. As you increasingly love others, I pray that God will also help you to know {him} better and to understand {how to love others} in all situations.

What did Paul pray would increase more and more among the Philippians?

Paul prayed that love would increase more and more among the Philippians.

Philippians 1:10

ULT
10 so that you may approve {what} excels, so that you might be pure and blameless until {the} day of Christ,

UST
10 The reason I pray this is so that you will test and choose what is most pleasing {to God} so that then you will be completely free of doing anything wrong when the Messiah returns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:11

ULT
11 being filled with {the} fruit of righteousness {that is} through Jesus Christ to {the} glory and praise of God.

UST
11 {Instead of doing wrong things,}you will be busy doing the truly good things that Jesus the Messiah enables us to do. These things will cause people to honor and praise God.

With what did Paul desire that the Philippians be filled?
Paul desired that the Philippians be filled with the fruits of righteousness.

Philippians 1:12

ULT
12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that the {things} concerning me have really happened for {the} advancement of the gospel.

UST
12 My fellow believers, I want you to know that the things that have happened to me have not hindered people from hearing the good news. Instead, even more people have been able to hear the good news because I am in prison.

How had Paul's imprisonment advanced the gospel? (vv12-14)
Paul's imprisonment for Christ had become widely known, and most of the brothers were now speaking with more boldness.

Philippians 1:13

ULT

13 As a result, my chains in Christ became apparent among the whole palace guard and all the others.

UST

13 In fact, all the military guards here and many other people now know that I am in prison because I proclaim the good news about the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:14

ULT

14 And most of the brothers have been encouraged in the Lord by my chains to dare more fearlessly to speak the word.

UST

14 Also, because the believers {here} have seen what the Lord has done through me in prison, most of them now proclaim the good news about Jesus more courageously and fearlessly {than they did before}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:15

ULT

15 Some indeed even proclaim Christ because of envy and strife, but also some because of goodwill,

UST

15-17 Some people are proclaiming the good news about the Messiah because they want to {obey God} and because they love {me and others}. They understand that God has appointed me to explain to people why the good news {about Jesus} is true. But some are not honest about why they are proclaiming the good news about the Messiah. They do it only because they want to promote themselves. They are envious of me and want to cause trouble for me. They think that I will suffer even more in prison as they become famous for proclaiming the good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:16

ULT

16 the ones indeed from love having understood that I am appointed for {the} defense of the gospel,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:17

ULT

17 but the ones from selfish ambition proclaim Christ not sincerely, supposing to raise up trouble in my chains.

UST

15-17 Some people are proclaiming the good news about the Messiah because they want to {obey God} and because they love {me and others}. They understand that God has appointed me to explain to people why the good news {about Jesus} is true. But some are not honest about why they are proclaiming the good news about the Messiah. They do it only because they want to promote themselves. They are envious of me and want to cause trouble for me. They think that I will suffer even more in prison as they become famous for proclaiming the good news.

Why were some proclaiming Christ out of selfish and insincere motives?

Some were proclaiming Christ out of selfish and insincere motives thinking they were adding to Paul's affliction in prison.

Philippians 1:18

ULT

18 What then? Only that in every way—whether in pretext or in truth—Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,

UST

18 But what they want to do to me is not important! The important thing is that people are proclaiming {the good news about} the Messiah, either for good reasons or for bad reasons. So I am rejoicing that people are spreading the message about the Messiah! And I will continue to rejoice in that!

What was Paul's reaction to the sincere and insincere preaching of Christ?

Paul rejoiced that, either way, Christ was being proclaimed.

Philippians 1:19

ULT

19 for I know that this will result to me in deliverance through your prayers and {the} provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

UST

19 {I will rejoice} because I know how this situation will turn out: that God will deliver me {from prison}. He will do this because you are praying for me and because the Spirit of Jesus the Messiah is helping me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:20

ULT

20 according to my eager expectation and hope that I will in nothing be ashamed, but in everything have boldness, and {that} now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether through life or through death.

UST

20 {I know that this will happen, because} I very confidently expect that I will continue to faithfully honor the Messiah. {I expect and desire that} I will boldly honor the Messiah by my actions now and always, whether by the way I live or by the way I die.

What did Paul desire to do in life or by death?

Paul desired to bring glory to Christ either in life or by death.

Philippians 1:21

ULT

21 For to me to live {is} Christ, and to die {is} gain.

UST

21 As for me, I live to honor the Messiah, and if I die, it will be even better for me.

Paul said that to live is what, and to die is what?

Paul said that to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:22

ULT

22 Now if to live in {the} flesh, this {is} fruitful labor for me, but I do not know which I will choose.

UST

22 But if I continue to live here in my body, I will be able to productively serve the Messiah. So I do not know which I prefer, {to live or to die}.

What choices pulled Paul in different directions? (vv22-24)

Paul was pulled by the choices of being with Christ in death or of remaining in the flesh to continue his labor.

Philippians 1:23

ULT
23 But I am hard pressed between the two, having the desire to depart and to be with Christ, for {that is} very much better,

UST
23 It is difficult for me to choose which I prefer, {living or dying}. I long to leave {this world} and go to be with the Messiah, because to be with the Messiah is very much better {than being here},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:24

ULT
24 but to remain in the flesh {is} more necessary for your sake.

UST
24 but I need to remain alive here on earth in order to continue to help you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:25

ULT
25 And having been persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith

UST
25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain alive with you all in order to help you to be even more joyful as you continue to trust in Jesus.

For what purpose was Paul confident that he would remain with the Philippians?
Paul was confident that he would remain with the Philippians for their progress and joy in the faith.

Philippians 1:26

ULT

26 so that in me your boasting in Christ Jesus might abound through my coming to you again.

UST

26 {I will do this} so that you will praise Jesus the Messiah even more because of me, because I will come and visit you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 1:27

ULT

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that whether having come and having seen you or whether being absent, I might hear about you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel.

UST

27 The important thing is that you act in a way that honors the good news about the Messiah. {Do this} so that people will tell me that you are working hard together in a unified way as you resist those who oppose the message about the Messiah and as you help people to live according to the good news. {You must act in this way} whether or not I visit you again.

Whether with the Philippians or away from them, what did Paul want to hear about the Philippians?

Paul wanted to hear that the Philippians stood fast in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:28

ULT

28 And do not be frightened in anything by the ones opposing {you}. This is a sign to them of {their} destruction, but of your salvation—and this from God.

UST

28 Do not let the people who are against you make you afraid by anything {that they do or say}. When they see that you are not afraid of them, they will know that God will destroy them, but he will save you. All of this is from God.

When the Philippians did not fear those opposing them, of what was that a sign?

When the Philippians did not fear those opposing them, it was a sign of their opponents' destruction, but of the believers' salvation.

Philippians 1:29

ULT

29 For it has been freely given to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on behalf of him,

UST

29 God does this for you because he has given you the gift of suffering for the Messiah, along with the gift of believing in him.

What two things had been granted to the Philippians by God?

It had been granted to the Philippians that they believe on Christ, but also that they suffer on his behalf.

Philippians 1:30

ULT

30 having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now you hear in me.

UST

30 You saw how I had to resist the people who opposed me {when I was there in Philippi}. Now you have to resist the people who are opposing you in the same way. As people tell you even now, I am still struggling to resist such people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2

Philippians 2:1

ULT

[1] Therefore, if {there is} any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of {the} Spirit, if any affections and compassions,

UST

[1] Since the Messiah encourages us, since he comforts us with his love, since the Spirit has produced fellowship {among you}, since {God gives you} affection and compassion {toward one another},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:2

ULT

[2] fulfill my joy that you might think the same, having the same love, united in soul, thinking the one {thing}.

UST

[2] make me completely happy by doing the following things: Agree with one another, love one another, be closely united with one another, be united in your thinking.

What does Paul say the Philippians must do to make his joy full?

The Philippians must be of the same mind, have the same love, and be united in spirit and mind.

Philippians 2:3

ULT

[3] {Do} nothing according to selfish ambition or according to empty conceit, but with humility considering others better than yourselves,

UST

[3] Never try to selfishly make yourselves more important than others, and do not think of yourselves as better than others. Instead, be humble, and treat others as more important than yourselves.

How does Paul say the Philippians should consider each other?

The Philippians should consider each other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:4

ULT

4 each one not considering the {things} of themselves, but also the {things} of each other.

UST

4 Each one of you should not only be concerned about your needs. Instead, you should also be concerned about other people and their needs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:5

ULT

5 Have this attitude in you which also {was} in Christ Jesus,

UST

5 Think the same way as the Messiah Jesus thought:

Whose mind does Paul say we need to have? (vv5-6)

Paul says we need to have the mind of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:6

ULT

6 who, existing in {the} form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to be grasped.

UST

6 Although he was in every way the same as God, he did not insist on keeping all the privileges of being equal with God.

In what form did Christ Jesus exist?

Christ Jesus existed in the form of God.

Philippians 2:7

ULT

7 Instead, he emptied himself, having taken {the} form of a servant, having been born in {the} likeness of men, and having been found in appearance as a man,

UST

7 Rather, he gave up divine privileges and became a servant to others and became a human being. When he had become a human being,

What form did Christ Jesus then take?

Christ Jesus then took the form of a servant, in the appearance of a man.

Philippians 2:8

ULT

8 he humbled himself, having become obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross!

UST

8 he humbled himself further. Specifically, {he humbled himself} by obeying God so far as to be willing to die. He was even willing to die by being crucified on a cross.

How did Jesus humble himself?

Jesus humbled himself by obeying to the point of death on the cross.

Philippians 2:9

ULT

9 Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name {that is} above every name

UST

9 Because {the Messiah humbly obeyed God,} God also honored him very much; he honored him more than any other person or being,

What did God then do for Jesus?

God highly exalted Jesus and gave him the name above every name.

Philippians 2:10

ULT
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee would bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

UST
10 so that before Jesus, every being will bow down and honor him, beings who are in heaven and beings on earth and beings under the earth;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:11

ULT
11 and every tongue would confess that Jesus Christ {is} Lord, to {the} glory of God {the} Father.

UST
11 and every mouth will say, that Jesus the Messiah is Lord, so that God the Father is honored.

What will every tongue confess?
Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:12

ULT
12 So then, my beloved, just as you always obeyed, not only as in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out {your} own salvation with fear and trembling.

UST
12 As a result of these things, my dearly loved fellow believers, as you have always obeyed God when I was with you, now that I am apart from you, you also must obey him even more. Every one of you, work with God in his saving work within you, and do this humbly reverencing God.

How are the Philippians called to work out their salvation?
The Philippians are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:13

ULT
13 For God is the one working in you both to will and to work for {his} good pleasure.

UST
13 For God is doing something within you so that you will want to do—and then actually do—the good things that please him.

What does God work in believers to do?
God works in believers both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:14

ULT
14 Do all {things} without complaining or arguing

UST
14 Do everything without grumbling or quarreling.

Everything must be done without what?
Everything must be done without complaining and arguing.

Philippians 2:15

ULT
15 so that you might become blameless and pure, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as lights in {the} world,

UST
15 Behave like that in order that you may be completely faultless, children of God, who keep yourselves from evil as you live among the wicked people of this world. Then, as you live among them, you will stand out brightly against the darkness of sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:16

ULT

16 holding forth {the} word of life for my boasting on {the} day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

UST

16 Tell others the message about how to have eternal life. {Do all these things} so that at the time when the Messiah returns, I will be able to rejoice that I did not work hard among you uselessly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:17

ULT

17 But even if I am being poured out as an offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and rejoice with you all.

UST

17 And I am joyful and I will rejoice with you all, despite suffering daily or going through times when those who oppose the gospel try to kill me. I will gladly suffer along with you, adding to your service which you offer because you believe in him.

For what purpose is Paul pouring out his life?

Paul is pouring out his life in the sacrifice and service of the Philippian's faith.

Philippians 2:18

ULT

18 Now in the same manner, you also rejoice and rejoice with me.

UST

18 In the same way also, each of you should rejoice regarding these things; you should rejoice together with me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:19

ULT
19 Now I hope in {the} Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon so that I also might be encouraged, having come to know the {things} concerning you.

UST
19 I am hoping that the Lord Jesus will soon allow me to be able to send Timothy to visit you. I want this visit to happen because I hope he can encourage me when he returns with news of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:20

ULT
20 For I have no one like-minded, who will be genuinely anxious about the {things} concerning you,

UST
20 I have no one else like Timothy who genuinely cares for you.

Why is Timothy a unique helper for Paul?
Timothy is unique because he truly cares for the Philippians.

Philippians 2:21

ULT
21 for they all seek {their} own {things}, not the {things} of Jesus Christ.

UST
21 All the others whom I might send to you are concerned only about their own matters. They are not concerned enough about what Jesus the Messiah considers important.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:22

ULT
22 But you know his proven worth, that as a child with {his} father, he served with me in the gospel.

UST
22 But you know that Timothy has proved that he serves the Lord and others faithfully. You know that he has served the Lord closely together with me in proclaiming the good news to people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:23

ULT

23 Therefore, I hope to send him at once, as soon as I would see {how} the {things} concerning me {go}.

UST

23 I am hoping to send Timothy to you as soon as I know what will happen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:24

ULT

24 But I trust in {the} Lord that I myself will also come soon.

UST

24 And I am confident that the Lord will allow me to be released soon, so that I myself will also come to you.

Is Paul expecting to see the Philippians?

Yes, Paul expects to see the Philippians soon.

Philippians 2:25

ULT

25 Now I consider {it} necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister for my needs,

UST

25 I have concluded that I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a fellow believer and my fellow worker, and he endures difficulties together with me just like soldiers endure difficulties together. He is your messenger and servant, whom you sent to help me when I was needy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:26

ULT

26 seeing that he has been longing to be with you all, and he is distressed because you heard that he was sick.

UST

26 Epaphroditus eagerly desires to be there with you at Philippi, and he is concerned for you {that you would be worried about him} since you learned of his illness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:27

ULT

27 For indeed he was sick nearly to death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only, but also on me, so that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow.

UST

27 Indeed, he was so sick that he almost died. But God pitied him, and he also pitied me{, and as a result, he healed him}. God pitied me so that I would not grieve even more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:28

ULT

28 Therefore, I sent him all the more eagerly, so that, having seen him again, you might rejoice, and I might be free from pain.

UST

28 So I am sending him back to you as quickly as possible. I will do this in order that you may rejoice when you see him again, and so that I might grieve less.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:29

ULT

29 Therefore, welcome him in {the} Lord with all joy, and hold in honor the ones such as {him},

UST

29 Receive Epaphroditus joyfully as a fellow believer, and honor other believers who are like him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 2:30

ULT

30 since for the sake of the work of Christ, he came near even to death, risking {his} life so that he might make up your lack of service to me.

UST

30 Do this because, as Epaphroditus was working for the Messiah, he almost died. He knew that he might die as a result of helping me, and he nearly did die. He helped me in order to supply the things that I needed, something you could not do because you are far away from me.

For what did Epaphroditus almost die?

Epaphroditus almost died doing the work of Christ, serving Paul and supplying Paul's needs.

Philippians 3

Philippians 3:1

ULT

[1] {As to} the rest, my brothers, rejoice in {the} Lord. For me to write these same {things} to you {is} no trouble, and {is} a safeguard for you.

UST

[1] Finally, my fellow believers, rejoice in who God is, and rejoice about what he has done and is doing. Though I will now write to you about the same things that I mentioned to you before, this is not tiresome for me, and it will protect you from being led astray by those who teach things that are not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:2

ULT

[2] Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation.

UST

[2] Guard yourselves against the ones who are like dirty dogs. Guard yourselves against the ones who teach what is false. Guard yourselves against the ones who cut their bodies.

For whom does Paul warn the believers to watch out?

Paul warns the believers to watch out for the dogs, the evil workers, and the mutilators.

Philippians 3:3

ULT

[3] For we are the circumcision—the ones worshiping by {the} Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus and having no confidence in {the} flesh,

UST

[3] But as for us—we ourselves are what it truly means to be circumcised. The Spirit of God enables us to truly worship God, and we glory in the Messiah Jesus rather than trusting in religous acts such as circumcision.

Who does Paul say are the true circumcision?

Paul says the true circumcision are those who worship in the Spirit of God, glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:4

ULT

[4] although I myself having confidence even in {the} flesh. If anyone else thinks to have confidence in {the} flesh, I even more:

UST

[4] However, if anyone thinks they could trust in religious acts, I could; and I even more than others. {I will tell you why.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:5

ULT

[5] circumcision on the eighth day, from {the} nation of Israel, of {the} tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; according to {the} law, a Pharisee;

UST

[5] I was circumcised eight days after I was born. I am from the people of Israel and am a descendant of the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew who has retained the Hebrew language and way of living. As regards obeying the laws of Moses, I was a Pharisee, and therefore I strictly obeyed all the laws of Moses and teachings of the scribes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:6

ULT

[6] according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness {that is} in {the} law, having become blameless.

UST

[6] With regard to being passionate about what I believed, I was so extremely passionate about what I believed that I caused those who followed Jesus to suffer. With regard to doing what God required in the law of Moses and doing what the scribes required concerning it, I was without fault.

How does Paul describe his previous conduct in respect to the righteousness of the law?

Paul describes his previous conduct as blameless in respect to the righteousness of the law.

Philippians 3:7

ULT

[7] Whatever {things} were gains for me, I consider these {things} loss for the sake of Christ.

UST

[7] But all the things that I formerly trusted in, these same things I now consider to be worthless because of the Messiah.

How does Paul now regard his previous confidence in the flesh?

Paul now counts all his previous confidence in the flesh as worthless because of Christ.

Philippians 3:8

ULT

[8] But on the contrary, I consider even all {things} to be loss because of the surpassing value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, because of whom I have suffered the loss of all {things}—and I consider {them} dung—so that I might gain Christ

UST

[8] Instead, even more, I now regard all things as worthless compared to how great it is to know the Messiah, Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have willingly given up all things and I think of them as feces to throw away in order that I might have the Messiah.

For what purpose does Paul now consider all the previous things as garbage?

Paul considers all the previous things as garbage so that he may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:9

ULT

[9] and be found in him, not having my own righteousness {that is} from law, but {that which is} through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God by faith—

UST

[9] I have willingly given up the things I formerly trusted in so that I might be fully united with the Messiah by believing in him, and not by obeying the laws that God gave to Moses. {I do this because I know} that the only way to please God is by believing in the Messiah.

What righteousness does Paul now have?

Paul now has the righteousness from God that is through faith in Christ.

Philippians 3:10

ULT

10 to know him and the power of his resurrection and {the} fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death,

UST

10 I want to know the Messiah better and better. I want to continually experience him working powerfully in my life, just like God worked powerfully when he caused the Messiah to become alive after he had died. I also want to be continually willing to suffer in order that I may obey God, just like the Messiah suffered in order that he might obey God. I want to become like him in his death.

Paul has fellowship with Christ in what?

Paul has the fellowship of Christ's sufferings.

Philippians 3:11

ULT

11 if, in some way, I might attain to the resurrection {that is} from {the} dead.

UST

11 {I want all of this because}I somehow want God to cause me to live again after I have died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:12

ULT

12 Not that I already received {it}, or have already been made perfect, but I am pursuing {it}, if perhaps I might also grasp that for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus.

UST

12 I do not claim that I have already attained this. Nor do I say that God has already finished working in me to make me like Jesus. But I earnestly try to become more and more like Jesus, because this is why Jesus the Messiah took hold of me.

Although he is not yet complete, what does Paul continue to do?

Paul pursues perfection to grasp the reason for which Jesus grasped him.

Philippians 3:13

ULT

13 Brothers, I do not consider myself to have grasped {it}. But one {thing}: forgetting {what is} behind and straining for {what is} ahead,

UST

13 My fellow believers, I certainly do not think that I have already become completely like Jesus. Nor have fully known him. Rather, I have determined to forget about the things that are in the past and to work hard for the things that are in front of me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:14

ULT

14 I press on toward {the} goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

UST

14 Instead, I concentrate only on continuing to become more and more like Jesus until I die. As a result, because of my relationship with Jesus the Messiah, God will reward me in heaven.

Toward what goal does Paul press on?

Paul presses on toward the goal to win the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:15

ULT

15 Therefore, as many as {are} perfect should think this {way}; and if you think differently about anything, God will also reveal that to you.

UST

15 So then, all of us who are mature believers should think this same way. But if you think differently about anything I have just written, God also will show this to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:16

ULT
16 However, in what we have attained, we should live in it.

UST
16 However, regarding the true things that God has already revealed to us, let us all conduct our lives according to these things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:17

ULT
17 Become imitators of me, brothers, and watch closely the ones walking in this manner, just as you have us {as} an example.

UST
17 My fellow believers, join together in imitating me, and observe closely those people who live as we do.

What does Paul tell the Philippians to do regarding the example of his walk?
Paul tells the Philippians to join and imitate him in his walk.

Philippians 3:18

ULT
18 For many walk—about whom I have often told you, but now even weeping, I say—{as} the enemies of the cross of Christ,

UST
18 There are many people who act in a way that shows that they oppose the message about the Messiah dying on the cross. I have told you about these people many times before, and now I am sad, even crying, as I tell you about them again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 3:19

ULT

[19] whose end {is} destruction, whose god {is their} belly, and {whose} glory {is} in their shame, the ones thinking about earthly things.

UST

[19] God will severely punish these people. These people serve their physical desires rather than God, and they are proud of the very things of which they should be ashamed. These people only think about earthly things instead of heavenly things.

What is the destiny of those whose god is their belly and who think about earthly things?
Those whose god is their belly and who think about earthly things are destined for destruction.

Philippians 3:20

ULT

[20] But our citizenship exists in heaven, from where we also eagerly await a Savior, {the} Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

[20] As for us, we are citizens of heaven, and it is from heaven that we eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus the Messiah to return and rescue us.

Where does Paul say the citizenship of believers is located?
Paul says the citizenship of believers is in heaven.

Philippians 3:21

ULT

[21] who will transform our lowly body to conformity to his glorious body, according to the working of his power even to subject all {things} to himself.

UST

[21] God will change the weak and humble bodies that we have now to be bodies like the glorious resurrected body of Jesus. He will do this by his power, by which he is able to control all things.

What will Christ do to the bodies of believers when he comes from heaven?
Christ will transform the lowly bodies of believers into bodies formed like his glorious body.

Philippians 4

Philippians 4:1

ULT

1 Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in {the} Lord, beloved.

UST

1 My fellow believers, I love you, and I greatly desire to see you. I rejoice because of you; you are the reason God will reward me. In the way that I have just described to you {in this letter}, continue to be steadfastly committed to the Lord, my fellow believers whom I love.

What does Paul want his beloved friends in Philippi to do?

Paul wants the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

ULT

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to think the same in {the} Lord.

UST

2 I urge you, Euodia, and I urge you, Syntyche, to again have a peaceful relationship with each other, because you are both joined to the Lord.

What does Paul wish to see happen with Euodia and Syntyche?

Paul wishes to see Euodia and Syntyche have the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 4:3

ULT

3 Yes, I also ask you, true companion, to help these {women} who labored with me in the gospel, with also Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names {are} in {the} Book of Life.

UST

3 And I also urge you, my faithful partner, to please help these women. {Please help them because} they have helped me spread the good news, as have Clement and the rest of my fellow laborers, whose names God has written in his book of those who will live with him forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:4

ULT

4 Rejoice in {the} Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice.

UST

4 Always rejoice in who God is and what he has done and is doing! I say again, rejoice!

What does Paul tell the Philippians to always do?

Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord always.

Philippians 4:5

ULT

5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord {is} near.

UST

5 Act in such a way that all people see that you are gentle. {Do this because} the Lord will return soon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:6

ULT

6 Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God,

UST

6 Do not worry about anything. Instead, in every situation pray to God, and tell him exactly what you need, and ask him to help you. And thank God for all he does for you.

Instead of being anxious, what does Paul say to do?

Paul says that instead of being anxious, we are to tell God in prayer what we need, and thank him.

Philippians 4:7

ULT

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

UST

7 As a result God will enable you not to worry about anything, and he will protect how you think and feel, as you are joined to the Messiah Jesus.

If we do this, what will guard our hearts and thoughts?

If we do this, the peace of God will guard our hearts and thoughts.

Philippians 4:8

ULT

8 {As to} the rest, brothers, as many as are true, as many as honorable, as many as just, as many as pure, as many as lovely, as many as reputable, if anything {is} virtuous, and if anything {is} praiseworthy, think about these {things}.

UST

8 Finally, my fellow believers, think about whatever is true, whatever is worth honoring, whatever is right, whatever is faultless, whatever is pleasing, whatever is worth admiring, whatever is good, whatever is worth praising: These are the things that you should always be thinking about.

Upon what kinds of things does Paul say to think?

Paul says to think upon things that are honorable, just, pure, lovely, of good report, excellent, and praiseworthy.

Philippians 4:9

ULT

9 And what you learned and received and heard and saw in me, do these {things}, and the God of peace will be with you.

UST

9 Continually do the things that I have taught you and the things you have heard me say and the things you have seen me do. If you do these things, the God who causes us to be at peace will be with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:10

ULT

10 Now I greatly rejoice in {the} Lord, because now at last you renewed {your} concern on my behalf, for which indeed you were concerned, but were lacking opportunity.

UST

10 I rejoice greatly and thank the Lord, because now, after some time, {by sending money to me} you have once again shown that you are concerned about me. Indeed, you were concerned about me all the time, but you had no opportunity to show it.

What have the Philippians now been able to renew?

The Philippians have now been able to renew their concern for Paul.

Philippians 4:11

ULT

11 Not that I speak according to need, for I myself have learned in whatever I am to be content.

UST

11 Do not think that I am saying this because I am concerned about lacking something I need. Rather, I have learned how to be happy no matter what situation I am in.

What secret has Paul learned about living in different circumstances? (vv11-12)

Paul has learned the secret of living contently in both abundance and need.

Philippians 4:12

ULT

12 I know both {how} to be brought low, and I know {how} to abound. In each {situation} and in all {situations}, I have learned both to be filled and to be hungry, and to abound and to be in need.

UST

12 I have learned how to be happy when I do not have what I need and how to be happy when I have more than I need. I have learned how to be happy when I am hungry and when I have plenty of food to eat. I have learned how to be happy in all circumstances and at all times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:13

ULT
13 I can do all {things} in the one strengthening me.

UST
13 Because the Messiah strengthens me, I am able to respond well to every situation.

By what power can Paul live contently?
Paul can live contently in all circumstances through Christ, who strengthens him.

Philippians 4:14

ULT
14 However, you did well, having shared together in my affliction.

UST
14 Nevertheless, you did the right thing to help me in my difficult situation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:15

ULT
15 Now you Philippians also know that in {the} beginning of the gospel, when I went out from Macedonia, no church shared with me in {the} matter of giving and receiving except you alone,

UST
15 You yourselves, my friends there at Philippi, know that during the time I first proclaimed the good news to you, when I left there to go out from the province of Macedonia, no assembly of believers except you sent me funds or helped me in any way!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:16

ULT
16 for even in Thessalonica, both once and twice you sent for my needs.

UST
16 Even when I was in the city of Thessalonica, more than once you sent me money to supply what I needed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:17

ULT
17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit {that} is increasing to your account.

UST
17 I do not say this because I desire that you give me money. Instead, I desire that God will abundantly reward you {as a result of your helping me}.

What does Paul seek for the Philippians in their giving to provide for his needs?
Paul seeks the fruit that increases to the Philippians' account.

Philippians 4:18

ULT
18 Now I have all {things} in full, and I abound. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the {things} from you, an aroma, a sweet smell, an acceptable, pleasing sacrifice to God.

UST
18 You have given me a very generous gift, and, as a result, I have all I require and more. I have an abundant supply of what I need, because you sent Epaphroditus to me with your gift. God considers that your gift is very acceptable, and he is very pleased with it.

How does God view the gift made by the Philippians to Paul?
God is pleased with the gift that the Philippians have made to Paul.

Philippians 4:19

ULT
19 Now my God will fulfill all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

UST
19 God, whom I serve, will supply everything you need, because you belong to Jesus the Messiah and because he owns all things.

What does Paul say God will do for the Philippians?
Paul says that God will supply every need of the Philippians according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:20

ULT
20 Now to our God and Father {be} the glory forever {and} ever. Amen.

UST
20 Now, may our God and Father be praised and honored forever! Amen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:21

ULT
21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers with me greet you.

UST
21 Greet for me all God's people there. They all belong to Jesus the Messiah. The believers with me greet you also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philippians 4:22

ULT
22 All the saints greet you, but especially the ones from the household of Caesar.

UST
22 All of God's people here send their greetings to you. The fellow believers who work in the palace of Caesar, the emperor, especially send their greetings to you.

Paul says that those of which household greet the Philippians?
Those of Caesar's household greet the Philippians.

Philippians 4:23

ULT
23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen. *[1]*
4:23 *[1]*

UST
23 I desire and pray that our Lord Jesus the Messiah will continue to act kindly toward you all. Amen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians

Colossians 1

Colossians 1:1

ULT
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through {the} will of God, and Timothy {our} brother,

UST
1 {I,} Paul, {write this letter to you,} and Timothy our fellow believer {is with me}. God sent me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God chose to do.

How did Paul become an apostle of Christ Jesus?
Paul became an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God.

Colossians 1:2

ULT
2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae. Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ. [1]

UST
2 {I send this letter} to you who are God's people and faithful fellow believers united to the Messiah, {who live} in {the city of} Colossae. {May} God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to} be kind to you and make you peaceful.

To whom did Paul write this letter?
Paul wrote to those set apart for God and the faithful brothers at Colossae.

Colossians 1:3

ULT
3 We give thanks to God, {the} Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, always praying for you,

UST
3 We pray for you very often. {When we do,} we thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:4

ULT

4 having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints,

UST

4 {because} have learned that you trust in the Messiah Jesus and that you love all God's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:5

ULT

5 because of the hope that is being reserved for you in the heavens, which you heard before in the word of truth, the gospel,

UST

5 {You do these things} because you are confidently waiting for everything that God is keeping for you in heaven. You first learned about all that God has for you when you heard the true message, {which is} the good news about the Messiah.

From where did the Colossians hear about the confident expectation that they now have?

The Colossians heard about their confident expectation in the word of truth, the gospel.

Colossians 1:6

ULT

6 which being present among you just as also in all the world, is bearing fruit and growing, just as also in you, from the day you heard {it} and learned about the grace of God in truth,

UST

6 Just as you heard and believed this good news {in Colossae}, increasing numbers of people in many places are also hearing and believing it. These people are living in a different way now, just as you have been living in a different way since you first learned {about it} and truly experienced how God acts kindly {toward us}.

What does Paul say the gospel has been doing in the world?

Paul says the gospel has been bearing fruit and growing in all the world.

Colossians 1:7

ULT

7 just as you learned {it} from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, [2]

UST

7 This is what Epaphras told you {would happen}. He works with us for the Messiah, and we love him. He faithfully serves the Messiah as our representative.

Who presented the gospel to the Colossians?

Epaphras, the faithful servant of Christ, presented the gospel to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:8

ULT

8 and the one having made known to us your love in {the} Spirit.

UST

8 He told us that you love {all God's people}, just as God's Spirit {has empowered you to do}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:9

ULT

9 Because of this, from the day we heard {this}, we also have not stopped praying for you and asking that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,

UST

9 Because of everything that Epaphras told us, since the time when he first told us {about you}, we have joined him in consistently praying for you. {When we pray for you,} we ask God to show you everything that he wants you to do and {to make you} able to understand everything that God's Spirit {is teaching you}.

With what does Paul pray that the Colossians be filled?

Paul prays that the Colossians be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Colossians 1:10

ULT
10 to walk worthily of the Lord in every pleasing {way}, bearing fruit in every good deed and growing in the knowledge of God,

UST
10 {We have been praying that you know what God wants} so that you can live in a way that honors the Lord and pleases him in every way. {When you live this way, you will be} doing every sort of good thing and continually knowing God better.

How does Paul pray that the Colossians will walk in their lives?
Paul prays that the Colossians will walk worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit with good deeds, growing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:11

ULT
11 being strengthened with all power according to the power of his glory to all endurance and patience with joy,

UST
11 {As you live this way,} God will greatly strengthen you to be able to patiently endure in all situations, and to do so joyfully. God can strengthen you greatly because he is gloriously powerful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:12

ULT
12 giving thanks to the Father, the one having made you able to share the inheritance of the saints in the light. [3]

UST
12 {Then you will continually} thank {God our} Father, {because} he has made you worthy to take part in everything that he has to give to his people when they are with him.

For what have those set apart for God been qualified?
Those set apart for God have been qualified for a share in the inheritance in the light.

Colossians 1:13

ULT

13 He rescued us from the authority of the darkness and transferred {us} to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

UST

13 God our Father has delivered us from the evil one, who used to control us, and he has given us to his Son, whom he loves, so that now we can obey his Son.

From what has the Father rescued those set apart for him?

He rescued them from the dominion of darkness and transferred them to the kingdom of his Son.

Colossians 1:14

ULT

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *[4]*

UST

14 Because we are united to his Son, God has set us free; {that is,} he has forgiven our sins.

In Christ, we have redemption, which is what?

In Christ we have redemption, which is the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:15

ULT

15 He is {the} image of the invisible God, {the} firstborn of all creation.

UST

15 God's Son perfectly reveals who God is, even though no one can see God. The Son existed before God created anything, and he has first place over everything that God has created.

The Son is the image of whom?

The Son is the image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:16

ULT

16 For in him all {things} were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible. Whether thrones or dominions or governments or authorities, all {things} have been created though him and for him.

UST

16 {You can know that the Son existed before anything else existed and has first place over everything} because the Father and the Son together created everything that exists. {This includes} everything in heaven and everything on earth, and everything that we can see and everything that we cannot see, {including the spiritual beings} such as thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities. The Father and the Son together created everything, and everything exists to honor the Son.

What was created through Jesus Christ and for him?

All things were created through Jesus Christ and for him.

Colossians 1:17

ULT

17 And he is before all {things}, and in him all {things} hold together.

UST

17 The Son existed before any of creation existed, and he sustains and connects all of it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:18

ULT

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, {the} firstborn from among the dead, so that he himself might become first among all {things}.

UST

18 In regard to the church, {that is, all believers,} he rules over it as people’s heads rule over their bodies. He made it possible for the church to begin {when he was} the first person to live again after dying{, never to die again}. Because of these things about him, he is greater and more important than anything and anybody else.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:19

ULT
19 For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,

UST
19 {The Son rules over everything} because the Son is fully God, just as the Father gladly willed him to be.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:20

ULT
20 and to reconcile through him all {things} to himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross, through him, whether the {things} on the earth or the {things} in the heavens.

UST
20 {God the Father} also {gladly chose to work} through the Son to reconcile to himself everything {and every person that he created} in the whole universe. {God did this} through his Son when his Son died on the cross, which made everything peaceful between God and his creation.

How did God reconcile all things to himself?
God reconciled all things to himself when he made peace through his Son's blood.

Colossians 1:21

ULT
21 At one time you also were alienated and enemies in thought, in evil deeds.

UST
21 Before {you believed in the Messiah}, you did not want to be close {to God}, and you were hostile {to him} because everything you thought and did was evil.

What relationship did the Colossians have with God before they believed the gospel?
Before believing the gospel, the Colossians were separated from God and were his enemies.

Colossians 1:22

ULT

22 But now you have been reconciled by the body of his flesh through death to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

UST

22 But {that has all changed} now {that you believe in Jesus!} God the Father has repaired the relationship between himself and you {by working} through his Son when his Son became human and died. {God the Father repaired the relationship} so that you can dwell with him as people who are completely free from sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:23

ULT

23 if indeed you continue in the faith, founded and firm and not being moved from the hope of the gospel that you heard, the one having been proclaimed to every creature {that is} under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a servant.

UST

23 {This is all true about you} as long as you continue confidently to believe {in the Messiah}, and as long as you do not give up confidently hoping {for God to do what he has promised} in the good news that you heard and that people all over the world have heard. I, Paul, serve God {by proclaiming to people} this same good news.

What must the Colossians continue to do?

The Colossians must continue to be settled in the faith and confident of the gospel.

Colossians 1:24

ULT

24 Now I rejoice in {my} sufferings for you, and I fill up in my flesh the lack of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of his body, which is the church,

UST

24 At the present time I suffer cheerfully {because it is} for your benefit. I am suffering physically to complete {my part of} the suffering that the Messiah began on behalf of {his people,} the church, which is like the Messiah's own body.

For whose sake is Paul suffering, and what is his attitude?

Paul is suffering for the sake of the church, and he rejoices in it.

Colossians 1:25

ULT

25 of which I became a servant according to the stewardship of God, the one having been given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

UST

25 God called me to serve his church, and he appointed me {specifically} to carry out his plan that concerns you. {My part of this plan is} to proclaim {to you non-Jews} the full message from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:26

ULT

26 the mystery {that} had been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but now having been revealed to his saints,

UST

26 God kept this message a secret, concealing it from people for a long time. But now he has made the message known to his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 1:27

ULT

27 to whom God desired to make known what {is} the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

UST

27 God has been wanting to tell his people this very glorious message that was secret, which applies to non-Jews {as well as to Jews}. The secret is that the Messiah is united to you {non-Jews}, which means that you can confidently expect to become glorious beings like the Messiah.

What is the mystery that was hidden for ages but now has been revealed?

The mystery that was hidden for ages but now has been revealed is Christ in you, the confidence of glory.

Colossians 1:28

ULT

28 We proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

UST

28 {This is the Messiah} whom we announce {to everyone}. {When we talk about him,} we warn and teach each person as wisely as we can. {We do these things} so that each of these people may become spiritually mature in each person's union with the Messiah.

What is the goal for which Paul is admonishing and teaching every man?

Paul's goal is to present every person complete in Christ.

Colossians 1:29

ULT

29 For this also I labor, striving according to his working, the one working in me in power.
1:2 [1]
1:7 [2]
1:12 [3]
1:14 [4]

UST

29 I work hard in all that I do in order to accomplish that goal. {I can do this} because the Messiah is powerfully enabling me to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2

Colossians 2:1

ULT
[1] For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and the ones at Laodicea and as many as have not seen my face in {the} flesh

UST
[1] {I write these things} because I want to inform you about how hard I am working. {I work hard} for you, for the fellow-believers who live in {the city of} Laodicea, and for all fellow-believers who have not met me in person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:2

ULT
[2] so that their hearts might be encouraged, having been brought together in love and into all {the} riches of the full assurance of understanding, into knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

UST
[2] {I work this hard} in order to encourage all of you {who have not met me} so that you unite yourselves together with love for each other. {I want you} to completely and confidently understand the secret that God had previously kept hidden. {This secret is about} the Messiah.

What is the mystery of God?
The mystery of God is Christ.

Colossians 2:3

ULT
[3] in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.

UST
[3] This secret{, which is the Messiah,} includes within it everything that is valuable, including wise thinking.

What is hidden in Christ?
All the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ.

Colossians 2:4

ULT

4 I say this so that no one might deceive you with persuasive speech.

UST

4 I am telling you about this secret in order that no person who argues persuasively will be able to convince you to believe what is not true.

What is Paul concerned that might happen to the Colossians?

Paul is concerned that the Colossians might be deceived with persuasive speech.

Colossians 2:5

ULT

5 For even if I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in the spirit, rejoicing and seeing your good order and the strength of your faith in Christ.

UST

5 {You can know that those who argue persuasively are wrong} because I care about you and think about you, even though I am not with you in person. I am very happy to see that you are behaving properly and that you firmly believe in the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:6

ULT

6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him,

UST

6 Now {that I have told you the truth about the good news and about me}, I want you to behave in a way that fits with how God has united you to the Messiah. You should keep behaving as you did when you accepted the Messiah Jesus the Lord.

What does Paul call the Colossians to do now that they have received Christ Jesus?

Paul calls the Colossians to walk in Christ Jesus in the same way that they received him.

Colossians 2:7

ULT

7 being rooted and built up in him and confirmed in the faith just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

UST

7 {Behaving in this way includes} staying firmly united to him, just as a plant's roots hold it firmly in place. {It also includes} depending completely on him, just as a house stands on its foundation. {It also includes} confidently trusting the Messiah, just as Epaphras taught you, and giving thanks more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:8

ULT

8 Beware lest someone will be the one taking you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elemental teaching of the world, and not according to Christ.

UST

8 Be on the alert so that no one who tries to lead you away from the truth will succeed. Anyone who tries to lead you away will use human thinking that is meaningless and deceptive. {Such a false message comes} from what older generations teach younger generations and from what humans normally think about the world, not from the Messiah.

Upon what are the empty deceits that Paul is concerned about based?

The empty deceits are based upon human tradition and the sinful belief systems of the world.

Colossians 2:9

ULT

9 For in him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form,

UST

9 {I mention the Messiah} because he, a human, is fully God.

What lives in Christ?

All the fullness of God's nature lives in Christ.

Colossians 2:10

ULT
10 and you are filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority,

UST
10 In addition, you have everything you need since God has united you to the Messiah, who rules over {the spiritual beings, including} every ruler and every authority.

Who is the head of all rule and authority?
Christ is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:11

ULT
11 in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands in the removal of the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ,

UST
11 When God united you to the Messiah, it was as if God the Father had circumcised you. I do not mean that a human physically cut flesh off you. {Rather, instead of cutting off flesh,} God removed your weak and sinful parts. {God} circumcised {you in this way} through what the Messiah accomplished.

What is removed through the circumcision of Christ?
The sinful body of flesh is removed through the circumcision of Christ.

Colossians 2:12

ULT
12 having been buried with him in baptism and in whom you were raised up through faith in the power of God, the one having raised him from {the} dead.

UST
12 {Here is another way to understand what God has done for you:} when they baptized you, it was as if {you died and} people buried you {because God the Father included you} when {the Messiah died and} people buried him. And it was as if God the Father brought you back to life {because he included you} when he brought the Messiah back to life. {This happened} because you believed that God the Father works powerfully, particularly when he brought the Messiah back to life.

What happens in baptism?
A person is buried with Christ in baptism.

Colossians 2:13

ULT

13 And you, being dead in the trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all of {our} trespasses, [1]

UST

13 You used to be spiritually dead, because you {often} sinned against God and because you were non-Jews {and not part of God's people}. But God the Father brought you back to life spiritually {because he included you} when he brought the Messiah back to life. {This means that} he has forgiven us for all the wrong things we have done against him.

What is a person's condition before Christ makes him alive?

A person is dead in his sins before Christ makes him alive.

Colossians 2:14

ULT

14 having canceled the written record of the decrees against us, which were opposed to us, and he has taken {it} out from {our} midst, having nailed it to the cross;

UST

14 It was as if God had an official list of the debts we owe{, which are our sins}. {When he forgave us,} he wiped out that list of sins that counted against us, and he prevented it from coming between us and him. God accomplished this when {the Messiah died on the cross, as surely as if} he had nailed the list to the cross.

What did Christ do with the record of debts charged against us?

Christ removed the record of debts and nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:15

ULT

15 having stripped the rulers and the authorities, he made a public spectacle of {them}, having triumphed over them in it.

UST

15 Moreover, God defeated the spiritual beings that rule the world, and he publicly showed {that he defeated them}, just as if he had paraded them around as prisoners. {God did this when the Messiah died} on the cross.

What did Christ do with the rulers and authorities?

Christ removed the rulers and authorities, openly exposed them, and led them as his captives in a victory procession.

Colossians 2:16

ULT
16 Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in food or in drink or in regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths,

UST
16 Because of these things {that God has done for you}, do not worry about what other people say you should do. {They may have opinions} about what to eat and what to drink. {They may have opinions about} what special days to observe, including days for worshipping God, days for celebrating when there is a new moon, or days for resting.

What does Paul say are a shadow of the things to come?
Paul says that food, drink, feast days, and Sabbaths are a shadow of the things to come.

Colossians 2:17

ULT
17 which are a shadow of the {things} coming, but the body {is} of Christ.

UST
17 {God used} these things {to} point to what he had planned for the future, which is the coming of the Messiah himself.

To what reality do the shadows point?
The shadows point to the reality of Christ.

Colossians 2:18

ULT
18 Let no one delighting in false humility and worship of the angels deprive you of your prize, standing on things he has seen, becoming puffed up without cause by the mind of his flesh

UST
18 {You will meet some people} who enjoy pretending to be humble and worshipping angels and who love to talk about {amazing} things that they have seen. They act like they are great—although without good reason, because they think only in human ways. Do not listen to these people who are trying to take away what God has ready to give to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:19

ULT
19 and not holding fast to the head, from which the whole body, being supplied and held together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth from God.

UST
19 {These people} are not remaining loyal to the Messiah. It is he who leads the church, just like people's heads lead their bodies. The head directs how the whole body, each and every part, receives what it needs and how it works together. In this way the body grows. Just like that, the Messiah directs the church so that it grows as God wants it to grow.

From what does the whole body grow with the growth from God?
The whole body holds fast to Christ, the head, to grow with the growth from God.

Colossians 2:20

ULT
20 If you died with Christ from the elemental principles of the world, why, as living in {the} world, are you being subjected to its decrees:

UST
20 It is as if you have died, {because God included you} when the Messiah died. {This frees you} from the spiritual beings that rule this world. So, you should not obey the rules {that these people have given to you}. {Doing so would mean that} you were really still part of this world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:21

ULT
21 "You may not handle, nor taste, nor touch!"

UST
21 {These rules include commands like these:} "Do not feel {certain things}!" "Do not try {certain foods}!" "Do not take hold of {certain things}!"

What kinds of commandments does Paul say are part of the world's beliefs?
Commandments to not handle, not taste, and not touch are part of the world's beliefs.

Colossians 2:22

ULT
22 which are all for destruction with the use, according to the commands and teachings of men;

UST
22 All such rules concern things that perish when people make use of them. Further, people{, not God,} teach and require {these rules}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 2:23

ULT
23 which, having indeed a word of wisdom in self-made religion and false humility {and} severity of {the} body, are not of any value against indulgence of the flesh.
2:13 [1]

UST
23 Following these rules may seem to be a wise thing to do for people who worship God the way they want to, who pretend to be humble, and who treat their bodies badly {as part of their religion}. However, {following these rules} will not help you stop sinning.

Against what do the rules of man-made religion have no value?
The rules of man-made religion have no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians 3

Colossians 3:1

ULT
1 If, therefore, you were raised with Christ, seek the {things} above, where Christ is sitting at {the} right hand of God.

UST
1 To return {to what I said before}, it is as if God brought you back to life {because he included you} when he brought the Messiah back to life. {Because of this,} I want you to stay focused on what is in heaven, since the Messiah is there. He sits next to God the Father on the throne {and rules everything}.

To where has Christ been raised?
Christ has been raised to sit at the right hand of God.

What should believers seek, and what should they not seek? (vv1-2)
Believers should seek the things above and not the things of the earth.

Colossians 3:2

ULT
2 Think about the {things} above, not the {things} on the earth.

UST
2 I want you to desire what {God has ready for you} in heaven, not what {you could have here} on earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:3

ULT
3 For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God.

UST
3 {You should think this way} because it is as if you have died. You are spiritually alive only because God has united you to the Messiah in close relationship with himself, and this cannot be seen {on earth right now}.

Where has God put the believer’s life?
God has hidden the believer’s life in Christ.

Colossians 3:4

ULT

4 When Christ, your life, [1] is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

UST

4 You are alive because God has united you to the Messiah. {Therefore,} when {he returns again to earth and} everyone sees him, at that time you will be with him. Then, everyone will see that you too have become glorious {beings like him}.

What will happen to the believer when Christ is revealed?

When Christ is revealed, the believer will also be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:5

ULT

5 Put to death, therefore, the members {that are} on the earth—sexual immorality, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and envy, which is idolatry,

UST

5 Because {this is your destiny}, think of the desires you have to do evil things in this world as enemies that you must kill. {The evil things that you might desire include} having improper sex, doing impure things, enjoying wrong emotions, desiring evil things, and wanting more than you need, which is the same as worshiping another god.

What must the believer put to death?

The believer must put to death the sinful desires of the earth.

Colossians 3:6

ULT

6 because of which the wrath of God is coming, [2]

UST

6 Because people have these desires, God is angry with them and will punish them.

What happens to those who are disobedient to God?

The wrath of God comes upon those who are disobedient to God.

Colossians 3:7

ULT
7 in which you also formerly walked when you were living in them.

UST
7 You, just like them, used to have these desires to do evil things. {That was} when you acted out these desires.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:8

ULT
8 But now you must also lay aside all {such things}—wrath, anger, evil desire, slander, {and} obscene speech from your mouth.

UST
8 But now {that you have believed}, you must stop behaving in all evil ways. {These evil ways include} acting in angry ways, being angry with others, desiring to hurt others, talking bad about others, and speaking shameful words.

What are some of the things that Paul says the believers must get rid of, which are part of the old self?
The believers must get rid of wrath, anger, evil intentions, insults, and obscene speech.

Colossians 3:9

ULT
9 Do not lie to one another, having taken off the old man with its practices

UST
9 You must not tell lies to one another. You are not the person you used to be, a person who normally behaved in these evil ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:10

ULT

10 and having put on the new man being renewed in knowledge according to {the} image of the one having created it;

UST

10 You are a new person now, {a person} in whom God is working to make you know him more. {You are now a person} who is like God, who turned you into this new person.

In whose image is the believer's new self created?

The believer's new self is created in the image of Christ.

Colossians 3:11

ULT

11 where there is no Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, freeman, but Christ {is} all, and in all.

UST

11 Since {you are all new people}, {it is not important} whether anyone is a non-Jew or a Jew, or whether anyone is circumcised or not, or whether anyone is a foreigner or an uncivilized person, or whether anyone is a slave or not. Instead, it is the Messiah who is most important, and God has united him to all {of you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:12

ULT

12 Therefore, as chosen ones of God, holy and beloved, put on inner parts of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, {and} patience,

UST

12 God has chosen you, he has set you apart as his own people, and he loves you. Because of these things and because {you are new people}, you must always behave properly {towards others}. {This includes} caring about them, being kind to them, not being proud, not behaving harshly, and taking a long time to become angry.

What are some of the things that Paul says the believers must put on, which are part of the new self?

The believers must put on a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.

Colossians 3:13

ULT
13 bearing with one another and being gracious to each other if someone may have a complaint against someone else; just as also the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

UST
13 You must not easily become irritated with one another. When you blame other people for the things they have done, you must forgive them. You should imitate how the Lord forgave you by {forgiving one another}.

In what way should the believer forgive?
The believer should forgive in the same way that the Lord has forgiven him.

Colossians 3:14

ULT
14 But above all these {things}, love, which is {the} bond of perfection.

UST
14 Finally, {what is} more important than everything {I have said} so far is that you love one another. By doing this you will unite yourselves together, just as God has called you to do.

What is the bond of perfection among believers?
Love is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:15

ULT
15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and become thankful.

UST
15 You must make the peace which the Messiah has given you a primary factor when you choose what to do. {You must do this} because God has chosen you to have peace as he unites you closely together, as closely as if you were one person's body. Also, you must give thanks to God.

What should rule in the believer's heart?
The peace of Christ should rule in the believer's heart.

What should the believer give to God in his attitude, song, word, and deed? (vv15-17)
In his attitude, song, word, and deed, the believer should give thanks to God.

Colossians 3:16

ULT
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, {and} spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

UST
16 You must focus completely on the message about the Messiah as you think and act. You must teach and instruct one another very wisely using songs from the Scriptures, songs about Jesus, and songs that the Holy Spirit has given to you. You must thankfully and sincerely sing to God.

What should live in the believer richly?
The word of Christ should live in the believer richly.

Colossians 3:17

ULT
17 And everything, whatever you might do in word or in deed, do all in {the} name of {the} Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God {the} Father through him.

UST
17 Whenever you say or do anything, {you should behave} in every situation {as people who} represent the Lord Jesus. Also, you should thank God, {who is our} Father. {You can do this only} because of {the work of} the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:18

ULT
18 Wives, be subjected to {your} husbands, as is fitting in {the} Lord.

UST
18 Wives must treat their husbands as the leaders {in their families}, since this is appropriate behavior for those whom God has united to the Lord.

How should a wife respond to her husband?
A wife should submit to her husband.

Colossians 3:19

ULT
[19] Husbands, love {your} wives, and do not be embittered against them.

UST
[19] Husbands must love their wives and not treat them harshly.

How should a husband treat his wife?
A husband should love his wife and not be bitter against her.

Colossians 3:20

ULT
[20] Children, obey {your} parents in all {things}, for this is pleasing in {the} Lord.

UST
[20] Children must obey their parents in every circumstance. This pleases God {and is appropriate} for those whom God has united to the Lord.

How should a child treat his parents?
A child should obey his parents in all things.

Colossians 3:21

ULT
[21] Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they may not be discouraged.

UST
[21] Fathers must not make their children angry. Otherwise, the children may feel like giving up.

What should a father not do to his children?
A father should not provoke his children.

Colossians 3:22

ULT

22 Slaves, obey {your} masters according to {the} flesh in all {things}, not with eyeservice as people pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

UST

22 Slaves must obey those who are their masters in this world in every circumstance. {They should obey} not just when their masters are watching, which is how those who want to please only humans behave. Instead, {they should obey their masters} sincerely because they treat the Lord with reverence.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 3:23

ULT

23 Whatever you might do, work from {the} soul as to the Lord and not to men,

UST

23 You must do whatever work you have to do diligently, as if {you were working} for the Lord instead of for merely human masters.

For whom are believers working in whatever they do? (vv23-24)

Believers are working for the Lord in whatever they do.

Colossians 3:24

ULT

24 knowing that you will receive from {the} Lord the reward of the inheritance. You are serving the Lord Christ.

UST

24 {You must obey and serve in this way} because you know that the Lord will justly repay you by giving you what he has kept for you. {Remember that} the Lord Messiah is {the real master} for whom you are working.

What will those receive who serve the Lord in whatever they do?

Those who serve the Lord in whatever they do will receive the reward of the inheritance.

Colossians 3:25

ULT

25 For the one doing unrighteousness will receive what he did unrighteously, and there is no favoritism.
3:4 [1]
3:6 [2]

UST

25 {You must remember who the real master is} because God will punish anyone who does wrong in proportion to those wrong actions. {This is because} God does not judge people based on how they look or who they are but on what they have done.

What will those receive who do unrighteousness?

Those who do unrighteousness will receive the penalty for what they did.

Colossians 4

Colossians 4:1

ULT
1 Masters, give to {your} slaves {what is} right and fair, knowing that you also have a master in heaven.

UST
1 Masters must treat their slaves justly and fairly. {You who are masters must do this} because you know that you too serve a Master{, one who is} in heaven.

What does Paul remind earthly masters that they also have?
Paul reminds earthly masters that they also have a master in heaven.

Colossians 4:2

ULT
2 Continue steadfastly in prayer, staying alert in it in thanksgiving,

UST
2 Pray {to God} persistently. Pay attention when you pray, and give thanks {to God}.

In what does Paul want the Colossians to continue steadfastly?
Paul wants the Colossians to continue steadfastly in prayer.

Colossians 4:3

ULT
3 praying together for us also so that God may open a door to us for the word to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which also I have been bound,

UST
3 When you are praying, pray for us too. {Pray} that God will make it possible for us to freely proclaim our message, which is the secret about the Messiah that we now share with others. Because {we proclaimed} this message, I am now in prison.

For what does Paul want the Colossians to pray?
Paul wants the Colossians to pray that he has an open door to speak the word, the mystery of Christ.

Colossians 4:4

ULT

4 in order that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak.

UST

4 {Pray} that I am able to explain the good news clearly, since this is what God has called me to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:5

ULT

5 Walk in wisdom toward the ones outside, redeeming the time,

UST

5 Behave wisely around those who do not believe in the Messiah. Take advantage of every opportunity {you have to do this}.

How does Paul instruct the Colossians to treat those who are outsiders? (vv5-6)

Paul instructs them to live in wisdom, and speak with grace toward those who are outsiders.

Colossians 4:6

ULT

6 your words always with grace, seasoned with salt, to know how it is necessary for you to answer each one.

UST

6 {When you talk with them,} you must always speak in a pleasant and interesting way. {When you do this,} you will know the best way to respond to each person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:7

ULT

7 All the {things} concerning me, Tychicus will make known to you, the beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow slave in the Lord,

UST

7 Tychicus will tell you everything that has been happening to me. {He is} a fellow believer whom I love, who helps me faithfully, and who serves together with me as a man whom God has united to the Lord.

What task had Paul given Tychicus and Onesimus? (vv7-9)

Paul gave them the task of making everything known concerning him to the Colossians.

Colossians 4:8

ULT

8 whom I sent to you for this very {reason}, so that you might know the {things} concerning us [1] and {that} he might encourage your hearts.

UST

8 I am sending Tychicus to you {with this letter} because I want you to know how we are doing and because Tychicus will help you live confidently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:9

ULT

9 Together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother who is from among you, they will make known to you all the {things} here.

UST

9 {I am sending him to you} with Onesimus, who is a faithful fellow believer whom I love. He is from your group. Tychicus and Onesimus will tell you about everything {that has been happening} here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:10

ULT

10 Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received orders; if he may come to you, receive him),

UST

10 Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, and Mark, who is Barnabas' cousin, send their regards to you. You already know that you should welcome Mark if he visits you.

What instructions did Paul give concerning Mark, the cousin of Barnabus?

Paul told the Colossians to receive Mark if he comes to them.

Colossians 4:11

ULT

11 and Jesus, the one called Justus. These {are} the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God being from the circumcision, who were a comfort to me.

UST

11 Jesus, whom you may know by the name Justus, also {sends his regards}. These men{—Aristarchus, Mark, and Justus—}are the only Jewish believers who are working with me for the sake of God's kingdom. They have encouraged me {in this work}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:12

ULT

12 Epaphras greets you. He {is} from among you, a servant of Christ Jesus, always striving on behalf of you in prayers so that you may stand complete and fully assured in all {the} will of God.

UST

12 Epaphras, who is from your group {and} who serves the Messiah Jesus, sends his regards to you. He prays earnestly for you very often. {He prays} that God will make you able to be what God has called you to be and to be sure of everything that God wants {you to do}.

For what does Epaphras pray for the Colossians?

He prays that the Colossians will stand complete and fully assured in all the will of God.

Colossians 4:13

ULT
13 For I testify for him that he has much hard labor on behalf of you and of the ones in Laodicea and of the ones in Hierapolis.

UST
13 {You know that he prays this way for you} because I can personally affirm this about him. {I tell you} that he works very hard for you, for the people {who live} in the city of Laodicea, and for the people {who live} in the city of Hierapolis.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:14

ULT
14 Luke, the beloved physician, greets you, and also Demas.

UST
14 Luke the doctor, whom I love, and Demas send their regards to you.

What is the name of the physician that is with Paul?
The physician's name is Luke.

Colossians 4:15

ULT
15 Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nympha, and the church in her house.

UST
15 Give our regards to the fellow believers who live in Laodicea, to Nympha, and to the group of believers {that meets} in Nympha's home.

In what kind of place was the church in Laodicea meeting?
The church in Laodicea was meeting in a house.

Colossians 4:16

ULT

16 And when this letter has been read among you, make sure that it would be read also in the church of Laodicea and that you also would read the one from Laodicea.

UST

16 After the person who reads this letter to you finishes it, send {it to Laodicea} so that someone can read it to the group of believers there, too. Also, {ask for} the letter I sent to the believers in Laodicea so that you too can read it.

To what other church had Paul also written a letter?

Paul also had written a letter to the church in Laodicea.

Colossians 4:17

ULT

17 And say to Archippus, “Look to the ministry that you have received in {the} Lord so that you may fulfill it.”

UST

17 {You must} tell Archippus to make sure that he completes the task that God gave him to do when God united him to the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Colossians 4:18

ULT

18 {This} greeting {is} by my {own} hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace {be} with you.
4:8 *[1]*

UST

18 I, Paul, send my regards {to you}. I am writing {these last words} myself {instead of having my scribe write them}. You must not forget that I am in prison. {I pray that God will} be gracious to you.

How did Paul show that this letter was actually from him?

Paul wrote his name in his own handwriting at the end of the letter.

1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1

1 Thessalonians 1:1

ULT

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God {the} Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ. Grace and peace to you. *[1]*

UST

1 {I,} Paul, {am writing this letter}. Silas and Timothy {are with me. We are sending this letter} to {you,} the assembly of believers in the Messiah in the city of Thessalonica, who are united to God the Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah. {May God continue to be} kind to you and make you peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 1:2

ULT

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you, continually making mention of you in our prayers,

UST

2 We pray for you very often. {When we do,} we always thank God for you all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 1:3

ULT

3 remembering your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father;

UST

3 We thank our God and Father for the work that you do because you trust {in him}. We thank him for the way that you energetically help people because you love {them}. We thank him for the way that you patiently endure because you confidently expect our Lord Jesus the Messiah {to keep his promises}.

What does Paul always remember before God concerning the Thessalonians?
Paul remembers their work of faith, their labor of love, and their patience of hope.

1 Thessalonians 1:4

ULT

4 knowing, brothers loved by God, your election,

UST

4 {We also thank God because} we know that he loves you, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, and chose you {to become his people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 1:5

ULT

5 because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in {the} Holy Spirit and in much assurance—just as you know what kind {of men} we were among you for your sake.

UST

5 {We know that God chose you,} because when we told you the good news {about Jesus}, it was not only with words, but the Holy Spirit also powerfully worked {through us}. He also strongly assured {us that he had chosen you}. In the same way, you know what kind of people we are, because when we were with you, everything that we did was to benefit you.

In what four ways did the gospel come to the Thessalonians?

The gospel came to the Thessalonians in word, in power, in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance.

1 Thessalonians 1:6

ULT

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much hardship, with joy of {the} Holy Spirit.

UST

6 As for you, you proceeded to live as we do and as the Lord {Jesus} lived. When you believed the message {of the good news}, people caused you to suffer {because you did that. But even though you were suffering,} the Holy Spirit caused you to rejoice.

What was happening to the Thessalonians as they received the word of the gospel?

The Thessalonians received the word in much hardship.

What was the Thessalonians' attitude as they received the word of the gospel?

The Thessalonians received the word with joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:7

ULT

7 As a result, you became an example to all the ones believing in Macedonia and in Achaia.

UST

7 Because all of the people who trust {in the Messiah} throughout the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia heard {of how you remained joyful while people made you suffer}, they wanted to also live as you do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 1:8

ULT

8 For from you the word of the Lord has been sounded out not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but your faith toward God has gone out into every place. Therefore, we do not have need to say anything.

UST

8 In fact, many people have heard you tell the message about the Lord {Jesus}. Then they also have proclaimed the message to other people who live throughout Macedonia and Achaia provinces. Even beyond that, people who live in many far-away places have heard about how you trust in God. As a result, we do not need to tell people anything {about what God has done for you}.

What happened to the word of the Lord after the Thessalonians received it?

The word of the Lord rang out in every place their faith went out.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

ULT

9 For they themselves report concerning us what kind of reception we had with you and how you turned to God from the idols to serve {the} living and true God

UST

9 These same people {who live far from you} are also telling {others} about how you {warmly} welcomed us. They also are telling {others} that you stopped worshiping {non-living} statues of false gods so that you could worship and obey the living God. He is the {only} real God.

What were the Thessalonians worshiping before they became believers in the true God?

The Thessalonians were worshiping idols before they became believers in the true God.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

ULT

10 and to wait for his Son from the heavens, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, the one rescuing us from the coming wrath.
1:1 *[1]*

UST

10 {They} also {are telling others that you stopped worshiping the false gods} so that you could eagerly wait for God's Son Jesus {to return to earth} from heaven. {As you know,} God resurrected Jesus after he died, and Jesus is the one who will rescue us {who believe in him} at the time when God will punish people {for their sins}.

For what were Paul and the Thessalonians waiting?

Paul and the Thessalonians were waiting for Jesus to come from heaven.

From what does Jesus deliver us?

Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2

1 Thessalonians 2:1

ULT

1 For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you has not been in vain.

UST

1 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, you are well aware that the time we spent with you was quite productive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:2

ULT

2 But having previously suffered and having been shamefully treated at Philippi, just as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much struggle.

UST

2 As you know, people in the city of Philippi previously caused us to suffer and abused us, but our God made us courageous to speak his good news to you despite how hard we struggled {against those who tried to stop us from} speaking God's good news to you.

How had Paul and his companions been treated before coming to the Thessalonians?
Paul and his companions had suffered and had been treated shamefully.

1 Thessalonians 2:3

ULT

3 For our exhortation {was} neither from error, nor from impurity, nor in deceit,

UST

3 Certainly, {when} we encouraged you {to believe God's good news, we did} not {try} to convince you to believe an incorrect message. {We were} not selfishly motivated. {We did} not {try} to deceive {you with what we said}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:4

ULT

4 but just as we have been examined by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing to men, but to God, the one examining our hearts.

UST

4 Actually, we speak God's good news since he has examined us and approved that we are trustworthy to do so. When we speak God's good news, we are not {trying} to please people. Instead, {we are trying} to please God. God is the one who {constantly} examines what motivates us to speak {his good news}.

Who is Paul desiring to please with his preaching of the gospel?
Paul is desiring to please God with his preaching of the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 2:5

ULT

5 For we did not come at that time in words of flattery, just as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God {is} witness—

UST

5 In fact, when we previously came, we did not try to please you by flattering you. You know this is true. {We are} not greedily motivated, so we did not need to say things to try to hide how greedy we are from you. God confirms that this is true!

What did Paul not do in his preaching of the gospel? (vv5-6)
Paul did not use flattery, nor seek glory from people.

1 Thessalonians 2:6

ULT

6 nor seeking glory from men, neither from you nor from others,

UST

6 {We did} not {hope that} people would honor {us–}not you and not others{–}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:7

ULT

7 being able to be a burden as apostles of Christ; but we became little children in the midst of you, as if a mother might comfort {her} own children. [1]

UST

7 {Yet,} we could have made you submit to us, since we are the Messiah's authorized representatives. Instead, we acted as gentle as infants while we were with you. We acted {as gentle} as a {nurturing} mother {who} comforts her own children.

How did Paul treat the Thessalonians when he was among them? (vv7-8)

Paul was gentle with the Thessalonians, like a mother or father with their own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

ULT

8 Having affection for you in this manner, we were pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also {our} own souls. For you had become beloved to us.

UST

8 Since we are so fond of you, we delighted to share God's good news with you. Not only that, but {we} also {delighted to share} our own lives {with you}. {This is} because we started to love you {so much}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:9

ULT

9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil, night and day working in order not to burden any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.

UST

9 Certainly {our} fellow believers, you remember how hard we labored. We kept working during the night and the day. This was so that we would not have to ask any of you to help us financially. Even though we were working, we {still} proclaimed God's good news to you.

What did Paul and his companions do so that they were not a burden to the Thessalonians?

Paul and his companions worked night and day so that they were not a burden to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 2:10

ULT

10 You {are} witnesses, and {so is} God, how holy and righteous, and blameless we became toward you, the ones believing,

UST

10 Both you and God testify to how faithfully, righteously, and innocently we behaved toward {all of} you who trust {in God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:11

ULT

11 just as you know as each one of you, as a father his own children,

UST

11 Each and every one of you knows this personally: {we behaved} the same way {towards you,} as a father {behaves towards} his own children.

How did Paul treat the Thessalonians when he was among them?

Paul was gentle with the Thessalonians like a mother or father with their own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

ULT

12 exhorting you and encouraging and testifying for you to walk worthily of God, the one calling you into {his} own kingdom and glory.

UST

12 {We kept} urging and encouraging and testifying that all of you should live the way that God wants his people to live! This is because God {keeps} inviting you to enter his own glorious kingdom.

How did Paul tell the Thessalonians they should walk?

Paul told the Thessalonians that they should walk in a manner worthy of God who calls them to his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

ULT

13 And because of this, we also thank God constantly, that having received {the} word of God, heard from us, you accepted it not {as} {the} word of man, but just as it truly is, {the} word of God, which is also working in you, the ones believing.

UST

13 We also continually thank God for this reason: you accepted God's message when we reported it to you. You did not consider it to be merely a human message. {You accepted} the message as if God sent it himself. And God actually gave us the message to report! {We} also {constantly thank God} that for those of you who trust in him, God is effectively changing you to live like his people should.

As what kind of word did the Thessalonians receive the message Paul preached to them?

The Thessalonians received the message as the word of God, not as the word of man.

1 Thessalonians 2:14

ULT

14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God {that} are in Judea in Christ Jesus, because the same {things} you also suffered from {your} own countrymen, just as they also from the Jews,

UST

14-15 {Unbelieving} Jews in Judea not only killed the prophets {long ago}, but they {recently} also killed the Lord Jesus. They also severely mistreated us {apostles}. These unbelieving Jews also made the Judean believers in the Messiah suffer. Certainly, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, you imitated those assemblies of God in Judea that are united to Jesus the Messiah by suffering the same things from your fellow countrymen. God is thoroughly displeased with these {unbelieving} Jews. They are also enemies of the whole human race!

What had the unbelieving Jews done which did not please God? (vv14-16)

The unbelieving Jews persecuted the churches in Judea, killed Jesus and the prophets, drove out Paul, and forbade Paul to speak to the Gentiles.

1 Thessalonians 2:15

ULT

15 the ones having killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and having persecuted us and not being pleasing to God and {being} hostile to all men,

UST

14-15 {Unbelieving} Jews in Judea not only killed the prophets {long ago}, but they {recently} also killed the Lord Jesus. They also severely mistreated us {apostles}. These unbelieving Jews also made the Judean believers in the Messiah suffer. Certainly, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, you imitated those assemblies of God in Judea that are united to Jesus the Messiah by suffering the same things from your fellow countrymen. God is thoroughly displeased with these {unbelieving} Jews. They are also enemies of the whole human race!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:16

ULT

16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles so that they might be saved, to always fill up their sins. But the wrath has come upon them to {the} end.

UST

16 The unbelieving Jews keep trying to stop us from telling {God's good news to} those people who are not Jews. This is because the unbelieving Jews do not want God to save those who are not Jews. These unbelieving Jews continue to sin so much that they have almost reached the limit that God will allow. Indeed, when they least expect it, God will punish them at the end {of time}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:17

ULT

17 But we, brothers, having been separated from you for {the} time of an hour, by face, not in heart, became extremely eager to see your face, in much desire.

UST

17 {Our} fellow believers, being so far away deprived {us} from seeing you for a short time. But, although we were far away from you, we did not become less affectionate {towards you}. We became even more eager and deeply desired to see you in person.

Why was Paul not able to come to the Thessalonians even though that was his wish? (vv17-18)

Paul was not able to come because Satan hindered him.

1 Thessalonians 2:18

ULT

18 For we desired to come to you—indeed I, Paul, both once and twice—but Satan hindered us.

UST

18 Indeed, we wanted to visit you. I, Paul, even {tried to come} two times, but {when we tried to come,} Satan opposed us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 2:19

ULT

19 For what {is} our hope or joy or crown of boasting? [2] Or {is it} not even you before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

UST

19 We wanted to visit because we are so confident {about your trust in God. Being in your presence} also makes us joyful. {Since you are so faithful to God,} we are sure we have achieved what God wanted us to do. {Certainly, we are} also {convinced that we will all be together} in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes {again}!

What will the Thessalonians be for Paul at the Lord's coming? (vv19-20)

The Thessalonians will be Paul's hope, joy, and crown of glorying at the Lord's coming.

1 Thessalonians 2:20

ULT

20 For you are our glory and joy.

2:7 [1]

2:19 [2] two ancient versions have a word translated as or

UST

20 Because of you, we glorify {God} and rejoice!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3

1 Thessalonians 3:1

ULT

1 Therefore, enduring {it} no longer, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone,

UST

1 So then, when we {felt like we} could not possibly wait any longer, we thought it was appropriate for only Silas and me to stay behind in the city of Athens.

What did Paul do, even though he would be left behind in Athens? (vv1-2)

Paul sent Timothy to strengthen and comfort the believers in Thessalonica.

1 Thessalonians 3:2

ULT

2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and a servant of God in the gospel of Christ, [1] to strengthen and to comfort you regarding your faith,

UST

2 But, we still sent Timothy {to you}. He works alongside us and serves God by {proclaiming} the good news about the Messiah. {Silas and I sent him} in order to support and encourage you to remain faithful {to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3:3

ULT

3 {that} no one be disturbed by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that for this we are appointed.

UST

3 {We also sent Timothy to you} so that when people afflict us {apostles}, it would not cause any of you to waver {in how you trust God}. You are well aware that {God} determined that people would afflict us {apostles}.

To what did Paul say he was appointed?

Paul said that he was appointed to afflictions.

1 Thessalonians 3:4

ULT

[4] For even when we were with you, we were telling you in advance that we are about to suffer affliction, and it happened, just as you also know.

UST

[4] In fact, even while we {apostles} were visiting you, we kept warning you ahead of time. We warned you that God determined for people to afflict us {apostles}. You are well aware that this is exactly what occurred.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3:5

ULT

[5] Because of this, I also no longer enduring {it}, sent to know about your faith, lest the tempter had somehow tempted you, and our labor might have been in vain.

UST

[5] Again this is why, when I {felt like I} could not possibly wait any longer, I sent {Timothy to you. I was concerned} to learn if you were still trusting {in God. I was concerned that} somehow Satan tempted you {to stop trusting in God. If you would have stopped trusting in God,} then all of the hard work we accomplished {among you} would have turned out to be useless!

About what was Paul concerned regarding the Thessalonians?

Paul was concerned that somehow the tempter had tempted them and that his labor had been in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:6

ULT

[6] But just now Timothy has come to us from you and has brought to us the good news of your faith and love and that you always have good memories of us, longing to see us just as we also, you.

UST

[6] Timothy recently returned to Silas and me from his visit with you. He told us the good news about how much you trust and love {God. He also told us} that whenever you think about us, it makes you happy. {He told us} how much you desire to visit us. We have that same desire too!

What comforted Paul when Timothy returned from Thessalonica? (vv6-7)

Paul was comforted to hear the good news of the Thessalonians' faith and love, and that they longed to see him.

1 Thessalonians 3:7

ULT

7 Because of this, brothers, we were comforted by you in all our distress and affliction, by your faith.

UST

7 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, during the whole time people abused and afflicted us–God encouraged us about you. We were encouraged {when learning from Timothy} that you {still} trust {in God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3:8

ULT

8 For now we live, if you yourselves stand firm in {the} Lord.

UST

8 Indeed, we feel revived since you continue {to trust} in the Lord {Jesus}!

Paul says that he lives if the Thessalonians do what?

Paul says that he lives if the Thessalonians stand firm in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:9

ULT

9 For what thanks are we able to give back to God concerning you for all the joy in which we rejoice before our God because of you, [2]

UST

9 Indeed, we cannot thank God enough for what he has done for you! {When we pray} to our God, we abundantly rejoice because of {how much} you {trust in him}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3:10

ULT
10 night and day pleading earnestly to see your face and to provide what {is} lacking in your faith?

UST
10 We constantly and excessively beg God {that we would be able} to see you in person. {We} also {desire} to help you increase how much you trust {in God}!

For what does Paul pray night and day?
Paul prays night and day that he might see the Thessalonians and provide what is lacking in their faith.

1 Thessalonians 3:11

ULT
11 But may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

UST
11 Now, we pray to God our Father, and to our Lord Jesus, that they will allow us to visit you {again}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 3:12

ULT
12 Now may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we also toward you,

UST
12 {We} pray that the Lord {Jesus} will cause you to increase more and more in how much you love your fellow believer. {We} also pray that he will cause you to excel in loving all people. This is exactly the way we love you!

In what does Paul wish the Thessalonians to increase and abound?
Paul wishes the Thessalonians to increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all people.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

ULT

13 to strengthen your hearts, blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen!

3:2 [1]

3:9 [2] with

UST

13 {We pray that our Lord Jesus} will strengthen how much you desire {to love each other. We pray that our Lord Jesus} will enable you to live in a way that God our Father considers faultless for those who belong to him. {We pray all of these things so that you will be ready} when our Lord Jesus comes {a second time}, bringing all those who belong to him. May it be so!

For what event does Paul want the Thessalonians to be prepared by having their hearts blameless in holiness?

Paul wants the Thessalonians to be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 4

1 Thessalonians 4:1

ULT

1 So finally, brothers, we ask and exhort you in {the} Lord Jesus, just as you received from us about how it is necessary for you to walk and to please God (just as also you are walking), so that you might abound even more.

UST

1-2 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, here is a summary {of this letter}. Since we are the spokespersons of the Lord Jesus, we urge and encourage you to keep putting into practice what we taught you. This is how it is necessary for you to live and to please God. Then you will excel even more, because you are aware of the commands the Lord Jesus told us to give you.

What did Paul want the Thessalonians to do with the instructions he had given them about how they must walk and please God? (vv1-2)
Paul wanted the Thessalonians to continue to walk and please God, and to do even more.

1 Thessalonians 4:2

ULT

2 For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

UST

1-2 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, here is a summary {of this letter}. Since we are the spokespersons of the Lord Jesus, we urge and encourage you to keep putting into practice what we taught you. This is how it is necessary for you to live and to please God. Then you will excel even more, because you are aware of the commands the Lord Jesus told us to give you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:3

ULT

3 For this is {the} will of God, your sanctification: to keep yourselves from sexual immorality;

UST

3 Certainly, God wills for you to live in a way that demonstrates that you completely belong to him: {He desires} that you refrain from committing {any} sexually immoral acts.

What did Paul say was God's will for the Thessalonians?
Paul said God's will for the Thessalonians was their sanctification.

1 Thessalonians 4:4

ULT

4 for each of you to know to possess {his} own vessel in sanctification and honor,

UST

4 {God wills} that each one of you only have sexual relations with his own wife. {God wills} that you treat your wives like they belong to God, and to honor them.

How were the husbands to treat their wives?

The husbands were to treat their wives in holiness and honor.

1 Thessalonians 4:5

ULT

5 not in {the} passion of lust (just as also the Gentiles, the ones not knowing God);

UST

5 {You must not use your wife} to lustfully gratify what you desire. This is because the nations who are not God's people live this way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:6

ULT

6 not to transgress and exploit his brother in this matter, for the Lord {is} an avenger concerning all these {things}, just as we also forewarned you and testified.

UST

6 {God also wills} that no one violates and takes advantage of {the wife of} his fellow believer in the Messiah like this. This is because the Lord {Jesus} will avenge all these {sexually immoral} acts. The Lord {Jesus} will avenge exactly as we previously said and strongly warned you.

What would happen to a brother who sinned in the matter of sexual immorality?

The Lord would be an avenger toward a brother who sinned in the matter of sexual immorality.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

ULT

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in sanctification.

UST

7 Certainly God does not summon us {believers in the Messiah into his glorious kingdom} for the purpose of impure {living}. Instead, God wills that we live like those who belong to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:8

ULT

8 Therefore, the one rejecting {this} rejects not man, but God, who gives [1] his Holy Spirit to you [2]

UST

8 For this very reason, {I warn each one of you. Since God has told us to say these things,} if anyone {continues to} reject what we say, you are not {simply} rejecting a human being. No, you are rejecting God himself! You are rejecting God who {continually} shares his Holy Spirit with all of you!

Who does a person reject who rejects the call to holiness?

A person who rejects the call to holiness rejects God.

1 Thessalonians 4:9

ULT

9 But concerning brotherly love, you have [3] no need {for us} to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

UST

9 Now, {about your question,} there is {really} no need {for anyone} to write to {remind} you how fellow believers in the Messiah should act affectionately toward each other. This is because it is certain that you have already learned what God teaches, “love each other.”

What were the Thessalonians doing that Paul wanted them to do even more? (vv9-10)

Paul wanted the Thessalonians to love one another even more.

1 Thessalonians 4:10

ULT

10 For indeed, you do this to all the brothers who {are} in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brothers, to abound even more

UST

10 Certainly you are {already} acting lovingly to all the fellow believers in the Messiah who live throughout Macedonia. Yet, our fellow believers in the Messiah, we {want to} urge all of you to excel in loving {each other} even more!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:11

ULT

11 and to strive to live quietly and to perform your own {things} and to work with your own hands, just as we commanded you,

UST

11 {We} also {urge you} to aspire to live peacefully. {We urge you} to keep busy with your own matters. {We urge you} to focus on working to earn what you need to live. Do what we already commanded you.

What were the Thessalonians to do so that they walked properly before unbelievers and had need of nothing? (vv11-12)

The Thessalonians were to be quiet, mind their own business, and work with their hands.

1 Thessalonians 4:12

ULT

12 so that you may walk properly before the ones outside and may have need of nothing.

UST

12 {We urge you to do these things,} so that you can set a good example toward those who do not believe in the Messiah {by how modestly you live.} Then you would not have to depend {on others} to provide what you need {to live}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:13

ULT

13 Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, concerning the ones sleeping, so that you may not grieve just as also the rest who have no hope.

UST

13 Also, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, we want you to be aware about {what will happen to} believers in the Messiah who are dead. You should not be like the rest of humanity, which does not believe in the Messiah. They are deeply sad because they do not confidently expect that people will resurrect after death.

About what subject did the Thessalonians possibly have a misunderstanding?

The Thessalonians possibly had a misunderstanding about what happened to those who slept.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

ULT

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so God will also bring with him the ones having fallen asleep through Jesus.

UST

14 Certainly, we {apostles} are convinced that Jesus died and resurrected. This is why we also are convinced that God will {resurrect} the dead people who are united to Jesus. Then God will send them back with Jesus {when he returns to earth again}.

What will God do for those who have fallen asleep in Jesus?

God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:15

ULT

15 For this we say to you by {the} word of {the} Lord, that we, the ones being alive, the ones being left behind until the coming of the Lord, may certainly not go before the ones having fallen asleep.

UST

15 In fact, what we {apostles} are now telling you is a message from the Lord {Jesus himself}. When the Lord {Jesus} comes again{, all believers in the Messiah will greet him}. First, those {believers in the Messiah} who have {already} died will certainly greet him, and then we {believers in the Messiah} who are still alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 4:16

ULT

16 For the Lord himself, with a shout, with {the} voice of {the} archangel and with a trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

UST

16 {This is how} the Lord {Jesus} will come down from heaven: the Lord {Jesus} himself will personally give the command {for all to resurrect}. The chief angel will shout. God's trumpet will blast. Then {all} the dead who are united to the Messiah will be the first to resurrect {from the earth}.

How will the Lord descend from heaven?

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout and with the trumpet of God.

Who will rise first, and then who will rise together with them? (vv16-17)

The dead in Christ will rise first, then those who are still alive will be caught up with them.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

ULT

17 Then we, the ones living, the ones being left behind, will be caught up together with them in {the} clouds to meet the Lord in {the} air, and in this way we will always be with {the} Lord.

UST

17 After that, God will snatch up all of us believers in the Messiah who are still alive on earth so that we can meet the Lord {Jesus} in the air. Both groups of believers in the Messiah will meet together on the clouds. This is how we will remain together with the Lord {Jesus} forever!

Who will the risen meet, and for how long?

The risen will meet the Lord in the air, and will always then be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

ULT

18 Therefore, comfort one another with these words.
4:8 [1] some ancient manuscripts read
4:8 [2] some ancient manuscripts read
4:9 [3] but the best manuscripts read

UST

18 As a result, you must encourage each other with this message!

What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to do with his teaching about those who had fallen asleep?

Paul told the Thessalonians to comfort one another with his words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 Thessalonians 5:1

ULT

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need {for us} to write to you.

UST

1 {Now I want you to be aware of the timing of our Lord's return to earth} Our fellow believers in the Messiah, we do not {really} need to write {anything} to you about the specific time {of our Lord's return}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:2

ULT

2 For you yourselves know perfectly well that {the} day of {the} Lord comes in this manner—like a thief in {the} night.

UST

2 This is because you yourselves already know accurately about the time when the Lord {Jesus} will come back. You also know that he will come {unexpectedly}, like when a robber comes at night.

How does Paul say the day of the Lord will come?

Paul says the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

ULT

3 When they say, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction comes on them like the birth pains to the one having in the womb, and they will certainly not escape.

UST

3 {The Lord Jesus} will come at a time when people are saying, "{We are} safe and secure!" Then, suddenly, God will overwhelm and destroy them! It will be similar to when a pregnant woman cannot escape being overwhelmed by labor pains. In the same way, those people can never escape {when God destroys}!

What will some people be saying when sudden destruction comes upon them?

Some people will be saying, "Peace and safety".

1 Thessalonians 5:4

ULT

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that the day might overtake you like a thief.

UST

4 However, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, you are not people who are unaware of what will happen, like when people are in the darkness. This is why, when the Lord Jesus returns to earth to punish the people who do not belong to him, he will not surprise you as if he were a thief.

Why does Paul say the day of the Lord should not overtake the believers like a thief? (vv4-5)

Because the believers are not in darkness, but are sons of the light, the day of the Lord should not overtake them like a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

ULT

5 For you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night, nor of darkness;

UST

5 {Since} you are all God's children, {you should live ready for Jesus to return to earth}, like people who are in the light or awake during day are aware of what is happening. We are not {Satan's children,} who live unaware of what will happen, like people at night or in the darkness {who cannot perceive as well}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:6

ULT

6 so then, we should not sleep as the rest, but we should keep watch and be sober.

UST

6 So, this is why, {as God's children, we must live ready for what will happen. We must} not live unaware of what will happen like the rest of humanity, who are just like people who are sleeping. Instead, we must stay alert and remain attentive, {expecting Jesus to return to earth}.

What does Paul tell the believers to do regarding the coming day of the Lord?

Paul tells the believers to watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:7

ULT

7 For the ones sleeping sleep at night, and the ones getting drunk get drunk at night.

UST

7 It is well known that when people are unaware of what will happen, it is {usually} at night, when they are sleeping. And when people get drunk, they are not ready for what will happen. They {usually} get drunk at night, {when they cannot perceive things as well}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:8

ULT

8 But we, being of day, should stay sober, having put on {the} breastplate of faith and of love, and a helmet—{the} hope of salvation.

UST

8 But {we who are ready for the Lord Jesus to return to earth do not live unaware of what will happen like these people. Since} we are ready, we must remain attentive. We must fully arm ourselves {like soldiers}. Faithful love {towards God should cover our chests} like a breastplate. Being confident {that God} will save us {should fully protect our heads} like a helmet.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:9

ULT

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

9 Since {we are his people,} God did not destine that he would punish us {for our sins}. Instead, he destined that our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, would preserve and save us.

For what are the believers destined by God?

The believers are destined by God for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:10

ULT

10 the one having died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we live together with him.

UST

10 Jesus died in our place so that we would live {forever} with him. {This is true,} whether we are alive or dead {when he returns to earth}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:11

ULT

11 Therefore, comfort one another and build up one the one, just as also you are doing.

UST

11 Since this is true, continue to habitually encourage and support each and every one {of your fellow believers in the Messiah}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:12

ULT

12 Now we ask you, brothers, to acknowledge the ones laboring among you and leading you in {the} Lord and admonishing you,

UST

12 Finally, {our} fellow believers in the Messiah, we request that you give recognition to your spiritual leaders who work hard among you, in the same way you would give recognition to the Lord {Jesus}. You should also give them recognition because they continually warn and instruct you {about living like believers in the Messiah should}.

What attitude does Paul say the believers should have toward those who are over them in the Lord? (vv12-13)

Paul says that they should acknowledge and highly regard them in love.

1 Thessalonians 5:13

ULT
13 and to regard them highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

UST
13 Because {of how hard} they work {for you,} we also request {that} you abundantly love your spiritual leaders by being considerate of them. {We also urge} that you keep living peacefully with each other.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:14

ULT
14 Now we exhort you, brothers: Admonish the disorderly, encourage the discouraged, help the weak, be patient toward all.

UST
14 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, we now urge that you warn and instruct those who live inappropriately. We {also} urge that you cheer up those who are discouraged. We {also} urge that you support those who are weak. We {also} urge that you live patiently with every one {of your fellow believers in the Messiah}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:15

ULT
15 See that no one would pay back evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue {what is} good, both for one another and for all.

UST
15 If someone treats you badly, make sure that you do not treat them badly in return. Instead, whenever {you can,} actively look for ways to kindly treat every {fellow believer in the Messiah}.

What does Paul say no one should do when evil is done to them?
Paul says that no one should pay back evil when evil is done to them.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

ULT
16 Rejoice always.

UST
16 Be joyful all the time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:17

ULT
17 Pray without ceasing.

UST
17 Constantly pray!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:18

ULT
18 In everything give thanks, for this {is} {the} will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

UST
18 Keep giving thanks to God in every situation! Indeed, God desires for all of you who are united to Jesus the Messiah to do all these things.

What does Paul say that the believers should do in everything, and why?
Paul says that the believers should give thanks in everything, because this is the will of God for them.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

ULT
19 Do not quench the Spirit.

UST
19 Do not {try to stop} the {Holy} Spirit {from working among you. That would be like someone trying to} extinguish {a fire}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:20

ULT
20 Do not despise prophecies.

UST
20 {In other words,} do not scorn prophecies {that the Holy Spirit gives to other believers in the Messiah}!

What instructions does Paul give the believers about prophecies? (vv20-21)
Paul instructs the believers to not despise prophecies, and to test all things, holding on to that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

ULT
21 Test all {things}. [1] Hold fast to what {is} good.

UST
21 {Instead,} keep evaluating all {of the prophecies and} retain {only} those that prove to be excellent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:22

ULT
22 Stay away from all appearance of evil.

UST
22 Refrain from any thing that appears to be wicked!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:23

ULT

23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your entire spirit, and soul, and body be kept blamelessly at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

23 In summary, we pray that God will personally make you live like people who completely belong to him. God is the one who gives his people peace. We also pray that God will preserve you completely innocent for the time when our Lord Jesus the Messiah arrives on earth again.

What does Paul pray that God will do for the believers?

Paul prays that God will sanctify the believers completely in spirit, soul, and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

ULT

24 Faithful {is} the one calling you, who will also do it.

UST

24 The faithful God {continually} summons all of you {to live like those who completely belong to him. So, you can be certain that} he will also do {whatever is necessary for you to be able to live like those who completely belong to him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:25

ULT

25 Brothers, pray also for us.

UST

25 {Our} fellow believers in the Messiah, we also ask that you keep praying for me, for Silas, and for Timothy!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:26

ULT
26 Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.

UST
26 When you meet together {for worship}, affectionately greet each of your fellow believers in the Messiah in a way that is appropriate for those who belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:27

ULT
27 I solemnly charge you {by} the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers. [2]

UST
27 I want you to swear an oath to the Lord {Jesus}, that you will read this letter to all the believers in the Messiah {among you}!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Thessalonians 5:28

ULT
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with you. [3]
5:21 [1] many ancient manuscripts read
5:27 [2]
5:28 [3]

UST
28 May our Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to} act kindly toward all of you!

What does Paul pray would be with the believers?
Paul prays that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ would be with the believers.

2 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 1

2 Thessalonians 1:1

ULT

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the church of {the} Thessalonians in God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

1 {I,} Paul, {am writing this letter.} Silas and Timothy {are with me. We are sending this letter} to {you,} the group of believers in the city of Thessalonica, who belong to God our Father and to {our} Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 1:2

ULT

2 Grace to you and peace from God {the} Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

2 {May} God our Father and our Lord Jesus the Messiah {continue to be} kind to you and {make you} peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 1:3

ULT

3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, just as it is fitting, because your faith is increasing greatly, and the love of each one of you all for one another is increasing;

UST

3 Our fellow believers, we should thank God very frequently for you{, and we certainly do}! It is very appropriate that we should do this, because you are trusting in the Lord Jesus more and more, and because every one of you is loving each of the others more and more.

For what two things in the church at Thessalonica does Paul give thanks to God?
Paul give thanks to God for their growing faith and for their love toward each other.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

ULT

4 so that we ourselves boast concerning you among the churches of God about your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions that you endure,

UST

4 As a result, we keep proudly talking about you to the other groups of believers belonging to God. We tell them how you patiently endure {suffering} and how you continue trusting in the Lord Jesus, even though other people continually cause you to suffer.

What circumstances are the believers enduring in Thessalonica?
The believers are enduring persecutions and afflictions.

2 Thessalonians 1:5

ULT

5 evidence of the righteous judgment of God, for you to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;

UST

5 {We can clearly see that God has made you able to stay faithful to Jesus while people make you suffer.} From that we know that God judges justly, because it means that he considers you to be worthy of being part of his people forever. That is what you are suffering for.

What will be the positive result of the circumstances the believers are enduring?
The believers will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:6

ULT

6 if indeed {it is} righteous for God to return affliction to the ones afflicting you,

UST

6 Since God judges justly, he will certainly also cause suffering for those people who are making you suffer.

What will God do to those who afflict the believers? (vv6-8)
God will afflict those who afflict the believers, punishing them with flaming fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

ULT

[7] and relief to you, the ones being afflicted with us at the revealing of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels,

UST

[7] He will also cause the people who are afflicting you to stop doing it. He will also do that for us. This will happen when our Lord Jesus shows himself to everyone as he returns from heaven with his powerful angels.

When will the believers be relieved of their afflictions?

The believers will be relieved when Jesus Christ is revealed from heaven.

2 Thessalonians 1:8

ULT

[8] in flaming fire taking vengeance on the ones not having known God and on the ones not obeying the gospel of our Lord Jesus,

UST

[8] Then with blazing fire he will punish those people who have rejected God, those who refuse to accept the good news about our Lord Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 1:9

ULT

[9] who will pay {the} penalty—eternal destruction away from {the} face of the Lord and from the glory of his power,

UST

[9] These people will experience the direct result {of rejecting God}. They will be apart from the Lord {Jesus} forever, where they will never know how wonderfully powerful he is, and where they will be always dying.

How long will the punishment be for those who do not know God?

The punishment for those who do not know God will be eternal.

From what are those who do not know God separated as part of their punishment?

Those who do not know God are separated from the presence of the Lord as part of their punishment.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

ULT

10 when he comes on that day to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all the ones having believed, for our testimony to you has been believed.

UST

10 {This will happen} when the Lord Jesus comes back from heaven at the time that God has decided. As a result, all we who are his people will praise him and marvel at him. {You will be there, too,} because you believed us when we told you the things about Jesus that we knew to be true.

What will the believers do when they see Christ come on his day?

The believers will marvel at Christ when he comes on his day.

2 Thessalonians 1:11

ULT

11 For this we also pray always for you, so that our God may consider you worthy of the calling and he may fulfill every desire of goodness and work of faith in power

UST

11 We frequently ask God {to strengthen you spiritually so} that you might praise Jesus like this. We pray that the God whom we worship will make you worthy to be the new people that he has invited you to be. We pray that he will empower you to accomplish every good thing that you want to do because God has inspired you to do it.

What is the result of the believers' good works of faith done in God's power? (vv11-12)

The result of their good works is that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified.

2 Thessalonians 1:12

ULT

12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus might be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

12 We pray this because we want you to praise our Lord Jesus, and we want him to honor you. This will happen because the God whom we worship and our Lord Jesus the Messiah are exceedingly kind to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2

2 Thessalonians 2:1

ULT

1 Now about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to him, we ask you, brothers,

UST

1 Now {I want to write to you} about the time when our Lord Jesus the Messiah will return and will gather us to himself. My fellow believers, I urge you

About what event does Paul say he is now going to write?

Paul says he is now going to write concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:2

ULT

2 for you not to be quickly shaken in {your} mind and not to be troubled neither by a spirit nor by a word nor by a letter as if from us, as if the day of the Lord has already come.

UST

2 to think calmly about any message that may have come to you that says that the Lord Jesus has already returned to earth. Do not let this kind of message upset you. It does not matter if the message comes from a spirit or if it comes from a person or if it is in a letter that someone claims that I wrote.

What does Paul tell them not to believe?

Paul tells them not to believe that the day of the Lord has already come.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

ULT

3 May no one deceive you in any way, for unless the apostacy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, *[1]*

UST

3 Do not allow anyone to persuade you to believe any such message. It is not true, because other things {that have not yet happened} must happen before {the Lord returns}. Before the Lord returns, a large number of people will rebel against God. They will accept and obey a certain man who will oppose everything that God has said. (After some time, God will destroy him.)

What does Paul say must come before the day of the Lord?

The falling away and the revealing of the man of lawlessness must come before the day of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

ULT

4 the one opposing and exalting himself against everything being called god or an object of worship. As a result, he himself sits in the temple of God, showing that he himself is God.

UST

4 This man will say that he is greater than everything that people consider to be God and everything that people worship. He will oppose both. As a result, he will even sit {in God's place} in God's temple to proclaim that he himself is God!

What does the man of lawlessness do?

The man of lawlessness opposes and exalts himself against God, sitting in the temple of God and portraying himself as God.

2 Thessalonians 2:5

ULT

5 Do you not remember that, still being with you, I was telling you these {things}?

UST

5 I am sure that you remember that I told you all about these things while I was still with you {there in Thessalonica}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2:6

ULT

6 And now you know the one restraining {him}, until his revealing in his time.

UST

6 You also know what is preventing this man from showing himself to everybody now. He will not be able to show himself until the time that God has set for him.

When will the man of lawlessness be revealed? (vv6-7)

The man of lawlessness will be revealed when it is time, when the one who restrains him is taken out of the way.

2 Thessalonians 2:7

ULT

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already working, only the one restraining {him} now will do so until he comes out of the way,

UST

7 Clearly, people are already opposing what God has said, for reasons that only believers can understand. But someone is preventing this man {from revealing himself} now, and he will continue to prevent this man until God tells him to stop preventing this man.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2:8

ULT

8 and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth, and will bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming,

UST

8 It is then that God will allow this man who completely rejects God’s instructions to show himself to everyone. (In the end, Jesus will return. When this man sees Jesus, this man will become completely powerless. Then the Lord Jesus will speak a command that will destroy this man.)

What will Jesus do to the man of lawlessness when Jesus is revealed?

When Jesus is revealed, he will kill the man of lawlessness.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

ULT

9 the arrival of whom is according to a work of Satan in all power and signs and false wonders

UST

9 {But before Jesus destroys this man,} Satan will work very powerfully through this man. Satan will empower this man to do all kinds of supernatural deeds that look like the miracles that God does.

Who is working with the man of lawlessness to give him power, signs, and false wonders?

Satan is working with the man of lawlessness to give him power, signs, and false wonders.

2 Thessalonians 2:10

ULT

10 and in all deceit of unrighteousness to the ones perishing, because of which they did not receive the love of the truth for them to be saved.

UST

10 This man will be very wicked and will deceive very many people. These people will perish because they did not accept the true message about Jesus as highly valuable, so God will not save them.

Why are some deceived by the man of lawlessness and are perishing?

Some are deceived because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:11

ULT

11 And because of this, God is sending to them a working of error for them to believe the lie

UST

11 Because these people reject the true message about Jesus, God enables them to think falsely so that they will believe this man's lies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2:12

ULT

12 so that they might all be judged, the ones not having believed the truth, but having taken pleasure in the unrighteousness.

UST

12 God does that so that he may justly condemn all those who refused to believe the true message about Jesus, people who instead preferred to do things that are wicked.

In what do those who are deceived and perishing take pleasure?

Those who are deceived and perishing take pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

ULT

13 Now we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers having been loved by the Lord. For God chose you {as} firstfruits [2] for salvation in sanctification of {the} Spirit and belief in {the} truth. [3]

UST

13 But we should always thank God for you, our fellow believers, you whom our Lord Jesus loves. We should do this because God chose you to be among the first people to believe the true message about Jesus. God chose you to be among the first people that he would save and set apart for himself by means of his Spirit.

What did God choose for the Thessalonians to obtain through the gospel? (vv13-14)

God chose for the Thessalonians to obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through the gospel.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

ULT

14 He called you to this through our gospel, to {the} acquiring of {the} glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

14 God invited you to belong to him as we proclaimed to you the good news about Jesus so that God might honor you in some of the same ways that he honors our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2:15

ULT

15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold tight to the traditions that you were taught, whether by word or by our letter.

UST

15 So, our fellow believers, continue to strongly believe in the Messiah. Continue believing the true teachings that we have passed on to you when we spoke to you and wrote a letter to you.

What does Paul call the Thessalonians to do now that they have received the gospel?

Paul calls the Thessalonians to stand firm and to grasp the traditions that they were taught.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

ULT

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave {us} eternal comfort and good hope through grace,

UST

16-17 God our Father loves us. Because he is extremely kind to us, he will continue to encourage us forever, and we can expect to receive good things from him. We pray that he and our Lord Jesus the Messiah himself will encourage you and make you able to continually do and say every kind of good thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 2:17

ULT

17 may he comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.
2:3 [1]
2:13 [2]
2:13 [3]

UST

16-17 God our Father loves us. Because he is extremely kind to us, he will continue to encourage us forever, and we can expect to receive good things from him. We pray that he and our Lord Jesus the Messiah himself will encourage you and make you able to continually do and say every kind of good thing.

In what does Paul desire the Thessalonians to be established in their hearts?

Paul desires that the Thessalonians be established in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3

2 Thessalonians 3:1

ULT

[1] Finally, brothers, pray for us so that the word of the Lord might run and might be glorified, just as also with you,

UST

[1] This is the last part of what I want to say. Our fellow believers, pray for us that many more people will soon hear the message about our Lord Jesus and honor it, just as you have done.

For what does Paul want the Thessalonians to pray regarding the word of the Lord?
Paul wants the Thessalonians to pray that the word of the Lord would spread rapidly and be glorified.

2 Thessalonians 3:2

ULT

[2] and so that we might be rescued from the perverse and evil men, for not everyone {has} the faith.

UST

[2] Pray also for us that God will keep the many evil people from harming us. As you know, most people are not faithful to the Lord.

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?
Paul wishes to be delivered from wicked and evil people who do not have faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

ULT

[3] But the Lord is faithful, who will strengthen and keep you from the evil one.

UST

[3] Nevertheless, the Lord Jesus is faithful to you! He will make you strong spiritually and he will protect you from Satan, the evil one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:4

ULT

[4] We are also confident in {the} Lord about you that you are doing and will do what we command.

UST

[4] Because you are joined to our Lord Jesus, we are also confident that you are now obeying what we have commanded you, and that you will obey what we are commanding you {in this letter}.

What does Paul tell the Thessalonians to continue to do?

Paul tells the Thessalonians to continue to do the things he has commanded them.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

ULT

[5] Now may the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ.

UST

[5] We pray that our Lord Jesus would continue to help you to experience how much God loves you as well as to experience the endurance that the Messiah will give you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:6

ULT

[6] Now we command you, brothers, in {the} name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you to keep away from every brother walking disorderly and not according to the traditions which you received from us.

UST

[6] Our fellow believers, accept what we say now as if our Lord Jesus the Messiah himself were saying this: we command you to stop associating with every fellow believer who is lazy and refuses to work. These people are not living in the way that Jesus taught us and that we in turn have taught you.

How are the believers to react every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions they received from Paul?

The believers are to avoid every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions they received from Paul.

2 Thessalonians 3:7

ULT

[7] For you yourselves know in what manner it is necessary to imitate us, because we did not behave disorderly among you,

UST

[7] We tell you this because you yourselves know that you should behave just as we behaved. We did not just sit there without working while we were living among you.

What example did Paul set for the Thessalonians regarding his work and support? (vv7-8)
Paul labored night and day, paying for his food, and not being a burden to anyone.

2 Thessalonians 3:8

ULT

[8] nor did we eat bread from anyone for free, but, working night and day in toil and hardship not to burden any of you,

UST

[8] That is to say, we did not eat anyone's food if we did not pay for it. Instead, we worked very hard all the time {to support ourselves}. We did that so that we would not have to depend on any of you {for what we needed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:9

ULT

[9] not because we do not have authority, but in order that we might offer ourselves {as} an example to you to imitate us.

UST

[9] God has certainly authorized us to receive what we need from his people. But instead of demanding things from you, we worked hard so that you could see how God wants his people to live, and then you could live in just the same way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:10

ULT

10 For even when we were with you, we were commanding you this, “If anyone is not willing to work, do not even let him eat.”

UST

10 Remember that when we were there with you, we kept commanding you that if any fellow believer refuses to work, you should not give him food to eat.

What did Paul command concerning anyone who does not want to work?

Paul commanded that anyone who does not want to work should not eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:11

ULT

11 For we hear about some walking idly among you, not working, but meddling.

UST

11 Now we tell you this again, because people have told us that some of you are lazy and not working at all. Not only that, but some of you are interfering with what other people are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:12

ULT

12 But such ones we are commanding and exhorting in {the} Lord Jesus Christ, that working with quietness, they might eat their own bread.

UST

12 Accept what we say now as if the Lord Jesus the Messiah himself were saying this: We command and urge those fellow believers who are not working to mind their own business and to work so that they have what they need to live.

Instead of being lazy, what does Paul command such people to do?

Paul commands the lazy to work with quietness and to eat their own food.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

ULT
13 But you, brothers, do not become weary in doing what is right.

UST
13 As for you fellow believers who are working hard, do not ever get tired of doing what is right!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:14

ULT
14 Now if anyone does not obey our word through the letter, note this one—not to associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.

UST
14 If any fellow believer does not obey what we have written in this letter, publicly identify that person. Then do not associate with him, in order that he may become ashamed {that he is not working}.

What are the brothers to do with anyone who does not obey Paul's instruction in this letter?
The brothers are to have no association with anyone who does not obey Paul's instruction in this letter.

2 Thessalonians 3:15

ULT
15 And do not consider {him} as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

UST
15 Do not think of him as though he were your enemy; instead, warn him as you would warn your other fellow believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Thessalonians 3:16

ULT

16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace through all in every way. The Lord {be} with you all.

UST

16 I pray that our Lord, who is the only one who can truly make anyone peaceful, will make you peaceful in every way and in all situations. I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to help you all.

What does Paul desire that the Lord would give the Thessalonians?

Paul desires that the Lord would give the Thessalonians peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:17

ULT

17 {This} greeting {is} in my own hand—Paul—which is a sign in every letter. In this manner I write.

UST

17 {Now I have taken the pen from my scribe, and} I, Paul, am sending this greeting to you as I write this myself. I do this in all my letters in order that you may know that it is truly I who have sent this letter. This is how I always end my letters.

How does Paul show that he is the author of this letter?

Paul wrote the greeting with his own hand as the sign that he is the author.

2 Thessalonians 3:18

ULT

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with you all.

UST

18 I pray that our Lord Jesus the Messiah will continue to act kindly to you all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy

1 Timothy 1

1 Timothy 1:1

ULT

[1] Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by {the} command of God our Savior and of {the} Lord Jesus Christ our hope,

UST

[1] {From} Paul, a man who represents Jesus the Messiah. This is what God, the one who saves us, and {our} Lord Jesus the Messiah, in whom we hope, commanded me to do.

How was Paul made an apostle of Christ Jesus?
Paul was made an apostle by to the commandment of God.

1 Timothy 1:2

ULT

[2] to Timothy, a true son in {the} faith: Grace, mercy, peace from God {the} Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

UST

[2] You, Timothy, are {like} a true son to me as a fellow believer. May God the Father and our Lord Jesus the Messiah act kindly and mercifully to you, and keep you peaceful.

What was the relationship between Paul and Timothy?
Timothy was Paul's true son in the faith.

1 Timothy 1:3

ULT

3 As I urged you {when I was} going into Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that you can command certain ones not to teach differently,

UST

3 {I urge you now,} just as I urged you when I was going to the province of Macedonia, to remain in the city of Ephesus. Stay there so that you can command certain men there to stop teaching people things that are different {from what is true}.

Where did Paul urge Timothy to remain?

He urged Timothy to remain in Ephesus.

What was Timothy to command certain people not to do?

He was to command them not to teach differently.

1 Timothy 1:4

ULT

4 and not to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which promote arguments rather than {the} stewardship of God, {which is} by faith.

UST

4 Instruct them to stop focusing on old useless stories and endless lists of ancestors. Those things {only} cause people to argue with each other. They do not help God's plan to move forward. That happens when we trust in God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:5

ULT

5 Now the goal of {this} command is love from a pure heart, and a good conscience, and a sincere faith,

UST

5 We insist on these things so that {God's} people will love {each other}. They will do this when they desire only what is good, when they know confidently that they are doing the right things, and when they genuinely trust in God.

What did Paul say was the goal of his commandment and teaching?

The goal of his commandment was love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:6

ULT

[6] from which some, having missed the mark, have turned away to foolish talk,

UST

[6] Some people have rejected these good things. Instead, they prefer to teach useless things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:7

ULT

[7] wanting to be teachers of the law, not understanding either what they are saying or about which they make confident affirmations.

UST

[7] They desire to be teachers of the laws {that God gave to Moses}, but they do not understand the things that they talk about, nor the things that they insist are true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:8

ULT

[8] But we know that the law (is) good, if one uses it lawfully,

UST

[8] But we know that the laws {that God gave to Moses} are helpful if people use them in the right way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:9

ULT

9 knowing this, that law is not made for {the} righteous, but for {the} lawless and {the} rebellious, {the} ungodly and {the} sinful, {the} godless and {the} profane, father-killers and mother-killers, man-slayers,

UST

9 We know that God does not establish laws for people who do what is right, but for people who act as though there are no laws and who refuse to obey anyone. God establishes laws for those who do not honor God and for those who sin, for those who do not revere God and who pay no attention to him. He establishes laws for those who murder their fathers, for those who murder their mothers, and for those who murder other people.

For whom is the law made?
The law is for lawless, rebellious, ungodly people, and sinners.

1 Timothy 1:10

ULT

10 {the} immoral, male-liers, man-stealers, liars, perjurers, and if anything else is contrary to the healthy teaching,

UST

10 {God establishes laws for} people who are sexually immoral, men who have sexual relations with other men, those who kidnap people {and sell them as slaves}, liars, those who are false witnesses {in courts of law}, and every other action that is contrary to {our} true teaching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:11

ULT

11 according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, {with} which I have been entrusted.

UST

11 {This teaching} comes from the good news about {our} wonderful God, whom we praise. This is the good news that he gave to me {to announce to others}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:12

ULT
12 I have gratitude to the one having strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy, placing me into service,

UST
12 I am grateful to Jesus our Lord the Messiah who enabled me {to do this work}, because he considered that he could trust me. So he appointed me to serve {him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:13

ULT
13 formerly being a blasphemer and a persecutor and an aggresor, but I was shown mercy because not knowing, I acted in unfaithfulness.

UST
13 Formerly I said false things about him, I caused his people to suffer, and I acted very violently {toward them}. But the Messiah acted kindly to me since I did not know that what I was doing was wrong. I did not know that what I was doing was wrong because I did not believe in him.

What sins did Paul formerly commit?
Paul was a blasphemer, persecutor, and a violent man.

1 Timothy 1:14

ULT
14 Indeed, the grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and love {that are} in Christ Jesus.

UST
14 Our Lord abundantly did {for me} what I did not deserve, allowing me to believe in the Messiah Jesus and to love him as someone who belongs to him.

What overflowed to Paul, resulting in Paul becoming an apostle of Jesus Christ?
The grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and love to Paul.

1 Timothy 1:15

ULT

15 {This} word {is} trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—of whom I am first.

UST

15 Everyone should trust this statement and accept it completely: “Jesus the Messiah came into the world to save sinful people {so that God would not punish them for their sins}.” {As for me,} I have sinned worse than all the others.

Who did Christ Jesus come into the world to save?

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:16

ULT

16 But because of this I was shown mercy, so that in me, {the} first, Jesus Christ might demonstrate all patience as an example for the ones about to trust in him for eternal life.

UST

16 But this is why the Messiah Jesus acted mercifully to me. Since I am the person who has sinned worse than all others, he used me as an example to show how perfectly patient he is with people. He wanted to show this to the people who would later believe in him and, as a result, would live forever.

Why does Paul say God gave him mercy?

God gave Paul mercy so that Jesus could demonstrate his patience in Paul as an example.

1 Timothy 1:17

ULT

17 Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, {the} only God, {be} honor and glory to eternity forever. Amen.

UST

17 So let us honor and praise the one who is the eternal king, the one whom no one can see and who can never die! He alone is God. Let us praise him forever and ever! May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 1:18

ULT

18 This command I am placing before you, {my} child, Timothy, in accordance with the earlier prophecies about you, that by them you might fight the good fight,

UST

18 Timothy, you are like a son to me. I am telling you to do these things in agreement with what people previously prophesied about you. I want those messages to encourage you to serve God as diligently as a soldier would obey a commanding officer.

What did Paul tell Timothy to do in accordance with the prophecies made about Timothy?
Paul tells Timothy to fight the good fight.

1 Timothy 1:19

ULT

19 holding faith and a good conscience, which some, having rejected, have shipwrecked regarding the faith,

UST

19 Continue to trust {in the Lord Jesus} and to do only what you know to be right! Some people have stopped doing this and so have destroyed their relationship with God.

What happened to some who rejected their faith and their good conscience?
These people have shipwrecked regarding the faith.

1 Timothy 1:20

ULT

20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have given over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

UST

20 Among the ones who have done this are Hymenaeus and Alexander. I put them into the control of Satan so that {when Satan makes them suffer} they may learn not to insult God.

What did Paul do for those men who had rejected faith and a good conscience and had shipwrecked their faith?
Paul gave them over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2

1 Timothy 2:1

ULT

1 I urge, therefore, first of all, for requests, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings to be made for all men,

UST

1 Because of those things, the most important thing that I encourage {believers to do} is to {continually} pray to God on behalf of everyone. They should ask God for what they need, and also for what other people need, and they should thank God {for everything that he does}.

For whom does Paul request that prayers be made?

Paul requests prayers be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:2

ULT

2 for kings and all the ones being in authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

UST

2 {They should pray} for kings and for everyone who governs {over others} so that we can live peacefully and quietly. {That way we can do} all that God and others consider to be right and proper.

What kind of life does Paul desire Christians be allowed to live?

Paul desires that Christians be allowed to live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:3

ULT

3 This {is} good and acceptable before God our Savior,

UST

3 It is good {to pray like that}, and it pleases God, who saves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 2:4

ULT

[4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of {the} truth.

UST

[4] God desires to save all people. He wants everyone to fully know and accept his true message.

What does God desire for all people?

God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:5

ULT

[5] For {there is} one God, and one mediator of God and of men—{the} man Christ Jesus,

UST

[5] That is because there is only one God {of everyone}, and there is only one person who can bring God and human beings together. That person is the Messiah Jesus, who is human himself.

What is the position of Christ Jesus between God and man?

Christ Jesus is the one mediator between God and man.

1 Timothy 2:6

ULT

[6] the one having given himself {as} a ransom for all, the testimony in its own times,

UST

[6] He willingly died {as a sacrifice} in order to rescue all people {from sin and death}. {He died} at the perfect time, and his death showed {that God desires to save all people}.

What did Christ Jesus do for all?

Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all.

1 Timothy 2:7

ULT

[7] for which I was made a herald and an apostle—I am speaking {the} truth in Christ, I am not lying—a teacher of {the} Gentiles in faith and truth.

UST

[7] It is to declare this message that God has appointed me to speak for him and has sent me to represent him. As surely as I belong to the Messiah, I am telling the truth. I am not lying! {God sent me} to teach those who are not Jews that they should believe God's true message.

Who does the apostle Paul teach?

Paul is a teacher of the Gentiles.

1 Timothy 2:8

ULT

[8] Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger and argument,

UST

[8] Therefore, I want men in every place {where believers worship} to pray {to God}. They should live in a way that pleases God, lifting their hands to pray rather than because they are angry or quarreling {with someone}.

What does Paul want men to do?

Paul wants men to pray and lift up holy hands.

1 Timothy 2:9

ULT

[9] likewise women to adorn themselves in proper attire, with modesty and self-control, not in braids and gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing,

UST

[9] Similarly, {when gathering to worship God,} the women should wear appropriate clothing that is modest and sensible. They should not try to beautify themselves with elaborate hairstyles, or gold jewelry, or pearls, or expensive clothing.

What does Paul want women to do?

Paul wants women to dress modestly and with self-control.

1 Timothy 2:10

ULT
[10] but what befits women professing godliness, through good works.

UST
[10] Instead, {they should beautify themselves by doing} the things that women who claim to worship God should do. That is, {they should be doing} good things {for other people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 2:11

ULT
[11] Let a woman learn in quietness, in all submission.

UST
[11] Women should learn quietly {from the leaders of the congregation}, remaining subordinate to them at all times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 2:12

ULT
[12] But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in quietness.

UST
[12] But I do not allow women to teach men, nor to have authority over men. Instead, women should remain quiet.

What does Paul not permit a woman to do?
Paul does not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man.

1 Timothy 2:13

ULT
13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve,

UST
13 After all, God made Adam first, and afterwards he made Eve,

What is the first reason that Paul gives for not permitting a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man?
Paul's first reason is that Adam was formed first.

1 Timothy 2:14

ULT
14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, came into transgression.

UST
14 and the snake did not deceive Adam. The snake deceived the woman {so that she did what God had told her not to do,} and she become a sinner.

What is the second reason that Paul gives for not permitting a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man?
Paul's second reason is that Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived.

1 Timothy 2:15

ULT
15 But she will be saved through childbearing, if they remain in faith and love and holiness with self-control.

UST
15 But {even though she did that,} God will save women, although {they must still endure the pain of} bearing children, if they continue to trust in God, and to love others, and to live in a way that pleases God, and to behave sensibly.

In what does Paul want women to remain?
Paul wants women to continue in faith and love and sanctification with self-control.

1 Timothy 3

1 Timothy 3:1

ULT

[1] {This} word {is} trustworthy: “If someone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work.”

UST

[1] Everyone should trust this statement: “If anyone aspires to be a leader of the believers, he desires to do a good task.”

What kind of work is the work of an overseer?

The work of an overseer is good work.

1 Timothy 3:2

ULT

[2] Therefore, the overseer must be irreproachable, a husband of one wife, sober, self-controlled, orderly, hospitable, able to teach,

UST

[2] For that reason, a leader of the believers must be someone whom no one can rightly accuse of doing anything bad. He must be faithful to his wife. He must not do anything excessively. He must think in wise ways. He must behave well. He must welcome guests into his home. He must be able to teach others.

What must an overseer be able to do?

An overseer must be able to teach.

1 Timothy 3:3

ULT

[3] not a drunkard, not a brawler, but gentle, peaceful, not money-loving,

UST

[3] He must not be a drunkard and must not be quick to fight. Instead, he must be gentle and must not be quarrelsome. He must not love money.

How must an overseer handle alcohol and money?

An overseer must not be a drunkard, and must not love money.

1 Timothy 3:4

ULT

4 managing {his} own household well, having children in obedience with all honor

UST

4 He must lead and care for his own family well. His children should obey and completely respect him.

How should an overseer's children treat him?

An overseer's children must obey and honor him.

1 Timothy 3:5

ULT

5 (for if someone does not know {how} to manage {his} own household, how will he take care of {the} church of God?),

UST

5 After all, if anyone does not know how he should lead and care for the people who live in his own house, he certainly cannot care for the gathering of God's people!

Why is it important that an overseer manage his household well?

It is important because if he cannot manage his household well, he will likely not care well for a church.

1 Timothy 3:6

ULT

6 not a new convert, so that he may not fall, being puffed up, into {the} judgment of the devil.

UST

6 Do not appoint a new believer {to be a leader of the believers}, because he might become proud. Then God would judge him for the same reason as he judged the devil.

What is the danger if the overseer is a new convert?

The danger is that he will be puffed up and fall into condemnation.

1 Timothy 3:7

ULT

[7] But he must also have a good reputation with the ones outside, so that he may not fall into disgrace and a trap of the devil.

UST

[7] A leader of the believers must also conduct himself in such a way that nonbelievers will speak well of him. Then people will not say bad things about him, and the devil will not capture him like an animal in a trap.

What must an overseer's reputation be with those outside the church?
An overseer must have a good reputation with those outside the church.

1 Timothy 3:8

ULT

[8] Likewise deacons {must be} dignified, not double-talkers, not indulging in much wine, not greedy,

UST

[8] In the same way, those who {are appointed to} assist the leaders should be people who are serious and mature. They should be sincere when they speak. They should not drink too much wine, and they must not have a strong desire for money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 3:9

ULT

[9] holding the mystery of the faith with a clean conscience.

UST

[9] They must always believe the message that God has now revealed to us about believing in him, while knowing within themselves that God approves of what they are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 3:10

ULT

[10] And let them also be tested first; then let them serve, being blameless.

UST

[10] But {just as you do for the leaders,} you must first examine the way these assistants behave. Then, if you do not find any fault with them, you may let them serve {as assistants}.

What should be done with deacons before they serve?

Before they serve, deacons should be tested.

1 Timothy 3:11

ULT

[11] Likewise women {must be} dignified, not slanderers, sober, trustworthy in everything.

UST

[11] Their wives likewise must be serious and mature, they must not talk badly about people, and they must do everything in moderation. They must be trustworthy in everything that they do.

What are some characteristics of godly women?

Godly women are dignified, not slanderers, sober, and trustworthy in everything.

1 Timothy 3:12

ULT

[12] Deacons are to be husbands of one wife, managing {their} own children and households well.

UST

[12] An assistant must be faithful to his wife, and he must lead and care well for his children and the rest of the people in his house.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 3:13

ULT

13 For the ones having served well acquire for themselves a good standing and much confidence in {the} faith that {is} in Christ Jesus.

UST

13 Assistants who serve well will increasingly benefit {from serving in this way} because people will respect them, and they will learn to speak very boldly about what they believe concerning the Messiah Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 3:14

ULT

14 I am writing these {things} to you, hoping to come to you in quickness,

UST

14 I hope that I will be able to come to you soon. But I am writing these things to you now

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 3:15

ULT

15 but if I delay, so that you may know how one ought to behave in {the} household of God, which is {the} church of {the} living God, a pillar and support of the truth.

UST

15 in case I am not able to come soon. I want you to know how believers should behave in the family of God, which is the group of all those who believe in Jesus and belong to the living God. The people in this group believe and teach the true message.

What is the household of God?

The household of God is the church of the living God.

1 Timothy 3:16

ULT

16 Indeed, admittedly great is the mystery of godliness: “Who was revealed in flesh, was justified in {the} Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among {the} nations, was believed in {the} world, was taken up in glory.”

UST

16 And everyone must agree that this true message that God has revealed to us is marvelous: “The Messiah was God who came to the world in a human body. The Holy Spirit proved that he was genuine. God’s messengers saw him. Believers announced who he was to the nations. People in many parts of the world believed in him. God powerfully took him up {to himself in heaven}.”

After Jesus appeared in the flesh, was justified by the Spirit, and was seen by angels, what happened?

Jesus was proclaimed among nations, believed in the world, and taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 4

1 Timothy 4:1

ULT

[1] Now the Spirit says specifically that in later times some will leave the faith, attending to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons,

UST

[1] Now God's Spirit tells us clearly that in these later times some people will stop believing the true message about Jesus. Instead, they will listen to evil spirits who deceive people, and to the false things that these evil spirits teach.

According to the Spirit, what will some people do in the later times?

Some people will leave the faith and attend to deceiving spirits and the teachings of demons.

1 Timothy 4:2

ULT

[2] through {the} hypocrisy of liars, {their} own consciences having been seared,

UST

[2] The evil spirits teach these things through people who lie and only pretend to do what is right. These people do not even feel guilty when they teach false things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:3

ULT

[3] forbidding to marry, to abstain from foods that God created for receiving with thanksgiving by the faithful and {the ones} knowing the truth.

UST

[3] They prevent people from marrying. They tell them that they must not eat certain kinds of food. But God created that food as something for us to receive from him and to thank him for. He created it for us who believe in him and who know what is true.

What lies will these people teach?

They will forbid marriage and forbid eating some foods.

1 Timothy 4:4

ULT

4 For every creation of God {is} good, and nothing being received with thanksgiving {is} vile,

UST

4 Everything that God has made is good. Any kind of food is acceptable to eat if we thank God for it when we eat it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:5

ULT

5 for it is sanctified by {the} word of God and prayer.

UST

5 When we pray to God and believe what he said, {that everything he created was good,} then the food that we eat is acceptable to him.

How is anything we eat sanctified for our use?

Anything we eat is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:6

ULT

6 Placing these {things} before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being nourished by the words of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

UST

6 If you keep teaching these things to your fellow believers, you will be serving Jesus the Messiah well. You will become strong spiritually as you obey the true message that we all believe. That true message is the good teaching that you have been following.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:7

ULT

[7] But reject the profane and old-womanish myths. Instead, train yourself for godliness,

UST

[7] But have nothing to do with the worthless, foolish stories. Instead, train yourself to do the things that please God.

In what does Paul tell Timothy to train himself?

Paul tells Timothy to train himself in godliness.

1 Timothy 4:8

ULT

[8] for “bodily training is valuable for a little, but godliness is valuable for all {things}, having promise for the present life and the coming one.”

UST

[8] Remember that “training your body helps you a little bit, but learning to do the things that please God helps you in every way. {It is good for you} both as you live now on earth and as you live in the future with God.”

Why is training in godliness more profitable than bodily training?

Training in godliness is more profitable because it holds promise for this present life and the coming one.

1 Timothy 4:9

ULT

[9] {That} word {is} trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance,

UST

[9] Everyone should trust this statement and accept it completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:10

ULT
10 for unto this we toil and struggle, because we have hoped in {the} living God, who is {the} Savior of all men, especially of believers.

UST
10 For this reason we work as hard as we can, because we confidently expect that the living God will do the things that he has promised. He is the Savior of all humanity, but particularly the Savior of those who believe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:11

ULT
11 Command and teach these {things}.

UST
11 Teach the believers about these things and insist that they do them.

What does Paul exhort Timothy to do with all of the good things that he has received in Paul's teaching to him?
Paul exhorts Timothy to command and teach these things.

1 Timothy 4:12

ULT
12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example for the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

UST
12 Do not allow anyone to say that you do not matter because you are young. Instead, show other believers how to live. Show them this by how you speak, how you behave, how you love others, how you trust God, and how you keep yourself sexually pure.

In what ways is Timothy to be an example to others?
Timothy is to be an example in word, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

1 Timothy 4:13

ULT
13 Until I come, attend to the reading, to the exhortation, to the teaching.

UST
13 Until I come back to you, be sure to continue reading {the Scriptures to the believers when you meet together}, teaching {the Scriptures to the believers}, and urging {them to obey the Scriptures}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:14

ULT
14 Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with {the} imposition of the hands of the elder.

UST
14 Be sure to use the gift that you have, which God gave to you when the leaders of the church laid their hands on you and told you what God had revealed to them about you.

How did Timothy receive the spiritual gift that he had?
The gift was given to Timothy through prophecy, with the imposition of the hands of the elders.

1 Timothy 4:15

ULT
15 Study these {things}, be in them, so that your progress may be apparent to all.

UST
15 Put into practice all these things {that I have told you to do}! Concentrate on them so that everyone will see how much you are improving {as a follower of Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 4:16

ULT

16 Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in these {things}, for, doing this, you will save both yourself and your listeners.

UST

16 Be very careful about the way that you behave and about the things that you teach. Keep doing these things, because God is using them to save not only you, but also the people who listen to you.

If Timothy continues faithfully in his life and teaching, who will be saved?
Timothy will save both himself and his listeners.

1 Timothy 5

1 Timothy 5:1

ULT
1 Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort {him} as a father, younger men as brothers,

UST
1 Do not speak harshly to a man who is older than you are. Instead, advise him as if he were your father. Advise younger men as if they were your brothers.

How did Paul tell Timothy to treat an older man in the church?
Paul told Timothy to exhort him as if he were a father.

1 Timothy 5:2

ULT
2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

UST
2 Advise a woman who is older than you as if she were your mother. Advise younger women as if they were your sisters{. As you do all of this, you must act} in a completely proper way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:3

ULT
3 Honor widows—real widows.

UST
3 Make sure that {the congregation} takes care of widows who truly have no one else to care for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:4

ULT

[4] But if any widow has children or grandchildren, first let them learn to honor {their} own household and to make repayment to {their} forebears, for this is pleasing before God.

UST

[4] But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these children or grandchildren should first learn that they must take care of their own family. {In this way} they can repay their parents {and grandparents} {for the things that they did for them when they were young,} because doing that pleases God.

What should children and grandchildren of a widow do for her?
Children and grandchildren should repay their parents and take care of her.

1 Timothy 5:5

ULT

[5] But the genuine and left-alone widow hopes in God and continues in requests and prayers night and day.

UST

[5] A widow who is truly alone and has no one to help her confidently expects that God will help her. So she prays persistently, and she earnestly asks God to help her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:6

ULT

[6] But the one cavorting, living, has died.

UST

[6] But a widow who lives only to please herself is spiritually dead even though she is still physically alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:7

ULT

[7] Also command these {things}, so that they may be irreproachable.

UST

[7] Teach these things as well, so that no one will say that the believers are behaving badly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:8

ULT

[8] But if someone does not provide for his own, and especially for household members, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

UST

[8] But if anyone does not take care of his own relatives, and especially those who live in his own house, he has rejected what we believe. He is worse than a person who does not believe in the Messiah.

What has someone done who does not take care of those in his own household?
He has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:9

ULT

[9] Let a widow be enrolled being not less than 60 years old, a wife of one husband,

UST

[9] Add a widow to the list {of true widows} only if she is at least 60 years old. She also must have been faithful to her husband.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:10

ULT

[10] attested in good works: if she has raised children, if she has received strangers, if she has washed {the} feet of {the} saints, if she has relieved {the} afflicted, if she has pursued every good work.

UST

[10] People must report that she did good works. They must report that she brought up her children well, that she welcomed strangers, that she humbly served the believers, that she helped people who were suffering, and that she was eager to do all kinds of good works.

For what should a widow be known?
A widow should be attested for good works.

1 Timothy 5:11

ULT

[11] But refuse younger widows, because when they become wanton against Christ, they want to marry,

UST

[11] But do not add younger widows {to the list of true widows}. When they feel strong desires, they will change their minds about being devoted only to the Messiah and they will want to get married again.

Why should the church not enroll young widows onto the list of people for the church to care for?

These younger widows will later want to marry.

1 Timothy 5:12

ULT

[12] having judgment because they have broken {their} first pledge.

UST

[12] {When they do this,} they will become guilty of violating the vow that they made at first {to remain as widows}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:13

ULT

[13] But at the same time, they also learn to be lazy, wandering about the houses, and not only lazy, but also babblers and busybodies, saying what they should not.

UST

[13] In addition to that, they also become accustomed to doing nothing. They go from one house to another house, not only doing nothing {good}, but also talking about people and meddling in other people's affairs. They say things that they should not say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:14

ULT

14 Therefore, I want younger ones to marry, bear children, manage a household, give no opportunity for slander to the one opposing.

UST

14 So, {instead of the church adding young widows to the list of true widows,} I prefer for younger widows to remarry and have children. These women should manage their homes well. In that way they will not give the enemy, {Satan,} an opportunity to accuse them of doing wrong.

What does Paul want younger women to do?

Paul wants younger women to marry, to bear children, and to manage a household.

1 Timothy 5:15

ULT

15 For already some have turned aside after Satan.

UST

15 {I write these things} because already some {younger widows} are {no longer obeying the Messiah but instead are} obeying Satan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:16

ULT

16 If any believing woman has widows, let her help them, and let the church not be weighed down, so that it may help the genuine widows.

UST

16 If any believing woman has widows {among her relatives,} she should help them. In that way, the group of believers will not have to take care of more widows than it is able. The group of believers will then be able to help the true widows {who have no family members to care for them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:17

ULT

17 The elders having ruled well, let {them} be considered worthy of double honor, especially the ones toiling in {the} word and teaching.

UST

17 The believers should both honor and pay the elders who lead them well, especially the elders who work hard at preaching and teaching {what the Scriptures say}.

What should be done for elders who lead well?

Elders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor.

1 Timothy 5:18

ULT

18 For the Scripture says, “You will not muzzle a threshing ox,” and, “The worker {is} worthy of his wages.”

UST

18 {We know that this is right} because we read the following in the Scriptures {that Moses wrote}: “While an ox is threshing grain, you must not tie its mouth so that it cannot eat any grain.” And {we also know this is right because Jesus said,} “People should pay those who work for them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:19

ULT

19 Against an elder do not receive an accusation, except if on two or three witnesses.

UST

19 Only listen to someone who accuses an elder of doing wrong if {at least} two or three people testify about the matter.

What conditions must be met before someone accuses an elder?

There must be two or three witnesses when someone accuses an elder.

1 Timothy 5:20

ULT
20 The ones sinning, rebuke before all, so that the rest also may have fear.

UST
20 {When you meet to worship,} correct those who sin in front of everyone, so that the rest {of the people} will be afraid {to sin}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:21

ULT
21 I adjure you, before God and Christ Jesus and the chosen angels, that you keep these {things} without partiality, doing nothing according to favoritism.

UST
21 With God and the Messiah Jesus and God's chosen heavenly servants watching me and listening to me, I solemnly call upon you to obey the instructions that I have just given to you. Judge every matter fairly and do not favor one person over another.

Paul commands Timothy to be careful to keep these rules in what way?
Paul commands Timothy to be careful to keep these rules without favoritism.

1 Timothy 5:22

ULT
22 Place hands hastily on no one, nor share in {the} sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

UST
22 Do not be in a hurry to appoint someone {as a leader in the group of believers}. If he sins, it will be as though you have sinned, too, so do not do that. You must avoid sinning.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:23

ULT
23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine because of your stomach and frequent illnesses.

UST
23 Stop drinking only water, {Timothy.} Instead, also drink a little wine to help with your frequent stomach sicknesses.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 5:24

ULT
24 The sins of some men are evident, going ahead into judgment, but also they follow after some.

UST
24 When some people sin, everyone knows about it and {knows that God} will judge them {for it}. But when other people sin, no one knows about it until a much later time.

When do the sins of people become known?
The sins of some people are evident, but the sins of others are not known until the judgment.

1 Timothy 5:25

ULT
25 Likewise, the good works {are} also evident, and the ones having otherwise are not able to be hidden.

UST
25 In the same way, everyone knows about {many of} the good things that people do. But even when people do good things secretly, everyone will find out about them later.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6

1 Timothy 6:1

ULT

[1] As many slaves as are under a yoke, let them regard {their} own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed.

UST

[1] All {believers} who are slaves should honor their masters in every way. Then people will not {have a reason to} speak evil about God or about the things that we teach.

How did Paul say slaves should regard their masters?
Paul said that slaves should regard their masters as worthy of all honor.

1 Timothy 6:2

ULT

[2] But the ones having believing masters, let them not despise {them} because they are brothers, but let them serve {them} more, because they are believers and beloved, the ones partaking of the service. Teach and encourage these {things}.

UST

[2] Also, slaves who have masters who believe in the Messiah should not disrespect those masters because they are fellow believers. Instead, they should serve their masters even better because those who benefit from their good work are fellow believers in the Messiah, and God loves them. Teach these things and urge {our people to do them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:3

ULT

[3] If anyone is teaching differently and does not accede to {the} healthy words, the ones of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the teaching according to godliness,

UST

[3] Some people teach things that are not true. They do not accept the reliable message about our Lord Jesus the Messiah. And they do not accept the teaching about how to live in a manner that pleases God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:4

ULT

4 he is puffed up, understanding nothing, but being sick about controversies and word-battles, from which come envy, strife, blasphemies, evil suspicions,

UST

4 These people are proud, but they do not understand anything. Instead, they abnormally desire to argue about unimportant matters and about certain words. Their behavior causes them to envy other people. They quarrel with others, they say bad things about others, and they suspect that others have evil motives.

What kind of person rejects healthy words and godly teaching?

The person who rejects healthy words and godly teaching is puffed up and understands nothing.

1 Timothy 6:5

ULT

5 friction, between men having been corrupted {as to} the mind and having been deprived of the truth, considering godliness to be a means of gain. *[1]*

UST

5 They constantly quarrel with other people. Their whole way of thinking has become completely wrong. They have rejected the true teaching. As a result, they think that the purpose of living in a godly way is to gain material things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:6

ULT

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

UST

6 But we do gain great benefit when we live in a godly way and when we are content with what we have.

What does Paul say is great gain?

Paul says that godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:7

ULT

[7] For we brought nothing into the world, so that neither are we able to take anything out.

UST

[7] This is true because we brought nothing into the world {when we were born}, and we are not able to take anything out of it {when we die}.

What did we bring into this world, and what can we take with us when we leave?

We have brought nothing into the world and cannot take anything out.

1 Timothy 6:8

ULT

[8] But having food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

UST

[8] So if we have food and clothing, we should be satisfied with those things.

With what should we be content in this world?

We should be satisfied that we have food and clothing.

1 Timothy 6:9

ULT

[9] Now the ones wanting to be rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, whatever plunges men into ruin and destruction.

UST

[9] But some people strongly desire to be rich. As a result, they do wrong things to get money. Then bad things happen to them, and they cannot escape from them. They foolishly desire many things that will hurt them and, in the end, these things destroy them.

Into what do those who desire to become wealthy fall?

Those who desire to become wealthy fall into temptation and a trap.

1 Timothy 6:10

ULT

10 For a root of all the evils is the love of money, which, some desiring, have been led away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many sorrows.

UST

10 You see, people do all sorts of evil things when they strongly desire to have a lot of money. Some people started desiring money and so they stopped desiring to follow Jesus. By doing this, they have made themselves sorrowful in many ways.

What is a root of all kinds of evil?

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

What has happened to some who have loved money?

Some who have loved money have been led away from the faith.

1 Timothy 6:11

ULT

11 But you, O man of God, flee these {things}, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

UST

11 But you, as a man who serves God, must avoid these {evil} things. Instead, decide that you will do what is right, and that you will live to please God. Trust God, and love {others}. Endure {the difficult things that happen to you}. Always be gentle {with people}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:12

ULT

12 Fight the good fight of the faith, grasp eternal life, to which you were called and confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

UST

12 Try earnestly to live according to what you believe, knowing that this is a good thing to do. Make sure that you have the gift of eternal life that God chose for you to have when you openly said before many witnesses that you belonged to the Messiah.

What fight does Paul say Timothy must fight?

Paul says Timothy must fight the good fight of the faith.

1 Timothy 6:13

ULT

13 I command you before God, the one enlivening all, and Christ Jesus, the one having testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

UST

13 {We are in the presence of} God who gives life to all things. {We are in the presence of} the Messiah Jesus who boldly declared what was true when he was on trial before Pontius Pilate. In their presence, I give you this command:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:14

ULT

14 {that} you keep the commandment spotless, irreproachable, until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

14 Obey what the Messiah has commanded us. Do not do anything wrong. That way no one will be able to criticize you. Continue to obey until our Lord Jesus the Messiah comes again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:15

ULT

15 whom in its own times the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, will reveal,

UST

15 God will cause Jesus to come back at the perfect time. We praise God. He is the only Ruler! He is the King over all other kings and the Lord over all other rulers!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:16

ULT
16 the One having immortality alone, occupying unapproachable light, whom none of men has seen, nor is able to see, to whom {be} honor and eternal power. Amen.

UST
16 God is the only one who will never die. He lives {in heaven} in light that is so bright that no one can approach it! He is the one whom no person has ever seen and whom no person is able to see! My desire is that all people will honor him and that he will rule powerfully forever! May it be so!

Where does God dwell?
God dwells in unapproachable light.

1 Timothy 6:17

ULT
17 Command the rich in the present age not to be proud, nor to hope in {the} uncertainty of riches, but in God, the one providing us all {things} richly unto enjoyment,

UST
17 Tell the believers who are rich here in this present world that they should not be proud. They should not trust in their many possessions because they cannot be certain how long they will have them. Instead, tell them to trust in God. He is the one who abundantly gives us everything that we have, and he wants us to enjoy it.

Why should the rich hope in God and not in uncertain riches?
The rich should hope in God because he provides us with everything that we enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:18

ULT
18 to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, willing to share,

UST
18 Tell these rich believers to do good things. Tell them they should want to do a lot of good works {instead of acquiring a lot of money}. They must be generous {with their possessions} and be willing to share {what they have with others}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Timothy 6:19

ULT

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for what is coming, so that they may grasp genuine life.

UST

19 {If they do that,} it will be as though they were storing up for themselves many good things for their future life {in heaven}. {Having done all of those good deeds} will prepare them well for the life that God wants to give them. That is the real life.

Those who are rich in good works do what for themselves?

Those who are rich in good works store up for themselves a good foundation and grasp genuine life.

1 Timothy 6:20

ULT

20 O Timothy, guard the deposit, avoiding the profane chatter and contradictions of miscalled knowledge,

UST

20 Timothy, protect the true message that God has given to you. Avoid people who want to chatter about things that are not important to God. Avoid also people who falsely claim that they have true knowledge, but who say things that oppose the true things that we teach.

Finally, what does Paul tell Timothy to do with the things given to him?

Paul tells Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to him.

1 Timothy 6:21

ULT

21 which some, professing, have missed the mark regarding the faith. Grace {be} with you.
6:5 *[1]* but the most ancient copies do not.

UST

21 Certain people believe these things and have stopped believing the truth about God. May God be kind to you all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy

2 Timothy 1

2 Timothy 1:1

ULT

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through {the} will of God, according to {the} promise of life that {is} in Christ Jesus,

UST

1 {From} Paul, a man who represents Jesus the Messiah because this is what God wants {me to do}. I tell others that God has promised that we can live {forever} with the Messiah Jesus.

How did Paul become an apostle of Christ?
Paul became an apostle of Christ through the will of God.

2 Timothy 1:2

ULT

2 to Timothy, {my} beloved child: Grace, mercy, {and} peace from God {the} Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

UST

2 To Timothy. I love you as if you were my own son. May God our Father and the Messiah Jesus our Lord act kindly and mercifully to you, and keep you peaceful.

What does Paul say is his relationship with Timothy?
Paul calls Timothy his “beloved child.”

2 Timothy 1:3

ULT

3 I have gratitude to God, whom I serve from {my} ancestors, with a clean conscience, as I have the constant remembrance concerning you in my prayers night and day,

UST

3 I serve God just as my ancestors did, because I truly want to do what he wants. I thank God when I pray for you. I always mention you in my prayers at all times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:4

ULT

4 longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

UST

4 As I remember how you cried {when we separated}, I really want to see you {again}. Then I will rejoice greatly.

When Paul remembers Timothy in his prayers, what does Paul long to do?
Paul longs to see Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:5

ULT

5 having received remembrance of the genuine faith in you which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that {it is} also in you,

UST

5 I also remember how you truly believe {in Jesus}. Your grandmother Lois first believed, and then your mother Eunice believed as well. I know that you also truly believe like they do!

In Timothy's family, who else had genuine faith before Timothy did?
Timothy's grandmother and mother both had genuine faith.

2 Timothy 1:6

ULT

6 for which reason I am reminding you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

UST

6 Because you strongly believe in Jesus, I remind you to start using again the {spiritual} gift that God gave you. You received this gift {that enables you to do the work that God has chosen you to do} when I put my hands on you {and prayed for you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:7

ULT

7 For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of discipline.

UST

7 {Use this gift confidently,} because God did not give us his Spirit to cause us to be afraid. Instead, his Spirit causes us to be powerful {as we work for God}, to love {him and others}, and to control ourselves.

What kind of spirit did God give Timothy?

God gave Timothy a spirit of power and love and discipline.

2 Timothy 1:8

ULT

8 Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner, but suffer together for the gospel, according to {the} power of God,

UST

8 So do not be ashamed to tell people about our Lord. Do not be ashamed of me, even though I am a prisoner because I preach about him. Instead, be willing to suffer hardship along with me as you {also} tell others about the good news, because God will empower you {to endure these hardships}.

What does Paul tell Timothy not to do?

Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord.

What does Paul tell Timothy to do?

Paul tells Timothy to suffer for the gospel together with Paul.

2 Timothy 1:9

ULT

9 the one having saved us and having called {us} with a holy calling—not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, the {grace} having been given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times,

UST

9 {He will do this because} he saved us and called us to be a people that he sets apart {as his own}. God did not save us because of any good works that we did. Instead, he saved us because it was his plan to be kind to us even though we did not deserve it. He planned this for us before the world began through what Jesus the Messiah would do for us.

When was God’s plan and grace given to us?

God’s plan and grace was given to us before eternal times.

2 Timothy 1:10

ULT

10 and now having been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, {the one} having both put an end to death and brought to light life and immortality through the gospel,

UST

10 Now Jesus the Messiah, the one who saves us, has come. As a result, everyone can know {God's gracious plan to save us}. {Specifically}, Jesus has declared the good news that we will not remain dead after we die. Instead, we will live forever in bodies that will not decay!

How did God reveal his plan of salvation?

God's plan of salvation was revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus.

When Jesus appeared, what did he do regarding death, life, and immortality?

Jesus put an end to death, and brought to light life and immortality through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:11

ULT

11 for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, [1]

UST

11 God assigned me to go as his representative to people in order to preach and to teach this good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:12

ULT

12 for which reason I also suffer these {things}. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am certain that he is able to guard my deposit until that day.

UST

12 This is the reason that I am suffering here {in this prison}, but I am not ashamed {of being here}, because I know the Messiah Jesus and I trust him. I am convinced that he is able to keep me faithful to him until the day {when he returns}.

What is Paul confident that God is able to do for him which makes Paul not ashamed of the gospel?

Paul is persuaded that God is able to keep the deposit that Paul has entrusted to God until that day.

2 Timothy 1:13

ULT

13 Keep {the} example of healthy words that you heard from me, in faith and love {that are} in Christ Jesus.

UST

13 Be sure that you tell others the same accurate message that you heard from me. {As you tell it,} keep trusting in the Messiah Jesus and keep loving others as the Messiah Jesus enables you to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:14

ULT

14 Guard the good deposit through {the} Holy Spirit, the one dwelling in us.

UST

14 Protect this good message that God has entrusted to you {for his people}. The Holy Spirit who lives in us will help you {to do that}.

What is Timothy to do with the good deposit God has committed to him?

Timothy is to guard through the Holy Spirit the good deposit God has committed to him.

2 Timothy 1:15

ULT

15 You know this, that all the ones in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

UST

15 You know that almost all the believers in {the province of} Asia {Minor} have left me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

What did all of Paul's Asian companions do to him?

All those in Asia turned away from Paul.

2 Timothy 1:16

ULT

16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain,

UST

16 {But} I pray that the Lord will be kind to the family of Onesiphorus, because he often helped me, and he was not ashamed that I am in prison.

Why does Paul ask the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus because Onesiphorus refreshed Paul and was not ashamed of Paul's chain.

2 Timothy 1:17

ULT

17 but being in Rome he diligently searched for me and found me.

UST

17 On the contrary, when he came {here} to Rome, he kept searching for me until he found me.

What did Onesiphorus do for Paul when Paul was in Rome?

Onesiphorus diligently sought Paul in Rome and found him.

2 Timothy 1:18

ULT

18 May the Lord grant to him to find mercy from {the} Lord in that day. And how much he served in Ephesus, you know very well.
1:11 *[1]*

UST

18 You also remember very well how much he helped {me when I was} in {the city of} Ephesus. {So} I pray that the Lord will be merciful to Onesiphorus on the {final} day {when the Lord will judge everyone}.

What does Paul ask the Lord to grant to Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to Onesiphorus.

2 Timothy 2

2 Timothy 2:1

ULT
1 You, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace {that is} in Christ Jesus.

UST
1 So {as for} you, {Timothy,} let the Messiah Jesus strengthen you as he acts kindly towards you. You are like a son to me.

What is able to strengthen Timothy?
The grace that is in Christ Jesus can strengthen Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:2

ULT
2 And what you have heard from me along with many witnesses, entrust these {things} to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

UST
2 You have heard my teachings in the presence of many people who can confirm them. {Now you must} carefully teach these things to {some other people. These must be} reliable people who will, in turn, be qualified to teach others.

To whom is Timothy to entrust the message Paul has taught him?
Timothy is to entrust the message to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:3

ULT
3 Suffer together as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

UST
3 Join {me} in suffering as we obey Jesus the Messiah, just as a good soldier must suffer {as he obeys his commander}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:4

ULT

4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of life, so that he may please the one having enlisted him.

UST

4 {You know that} people who serve as soldiers, in order to please their commander, do not become involved in civilian occupations.

As an illustration for Timothy, Paul says a good soldier does not entangle himself in what?
A good soldier does not entangle himself in the affairs of life.

2 Timothy 2:5

ULT

5 Also, if anyone competes, he is not crowned if he has not competed lawfully.

UST

5 Likewise, athletes competing in games cannot win unless they obey the rules.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:6

ULT

6 The hardworking farmer ought to be first to receive of the crops.

UST

6 The farmer who works hard should receive his share of the crops first.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:7

ULT

7 Think about what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

UST

7 Think about what I have just written, because{, if you do,} the Lord will enable you to understand {it} completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:8

ULT

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from {the} dead, from {the} seed of David, according to my gospel,

UST

8 {As you suffer hardships,} remember Jesus the Messiah, whom God raised from the dead. He is a descendant of King David. This is the good news that I preach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:9

ULT

9 for which I am suffering unto chains like a criminal. But the word of God is not bound.

UST

9 For this {good news} I have suffered many things, which now include that soldiers have imprisoned me as a criminal. But no one can imprison the message from God!

As he writes to Timothy, in what condition is Paul suffering for his preaching the word of God?

Paul is suffering by being chained like a criminal.

What does Paul say is not bound?

The word of God is not bound.

2 Timothy 2:10

ULT

10 Because of this, I endure all things for the chosen, so that they also may obtain salvation {that is} in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

UST

10 Therefore I willingly endure all that I am suffering for the sake of those whom God has chosen. I do this in order that the Messiah Jesus will save them, too, and that they will be forever with him in his glorious presence.

Why does Paul endure all these things?

Paul endures all things for those chosen by God, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:11

ULT
11 {This} word {is} trustworthy: “For if we died with {him}, we will also live with {him}.

UST
11 You can depend on this message {that we preach}: “When Jesus died for us, it was as though the old, sinful person that we were also died with him. If we have done that, then we will also live with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:12

ULT
12 If we endure, we will also reign with {him}. If we deny {him}, he also will deny us.

UST
12 If we accept the suffering {that comes from obeying Jesus in this life}, then we will also rule {over everything} with him {in the next life}. But if we say that we do not know him, he also will say that he does not know us.

What is Christ’s promise to those who endure?
Those who endure will reign with Christ.

What is Christ’s warning to those who deny him?
Those who deny Christ, Christ will deny.

2 Timothy 2:13

ULT
13 If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he is not able to deny himself.”

UST
13 If we are unfaithful {to Jesus}, he continues to be faithful {to us}, because he cannot be false to himself.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:14

ULT

14 Remind them of these {things}, charging {them} before God [1] not to battle about words; {it is} useful for nothing, to {the} destruction of the ones hearing.

UST

14 Keep reminding {the believers} about these things {that I have told you}. Warn them that God is listening and that they must not fight over {which} words {are correct for expressing God's message}. Arguing like this does not help anything and can cause those who listen to give up on following Jesus.

About what should Timothy warn the people not to quarrel?

Timothy should warn the people not to quarrel about words, which is useful for nothing.

2 Timothy 2:15

ULT

15 Strive to present yourself approved to God, a worker not ashamed, cutting the word of truth straight.

UST

15 Do your best to be a person of whom God approves. Be like a worker who knows that he is doing good work as you correctly teach the true message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:16

ULT

16 But avoid profane empty discussions, for they will advance into greater ungodliness,

UST

16 Stay out of useless conversations that ignore God, because this kind of talk causes people to dishonor God more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:17

ULT

[17] and their word will have a spreading like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

UST

[17] This way of speaking will spread like an infectious disease. Hymenaeus and Philetus are two examples of men who talk like this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:18

ULT

[18] who have missed the mark regarding the truth, saying {the} resurrection has already happened, and {who} are destroying the faith of some.

UST

[18] These men believe and teach things that are not true. They {wrongly} say that God has already raised his people from the dead {and will not do so again}. In this way they convince some {believers} to stop trusting {in the Messiah}.

What false doctrine were the two men who wandered from the truth saying?

They were saying that the resurrection had already happened.

2 Timothy 2:19

ULT

[19] Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “{The} Lord knows the ones being his” and “Everyone naming the name of {the} Lord must abstain from unrighteousness.”

UST

[19] However, the truth about God still exists. It is like a firm foundation of a building, on which someone has written these words: “The Lord knows those who belong to him” and “Everyone who says he belongs to the Lord must stop doing wicked deeds.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:20

ULT
20 Now in a great house, there are not only gold and silver containers, but also wood and clay, and both some for honor and some for dishonor.

UST
20 In a wealthy person's house there are not only containers made of gold and of silver, but also containers made of wood and of clay. The owner uses the gold and silver containers on great and honorable occasions. But he uses the wood and clay containers to do ordinary and dishonorable things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:21

ULT
21 Therefore, if someone has cleansed himself from these, he will be a container for honor, having been sanctified, useful to the Master, having been prepared for every good work.

UST
21 Therefore, anyone who gets rid of what is evil in his life will be like a container that someone has cleaned completely so that the owner can use it for any occasion, even the most special ones. In the same way, when a person gets rid of what is evil in his life, God considers him worthy and can use him to do any good task.

How are the believers to prepare themselves for every good work?
The believers are to clean themselves from dishonorable use on order to be ready for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:22

ULT
22 So flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, {and} peace with the ones calling on the Lord from a clean heart.

UST
22 So avoid doing the sinful things that young people usually desire. Instead, together with people who worship the Lord sincerely, strive to do things that are right, trust in God and love him and others, and live peacefully with other people.

From what is Timothy to flee?
Timothy is to flee youthful lusts.

2 Timothy 2:23

ULT
23 But avoid foolish and ignorant questions, knowing that they give birth to battles.

UST
23 Do not let anyone begin to debate with you about matters that only uneducated and foolish people talk about. You know that when people talk about such things, they begin to quarrel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:24

ULT
24 But a slave of {the} Lord must not battle, but be kind toward all, able to teach, patient,

UST
24 But the one who serves the Lord must not quarrel. Instead, he should be kind to all people. He should be able to teach {God's truth well}. He should be patient with people.

What does Paul say that a servant of the Lord must be?
A servant of the Lord must be patient, kind to all, and able to teach.

2 Timothy 2:25

ULT
25 in meekness educating the ones opposing {him}. God may perhaps give them repentance for knowledge of {the} truth,

UST
25 He should gently instruct the people who argue against him. Perhaps God may lead them to repent {of their wrong thinking} and to know the truth.

How must a servant of the Lord treat those who oppose him?
A servant of the Lord must educate in meekness those who oppose him.

2 Timothy 2:26

ULT

26 and they may become sober again from the trap of the devil, having been captured by him for the will of that one.
2:14 [1]

UST

26 In that way they may think correctly again. They will realize that the devil has been deceiving them and controlling them so that they will do what he wants.

What has the devil done with unbelievers?

The devil has trapped and captured the unbelievers for his will.

2 Timothy 3

2 Timothy 3:1

ULT

[1] But know this, that in {the} last days there will be difficult times.

UST

[1] But you need to realize that the final time period {before the Messiah returns} will be very dangerous {for believers}.

What does Paul say will come in the last days?
Paul says difficult times will come in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:2

ULT

[2] For the men will be self-loving, money-loving, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

UST

[2] This is because people will love themselves more than anyone else. They will love money. They will boast about themselves. They will be proud. They will insult others. They will not obey their parents. They will not thank anyone for anything. They will not honor God.

In the last days, what will people love instead of God?
In the last days, people will love themselves and love money instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:3

ULT

[3] unloving, irreconcilable, slanderous, unrestrained, violent, not good-loving,

UST

[3] They will not love others. They will refuse to be at peace with anyone. They will slander others. They will not control themselves. They will be brutal toward others. They will hate anything that is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:4

ULT

[4] betrayers, reckless, puffed up, pleasure-loving rather than God-loving,

UST

[4] They will betray {the ones they should protect}. They will do dangerous things without thinking. They will be proud. They will do what pleases them instead of loving God.

In the last days, what other thing will people love instead of God?
In the last days, people will love pleasure instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:5

ULT

[5] having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And turn away from these.

UST

[5] They will maintain the {outward} appearance of being religious, but they will refuse to allow God to actually do his powerful work {within them}. Stay away from such people.

What does Paul tell Timothy to do with those who have only a form of godliness?
Paul tells Timothy to turn away from those who have only a form of godliness.

2 Timothy 3:6

ULT

[6] For among them are the ones entering into households and captivating foolish women loaded with sins, led away by various desires,

UST

[6] Some of them deceive people into allowing them into their homes, where they begin to control what the foolish women think. These are women who sin continually, and who just do whatever they feel like doing.

What do some of these ungodly men do?
Some of these ungodly men enter households and captivate foolish women who are led away by various desires.

2 Timothy 3:7

ULT

7 always learning, but never able to come to knowledge of {the} truth.

UST

7 Even though these women are always wanting to learn new things, they are never able to recognize what is actually true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:8

ULT

8 And what way Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these oppose the truth, men {whose} mind is corrupted, unapproved regarding the faith.

UST

8 In the same way that Jannes and Jambres{, Pharoah's magicians,} tried to stop {Pharoah from believing what} Moses {was telling him}, so do these men also try to stop {people from believing} the true message {about Jesus}. These men are ruined in how they think. {They are not fit to be teachers because} they only pretend to believe in Jesus.

How are these ungodly men like Jannes and Jambres in the Old Testament?

These ungodly men oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres did to Moses.

2 Timothy 3:9

ULT

9 But they will not advance unto more, for their foolishness will be obvious to all, as also that of those became.

UST

9 So although they have been able to teach wrong things to some people, they will not continue to succeed, because most others will clearly perceive that these men understand nothing. This will happen to them in the same way that it happened to Jannes and Jambres, when the people realized that they were foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:10

ULT

10 But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

UST

10 But as for you, you know very well what I teach and that is what you teach. You know and imitate my way of living and how I do everything to serve God. You have trusted God as I have. You have seen that I have peace even when I am suffering. You have seen that I love God and the believers. You have seen that I keep on serving God even when it is very hard to do so.

Instead of the false teachers, who has Timothy followed?

Timothy has followed Paul.

2 Timothy 3:11

ULT

11 persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what kind of persecutions I endured. But the Lord rescued me from {them} all.

UST

11 You have seen people persecute me. You saw what I suffered when I was in {the cities of} Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. {You saw how} I endured the ways that people persecuted me {in those places}, but the Lord enabled me to survive all of those situations.

From what did the Lord rescue Paul?

The Lord rescued Paul from all his persecutions and sufferings.

2 Timothy 3:12

ULT

12 And indeed, all the ones wanting to live piously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

UST

12 It is true that people will make all believers suffer who want to live in a way that honors God through their relationship with the Messiah Jesus.

What does Paul say will happen to all those who want to live in a godly manner?

Paul says that all those who want to live in a godly manner will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:13

ULT

13 But evil men and impostors will advance unto the worse, leading astray and being led astray.

UST

13 Evil people who pretend {to be believers} will continue to become more and more evil. They will cause people to believe things that are not true, as they themselves believe more and more things that are not true.

Who will become worse in the last days?

Evil people and imposters will become worse in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:14

ULT

14 You, however, remain in what you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them,

UST

14 But you, in contrast, must continue to believe what you have learned and firmly believe. {You can trust that these things are true,} because you know {that} the people who taught you these things {are trustworthy}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:15

ULT

15 and that from childhood you have known {the} sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith {that is} in Christ Jesus.

UST

15 {You} also {know that these things are true} because you have known what God says in the Scriptures from the time when you were a child. The Scriptures enable you to understand how God saves us when we trust in the Messiah Jesus.

From what time in Timothy's life had he known the sacred writings?

Timothy knew the sacred writings from childhood.

2 Timothy 3:16

ULT

16 All Scripture {is} God-breathed and {is} profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, {and} for training in righteousness,

UST

16 All the Scriptures come from God's Spirit. They are useful for teaching {people the truth about God}. They also help {people} to know when they are wrong and help {them} to understand what is correct, and they are useful for training {people} how to do what is right.

How did all the Scripture come into being?

All Scripture is God-breathed.

For what is all Scripture profitable?

All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:17

ULT

17 so that the man of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

UST

17 In these ways, the Scriptures enable believers who serve God to be fully prepared and to have everything that they need to do every kind of good deed.

What is the purpose of training a person in the Scriptures?

A person is trained in the Scriptures so that he is proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy 4:1

ULT

1 I adjure you before God and Christ Jesus, the one going to judge {the} living and {the} dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

UST

1 {Timothy,} I am now going to solemnly charge you {to do some things, and} as God and the Messiah Jesus see and hear us{, they will also expect you to do them}. {Remember that} the Messiah Jesus is coming to judge all the people who have ever lived. As strongly as you want to see Jesus and to be a part of his kingdom when he comes again to rule as king, I solemnly charge you

Who is Jesus Christ going to judge?

Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 4:2

ULT

2 Preach the word; be ready opportunely, inopportunely; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching.

UST

2 to proclaim the message {about the Messiah}. Be ready to do this when it is easy to do so and also when it is not easy. Correct people when they have done wrong. Warn them {not to sin}. Encourage them to do what is right. {As you do all of these things,} keep teaching them very patiently.

What did Paul solemnly command Timothy to do?

Paul solemnly commanded Timothy to preach the Word.

2 Timothy 4:3

ULT

[3] For there will be a time when they will not endure the healthy teaching. Instead, they will heap up for themselves teachers according to {their} own desires, {their} ear itching,

UST

[3] {I tell you these things because} later on people will not want to listen to accurate teaching. Instead, they will collect as many teachers as they can who will tell them that they can do what they want to do. This is what they will be eager to hear.

Paul warned that the time will come when people will do what regarding doctrine?
People will not endure sound teaching, but will listen to teachings that agree with their own desires.

2 Timothy 4:4

ULT

[4] and will both turn {their} ear away from the truth and be turned aside to myths.

UST

[4] So not only will they stop listening to what is true, but instead they will let these teachers deceive them with foolish stories.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:5

ULT

[5] But you, be sober in all {things}. Suffer hardship. Do {the} work of an evangelist. Carry out fully your service.

UST

[5] But as for you, Timothy, control yourself no matter what happens. {Be willing to} endure difficult things. Do the work of preaching the good news. Complete the work you must do to serve the Lord.

What work and ministry had Timothy been given to do?
Timothy had been given the work and ministry of an evangelist.

2 Timothy 4:6

ULT

6 For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is here.

UST

6 {I tell you these things} because my life is like a drink offering to God that the priest is almost done pouring out. The time of my death is near.

What time in his life did Paul say had now come?

Paul said that his time of departure had come.

2 Timothy 4:7

ULT

7 I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

UST

7 I am like an athlete who has done his best in a contest. I am like a runner who has finished his race. {By these comparisons, I mean that} I have always continued to obey God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:8

ULT

8 Now the crown of righteousness has been reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not to me only, but also to all the ones having loved his appearing.

UST

8 So{, just like a runner who has won his race,} what remains for me now is {to receive} the prize for having lived in a way that pleased God. The Lord, who judges rightly, has kept this prize for me and he will give it to me when he comes again. He will not only give it to me, but also to everyone who waits eagerly for him to come again.

What reward did Paul say all those who love Christ's appearing will receive?

Paul said that all those who love Christ's appearing will receive the crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:9

ULT
9 Hasten to come to me quickly,

UST
9 {Timothy,} try to come to me soon

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:10

ULT
10 for Demas has deserted me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

UST
10 because Demas has abandoned me and has gone to {the city of} Thessalonica. He loves life in this world {too much}. Crescens {has gone} to {the province of} Galatia, and Titus {has gone} to {the district of} Dalmatia.

Why did Paul’s companion Demas leave him?
Demas left Paul because he loved this present age.

2 Timothy 4:11

ULT
11 Only Luke is with me. Getting Mark, bring {him} with you, because he is useful to me for service.

UST
11 Only Luke is still with me. Get Mark and bring him with you. {Do this} because he can help me with the things that I need.

Who was the only companion of Paul to still be with him?
Only Luke was still with Paul.

2 Timothy 4:12

ULT
12 But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

UST
12 As for Tychicus, I have sent {him} to {the city of} Ephesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:13

ULT
13 The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when you come, and the books, especially the parchments.

UST
13 When you come, bring the outer garment that I left with Carpus at {the city of} Troas. Also bring the scrolls, especially the leather ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:14

ULT
14 Alexander the coppersmith did much harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his deeds,

UST
14 Alexander the metalworker did many evil things to me. The Lord will punish him for what he has done.

According to what did Paul said that the Lord would repay Alexander?
Paul said that the Lord will repay Alexander according to his deeds.

2 Timothy 4:15

ULT
15 whom you also, guard yourself against, because he greatly opposed our words.

UST
15 You also should be on guard against him because he did everything possible to stop us from preaching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:16

ULT

16 At my first defense, no one appeared with me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them.

UST

16 The first time I defended myself {in court}, no believers came to support me. They all stayed away. May God not hold them responsible for that.

Which people appeared with Paul at his first defense?

At Paul's first defense, no one appeared with Paul.

2 Timothy 4:17

ULT

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully carried out and all the Gentiles might hear. And I was rescued out of {the} mouth of {the} lion.

UST

17 But the Lord was with me. He made me strong, so that I could fully speak his word and so that all the Gentiles could hear it. God saved me from a very dangerous situation as if he had rescued me from a lion's mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:18

ULT

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him {be} the glory to eternity forever. Amen.

UST

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil thing that they do. He will bring me safely to where he rules in heaven. May people praise him forever and ever. Amen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:19

ULT

[19] Greet Priscilla and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

UST

[19] Greet Priscilla and Aquila. Greet the people in the home of Onesiphorus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:20

ULT

[20] Erastus remained at Corinth, and Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

UST

[20] Erastus stayed in {the city of} Corinth. As for Trophimus, I left him in {the city of} Miletus because he was sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:21

ULT

[21] Hasten to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and the brothers.

UST

[21] Try your best to come before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and {many of} the {other} believers {here} greet you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:22

ULT

[22] The Lord {be} with your spirit. Grace {be} with you.

UST

[22] May the Lord be with your spirit{, Timothy}. May he be kind to all of you {believers who are there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus

Titus 1

Titus 1:1

ULT

1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for {the} faith of {the} chosen people of God and knowledge of {the} truth {that} agrees with godliness,

UST

1 I, Paul, write this letter to you, Titus. I am a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus the Messiah. God sent me to teach the people whom he has chosen as his own to trust him more. I work to help his people to know what is true, so that they can live in a way that pleases God.

What was Paul's purpose in his service to God?
His purpose was to establish the faith of God's chosen people and to establish the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 1:2

ULT

2 with {the} certain hope of eternal life that God, {who} does not lie, promised before all {the} ages of time.

UST

2 His people can learn how to live like this because they are confident that God will cause them to live forever. God does not lie. Even before the world began, he promised to cause us to live forever.

When did God promise everlasting life to his chosen people?
He promised it to them before all the ages of time.

Does God lie?
No.

Titus 1:3

ULT

[3] But at {the} right time, he revealed his word by the proclamation, the one I was entrusted with by {the} command of God our Savior.

UST

[3] Then, at the right time, he communicated his plan through this message that he trusted me to preach. I do this in order to obey the command of God, who saves us.

To whom did God entrust his proclamation at the right time?
God entrusted it to the apostle Paul.

Titus 1:4

ULT

[4] To Titus, a true son in a common faith. Grace and peace from God {the} Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

UST

[4] I am writing to you, Titus; you have become like a real son to me because we both now believe in Jesus the Messiah. May God the Father and the Messiah Jesus who saves us continue to be kind to you and to give you a peaceful spirit.

What was the relationship between Titus and Paul?
Titus was like a true son to Paul because of their common faith.

Titus 1:5

ULT

[5] For this purpose I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the {things} not yet being complete and ordain elders in every city as I directed you—

UST

[5] I left you on the Island of Crete for this reason: that you do the work that is still unfinished and also appoint elders for the group of believers in every city, just as I told you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 1:6

ULT
6 if anyone is blameless, a husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of reckless behavior or rebellion.

UST
6 Now every elder must be someone whom no one can criticize. He must also have just one wife, his children must trust in God, and people must not consider his children to be out of control or disobedient.

What must an elder's wife and children be like?
He must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children who are not accused of reckless behavior or rebellion.

Titus 1:7

ULT
7 For the overseer must be blameless, as a household manager of God, not arrogant, not easily angered, not addicted to wine, not a brawler, {and} not a greedy {man}.

UST
7 Everyone who leads God's people is like the person who manages the servants and property of someone else, but he is doing this for God. So it is necessary for this person to have a good reputation. He must not be proud and he must not get angry quickly. He must not be an alcoholic, not someone who likes to fight and argue, and not a greedy man.

What are some of the character traits that an elder must avoid in order to be blameless?
He must not be arrogant or easily angered or addicted to wine or a brawler or greedy.

What position and responsibility does an overseer have in God's household?
He is like God's household manager.

Titus 1:8

ULT
8 Instead, he must be hospitable, a friend of what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, {and} self-controlled.

UST
8 Rather than that, he must welcome strangers and love the things that are good. He must always act sensibly and treat other people in a fair and honest manner. He must always act in a way that is right for someone who is devoted to God and he must always control his emotions.

What good qualities should an elder have?
An elder should be hospitable, a friend of what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, and self-controlled.

Titus 1:9

ULT

[9] He must hold tightly to the trustworthy message that is in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to encourage others with sound teaching and rebuke the ones opposing {him}.

UST

[9] He must always believe the true things we have taught him, and he must live according to them. He must do this so that he can persuade people to live like this too, and so that he can correct people if they do not want to live like this.

What must an elder's attitude be toward the message that he was taught?

He must hold tightly to it, and thus, be able to encourage and rebuke others.

Titus 1:10

ULT

[10] For there are many people, both rebellious, empty talkers, and deceivers, especially the ones from the circumcision.

UST

[10] I tell you these things because there are many people who refuse to obey those who are in authority over them. What these people say has no value. They persuade people to believe wrong things. The people who are the most like this are the ones who tell all followers of the Messiah to become circumcised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 1:11

ULT

[11] It is necessary to stop them. They are upsetting whole households, teaching what they should not for the sake of shameful profit.

UST

[11] You and the leaders whom you appoint should prevent such people from teaching the believers. They are teaching things that they should not teach, causing entire families to believe wrong things. They only do it so that people will give them money. This is very shameful!

What were the false teachers doing by their teaching?

They were upsetting whole households.

What did the false teachers want?

They wanted shameful profit.

Titus 1:12

ULT
12 One of them, of their own prophets, has said, “Cretans {are} always liars, evil beasts, lazy bellies.”

UST
12 One man of Crete, someone his people thought was a prophet, said, “Cretans frequently lie to each other! They are like dangerous wild animals! They are lazy and always eat too much food.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 1:13

ULT
13 This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them severely, so that they may be sound in the faith,

UST
13 What he said is true, so correct them forcefully so that they may believe and teach correct things about God.

How should an elder treat these false teachers who damage the church?
He must rebuke them severely so they might be sound in the faith.

Titus 1:14

ULT
14 not paying any attention to Jewish myths or to commands of people turning away from the truth.

UST
14 They should stop living according to stories invented by the Jews and commandments that did not come from God. These commandments came from people who have stopped obeying what is true.

To what did Paul say they should not pay attention?
They should not pay attention to Jewish myths and to commandments of men.

Titus 1:15

ULT

15 All things {are} pure to the ones {who are} pure. But to the ones having been corrupted and unbelieving, nothing {is} pure, but both their minds and consciences have been corrupted.

UST

15 If some people only want to do or think about doing good things, then everything that they do is good. But if people are wicked and do not believe in the Messiah Jesus, everything that they do is bad. Such people's way of thinking has been ruined. They do not even feel guilty when they do what is evil.

In an unbelieving man, what is corrupted?

Both his mind and conscience are corrupted.

Titus 1:16

ULT

16 They profess to know God, but they deny {him} by {their} actions, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.

UST

16 Even though they claim to know God, what they do shows that they do not know him. They are disgusting. They disobey God and can do nothing good for him.

Although the corrupted man professes to know God, how does he deny him?

He denies God through his actions.

Titus 2

Titus 2:1

ULT

[1] But you, speak what fits with sound teaching.

UST

[1] But as for you, Titus, teach people the things that agree with what you know is true about God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 2:2

ULT

[2] Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, {and} in perseverance.

UST

[2] Tell the older men that they must control themselves at all times, that they must live in a way that other people respect, and that they must act sensibly. Tell them that they must also firmly believe the true things about God, love others truly, and do all these things even when it is difficult.

What are some characteristics that older men in the church should have?

They should be temperate, dignified, sensible, and sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance.

Titus 2:3

ULT

[3] Older women likewise {are to be} reverent in behavior, not slanderers or enslaved to much wine, {but to be} teachers of what is good.

UST

[3] Tell the older women, like the men, to live so that everyone knows that they respect God very much. Tell them that they must not say mean or false things about other people, and that they must not be addicted to drinking a lot of wine. Instead, they should teach others what is good.

What are some characteristics that older women in the church should have?

They should be reverent, sober, not be slanderers, be teachers of what is good.

Titus 2:4

ULT
4 In this way they may train the younger women to be lovers of their husbands {and} lovers of their children,

UST
4 In this way, they will be able to advise the younger women to love their own husbands and children.

What should the older women teach the younger women to do?
They should teach them to love and obey their husbands, and to love their children.

Titus 2:5

ULT
5 to be sensible, pure, good housekeepers, {and} subject to {their} own husbands, so that the word of God may not be insulted.

UST
5 The older women should also teach the younger women to control what they say and do, not to act in a wrong way toward any man, to work well at home, and to do what their husbands tell them. They should do all these things so that no one can mock God's message to us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 2:6

ULT
6 In the same way, exhort the younger men to be sensible.

UST
6 As for the younger men, urge them likewise to control themselves well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 2:7

ULT

[7] In all {ways} present yourself {as} an example of good works. In the teaching, be uncorrupted, with dignity,

UST

[7] You yourself must continually do what is good so that others will see what they should also be doing. When you teach the believers, make sure that everything you say is true and say it in a way that they will respect.

How should Titus present himself as an example of good works?

In his teaching, he should be uncorrupted, act with dignity, and deliver a sound message that is above criticism.

Titus 2:8

ULT

[8] {and} a sound message {that is} above criticism, so that the opponent may be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us.

UST

[8] Teach people what is right with messages that no one can criticize, so that if anybody wants to stop you, other people will shame them because they will have nothing bad that they can justly say about any of us.

What will happen to those who oppose Titus if he is a good example?

Those who oppose him will be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about him.

Titus 2:9

ULT

[9] Slaves are to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, {and} not to argue,

UST

[9] As for those believers who are slaves, teach them that they should always submit to their masters. Tell them to live in a way that pleases their masters in every way, and to not be argumentative with them.

How are slaves who are believers to behave?

They are to obey their masters, be pleasing, and should not argue.

Titus 2:10

ULT

10 not to steal, but instead to demonstrate all good faith, so that in every way they may bring credit to the teaching {that is} about God our Savior.

UST

10 They must not steal even little things from their masters; instead, they should be faithful to them, and they should do everything in a way that leads people to admire all that we teach about God, who saves us.

When Christian slaves behave as Paul has instructed, what effect will that have on others?

It will bring credit to the teaching about God our Savior.

Titus 2:11

ULT

11 For the grace of God has appeared {for} salvation to all men,

UST

11 The believers should behave in these good ways because God is offering to save everyone as a gift that no one deserves.

Who can the grace of God save?

The grace of God can save everyone.

Titus 2:12

ULT

12 training us, so that, rejecting godlessness and worldly passions, we might live in a sensible and righteous, and godly way in the present age,

UST

12 By means of this free gift, God trains us to stop doing what is wrong and what people of the world want to do. He teaches us to be sensible, to do what is right, and to obey him while we live during this present time.

What does the grace of God train us to reject?

The grace of God trains us to reject godlessness and worldly passions.

Titus 2:13

ULT

13 while we look forward to receiving the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

UST

13 At the same time, God teaches us to wait for what he will certainly do in the future, which is something that will make us very happy: That is, Jesus the Messiah, our Savior and powerful God, will return to us in a glorious way.

What future event do believers look forward to receiving?

Believers look forward to receiving the blessed hope: the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:14

ULT

14 He gave himself for us in order to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a special people, zealous for good works.

UST

14 He gave himself to die in our place so that we can be free to live in the way that God wants us to live, and to remove our sin from us so that we can be a special group of people who belong only to him, and who eagerly desire to do what is good.

Why did Jesus give himself for us?

He gave himself in order to redeem us from lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are zealous to do good works.

Titus 2:15

ULT

15 Speak of these {things}, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

UST

15 Titus, speak about these things. Urge the believers to live as I have described and correct them when they do not, using your right to command them if necessary. Make sure that everyone pays attention to what you say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3

Titus 3:1

ULT

[1] Remind them to submit to rulers {and} authorities, to obey {them}, to be ready for every good work,

UST

[1] Titus, continue to tell our people again that they should obey the people who rule over them. They need to be ready to do good whenever they are able.

What should the believer's attitude be toward rulers and authorities?

The believer should submit to them and obey them, and be ready for every good work.

Titus 3:2

ULT

[2] to revile no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing all humility toward all men.

UST

[2] They should not say disrespectful things about anyone. They should be peaceful. They should treat everyone gently and as more important than themselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:3

ULT

[3] For once we also were foolish {and} disobedient. We were led astray {and} enslaved by various passions and pleasures. We lived in evil and envy, detestable, {and} hating one another.

UST

[3] We need to remember that there was a time when we ourselves were foolish and unwilling to obey God. Our own passions and our desire for pleasure took us in the wrong direction and we served them as if we were their slaves. We were constantly envying each other and doing other evil things. We caused people to hate us and we hated each other.

What leads unbelievers astray and enslaves them?

Their various passions and pleasures lead them astray and enslave them.

Titus 3:4

ULT
4 But when the kindness and the love for mankind of God our Savior appeared,

UST
4 But when God showed us that he was acting generously to save us because he loves us,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:5

ULT
5 {it was} not by works of righteousness that we did, but by his mercy {that} he saved us, through {the} washing of new birth and renewal by {the} Holy Spirit,

UST
5 he saved us by removing our sin from us as though he had washed it away as the Holy Spirit made us new and enabled us to start our lives again, living in a new way for God. He did not save us because we do good things, but he saved us because he is merciful.

Through what means did God save us?
He saved us through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Are we saved because of good works which we have done or because of God's mercy?
We are saved only because of God's mercy.

Titus 3:6

ULT
6 whom he richly poured on us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

UST
6 God generously gave us his Holy Spirit when Jesus the Messiah saved us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:7

ULT

7 so that having been justified by the grace of that one, we might become heirs according to certain hope of eternal life.

UST

7 By this free gift, God has declared that everything is made right between him and us. He gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can share in everything that the Lord Jesus has to give us, especially everlasting life with him.

After he justifies us, what does God make us to become?

God makes us become his heirs.

Titus 3:8

ULT

8 {This} message {is} trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that the ones having believed God may be careful to engage themselves in good works. These {things} are good and useful for men.

UST

8 This is a statement that everyone can trust. I want you to continually emphasize these things so that those who have believed God may constantly devote themselves to doing those things that are good and that help others. These things are excellent and beneficial for everyone.

What should believers be careful to do?

Believers should be careful to do the good works.

Titus 3:9

ULT

9 But avoid foolish debates, and genealogies, and strife, and conflict about {the} law because they are unprofitable and worthless.

UST

9 But many people will want to debate with you about senseless things, such as about lists of Jewish ancestors. They will want to argue with you and dispute with you about religious law. Stay away from all of that. Those kinds of things are useless and they do not help you in any way.

What should believers avoid?

Believers should avoid foolish debates, genealogies, strife, and conflict about religious law.

Titus 3:10

ULT
10 Reject a divisive person after one or two warnings,

UST
10 If someone insists on engaging in these divisive activities after you have warned him one or two times to stop doing it, then have nothing more to do with him,

Who should we reject after one or two warnings?
We should reject a divisive person.

Titus 3:11

ULT
11 knowing that such a one has turned from the right way and is sinning, being self-condemned.

UST
11 because you know that someone like that has rejected the truth; he is sinning and condemns himself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:12

ULT
12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, hurry to come to me at Nicopolis, because I have decided to spend the winter there.

UST
12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at the town of Nicopolis, because I have decided to stay there for the winter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:13

ULT
13 Diligently send on their way Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, so that they lack nothing.

UST
13 Do everything you can to equip Zenas the law expert and Apollos for their journey, making sure that they have everything that they need.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Titus 3:14

ULT

14 And also, our own must learn to engage themselves in good works toward essential needs, in order not to be unfruitful.

UST

14 In the same way, make sure that our people learn to occupy themselves with doing good things for people who need help. By doing this, they will be living in a useful way for God.

What must believers engage themselves in so that they will be fruitful?

Believers must learn to engage themselves in doing good works that provide for essential needs.

Titus 3:15

ULT

15 All the ones {who are} with me greet you. Greet the ones loving us in faith. Grace {be} with all of you.

UST

15 Titus, all those who are with me greet you! Please greet for us everyone there who loves us as fellow believers. May God continue to be kind to all of you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon

Philemon 1

Philemon 1:1

ULT
1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and {our} brother Timothy to Philemon, the beloved and our fellow worker,

UST
1 {I,} Paul, am currently in prison for serving the Messiah, Jesus. I am here with Timothy, our fellow believer. {I am writing this letter} to {you,} Philemon. You also serve the Messiah, and we love you.

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?
Paul is in prison as he writes this letter.

To whom is this letter written?
This letter is written to Philemon, Paul's dear friend and fellow-worker.

Philemon 1:2

ULT
2 and to Apphia {our} sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house.

UST
2 {I also write} to Apphia, our fellow believer, and to Archippus, who is {like} a soldier {in the way he serves the Messiah} with us. {I also write} to the group of believers that meets in your house.

In what kind of place is the church meeting?
The church is meeting in a house.

Philemon 1:3

ULT
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST
3 {I pray that} God our Father and our Lord Jesus the Messiah will continue to be kind to you all and make you peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:4

ULT
4 I always thank my God, making mention of you in my prayers,

UST
4 When I pray, I always thank my God for you, {Philemon,}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:5

ULT
5 hearing of your love and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,

UST
5 because {people tell me} how much you trust in the Lord Jesus and how much you love him and all of God's people.

Of what good characteristics has Paul heard about Philemon?
Paul has heard about Philemon's love, faith in the Lord, and faithfulness toward all the saints.

Philemon 1:6

ULT
6 that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through {the} knowledge of everything good {that is} among us for Christ.

UST
6 I also pray that as you trust in the Messiah, just as we trust in him, you will understand even more all the good things the Messiah has given to us for serving him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:7

ULT

7 For I had much joy and comfort because of your love, because the inner parts of the saints are being refreshed by you, brother.

UST

7 My dear friend, you have greatly encouraged me and have caused me to rejoice a lot. For you have been encouraging God's people by how much you love them.

According to Paul, what has Philemon done for the saints?

Philemon has refreshed the hearts of the saints.

Philemon 1:8

ULT

8 Therefore, having much boldness in Christ to command you the {thing that} is proper {to do},

UST

8 So {because you love God's people,} and because {I am an apostle} of the Messiah, I am completely confident that the Messiah would allow me to command you to do what you should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:9

ULT

9 because of love I appeal to you instead—being such a one as Paul, an elder, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

UST

9 But {instead of commanding you,} {because we love each other,} I, Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner because I serve the Messiah, Jesus, only request {that you do this.}

Why is Paul asking Philemon for something instead of commanding him?

Paul is asking Philemon because of love.

Philemon 1:10

ULT
10 I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in {my} chains.

UST
10 I am asking you do something for Onesimus. He has become like a son to me {since I told him about the Messiah here} in prison.

What did Paul call Onesimus?
Paul called Onesimus his child.

Where was Paul when he became Onesimus' father?
Paul was in chains, in prison.

Philemon 1:11

ULT
11 The one formerly useless to you, but now useful both to you and to me,

UST
11 He was useless to you in the past, but now he is useful both to you and to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:12

ULT
12 whom I have sent back to you—him—{this} one is my inner parts;

UST
12 Although he is very dear to me, I am sending him back to you.

What has Paul done with Onesimus?
Paul has sent Onesimus back to Philemon.

Philemon 1:13

ULT

13 whom I desired to keep with me, so that he might serve me on behalf of you in the chains of the gospel.

UST

13 I wanted to keep him here with me in order that he might serve me in your place, especially while I am still in prison for preaching the good news {about the Messiah.}

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

Paul is in prison as he writes this letter.

What would Paul like Onesimus to be able to do?

Paul would like Onesimus to be able to help him.

Philemon 1:14

ULT

14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your good {deed} might not be as according to compulsion but according to good will.

UST

14 However, {I am sending him back to you} because you did not tell me I could keep him here. I want you to help me {because you want to help me,} and not because I have forced you to help me.

Why did Paul not want to act without the consent of Philemon?

Paul wanted Philemon’s good deed to be his own choice and not forced upon him by Paul's action.

Philemon 1:15

ULT

15 For perhaps because of this he was separated from {you} for an hour, so that you might have him back forever,

UST

15 It may be {that God allowed Onesimus} to be apart {from you} during this short time so that he could return to you {as a believer} and be with you eternally.

Why did Paul say Onesimus may have been separated from Philemon?

Paul said Onesimus may have been separated from Philemon so that Philemon could have him back forever, meaning as an eternal brother in Christ.

Philemon 1:16

ULT

16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me, but much more so to you, in both {the} flesh and in {the} Lord.

UST

16 This is because {Onesimus} is no longer just a slave, but he is much more than a slave. For now you can love him as a fellow believer! He is very dear to me, but he is certainly even more dear to you. This is because now he not only belongs to you {as a slave,} but he also belongs to the Lord.

How does Paul now want Philemon to consider Onesimus? (vv16-17)

Paul wants Philemon to consider Onesimus as a beloved brother.

Philemon 1:17

ULT

17 Therefore, if you have me {as} a partner, receive him as me.

UST

17 So if you consider me to be your companion {in doing the work God has given us,} then welcome Onesimus into your home in the same way you would welcome me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:18

ULT

18 But if he has wronged you or owes {you} anything, charge that to me.

UST

18 But if he has taken anything from you, or if he is in debt to you for anything, I will repay you.

What does Paul want Philemon to do about anything that Onesimus owes Philemon?

Paul wants Philemon to charge anything owed by Onesimus to Paul's account.

Philemon 1:19

ULT

19 I, Paul, wrote this with my own hand. I myself will pay it back—in order not to say to you that you also owe me even your own self!

UST

19 I, Paul, am now writing this in my own handwriting: I will repay you whatever he owes you. I am certain that I do not have to remind you that you owe me {even more than Onesimus might owe you,} {because God saved} your life {when I told you about the Messiah.}

What does Philemon owe Paul?

Philemon owes Paul his very life.

Philemon 1:20

ULT

20 Yes, brother, may I benefit from you in {the} Lord; refresh my inner parts in Christ.

UST

20 Yes, my fellow believer, {I am saying what you think I am saying}. I want {you to do this for me} because of what the Lord {did for you}. Give me another reason to be glad that we are both joined to the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:21

ULT

21 Having confidence in your obedience, I wrote to you, having known that you will do even beyond what I am saying.

UST

21 As I write {this letter} to you, I am sure that you will do what I am asking you to do. In fact, I know that you will do even more than what I am asking you to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:22

ULT
22 But at the same time, also prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given back to you.

UST
22 As {you do what I am asking you to do}, I also ask you to prepare to receive me into your home. Because all of you have been praying for me, I confidently expect that {God will allow me to leave prison} and to come to you all.

What does Paul want Philemon to do for him?
Paul wants Philemon to prepare a guest room for him.

Why does Paul want Philemon to do this?
Paul hopes that God will send him back to Philemon.

Philemon 1:23

ULT
23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you,

UST
23 Epaphras, who is {suffering} with me in prison {for serving} Messiah Jesus, says hello to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:24

ULT
24 Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, {and} Luke, my fellow workers.

UST
24 Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, who are my partners here, {also say hello to you.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Philemon 1:25

ULT

25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ {be} with your spirit. Amen.

UST

25 {I pray} that our Lord Jesus the Messiah will continue to be kind to you. Amen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews

Hebrews 1

Hebrews 1:1

ULT

1 In many portions and in many ways long ago, God, having spoken to {our} fathers through the prophets,

UST

1 In the past, God communicated to the Israelite ancestors through people who proclaimed his message. He did this throughout the time during which the ancestors lived, and he used many different means to do so.

How has God spoken in the past?

God has spoken in the past through the prophets at many times and in many ways.

Hebrews 1:2

ULT

2 at {the} last of these days spoke to us through a Son, whom he appointed heir of all {things}, through whom also he made the ages;

UST

2 {However,} when this last time period {began}, God communicated to us through his own Son. God made the world together with him, and God has chosen him to receive everything.

How has God spoken in these recent days?

God has spoken in these recent days through a Son.

Through whom were the ages made?

The ages were made through the Son of God.

Hebrews 1:3

ULT

3 who, being {the} brightness of {his} glory and exact representation of his being, upholding all the {things} by the word of his power and having made purification for sins, sat down at {the} right of the Majesty on high;

UST

3 God's Son is {like} light that shines from how glorious God is. In fact, he perfectly shows what God is like. He sustains everything {that God has made} by speaking powerfully. After he purified his people from the wrong things that they did, he ascended into heaven and began to rule with God {his Father}.

How are all things sustained?

All things are sustained by the word of the Son of God's power.

How does the Son display the glory and essence of God?

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the representation of God's essence.

Hebrews 1:4

ULT

4 having become far superior to the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than them.

UST

4 {That means that} he is much greater than the spiritual beings. In the same way, the name that God now calls him is greater than their {names}.

How does the Son of God compare to the angels?

The Son of God is far superior to the angels.

Hebrews 1:5

ULT

5 For to which of the angels did he ever say, "You are my son. Today I have fathered you"? And again, "I will be as a father to him, and he will be as a son to me"?

UST

5 {You can tell that God's Son is greater than the spiritual beings} because God did not at any time say these words to any spiritual being: "On this day, I have declared to everyone that I am your father, and you are my son!" {He did not say these words about any spiritual being} either: "I will be his father, and he will be my son." {However, he did say these words to his own Son.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 1:6

ULT

6 But again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “And let all {the} angels of God worship him.”

UST

6 More than that, when God raised his Son into the heavenly world, he commanded: “All the spiritual beings who serve God must honor and praise him.”

What did God command the angels to do when the Son was brought into the world?

God commanded the angels to worship the Son when the Son was brought into the world.

Hebrews 1:7

ULT

7 And on the one hand, with regard to the angels, he says, “The one making his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

UST

7 God says this about the spiritual beings: “I have caused the spiritual beings who serve me to be {like} the wind and {like} burning fire.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 1:8

ULT

8 But on the other hand with regard to the Son, “Your throne, God, {is} forever {and} ever, and the scepter of righteousness {is the} scepter of his [1] kingdom.

UST

8 On the other hand, {God says this} about his Son: “You who are God will rule forever, and you will reign justly over your kingdom.

How long will the Son rule as a king?

The Son will rule as a king for ever and ever.

Hebrews 1:9

ULT

9 You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Because of this, God, your God, has anointed you {with the} oil of exultation more than your companions.”

UST

9 You loved whatever is just, and you hated whatever breaks God’s law. Because of that, I, your God, have caused you to be more powerful and joyful than anyone else who is with you.”

What does the Son love and what does the Son hate?

The Son loves righteousness and the Son hates lawlessness.

Hebrews 1:10

ULT

10 And “according to {the} beginnings, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are {the} works of your hands.

UST

10 And {God also says this about his Son:} “You are the Lord who powerfully created everything that exists when it all began.

What will happen to the earth and heavens over time? (vv10-11)

The earth and heavens will wear out like a garment and perish.

Hebrews 1:11

ULT

11 They themselves will perish, but you yourself will continue, and they will all wear out like a garment,

UST

11 All those things will eventually fall apart, but you keep on living forever. They are like clothing that becomes old and wears out,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 1:12

ULT

12 and as a cloak you will roll them up, and as a garment they will be changed, but you yourself are the same, and your years will not fail.”

UST

12 and you will {remove them and} roll them up as if they were old clothes. In the same way that a person changes clothes, you will change the things that you created. In contrast, you are the one who stays the same and lives at all times!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 1:13

ULT

13 But to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool {for} your feet”?

UST

13 God did not at any time say these words to any spiritual being: “Rule with me while I defeat all of your enemies!” {However, he did say these words to his own Son.}

Where did God tell the Son to sit, and until what happened?

God told the Son to sit at his right hand until God made the Son’s enemies a stool for the Son’s feet.

Hebrews 1:14

ULT

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, being sent for service for the sake of the ones going to inherit salvation?
1:8 [1] some ancient manuscripts read

UST

14 The spiritual beings are all powerful beings who serve God, and God has sent them to help those whom he will soon save.

For whom do the angels care?

The angels care for those who are going to inherit salvation.

Hebrews 2

Hebrews 2:1

ULT

1 Because of this, it is far more necessary for us to give attention to the {things that} have been heard, so that we might not drift away {from them}.

UST

1 Because {God did say those things to his Son}, we need to focus most of all on {the good news} that we learned. That way, we do not stop believing it.

Why must believers pay attention to what they have heard?

Believers must pay attention to what they have heard so that they do not drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:2

ULT

2 For if the message spoken through angels became valid and every transgression and disobedience received just penalty,

UST

2 {This is important} because, when the spiritual beings gave the law {to the people of Israel}, what they said was reliable. Further, God justly punished anyone who did not listen to this law or broke it.

What would every transgression and disobedience receive?

Every transgression and disobedience would receive just punishment.

Hebrews 2:3

ULT

3 how will we escape, having neglected so great a salvation? Which {salvation}, first having been chosen to be spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by the ones having heard {it};

UST

3 {Since that is true}, God will certainly punish any one of us who ignores the message about how God has powerfully saved us. It was the Lord {Jesus} who first spoke this message, and those who listened to him told us the same message reliably.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:4

ULT

4 God also testifying together with {them} by signs and wonders and various miracles and distributions of {the} Holy Spirit according to his will.

UST

4 God also has confirmed to us that this message is true by empowering believers to do powerful and amazing things. Further, he gave the Holy Spirit to believers, to each as God chose.

How did God testify to the message of salvation announced by the Lord?

God testified to the message by signs, wonders, powerful deeds, and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 2:5

ULT

5 For {it was} not to angels {that} {God} subjected the world {that} is coming, about which we are speaking.

UST

5 Now God has not put the spiritual beings in charge of the heavenly world that he will bring to earth. It is that world which I am talking about.

Who will not rule the world to come?

Angels will not rule the world to come.

Hebrews 2:6

ULT

6 Instead, someone somewhere testified, saying, “What is man, that you remember him, or a son of man, that you watch over him?

UST

6 Someone confirmed {what I have said} when he wrote in the Scriptures, “No humans are worthy enough for you to think about them{, God}! No human beings are important enough for you to take care of them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:7

ULT

7 You made him a little lower than {the} angels; you crowned him with glory and honor. [1]

UST

7 {Despite that,} you created humans to be only slightly less powerful than the spiritual beings, and you have greatly honored and empowered them.

Who will rule the world to come? (vv7-8)

Man will rule the world to come.

Hebrews 2:8

ULT

8 You subjected all {things} under his feet." For in subjecting all the {things}, he left nothing not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all the {things} subjected to him,

UST

8 You have put them in charge of everything {that you created}." When he wrote, "put them in charge of everything," that means that there is nothing over which they are not in charge. However, at this present time, we do not observe that humans are in charge of everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:9

ULT

9 but we see Jesus, the one made a little lower than {the} angels, crowned with glory and honor because of {his} suffering of death, so that by {the} grace of God he might taste of death on behalf of everyone.

UST

9 However, we do observe Jesus. He is the one who was less powerful than the spiritual beings for a short time, and God has {now} greatly honored and empowered him. God did this because Jesus died. In this way, God graciously had him die for all people {who believe in him}.

Why was Jesus crowned with glory and honor?

Jesus was crowned with glory and honor because of his suffering and death.

For whom did Jesus taste death?

Jesus tasted death for every man.

Hebrews 2:10

ULT

10 For it was proper for him, because of whom all the {things} {exist} and through whom all the {things} {exist}, having brought many sons into glory, to perfect the founding leader of their salvation through sufferings.

UST

10 {Working in that way} was appropriate for God, who created and directs everything {that exists}. When Jesus began to make glorious everyone who believes in him, who are {like} his own siblings, God used how Jesus suffered to make him able to save them.

Whom does God plan to bring to glory?

God plans to bring many sons to glory.

Hebrews 2:11

ULT

11 For both the sanctifying and the ones being sanctified {are} all from one. For this reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers,

UST

11 Jesus, who sets his people apart for God, and those same people, whom he set apart for God, all come from God himself. So, Jesus does not hesitate to refer to them as his own siblings.

Who are the two who come from the one source, God?

Both the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified come from the one source, God.

Hebrews 2:12

ULT

12 saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers; I will sing praise to you in {the} midst of {the} assembly.”

UST

12 {Jesus calls them his siblings} when he says, “I will declare to my siblings what you are like{, God}; I will praise you when people gather together {to worship you}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:13

ULT
13 And again, “I will trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the little children whom God gave me.”

UST
13 {Jesus says} further: “I will rely on him.” And {Jesus says} further, “Look at me and God’s children, whom he has entrusted to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:14

ULT
14 Therefore, since the little children share in flesh and blood, he likewise also shared in the same {things} so that through {his} death he might abolish the one having the power of death, that is, the devil,

UST
14 So, because God’s children are human beings, Jesus also became a human being just like them. {He did that} so that he, by dying, could defeat Satan, who uses the fact that people die to control them.

Who was made ineffective through Jesus’ death?
The devil was made ineffective through Jesus’ death.

Hebrews 2:15

ULT
15 and might release those {people}, as many as in fear of death, throughout all {their} lives, were held in slavery.

UST
15 {When he did that,} he got rid of the way that dying makes us afraid while we live.

From what slavery are people freed through the death of Jesus?
Through the death of Jesus, people are freed from the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:16

ULT

16 For of course he does not take hold of angels, but he takes hold of {the} descendant of Abraham,

UST

16 {Jesus became a human being,} because he came to help those who belong to Abraham{, the ancestor of the Israelites}, not to help spiritual beings, as you know.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 2:17

ULT

17 from which he was obligated to become like {his} brothers in all {things}, so that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest {concerning} the {things} pertaining to God in order to make atonement {for} the sins of the people.

UST

17 Because that {is why he came}, Jesus needed to be exactly like us, who are his siblings. That way, he can be the leading priest who serves God in a compassionate and trustworthy way so that God forgives what his people did wrong.

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be like his brothers in all ways?

It was necessary so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest over God's things, and so he might obtain forgiveness for the people's sins.

Hebrews 2:18

ULT

18 For in that he himself had suffered, having been tempted, he is able to help the ones being tempted.
2:7 *[1]*

UST

18 {Jesus can be that kind of priest,} because he endured painful things and experienced how doing what is wrong seems to be good. So, he can aid everyone who also experiences how doing what is wrong seems to be good.

Why is Jesus able to help those who are tempted?

Jesus is able to help those who are tempted because he was tempted also.

Hebrews 3

Hebrews 3:1

ULT

1 Therefore, holy brothers, sharers of a heavenly calling, consider carefully the apostle and high priest of our confession, Jesus,

UST

1 My fellow believers, God has set you apart for himself, and he has summoned us together from heaven. Since {I have told you what Jesus has done,} you should think about him. God sent him to us, and he is the leading priest in whom we say we believe.

What two titles does the author of the book of Hebrews give Jesus?

The author gives Jesus the titles Apostle and High Priest.

Hebrews 3:2

ULT

2 being faithful to the one having appointed him, as also Moses {was} in his house [1] .

UST

2 He faithfully served God, who made him {a leading priest}. {He is} like Moses, who also {faithfully served God} as part of God's people.

Why has Jesus been considered worthy of greater glory than Moses? (vv2-3)

Jesus has been considered worthy of greater glory because while Moses was faithful in all God's house, Jesus is the one who built the house.

Hebrews 3:3

ULT

3 For this one has been considered worthy of greater glory than Moses, according to how much greater honor the one building it has {than} the house.

UST

3-4 Now each building has a builder who made it, and people rightly praise the builder more than {they praise} the building. Similarly, God is the builder who made everything. Therefore, people should praise Jesus{, who is God,} more than {they praise} Moses{, whom God made}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:4

ULT

[4] For every house is built by someone, but God {is} the one having built all {things}.

UST

[3-4] Now each building has a builder who made it, and people rightly praise the builder more than {they praise} the building. Similarly, God is the builder who made everything. Therefore, people should praise Jesus{, who is God,} more than {they praise} Moses{, whom God made}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:5

ULT

[5] And Moses {was} indeed faithful as a servant in his entire house, for a testimony of the {things that} would be spoken in the future;

UST

[5] Moses faithfully served God as one who helped all God's people. In that way, he already proclaimed what God says now {about Jesus}.

What was Moses' role in God's house?

Moses was a servant in God's house.

About what did Moses give testimony?

Moses gave testimony about the things that were to be spoken of in the future.

Hebrews 3:6

ULT

[6] but Christ, as a Son over his house (whose house we are if we hold fast to the confidence and the boasting of {our} hope).

UST

[6] But the Messiah is God's Son who {faithfully} rules over God's people. As long as we persist in boldly and proudly expecting {what God will give us}, we belong to those same people.

What is Jesus' role in God's house?

Jesus' role is as a Son in charge of God's house.

Who is God's house?

The believers are God's house if they hold fast to their confidence.

Hebrews 3:7

ULT

[7] Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice,

UST

[7] Since {we are God’s people}, {we should do} what the Holy Spirit says: “This day, when you hear God speak {to you},

What did the Israelites in the wilderness do when they heard God’s voice? (vv7-8)
The Israelites hardened their hearts.

Hebrews 3:8

ULT

[8] do not harden your hearts as in the provocation, during the day of testing in the wilderness

UST

[8] do not stubbornly disobey him. {That is what your ancestors did} when they rebelled against God and provoked him while they lived in the wild places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:9

ULT

[9] where your fathers tested {me} by examination, and they saw my works

UST

[9] {While they were} in those places, your ancestors provoked God to see what he would do. {They did that} even though they saw all the amazing things that he did

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:10

ULT

10 for 40 years. Therefore, I was upset with that generation, and I said, ‘They are always going astray in {their} hearts, and they have not known my ways.’

UST

10 during a period of 40 years. So, he was angry with those people, and he said about them, ‘They want to do what is wrong all the time. They do not understand how I want them to behave.’

What did God swear concerning the Israelites who went astray in their hearts? (vv10-11)

God swore that they would not enter his rest.

Hebrews 3:11

ULT

11 As I swore in my wrath, ‘If they will enter into my rest ...!’”

UST

11 So then, because he was angry with them, he solemnly declared, ‘They will never participate in how I rest!’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:12

ULT

12 Watch out, brothers, so that there will not be in any of you a wicked heart of unbelief, in the falling away from {the} living God.

UST

12 Fellow believers, pay attention! Make sure that none of you think in evil and unbelieving ways that would lead you to become disloyal to the only real God.

Of what are the brothers warned to be careful?

The brothers are warned to be careful not to turn away from the living God by unbelief.

Hebrews 3:13

ULT
13 Instead, exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” so that no one among you is hardened by {the} deceitfulness of sin.

UST
13 Rather, you should encourage each other {to be loyal to God} daily, during every day that we call “this day.” That way, none of you sin and thus deceive yourselves, which will make you unable to obey God.

What are the brothers to do in order to avoid being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin?
The brothers are to encourage one another daily.

Hebrews 3:14

ULT
14 For we have become sharers of Christ if indeed we hold firm the beginning of {our} confidence until {the} end,

UST
14 {You should encourage each other,} because we share {in everything} with the Messiah. {That is true} as long as we persist in trusting him from when we began to do so until we die.

As partners of Christ, what must believers do?
As partners of Christ, believers must firmly hold their confidence in him from the beginning to the end.

Hebrews 3:15

ULT
15 while it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

UST
15 {You should encourage each other} while the Holy Spirit says, “This day, when you hear God speak {to you}, do not stubbornly disobey him. {That is what your ancestors did} when they rebelled against God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:16

ULT

16 For which ones having heard provoked {him}? {Was it} not all the ones having come out from Egypt through Moses?

UST

16 Now you know that it was all God's people, whom Moses led out of the land of Egypt, who listened to God speak and still rebelled against him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:17

ULT

17 And with whom was he upset for 40 years? {Was it} not with the ones having sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

UST

17 You know that it was God's people, who did what was wrong, with whom God was angry for a period of 40 years. They died in the wild places.

With whom was God angry for 40 years?

God was angry with those who sinned in the wilderness.

What happened to those with whom God was angry?

Their dead bodies lay in the wilderness.

Hebrews 3:18

ULT

18 And to whom did he swear {that} they would not enter into his rest, if not to the ones having disobeyed?

UST

18 You know that it was God's people, who did not obey him, to whom he solemnly declared that they would never participate in how he rests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 3:19

ULT

19 And we see that they were not able to enter, because of unbelief.
3:2 *[1]*

UST

19 So, we can tell that they could not participate {in how God rests} because they did not trust {in him}.

Why were the disobedient Israelites not able to enter God's rest?

They were not able to enter God's rest, because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4

Hebrews 4:1

ULT

1 Therefore, let us be afraid lest {while} there remains a promise to enter into his rest, any of you might seem to have failed {to attain it}.

UST

1 So, {we can tell that} God still promises that his people will participate in how he rests. Because of that, we need to make sure that every one of you really receives {what God has promised}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 4:2

ULT

2 For we also are having good news proclaimed {to us} just as to them also. But the message of the hearing did not benefit them, not having been joined in faith with the ones having heard {it}. [1]

UST

2 {We need to make sure of this,} because we heard the good news just like they did. However, because they were not among those people who believed in what they heard, what they heard did not help them.

What good news had the believers and the Israelites both heard?

The believers and the Israelites had both heard the good news about God's rest.

Why did the good news not benefit the Israelites?

The good news did not benefit the Israelites because they did not join in faith with those who believed it.

Hebrews 4:3

ULT

3 For we, the ones having believed enter into rest, just as he said, “As I swore in my wrath, If they will enter into my rest,” although {his} works were finished from {the} foundation of {the} world.

UST

3 {That is} because {only} we who believe {in the good news} participate in how God rests. {But those who do not believe do not participate in it}, as the Holy Spirit says, “So then, because he was angry with them, he solemnly declared, ‘They will never participate in how I rest!’” {God said this} even though he stopped working {and rested} after he created the world.

Who are the ones who enter God’s rest?

Those who have believed enter God’s rest.

When did God finish his created works and then rest? (vv3-4)

God finished his created works at the beginning of the world and then rested on the seventh day.

Hebrews 4:4

ULT

4 For he has somewhere spoken thus about the seventh {day}: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”

UST

4 {You know that God rested} because of what the Holy Spirit says elsewhere about the seventh {day of the week}. {He says,} “Then, when {it was} the seventh day {of the week}, God finished working {to create everything}, and he rested.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 4:5

ULT

5 And again in this {passage}, “If they will enter into my rest.”

UST

5 But {note} again {what God says about the Israelite ancestors} in the words that I already quoted: “They will never participate in how I rest!”

What did God say about the Israelites and his rest?

God said that the Israelites would not enter his rest.

Hebrews 4:6

ULT

6 Therefore, since it remains {for} some to enter into it, and the ones previously having had the good news proclaimed {to them} did not enter because of {their} disobedience,

UST

6 So then, the Israelite ancestors who heard the good news in the past did not obey God, and so they did not participate in how God rests. However, God still wants some people to participate in how he rests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 4:7

ULT

7 he again sets a certain day, calling it “Today,” speaking through David after so much time, just as it has already been said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

UST

7 {Because of that,} the Holy Spirit once more picked a time {when we can participate in how God rests}. {That time is} what we call “this day.” {He did this} when he spoke through David a long time after {the Israelite ancestors disobeyed}. He said, as I have already quoted, “This day, when you hear God speak {to you}, do not stubbornly disobey him.”

What day has God now set for people to enter his rest?

God has set “Today” as the day for people to enter his rest.

What must a person do in order to enter God’s rest?

A person must listen to God’s voice and not harden his heart.

Hebrews 4:8

ULT

8 For if Joshua gave them rest, he would not have spoken about another day after these {things}.

UST

8 So, the Holy Spirit refers to a different day {when God’s people can participate in how God rests} that comes after the day {when Joshua led the Israelite ancestors into the land that God had promised them}. This means that {when Joshua did that,} he did not help them participate in how God rests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 4:9

ULT

[9] Therefore, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

UST

[9] So, as you can see, God's people can still participate in how God rests, {just as people rest on} the Jewish day of rest.

What is still reserved for God's people?

A sabbath rest is still reserved for God's people.

Hebrews 4:10

ULT

[10] For the one having entered into his rest has himself also rested from his works, just as God {did} from {his} own {works}.

UST

[10] In fact, the people who participate in how God rests also finish what they are doing and rest. {They do this} just like God finished {creating everything} and rested.

A person who enters God's rest also rests from what?

A person who enters God's rest also rests from his works.

Hebrews 4:11

ULT

[11] Therefore, let us be eager to enter into that rest so that no one might fall into the same example of {this} disobedience.

UST

[11] Because of all that, we should focus on participating in how God rests. That way, none {of us} disobeys {God} like the Israelite ancestors did.

Why should believers be eager to enter God's rest?

Believers should be eager to enter God's rest so that they do not fall into disobedience as the Israelites did.

Hebrews 4:12

ULT

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing to {the} dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge {the} thoughts and intentions of {the} heart.

UST

12 {You need to pay attention to these things,} because what God speaks {is like a person who} lives and does things, including discerning what people think and plan. {It does that as if it were} a sword with two very sharp edges that could cut apart people's bones from their tendons and that could divide up people's inner lives.

What is the word of God sharper than?

The word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword.

What is the Word of God able to divide?

The Word of God is able to divide soul from spirit and joints from marrow.

What is the Word of God able to discern?

The Word of God is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:13

ULT

13 And no creature is hidden before him. Instead, all {things} {are} bare and laid open to the eyes of him to whom {is} our word.

UST

13 God knows everything about every person and thing. Nothing that he created can stay secret when he wishes to examine it. He is the one about whom we are talking.

Who or what is hidden from God's sight?

No created thing is hidden from God's sight.

Hebrews 4:14

ULT
14 Therefore, having a great high priest {who} has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us firmly hold to {our} confession.

UST
14 So, a powerful leading priest works for us, one who ascended through the heavens. He is Jesus, God's Son. Because of that, we need to persist in believing what we say we believe.

Who serves as the great high priest for believers?
Jesus, the Son of God, serves as the great high priest for believers.

Hebrews 4:15

ULT
15 For we do not have a high priest {who} is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but {one} having been tempted according to all {things}, according to {our} likeness, {yet} without sin.

UST
15 Now the leading priest who works for us can very well understand how weak we are. In fact, he experienced many times how doing what is wrong seems to be good, just like we do. However, he never sinned.

Why does Jesus feel sympathy for the weaknesses of believers?
Jesus feels sympathy for the weaknesses of believers because he was in all ways tempted.

How many times did Jesus sin?
Jesus never sinned. Jesus was without sin.

Hebrews 4:16

ULT
16 Let us then approach with confidence to the throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
4:2 *[1]*

UST
16 So then, we should boldly go closer to God, who rules graciously. That way, he will act mercifully and kindly toward us when we need him to help us.

In time of need, what are believers to do to receive mercy and find grace?
In time of need, believers are to approach with confidence to the throne of grace.

Hebrews 5

Hebrews 5:1

ULT

[1] For every high priest, being taken from among men on the behalf of men, is appointed {in} the {things} related to God so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins;

UST

[1] When God appoints a person to be a leading priest, he selects that person from a group of people in order to serve God for that group. The leading priest then presents {to God} what people give or sacrifice to take away sins.

What does every high priest do on behalf of the people?

For the people, every high priest offers gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Hebrews 5:2

ULT

[2] being able to deal gently with the ones being ignorant and being deceived, because he also is subject to weakness.

UST

[2] {Every leading priest} is weak. Because of that, he can act patiently toward those who do not know much about God and toward those who believe and do what is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 5:3

ULT

[3] And because of this, he is obligated, just as for the people, so also for himself, to offer {sacrifices} for sins.

UST

[3] Further, because {each leading priest is weak}, God requires him to present a sacrifice to take away his own sins, just like {he offers sacrifices} for the rest of the people {of Israel}.

In addition to the people, for whom does the high priest also present sacrifices?

The high priest also presents sacrifices for his own sins.

Hebrews 5:4

ULT

4 And no one takes {this} honor for himself, but {only} being called by God, just as also Aaron {was}.

UST

4 Now people cannot decide to become honorable leading priests on their own. Rather, God chooses {each person who will be a leading priest}, just like {he chose} Aaron{, the first leading priest}.

How does a man receive the honor of being a high priest of God?

A man must be called by God to be a high priest of God.

Hebrews 5:5

ULT

5 In the same way also, Christ did not glorify himself to become a high priest. Instead, the one having spoken to him {said}, “You are my Son; today I have fathered you.”

UST

5 Similarly, the Messiah too did not decide to become a glorious leading priest on his own. Rather, God the Father {chose him to be a leading priest} when he said to him, “On this day, I have declared to everyone that I am your father, and you are my son!”

Who declared Christ to be a high priest?

God declared Christ to be a high priest.

Hebrews 5:6

ULT

6 {It is} just as he also says in another {place}, “You {are} a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

UST

6 Similarly, {as you can read} in another Psalm, God the Father said {to the Messiah}: “You will never stop being a priest in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest.”

For how long is Christ God’s high priest?

Christ is God’s high priest forever.

Of what order is Christ as a high priest?

Christ is a high priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:7

ULT

7 He, during the days of his flesh, offered up both prayers and requests with loud cries and tears to the one being able to save him from death and {he} was heard because of {his} godly life.

UST

7 When the Messiah lived with us before he died and came back to life, he often prayed powerfully and sorrowfully to God. He did this because God could rescue him when he died. Because he honored God, God listened to him {and made him alive again}.

Why was Christ heard by God when he prayed?

Christ was heard by God because of his godly life.

Hebrews 5:8

ULT

8 Even though being a son, he learned obedience from {the things} which he suffered.

UST

8 Although he is God's Son, he learned what it means to obey God when bad things happened to him.

How did Christ learn obedience?

Christ learned obedience from the things he suffered.

Hebrews 5:9

ULT

9 And having been made perfect, he became, for all the ones obeying him, {the} source of eternal salvation,

UST

9 Then, when God finished making him able to do so, the Son became the one who saves forever every person who does what he requires.

For whom did Christ become the cause of eternal salvation?

For everyone who obeys him, Christ became the cause of their eternal salvation.

Hebrews 5:10

ULT
10 having been designated by God {as} high priest, according to the order of Melchizedek,

UST
10 {He did that} after God appointed him to be a leading priest in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 5:11

ULT
11 concerning whom the message to us {is} great, but hard to speak {about} since you have become dull in {your} hearing.

UST
11 We have many things to talk about with regard to Melchizedek. However, since you do not listen {and understand} well, these things will be difficult to explain {to you}.

What was the spiritual condition of the original readers of this letter?
The original readers were dull of hearing.

Hebrews 5:12

ULT
12 For even though by this time you ought to be teachers, you again have need of someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have become ones having a need of milk, not solid food!

UST
12 {You have believed in the Messiah} for long enough that you should be teaching others {about God}. Instead, though, someone still has to teach you simple things about what God says. You are like babies who have to drink milk rather than being like adults who eat food.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 5:13

ULT

13 For anyone partaking of milk {is} inexperienced {with the} message of righteousness, because he is an infant.

UST

13 All people who know very little about what is right {and what is wrong} are like people who drink only milk. In fact, they are like babies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 5:14

ULT

14 But {this} solid food is for {the} mature {ones}, having through habit trained {their} senses for distinguishing both {what is} good and {what is} evil.

UST

14 On the other hand, people who know much about God are {like adults who eat} food. These people have consistently practiced how to recognize and then distinguish between what is right and what is wrong.

How does the author of the letter say that believers grow from spiritual babies into full-grown adults?

Believers grow spiritually by practicing distinguishing right from wrong, discerning both good and evil.

Hebrews 6

Hebrews 6:1

ULT

[1] So then, having left the message of the beginning of Christ, let us go forward to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,

UST

[1] Therefore, we need to learn more so that we become mature. We should not continue to focus on only the most basic things about the Messiah. {In other words,} we do not need to learn again about how to stop doing useless things or about how to trust in God.

On to what does the author of Hebrews want the believers to go forward?

The author of Hebrews wants the believers to go forward to maturity.

What teachings does the author list as the foundation of the message of Christ? (vv1-2)

The foundational teachings are repentance from dead works, faith in God, baptisms, laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:2

ULT

[2] teaching about baptisms and laying on of hands and resurrection of {the} dead and eternal judgment.

UST

[2] {We should not} learn {again} about different ways to baptize people, about putting our hands on others {to help them}, about how those who have died will live again, or about how God will finally decide whether people are guilty or innocent.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:3

ULT

[3] And this we will do, if God permits.

UST

[3] At this time, as long as God wants {us to do so}, we will indeed {learn more so that we become mature}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:4

ULT

4 For {it is} impossible—for the ones having been once enlightened and having tasted of the heavenly gift and having become sharers of {the} Holy Spirit

UST

4 {Let me tell you about something} that cannot happen. {Think about} people who learned about the good news at one time. They experienced what God gives {to his people} from heaven, and they received God's Spirit.

What had these enlightened people gained? (vv4-5)

These enlightened people had tasted the heavenly gift, became sharers of hte Holy Spirit, and tasted God's Word and the powers of the age to come.

What is impossible for those who gained so much in Christ but then fell away, to do? (vv4-6)

It is impossible for those who gained so much in Christ, but then fell away, to be restored again to repentance.

Hebrews 6:5

ULT

5 and having tasted {the} good word of God and {the} powers of the age to come

UST

5 They experienced how good what God says is, and {they have already begun to experience} the powerful things that God will do when he renews the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:6

ULT

6 but having fallen away—to restore {them} again to repentance {since} they are crucifying again for themselves the Son of God and exposing {him} to public shame.

UST

6 {Think about what would happen} were these people to stop believing the good news. {In this case,} they cannot repent and believe again. {That is because what they do} is like selfishly crucifying and humiliating God's Son.

Why are these people not able to be restored to repentance?

They are not able to be restored because they have crucified for themselves the very Son of God and exposed him to public shame.

Hebrews 6:7

ULT

7 For a land {that} drinks the rain {that} often comes upon it and produces useful vegetation for those for whom it is also cultivated shares {in} a blessing from God,

UST

7 {Here is an example:} God blesses any field where, once rain falls on it, crops grow that people use.

In the author's analogy, what happens to land that receives rain but bears thorns and thistles? (vv7-8)

Land that receives rain but bears thorns and thistles has its end in burning.

Hebrews 6:8

ULT

8 but producing thorns and thistles, {it is} worthless and close to a curse, the end of which {is} for burning.

UST

8 However, when a field produces plants that are useless, it helps nobody, and God will soon curse it. In the end, someone will set fire to it {to burn up all the useless plants}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:9

ULT

9 But concerning you, beloved ones, we are convinced of {things} {that are} better and are accompanying salvation, even if we speak thus.

UST

9 Even though I have warned you in this way, fellow believers whom I love, I am sure that you are believing more firmly {than I have implied}. {In fact, I am sure that} God has saved you.

What is the author's expectation concerning the believers to whom he is writing?

The author expects better things concerning these believers, things that are about salvation.

Hebrews 6:10

ULT

10 For God {is} not unjust, to forget your work and the love that you have demonstrated toward his name, having served the saints and continuing to serve {them}.

UST

10 Indeed, since God always acts justly, he will not overlook how you act and how you love {others}. You have proved that you do these things to honor God, particularly when you have helped and continue to help God's people.

What will God not forget about these believers?

God will not forget their work, love of God, and service to the saints.

Hebrews 6:11

ULT

11 And we long for each of you to demonstrate the same diligence toward the full assurance of {your} hope until {the} end

UST

11 I greatly desire that you all, until you die, continue to focus diligently on fully trusting {that God will give to you} what you confidently expect.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:12

ULT

12 so that you might not become dull, but imitators of the ones by faith and patience inheriting the promises.

UST

12 That way, you will not be lazy. Instead, you will do what other believers have done: they have received what God promised them, because they trusted in him and waited patiently.

What should the believers imitate about those who inherit the promises of God?

The believers should imitate the faith and patience of those who inherit the promises of God.

Hebrews 6:13

ULT

13 For God, having promised to Abraham, since he had no one greater by {whom} to swear, swore by himself,

UST

13 When God said that he would do something for Abraham, he guaranteed it himself. {He did that} because every other person who could guarantee it is less powerful {than God}.

What did Abraham have to do in order to obtain what God promised him? (vv13-15)
Abraham had to wait patiently to obtain what God promised him.

Hebrews 6:14

ULT

14 saying, “I will most certainly bless you and multiply you.”

UST

14 {Here is what} he promised {to Abraham}: “I will definitely bless you, and I will definitely give you many descendants.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:15

ULT

15 And in this way, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.

UST

15 Because {God guaranteed what he promised}, and because Abraham persevered in expecting it, God gave him what he had promised: {a son}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:16

ULT
16 For men swear by one {who is} greater, and an end of all disputes to them for confirmation {is} the oath,

UST
16 Now, people have someone who is more powerful than they are guarantee {what they promise}. In fact, when someone guarantees what he or she promises in this way, it definitively concludes whatever people are arguing about.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 6:17

ULT
17 in which God, intending even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable quality of his purpose, mediated {it} with an oath

UST
17 In a similar way, God wanted to demonstrate very clearly to those who would receive what he promised that he would not change what he intended to do. So, he guaranteed what he promised, {just like humans do}.

Why did God guarantee his promise with an oath?
God guaranteed his promise with an oath to show more clearly the unchangeable quality of his purpose.

Hebrews 6:18

ULT
18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which {things} {it is} impossible for God to lie, we, the ones having fled for refuge, might have a strong encouragement to hold firmly {to} the hope set before {us};

UST
18 So, God both promised and swore an oath, and he will not lie about or change either of these things. {He did that} for us, who have trusted in him to save us. In this way, he encourages us to persist in confidently expecting what he is ready to give us.

What is it impossible for God to do?
It is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:19

ULT

19 which {hope} we have as an anchor of the soul, both reliable and confirmed, and entering into the inside of the curtain,

UST

19 When we confidently expect {what God will give us}, it is as if an anchor holds us very securely {so that we do not waver from trusting God}. Further, {when we confidently expect what God will give us}, it is as if we had gone into the inner part of the {heavenly} sanctuary, behind the cloth hanging{, and already received it}.

What does the believer's hope in God do for his soul?

The believer's hope in God is a secure and reliable anchor for his soul.

Hebrews 6:20

ULT

20 where Jesus has entered {as} a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

UST

20 {That is the same place} where Jesus went {to serve God} for us and to open the way for us. {He went there} after he became a leading priest who will always {serve God}, in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest.

Where did Jesus enter as the forerunner for the believers?

Jesus entered into the inner place behind the curtain as the forerunner for the believers.

Hebrews 7

Hebrews 7:1

ULT

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, the one having met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

UST

1 {Now I will say more about} Melchizedek. He ruled {the city of} Salem, and he served the greatest God as a priest. When Abraham was going home after defeating some of his enemies, Melchizedek met up with him and blessed him.

What two titles did Melchizedek have?

Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High.

Hebrews 7:2

ULT

2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth from all {things}, first indeed translated as “king of righteousness,” and then also “king of Salem,” that is, “king of peace,”

UST

2 Then, Abraham gave to him one tenth of everything {that he took when he defeated his enemies}. {The name “Melchizedek”} means “just king” {in Hebrew}. {The title} “ruler of {the city of} Salem” means “peaceful ruler,” {since “Salem” sounds like the Hebrew word for “peaceful”}.

What did Abraham give Melchizedek?

Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything he had captured.

What does the name Melchizedek mean?

The name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness” and “king of peace”.

Hebrews 7:3

ULT

3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

UST

3 {When Moses wrote about Melchizedek, he did not say anything about} his father, his mother, his other ancestors, when he was born, or when he died. So, {Moses} described him as if he were similar to God's Son and as if he always served as a priest.

Who were the ancestors of Melchizedek, and when did he die?

Melchizedek was without ancestors and has no end of life.

Hebrews 7:4

ULT

4 But notice how great this one {was}, to whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth from the best plunder.

UST

4 You can tell how important Melchizedek was from how Abraham, the ancestor of all the Israelites, offered him one tenth of the most valuable things {that he took when he defeated his enemies}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:5

ULT

5 And the ones indeed from the sons of Levi having received the priesthood have a command according to the law to collect a tithe from the people, that is, {from} their brothers, even though they have come from the loin of Abraham.

UST

5 In Moses's law, {God spoke to} the men who are part of the clan of Levi and who serve as priests. He commanded them to receive one tenth of what the rest of the Israelites, who are their relatives, {earned or grew}. {God commanded this} despite the fact that all the Israelites are descendants of Abraham.

From whom are the priests descended who are priests according to the Law and who collect tithes from the people?

The priests of the Law are descended from Levi, and before him, from Abraham.

Hebrews 7:6

ULT

[6] But {this} one not being from their genealogy, has collected tithes from Abraham, and has blessed the one having the promises.

UST

[6] Now Melchizedek is not part of the clan of Levi. Despite that, he received one tenth of what Abraham {took when he defeated his enemies}. Further, he blessed Abraham, the man to whom God had promised {that he would give him many descendants}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:7

ULT

[7] But without any dispute, the lesser is blessed by the greater.

UST

[7] Now everyone agrees that more important people bless less important people. {So, because he blessed Abraham, Melchizedek is more important than Abraham.}

Who was the greater person, Abraham or Melchizedek?

Melchizedek was the greater person because he blessed Abraham

Hebrews 7:8

ULT

[8] And indeed here mortal men receive tithes, but there he is testified about that he lives on.

UST

[8] In Moses's law, we learn about how priests receive one tenth {of what the rest of the Israelites earn or grow}, but these priests all die. In the story about Melchizedek, we learn that he {also received one tenth of what Abraham took from his enemies}, but he continues to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:9

ULT

[9] And, so to speak, Levi, the one collecting tithes, also had paid a tithe through Abraham,

UST

[9] In fact, in a way, Levi {and the priests from his clan} gave one tenth {of what they had to Melchizedek} when Abraham {gave him one tenth}. {This is true even though} they are the ones who receive one tenth {from what the Israelites have}.

In what way did Levi himself also pay tithes to Melchizedek? (vv9-10)

Levi also paid tithes to Melchizedek, because Levi was of the seed of Abraham, and Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:10

ULT

[10] because he was still in the loin of {his} father when Melchizedek met him.

UST

[10] {What I have said makes sense} because Levi {had not yet been born} and was{, in a way,} still inside Abraham, his great-grandfather, when he and Melchizedek met together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:11

ULT

[11] If indeed then, perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people had been given {the law}), what further need {was there} for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek and to not be said {to be} according to the order of Aaron?

UST

[11] Now God made the law that he gave to the Israelites depend on having the descendants of Levi serve as priests. So, suppose that people could become what God wanted them to be through what these priests did to serve God. {In that case,} God would never have appointed another priest to serve in the way that Melchizedek was a priest instead of in the way that Aaron was a priest. {However, God did appoint this kind of priest.}

Why was there a need for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek?

There was a need for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek because perfection was not possible through the Levitical priesthood.

Hebrews 7:12

ULT

12 For {when} the priesthood is changed, from necessity a change of {the} law also takes place.

UST

12 {You can tell that God made the law depend on having the descendants of Levi serve as priests,} because the law must change whenever the way that people serve as priests changes.

What must also be changed when the priesthood changes?

The law must be changed when the priesthood changes.

Hebrews 7:13

ULT

13 For he about whom these {things} are said belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

UST

13 {You can tell that God has changed how people serve as priests,} because Jesus, whom God has called {a priest}, is not one of the descendants of Levi but is a descendant of one of Levi's brothers. No descendant of this man has served as a priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:14

ULT

14 For {it is} obvious that our Lord has sprung up from Judah, a tribe in regard to which Moses said nothing concerning priests.

UST

14 In fact, we all know that our Lord {Jesus} is a descendant of {Levi's brother} Judah, and Moses did not write down anything about descendants of Judah serving as priests.

From which tribe did Jesus descend, and had this tribe served before at the altar as priests?

Jesus descended from the tribe of Judah, which had never before served at the altar as priests.

Hebrews 7:15

ULT

15 And this is still even more obvious if another priest emerges according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

UST

15 Further, {you can tell} even more clearly {that God has changed how people serve as priests,} since God has appointed a different kind of priest{, Jesus,} who serves God like Melchizedek did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:16

ULT

16 who has become {a priest} not according to a law of a fleshly command, but according to {the} power of an indestructible life.

UST

16 He serves as a priest because nothing can keep him from living, which makes him a powerful {priest}. {As this kind of priest,} he does not depend on what God commanded in Moses's law about how human priests {are descendants of Levi}.

On what basis did Jesus become a priest after the order of Melchizedek?

Jesus became a priest after the order of Melchizedek based on the power of an indestructible life.

Hebrews 7:17

ULT

17 For it is being testified: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

UST

17 {You can tell that this is true about him}, because God the Father said {to him}: "You will never stop being a priest in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:18

ULT

18 For on the one hand, there is an annulment of {the} former commandment because it {is} weak and useless

UST

18 What this means is that God withdrew what he had first commanded {about priests}. {He did this because} that way of doing things was ineffective.

What has been set aside because it is weak and useless? (vv18-19)

The former commandment, the Law, has been set aside because it is weak and useless.

Hebrews 7:19

ULT

19 (for the law perfected nothing), and on the other hand {is} {the} introduction of a better hope, through which we come near to God.

UST

19 {That way was ineffective,} because people could not become what God wanted them to be by doing what God previously commanded. Now what this also means is that God provided something better for us to confidently expect. When we confidently expect this, we go closer to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:20

ULT

20 And by as much as not without swearing an oath,—for indeed they without swearing an oath are become priests,

UST

20-21 Now God did not guarantee what he said when he made some of the descendants of Levi priests. However, he did guarantee what he said {when he made} the Messiah {a priest}. Here is what God said to him: “The Lord has guaranteed what he says, and he will not do something else: ‘You will never stop being a priest!’” So, just as {Jesus serves as a greater priest because} God guaranteed what he said {when he made him a priest},

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:21

ULT
21 but he with an oath-taking, through the one saying to him, “{The} Lord swore and will not change his mind: ‘You {are} a priest forever’”—

UST
20-21 Now God did not guarantee what he said when he made some of the descendants of Levi priests. However, he did guarantee what he said {when he made} the Messiah {a priest}. Here is what God said to him: “The Lord has guaranteed what he says, and he will not do something else: ‘You will never stop being a priest!’” So, just as {Jesus serves as a greater priest because} God guaranteed what he said {when he made him a priest},

What oath did God swear concerning Jesus?
God swore that Jesus would be a priest forever.

Hebrews 7:22

ULT
22 and according to so much more, Jesus has become a guarantee of a better covenant.

UST
22 so also there is a better agreement, which Jesus guarantees.

Of what is Jesus the guarantee?
Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:23

ULT
23 And the ones, on the one hand, having become priests are many, since by death {they} are prevented {from} continuing,

UST
23 Further, each one {of the descendants of Levi} died and so could not continue {to serve as a priest}. Because of that, there have been many {descendants of Levi} who have served as priests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:24

ULT
24 but he, on the other hand, since he remains forever, has the permanent priesthood,

UST
24 However, Jesus will never die. Because of that, he will always serve as a priest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 7:25

ULT
25 because of which he is also able to save completely the ones approaching God through him, always living to intercede on behalf of them.

UST
25 Because {he always serves as a priest}, he can also totally rescue anyone who goes closer to God because of what he has done. {He can do that because} he will never die and thus can always ask God to help them.

Why is Jesus able to completely save those who draw near to God through him?
Jesus is able to completely save those who draw near to God through him because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:26

ULT
26 For such a high priest was indeed suitable for us: holy, innocent, pure, separated from the sinners, and having become higher than the heavens;

UST
26 Jesus is exactly the kind of leading priest that we need. He honors God, he does not think about what is evil, and he does not do what would defile him. He is not one of the people who sin, and he now lives in the highest heaven.

What four attributes does Jesus have that make him the right priest for believers?
Jesus is holy, innocent, pure, and separated from sinners.

What offering did Jesus need to make for his own sins?
Jesus did not need to make any offering for his own sins, because he is sinless.

Hebrews 7:27

ULT

27 who does not have each day a need, even as the high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first on behalf of {his} own sins {and} then {on behalf of} {those} of the people, for he did this, having offered himself once and never again.

UST

27 Now each {descendant of Levi who serves as a} leading priest has to present sacrifices {to God} every day. First, he presents a sacrifice to take away his own sins, and after that he presents a sacrifice to take away the sins of the rest of the Israelites. However, Jesus {took away everyone's sins} when he presented himself {as a sacrifice} one time, so he does not need {to present many sacrifices}.

What offering did Jesus make for the sins of the people?

Jesus offered up himself once for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 7:28

ULT

28 For the law appoints {as} high priests men having weakness, but the word of the swearing of an oath, which {came} after the law, {appoints} a Son, having been made perfect forever.

UST

28 In the end, God commanded through Moses that some people should serve as priests, but these priests are weak {and die}. In contrast, when God guaranteed what he said, which he did after he had commanded {those things through Moses}, he enabled his Son {to serve} always as the most effective {priest}.

How is Jesus different from the priests who were appointed through the Law?

The priests who were appointed through the Law were weak, but Jesus has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8

Hebrews 8:1

ULT

[1] Now {the} point concerning the {things} being said {is this}: We have such a high priest who sat down at {the} right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

UST

[1] Here is the main idea that I am writing about: a high priest like the one I have described is serving for us. He has gone to be with God {the Father} in the heavenly places, and he has begun to rule.

Where is the believers' high priest sitting?
The believers' high priest is sitting at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Hebrews 8:2

ULT

[2] a servant of the holy {place} and the true tabernacle that the Lord, not a man, set up.

UST

[2] He serves in the Most Holy Place and in the most real Dwelling. The Lord {God}, not any human, made {this sanctuary}.

Where is the true tabernacle?
The true tabernacle is in the heavens.

Hebrews 8:3

ULT

[3] For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, because of which {it is} necessary also for this one to have something that he might offer.

UST

[3] Now God makes people leadings priests so that they can present sacrifices. Because {that is what leading priests do}, Jesus too needed to present a sacrifice.

What is necessary for every priest to have?
Every priest must have something to offer.

Hebrews 8:4

ULT

4 Now if indeed he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, {since} there are the ones offering the gifts according to {the} law;

UST

4 So, because the priests {who are descendants of Levi already} present sacrifices {on earth} as God commanded, Jesus would not be serving as a priest were he on earth {right now}.

Where were the priests who offered gifts according to the Law?

The priests who offered gifts according to the Law were on the earth.

Hebrews 8:5

ULT

5 who serve an example and a shadow of the heavenly {things}, just as Moses had been warned, being about to complete the tabernacle, for he says, “See that you will make everything according to the type that was shown to you on the mountain.”

UST

5 Those priests do what God requires {in a sanctuary that} models the heavenly {sanctuary}. {You can tell that this is true,} because God revealed it to Moses when Moses was going to have the Israelites construct the Dwelling. {At that time,} God spoke to him, “Make sure that everything {about the Dwelling} matches the original {sanctuary} that I revealed to you {when you were with me} on Mount Sinai!”

What did the priests on earth serve?

The priests on earth served an example and a shadow of the heavenly things.

According to what pattern was the earthly tabernacle built?

The earthly tabernacle was built according to the pattern God showed Moses on the mountain.

Hebrews 8:6

ULT

6 But now he has obtained a far superior ministry, in as much as he is also {the} mediator of a better covenant, which has been legislated on better promises.

UST

6 But here is what is true {about Jesus}: he serves in a much better way {than the descendants of Levi do}. In the same way, the agreement that God has made with his people through Jesus is greater {than the agreement that God made with the Israelites}. That is because God promised greater things when he made this new agreement.

Why does Christ have a superior priestly ministry?

Christ has a superior priestly ministry because he is the mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:7

ULT

7 For if that first {covenant} would have been faultless, no place would have been sought {for} a second {one}.

UST

7 Now {you can tell that} the agreement that God made with the Israelites was not perfect, because God chose to make another agreement.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 8:8

ULT

8 For finding fault with them, he says, “Behold, days are coming, says {the} Lord, {when} I will complete a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

UST

8 {You can tell that the first agreement was not perfect,} because God declared that the Israelites did not perfectly keep that agreement when he said, “Here is what I say to you: Pay attention! Soon I will make a new agreement with all my people from both the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah.

What did God promise when he found fault with the people under the first covenant?

God promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Hebrews 8:9

ULT

9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers on {the} day {when} I grasped their hand to lead them out of {the} land of Egypt, because they did not continue in my covenant, and I did not care about them, says {the} Lord.

UST

9 {That agreement will} not be like the agreement that I made with their ancestors when I lovingly delivered them from the land of Egypt. Here is what I say: {It will not be like that agreement,} because they did not keep it, so I abandoned them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 8:10

ULT

10 For this {is} the covenant that I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says {the} Lord, putting my laws into their mind, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be to them as God, and they will be to me as a people.

UST

10 This is the kind of agreement that I will make with my people, the Israelites, very soon. Here is what I say: I will enable them to understand and obey my laws. I will be the God whom they worship, and they will be the people whom I care for.

What did God say he would do in the new covenant?

God said he would put his laws into the people's minds, and write them on their hearts.

Hebrews 8:11

ULT

11 And they will certainly not teach each one his fellow citizen, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know me, from {the} least of them to {the} greatest.

UST

11 No one will ever have to instruct another Israelite, "Trust and worship the Lord God." {That is} because all my people will trust and worship me, no matter how important or unimportant they are.

In the new covenant, who will know the Lord?

In the new covenant, all will know the Lord, from the least to the greatest.

Hebrews 8:12

ULT

12 For I will be merciful toward their unrighteousness, and their sins I will certainly not remember any longer.”

UST

12 {That will happen} because I will mercifully forgive them for the wrong things that they have done. I will never again punish them for the sins that they have committed.”

What did God say he would do with the people’s sins in the new covenant?

God said he would remember the people’s sins no more.

Hebrews 8:13

ULT

13 By saying “new,” he has made the first obsolete, and {what} is being made obsolete and growing old {is} near disappearing.

UST

13 When God uses the word “new,” he means that the earlier {agreement with the Israelites} is now old. Further, what is old will soon cease to exist.

In announcing a new covenant, what did God make the first covenant?

In announcing a new covenant, God made the first covenant obsolete, growing old and disappearing.

Hebrews 9

Hebrews 9:1

ULT
[1] Now indeed the first {covenant} had regulations for worship and the earthly holy {place},

UST
[1] As for the earlier {agreement that God made with Israel}, it required people to worship God in a specific way in a sanctuary on earth.

What was the place of worship for the first covenant? (vv1-2)
The place of worship for the first covenant was the earthly holy place.

Hebrews 9:2

ULT
[2] for a tabernacle was prepared, the first one, in which {were} both the lampstand and the table, and the presentation of the loaves, which is called ‘Holy,’

UST
[2] The sanctuary that the Israelites set up was a Dwelling {that had two sections}. They called the outer section the Holy Place. In it, {they put} a stand for lamps and a table on which they laid out {special} bread.

What was located in the holy place of the earthly tabernacle?
In the holy place of the earthly tabernacle were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the presence.

Hebrews 9:3

ULT
[3] and behind the second curtain {was} a tent which is called ‘{the} Holy of Holies,’

UST
[3] The inner section was on the other side of an inner cloth hanging. They called this {inner section} the Most Holy Place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:4

ULT

4 having a golden incense altar and the ark of the covenant, having been covered completely all around with gold, in which {was} a golden jar holding the manna, and the rod of Aaron that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

UST

4 In it, they put the altar for incense and the sacred chest, both of which they completely coated with gold. In the sacred chest, {they put} a gold container with manna inside{, the food that God gave the Israelites while they lived in the desert}. {They also put in it} Aaron's staff that God caused to produce leaves. {They also put in it} the stone slabs {on which Moses wrote the most important parts} of the agreement with God.

What was located in the most holy place of the earthly tabernacle?

In the most holy place of the earthly tabernacle were the altar for incense and the ark of the covenant.

Hebrews 9:5

ULT

5 and above it, cherubim of glory overshadowing the atonement lid, about which {things} it is not now {the time} to speak according to {each} part.

UST

5 On top of the sacred chest, {they put two statues of} glorious spiritual beings with wings. {These statues} cast shadows on the lid for the sacred chest. {However,} now is not the right time to discuss carefully each of these objects.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:6

ULT

6 And {when} these {things} had been thus prepared, the priests always enter into the first tabernacle, performing {their} services;

UST

6 After they had set up all those things, the priests went into the outer section of the dwelling every day to serve God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:7

ULT

7 but into the second {tent}, once {in} the year only the high priest {enters}, {and} not without blood that he offers on behalf of himself and of the unintentional sins of the people.

UST

7 On the other hand, on only one day a year does the {current} leading priest go into the inner section {of the dwelling}. He has to take blood {from an animal with him}, which he presents {to God} to take away his own {sins} and the sins that the rest of the Israelites committed by accident.

How often did the high priest enter the Holy of Holies, and what did he do before he entered?

The high priest entered the Holy of Holies once each year, after making a blood sacrifice for himself and the people.

Hebrews 9:8

ULT

8 This {is what} the Holy Spirit is making clear, {that} the way of the holy {places} {is} not yet to be revealed, the first tabernacle still having a place,

UST

8 The Holy Spirit shows {through what the priests do in the Dwelling} that God did not reveal how to enter the {heavenly} Most Holy Place during the time when he required people to use the first section of the {earthly} Dwelling.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:9

ULT

9 which {is} a parable for the present time, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are being offered, not being able according to {the} conscience to perfect the worshiper,

UST

9 This {first section of the earthly dwelling} figuratively describes the time in which those Israelites lived. In that time, priests presented offerings that could not enable the people who brought the offerings to distinguish properly between what is right and what is wrong.

What served as an illustration in the present time for the readers of this letter?

The earthly tabernacle and the gifts and sacrifices being offered there served as an illustration in the present time.

What were the offerings of the earthly tabernacle not able to do?

The offerings of the earthly tabernacle were not able to perfect the worshiper's conscience.

Hebrews 9:10

ULT

10 only concerning foods and drinks and different baptisms, regulations of {the} body, being imposed until a time of new order.

UST

10 They also followed rules that were only about bodily things, {including rules} about what to eat and drink and how to wash with water often. God gave them these rules to follow until he made a new agreement with his people.

Until when were the regulations of the earthly tabernacle provided?

The regulations of the earthly tabernacle were provided until the new order would be put in place.

Hebrews 9:11

ULT

11 But Christ, having come as a high priest of the good {things} having come into existence, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by human hands, {that} is, not of this creation; [1]

UST

11 In contrast, when the Messiah began to serve as a leading priest, {he gave us} the good things that we now have. He passed through the {heavenly} Dwelling that functions better {than the earthly one}. God, not humans, made this Dwelling, and it does not belong on the earth.

What is different about the sacred tent in which Christ serves?

The sacred tent in which Christ serves is more perfect, is not made by human hands, and does not belong to this created world.

Hebrews 9:12

ULT

12 and not by {the} blood of goats and calves, but by {his} own blood, he entered into the holy {places} once and never again, having himself obtained eternal redemption.

UST

12 Then, when he went into the {heavenly} Most Holy Place only one time, he did not present blood from animals that someone sacrificed{, like the priests who are descendants of Levi do}. Instead, he presented his own blood and freed {his people} from their sins forever.

What offering did Christ make, by which he entered the Holy of Holies?

Christ made an offering of his own blood by which he entered the Holy of Holies.

What did Christ's offering accomplish?

Christ's offering secured everlasting redemption for everyone.

Hebrews 9:13

ULT

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and sprinkling ashes of a heifer on the ones {that} had been defiled sanctifies {them} for the cleansing of {their} flesh,

UST

13 Now {those priests present} blood from animals that someone sacrificed, and they scatter ashes from a female cow, which they have burned, on unclean people. {When the priests do these things,} they really do cleanse the outside of a person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:14

ULT

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through {the} eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse your [2] conscience from dead works to serve {the} living God!

UST

14 {Since that is true,} what the Messiah does with his blood cleanses people much more! He presented himself as a perfect sacrifice to God, and the Spirit who lives forever enabled him to do so. He cleanses the inside of you all, removing what you do that accomplishes nothing and enabling you to do what the only real God requires.

What does Christ's blood do for the believer?

Christ's blood cleanses the believer's conscience from dead deeds to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:15

ULT

15 And for this reason, he is a mediator of a new covenant, so that, a death having happened for redemption of the transgressions {related} to the first covenant, the ones called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

UST

15 Because {the Messiah cleanses the inside of people}, God has made a new agreement through him. That way, God gives to those whom he chose what he promised that they would receive forever. {That can happen because Jesus} died to free {his people} from what they did wrong when they disobeyed the agreement that God made with Israel.

Of what is Christ the mediator?

Christ is the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 9:16

ULT

16 For where {there is} a covenant, {there is} a necessity for {the} death of the one having covenanted {it} to be proven.

UST

16 Now when someone sets up a will, {which is a type of agreement,} that person needs to die before the will becomes effective.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:17

ULT

[17] For a covenant {is} in force over {the} dead, because it never has force when the one covenanting {it} lives.

UST

[17] In fact, every will is valid only because of a dead person. {That is} because a will is not effective while the person who set it up is alive.

What is required in order for a will to be in force?

A death is required in order for a will to be in force.

Hebrews 9:18

ULT

[18] So not even the first {covenant} had been inaugurated without blood.

UST

[18] Much like that, God definitely required {the Israelites to use} blood when he made the agreement with them.

What death was required for the first covenant? (vv18-19)

The death of calves and goats was required for the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:19

ULT

[19] For every command having been spoken according to the law by Moses to all the people, having taken the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and red wool and hyssop, he sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people,

UST

[19] Indeed, after Moses declared everything that God commanded in his law to the Israelites, he picked up {in a bowl} blood from animals that someone had sacrificed. Then, also using water, red cloth, and parts of a hyssop plant, he scattered the blood on the book {on which he wrote what God commanded} and on all the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:20

ULT
20 saying, “This {is} the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”

UST
20 {When he scattered the blood,} he said to them, “This blood signifies {that} the agreement that God made with you {is now effective}.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:21

ULT
21 And in a similar way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and all the containers of the service.

UST
21 Moses likewise scattered blood on the dwelling and on every tool {that the priests used} to serve God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:22

ULT
22 And according to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

UST
22 Further, God commanded in Moses’ law that the priests should use blood almost every time they cleansed {people or things}. In fact, God does not forgive anyone unless a priest presents blood {from an animal that someone has sacrificed}.

What cannot happen without the shedding of blood?
Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:23

ULT

23 Therefore {it is} necessary on the one hand {for} the examples of the {things} in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but on the other hand, the heavenly {things} themselves, with better sacrifices than these,

UST

23 So then, the priests had to sacrifice animals to purify the {earthly} copy of the heavenly {Most Holy Place}. Much like that, {Jesus had to} present an even greater offering {to purify} the heavenly {Most Holy Place} itself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:24

ULT

24 for Christ did not enter into holy {places} made with hands—copies of the true ones—but into heaven itself, to be made visible now in the presence of God on our behalf,

UST

24 {When he presented that offering,} the Messiah went into the highest heaven, where he reveals himself right now before God to help us. He did not go into a Most Holy Place that humans have made, which is a model of the most real Most Holy Place.

Where does Christ now appear on our behalf?

Christ now appears in heaven itself, in the presence of God, on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:25

ULT

25 and not in order to offer himself many times, even as the high priest enters into the holy {places} each year with blood {that is} not his own;

UST

25 Further, he {went into the highest heaven} not to present himself as an offering more than once. That is what the {earthly} leading priests do. They go into the Most Holy Place every year {and present} blood from an animal {that someone has sacrificed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 9:26

ULT

26 since it was necessary for him to suffer many times from {the} foundation of {the} world. But now he has been revealed once at {the} end of the ages for {the} annulment of sin through the sacrifice of himself.

UST

26 {If Jesus had actually needed to present himself as an offering more than once,} then he would have needed to die very often since the time when God created everything. But here is what is true {about Jesus}: during this final time period, he presented himself one time only as an offering to make sin powerless.

How many times must Christ offer himself to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself?

Christ offers himself one time, at the end of the ages, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:27

ULT

27 And just as it is appointed to men to die once, and after that, {the} judgment,

UST

27 Humans will each die one time only, and then God will decide whether they are guilty or innocent.

For every person, what happens after their death?

After every person dies, they face the judgment.

Hebrews 9:28

ULT

28 so also, Christ, having been offered once to bear {the} sins of many {people}, will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation to the ones eagerly waiting {for} him.
9:11 [1]
9:14 [2] instead of

UST

28 Much like that, the Messiah presented himself one time only as an offering to take away many people's sins. Then, he will come again {to earth}, not {to take away} sins, but to rescue his people, who are persistently expecting him.

For what purpose will Christ appear a second time?

Christ will appear a second time for the salvation of those who wait eagerly for him.

Hebrews 10

Hebrews 10:1

ULT

1 For the law, having a shadow of the good {things} {that} are coming—not the image itself of {those} things
—is never able to make perfect the ones approaching with the same sacrifices that they continually bring
every year.

UST

1 The law {that God gave through Moses} is not itself one of the wonderful things that God will give to his
people. Rather, it only points to those wonderful things. So, even though the people who go closer to God
always present offerings year after year, doing so never enables them to be what God wants them to be.

What is the law compared to the realities in Christ?

The law is only a shadow of the realities in Christ.

Hebrews 10:2

ULT

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased being offered, because the ones serving would no longer have
consciousness of sins, having been cleansed once?

UST

2 Suppose that {those offerings} actually purified the people who worship God. {In that case,} they would
never feel guilty about their sins, and they would stop presenting offerings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:3

ULT

3 But with those {sacrifices} {there is} a reminder of sins every year.

UST

3 But {here is what is true about those offerings}: they remind people year after year of their sins.

Of what do the repeated sacrifices made through the law remind the worshipers?

The repeated sacrifices made through the law remind the worshipers of sins committed year after year.

Hebrews 10:4

ULT

4 For {it is} impossible {for} blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

UST

4 {Those offerings can only do that,} because blood from animals that someone sacrificed cannot remove people's sins.

What is it impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to do?

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:5

ULT

5 Therefore, entering into the world, he says, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

UST

5 That is why, when the Messiah came to earth, he spoke {to his Father}, "You did not want {people to present} offerings. Instead, you made a human body ready for me.

What did God prepare for Christ when Christ came into the world?

God prepared a body for Christ.

Hebrews 10:6

ULT

6 {in} whole burnt {offerings} and concerning sin {offerings} nor were you well-pleased {with them}.

UST

6 You did not enjoy the sacrifices that people present to take away their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:7

ULT

7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— {as} it is written about me in a section of a scroll— to do your will, God.’”

UST

7 So, I spoke {these words}: ‘Here I am! Someone wrote about me in the Scriptures. I will do what you want {me to do}, my God.’”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:8

ULT

8 {When} he says above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor did you take pleasure in them” (which {things} are offered according to {the} law),

UST

8 Here is what the Messiah said {to God} first: “You did not want or enjoy the offerings {that people present} or the sacrifices that people present to take away their sins.” Those offerings and sacrifices are the ones that the Israelites present {to God} as he required in the laws {that he gave through Moses}.

What practice did God set aside when Christ came into the world?

God set aside the first practice of the sacrifices offered according to the law.

Hebrews 10:9

ULT

9 then he had said, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

UST

9 Then, the Messiah said this second: “Here I am! I will do what you want {me to do}.” He abolishes {what he spoke about} first to set up {what he spoke about} second.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:10

ULT

10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and never again.

UST

10 Here is what God wanted: Jesus the Messiah presented his body as an offering one time only, and by that {offering}, God set us apart for himself.

What practice did God establish when Christ came into the world?

God established the second practice of the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:11

ULT

11 And indeed, every priest stands every day serving and repeatedly offering the same sacrifices that never are able to take away sins.

UST

11 Now all {earthly} priests have to stand up day after day while they worship God and present many offerings of the same kind. These offerings cannot remove {people's} sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:12

ULT

12 But he, having offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, sat down at {the} right hand of God,

UST

12 In contrast, the Messiah presented a single offering that is always effective in taking away sins. Then, he went to be with God {the Father}, where he sits {on the throne} and rules.

For what is Christ waiting as he sits at the right side of God? (vv12-13)

Christ is waiting until his enemies are humbled and made a stool for his feet.

Hebrews 10:13

ULT
13 waiting from then until his enemies might be made a footstool {for} his feet.

UST
13 Right now, he remains {there} until God defeats all of his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:14

ULT
14 For by one offering he has perfected for all time the ones being sanctified.

UST
14 {The Messiah remains there,} because he presented a single offering, by which he always makes the people whom God is setting apart for himself what God wants them to be.

By his one offering, what has Christ done for those sanctified?
Christ has perfected forever those who are sanctified by his one offering.

Hebrews 10:15

ULT
15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after having said,

UST
15 God's Spirit too confirms to us {that this is true}. Here is what he said first {in the words that I have already quoted}:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:16

ULT
16 "This {is} the covenant that I will covenant with them after those days, says {the} Lord, putting my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their mind."

UST
16 "This is the kind of agreement that I will make with them, very soon. Here is what I say: I will enable them to obey and understand my laws."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:17

ULT
17 And {then}, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will certainly not still remember.”

UST
17 Then{, God’s Spirit said this second in the words I have already quoted}: “I will never again punish them for the sinful and disobedient things that they have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:18

ULT
18 Now where {there is} forgiveness {for} these {things}, {there is} no longer sacrifice on behalf of sin.

UST
18 When God forgives people for the {sinful and disobedient} things that they have done, no one again presents sacrifices to take away sins.

What is no longer required where there is forgiveness of sins?
Additional sacrifices are no longer required where there is forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 10:19

ULT
19 Therefore, brothers, having confidence to enter the holy {places} by the blood of Jesus,

UST
19 So then, fellow believers, we can be totally sure that there is a way into the heavenly Most Holy Place {for us}, because of Jesus’ blood.

Into what place can believers now enter by Jesus’ blood?
Believers can now enter the most holy place by Jesus’ blood.

Hebrews 10:20

ULT
20 which has inaugurated for us a fresh and living way through the curtain, that is, his flesh,

UST
20 Jesus established that new and effective way for us, which passes through the cloth hanging {into the Most Holy Place}. This {cloth hanging figuratively} represents Jesus {while he lived} on earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:21

ULT
21 and a great priest over the house of God,

UST
21 Further, {the Messiah is} a leading priest {who} works for us, God's people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:22

ULT
22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, {our} hearts having been sprinkled clean from a wicked conscience and {our} body having been washed with pure water.

UST
22 {Because those things are true,} we should go closer {to God}, completely serving him and fully believing in him now that he has purified us on the inside and on the outside so that we no longer feel guilty about evil things {that we have done}.

What has been sprinkled and what has been washed in the believer?
The believer's heart has been sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and his body has been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:23

ULT
23 Let us hold tightly the confession of {our} hope without wavering, because the one having promised {is} faithful.

UST
23 {God,} who promised {these things to us,} will do what he has said. So, we need to persist in fully believing what we say we confidently expect.

To what must believers hold tightly?
Believers must hold tightly to the confession of their hope.

Hebrews 10:24

ULT
24 And let us consider one another to stimulate love and good deeds,

UST
24 Further, we need to think about each other, particularly how to encourage each other to love others and to do what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:25

ULT
25 not abandoning our own meeting together, just as {is} {the} habit for some {people}, but exhorting {one another}, and so much more in as much as you see {that} day approaching.

UST
25 {We can do that by} always continuing to gather together {to worship God} and encouraging each other, even though some people often do not {do this}. Since we know that Jesus is coming back soon, we should be very eager to do those things.

What must believers do as they see the day drawing near?
Believers must encourage one another more and more as they see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:26

ULT

26 For if we deliberately keep on sinning after {we} receive the full knowledge of the truth, a sacrifice on behalf of sins no longer remains,

UST

26 {We should do all those things,} because whenever we intentionally and habitually sin once we have completely understood the true {message about Christ}, no one can present any offering that will take away our sins.

What is the expectation of those who deliberately go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth? (vv26-27)

The expectation of those who deliberately go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth is judgment and a fiery zeal that consumes God's enemies.

Hebrews 10:27

ULT

27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and of fire of zeal {that is} going to consume the adversaries.

UST

27 {If we did go on sinning}, all we could do is fearfully wait for God to declare us guilty and soon after forcefully punish us as his enemies, {which would be like} flames burning us up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:28

ULT

28 Anyone having rejected {the} law of Moses dies without mercy at {the testimony of} two or three witnesses.

UST

28 The Israelites would kill any person who completely stopped obeying the laws that God gave through Moses, as long as at least two or three people confirmed that the person had done that. They would not be merciful to that person.

What does the person deserve who treats the blood of Christ, by which he was sanctified, as something unholy? (vv28-29)

The person who treats the blood of Christ by which he was sanctified as something unholy deserves punishment without mercy beyond the punishment given under the law of Moses.

Hebrews 10:29

ULT

29 How much worse punishment do you think will deserve the one having trampled underfoot the Son of God and having considered the blood of the covenant—by which he was sanctified—{as} profane and having insulted the Spirit of grace!

UST

29 But now consider people who shame God's Son. They treat his blood as if it were ordinary, even though God used that blood to make his covenant and set them apart for himself. They make fun of God's Spirit, who acts graciously. God will rightly punish those people more than {he punished anyone who completely stopped obeying the laws that God gave through Moses}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:30

ULT

30 For we know the one having said, "Vengeance {is} mine; I will pay back." And again, "{The} Lord will judge his people."

UST

30 {We know that is true,} because we have encountered God, who spoke, "I am the one who will punish people when they act against me. I will do so in a way that they deserve." Further, {he} also {spoke}, "I, the Lord, will decide whether my people are guilty or innocent."

To whom does vengeance belong?

Vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Hebrews 10:31

ULT

31 {It is} a fearful {thing} to fall into {the} hands of {the} living God!

UST

31 Those who deserve the only real God to punish them should be afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:32

ULT

32 But remember the former days, in which, having been enlightened, you endured a great struggle of sufferings,

UST

32 On the other hand, I want you to think about what it was like when you first learned about the good news. During that time, you continued {to trust God} while you firmly withstood what you suffered.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:33

ULT

33 at {times} indeed being publicly exposed both to reproach and persecution, but at other {times} having become partners of the ones being treated in this way.

UST

33 In some cases, people publicly insulted and hurt you. In other cases, you helped other people who experienced those same things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:34

ULT

34 For you also sympathized with the prisoners, and you welcomed with joy the seizure of your possessions, knowing yourselves to have a better and abiding possession. *[1]*

UST

34 More specifically, you acted compassionately toward those in jail. Also, you rejoiced even when people took away what you owned. {You did that} because you recognized that God has something greater and more lasting for you.

How had the believers who received this letter reacted to the seizure of their possessions?

The believers had accepted with joy the seizure of their possessions, knowing they had a better and everlasting possession.

Hebrews 10:35

ULT

35 So you must not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

UST

35 Therefore, continue to be confident {that God will do what he has promised}. God greatly rewards those who are confident in this way.

What must the believer need not throw away so he may receive what God has promised? (vv35-36)

The believer needs to retain his confidence so he may receive what God has promised.

Hebrews 10:36

ULT

36 For you have need of endurance so that, having done the will of God, you might obtain the promise.

UST

36 As you can see, you need to continue {to trust God}. That way, once you have done what God desires, you will receive what he has promised {to give to you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:37

ULT

37 “For yet {in} a very little {while}, the one coming will come and will not delay.

UST

37 Here is what a prophet wrote: “Very soon, the person who is going to arrive will arrive. He will not wait a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 10:38

ULT

38 But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he would shrink back, my soul is not well-pleased with him.”

UST

38 Further, those who serve me righteously will trust {in me} while they are alive. But, suppose they stop {trusting in me}. Then, I will be displeased with them.”

How will the righteous live?

The righteous will live by faith.

What does God think of those who shrink back?

God is not pleased with those who shrink back.

Hebrews 10:39

ULT

39 But we ourselves are not of shrinking back to destruction, but of faith to {the} preservation of {the} soul. 10:34 *[1]*

UST

39 However, we are not those who stop {trusting in God}, whom he will destroy. Rather, we are those who trust {in God}, so he saves us.

What is the author’s expectation for those who received this letter?

The author’s expectation is that those who received this letter will have faith for keeping their souls.

Hebrews 11

Hebrews 11:1

ULT

[1] Now faith is assurance of {things} being hoped {for}, proof of things not being seen.

UST

[1] When people trust God, it makes them sure that they will receive what they confidently expect. {When people trust God,} it makes them certain about things that they do not see.

What attitude does a person of faith have toward God's promises that are yet to be fulfilled?

A person of faith confidently expects and has certainty toward God's promises that are yet to be fulfilled.

Hebrews 11:2

ULT

[2] For by this the ancients were commended.

UST

[2] In fact, because the Israelite ancestors trusted God, he approved of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:3

ULT

[3] By faith we understand the ages to have been prepared by {the} word of God—so that {what} is seen was not made from what is visible.

UST

[3] Because we trust God, we recognize that God set up everything that exists by speaking. So then, the things we see did not come from other things we can see.

From what were the visible things of the universe created?

The visible things of the universe were not made out of things that were visible.

Hebrews 11:4

ULT

4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was testified to be righteous, God testifying because of his gifts, and through {faith}, having died, he still speaks.

UST

4 Because he trusted God, Adam's son Abel presented a more acceptable offering to God than his older brother Cain did. Because he trusted God, God approved of him for what he presented and declared that he did what was right. Although Abel died, we can still learn from how he trusted God.

Why did God praise Abel for being righteous?

God praised Abel because Abel by faith offered God a more appropriate sacrifice than Cain did.

Hebrews 11:5

ULT

5 By faith Enoch was transferred, so that he did not see death, and "He was not found, because God transferred him." For before {his} transfer, he was reported to have been well-pleasing to God.

UST

5 Because Enoch trusted God, God took him {to heaven}, and so he never died. As {Moses wrote,} "No one could find him. That is because God took him {to heaven}." Now before God took {Enoch to heaven}, he declared that Enoch pleased him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:6

ULT

6 Now without faith {it is} impossible to be well-pleasing, for it is necessary for the one coming to God to believe that he exists and is a rewarder of the ones seeking him.

UST

6 In fact, people can only please God when they trust him. {That is} because people who go closer to God have to believe that he is real and that he will reward people who want to serve and worship him.

What must one who comes to God believe about God?

One who comes to God must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:7

ULT

7 By faith Noah, having been warned about the {things} not yet being seen, having become reverent, built an ark for salvation of his household, through which he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness {which is} according to faith.

UST

7 Because he trusted God, Noah honored God {by believing him} when God revealed to him what he could not yet experience. So, Noah built the ark to rescue his family {from the flood that God would send}. Since Noah trusted God {in this way}, he proved that everyone else was guilty. Further, Noah became a person whom God made right with himself, because Noah trusted him.

How did Noah demonstrate his faith?

Noah demonstrated his faith by building an ark to save his family according to God's warning.

Hebrews 11:8

ULT

8 By faith, Abraham, being called, obeyed to go out to a place that he was going to receive for an inheritance and went out, not fully knowing where he is going.

UST

8 Because he trusted God, Abraham did what God said when God spoke to him. He left {his home} to travel to a location that God would soon make his new home. When he left {his home}, he did not even know exactly where {this new home would be}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:9

ULT

9 By faith he lived as a foreigner in {the} land of the promise, having lived in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the fellow heirs of the same promise,

UST

9 Because he trusted God, Abraham stayed in the country that God had promised {to give him}, but it was not yet his country. He lived with Isaac his son and Jacob his grandson in temporary shelters, {even though} God promised to all three of them {that he would give them this country}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:10

ULT

10 for he was waiting for the city having foundations, whose architect and builder {is} God.

UST

10 {Abraham lived like that,} because he was looking forward to {living in} the secure and permanent {heavenly} city that God created.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:11

ULT

11 By faith, even Sarah herself received ability for {the} conception of an offspring, even beyond {the} time of full age, since she considered {to be} faithful the one having promised. [1]

UST

11 Because he believed, Abraham was able to have a son with {his wife} Sarah, even though he was old enough that he could not normally have a child. {That happened} because he reckoned that God would certainly do what he said.

What promise did Abraham and Sarah receive by faith?

Abraham and Sarah received by faith the power to conceive even when they were too old.

Hebrews 11:12

ULT

12 Therefore, also from one {man}—and he having become dead—these {children} were born, just as the stars of the sky in {their} great number and countless as the sand along the shore of the sea.

UST

12 So then, even though he was very old, Abraham had many descendants, {the Israelites}. {Just as God promised,} there are as many {Israelites} as there are many stars in the sky and as there are many grains of sand on a beach by the ocean.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:13

ULT

13 According to {their} faith all these died without receiving the promises, but seeing and greeting them from far off, and having confessed that they are strangers and foreigners on the earth.

UST

13 All those people trusted God until they died. They did not experience what God had promised {to give them}, but they knew that God would soon do what he had promised. They showed everyone that they did not really belong in this world.

What did the ancestors of faith see from far off?

The ancestors of faith saw and welcomed God's promises from far off.

What did the ancestors of faith consider themselves on the earth?

The ancestors of faith considered themselves strangers and aliens on the earth.

Hebrews 11:14

ULT

14 For those saying such {things} are making it clear that they seek a homeland.

UST

14 Indeed, all people who speak what they spoke {about not belonging in this world} show clearly that they desire {to live in} their own country.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:15

ULT

15 And if indeed they had been thinking of that {land} from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return.

UST

15 But suppose they considered the country they had left {to be their own country}. In that case, they could have gone back there{, but they did not}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:16

ULT

16 But now they reach for a better {land}, {that} is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he prepared a city for them.

UST

16 But here is what is true {about them}: they longed for a greater country that is in heaven. Because of that, it honors God when other people describe him as the God of these people {who trusted him}. {You can tell that this is true,} because God has made a city for them {to live in}.

What has God prepared for those of faith?

God has prepared a heavenly city for those of faith.

Hebrews 11:17

ULT

17 By faith Abraham, being tested, had offered Isaac; even the one having welcomed the promises offered up {his} one and only {son},

UST

17 Because he trusted God, when God tested him, Abraham would have presented {his son} Isaac {as an offering}. Indeed, the man to whom God promised {many descendants} was about to present {as an offering} the only child {he and his wife Sarah had}.

What did Abraham believe God would be able to do even as he offered up Isaac his only son? (vv17-19)

Abraham believed God would be able to raise up Isaac from the dead.

Hebrews 11:18

ULT

18 to whom it was said, “Through Isaac your offspring will be named,”

UST

18 {In fact,} God {had already} said to Abraham, “The many descendants {that I promised to give you} will come from {your son} Isaac.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:19

ULT

19 having reasoned that God is able to raise up even from {the} dead, and in a parable, he received him back from there.

UST

19 {Abraham acted in this way because} he reckoned that God could make dead people alive again. In fact, in a manner of speaking, Abraham did get Isaac back after he had died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:20

ULT

20 By faith also, concerning coming {things}, Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau.

UST

20 Because he trusted God, Isaac blessed {his sons} Jacob and Esau regarding what was going to happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:21

ULT

21 By faith Jacob, {when} dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshiped on the end of his staff.

UST

21 Because he trusted God, when he was about to die, Jacob blessed both sons of {his son} Joseph. He praised God while he leaned on his walking stick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:22

ULT

22 By faith Joseph, coming to an end, mentioned about the exodus of the sons of Israel and commanded {them} about his bones.

UST

22 Because he trusted God, when he was about to die, Joseph spoke about how the Israelites would leave {the land of Egypt}. Also, he commanded {them to take} his bones {with them when they left}.

What did Joseph prophesy by faith when his end was near?

Joseph prophesied of the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt when his end was near.

Hebrews 11:23

ULT

23 By faith Moses, having been born, was hidden for three months by his parents because they saw {that} the little child {was} beautiful, and they were not afraid of the decree of the king.

UST

23 Because they trusted God, Moses' father and mother kept Moses hidden for 13 weeks after he was born. They bravely disobeyed what the king {of Egypt} commanded {about killing the sons of the Israelites}. {They did that} because they could tell that Moses was a good child.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:24

ULT

24 By faith Moses, having become great, refused to be called {the} son of Pharaoh's daughter.

UST

24 Because he trusted God, when he grew up, Moses rejected how he was living as the {adopted} son of one {of the daughters} of the king of Egypt.

What did Moses choose to do by faith when he had grown up? (vv24-26)

Moses chose by faith to share mistreatment with God's people, considering the disgrace of following Christ as greater riches.

Hebrews 11:25

ULT

25 Rather, he chose to suffer evil together with the people of God than to have {the} temporary enjoyment of sin.

UST

25 He decided to experience how people mistreated God's people rather than to enjoy sinning for a little while.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:26

ULT

26 He considered the reproach of the Christ greater riches {than} the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking away toward {his} reward.

UST

26 He reckoned that people insulting him because of the Messiah was more valuable than all the valuable things in {the land of} Egypt. {He thought in this way,} because he focused on how God would reward him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:27

ULT

27 By faith he left Egypt behind, not having feared the wrath of the king, for he endured as if he were seeing the unseen one.

UST

27 Because he trusted God, Moses departed from {the land of} Egypt. He was not afraid of {what} the king {would do} while he was angry. {He acted in that way,} because he continued {to trust God as completely} as if he could see him, who is invisible.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:28

ULT

28 By faith he has performed the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer {of} the firstborn would not touch them.

UST

28 Because he trusted God, Moses led the Israelites in celebrating the {first} Passover festival and spreading blood {from lambs on their doors}. {They did that} so that the spiritual being who killed the eldest children {of the Egyptians} would not kill their {eldest children}.

What did Moses observe by faith in order to save the Israelites' firstborn sons?

Moses observed the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood by faith in order to save the Israelites' firstborn sons.

Hebrews 11:29

ULT

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as if through dry land, which the Egyptians, having taken an attempt, were swallowed up.

UST

29 Because they trusted God, the Israelites walked across the Sea of Reeds like {they were walking on} hard ground {when God made a path for them}. Then, when the Egyptians tried to follow, they drowned in the water {when God covered the path}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:30

ULT

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, having been encircled for seven days.

UST

30 Because the Israelites trusted God, he broke down the walls {around the city} of Jericho after the Israelites {repeatedly} marched around the city during one week.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:31

ULT
31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish together with the ones having disobeyed, having welcomed the spies with peace.

UST
31 Because she trusted God, Rahab, who was a prostitute, kept the spies {whom Joshua had sent} safe. {Because she did that,} the Israelites did not kill her when they killed {everyone else who lived in Jericho}, everyone who did not obey {God}.

What did Rahab do by faith which prevented her from perishing?
Rahab by faith received the spies in safety, which prevented her from perishing.

Hebrews 11:32

ULT
32 And what more might I say? For the time will fail me, fully relating about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, and also Samuel and the prophets,

UST
32 I do not know what more I should say about others who trusted in God. It would take too much time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the other prophets.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:33

ULT
33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, worked justice, obtained promises, shut {the} mouths of lions,

UST
33 Because they trusted God, some of them did great deeds for him. Some conquered lands ruled by powerful men. Some ruled Israel and justly treated men and nations. Some received from God the things that he promised to give them. Some forced lions to keep their mouths shut.

What did some of the ancestors of faith accomplish in war? (vv33-34)
Some of the ancestors of faith conquered kingdoms, escaped the sword, became mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee.

Hebrews 11:34

ULT

34 extinguished {the} power of fire, escaped {the} mouth of {the} sword, were empowered out of weakness, became strong in battle, {and} routed foreign armies.

UST

34 Some escaped from burning up in fire. Some escaped from others who tried to kill them with swords. Some became well again after being sick. Some became powerful when they fought wars. Some caused armies that came from foreign lands to run away from them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:35

ULT

35 Women received back their dead by resurrection, but others were tortured, not accepting {their} release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

UST

35 Some women who trusted God received their relatives back again when God made them live again after they had died. But others who trusted God were tortured until they died. They were tortured because they refused to agree when their enemies said, “We will release you if you deny that you believe in God.” They refused to do that, because they wanted to live with God forever, which is better than continuing to live on earth.

What did some of the ancestors of faith suffer? (vv35-38)

Some of the ancestors of faith suffered torture, mocking, whippings, chains, imprisonments, stoning, sawing in two, death, and destitution.

Hebrews 11:36

ULT

36 and others received a trial of mockings and of whippings, and even more of chains and of imprisonment.

UST

36 Other people who trusted God were mocked. Some had their backs cut open by being struck with whips. Some were chained and put in prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:37

ULT

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tried, they died with slaughter of a sword, they went about in sheepskins {and} in goatskins, destitute, oppressed, mistreated; [2]

UST

37 Some of those believers were stoned to death. Others were sawn completely in two. Others were killed with swords. Others of these people who trusted God wandered around the land wearing garments made only of skins from sheep and goats. They did not have any money. People constantly oppressed them and harmed them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:38

ULT

38 (of which {people} the world was not worthy), being caused to wander about in deserts and mountains and caves and the holes in the ground.

UST

38 The people on earth who caused those who trusted in God to suffer like this were so bad that they did not deserve to live with people like those who trusted God. Some who trusted God wandered in deserts and mountains. Some lived in caves and in other large holes in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 11:39

ULT

39 And all these {people}, having been commended because of {their} faith, did not receive the promise,

UST

39 Although God approved of all these people because they trusted him, he did not give them what he had promised them.

Despite the faith of these ancestors, what did they not receive in their earthly lives?

Despite the faith of these ancestors, they did not receive in their earthly lives what God had promised them.

Hebrews 11:40

ULT

40 God having provided something better concerning us, so that without us, they would not be made perfect.
11:11 [1]
11:37 [2]

UST

40 God knew ahead of time that what he would give us and them later would be better than giving them immediately what he promised. What God intends is that only when they and we are together will we have all that God intends us to have.

With whom will the ancestors of faith receive the promises of God and be perfected?

The ancestors of faith will receive the promises of God and be perfected with the new covenant believers in Christ.

Hebrews 12

Hebrews 12:1

ULT

[1] For that very reason, we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, having laid aside every weight and the easily entangling sin, let us run with endurance the race {that} is placed before us,

UST

[1] We know about many people like these who proved that they trusted in God. Let us put off everything that weighs us down and so we put away the sin that clings to us. Then let us run our race patiently and do everything God gives us to do until we make it to the finish line.

Why should the believer throw off the sin that easily entangles him?

The believer should throw off the sin that easily entangles him to run with endurance the race placed before him.

Hebrews 12:2

ULT

[2] looking away to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy {that} is placed before him, endured a cross, despising {its} shame, and has sat down at {the} right hand of the throne of God.

UST

[2] And let us keep thinking about Jesus and give him all our attention. He is the one who leads us and he makes our faith complete. He is the one who endured the terrible suffering on the cross and he paid no attention to the people who tried to shame him. He did this because he knew how joyful God would make him later. He now sits at the place of highest honor in the throne where God rules in heaven.

Why did Jesus endure the cross and despise its shame?

Jesus endured the cross and despised its shame for the joy that was set before him.

Hebrews 12:3

ULT

[3] For consider the one {that} has endured such opposition by sinners against himself, so that you might not become weary in your souls, giving up.

UST

[3] Jesus patiently endured it when sinful people hatefully acted against him. Strengthen your hearts and minds with Jesus' example so that you will not give up trusting God or become discouraged.

How can a believer avoid becoming weary or fainthearted?

By considering Jesus, who endured hateful speech from sinners, a believer can avoid becoming weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:4

ULT

[4] You have not yet resisted to the point of blood, struggling against sin,

UST

[4] While you have struggled against being tempted to sin, you have not yet bled and died because of resisting evil, as Jesus did.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:5

ULT

[5] and you have completely forgotten the exhortation that instructs you as sons: "My son, do not make light of {the} discipline of {the} Lord, nor become weary {when} being reproved by him;"

UST

[5] Do not forget these words that Solomon spoke to his son, which are the same with which God encourages you as his children: "My son, pay attention when the Lord is disciplining you, and do not be discouraged when the Lord punishes you,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:6

ULT

[6] For whom {the} Lord loves, he disciplines, and he whips every son whom he welcomes.

UST

[6] because everyone the Lord loves he also disciplines, and he severely corrects everyone he calls his own."

What does the Lord do to those whom he loves and receives?

The Lord disciplines those whom he loves and receives.

Hebrews 12:7

ULT

[7] Endure {suffering} in discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son {is there} whom {his} father does not discipline?

UST

[7] God may discipline you by requiring you to endure difficult things that happen to you. When God disciplines you, he is treating you as a father treats his children. All fathers discipline their children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:8

ULT

[8] But if you are without discipline, of which all {men} have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not {his} sons.

UST

[8] So if you have not experienced God disciplining you like he disciplines all his children, you are not true children of God. You are like illegitimate children who have no father to correct them.

What is a person who is without the Lord's discipline?

A person without the Lord's discipline is an illegitimate child and not God's child.

Hebrews 12:9

ULT

9 Furthermore, on the one hand, we had the fathers of our flesh {as} discipliners and we were respectful {of them}; on the other hand, will we not much more be subjected to the Father of the spirits and live?

UST

9 Furthermore, our natural fathers disciplined us when we were young, and we respected them for doing that. So we should certainly more readily accept God our spiritual Father disciplining us so we will live eternally!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:10

ULT

10 For indeed, they were disciplining {us} for a few days according to {what} seems {best} to them, but he, to benefit {us}, so that {we} might share his holiness.

UST

10 Our natural fathers disciplined us for a short time as they considered right, but God always disciplines us to help us share in his holy nature.

Why does God discipline his children?

God disciplines his children for their good, so they can share in his holiness.

Hebrews 12:11

ULT

11 Now every discipline does not seem to be joy at the present, but pain, but afterward it produces {the} peaceful fruit of righteousness for the ones having been trained by it.

UST

11 During the time God is disciplining us, it does not seem to be anything about which we can rejoice. Instead, it pains us. But later it causes those who have learned from it to live righteously, which produces peace in us.

What does discipline produce?

Discipline produces peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:12

ULT
12 Therefore, make straight the drooping hands and the knees {that} have been paralyzed,

UST
12 So, instead of acting as though you were spiritually tired out, trust God’s discipline to renew you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:13

ULT
13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the lame might not be dislocated, but rather might be healed.

UST
13 Go straight forward following the Messiah so that believers who are weak in trusting the Messiah will gain strength from you and not become crippled. Instead, they will be spiritually restored as an injured and useless limb becomes well again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:14

ULT
14 Pursue peace with all {men}, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord,

UST
14 Try to live peacefully with all people. Do your best to be holy, since no one will see the Lord if he is not holy.

What should believers pursue with all people?
Believers should pursue peace with all people.

Hebrews 12:15

ULT
15 carefully watching {that} no one is falling short from the grace of God, not any root of bitterness is growing up to cause trouble, and by this many might become defiled,

UST
15 Make sure that everyone among you experiences the kind things that God does for us. Kind things that we do not deserve. Be on guard so that none of you act in an evil way toward others, because that will grow like a root grows into a big plant, leading many believers to sin.

What must not grow up and cause trouble and pollute many?
A root of bitterness must not grow up and cause trouble and pollute many.

Hebrews 12:16

ULT
16 not any sexually immoral or profane one such as Esau, who in exchange for one meal sold {his} own birthright.

UST
16 Do not let anyone be immoral or disobey God like Esau. He exchanged the rights he had as a firstborn son for only one meal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:17

ULT
17 For you know that even afterwards, desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, because he found no place {for} repentance, even though he sought it with tears.

UST
17 For you know that Esau later wanted to get back his birth rights and all that his father Isaac's blessing would give him. But Isaac refused to do what Esau requested. For Esau found no way to change what he had done, even though he sought it tearfully.

What happened to Esau when he desired to inherit the blessing with tears after selling his own birthright?
Esau was rejected when he desired to inherit the blessing with tears after selling his own birthright.

Hebrews 12:18

ULT

18 For you have not come to {what} can be touched and to a blazing fire and to darkness and to gloom and to a storm

UST

18 In coming to God, you have not experienced things like what the Israelite people experienced at Mount Sinai. They approached a mountain that God commanded them not to touch because he himself had come down to that mountain. They approached a blazing fire, and it was gloomy and dark, with a violent storm.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:19

ULT

19 and to a sound of a trumpet and to a voice of words of which the ones having heard begged for not a word to be added to them.

UST

19 They heard a trumpet sound, and they heard God speak a message. It was so powerful that they pleaded for him not to speak to them like that again.

For what did the Israelites beg at the mountain where God spoke?

The Israelites begged that not another word be spoken to them.

Hebrews 12:20

ULT

20 For they could not endure {what} was ordered: “If even an animal might touch the mountain, it must be stoned.” *[1]*

UST

20 For God had commanded them, “If a person or even an animal touches this mountain, you must kill him.” The people were terrified.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:21

ULT

21 And the {thing} being made visible was so fearful {that} Moses said, “I am terrified and trembling.”

UST

21 Truly, because Moses was terrified after seeing what happened on the mountain, he said, “I am trembling because I am very afraid!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:22

ULT

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to {the} city of {the} living God, to {the} heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to {the} assembly

UST

22 Instead, you have come to the presence of God who truly lives in heaven, to the “New Jerusalem.” That is like what your ancestors did when they came to worship God on Mount Zion in Israel, upon which the earthly Jerusalem was built. You have come to where there are countless angels who are rejoicing as they have gathered together.

To where do believers in Christ come instead of the mountain where the Israelites heard the voice of God?

Believers in Christ come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Hebrews 12:23

ULT

23 and to {the} church of {the} firstborn {ones}, {who} have been registered in {the} heavens, and to God {the} Judge of all, and to {the} spirits of {the} righteous ones made perfect,

UST

23 You have joined the assembly of all the believers who have privileges as firstborn sons, whose names God has written down in heaven. You have come to God, who will judge everyone. You have come to where the spirits of God’s people are, people who lived righteously before they died, and whom God has now made perfect in heaven.

To what assembly do believers in Christ come?

Believers in Christ come to the assembly of all the firstborn registered in heaven.

To whom do believers in Christ come? (vv23-24)

Believer in Christ come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous, and to Jesus.

Hebrews 12:24

ULT
24 and to Jesus, {the} mediator of a new covenant, and to {the} sprinkled blood speaking better than Abel.

UST
24 You have come to Jesus, who arranged a new covenant between us and God by the blood that flowed when he died on the cross. Jesus' blood made it possible for God to forgive us, and his blood confirms better promises for us than Abel's blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:25

ULT
25 See that you do not refuse the one speaking. For if those did not escape, having refused the one warning {them} on earth, much less we {who} are turning away from the one from heaven,

UST
25 Beware that you do not refuse to listen to God who is speaking to you. The Israelite people did not escape God punishing them when they rejected his warning to them here on earth. For we shall surely not escape God punishing us if we reject what he says when he warns us from heaven!

What will happen to those who turn away from the one who warns them from heaven?
Those who turn away will not escape from God.

Hebrews 12:26

ULT
26 the voice of whom at that time shook the earth, but now he has promised, saying, "Still once I myself will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven."

UST
26 When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also."

What has God promised to shake?
God has promised to shake the earth and the heavens.

Hebrews 12:27

ULT

27 But this {phrase}, “Still once” indicates {the} removal of the {things} being shaken, that is, of {the things} created, so that the {things} not being shaken might remain.

UST

27 The words “again, one more time” indicate that God will remove those things on earth that he will shake, everything that he has created. He will do this in order that the things in heaven that cannot shake may remain forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 12:28

ULT

28 Therefore, receiving an unshakeable kingdom, let us have gratitude, through which let us serve well-pleasingly to God, with reverence and awe,

UST

28 So let us thank God that we are becoming members of a kingdom that nothing can shake. And in this kingdom we please God by worshiping him and by showing him great honor and respect.

What will the believers receive instead of the things that can be shaken?

The believers will receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

How should believers worship God?

Believers should worship God with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:29

ULT

29 for indeed our God {is} a consuming fire.
12:20 [1]

UST

29 Remember that the God we worship is like a fire that burns up everything that is impure!

Why should believers worship God in this way?

Believers should worship God in this way because he is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13

Hebrews 13:1

ULT
1 Let brotherly love continue.

UST
1 Continue to love your fellow believers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:2

ULT
2 Do not neglect hospitality, for through this, some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing {it}.

UST
2 Do not forget to be hospitable to needy travelers. By caring for strangers, some people have welcomed angels into their home without knowing it.

What have some done by welcoming strangers?
Some have welcomed angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:3

ULT
3 Remember the prisoners, as having been bound with {them}, {and} the ones being mistreated, as they also being in body.

UST
3 Remember to help those who are in prison because they are believers, as though you were in prison with them and were suffering physically as they are suffering physically.

How should believers remember those in prison?
Believers should remember them as if they were in prison also, and as if their bodies were being mistreated also.

Hebrews 13:4

ULT

4 Marriage {must be} honorable among all, and the marriage bed pure, for God will judge sexually immoral {people} and adulterers.

UST

4 Men and women who are married to each other must respect each other in every way, and they must be faithful to each other. God will surely condemn those who act immorally or adulterously.

What must be respected by all?

Marriage must be respected by all.

What does God do with the sexually immoral and adulterers?

God judges the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Hebrews 13:5

ULT

5 {Your} manner of life {must be} free from the love of money, being content {with} the {things} being present, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you, nor never will I forsake you.”

UST

5 Live without constantly wanting money, and be happy no matter how much or little you own in your present circumstances. Remember what Moses wrote that God said: “I will never leave you; I will never stop providing for you.”

How can a believer be free from the love of money?

A believer can be free from the love of money because God has said he will never leave nor forsake him.

Hebrews 13:6

ULT

6 So then, we are confident to say, “{The} Lord {is} my helper, and I will not become afraid. What will a man do to me?”

UST

6 So we can say confidently as the psalmist said, “Since the Lord is the one who helps me, I will not be afraid! People can do nothing to me that will keep God from helping me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:7

ULT

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you, of whom considering the outcome of {their} conduct, imitate {their} faith.

UST

7 Your spiritual leaders have told you the message of God about the Messiah. Remember how they have conducted their lives and imitate how they have trusted in the Messiah.

Who's faith should believers imitate?

Believers should imitate the faith of those who have led them and who have spoken God's Word to them.

Hebrews 13:8

ULT

8 Jesus Christ {is} the same yesterday and today and forever.

UST

8 Jesus the Messiah is the same now as he always has been, and he will be the same forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:9

ULT

9 Do not be carried away by various and strange teachings. For {it is} good {for} the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by foods with which the ones walking {in them} were not benefitted.

UST

9 So do not let other people mislead you to believe other things about God, strange things that you have not learned from us. For our true strength comes from God's acts of kindness towards us, rather than following various rules about what to eat and not to eat.

About what kind of strange teachings does the author warn the believers?

The author warns the believers about strange teachings involving rules about food.

Hebrews 13:10

ULT
10 We have an altar from which the ones serving in the tabernacle have no authority to eat.

UST
10 Those who serve in the sacred tent have no right to eat at the sacred altar where we worship the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:11

ULT
11 For the blood of which animals is brought on behalf of sin by the high priest into the holy {places}, {but} the bodies of these {animals} are burned up outside the camp.

UST
11 After the high priest brings into the very holy place the blood of animals that they have sacrificed to atone for sins, other people burn the bodies of those animals outside the camp.

Where were the bodies of the animals used for sacrifice in the holy place burned?
The bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp.

Hebrews 13:12

ULT
12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through {his} own blood.

UST
12 Similarly, Jesus suffered and died outside the gates of Jerusalem in order that he might make us, his people, special for God. He did this by offering his own blood as a sacrifice for our sins.

Where did Jesus suffer?
Jesus suffered outside the city gate.

Hebrews 13:13

ULT
13 Let us therefore go to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.

UST
13 So we must go to Jesus to be saved. We must leave behind other rules and rituals and allow others to insult us just like people insulted him.

Where must believers go, and why?
Believers must go to Jesus outside the camp, bearing his disgrace.

Hebrews 13:14

ULT
14 For we do not have a lasting city here, but we are seeking the one coming.

UST
14 Here on earth, we believers do not have a city such as Jerusalem. Instead, we are waiting for the heavenly city that will last forever.

What permanent city do believers have here on earth?
Believers have no permanent city here on earth.

What city do believers seek instead?
Believers seek the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:15

ULT
15 Through him, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, {that} is, {the} fruit of lips acknowledging his name.

UST
15 Because Jesus has died for us, we must continually praise God no matter what happens. That will be something we can sacrifice to him instead of animals. We must be ready to openly say to others that we trust in the Messiah.

What sacrifice should believers constantly offer up to God?
Believers should constantly offer up a sacrifice of praise to God.

Hebrews 13:16

ULT
16 But let us not neglect the doing of good and sharing, for God is well-pleased with such sacrifices.

UST
16 Always be doing good deeds for others and sharing the things you have, because doing things like that will be as though you are offering sacrifices that will please God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:17

ULT
17 Obey your leaders and submit {to them}, for they keep watch over your souls, as ones {who} will give account, in order that they might do this with joy and not {with} groaning, for this {would be} unprofitable to you.

UST
17 Obey your leaders and do what they tell you, since they are the ones who are guarding your welfare. Some day they will have to stand before God so that he can say if he approves of what they have done. Obey them in order that they can do the work of guarding you joyfully and not have to do it sadly, because if you cause them to do it sadly, that will certainly not help you at all.

What attitude should believers have toward their leaders?
Believers should obey and submit to their leaders.

Hebrews 13:18

ULT
18 Pray for us, for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all {things}.

UST
18 Pray for me and those with me. I am certain that I have not done anything that displeases God. I have tried to act well toward you in every way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:19

ULT

19 But I encourage {you} even more to do this, so that I will be restored to you sooner.

UST

19 I urge you earnestly to pray that God will quickly remove the things that stop my coming to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:20

ULT

20 Now the God of peace, having brought up from {the} dead {ones} the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, by {the} blood of {the} eternal covenant,

UST

20 Jesus provides for us, protects us, and guides us as a great shepherd does for his sheep. And God, who gives us inner peace, raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. By doing that God confirmed his eternal covenant with us by the blood that flowed from the Messiah when he died on the cross.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:21

ULT

21 may he prepare you in every {thing} good to do his will, working in us {what} {is} well-pleasing before him, through Jesus Christ, to whom {be} the glory forever {and} ever. Amen.

UST

21 So I pray that God may equip you with everything good that you may do what he desires. May he accomplish in us what pleases him, as he watches us follow Jesus, who offered up himself for us. May all people praise Jesus the Messiah forever. Amen!

What does God work in the believer?

God works in the believer that which is well pleasing in God’s sight.

Hebrews 13:22

ULT
22 Now I encourage you, brothers, bear with the word of exhortation, for only through a few {words} I have written to you.

UST
22 My fellow believers, since this is a short letter that I have written to you, I ask you that you patiently consider what I have just written to encourage you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:23

ULT
23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I will see you if he comes soon.

UST
23 I want you to know that our fellow believer Timothy has gone free from prison. If he comes here soon, he will accompany me when I go to see you.

With whom will the author come when he visits the believers?
The author will come with Timothy when he visits the believers.

Hebrews 13:24

ULT
24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. The ones from Italy greet you.

UST
24 Tell all your spiritual leaders and all your other fellow believers who belong to God in your city that I greet them. The believers in this area who have come from Italy greet you also.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Hebrews 13:25

ULT

25 Grace {be} with all of you. [1]

13:25 [1]

UST

25 May God continue to love you and protect you by his kindness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James

James 1

James 1:1

ULT

1 James, a servant of God and of {the} Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes {that are} in the dispersion: Rejoice!

UST

1 I, James, serve God and the Lord Jesus the Messiah. I am writing this letter to you who believe in Jesus and are living in various parts of the Roman Empire. I greet you all.

To whom did James write this letter?
James wrote this letter to the twelve tribes that were scattered.

James 1:2

ULT

2 Consider {it} all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various trials,

UST

2 My fellow believers, consider it something to rejoice over greatly when you experience various kinds of hardships.

When experiencing troubles, what attitude does James say his readers should have?
James says to consider it all joy when experiencing troubles.

James 1:3

ULT
[3] knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

UST
[3] Understand that as you trust God in hardships, this helps you to become a stronger person.

What does the testing of our faith produce?
The testing of our faith produces endurance.

James 1:4

ULT
[4] But let the endurance have a perfect work, so that you may be perfect and whole, lacking in nothing.

UST
[4] Endure hardships to their very end, so that you may follow the Messiah in every way. Then you will not fail to do well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:5

ULT
[5] Now if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the one giving to all generously and not reproaching, and it will be given to him.

UST
[5] If anyone of you needs to know what to do, let him ask God, and God will tell him. God gives generously to everyone. God does not scold people {who ask for things}.

For what should we ask from God if we need it?
We should ask God for wisdom if we need it.

James 1:6

ULT

[6] But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing, for the one doubting has become like a wave of {the} sea, wind-blown and tossed.

UST

[6] But when you pray to God, you must trust him to answer you. Do not doubt that he will answer and help you. People who doubt God first decide to do one thing, but then they want to do something else. They never settle on a single course of action.

What is a doubter like?

Someone who doubts is like a wave in the sea that is tossed around by the wind.

James 1:7

ULT

[7] For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord,

UST

[7] Indeed, people who doubt should not think that God the Lord will give them what they ask for {so uncertainly}.

What should someone who asks with doubting expect to receive? (vv7-8)

Someone who asks with doubting should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

James 1:8

ULT

[8] a double-minded man, unsettled in all his ways.

UST

[8] People like this can never decide what to do. They make a plan, but then they do not follow it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:9

ULT
[9] Now let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation,

UST
[9] Believers who do not have much money should be glad, because God has honored them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:10

ULT
[10] but the rich in his lowliness, because he will pass away like a flower of {the} grass.

UST
[10] But believers who have a lot of money should be glad that God has humbled them {by showing them that their wealth does not make them better than other people}. After all, like wildflowers {that bloom for only a short time and then wither}, rich believers will die {like anyone else}.

Why should the rich be humble?
The rich should be humble because he will pass away just like the flowers.

James 1:11

ULT
[11] For the sun rose with the heat and dried up the grass, and its flower fell off and the beauty of its face perished. Thus also the rich will wither in his journeys.

UST
[11] A wildflower only lasts a short time because when the sun rises, its scorching heat dries out the plants so that their flowers fall off. They are no longer beautiful. Like the flower that dies, rich people will die while they are trying to make money.

To what can the rich be compared?
The rich can be compared to the flower of the grass that dries up, falls off, and perishes.

James 1:12

ULT

12 Blessed {is} a man who endures trial. For, becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life, which he promised to the ones loving him.

UST

12 God honors those who remain faithful to him in difficult circumstances. Indeed, God will reward them by having them live forever. That is what God has promised to do for all who love him.

Those who pass the test of faith will receive what?

Those who pass the test of faith will receive the crown of life.

James 1:13

ULT

13 Let no one being tempted say, “I am tempted by God,” because God is untempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one.

UST

13 When we are tempted to sin, we must not think it is God who is tempting us. No, no one can persuade God to do evil, and God never tries to persuade anyone to do evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:14

ULT

14 But each one is tempted by {his} own desire, dragged away and enticed.

UST

14 But people want to do evil because of their own desires. When they do, it is just as if they had fallen into a trap.

What causes a person to be tempted by evil?

A person’s own evil desires cause him to be tempted by evil.

James 1:15

ULT
15 Then the desire, having conceived, bears sin, and the sin, having grown up, gives birth to death.

UST
15 Then, because they have desired to do evil things, they begin to do them, and eventually they do them habitually. {If they do not turn away from their sinful behavior,} they will be separated from God forever.

What is the result of full-grown sin?
The result of full-grown sin is death.

James 1:16

ULT
16 Do not be led astray, my beloved brothers.

UST
16 My fellow believers whom I love, stop deceiving yourselves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:17

ULT
17 Every good present and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change or shadow of turning.

UST
17 Every truly good and perfect gift comes from God the Father, who is in heaven. He created the sun, moon, and stars. But God does not change the way shadows change, appearing and disappearing. God never changes. He is always good!

What comes down from the Father of lights?
Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights.

James 1:18

ULT

18 Having willed, he gave birth to us by {the} word of truth, for us to be something like a firstfruits of his creatures.

UST

18 God became our spiritual father when we trusted in his true message. That was what he wanted to do. So now believers in Jesus have become the first people to experience the kind of relationship with God that many more people will have in the future.

By what means did God choose to give us life?
God chose to give us life by the word of truth.

James 1:19

ULT

19 Know, my beloved brothers: But let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.

UST

19 My fellow believers whom I love, I want you to know that every one of you should listen patiently {to what others have to say}. You should speak {your own thoughts} carefully. You should control your anger,

What does James tell us to do about our hearing, speaking, and emotions?
James tells us to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

James 1:20

ULT

20 For anger of man does not work {the} righteousness of God.

UST

20 because when we get angry, we cannot do the good things that God wants us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:21

ULT

21 Therefore, having laid aside all filth and abundance of wickedness, in humility receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

UST

21 So stop doing all kinds of evil. Without resisting proudly, do what God has told you to do. God will help you to remember and understand it. This will show that you belong to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:22

ULT

22 But be doers of {the} word and not only hearers, deluding yourselves.

UST

22 It is important to what God commands, do not just listen to it. People who only listen to it and do not obey it are fooling themselves {into thinking that this will save them}.

How does James say that we can deceive ourselves?

James says that we can deceive ourselves by hearing the word and not doing it.

James 1:23

ULT

23 For if anyone is a hearer of {the} word and not a doer, he is like a man beholding the face of his birth in a mirror.

UST

23 Now some people hear God’s message, but they do not do what it says. Those people are like someone who looks at his face in a mirror.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:24

ULT
24 For he beheld himself and went away and immediately forgot of what sort he was.

UST
24 Although he looks at himself, he goes away {from the mirror} and immediately forgets what he looks like.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:25

ULT
25 But the one having gazed into {the} perfect law of freedom and having continued, not having become a hearer of forgetfulness, but a doer of {the} work, this one will be blessed in his doing.

UST
25 But other people consider God’s message carefully. It is perfect and it enables people to do voluntarily {what God wants them to do}. If these people remember what they have heard and continue to do what God tells them to do, then God will bless them because of what they do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 1:26

ULT
26 If anyone thinks to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, the religion of that one {is} worthless.

UST
26 Some people think that they worship God properly, but they say bad things. Those people are wrong in what they are thinking. God is not impressed with our worship activities if we continually say bad things.

What must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious?
The tongue must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious.

James 1:27

ULT

27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and {the} Father is this: to look upon orphans and widows in their distress, to keep oneself unstained by the world.

UST

27 {One of the things that God has told us to do is} to take care of orphans and widows who suffer hardship. People who do that truly worship God, who is our Father. People are also truly worshiping God if they do not think or act immorally like others who do not obey God. God approves of people who do these things.

What is pure and undefiled religion before God?

Pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless and widows, and to protect ourselves from the world's corruption.

James 2

James 2:1

ULT
1 My brothers, do not with favoritism have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory.

UST
1 My fellow believers, do not honor some people more than others and at the same time trust in our great Lord Jesus the Messiah.

What attitude should believers not have?
They should not have an attitude of favoritism.

James 2:2

ULT
2 For if a gold-ringed man in splendid clothing comes into your synagogue, and a poor one in filthy clothing also comes in,

UST
2 For example, suppose that a person who wears gold rings and fine clothes joins you for worship. And suppose that a poor person who wears shabby clothes joins you as well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:3

ULT
3 and you look at the one wearing the splendid clothing and say, “You sit here well,” and to the poor one you say, “You stand there,” or, “Sit by my footstool,”

UST
3 And suppose that you show special attention to the one dressed in fine clothes. You tell him, “Please sit here in this nice seat!” But you tell the poor one {to go to a less honorable place, saying}, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit on the floor!”

What are believers telling a rich man who enters their meeting?
They are telling him to come up front into the best location.

What are believers telling a poor man who enters their meeting?
They are telling him to stand far away or in a poor location.

James 2:4

ULT

4 have you not distinguished among yourselves and become judges of evil thoughts?

UST

4 This would show that you thought rich people were better than poor people. It would show that you were making your judgments {about how to treat people} based on evil thinking.

What have the believers become because of their favoritism?

They have become judges of evil thoughts.

James 2:5

ULT

5 Listen, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor in the world {to be} rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to the ones loving him?

UST

5 Listen to me, my fellow believers whom I love. God has chosen poor people who seem to own nothing of value to trust in him very much. He will give them great things when he reigns everywhere. This is what he has promised to do for everyone who loves him.

What does James say about God's choice of the poor?

James says that God chose the poor to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom.

James 2:6

ULT

6 But you dishonored the poor! Do not the rich overpower you and themselves drag you into court?

UST

6 But you have treated poor people disrespectfully! Think about it! It is the rich people, not the poor people, who are causing you to suffer! It is the rich people who forcibly take you to court {to accuse you in front of judges}!

What does James say the rich have been doing? (vv6-7)

James says the rich have been oppressing the brothers and blaspheming God's name.

James 2:7

ULT

[7] Do they not blaspheme the good name that has been called upon you?

UST

[7] And they are the ones who insult you because you are Christians!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:8

ULT

[8] If, however, you fulfill {the} royal law according to the scripture, “You will love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well.

UST

[8] {So you should not treat rich people better than poor people.} Instead, you should obey the commandment that Jesus said was so important. It is from the law of Moses: “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” If you show love to everyone equally, you will be doing what is right.

What is the royal law of the scriptures?

The royal law is, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”.

James 2:9

ULT

[9] But if you favor, you are committing sin, convicted by the law as transgressors.

UST

[9] But if you honor some people more than others, you are doing wrong. And {because you are not doing what God has commanded,} God will say that you have broken his law.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:10

ULT

10 For whoever might keep the whole law but stumble in one {thing} has become guilty of all.

UST

10 {God will say this} because if you break one of God's laws, even if you obey all the other ones, it is just as if you had broken all the laws.

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of what?

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of breaking all the law.

James 2:11

ULT

11 For the one having said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If, then, you do not commit adultery but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of {the} law.

UST

11 For example, God said, "Do not commit adultery," but he also said, "Do not murder anyone." So if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder someone, then you have become a person who disobeys God's laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:12

ULT

12 Thus speak and thus act, as ones who are going to be judged by means of {the} law of freedom.

UST

12 {Always} speak and act towards others knowing that God will judge you based on the commandment he gave us {to love others}. When we follow that commandment, we obey God freely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:13

ULT

13 For the judgment {is} merciless to the ones not having done mercy. Mercy boasts against judgment.

UST

13 You should speak and act in this way because when God judges us, he will not act mercifully toward those who have not acted mercifully toward others. But if we are merciful to others, then we can expect that God will be merciful to us when he judges us.

What comes to those who have not shown mercy?

Judgment without mercy comes to those who have not shown mercy.

James 2:14

ULT

14 What {would be} the profit, my brothers, if someone would say he has faith, but he does not have works? {That} faith is not able to save him, is it?

UST

14 My fellow believers, some people say, “I believe in the Lord Jesus the Messiah,” but they do not do loving things. What they say will do them no good. If they only believe with words, God will certainly not save them.

What does James say about those who claim to have faith, but do not help those in need?

James says that those who claim to have faith but do not help those in need have a faith that cannot save them.

James 2:15

ULT

15 If a brother or sister were unclothed and lacking {their} daily food,

UST

15 {To illustrate,} suppose that a fellow believer, whether a man or a woman, is continually lacking clothes and food for each day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:16

ULT

16 and someone of you said to them, “Go in peace, warm yourself and be satisfied,” but you did not give them the necessary {things} of the body, what {would be} the profit?

UST

16 And suppose one of you says to them, “Do not worry, get warm, and have the food you need.” But suppose that you then do not give them any clothing or food. Then that will be no help to them!

Does it help a poor person if we tell them to be warmed and filled, but do not give them anything?

No, it does not help a poor person if we don't give them anything to warm or feed them.

James 2:17

ULT

17 Thus also the faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

UST

17 Similarly, if you just say that you believe in Jesus but you do not do anything that demonstrates that, you do not really believe in Jesus.

What is faith by itself, if it has no works?

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:18

ULT

18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith from the works.

UST

18 But someone might say {to you} that you have faith, while I have works. {He might claim that a person can express his religion through either faith or works and that he does not need to have both.} {But I would say in response that you cannot} show me your faith without works. I{, on the other hand,} can show you my faith by my works.

How does James say we must show our faith?

James says we must show our faith by our works.

James 2:19

ULT
19 You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and they tremble.

UST
19 {Let me illustrate how believing in God without doing what God wants you to do cannot save you.} You believe that there is only one true God. You are right to believe that. But the demons also believe that, and they shake {with fear} because they also know that the one true God is going to punish them.

What do demons and those who claim to have faith both believe?
Those who claim to have faith and demons both believe there is one God.

James 2:20

ULT
20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the faith without the works is idle? *[1]*

UST
20 Also, you foolish person, I will give you proof that if someone says he believes in Jesus but he does not do anything that demonstrates that, then what he says does not help him in any way.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:21

ULT
21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

UST
21 {Here is the proof.} Abraham, from whom we are descended, showed that he was willing to offer his son Isaac {to God} as a sacrifice {if God wanted him to do that}. God considered Abraham to be a righteous person because he showed that he would obey him {and that proved that he genuinely trusted God}.

How did Abraham demonstrate his faith by his works?
Abraham demonstrated his faith by his works when he offered up Isaac upon the altar.

James 2:22

ULT
22 You see that the faith was working with his works and the faith was perfected from the works.

UST
22 In this way, Abraham obeyed God because he trusted him. When he obeyed him, that helped him trust God completely.

How was the faith of Abraham perfected?
Abraham's faith was perfected by his works.

James 2:23

ULT
23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness,” and he was called a friend of God.

UST
23 That was how the scripture came true that says, “Because Abraham truly trusted in God, God viewed him as someone who did what was right.” Other scriptures say that Abraham was God’s friend.

What scripture was fulfilled with Abraham’s faith and works?
The scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness”.

James 2:24

ULT
24 You see that a man is justified from works and not from faith alone.

UST
24 {From the example of Abraham,} you should recognize that God considers people to be righteous because of what they do, not simply because they trust in him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 2:25

ULT

25 And similarly was not Rahab the prostitute also justified from works, having welcomed the messengers and having sent them away by another road?

UST

25 Just as he did for Abraham, God also considered Rahab to be righteous because of what she did. She had been a prostitute, but she took care of the messengers {Joshua sent to spy out the land}. She then helped them to escape by sending them back on a safer road.

How did Rahab demonstrate her faith by her works?

Rahab demonstrated her faith by her works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them away by another road.

James 2:26

ULT

26 For just as the body without {the} spirit is dead, thus also the faith without works is dead.
2:20 *[1]*

UST

26 All of this illustrates an important truth. Just as a person's body is not alive if he is no longer breathing, in the same way, a person does not really trust in God if he does not express that trust through what he does.

What is a body apart from the spirit?

A body apart from the spirit is dead.

James 3

James 3:1

ULT

1 Do not become many teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.

UST

1 My fellow believers, most of you should not desire to become teachers {of God's word}. As you know, God will judge us teachers more severely {than he will judge other people}.

Why does James say that not many should become teachers?
Not many should become teachers because they will receive greater judgment.

James 3:2

ULT

2 For we all stumble much. If anyone does not stumble in word, he {is} a perfect man, able to bridle even the whole body.

UST

2 {I will tell you why most of you should not become teachers.} All of us often do things that are wrong. But if anyone is able to avoid saying things that are wrong, he has become the person God intends him to be. He will be able to control all of his actions as well.

Who stumbles, and in how many ways?
We all stumble in many ways.

What kind of person is able to control his whole body?
A person who does not stumble in his words is also able to control his whole body.

James 3:3

ULT

3 Now if we put the bits into the mouths of the horses for them to obey us, we also turn their whole body.

UST

3 To illustrate, we can put a small metal bar into the mouth of a horse and use it to make the horse go where we want it to go. When we do that, we can direct the horse's large body {just by means of that small device}.

What little thing is able to steer a large ship where the pilot wants it to go?
A small rudder is able to steer a large ship.

James 3:4

ULT

[4] Behold also the ships, being so large and driven by strong winds, it is turned by {the} smallest rudder where the inclination of the one steering desires.

UST

[4] Think about ships too. A ship may be very large and the winds that propel it forward may be very strong. Even so, by using a tiny rudder, the pilot can direct the ship wherever he wants it to go.

What small thing is able to start a large fire in a forest?

A small fire is able to start a large fire in a forest.

James 3:5

ULT

[5] Thus also the tongue is a small member, but it boasts great {things}. Behold how small a fire kindles so large a forest.

UST

[5] Similarly, although our tongues are very small, we use them to brag that we have done great things. Note also that a fire that starts as a small flame can burn up many trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 3:6

ULT

[6] The tongue {represents} also a fire, the world of unrighteousness. The tongue is placed among our members, the {thing} staining the whole body and setting the course of existence on fire, and it is set on fire by Gehenna.

UST

[6] Just as a fire burns a forest, when we say bad things, we hurt many people. {What we say reveals that} there is much evil within us. When we say bad things, this contaminates all that we think and do. It can ruin our whole life. It is Satan himself who influences us to speak what is evil.

What is the sinful tongue able to do to the whole body?

The sinful tongue is able to defile the whole body.

James 3:7

ULT

[7] For every kind, both of beasts and birds, both of reptiles and marine animals, is being tamed and has been tamed by the human kind.

UST

[7] To give another example, people have been able to tame a wide variety of wild animals, birds, reptiles, and animals that live in the water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 3:8

ULT

[8] But no one of men is able to tame the tongue, an unsettled evil, full of deadly poison.

UST

[8] But no one can control the things he says. The things people say are like a dangerous creature that never stops killing people with its venom.

What has no one among man been able to tame?

No one among man has been able to tame the tongue.

James 3:9

ULT

[9] With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse the men, the ones having come into being according to {the} likeness of God.

UST

[9] We use speech to praise {God, who is} our Lord and Father. But we also use speech to say that we want bad things to happen to people. {That is very wrong, because} God made people like himself.

What two ways to people treat God and men with their tongues?

With a single tongue, they bless God and curse men.

James 3:10

ULT

10 Out from the same mouth come blessing and cursing. It is not fitting, my brothers, {for} these {things} to happen thus.

UST

10 Someone may use his speech to praise God. But then he will use that same speech to wish that bad things would happen to people. My fellow believers, this should not happen!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 3:11

ULT

11 The spring does not gush the sweet and the bitter from the same opening, does it?

UST

11 Surely good-tasting water and bad-tasting water do not come from the same source!

What two things can a spring not provide?

One spring cannot provide both sweet and bitter water.

James 3:12

ULT

12 A fig tree is not able to make olives, is it, my brothers, or a grapevine, figs? Nor salty to make sweet water.

UST

12 My fellow believers, a fig tree cannot produce olives. And a grapevine cannot produce figs. Nor can a salty source produce good water. {Similarly, we should speak only what is good, and we should not speak what is evil.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 3:13

ULT
13 Who {is} wise and understanding among you? Let him show his works from {his} good conduct in humility of wisdom.

UST
13 If any of you are very understanding, you will demonstrate that by living your life properly. Being wise leads us to act gently toward others.

How does a person demonstrate wisdom and understanding?
A person demonstrates wisdom and understanding by his works done in humility.

James 3:14

ULT
14 But if you have bitter jealousy and ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth.

UST
14 But if inwardly you grudgingly resent other people and you think you are more important than they are, you should not claim to be wise. That would be saying that what is false is actually true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 3:15

ULT
15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but {it is} earthly, soulish, demonic.

UST
15 People who are envious and selfish are not wise as God wants them to be. Instead, they are thinking and acting like people who do not respect God. They are following their own evil desires. They are doing what demons would do.

Where kind of wisdom causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie?
Wisdom that is earthly, soulish, and demonic causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie.

James 3:16

ULT
16 For where {there is} jealousy and ambition, there {is} unsettledness and every wicked deed.

UST
16 We can tell that people who are resentful and selfish are not wise, because they do not control themselves. They take part in many different sinful activities.

What results from jealousy and ambition?
Jealousy and ambition causes unsettledness and every wicked deed.

James 3:17

ULT
17 But the wisdom from above first indeed is pure, then peaceable, gentle, cooperative, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, sincere.

UST
17 But the person whom God has taught to be wise is, first of all, morally pure. Such a person also makes peace with others. He is kind to them and gets along with them well. He is generous to people who do not deserve it, and he does practical things to help others. He does not favor one person over another, and he does not pretend to be something that he is not.

What attitudes reflect a wisdom from above?
A person that is peace-loving, gentle, warm-hearted, full of mercy and good fruit, without favoritism, and sincere has wisdom from above.

James 3:18

ULT
18 And {the} fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those making peace.

UST
18 When people work quietly to help others get along, they can help those others to have good relationships.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4

James 4:1

ULT

[1] From where {are} wars and from where {are} battles among you? {Are they} not from there, from your lusts, the ones fighting in your members?

UST

[1] I will tell you why you are fighting among yourselves and quarreling with each other. It is because each of you inwardly desires to do evil things. Those desires lead you to fight {in order to be able to do those things}.

What does James say is the source of quarreling and disputing among the believers?
The source is the evil desires that war among them.

James 4:2

ULT

[2] You covet, and you do not have. You kill and envy, and you are not able to obtain. You battle and war. You do not have because you do not ask.

UST

[2] You desire to have things, but you do not get {them}. This makes you bitterly resent the people who do have them. But you {still} do not get {what you want}, so you quarrel and fight {with others}. If you pray {to God} instead {for the things you desire}, then God will give you {what you truly need}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:3

ULT

[3] You ask and you do not receive, because you ask badly, so that you may spend on your lusts.

UST

[3] But even when you do ask God for things, he does not give them to you, because you are asking with bad motives. You are asking for things just so that you can use them to enjoy yourselves in wrong ways.

Why do the believers not receive their requests to God?
They do not receive because they ask for bad things to be spent on their evil desires.

James 4:4

ULT

4 Adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world is made an enemy of God.

UST

4 You are being disloyal to God {by not obeying him}! You must realize that those who behave as evil people do are hostile to God. So if that is how you decide to live, then you will be choosing to be hostile to God.

If a person decides to be a friend of the world, what is that person's relationship with God?

A person who decides to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:5

ULT

5 Or do you think that the scripture says vainly, "The Spirit whom he caused to live in us longs with jealousy"?

UST

5 You must realize that God has purposely told us about this in the Scriptures. There he teaches us that the Spirit he placed in us yearns for us to live our lives in ways that please him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:6

ULT

6 But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes {the} proud, but he gives grace to {the} humble."

UST

6 If we are living in ways that do not please God, he is very kind to us. {He will help us live differently if we humbly admit that we have been doing wrong.} That is why this teaching is in the Bible: "God does not help those who are proud, but he does help those who are humble."

Who does God resist, and to whom does he give grace?

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:7

ULT

[7] Be submitted, therefore, to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

UST

[7] So choose humbly to obey God. Firmly determine not to give in to the devil's temptations. This will make the devil give up on trying to tempt you.

What will the devil do when a believer subjects himself to God and resists the devil?
The devil will flee.

James 4:8

ULT

[8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Cleanse {your} hands, sinners, and purify {your} hearts, double-minded.

UST

[8] Be honest and open with God. If you do, he will welcome you into his presence. You who are sinners, turn away from doing what is wrong and do only what is right. You who cannot decide whether you will commit yourselves to God, stop thinking wrong thoughts and think only right thoughts.

What will God do for those who draw near to him?
God will draw near to those who draw near to him.

James 4:9

ULT

[9] Be miserable and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be changed into mourning, and {your} joy into gloom.

UST

[9] Show sorrow and be sad and weep {because of the wrong things that you have done}. You have been enjoying yourselves, but you should be serious {and realize how much you need to change}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:10

ULT

10 Be humbled before {the} Lord, and he will lift you up.

UST

10 Humbly show the Lord how sorry you are for your sins. if you do that, he will honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:11

ULT

11 Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one speaking against a brother or judging his brother speaks against {the} law and judges {the} law. But if you judge {the} law, you are not a doer of {the} law, but a judge.

UST

11 My fellow believers, stop accusing one another of doing wrong. Anyone who accuses and condemns a fellow believer is really accusing and condemning God's commandment {that we should love one another}. But if you speak against that commandment, you are not obeying it. Instead, you are acting like a judge who condemns it.

What does James tell the believers not to do?

James tells the believers not to speak against one another.

James 4:12

ULT

12 There is one lawgiver and judge, the one being able to save and to destroy. But who are you, the one judging {your} neighbor?

UST

12 The only one who can judge people {according to the law} is the one who gave the law. That is God, who is able not just to condemn people {for breaking the law} but also to pardon them {even though they have broken the law}. You certainly are not entitled to take God's place and judge others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:13

ULT

13 Come now, the ones saying, “Today or tomorrow we will travel to this city and do a year there and trade and gain.”

UST

13 Some of you are {arrogantly} saying, “Today or tomorrow we will go to a certain city. We will spend a year there and we will buy and sell things and earn a lot of money.” Now you listen to me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:14

ULT

14 You who do not know the {thing} of the tomorrow, of what sort {is} your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little {while} and then disappears.

UST

14 You should not talk like that, because you do not know what will happen tomorrow. In fact, you do not even know how long you will live! After all, your life is short, like a mist that is visible briefly but then vanishes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 4:15

ULT

15 Instead, you should say, “If the Lord wishes, we will both live and do this or that.”

UST

15 Instead {of what you are saying,} you should say, “If the Lord is willing, we will still be alive and we will be able to do one thing or another.”

What does James tell the believers to say about what will happen in the future?

James tells the believers to say that if the Lord allows, we will live and do this or that.

James 4:16

ULT

16 But now you are boasting in your pretensions. All such boasting is evil.

UST

16 But what you are doing is bragging about all the things you plan to do. That kind of bragging is sinful.

What does James say about those who boast about their plans?

James says that those who boast about their plans are doing evil.

James 4:17

ULT

17 Therefore to the one having known to do good and not doing {it}, to him it is sin.

UST

17 So if anyone does not do something even though he knows it is the right thing that he should do, he has committed a sin.

What is it if someone knows to do good, but does not do it?

It is sin if someone knows to do good, but does not do it.

James 5

James 5:1

ULT
1 Come now, the rich, weep, wailing because of your coming miseries.

UST
1 Now I have something to say to you rich people {who say you believe in Jesus}. Listen to me! You should weep and wail loudly because you are going to experience terrible troubles!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:2

ULT
2 Your wealth has rotted and your clothes have become moth-eaten.

UST
2 Your wealth is worthless, as though it were rotten. Your fine clothes are worthless, as though moths had ruined them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:3

ULT
3 Your gold and silver have been tarnished, and their rust will be for a testimony against you and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up in {the} last days.

UST
3 Your gold and silver are worthless, as though they were corroded. {When God judges you,} this worthless wealth of yours will be evidence that you are guilty {of being greedy}. Just as rust and fire destroy things, God will severely punish you. You should not have been trying to get richer and richer knowing that Jesus was going to return. {When he returns, your riches will be worthless.}

What have the rich, about whom James is talking, done in the last days which will testify against them?
The rich have hoarded their treasure.

James 5:4

ULT

4 Behold, the pay of the workers who have reaped your fields, which has been withheld from you, is crying out, and the cries of the ones harvesting have entered into the ears of {the} Lord of Sabaoth.

UST

4 Think about what you have done. You did not pay the wages you promised to the workers who harvested your fields. These unpaid wages show how unfair you were to these workers. They are crying out to God because of the way you have treated them. The Lord is a God of great power, and he is listening to their loud cries {and he will punish you for what you have done}.

How have these rich treated their workers?

These rich have not paid their workers.

James 5:5

ULT

5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and have lived self-indulgently. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter.

UST

5 You have bought all the luxuries you wanted for yourselves. Just as cattle fatten themselves, not realizing that they will be slaughtered, you have lived just to enjoy things, not realizing that God will severely punish you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:6

ULT

6 You have condemned, you have killed the righteous. He does not resist you.

UST

6 You have arranged for others to condemn honest people. You have arranged for others to kill people who had not done anything wrong. They were not able to defend themselves against you. {But God will judge and punish you for doing all these things.}

How have these rich treated the righteous man?

These rich have condemned and killed the righteous man.

James 5:7

ULT

[7] Therefore, wait patiently, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer awaits the valuable fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives {the} early {rain} and {the} late {rain}.

UST

[7] So, my fellow believers, {even though rich people cause you to suffer,} be patient until Jesus the Messiah comes back. Remember that when farmers plant a field, they have to wait for their valuable crops to grow. They have to wait patiently for the rain that comes at the planting season and for more rain that comes just before the harvest season. {This rain is necessary for the crops to grow and mature so that the farmers can harvest them.}

What does James say the believer's attitude should be toward the coming of the Lord?
The believers should wait patiently for the coming of the Lord.

James 5:8

ULT

[8] You also wait patiently. Strengthen your hearts, because the coming of the Lord has come near.

UST

[8] Similarly, you also should wait patiently and trust Jesus the Messiah firmly, because he is coming back soon {and he will judge all people fairly}.

Why should believers strengthen their hearts as they wait patiently for the coming of the Lord?
They should strengthen their hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:9

ULT

[9] Do not complain, brothers, against one another, so that you may be not judged. Behold, the judge is standing at the door.

UST

[9] My fellow believers, do not grumble about each other. That way the Lord Jesus will not have to punish you. He is the one who will judge us, and he will come back soon to do that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:10

ULT

[10] Take an example, brothers, of the suffering and the patience of the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.

UST

[10] My fellow believers, as an example {of how to be patient}, consider the prophets whom the Lord God sent long ago to speak his messages. Although people caused them to suffer much, they endured it patiently.

What should the suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets become for us?

The suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets should become an example for us.

James 5:11

ULT

[11] Behold, we call blessed the ones having endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the end of {the} Lord, that the Lord is greatly compassionate and merciful.

UST

[11] Consider how, when people are able to endure suffering {patiently and faithfully}, we say that God has blessed them. {One example of this is the man named} Job. You know about him {from the Scriptures}. You know that he suffered many things patiently. You also know that God planned {to do good things through what Job suffered}. And from that you can tell that God is very caring and kind.

What positive character trait did Job demonstrate?

Job demonstrated endurance.

James 5:12

ULT

[12] But before all, my brothers, do not swear, neither {by} the heaven nor {by} the earth, nor {by} any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes” and {your} “No,” “No,” so that you may not fall under judgment.

UST

[12] Now this, my fellow believers, is something very important for you to realize. You must never take an oath by calling on heaven or the earth or anything else to guarantee a promise that you make. All you need to say is “Yes” or “No.” God will judge you {if you go beyond that and make an oath but then do not keep your promise}.

What does James say about the reliability of a believer’s “Yes” and “No?”

A believer’s “Yes” must mean “Yes” and his “No” must mean “No”.

James 5:13

ULT
13 Is anyone among you suffering hardship? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

UST
13 Any one of you who is experiencing trouble should pray {that God would help him}. Whoever is happy should sing songs of praise {to God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:14

ULT
14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him summon the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord.

UST
14 Any one of you who is sick should call the leaders of the congregation to come and pray for him {to recover}. They should put olive oil on him {to help him recover} and, with the Lord's authority, pray.

What should those who are sick do?
The sick should call for the elders so they can pray over him and anoint him with oil.

James 5:15

ULT
15 And the prayer of the faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise him up. And if he may have committed sins, it will be forgiven to him.

UST
15 When these leaders pray to God in faith, God will answer that prayer and heal the person who is sick. The Lord will restore his health. If that person has sinned, God will forgive him {for those sins}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:16

ULT

16 Therefore, confess {your} sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A working prayer of the righteous is very strong.

UST

16 Because the Lord is able to heal the sick and to forgive sins, admit to each other the sinful things you have done and pray for each other. Then God will heal you. If people who are right with God pray, God will answer their prayers in powerful ways.

What two things does James say believers should do with each other in order to be healed?

Believers should confess to one another and pray for one another.

James 5:17

ULT

17 Elijah was a man of similar passions to us, and he prayed with prayer for {it} not to rain, and it did not rain upon the land {for} three years and six months.

UST

17 The prophet Elijah was an ordinary person like us. But when he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, the land {of Israel} had no rain for three and a half years.

What happened when Elijah prayed that it would not rain?

It did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18

ULT

18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.

UST

18 Then Elijah prayed again{, asking God to send rain}, and God made it rain and plants grew and produced crops again.

What happened when Elijah prayed again, this time for rain?

When he prayed again, the heaven gave rain and the earth produced fruit.

James 5:19

ULT

19 My brothers, if anyone among you may have been led astray from the truth and someone turns him back,

UST

19 My fellow believers, if one of you stops obeying the true message from God, then another one of you should persuade that person to do once again what God has told us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

James 5:20

ULT

20 let him know that the one having turned back a sinner from his wandering way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

UST

20 I want anyone who helps a sinner to repent to know that because of what he has done, God will save the sinner from spiritual death and will forgive his many sins.

What does someone accomplish who leads a sinner out of the error of his way?

The person who leads a sinner out of the error of his way saves a soul from death and covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1 Peter 1

1 Peter 1:1

ULT

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to {the} elect exiles of {the} dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

UST

1 {I am} Peter, whom Jesus the Messiah sent {to represent him}. {I am writing this letter} to you whom God has chosen to belong to himself. {I am writing to you} who are temporarily living in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, far away {from your true home in heaven}.

Of whom was Peter an apostle?

Peter was an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To whom did Peter write?

Peter wrote to the foreigners of the dispersion, the chosen ones, throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

1 Peter 1:2

ULT

2 according to {the} foreknowledge of God {the} Father, by sanctification of {the} Spirit for obedience and {the} sprinkling of {the} blood of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be multiplied to you.

UST

2 God our Father {chose you} according to what he had already decided. {He did this} by his Spirit, setting you apart in order that you may obey {him} and in order that the death of Jesus the Messiah may make you members of a covenant with God. {I pray that} God will increase his kind acts toward you and make you more peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:3

ULT

3 Blessed {is} the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, caused us to be born again into a living hope through {the} resurrection of Jesus Christ from dead ones,

UST

3 Praise God, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! Because he is very merciful to us, he has caused us to experience the new birth by bringing Jesus the Messiah back to life after he had died. {God did this} in order that we would have hope that will never disappoint us,

Whom did Peter want to be blessed?

Peter wanted the God and Father of their Lord Jesus Christ to be blessed.

How did God give them a new birth?

In his great mercy, God gave them a new birth through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:4

ULT

4 into an imperishable and undefiled and unfading inheritance, having been kept in heaven for you,

UST

4 {that is,} in order that we might inherit what cannot perish, be defiled, or fade, which is what God has kept for us in heaven.

Why would the inheritance not perish, become stained, or fade away?

The inheritance would not perish, become stained, or fade away because the inheritance was reserved in heaven for them.

1 Peter 1:5

ULT

5 the ones being protected by {the} power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in {the} last time.

UST

5 God’s power is guarding you by means of your trust {in Jesus}. {He is guarding you} in order to reveal your salvation at the final time {when Jesus returns to judge everyone}.

By what means were they protected in God’s power?

They were protected through faith for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last times.

1 Peter 1:6

ULT

[6] In this you greatly rejoice, if now being necessary, having been distressed a little {while} in various trials

UST

[6] You rejoice a lot because of what will happen then, even though now for a short time many different hardships must grieve you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:7

ULT

[7] so that the genuineness of your faith—more precious than perishing gold, but being tested by fire—might be found to result in praise and glory and honor at {the} revelation of Jesus Christ,

UST

[7] {These hardships} happen in order to prove that you really trust {in Jesus}. {That trust} is more valuable to God than gold, which someone can destroy even though someone has tested it by {passing it through} fire. Because you trust in Jesus, God will praise, glorify, and honor you when Jesus the Messiah {returns and} reveals himself.

Why was it necessary for them to feel sorrow in many different trials?

It was necessary so that their faith would be tested, and so that their faith would be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What is more precious than gold which perishes?

Faith is more precious than gold.

1 Peter 1:8

ULT

[8] whom, not having seen, you love; in whom, not seeing {him} now, but believing, you exult with joy inexpressible and filled with glory,

UST

[8] You love Jesus, although you have not seen him. Although you do not see him now, you trust him and rejoice with joy that you can hardly express,

Although the believers had not seen Jesus, what did they do?

They loved him and believed in him and were very glad with unspeakable joy that was full of glory.

1 Peter 1:9

ULT
[9] receiving for yourselves the outcome of your faith, salvation of {your} souls.

UST
[9] because you are experiencing the result of trusting him: God is saving you from the guilt of your sins.

What did the ones who believed in him receive as the result of their faith?
They received the salvation of their souls.

1 Peter 1:10

ULT
[10] {The} prophets searched and inquired carefully about this salvation, having prophesied about {this} grace for you,

UST
[10] {Long ago} prophets investigated very carefully about God saving you. They spoke what God told them about God graciously saving you.

About what did the prophets search and inquire carefully?
The prophets searched about the salvation the believers were receiving, about the grace that was to be theirs.

1 Peter 1:11

ULT
[11] inquiring into whom or what time the Spirit of Christ in them was revealing, testifying beforehand {about} the sufferings of Christ and the glories after these {things}.

UST
[11] They were trying to find out to whom the Spirit of the Messiah that was in them was referring to, and to what time the Spirit was referring to. {The Spirit was referring to these things} when he told them beforehand that the Messiah would suffer and that glorious things would happen afterwards.

About what was the Spirit of Christ telling the prophets in advance?
He was telling them about the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow him.

1 Peter 1:12

ULT

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, {in} these {things} which now were declared to you by the ones who proclaimed the gospel to you by {the} Holy Spirit having been sent from heaven—into which {things} angels desire to look.

UST

12 God told these prophets that it was not for their own benefit that he was revealing these things to them, but that it was for your benefit. Those people who preached the good news to you now have declared these things to you by the Holy Spirit, whom God sent from heaven, {enabling them to do that}. Angels would like to know more about what these people declared to you.

Whom were the prophets serving by their searches and inquiries?

They were serving the believers.

Who desired the results of the prophets' searches and inquiries to be revealed?

Even the angels desired the results to be revealed.

1 Peter 1:13

ULT

13 Therefore, having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, hope fully in the grace being brought to you in {the} revelation of Jesus Christ.

UST

13 As a result of all these things, prepare your minds for action. Be alert. Be completely confident that God will graciously save you when Jesus the Messiah {returns and} reveals himself.

What did Peter command the believers to do as obedient children? (vv13-14)

He commanded them to prepare their minds to obey God, be sober in their thinking, and have complete confidence in the grace that would be brought them, and not to conform themselves to their former desires.

1 Peter 1:14

ULT

14 As children of obedience, not being conformed to {your} former desires in your ignorance,

UST

14 Because you obey God like children ought to obey their fathers, do not allow yourself to be controlled by the {sinful} desires you used to have when you did not know {the truth about God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:15

ULT
15 but as the one having called you {is} holy, you yourselves also be holy in all {your} behavior.

UST
15 Instead, just like God, the one who chose you {to belong to him}, is holy, act in a holy manner when you do anything.

Why did Peter say the believers should be holy? (vv15-16)
Because the one who called them is holy.

1 Peter 1:16

ULT
16 For it is written, “You will be holy, because I {am} holy.”

UST
16 Be holy, because Moses wrote {in the scriptures that God said}, “Be holy, because I am holy.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:17

ULT
17 And if you call “Father” the one judging impartially according to the work of each one, conduct yourselves in fear {during} the time of your sojourn,

UST
17 God is the one who judges what each person does, and he judges without bias. Since you call him ‘Father,’ behave in a way that shows you fear him while you are temporarily living {far away from your true home in heaven}.

Why should the believers spend the time of their journey in fear?
Because they called as “Father” the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work.

1 Peter 1:18

ULT
18 knowing that you have been redeemed not with perishable {things}, with silver or with gold, from your futile behavior handed down from {your} fathers,

UST
18 {Behave in that way} because you know that {God paid to free you} from behaving foolishly, as your ancestors taught you {to behave}. God did not pay to free you with things like silver or gold that will not last forever.

From whom had the foreigners, the chosen ones, learned futile behavior?
They had learned futile behavior from their fathers.

With what were the believers redeemed? (vv18-19)
They were not redeemed with silver or gold, but with the honored blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:19

ULT
19 but with {the} precious blood of Christ, as of an unblemished and spotless lamb,

UST
19 Instead, {God paid for you to be free} by the Messiah's priceless death {on the cross}. {That death was} like {the deaths} of the entirely perfect lambs {that the Jewish priests sacrificed}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:20

ULT
20 having been foreknown before {the} foundation of {the} world, but having been revealed in {the} last of the times for you,

UST
20 God chose him to do this before he created the world. But {it was now,} in this last time period, that God revealed him to you.

When was Christ foreknown, and when was he revealed?
He was foreknown before the foundation of the world; he was revealed to the foreigners, the chosen ones, in what was then the last times.

1 Peter 1:21

ULT
21 {those} through him believing in God, who has raised him from dead ones and has given him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

UST
21 Because of what the Messiah has done, you are trusting in God. He caused the Messiah to become alive again after he had died and has shown how great he is. As a result, you are trusting God and expecting {him to do great things}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 1:22

ULT
22 Having purified your souls by the obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, [1]

UST
22 Because you have made yourselves pure by obeying the true teachings {of Jesus} in order to genuinely love other believers, love each other sincerely and fervently.

How did the believers make their souls pure?
They made their souls pure by obedience to the truth for brotherly love.

1 Peter 1:23

ULT
23 having been born again, not from perishable seed, but from imperishable, through {the} living and enduring word of God.

UST
23 {Do this} because God has caused you to experience the new birth. {You did not experience this new birth} by means of something that will perish. Rather, {you experienced it} by means of something that will never perish: the message {about Jesus} that came from God and truly lasts forever.

How were the believers born again?
They were born again from imperishable seed, through the living and remaining word of God, not from perishable seed.

1 Peter 1:24

ULT

24 For, “All flesh {is} like grass, and all its glory {is} like {the} flower of {the} grass. The grass was dried up, and the flower fell off,

UST

24 {We know that this is true} because, {as the prophet Isaiah wrote,} “All people are like grass, and everything that is great about people is like flowers in the grass. Just as grass dies and flowers whither, {so do people die and what is great about them only lasts for a short time},

What is all flesh like, and what is its glory like?

Flesh is like grass; its glory is like the flower of grass.

1 Peter 1:25

ULT

25 but the word of {the} Lord endures into eternity.” And this is the word that has been proclaimed to you. 1:22 *[1]*

UST

25 but God’s message lasts forever.” This message {that lasts forever} is the good news {about the Messiah} that we have declared to you.

What happens to the word of the Lord?

The word of the Lord remains forever.

1 Peter 2

1 Peter 2:1

ULT
[1] Therefore, having put aside all evil and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all slanders,

UST
[1] Because {these things are true}, do not act wickedly or deceive others in any way. Do not be hypocrites, and do not envy others. Do not speak evil things falsely about anyone.

What were the believers told to put aside?
They were told to put aside all evil deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander.

1 Peter 2:2

ULT
[2] as newborn babies, long for the pure rational milk so that by it you may grow up to salvation,

UST
[2] Just as newborn babies strongly desire their mothers' pure milk, so you should strongly desire to learn true things about God so that by {learning} them you may become spiritually mature. {You must do this} until the time when God saves you completely {from this sinful world}.

Why were the believers to long for pure spiritual milk?
They were to long for pure spiritual milk that they might grow in salvation.

1 Peter 2:3

ULT
[3] if you have tasted that the Lord {is} kind,

UST
[3] {You must do this} because you have experienced that the Lord acts very kindly {toward you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:4

ULT
[4] coming to him, a living stone, having been rejected by men, but chosen by God, precious,

UST
[4] You have come to the Lord Jesus. {He is like} a stone {that is part of a building, but he is} alive. Although people rejected him, God chose him and greatly values him.

Who was the living stone who was rejected by people and chosen by God? (vv4-5)
Jesus Christ was the living stone.

1 Peter 2:5

ULT
[5] and you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up {to be} a spiritual house, for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

UST
[5] And you are like stones that are alive. {Like men build houses with stones,} God is joining you together like a building in which his Spirit dwells. {He is also making you} be like priests whom he has set apart in order to do spiritual acts, pleasing to God, by means of Jesus the Messiah.

Why were the believers also like living stones?
They were like living stones because they were being built up to be a spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:6

ULT
[6] Therefore, it stands in scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone, chosen, precious. And the one believing in him may certainly not be ashamed.”

UST
[6] What {Isaiah} wrote {that God had said} in Scripture shows us that this is true: “Pay attention! I am placing in Jerusalem someone who is like the most important stone in the building. I have chosen him. He is very valuable. And anyone who trusts in him will surely never be humiliated.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:7

ULT

[7] Therefore, the honor {is} to you, the ones believing. But to those not believing, “A stone that the ones building rejected, this has become {the} head of {the} corner,”

UST

[7] Therefore, {God} will honor you who believe in Jesus. However, those who refuse to believe in him {are like the builders that someone wrote about in the Psalms}: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the most important stone in the building.”

Why did the builders stumble, disobeying the word? (vv7-8)

The builders stumbled because they were appointed to do that.

1 Peter 2:8

ULT

[8] and, “A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.” They stumble, disobeying the word to which also they were appointed.

UST

[8] {Isaiah} also {wrote in the Scriptures that the Messiah would be like} “a stone that causes people to stumble, and a rock that offends people.” {Just as people become injured because they trip over a rock,} people become offended because they disobey God’s message; that is what God determined would happen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:9

ULT

[9] But you {are} a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might proclaim the praiseworthy actions of the one having called you out from darkness into his marvelous light,

UST

[9] In contrast {to them}, you {believers} are people whom God has chosen {for himself}. {You are} like a group of priests {who worship God} and rule {with him}. {You are} a people group that God has set apart {for himself}. {You are} a people who belong to God so that you might declare the praiseworthy things he has done. He has called you out of your former manner of living, when you were sinful and ignorant about God, and he has made you understand the wonderful true things about himself.

Why were the believers a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for God’s possession? (vv9-10)

They were chosen so that they might announce the wonderful actions of God.

1 Peter 2:10

ULT
10 who once {were} “not a people,” but now “a people of God;” the ones “not having received mercy,” but now “having received mercy.”

UST
10 {What Hosea wrote is true about you} who used to be “no people group at all,” but now are “God’s people group.” At one time “God had not acted mercifully toward you,” but now “he has acted mercifully toward you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:11

ULT
11 Beloved ones, I exhort you as foreigners and exiles to abstain from fleshly desires, which make war against the soul,

UST
11 Fellow believers whom I love, you are like foreigners {whose real home is in heaven}. So I urge you not to do the things that your sinful human natures want to do. Those desires will destroy you.

Why did Peter call the beloved to abstain from sinful desires? (vv11-12)
He called them to abstain so that those who might speak of them as having done evil would see their good behavior and praise God.

1 Peter 2:12

ULT
12 keeping your behavior among the Gentiles good so that, in whatever they slander you as evildoers, by observing {your} good works, they might glorify God in {the} day of visitation.

UST
12 Behave well among those who do not know God in order that, concerning the things you are doing, which they falsely say are evil, they will see that you are {actually} doing good things and they will honor God when he comes to judge everyone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:13

ULT
13 Be subjected to every human authority for the sake of the Lord, whether to a king as one having supreme authority

UST
13 In order to honor the Lord Jesus, obey everyone who has power {to govern people}. This includes the king, because he has the greatest {human} power.

Why were the believers to obey every human authority? (vv13-15)
They were to obey every human authority because God wanted to use their obedience to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:14

ULT
14 or to governors as those being sent through him for punishment of evildoers and praise of doers of good;

UST
14 It also includes governors, because the king has sent them to punish those who do evil things and to praise those who do good things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:15

ULT
15 For this is the will of God: doing good to silence the ignorance of the foolish people;

UST
15 {Obey those who govern people,} because this is what God wants: {He wants you} to do good things in order to stop fools {who do not know God} from being able to ignorantly say that you have done evil things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:16

ULT
16 as free {people} and not having freedom as a covering of evil, but as servants of God.

UST
16 {Obey those who govern people} as people who are free to do so voluntarily, but do not try to use your status as free people to hide evil deeds. Instead, {obey} as those who serve God should.

Instead of using their freedom as a covering for wickedness, what were the foreigners, the chosen ones, to do?
They were to use their freedom to be servants of God.

1 Peter 2:17

ULT
17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

UST
17 Be respectful to everyone. Love all {your} fellow believers. Revere God. Be respectful to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:18

ULT
18 House slaves, be subjected to {your} masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle {ones}, but also to the crooked {ones}.

UST
18 You household slaves {who are believers}, submit to your masters with a completely reverent attitude. {Do this} not only to those {masters} who act very kindly toward you but also to those who act unjustly toward you.

Why were servants supposed to be subject to their masters, even the malicious ones? (vv18-20)
Servants were supposed to be subject even to malicious masters because doing good and then suffering by being punished for it is praiseworthy with God.

1 Peter 2:19

ULT
19 For this {finds} favor—if anyone endures sorrows, suffering unjustly because of consciousness of God.

UST
19 {Submit to your masters,} because this is something that God prefers—if someone endures hardships and suffers undeservedly because that person is aware of who God is {and what he wants}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:20

ULT
20 For what credit {is there} if, sinning and being beaten, you will endure? But if doing good and suffering, you will endure, this {finds} favor with God.

UST
20 {Submit to your masters,} because there is certainly no honor for you if you endure when someone beats you because you have sinned. However, this is something that God favors: if you endure when you suffer even though you did what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:21

ULT
21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered on your behalf, leaving an example for you so that you might follow in his footsteps

UST
21 {God favors this} because he has called you to suffer while doing what is good. {He has called you to this} because the Messiah also suffered for your sake in order to be an example for you with the purpose that you would imitate what he did.

Why were the servants called to suffer for doing good? (vv21-23)
Because Christ suffered for them, leaving an example for them, and gave himself to the one who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:22

ULT
22 “who did no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth;”

UST
22 “He never sinned. And he never said anything to deceive people.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:23

ULT
23 who being reviled, did not revile back; suffering, he did not threaten, but he entrusted {himself} to the one judging justly;

UST
23 When people insulted him, he never insulted them in return. When he suffered, he never threatened {those who caused him to suffer}. Instead, he trusted God, who always judges rightly, {to prove that he was innocent}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 2:24

ULT
24 who himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that, having died to the sins, we might live for righteousness, by whose wounds you were healed.

UST
24 The Messiah himself was punished for our sins in his body {when he died} on the cross with the purpose that we would live rightly because we are no longer controlled by sin. God has healed you because people wounded the Messiah.

Why did Christ carry Peter, believers, and the servants’ sins in his body to the tree?
He carried their sins so that they might have no more part in sin, but instead live for righteousness, and because they were healed by his bruises.

1 Peter 2:25

ULT

25 For you were like straying sheep, but now you have been turned back to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.

UST

25 {God healed you} because you were {alienated from God} like sheep that had become lost, but now God has brought you back to Jesus, who cares for you and watches over you {as a shepherd cares for his sheep}.

After they all had been wandering away like lost sheep, to whom did they return?
They all returned to the shepherd and guardian of their souls.

1 Peter 3

1 Peter 3:1

ULT
[1] Similarly, wives, be subjected to {your} own husbands so that even if some are being disobedient to the word, they will be won without a word through the behavior of {their} wives,

UST
[1] In a similar way, you women {who are believers}, submit to your husbands. {Do this} in order that you may persuade any husbands who do not believe the message {about the Messiah} to become believers without you saying anything to them.

Why should wives submit to their husbands?
Wives should submit so that those husbands who are disobedient might be won without a word.

1 Peter 3:2

ULT
[2] having observed your pure behavior with fear,

UST
[2] {They will believe in the Messiah} because they see that you behave sincerely and {act} reverently {toward them}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:3

ULT
[3] whose adornment let be not the outward braiding of hair and wearing of gold jewelry or wearing of fine clothing,

UST
[3] Do not make the outside of your bodies beautiful by having fancy hairstyles or by wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes.

How should wives adorn themselves? (vv3-4)
Wives should adorn themselves in the inner person of the heart, in the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.

1 Peter 3:4

ULT

4 but the hidden man of the heart, in the imperishable {thing} of the gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious before God.

UST

4 Instead, make your unseen mind beautiful in a way that will never fade. I mean, have a humble and peaceful attitude. This is something that God values very much.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:5

ULT

5 For in this manner also the holy women, the ones hoping in God, formerly adorned themselves, being subjected to {their} own husbands,

UST

5 {Do this} because this is the way that the women who lived holy lives long ago made themselves beautiful. They trusted in God and submitted to their husbands.

Which holy woman did Peter mention as an example of a wife who had confidence in God and submitted to her husband? (vv5-6)
Peter mentioned Sarah as an example.

1 Peter 3:6

ULT

6 like Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him “lord,” whose children you have become, doing what is good and not being afraid of any terror.

UST

6 Sarah, for example, obeyed her husband Abraham and called him {her} master. God will consider you to be her daughters if you do good deeds and are not afraid of anything terrible happening to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:7

ULT

[7] Husbands, similarly, live with the female according to knowledge, as with a weaker container, assigning honor as also fellow heirs of {the} grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

UST

[7] You men {who are believers}, in a similar way, dwell together with your wives in an understanding manner. {Treat them} as {you would treat} someone who is weaker {than you are}. Honor them as those who will also receive God's gracious gift with you, which is eternal life. {Do this} so that nothing will hinder you from praying.

Why should husbands live with their wives according to knowledge?

Husbands should live with their wives according to knowledge so that their prayers are not hindered.

1 Peter 3:8

ULT

[8] Now finally, everyone {be} likeminded, sympathetic, loving as brothers, tenderhearted, humble;

UST

[8] To end {this part of my letter}, {I say to} all of you, have the same mindset {among yourselves}. Be sympathetic {toward each other}. Love each other as fellow believers. Act compassionately {toward each other}. Be humble.

Why did Peter instruct all of the foreigners, the chosen ones, to be likeminded and to continue to bless? (vv8-9)

Because they were all called to do so, that they might inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9

ULT

[9] not paying back evil in exchange for evil or insult in exchange for insult, but on the contrary, blessing, because to this you were called so that you might inherit a blessing.

UST

[9] When people do evil things to you or insult you, do not do the same to them. Instead, bless them, because that is what God has chosen you to do in order that he may bless you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:10

ULT
10 For, “Let the one wanting to love life and to see good days stop {his} tongue from evil, and {his} lips not to speak deceit.

UST
10 {We know that this is true} because, {as David wrote,} “As for those who truly want to enjoy good lives, they must not say evil things or speak deceitful things.

Why should the one who wants to love life stop his tongue from evil and turn away from what is bad and do what is good? (vv10-12)
Because the eyes of the Lord see the righteous.

1 Peter 3:11

ULT
11 But let him turn away from evil and let him do good. Let him seek peace and let him pursue it,

UST
11 They must also refuse to do evil, and do what is good {instead}. They must diligently strive to have peaceful relationships with other people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:12

ULT
12 for {the} eyes of {the} Lord {are} on righteous ones, and his ears {are} toward their request, but {the} face of {the} Lord {is} against those doing evil.”

UST
12 {They must do these things,} because the Lord watches over righteous people. He listens {and responds} to the prayers of righteous people, but he opposes people who do evil.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:13

ULT
13 And who {is} the one who will harm you if you become zealous ones of the good?

UST
13 It is unlikely that anyone will harm you if you are eager to do what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:14

ULT
14 But even if you might suffer because of righteousness, {you are} blessed {ones}. But you should not fear the fear of them nor be troubled,

UST
14 However, even if you suffer because you did what was right, God will bless you. “Do not be afraid of or troubled by the things that other people fear.”

Who were the ones who were blessed?
Those who suffered because of righteousness were blessed.

1 Peter 3:15

ULT
15 but sanctify {the} Lord Christ in your hearts, always ready for a defense to everyone who asks you for a word concerning the hope in you,

UST
15 Instead, acknowledge in your minds that the Lord Messiah is holy. Always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to tell them about what you are confidently expecting {God to do for you}.

What were the believers told to do to maintain their confidence in God?
They were told to set apart the Lord Christ as precious in their hearts.

How were the believers always to answer everyone who asked about their confidence in God? (vv15-16)
They were to be ready to answer always with meekness and respect.

1 Peter 3:16

ULT
16 but with meekness and fear, having a good conscience so that, in what you are being slandered, the ones reviling your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed.

UST
16 But {answer them} humbly and reverently, while not doing any wicked thing, in order that God may shame those who despise the good things you do as people united with the Messiah. {God will shame them} regarding the very things they are speaking falsely against you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:17

ULT
17 For{it is} better to suffer doing good, if the will of God wills, than doing evil.

UST
17 {Do these things} because, if God wants {you to suffer}, it is better for you to suffer because you did what is good than {to suffer} because you did what is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:18

ULT
18 For Christ also suffered once for sins—righteous on behalf of unrighteous—so that he might bring you to God, having indeed been killed in flesh, but having been made alive in spirit,

UST
18 {This is true} because the Messiah also suffered. {He suffered} one time for the sake of {other people's} sins. He was a righteous person {who died} for the benefit of unrighteous people. {He died} in order to enable you to be with God. Although people killed him, God's Spirit caused him to become alive again.

Why did Christ suffer once for sins?
Christ suffered once so that he would bring Peter and the believers to God.

1 Peter 3:19

ULT
19 in which also he proclaimed, having gone to the spirits in prison,

UST
19 The Spirit also enabled him to go and announce {God's victory} to the {evil} spirits whom God had imprisoned.

Why were the spirits to whom Christ preached in the spirit now in prison? (vv19-20)
The spirits who are now in prison were disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in the days of Noah.

1 Peter 3:20

ULT
20 having disobeyed formerly, when the patience of God was waiting in {the} days of Noah, an ark being constructed, in which a few—that is, eight souls—were rescued through water,

UST
20 {Those evil spirits} disobeyed God long ago, during the lifetime of Noah. When Noah was building a big boat, God waited patiently {to see if people would stop doing what is evil}. {Only} a few people {were saved} in that boat. Specifically, God brought only eight people safely through the waters {of the flood}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 3:21

ULT
21 which, {being} an antitype, now saves you also, baptism—not a removal of dirt from {the} flesh, but an appeal of a good conscience to God—through {the} resurrection of Jesus Christ,

UST
21 That water is a symbol that represents the baptism which now saves you. {This baptism} does not wash dirt off of your bodies. Instead, it shows that we are asking God to assure us that he has forgiven our sins. {This baptism saves you} by means of God having caused Jesus the Messiah to become alive again.

What kind of baptism saves the believer?
The baptism that saves the believer is not the washing with water, but the appeal of a good conscience to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:22

ULT

22 who is at {the} right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to him.

UST

22 After God caused every evil and powerful spirit to submit to him, the Messiah went to heaven, where he is at the place of highest honor next to God.

As Jesus is at the right hand of God in heaven, what must angels, authorities, and powers do?

They must all submit to him.

1 Peter 4

1 Peter 4:1

ULT

[1] Therefore, Christ having suffered in {the} flesh, also arm yourselves {with} the same way of thinking, for the one having suffered in {the} flesh has ceased from sin

UST

[1] Therefore, because the Messiah physically suffered, prepare yourselves {to suffer as Christians} by thinking {about suffering} the way that Jesus thought{about suffering}. {Do this} because those who physically suffer are no longer involved in sin

With what did Peter command the believers to arm themselves?

He commanded them to arm themselves with the same intention that Christ had when he suffered in the flesh.

1 Peter 4:2

ULT

[2] in order to no longer live the remaining time in {the} flesh for {the} desires of men, but for {the} will of God.

UST

[2] in order that they would not do the things that sinful people want to do during the rest of their lives. Instead, they live to do the things that God wants them to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:3

ULT

[3] For the time having passed {is} enough to accomplish the will of the Gentiles, having lived in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry,

UST

[3] {I say that to you} because you have already used too much of your lifetime doing what the people who do not know God like to do. {Like them,} you committed sexually immoral and lustful acts, got drunk, participated in immoral parties and drinking parties, and worshiped idols, which God has forbidden.

Why did the Gentiles speak evil about the believers? (vv3-4)

They spoke evil about the foreigners, the chosen ones, because they did not participate in sensuality, passion, drunkenness, carousing, wild parties, and in wicked idolatries like the Gentiles.

1 Peter 4:4

ULT
4 in which they are surprised you are not running with {them} into the same outpouring of recklessness, reviling;

UST
4 Regarding those things, people who do not know God are surprised that you do not join with them {anymore} when they do these recklessly immoral things. As a result, they say bad things {about you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:5

ULT
5 they will give a word to the one being ready to judge those living and dead {ones}.

UST
5 {One day} these people will have to admit to God {everything that they have done}. He is the one who will judge all people.

Who is God ready to judge?
God is ready to judge both the living and the dead.

1 Peter 4:6

ULT
6 For to this the gospel was preached also to dead {ones}, so that they might be judged indeed in {the} flesh according to men, but they might live in {the} spirit according to God.

UST
6 This is the reason why {people} preached the good news {about Jesus} to {believers who are now} dead: in order that {those believers} who, although people judged them according to human {standards} during their lifetimes, by means of the Holy Spirit {now} live {forever} according to God's {standards}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:7

ULT

[7] Now the end of all {things} has come near. Therefore, be of sound mind, and be sober for prayers;

UST

[7] All things {on this earth} will soon end. So think sensibly and clearly in order to pray well.

Why were the believers to be of sound mind and have fervent love for one another?
They were to do those things because the end of all things was coming, and for the sake of their prayers.

1 Peter 4:8

ULT

[8] above all, having the fervent love for one another, for love covers up a multitude of sins;

UST

[8] Most important of all, love each other sincerely, because if you love others, you will forgive them for many sins {that they may commit against you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:9

ULT

[9] {be} hospitable ones to one another without complaining;

UST

[9] Provide food and a place to sleep for fellow Christians {who come to you}, and do it cheerfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:10

ULT

10 just as each one has received a gift, ministering it to one another, as good stewards of {the} diverse grace of God.

UST

10 Serve your fellow believers with the gifts that God has given you. Manage well the various gifts that God has kindly given you.

Why were each of the believers to use the gifts they had received to serve one another? (vv10-11)

They were to use their gifts so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:11

ULT

11 If anyone speaks—as {with} words of God; if anyone serves—as from strength that God supplies, so that in all {things} God might be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the power to eternity of eternities. Amen.

UST

11 Those who speak {should speak} as if {they were speaking} words that God has spoken. Those who serve {others should serve them} with the strength that God gives them. {Do so} in order to glorify God by {doing} everything that Jesus the Messiah enables you to do. I pray that everyone will see how glorious and powerful he is forever. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:12

ULT

12 Beloved ones, do not regard as strange the fiery trial among you, happening to you for a test, as a strange {thing} happening to you,

UST

12 Fellow believers whom I love, do not be surprised by the painful things you are experiencing. {Those things} are testing you {as people test metal by putting it into a} fire. {Do not think that} something unusual is happening to you.

Why were the believers told to rejoice if they experienced the sufferings of Christ or were insulted for the name of Christ? (vv12-13)

Because they were blessed if they were insulted.

1 Peter 4:13

ULT
13 but, however much you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice, so that also, at the revelation of his glory, you may rejoice, being glad.

UST
13 Instead, rejoice to the degree that you are suffering the same kinds of things that the Messiah suffered. {Rejoice when you suffer,} in order that you may also be very glad when the Messiah returns and shows everyone how glorious he is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:14

ULT
14 If you are reviled for {the} name of Christ, {you are} blessed ones because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

UST
14 If other people insult you because you believe in the Messiah, God has blessed you, because {your suffering} shows that the Spirit of God, the Spirit who reveals how great God is, dwells within you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:15

ULT
15 By all means do not let any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler,

UST
15 Make sure that you do not suffer because you murdered anyone or stole anything or did some other kind of evil thing or because you interfered in someone else's affairs.

For what actions were Christians not to be found guilty and suffer?
Christians were not to suffer as murderers, thieves, evildoers, or meddlers.

1 Peter 4:16

ULT
16 but if as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this name.

UST
16 But do not be ashamed if you suffer because you are a Christian. Instead, praise God that you have the name “Christian.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:17

ULT
17 For {it is} the time to begin the judgment with the household of God; but if first with us, what {will be} the end of the ones disobeying the gospel of God?

UST
17 {I say this} because it is now time for God to begin judging people, and first he will judge those who belong to him. Since {he will judge} us believers first, think about what {terrible things} will finally happen to those who do not obey the good news that comes from him!

Why should the ungodly person and the sinner obey God’s gospel? (vv17-18)
The ungodly person and the sinner obey God’s gospel because their judgment will be even more severe that the judgment of righteous people.

1 Peter 4:18

ULT
18 And, “If with difficulty the righteous is being saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?”

UST
18 {Solomon} also {wrote in the Scriptures}, “If righteous people must suffer many difficult trials before going to heaven, how much more will the ungodly and sinful people surely suffer!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 4:19

ULT

19 So then, also let those suffering according to the will of God entrust their souls to {the} faithful Creator in doing good.

UST

19 Therefore, those who are suffering because God wants {them to suffer} should trust God with their lives while continuing to do what is good. God is the one who created them, and he always does what he promises to do.

How were those who suffered according to the will of God to act?

They were to entrust their souls to the faithful Creator while they did good.

1 Peter 5

1 Peter 5:1

ULT
1 Therefore, I—the fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ and the sharer of the glory being about to be revealed—exhort {the} elders among you:

UST
1 Now I{, Peter,} urge those among you who are elders {who lead the assemblies of believers}; {I am also} an elder. I personally witnessed the Messiah suffer, and I will share in his glorious nature that God will soon reveal.

Who was Peter?
Peter was a fellow elder, a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a participant in the glory that will be revealed.

What did Peter exhort his fellow elders to do? (vv1-2)
He exhorted them to tend the flock of God and look after them.

1 Peter 5:2

ULT
2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight—not under compulsion, but willingly, according to God—and not greedily, but eagerly;

UST
2 {You elders,} take care of the believers with you as if you were shepherds who take care of their flocks of sheep. {Take care of them} not because you must do it, but because you really want to, as God desires. Do not {do this} in a greedy manner {to get money for doing it}, but do it enthusiastically.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:3

ULT
3 and not as lording it over {your} portion, but being examples of the flock.

UST
3 Do not act like domineering bosses over the people whom God has assigned to you. Instead, be {good} examples to those believers {by how you conduct your lives}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:4

ULT
4 And when the Chief Shepherd has been revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

UST
4 {If you do those things,} then when Jesus, who is like our ruling shepherd, appears, he will give each of you {leaders} a reward. {That reward will be} glorious {and will} last forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:5

ULT
5 Similarly, young men, be subjected to elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves {with} humility toward one another, for “God resists proud {ones}, but gives grace to humble {ones}.”

UST
5 In a similar way, you young men, obey the elders {who lead the assemblies of believers}. Now all of you {believers} should act humbly toward each other because {what Solomon wrote in the Scriptures is true:} “God opposes proud people, but he acts kindly toward humble people.”

To whom were the younger men to submit?
They were to submit to the older men.

Why did all of them need to have humility and serve one another? (vv5-7)
Because God gives grace to the humble, and so that God might exalt them in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

ULT
6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the powerful hand of God so that he may lift you up at a time,

UST
6 Since that is true, humble yourselves before God, who has the power {to save and to punish people,} in order that he may honor you at the proper time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:7

ULT
[7] having cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

UST
[7] Trust God to take care of everything that worries you because he cares about you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:8

ULT
[8] Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, {the} devil, is walking around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

UST
[8] Think clearly and alertly, {because} the devil is your enemy, and he is going around, looking for people to destroy. He is like a lion that roars as it searches for people to kill and eat.

What is the devil like?
He is like a roaring lion stalking around, looking for someone to devour.

What were the people instructed to do? (vv8-9)
They were instructed to be sober, to be watchful, to stand firm against the devil, and to be strong in their faith.

1 Peter 5:9

ULT
[9] Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing the same kind of sufferings are being brought to completion in your brotherhood in the world.

UST
[9] Resist the devil by continuing to firmly trust {in the Messiah and his message}. {Do this} because you know that your fellow believers all over the world are suffering in similar ways.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:10

ULT
10 But the God of all grace, the one having called you to his eternal glory in Christ, having suffered for a little {while}, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, {and} establish.

UST
10 But after you have suffered for a brief time, the God who acts kindly {toward you} in every way will himself restore {what you have lost} and will completely strengthen you in every way. God is the one who chose you to experience his glorious presence in heaven forever as you are joined to the Messiah.

What would happen to the people after they had suffered for a little while?
God would perfect, establish, and strengthen them.

1 Peter 5:11

ULT
11 To him {be} the power forever. Amen.

UST
11 I pray that he will rule powerfully forever. May it be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 Peter 5:12

ULT
12 Through Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I regard {him}, I wrote to you briefly, exhorting and testifying this to be {the} true grace of God. Stand in it.

UST
12 Silas has written this letter for me {as I have dictated it to him}. I consider him to be a faithful fellow believer. I have written this short letter to you in order to encourage you and to declare to you that what I have written is about the true and gracious message from God. Continue to firmly believe this message!

As whom did Peter regard Silvanus?
Peter regarded Silvanus as a faithful brother.

What did Peter say about what he had written?
He said that what he had written was the true grace of God.

1 Peter 5:13

ULT

13 She {who is} in Babylon, fellow-elect one, greets you, and my son Mark.

UST

13 In {this city that we call} ‘Babylon,’ the believers, whom God has chosen {to belong to him} just like he chose you, send their regards to you. Mark, who is like a son to me, also {sends his regards to you}.

Who greeted the believers and how were they to greet one another? (vv13-14)

She who was in Babylon, and Mark, Peter’s son in the faith, greeted them; they were to greet one another with a kiss of love.

1 Peter 5:14

ULT

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you, all {those} in Christ.

UST

14 Affectionately greet each other with a kiss to show that you love each other. I pray that God will continue to make all you who are joined to the Messiah feel peaceful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter

2 Peter 1

2 Peter 1:1

ULT

1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the ones having received a faith equal in value with us, by {the} righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

UST

1 {I,} Simon Peter, serve Jesus the Messiah, and I am an apostle {whom he appointed}. {I am writing this letter} to you whom God has caused to believe {in the Messiah} just like he caused us {apostles} to believe {in the Messiah}. {Jesus has done this} by his righteous acts. Jesus the Messiah is our God, and he is the one who saves us.

Who wrote 2 Peter?
Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote the letter or book we call 2 Peter.

To whom did Peter write?
Peter wrote to those who had received the same precious faith.

2 Peter 1:2

ULT

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in {the} knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

UST

2 I pray that God will increase his kind acts toward you and make you more peaceful because you know God and Jesus, {who is} our Lord.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:3

ULT

3 As his divine power has given to us all the {things} for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one having called us through {his} glory and excellence,

UST

3 God has given us everything that we need in order to live a life that honors him. {He does this} by his power as God. {He does this} by what we know about him. God is the one who chose us {to be his people} by his glorious and excellent character.

How were all the things of divine power for life and godliness given to Peter and the recipients of faith?

They were given to them through the knowledge of God.

Why did God give Peter and the recipients of faith all the things of divine power for life and godliness, along with great and precious promises? (vv3-4)

He did that so that they might be sharers in the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:4

ULT

4 through which he has given to us the precious and great promises so that through them you might be sharers of {the} divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world by lust,

UST

4 {By his glorious and excellent character,} God has promised that he will do priceless and great things for us. {He has done this} so that by {believing in} what he has promised, you will be able to act like God, {and} you will no longer suffer the moral corruption that is in the world through the desire to do sinful things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:5

ULT

5 and now {for} this same {reason}, applying all diligence, supply in your faith, goodness; and in goodness, knowledge;

UST

5 Because God has done all that, do your best to not only believe in the Messiah, {but also} to do good things. {And make sure that you not only} do good things, {but that you also} learn more about God.

What were the recipients of faith ultimately supposed to gain through their faith? (vv5-7)

They were ultimately supposed to gain love through their faith.

2 Peter 1:6

ULT

6 and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control, endurance; and in endurance, godliness;

UST

6 {And make sure that you do not only} learn more about God, {but that you also} control yourself {in what you do and say}. {And make sure that you do not only} control yourself {in what you do and say}, {but that you also} remain faithful to God in hardship. {And make sure that you do not only} remain faithful to God in hardship, {but that you also} honor him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:7

ULT

7 and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love.

UST

7 {And make sure that you do not only} honor God, {but that you also} show affection to each other as family members. {And make sure that you do not only} show affection to each other as family members, {but that you also} love others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:8

ULT

8 For these {things} existing and increasing in you cause you to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

UST

8 {Do these things,} because if you do all these things more and more, then they will make you productive with respect to your knowing our Lord Jesus the Messiah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:9

ULT

9 For he in whom these {things} are not present is blind, nearsighted, having received forgetfulness of the cleansing of his past sins.

UST

9 {Do these things,} because a person who does not do these things {is not aware that these things are important.} {This person is like} a blind person {who cannot see what is around him,} {or like} a nearsighted person {who can only see things that are close to him.} {This person has even} forgotten that God has forgiven him for the sinful things {he did} in the past.

What has the spiritually blind person forgotten?

He has forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

2 Peter 1:10

ULT

10 Therefore, brothers, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for doing these {things}, you will certainly not ever stumble.

UST

10 Consequently, you fellow believers, make even more effort to make sure that God has chosen you to be his people. If you do these things I have just told you about, then you will absolutely never become separated from God.

If the brothers did their best to make their calling and election sure, what would happen? (vv10-11)

They would not stumble, and an entrance would be granted to them into the eternal kingdom of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:11

ULT

11 For in this way will be richly provided to you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

UST

11 {This is true} because, {by your doing} thus, God will wholeheartedly allow you to enter into the place where our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah will rule {his people} forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:12

ULT

12 Therefore, I will always remind you about these {things}, although you have known {them} and have been established in the present truth.

UST

12 Consequently, {because these things are so important,} I am always prepared to keep on reminding you about these things. {I will remind you} even though you already know {them} and are firmly convinced of the true teaching that you now have.

Why did Peter think it was right for him to remind the brothers of these things? (vv12-14)
Becuase their Lord Jesus Christ had shown him that he would soon remove his tent.

2 Peter 1:13

ULT

13 But I think {it is} right, as long as I am in this tent, to arouse you in remembrance,

UST

13 Nevertheless, I consider it to be right for me to keep reminding you {about these things} as long as I am alive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:14

ULT

14 knowing that the putting off of my tent is imminent, just as also our Lord Jesus Christ revealed {this} to me.

UST

14 {I want to remind you of these things,} because I know that I shall die soon. {I shall die} just like our Lord Jesus the Messiah has made clear to me {previously}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:15

ULT

15 Likewise, I will be diligent to cause you to always have the remembrance of these {things} after my departure.

UST

15 In addition, I will make every effort {by writing these things down} to cause you to keep on remembering these things after I have died.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:16

ULT

16 For we did not make known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ {by} having followed cleverly invented myths, but {by} having become eyewitnesses of the majesty of that one.

UST

16 {I will do this} because, when we apostles told you that our Lord Jesus the Messiah is coming back in power {some day}, we were not basing {what we told you} on stories that we had cleverly made up. On the contrary, {we told you} what we saw with our own eyes, the divinely majestic Jesus.

What did those who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' majesty see? (vv16-17)

They saw that he received honor and glory from God the Father.

2 Peter 1:17

ULT

17 For he has received honor and glory from God {the} Father, such a voice having been brought to him by the Majestic Glory: "This is my Son, my Beloved, in whom I myself am well pleased."

UST

17 {I can say we were eyewitnesses} because {we were there when} God the Father honored him and glorified him, {when Jesus heard} a voice from the majestically glorious God. {And the voice said,} "This is my Son, whom I love very much. I am very pleased with him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:18

ULT
18 And we ourselves heard this voice, having been brought from heaven, being with him on the holy mountain.

UST
18 We ourselves also heard this voice of God that came from heaven when we were with Jesus on that sacred mountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:19

ULT
19 And we have the very certain prophetic word, to which you do well to pay attention, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until {the} day might dawn and {the} morning star might rise in your hearts,

UST
19 And we have what the prophets wrote {previously}, {which is} absolutely reliable. Pay attention to what they wrote, because it is like a lamp that is shining in a dark place {that helps people see where they are going}. {That light} will shine until the day {of the return of the Messiah} dawns and {Jesus}, the star that appears before the morning, gives your minds greater understanding.

How can we be certain that the prophetic word is sure? (vv19-21)
Because written prophecy does not come from the reasoning of the prophet, nor any prophecy from the will of man, but by men carried along by the Holy Spirit who spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20

ULT
20 knowing this first, that every prophecy of scripture does not come from one's own interpretation.

UST
20 Above all, you should know that no prophet could interpret {his prophecy} by his own imagination.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 1:21

ULT

21 For no prophecy was ever brought by {the} will of man, but men being carried along by {the} Holy Spirit spoke from God.

UST

21 {This is true} because no one ever prophesied a {true} prophecy according to what a human wanted. On the contrary, those who spoke {prophecies} from God did so by the Holy Spirit guiding them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2

2 Peter 2:1

ULT

[1] Now false prophets were also among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and denying the master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

UST

[1] But people who falsely proclaimed {messages from God} were also amidst the Israelites. In the same way there will also be people who teach false {messages} amidst you. They will introduce opinions {that will result in} eternal condemnation. They will even reject their owner, {Jesus,} who redeemed them. {As a result of this,} God will soon condemn them {for eternity}.

What will false teachers secretly bring to the believers?

False teachers will bring destructive heresies to the believers.

What will come upon the false teachers?

False teachers will bring swift destruction upon themselves.

What will false teachers do with deceptive words? (vv1-3)

False teachers greedily make a profit off of the brothers.

2 Peter 2:2

ULT

[2] And many will follow their licentious acts, because of whom the way of truth will be slandered.

UST

[2] And many {people} will do the same unrestrained immoral acts {as these false teachers}. Because of these false teachers, {unbelievers} will speak evil of Christianity.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:3

ULT

3 And in greed, they will exploit you with false words, for whom condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep.

UST

3 And due to their greedy hearts, {these false teachers} will make a profit off of you by telling you lies. God condemned them a long time ago, and God will certainly destroy them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:4

ULT

4 For if God did not spare angels who had sinned, but, in chains of darkness throwing down to Tartarus, he handed over {those} being kept for judgment; [1]

UST

4 {This judgment is certain} because God did not let the angels who acted sinfully remain unpunished. On the contrary, he threw them into hell {where they are} chained in darkness. God imprisoned {these sinful angels} there and is holding them there in order to judge them.

Who did God not spare? (vv4-6)

God did not spare the angels who sinned, the ancient world, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

2 Peter 2:5

ULT

5 and he did not spare {the} ancient world, but protected {the} eighth, Noah, a preacher of righteousness, having brought a flood upon {the} world of {the} ungodly {ones};

UST

5 And God did not let {the people who lived in} the world long ago remain unpunished. However, he preserved eight people, including Noah, who was a righteous herald, when he destroyed by a flood the ungodly {people who lived in the} world {at that time}.

Who did God preserve in the Flood?

God preserved Noah with seven others.

2 Peter 2:6

ULT

[6] and {the} cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, having reduced to ashes, he condemned to destruction, having set an example {of the things that} are going to happen to {the} ungodly {ones};

UST

[6] And God condemned the cities {called} Sodom and Gomorrah to be destroyed by burning them completely to ashes. {This resulted in God} making {those cities} an example of what will happen to people who dishonor God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:7

ULT

[7] and he rescued righteous Lot, being oppressed by the behavior of the lawless ones in licentiousness,

UST

[7] And God rescued Lot, who was a righteous man. Lot was greatly distressed because of the unrestrained immoral acts of the people who acted lawlessly {in Sodom}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:8

ULT

[8] (for, by seeing and by hearing, {that} righteous {man}, living among them day from day, was tormenting {his} righteous soul by lawless works);

UST

[8] (When he lived with those wicked people {in Sodom}, that righteous man Lot distressed himself every day by what he saw and heard. {He did so} because of the things people did that were against God's law.)

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:9

ULT

9 {the} Lord knows how to rescue godly {ones} from a trial, and to keep {the} unrighteous {ones} to be punished in {the} day of judgment,

UST

9 {Since these things are all true, then you can be sure that} the Lord knows how to rescue people who honor him from being tried. And {the Lord also knows how} to keep those who do unrighteous deeds {ready} {in order} to punish them at the time when he judges.

What did God show by not sparing some and preserving others?

God's actions showed that the Lord knows how to rescue the godly men and how to keep the unrighteous men in custody.

2 Peter 2:10

ULT

10 but especially the ones going after {the} flesh in {its} lusts of defilement, and despising authority. Audacious {ones}! Self-willed {ones}! They do not tremble while insulting glorious {ones};

UST

10 And {he will punish} especially those who keep on doing what their sinful hearts want to do, {which are things that make them} displeasing to God. {These people} also scorn divine authority. How bold {they are}! They do whatever they wish! They are not even afraid to insult God's glorious angels.

Who were the glorious ones the ungodly men were unafraid to blaspheme? (vv10-11)

The glorious one were angels, who do not bring insulting judgments against men to the Lord.

2 Peter 2:11

ULT

11 whereas angels, being greater in strength and power, do not bring an insulting judgment against them in the presence of {the} Lord.

UST

11 But {God's} angels, {even though} they are much more powerful than these people, do not accuse glorious beings in an insulting manner in front of God!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:12

ULT

12 But these {men}, as unreasoning animals, having by nature been born for capture and destruction, slandering about {those things} in which they are ignorant, they will also be destroyed in their destruction,

UST

12 However, these {false teachers} are like animals that cannot think rationally. According to the way they naturally behave, they were born so that others may capture and destroy them. They say bad things about things they do not even know. God will surely destroy them when it is time for their destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:13

ULT

13 being harmed {as} wages of unrighteousness, considering {as} pleasure the reveling in {the} day, stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions while feasting with you; [2]

UST

13 {These false teachers} suffer harm as the proper punishment for their harmful deeds. {They are} pleased to party in an immoral manner {even} during the daytime. {Like} ugly stains {on one's clothing,} {they are disgraceful to your gatherings}! {They even} celebrate their deceptive deeds while eating {a meal} with you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:14

ULT

14 having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in covetousness, children of cursing.

UST

14 They constantly want to have immoral sexual relations with {every} woman {they see}. They cannot stop sinning. They lure spiritually weak people {into sin}. {As athletes train for sports, these false teachers} train themselves to be greedy. {God} has cursed them!

Who do the false teachers entice?

The false teachers entice unstable souls.

2 Peter 2:15

ULT

15 Abandoning {the} straight way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam of Bosor, who loved {the} wages of unrighteousness. [3]

UST

15 They refuse to live the way God wants them to. They are acting wickedly. They are imitating what Balaam, the son of Bosor, did {long ago}. He loved {to receive money as} payment for wicked deeds.

Who stopped the prophet Balaam's insanity? (vv15-16)

A mute donkey speaking in a human voice stopped Balaam.

2 Peter 2:16

ULT

16 But he had a rebuke for his own transgression—a mute donkey, having spoken in a voice of a man, restrained the irrationality of the prophet.

UST

16 However, God rebuked him for his wicked deed {against Israel}. {And even though donkeys do not speak}, God used {Balaam's} donkey to speak to him with a human voice and stop his foolish action.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:17

ULT

17 These {men} are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved.

UST

17 These {false teachers} are {useless}, {like} springs that do not give water. {They are like} clouds that the storm pushes away {before they can give rain}. {God} has reserved the darkness {of hell} for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:18

ULT
18 For, speaking arrogant {things} of vanity, they entice by lusts of {the} flesh, by licentious acts, the ones barely escaping from the ones living in error,

UST
18 {This is true} because they persuade people to sin who have recently {become believers and} stopped doing what wicked unbelievers do. {These false teachers do this} by speaking proud words that are not worth anything. {They persuade these people to sin} by doing whatever their sinful natures want to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:19

ULT
19 promising freedom to them, while themselves being slaves of destruction. (For by what someone has been overcome, by this he has been enslaved.)

UST
19 {They also do this} by telling their listeners that they are free to do whatever they want while, at the same time, they themselves are controlled {by their sinful desires} that will destroy them. {This is true} because the thing that overpowers a person's will takes control of that person.

To what is a man a slave?
A man is a slave to whatever overcomes him.

2 Peter 2:20

ULT
20 For if, having escaped the defilements of the world through {the} knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but, having been entangled again, they have been overcome by these {things}, for them the last {things} have become worse than the first {things}.

UST
20 And if they have stopped doing the things that defile sinful human society by knowing the one who rules over us and saves us, Jesus the Messiah, but those {defiling things} {began to} control them again, {then} their situation is worse now than {it was} at first.

For those who escape the wickedness of the world through the knowledge of Jesus Christ and then return to them, what would be better? (vv20-21)
What would be better is for them not to have known the way of righteousness.

2 Peter 2:21

ULT

21 For it was better for them not to know the way of righteousness than, having known {it}, to turn away from the holy commandment {that} has been delivered to them.

UST

21 {This is because} it would have been better for them if they had never learned how to live in the way that pleases God than to learn {this way} and reject {God's} holy commands that {the apostles} taught them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 2:22

ULT

22 {This} of the true proverb has happened to them: "A dog returns to its own vomit, and a washed pig to {the} rolling of mud."
2:4 [1]
2:13 [2]
2:15 [3]

UST

22 This is a true proverb {that describes} what has happened to {these false teachers}: "They are like dogs that return to eat their own vomit," and, "They are like pigs that have washed themselves and then roll again in the mud."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3

2 Peter 3:1

ULT

1 Beloved ones, this {is} now a second letter I write to you, in which I arouse your pure mind in remembrance,

UST

1 Fellow believers whom I love, this {letter} that I am now writing to you is the second letter {that I have written to you}. {I have written} both {of these letters to you} to remind you of the things that your sincere minds already know.

Why did Peter write this second letter? (vv1-2)

He wrote so that the beloved might recall the words said before by the prophets and about the command of their Lord and Savior.

2 Peter 3:2

ULT

2 to remember the words spoken previously by the holy prophets and the command of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,

UST

2 {I have written these letters} in order to remind you of the prophecies that the holy prophets spoke a long time ago. {I also want you} to remember what the one who rules over us and saves us has commanded you through the teaching of the apostles {whom we sent to} you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:3

ULT

3 knowing this first, that mockers will come with mockery in the last days, going according to their own lusts,

UST

3 It is important for you to understand that people who mock will come and mock {the return of Jesus} during the time shortly before Jesus returns. {Those people} will do whatever they want to do.

What would mockers say in the last days? (vv3-4)

Mockers would question the promise of Jesus' return and say that all things remain the same since the beginning of creation.

2 Peter 3:4

ULT

4 and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue in the same way from {the} beginning of creation.”

UST

4 {These mockers} will say, “Jesus’ promise to return is not true! {We know this} because since Israel’s ancestors died, everything has remained the same. It has been the same way since God created everything!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:5

ULT

5 For this is hidden {from} them willingly, that {the} heavens existed long ago, and {the} earth had been formed out of water and through water by the word of God,

UST

5 {They will say this} because they deliberately ignore that God caused the heavens to exist a long time ago by commanding it to be so, and he caused the earth to come out from water and up through water {by commanding it to be so}.

How were the heavens and earth established, and how were they being reserved for fire and for the day of judgment and the destruction of ungodly people? (vv5-7)
They were established and reserved by the word of God.

2 Peter 3:6

ULT

6 through which the world at that time perished, having been flooded by water.

UST

6 And God, by his command and by water, destroyed the world that existed at that time. {He did so} by flooding the earth with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:7

ULT

7 But the present heavens and the earth, by the same word, are having been reserved for fire, being kept for a day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly men.

UST

7 However, God, by the same command, has set apart the heavens and the earth that exist now for fire. God is keeping them for the time when he will judge and destroy people who act wickedly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:8

ULT

8 But let this one {thing} not be hidden {from} you, beloved ones, that one day with {the} Lord {is} like 1,000 years, and 1,000 years {are} like one day.

UST

8 Fellow believers whom I love, do not ignore this one truth: from God's perspective a short period of time is no different from a long period of time!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:9

ULT

9 {The} Lord does not delay {concerning} the promise, as some consider delay, but is patient toward you, not wanting any to perish, but all to move on to repentance.

UST

9 The Lord is not acting slowly to fulfill his promise of Jesus' return. Some people think {that this is so}. On the contrary, God is being patient with you, because he does not want any of you to be punished eternally. Rather, he wants everyone to repent.

Why was the Lord patient towards the beloved?

Because he desires that they not perish, but have time for all to repent.

2 Peter 3:10

ULT

10 But {the} day of {the} Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and {the} elements will be destroyed, being burned up, and {the} earth and the deeds in it will be found.

UST

10 In contrast {to what those mockers say}, the time when the Lord returns will come unexpectedly. At that time there will be a great roaring sound and the heavens will cease to exist. God will also destroy the basic elements of nature by fire. Then God will reveal the earth and everything that has been done in it.

How will the day of the Lord come?

The day of the Lord will come like a thief.

2 Peter 3:11

ULT

11 All of these {things} being thus destroyed, of what sort is it necessary for you to be in holy behaviors and godliness,

UST

11 Since God will destroy all these things {I have just mentioned} in the way {I have described}, you must certainly behave in a holy manner and do what pleases God.

Why did Peter ask the beloved what kind of people they should be in respect to holy living and godliness? (vv11-13)

Because the heavens and earth would be destroyed, and because they expected righteousness to live in the new heavens and new earth.

2 Peter 3:12

ULT

12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which {the} heavens, being set on fire, will be destroyed, and {the} elements, being burned up by heat, will be melted?

UST

12 {Do these things} while expecting and trying to speed up the time of Jesus' return. On account of that day, God will destroy the heavens with fire and melt the basic elements of nature with heat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:13

ULT
13 But new heavens and a new earth, according to his promise, we are waiting for, in which righteousness dwells.

UST
13 {Although all those events will happen,} we are expecting the new heavens and new earth that God has promised to create. Everyone will be righteous in that new universe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:14

ULT
14 Therefore, beloved ones, while waiting for these {things}, be diligent to be found spotless and blameless by him, in peace.

UST
14 Because this is true, fellow believers whom I love, while you are waiting for these things {to happen}, do your best to make sure that Jesus will see that you are not living sinfully {and that you are} at peace {with God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:15

ULT
15 And consider the patience of our Lord {to be} salvation, just as also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom having been given to him,

UST
15 And think about this: Our Lord Jesus is patient so that more people can be saved. Paul, a fellow believer whom we love, has also said this when he wrote to you. He wrote using the wisdom that God gave him.

What will happen to ignorant and unknowledgeable men who distort the wisdom given to Paul and distort other Scriptures? (vv15-16)
Their actions will result in their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:16

ULT

16 as also in all the letters, speaking in them about these {things}, in which are some difficult to understand things, which the ignorant and unstable distort, as also the other scriptures, to their own destruction.

UST

16 In all the letters that Paul wrote, he also writes about these things {that I have just mentioned}. In his letters are also some {teachings} that are difficult to understand. People who lack knowledge and stability misinterpret those difficult teachings, as well as the rest of the scriptures. {God} will punish them as a result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Peter 3:17

ULT

17 Therefore, you beloved ones, knowing beforehand, guard yourselves, so that you might not lose {your} own steadfastness, having been led astray by the error of the lawless ones.

UST

17 Because all these things are true, fellow believers whom I love, and because you already know about these things, keep yourselves from ceasing to live faithfully because you let the wrong teaching of those who live like there is no law deceive you into sinning.

Rather than being led astray by deceit and losing their own faithfulness, what did Peter command the beloved to do? (vv17-18)

He commanded them to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

ULT

18 But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him {be} the glory both now and to {the} day of {the} age. Amen!

UST

18 Rather, live in such a manner that you experience more and more of the kind acts of the one who rules over us and saves us, Jesus the Messiah. And live in such a manner that you know more and more about him. I pray that everyone will glorify Jesus both at this time and forever. May this truly be so!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John

1 John 1

1 John 1:1

ULT

1 What was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched, regarding the Word of life—

UST

1 {I, John, am writing to you} about {Jesus,} the Word {of God}, the one who gives life. He existed before there was anything else. We {apostles} listened to him {as he taught people}. We saw him personally. We looked at him and touched him. {So we can testify that he was a real human being.}

By what means did John know about the Word of life?
John had heard, seen, contemplated, and handled the Word of life.

1 John 1:2

ULT

2 indeed, the life appeared, and we have seen {it}, and we are testifying {to it}, and we are announcing to you the eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us—

UST

2 Because he came here to the earth and we saw him, we are proclaiming him to you clearly. The one who has always existed, who had been with his Father in heaven, came here to us.

Where was eternal life before it was manifested to John?
Eternal life was with the Father before it was manifested to John.

1 John 1:3

ULT

3 what we have seen and heard, we declare also to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And indeed, our fellowship {is} with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

UST

3 We want you to share life with us, and so we are proclaiming to you what we saw {Jesus do} and what we heard {Jesus say}. {If you believe in him,} you will share life, as we do, with God our Father and with his Son Jesus the Messiah.

Why is John declaring what he has seen and heard?

John is declaring what he has seen and heard so that others may also have fellowship with him.

With whom does John already have fellowship?

John already has fellowship with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:4

ULT

4 And we are writing these {things} so that our joy may be fulfilled. *[1]*

UST

4 I am writing to you about these things so that {you will recognize that they are true, and that as a result} we will be completely joyful together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 1:5

ULT

5 And this is the message that we have heard from him and are announcing to you, that God is light, and darkness is not in him at all.

UST

5 The message that we heard from Jesus and are proclaiming to you is this: God always does what is right, and he never, ever does anything wrong. He is like a pure light in which there is no darkness at all.

What is the message from God that John is announcing to his readers?

John is announcing the message that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6

ULT

[6] If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we are lying and we are not doing the truth.

UST

[6] If we say that we share life with God, but we live in an evil manner, we are lying. We are not living truthfully. It is as though we are living in the dark.

What does John say about a person who says he has fellowship with God, but walks in darkness?

John says that such a person is a liar and does not practice the truth.

1 John 1:7

ULT

[7] But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

UST

[7] But if we live in a pure manner, as God is pure in every way, then we can share life with each other. This is like living in God's pure light. Then God forgives all of our sin and accepts us because his Son Jesus died for us.

What cleanses all the sin of those walking in the light?

The blood of Jesus cleanses them from all sin.

1 John 1:8

ULT

[8] If we say that we have no sin, we are leading ourselves astray, and the truth is not in us.

UST

[8] If we say that we do not commit sin, we are fooling ourselves. We are refusing to believe the true things {that God says about us}.

What do we do to ourselves if we say we have no sin?

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9

ULT

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, that he should forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

UST

9 But God always does what he says he will do, and what he does is always right. So if we admit to him that we have sinned {and reject that sin}, he will forgive us for our sins and he will free us from {the guilt of} everything that we have done wrong.

What will God do for those who confess their sins?

For those who confess their sins, God will forgive their sins and cleanse them from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:10

ULT

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1:4 [1] , some ancient manuscripts read

UST

10 {Because God says that everyone has sinned,} if we say that we have not sinned, we are speaking as if God were a liar! We are rejecting what God has said about us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2

1 John 2:1

ULT

[1] My little children, I am writing these {things} to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone would sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

UST

[1] You are as dear to me as though you were my own children. Therefore, I am writing this to you to keep you from sinning. But if any of you does sin, {remember that} Jesus the Messiah, the righteous one, pleads with the Father {and asks him to forgive us}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:2

ULT

[2] And he is {the} propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

UST

[2] Jesus is the one who sacrificed his life for us so that God could forgive our sins. And this is true not just of our sins, but of all the sins that all people everywhere have committed!

For whom is Jesus Christ the propitiation for their sins?
Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins for the whole world.

1 John 2:3

ULT

[3] And in this we know that we have known him, if we keep his commandments.

UST

[3] When we obey what God commands us to do, then we can be sure that we have come to have a close relationship with God.

How do we know that we have known Jesus Christ?
We know that we have known him if we keep his commandments.

1 John 2:4

ULT

4 The one who says, “I know him,” and is not keeping his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in this one.

UST

4 If someone says, “I am living in close relationship with God,” but that person does not obey what God has commanded, then he is a liar. He is not conducting his life according to God’s true message.

What kind of person says he knows God, but does not keep God’s commandments?
A liar says he knows God, but does not keep God’s commandments.

1 John 2:5

ULT

5 But whoever keeps his word, in this one truly the love of God has been perfected. In this we know that we are in him:

UST

5 But if someone obeys what God has commanded, that person loves God in every way. This is how we can be sure that we have a close relationship with God:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:6

ULT

6 the one saying he remains in him ought, just as that one walked, also to walk himself.

UST

6 If anyone says that he has a close relationship with God, then he should conduct his life as Jesus did {when he was here on earth}.

How should a person walk if he says he remains in Christ?
He should walk even as Jesus Christ walked.

1 John 2:7

ULT

[7] Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment, which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you heard.

UST

[7] Dear friends, I am not writing this to tell you to do something new. Instead, I am writing this to tell you to do something that you have known that you should do since you first believed {in Jesus}. This is {part of} the message that {Jesus gave to us and that} we have already told to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:8

ULT

[8] Again, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is going away and the true light is already shining.

UST

[8] However, if we think about this in another way, I am telling you to do something new. It is new because the way that the Messiah lived was new, and the way that you are living is new. That is because you are ceasing to do evil and you are doing good more and more. It is as though you have come out of a dark place and have begun to live in light from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:9

ULT

[9] The one saying he is in the light and hating his brother is in the darkness until now.

UST

[9] Someone might say that he is living in a good way, just as God wants him to do. That would be like living in light from God. But if he hates any of his fellow believers, then he is still living in a bad way, doing what God does not want, like a person who lives in darkness.

What is the spiritual condition of someone who says he is in the light, but hates his brother?

Someone who says he is in the light, but hates his brother, is in the darkness.

1 John 2:10

ULT

10 The one loving his brother remains in the light and a stumbling-block is not in him.

UST

10 But if someone loves his fellow believers, then he is truly living well, like a person who is living in light from God. He will not have a reason to do anything evil {as he would have if he hated a fellow believer}. This is like a person in daylight who has no reason to trip over anything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:11

ULT

11 But the one hating his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

UST

11 But anyone who hates a fellow believer is living in a completely wrong way. He does not understand how he should live, because the wrong things that he is doing are keeping him from understanding God's way. It is as though he is walking in darkness, and cannot see where to go.

What is the spiritual condition of someone who hates his brother?

Someone who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness.

1 John 2:12

ULT

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven because of his name.

UST

12 I am writing to you, whom I love as though you were my own children, because God has forgiven your sins because of what Jesus has done for you.

Why does God forgive the sins of believers?

God forgives the sins of believers because of his name.

1 John 2:13

ULT

13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know the one {who is} from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

UST

13 I am writing to you who have been believers longer than the others. I am writing to you because you have a close relationship with {Jesus,} the person who has always been alive. I am writing to you newer but steadfast believers because Satan, that evil being, has tried to tempt you to do wrong, but you have successfully resisted him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:14

ULT

14 I have written to you, young children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know the one {who is} from {the} beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God remains in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

UST

14 I have written to you whom I love as though you were my own little children because you have a close relationship with God the Father. I have written to you who have been believers longer than the others because you have a close relationship with {Jesus,} the person who has always been alive. I have written to you newer but steadfast believers because you are spiritually strong. I have also written to you because you continue to obey what God commands, and because you have successfully resisted {Satan,} that evil being{,} when he tried to tempt you to do wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:15

ULT

15 Do not love the world, nor the {things} in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

UST

15 Do not desire to be like people who do not honor God. Do not desire the things that they want to have. If anyone desires to be like those people, {he is proving that} he does not love God the Father.

What should the attitude of a believer be toward the things of the world?

A believer must not love the world nor the things of the world.

1 John 2:16

ULT

16 For everything that {is} in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the arrogance of life—is not from the Father, but is from the world.

UST

16 {I say that such a person does not love God the Father} because the way that ungodly people live is not the way that God our Father teaches us to live. They want to fulfill their physical desires. They want to get for themselves the things that they see. They boast about all of the things that they own. All of these things come from the selfish and ungodly way of thinking.

What are three things that come from the world rather than from the Father?

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the vain glory of life are from the world, and not from the Father.

1 John 2:17

ULT

17 And the world is going away, and its desire, but the one doing the will of God remains to eternity.

UST

17 The people who do not honor God will disappear, along with all of the things that they desire. But the people who do what God wants them to do will live forever!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:18

ULT

18 Young children, it is {the} last hour, and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, indeed now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is {the} last hour.

UST

18 You who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, {I want you to know that} this is the time just before Jesus returns to earth. You have already heard that a person is coming who will strongly oppose the Messiah. In fact, many people like that, who are against the true Messiah, are already here. Because of this, we know that it is that time.

What do we know about the Antichrist?

We know that he is coming.

How do we know that it is the last hour?

We know it is the last hour because many antichrists have come.

1 John 2:19

ULT

19 They went out from us, but they were not from us. For if they had been from us, they would have remained with us, but so that they would be made apparent, that they are all not from us.

UST

19 These people refused to remain in our congregations. However, they never really belonged with us in the first place. After all, if they had belonged with us, they would not have left us. But {when they left us,} then we clearly saw that none of them had actually joined with us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:20

ULT

20 And you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. *[1]*

UST

20 But as for you, the Holy Messiah has given you his Spirit. As a result, you all know {what is true}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:21

ULT

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and that every lie is not from the truth.

UST

21 I am not writing this letter to you because you do not know the true things {that God has told us}, but because you do know them. You also know enough to recognize and reject every lie that is not one of the true things {that God has told us}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:22

ULT
22 Who is the liar, if not the one denying that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist, the one denying the Father and the Son.

UST
22 The worst liars are the ones who deny that Jesus is the Messiah. All who do that are against the Messiah. They are refusing to believe both in God the Father and in Jesus his Son.

How will we recognize the Antichrist?
The Antichrist will deny the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23

ULT
23 Everyone denying the Son does not have the Father. The one confessing the Son also has the Father.

UST
23 Those who refuse to acknowledge that Jesus is God’s Son are in no way joined with God the Father. But those who acknowledge that Jesus is God’s Son are also joined with God the Father.

Can someone deny the Son and yet have the Father?
No, someone who denies the Son cannot have the Father.

1 John 2:24

ULT
24 {As for} you, what you have heard from {the} beginning, let {it} remain in you. If what you have heard from {the} beginning remains in you, you will also remain in the Son and in the Father.

UST
24 Here is what you must do{, unlike those people who deny Jesus}. You must continue to believe and live by the truth about Jesus the Messiah that you first heard. If you continue to believe and live by the truth about Jesus the Messiah that you first heard, then you will continue to share life with Jesus the Son and God the Father.

What must believers to do in order to remain in the Son and in the Father?
They must remain in what they have heard from the beginning.

1 John 2:25

ULT
25 And this is the promise that he promised to us—eternal life.

UST
25 And what God promised us is that he will enable us to live forever!

What promise has been given the believers by God?
God has promised everlasting life to the believers.

1 John 2:26

ULT
26 I have written these {things} to you about the ones leading you astray.

UST
26 I am writing this letter to you to warn you about people who want to deceive you {about Jesus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:27

ULT
27 And {as for} you, the anointing that you received from him remains in you, and you do not have need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all {things} and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, remain in him.

UST
27 Here is what you should do {about those people who are trying to deceive you}. God's Spirit, whom you received from Jesus, continues to live in you. So you do not need anyone else to be your teacher. God's Spirit is teaching you everything that you need to know. He always teaches the truth, and never says anything that is false. So continue to live in the way that he has taught you, and continue to share life with Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 2:28

ULT

28 And now, little children, remain in him, so that whenever he appears, we may have boldness and not be put to shame by him at his coming.

UST

28 Now, my dear ones, {I urge you to} continue to share life with Jesus. That way, when he comes back again, we will be confident {that he will accept us}. {If we do that,} we will not be ashamed to stand before him when he returns.

What attitudes will we have when Christ appears if we remain in him?

If we remain in him, we will have boldness and will not be ashamed when Christ appears.

1 John 2:29

ULT

29 If you know that he is righteous, you also know that everyone doing righteousness has been begotten from him.
2:20 *[1]*

UST

29 Since you know that God always does what is right, you know that all those who continue doing what is right are the ones who have become God's spiritual children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3

1 John 3:1

ULT

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and we are. [1]
For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know him.

UST

1 Think about how much God our Father loves us! He says that we are his children. In a spiritual sense, this is completely true. That is why people who are unbelievers do not understand us. It is because they have not understood who God is{, and we take after him just as children take after their parents}.

How has the Father expressed his love to believers?

He has made it possible for them to be called children of God.

1 John 3:2

ULT

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever he appears, we will be like him because we will see him just as he is.

UST

2 Dear friends, at present we are God's spiritual children. He has not yet shown us what we will be {in the future}. {However,} we know that when Jesus comes back again, we will become like him, because we will see him as he truly is.

What will happen to believers when Christ is revealed?

When Christ is revealed, believers will be like Christ because they will see him as he is.

1 John 3:3

ULT

3 And everyone having this hope upon him purifies himself, just as that one is pure.

UST

3 So all those who confidently expect to see Jesus as he truly is make themselves free from sin because Jesus himself is free from sin.

What action concerning himself should be taken by every believer who hopes in Christ?

Every believer who hopes in Christ should purify himself.

1 John 3:4

ULT

4 Everyone committing sin also commits lawlessness. Indeed, sin is lawlessness.

UST

4 But everyone who continues to sin is refusing to obey God's laws, because that is what sin is, refusing to obey God's laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:5

ULT

5 And you know that that one appeared so that he might take away sins, and sin is not in him.

UST

5 You know that Jesus came in order to make us free from our sins. {You know} also {that} he never sinned himself.

What does Christ not have in himself?

Christ has no sin in himself.

1 John 3:6

ULT

6 Everyone remaining in him does not sin. Everyone sinning has not seen him and has not known him.

UST

6 Those who share life with Jesus do not continue sinning. But all those who continue to sin have not understood who Jesus is and they do not really know him.

If a person continues to sin, what does that tell us about their relationship to God?

It tells us they have neither seen Christ, nor known him.

1 John 3:7

ULT

7 Little children, let no one lead you astray. The one doing righteousness is righteous, just as that one is righteous.

UST

7 So I urge you who are very dear to me not to let anyone deceive you {by telling you that it is all right to sin}. If you continue doing what is right, that will please God, just as Jesus always does what pleases God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:8

ULT

8 The one committing sin is from the devil, for the devil has sinned from {the} beginning. For this reason the Son of God appeared, so that he might destroy the works of the devil.

UST

8 But anyone who continues to sin is behaving like the devil, because the devil has always been sinning, ever since the world began. The very reason that God's Son became a human being was to undo this work of the devil {that kept people continually sinning}.

For what reason was the Son of God revealed?

The Son of God was revealed in order to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:9

ULT

9 Everyone having been begotten from God does not commit sin, because his seed remains in him. And he is not able to sin, because he has been begotten from God.

UST

9 People do not continue sinning if they have become spiritual children of God because God has made them to be like him. They cannot continually sin, because they are God's spiritual children.

Why is the one who is begotten from God not able to continue to sin?

He is not able to continue to sin because God's seed remains in him.

1 John 3:10

ULT

10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are apparent: Everyone not doing righteousness is not from God, and the one not loving his brother.

UST

10 People who belong to God are clearly different from people who belong to the devil. Those who do not do what is right do not belong to God. Those who do not love their fellow believers also do not belong to God.

How are the children of the devil apparent?

The children of the devil are apparent because they do not do righteousness and they do not love their brother.

1 John 3:11

ULT

11 For this is the message that you have heard from {the} beginning, that we should love one another,

UST

11 {You should recognize this because} the message that you heard when you first believed in Jesus is that we should love each other.

What is the message that we have heard from the beginning?

The message is that we should love one another.

1 John 3:12

ULT

12 not like Cain, {who} was from the evil one and killed his brother. And on account of what did he kill him? Because his works were evil, but those of his brother, righteous.

UST

12 We should not hate others as {Adam's son} Cain did. He belonged to {Satan,} that evil being. Cain murdered his {younger} brother {Abel}. I will tell you why he did that. It was because Cain behaved in an evil way, and {he hated his younger brother because} his younger brother behaved in the right way.

How did Cain demonstrate that he was from the evil one?

Cain demonstrated that he was from the evil one by murdering his brother.

1 John 3:13

ULT
13 Do not be amazed, brothers, if the world hates you.

UST
13 Therefore, my fellow believers, you should not be amazed when unbelievers hate you.

What does John say should not amaze believers?
John says believers should not be amazed that the world hates them.

1 John 3:14

ULT
14 We know that we have relocated from death into life, because we love the brothers. The one not loving remains in death.

UST
14 We love our fellow believers, and this assures us that God has made us spiritually alive. But if someone does not love {other believers}, then that person is still spiritually dead.

What attitude demonstrates that we have relocated from death to life?
We know we have relocated from death to life because we love the brothers.

1 John 3:15

ULT
15 Everyone hating his brother is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have eternal life remaining in him.

UST
15 Anyone who hates one of his fellow believers is doing something just as bad as murdering him. And you know that someone who murders another person is not living in the new way that God enables us to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:16

ULT

16 In this we have known love, that that one laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down {our} lives for the brothers.

UST

16 Jesus taught us how to truly love each other when he willingly died for us. For our part, we should also be willing to do anything for our fellow believers, even die for them.

How have we known love?

We have known love because Christ laid down his life for us.

1 John 3:17

ULT

17 But whoever has the possessions of the world and sees his brother having need and closes his entrails from him, how does the love of God remain in him?

UST

17 Many of us have the things that are necessary for life in this world. But supppose that we become aware that a fellow believer does not have what he needs. Suppose also that we refuse to provide for him. Then we are not loving him the way that God taught us to love {people}.

What indicates that a person does not have the love of God in him?

When someone who is rich sees a brother in need, but does not help him, the love of God does not remain in that person.

1 John 3:18

ULT

18 Little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and truth.

UST

18 You who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, let us not {merely} say that we love {each other}. Let us love {each other} genuinely by helping {each other}.

What are two ways in which it is insufficient for us to love?

If is not enough for us to love only in word or tongue.

What are two ways in which we should love?

We should love in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:19

ULT
19 In this we will know that we are from the truth and we will persuade our hearts before him,

UST
19-20 By doing that, we can know that we belong to God, who is the source of everything that is true. When we are in God's presence we may feel that we do not belong to God because of our sins. When that happens, we can reassure ourselves that we truly do belong to him. This is because God is more trustworthy than our feelings and he knows everything about us{, including that we have trusted in him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:20

ULT
20 that if our heart condemns {us}, that God is greater than our heart and knows everything.

UST
19-20 By doing that, we can know that we belong to God, who is the source of everything that is true. When we are in God's presence we may feel that we do not belong to God because of our sins. When that happens, we can reassure ourselves that we truly do belong to him. This is because God is more trustworthy than our feelings and he knows everything about us{, including that we have trusted in him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:21

ULT
21 Beloved, if the heart does not condemn, we have confidence toward God

UST
21 Dear friends, when we feel that God does not condemn us {for having sinned}, then we can pray confidently to God.

What do we have if our heart does not condemn us?
If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

1 John 3:22

ULT
22 and whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and we do the pleasing {things} before him.

UST
22 We find that when we pray confidently to God and ask for something, he gives it to us. {We pray confidently like this} because {as people who belong to him,} we do what he commands us to do and we do what pleases him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 3:23

ULT
23 And this is his commandment: that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another just as he gave us a commandment.

UST
23 I will tell you what God commands us to do. We must trust in his Son, Jesus the Messiah. We must also love each other just as Jesus commanded us to do.

What is the commandment that God has given to us?
God's commandment is that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another.

1 John 3:24

ULT
24 And the one keeping his commandments remains in him, and he in him. And in this we know that he remains in us, from the Spirit whom he gave to us.
3:1 *[1]*

UST
24 The people who do what God commands share life with God, and God shares life with them. I will tell you how we can be sure that God is sharing life with us. We can be sure of that because we have God's Spirit, whom he gave to us.

How do believers know that God remains in them?
God has given believers the Spirit so that they know God remains in them.

1 John 4

1 John 4:1

ULT

[1] Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

UST

[1] Dear friends, there are many people who have a false message and they are going around teaching it to others. So do not trust every teacher. Instead, think carefully about what each teacher says and decide whether it came from God's Spirit {or from a different spirit}.

Why should believers not believe every spirit?

They should not believe every spirit because there are many false prophets that have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:2

ULT

[2] In this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ having come in {the} flesh is from God,

UST

[2] I will tell you how to know if someone is teaching truth that comes from the Spirit of God {or if he is not}. Those who affirm that Jesus the Messiah came from God and became a human like us are teaching a message that is from God.

How can you know the Spirit of God?

Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

1 John 4:3

ULT

3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is that of the antichrist, which you have heard about, that it is coming, and it is now already in the world. [1]

UST

3 But those who do not affirm {that} Jesus {became a real human being} are not teaching a message from God. They are teachers who oppose the Messiah. You have heard that people like that will be coming {among us}. Even now they are already here.

What spirit does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh?

The spirit of an antichrist does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

1 John 4:4

ULT

4 You are from God, little children, and you have overcome them because greater is the one in you than the one in the world.

UST

4 As for you who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, you belong to God, and you have rejected what those people teach. You have done this because God, who enables you to do what he wants, is more powerful than the devil, who motivates everyone who does not honor God.

How are believers able to overcome spirits that are not from God?

We can overcome them because the spirit in us is greater than the one in the world.

1 John 4:5

ULT

5 They are from the world. Because of this, they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

UST

5 As for those people who are teaching what is false, they think and live in ways that do not honor God. That is why what they say also does not honor God, and that is why other people who do not honor God believe what they say.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:6

ULT

6 We are from God. The one knowing God listens to us. Whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

UST

6 As for us, God has sent us. Whoever lives in relationship with God believes and obeys what we teach. Whoever does not live in relationship with God does not believe or obey what we teach. That difference enables us to distinguish between people who teach true messages from God's Spirit and people who teach false messages from the devil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:7

ULT

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone loving has been begotten from God and knows God.

UST

7 Dear friends, we must love each other. This is what God wants for us, and it is because he loves {us} that we can love {others}. Those who love {their fellow believers} have become God's spiritual children and are living in relationship with him.

Why should believers love one another?

Believers should love one another because love is from God, and the one who is begotten from God loves.

1 John 4:8

ULT

8 The one not loving does not know God, for God is love.

UST

8 God's character is to love {people}. So whoever does not love {others} is not living in relationship with God.

How does the one who does not love demonstrate that he does not know God?

People who know God love because God is love.

1 John 4:9

ULT

9 In this the love of God appeared among us, that God sent his Son, the One and Only, into the world so that we might live through him.

UST

9 I will tell you how God has shown us that he loves us. He sent his only Son to this earth so that his Son would enable us to live eternally because of what he did for us.

How did God reveal his love for us?

God revealed his love for us by sending his only begotten Son into the world.

For what purpose did the Father send his Son?

The Father sent his Son so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:10

ULT

10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son {as the} propitiation for our sins.

UST

10 I will tell you what loving {someone} really means. Our efforts to love God do not define what it means to love {someone}. No, God himself did that by loving us so much that he sent his Son to offer himself as a sacrifice in our place. When Jesus did that, God could forgive the sins of people who trust in Jesus, instead of punishing them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:11

ULT

11 Beloved, if God thus loved us, we also ought to love one another.

UST

11 Dear friends, since God loves us like that, we certainly ought to love each other!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:12

ULT

12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is perfected in us.

UST

12 No one has ever seen God. Nevertheless, when we love each other, we can see that God lives within us and that he is the one who enables us to love others, just as he intended for us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:13

ULT

13 In this we know that we remain in him and he in us: that he has given us of his Spirit.

UST

13 This is how we can be sure that we are sharing life with God and that God is sharing life with us: He has given us his own Spirit.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:14

ULT

14 Indeed, we have seen and we testify that the Father sent the Son {as the} Savior of the world.

UST

14 We {apostles} have seen God’s Son {Jesus on earth}, and we solemnly tell others that the Father sent him to save the people in the world {from suffering eternally for their sins}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:15

ULT
15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.

UST
15 So God continues to share life with those who say the truth about Jesus. They say, “He is the Son of God.” And so they continue to share life with God.

If God remains in a person and he remains in God, what does that person confess about Jesus?
The person who remains in God confesss that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 4:16

ULT
16 And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one remaining in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

UST
16 We have experienced how God loves us and we believe that he loves us. Because God’s nature is to love people, those who continue to love others share life with God, and God shares life with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:17

ULT
17 In this, love has been perfected with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because just as that one is, we also are in this world.

UST
17 When we continue to share life with God, then God has achieved his purpose in loving us. As a result, when the time comes for God to judge us, we will be confident {that he will not condemn us}. This is because we are {loving others as we live} in this world just as Jesus does.

What attitude will the love of God cause us to have on the day of judgment?
The love of God will cause us to have confidence on the day of judgment.

1 John 4:18

ULT

18 Fear is not in love, but perfect love throws fear outside, because fear has punishment. So the one fearing has not been perfected in love.

UST

18 We will not be afraid {of God} if we truly love him, because those who love {God} completely cannot be afraid {of him}. We would be afraid only if we thought that he would punish us. So those who are afraid {of God} have not completely understood how much he loves them, and they are not loving {God} completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 4:19

ULT

19 We love because he first loved us.

UST

19 We love {God and others} because God loved us first.

How are we able to love?

We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:20

ULT

20 If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the one not loving his brother, whom he has seen, is not able to love God, whom he has not seen.

UST

20 People are lying if they say that they love God but they also hate a fellow believer. After all, we can see our fellow believers. But we have not seen God. So those who do not love one of their fellow believers certainly cannot be loving God, {because it is much easier to love someone whom you can see than someone whom you cannot see}.

If someone hates his brother, what relationship does he have with God?

Someone who hates his brother is not able to love God.

1 John 4:21

ULT

21 Indeed, we have this commandment from him, that the one loving God should also love his brother.
4:3 *[1]*

UST

21 Keep in mind that this is what God has commanded us: If we love him, we must also love our fellow believers.

How should the one who loves God treat his brother?

The one who loves God should also love his brother.

1 John 5

1 John 5:1

ULT

[1] Everyone believing that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten from God, and everyone loving the one begetting also loves the one having been begotten from him.

UST

[1] All those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah are spiritually children of God. Now, whoever loves anyone who is a father {certainly} loves his child also. {So if we believe in Jesus, then we love God, and therefore we should also love our fellow believers.}

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:2

ULT

[2] In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and we keep his commandments.

UST

[2] We can be sure that we truly love others who believe that Jesus is the Messiah when we love God and do what he commands us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:3

ULT

[3] For this is the love of God, that we should keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

UST

[3] I am saying this because what loving God really means is that we do what he commands us to do. And it is not difficult to do what he commands us to do.

How do we demonstrate that we love God?

We demonstrate that we love God when we keep his commandments.

1 John 5:4

ULT

4 For everyone who has been begotten from God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.

UST

4 Here is the reason why it is not difficult for us to do what God commands. All of us who have become God's spiritual children have been able to refuse to do what unbelievers want us to do. There is one reason why we are stronger than everything that is against God. It is because we trust in Jesus.

What is the victory that has overcome the world?

Faith is the victory that has overcome the world.

1 John 5:5

ULT

5 But who is the one overcoming the world, if not the one believing that Jesus is the Son of God?

UST

5 I will tell you who is stronger than everything that is against God: It is anyone who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:6

ULT

6 This is the one having come by water and blood: Jesus Christ—not in water alone, but in water and in blood. And the Spirit is the one testifying, because the Spirit is truth.

UST

6 Jesus the Messiah is the one who came {to earth from God}, experiencing both {the} water {of his baptism} and {the} blood {of his death on the cross}. God showed that he had truly sent Jesus not only {when John baptized Jesus} in water, but also when Jesus' blood flowed from his body {when he died}. And God's Spirit declares {truthfully that Jesus the Messiah did these things}, because the Spirit always tells the truth.

By what two things did Jesus Christ come?

Jesus Christ came by water and by blood.

1 John 5:7

ULT

7 For there are three who are testifying: [1]

UST

7 So there are three ways by which we know {that Jesus is the Messiah who came from God}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:8

ULT

8 the Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are unto the one. [2]

UST

8 {Those three ways are:} what God's Spirit tells us, what happened {when John baptized Jesus} in water, and what happened when {Jesus'} blood flowed {from his body when he died on the cross}. These three things all tell us the same thing{, that Jesus came from God}.

What three things testify about Jesus Christ?

The Spirit, the water, and the blood all testify about Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:9

ULT

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater. For this is the testimony of God, that he has testified about his Son.

UST

9 We rely on what people tell us when we have to decide about something. But we can certainly rely much more on what God tells us. So let me tell you what God has told us about who his Son is.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:10

ULT

10 The one believing in the Son of God has the testimony in him. The one not believing God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified about his Son.

UST

10 {First, however, let me say that} those who trust in the Son of God already know that what God says about him is true. But those who do not believe what God says are calling him a liar, because they have refused to believe what God has testified about his Son.

If someone does not believe the testimony of God concerning his Son, what do they make God to be?

Anyone who does not believe the testimony of God concerning his Son makes God to be a liar.

1 John 5:11

ULT

11 And this is the testimony: that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

UST

11 Now this is what God has told us {about who his Son is}: “I gave you eternal life, and my Son is the one who makes this life possible.”

What has God given us in his Son?

God has given us everlasting life in his Son.

1 John 5:12

ULT

12 The one having the Son has life. The one not having the Son of God does not have life.

UST

12 Those who share life with God’s Son {Jesus} have begun to live forever {with God}. Those who do not share life with God’s Son have not begun to live forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:13

ULT

13 I have written these {things} to you, the ones believing in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

UST

13 Because I want you to know that you will live forever, I have written this letter to you. This is for you who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:14

ULT

14 And this is the confidence that we have towards him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us.

UST

14 I also want you to know that we can be very confident that God wants to do what we ask of him when we pray for what he desires.

What confidence do believers have before God?

Believers have confidence that if they ask anything according to God's will, he hears them.

1 John 5:15

ULT

15 And if we know that he listens to us, whatever we may request, we know that we have the requests that we have requested from him.

UST

15 Since we know that God wants to give us whatever we ask of him, {if it is what he desires,} then we also know that God is already giving us what we ask of him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:16

ULT

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not towards death, he will ask, and he will give him life, for the ones sinning not towards death. There is a sin towards death; I am not saying that he should pray about that.

UST

16 For example, suppose someone sees one of his fellow believers sinning in a way that would not separate him from God eternally. Then he should ask {God to restore the one who is sinning}. If he does that, then God will bring that person back into spiritual life with himself. However, I am saying this only about people who are sinning in a way that would not separate them from God eternally. There is sin that causes people to separate from God eternally. I am not saying that you should pray for people who are sinning in that way.

What should a believer do when he sees his brother committing a sin not to death?

A believer who sees his brother committing a sin not to death should pray that God will give his brother life.

1 John 5:17

ULT

17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not towards death.

UST

17 Every wrong thing that people do is a sin {against God}, but there are some sins that will not separate a person from God eternally.

What is all unrighteousness?

All unrighteousness is sin.

1 John 5:18

ULT

18 We know that everyone having been begotten from God does not sin, but the One having been begotten from God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

UST

18 We know that everyone who has become God’s spiritual son or daughter does not continually sin. Instead, the Son of God protects that person so that Satan, that evil being, does not harm him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

1 John 5:19

ULT
19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

UST
19 We know that we belong to God. We also know that Satan, that evil being, is controlling all the people who are unbelievers.

Where does the whole world lie?
The whole world lies in the evil one.

1 John 5:20

ULT
20 But we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know the True One. And we are in the True One, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

UST
20 We also know that the Son of God has come among us and has made it possible for us to understand {what is true}. He did this so that we can truly know the genuine God. And we are sharing life with the genuine God, {that is,} with his Son, Jesus the Messiah. Jesus is truly God, and he is the one who gives us {this new,} eternal life.

What is the result of the understanding that the Son of God has given to us?
Because of the understanding that the Son of God has given to us, we may know the True One.

1 John 5:21

ULT
21 Little children, keep yourselves from the idols.
5:7 [1] However, the best copies do not have this reading.
5:8 [2] However, the best copies do not have this reading.

UST
21 I say this to you who are as dear to me as though you were my own children: “Be careful that you never give yourselves to anything that is a false god.”

From what must believers keep themselves?
Believers must keep themselves from idols.

2 John

2 John 1

2 John 1:1

ULT
1 The elder, to {the} chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth—and not only I, but also all the ones having known the truth—

UST
1 {From John,} the elder. {I am writing this letter} to you, the congregation {of people} that God has chosen {to belong to him}. I sincerely love all of you believers. Not only do I myself love you, but all those who know and accept the true message {that Jesus taught} also love you.

By what title does the writer John introduce himself in this letter?
John introduces himself as the elder.

To whom is this letter written?
The letter is written to the elect lady and her children.

2 John 1:2

ULT
2 because of the truth that remains in us and will be with us to eternity.

UST
2 {We love you} because we have all accepted God's true message. This true message has become a part of us and will be with us forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 John 1:3

ULT

3 Grace, mercy, {and} peace will be with us from God {the} Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

UST

3 God the Father and Jesus the Messiah, the Father's Son, will {continue to} act kindly and mercifully toward us and will make us peaceful. {They will do this because} they are truthful and they love {us}.

From whom does John say grace, mercy, and peace come?

John says grace, mercy, and peace come from God, the Father, and from Jesus Christ, his Son.

2 John 1:4

ULT

4 I rejoiced greatly that I found some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received a commandment from the Father.

UST

4 I have learned that some of the believers from your congregation are living according to the true message {that God has taught us}. That made me very happy. This is just what our Father commanded us to do.

Why is John rejoicing?

John is rejoicing because he has found some of the lady's children walking in the truth.

2 John 1:5

ULT

5 And now I ask you, lady—not as writing a new commandment to you, but what we have had from {the} beginning—that we should love one another.

UST

5 And now, dear congregation, I ask you {to do what God commanded:} that we should love each other. I am not writing this to you as a new thing that God has commanded {us to do}. Instead, we have known this command to love each other from when we first believed in the Messiah.

What commandment does John say they have had from the beginning?

The commandment they have from the beginning is that they love one another.

2 John 1:6

ULT

6 And this is {that} love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you heard from {the} beginning, that you should walk in it.

UST

6 This is what it means to love {God and each other}. We should obey what God commands us to do. This is what God commands you, {to love each other,} so you need to do it. You have heard this from when you first believed in the Messiah.

What does John say that love is?

Love is to walk according to God's commandments.

2 John 1:7

ULT

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, the ones not confessing Jesus Christ coming in flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

UST

7 I say this because there are many people in this world who travel around, deceiving people. These deceptive people refuse to say that Jesus the Messiah came to the earth and was a man. This {teaching} comes from the {original} deceiver, the one who opposes the Messiah.

What does John call those who do not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?

John calls them the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 John 1:8

ULT

8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have worked {for}, but may receive a full reward.

UST

8 Be careful so that you do not {let those teachers deceive you! If you let them deceive you, you will} lose the reward that we have worked for. So be careful to make sure that you receive the complete reward!

What does John tell the believers to be careful not to do?

John tells the believers to be careful not to lose what they have worked for.

2 John 1:9

ULT

9 Everyone going beyond and not remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God. The one remaining in the teaching, this one has both the Father and the Son.

UST

9 Those who do not continue to believe and teach the things that the Messiah taught, but instead believe and teach other things, do not have {a true relationship with} God. But those who continue to believe and teach what the Messiah taught do have {a true relationship} both {with God,} our Father{,} and {with Jesus,} his Son.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 John 1:10

ULT

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into {your} house and do not say to him, “Greetings.”

UST

10 So when anyone comes to you who teaches something different from what the Messiah taught, do not welcome him into your homes! Do not even greet him {or wish him well in any way, so that you do not encourage him}.

What does John tell the believers to do with anyone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ?

They should not receive anyone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ.

2 John 1:11

ULT

11 For the one saying to him, “Greetings,” shares in his evil deeds.

UST

11 If you greet these people respectfully, you are helping them to do the evil things that they do.

Of what is a believer guilty if he receives someone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ?

The believer who receives and greets a false teacher shares in his evil deeds.

2 John 1:12

ULT

12 Having many {things} to write to you, I did not want with paper and ink. However, I hope to come to you and to speak mouth to mouth, so that your joy might be made complete.

UST

12 I have much more that I want to say to you. But I have decided not to write them to you in a letter. Instead, I hope to be with you soon and to talk with you personally. Then we will be completely joyful together.

What does John hope to do in the future?
John hopes to come and speak directly with the elect lady.

2 John 1:13

ULT

13 The children of your chosen sister greet you.

UST

13 Your fellow believers in the congregation here, whom God has also chosen, greet you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John

3 John 1

3 John 1:1

ULT
[1] The elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

UST
[1] You know me as The Elder. I am writing this letter to you, my dear friend Gaius, whom I truly love.

By what title does the author John introduce himself in this letter?
John introduces himself as the elder.

What relationship does John have with Gaius, the one receiving this letter?
John loves Gaius in truth.

3 John 1:2

ULT
[2] Beloved, I pray concerning everything {for} you to prosper and to be healthy, just as your soul prospers.

UST
[2] Dear friend, I ask God that he would make everything go well for you, and that you may be physically healthy just as you are healthy in respect to God.

For what does John pray concerning Gaius?
John prays that Gaius would prosper in all things and be in health, as his soul prospers.

3 John 1:3

ULT

[3] For I rejoiced greatly at {the} coming of {the} brothers and bearing witness {to} your truth, just as you are walking in truth.

UST

[3] I know that you are healthy in respect to God because of the fellow believers who come here and who tell me about your truthful way of living. They say that you live according to the true message about Jesus. That makes me very happy.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:4

ULT

[4] I have no greater joy than these {things}, that I hear my children are walking in the truth.

UST

[4] This is what makes me the very happiest—when someone tells me that the people whom I have helped to follow Jesus are living in a way that matches God's truth!

What is John's greatest joy?

John's greatest joy is to hear that his children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:5

ULT

[5] Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing whenever you might work for the brothers, and this {for} strangers,

UST

[5] Dear friend, you are serving Jesus loyally whenever you do things to help fellow believers, even those whom you do not know.

For whom did Gaius work?

Gaius worked for the brothers even though they were strangers.

3 John 1:6

ULT

[6] the ones having borne witness to your love in {the} presence of the church. You will do well to send them on {their journey} in a manner worthy of God,

UST

[6] Some of them have reported before the congregation here how you have shown that you love them. It is good that you continue to give such people what they need for traveling in a generous way, so that it honors God.

In what manner did Gaius send the brothers on their journey?
He sent them out in a manner worthy of God.

3 John 1:7

ULT

[7] because they went out for the sake of the name, receiving nothing from the Gentiles.

UST

[7] They are traveling in order to be obedient to Jesus, and people who do not believe in Jesus have not helped them.

Why did the brothers need help from the believers to send them out on their journey?
They needed help because they did not receive anything from the Gentiles.

3 John 1:8

ULT

[8] Therefore we ourselves ought to welcome such as {these}, so that we become fellow workers for the truth.

UST

[8] So we who believe in Jesus ought to give these people whatever they need. Then it will be as though we are working alongside them as they help others to know God’s true message.

Why does John say believers should welcome brothers such as these?
John says believers should welcome them so that they may be fellow-workers for the truth.

3 John 1:9

ULT

9 I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, the one loving to be first among them, does not accept us.

UST

9 I wrote a letter to your group of believers to tell them to help those other believers. However, Diotrephes does not accept anything that I say, because he wants to dominate your group.

What does Diotrephes love?

Diotrephes loves to be first among the congregation.

What is Diotrephes' attitude toward John?

Diotrephes does not receive John.

3 John 1:10

ULT

10 For this reason, if I come, I will call attention to his works that he is doing—accusing us with evil words. But not being satisfied with these {things}, he does not receive the brothers, and he stops the ones willing and puts {them} out of the church.

UST

10 So when I arrive there I will publicly tell everyone what he does: He falsely tells others that we do evil things. He does this in order to harm us by what he says. As well as doing that, he also refuses to welcome the fellow believers who are traveling in order to do God's work. He even prevents those who do want to welcome them, and banishes them from the congregation!

What will John do when he comes to Gaius and the congregation?

When John comes, he will remember Diotrephes' evil deeds.

What does Diotrephes do with the brothers who were sent out?

Diotrephes does not receive the brothers.

What does Diotrephes do with those who receive these brothers?

Diotrephes forbids them from receiving the brothers and puts them out of the church.

3 John 1:11

ULT

11 Beloved, do not imitate what {is} evil, but what {is} good. The one doing good is from God; the one doing evil has not seen God.

UST

11 Dear friend, do not imitate a bad example like that. Instead, keep imitating good examples. Remember that people who do good deeds truly belong to God. But anyone who keeps doing what is bad has not known God.

What does John tell Gaius to imitate?
John tells Gaius to imitate what is good.

3 John 1:12

ULT

12 Demetrius has been borne witness to by all and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our testimony is true.

UST

12 All the believers who know Demetrius say that he is a good person. The way that he lives according to God’s true message also shows you that he is a good person. We also confirm that he is a good person, and you know that what we say is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:13

ULT

13 I have many {things} to write to you, but I am not wishing to write them to you with ink and pen.

UST

13 When I began to write this letter, I had much more that I intended to write to you. But I do not want to write it to you in a letter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

3 John 1:14

ULT

14 But I expect to see you soon, and we will speak mouth to mouth.

UST

14 Instead, I hope to come and see you soon. Then we will talk directly with one another.

What does John expect to do in the future?

John expects to come and speak with Gaius in person.

3 John 1:15

ULT

15 Peace to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

UST

15 I pray that God will continue to make your spirit peaceful. The friends here greet you. Please greet for us all of our friends there, personally and by name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude

Jude 1

Jude 1:1

ULT
1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, to the ones loved in God {the} Father and kept {and} called in Jesus Christ:

UST
1 {I,} Jude, serve Jesus the Messiah, and I am a brother of James. {I am writing} to you whom God has called, to you whom God the Father loves, to you whom Jesus the Messiah is keeping {for himself}.

Of whom was Jude a servant?
Jude was a servant of Jesus Christ.

Who was the brother of Jude?
James was the brother of Jude.

To whom did Jude write?
He wrote to those who were called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:2

ULT
2 May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

UST
2 I pray that God will increase his merciful acts toward you and make you more peaceful and make you experience more of his love.

What did Jude want multiplied to those to whom he wrote?
Jude wanted mercy, peace, and love to be multiplied.

Jude 1:3

ULT

3 Beloved ones, making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I have a necessity to write to you, exhorting to contend for the faith delivered once for all to the saints.

UST

3 {Fellow believers} whom I love, I tried my best to write {a letter} to you about how God has saved all of us {who believe}. However, I needed to write {this letter instead} in order to urge you to defend the true things that we believe. {These are things} that God has given for all time to all those whom he has made holy.

What did Jude first want to write about?

Jude first wanted to write about their common salvation.

What did Jude actually write about?

Jude actually wrote about the need to struggle for the faith of the saints.

Jude 1:4

ULT

4 For certain men have entered secretly, the ones long ago having been designated beforehand for this condemnation, ungodly ones, changing the grace of our God into licentiousness and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

UST

4 {I am urging you to do this} because some men have crept stealthily {into your meetings}. {They are men} whom God has chosen to condemn a long time ago. They do ungodly things. They think that our God permits people to be sexually immoral because he is kind. {They also} oppose what is true about Jesus the Messiah, who alone owns us and rules over us.

How did some condemned and ungodly men come?

Some condemned and ungodly men came stealthily.

What did the condemned and ungodly men do?

They changed the grace of God into sexual immorality and denied Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:5

ULT

5 Now I want to remind you, you knowing all {things} once for all, that Jesus, [1] having saved a people out of {the} land of Egypt, afterward destroyed the ones not having believed.

UST

5 Although you previously knew all these things, I desire to remind you {of them}. {Remember} that after Jesus rescued the people {of Israel} from the country of Egypt, he destroyed those people {among them} who did not trust him.

From where did the Lord once save people?

The Lord saved them from the land of Egypt.

What did the Lord do to those people who did not believe?

The Lord destroyed those people who did not believe.

Jude 1:6

ULT

6 And angels, not having kept {their} own domain, but having left {their} own dwelling place, he has kept in eternal chains, under darkness, for judgment of the great day—

UST

6 Also, {some} angels did not continue to remain in their proper places where they had authority but abandoned them. {Because they did this} God has imprisoned them forever in darkness {in hell}. {God did this} in order to judge them on the important day {when he judges everything}.

What did the Lord do to the angels who left their proper place?

The Lord put them in chains in darkness for judgment.

Jude 1:7

ULT

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having committed sexual immorality in the same manner {as} these, and having gone after other flesh, are being displayed {as} an example, suffering punishment of eternal fire.

UST

7 The same is true of {the people who lived in the cities of} Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities near them. They acted in a sexually immoral way in the same way as those angels did. They participated in all kinds of improper sexual acts. By causing these {angels and people} to suffer for eternity in the fire of hell, God is making them an example {of those who reject him}.

What did Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them do?

They fornicated and pursued unnatural desires.

Jude 1:8

ULT

8 Yet in the same way also, these, dreaming, indeed defile {the} flesh, but reject lordship and slander glorious ones.

UST

8 Similarly, these {false teachers} are dreamers who not only make their own bodies dirty by living immorally, but also reject the Lord's commands. They even insult God's glorious angels.

Like Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them, what do the condemned and ungodly men do?

They pollute their bodies in their dreams, reject authority, and say evil things.

Jude 1:9

ULT

9 But Michael the archangel, when disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses; he did not dare to bring a judgment of slander {against him}. Rather, he said, "May {the} Lord rebuke you!"

UST

9 Even the archangel Michael was not so bold as to speak slanderous accusations against Satan when he argued with him concerning the dead body of Moses. Instead, he {merely} said, "May the Lord reprove you!"

What did the archangel Michael say to the devil?

The archangel Michael said, "May the Lord rebuke you."

Jude 1:10

ULT

10 But these ones indeed slander what they do not understand; but what they understand by instinct as the unreasoning animals, by these {things} they are being destroyed.

UST

10 By contrast, these {false teachers} speak evil words about spiritual things that they do not understand. They are just like animals that cannot think rationally. The things that they are naturally able to understand are destroying them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:11

ULT

11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain and have abandoned themselves to the error of Balaam {for} wages, and in the rebellion of Korah they perished.

UST

11 How sad it is for them! They act like Cain, {who murdered his brother}. They have dedicated themselves to committing the same sin that Balaam committed in order to get money. God will certainly destroy them like he destroyed Korah and those who rebelled {against Moses with him}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:12

ULT

12 These ones are the ones in your love feasts—hidden reefs—fearlessly feasting with {you}, shepherding themselves; waterless clouds, carried along by winds; fruitless autumn trees— having died twice, having been uprooted,

UST

12 These people are shamelessly eating with you. At your fellowship meals they are like rocks hidden under the water that ships crash against. They only take care of themselves. They are {useless,} like clouds that the wind carries away before they can give rain. They are {useless,} like trees that don’t bear fruit at harvest time. {They are like trees} that will die twice because God will uproot them.

For whom do the condemned and ungodly men shamelessly care?

They shamelessly care for themselves.

Jude 1:13

ULT

13 wild waves of {the} sea, foaming out {their} own shameful deeds; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been kept to eternity.

UST

13 They are {uncontrollable,} like the sea's thrashing waves. They display their disgraceful acts just like the waves bring up foam. {They are like} stars that do not stay where they should in the sky. God is reserving the dark gloom {of hell} for them forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:14

ULT

14 Now also Enoch, seventh from Adam, prophesied about these ones, saying, "Behold! {The} Lord came with myriads of his holy ones

UST

14 Even Enoch, the seventh person in the line of people who descended from Adam, spoke about these false teachers when he said: "Listen carefully to this: The Lord will certainly come with a countless number of his holy {angels}.

Enoch was which place in line from Adam?

Enoch was the seventh in line from Adam.

Jude 1:15

ULT

15 to do judgment against everyone and to rebuke every soul concerning all their works of ungodliness, which they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh {things} which ungodly sinners spoke against him."

UST

15 {They will come} to judge everyone and rebuke everyone for all their ungodly deeds that they have done in ungodly ways, and for all the harsh insults that these people, who sin and dishonor God, spoke against Jesus."

Upon whom will the Lord execute judgment?

The Lord will execute judgment upon all people.

Jude 1:16

ULT

16 These ones are murmurers, complainers, going according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks boastful things, admiring faces for the sake of advantage.

UST

16 These {false teachers} grumble {to themselves} and complain {to others}. They live according to their sinful desires and brag about themselves. They flatter people in order to get what they want {from them}.

Who are the ungodly men who will be convicted?

Grumblers, complainers, those who go after their evil desires, loud boasters, and those who praise for personal advantage are the ungodly men who will be convicted.

Jude 1:17

ULT

17 But you, beloved ones, remember the words {that} have been spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

UST

17 But you {fellow believers} whom I love, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus the Messiah said long ago.

Who spoke words in the past about mockers?

The apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ spoke words in the past about mockers.

Jude 1:18

ULT

18 that they said to you, “In {the} last time there will be mockers going according to {their} own lusts of ungodliness.”

UST

18 {Remember} that they told you, “In the last days {before Jesus returns,} there will be people who mock {the true things that God has told us}. {They will} live according to their own sinful desires that dishonor God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:19

ULT
[19] These are the ones causing divisions, soulish, not having {the} Spirit.

UST
[19] These {mockers} are the people who are making believers angry with each other. {They live according to their} natural instincts. The {Holy} Spirit does not dwell within them.

What is true of the mockers who go after the own ungodly lusts, who cause divisions and are sensual?
They do not have the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20

ULT
[20] But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

UST
[20] However, you {fellow believers} whom I love, by increasing your trust in God and by praying with the Holy Spirit's help,

How were the beloved building themselves up and praying?
The beloved were building themselves up in their most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:21

ULT
[21] keep yourselves in {the} love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

UST
[21] keep living in a way that enables you to experience God's love. {Do this} while expecting the merciful return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, {which will result in} living eternally {with him}.

What were the beloved to keep themselves in and look for?
The beloved were to keep themselves in and look for the love of God and the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:22

ULT
22 And indeed, have mercy on {some} who are doubting,

UST
22 And be merciful to those who are confused {about what they should believe}.

Who were the beloved supposed to save? (vv22-23)
The beloved were supposed to save those with a garment spotted by the flesh, and those in the fire.

Jude 1:23

ULT
23 but save {others}, snatching from fire; and have mercy on {others} with fear, hating even the garment having been defiled by the flesh.

UST
23 But rescue other people urgently, as if you are pulling them out of the fire of hell. And be merciful to some other people, but be cautious with them, as if just touching their clothing could make you sinful.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Jude 1:24

ULT
24 Now to the one being able to keep you without stumbling and to cause {you} to stand before his glory blameless, in exultation,

UST
24 God is able to prevent you from returning to a sinful life. {He is also able} to take you without sin into his glorious presence. {You will stand there} with great joy.

What was God their Savior, through Jesus Christ their Lord, able to do? (vv24-25)
God was able to keep them from stumbling and place them before the presence of his glory without blemish.

Jude 1:25

ULT

25 to {the} only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, {be} glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all the age and now and to all eternity. Amen!

1:5 [1] but some manuscripts have .

UST

25 There is only one God. He has saved us as a result of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah {did for us}. I pray that everyone will recognize that God is glorious, majestic, powerful, and rules with great authority. {He was like that} before time began. {He is like that} today, and {he will remain like that} forever! May it truly be so!

What things should be given to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord?

To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority.

When did God have glory?

God had glory before all time, now, and forevermore.

Revelation

Revelation 1

Revelation 1:1

ULT

1 {The} revelation of Jesus Christ that God gave him to show his servants what must soon happen. And he made it known, having sent through his angel to his servant John,

UST

1 {This book is about} the things that God showed to Jesus the Messiah. God showed these things to him in order that Jesus might reveal them to his slaves. These things will certainly occur shortly. Jesus revealed these things {to us} by sending his angel {who showed them} to {me,} John, Jesus' slave.

From whom did this revelation first come, and to whom is the revelation being shown?
The revelation of Jesus Christ came from God, and is being shown to his servants.

When would the events of the revelation take place?
The events of the revelation would take place soon.

Revelation 1:2

ULT

2 who testified about the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw.

UST

2 I, John, am reporting {to you} everything that I saw concerning this message from God that Jesus the Messiah revealed to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:3

ULT

3 Blessed {is} the one reading and the one listening to the words of {this} prophecy and keeping {what} has been written in it, for the time {is} near.

UST

3 How happy is the person who reads this prophecy {for others to hear} and how happy are all who hear it and obey what this prophecy says, because these events will happen soon.

Who will be blessed by this book?

Those who read aloud, listen to, and obey the words of this book will be blessed.

Revelation 1:4

ULT

4 John, to the seven churches in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the one {who} is, and {who} was, and {who} is coming, and from the seven spirits who {are} before his throne,

UST

4 I, John, {am writing this letter} to the seven assemblies of believers in the province of Asia. {May} God {continue to be} kind to you and {make you} peaceful. He exists, has always existed, and is coming {here in the future}. {May} the seven spirits, which are before the throne of God, also {continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful}.

Who wrote this book, and to whom did he write?

John wrote this book, and he wrote to the seven churches in Asia.

Revelation 1:5

ULT

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To the one loving us and having released us from our sins by his blood

UST

5 {May} Jesus the Messiah also {continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful}. He has reliably told us {the matters from God}. He is the first one whom God caused to be alive again after he had died, and he is the one who rules the kings of the earth. He is the one who loves us and who erased the record of our sins. He released us by shedding his blood {when he died on the cross}.

What three titles does John give to Jesus Christ?

John gives Jesus Christ the titles of faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:6

ULT

6 and he has made us a kingdom, priests for his God and Father—to him {be} the glory and the power forever. Amen.

UST

6 Jesus is the one who has caused us to become people over whose lives God rules. He has also made us to be priests who serve God, who is the father of Jesus. May Jesus receive glory and power throughout eternity. So be it!

What has Jesus made the believers?

Jesus has made the believers a kingdom and priests to God the Father.

Revelation 1:7

ULT

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even {those} who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes, Amen.

UST

7 Pay attention! Jesus is coming in the clouds. Everyone will see him, including those who killed him by nailing him {to a cross}. Every people group in the world will grieve when they see him coming. It will be like this for sure! So be it!

Who will see Jesus when he comes?

Every eye will see Jesus when he comes, including those who pierced him.

Revelation 1:8

ULT

8 "I am the alpha and the omega," says {the} Lord God, "the one {who} is, and {who} was, and {who} is coming, the Almighty." [1]

UST

8 The Lord God says: "I am the first letter A, {the one who began all things}. I am the last letter Z, {the one who will cause all things to come to an end}. I am the one who exists, has always existed, and is coming {in the future}. I am the One who rules over everything and everyone. I am God Almighty."

How does the Lord God describe himself?

The Lord God describes himself as the alpha and the omega, the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:9

ULT

9 I, John—your brother and a fellow partaker in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance {that are} in Jesus—was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

UST

9 I am your partnering brother John. {I also} share with you the distress and endurance necessary to all who are members of Jesus' kingdom. I was on the Island of Patmos because I kept telling people about God's message and what Jesus personally revealed to me.

Why was John on the island of Patmos?

John was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 1:10

ULT

10 I was in {the} Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

UST

10 On Sunday, the day {that believers gather to worship} the Lord, God awakened my spirit ecstatically {to perceive revelation}. Then I heard behind me {someone speaking}. His voice was loud like the sound of a trumpet {being blown}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:11

ULT

11 saying, "Write what you see in a scroll and send {it} to the seven churches—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

UST

11 {The voice} said {to me}: "Write on a scroll what you see, and send it to the seven assemblies of believers. {Send it to the believers} in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

What did the loud voice behind John tell him to do?

The loud voice told John to write in a book what he saw and send it to the seven churches.

Revelation 1:12

ULT

12 And I turned around to see the voice that was speaking with me, and having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

UST

12 {When I heard this voice,} I turned my head to see who was talking to me. Then, having turned, I observed seven golden lamp holders.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:13

ULT

13 and in the middle of the lampstands {there was one} like a son of man, wearing a robe reaching to his feet and with a golden sash having been wrapped around {his} chest.

UST

13 In the midst of the lamp holders, there was someone who looked like a human {in his form}. He wore a robe that reached down to his feet. He also fastened a golden strap across his chest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:14

ULT

14 Now his head and hair {were} white as wool—white as snow—and his eyes {were} as a flame of fire,

UST

14 The {pale} hair on his head was like gleaming white wool or like white snow. His eyes were {bright} like a fiery flame.

What kind of hair and eyes did the man have who John saw?

The man John saw had hair as white as wool and eyes like a fiery flame.

Revelation 1:15

ULT
15 and his feet {were} like polished bronze, as having been refined in a furnace, and his voice as {the} sound of many rushing waters,

UST
15 His feet shone like bronze that has been refined in a furnace. {When he spoke,} his voice resonated like the noise of a great river of rushing water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:16

ULT
16 and having seven stars in his right hand and a sharp, double-edged sword coming out of his mouth and his face shining as the sun at its strength.

UST
16 {The one who looked like a human} was holding seven stars in his right hand. A sword with two sharp edges was extending from his mouth. His face shone as bright as the sun during the middle of the day.

What was in the right hand of the man, and what was coming out of his mouth?
The man had seven stars in his right hand and a sharp two-edged sword coming out of his mouth.

Revelation 1:17

ULT
17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as a dead {man}, and he placed his right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last

UST
17 When I saw him, I fell down in front of his feet as though I were a corpse. Then Jesus put his right hand on me and said to me, “Do not be afraid! I am the First One {who began all things}. I am also the Last One {who will cause all things to end}.

What did John do when he saw the man?
John fell at the man’s feet like a dead man.

Revelation 1:18

ULT
18 and the one living; and I became dead, but behold, I live forever {and} ever, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

UST
18 I am the God who inherently lives. Although I was once dead, observe how I am now alive forever. I have power over death itself and I control the place of the dead.

What keys did the man say he had?
The man said he had the keys of death and of Hades.

Revelation 1:19

ULT
19 Therefore, write down what you have seen and what is and what is about to happen after these {things}.

UST
19 Therefore, write down what you saw {just now}. Also write down the matters which are happening now as well as those things that will happen in the future.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 1:20

ULT
20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are {the} angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are {the} seven churches."
1:8 *[1]*

UST
20 The symbolic meaning of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lamp holders is this: The seven stars represent angels among the seven assemblies of believers. The seven lamp holders represent the seven assemblies of believers."

What was the meaning of the seven stars and the seven golden lampstands?
The seven stars were the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands were the seven churches.

Revelation 2

Revelation 2:1

ULT

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The one holding the seven stars in his right hand, walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these {things}:

UST

1 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Ephesus: “The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lamp holders says the following:

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Ephesus.

Revelation 2:2

ULT

2 “I know your works and {your} hard labor and your patient endurance, and that you are not able to tolerate evil people, and you have tested the ones calling themselves apostles but are not, and you have found them {to be} false;

UST

2 ‘I am aware of all that you have done. {I am aware of how hard} you have worked {for me}. {I am aware of how} you have patiently endured {difficult times}. {I am also aware of the fact that} you do not accept wicked people and that you evaluate the people who claim to be Representatives that Jesus sent. {However, such people are} not Representatives that Jesus sent, just as you have discovered them to be lying.

What has the church in Ephesus done regarding those who are evil and regarding the false prophets?

The church in Ephesus has not put up with those who are evil and has tested the false prophets.

Revelation 2:3

ULT

3 and you have patient endurance and have suffered because of my name and have not grown weary.

UST

3 {I am aware of how} you have patiently endured. {I am also aware of how} you have suffered for my sake. {I am also aware of the fact that you have worked very hard to the point of exhaustion, but} you have not become so tired {that you would give up your labors}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:4

ULT

4 But I have against you that you have left behind your first love.

UST

4 Nevertheless, I must criticize you {about this matter}: you have abandoned your original love {that you had when you first began to believe}.

What does Christ have against the church in Ephesus?

Christ has against the church in Ephesus that they have left behind their first love.

Revelation 2:5

ULT

5 Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the first works. But if not, I will come to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—if you do not repent.

UST

5 Therefore, remember how you used to love me. Love me again with the effort you made at first. However, if you do not change your mind, I will visit you and take away your lamp holder from its location.

What does Christ say he will do if they do not repent?

Christ says he will come and remove their lampstand from its place if they do not repent.

Revelation 2:6

ULT

6 But you have this, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

UST

6 However, {I praise you for} one thing you do {well}: You detest the practices of the disciples of Nicolaus. I also detest {the practices of the disciples of Nicolaus}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:7

ULT

7 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one conquering, I will grant to him to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.""

UST

7 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers. {The message is this}: I will permit anyone who is victorious to eat {fruit} from the tree that gives life and is in the garden of God.'"

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?

Christ promises that those who conquer will eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:8

ULT

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The first and the last, the one {who} became dead but came to life again, says these {things}:

UST

8 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Smyrna: "The First One {who began all things}, the Last One {who causes all things to end}, and the one who died and became alive again says the following:

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Smyrna.

Revelation 2:9

ULT

9 "I know your affliction and {your} poverty (but you are rich), and the slander of the ones saying they themselves are Jews, but they are not, but {are} a synagogue of Satan.

UST

9 'I am aware of {how people have} distressed you. {I am aware of how} poor you are, although {actually} you are wealthy. {I am aware of the people who} slander you. {These are the people} who claim to be Jews, but who are not {really} Jews. {They are actually members} of the gathering of Satan.

What has the church in Smyrna experienced?

The church in Smyrna has experienced sufferings, poverty, and slander.

Revelation 2:10

ULT

10 Do not fear at all what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Become faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

UST

10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to endure. Pay attention! The devil will soon place some of you in jail in order that {your enemies} may test you. {Your enemies} will distress you for ten days. {But} remain loyal {to me} until you die. {When you die, then} I will give you {eternal} life {as a victory prize, just like} a sports wreath.

What does Christ promise to those who are faithful until death and who conquer? (vv10-11)

Christ promises that those who are faithful until death and conquer will receive the crown of life and will not be hurt by the second death.

Revelation 2:11

ULT

11 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one conquering will certainly not be hurt by the second death.""

UST

11 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers. {The message is this}: Whoever is victorious will never die a second time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:12

ULT

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The one having the double-edged, sharp sword says these {things}:

UST

12 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Pergamum: "The one who has a sword with two sharp edges says the following:

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Pergamum.

Revelation 2:13

ULT

13 "I know where you live, where the throne of Satan {is}, and yet you hold tightly to my name, and you did not deny {your} faith in me, even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

UST

13 'I am aware of where you live. It is the {place} where Satan controls people. {I am also aware that} you are very loyal to me. You have never rejected your faith in me, not even when Antipas, who faithfully witnessed about me, {was living}. {People} executed him in your presence {within your city}, there where Satan dwells {and rules}.

Where does the church in Pergamum live?

The church in Pergamum lives where Satan's throne is.

What did the church in Pergamum do in the days when Antipas was killed?

The church in Pergamum held tightly to Christ's name and did not deny the faith in the days when Antipas was killed.

Revelation 2:14

ULT

14 But I have a few {things} against you; that you have there {some} holding tightly to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat food sacrificed to idols and to be sexually immoral.

UST

14 Nevertheless, I must criticize you regarding a few {matters}: {Some people of your assembly} practice the instruction of Balaam. Balaam showed Balak {how} to tempt the people of Israel {into doing sinful acts}. {Balak tempted the people of Israel} so that they then ate meat that other people had previously sacrificed to idols. {Balak also tempted the people of Israel} so that they then practiced sexual immorality.

To what two teachings have some in the church in Pergamum held? (vv14-15)

Some in the church in Pergamum have held to the teachings of Balaam and to the teachings of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:15

ULT
15 So, in the same way, you also have {some} holding tightly to the teaching of {the} Nicolaitans.

UST
15 Thus, in a similar manner, {some people of your assembly} also practice the instruction of the disciples of Nicolaus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:16

ULT
16 Repent, therefore! But if {you do} not, I will quickly come to you and will wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.

UST
16 Therefore, {stop doing such things and} change your minds. However, if you do not change your minds, then I will visit you suddenly {for your punishment}. I will fight against those {who do not change their minds}. I will fight them with a sword that has two sharp edges and extends from my mouth.

What does Christ warn he will do if those who hold to these false teachings do not repent?
Christ warns he will come and make war against those who hold to these false teachings.

Revelation 2:17

ULT
17 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one conquering, I will give him of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and on the stone, a new name written which no one knows except the one receiving it.""

UST
17 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers. {The message is this}: To the one who is victorious I will award him with a manna that I have hid for him. I will also award him a white pebble upon which I have written a new name for him. I will award him a new name that no one knows except the one who receives {the new name}."'

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?
Christ promises that those who conquer will eat the hidden manna and will receive a white stone with a new name.

Revelation 2:18

ULT

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The Son of God, having his eyes as a flame of fire and his feet like polished bronze, says these {things}:

UST

18 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Thyatira: “The Son of God, whose eyes shine like a flame of fire and whose feet shine like bronze, says the following:

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Thyatira.

Revelation 2:19

ULT

19 “I know your works, and your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and your last works {are} greater than {your} first {works}.

UST

19 ’I am aware of all that you have done. {I am also aware of how} you love. {I am aware that} you are very loyal. {I am also aware of how} you serve. {I am aware of how} you have patiently endured. {Finally, I am aware of the fact that} you are {now} doing more than you did {when you first believed in me}.

What good things does Christ know the church in Thyatira has done?

Christ knows the church in Thyatira has shown love, faith, service, and patient endurance.

Revelation 2:20

ULT

20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, calling herself a prophetess, and she teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

UST

20 Nevertheless, I must criticize you {about this matter}: You tolerate that woman {in your assembly} who is {like that wicked woman named} Jezebel in the Old Testament. Although she calls herself a prophet, but by what she teaches, she is misleading those who serve me. She is teaching {believers} to practice sexual immorality and to eat meat that other people had previously sacrificed to idols.

What does Christ have against the church in Thyatira?

Christ has against the church in Thyatira that they tolerate the immoral false prophetess Jezebel.

Revelation 2:21

ULT

21 And I gave her time so that she might repent, but she is not willing to repent of her immorality.

UST

21 Although I allowed her {sufficient} time to change her mind and to stop her immorality, she did not wish to stop.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:22

ULT

22 Behold! I will throw her onto a bed, and the ones committing adultery with her {I will throw into} great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds.

UST

22 Pay attention! I will consequently strike her and her {fellow} adulterers soon with a {terrible} sickness. {I will cause her and her fellow adulterers} to suffer terribly if they do not change their minds and stop their {wicked} actions.

What does Christ warn he will do if those who commit adultery with Jezebel do not repent of her deeds? (vv22-23)

Christ warns that he will throw Jezebel onto a sickbed and throw adulterers into tribulation if they do not repent.

Revelation 2:23

ULT

23 And I will strike her children dead, and all the churches will know that I am the one searching kidneys and hearts, and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

UST

23 I will kill those who believe in her teachings {as if they were} her children. Then all the assemblies of believers will realize that I am the one who examines what everyone thinks and desires. I will punish each one of you according to what you have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:24

ULT

24 Now I say to you, the rest of the ones in Thyatira, to as many as do not hold this teaching, whoever has not known the deep things of Satan, as some call it—I do not put any other burden on you.

UST

24 But {I now speak} to the rest of you {believers} in Thyatira who have not accepted {Jezebel's evil} instruction. {I address you} who have not become acquainted with that instruction {which their teachers} call 'the profound truths that Satan reveals to them'. {To you I promise that} I will not burden you with any other duty than this one:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:25

ULT

25 However, hold on tightly to what you have until I come.

UST

25 {I do not burden you with any duty} except {the duty} which you already know. {Therefore}, you must firmly believe in me {so that you continue to obey me} until {the final day when} I arrive.

What does Christ tell those who have not held to the teaching of Jezebel to do?

Christ tells them to hold on tightly to what they have until he comes.

Revelation 2:26

ULT

26 And the one conquering and keeping my works until {the} end, to him I will give authority over the nations.

UST

26 As for those who are victorious and who keep on doing what I command until {the final day when I arrive}, I will grant to such people an authority over all people.

What does Christ promise those who conquer?

Christ promises those who conquer authority over the nations.

Revelation 2:27

ULT
27 ‘And he will shepherd them with a rod of iron, as jars of clay are broken into pieces,’

UST
27 They will rule {all people} by striking them with an iron rod. {They will punish those who are wicked} just like people shatter clay containers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 2:28

ULT
28 as I also have received {authority} from my Father, and I will give him the morning star.

UST
28 Just as {I also will use my authority} which I took from my Father. {Likewise,} I will grant to that person {who is victorious and rules with me} the morning star {as an award}.

What does Christ promise those who conquer?
Christ promises those who conquer authority over the nations and the morning star.

Revelation 2:29

ULT
29 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”’”’

UST
29 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers.”’

To what does Christ say the reader of this book should listen?
Christ says the reader should listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3

Revelation 3:1

ULT

1 “And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The one holding the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says these {things}: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

UST

1 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Sardis: “The one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says the following: ‘I am aware of everything that you have done. {I am aware of} your reputation that you possess. {I am aware of the fact that} you {appear to be} alive. {However}, you are {actually} dead.

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Sardis.

What is the reputation of the church in Sardis, but what is the truth about them?

The reputation of the church in Sardis is that they are alive, but the truth is that they are dead.

Revelation 3:2

ULT

2 Wake up and strengthen {what} remains, which is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God.

UST

2 Wake up! Become alert and aware {so that you understand that you must} renew your {spiritual} enthusiasm! {Understand that} there are some {believers in your assembly who} will die soon. {You must renew the enthusiasm of your assembly’s believers} because I have not noticed anything which you have done {to be something that} my God considers you to have finished completely.

What does Christ warn the church in Sardis to do?

Christ warns them to wake up and strengthen what remains.

Revelation 3:3

ULT

3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard. And keep {it}, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come as a thief, and you will certainly not know what hour I will come against you.

UST

3 Therefore, always remember {God's instruction and} the way you accepted it {when} you heard it. Change your minds {so as to} stop your {wicked} actions. {Rather,} keep obeying {God's instruction}. Therefore, if you do not do this {by remaining} alert and aware, {then} I will visit you {suddenly} like a thief {breaks into a house unexpectedly at night}. You will not even know at what time I will visit you {for your punishment}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:4

ULT

4 But you have a few names in Sardis who have not stained their clothes, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

UST

4 However, there are a few believers in the city of Sardis {who have not been doing what is wrong}. {It is as though} they have kept their clothes clean and pure. {As a result,} since {I think that} they deserve such a privilege, they will live with me {and wear pure} white clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:5

ULT

5 The one conquering will be clothed in this manner in white garments, and I will certainly not wipe his name out of the Book of Life, and I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

UST

5 Thus, those who are victorious will clothe themselves with {pure} white clothing. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life. Instead, I will claim before my Father and before his angels {that I know these victorious people as my very own}.

What does Christ promise those who conquer?

Those who conquer will be clothed in white, will remain in the book of life, and will have their name spoken before God the Father.

Revelation 3:6

ULT

6 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”’”

UST

6 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers.”’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:7

ULT

7 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The Holy One, the True One, the one having the key of David, the one opening and no one will shut, and shutting and no one opens, says these {things}:

UST

7 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Philadelphia: “The one who is holy, who is true, who holds King David’s key {of authority}, who opens {doors that} no one will close, and {the one who} closes {doors that} no one {will} open, says the following:

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

Revelation 3:8

ULT

8 “I know your works (Behold, I have put before you an open door that no one is able to shut), that you have little power, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

UST

8 ‘I am aware of all that you have done. {I am aware of the fact} that you have little influence {in your community}. {I am also aware of the fact that} you always obeyed my instruction and you never rejected me. Pay attention! {Be aware of the fact that} I have opened a door {of opportunity} for you that no one can close.

What has the church in Philadelphia done even though they have little strength?

The church in Philadelphia has obeyed Christ’s word and has not denied his name.

Revelation 3:9

ULT

9 Behold, I will give {those} from the synagogue of Satan calling themselves Jews but are not, rather, they are lying—behold, I will make them so that they will come and bow down before your feet, and they might realize that I loved you.

UST

9 Pay attention! I will {judge those} who are members of the gathering of Satan. Although {these members} claim to be Jews, they are not {really Jews} and they {actually} lie. Pay attention! I will cause {these liars} to come before you and to bow down at your feet so that they recognize that I love you.

What will Christ make those of the synagogue of Satan do?

Christ will make those of the synagogue of Satan bow down before the saints' feet.

Revelation 3:10

ULT

10 Because you have kept the word of my steadfastness, I will also keep you from the hour of testing {that} is about to come on the entire inhabited world, to test the ones living on the earth.

UST

10 Since you kept my command to endure suffering patiently, I {also} will keep you {safe} from the future time when all people will endure a test {of suffering} which will happen to all of humankind. {During this future testing of the world, God} will put {everyone who then} lives on the earth {through} a test {of suffering}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:11

ULT

11 I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have so that no one might take away your crown.

UST

11 I am coming soon. Continue to firmly believe in me as you {already} know {how to do}. {Do this} in order that no one may cause you to lose your sports wreath, {which is your victory prize}.

What does Christ tell the church of Philadelphia to do since he is coming soon?

Christ tells them to hold tight to what they have so no one can take away their crown.

Revelation 3:12

ULT

12 The one conquering, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will certainly not go out from it anymore, and I will write on him the name of my God, the name of the city of my God (even the new Jerusalem, that comes down out of heaven from my God), and my new name.

UST

12 I will make the victorious ones {like} a pillar in the temple of my God. {I will make the victorious ones secure so that} they will never have to leave {the temple}. I will mark {the victorious ones} with the name of my God. {I will also mark them} with the name of the city of my God. {The city of my God is} the New Jerusalem, {which is the city that} descends out of heaven from my God. {I will also mark them with} my own new name.

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?

Those who conquer will be a pillar in the temple of God, will have the name of God, the name of the city of God, and Christ's new name written on them.

Revelation 3:13

ULT

13 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""'

UST

13 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers."'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:14

ULT

14 "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God says these {things}:

UST

14 Write {this message} to the angel of the assembly of believers in the city of Laodicea: "The one who confirms {the promises of God} says the following: '{I am the one who} reliably and accurately speaks {on behalf of God}. {I am the one through whom} God created {all} things.

To which angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Laodicea.

Revelation 3:15

ULT

15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish {that} you were cold or hot!

UST

15 I am aware of all that you have done. {I am aware of the fact that} you are neither unresponsive to me, nor are you enthusiastic for me. {Rather}, you are {like water that is} neither cold or hot. I wish that you were {simply either} unresponsive like cold water, or {simply} enthusiastic like hot water!

What does Christ wish the church in Laodicea was?

Christ wishes the church in Laodicea was either cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16

ULT

16 So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth.

UST

16 Thus, {I conclude that} you are neither unresponsive like cold water, nor are you enthusiastic like hot water, {but} you are {simply} ineffective like warm water. Since {you are ineffective like warm water}, I am about to reject you {like} one vomits warm water from one’s mouth.

What is Christ about to do to the church in Laodicea, and why?

Christ is about to vomit the church in Laodicea out of his mouth because they are lukewarm.

Revelation 3:17

ULT

17 For you say, ‘I am rich and have become wealthy and have need of nothing,’ and yet you do not know that you are miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked.

UST

17 You are saying, ‘I am rich and I have great wealth. I lack nothing!’ Yet you do not realize that you are {actually} pathetic. You are {people who are actually} in need of pity. {You are actually} poor, blind, and lacking your clothes.

What does the church in Laodicea say about itself?

The church in Laodicea says that it is rich and in need of nothing.

What does Christ say about the church in Laodicea?

Christ says the church in Laodicea is miserable, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:18

ULT

18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you might become rich, and brilliant white garments so that you might clothe yourself and would not show the shame of your nakedness, and salve to anoint your eyes so that you might see.

UST

18 {For this reason,} I advise that you purchase from me pure gold that is refined by fire in order that you might be wealthy. {I advise that you purchase from me} white clothes to wear in order that {people might not see that you are} publicly exposed as shamefully naked. {I advise that you purchase from me} eye ointment to smear on your {blind} eyes in order that you may be able to see.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:19

ULT

19 I rebuke and discipline as many as I love. Therefore, be earnest and repent.

UST

19 Since I discipline and correct all those whom I love, therefore, {now} enthusiastically change your mind {and alter your lukewarm spiritual condition}.

What does Christ do for everyone he loves?

Christ corrects and teaches everyone he loves.

Revelation 3:20

ULT

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will indeed enter into him and will eat with him, and he with me.

UST

20 Pay attention! I am now standing and knocking at the door. If anyone hears my voice and he then opens the door, then I will enter into his {house} and we shall then dine together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 3:21

ULT

21 The one conquering, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

UST

21 Just as I have been victorious and now sit with my Father on his throne, so also I will permit everyone who is victorious to sit and rule with me on my throne.

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?

Those who conquer will sit with Christ on his throne.

Revelation 3:22

ULT

22 Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

UST

22 You can hear, can you not? {Then} listen to what the Spirit {of God} says to the assemblies of believers.'"

To whom does Christ say the reader of the book should listen?

Christ says the reader should listen to what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 4

Revelation 4:1

ULT

1 After these {things} I looked, and behold—an open door in heaven, and the first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these {things}.”

UST

1 After these things {in the vision}, I, {John}, saw {as a vision} that there was an opened door into heaven. The {one whose} voice was {loud like the sound of} a trumpet {being blown}, which I had heard earlier speaking to me, {then} said: “Come up here! I will make known to you matters which must happen after these previous things {in the vision}.”

What did John see opened?

John saw a door opened in heaven.

What did the voice say he would show John?

The voice said he would show John what must happen after these things.

Revelation 4:2

ULT

2 Immediately I was in {the} Spirit, and behold—a throne was placed in heaven! And {someone is} sitting on the throne.

UST

2 At once God {then} awakened my spirit ecstatically {to perceive revelation}. {God then showed me as a vision that} a throne was there in heaven, and {that there was someone} sitting upon the throne.

What was someone sitting on in heaven?

Someone was sitting on a throne in heaven.

Revelation 4:3

ULT

3 And the one sitting on {it} {had} the appearance like a jasper stone and carnelian, and a rainbow around the throne {had} {the} appearance like an emerald.

UST

3 {Then} the person sitting {upon the throne there shone and was gleaming} like green and red {precious} stones. {There was} also a rainbow {which} was encircling the throne {and was gleaming} like an emerald.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 4:4

ULT

4 And around the throne {were} 24 thrones, and sitting on the thrones {were} 24 elders dressed in white garments, and on their heads {were} golden crowns.

UST

4 {I, John, saw as a vision that} there were 24 {more} thrones in a circle around the throne. {Upon these 24 thrones, I saw that there} were 24 elders sitting. They were wearing {pure} white clothes. They {also} were wearing golden crowns upon their heads.

What was around the throne in heaven?

Around the throne were 24 thrones with 24 elders seated on them.

Revelation 4:5

ULT

5 And from the throne burst out flashes of lightning and rumblings and thunder. And seven lamps of fire are burning in front of the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

UST

5 Flashes of lightning, loud noises, and peals of thunder were going out from the throne. In front of the throne were seven lighted torches burning. These {lighted torches that were burning} are the seven spirits of God.

What were the seven lamps burning in front of the throne?

The seven lamps were the seven spirits of God.

Revelation 4:6

ULT

6 And in front of the throne was a glass sea, like crystal, and in {the} middle of the throne and around the throne {were} four living creatures, full of eyes, front and back.

UST

6 In front of the throne there also was {a floor} that resembled the sea {made of} glass. {This glass sea floor} was {clear} like crystal. Four living beings composed and surrounded {completely} the throne {in every aspect}. Eyes covered {the four living beings all over}, both in front and behind.

What four things were around the throne?

Four living creatures full of eyes were around the throne.

Revelation 4:7

ULT

7 And the first living creature {was} like a lion, and the second living creature {was} like a calf, and the third living creature had a face as a man, and the fourth living creature {was} like an eagle flying.

UST

7-8 The first living being resembled a lion. The second living being resembled a bull. The third living being had a face like that of a human. The fourth living being resembled a flying eagle. Each of the four living beings had six wings. Eyes {completely} covered {these six wings} all over, from top to bottom. Day and night they never cease to say: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God who rules over everything and everyone. The one who has always existed, who exists now, and who will exist here forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 4:8

ULT

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them have in turn six wings all around and are full of eyes underneath, and do not have rest night and day, saying, “Holy, holy, holy {is} {the} Lord God Almighty, {who} was, and {who} is, and {who} is coming.”

UST

7-8 The first living being resembled a lion. The second living being resembled a bull. The third living being had a face like that of a human. The fourth living being resembled a flying eagle. Each of the four living beings had six wings. Eyes {completely} covered {these six wings} all over, from top to bottom. Day and night they never cease to say: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God who rules over everything and everyone. The one who has always existed, who exists now, and who will exist here forever.”

What three words do the four living creatures repeat night and day?

Night and day without stopping, the four living creatures say, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Revelation 4:9

ULT

9 And whenever the living creatures will give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne, the one living forever {and} ever,

UST

9-10 The living beings repeatedly praise, honor, and thank {God} who sits upon the throne and who lives forever. The 24 elders also, {at the same time, repeatedly} kneel before {God} who sits on the throne. They bow down {repeatedly} before {God} who lives forever. They {also repeatedly} throw their crowns before the throne and they {repeatedly} say:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 4:10

ULT

10 the 24 elders will fall down before the one sitting on the throne and worship the one living forever {and} ever, and they will lay their crowns before the throne, saying,

UST

9-10 The living beings repeatedly praise, honor, and thank {God} who sits upon the throne and who lives forever. The 24 elders also, {at the same time, repeatedly} kneel before {God} who sits on the throne. They bow down {repeatedly} before {God} who lives forever. They {also repeatedly} throw their crowns before the throne and they {repeatedly} say:

What do the 24 elders do when the living creatures give glory to God?

The 24 elders prostrate themselves before the throne, throwing down their crowns.

Revelation 4:11

ULT

11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all {things}, and by your will they existed and were created.”

UST

11 “Our Lord and God, you deserve {that all creatures praise} you because you {have} glory, honor, and power. You {deserve such praise} because you created everything. {Everything exists} because of you, since you intended that {everything should} exist as you have determined to create it.

What do the elders say about God’s role in creation?

The elders say God created all things and by his will all things existed and were created.

Revelation 5

Revelation 5:1

ULT
1 And I saw in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne a scroll written on {the} inside and on {the} back, having been sealed with seven seals.

UST
1 I saw that there was a scroll in the right hand of the one who was sitting on the throne. {Someone} had written {words} on both sides {of the rolls of the scroll}. Seven pieces of wax sealed up {the scroll}.

What did John see in the right hand of the one seated on the throne?
John saw a scroll sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:2

ULT
2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who {is} worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?”

UST
2 I saw a powerful angel who was asking in a loud voice: “Who is the person that qualifies to loosen the pieces of wax {on the scroll} and then to unroll the scroll?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 5:3

ULT
3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to read it.

UST
3 Yet, no {created} being in heaven above, here on the earth, or beneath the ground below was {sufficiently} worthy to open the scroll and to read {it}.

Who on the earth was worthy to open the scroll or read it? (vv3-4)
No one was worthy to open the scroll or read it.

Revelation 5:4

ULT

4 And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to read it.

UST

4 Then I wept much, since {I did not see anyone who} was {sufficiently} worthy to open the scroll and to read {it}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 5:5

ULT

5 And one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion {who} {is} from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered. {He is able} to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

UST

5 But one of the elders said to me, “Stop crying! Pay attention! The Lion from the tribe of Judah, who is the {famous} descendant of {King} David, is victorious! {Therefore,} he is {sufficiently} worthy {to loosen} the seven pieces of wax on the scroll and to open {the scroll}!”

Who was able to open the scroll and its seven seals?

The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, was able to open the scroll.

Revelation 5:6

ULT

6 And I saw in {the} middle of the throne and the four living creatures, and among the elders, a Lamb standing, as though having been killed, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

UST

6 Then I saw a lamb was standing at the throne. The four living beings and the elders surrounded {him}. He was {alive bearing} the marks {of sacrifice} which showed that someone had killed him. He had seven horns. He {also} had seven eyes that are the seven spirits of God which God sends throughout all the world.

Who was standing among the elders before the throne?

A Lamb, looking as though he had been killed, was standing among the elders before the throne.

What were the seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb?

The seven horns and seven eyes were the seven spirits of God sent out over all the earth.

Revelation 5:7

ULT

7 And he came and took {the scroll} from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.

UST

7 {The Lamb} came and accepted {the scroll} from the right hand of the one sitting upon the throne.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 5:8

ULT

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp and a golden bowl full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

UST

8 As soon as {the Lamb} accepted the scroll, the four living beings and the 24 elders then kneeled before the Lamb. They each held a harp. {They also held} golden bowls full of incense that each represent the prayers of the saints.

What were the gold bowls full of incense which the elders had?

The gold bowls full of incense were the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:9

ULT

9 And they sing a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and with your blood you purchased people for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

UST

9 {The living beings and the elders} sang a new song. They sang: “You deserve {the right} to accept the scroll and open {it by breaking} its pieces of wax. {You deserve this right} since people murdered you and {because} you paid God {for people} with your blood. {You paid God for people} from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Why was the Lamb worthy to open the scroll?

The Lamb was worthy because with his blood he purchased for God people from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Revelation 5:10

ULT
10 And you made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

UST
10 You have caused them to become a people over whom our God rules and {to become} priests {who serve God}. They will reign over the world.”

Where will the priests of God reign?
The priests of God will reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:11

ULT
11 And I looked and heard {the} sound of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders and the total number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

UST
11 As I was seeing {these events}, I then heard the noise of {singing by} many angels {which} surrounded the throne, the living beings, and the elders. There was a countless number {of the angels there}. They {were a crowd} so large that no one could count them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 5:12

ULT
12 saying in a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb {that} has been slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.”

UST
12 {The angels} were singing with a loud voice: “The lamb {that people murdered} deserves {the right} that {everyone} praise {his} power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, and glory!”

What did the angels say the Lamb was worthy to receive?
The angels said the Lamb was worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.

Revelation 5:13

ULT

13 And I heard every creature that was in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea and everything {that} {is} in them, saying, “To the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb {be} the praise and the honor and the glory and the power to rule, forever {and} ever.”

UST

13 Then I {also} heard every creature which {exists} in heaven, upon the earth, underneath the earth, upon the sea, and {even} each {creature which exists everywhere} within everything, {all} singing {the following}: “We praise, honor, glorify, and {exalt} the power {of} the one who sits upon the throne and the Lamb for all time to come!”

Who said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised forever and ever?

Every created thing said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised forever and ever.

Revelation 5:14

ULT

14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. [1]
5:14 [1]

UST

14 Finally, the four living beings said: “So be it!” Then the elders {prostrated themselves on the ground} and kneeled {before both God and the Lamb in worship}.

What did the elders do when they heard the four living creatures say “Amen”?

The elders laid down on the ground and worshiped.

Revelation 6

Revelation 6:1

ULT

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come!”

UST

1 Then I saw the Lamb open the first of the seven pieces of wax {which sealed the scroll}. I next heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like a clap of thunder: “Go!”

What did the Lamb do with the scroll?

The Lamb opened one of the seven seals on the scroll.

Revelation 6:2

ULT

2 And I looked and behold, a white horse! And the one sitting on it having a bow and to him was given a crown, and he went out conquering, and in order that he might conquer.

UST

2 I then saw a white horse appear. There was on the white horse a rider. The rider had a bow {with arrows}. God gave him a {victorious} crown {to wear}. The rider left {heaven} as a victor in order to be victorious.

What did John see after the first seal was opened?

John saw a white horse with a rider going out to conquer.

Revelation 6:3

ULT

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come!”

UST

3 Then {the Lamb} opened the second piece of wax {which sealed the scroll}. I next heard the second living being say: “Go!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 6:4

ULT

4 And another horse came out—fiery red! And to the one sitting on it was granted to him to take peace from the earth, and so that {people} will slaughter one another, and to him was given a huge sword.

UST

4 {I then saw} a bright red horse appear. There was also a rider sitting upon the bright red horse. {God} gave the rider {power} to remove the earth's peace in order that the earth's people would kill each other. For this purpose God gave the rider of the bright red horse a large sword.

What did John see after the second seal was opened?

John saw a fiery red horse whose rider took peace away from the earth.

Revelation 6:5

ULT

5 And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked and behold, a black horse, and the one sitting on it having a pair of scales in his hand.

UST

5 The Lamb then opened the third piece of wax {which sealed the scroll}. I heard the third living being say: "Go!" I then saw a black horse appear. There was a rider sitting upon the black horse. I saw that the rider held a pair of balance scales.

What did John see after the third seal was opened?

John saw a black horse whose rider held a pair of scales in his hand.

Revelation 6:6

ULT

6 And I heard as if a voice in {the} midst of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of wheat for one denarius, and three choenices of barley for a denarius. But do not harm the oil and the wine."

UST

6 I then heard a voice that sounded like it was coming from among the four living beings. The voice said: "Cause one liter of wheat to cost so much that a man must work an entire day to earn enough money to buy it. Also cause three liters of barley to sell for the same price of a day's wage. However, do not spoil the olive oil or the wine."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 6:7

ULT

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard {the} voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come!”

UST

7 The Lamb then opened the fourth piece of wax {which sealed the scroll}. I next heard the fourth living being say: “Go!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 6:8

ULT

8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And the one sitting on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. And authority was given to them over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with {the} sword and with famine and with disease and by the wild animals of the earth.

UST

8 Then I saw a pale horse appear. Someone was riding it; his name was “The one who causes people to die.” Someone else was following him; this person’s name was “The place where dead people go.” God gave these two persons power to kill one-fourth of all people on earth. They could kill them with weapons, or with famine, or with sickness, or with wild animals.

What did John see after the fourth seal was opened?

John saw a pale horse whose rider was named Death.

Revelation 6:9

ULT

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of the ones {who} had been killed because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they held.

UST

9 Then the Lamb opened the fifth piece of wax {which sealed the scroll}. I next saw under the altar in heaven the spirits of God’s servants whom others had killed because these servants had believed God’s message, the message to which God himself bore witness.

What did John see after the fifth seal was opened?

John saw the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God.

Revelation 6:10

ULT

10 And they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, Ruler over all, holy and true, do you not judge and avenge our blood from the ones living on the earth?”

UST

10 They asked God out loud: “Sovereign Lord, you are holy and true. How long will it be before you condemn and punish the people on earth who murdered us?”

What did the souls under the altar want to know from God?

The souls wanted to know how long until God avenged their blood.

Revelation 6:11

ULT

11 And to each of them was given a white robe, and they were told that they should wait yet a little time until {the number} was completed of both their fellow servants and their brothers {who} were going to be killed, as also they {were}.

UST

11 God then gave to each of them a white robe, and he told them to be patient a little longer. They had to wait until the complete number of the Lord’s other servants and followers would be killed.

How long were the souls told they would have to wait?

The souls were told they would have to wait until the full number of fellow servants were killed.

Revelation 6:12

ULT

12 And when he opened the sixth seal, I watched, and there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the full moon became as blood,

UST

12 Then I saw the Lamb open the sixth seal, and the earth shook violently. The sun became as black as cloth made of black wool. The whole moon became red just like blood.

What did John see after the sixth seal was opened? (vv12-13)

John saw an earthquake, the sun becoming black, the moon becoming like blood, and the stars falling to the earth.

Revelation 6:13

ULT
13 and the stars in the heavens fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe fruit, being shaken by a stormy wind.

UST
13 Stars fell to the earth in great numbers, just as immature figs fall when a fig tree shakes in a strong wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 6:14

ULT
14 And the sky vanished as a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

UST
14 The sky split open and rolled up on either side just as an old scroll rolls up when it is split in two. Every mountain and island was shaken out of its place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 6:15

ULT
15 And the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful and every slave and free {man} hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;

UST
15 As a result, all the people on earth, including kings, high-ranking people, generals, rich people, powerful people, along with everybody else, both slave and free, hid in caves and between the mountain rocks.

What did John see the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else doing? (vv15-16)
John saw them hiding in caves and asking the rocks to fall on them and hide them.

Revelation 6:16

ULT

16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from {the} face of the one sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,

UST

16 They shouted to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us so that the one who sits on the throne will not be able to see us, and so that the Lamb will not be able to punish us!

From what did the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else want to be hid?

They wanted to be hid from the one seated on the throne and from the anger of the Lamb.

Revelation 6:17

ULT

17 because the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

UST

17 This is the terrible day on which they will punish us. No one can survive {this day}!”

What day had come?

The great day of the wrath of the one on the throne and the Lamb had come.

Revelation 7

Revelation 7:1

ULT

[1] After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, tightly holding back the four winds of the earth so that {the} wind would not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor against any tree.

UST

[1] After this I saw four angels standing on the earth. One was standing at the north, one at the east, one at the south, and one at the west. They were keeping back the winds from blowing and destroying things on the earth, on the ocean, or even on any tree.

What were the four angels standing on the four corners of the earth doing when John saw them?
The four angels were holding back the four winds of the earth.

Revelation 7:2

ULT

[2] And I saw another angel coming up from {the} rising of the sun, having {the} seal of {the} living God. And he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to harm the earth and the sea,

UST

[2] Then I saw another angel come up from the east. He was carrying God's seal. With this seal God, who is all-powerful, marks his own people to protect them. This angel called out with a loud voice to the four angels whom God had told to harm the earth and the ocean.

What did the angel from the east say must be done before the earth was harmed? (vv2-3)
The angel said that a seal must be put on the foreheads of the servants of God before the earth was harmed.

Revelation 7:3

ULT

[3] saying, "Do not harm the earth, nor the sea, nor the trees until we might seal the servants of our God on their foreheads."

UST

[3] He said to them, "Do not harm the earth or the ocean or the trees until we have marked the servants of our God on their foreheads."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:4

ULT

4 And I heard the number of the ones {that} had been sealed: 144,000, {who} had been sealed from every tribe of {the} sons of Israel:

UST

4 Then the angel and his fellow angels marked all God's servants. I heard the number of people whom they marked. The number was 144,000. They were people from every tribe of Israel. They symbolized the complete number of people whom God would protect.

How many people from what tribe were sealed?

The number of people sealed was 144,000 from every tribe of the people of Israel.

Revelation 7:5

ULT

5 12,000 were sealed from {the} tribe of Judah, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Gad,

UST

5 The angels marked twelve thousand people from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand from the tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand from the tribe of Gad,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:6

ULT

6 12,000 from {the} tribe of Asher, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Manasseh,

UST

6 twelve thousand from the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand from the tribe of Naphtali, and twelve thousand from the tribe of Manasseh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:7

ULT

7 12,000 from {the} tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Levi, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Issachar,

UST

7 In addition, there were twelve thousand from the tribe of Simeon, twelve thousand from the tribe of Levi, twelve thousand from the tribe of Issachar,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:8

ULT

8 12,000 from {the} tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from {the} tribe of Joseph, and 12,000 from {the} tribe of Benjamin had been sealed.

UST

8 twelve thousand from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve thousand from the tribe of Joseph, and twelve thousand from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:9

ULT

9 After these {things} I looked, and behold, a huge multitude that no one was able to count—from every nation and tribe and people and language—standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having been clothed in white robes, and palm branches {were} in their hands,

UST

9 After these things happened, I saw a huge crowd. There were so many people that no one could count them. They were from every nation, every tribe, every people group, and every language. They were standing before the throne and before the lamb. They were wearing white robes and held palm branches to wave with their hands in order to celebrate.

What did John then see before the throne of God and in front of the Lamb?

John saw a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language before the throne.

Revelation 7:10

ULT

10 and they call out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation {belongs} to our God, to the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

UST

10 They shouted loudly, “Our God, the one who sits on the throne, and the Lamb have rescued us from Satan’s power!”

According to those before the throne, to whom does salvation belong?

Those before the throne called out that salvation belongs to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:11

ULT

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

UST

11 All the angels were standing around the throne, around the elders, and around the four living creatures. They all lay before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God.

In what bodily position were the angels, elders, and living creatures as they worshiped God?

They laid down on the ground and put their faces on the ground as they worshiped God.

Revelation 7:12

ULT

12 saying, “Amen! The praise and the glory and the wisdom and the thanksgiving and the honor and the power and the strength {be} to our God forever {and} ever! Amen!”

UST

12 They said, “Yes, it is so! We praise, thank, and honor you, our God, forever! We acknowledge that you are completely wise, the powerful one, who is able to do all things. Our God forever! It is so!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:13

ULT

13 And one of the elders replied, saying to me, “These {that} have been clothed with white robes—who are they, and from where did they come?”

UST

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These people who are wearing white robes, do you know who they are and from where they come?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:14

ULT

14 And I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

UST

14 I answered him, “Sir, I do not know. Surely you know who they are!” He said to me, “These are the people have come through the great tribulation. The Lamb died for them, and God has forgiven them for their sins. It is as if they have washed their robes in his blood and made them clean.

Who did the elder say were the ones clothed in white robes before the throne?

The elder said they were the ones who had come out of the Great Tribulation.

How had the ones before the throne made their robes white?

They had made their robes white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:15

ULT

15 For this reason, they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night in his temple. And the one sitting on the throne will spread {his} tent over them.

UST

15 Because of this, they are in front of God’s throne, and they worship him day and night in his temple. God, the one who sits on the throne, will protect them.

What did the elder say God would do for those who are clothed in white robes? (vv15-16)

God will spread his tent over them so they will suffer no more.

Revelation 7:16

ULT

16 They will not be hungry anymore, and they will not be thirsty anymore, and the sun will not beat down on them at all, nor any burning heat,

UST

16 As a result, they will never again be hungry. They will never again be thirsty. The sun will never again beat on them, nor will any heat scorch them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 7:17

ULT

17 because the Lamb who {is} at {the} center of the throne will shepherd {them} and will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

UST

17 This is because the Lamb who is at the throne will take care of them, just as a shepherd takes care of his sheep. He will guide them to the source of eternal life, just as a shepherd leads his sheep to springs of water. God will cause them to no longer be sad. It will be as if he were wiping away all tears from their eyes."

What did the elder say the Lamb would do for those who are clothed in white robes?

The Lamb will shepherd them and guide them to springs of living water.

Revelation 8

Revelation 8:1

ULT

1 And when he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

UST

1 Then the Lamb opened the seventh seal, and there was no sound at all in heaven for a short time.

What caused there to be silence in heaven?

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven.

Revelation 8:2

ULT

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

UST

2 I saw the seven angels who stand in front of God. He gave each of them a trumpet.

What was given to the seven angels who stand before God?

Seven trumpets were given to the seven angels who stand before God.

Revelation 8:3

ULT

3 And another angel came, holding a golden censor, and was stationed at the altar, and much incense was given to him so that he would offer {it} with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar {that} {was} before the throne.

UST

3 Another angel came and stood at the altar. He had a golden bowl for burning incense. God gave him a large quantity of incense in order that he might offer it, with the prayers of all God's people, on the gold altar that is in front of God's throne. Then he burned this incense on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 8:4

ULT

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose up before God from {the} hand of the angel.

UST

4 From the bowl in the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense, along with the prayers of God's people, went up to God.

What rose up before God?

The smoke of incense with the prayers of the saints rose up before God.

Revelation 8:5

ULT

5 And the angel took the censor and filled it with the fire of the altar and threw {it} onto the earth, and there were crashes of thunder and loud sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

UST

5 Then the angel took the golden bowl and filled it with coals of fire from the altar. He threw it all onto the earth. Thunder crashed and rumbled, lightning flashed, and the earth shook.

What happened when the angel threw down to earth the fire from the altar?

When the angel threw down the fire, there was thunder, rumblings, lightning, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:6

ULT

6 And the seven angels having the seven trumpets prepared themselves that they might sound {them}.

UST

6 Then the seven angels, each of which had one of the seven trumpets, got ready to blow them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 8:7

ULT

7 And the first angel sounded a trumpet, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was thrown onto the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all {the} green grass was burned up. *[1]*

UST

7 The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood poured down onto the earth. As a result, one-third of everything on the surface of the land was burned up: one-third of the trees burned up, and one-third of all the green grass was burned up.

What happened when the first trumpet was blown?

When the first trumpet was blown, a third of the earth was burned up along with a third of the trees, and all grass.

Revelation 8:8

ULT

8 And the second angel sounded a trumpet, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood,

UST

8 Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and something that was like a huge mountain burning with fire fell into the ocean. As a result, one-third of the ocean became red like blood,

What happened when the second trumpet was blown? (vv8-9)

When the second trumpet was blown, a third of the sea became blood, a third of the creatures of the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Revelation 8:9

ULT

9 and a third of the creatures having life in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

UST

9 one-third of the living creatures in the ocean died, and one-third of the ships in the ocean were destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 8:10

ULT

10 And the third angel sounded a trumpet, and a huge star fell from the sky, blazing as a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

UST

10 Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a huge star, which was burning like a torch, fell from the sky into one-third of the rivers and into one-third of the springs of water.

What happened when the third trumpet was blown? (vv10-11)

When the third trumpet was blown, a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died.

Revelation 8:11

ULT

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third of the waters became wormwood, and many of the men died from the waters that became bitter.

UST

11 The name of the star is Bitterness. As a result, the water in one-third of the rivers and springs became bitter. Many people died from drinking the water because it had become bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 8:12

ULT

12 And the fourth angel sounded a trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark, and the day did not shine {for} a third of it, and likewise the night.

UST

12 Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and God struck the sun, the moon, and the stars so that they lost their light for one-third of the time. The sun did not shine during one-third of the day, and the moon and stars did not shine during one-third of the night.

What happened when the fourth trumpet was blown?

When the fourth trumpet was blown, a third of the day and a third of the night had no light.

Revelation 8:13

ULT

13 And I looked, and I heard one eagle [2] flying in {the} mid-heaven, calling out with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe, to the ones living on the earth, from the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels about to sound {their} trumpets.”

8:7 [1]

8:13 [2] instead of

UST

13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying high in the sky shouting in a loud voice, “Terrible things will happen to the people who live on the earth when the three remaining angels blow their trumpets! They are about to blow them!”

Why did the eagle say “Woe, woe, woe” to those on the earth?

The eagle said, “Woe, woe, woe” to those on the earth because of the remaining three trumpet blasts.

Revelation 9

Revelation 9:1

ULT

[1] And the fifth angel sounded a trumpet, and I saw a star from heaven {that} had fallen to the earth, and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.

UST

[1] Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. God gave it the key to the shaft that went down but had no ending.

What kind of star did John see when the fifth trumpet was blown?

When the fifth trumpet was blown, John saw a star from heaven that had fallen to earth.

Revelation 9:2

ULT

[2] And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke went up from the shaft as smoke of a huge furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.

UST

[2] When he opened that shaft, smoke rose from it like smoke from a great burning furnace. The smoke prevented anyone from seeing the light of the sun and the sky.

What did the star do?

The star opened the shaft of the deep and endless pit.

Revelation 9:3

ULT

[3] And out from the smoke locusts came on the earth, and power was given to them as scorpions have power on the earth.

UST

[3] Locusts also came out of the smoke onto the earth. God gave them power to sting people as scorpions sting people.

What were the locusts from the pit told to do? (vv3-4)

The locusts were told not to damage the earth, but only the people who did not have the seal of God.

Revelation 9:4

ULT

4 And it was told to them that they should not damage the grass on the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only the men who did not have the seal of God on {their} foreheads.

UST

4 God told the locusts that they should not harm the grass of the earth or any plants or any tree. God said that they should harm only those people who did not have the mark on their foreheads to show that they belonged to God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:5

ULT

5 And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they will be tormented for five months, and their torment {will be} as {the} torment of a scorpion when it would strike a man.

UST

5 God did not allow the locusts to kill those people. Instead, the locusts kept torturing people for five months. The pain those people felt was like the pain that a scorpion causes when it stings someone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:6

ULT

6 And in those days, men will seek death but will certainly not find it, and they will greatly desire to die, but death flees from them.

UST

6 During the time when the locusts torture rebellious people, the pain will be so bad that people will want to find a way to die, but they will not find any way. They will long to die, but they will not be able to die.

What would the people tortured by the locusts seek but not find?

The people tortured by the locusts would seek death but would not find it.

Revelation 9:7

ULT

7 And the appearance of the locusts {was} like horses prepared for war. And on their heads {were something} like crowns like gold, and their faces {were} like faces of men.

UST

7 The locusts looked like horses that are ready for battle. They had on their heads what looked like golden crowns. Their faces were like the faces of people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:8

ULT

8 And they had hair like hair of women, and their teeth were as of lions.

UST

8 They had long hair like women's long hair. Their teeth were as strong as lions' teeth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:9

ULT

9 And they had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings {was} like {the} sound of chariots—of many horses running into battle.

UST

9 They wore breastplates made of metal. When they were flying, their wings made a noise like the roar of many horses pulling chariots as they are rushing into battle.

What sound did the wings of the locusts make?

The sound of the locusts' wings was like the sound made by many chariots and horses running into battle.

Revelation 9:10

ULT
10 And they have tails with stingers like scorpions, and in their tails, their power to harm men for five months.

UST
10 They had tails like tails of scorpions. With these tails they could sting people. Their power to harm people during those five months was in their tails.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:11

ULT
11 They have {as} king over them the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew {is} Abaddon, and in Greek he has {the} name Apollyon.

UST
11 The king who ruled over them was the angel of the shaft that went down but had no ending. His name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon. In the Greek language it is Apollyon. Both of these names mean "Destroyer."

Who was the king over the locusts?
The king over the locusts was Abaddon, or in Greek, Apollyon, the angel of the pit.

Revelation 9:12

ULT
12 The first woe has passed. Behold, two woes are still coming after these {things}.

UST
12 That ended the first terrible event. But be aware that two more terrible events are still to come.

What was past after the fifth trumpet was blown?
The first woe was past after the fifth trumpet was blown.

Revelation 9:13

ULT

13 And the sixth angel sounded a trumpet, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar {that is} before God,

UST

13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four corners of the golden altar that is in God's presence.

What voice did John hear when the sixth trumpet was blown?

When the sixth trumpet was blown, John heard a voice coming from the golden altar that is present before God.

Revelation 9:14

ULT

14 saying to the sixth angel. the one having the trumpet, "Release the four angels {that} have been bound at the great Euphrates River."

UST

14 The voice was saying to the sixth angel, the one who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels whom I have bound at the great river Euphrates."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:15

ULT

15 And the four angels {that} had been prepared for {that} hour and day and month and year were released so that they might kill a third of mankind.

UST

15 Then those four angels went free, those who had waited for that exact hour of that day, month, and year. They went free in order that they might enable their soldiers to kill one-third of the people.

What did the four angels do when they heard the voice?

When they heard the voice, the four angels were released to kill a third of humanity.

Revelation 9:16

ULT

16 And the number of the soldiers on horseback {was} two myriads of myriads; I heard their number.

UST

16 The number of those soldiers riding on horses was two hundred million. I heard someone say how many there were.

How many soldiers on horseback did John see?

John saw 200,000,000 soldiers on horseback.

Revelation 9:17

ULT

17 And this is how I saw the horses in {my} vision and the ones riding on them—having breastplates {that were} fiery red and dark blue and sulfurous yellow. And the heads of the horses {were} as heads of lions, and from their mouths came fire and smoke and sulfur.

UST

17 In the vision I saw what the horses and the soldiers who rode them looked like. The soldiers wore breastplates that were red like fire, dusky blue like smoke, and yellow like sulfur. The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions. From their mouths came fire, smoke, and fumes of burning sulfur.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:18

ULT

18 A third of mankind were killed by these three plagues: by the fire and the smoke and the sulfur coming out from their mouths.

UST

18 Those three things—the fire, the smoke, and the burning sulfur from the horses' mouths—killed one-third of the people.

What plagues killed a third of the people?

The plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur from the mouths of the horses killed a third of the people.

Revelation 9:19

ULT

[19] For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails—for their tails {are} like snakes having heads, and with them they injure {people}.

UST

[19] The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails. Their tails had heads like snakes by which they harmed people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 9:20

ULT

[20] And the rest of mankind, the ones not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they will not worship the demons and the idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, that are neither able to see nor to hear nor to walk.

UST

[20] But the rest of the people, those who were not killed by the plagues of fire and smoke and burning sulfur, did not turn from the sinful things they were doing. They did not stop worshiping demons or the idols that they themselves had made of gold, of silver, of bronze, of stone, and of wood. The people did not stop worshiping them, even though they were idols that could not see, hear, or walk.

How did the people not killed by the plagues respond?

The people not killed by the plagues did not repent of their works, nor did they stop worshiping demons.

Revelation 9:21

ULT

[21] And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorcery nor of their sexual immorality nor of their thefts.

UST

[21] They did not stop murdering people, or practicing sorcery, or acting in sexually immoral ways, or stealing things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 10

Revelation 10:1

ULT

[1] And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, having been clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head and his face like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire,

UST

[1] In the vision I saw another mighty angel come down out of heaven. A cloud surrounded him. There was a rainbow over his head. His face shone like the sun. His legs looked like columns of fire.

What did the face and feet of the mighty angel that John saw look like?

The angel had a face like the sun and feet like pillars of fire.

Revelation 10:2

ULT

[2] and having in his hand a little scroll, {which} had been opened. And he put his right foot on the sea and {his} left on the land,

UST

[2] He had in his hand a small scroll that was open. He set his right foot on the ocean and his left foot on the land.

Where did the angel stand?

The angel stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.

Revelation 10:3

ULT

[3] and he shouted in a loud voice like a roaring lion. And when he shouted, the seven thunders spoke out with {their} own voices.

UST

[3] He shouted something with a loud voice, a voice like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, it thundered seven times; in the thunder were words that I could understand.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 10:4

ULT

4 And when the seven thunders spoke out, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down.”

UST

4 I was about to write the words of the seven thunders, but a voice from heaven said to me, “Keep secret what the thunders said! Do not write it down!”

What was John told not to write?

John was told not to write what the seven thunders said.

Revelation 10:5

ULT

5 And the angel that I saw standing on the sea and on the earth raised his right hand to heaven

UST

5 Then the angel whom I had seen standing on the ocean and the land raised his right hand toward heaven,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 10:6

ULT

6 and swore by the one living forever {and} ever, who created heaven and the {things} in it and the earth and the {things} in it and the sea and the {things} in it, “There will no longer be a delay.

UST

6 and he asked the one who lives forever—the one who created heaven and everything that is in it, who created the earth and everything that is on it, and who created the ocean and everything that is in it—to say that what he was going to say was true. The angel said that God would no longer delay in doing what he had planned to do.

By whom did the mighty angel swear?

The mighty angel swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven, the earth, and the sea.

Revelation 10:7

ULT

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound a trumpet, then the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he proclaimed the good news to {his} own servants the prophets."

UST

7 He said that when the time came for the seventh angel to blow his trumpet, God's secret plan would be finished, just as he had said long ago to his servants, the prophets.

What did the mighty angel say would no longer be delayed?

The angel said that when the seventh trumpet was blown, there would be no more delay, but the mystery of God would be accomplished.

Revelation 10:8

ULT

8 And the voice that I heard from heaven is speaking to me again, and saying: "Go, take the scroll {that} has been opened in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land."

UST

8 The one whom I had heard speak from heaven spoke to me again. He said, "Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the ocean and on the land."

What was John told to take from the mighty angel?

John was told to take an open scroll from the angel.

Revelation 10:9

ULT

9 And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he says to me, "Take and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey."

UST

9 So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take it and eat it. In your mouth it will taste sweet like honey, but it will make your stomach bitter."

What did the angel say would happen when John ate the scroll?

The angel said that the scroll would be sweet in John's mouth but bitter in his stomach.

Revelation 10:10

ULT

10 And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it, and it was as sweet {as} honey in my mouth, but after I ate it, my stomach became bitter.

UST

10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. In my mouth it tasted sweet like honey, but then it made my stomach bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 10:11

ULT

11 And they said to me, "It is necessary for you to prophesy again about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

UST

11 Then someone said to me, "You must speak God's messages again about many nations, people groups, speakers of many languages, and many kings."

After he ate the scroll, about what was John told to prophesy?

John was told to prophesy about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.

Revelation 11

Revelation 11:1

ULT

[1] And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, {someone} said, “Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and the ones worshiping in it.

UST

[1] Then an angel gave to me a reed similar to a measuring stick. God said to me, “Go to the temple, measure it and the altar in it, and count the people who are worshiping there.

What was John told to measure?

John was told to measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship in it.

Revelation 11:2

ULT

[2] But leave out the courtyard {that is} outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months.

UST

[2] But do not measure the courtyard outside of the temple building because I have given it to the non-Jewish people groups. As a result, they will trample the city of Jerusalem for forty-two months.

How long would the Gentiles trample the holy city?

The Gentiles would trample the holy city for 42 months.

Revelation 11:3

ULT

[3] And I will grant to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1, 260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

UST

[3] I will send two witnesses to announce what I reveal to them for 1, 260 days. They will show they are sad about the people’s sin by wearing rough clothes made from goat’s hair.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:4

ULT

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

UST

4 Those witnesses are the ones that are represented by the two olive trees and the two lampstands that are in the presence of the Lord, who rules the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:5

ULT

5 And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and devours their enemies, and if anyone wishes to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

UST

5 If anyone tries to harm those witnesses, fire comes from the witnesses' mouths and destroys them. If people want to harm them, the two witnesses certainly kill them in the same way.

What were the two witnesses given authority to do to those who choose to harm them?

The two witnesses were given authority to kill their enemies with fire.

Revelation 11:6

ULT

6 They have authority to close up the sky so that no rain might fall {during} the days of their prophesy, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every plague whenever they desire.

UST

6 Those witnesses will have authority over the sky in order to keep rain from falling during the time that they are announcing what God reveals to them. They also will have authority to cause water everywhere to become blood; they will also have authority to send down to the earth all kinds of plagues. They will do this as often as they wish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:7

ULT

[7] And when they have finished their testimony, the beast {that} comes up from the abyss will make war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them.

UST

[7] When they have finished announcing to people the message from God, the beast that comes up from the shaft that went down but had no ending will attack them, overcome them, and kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:8

ULT

[8] And their corpses {will be} in the street of the great city (which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt) where also their Lord was crucified.

UST

[8] The dead bodies of the two witnesses will lie in the street of the great city where their Lord was crucified, the city that is symbolically called Sodom or Egypt because its people are very evil like the people who lived in Sodom and Egypt.

Where will the bodies of the two witnesses lie?

Their bodies will lie in the street of the city, symbolically called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9

ULT

[9] And for three and a half days {some} from {every} people and tribe and tongue and nation look at their corpses, and they do not permit their corpses to be placed in a tomb.

UST

[9] Individuals of many people groups, tribes, language groups, and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days. But they will not allow anyone to bury their bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:10

ULT

10 And the ones living on the earth rejoice over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented the ones living on the earth.

UST

10 When the people who live on the earth see that the witnesses are dead, they will rejoice and celebrate. They will send gifts to each other because these two prophets had sent plagues that tormented them.

How will the people of the earth react when the two witnesses are killed?

The people of the earth will rejoice and celebrate when the two witnesses are killed.

Revelation 11:11

ULT

11 But after three and a half days, a breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on the ones seeing them.

UST

11 But after three and a half days, God will cause them to breathe again and live. They will stand up, and the people who see them will be terrified.

What will happen to the two witnesses after three and a half days? (vv11-12)

After three and a half days, the two witnesses will stand on their feet and go up to heaven.

Revelation 11:12

ULT

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.

UST

12 The two witnesses will hear a loud voice from heaven saying to them: “Come up here!” Then they will go up into heaven in a cloud. Their enemies will watch them go up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:13

ULT

13 And at that hour a great earthquake happened, and a tenth part of the city collapsed. And in the earthquake, {the} names of 7,000 men were killed, and the survivors became terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

UST

13 At that same time there will be a great earthquake, as a result of which a tenth of the buildings in the city will collapse, and seven thousand people will die. The rest of the people will be afraid and will acknowledge that the God who rules in heaven is awesome.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:14

ULT

14 The second woe has passed. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

UST

14 That will be the second terrible event. Be aware that the third terrible event will happen soon after.

After the two witnesses and the earthquake are finished, what is past?

After the two witnesses and the earthquake, the second woe is past.

Revelation 11:15

ULT

15 And the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, and loud voices spoke in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become {the kingdom} of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever {and} ever.”

UST

15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet. Voices in heaven shouted loudly, “Our Lord God and the Messiah whom he has appointed can now govern all the people in the world, and they will continue to rule those people forever!”

When the seventh trumpet was blown, what was spoken in heaven?

When the seventh trumpet was blown, it was spoken that the kingdom of the world had become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

Revelation 11:16

ULT

16 And the 24 elders sitting on their thrones in {the} presence of God fell upon their faces and worshiped God,

UST

16 The twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones in God's presence, bowed down their faces to the ground and worshiped him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 11:17

ULT

17 saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the one {who} is, and {who} was, and because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. [1]

UST

17 They said: "Lord God, you are the one who rules over everything! You are the one who exists now! You are the one who has always existed! We thank you that you have defeated with your power everyone who has rebelled against you, and you now rule over all the people in the world.

What did the elders say that the Lord God had now begun to do?

The elders said that the Lord God had now begun to reign.

Revelation 11:18

ULT

18 And the nations were enraged, but your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to your servants the prophets and to the saints and to the ones fearing your name, the small and the great, and to destroy the ones destroying the earth."

UST

18 The unbelieving people of the nations were angrily raging at you. As a result you have become very angry with them. You have decided that this is the right time for you to judge all those who have died. The time has come for you to reward all your servants who were the prophets and the others who believe in you, and all those who honor you, and this includes those who are small and those who are great. It is time for you to destroy the people who destroy the earth."

According to the elders, what time had now come?

The time had now come for the dead to be judged, for God's servants to be rewarded, and for God to destroy those who were destroying the earth.

Revelation 11:19

ULT

19 And the temple of God {that is} in heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant of the Lord was seen in his temple. And there were flashes of lightning and loud sounds and crashes of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

11:17 *[1]* but most modern versions do not.

UST

19 Then God opened his temple in heaven, and I saw in it the sacred chest, containing God's promise. Lightning was flashing; it was thundering and rumbling; the earth shook, and large hailstones fell from the sky.

What was then opened in heaven?

God's temple was then opened in heaven.

Revelation 12

Revelation 12:1

ULT

[1] And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head,

UST

[1] Then something very important appeared in the sky. It was a woman, whose clothing was the sun. The moon was under her feet. On her head was a wreath of victory that was made of twelve stars.

What great sign was seen in heaven? (vv1-2)

In heaven was seen a pregnant woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and with twelve stars on her head, crying out in birth pains.

Revelation 12:2

ULT

[2] and having in {the} womb, and she cries out in birth pains and is struggling to give birth.

UST

[2] She was about to deliver a child, and she cried out because she was suffering pain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 12:3

ULT

[3] And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a huge red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

UST

[3] Something else very unusual appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon. It had seven heads and ten horns. On each of its heads was a royal crown.

What other great sign was seen in heaven?

In heaven was seen a huge red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads.

Revelation 12:4

ULT

4 And his tail sweeps away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them down to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman {that} was about to give birth, so that when she would give birth, he might devour her child.

UST

4 The dragon's tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and threw them to the earth. The dragon set himself in front of the woman who was about to give birth in order that he might eat her child as soon as it was born.

What did the dragon do with his tail?

The dragon swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them down to earth.

What did the dragon desire to do?

The dragon desired to devour the child of the woman.

Revelation 12:5

ULT

5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is going to rule all the nations with an iron rod. And her child was snatched away to God and to his throne,

UST

5 Then she gave birth to a son who is destined to rule all groups of people with complete authority as if he were using an iron rod. God snatched away her child and took him to his throne.

What was the male child going to do?

The male child was going to rule all the nations with an iron rod.

Where did the male child go?

The male child was snatched away to God and to his throne.

Revelation 12:6

ULT

6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God there, so that they might provide for her there for 1, 260 days.

UST

6 But the woman fled into the wilderness. She has a place there that God has prepared for her in order that he may take care of her for 1, 260 days.

Where did the woman go?

The woman fled into the wilderness.

Revelation 12:7

ULT

7 And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought back.

UST

7 Then there was a battle in heaven. Michael and the angels that he commanded fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back against Michael and his angels.

Who fought in heaven?

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels.

Revelation 12:8

ULT

8 But he was not strong enough, nor was a place found for them any longer in heaven.

UST

8 But the dragon did not win the battle; nor did God allow the dragon and his angels to stay in heaven any longer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 12:9

ULT

9 And the great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent called {the} devil and Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

UST

9 Instead, God threw the huge dragon out of heaven. The dragon is the ancient serpent, the one whose names are the Devil and Satan. He is the one who deceives people all over the earth. He was thrown to the earth along with all his angels.

What happened to the dragon and his angels after the battle?

The dragon and his angels were thrown down to the earth.

Who is the dragon?

The dragon is the old serpent, the devil, or Satan.

Revelation 12:10

ULT

10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, the one accusing them before our God day and night.

UST

10 Then I heard someone in heaven shout loudly, “Now our God has saved his people by his power, and he rules all people! Now the Messiah has begun to rule! This is because God has thrown the accuser of our fellow believers out of heaven. He was the one who stood before God day and night and told him that they had done what is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 12:11

ULT

11 And they conquered him through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even to death.

UST

11 Our fellow believers overcame him because the Lamb had shed his blood and died for them and because they spoke the truth about him to other people. They did not seek to remain alive, but were willing to let people kill them for speaking the truth about him.

How did the brothers conquer the dragon?

The brothers conquered the dragon by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

Revelation 12:12

ULT

12 Therefore rejoice, heavens, and the ones residing in them! Woe to the earth and to the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having terrible anger because he knows he has {only} a little time!”

UST

12 So everyone in heaven should rejoice. But terrible things will happen to you people who live on the earth and on the ocean because the devil has come down to you. He is very angry because he knows that he has only a short time before God judges and punishes him.”

How much time does the dragon know he has?

The dragon knows he has only a little time.

Revelation 12:13

ULT

13 And when the dragon realized that he was thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

UST

13 When the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to a son.

What was done for the woman when the dragon pursued her? (vv13-14)

The woman was given wings to fly to the place prepared for her, where she would be taken care of.

Revelation 12:14

ULT

14 But two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman so that she might flee to the wilderness to her place, where she is taken care of there for a time and times and half a time—away from {the} face of the serpent.

UST

14 But God gave to the woman two wings like the wings of a very large eagle in order that she might fly into the wilderness. There is a place there that God had prepared for her. There God took care of her for three and one-half years. The serpent, that is, the dragon, was not able to reach her there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 12:15

ULT

15 And the serpent poured water like a river out from his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away by a flood.

UST

15 Then the serpent poured water like a river from his mouth toward the woman in order to sweep her away with the water.

When the dragon could not sweep away the woman, what did the dragon do? (vv15-17)
The dragon went off to make war with those who obey God's commandments and who hold to the testimony about Jesus.

Revelation 12:16

ULT

16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon poured out from his mouth.

UST

16 But the ground helped the woman by opening up and swallowing the river that the dragon poured out from his mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 12:17

ULT

17 And the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, the ones keeping the commandments of God and holding to the testimony of Jesus.

UST

17 Then the dragon was very angry with the woman, so he went away to fight against the rest of her descendants. They are the people who obey God's commandments and who speak the truth about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13

Revelation 13:1

ULT

1 And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns {were} ten crowns, and on its heads {was} a blasphemous name. [1]

UST

1 Then I saw a beast come up out of the ocean. It had ten horns and seven heads. On each of its horns there was a royal crown. On each of its heads there was a name that insulted God.

From where did the beast come that John saw?

The beast came up out of the sea.

Revelation 13:2

ULT

2 And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, and its feet {were} like a bear's, and its mouth {was} like a lion's mouth, and the dragon gave his power to it, and his throne and {his} great authority.

UST

2 This beast was like a leopard. But its feet were like the feet of a bear, and its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. The dragon made the beast very powerful. He gave him the authority to rule over people as king.

What did the dragon give to the beast?

The dragon gave to the beast his power, a throne, and authority to rule.

Revelation 13:3

ULT

3 And one of its heads {was} like it had been killed, but its fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth marveled {and followed} after the beast,

UST

3 One of the heads of the beast looked as if someone had wounded it so that it died. But its wound had healed. As a result, all the people of the earth marveled at the beast and followed it.

Why did the whole earth marvel and follow the beast?

The whole earth marveled and followed the beast because he had a lethal wound that had been healed.

Revelation 13:4

ULT

[4] and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave {his} authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who {is} like the beast, and who is able to fight against it?”

UST

[4] They also worshiped the dragon because he had given the beast authority to rule over them. They also worshiped the beast and said, “No one is as powerful as the beast! Who could ever fight against it?”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:5

ULT

[5] And to it was given a mouth speaking great {things} and blasphemies, and authority was given to it to act for 42 months.

UST

[5] God allowed the beast to speak proudly and to insult him. God also allowed it to rule the people for forty-two months.

What did the beast speak with his mouth? (vv5-6)

The beast spoke proud words and insults against God, his name, the place where he lived, and those who live in heaven.

Revelation 13:6

ULT

[6] And it opened its mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle—the ones residing in heaven.

UST

[6] When it spoke, it insulted God, his name, the place where he lives, and all who live in heaven.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:7

ULT

7 And to it was granted to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to it over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.

UST

7 God also allowed the beast to fight against his people and conquer them. It had authority to rule over every tribe, over every nation, over the speakers of every language, and over every people group.

What was the beast permitted to do with the holy people?

The beast was permitted to make war with the holy people and to conquer them.

Revelation 13:8

ULT

8 And all the ones living on the earth will worship it—everyone {whose} name has not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb {that} was slaughtered from {the} foundation of {the} world.

UST

8 All the people living on earth will worship it. Those who worship it are the ones whose names are not written in the Book of Life. That was the book that was written before the creation of the world, and it belongs to the Lamb who was killed.

Who will not worship the beast?

Those whose name is written in the book of life will not worship the beast.

Revelation 13:9

ULT

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

UST

9 Everyone who wants to understand must listen carefully to this message from God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:10

ULT

10 If anyone {is} for captivity, {to captivity} he goes; if anyone will be killed with {the} sword, with {the} sword he must be killed. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

UST

10 If God has decided that some people will be captured by their enemies, they will be captured. If God has decided that some people will die in war, they will die in war. So God's people must endure suffering and be faithful to him.

To what are those who are holy called?

Those who are holy are called to patient endurance and faith.

Revelation 13:11

ULT

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it was speaking like a dragon.

UST

11 Then I saw another beast come up from the earth. It had two small horns on its head as a sheep has. But it spoke harshly as a dragon does.

From where did the other beast that John saw come?

The other beast came up out of the earth.

What kind of horns and speaking did the other beast have?

The other beast had horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Revelation 13:12

ULT

12 And it exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and it makes {it} so that the earth and the ones living on it will worship the first beast—the one whose lethal wound had been healed.

UST

12 It rules people with power in order to do what the first beast wants. It forces the people who live on the earth to worship the first beast, that is, the beast that almost died but whose wound was healed.

What did the other beast cause those who live on the earth to do?

The other beast caused those who live on the earth to worship the first beast.

Revelation 13:13

ULT

13 And it does great signs, so that he might even cause fire to come down to the earth from heaven in front of mankind.

UST

13 The second beast also did awesome miracles, even causing fire from the sky to fall to earth while people watched.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:14

ULT

14 And it deceives the ones living on the earth through the signs that it has been granted to do in {the} presence of the beast, telling the ones living on the earth to make an image to the beast that has the wound of the sword, but lived.

UST

14 He did these miracles on behalf of the first beast. By doing that, he deceived the people on the earth so that they thought they should worship the first beast. But this happened only because God allowed it to happen. The second beast told the people living on earth to make an idol to represent the first beast, the one that was alive, even though someone had killed him with a sword.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:15

ULT

15 And it was granted to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak, and might cause whoever does not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

UST

15 God allowed the second beast to breathe life into that idol in order that the idol might speak. And the beast commanded that whoever refused to worship the idol should be killed.

What happened to those who refused to worship the beast?

Those who refused to worship the beast were killed.

Revelation 13:16

ULT

16 And it caused everyone, the small and the great and the rich and the poor and the free and the slave, so that they might give to them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,

UST

16 The second beast also required that people should write the first beast's name on the right hand or on the forehead of everyone, whether these were important people or unimportant people, rich or poor, free or slave. Everyone!

What did everyone receive from the other beast?

Everyone received a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.

Revelation 13:17

ULT

17 and so that no one was able to buy or to sell except the one having the mark—the name of the beast, or the number of its name.

UST

17 The second beast required this so that people could not buy anything or sell anything if they did not have the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number representing its name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 13:18

ULT

18 Here is wisdom: The one having understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast. For it is {the} number of a man, and its number is 666.
13:1 [1] at the beginning of this verse, but the best manuscripts include it as 12:18.

UST

18 You must think wisely to understand the meaning of the mark. Anyone who thinks wisely should understand that the number represents mankind. It is 666.

What is the number of the beast?

The number of the beast is 666.

Revelation 14

Revelation 14:1

ULT

1 And I looked and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him {were} 144,000 having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads.

UST

1 But then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. With him were 144,000 people. He had written his name and his Father's name on their foreheads.

Who did John see standing before him?

John saw the Lamb standing before him on Mount Zion.

Revelation 14:2

ULT

2 And I heard a voice from heaven as a roar of many waters and as {the} sound of loud thunder, and the voice I heard was like harpists playing on their harps.

UST

2 I heard a sound from heaven, which was as loud as the sound of a huge waterfall or mighty thunder. It also sounded like many people playing on harps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:3

ULT

3 And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 {who} had been bought from the earth.

UST

3 The 144,000 people were singing a new song while they stood in front of the throne, in front of the four living creatures, and in front of the elders. Only the 144,000 people, the ones whom the Lamb had redeemed from among the people on the earth, could learn that song. No one else could learn that song.

Who was able to learn the new song being sung before the throne?

Only the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth were able to learn the new song.

Revelation 14:4

ULT

4 These are the ones that did not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among mankind as firstfruits for God and for the Lamb,

UST

4 Those 144,000 are the people who are spiritually pure, like virgins are morally pure. They have not made themselves impure by worshipping any false god. They are the ones who accompany Jesus, the one who is like a lamb, wherever he goes. They represent all those whom he has redeemed for God from among the people of earth, in order that he might offer them to God and to the lamb.

Who was redeemed as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb? (vv4-5)

The 144,000 who were blameless were redeemed as firsfruits to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:5

ULT

5 and no lie was found in their mouth, for they are blameless. *[1]*

UST

5 These people never lied when they spoke, and they never acted immorally.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:6

ULT

6 And I saw another angel flying in midair, having {the} eternal gospel to proclaim to the ones living on the earth—even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people—

UST

6 Then I saw another angel flying between the sky and heaven. He was bringing God's eternal good news to earth in order that he might proclaim it to people who live on the earth. He will proclaim it to every nation, to every tribe, to speakers of every language, and to every people group.

To whom did the angel give the eternal message of good news?

The angel gave the eternal message of good news to every nation, tribe, language, and people on the earth.

Revelation 14:7

ULT

[7] saying in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. And worship the one having made the heaven and the earth and {the} sea and {the} springs of water.”

UST

[7] He said in a loud voice, “Honor God and praise him because it is now time for him to judge everyone! Worship him because he is the one who created the heaven, the earth, the ocean, and the springs of water.”

What did the angel tell those who live on the earth to do?

The angel told them to fear God and to give him glory.

What time did the angel say had come?

The angel said the hour of God’s judgment had come.

Revelation 14:8

ULT

[8] And another {angel}—a second—followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen {is} Babylon the great, who caused all the nations to drink from the wine of her immoral passion.”

UST

[8] Another angel, a second one, came after him saying, “The very evil city of Babylon is now completely destroyed! Babylon made people of all the nations engage with her in the passion of sexual immorality. Babylon is like someone who gives another person too much wine to drink!”

What did the second angel announce?

The second angel announced that Babylon the great had fallen.

Revelation 14:9

ULT

[9] And another angel—a third—followed them, saying in a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

UST

[9] Another angel, a third one, came afterward, saying in a loud voice, “If people worship the beast and its image or allow its mark to be put on their foreheads or on their hands,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:10

ULT

10 he will also drink from the wine of the wrath of God {that} has been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur before {the} holy angels and before the Lamb.

UST

10 God will be angry with them and his anger will be like strong wine that he will make them drink. He will torment them in burning sulfur in the presence of his holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

What did the third angel say would happen to those who received the mark of the beast?

Those who received the mark of the beast would be tormented with fire and sulfur.

Revelation 14:11

ULT

11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever {and} ever, and they have no rest day and night—the ones worshiping the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

UST

11 The smoke from the fire that torments them will rise forever. God will torment them continually, day and night. This is what will happen to the people who worship the beast and its image or who allow its name to be written on them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:12

ULT

12 Here is the endurance of the saints, the ones keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”

UST

12 So God’s people, those who obey what God commands and who trust in Jesus, must faithfully continue obeying and trusting him.

To what were the saints called?

The saints were called to patient endurance.

Revelation 14:13

ULT

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write: Blessed {are} the dead dying in {the} Lord from now on.”
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “so that they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.”

UST

13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: How fortunate from now on are those who die in union with the Lord.” God’s Spirit says, “Yes, after they die, they will no longer have to endure suffering. Instead, they will rest, and everyone will know the good things that they have done.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:14

ULT

14 And I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud {was one} like a son of man, having a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

UST

14 Then I saw another surprising thing. It was a white cloud, and on the cloud someone was sitting who looked like the Son of Man. He was wearing a golden crown on his head. In his hand he held a sharp sickle.

Who did John see seated on the cloud?

John saw one like a Son of Man seated on the cloud.

Revelation 14:15

ULT

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud: “Send out your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth has ripened.”

UST

15 Still another angel came out of the temple in heaven. In a loud voice, he said to the one who was sitting on the cloud, “The time has come to reap the grain on the earth, so with your sickle reap the grain because the grain is ripe.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:16

ULT
16 And the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

UST
16 Then the one who was sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and he harvested the earth.

What did the one sitting on the cloud do?
The one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle to harvest the earth.

Revelation 14:17

ULT
17 And another angel came out from the temple {that is} in heaven, he himself also having a sharp sickle.

UST
17 Another angel came out of the sanctuary in heaven. He also held a sharp sickle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:18

ULT
18 And another angel, the one having authority over the fire, {came} from the altar, and he shouted in a loud voice to the one holding the sharp sickle, saying, “Send out your sharp sickle and gather in the clusters of grapes of the vines of the earth, since their grapes have ripened.”

UST
18 From the altar came still another angel. He is the one who takes care of the fire of the altar. He said in a loud voice to the angel who held the sickle, “With your sickle cut off the clusters of grapes in the vineyards on the earth! Then gather the clusters of grapes together because its grapes are ripe!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 14:19

ULT

19 And the angel swung his sickle to the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and he threw {it} into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

UST

19 So the angel swung his sickle on the earth. Then he threw the grapes into the huge place where God will angrily punish.

What did the angel with the sickle do?

The angel with the sickle gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the wine vat of God's wrath.

Revelation 14:20

ULT

20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood poured out from the winepress up to the bridles of the horses, for 1, 600 stadia.
14:5 *[1]*

UST

20 God trampled the grapes in the winepress outside the city, and blood came out! The blood flowed in a stream so deep that it reached up to the bridles of the horses and extended for three hundred kilometers.

What happened at the winepress of God?

The winepress was stomped and blood poured out from it.

Revelation 15

Revelation 15:1

ULT

[1] And I saw another great and marvelous sign in heaven: seven angels having seven plagues—the final {ones}, because with them the wrath of God will be completed.

UST

[1] Something else very unusual appeared in the sky. I saw seven angels. They were huge and amazing. It was their duty to punish rebellious people in seven different ways. This is the last time that God will punish people this way, for it will fully show how angry he is.

What did the seven angels that John saw have with them?

The seven angels had seven plagues, which are the final plagues.

Revelation 15:2

ULT

[2] Then I saw {something} like a sea of glass having been mixed with fire. And the ones being victorious over the beast and over his image and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

UST

[2] I saw what looked like an ocean that looked as though it was made of glass and mixed with fire. I also saw the people who had overcome the beast by not worshiping it or its image, and by not allowing its servant to mark them with the number that represents the beast's name. They were standing by the ocean (that was as clear as glass), and they were holding the harps that God gave them.

Who was standing by the sea?

Those who had been victorious over the beast and his image were standing by the sea.

Revelation 15:3

ULT

3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous {are} your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Righteous and true {are} your ways, King of the Ages. [1]

UST

3 They were singing a song like God’s servant Moses sang long ago. They sang this to praise the Lamb in this way: “Lord God, who rules over everything, whatever you do is powerful and marvelous! You always act righteously and truthfully. You are king forever over all the groups of people!

Whose song were those standing by the sea singing?

Those standing by the sea were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

How were God’s ways described in the song?

God’s ways were described as just and true.

Revelation 15:4

ULT

4 Who will not fear, Lord, and glorify your name, because {you} alone {are} holy? For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

UST

4 O Lord, everyone will fear you and honor you because you alone are holy. All kinds of people will come and bow down before you because you have shown that you have judged everyone in the right way.”

In the song, who will come and worship God?

All nations will come and worship God.

Revelation 15:5

ULT

5 And after these {things} I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

UST

5 After this I saw that the temple in heaven was open, where the sacred tent was.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 15:6

ULT

6 And the seven angels holding the seven plagues came out from the temple, having been clothed with pure, bright linen and with golden sashes having been wrapped around {their} chests.

UST

6 The seven angels whose duty it was to punish rebellious people in seven different ways came out of the very holy place. The angels were dressed in clean, white linen garments; they wore gold bands around their chests.

What then came out of the Most Holy Place?

The seven angels with the seven plagues then came out of the Most Holy Place.

Revelation 15:7

ULT

7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, {who} lives forever {and} ever.

UST

7 One of the four living creatures gave each of the seven angels a golden bowl filled with wine. The wine symbolized that God, who lives forever, was very angry with the people who had rebelled against him and was going to punish them.

What was given to the seven angels?

The seven angels were given seven bowls full of the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:8

ULT

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.
15:3 *[1]* instead of

UST

8 The temple was filled with smoke that symbolized the presence of the glorious and all-powerful God. No one was able to enter the temple until the seven angels finished punishing the people of the earth in seven different ways.

Until when could no one enter the Most Holy Place?

Until the seven plagues were completed, no one could enter the Most Holy Place.

Revelation 16

Revelation 16:1

ULT

1 And I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth.”

UST

1 In the vision I heard someone in the temple speak in a loud voice to the angels who had the seven bowls. He said, “Go from here and pour out on the earth the wine in the seven bowls. This will make the people suffer because God is angry with them.”

What were the seven angels told to do?

The seven angels were told to go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of God’s wrath.

Revelation 16:2

ULT

2 So the first {angel} went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and an ugly and painful sore happened on the men having the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping its image.

UST

2 So the first angel went and poured out on the earth what was contained in his bowl. As a result, horrible and painful sores broke out on the people who had allowed the beast’s servants to write the beast’s name on them, those who had worshiped the beast’s image.

What happened when the first bowl of God’s wrath was poured out?

Ugly and painful sores came on the people who had the mark of the beast.

Revelation 16:3

ULT

3 And the second {angel} poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood, as of a dead {person}, and every living thing in the sea died.

UST

3 Then the second angel poured out upon the ocean what was contained in his bowl. When he poured out his bowl, the water changed its appearance, and it turned into blood, but not living blood. It was like the blood of a dead man, and every creature that lived in the ocean died.

What happened when the second bowl of God's wrath was poured out?

The sea became like the blood of a dead person.

Revelation 16:4

ULT

4 And the third {angel} poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and it became blood.

UST

4 Then the third angel poured out upon the rivers and water springs what was contained in his bowl. When he poured out his bowl, the water in the rivers and springs turned into blood.

What happened when the third bowl of God's wrath was poured out?

The rivers and springs of water became blood.

Revelation 16:5

ULT

5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous—the one {who} is and {who} was, the Holy One— because you have judged these {things}. [1]

UST

5 I heard the angel who has power over the waters say to God, "O God, you exist and have always existed. You are the holy one. You are a fair judge of people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:6

ULT

[6] Because they poured out {the} blood of {the} saints and prophets, you have also given them blood to drink; it is appropriate."

UST

[6] The people who rebelled against you murdered your holy people and the prophets. So you are just in punishing them by giving them blood to drink. This is what they deserve."

Why was it true and just that God gave these people blood to drink?

It was true and just because these people had poured out the blood of God's saints and prophets.

Revelation 16:7

ULT

[7] And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God Almighty, your judgments {are} true and righteous."

UST

[7] Then I heard someone at the altar answer, "Yes, Lord God, you who rule over everything, you punish people rightly and justly."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:8

ULT

[8] And the fourth {angel} poured out his bowl on the sun and it was granted to it to scorch men with fire.

UST

[8] Then the fourth angel poured out on the sun what was contained in his bowl. He was given permission to make the sun so hot that it would scorch people with fire.

What happened when the fourth bowl of God's wrath was poured out?

The sun scorched the people with fire.

Revelation 16:9

ULT

9 And men were scorched by {the} great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God {who} has the authority over these plagues, but they did not repent to give him glory.

UST

9 So the people were severely burned, and they said evil things about God because he had the power to make them suffer in these ways. But they still refused to turn away from their evil behavior and refused to praise him.

How did the people respond to these plagues?

The people did not repent or give God glory.

Revelation 16:10

ULT

10 And the fifth {angel} poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom became darkened, and they chewed on their tongues because of the pain.

UST

10 When the fifth angel poured out on the throne of the beast what was contained in his bowl, it became dark where the beast ruled. So the beast and the people whom the beast ruled were biting their tongues because they were suffering intense pain.

What happened when the fifth bowl of God's wrath was poured out?

Darkness covered the kingdom of the beast.

Revelation 16:11

ULT

11 And they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and because of their sores, but they did not repent of their deeds.

UST

11 They insulted God who rules in heaven because their sores were so painful. But they refused to stop doing the evil things that they were doing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:12

ULT

12 And the sixth {angel} poured out his bowl into the great river, the Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way of the kings from {the} rising of the sun might be prepared.

UST

12 Then the sixth angel poured out on the Euphrates River what was contained in his bowl. The water in the river dried up so that the rulers from the eastern countries could cross it with their armies.

What happened when the sixth bowl of God's wrath was poured out?

The water of the Euphrates River was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east.

Revelation 16:13

ULT

13 And I saw {coming} from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet three unclean spirits like frogs,

UST

13 Then I saw evil spirits that looked like frogs. One came out of the mouth of the dragon, one from the mouth of the beast, and one from the mouth of the false prophet.

What were the three unclean spirits going out to do? (vv13-14)

The three unclean spirits were going out to gather the kings of the world for the battle on the great day of God.

Revelation 16:14

ULT

14 for they are spirits of demons performing signs, who go out to the kings of the whole inhabited world to gather them together for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

UST

14 Those spirits were demons who were able to perform miracles. They went out to the rulers of the whole world in order to gather their armies. This is so that they will fight on the important day when Almighty God punishes his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:15

ULT

15 ("Behold! I come as a thief! Blessed {is} the one watching and keeping his garments, so that he might not walk around naked and they might see his shameful condition.")

UST

15 (I heard the Lord Jesus say, "You must listen carefully to me: I am coming unexpectedly, like a thief. So I will be happy with those who stay alert and keep on living in the right way so that they will not be ashamed. They will be just like a person who keeps his clothes on so that he will not be ashamed in front of other people.")

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:16

ULT

16 And they brought them together at the place {that} is called Armageddon in Hebrew.

UST

16 The evil spirits will gather the rulers at a place named in the Hebrew language Armageddon.

What was the name of the place where the kings of the world were brought together?

The name of the place was Armageddon.

Revelation 16:17

ULT

17 And the seventh {angel} poured out his bowl into the air and a loud voice came out from the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

UST

17 Then the seventh angel poured out into the air what was contained in his bowl. As a result, someone said with a loud voice from the throne in the very holy place, "The time for God to punish rebellious people is finished."

What happened when the seventh bowl of God's wrath was poured out? (vv17-18)

A loud voice said, "It is done!" and there was lightning, thunder, and an earthquake.

Revelation 16:18

ULT

18 And there came about flashes of lightning and sounds and crashes of thunder, and a great earthquake happened—such as has not ever happened from {when} man had not {yet} been on the earth, so powerful {and} great {was} {the} earthquake.

UST

18 When the angel emptied his bowl, lightning flashed, there were rumblings and thunder, and the earth shook. It shook more violently than it had ever shaken since people first lived on earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:19

ULT

19 And the great city became {split} into three parts and the cities of the nations collapsed, and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of his fury.

UST

19 As a result, the very large city split into three parts. God also destroyed the cities in the other nations. God did not forget that the people of Babylon had sinned very much. So he made them drink a cup of the wine that made them suffer because he was angry with them.

At this time, what did God call to mind and do?

At this time, God called to mind Babylon the great, and he gave Babylon the cup filled with his wrath.

Revelation 16:20

ULT

20 And every island fled, and {the} mountains were not found.

UST

20 Also as a result of the earthquake, every island disappeared, and the mountains became flat land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 16:21

ULT

21 And great hailstones, about a talent {in weight}, come down from heaven upon men, and the men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because that plague is exceedingly great.
16:5 *[1]*

UST

21 Huge hailstones, each weighing thirty-three kilograms, fell from the sky onto the people. Then people blasphemed God because he had punished them in this terrible way, and because the hailstones were very large.

How did the people respond to these plagues?

The people cursed God.

Revelation 17

Revelation 17:1

ULT

1 And one of the seven angels holding the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute {who} is seated on many waters,

UST

1 One of the seven angels, who had one of the seven bowls, came to me and said, “Come with me and I will show you how God will punish the prostitute, the woman who represents the city in which there are many canals of water.

What did the angel say he would show John?

The angel said he would show John the condemnation of the great prostitute.

Revelation 17:2

ULT

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality and the ones living on the earth became drunk from the wine of her sexual immorality.”

UST

2 The kings of the earth have acted immorally and idolatrously with her. The people on the earth acted immorally in the same way. It was as if they had gotten drunk on wine that she gave them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 17:3

ULT

3 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast being full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

UST

3 Then God’s Spirit took control of me, and the angel carried me away to a desolate area. There I saw a woman who was sitting on a red beast. The beast had written names all over itself. They were names that insulted God. The beast had seven heads and ten horns.

On what was the woman sitting?

The woman was sitting on a beast with seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:4

ULT

4 And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and had been adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of detestable {things} and the impurities of her sexual immorality,

UST

4 The woman was wearing purple and red clothes. She had jewelry of gold, precious stones, and pearls; she held in her hand a golden cup. The cup was full of something to drink that stands for the detestable and filthy things that she does when she commits sexual immorality.

What was in the cup which the woman held in her hand?

The cup was full of detestable things and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

Revelation 17:5

ULT

5 and on her forehead had been written a name: “Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth.”

UST

5 There was a name written on her forehead, a name with a secret meaning. It is “This woman is Babylon, the very evil city! She is the mother of all the prostitutes on the earth. She teaches them to do all the filthy, immoral things in the world.”

What was the woman’s name?

The woman’s name was “Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Detestable Things of the Earth.”

Revelation 17:6

ULT

6 And I saw that the woman is drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus, and having seen her, I marveled with great wonder.

UST

6 I saw that the woman had become drunk because she had drunk the blood of God’s people, those who had suffered for proclaiming the truth about Jesus. When I saw her, I was completely amazed.

With what was the woman drunk?

The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and martyrs for Jesus.

Revelation 17:7

ULT

7 But the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast, the one carrying her, having the seven heads and the ten horns.

UST

7 The angel said to me, “Do not be amazed. I will explain to you the hidden meaning of the woman and of the beast on which she rides, the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 17:8

ULT

8 The beast that you saw existed, does not exist now, but is about to come up from the abyss, and it will go to destruction, and the ones living on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life since {the} foundation of {the} world, will be astounded, seeing the beast that existed, and does not exist, but will come.

UST

8 The beast that you saw lived previously. Eventually God will destroy him, but now he is not alive. He is about to come up from the shaft that went down but had no ending. When that beast appears again, the people on the earth will be amazed. They are people whose names have not been written in the Book of Life before God created the world.

From where did the beast come on which the woman sat?

The beast came up from the deep, bottomless pit.

To where was the beast going?

The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:9

ULT

9 Here {is} the mind that has wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills where the woman is seated on them, and they are seven kings;

UST

9 People need to think wisely to understand this: The seven heads of the beast on which the woman sits symbolize the seven hills of the city that the woman represents. They also symbolize seven rulers.

What were the seven heads of the beast? (vv9-10)

The seven heads were seven hills on which the woman was seated and were also seven kings.

Revelation 17:10

ULT
10 five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come. But when he comes, it is necessary for him to remain a little {while}.

UST
10 Five of those rulers have died. One is still alive. The seventh ruler has not yet come. When he comes, he must remain for only a short time.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 17:11

ULT
11 And the beast that was but is not, is itself also an eighth {king}; but is from among the seven and is going to destruction.

UST
11 The beast that lived before and then was not alive will be the eighth ruler. He is actually one of those seven rulers, but God will certainly destroy him.

To where was the beast going?
The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:12

ULT
12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings for one hour with the beast.

UST
12 The ten horns that you saw represent ten rulers who have not yet begun to rule. They will receive authority in order to rule people together with the beast, but they will rule for only a short time, as if it were for only one hour.

What were the ten horns of the beast?
The ten horns were ten kings.

Revelation 17:13

ULT
13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

UST
13 Those rulers will all agree to do the same thing. As a result they will give to the beast their right and authority to rule people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 17:14

ULT
14 They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and the ones with him {are} called and chosen and faithful.”

UST
14 The rulers and the beast will fight against the lamb. He will defeat them because he is the Lord who rules over all other lords and the King who rules over all other kings. The people who are with him are the ones whom God has chosen and called to himself, and who keep serving him faithfully.”

What would the kings and the beast do when they were of one mind?
When they were of one mind, they would make war against the Lamb.

Revelation 17:15

ULT
15 And he says to me, “The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

UST
15 Then the angel said to me, “The waters that you saw in the city represent many different kinds of people, and many different groups of people, and different languages that the people speak, where the prostitute sits.

What were the waters where the prostitute was seated?
The waters were peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

Revelation 17:16

ULT

16 And the ten horns that you saw, and the beast—they will hate the prostitute, and they will make her desolate and naked, and they will devour her flesh, and they will burn her completely with fire,

UST

16 The ten horns that you saw represent rulers. They and the beast will hate the prostitute. So they will take away everything that is in the city as if they were leaving it naked. They will destroy it as if devouring flesh, and they will burn it completely.

What would the kings and the beast do to the woman?

They would make the woman desolate and naked, devour her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:17

ULT

17 for God has put into their hearts to do his purpose and to do one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God will be fulfilled.

UST

17 They will do that because God has caused them to decide to do what he wants them to do. As a result, they will let the beast have their power to rule until what God has said is fulfilled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 17:18

ULT

18 And the woman that you saw is the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

UST

18 The prostitute that you saw represents the very evil city whose leaders rule over the kings of the earth."

What was the woman that John saw?

The woman that John saw was the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18

Revelation 18:1

ULT

1 After these {things} I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illumined by his glory.

UST

1 After this I saw another angel, one who had great authority, coming down from heaven. The earth became bright because he was shining so intensely.

What announcement did the angel with great authority make? (vv1-2)

The angel announced that Babylon the great had fallen.

Revelation 18:2

ULT

2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “Fallen {is} Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a refuge of every unclean spirit and a refuge of every unclean and detestable bird. [1]

UST

2 He shouted with a very loud voice, “God is about to completely destroy the very evil city of Babylon. As a result, all kinds of evil spirits will live there, and all kinds of foul and detestable birds will live there. Babylon is like a prostitute

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:3

ULT

3 For all the nations have drunk from the wine of her immoral passion and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the power of her sensual way of living.”

UST

3 with whom all the people groups engaged with her in the passion of sexual immorality, which is like getting drunk on too much wine. Yes, and the kings of the earth have done the same things with her. The merchants of the earth have become rich because the people of those cities strongly desired and bought from the merchants many luxuries things.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:4

ULT

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out from her, my people, so that you might not share in her sins, and so that you might not receive from her plagues.

UST

4 I heard Jesus speak from heaven. He said, “My people, flee from that Babylon in order that you do not sin as those people do. If you sin as they do, I will punish you in those seven different ways, just as I will punish them.

What did the voice from heaven tell God’s people to do?

The voice told God’s people to come out from Babylon and to not share in her sins.

Revelation 18:5

ULT

5 For her sins have piled up as far as heaven, and God has remembered her sinful actions.

UST

5 It is as though their sins have been piled up to heaven and God remembers them, so now he will punish them.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:6

ULT

6 Give back to her even as she has given, and repay her double, twice as much according to her deeds; in the cup that she mixed, mix double for her.

UST

6 To the angels whom God assigned to punish Babylon, Jesus said, “Pay back the people of that city to the same extent that they harmed other people. Cause them to suffer twice as much as they caused other people to suffer.

What amount of payment did God give back to Babylon for what she had done?

God paid back Babylon double for what she had done.

Revelation 18:7

ULT

7 As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her just as much torture and grief. For she says in her heart, ‘I sit {as} a queen and I am not a widow and I will certainly not see mourning.’

UST

7 To the same extent that Babylon, like a woman, has honored herself and done the things she wanted to do, to that extent torment her and cause her to grieve. Do that because in her mind she thought, ‘I rule as a queen! I am not a widow, and I will never mourn as widows do!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:8

ULT

8 Therefore, in one day her plagues will come: death and mourning and famine, and she will be consumed by fire, for {the} Lord God {who} has judged her {is} mighty.”

UST

8 So in one day, terrible calamities will come upon her. The people in that city will die, others will mourn for them, people will be hungry because there will be no food, and the city will burn up. The Lord God is able to punish her because he is mighty.”

What plagues overtook Babylon in one day?

Death, mourning, and famine overtook Babylon in one day, and she was consumed with fire.

Revelation 18:9

ULT

9 And the kings of the earth, the ones having committed sexual immorality and having lived in luxury with her will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning,

UST

9 The kings on earth who have acted immorally with her and have done just what they wanted to do with her will weep and mourn for her when they see the smoke of the fire that will burn there.

How did the kings and merchants of the earth respond when they saw Babylon’s judgment?

When the kings and merchants of the earth saw Babylon’s judgment, they wept and wailed over her.

Why did the kings, merchants and ship’s captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment? (vv9-10)

They stood at a distance because they were afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:10

ULT

10 having stood at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, “Woe, woe to the great city, Babylon, the powerful city! For in one hour your judgment has come.”

UST

10 They will stand far away from Babylon because they will be afraid that they will suffer just as she does. They will say, “How terrible it is for Babylon, that strong city! God is punishing her suddenly and swiftly!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:11

ULT

11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, because no one buys her cargo anymore—

UST

11 The merchants of the earth will weep and will mourn for her because no one in her will ever again buy the things that they have to sell.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:12

ULT

12 cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet cloth and every scented wood and every ivory vessel and every vessel from precious wood and bronze and iron and marble

UST

12-13 They sell ornaments made of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls. They sell expensive cloth made of fine linen and silk, expensive cloth that is dyed purple and crimson. They sell all kinds of rare wood, all kinds of items made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble. They sell cinnamon, spice, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, and grain. They sell cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots. They even sell human beings as slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:13

ULT
13 and cinnamon and spice and incense and myrrh and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and chariots and slaves and souls of men.

UST
12-13 They sell ornaments made of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls. They sell expensive cloth made of fine linen and silk, expensive cloth that is dyed purple and crimson. They sell all kinds of rare wood, all kinds of items made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron, and marble. They sell cinnamon, spice, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, and grain. They sell cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots. They even sell human beings as slaves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:14

ULT
14 And your autumn fruit, the desire of {your} soul, has gone away from you, and all the luxury and the splendor has perished from you, and they will certainly not be found any longer.

UST
14 The good things you people longed to have are gone! All your luxurious and splendid possessions have vanished! They will be gone forever!

For what did Babylon long, which vanished in a single hour?
Babylon longed for luxury and splendor, which vanished in a single hour.

Revelation 18:15

ULT
15 The merchants of these {things}, having became rich, will stand at a distance from her because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning loudly,

UST
15 The merchants who sold these things and who had become rich will stand far away because they will be afraid that they will suffer just as the city has. They will weep and mourn,

Why did the kings, merchants and ship's captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment?
They stood at a distance because they were afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:16

ULT

16 saying, “Woe, woe to the great city— having been dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls—

UST

16 and they will say, “Terrible things have happened to that great city! That city was like a woman, dressed in clothes made of fine linen cloth and expensive cloth dyed purple and crimson, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:17

ULT

17 for in one hour such great wealth has been destroyed.” And every ship’s captain and all the one sailing to a place and sailors and as many as work the sea stood at a distance

UST

17 But suddenly and swiftly God has destroyed all these expensive things.” Every ship’s captain, all people who travel by ship, all sailors, and all others who earn their living by traveling on the ocean will stand far away from the city.”

Why did the kings, merchants and ship’s captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment?

They stood at a distance because they were afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:18

ULT

18 and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, “What {city} {is} like the great city?”

UST

18 When they see the smoke of the fire that is burning there, they will shout, “No other city has ever been like that great city!”

What question did the ship’s captains ask about Babylon?

The ship’s captains asked, “What city is like the great city?”

Revelation 18:19

ULT

19 And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, “Woe, woe to the great city in which all the ones having {their} ships in the sea became rich from her wealth, for in one hour she was destroyed.”

UST

19 They will throw dust on their heads to show that they are sad, and they will shout, weep, and mourn. They will say, “Terrible things have happened to Babylon. That city made many people rich, the people who had ships that sail on the ocean in order to sell their expensive things. God has suddenly and swiftly destroyed that city!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:20

ULT

20 “Rejoice over her, heaven, and saints and apostles and prophets, for God has pronounced your judgment against her!”

UST

20 Then someone spoke from heaven saying, “You who live in heaven, rejoice over what has happened to Babylon! You who are God’s people, including you apostles and prophets, rejoice. You must rejoice; God has justly punished the people there because they acted so terribly toward you!”

What were the saints, apostles, and prophets told to do when Babylon was judged by God?

The saints, apostles, and prophets were told to rejoice when Babylon was judged by God.

Revelation 18:21

ULT

21 And one mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw {it} into the sea, saying, “In this way, Babylon, the great city, will be thrown down with violence and will certainly not be seen anymore,

UST

21 Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large stone for grinding grain, and he threw it into the ocean. Then he said, “You people in the great city of Babylon, God will throw down your city so that it will disappear just as that stone disappeared in the ocean! Your city will be gone forever!

After her judgment, when would Babylon be seen again?

After her judgment, Babylon would be seen no more.

Revelation 18:22

ULT
22 and {the} sound made by harpists and musicians and flute players and trumpeters will certainly not be heard anymore in you, and every craftsman will certainly not be found in you anymore, and {the} sound of a mill will certainly not be heard anymore in you.

UST
22 In your city, there will never again be anyone playing harps, singing, playing flutes, or blowing trumpets. There will no longer be any skilled workers making things. There will never again be people grinding grain at the mills.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:23

ULT
23 And {the} light of a lamp will certainly not shine in you anymore, and {the} voices of a bridegroom and a bride will certainly not be heard in you anymore, for your merchants were the princes of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

UST
23 No lamp will ever again shine there. There will never again be the happy voices of any bridegroom and his bride. God will destroy your city because your merchants were the most important men in the world. You used witchcraft to deceive people of all groups of people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 18:24

ULT
24 And in her was found {the} blood of prophets and saints and of all the ones {that} have been killed on the earth."
18:2 *[1]*

UST
24 You are also responsible for killing the prophets and others of God's people. Indeed, you are guilty of every murder committed on the earth!"

What was found in the great city Babylon for which she was judged?
The blood of prophets, saints, and all who have been killed on the earth was found.

Revelation 19

Revelation 19:1

ULT

[1] After these {things} I heard as if {the} loud voice of a large crowd in heaven saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God,

UST

[1] After these things I heard what sounded like a huge crowd in heaven. They were shouting things like, “Hallelujah! He has saved us! Our God is glorious and mighty!

What did the loud voice in heaven say about God’s judgments? (vv1-2)

The loud voice in heaven said that God’s judgments were true and just.

Revelation 19:2

ULT

[2] because his judgments {are} true and righteous; because he has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants from her hand.”

UST

[2] Praise him because he judges truly and justly! He has punished the very evil city that was like a prostitute because their people persuaded the other people of earth to act immorally as they did. Praise him because he has punished them for murdering his servants!”

Why did God judge the great prostitute?

God judged the great prostitute because she corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality and shed the blood of God’s servants.

Revelation 19:3

ULT

[3] And they spoke a second {time}: “Hallelujah! And the smoke rises from her forever {and} ever.”

UST

[3] The crowd shouted a second time, saying, “Hallelujah! The smoke of the fire that is burning that city will rise forever!”

What will happen to the great prostitute forever and ever?

Smoke will rise from the great prostitute forever and ever.

Revelation 19:4

ULT

4 And the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God {who} is sitting on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”

UST

4 The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures prostrated themselves and worshiped God, who sits on the throne. They said: “It is true! Hallelujah!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:5

ULT

5 And a voice came out from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones fearing him, the small and the great.”

UST

5 Someone spoke from the throne and said, “All you who are his servants, praise our God! All you who honor him, whether you are important or not, everyone praise him!”

What were the servants of God who fear him told to do?

The servants of God were told to praise him.

Revelation 19:6

ULT

6 And I heard as if {the} sound of a great crowd, and as if {the} sound of many waters, and as if {the} loud sound of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For {the} Lord our God Almighty reigns.

UST

6 Then I heard something like the noise of a huge crowd of people, like the sound of a huge waterfall, and like the sound of loud claps of thunder. They were shouting: “Hallelujah! Our Lord God, who rules over everything, reigns!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:7

ULT

7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

UST

7 We should rejoice, we should be extremely glad, and we should honor him because it is now time for the Lamb to be united with the woman he is marrying. She has made herself ready.

Why did the voice say that the servants of God should rejoice and be very happy?

The servants of God were told to rejoice because the wedding celebration of the Lamb had come.

Revelation 19:8

ULT

8 And it had been given to her that she might be dressed in bright {and} clean fine linen" (for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints).

UST

8 God has permitted her to dress herself in fine linen, bright and clean." Fine, bright, and clean linen represents the righteous actions of God's people.

With what is the bride of the Lamb dressed?

The bride is dressed in fine linen, which is the righteous acts of God's holy people.

Revelation 19:9

ULT

9 And he says to me, "Write: Blessed {are} the ones {who} have been invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb," and he says to me, "These are true words of God."

UST

9 Then the angel said to me, "Write this: how fortunate are the people whom God invites to the feast when the Lamb marries his wife!" He also said to me: "These words that God declares are true!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:10

ULT

10 And I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he says to me, “Do not do that! I am a fellow servant of you and your brothers holding the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

UST

10 I immediately prostrated myself at his feet in order to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not worship me! I am just your fellow servant and the fellow servant of your fellow believers, those who speak the truth about Jesus. God is the one you should worship because it is the Spirit of God who gives people the power to speak the truth about Jesus!”

What did the angel say that the testimony about Jesus was?

The angel said that the testimony about Jesus was the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:11

ULT

11 And I saw heaven having been opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one riding on it is called faithful and true, and he judges and wages war in righteousness.

UST

11 Then I saw the heavens open up, and I was surprised to see a white horse. Jesus, the one who was riding on the horse, is called “Trustworthy and Genuine.” He judges all people according to what is right; he fights in justice against his enemies.

What is the name of the one John saw riding the white horse? (vv11-13)

The one John saw riding the white horse was called "faithful and true."

Revelation 19:12

ULT

12 Now his eyes {are like} a flame of fire, and on his head {are} many crowns, having a name written that no one knows except himself.

UST

12 His eyes shone like a flame of fire. There were many royal crowns on his head. A name had been written on him. Only he knows the meaning of that name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:13

ULT
13 And he is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God.

UST
13 The cloak he was wearing was drenched with blood. His name is also “The Message of God.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:14

ULT
14 And the armies of heaven were following him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

UST
14 The armies of heaven were following him. They were riding on white horses. They were wearing clothes made of clean white linen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:15

ULT
15 And from his mouth goes out a sharp sword so that with it he might strike the nations, and he will shepherd them with an iron rod, and he tramples the winepress of the wrath of the fury of God Almighty.

UST
15 A sharp sword extends from his mouth; with it he will strike the rebellious people groups. He himself will rule them powerfully as though he had an iron rod. He will crush his enemies as a person crushes grapes in a winepress. He will do this for God, who rules over everything and who is furiously angry with them because of their sins.

How does the Word of God strike down the nations?
Out of the mouth of the Word of God goes a sharp sword, which strikes down the nations.

Revelation 19:16

ULT
16 And he has a name written on {his} robe and on his thigh: “King of kings and Lord of lords.”

UST
16 On his cloak over his thigh a name had been written: “King who rules over all other kings and Lord who rules over all other lords.”

What is written on the Word of God’s robe and thigh?
On his robe and thigh is written, “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”.

Revelation 19:17

ULT
17 And I saw one angel standing in the sun, and he called out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in midheaven, “Come, be gathered together for the great supper of God,

UST
17 Then I saw an angel standing in the light of the sun. He called loudly to all the flesh-eating birds flying high in the sky, “Come and gather for the large feast that God is providing for you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 19:18

ULT
18 so that you might eat {the} flesh of kings and {the} flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty {men} and {the} flesh of horses and of the ones sitting on them and {the} flesh of all {men}—both free and slaves—and small and great.”

UST
18 Come and eat the flesh of all God’s enemies who are dead—the flesh of kings, of army commanders, of people who fought powerfully, of horses and of the soldiers who rode them, and the flesh of all other kinds of people, whether they were free or slave, important or not. All kinds!”

What were the birds flying overhead called to eat at the great supper?
The birds were called to eat the flesh of kings, commanders, mighty men, horses and their riders, and all men.

Revelation 19:19

ULT

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies having been gathered to make war with the one sitting on the horse and with his army.

UST

19 Then I saw the beast and the kings of earth with their armies; they had gathered together to fight against the rider on the horse and his army.

What were the beast and the kings of the earth setting out to do?

They were setting out to make war with the Word of God and his army.

Revelation 19:20

ULT

20 And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet {who} performed the signs before him, by which he deceived the ones having received the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire {that} burns with sulfur.

UST

20 The rider on the white horse captured the beast and the false prophet. The false prophet is the one who had performed miracles in the beast's presence. By doing that he had deceived the people who had accepted the beast's mark on their foreheads and who had worshiped its image. Then God threw the beast and the false prophet alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

What happened to the beast and the false prophet?

The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 19:21

ULT

21 And the rest were killed by the sword of the one sitting on the horse, the {sword} {that} came out from his mouth, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

UST

21 The rider on the horse killed the rest of their armies with his sword, the one that extended from his mouth. All the birds gorged themselves on the flesh of the people and horses that he had killed.

What happened to the rest of those fighting against the Word of God?

The rest were killed by the sword coming out of the mouth of the Word of God.

Revelation 20

Revelation 20:1

ULT

[1] And I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

UST

[1] Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the deep, dark pit, and he was carrying a large chain in his hand.

What did the angel coming down from heaven have with him?

The angel had the key to the endless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Revelation 20:2

ULT

[2] And he took hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is {the} devil and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years.

UST

[2] He seized the dragon. That dragon is the ancient serpent, the devil, that is, Satan. The angel bound him with the chain. That chain could not be loosed for one thousand years.

How long would Satan remain bound? (vv2-3)

Satan would remain bound for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:3

ULT

3 And he threw him into the abyss and shut {it} and sealed {it} over him so that he would not deceive the nations anymore until the 1,000 years would be completed. After that, it is necessary for him to be released for a short time.

UST

3 The angel threw him into the deep, dark pit. He shut the door of the pit, locked it, and sealed it to prevent anyone from opening it. He did that in order that Satan might no longer deceive all the many groups of people, until those one thousand years are ended. After that time, Satan must go free for a short time in order that he can do what God has planned.

What did the angel do with Satan?

The angel threw Satan into the bottomless pit.

What would Satan not be able to do while he was bound?

Satan would not be able to deceive the nations while he was bound.

Revelation 20:4

ULT

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them, both the souls of the ones {who} had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and {those} who did not worship the beast nor his image and did not receive the mark on {their} forehead or on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for 1,000 years.

UST

4 I saw thrones on which people were sitting. God gave them authority to judge. I also saw the souls of other people whose heads had been cut off because they had spoken the truth about Jesus and had declared God’s message. They were people who had refused to worship the beast or its image, and who had not allowed the beast’s servants to put the beast’s mark on them, either on their foreheads or on their hands. They became alive again, and they ruled with the Messiah during those one thousand years.

What happened to those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast?

Those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5

ULT

5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were ended.) This {is} the first resurrection.

UST

5 They were the ones who lived again the first time that God caused dead people to live again. The rest of the believers who had died did not live again until after those one thousand years.

When would the rest of the dead come to life?

The rest of the dead would come to life when the thousand years were ended.

Revelation 20:6

ULT

6 Blessed and holy {is} the one having a part in the first resurrection! Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for 1,000 years.

UST

6 God will be pleased with those who live again this first time. God will consider them holy. They will not die a second time. Instead, they will be priests who serve God and the Messiah, and they will rule with the Messiah during those one thousand years.

What would those who took part in the first resurrection do?

Those who took part in the first resurrection would be priests of God and Christ and would reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:7

ULT

7 But when the 1,000 years are competed, Satan will be released from his prison

UST

7 When the one thousand years are ended, God will release Satan from his prison.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 20:8

ULT

8 and will go out to deceive the nations {that are} at the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—to gather them together to the battle. The number of them {will be} like the sand of the sea.

UST

8 Satan will go out to deceive the rebellious people groups all over the earth. These are the nations that the prophet Ezekiel called Gog and Magog. Satan will gather them to fight against God's people. There will be so many of them fighting against God's people that no one will be able to count them, just as no one can count the grains of sand on the ocean shore.

What will Satan do at the end of the thousand years?

At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released to go out to deceive the nations.

Revelation 20:9

ULT

9 And they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

UST

9 They will march over the whole earth and will surround the camp of God's people in Jerusalem, the city that God loves. Then God will send fire down from heaven, and it will burn them up.

What happened when the camp of the saints was surrounded?

When the camp of the saints was surrounded, fire came down from heaven and devoured Gog and Magog.

Revelation 20:10

ULT

10 And the devil {who} deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet {were}, and they will be tormented day and night forever {and} ever.

UST

10 God will throw the devil, who had deceived those people, into the lake of burning sulfur. This is also where God had thrown the beast and the false prophet. As a result, they will continually suffer severely forever.

What was done with the devil at this time?

The devil was thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever.

Revelation 20:11

ULT

11 And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it, from whose presence the earth and the heaven fled away, but no place was found for them.

UST

11 Then I saw a huge white throne on which God was sitting. He was so fearsome that the earth and the sky disappeared from his presence completely; they were no more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 20:12

ULT

12 And I saw the dead—both {the} great and the small—standing before the throne, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the {Book} of Life. And the dead were judged from the {things} {that} were written in the books, according to their deeds.

UST

12 I saw that the people who had died but now lived again were standing in front of the throne. They were both important and unimportant people! The books in which God records what people do were opened. Another book was also opened, which is the Book of Life in which God has written the names of people who have eternal life. God judged the people who had died and now lived again according to what they had done, just as he had recorded it in the books.

By what were the dead judged before the great white throne?

The dead were judged by what was recorded in the books, the result of what they had done.

Revelation 20:13

ULT

13 And the sea gave up the dead, the ones in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead, the ones in them, and each of them was judged according to their deeds.

UST

13 The people whose bodies were buried in the sea became alive again in order to stand before God's throne. Everyone who had been buried on the land became alive again also in order to stand before the throne. God judged each one of them according to what each one had done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 20:14

ULT

14 And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire.

UST

14 All the unbelievers—those who had been in the place where they waited after they died—were thrown into the burning lake. The burning lake is the place in which people die the second time.

What is the second death?

The second death is the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

ULT

15 And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

UST

15 God also threw the people whose names were not in the book, the book where God has written the names of the people who have eternal life, into the lake of fire.

What happened to all who were not written in the Book of Life?

All who were not found written in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21

Revelation 21:1

ULT

[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

UST

[1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and the oceans no longer existed.

What did John see had happened to the first heaven and earth?

John saw that the first heaven and earth had passed away.

What had replaced the first heaven and earth?

A new heaven and earth had replaced the first heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:2

ULT

[2] And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

UST

[2] I saw God's holy city, which is the new city of Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God. God had prepared it and decorated it, just as women decorate a bride in order to marry a man.

What came down from heaven?

The holy city, new Jerusalem, came down from heaven.

Revelation 21:3

ULT

3 And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold! The tabernacle of God {is} with men, and he will live with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them. [1]

UST

3 Then I heard a loud voice calling out from the throne of God saying, “Listen to this! Now God will live with people. He will live right in the midst of them! They will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God.

Where did the voice from the throne say that God would now dwell?

The voice said that God would now dwell with human beings.

Revelation 21:4

ULT

4 And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not be any longer, nor grieving nor crying nor pain. They will not be any longer; the first {things} have passed away.”

UST

4 He will cause them to no longer be sad. He will stop them from weeping ever again. None of them will ever again die or mourn or cry or suffer pain because God has taken away those things and they are gone forever.”

What had now passed away?

Death, grieving, crying, and pain had now passed away.

Revelation 21:5

ULT

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, “Behold! I make all {things} new.” And he says to me, “Write, because these words are trustworthy and true.”

UST

5 Then God, who sits on the throne, said, “Listen to this! I am now making everything new!” He said to me: “Write these things that I have told you because you can trust that I will certainly cause them to happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:6

ULT

6 And he said to me, “It is done! I {am} the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. To the one thirsting I will give without cost from the spring of the water of life.

UST

6 He also said to me, “I have completed all these things! I am the one who began all things and the one who will cause all things to end. To everyone who wants it, I will freely give water from the spring that causes people to live forever.

What name did the one seated on the throne call himself?

The one seated on the throne called himself the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Revelation 21:7

ULT

7 The one conquering will inherit these {things}, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

UST

7 I will give this to all who are victorious over Satan. I will be their God, and they will be my children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:8

ULT

8 But the cowards and unbelieving and detestable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all the liars—their place {will be} in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

UST

8 But those who are cowardly, those who do not believe in me, those who do detestable things, those who murder people, those who sin sexually, those who do witchcraft, those who worship idols, and every liar will all suffer in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. That is what it means to die a second time.”

What happens to the faithless, sexually immoral, and idolaters?

The faithless, sexually immoral, and idolaters have their place in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 21:9

ULT

9 And one of the seven angels came—the one holding the seven bowls being full of the seven last plagues—
and he spoke with me, saying, “Come here. I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”

UST

9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls of wine—the wine that caused the seven last ways
of suffering—came and said to me, “Come with me and I will show you the people who have permanently
united with the Lamb as a woman marries a man!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:10

ULT

10 And he carried me away in {the} Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city
Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

UST

10 Then God’s Spirit took control of me, and the angel took me to the top of a very high mountain. He showed
me God’s holy city, the new Jerusalem, which was coming down out of heaven from God.

What is the bride, the wife of the Lamb?

The bride, the wife of the Lamb, is the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Revelation 21:11

ULT

11 having the glory of God; its brilliance {was} like a very precious stone, like a stone of crystal-clear jasper,

UST

11 It was shining with the brilliant light that came from God himself. The city was shining as a very precious
jasper stone shines, and it was clear like crystal.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:12

ULT
12 having a great and high wall having 12 gates and 12 angels at the gates, and names having been written {on the gates}, which were the ones of {the} 12 tribes of {the} sons of Israel.

UST
12 Around the city was a very high wall. The wall had twelve gates. An angel was at each gate. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written over the gates. Each gate had the name of one tribe.

What was written on the gates of new Jerusalem?
The names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel were written on the gates of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:13

ULT
13 On {the} east {were} three gates, and on {the} north three gates, and on {the} south three gates, and on {the} west three gates.

UST
13 Three gates were on the east side, three gates were on the north side, three gates were on the south side, and three gates were on the west side.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:14

ULT
14 And the wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them {were} {the} 12 names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb.

UST
14 The city wall had twelve foundation stones. On each foundation stone was the name of one of the twelve apostles whom the Lamb had appointed.

What was written on the foundations of new Jerusalem?
The names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb were written on the foundations of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:15

ULT
15 And the one speaking with me had a golden measuring rod so that he might measure the city and its gates and its wall.

UST
15 The angel who was speaking to me carried a golden measuring rod, a rod that he used to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:16

ULT
16 And the city is laid out {as} a square, and its length {is} as much as {its} width. And he measured the city with the measuring rod, at 12,000 stadia (the length and the width and the height of it are equal).

UST
16 The city was square in shape; it was as long as it was wide. After the angel measured the city with his rod, he reported that it was 2, 200 kilometers long, and that its width and height were each the same as its length.

In what shape was new Jerusalem laid out?
New Jerusalem was laid out in a square.

Revelation 21:17

ULT
17 And he measured its wall, 144 cubits {thick} by measurement of man (which is {also} {a measurement} of an angel).

UST
17 He measured its wall and reported that it was sixty-six meters thick. The angel used the measure that people normally use.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:18

ULT
18 And the material of its wall {is} jasper and the city—pure gold, like clear glass.

UST
18 The city wall was made of something like the green stone that we call jasper. The city itself was made of pure gold that looked like clear glass.

Of what was the city built?
The city was built of pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21:19

ULT
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation {was} jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

UST
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were beautifully made with precious stones. The first foundation stone was jasper, the second foundation stone was sapphire, the third foundation stone was chalcedony, the fourth foundation stone was emerald,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:20

ULT
20 the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

UST
20 the fifth foundation stone was sardonyx, the sixth foundation stone was sardius, the seventh foundation stone was chrysolite, the eighth foundation stone was beryl, the ninth foundation stone was topaz, the tenth foundation stone was chrysoprase, the eleventh foundation stone was jacinth, and the twelfth foundation stone was amethyst.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:21

ULT
21 And the 12 gates {are} 12 pearls; each of the gates was from a single pearl, and the streets of the city {were} pure gold, like transparent glass.

UST
21 The twelve gates of the city were something like huge pearls. Each gate was like a single pearl. The city streets appeared to be pure gold that looked like clear glass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:22

ULT
22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple, and the Lamb.

UST
22 There was no temple in the city. The Lord God himself, who rules over all, and the Lamb are there, so there was no need for a temple.

What is the temple in new Jerusalem?
The temple in new Jerusalem is the Lord God and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:23

ULT
23 And the city does not have need of the sun nor the moon so that it might shine on it, because the glory of God shone on {it}, and its lamp {is} the Lamb.

UST
23 The city will not need the sun or the moon to light the city because the light coming from God will light the city, and the Lamb will also be its light.

What is the source of light in new Jerualem?
The source of light in new Jerusalem is the glory of God and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:24

ULT

24 And the nations will walk by the light of it, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it. [2]

UST

24 The people groups will live with the light of the city shining on them. The kings of the earth will bring their wealth into the city to honor God and the lamb.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:25

ULT

25 And its gates will never be shut {during the} day, for there will be no night there.

UST

25 The gates of the city will not be shut at the end of the day as they usually are shut because there will be no night there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:26

ULT

26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it,

UST

26 The people of the world will also bring their wealth into the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 21:27

ULT

27 but anything unclean will certainly not enter into it, nor the one doing abominations and falsehoods, but only the ones {who} have been written in the book of life of the Lamb.

21:3 [1] but the best manuscripts do not.

21:24 [2]

UST

27 Nothing that is morally impure, no one who does deeds that God considers detestable, and no one who tells lies will ever enter that city. Only those people whose names are written in the book that belongs to the lamb, the book that has the names of people who have eternal life, will be there.

What will never enter new Jerusalem?

Nothing unclean will ever enter new Jerusalem.

Revelation 22

Revelation 22:1

ULT

[1] And he showed me {the} river of {the} water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

UST

[1] Then the angel showed me the river that causes people who drink from it to live forever. The water was sparkling and clear like crystal. The river was flowing out from the throne where God and the Lamb were sitting.

What did John see flowing from the throne of God?

John saw the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God.

Revelation 22:2

ULT

[2] in {the} middle of its street. And on this side and on that side of the river {was} {the} tree of life, bearing 12 {crops of} fruit, bearing its fruit according to each month, and the leaves of the tree {are} for {the} healing of the nations.

UST

[2] It flowed down through the middle of the main street of the city. On each side of the river were trees with fruit that causes people who eat it to live forever. The trees bear twelve kinds of fruit; they produce one crop each month. The people groups use the leaves of the trees as medicine in order that their wounds may heal.

For what are the leaves of the tree of life?

The leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3

ULT

3 And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him.

UST

3 There will never be anyone or anything there that God will curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will worship him there.

What will there no longer be in the city?

There will no longer be any curse, and there will be no more night.

Where will the throne of God and of the Lamb be?

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city.

Revelation 22:4

ULT

4 And they will see his face, and his name {will be} on their foreheads.

UST

4 They will see him face to face, and his name will be written on their foreheads.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:5

ULT

5 And there will be no more night, and they have no need of {the} light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because {the} Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign forever {and} ever.

UST

5 There will never again be night. God's servants will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun because the Lord God will shine his light upon them. They will rule forever.

What will there no longer be in the city?

There will no longer be any curse, and there will be no more night.

Revelation 22:6

ULT

6 And he said to me, “These words {are} trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”

UST

6 The angel said to me: “These things that God has shown you are true, and he will certainly make them happen. The Lord God who inspires the prophets sent his angel to show the people who serve him the events that must happen soon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:7

ULT

7 “And behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed {is} the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this book.”

UST

7 Jesus says to all his people, “Listen to this! I am coming soon; God will abundantly bless everyone who obeys the message that has been written in this book.”

What must a person do to be blessed by this book?

A person must obey the words of the prophecy of this book to be blessed.

Revelation 22:8

ULT

8 And I, John, {am} the one seeing and hearing these {things}. And when I heard and saw {them}, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel showing me these {things}.

UST

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw in a vision these things that I have written down. When I had heard and seen them, I immediately lay down in front of the angel who had shown me these things in order to worship him.

What did the angel tell John to do when John prostrated himself at the feet of the angel? (vv8-9)

The angel told John to worship God.

Revelation 22:9

ULT

9 But he says to me, “Watch out! I am a fellow servant of you and of your brothers the prophets and of the ones keeping the words of this book. Worship God!”

UST

9 But he said to me, “Do not worship me! I am just a servant of God like you! I am also a servant like your fellow believers who are the prophets, and like those who obey the message in this book. Instead, worship God!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:10

ULT

10 And he says to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

UST

10 He also said to me, “Do not keep secret the message about what God has foretold in this book because it is almost time for him to fulfill this message.

Why was John told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book?

John was told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book because the time was near.

Revelation 22:11

ULT

11 Let the one being unrighteous still be unrighteous, and let the morally filthy one still be morally filthy, and let the righteous one still do righteousness, and let the holy one still be holy.”

UST

11 Since that time is near, if those who act in an evil manner want to continue to act that way, let them continue to do so. God will soon pay them back for that. If those who are vile want to continue to be vile, let them continue to do so. God will soon pay them back for that. Those who are acting righteously should continue to act righteously. Those who are perfect should continue to be perfect.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:12

ULT

12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward {is} with me, to pay back each one just as his deeds are.

UST

12 Jesus says to all people: “Listen! I am coming soon! And I will pay back and punish or reward everyone according to what each one has done.

What did the Lord say he was bringing with him when he comes?

The Lord said he was bringing his reward with him when he comes.

Revelation 22:13

ULT

13 I {am} the alpha and the omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

UST

13 I am the one who began all things and the one who will cause all things to end. I am before all things and I am at the end of all things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:14

ULT

14 Blessed {are} the ones washing their robes so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter into the city through the gates. [1]

UST

14 God is very pleased with the people who wash their robes and make them clean because they will be able to eat the fruit of the tree that enables people to live forever and because they will be able to enter the gates into the holy city.

What must those do who desire the right to eat from the tree of life?

Those who want the right to eat from the tree of life must wash their robes.

Revelation 22:15

ULT

15 Outside {are} the dogs and the sorcerers and the sexually immoral and the murderers and the idolaters and everyone loving and doing falsehood.

UST

15 Outside are people who are unholy. They include people who practice witchcraft, people who sin sexually, people who murder others, idol worshipers, and all people who enjoy telling lies and are continual liars. They can never enter that city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:16

ULT

16 I, Jesus, sent my angel to testify to you about these {things} to the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."

UST

16 "I, Jesus, sent my angel in order that he might say to you people who are the groups of believers that all these things are true. I am the descendant of King David whom the prophets promised would come. I am the one who is like the bright morning star."

How does Jesus say he is related to King David?

Jesus says he is the root and descendant of King David.

Revelation 22:17

ULT

17 And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let the one hearing say, "Come!" And the one thirsting, let him come. The one desiring {it}, let him freely take {the} water of life.

UST

17 God's Spirit and his people, who are like the bride of the Messiah, say to each one who desires to believe, "Come!" Whoever hears this should also say to each one who desires to believe, "Come!" The people who want to come should come! Everyone who desires the water that enables people to live forever should take it as a free gift!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Revelation 22:18

ULT

18 I testify to everyone {who} hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone might add to them, God will add to him the plagues {that} are written about in this book.

UST

18 I, John, solemnly warn everyone who hears the message about what I have foretold in this book: If anyone adds anything to this message, God will punish him in the ways that this book tells about.

What will happen to anyone who adds to the prophecy of this book?

Anyone who adds to the prophecy of this book will receive the plagues written about in this book.

Revelation 22:19

ULT

19 And if anyone takes away from the words of this book of prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are written about in this book. [2]

UST

19 If anyone takes away any of the message about what I have foretold in this book, God will take away that person's right to eat fruit from the tree that enables people to live forever. He will also take away that person's right to enter God's city. Both these things are described in this book.

What will happen to anyone who takes away from the prophecy of this book?

Anyone who takes away from the prophecy of this book will have his share of the tree of life taken away.

Revelation 22:20

ULT

20 The one testifying these {things} says, "Yes! I am coming quickly." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

UST

20 Jesus, who says that all these things are true, says, "Certainly I am coming soon!" I, John, reply, "May it be so! Lord Jesus, come!"

What are Jesus' last words in this book?

Jesus' last words are, "Yes! I am coming soon".

Revelation 22:21

ULT

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus {be} with the saints. Amen.
22:14 [1] some older copies read
22:19 [2]

UST

21 I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to act kindly to all of you who are God's people. Amen!

What is the last word in this book?

The last word in this book is "Amen."

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